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Firemen battle Saturday blazes, county burn ban is still in effect

BY RON CARR

The burn ban in Parmer County is still in effect but Friona volunteer firemen spent a few hours chasing flames over the weekend.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to their second call of the day last Saturday afternoon. An old storage building along Highway 60 west of the city limits caught fire about 3 p.m. The building and its contents, owned by Carol and Robert Zetsche, were a total loss. Carol Zetsche said the building had been moved to the property years ago and there was nothing of value stored there. "Just some old junk we kept there," she said.

While there was no electricity run to the building, fire officials told the Zetsches they suspected an electrical wire that ran to another building on the property had been rubbing on the roof of the storage building and had worn off its insulation in the wind and caused the roof to catch on fire.

Earlier on Saturday, Friona fire-

men responded to another fire south of town. A resident had put some trash in an incinerator pit which then flared up. The man told firemen there had not been a fire in the pit in a couple of weeks but it evidently had been smoldering since.

Fortunately for the firemen, the wind had died down by Saturday afternoon when the building fire occurred. They worked to keep the fire from spreading to tall grass that surrounded the building. "We thank the firefighters for what they do and appreciate all of them for containing the damage," Carol Zetsche said.

County residents are reminded that the burn ban is still in effect and will remain in effect indefinitely. The ban prohibits outdoor trash burning and controlled burns. Residents are reminded to be extra careful during the burn ban period. The current drought and high winds we have been experiencing are especially dangerous for fires.



ron carr photo

Friona volunteer firefighters Casey Roberson, left, and Chuck Teague wait for the truck pumps to power up their water supply as they battled this blaze on west Highway 60 Saturday afternoon. The old building, which was used for storage, was a total loss. Parmer County residents are reminded that the burn ban is still in effect. More pictures inside.

City and school elections May 13

The March primary and the national elections in November are getting all the press, but this is a reminder that Friona city council and school board elections will be held May 13.

Signups for city and school elected offices will begin February 11 through March 13. All persons interested in running for city council or school board can contact city hall or the school administration office for information and an application.

On the Friona city council, the terms of Mayor John Taylor and council members Martha Barker and Ronnie Stevick will be up for re-election.

Terms expiring on the Friona school board are those of Mitchell Smiley, Loraine Anthony, and Joe Santellana.

2006 starting like 2005--bone dry

BY BILL ELLIS

So far the new year hasn't brought much change in the way of moisture from the last part of 2005.

The month of January yielded only .05 inches in the official Friona gauge and if you blinked you might have missed it. That came in the form of a light snow/sleet mix on January 9 and didn't get things very wet.

Friona has measured only .13 inches since the first of last November, and just .8 inch since

the first of last October.

The city of Lubbock can, unfortunately, beat that, as dry as it amounts to. Lubbock is coming upon 100 consecutive days without so much as getting .01 inch of moisture.

This has set a new record for consecutive moisture-less days in the Hub City that dated back to 1922. Yes, that was 84 years ago, and was even before the horrible "Dirty Thirties."

Squaws calmed the 'Winds 57-49

BY RON CARR

The Friona Squaws were out to avenge their only district loss when they took the court Tuesday against the Floydada Lady Whirlwinds. It took a while—about 3 1/2 quarters—but the girls finally put the Lady 'Winds away at the 6:40 mark in the 4th quarter.

At that point, the score was tied at 39-39 after a rough and tumble battle of feet and elbows and fast breaks that resulted in 16 of 22 free throws for Friona and a technical foul called against the Lady 'Winds.

The Squaws took a 27-25 half time lead on a buzzer beater shot by Staci Murphree. The third quarter saw the Squaws ahead 39-32, but Floydada put up a 7-0 run to tie the score at the 6:40 mark in the 4th. On Friona's next possession

after the tie, Krista Graham drained a 3-pointer from the corner to put the Squaws back out front. Courtney Adams got two off a steal and fast break, Shayli Reed stopped and dropped a three, Staci Murphree took a fast break pass from Erica Davila and scored a layup, and all of a sudden the Squaws were back out front 49-39 with 4:39 left.

At that point, the Lady 'Winds frustration began to show and one of their players was called on a technical foul for saying something to a referee. Shayli Reed took the free throws and made 1 of 2 for a 50-39 lead.

Intentional fouls from Floydada added the rest of the points as Courtney Adams, Erica Davila, and Reed all scored free throws in the final minute. The result? Payback for their only loss and a solid 57-49 win, a 7-1 district record (20-8 season), and sole possession of 1st place in District 6-2A with Olton

and Lockney games remaining.

Shayli Reed was high point leader with 19 including two 3's and 9 free throws out of 12 attempts. Courtney Adams put up 11 points, Staci Murphree 9, Briar Barnett 8, Krista Graham 8, and Erica Davila 2. Graham had two 3's and Murphree one.

The Squaw defense allowed the Lady 'Winds only 13 free throw opportunities. They made 9, with 6 of those from their ace Lindsey Leatherman who had a game high 29 points.

For the future, Coach North says injuries are minor at this point. Shayli Reed is still wearing a wrapped right wrist. Tiffany Vasquez, a starter most of the year, re-injured a knee a couple of games ago and has not been at full speed. She did not start against Floydada and had limited playing time.

The amazing report is that junior guard Lucretia Field will be cleared by doctors to return to the

court beginning Friday at Olton. "It is the fastest recovery from an ACL operation that I have ever seen," said Coach North. "Four months is an amazing short recovery time for that operation." Field sat out all of last year with an ACL operation and damaged her other ACL at the beginning of this season. She has been practicing with the team for a few weeks but is cleared by doctors to officially return to action as of Friday.

For you playoff buffs, if the Squaws win the district title they will get a first round bye. Coach North says if that happens the Squaws first playoff game would be against an opponent from 7-2A/8-2A which could be Spearman, Canadian, or Panhandle, or Olney, Seymour, or Childress.

Come out next Tuesday for the final home game of the season as the Chiefs and Squaws host Lockney in the district finale.



ron carr photo

This battle between Friona's Staci Murphree (33) and Lady 'Wind Lindsey Leatherman (21) went on for most of the night Tuesday as the Squaws beat Floydada and took sole possession of 1st place in District 6-2A with two games left.

Library Friends to open Book Shoppe

A grand opening of the Book Shoppe at 119 W. 6th St. in Friona is planned for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Ribbon cutting with representatives of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, refreshments, and gift items for shoppers are scheduled. All area residents are invited to attend.

"I have quite a few books that I'm planning to donate that may be in the Book Shoppe. While I love all the books I have, I doubt I'm going to re-read them all—not with all the new ones I want to read as well," said Lilah Gaye Gee. Helping with preparation for the opening of the Friends of the Public Library's "gently used" book store, Mrs. Gee, a founding member of the Friends, says she intends to be a part of the opening day's activity at the store February 8.

