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School Board to implement student drug testing program

Superintendent Jim Parker announced that the Friona school board will meet in regular session Monday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Administration Building.

Parker says the board invites public comment or questions

on a student drug testing policy being considered by the trustees. The random testing policy would be implemented before the current school year ends and will apply to all students in grades 7-12 participating in any district extra curricular activity.

"All staff and students will receive orientation training related to the policy and accompanying privacy requirements," Parker said. A participation acknowledgement form will be required from all participants and their parent/guardian.

Consequences for an initial positive test result will begin with a parent notification conference and a 15-day period of suspension from all activities. During this time a student must complete a drug awareness program administered by the school on Saturday mornings and obtain a negative test result prior to resuming activities.

Additional offenses also mandate parent notification, a

longer suspension period from activities, an additional drug awareness program, and a negative result prior to being reinstated along with monthly testing thereafter.

A third offense can result in loss of participation privileges for the remainder of a school year as well as monthly testing for the remainder of that student's participation eligibility. All testing, collections, and

reporting will be handled by a third party laboratory. The utmost care and consideration will be given to security, confidentiality, and making students comfortable with the test collection procedures.

Also on the Monday meeting agenda will be presentation of the annual district audit report, technology training for board members, and the annual superintendent evaluation.



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The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held next week, January 18-21, at the community center. The premium sale will be Saturday January 21. Above, Oran London, a 9-year-old third grade student, gets in some show practice with one of his lambs at last week's Friona show. He is the grandson of Jerry and Raye Jean London and JeDon and Kitty Gallman and son of Micah London and Melanie London.

Osborn, Lewellen file for county offices

BY RON CARR

The lineup is now official for the March 7 primary elections. Unlike Carol Keeton Strayhorn, none of our local candidates have filed as independents.

Jody Lewellen of Friona has filed as a Republican candidate for county judge. He will oppose Democrat and incumbent Bonnie Heald in the November election.

Ben Osborn, a Friona graduate and Iraq war veteran, has filed in the Republican primary

for Precinct 2 county commissioner. He will face Republican candidates Galen Carson, James Clayton, and Larry Hodnett in the March 7 primary.

The Republican winner in the Precinct 2 commissioner primary will face Houston Bartlett of Bovina, who has filed as a Democrat for the position, in the November election. Bartlett is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

The men are running for the Precinct 2 position vacated

when 20-year commissioner Tom Ware decided not to run for re-election. Precinct 2 is called the Bovina precinct but extends into Friona's northwest side.

On the Democratic primary ballot, Heald is unopposed for county judge, Gordon Green is unopposed for re-election as 287th district judge, and Gaylon Rhodes has filed unopposed as a candidate for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.

In the Republican primary, Altha Herington is unopposed for re-election as Parmer County treasurer, Elvis Powell is unopposed for Parmer County commissioner in Precinct 4 (Lazbuddie area), Sandra Warren is unopposed for re-election as District Clerk, Pam Haseloff is unopposed to return as Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 (Farwell), Colleen Stover is unopposed as Parmer County Clerk, and incumbent Vi Hutto has refiled unopposed for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 (Bovina).

Hutto will face Rhodes for Precinct 2 JP in the November election. Lewellen will challenge Heald in November for county judge, and Bartlett will face the Republican primary winner for Precinct 2 commissioner.

Early voting will start February 21. The primary election is Tuesday, March 7.

Friona Jr. Livestock Show results

As a lead in to the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show, the Friona 4-H and FFA held their annual livestock show Thursday, January 5. The county show is set for January 18-21 at the community center. The show schedule is elsewhere in today's paper.

Here are the results of the Friona Junior Livestock Show:

Goats: 1st class, Andrew Stowers 1st, Andrew Stowers 2nd, Tyler Hough 3rd. 2nd class, Alex Dunnam 1st, Justin Bridges 2nd, Alex Dunnam 3rd. Grand champion goat, Andrew Stowers. Reserve Grand Champion Goat, Andrew Stowers.

Sheep: fine wool, Tyler Shields, Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion; southdown, Caleb Monroe, Breed Champion, Emily Allen, Reserve Breed Champion; fine wool cross, 1st class, Kelby Monroe 1st, Caleb Monroe 2nd, Mykelti Rhodes 3rd, and Oran London 4th. 2nd class, Jordan Monroe 1st, Ashley Ingram 2nd, Kendall Kimbrough 3rd, Taryn Jamerson 4th; fine wool cross Breed Champion Kelby Monroe, Reserve Breed Champion,

Jordan Monroe. Medium wool, 1st class, Rowdee Rhodes 1st, Taryn Jamerson 2nd, Mykelti Rhodes 3rd, Luisa Held 4th; 2nd class, Caleb Monroe 1st, Donovan Johnson 2nd, Cody Lanier 3rd, Rowdee Rhodes 4th, Jessie London 5th; 3rd class, Kelby Monroe 1st, Kandace Frye 2nd, Adrienne Osborn 3rd, Kirby Frye 4th; 4th class, Jordan Monroe 1st, Kelby Monroe 2nd, Miranda Frye 3rd, Ashley Ingram 4th, Adam Bentley 5th; Breed Champion, Kelby Monroe; Reserve Breed Champion Caleb Monroe.

The Grand Champion lamb was a fine wool cross shown by Kelby Monroe. The Reserve Grand Champion lamb was a medium wool also shown by Kelby Monroe.

Hogs: berk, poland, spots, Colton Drake 1st, Jessie London 2nd, Zachary Graves 3rd, Caitlin Bronniman 4th, Christy Widner 5th. Breed Champion Colton Drake and Reserve Breed Champion Jessie London; chester, york, landrace, Oran London 1st, David Schwab 2nd, Kyla Hurst 3rd, Kyla Hurst 4th,

Christy Widner 5th, and Caleb Monroe 6th. Breed Champion Oran London and Reserve Breed Champion David Schwab.

Duroc, Casey Merritt 1st, Emily Allen 2nd, Kelby Monroe 3rd, Emily Allen 4th, Caitlin Bronniman 5th, and Christy Widner 6th. Breed Champion Casey Merritt and Reserve Breed Champion Emily Allen; hampshire, Molly Carthel 1st, Donovan Johnson 2nd, Christy Widner 3rd, Breed Champion Molly Carthel and Reserve Breed Champion Donovan Johnson.

Cross, Molly Carthel 1st, Casey Merritt 2nd, Mark Schwab 3rd. Breed Champion Molly Carthel and Reserve Breed Champion Casey Merritt.

The Grand Champion barrow was a hamp shown by Molly Carthel. The Reserve Grand Champion barrow was a spot shown by Colton Drake.

Steers: Jason Berend, 1st place and Grand Champion. Britany Berend, 2nd place and Reserve Grand Champion. Britany Berend also had a 3rd place steer and Brandon Berend was 4th place.

Deputy finds marijuana in spare tire

BY RON CARR

Sunday evening, January 8, Parmer County Sheriff's Deputy Billy Williams stopped a late model Dodge 4-door pickup on Highway 60 a few miles east of Farwell for speeding. It was a rental vehicle. The contract said it was rented to go from Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Albuquerque. Since Friona and Farwell are not on that itinerary, Williams became suspicious of the two occupants, brothers Orlando Herrera, 36, and Abel Herrera, 41, both of Las Cruces.

One of the men was said to have been smoking marijuana while in the truck. Williams, assisted by DPS Trooper Izzy Carrasco, found 80 pounds of marijuana wrapped in individual packages and concealed inside the truck's spare tire. The men were arrested and placed in the Parmer County jail. They were charged with delivery of marijuana more than 50 pounds (and less than 2,000 pounds), which is a 1st degree felony.

One of the brothers, Abel

Herrera, was also charged with possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces. Bond was set at \$25,000 each. However, Abel Herrera was released on personal recognizance due to a medical problem that requires dialysis three times a week. At press time, Orlando Herrera was still being held.

Sheriff Randy Geries said the street value of the marijuana was \$35,000. Because the truck was a rental vehicle the county cannot seize it, Geries said.

Marijuana found



sheriff's department photos Deputy Billy Williams found 80 lbs. of marijuana inside this spare tire during a Sunday night traffic stop. The packages are shown laid out in the back of the suspect's truck. Two New Mexico men were arrested. Street value of the marijuana is said to be about \$35,000.

Nominations requested for Chamber banquet awards

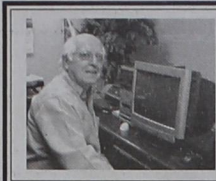
The Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Thursday March 2 at the Community Center. The menu will feature prime rib, beans, baked potatoes, salad, and Friona's 100th birthday cake. Charlie Pope and his crew will cook again this year. They did an outstanding job for last year's banquet.

A speaker has been arranged. Tickets for the banquet are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available from any Chamber board member or at the Chamber office. Details about the speaker and other planned events will be published in later editions of the Friona Star.

One of the highlights each year is the citizen awards, given to man and woman of the year, boy and girl student of the year, employee of the year, teacher of the year, and citizen of the year.

Nominations for the awards come from local residents that nominate candidates for each category. Final selections for each award are made by the Chamber board. If you know of outstanding citizens that you think would qualify for any of the above categories, the Chamber would appreciate your nominations. Forms are available at the Chamber office.

For more information contact the Chamber at 250-3491.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

baked cheetos

If I come back in another life I think I would like to be a food editor at a major newspaper. Preferably in a city that has a lot of food and restaurants.

I've always been an avid newspaper reader. When I lived in Dallas all those years I read the Dallas Morning News every day. Restaurant reviews were one of my favorite sections of the DMN. We ate out often back then. At some pretty fancy places.

