WRECK AT 1172 & 86



IT COULD have been a lot worse. An accident at FM 1172 & Hwy 86 Monday sent two men to the hospital with minor injuries. The two occupants of the pickup complained of back and Both the rib pains. semi- and the pickup were eastbound on Hwy The pickup had slowed and the truck was attempting to pass when the pickup made a sudden left turn and was hit broadside by the semi- DPS Trooper Trey Ellis investigates. Friona EMS & the Friona volunteer fire department were first responders.

ron carr photos





Six Charged With **Bovina Vandalism**

The official charge is criminal mischief. But some of the 13 or so victims would probably call it more than just mischief.

Six Bovina males were arrested, jailed, charged, and bonded out on criminal mischief charges related to at least 13 separate known incidents of shooting out plate glass and vehicle windows with a CO2 BB pistol. The vandalism took place Friday and Saturday nights, December 26-27, according to Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler.

The criminal mischief charge is for damages of more than \$1500 but less than \$20,000, according to Chief Saddler. It is a potential state jail felony offense. His estimate of actual damages is "somewhere around \$12,000 to \$15,000." Among the damage victims were windows at

Poll Places For Jan 20

Precincts #101, 202, 203 and 402 will be consolidated and will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Friona; Precincts #102 and 303 will be consolidated and will be held at the Bovina EMS Building; Precinct #302 will be held at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church; Precinct #301 will be held at the Farwell Community Center; and Precinct #401 will be held at the Lazbuddie School.

(This change will only be for the Special Election to elect a State Senator District 31 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Teel Bivins.)

Sandra Johnson's accounting office, the First Baptist Church, six windows at Bovina schools, windows at Bovina Mayor Galen Hromas' shop, and vehicle windows in a 2003 Chevy Tahoe. Several windows on Bovina's

Main Street were also damaged. Arrested and charged in the incidents were Victor Garcia, 17, John Pena, 18, B. J. Shepherd, 19, Jonathan Chisom, 17, and Claude Tamez, III, 19, all of Bovina. A sixth male arrested was a juvenile who will be dealt with in juvenile court. The other men have been charged and their cases will be presented to the next grand jury for disposition.

VFW Chicken Dinner Jan 18

The Friona VFW will serve up their first 2004 chicken dinner at Veteran's Hall on Sunday, January 18. Serving time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Veteran's Hall is located at 6th & Euclid.

Come out and get a little greasy with loads of fried chicken, white creamed gravy, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, drink and dessert. The cost is only \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years. Napkins and toothpicks are complimentary.

Takeouts will be available too. Call 265-7463 to arrange your chicken-to-go. The VFW Post and the VFW Auxiliary hope you will bring family and friends and enjoy the food and hospitality.

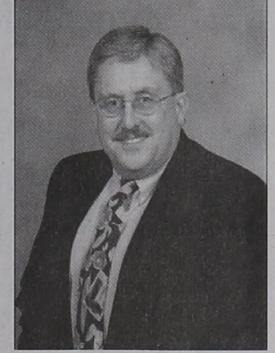
John Mars Files For Commissioner

John Mars has authorized the Friona Star to announce his candidacy for the office of Parmer County Commissioner Pct. 1, subject to the Republican Primary.

Mars is a lifelong resident of the area, having graduated from Hereford High School, and West Texas State University and is presently involved in farming, crop insurance

and real estate. Mars is a member of Friona United Methodist Church where he serves on the administrative board, the finance committee, and the board of trustees.

Other civic activities include the **Board of Directors Parmer County** Appraisal District, past Master of Friona Masonic Lodge and Parmer County Commissioner, 1993-1996, completing advanced certification courses of the County Judges and



JOHN MARS

Commissioners Association of Texas, receiving the designation of Certified County Commissioner Court Member.

Livestock Shows Highlight January

It is livestock show time for area youth. January is the time to groom, feed, weigh, and trim their animals and try to impress the judges. Ribbons, belt buckles, grand champion honors and money await the kids to reward them for their hard work and discipline.

The Friona Junior Livestock Show will be held today, Thursday, January 8, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

Bovina FFA ag instructor Brandt Delaney gave a tentative date of Saturday, January 24, for the Bovina Livestock Show to be held at the Bovina show barn.

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will be Saturday, January 17, 1 p.m., at the Friona Community Center.

Then the culmination of the shows will be the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show, January 28-31, at the Friona Community Center. Judges for the show will be Steve Bradshaw, barrows; Billy Labrier, lambs and goats; and Mike Mimms, cattle. Parmer County Extension Agent Cody Hill said he expected 30 goats, 200 barrows, 75 sheep, and 10 steers to be shown at the county show.

The show schedule is: Wednesday, January 28, 1-5 p.m., weigh-

County Commissioner Races To Be Contested

The filing deadline for county races was January 2, 2004. The only contested county offices on the March 9 primary ballot will be Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 county commissioners. Each drew three candidates.

In Farwell's Precinct 3, incumbent Ed Corn filed for re-election. Also filing were Michael Haseloff and Ronald Byrd. Corn and Haseloff run as Democrats, while Byrd has filed as a Republican.

Friona's Precinct 1 has incumbent commissioner Kirk Frye being challenged by two former commissioners. The three names on the March 9 primary ballot, all Republican, will be Frye, John Tannahill and John Mars.

Filing for offices unopposed are Sheriff Randy Geries, Tax Assessor Collector Bobbie Pierson, County Attorney Charles Aycock, and District Attorney Johnny Actkinson. Geries, Aycock, and Actkinson filed as Republican and Pierson filed on the Democratic slate.

in of all animals; Thursday, January 29, 8 a.m., lamb and goat show, 11 a.m. steers, and 1 p.m. barrows. Saturday, January 31, pre-

mium sale starts at 1 p.m. The County Stock Show advisory committee is Michael Deleon and Ken Foster of Farwell; Don Bandy and Rick Jamerson of Bovina; Jimmie Dale Seaton and Rick Seaton of Lazbuddie; and Clay Hurst and John Tannahill of

Stock show board members from Bovina are Lawrence Widner, Brandt Delaney, and Joe Steelman. Board representatives in Friona are Davey Carthel, Paul Smith, Chris Hunt and Jody Lewellen. The County 4-H board members are Terry Copley, Lesley Curtis, Cody Hill, Sean Mason, and Al Kerby, Jr.

Mack Heald is the general superintendent of the county livestock show. JeDon Gallman is the assistant superintendent, Darren Haseloff, swine superintendent, Kevin Schueler, lamb and goat superintendent, and Mac Langford, cattle superintendent. Show officers are JeDon Gallman, president; John Jarecki, vice president; Gary Patterson, secretary; and Alan Monroe and Dale Schueler, co-

2003: Driest Year In Past 16-Year Period

By BILL ELLIS

Calendar year 2003 ended as the driest from the standpoint of rainfall in the 16 years this recorder has collected the data for Friona and Parmer County, which is also the most "readily available

data" from a historical standpoint. The total moisture for 2003 came out to 13.03 inches, which was 5.41 inches below the aver-

age for the period surveyed. At that, the rainfall amount on the local level was almost five inches above that recorded at Lubbock, whose year ended with 8.4 inches of moisture, the secondlowest in the 88 years that records have been kept in the "Hub City."

Lubbock is also more of a "dryland farming" area than Parmer

The "wettest" year in the 16year period ending in 2003 has been 1997, when a total of 27.69 inches of moisture was measured. Helping that total was 28 inches of snow, which fell on 14 different dates. Five inches was the most single day's total of snow-

The second-wettest year has been 1999, when 26.24 inches of moisture fell in the local area, which again was aided by good winter snows, which added up to 36.5 inches, with 16.5" coming in January and 14.5 inches falling in December.

Not surprisingly, the year just ended failed to produce a measureable snow during the calendar year, with "trace" amounts on three dates.

Following are the yearly totals in the period covered by our sur-

Year	Moisture	
1988		19.99
1989		13.83
1990		12.97
1991		24.73
1992		23.49
1993		19.50
1994		17.96
1995		14.56
1996		15.78
1997		27.69
1998		15.53
1999		26.24
2000		15.22
2001		19.66
2002		14.75
2003		13.03

Jack Hamil Services In Amarillo Friday

Memorial services for Jack R. Hamil, 62, of Canyon, are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday, January 9, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo, with the Rev. Dr. Don McDonald, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Canyon officiating.

Hamil, a former longtime Friona resident and civic leader, passed away January 5, 2004, in Amarillo following a short illness.