Mrs. Gee noted, "Our public library is something that Friona can take pride in and the support of the Friends is an important part of maintaining the library's excellence. The Book Shoppe will be a continuing fund-raising method that will buy additional books and spon-

sor programs for library users beyond the basic support that can be provided by the city."

Terri Ellis, secretary of the Friends and project leader for the Book Shoppe, points to other benefits the store will offer. "We have set up a welcoming atmosphere, a place to visit a while, maybe have a cup of coffee or tea, and browse for something different to read at an economical price." At the Book Shoppe paperback books will sell for \$1, hardbacks for \$4, and children's books for \$1. Ellis said the hours of operation are limited at the beginning and are set so that people on different schedules will have

access.

Depending on interest, more hours of operation will be considered, Ellis said. Afternoon hours are 1:30-5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. On the fourth Thursday of each month the Book Shoppe will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"We couldn't have developed this project without the support of the American Legion Post," said Darla Bracken, Library Director. "They have donated a portion of their building for the Book Shoppe and have consistently encouraged the Friends in this effort." Bracken said this is an example of community collaboration, something all of us in Friona can be proud of.

This community and the surrounding communities have been such a blessing. The outpouring of love given to the children and me would have humbled Matt.

You have not only recognized and honored his life, but you are helping carry us through this difficult time.

Thank you.

Christy Myrick
and the children



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

the big burger controversy

All right already. Jeez. Sometimes we wonder if people read the newspaper. Other times we find out they really do.

A couple of weeks ago I wrote a light-hearted (I thought) column about my secret fantasy of being a newspaper food editor.

In that column I mentioned the gourmet hamburgers at Kenda Dunnam's Sugar Shack every Friday. I said I would like to go once again to a fancy restaurant that accepted reservations and had valet parking. I said I didn't much care what it cost.

Since then I have been informed that several other places in town serve hamburgers, Hardin's Steakhouse takes reservations, and a slice of pie that costs \$6.50 is a sin and ridiculous. I have also learned that a new restaurant is being built in Hereford by the ex-son-in-law of Randy who operates Randy's, of Wildorado and I should go to Randy's and write about them.

When I mentioned that the new restaurant, Janay's, is the only place in town now where you can get a real fried egg and bacon breakfast, I was informed that Los Arcos serves breakfast. Did you know that? I

didn't. The folks at Los Arcos never told me.

So here are the places I can think of that serve hamburgers in Friona. If I left you out, let me know and I'll put it in next week: Hardin's Steakhouse, Janay's, Sugar Shack (Fridays only), Dairy Queen, Sonic, Fast Stop Grill, and the granddaddy of all local hamburger joints, Tasty Cream Drive-In.

I don't know if Los Arcos, Los Indios, Becky's Burritos, or Pancho's serve hamburgers. I'm sure I will find out after this paper hits the streets. There is also a place on Main St., I believe it is called Ortiz Tortilleria. I've never been there and don't know if they serve burgers either.

Back in the 70s and 80s, when I lived in Dallas and came out here to visit my mother on holidays, one of the meals we usually had was a sack of burgers and fries from Tasty Cream. After the turkey and dressing and ham leftovers got boring, a sack of Tasty Cream burgers and fries spread out on mother's kitchen bar was a special treat.

Bill and Ruth Hardin ran Tasty Cream for about 25 years I'm told. They sold it last year to John Tannahill

and Cheryl Langlanais. A few months later, Johnny Tannahill died suddenly of a heart attack. But Cheryl continues the tradition of delicious drive-thru hamburgers, Texas toothpicks, and a whole lot of other good eats. I give Cheryl Ann a 4 1/2 napkin rating.

I called Mike Hanes at Bi-Wize Drug Store to see if he had a secret soda fountain in the back that served malts and burgers. Didn't want to leave anybody out. He told me I was an idiot and that there was not a prescription drug that could help me. (I didn't really call Mike. I made that part up to fill up some space in the column and give Mike some free publicity.)

So, listen, thanks to anyone and everyone that calls to offer comments and suggestions to us here at the Friona Star. Serious. We like to know that you read what we write.

Just a couple of more food items before I go.

Kenda Dunnam is donating \$1 to the Matt Myrick family from each Friday gourmet hamburger that she sells. Kenda and Christy Myrick are good friends and she feels the need to help.

Super Bowl Sunday is

dead ahead and the Hot Stuff Pizza folks at the Fast Stop Grill are offering Super Bowl specials. See their ad in this newspaper or give them a call. Better get your pizza order in early for the big game.

Don't forget to make a reservation for a steak and a rose and a romantic candlelight Valentine dinner for two at Hardin's Steakhouse on Valentine's Day evening.

Any of you other food folks out there have something unique or special about your menu let me know. I don't promise we will print everything that comes in but we will give it a look.

In the meantime, I pick the Steelers and I'll let you know how my brother Rick's backyard grill Super Bowl Sunday burgers stack up.

Right now I'm figuring, based on the price, he is going to get about a 5-napkin rating.



SIX MORE WEEKS OF ROADKILL

Tumbleweed Smith

The original real Texas calendar

Roger Moore lives at Spicewood, near Austin. He's in the advertising business and produces a weekly cartoon for a dozen newspapers. He travels a lot to his farm near Merkel, where he grew up.

"I do most of my creative thinking in the pickup," says Roger. "Driving along, you have to think. I keep a pad close by so I can jot down things that pop into my mind. I've even stopped by the side of the road to write down a good thought or sketch something when it hits me."

In 1998 he started doing an annual calendar about Texas. Instead of starting on January first, his calendar starts on March second, "The Chinese have their calendar, the Aztecs have a calendar and Texas needs a calendar, too. So I came up with this. Everybody knows the New Year starts on March second. That's when Texas started."

His calendars have a cartoon for every month. In addition, he puts Texas history events on specific dates.

"It keeps me studying Texas history," says Roger, "and learning more about it. I'll never run out of material in my lifetime to do these calendars. I've got a ton of material. I've done over 600 weekly cartoons and I can do at least that many more without doing a lot more research. It's amazing how much stuff there is out there about our history and how special we are as Texans. It's a huge state with plenty of interesting history and colorful characters. There are things going on right now that will be in



the archives pretty soon."