Yes I've been in a party that spent \$100 a person (or more) on a night out. I miss restaurants that take reservations. We made reservations at places like Le Rendezvous, Old Warsaw, the Mansion, and the Pyramid Room at the Fairmont Hotel. More often than not, if your reservation was for 8 p.m., they had your table ready at 8 p.m. And they made you feel important by using your name. "Yes sir, right this way, Mr. Carr."

Some time before I die, I would like to revisit a nice restaurant that takes reservations and has valet parking. So what if it costs more than an iPod. We used to have a saying in the travel agency business: "If you don't fly first class, your kids will." I wouldn't mind sitting around for a couple of hours, with waiters hovering around, enjoying a leisurely dinner with some folks I like being with.

After a couple of hours you pay the tab without looking at it, stroll out under the porte cochere, where a nice young guy takes off running to bring your car. You didn't even have to tell him which

one is yours. He remembers. Slip him (or her) \$5 for the valet service and off you go, feeling important.

Until you get stuck in traffic. Then when you get home the babysitter is on the phone with her boyfriend, the kid has a dirty diaper, the dog knocked over the kitty litter box, and suddenly nobody thinks you are so important anymore. Nothing like a reality check.

Food editors at big newspapers have a lot of power. The newspaper pays for their meals then pays them to write about the dining experiences. They describe the ambience of the place, the service, how the food tastes, and whether it is expensive or not. A food editor can boost business or keep people away.

Out here, the opportunities for a food editor are limited, but I thought I would give it a try. Here's my first suggestion. Unless you just really don't care about the food or service, take IHOP in Clovis off your list.

I stopped in Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Other than about a dozen employees, I was the only person in the place. My order was simple, I thought. Even though it was 3 p.m. I wanted breakfast food. I told Latoya I wanted two eggs over easy, sausage, biscuits and gravy, small orange juice, and coffee.

They don't have that on the menu. At least not in that exact combination. Latoya was puzzled. I ended up with a Big Country breakfast, which consisted of three eggs, four sausages, four biscuits, hash browns, and a

little bowl of gravy. The small orange juice was \$2.69, and the coffee was \$1.49. She did leave the blue plastic coffee pot on the table.

First off, all the food was cold. Not even warm. I took one bite of the sausage and sent it back. Not because it was cold. It didn't taste like any sausage I'd ever eaten. I'm 66-years-old and I know what sausage is supposed to taste like. The bacon she brought out was cold too and was closer to being beef jerky than bacon.

The eggs might have been over easy at one time or another but not by the time I got them. You couldn't see the yellow, they were not hot, and the whites were like a boiled egg almost. The gravy I won't even talk about. I've had cold gravy on cold biscuits before when I was poor and ate leftovers.

At least when I paid the \$12.98 check the nice lady figured out I was a senior without even asking me and gave me a discount. To this day I don't know how she knew I qualified for a senior discount. I left Latoya a couple of dollars. She was

nice about all of it. When I left I was still the only customer in the place. Guess now I know why.

There is good food news though. The Sugar Shack in Friona serves more than cinnamon rolls and sandwiches. Fridays are gourmet hamburger day at Sugar Shack. For \$6 you can get a really hot, thick, gourmet burger, chips and a drink. Kenda says you can have anything and everything on it from jalapeno, to guacamole, onions, lettuce, tomato, and a mixture of mustard and mayo.

Build your own but I can attest they are thick and delicious so be sure to wear a wash and wear shirt. They get my "4-napkin" rating on a 5-napkin scale. Eat local. Go see Kenda and tackle one of her gourmet burgers, served only on Fridays.

To wrap up this food review, Baked Cheetos don't taste like Cheetos and South Beach frozen dinners don't taste like anything. If you have any food opinions, send me an email.

You can bring my car around now. I'm done here.



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Letters To The Editor

Hi Marlene,
 First of all, what a beautiful picture of your precious granddaughters!! The adoption has finally been completed on Orion so that is all behind and things are looking much better.

Jim and I are healthy and happy and having a few things going for people approaching the top of the hill, ha. He is having cataract surgery on both eyes this month and hand surgery in the next month or so to correct a crippled hand caused by arthritis but we really can't complain because we have it pretty good and the girls are nice and close and also three granddaughters and their families so it is a lot of fun with all these little people.

When the article came out about "Hog Killing Time", I found a picture of my daddy with a couple of hired men and two hogs hanging. I took a picture or rather made an enlargement of it and sent it along with the article to my brothers and sister and they really enjoyed it. This morning I sent them a copy of the article about the 1906 Fires, which was very interesting! I am looking forward to the next one. My brothers live on ranches in Moriarty, New Mexico and have to watch out for fires all around so this was interesting to see what people had to go through.

We enjoy the paper so much and look forward to it each week. I really liked Ron's story about the cardboard boxes and just before Christmas someone had gotten an oven in a huge box and Jimmy brought it home in the back of the pickup and during Christmas, it served as a house, fort, hiding place or whatever for our four and five year olds that we kept for a few days. Brings back memories doesn't it?

Anyway, you all keep up the good work and the pictures are fantastic!

Miss you all.
 Love, Scooter Russell

(Editor's note: Scooter and Jim were long time residents of Bovina. Scooter wrote Scooter's Scoops for the Bovina Blade for many years. She is a good friend and was a big help to me when I began my newspaper career in 1995. She and Jim now live in Spearman but still subscribe to the Friona Star and keep in touch regularly. Best wishes to you both from your friends in Parmer County.....ron carr)



Tumbleweed Smith
Horses and scents

Linda Lamka and her family moved to Pecos from Missouri three years ago. She was looking for a home for her horses.

"The area where we were was rather rocky and we were looking for flatter ground," says Linda. "We were getting pretty desperate, so I went to one of my chat rooms and just put the message out there that we were looking for property on an interstate highway that was good for raising horses. This one gal emailed me back and said she had property on Interstate 20 in Pecos."

While growing up in Missouri, Linda read about Pecos Bill, cowboys and grew to love the western way of life, so the possible move to Pecos interested her.

"After about six weeks of emailing back and forth, her mailing pictures and us talking on the phone, we made a deal to buy the property. I had never seen the place in person, had never met the woman, and had never come to

Pecos. We just stepped out on a leap of faith and came down."

She and her family hope to raise quality ranch horses. They have twelve horses now. When Linda isn't tending to her horses, she runs her Oak Street Gallery. It features western art and crafts, Montana Silversmith products, rustic home décor, books, and her special line of cosmetics and soaps, which she makes.



"Back in Missouri, my son was working for a candle shop that also had glycerin soap. I went into work part time and got intrigued by it and started finding all kinds of recipes on the Internet for lotions, gels and shampoos. I found out where I could order the ingredients and ended up with a pretty nice little business in Missouri. We weren't selling on the internet in Missouri, but we are here."

Her line of soaps and body products started with hand milled soap and grew to include shower gels, lotions, body scrubs, face cleansers and creams and foot scrubs.

"I make the products with the West Texas climate in mind." She calls herself an alchemist.

"I get in my little room, put on my hat and lab coat and just start making things. If you can cook, you can make soap. It's all recipes.

You can make it in a cookpot now, instead of the old kettle your grandmother used. I sometimes use the oven. I just add certain ingredients, like oatmeal, which is good for the skin. I make a line of lotions and shampoos using carrot oil. People love it. I don't need a lotion after I bathe because I use a sugar scrub while I'm washing. I have dozens of fragrances, some for men. Our mineral cosmetics are made with all natural ingredients."

Ingredients in all her products are listed on the labels. Much of her business is conducted on the internet. Her website is www.oakstreetgallery.com.

Around Town

To get your area events published,
call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net

Women's division members needed

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Women's division is looking for ladies who would like to help with various activities throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of a dynamic group of ladies contact Chris Alexander at the Chamber Office at 250-3491 or Dana Jameson at 250-5170 after 5.

2006 Museum calendars available

The new 2006 calendars sponsored by the Parmer County Historical Museum are on sale for \$15 each and are available at the Museum on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and at the Friona Public Library. This year's calendar has historical photos of all the schools of Parmer County suitable for framing. Support your local museum by purchasing a calendar for friends and family.

Special Olympics gearing up

It is time for Friona Chieftains Special Olympics to plan for their State Bowling Competition on February 2-5, 2006 in Houston. Last year they spent \$2,200 for lodging, travel and meals. The goal for this year is \$2,200. They are seeking interested individuals to organize a fundraiser. Sponsors and donations are also appreciated. If you are interested in helping please call Donna Mullins 250-3285. Again thanks to everyone for your support.

Men's prayer breakfast Jan 18

The Calvary Baptist Church will host the Men's Prayer Breakfast Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 6:30 a.m. at 1500 North Cleveland. Invite your friends and come fellowship with the men of Friona. You will be out by 7:30 a.m.



TDH immunization Jan schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for January 2006 in Friona.

The clinic in Friona will be Friday, January 20, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

Cowboy poetry breakfast Jan 14

Hody Porterfield, long lean, and lanky frontiersman in fringed buckskins who is well known in the Texas Panhandle through appearances at many area school programs and years at the Big Texan, headlines the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Saturday, January 14, 2006 at the Big Texan at 8 a.m. He is also known as a movie star and radio personality, he is now a regular performer at the Elkins Ranch near Palo Duro.

Members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will also entertain in round robin sessions of cowboy/girl poetry, musical arrangements, and perhaps even some tall tale tellers. Cowboys working in this area who would like to participate in the program can contact President Ivan Cates at 353-5617 or Co-

ordinator Marianne Logan at 374-4354.

The hearty, cowboy breakfast includes eggs, fried potatoes, bacon, sausage, waffles, fresh fruit and Danish rolls for \$6.50, which includes the entertainment. To make reservations for groups over 10 contact Marianne Logan.