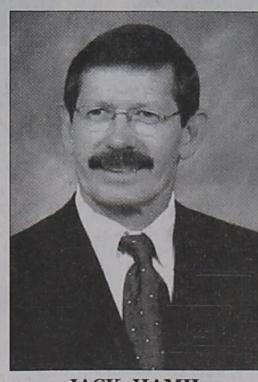
Hamil was born October 14, 1941, in Sterling, Colorado, to David and Genevieve Hamil. He earned a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry in 1964 from Colorado State University.

He served in the Colorado Air National Guard from 1964 to 1968. During the Vietnam War, he served in the United States Air Force as a pilot, at Osan Air Base, South Korea, 1968-69.

Hamil began his career with Friona Industries' Hi-Pro Feeds Division in 1969 as Production Manager.

In 1978, he was promoted to Hi-Pro's General Manager. Hamil played a major role in the rebuilding of Hi-Pro Feeds after it sustained major damage during Friona's 1995 tornado.

While with Hi-Pro, Jack served as president of the Texas Grain and Feed



JACK HAMIL

Assn.; as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Texas Tech Center for Feed Research and Education, as a director of the American Feed Assn.; and most recently as a director of the American Feed Industry's insurance company.

Hamil's civic leadership included chairman of the Prairie Acres Nursing Home board; member of the Friona

City Council; director of the Friona Chamber of Commerce, and director of Plains National Bank, Friona.

Jack was a member and ordained elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon. He was known as a man who loved his family, and was loved by his many friends and Hi-Pro employees for 34 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jo, of the home; children Marc and Desiree Hamil of Amarillo, Chris and Cynthia Hamil of Amarillo, Brad and Jennifer Blackmon of Fresno, California, Chris and Jana Wright, Joel and Stacy Wright of Canyon, and Robin Martens of Grand Prairie.

Other survivors include a sister, Jo Ostwald and husband Don of Ft. Morgan, Colorado; a brother, Don Hamil and wife Joan of Sterling; his mother-in-law, Lois McMullen of Canyon; and ten grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas, 79105, or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas,

Brooks Funeral Home of Canyon was in charge of arrangements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

Birthdays for January 11, 2004 through January 17, 2004.

Jan. 11- Juan Hernandez, 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, B.J. Widner, Juan Hernandez

Jan. 12- Gary Don Schueler, Charles Hough, Sherri Jo Rector, Jeff Brown, V'Lynda Wilcox, Loren Martin, Jesse Castaneda

Jan. 13-Logan Baize, Morgan Baize, Sarah Nelson, Caden Duke

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, Marcia Brown, Kari Tongate

65 Yrs. Ago

January 6, 1939

On Tuesday morning, Postmas-

ter Sloan Osborn received a mes-

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Osborn, who with Mrs. Osborn and

their small son, M.C. Jr., are visit-

ing Mr. Osborn's parents at Hope

45 Yrs. Ago

January 1, 1959

A building permit for the con-

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Jan. 15-Dora Geneva Bentley, Aaron Kyle Hand, Abigail Jones, Carol Robinson, Tim Smith, Freeman Melton, Andrew Champenois, **Charles Champenois**

Jan. 16— Andy Kendrick, Roger Peace, Darran Procter, Christie Wiseman Spring, James Warren III, Breann Barnett, Trell Taylor, Tawnya Wales

Jan. 17- Amy Trevino, Jordan Nichols, Kitty Gallman, Mike Fair, Terri Ellis.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 by Tuesday noon and report it.

When you see names, which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

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\$17,500 was issued to the Sixth

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Construction in Friona rose to

almost half a million dollars dur-

ing 1958 according to reports at

the Friona City Hall. Included in

this total is \$241,970, which was

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35 Yrs. Ago

January 2, 1969

Construction in the City of Friona

for 1968 set a new record for

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by A.L. (Jake) Outland, city man-

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the city's history for the yearly con-

struction to top the \$1 million

30 Yrs. Ago

January 6, 1974

Fred Bishop of Colorado city

won the tail feather contest for

Friona's 1973 pheasant season,

25 Yrs. Ago

January 7, 1979

The New Year began on a frigid

note in the area, with the mercury

plunging to below zero on the

mornings of January 2 and 3. The

high temperature on Monday, New

Year's Day, reached only eight de-

it was announced this week.

\$214,755 during the year.

Hall this week.



OUT HERE

BY RON CARR

ROAMIN' AROUND

Yes we are still distributing the paper in Bovina. Yes there is still and will be Bovina news in it. We plan to cover Bovina activities, stock shows, parades and ball games just like we always have. Yes, there will be Bovina pictures in it too and even a Bovina senior class graduation section.

Contrary to some weeping and wailing I've heard, there will still be a paper in Bovina. It just won't carry the name Bovina Blade or be a separate paper any longer. I've been telling you that for several months now yet some people are still surprised.

All you have to do in most cases to get your local news, announcements, etc., in the newspaper is call 250-2211 or drop off news items at Dorothy's Beauty Shop. Or email us. Or write us. If we don't hear about something it is pretty hard to publish it in the

The Friona Star is going to cost you fifty cents. In Bovina it will be available at Lowe's Grocery, Dorothy's Beauty Shop, or FastStop Conoco. We will not be leaving papers at Allsup's in Bovina any longer. Seems that well-intentioned citizens were stealing more papers than they were paying for so we have removed that temptation.

We hope to print a newspaper that you will want to read each week. If you don't, then don't.

Dorothy Harris of Bovina volunteers at a senior citizen's group in Amarillo. She sold tickets for them for a television drawing. The one she sold to Frank Gonzales of Bovina turned out to be the winner. He now has a new TV.

I was saddened about the news of the death of Scooter and Jim Russell's daughter Tracy. She died of double pneumonia in California on Christmas Eve. Tracy grew up in Bovina with her sisters Janee and Tami. Like most of you in Bovina I miss Scooter's column Scooter's Scoops. She taught me a lot about the weekly newspaper business when I first came here in 1995. She introduced me to Bovina and was a special friend during learning years. Scooter and Jim live in Spearman now. Our thoughts and prayers are with

them in this difficult time.

told me this week his son Jonathan has completed his Navy nuclear training and is now on board the submarine USS Philadelphia in the Mediterranean. Jonathan is a BHS grad and has been in the Navy two years.

We have a big stack of outdated newspapers here at the Star office that we are about to toss. If you need newspapers for packing, or if you are moving and need them, or if you want them to shred for animal beds or any other use, come by. We'll be glad to help you load them, no charge.

Nancy Edelmon brought by a copy of the current Reader's Digest. There is an article in it about First Lady Laura Bush. In the article she tells about campaigning in West Texas and mentions both Friona and Bovina, along with Littlefield and Muleshoe.

Rumor is that Friona high school principal Lori Zingerman is planning to get married soon and will be leaving Friona for Roaring Springs, Texas at the end of the school year. I believe she has been our principal for two years now and we will miss her. Best Wishes, Lori. No word on a replacement.

In December Parmer County Farm Bureau manager Mitch Smiley took Kid's Inc. all-star football players Clayton Smiley and Matthew Stanberry to Las Vegas to play in the big "super bowl" kids football competition. The Texas team won the championship and Mitch has promised pictures and details soon.

Under the direction of Rick Barnett his capable parent help-

My friend Jim Zehner of Bovina ers. the local PIP basketball kids performed at halftime of a Texas Tech Lady Raiders basketball game at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock recently. Maybe a mom could bring a picture and tell us about that too.

Finally, Friona has suffered a loss with the recent death of Hi-Pro general manager Jack Hamil. Friends and co-workers say that Jack was diagnosed with cancer in October. He died early Monday morning. Jack was active in local affairs and was instrumental in the rebuilding of Hi-Pro's feed mills after the 1995 tornado destroyed the local operation. Instead of closing it down, Jack and Friona Industries rebuilt the mills, saving jobs and remaining an important part of the local economy.

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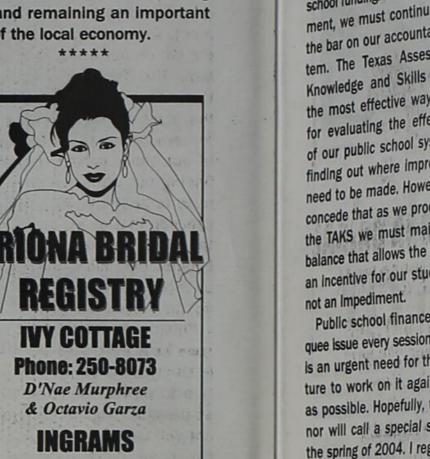
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Maritza is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her mother is Elizabeth Lopez.