His 2006 calendar will be the 8th one he has produced. This one will be less serious than the previous ones. For instance, it'll have birthdays of Texas legends. Lightning Hopkins of blues music fame was born in Centerville on March 15, 1912. Of course it'll have all the significant dates in Texas history, like March 6th, the fall of the Alamo in 1836. Other dates in his 2006 calendar are April 14, 1958: Van Cliburn wins the International Piano Competition in Moscow; April 21, 1836: Texans defeat Santa Anna's army at the battle of San Jacinto; May 23, 1929: "Texas Our Texas" is made the state song; July 4, 1883: the first recorded rodeo is held at Pecos; September 29, 1907: Gene Autry is born at Tioga; November 8, 1932: Uvalde's John Nance Garner is elected Vice President of the United States.

Roger's calendar came about because he thinks not enough attention is paid to March second, the date Texas became an independent republic.

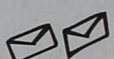
I've thought that same thing for a long time. I'm glad to see someone doing something about it. Roger's calendars are available for \$7 at 3614 Crosswind Drive, Spicewood, Texas 78669 or texascalendars.com or phone (512) 263-6943 or fax (512) 264-0756. The Texas calendar is a good way to keep up with the date and learn about Texas at the same time. Roger also does a line of note and holiday cards featuring his cartoons.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
 I would like to say Thank You on behalf of Trooper Matt Myrick's family for the comforting support exhibited by those students and citizens who stood along Highway 60 as the funeral procession passed through Friona. As a teacher, I was overwhelmed by the display of respect shown by Friona High School students. They demonstrated the dignity and respect they have been taught by the wonderful citizens of this community. Every family member was touched by this gesture. It is in times like these we realize how fortunate we are to live in such a caring and supportive community of people.

With much gratitude, Tonda Clark
 (Editor's Note: In last week's paper we left out part of two sentences in Tonda Clark's letter. This is the correct version. Our apologies.)



Dear Ron,
 I am so proud of the youth of Friona that participated in the tribute to the fallen Officer, his family, and the men and women that serve in law enforcement in our area.

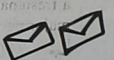
I work in Hereford, and I heard of this by word of mouth long before your paper printed the story. The ones that witnessed, and the ones that heard of our young people's patriotism and respect for the officers, had overwhelming admiration for these young people.

Because young people's noble ideas are so often crushed by school authorities, my co workers spoke highly of the Teachers and Principals that allowed this to happen.

And to the parents that have raised these children with such high-quality morals, I say "Wow, what a great group of young people!" Those of you who allowed these youth to express "their" condolences and respect for the law enforcement, Thank You. They made a statement with far more impact than we could have.

The youth of Friona have put Friona on the map in a positive light. Hundreds of officers were here from various communities, cities, and states. They go back to their homes and talk about Friona in a positive light to their families, friends, and neighbors. Our youth have started a ripple that will surely have a positive impact on their future and ours as citizens of Friona.

Nita Clark
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Dear Mr. Carr,
 We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the people of Friona for the great show of support and sympathy that everyone showed on Monday, January 23, as the funeral procession for Trooper Matt Myrick passed through town. We would also like to extend a special thanks to the students of the Friona School system that lined the highway with posters and banners. This was a special tribute that will not soon be forgotten. What a wonderful community you have.

As you may know, Matt was a part of the Highway Patrol Sergeant Area that serves Parmer, Deaf Smith, and Castro Counties and had often worked in the Friona area. We know that Matt was proud to serve this area and he would have been moved, as were we all, by the compassion shown as the procession passed through Friona.
 God Bless,

- Texas Highway Patrol
- Sergeant Area 5B08
- Sergeant Phillip Ditto, Hereford
- Corporal Trey Ellis, Friona
- Trooper Isabel Carrasco, Farwell
- Trooper Agustin Perez, Jr., Dimmitt
- Trooper Joel Rejino, Friona
- Trooper James Perez, Farwell
- Trooper Joe Porter, Hereford
- Trooper Terry Timms, Dimmitt
- Trooper Curtis LaRue, Hereford



Ron
 Thank you for sending the paper that we missed. The article on the Prairie Fire is very interesting. I am saving the articles on the History of Parmer County and Friona.
 Thanks
 Florence Sifford



January 31, 2006
 Editor
 The Friona Star
 Friona, Texas 79035

As personal friends of the Matthew Myrick family we were part of the funeral procession, which traveled through Friona, last Monday, January 23rd. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the actions of those students who lined the roadside there in Friona and also outside the city. Their signs and presence brought comfort and encouragement to the family and friends who were making the trip to say our final good-bye to our beloved Matt.

Since we do not know who had the idea to initiate such actions, we would like to take this opportunity to join others who may have already done so and say a grateful "Thank You" and to let you know how much we appreciated the tribute to a wonderful young man and for the encouragement each sign gave to those making that drive.

Thank you for making the signs and for sharing them! God bless each and everyone who participated.
 Phil and Brenda Phipps
 Hereford, Texas

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

Breast cancer screening Feb 21

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Ave., in Friona on February 21, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Area Singles dances are back in Amarillo

The Association for Single Christian Fellowship announced recently that Area Single dances

Geries named to Dean's list

The Dean's List for the 2005 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Friona honoree is Andrea Lynn Geries, journalism.

Andrea is the daughter of Randy and Sarah Geries of Friona.

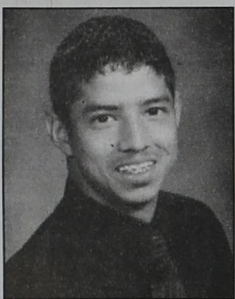
are back in Amarillo. The first dance will be held February 4, 2006 at 2827 Mays Street in Amarillo from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information call 806-378-8328.

Calendars available at Library

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.

TDH immunization February schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protec-



David Davila

Davila on WT Dean's List

Friona graduate David Davila, a freshman at West Texas A&M majoring in general studies, has been named to the fall 2005 Dean's List with a 3.563 grade point average.

David is the son of David, Jr., and Beth Davila of Friona.

tion against childhood diseases are scheduled for February 2006 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Bovina will be Monday, February 13, in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Friona will be Friday, February 17, 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.

Calvary Baptist 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 will be no charge for this banquet. Cattle Call of Amarillo, Texas will cater the meal. The menu will be pork tenderloin, tossed salad, long grain wild rice, Italian green beans, rolls, pineapple sherbet and cookies and tea. To make reservations call Glenna Holt at 250-3000. Mornings are the best time to call.

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.