Winter Banquet Feb 12

The Calvary Baptist Church will host their Annual Winter Banquet Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for this year is "Hawaiian Luau". There is no cost for this meal but please call 250-3000 (mornings are the best) and make reservations for catering purposes.

Chamber needs old photos for banquet

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is looking for old photos of Friona. The Chamber is in the process of compiling a video history of Friona to be used at the Annual Awards Banquet and big birthday party celebration on March 2, 2006. They are asking anyone that wants to participate in the history to please take them to the Friona Star office or bring them to the Chamber office. The photos will be returned as soon as possible. This is Friona's 100th birthday year and we want to make it a fun one.

Houston receives UNM degree

Chelsey Houston, great granddaughter of Lilah Gay Gee of Friona, graduated from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque in ceremonies on December 16. Mrs. Gee attended the graduation ceremonies.

Chelsey graduated with University Honors, Departmental Honors, and magna cum laude, with a degree in pediatric nursing. She is employed by Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque in the pediatrics unit.

She is the granddaughter of Linda and Owen Houston of Lubbock and is the daughter of Jay Houston of Bernalillo, New Mexico.



Chelsey Houston



FlashBacks

60 Years Ago January 4, 1946

Friona—The Friona City Commission consisting of Mayor Glenn Reeve and commissioners F.L. Spring and Carl Maurer, have changed the method of administering the city's business affairs by employing a city manager rather than having the city commission look after the details of the city's business. Wright Williams, who recently received his discharge from the Armed Service, has been appointed to the position.

55 Years Ago January 11, 1951

Friona—Friona residents were excited Monday at a report which was circulated that one of the FBI's most wanted men was seen in Friona driving a car with a Florida license plate. The excitement built even more by a report by an Amarillo radio station that clues were being checked out in Friona. The rumors apparently were unfounded.

50 Years Ago January 11, 1956

Bovina—Twenty-seven houses were built in Bovina in 1955, according to a report compiled by Roy Fuller, assistant water superintendent for the city. In addition, the Bovina School building was completed and four new business buildings were constructed, including one gin, and six old houses that were vacant became occupied.

40 Years Ago January 12, 1966

Bovina—Bovina voters will decide Saturday on a \$100,000

bond election, which, if it carries, will provide water system improvements, more paved streets, and long-term financing for major city facilities and equipment.

Friona—January 13, 1966, Open house for the new million-dollar Friona High School will be held Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 & 5 p.m. The new complex, completed this fall, was part of a \$1,250,000 bond issue passed by local voters in April of 1964.

35 Years Ago January 14, 1971

Friona—They do things big in Texas. Like flying to Australia for a wedding. Miss Brenda Hawker's Texas "parents", Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Phipps of Friona, arrived in Melbourne yesterday for her wedding. Brenda, 24, of Kaniva, near Nhill, 240 miles west of Melbourne, will be married at Wesley Church on Saturday. Mr. Phipps will give Brenda away. Her father died last year. In 1964, Brenda stayed with the Phipps family for a year as an American Field Service scholar.

Bovina—January 13, 1971—A

wire on a main distribution line contracted in the zero weather, snapping in two at a point where it had been spliced creating a city-wide blackout for about 30 minutes. Also, two minor home fires were attributed to the weather.

25 Years Ago January 14, 1981

Bovina—59,119 bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County as of Thursday, January 8

20 Years Ago January 15, 1986

Bovina—The first baby born at South Plains Hospital in Amherst for 1986, was Nikki Gober, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gober of Bovina.

10 Years Ago January 13, 1996

Friona—Top winners at the Friona Junior Livestock Show included M'Kell Jarecki, grand champion lamb; Alisha Smith, grand champion heifer; Rusty Simmons, grand champion steer; and Wade Schueler, grand champion barrow.



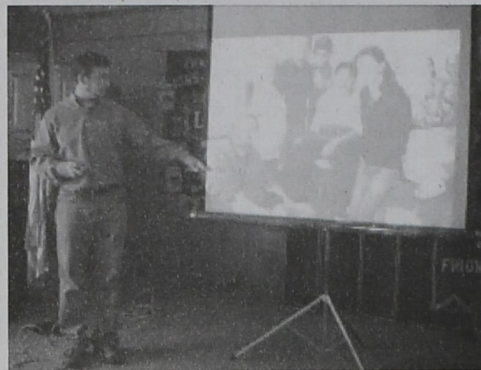
Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Friona Noon Lions held their first meeting of the new year Thursday January 5 with 17 members and three guests present. Guests were club sweetheart Breann Barnett, Brian Wiseman, and First Baptist pastor Mark Stovall. Welcome all.

Boss Lion Clint Mears announced that the club is working on a grant to help with repairs to the historical club house where we meet. Some of the stone has collapsed off of the northwest wall. The former Women's Federation building received a historical marker in 2005.

The program was presented by Brian Wiseman. He is the son of Lion Kevin Wiseman and Carolyn. Brian is a West Texas A&M student. He took a leave from school during the fall semester and spent four months in Germany on a Texas Baptist Student Mission trip. During his stay, Brian was a guest in the home of a German couple whose family had hosted Brian's mother many



ron carr photo

Friona grad and WT student Brian Wiseman gave a slide show presentation to the Noon Lions. Brian spent 4 months in Germany on a mission trip.

years ago when she was an exchange student in Germany. Brian gave a slide show and talked about his experiences in Germany.

Sweetheart Breann was the lucky winner of the club jackpot in the drawing, which is held at each meeting. The jackpot accumulates until

someone draws the joker from a deck of cards. Rumor has it Breann won over \$100. Way to go Breann.

Next meeting of the noon Lions is Thursday January 19. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome.

courtesy photo

Holly Campbell is shown with Tammy Garner, owner of Master's Books in Clovis, during a Clovis Rotary Club meeting last week. Campbell gave the club's program and discussed her recent book, Rainbows Through the Storm. She will have a book signing at Master's Books, 21st and Prince, Saturday, January 14, from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., New Mexico time.



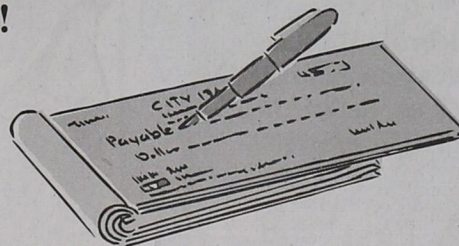
Free Checking at FSB

Friona State Bank's basic checking account is a "No Frills" checking account!!

All it takes is \$100.00 to open the account (which is waived for minors). From that point on there is no minimum balance requirement and no monthly service charge. That's a free checking account.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Oklahoma Lane was part of the XIT Ranch until 1916 when names like Magness, Doshier, Hammonds, McGuire, Christian, Fowler, and Perkins began to appear on land deeds in the county courthouse.

Parmer County History c. 1974 (pg. 148 by Harold Carpenter)

Handbook of Texas

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 22, 2005-January 3, 2006.

Darin Wayne Hofferichter and Kimberly Hofferichter-Rick L. Carr and Sherry A. Carr, L9 B6 LAKEVIEW

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Sheriff's Report

January 3, 2006, Jessie Suniga, 36, of Farwell, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with forgery, pending District Court.

January 4, 2006, Wilfredo Martinez, 22, of Besenville, Illinois, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with forgery, pending District Court.

January 4, 2006, Marko Garcia, 20, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

January 7, 2006, Adrian Rivas, 19, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

January 7, 2006, Joe Duran, 36, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

January 8, 2006, Alejandro Medina, 25, of Muleshoe, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with public intoxication, pending Justice of the Peace Court.

January 8, 2006, Orlando Herrera, 36, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with delivery of marijuana more than 50 lbs. and less than 2000 lbs., pending Grand Jury.

January 8, 2006, Abel Herrera, 41, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with delivery of marijuana more than 50 lbs. and less than 2000 lbs., pending Grand Jury. He was also charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

WTRT Scholarship applications available

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To date, WTRT has awarded 52 \$1,000 scholarships, two \$1,600 scholarships, seven \$500 scholarships and eight \$700 scholarships, for a total of \$64,300 in educational grants.

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Eligible applicants include high school seniors who will be graduating the spring of 2006, or individuals who have completed high school or have their GED and are WTRT members themselves, or have parents or guardians who are WTRT members.

Past scholarship winners who are continuing their college education are eligible to apply for renewal.

Eligible students could come from schools in Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Bovina, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega.

Scholarship application forms will be furnished to school counselor's offices in Adrian, Bovina, Dimmitt, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie and Vega.

Students in the Hereford school district and post-high

school applicants will need to pick up application forms at the business office of WTRT on South Highway 385, Hereford.

As a courtesy to the scholarship selection committee, all applications should be filled out in legible writing. Typewritten forms are preferred. Applications should be accompanied by two letters of recommendation. If the applicant will be a 2006 graduating senior, one letter should be from a teacher, principal or counselor.

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

Copies of the full rules of the scholarship program are provided with the application form.

Neatly prepared forms are much easier for the scholarship selection committee to read.

WTRT scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

FJH All A Honor Roll

Friona Junior High School Principal, Kevin Wiseman, announced the All A Honor Roll for the third six weeks of the 2005-2006 school year.

Sixth grade: Gabriel Avalos, Ryan DeWitt, Rachel Dickson, Hortencia Montana, Katie Osborn, Gabriela Reveles, Leslee Roberson, Valerie Saenz, Matthew Teague, and Weston Wylie.

Seventh grade: Regan Anthony, Caitlin Bronniman, Keeley Dunnam, J Gurley, Brittany Herbert, Isabel Hernandez, Laura Lopez, Catalina Ortega, and Kelsey White.

Eighth grade: Leonardo Castaneda, Sasha Estrada, Maria Garcia, Paige Herbert, Anyuli Lopez, Anna Murphree, Kenney Newhouse, and Alma Robles.