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Meet the Class of 2016

grees in Friona

Maritza's favorite activities are soccer, and playing outside. Her favorite foods are pizza and corndogs. Her favorite colors are yellow and blue.

FRIDNA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

20 Yrs. Ago January 8, 1984

The month of December 1983 turned out to be one of the coldest Decembers on record in the area, with a number of records broken. There were four nights when the low temperature dropped to below zero. There were eight consecutive days when the temperature failed to climb as high as 32 degrees, December 19-26.

Floyd Wilkins and Valton Howard were presented special achievement awards by Postmaster Bill Wells prior to Christmas. The awards were for "sustained performance, which contributes to the efficiency of the Postal service. They maintain work schedules and unusual demands of higher level duties on their own initiative," the postmaster said.

> 15 Yrs. Ago January 7, 1989

The calendar year of 1988 ended with a better than average total in the moisture department for the Friona area. Rainfall received in the official Friona gauge for the year amounted to 19.99

Project Christmas Card raised a total of \$5456.71 for 1988, it was announced this week. The money will be used to buy new equipment for Parmer County Community Hospital.

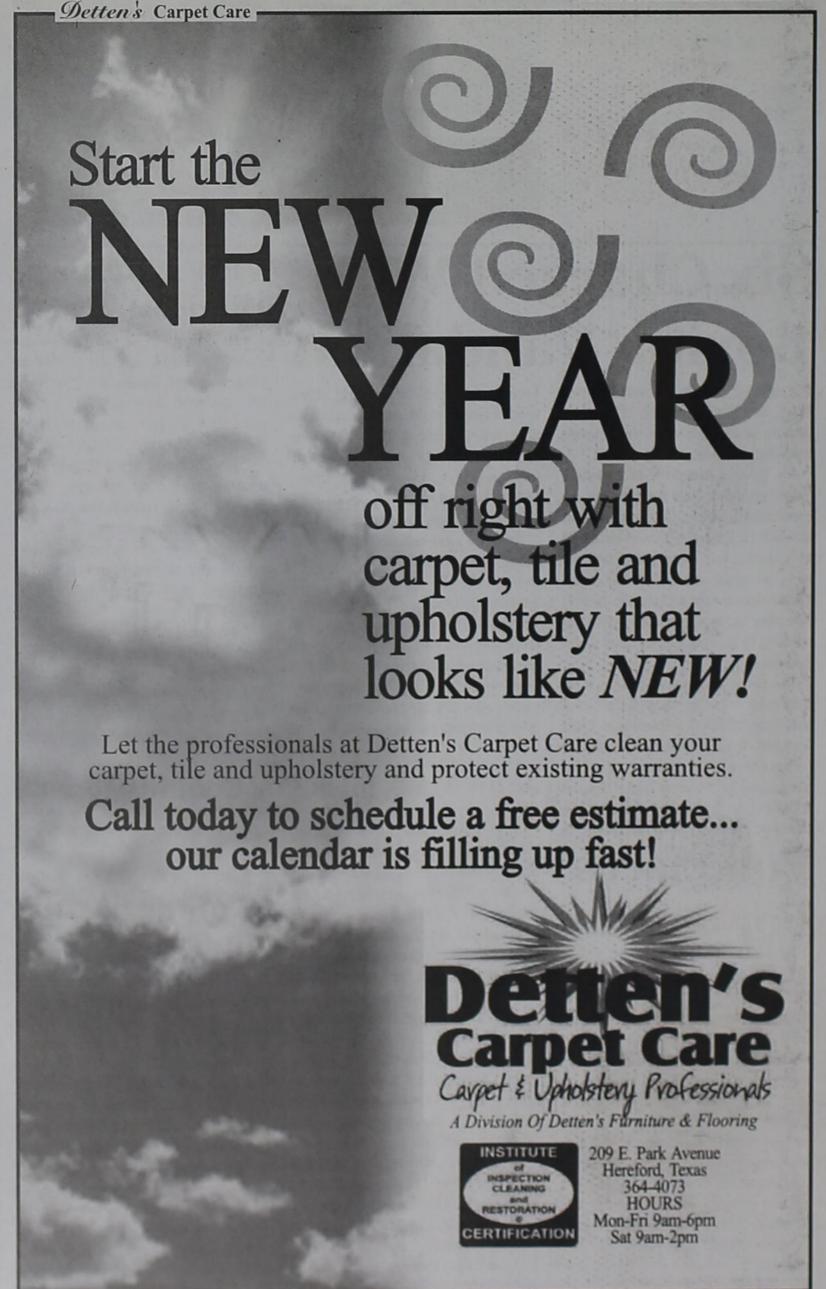
10 Yrs. Ago

January 8, 1994 Frances Euler has authorized the Friona Star to announce her candidacy for re-election as Justice of Peace, Precinct 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in March of 1994.

Reba Hold announced this week she will be a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, subject to the action of the Republican







Senator Teel Bivins Says Goodbye

By State Senator TEEL BIVINS (January 5, 2004)

Now comes the hard part: Saying good-bye. I'm sure most of you know by now that I am resigning from the Texas Senate. My last day to serve as your senator will be January 12. This is an exciting time for me as I look forward to new opportunities. But, this experience is made bittersweet by the fact that accepting a new assignment requires me to leave an institution I have grown to love.

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Serving in the Texas Senate has been the most intellectually stimulating experience of my life. I am proud of the many things we in the Legislature have accomplished over the past fifteen years. However, the work of the Legislature never ends and as I depart from that august body it has some hard work ahead of it.

There are critical issues that must be addressed in the realm of public education, most significantly student achievement and school funding. In student achievement, we must continue to raise the bar on our accountability system. The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) is the most effective way we have for evaluating the effectiveness of our public school system and finding out where improvements need to be made. However, I will concede that as we proceed with the TAKS we must maintain the balance that allows the test to be an incentive for our students and not an impediment.

Public school finance is a marquee issue every session and there is an urgent need for the Legislature to work on it again as soon as possible. Hopefully, the governor will call a special session in the spring of 2004. I regret that I will not be in attendance. I antici-

pate that when lawmakers gather to attempt to restructure our school finance system, all the cards will be on the table, both on the spending side and the rev-

area of business taxation. You won't resolve the entire school finance dilemma by simply revamping the corporate franchise tax, but it's clear that particular tax no longer serves its purpose. The corporate franchise tax has largely become a voluntary tax as businesses increasingly find ways to avoid paying it. The corporate franchise tax is further undermined by the fact that the Texas economy has changed dramatically since that tax was enacted almost a hundred years ago. We need a business tax that fairly reflects the underlying economy

In 1997, then-Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock stopped me in the hall and asked me what was the most important item for that Legislature. "Duh, Lieutenant Governor Bullock, it's property tax reform," I confidently replied. "You're wrong again, Bivins," he responded. "It's water."

As was so often the case, the

always-prescient Bob Bullock proved to be right on the mark. 1997 was a landmark year for water policy in Texas and I believe state lawmakers face many more battles over water. In fact, I would predict water will be the dominant issue in the 21st Century for the Texas Legislature. Each passing day, water is becoming less available and more valuable. Because, the allocation of scarce resources in society is what government is all about, it is my strong

hope that the Legislature, and not

the courts, will determine water policy for Texas.

There will always be an abundance of issues to be addressed by the Texas Legislature. That's as it should be. I will miss being in Something must be done in the that arena, but I am deeply grateful that you, the people of Senate District 31, have honored me by allowing me to participate for so long. You gave me a place at the table that permitted me to have a hand in shaping policy of great importance to this state. I hope the fact that you elected me five times indicates you agreed with the legislative decisions I made at least most of the time. I thank you for your support over the past decade-and-a-half. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

VALOR Telecom Expands **Customer Service Hours**

In response to customer feedback, VALOR Telecom announces that it has expanded its customer service hours from 50 hours per week to 75 hours per week.

Effective today, the VALOR Call Center will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST on Saturdays.

The new customer service hours apply to all VALOR residential and small business telephone customers, as well as Internet customers who want to inquire about Internetrelated products and services or have billing questions.

"This move really underscores VALOR's continuing commitment to put the customer first," said Andrew Van De Kop, VALOR vice president of customer service and operations support. "Extending our Call Center's hours of operation will

make VALOR even more accessible and convenient for our customers."

TDH Immunization

Schedules For Jan.

Immunization clinics offering the

vaccines that give protection

against childhood diseases are

scheduled for January 2004 in

The clinic in Bovina will be Janu-

ary 12, 2004 in the Bovina EMS

Building from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30

The clinic in Friona will be Janu-

ary 16, 2004 at 616 Euclid from

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00

All times are subject to change

or cancellation due to weather or

a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friona and Bovina.