Jump ropers collect for Heart Assn

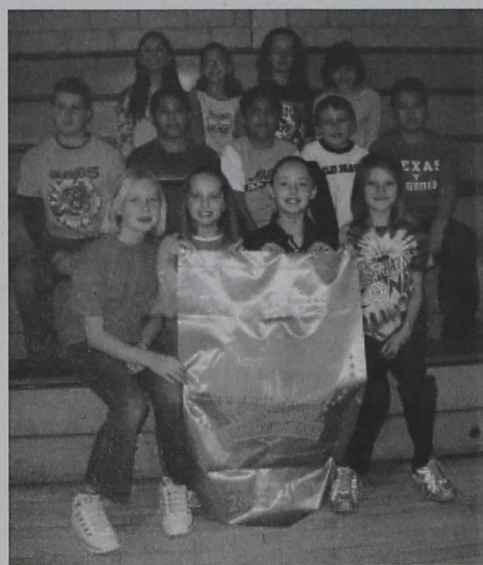
A bunch of elementary kids jumping rope is not an unusual sight. Except once a year when the kids grab their ropes and jump to raise money for the American Heart Association.

Friona Elementary 4th and 5th graders have raised \$6,409.93 in this year's Jump rope for Heart program and will be jumping during class February 1-2. In the 4th grade, 68 collectors raised \$3,452.18. In the 5th grade, 52 collectors raised \$2,957.75.

Top collectors, their grade and amount collected are:

Kendall Kimbrough 4th \$301.76; Rowdee and Mykelti Rhodes 4th and 5th \$288; Jake DeWit 5th \$250; Amy Osborn 4th \$231.25; Shantelle Pruitt 5th \$225.61; Macy McLennan and Kalley Preston 5th \$218; Lynde Collins 4th \$200.10; Christian Cruz 5th \$133; Kylie Boyd 5th \$131; Anthony Tapia 5th \$127; and Javier Trevino 5th \$125.50.

Elementary principal Becky Riethmayer said, "Thank you students and Friona for all your efforts that made this year such a success."



courtesy photo

Top collectors in the Friona Elementary Jump rope for Heart program are, top, l-r, Kylie Boyd, Shantelle Pruitt, Macy McLennan, Kalley Preston, Middle, l-r, Jake DeWit, Javier Trevino, Christian Cruz, Rowdee Rhodes, Anthony Tapia. Front, l-r, Amy Osborn, Mykelti Rhodes, Kendall Kimbrough (top collector), and Lynde Collins.



Jones to speak at Amarillo Library author gathering

A winter reading festival program, sponsored by the Amarillo Public Library, will feature five area authors, including Teddy Jones of Friona. The meeting is set for Saturday, February 4, from 1-6 p.m. at the Southwest Branch Library, 6801 W. 45th, in Amarillo.

Mrs. Jones will speak at 1 p.m. and share photographs from her research into the life of a nursing pioneer who worked for the Indian Health Service in its early years. The title of her book is *A Stone for Every Journey: Traveling the Life of Elinor Gregg, R.N.*

Other authors appearing are Louise Carroll George on life of early Panhandle women; Donald Mace Williams will talk about

his work on Italian POWs; Jodi Thomas, who has written over 20 novels; and Terry Burns, who writes inspirational fiction with a western flair. He is the author

of 15 books.

All library programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 806-359-2030.

Friona School Menu

February 6- February 10

(All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)

Monday, February 6

Lunch- Quick baked potato, chili, rolls, garden salad, assorted gelatin.

Tuesday, February 7

Lunch - Macaroni and cheese, rolls, green beans, peaches, brownies.

Wednesday, February 8

Lunch - Pork patties, rolls, mashed potatoes, com. gelatin w/topping.

Thursday, February 9

Lunch - Cheese nachos, ranch style beans, spanish rice, frozen yogurt.

Friday, February 10

Lunch - Chicken pattie sandwich, tater tots, pears, yogurt.

FlashBacks

60 Years Ago February 1, 1946

Friona-During the latter part of last week, F.L. Bandy of Clarendon purchased the "Helpy-Selfy Laundry" and took immediate charge of it. The laundry was purchased from Mr. Lee, who several months purchased the business from Rev. E.E. Houlette, who originated the business several years ago.

55 Years Ago February 1, 1951

Friona-Evidently records were shattered in the Friona vicinity last night, with temperatures of from 12-22 degrees below zero. From three to four inches of snow fell on Tuesday, but it was very dry, only adding to the treacherous conditions of the roads. Reports were given of water pipes freezing—many for the first time in history.

45Years Ago February 2, 1961

Friona—Friona Country Club's membership drive was kicked off Tuesday morning with several teams of men contacting prospective members in hopes of construction on the proposed clubhouse and nine-hole golf course. Land has been purchased and engineering completed on the project.

Bovina—February 1, 1961—Burglars made another of their periodic strikes in Bovina Monday night. Victim was Williams Mercantile Company. Merchandise worth more than \$2000 was stolen by the burglars, estimates W.E. Williams, owner of the business.

40 Years Ago February 9, 1966

Bovina—Bovina is wearing a new population figure on her city limit markers. Signs with

the new figure—1702—were erected on the five highways coming into Bovina. The new figure was determined by the number of water, gas and electric meters in the city.

35 Years Ago February 3, 1971

Bovina—Two new building projects are now underway on Third Street. Construction has begun on the new building to house Allsup's 7-11 grocery across Ave A from First State Bank of Bovina. Construction is also underway on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Raul Garza, located across Ave B from American Legion Hall.

30 Years Ago February 1, 1976

Friona—The Friona Nursing

Home continued to take shape this week as framing continued at a good pace and walls went up on the first wing. Good weather also assisted, after the week had a cold start, with temperatures in the 60's for the past three days.

15 Years Ago February 2, 1991

Friona—The temperature varied by 47 degrees from a high point to low point in Friona during the past week although that was almost accomplished in a 24-hour period from Monday to Tuesday morning. Monday's high was 59, by 8 a.m. Tuesday morning, the mercury had dropped to a frigid 13 degrees, and the wind chill was registering minus 14 thanks to a stiff breeze.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bovina was originally the Hay Hook line camp, division number eight of the XIT Ranch. It is located on the Llano Estacado of Staked Plains between two forks of Running Water Draw and has an elevation of 4070 feet above sea level. Parmer County History c. 1974

Handbook of Texas



Jonathan Rodriguez

Meet the Class of 2018

Jonathan is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Priciliano & Lourdes Rodriguez. He has two sisters, Jaylyn and Priscila. Jonathan likes jugar futbol americano. His favorite color is blue and his favorite food is enchiladas.

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5 Frionans grad from WTAMU

Degrees were officially conferred on 339 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises December 16, 2005 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 349 baccalaureate and 100 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2005 included 14 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 24 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 41 with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 10 states and 76 Texas cities and towns.

Friona graduates include: Jodie E. Coker, Bachelor Science in Biology; Brandi L. Hodges, Master of Education in Counseling; Greg T. Lewellen, Master of Science in Biology; Myrna L. Salina, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary; and Carolyn D. Stowers, Bachelor of General Studies in General Studies.