Friona JH AB Honor Roll

Friona Junior High School Principal, Kevin Wiseman, announced the AB Honor Roll for the third six weeks of the 2005-2006 school year.

Sixth grade: Taran Abeyta, Meagan Balli, Perla Bautista, Karina Chihuahua, Alysa Cooper, Lorenzo Garcia, Alan Gomez, Jessica Jamerson, Donovan Johnson, Abigail Jones, and Dillon Kelley.

Berenice Lopez, Caleb Monroe, Jennifer Morazan, Jacob Pena, Saory Pina, Luis Puga, Victor Reveles, Samantha Rodriguez, Tamra Stormes, Alan Tafoya, Collin Thompson, and Michael Villanueva.

Seventh grade: Raul Anchondo, Laci Austin, Brenner Barnett, Maria Calvillo, Miguel Chico, Zack Fair, Kirby Frye, Alex Gonzales, Silvestre Huerta, Uriel Lopez, Brady Merritt, and Ernesto Monreal.

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Eighth grade: Yuliana Alvarez, Bryan Baxter, Alex DeLaO, Felissa Dominguez, Monica Dominguez, Alex Ferguson, Ana Hernandez, Taryn Jamerson, and Omar Ramirez.

David Ramos, Krystal Rios, Yesenia Rojas, Monica Saenz, Noe Saenz, David Schwab, Bianca Soto, Ashley Trevino, Guadalupe Vazquez, Melina Vega, and Janet Vital.

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Samuel is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Jose & Maria Chihuahua. He has four sisters, Blanca, Karina, Ahay, and Leidi and a brother, Jose Jr. Samuel likes carritos. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is red.

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Squaws open with two district wins

BY RON CARR

The Friona Squaws packed the gym for their two home opening district games against old rivals Dimmitt and Tulia. When the last free throw was made Coach North's team was sporting a 15-7, 2-0, record.

The ladies were impressive in both games. There was no trouble with Dimmitt as the Bobbies brought only a 7-player squad, which the Squaws dissected 55-39. Dimmitt was never really close. Friona led 22-16 at halftime but put together a 33-point second half to run away with the win.

The Squaws shot an impressive 16 of 19 from free throw territory but gave them back as the Bobbies were 18 of 28 from the line. Thirteen of Friona's second-half points were from free throws.

All ten Squaws put points in the scoring column in this one. Staci Murphree led with 10 points, Krista Graham had 8 including two 3-pointers, Erica Davila's 7 points also included a 3-point net, Courtney Adams 6, Tiffany Vasquez 6, Briar Barnett 5, Shayli Reed 5, Miranda Frye 3, Kambree Davila 3, and Deniss Vasquez 2.

In pre-season polls the Tulia Lady Hornets were picked to win District 6-2A this year. The Squaws expressed their opinion

about the poll Tuesday night with a 35-point second half after being tied 20-20 at half. Final score was Friona 55, Tulia 41. Tulia's ace player Til-Lois Fifer went down with a knee injury early in the 4th quarter in a collision with Squaw post Courtney Adams. After the game Fifer's mother said she was probably out for the year.

It was a fast-paced, physical contest. The Squaws turned up the defensive tempo in the second half to interrupt Tulia's perimeter game and stuff the middle to cut off the underneath opportunities. Squaw post Staci Murphree sat out much of the second half with four fouls. She came back in the 4th quarter and scored four points before fouling out with a couple of minutes to play.

Scoring leaders were Shayli Reed with 16 points, including 9 of 10 free throws. Courtney Adams kicked in 10 points, Briar Barnett, filling in for Staci Murphree, netted 9, speedy point guard Erica Davila had 8, Murphree 6, and Tiffany Vasquez 6.

The Squaws have come alive in scoring with 55 points in each of the two district games. It is interesting to note the Squaws underneath the basket offense has taken shape too.

Against Tulia, only two 3-pointers were made as the girls demonstrated some pretty passing underneath for close-in shots. And they made a lot of them.

Next up are the Floydada Lady Winds Friday night there

JV Squaws whack Dimmitt, Tulia

BY RON CARR

Like their varsity big sisters, the Friona junior varsity Squaws are undefeated two games deep in the ten-game district schedule with opening wins over Dimmitt and Tulia.

On opening night last Friday, Coach Carrie Davis' charges were down two at the half but put up a 28-14 second half thumping of the Bobbies to notch a 45-33 victory.

Michele Martin led the JV Squaws with 11 points, Julie Echevarria had 8, Hollis Gurley had 8, Erin Austin 6, Sandra Godoy 4, Heather Sandoval 4, Lauren Hughs 2, and Erin Anthony 2. The girls had three 3-point goals in the mix and were 12 of 17 from the free throw stripe.

The JV'ers whopped the JV Tulia Little Hornets Tuesday night 48-31. Coach Davis, who carries 13 players on the JV squad, had an opportunity to give all the girls playing time in this one, with 12 girls in the scoring column.

Erin Anthony took the lead with 10 points, followed by Erin Austin 7, Julie Echevarria 6, Lauren Hughs 4, Hollis Gurley 4, Morgan Anthony 3, Brooke Herbert 3, Sandra Godoy 3, Heather Sandoval 2, Briana Wright 2, Blair Smiley 2, and Michele Martin 2.

Erin Austin and Sandra Godoy each had a 3-point goal. The JV Squaws were 10 of 16 in free throws. They were up 28-13 at the half with a nice 17-point second quarter.

Next up they visit Floydada Friday night and host Olton at home next Tuesday.

Chiefs win at Plains 56-51

The Friona Chieftain varsity and junior varsity went to Plains Friday January 6. Both games ended with a score of 56-51. The JV Chiefs lost 56-51 and the varsity boys won 56-51.

Three Chiefs in double figures did most of the scoring. Caleb Miller drained four 3-pointers in his game high total of 20 points. Hector Sanchez was close behind with 17. He also scored on four 3-pointers. Cody Jamerson scored 11 and Ryan Gerles 8 to round out the scoring.

The Chiefs led 35-30 at the half and both teams scored 21 points in the second half to give Friona the 5-point victory. Friona was 10 of 18 from the foul line.

The boys open district play

and the tough enough Olton Fillies at Friona gym next Tuesday. If you want to see some exciting and fun basketball come on out Tuesday to cheer on the Squaws and Chiefs.



ron carr photo

JV Squaw Hollis Gurley leans back and lets a jump shot fly in the JV win over Dimmitt.

Freshmen Chiefs have rough 2006 start

Coach David Towner and the freshmen Chiefs began their new year of basketball at the Lazbuddie Tournament January 5-7.

In game one the Chiefs fell to the Nazareth JV Swifts, 66-22. Justin Echevarria led the scoring with 14 points including 4 three-point shots. Aaron Hand dropped in 4, Andy Bentley and Justin Dominguez 2 each.

Game two the Chiefs went head to head with the Silverton JV Owls.

The Chiefs led in the first quarter 10-6. But the Owls came back to win 51-26.

Bentley led the scoring with 10, Echevarria 8, Dominguez 6 and Rolando Castanon 2.

In the final game the Chiefs met once again another JV team. The Bovina JV Mustangs squeaked by the Chiefs 47-44.

Bentley led the scoring with 12 points, Echevarria and Brett Field 8 each, Castanon and Hand 6 each and Geraldo Garza 4.

The Chiefs traveled to Dimmitt, Monday, January 9 and fell to the Bobcats, 63-31.

Bentley once again led the scoring with 11 points, Garza 7, Castanon and Hand 4 each, Echevarria 3 and Dominguez 2.

The Freshmen Chiefs travel to Tulia Monday, January 16. Good Luck, Chiefs!!

8th Braves win Tulia Tourney

Coach Mike Herbert and the 8th Braves took the championship at the Tulia Tourney, Saturday, January 7.

In game one of a two game series, the Braves met Dimmitt and outscored the Bobcats 38-23.

Matthew Stanberry led the scoring with 18 points, Joey Dickson 9, Jesus Sarabia 4, Alex Ferguson, David Schwab, and Jordan Kelly 2 each and Stetson Reed 1.

In game two for the championship the Braves took down the Tulia Dobbbers 44-34.

Stanberry once again led the scoring drive with 16 points, Dickson 12, Reed 8, Jeremy Alaniz 8 and Schwab 2.

The Braves traveled to Dimmitt, Monday, January 9 and narrowly won, 33-30.

Stanberry continued to add on the points with 18, Dickson 6, Reed 5, Ferguson and Jose Ramirez 2 each.

The 7-1 Braves travel to Tulia Monday, January 16. Good Luck, Braves!

8th Maidens win Tulia Tourney

Coach Jeff Isom and the FJHS 8th Maidens handily won the championship at the Tulia Tourney Saturday, January 7.

In game one of the series the Maidens defeated Dimmitt 39-15. Stephanie Aguirre led the scoring with 11, Yesenia Rojas 8, Kyla Hurst 7, Sasha Estrada 5, Taryn Jamerson 4, Paige Herbert 2, Anna Murphree and Diana Bolivar 1 each.

In the championship game the Maidens faced Tulia and

came away with the win, 39-28. Aguirre led the scoring drive with 10 points, Hurst 9, Jamerson 6, Estrada and Rojas 5 each and Herbert 4.

The Maidens faced Dimmitt again on Monday, January 9, in Friona and once again came away with a win, 16-8.

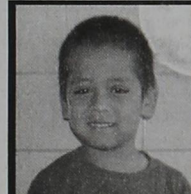
Aguirre dropped in 8, Estrada 4, Rojas and Herbert 2 each.

The Maidens will host Tulia Monday, January 16. Good Luck, Maidens!