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scheduling conflicts.

The new customer service schedule reflects findings from a recent study conducted by VALOR that showed that 15 percent of its customers call volume was being received after 6:00 p.m. CST on weekdays and on Saturdays.

In addition to expanding customer service hours, VALOR also recently completed the installation of a new, state-of-the-art Interactive Voice Response system, which allows customers to check their current billing balances, confirm last payment amounts and the dates payments were posted, and access other important information. This automated information is available to customers 24 hours a day, seven days a

VALOR's toll-free customer service number is 1-877-520-5220. Customers can also dial 811 locally from their land-line phones to reach the VALOR Call Center.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Miracle On "Two Fourteen"

Returning from Lubbock with our daughter and husband after visiting with family, we were cruising approximately 12 miles from Friona, on Saturday evening, when suddenly our vehicle started jerking and just shut down; no controls, steering, brakes, instrument panel going completely nuts, and lost all power. So I turned the hazards on. It was terribly cold, windy, and dark, so we were all startled and trying to analyze what had

At that moment a vehicle passed and I noticed it was turning around. I could not believe this good deed was happening to us. As they stopped and I walked across the cold, dark road, I thought, was this going to be good, or was I walking into more trouble. The driver's window lowered and he asked, "Can we help?"

I asked, "Are you Glen and Carolyn?" The reply was yes. Needless to say, I was so happy they would stop and help. Glen said he would call his brother, Joe, who has Mr. Service in Friona. So, Glen raised the hood, he did his thing, and a couple of minutes later everything was working and we were all on our way home.

Now-these folks did not have to stop and nowadays they really, probably, should not have stopped.

But I sincerely want to thank Glen, Carolyn and Joe Reeve. These people went up and above the call of duty and you are good samaritans. It is refreshing to know we have people such as you.

Thanks so much, Leon and Twila Hitt



CHIEFTAIN Matt Gammon (33) looks for help. Marc Haile (3) is in the background. ron carr photo



Libby Castillo

Meet the Class of 2016

Libby is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Pedro and Ellie Castillo. She has one sister, Leah.

Libby likes writing, and riding bikes. Her favorite foods are pizza and macaroni. Her favorite color is red.

FRIDNA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



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January 1, 2004

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Andrea Geries, Trisha Winebrinner, and Misty Adams, I-r defend against the Lady Longhorns. ron carr photo



SQUAW COACH Richard North huddles with Squaws during the overtime period with the Muleshoe Lady Mules. The Squaws lost 40-39 in overtime against the 3rd ranked 3A Lady Mules on a last second basket. ron carr photo

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SOUAW ACTION



SQUAWS Brenda Murphree (22), above, Shayli Reed (25), top right, and Katy Welch (21), right, with R.J. Barrett (33) are shown in action against Hart. The Squaws are 13-5 and open district play Friday night at home against Abernathy.

ron carr photos





District Opener Friday

Squaws Get Lady Mules' Attention But Lose In OT

In a much anticipated return match, the Friona Squaws hosted the state's third ranked 3A team, the Muleshoe Lady Mules, Tuesday night. West Texas A&M Coach Schnelder was in the stands, no doubt scouting the heralded Lady Mules post Sara Benham.

A packed house cheered on the rivalry, as the Squaws matched up with the Lady Mules hustle for hustle. The teams were tied 35-35 at the end of regulation. They were tied 20-20 at the half, but another 4-point third quarter by the Squaws left them trailing 27-24 at the third quarter mark.

They turned it around with an 11-8 run in the fourth to send the game into overtime. After exchanging free throws early in overtime. tied at 36-36. Benham scored to give Muleshoe a 38-36 lead. With less than a minute to play, the Squaws worked the ball underneath and a kick-out pass to freshman Shayli Reed at the corner baseline. The smooth shooting Reed lofted a 3-point effort that found only net to give Friona an optimistic 39-38 lead with barely 7 seconds left in the overtime period.

But after a timeout, the Lady Mules, and everybody in the gym, knew Benham would get the ball. With the inbound pass, Lady Mule Lindsay Wood raced down court past a defending Katy Welch and threw a perfect strike through two Squaw defenders to the 6'2" Benham who caught it, dropped

it for a second, recovered and sank a close-in jumper/layup as the clock expired. Final score: Muleshoe 40, Friona 39, a very positive but nevertheless heartbreaking loss for the Squaws.

It was the second overtime loss for Friona, the other to 4A Canyon Randall at the Caprock Tournament. It was also their third one-point loss of the season in a sparkling 13-5 record. The Squaws open district play Friday night as they host Abernathy. At the risk of jinxing the girls, I say they shouldn't have a big problem breezing through the district schedule. They are playing inspired, aggressive, fun-to-watch basketball.

In the Muleshoe game, Benham ended up with 21 of Muleshoe's 40 points. For the Squaws, Trisha Winebrinner was high with 11 points, followed by Shayli Reed and Katy Welch with 8, Andrea Geries 5, V'Lesha Wilcox 4, and Ashley Smiley 3.

In a January 2 game with Hart, the Squaws demolished the Lady Longhorns 95-45 but it wasn't even that close as Hart scored 28 points in the second half to Friona's 39. Winebrinner had 25 points in the game, joined by Smiley with 16, Brenda Murphree 15 including three 3s, Welch and Reed had 11, Geries 9, R. J. Barrett and Haleigh Herbert 3, and Misty Adams 2.

At the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock the Squaws opened with a 63-36 victory over Amarillo Caprock High. Senior Ashley Smiley

led with 15 points, Reed had 12, Welch 10, Barrett and Courtney Adams 6, Misty Adams 5, Murphree 3 and Herbert 2.

The Squaws, in spite of an 11-7 run in the fourth quarter, lost a two-point effort in the second round to Lubbock Estacado 44-42. Point guard Andrea Geries led scoring with 11 points, Winebrinner was held to 8, Reed and Misty Adams 6 each, Welch 5, Barrett 4 and Smiley 2,

Then came Randall. In their third Caprock game, the Squaws once again faced a large school oppo nent, the 4A Randall Lady Raiders. It was a game with 29 points scored on free throws, 15 for Randall and 14 for Friona, out of 51 attempts. The teams were tied at 37-37 at the end of regulation but the Squaws could manage only 4 points in overtime to Randall's 11 points. Final was Randall 48, Friona 41. Randall tried 10 free throws (made 4) in the overtime period. Friona did not have a free throw opportunity.

Ashley Smiley came to life with 20 points, 8 of them free throws. Winebrinner had 11, Welch 5, Geries 4, and Reed one point.



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JV Squaws Are Real Good Too

play as well and win as often as their varsity counterparts.

In a January 2 game, they demolished Hart 88-4, led by 18 points from Tiffany Vasquez and 17 from Staci Murphree. Other scoring was Yvonne Vega 14, Lucretia Field 12, Courtney Adams 11, Beth Nava 9, Krista Graham 4, Denise Vasquez 2 and Breann Murphree 6, Barnett and Graham Barnett one point.

Back on December 19 they demolished Dimmitt 55-42, ahead by 37-19 at halftime. Vasquez was again high with 15 points, Graham and Vega 10 each, Adams 8, D. Vasquez and Murphree 4,

Coach Ky Graham's JV Squaws Field and Molly Carthel 2. The girls made 3 of 3 free throws and four 3-point goals, two each by T. Vasquez and Graham.

They made short work of Muleshoe Tuesday, handing the little girl Mules a 47-35 defeat. This game Courtney Adams had high score honors with 12 points, T. Vasquez 10, Field 9, Vega and 2 points each.

The JV Squaws open district play with their "big sisters" Friday, January 9, against Abernathy. Their game starts at 4 p.m. Come out and watch some good basketball from these future Squaw stars.



JV CHIEF Hayden Patton, left, battles for the ball against Muleshoe. ron carr photo



Meet the Class of 2016

Damaris is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her mother is Ana R. Martinez. She has one sister, Ana, and one brother, Mauricio.

Damaris likes to play on swings and walk. Her favorite foods are hamburgers and chicken. Her favorite color is pink.

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Meet the Class of 2016

Makayla is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her mother is Nancy Pierce. She has one brother, Jonathan.

Makayla's favorite food is pizza. Her favorite colors are pink and purple.

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Chieftains On Losing Streak

The Friona Chieftains varsity boys are struggling to find a winning combination. Over the holidays and through Tuesday's game with Muleshoe, the Chiefs have a 5-12 record. They open district play on Friday, January 16, against Floydada.