Fall WTAMU President's and Dean's list announced

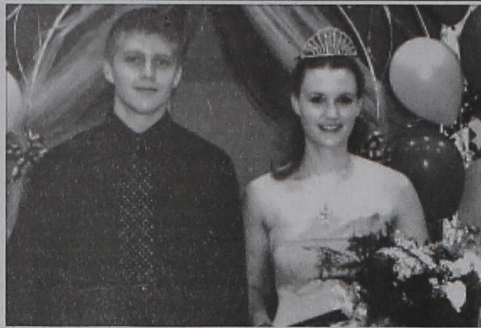
West Texas A&M University has named more than 900 students to honor lists for the fall 2005 semester. Of that total, 299 were named to the President's List and 689 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Friona students included on the President's list are: Matthew Gammon, freshman, Pre-Engineering; Eduardo Godoy, freshman, Undeclared/No Major; Dorothy L. Powers, sophomore, English, Language Arts, Social Studies; Leslie Reyes, senior, General Studies; and Katherine E. Thompson, senior, Theatre.

Friona students included on the Dean's list are: Misty K. Adams, sophomore, Mathematics; David G. Davila, freshman, Undeclared/No Major; Alexandria D. Roach, junior, EC-4 Generalist Bilingual; and Daniel M. Rosales, senior, History.



Brook Burkhart and Jamie Clark
CCS Athletes of the Year

Jamie Clark shines at CCS in Hereford

Jamie Mae Clark of Friona was crowned Female Athlete of the Year at Community Christian School in Hereford on Saturday, January 28. She is a junior at the school, a starter on the CCS Lady Warriors basketball team, is tied for 1st in her class, plays the keyboard in band, and is a member of the CCS Service Club.

Jamie is the daughter of James and Rachel Clark of Friona. Her grandparents are Bob and Bobbie Clark of Friona and the late Helen Roma and Mac McMurry.

Berend sells steer in Colorado show

According to a news release, Brittany Berend of Friona sold a 1st place steer for \$5,200 at the National Western Stock Show's auction of junior livestock champions January 20. Buyer of the steer was said to be Carla and Pat Grant.

Ninety six animals, steers, lambs, hogs, and goats, sold for \$604,772 at the auction. Ten percent of the sale proceeds were contributed to the National Western Scholarship Trust that supports 61 agribusiness and rural medical scholarships at universities and community colleges throughout Colorado and Wyoming.

This year the contribution totaled approximately \$60,450. More than 1,400 animals from 22 states competed in the national junior competition.



Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from January 18, 2006 to January 25, 2006:

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Marcos Cruz and Rosa Elia Cruz-Jose Manuel Barraza and Maria Isabel Barraza, L7-8 B85 FRIONA

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Sharon Jeanette Ford-Darrisa Gay Tunnell and Kerry Don Ford, L12 B3 HILLCREST

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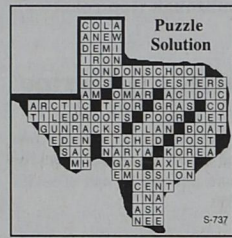
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Doyce Turner, Doyce Glenn Turner, Doyce Glynn Turner, Janelle Turner-Rita Janelle Turner, Janelle Turner, Janelle McGuire Turner-Ponderosa Cattle LLC, SW/4 S15 BLK Z WD & FW JOHNSON, E239.75 AC S479.5 AC S16 T15S R2E

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Mary Louise Agee-John Neil Agee, Lou Ann Black and Rosemary Briggs, NW/4 S13 BLK H THOMAS KELLY

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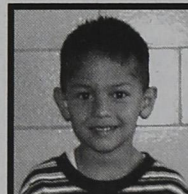
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8th Maidens 24
8th Olton 11

Coming from behind in the final quarter, the FJHS 8th Maidens coached by Jeff Isom beat Olton Monday night, 24-21.

Post Kyla Hurst led the scoring with 12 points, Sasha Estrada 4, Paige Herbert 4, Yessenia Rojas 2 and Diana Bolivar 2.

The Maidens hit the road to take on Lockney Monday, February 6 for the last game of the season.

7th Maidens 25
7th Olton 11

In their next to last game of the season the FJHS 7th Maidens and Coach Arnold Peralez showed Olton how to play the game of basketball by handily winning, 25-11, Monday night.

Regan Anthony led the scoring with 8 points, Lisann Davila 4, Brittany Herbert 4, Elizabeth Trevino 4, Laci Austin 3 and Karina Trevino 2.

The Maidens travel to Lockney Monday, February 6 for the final game of the season.

8th Braves take Friona championship

The FJHS 8th Braves hosted the Friona Tourney over the weekend and came away with the championship. On Thursday, January 26 the Braves defeated San Jacinto Academy 49-33. Matthew Stanberry led the scoring with 19 points, Stetson Reed 12, Jeremy Alaniz 6, Steven Mendoza 4, Joey Dickson 3, David Schwab 2, Jesus Sarabia 2 and Jordan Kelly 2.

Freshmen place 4th in Dimmitt Tourney

The Freshman Chiefs placed 4th in the Dimmitt Freshman Tourney held January 26-28. 9th Chiefs 43, 9th Bobcats 66. The Chiefs fell to the Dimmitt Bobcats in game one of the tourney, 66-43. Rolando Castanon and Justin Echevarria led the Chiefs in scoring with 11 points each. Castanon scored with one field goal and 3 three-pointers. Echevarria dropped in 2 field goals, 2 three-pointers and one free throw. Andy Bentley and Justin Dominguez scored 8 each and Gerardo Garza 5. 9th Chiefs 47, 9th Hornets 39. The Chiefs came back Friday in game two to beat the Tulia Hornets, 47-39. Aaron Hand led the scoring with 10 points including 3 field goals, one three-point shot and one free throw.



courtesy photo

The Friona 7th grade Maidens won 1st place in the Friona junior high tournament last Saturday. Congratulations to, back row, l-r, Coach Arnold Peralez, Brittany Herbert, Laci Austin, Kelsey White, Ester Sarabia; front, l-r, Karina Trevino, Lisann Davila, Elizabeth Trevino, and Regan Anthony.

7th Maidens win Friona tourney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The FJHS 7th Maidens were full of energy and ready to win a tournament and win they did taking the championship at the Friona Tournament held in Friona January 26 & 28.

The Maidens played Arbor Academy in the first round and walked away with their first win

of the tournament, 25-19. Regan Anthony led the scoring with 9, Elizabeth Trevino 6, Brittany Herbert 5, Laci Austin 3 and Lisann Davila 2.