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Squaw junior post Courtney Adams has recovered from a back injury during a hard fall in an earlier game. Here she heads downcourt against Dimmitt as teammate Erica Davila blocks.



Meet the Class of 2018

Gabriel is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Angelica Antonio and Juan Medrano. He has a sister, Anahi and two brothers, Jesus and Juanito.

Gabriel likes soccer. His favorite color is green and his favorite food is spaghetti.

Gabriel Antonio

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Sabrina Monzon and Joseph Olvera of Bovina, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their son Matthew Williams Olvera Saturday, January 7, 2006 at 2:40 a.m. at Plains Medical Center in Clovis, New Mexico.

Matthew weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. He has a 2-year-old sister, Desire Sanchez.

Matthew's grandparents are Celeste and Joe Olvera of Bovina and Rosemary and Cesar Monzon of Clovis. His great-grandparents are Elva Hernandez of Bovina and Nancy and Joe Pena, also of Bovina.



THINK ABOUT THIS

What if you only had one year to live? #2

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

There are definitely some things I would do if I knew that I only had a year to live. But really, we need to understand that these are things that we should already be doing.

If I knew that I would die in 2006, I would develop a new sense of values. Much of what seems important now would dwindle into insignificance. The words of the Apostle John would take on new meaning, "For everything in the world—the cravings of a sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." (1 John 2:16-17)

The focus that this text gives me would surely change my outlook. I would not be so impatient over insignificant matters. Little things that irritate me would seem unimportant. I would enjoy life more. I would use my time more wisely, I would follow Paul's advice, "Be very careful, then how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Most importantly, my new set of values would help me to put spiritual things first. I would remember that my Lord said, "Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:33)

My perspectives would certainly be changed if I knew that I only had one year to live. What about you? Think about it.



Eva Miller

Eva Miller celebrates 93rd birthday

Eva Miller celebrated her 93rd birthday with a come-and-go party Sunday afternoon that was hosted by her caregivers.

They provided a birthday cake decorated with an icing picture of Roy and Eva with their son, Roy, and four daughters, Mary Lou, Donna, Linda and Janice. The cake had small musical notes on top and the keys of a piano on the sides. The daughters provided flowers for the table.

Eva's caregivers are Dalia Verlod, Delia Chico, Ramona Casarez, Herlinda Garza, Virginia Hildago, Angelica Chico, and Rocia Ortega.

Eva was born January 9, 1913 in Minco, Oklahoma to Walter and Xenia Roysden, the first of five children. Her only sister, Eileen Miller of Lawton, Oklahoma came for the party and to stay for a week. It is unusual that they both married men whose last name was Miller but were not related.

Eva has one great-grandson, Jared Roysden Miller, of Wheelock, Texas, who was born on the same day in 1988. He is the first child of Dan Miller who is the first child of Roy V. Miller, Jr., who is the first child of Roy V. Miller, Sr.

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, why do people try so hard to be the beheld?

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

Each year People magazine bestows upon some fortunate male the honor of Sexiest Man Alive. I personally have a problem with that title. It is demeaning to call a man sexy. I am considering organizing a protest march or call the ACLU. We men are more than objects to be spread on the cover of some magazine to be ogled by women who have nothing better to do than sit in the recliner and watch Oprah.

In 2003 the winner was Johnny Depp, who, I might add, bears a striking resemblance to me. The magazine had winners

for sexiest pop star (Pepsi won), Internet mogul (isn't that something on a downhill ski slope?), and country star (Germany won).

Please do not send me angry letters about comparing myself to Johnny Depp. I am not the first to do this. You would not believe the constant verbal barrage I receive in airports—but then I take a breath mint and everything is fine. Of course I am kidding. Since my paraffin wrap and thermal dip, hardly anyone confuses me with Johnny Depp. However, I do get mail for Captain Stubing on the Love Boat.

I am considering getting a makeover on one of those daytime talk show. On shows like

these, one poor soul is told by a special loved one that she has a face only a muskrat could love and her hair is so ugly it proves the theory behind why the woolly mammoth became extinct. She is also informed that her picture, including "before" and "after" shots, will be aired on television in front of fifty-five million people and three lonely muskrats. The makeover artist starts with her hair but soon give up and encourage her to begin wearing knee socks.

Why do people spend so much money at health spas and fitness facilities in search to find themselves and yet begin their journey by trying to look like someone else? Ralph Waldo

Emerson once said, "Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not." God loves us just as we are, and that's what makes us beautiful. We are loved.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE FATHER OF KING DAVID

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IT IS UNCERTAIN WHEN JESSE DIED, NO MORE IS HEARD OF HIM, AFTER DAVID PLACED BOTH PARENTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE KING OF MOAB (1 SAM. 22:1-4) TILL HE KNEW WHAT GOD HAD IN STORE FOR HIM IN THE FUTURE!

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 The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is in the process of electing a minority representative to fill a position on its Board of Directors. The meeting is to be held on Monday, January 16, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at Hart City Hall, Hart Texas. All minority citizens in Briscoe, Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Swisher Counties are invited to attend this meeting. Information regarding this election may be obtained from Rebecca Rusk at PRPC, (806) 382-3381.
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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF PARMER

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Parmer County Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioner's Court of Parmer County that all outdoor burning, including fireworks, is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code 153.048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code 153.047.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2006 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Bonnie J. Heald
 County Judge

Attest:
 Gerri Bowers
 County Clerk Deputy

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

To Parmer County Taxpayers

Jan 31, 2006 is the deadline this year to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County. Checks must be postmarked by January 31 or penalty and interest will occur.

If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2006, 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.

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OBITUARIES

Lawrence Leslie Cooper

Lawrence Leslie Cooper, 88, of Friona, formerly of Farwell, Texas passed away Friday, January 6, 2006 in Friona. Funeral services were held Monday, January 9, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church in Oklahoma Lane, Texas with George Rushing and Larry Cooper officiating. Burial in the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery followed under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Lawrence Leslie Cooper

Mr. Cooper was a longtime area cotton ginner and a member of the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by a grandson Christopher Cooper in 2005.

Mr. Cooper is survived by his wife Mildred Cooper of Friona; two sons, Larry Cooper of Springtown, Texas and Rick Cooper of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and one daughter Leslie Rushing of Friona. He is also survived by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona, Texas or to the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church Memorial Fund, Oklahoma Lane, Texas.

Viola "Bandy" Maciolek

Viola "Bandy" Maciolek, 98, of Friona, passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 7, 2006 at the Chapel of Llano Cemetery in Amarillo with family member officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Viola "Bandy" Maciolek

Mrs. Maciolek was born May 13, 1907 to John R. and Ardelia (Rainbolt) Day in Clifton, Texas. She married Wayne Maciolek August 30, 1969 in Capitan, New Mexico. He passed away in June of 1991.

Mrs. Maciolek moved to Friona in December 1995 from Amarillo where she had lived since 1949. She had worked as a nurse's aid at Thurman's Nursing Home for many years. She was a member of Bolton St. Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters Jewel Blythe and Verna Cantrell, three brothers Emmett R. Day, Carrol Day and Alton Day, a grandchild, Linda Gayle Miller in 1967 and a great grand child Jami Bandy in 1985.

Survivors include two sons William F. Bandy and wife Mary of Amarillo, Texas and Eugene Bandy and wife Patsy of Friona, one daughter Clara Daniel and husband Norman of Canyon, Texas, and a special dear friend, Anna Jo Blackburn of Friona.

She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren; Kathy Adams of Amarillo, Janice Henson of Quitaque, Texas, Jeannie Allbritton of Seymour, Texas, William Charles Bandy of Amarillo, Alicia Bandy of Amarillo, Johnny Bandy of Plano, Texas, Clay Bandy of Friona, Todd Bandy of Brady, Texas, Chad Bandy of Lubbock Texas, Steven Miller of Amarillo, Paul Miller of Amarillo, Arnold Miller of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Edwin Miller of Amarillo and Eileen Pullian of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is also survived by nineteen great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials are made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 E. 15th, Friona, Texas 79035.