During the holiday break, the Chiefs played in the Littlefield Tournament. They dropped a 56-22 decision to host Littlefield. Marc Haile and Ricky Dickson led scorers with 7 each, Keith Hunt, Brock Field, Matt Gammon and Jon Nava had 2 each.

In the second round, the Chiefs got a preview of district opponent Hale Center as the Owls pasted Friona 55-29. The Chiefs were still having scoring trouble as Hale Center led 28-11 at the half. Hale Center made only 3 of 18 free throws while Friona converted 6 of 8. Gammon and Haile led scoring with 6 each, Dickson had 5, R. Alaniz and Nava 4, Field and Hunt 2.

Led by senior point guard Ricky Dickson, the Chiefs decided to score points in their final tournament contest as they ran over Smyer 63-28. Dickson scored 24 points in the game, followed by Haile with 12, Nava 10, Field 6, R. Gonzalez 5, Gammon 4, and Alaniz 2.

In the New Year, the Chiefs have dropped two games, losing to Hart 66-56 and Muleshoe 62-37. Haile and Dickson were high scorers against Hart with 20 and 16 points respectively. Nava had 9, Field 5, Gonzalez 4, and Gammon 2. Dickson was high against the Mules with 14 points, Nava had 10, Gammon 6, Haile 4, and Field 3.

In the Friona JV vs. Muleshoe game, the junior Chiefs lost 54-41. Hayden Patton scored 14 points for high, Sanchez and Ramos had 6, Hutson and Hughs had 4, Jamerson 3, and Monroe and Monreal 2

Smiley Wins Hustle Award

Former Friona Squaw, Kayla Smiley, received the Basketball-Hustle Award at the annual Austin College Athletic Awards Convocation that was held on May 8, 2003. The award was initiated in 1969-70 to be given each year in honor of the 1957-58 and 1958-59 Austin College teams that played in the NAIA National Tournament.

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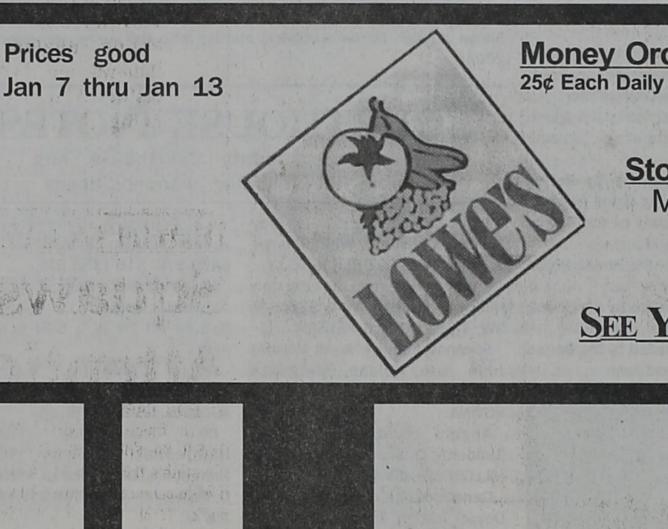
Miss Smiley, now a junior at Austin College, also won Player-ofthe-Week in East Division basketball, shooting a hot 66.7 percent from the floor in leading Austin College to back-to-back home wins against Southwestern (December 15, 77-54) and Savannah College of Art and Design (December 16, 65-61).

Smiley was 14-of-21 from the floor and connected on 7-of-8 free throws over the two games, finishing with 12 points and five rebounds vs. SU and a game-high 23 points with nine rebounds and four steals vs. SCAD.

Kayla is the daughter of Mitchell and Kim Smiley, of Friona.



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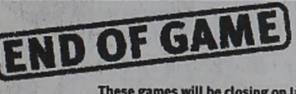
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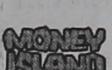
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REPORT SHERIFF'S

December 20, Mauricio Martinez, 39, of Friona, was arrested by the Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

December 24, Alex Cepeda, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona

Police and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

December 24, Susana Lopez, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with fraud (Dallas County), posted bond and

December 25, Carlos Reyes, 28, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pending Grand Jury; and tampering with a government record, pending Grand Jury.

December 25, Claudio Trujillo, 17, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana <2oz., pending County Court.

December 26, Katy Loudder, 18, of Dimmitt, was arrested by the Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

December 27, Rafael Navarro, 45, of Dimmitt, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

December 29, Anthony Brady, 39, of Friona, was arrested by the Highway Patrol and charged with DWI with a minor, pending Grand Jury. December 30, Damian Romero, 34, of Clovis, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

December 31, Juan Chico, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

January 1, Omero Cancino, 25, of Hereford, was arrested by the Friona

Police and charged with DWI, pending County Court. January 1, Adrian Rubalcava, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury; and unlawful carrying of a weapon, pending County Court.

January 1, Margarito Soris, 40, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI with child under 15 years of age, pending Grand Jury.

January 5, Claude Tamez III, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with forgery-criminal mischief, pending Grand Jury.

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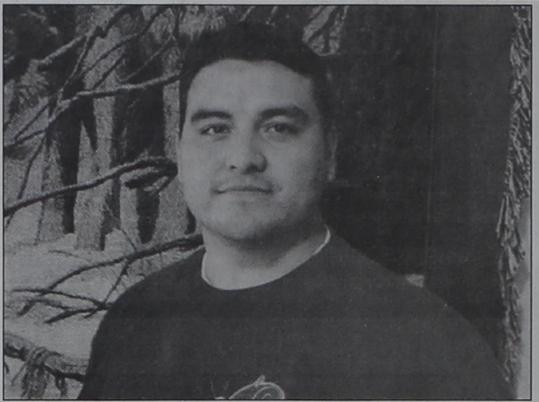
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SQUAW Junior point guard Andrea Geries (10) battles the Muleshoe press. ron carr photo



JERARD LAFUENTE

Jerard Lafuente Graduates TTU

Jerard Lafuente graduated from Texas Tech on December 20, 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts, a minor in English, and a GPA of 3.364.

His parents are the late Bertha Lafuente and Alfredo Lafuente of Hereford and he is a 1995 Friona High School graduate.

Jerard married Audra Clark in 1997 and they have two children. They currently reside in Lubbock where he will be student teaching at O.L. Slaton Jr. High School, Lubbock, starting with the spring semester of 2004.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

The Parmer County Courthouse has released the following warranty deeds.

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Local ACU Students on Dean's Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the spring 2003 semester.

Jena Grimsley, daughter of Jayson and Jyl Grimsley of Friona, is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work.

Petra Velazquez, daughter of Juan Velazquez of Friona, is working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

AMA-TechTel Communications, ARNet, Inc. Announce Merger

Lehmer Dunn, president of AMA-TechTel Communications and Daniel Hudson, president of ARNet, Inc., jointly announced the merger of their West Texas-based communications companies.

"We are excited about joining two major players in our industry to form one of the area's largest locally-owned, integrated communications providers," Dunn said. The combined company will have a customer base of approximately 30,000 business and residential customers throughout the Panhandle, South Plains, and Permian Basin region.

ARNet's merger with AMA-TechTel gives customers the opportunity to take advantage of additional products and services such as local and long distance telephone service, high-speed wireless and DSL Internet access, telephone equipment, data networking solutions, and e-commerce. Customers choosing additional services will payless for those services than they would if they used multiple providers.

"All customers of the company will experience the same quality service, competitive prices and outstanding technical support they have come to expect," stated Hudson, "I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring the distinct advantages of each company to the loyal customers of both."

"We are focused and committed to providing comprehensive communication services for many years to come for the residents

Maciks Welcome First Child, Taylor

Greg and Dana Macik, of Vail, Colorado, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Elizabeth Macik, born September 4, 2003.

Her grandparents are Ronnie and Suzanne Wood of Pampa, and Yvonne and Bob Hill of Galveston.

Great-grandparents are Gerri Taylor and Lorena Wood, both of

and businesses of Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, and the surrounding areas," said Sam Attebury, owner of the combined company. "We have been in the service business for 50 years with Attebury Grain; customer service is not new to us. We fully intend to exhibit the same longevity and dedication in the communications industry as we have in the grain industry."

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ARNet, one of the first Internet service companies in West Texas, was founded in 1995. AMA Online was also established in 1995, offering Internet service in Amarillo and Panhandle region and grew to national prominence as a major provider of fixed wireless Internet service. In 2003, Texas Tech University selected AMA-TechTel to design, build, and manage a wireless communications infrastructure backbone reaching from Amarillo to Lubbock to Hobbs, New Mexico.