Next up for the Maidens was Coach Arnold Peralez's home school of Dimmitt. The Maidens squeaked by Dimmitt 29-27. Anthony led the scoring again with 17 points, Herbert and E. Trevino dropped in 6 each.

Basketball video replay Saturday

The Friona Chiefs and Squaws basketball regular season is winding down with both having a chance to make the playoffs.

FHS TV, with sportscasters and procastinators Mike Hutson and Clint Mears, provide play-by-play video taping of all home games and playoff games.

The games are rebroadcast on Saturday at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76. Playoff games may have a different replay schedule. Watch the Friona Star for details.

This Saturday, February 4, tune in to watch the replay of Tuesday night's games with Floydada. Stay tuned to FHS TV for Chieftain/Squaw basketball action.

Chiefs lose close game to Dimmitt

BY RON CARR

The Chiefs were stifled by their old nemesis, the Dimmitt Bobcats, on Tuesday, January 24, in spite of leading the Bobcats 49-46 after three quarters. Dimmitt put together a 16-8 run in the 4th quarter to win the close contest 62-57. A win at Tulia Friday January 27, gave the Chiefs a nice 3-2 district record and 3rd place in the 6-2A district standings. The second round of boys district play kicked off Tuesday as the Floydada Whirlwinds came to town ranked 1st in the state in 2A. At Dimmitt, Hector Sanchez had



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Squaw defenders Erica Davila (10), Shayli Reed (25), and Krista Graham (23) mob Floydada's ace Lindsey Leatherman (21). The Squaws took over 1st place in district with a 57-49 revenge win over the Lady 'Winds.

Squaws top Tulia in OT 54-53

BY RON CARR

The Friona Squaws improved their district record to 6-1 with a squeaker win over the Tulia Lady Hornets last Friday night. The game went to overtime with a 49-49 tie at the end of regulation. Friona outscored the Lady Hornets 5-4 in the OT period to hang on to the win. A last second Tulia shot rimmed out as time ran out in overtime.

One difference in the game was free throw percentage. The Squaws were 10 of 17 while Tulia managed only 7 of 17. Tulia ace Til-Lois Fifer shot a low 3 of 11 from the line, a big difference in the final score as she ended with 13 points.

Tulia led 27-25 at the half and 41-38 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Friona caught up with a 4th quarter 11-8 run and a last second basket by Erica Davila that gave the Squaws a tie game.

Junior post Courtney Adams had one of her better games this year as she led Squaw scoring with 4 field goals, four 3s, and 3 of 5 free throws and a game high 23 points. Teammate Shayli Reed found the range with two 3s and a total of 12

points, Staci Murphree had 9, Erica Davila 5, Briar Barnett 3, and Kambree Davila 2.

Left on the schedule are

JV Squaws improve to 22-2 with Tulia win

BY RON CARR

As is often the case, the junior varsity is sometimes overshadowed by their varsity big brothers and sisters. The Friona JV Squaws have quietly gone about winning basketball games all season and after a 36-19 victory at Tulia last Friday their season record stands at 22-2 and 7-0 in district play. They have the best record at the high school.

Coach Carrie Davis' JV girls have been solid performers all year, bringing home a couple of tournament wins along the way. In disposing of Tulia, the JV defense held the JV Lady Hornets to only three points in the entire second half: a free throw in the 3rd quarter and a field goal in the 4th.

Michelle Martin led scoring with 9 points including a 3-pointer, Hollis Gurley tossed in 8 points, Erin Austin had 8, Ashley Ingram 4, Julie Echevarria 4, and Sandra Godoy 3.

Since JV doesn't go to playoffs, and the girls travel to Olton Friday, fans have one more opportunity to see the JV Squaws in action as they end the season at home against Lockney next Tuesday, February 7, at 4 pm.

7th Braves on winning streak

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The FJHS 7th Braves won the championship at the Friona Tournament held on January 26 & 28 and then traveled to Olton Monday to defeat the Mustangs.

At the Friona Tournament the Braves took on Bovina on Thursday and stomped the Mustangs, 73-22, with all the Braves scoring points.

Ernesto Monreal led the scoring with 18, Kirby Frye 13, Brenner Barnett 8, Zack Fair 8, Nicolas Ortiz 7, Chris Garcia 6, Duncan Welch 4, Clayton Smiley 4, Sergio Mendez 3, and Michael Chico 2.

In the Championship game played on Saturday the Braves beat Dimmitt, 47-33.

Floydada, Olton, and Lockney as the Squaws head for another playoff opportunity.

Frye dropped in 12 points, Ortiz 11, Welch 9, Smiley 8, Monreal 2, Garcia 2 and Mendez 2.

"The wins against Bovina and Dimmitt allowed us to win the Friona Tournament Championship," praised Coach Rex Cumpston. "The team really played well in the tournament."

The Braves soundly beat the Olton Mustangs on Monday, 53-15.

Ortiz was the top scorer with 11, Monreal 10, Frye 8, Fair 7, Barnett 3, Kolton Lucas 2 and Mendez 2.

"On Monday against Olton, we were able to get another win with a good team effort," said Cumpston. "In the Olton game, we had three players in double figures which is really good for 7th graders."

The 7th Braves play their last season game Monday, February 7 against Lockney. Good Luck Braves!

Friona ISD School Calendar
February, 2006

Table with 7 columns: Mon day, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. It lists school events, tests, and activities for each day of the month.

JV Squaws beat Floydada 60-25

BY RON CARR

The Friona junior varsity girls basketball team is 23-2 this year with two games left to play. They are undefeated in district and join the varsity Squaws as district leaders.

Tuesday they took care of business with the Floydada JV Lady 'Winds with a smothering defense and a lively offense to run away with a 60-25 victory. They led 14-4 at the end of the 1st quarter and were never threatened.

Eleven of the 13 girls on the JV squad scored in the game. There were five 3-pointers: two by Ashley Ingram and one each by Brianna Wright, Michele Martin, and Sandra Godoy. In addition, the Squaws earned 15 of their points off free throws.

To lead scoring, Julie Echevarria, Michele Martin, and Brittany Herbert each had 8 points, Ingram had 7, Godoy, Hollis Gurley, Wright, and Heather Sandoval each had 5, Erin Anthony 4, Jordan Monroe 3, Morgan Anthony 2.

THINK ABOUT THIS

What if you only had one year to live? #5

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

If I only had one year to live I would develop my spiritual life. I would try to do everything that strengthens me spiritually. I would take an active part in my church family. I wouldn't wait to be asked to volunteer. I would try to be more consistent in my efforts. I would remember that the first Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the teaching and to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42) That's what I would do. I would try to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" as Paul instructed in I Corinthians 15:58.