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- TXism: "busier than _____armed fry cook in a truck stop"
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- TC company: "Orbison _____"
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- Los _____ TX
- TXism: "feel like _____ chewed up and spit out"
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- _____ Paso, TX
- "scope" south of the border
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- OJ's judge
- TXism: "I _____ to"
- actress Sandra of "The Wild and the Innocent" with TX Audie Murphy
- hare
- Kendall Co. seat
- TXism: "_____ as a newborn call"
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- extra quarter in a Cowboy game (abbr.)
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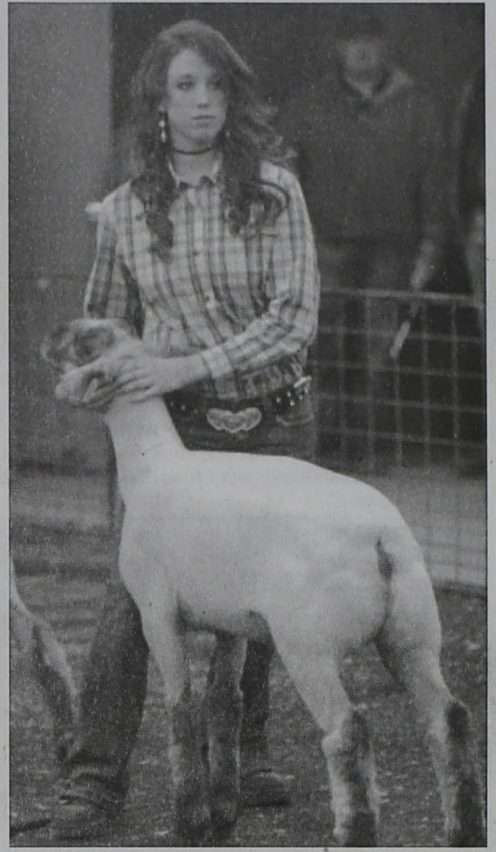
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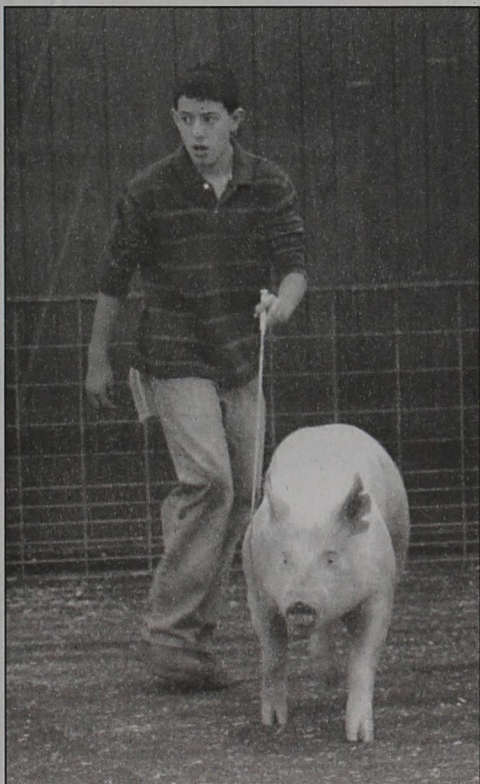
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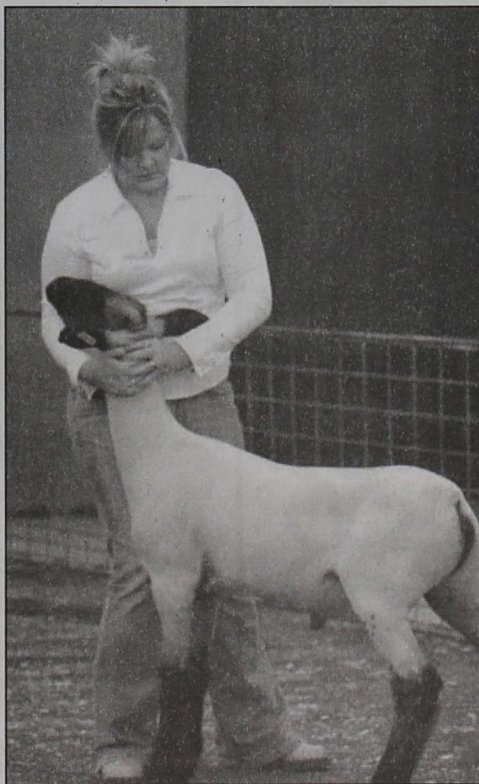
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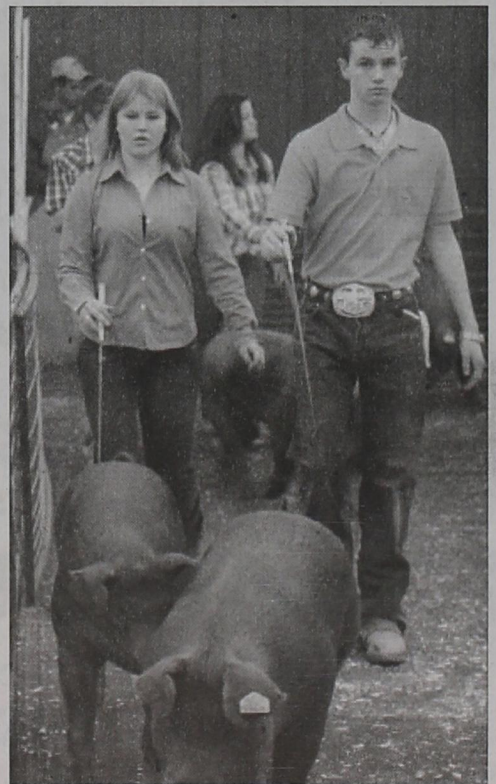
Emily Allen & Caleb Monroe



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Frona powerlifters show off their first place trophies from the Highland Park meet. Front, l-r, Ricardo Monreal, Sabrina Barber, Joey Mendoza, Coach Jimmy Arias, Sandra Godoy, and Tori Abeyta. Middle, l-r, Dillon Welch, Alex Vega, Ritchie Casas, Lupe Gonzalez, Ben Santiago; back, l-r, Chris Haile, Victor Guerrero, Fabian Dominguez, Juan Reyes, John O'Brian, Daniel Aguilar, and Octavio Moreno.

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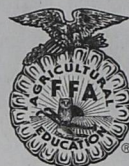
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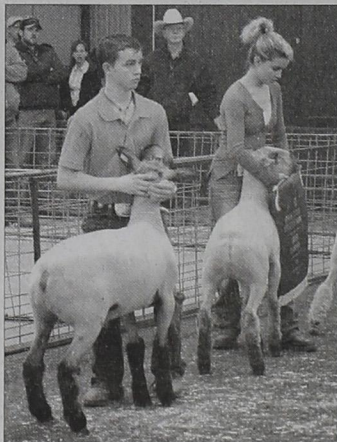


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At Prairie Acres Monday night, the city council, Prairie Acres board of governors, and staff were treated with a steak dinner and tour of the facilities. Prairie Acres board president Mike Hanes also presented employment service pins to, l-r, Rhonda Bentley 5 years, Carol Jackson 10 years, and Irene Trevino 20 years.



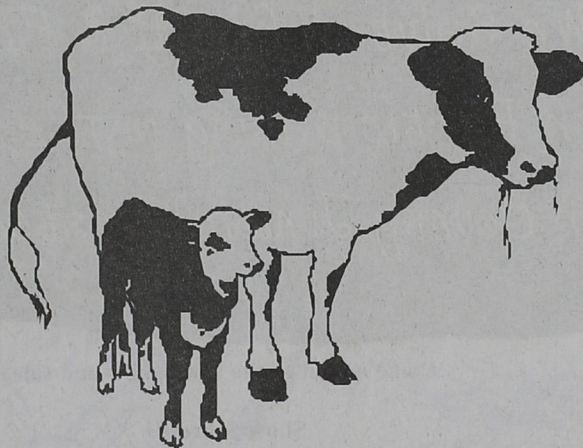
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Mustangs fall to Indians 87-47

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Shannon Shorter and his varsity Bovina Mustangs started district play Tuesday, January 10 in Morton Indian territory.

The Mustangs ran into foul trouble with Michael Ortiz and James Lara fouling out and Trent Quintana, Oscar Rodriguez and Robert Knoll coming close with

four fouls each.

Ortiz led the scoring drive with 2-three-point shots, 1 field goal and 2 free throws for 12 points. Quintana scored with 11 points including 3-three-pointers and two free throws. Jesus "Chewy" Rocha dropped in 10 points with 2-three-point shots and 4 free throws.

Rodriguez dropped in three field goals for 6 points. Chris Heinzman and Lara scored 4 points each. Isaac Tavera dropped in a field goal in the fourth quarter for 2 points.

The Mustangs will host the Hart Longhorns Friday night, January 13 and Amarillo Bushland Tuesday, January 17. Good Luck Mustangs!

Fillies stung by Hornets

The Bovina Fillies couldn't contain the Sudan Hornets in Friday night's district opener. Sudan ran away with a 53-18 victory.

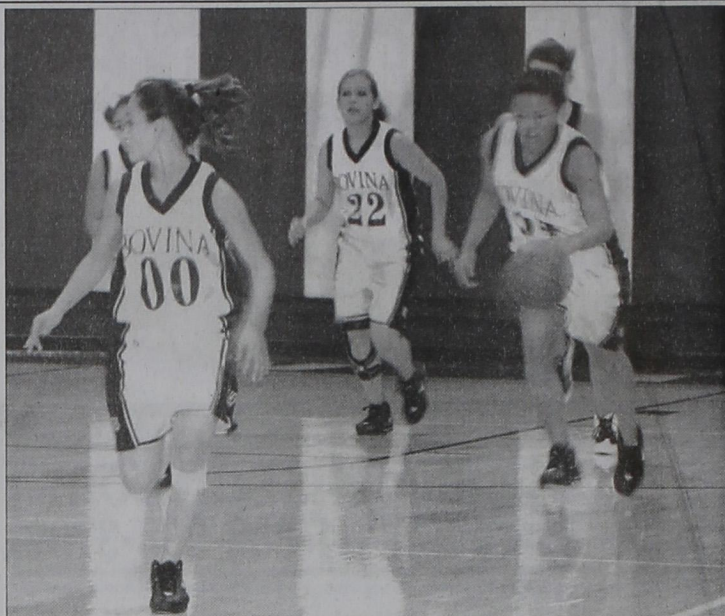
Only four Fillies managed to score points in the game. Jessica Bachicha was high with 7 points, Dorothy Martinez had 6, Hilda Quintero 3, and Lucero Saucedo 2.

The Bovina Mustangs game scheduled with Smyer was canceled. The Mustangs and Fillies host Hart at home Friday January 13. Games start at 4 p.m. with the JV girls.



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Fillie Dorothy Martinez (32) drives past a Sudan Hornette.



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Bovina's Hilda Quintero (00), Laura Rocha (22), and Jessica Bachicha (54) start a fast break against Sudan.



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The Bovina school board was recognized at Monday night's meeting during School Board Recognition month. Members are, front, l-r, Richard Carson, Mike Beauchamp, George Villarreal. Back, l-r, Kevin Hughes, Don Teague, and Larry Mitchell. Not pictured is board member Mindy Widner.



Bovina lifts at Highland Park

The Bovina powerlifting team competed at the Highland Park meet. The Bovina boys placed 2nd overall.