In 2002, AMA-TechTel Communications was created with the merger of AMA Online and TechTel Communications. TechTel Communications, a Lubbock-based company, was one of the first Competitive Local Exchange Carriers to offer DSL connectivity along with local and long distance telephone service.

Dunn will remain president of the combined company; the management team will consist of individuals from both companies. ARNet and AMA-TechTel employees will join to provide continued service to Amarillo, Lubbock and neighboring regions.

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nation's largest cotton patch are a.m. to 2:45 p.m., with three designed to provide farmers with the latest information on ways to improve their operations," said Bob Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension Region I Program Director. "The latest research information and new production techniques presented at each conference is designed to help producers in that particular region or county."

Producers can also earn continuing education units (CEU's) for private and commercial applicator licenses by attending the regional conferences.

2004 conference dates and locations are:

* Jan. 20-West Plains Ag Conference at the Women's Build-

Lowe's Buys **Thriftways** In Hereford

According to a report in the Hereford Brand last week, officials with B & R Thriftway grocery stores sold stores in six cities to Littlefield based Lowe's Grocery.

The sale includes the two B & R Thriftway stores in Hereford. Other locations sold are in Tulia, Fritch, Iowa Park, Clarendon and Borger.

The release stated that Bill and Ron Wilfong and their wives Laquita and Ka, started B & R Thriftway in Tulia in 1975. They expanded to seven stores in six communities. The Lowe's chain has more than 70 stores now, including Friona, Bovina, and Farwell.



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* Jan. 27-Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Five CEU's will be offered. Call the Extension office in Bailey

County at (806) 272-4584 for more details.

* Jan. 28-Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with at least three CEU's offered. Registration costs \$25 before January 23, 2004, and \$35 at the door. Call the Extension office in Floyd County at (806) 983-4912 or in Crosby County at (806) 675-2347 for more de-

* Jan. 29-Southern Mesa Ag Conference at the Dawson County Annex Building, 609 North First, in Lamesa, runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Registration costs \$20 before January 23, 2004, and \$25 at the door with five CEU's offered. Call Tommy Doederlein at the Extension office in Dawson County at (806) 872-3444 for more details.

* Feb. 10-The Hale and Swisher County Cotton Conference at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. Three CEU's will be offered. Call the Extension office in Hale County at (806) 291-5267 or in Swisher County at (806) 995-3726 for more details.

* Feb. 12-The Sandyland Ag Conference at the Gaines County Civic Building in Seminole be gins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. Call the Extension office in Gaines County at (432) 758-4006 for more details.

Water District To Begin Annual Depth to Water Measurements

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District staff will begin making annual depthto-water measurements in observation wells the first week of January. Measurements will indicate the effect of pumpage on ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer during 2003.

Water District personnel will take measurements in a network of more than 1,200 privately owned wells within the District's 15-county service area. Water level observation wells are spaced throughout the Water District at a density of about one well per nine square miles. Arnold Husky, Clint Kaufman, Don McReynolds, Judy Reeves, Dan Seale, Gary Self, and Keith Whitworth will take measurements from early January until completion of this task.

"This is a very important program for residents within the High Plains Water District. These measurements

will determine how much the water levels in the Ogallala aquifer have changed during the past water pumping season," said Don McReynolds, High Plains Water District geologist/technical division di-

Measurements are made by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well are coated with blue carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes in 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-towater measurement, and the date of measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

"We ask everyone to be aware of our staff in the field. They will be in appropriately marked vehicles and will be making frequent stops to gather these important data," McReynolds said.

As long as wells are accessible and provide satisfactory data, staff will continue to measure the same wells each year. The current depthto-water measurement in individual wells will be compared to last year's data to determine the annual change in water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the District.

These data are used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala aquifer within the Water District.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District are published in the April issue of The Cross Section, the District's free monthly newsletter. The newsletter will contain tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the average and annual change in water levels for oneyear, five-year, and 10-year intervals.

More information is available by contacting McReynolds at the High Plains Water District office at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499, or by telephone, (806) 762-0181. Questions may be e-mailed to erica@hpwd.com. The Water District's website is www.hpwd.com.

Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

It's peak season for Texas oranges and grapefruits, and consumers looking for a healthy, sweet piece of fruit should look no further than Texas-grown citrus. We Texans take our citrus seriously; in fact, the Texas red grapefruit was designated the state fruit by the 73rd Legislature in

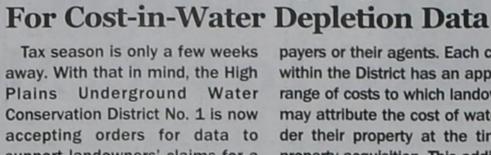
Texas is one of the top citrus states in the nation, ranking second in grapefruit production and third in orange production. The citrus industry contributes more than \$50 million a year to the state's

Texas grapefruits and oranges are grown in the Rio Grande Valley where fertile soils and perfect subtropical climate conditions contribute to the sweetness of the citrus.

Oranges are an excellent source of vitamin C and contain high amounts of fiber. Gulf of Mexico breezes sometime scar the fruit's peel, but these "tropical beauty marks" are surface blemishes and do not affect quality.

Grapefruits are a great source of vitamins A and C. Texas produces two trademarked categories of red grapefruit -Ruby-Sweet and Rio Star. Both have red interiors and a rosy blush on the peel Texas red grapefruit was named one of Saveur Magazine's Top 100 Favorites for 2002. Texas also grows specialty citrus crops such as tangerines, tangelos. lemons and limes.

For more information and to find new ways to cook with Texas citrus, including recipes for sunshine salad and sweet potatoes with carrots a l'orange, visit our Web site at www.picktexas.com.



Water District Accepting Requests

away. With that in mind, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is now accepting orders for data to support landowners' claims for a cost-in-water income tax depletion deduction to 2003 federal income "The data was not released until

January 1, 2004, which is the beginning of the new tax year. However, we encourage landowners to submit their requests as soon as possible, as these data will be provided on a first come, first served basis," said Keith Whitworth, depletion data provider for the High Plains Water District.

Landowners who have previously claimed the deduction and have established the cost-in-water and saturated thickness at the time of land purchase will only need the amount of 2003 decline to substantiate their claim.

Those who have not previously claimed a deduction need to establish the amount of saturated thickness beneath their land at the time of acquisition, the decline in the water level during the tax year, and the cost of the water, which has been determined by comparing actual land sales with and without ground water at the date of land acquisition. These data are provided by the Water District for its 15-

county service area. appraiser documents land sales that occur each year within the Water District service area. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) representatives review these land sales data. With IRS approval, the Water District provides these data to qualified tax-

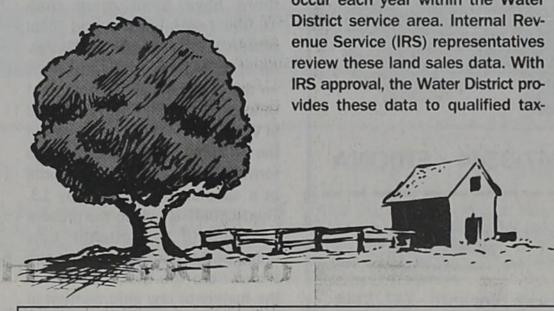
payers or their agents. Each county within the District has an approved range of costs to which landowners may attribute the cost of water under their property at the time of property acquisition. This additional cost of ground water is depreciated annually based upon water level declines interpreted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

All requests for water depletion data must be in writing and may be mailed or e-mailed to the High Plains Water District. You may also stop by the Water District's Lubbock office to fill out a request form. The decline data costs \$10 for each parcel of land when decline is shown.

For new claims, taxpayers must include a complete legal description of the tract of land on which the claim is to be filed; the date of land acquisition; the number of acres in the tract; and the landowner's name, address, and Social Security number. New claims are \$50; the cost includes the IRSapproved cost-in-water guidelines, the number of feet of saturated and thickness for the year of acquisition, and the water level decline data for the current year and up to two previous years.

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

Cost-in-water data requests should be directed to Keith Whitworth, High Plains Water District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499. He may be reached at (806) 762-0181 or by e-mail at kwhit@hpwd.com.