I would study and meditate on my Bible every day. There would be no more excuses of being too tired or too busy. I would find the time. I would want to be diligent in my study so that I might "present myself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15)

I would "pray continually" and "give thanks in all circumstances" (I Thessalonians 5:17-18)

You know what? We should live every year, every month, every day as though it might be our last. Think about it!

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

The rain may continue to fall, but God still builds boats

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

I have always been fascinated by the biblical story of Noah and the ark. Ark is short for Arkansas, which means "people with bare feet." The

root from the original Hebrew actually meant "large, smelly boat." Put the two definitions together and you get "people with bare feet had no business being on the ark."

You may recall from Sunday school (or from reading Cliff's Notes) that, early in the Old

Testament—around page five—God told Noah to build a large boat with plenty of ventilation. The cell phone connection was horrible, and Noah began building a three-hundred-cubit-by-fifty-cubit goat. Just as Noah was about to ventilate the goat, God made it clear that He was going to flood the earth and that He wanted to save Noah's family and two of every creature on earth. Noah understood and began building the ark.

This was disconcerting to Noah's friends. All they saw was a six-hundred-year-old man building a big boat in the middle of dry land and practicing animal calls. (Historical side note: In those days, before aerobic exercise, disco music, and nose rings, it was nothing for a man to live six hundred years. Today, with the advent of rap music, low-rise jeans, and the Golf Channel, the life span has been shortened to about seventy-eight years.)

Noah spent the first few nights on the ark discovering why carnivores and herbivores

do not mix. This is where the phrase "accident waiting to happen" originated. After forty days and forty nights, the rain finally began to subside, and Noah finally took a much-awaited breath of fresh air.

Why do we treat stories like Noah's Ark as great children's stories but overlook the power of God demonstrated within them? In the story of Noah's Ark, we see God's judgment, mercy, love, and faithfulness, all playing out like chess moves in His Master plan of providing for His children.

If we truly believe God was at work in Noah's life, why is it so difficult to believe He is still at work today? He didn't clock out at the end of the Old Testament, nor did He retire after the book of Revelation. Among the many things I have learned from the story of Noah's Ark is this: if God can perform all the miracles He did for Noah, then no matter what circumstances may flood my life, I know He can provide a big enough boat to handle them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 5, 2006-February 11, 2006

- Feb. 5-Gary Elam, Heath Procter, Kevin Sifford, Daniel Echols, Arthur Douglas Alexander, Jena Massie, Christi Smith, Otto Alexander, Monica Bermea, Montie Howell
- Feb. 6-Pam Perez, Sindy Preston Scaff, Sandra Gonzalez, Sandra Gomez, Chris Richardson, Donalita Hawkins
- Feb. 7-Jeff Stowers, Wade Hinkle, Shirley Harris, Nikki Osborn Ralston, Cindy Lopez, Nathan Haile, Brett Anderson, Gary Gober, Linda Malouf, Dimple Hand
- Feb. 8-Nancy Roden, Micah London, Kathy McLean-Davis, Rhonda Romero, Katheryn Smith, Nicole Speters, Sandra Rainey, Erica Boeckman, Taryn Elizabeth Banfield, Cody Jamerson, Andrew Marufo
- Feb. 9-Joel Osborn, Renae Barnett, Randa Copley, Deke Kendrick, Marlene Drake, Joe Gonzales, Susie McLellan, Tammy Whiteley, Diane White, Vanette Barnett, Ashley Cheaham, Dylan Cooper, Earl Whitten, Darius Amijo
- Feb. 10-Jana Floyd, Hayes Jones, Frank Saiz, Robert Saiz, Seth Houston, Chris Shufelburger
- Feb. 11-Holly Whatley, Nancy Jackson, Jerry Harrelson, Shephan Allen, Christy Stover, Gail Melton Blouch, Frank Wesley Barnett, Dale Widner, Debbie Smith, Kody Kimbrough



Spirit Wind breakfast Feb. 5

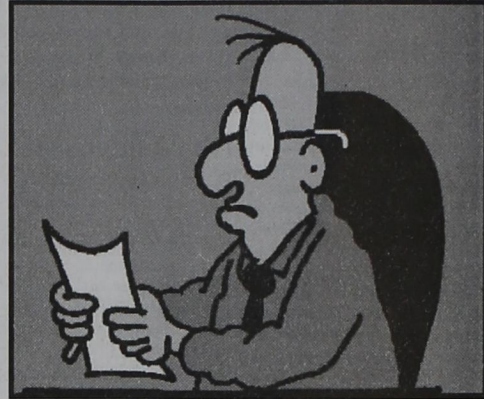
The Friona United Methodist Church will host a Spirit Wind breakfast on February 5, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

This breakfast is to help assist with the cost of the Spirit Wind tours for the Methodist youth - Corinne Hinton, Dierdre Johnston, Allison Jones, Johanna Knoll, Robert Knoll, and Jessie London.

The Spirit Wind tour is heading to Boston, New York City, and Washington, D.C. in July 2006. "We ask for your support of these young people in their fundraising efforts to enable them to share God's word with others through the fabulous Spirit Wind music ministry," said Pastor Steve Patterson

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Friona Volunteer Firefighters serve the community



Firefighter Chuck Teague shoulders a hose and battles fire and smoke at Saturday's blaze.

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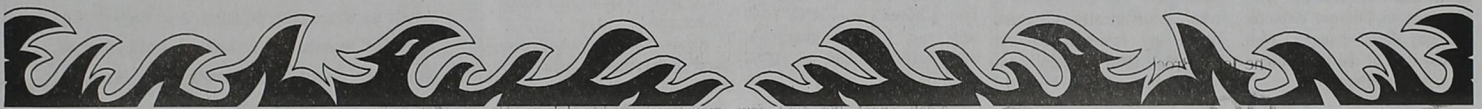
Firefighter Larry Martin sprays grass along Highway 60 during Saturday afternoon's fire west of Friona.



With more than 100 years of firefighting experience between them, Joe Mann, left, and Lee Campbell, right, help assistant fire chief (and Friona mayor) John Taylor unroll a fire hose Saturday afternoon. Mann and Campbell still respond to most fires to help in any way they can.