In the girls 119 lb. weight class, Yesenia Guevara was 1st and Audrie Terrones placed 2nd.

For the boys Justin Guevara was 2nd and Jesus Guevara 4th in the 123 lb. division. Joseph Cruz was 1st and Isai Saucedo 8th in the 132 lb. division. Jacob Torbert placed 13th in the 148 lb.

Abriel Terrones was 7th in 165 lb., Mauricio Garcia 3rd in the 181 lb., Isaac Tavera 11th in the 198 lb., Frank Martinez 2nd in the 220 lb., Jesse Reyna 5th in 242 lb., and Bacilio Viernes 4th in 275 lb.

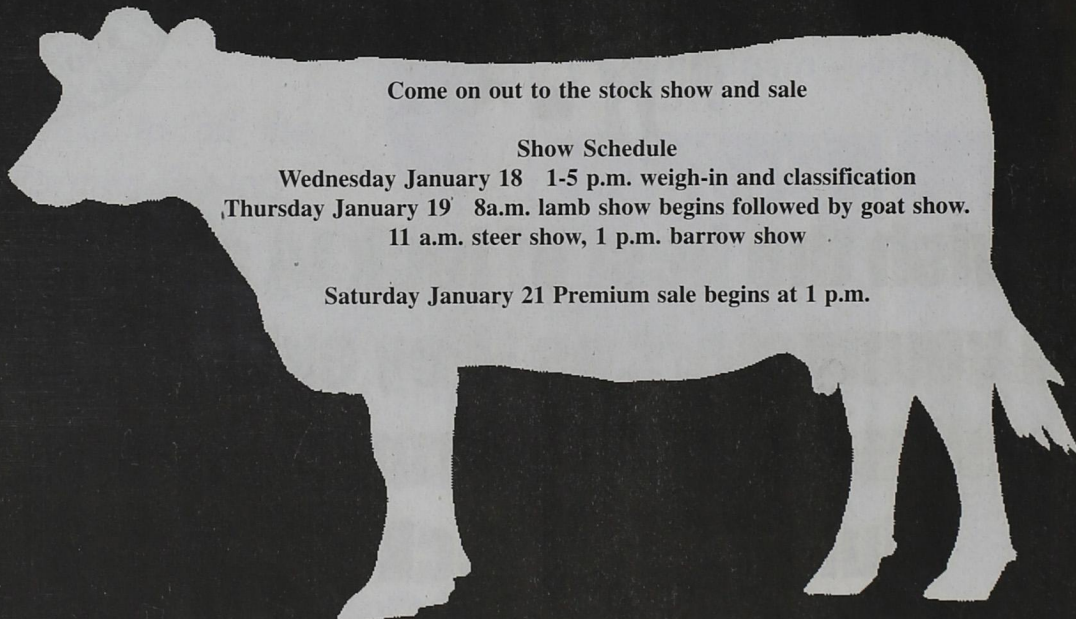


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Two Hornets mug Dorothy Martinez for the ball.



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Erica Davila (10) on the floor, manages to flip the ball out to Tiffany Vasquez (22) who scored on the play. Shayli Reed (25) looks on.



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It was a scrappy game vs. Tulia. Tiffany Vasquez (22) wrestled this one away for a tie ball. That's Briar Barnett on the floor.

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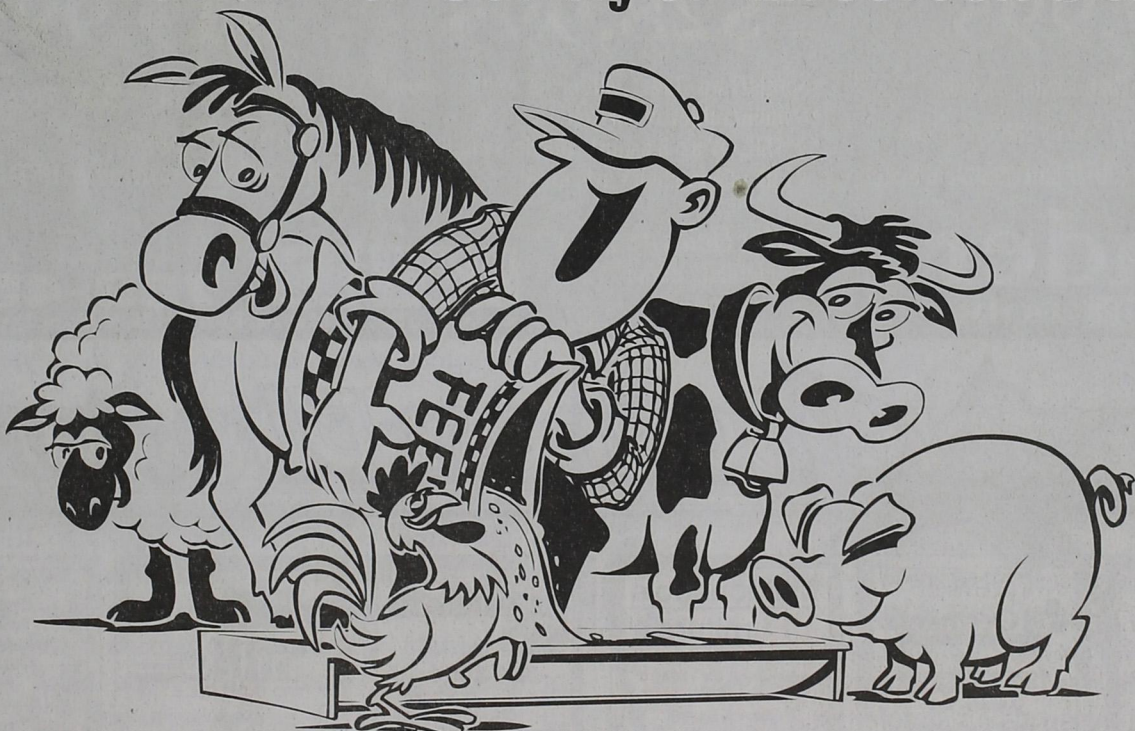
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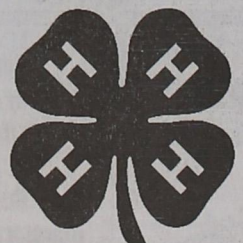
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Eric's Corner
by
Eric Spellmann

People continue to forward me their horror stories about spyware and viruses. Some of these little cretins (the viruses, not the people) are tough to eliminate.

The issue becomes more complicated when the victim's machine doesn't have ANY anti-virus or anti-spyware software installed.

To that end, I've collected some links to my favorite free, web-based scanning sites. They don't require you to download and install complicated programs. You simply click on a few links, and "voila!" your computer is checked.

Online scanning is also useful if you want a "second opinion" on the results of your installed anti-virus program. I've seen situations where an online scan found viruses that my installed program did not.

If you suspect strange goings-on in your computer, take it one (or all) of these sites first before calling in the cavalry:

PC Pitstop (<http://www.pitstop.com>)

This site will also let you benchmark your system's speed. Is your PC really as fast as the manufacturer claims?

Housecall (<http://housecall.trendmicro.com>)

One of my long-time favorites, this site looks and acts like an installed anti-virus program. You can even choose which drives and files it scans. I love it!

ActiveScan (<http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/>)

Similar to Housecall, ActiveScan is updated daily, so you don't have to worry if you are checking for the "most recent" viruses or not.

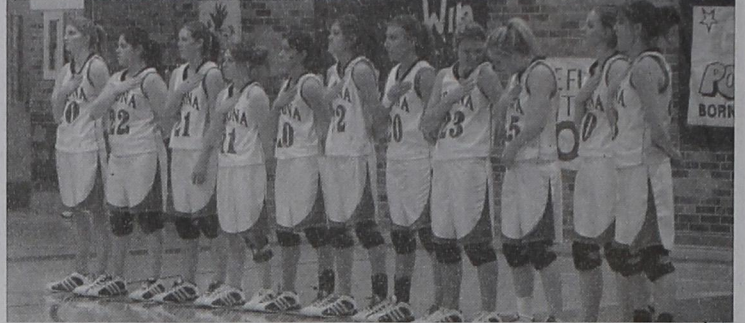
BitDefender (<http://www.bitdefender.com/scan8/ie.html>)

I wish companies would stop creating new product names by running existing words together. It plays havoc with my SpellChecker (heh heh heh). That said, BitDefender, is another excellent site to visit if you think your system is "possessed."

Folks, I would add all of these sites to your Favorites. Hey, and while you're at it, why don't you send this column to some of your

friends. After all, it's one of their systems that keeps sending you all of those glorious viruses...

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At attention (almost) for the National Anthem, are, l-r, Courtney, Tiffany, Miranda, Lucretia, Erica, Kambree, Deniss, Krista, Shayli, Briar, and Staci.