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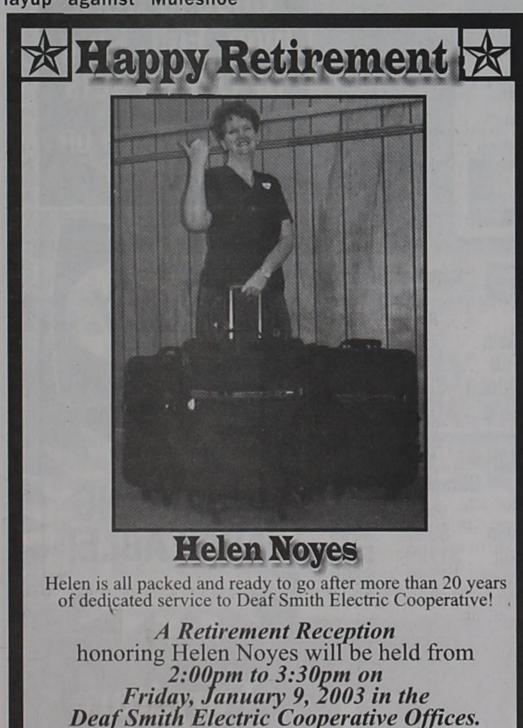
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In the year 2003, 148 law en- Friona Police Sgt. Joe Herrera died forcement officers across the na- April 14, 2003, when a fleeing tion were killed in the line of duty, representing the second year in a row that the number has been well below the decade-long average of 166 annual police deaths. The 142 male and six female officers who died worked in 38 of our nation's 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and one federal

One law enforcement officer fatality occurred in Parmer County.

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suspect struck his police car headon during a car chase.

According to the 2003 "Fallen Heroes Report" released jointly by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), the states with the highest number of officer fatalities were: California (18); Georgia (10); Texas (10); Virginia (8); and Florida, Louisiana, and Tennessee

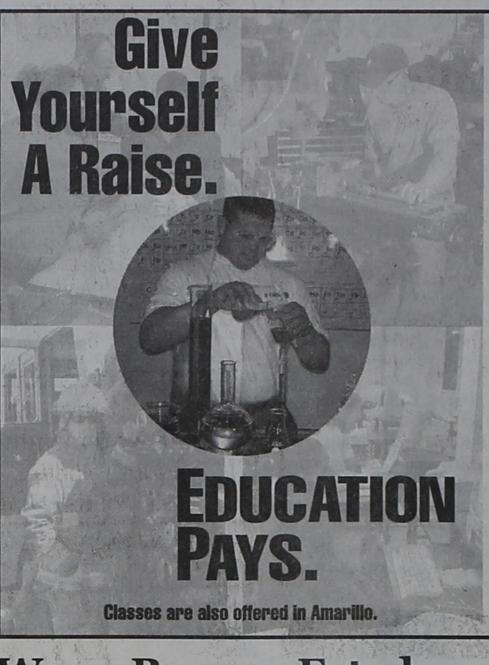
(7). California saw the greatest increase in officer fatalities with an increase of eight from the previous year. The most significant drop in officer fatalities was experienced by federal law enforcement with nine fewer deaths in 2003 than in 2002. The 148 officers killed in 2003 matched the fatality figure recorded in 2002.

Of the 148 officers killed during 2003, preliminary data shows that 53 died in automobile accidents; 52 were shot to death; 13 were struck by automobiles while outside their vehicles; 11 died in motorcycle accidents; six succumbed to job-related illnesses; four drowned; two suffered fatal beatings; two fell to their deaths; one was stabbed to death; one died in an aircraft accident; one was electrocuted; one was strangled; and one was hit by a train.

"Every U.S. law enforcement officer fatality is a national tragedy," said Linda Hintergardt-Soubirous, President of COPS. "COPS pays tribute to those brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice and, in our 20th year of service, as in years past, promises to provide healing, love and life renewed to their surviving families and affected coworkers as

Dating back to the first known there have been more than 16,000 federal, state and local officers killed in the United States. All of those names are inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which is located in Washington, D.C. The names of the officers killed in 2003 will be formally added to that Memorial at a candlelight vigil on May 13. The NLEOMF is now in the process of building a National Law Enforcement Museum across the street from the Memorial to tell the history of law enforcement in America, including the individual tales of these fallen heroes.





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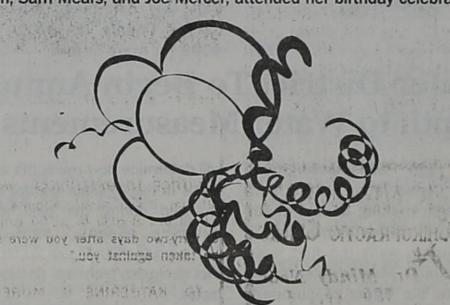
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Wana Brewer Feted With 90th Birthday Party

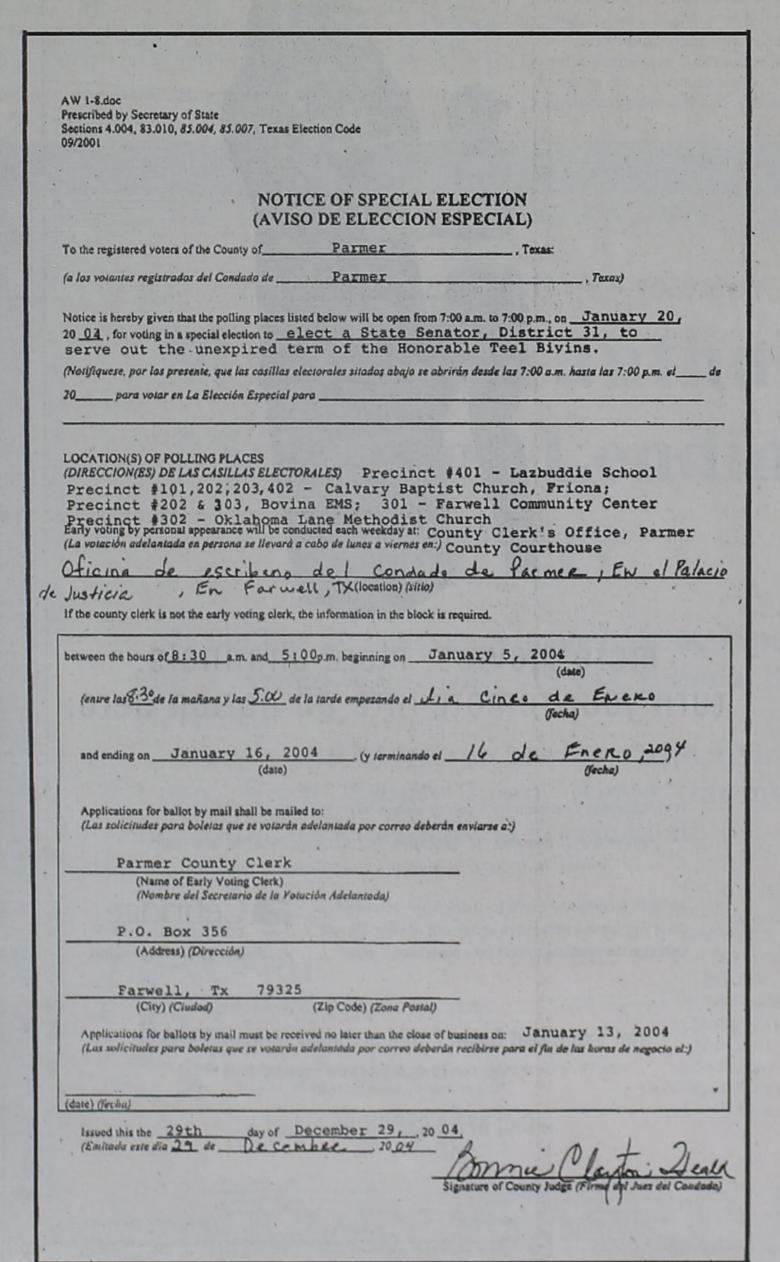
Long-time Friona resident and former teacher, Wana Brewer, was honored with a birthday party on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Brewer's birthday is Christmas Eve, but the family celebrated her birthday a day early with friends, family and former students. Tommie and Joe Mercer, as well as Galen and Betty Brewer, of Austin, hosted the event at the Mercer home.

Mrs. Brewer was born in Grayson County, Texas on December 24, 1913 and moved to the Friona area in 1930. She started teaching school in Friona in the mid-1930s and retired from teaching in 1981. Many of her former students, from the early days, including Lunell Horton, Sam Mears, and Joe Mercer, attended her birthday celebration.







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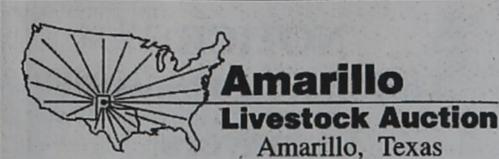
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TO: KATHERINE G. MORENO, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on July 15, 2003 in this case numbered 494 on the docket of said court, and styled,

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VS KATHERINE G. MORENO

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> Vivaliah Hutto Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas PO Box 849 Bovina, Texas 79009

Obituaries

Tracy Russell Mayberry

Funeral services for Tracy Russell Mayberry, 43, were held Monday, December 29, in Los Osos, California. She died December 24, 2003, in a Los Osos hospital from double pneumonia complicated by an asthma condition.