Friona ISD School Calendar
January, 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Holiday	3 2nd semester Begins HS BB vs. Muleshoe @ 4:00 H	4 Report Cards Home	5 Junior Stock Show	6 Girls BB vs. Dimmitt 5:00 & 6:30 - H Boys BB @ Plains	7 8th B&G BB @ Tulia Tournament Bob Sled Tournament 9th BB Tournament @ Tulia Area Band Area Choir
9 JH BB vs. Dimmitt G-H B-T 9th BB vs. Dimmitt -T	10 Head Start & Migrant Parent Meeting 5:30 - Jr. High Cafe 9th Girls only vs. Tulia @ 5:00 & 6:30 -H	11	12	13 JH All Region Band All Region Band Clinic @ Canyon JV & Var. B&G BB @ Floydada - T	14 JH All Region Band HS All Region Band Clinic @ Canyon
16 JH BB vs. Tulia G-H B-T HS Financial Aid Night 6:30- 7:30	17 JV & Var. B&G BB vs. Olton - H	18 ASVAB Interpretation 9:30-11:30 County Stock Show starts @ 8:00 am	19 County Stock Show	20 JV & Var B&G vs. Lockney - T County Stock Show	21 County Stock Show
23 Primary Book Fair Progress Reports Home JH BB vs. Floydada G-T B-H	24 Primary Book Fair JV & V. B&G BB vs. Dimmitt - T	25 Primary Book Fair	26 Primary Book Fair Primary Family Night 4:30-7:30	27 Primary Book Fair JV & Var. B&G vs. Tulia - T	28 7th & 8th Basketball Tournament @ Friona Hereford Speech Tournament
30 JH BB vs. Olton G-H B-T	31 JV & V. B&G BB vs. Floydada - H Baseball Pig Roast 5:30-7:30				

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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

(This is one of a series of weekly articles pertaining to Friona's 100th anniversary, which will be observed throughout 2006)

Great Prairie Fire of 1906: My Ranch Escaped -- Part 2

By George Francis McLean, Lora Brown
 Reprinted from "Prairie Progress" c. 1981
 Submitted by Darla Bracken

"The fire started in the morning, somewhere north of old Fort Sumner and by three o'clock that afternoon, the fire had crossed over into Texas just east of where Bellview, NM now stands. The main path of the lead fire was just south of the Breaks north of what is now Curry County, but the change in the wind had brought the fire back west and southwest through the center of Curry County, and that is why so many shacks were burned. These shacks or small houses were the temporary homes of homesteaders, who had taken up this land in Eastern New Mexico and there was a house on nearly every half or quarter section in that country—nearly all of which were burned up by this prairie fire."

"Practically all of the grass in Curry County in New Mexico and on the greater portion of Deaf Smith and Parmer counties in Texas were burned, so there was nothing left for thousands of cattle to feed upon. My range was not burned; neither was that of Joe Rhea nor John DeOliveira, but all the Syndicate grass was burned, that was north of the Sante Fe Railroad. This widespread and disastrous fire was immediately followed by a raging blizzard and snow storm, covering the entire plains with a heavy coat of snow. This entire country was fully stocked with cattle owned by the Syndicate, and it was a pitiful sight to see them starving. North of where Friona, Texas now stands was all open country clear to the Caprock, some fifty miles north. John Armstrong, divi-

sion manager for the Syndicate, began rushing their cattle off the burned and snow-covered country as rapidly as he could using every cowboy he could find anywhere. Finally when enough could not be found in Curry, Deaf Smith and Parmer counties, he began shipping in cowboys by train with their ponies in cattle cars. To push so many cattle right into the teeth of this howling blizzard was a full-sized job. My crew helped them get them off my grass and move them to a point on the railroad where Clovis, NM now stands for shipment. The Syndicate people estimated their loss at 5,000 head. That fire and blizzard were the beginning of the Syndicate selling of its plains land, as this experience had convinced them that it was too hazardous to run cattle on the open plains in the winter. Such was the fire and blizzard of 1906, and about every twenty years, we have another blizzard, but the plow has put the real open prairie fire out of business."

Another eye witness

Another eye witness to this tragic fire was Lora Brown who was a small girl who lived with

her folks apparently north of Melrose and who reported in 1941 that George McLean's story of the fire did not make it one-half as horrible as it really was. She says that at the time of the fire, her father and older brother had gone to Bovina, Texas, 55 miles away for a wagon load of supplies, leaving her mother, a younger sister, and herself at the claim. "We saw smoke rising in the West and the wind was getting stronger; but we did not worry as Father had plowed a fire guard around our two-room house and we did not think a prairie fire was much in such short grass, anyhow. As we had nothing to do, we just watched the smoke boil up and soon we could smell the fire. A short time later, we were not scared, but it was coming straight at us. We looked up and a cow chip had blown

and had lighted on our roof and was burning; is we got busy to put it out. Mother boosted sister and I on top of the house to put out the fire with buckets of water she handed to us. Our water gave out and smoke soon began boiling out of the house. "

"A cow chip had blown inside our house and got into our bed. Nothing could save the house. We went to dragging what things we could save out of there. Soon everything was burned up. The smoke nearly put our eyes out and we could not see hardly at all. Finally night came. No moon, or stars just pure black. We had no bedding and it was cold, but the fire had made us all friendly. The cow finally laid down and we lay down against her to keep warm: then the pigs came and lay down beside us and kept us

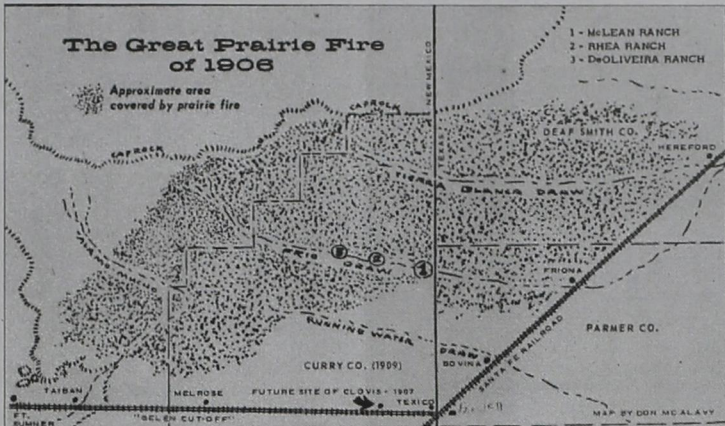
ing water from McLean's well 35 miles toward Bovina so we headed there. When we got there, we found that the fire had not burned out McLean's nor Joe Rhea, and I have often wondered why God let us poor settlers burn up and protected big cow ranchers and not burn them up like we were burned. But since hearing how they burnt fire guards and then backfired to keep the fire from crossing the fire guards, I can see how they were protected."

"But the horrors of sitting in pitch dark and wondering if the world was all burning up, huddled up all night with the wind blowing the smoke and quite often smoldering cow chips breaking into the flames looking like demons' eyes blinking ready to attack us at any time out of the pitch black night, is no fun. I can still, after

thirty-five years, smell the fire and sometimes wake at night and see the demons' eyes blinking at me just as they did that night in 1906."

The late Clayton Reed, who sold land to the Sante Fe to build Clovis once said that this prairie fire occurred in October of 1906, but Mrs. Anna (John) Daniel, daughter of John DeOliveira, says that fire occurred the winter of 1905-06 as she helped fight the fire as did her father, who died in the Spring of 1906. Another old timer, the late Milton Brown, reported that the blizzard started the 17th of November of 1906 and snowed almost continuously until the 21st. The late Fred Ashley, who lived north of Melrose, pinpointed the exact date: Saturday, November 18, 1906. He told that it started near the Ragland [NM] Caprock by wood-haulers. It isn't strange that there is a difference of opinion on when and how the great prairie fire started—it was nearly 75 years [now 100] ago, a LONG TIME AGO for even those with the best memories.

Note: We are certainly indebted to these eye-witnesses for writing down their stories and to the folks from the Parmer County Historical Commission for preserving them in the County history books. We strongly encourage you and your family to write down your own stories for the future historians who will be seeking the history of our area in years to come.



The Great Prairie Fire of 1906

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New beds at PCCH



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Director of Nursing Lynn Nelson, RN, I-r, assistant PCCH administrator Rhonda Wilkins, RN, and Mary Lou Venhaus, RN, were the "bed search" committee that researched the purchase of new hospital beds. Pictured are a new bed with overbed table and a view of the built-in controls for patients and staff.



Hospital gets eleven new beds

BY RON CARR

The Parmer County Community Hospital enters the new year with eleven new hospital beds. Some of the beds replaced had been at the hospital for 35 years, according to Rhonda Wilkins, RN, and assistant hospital administrator. She said, "The new beds have many safety features including patient accessible bed controls, multiple therapeutic positioning options, lowest height of any acute bed, safer side rails, and the automatic sensor ability to detect objects when raising or lowering the bed."

Wilkins said the lower height capability makes it safer for patients to get in and out of bed. The beds also have built-in scales making it unnecessary to move patients to a separate scale. Another feature of the beds are exit alarms that can be activated to alert hospital staff when confined patients are attempting to get out of bed.

An advantage to nurses is the hands free operation, enabling staff to manage IV lines or guide a patient as the bed's height or head angle is adjusted. "The beds can be adjusted in both length and height," Wilkins said, "up to 11 inches in length." The hospital says this will help accommodate taller patients and bring the heel treatment zone to the patient, providing special skin protection in the vulnerable heel area.

The eight inch thick mattresses are designed with a shear liner and stretchable cover to minimize shear on the patient's skin. They are also designed to reduce the amount of

sweat and moisture that may develop on the patient's skin. The mattresses also have an anti-hammocking surface that decreases the number of times patients must be pulled back up into the correct position and offer continuous pressure relief. Wilkins said, "In addition to all of those features, the mattresses are really very comfortable."

In addition to the eleven new beds, the hospital also purchased eleven new overbed tables to go with them. The tables feature new conveniences and safety features designed to allow patient's to eat without

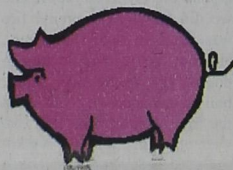
having to clear off the overbed table, and to better contain any spills. The tables also have built-in storage bins for personal and hospital items.

Wilkins and the hospital staff are excited about the new beds. "In the last 35 years, Wilkins said, "many new safety and comfort features have been developed and we wanted to provide this advanced technology for our patients. We hope this new addition to our hospital will improve the safety, quality, and comfort for our patients. And we thank the hospital board for supporting us."



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Zachary Graves is decked out in red, white, and blue as he shows his hog during the Friona junior livestock show.



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