Mayberry was born August 20, 1960, to Jim and Earlene "Scooter" Russell of Bovina. She was a 1978 graduate of Bovina High School. During her senior year in high school, she worked for Bill Ellis at the Bovina Blade office and worked for newspapers in Mountain Home, Idaho, for several years.

She is survived by husband, Richard Mayberry; two sons, Russell, 21, and Orion, 4; parents Jim and Scooter Russell of Spearman, and two sisters, Janee Russell and Tami Kunselman.

Curtis Carl Bruegel

Curtis Carl Bruegel, 69, a well-known Dimmitt farmer and businessman, died early Sunday, December 28, 2003, in his home following a lengthy illness.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2003 in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Johnny Robinson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Childress, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Mark, Jon and Michael Bruegel, Laramie Woods, Matt Clayton and Earl Behrends.

Curtis Carl Bruegel was born August 23, 1934, to Fred and Juanita Bruegel at their Red Tower Ranch in Parmer County. He was baptized as a Methodist in 1946 in the Bethel Church.

He started school in Lazbuddie, and then transferred to the Dimmitt Public Schools when he was in the sixth grade. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1951 and studied agriculture at Texas Tech.

Carl married Gail Garrison on January 23, 1955, in Childress. They settled in the Dimmitt area, where he operated farms and developed several agribusinesses. He was an owner and partner in grain elevators in Castro and Parmer Counties and in cotton gins in Castro, Parmer, and Childress Counties. He also established the 6B Ranch in California, a thoroughbred and quarterhorse operation, and had an interest in a cattle ranch in Colo-

He was a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Dimmitt and was a licensed pilot.

He was preceded in death by his younger son, Gary, in 1988. He is survived by his wife, Gall; two daughters, Sheri Young of Dimmitt and Teresa Kemp of Fort Worth; a son, Curtis Carl II of Dimmitt; two brothers, Fred Jr. of Dimmitt and Mike of Amarillo; a sister, Sandra Baker of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Gary Bruegel Memorial Scholarship Fund at the First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Around Town

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Friona Evening Lions Club will meet Thursday, January 8, 2004, 7 p.m. at 9th and Pierce. The program will be special selections by Joy Morton's Drama Club.

Sunday, January 11, 2004, there will be a Mexican Pile On noon meal at Calvary Baptist Church on a donation basis. The meal is a fundraiser for the Matt. 25 project of renovating the old Clovis hospital and turning it into a ministry and community social services center to provide services for the region within a 50-mile radius of Clovis.

The city of Clovis in December 2003 sold the old Clovis hospital to the non-profit Matt. 25 corpora-

Matt. 25 is made up of local business leaders from the churches of Clovis who formed the organization for the purpose of renovating the old hospital.

Winter Bible Study in the books of Jonah and Proverbs on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, 7 -9 p.m., Sunday night, January 18, 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, January 21, 7-9 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to come hear Dr. David Howell of Wayland Baptist University present this marvelous study. The study will meet in the church fellowship hall.

Rev. Alvin Petty will be teaching "a General Survey of church history" at Wayland Baptist University's Lifelong Learning Center in Plainview. The course will a first come, first serve basis.

be on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. beginning January 26, 2004 and going through March 1. Cost will be \$48. To register call 806-291-3651. The class is limited to 20 participants. Registration is on

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA

Birthdays for January 11, 2004 through January 17,

Jan. 11—Erith Hawkins Jan. 12-Andy Stormes, Patricia Parson, Melinda Ramon, Brett Riley

Jan. 13-Sammy Stormes, Hermilia Perez, Elizabeth Serna, Jo Bunch

Jan. 14-Arturo Espinoza Jan. 15-Julia Leake

Jan. 16-Christy Barksdale

Jan. 17-Irma Hernandez, Billy Lynn Marshall, Mike McCallum

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 by Tuesday noon and report it.

When you see names, which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank

NOTICE **To Parmer County Taxpayers**

February 2, 2004, is the deadline this year to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County since the normal deadline of January 31 is on a Saturday. Checks must be postmarked by February 2 or penalty and interest will occur.

If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2004, 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.

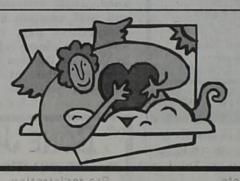
If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to reapply for this exemption.

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

Call, or drop by our office, for your application(s). They will be mailed to you upon request.

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Grain Elevator Workshop

Members of the grain storage and processing industry will have an opportunity later this month to learn about issues affecting their industry during a grain elevator work-

The 16th Annual High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be January 22 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, located at Third and 8:00 a.m. with refreshments. Buchanan streets.

Participants from the Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas membership of the Tri-State Chapter of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society are encouraged to attend. The workshop is hosted each year by GEAPS and Texas Cooperative Extension.

"This is the only such event, designed especially for industry education and training, held in this region," said extension Amarillo, homeland security entomologist Carl Patrick.

Application for continuing education units (CEU's) for licensed commercial, non-commercial, and private applicators has been requested through Texas Department of Agricul-

Registration will begin at of stored grain pests.

Pre-registration is encouraged. The cost to attend is \$30 per person.

The opening session will begin at 8:30 a.m. with extension integrated pest management agent Greg Cronholm of Plainview and GEAPS president Dale Lock serving as modera- in College Station, laws and

Topics and presenters will in- stored grain.

* Tim Reed, FBI agent in and agricultural issues.

* Robby Skaggs of Safety Kleen in Amarillo, disposal of outdated and banned chemi-

* Extension entomologist Roy Parker of Corpus Christi, evaluation of protectants for control

* Donnie Wood of Triangle Companies from Enid, Oklahoma, transportation of hazardous materials.

* Harry Taylor of the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Amarillo, transportation of hazardous materials.

* Don Renchie of the TEAS regulations associated with

* Gary Gilbert of Professional IPM Services of Oklahoma City, basic pest management practices in the stored grain indus-

The final topic will be on fumigation and will be followed by the workshop evaluation and CEU certificate presentation before adjournment at 3:15

For information and pre-registration details, contact Patrick at 677-5600.

Saturday, January 17, 2004 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Monday	Tuesday -	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12 7 th 8 th & 9 th BB vs. Abernathy G-TB-H	13 Headstart Parent Meeting 5:00 p.m. Elem. Lifetouch Pictures — Auditorium Var. & JV. G BB @ Olton Var. & JV. B BB — Open	14 Theater Arts Class to present play for Prairie Acres	15	16 Jr. High All-Region Band @ Amarillo Var. & JV B&G BB vs. Floydada - H 3 rd Ammal FHS Baseball Pig Roast HS Cafeteria	17 Jr. High All-Region Band @ Amanillo Power lifting @ Highland Pack
19 7-8-9 BB vs. Olton G-H B-T Financial Aid Workshop HS Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.	20 Var. & JV B&G BB vs. Hale Center - H	21	22 Freshman B&O BB Tournament @ Dimmitt	23 Freshman B&G BB Tournament @ Dimmitt Var. & JV B&G Basketball @ Lockney	24 Freshman B&G BB Tournament @ Dimmitt 7º & 8º B&G Basketball Tournament @ Priona
26 Primary Book Fair 8:00- 4:00 7 ^a 8 ^a 9 ^a B&G BB vs. Floydada G-T B-H Progress Reports	27 Primary Book Fair 8:00- 4:00	28 Primary Book Fair 8:00-4:00 Parmer County Stock Show - Weigh in	29 Primary Book Fair 8:00-4:00 Parmer County Stock Show – Show Day Blood Drive in FHS Cafeteria 2:00-7:00	30 Primary Book Fair 8:00 – 4:00 Soil Conservation Coloring Entries due Parmer County Stock Show Vocal Solo & Ensemble @ WTAMU Var. & JV BB B&G vs. Olton - H	31 Vocal Solo & Ensemble @ WTAMU Parmer County Stock Show Sale Feb. 2 – JV & Var. BB vs. Floydada – T Feb. 7th ACT Test

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at my office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on January 6, 2004

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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TO: CLAUDIA MENDOZA, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 23rd day of February, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard. Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on January 6, 2004 in this case numbered 119 on the docket of said court, and styled.

> Parmer County Community Hospital VS

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TO: HENRY J GORMAN, GREETING:

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TO: LAWRENCE C. JORDAN, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 23rd day of February, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

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TO: FRANCISCO G. RODRIQUEZ, GREETING:

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