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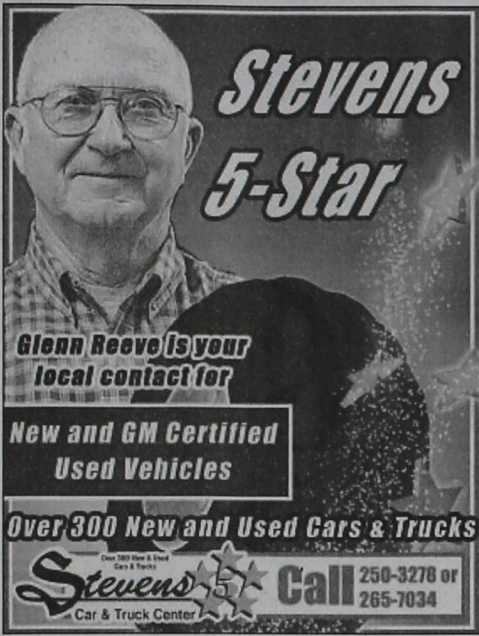
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OBITUARIES

Matty Dophene Betzen

Matty Dophene Betzen, 82, of Hereford, Texas, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2006. A prayer vigil was held at 7 p.m. Sunday, January 29, 2006 at the Hereford Heritage Funeral Home. Mass funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, January 30, 2006 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father John Valdez officiating. Burial followed in the Lazbuddie Cemetery, Lazbuddie, Texas under the direction of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home.



Matty Dophene Betzen

Mrs. Betzen was born August 30, 1923, in Blanket, Texas, to L.M. and Annie Crow. She married W.C. Williams May 30, 1942 in South Carolina. He preceded her in death in 1981. She then married Mike Betzen on April 4, 1988 in Hereford.

Mrs. Betzen was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and she worked as a cashier at K-Bob's. Survivors include her husband, two daughters; Roxi Ann Shahan and husband Robert of Temple, Texas and Sandra Castleberry and husband Dale of Amarillo, Texas; two step-daughters, Dolores Jones of Moriarity, New Mexico and Joyce Schwertner of Slayton, New Mexico; three step-sons, Bell Betzen of Dallas, Texas, Pat and Melvin Betzen of Hereford, Texas.

She is also survived by one sister, Sue Inman of Hereford, Texas; two former son-in-laws; Gerald Holland of Louisiana and David Burnette of Alaska; five grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, fifteen step-grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren.

Family suggests memorials to the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or a favorite charity of choice.

Betty Massey Young

Betty Massey Young, 79, of Levelland, Texas, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2006 in Carillon House in Lubbock, Texas. A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2006 in George Price Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Danny Allembaugh, pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, of Levelland, Texas, officiating. Cremation was under the direction of George Price Funeral Home.



Betty Young

Mrs. Young was born January 7, 1927 in Parmer County, Texas. She moved to Levelland in 1979 from Hereford, Texas.

Mrs. Young grew up in Friona and graduated from Friona High School in 1945 where she played basketball. She was co-vicepresident and was an All-State basketball team member. Mrs. Young also played on the Dr. Pepper Professional Team for a brief time following graduation. She was a co-owner of the Neal Young Trucking Company in Hereford until she moved to Levelland. In Levelland, she was a co-owner and operator of Joshua Park Store until the late 1980's.

Mrs. Young played on two Friona Squaw teams that went to the state meet: the 1944 team which placed second with a season record of 35-5 and the 1945 team which was third with a 26-6 record. She was selected to the all-state teams both of the seasons.

She played on the varsity for five seasons, being in high school when the 12th grade was added. Mrs. Young led her team in scoring three seasons.

Mrs. Young is survived by her son and his wife, Jim and Mary Young, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; her daughter and her husband, Cathy and Tony Malouf of Levelland; a brother Marvin Massey of Sundance, Wyoming; and a sister Frances Baze of Dallas, Texas.

She is also survived by six grandchildren; Amanda Guetersloh and Chip Malouf, both of Lubbock, Texas, Joshua Malouf of Dallas, Rory Malouf of Scottsdale, Arizona, Jim Young of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Ryan Young of Chicago, Illinois; and numerous nieces and nephews.



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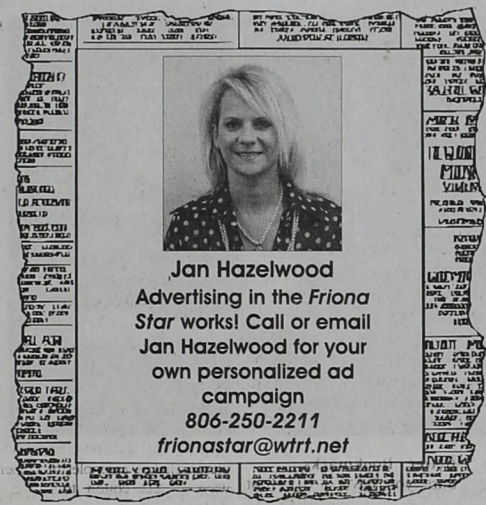
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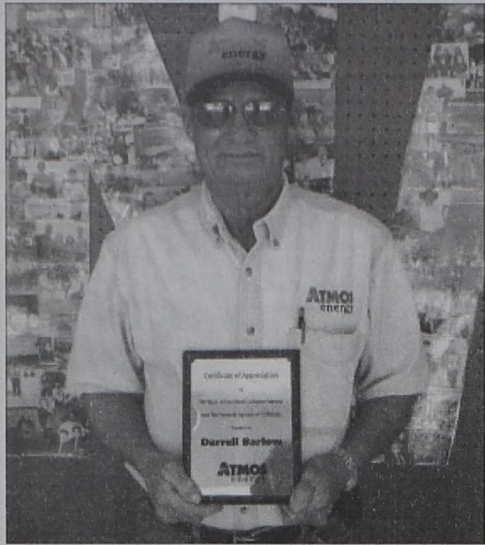
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Atmos Energy veteran and long time Friona resident Darrell Barlow will retire from the company February 15, 2006. Darrell has been employed by Atmos (and its predecessors) for 40 years. He also serves the community as a Friona Volunteer firefighter. Thanks Darrell and good luck!



dana d jameson photo

Jim Gonzales, 55, of Friona was injured Monday, January 30, when he fell from the roof of the maintenance shop at Friona Feedyard while installing skylights. Mr. Gonzalez suffered head injuries and was flown from Parmer County Hospital to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by Lifestar helicopter.

Swafford donates brother's '43 diary to Friona Library

(Article submitted by Kay Swafford of Bovina)

In 1998, Kay Hemphill Swafford of Bovina co-published the book, "A Day of My Own: Diary of a Teenage Boy 1943" with her brother Jamie Hemphill of Mason, Texas, and her sister Shirley Hemphill Doyal of Lohn, Texas. It was published and edited by Wanda Evans of Millenia Books.

On behalf of the Friona Public Library, Brenda Patterson accepted the book donation.

Here is a brief review of the book: In 1943 the United States is embroiled in World War II and 17-year-old W. L. Hemphill, Jr. is a senior at Lohn High School in tiny Lohn, Texas. He is the proud owner of a diary he received as a gift for Christmas in 1942. He determines to keep a daily record of his life and activities during his senior year and of the days following his graduation as he approaches adulthood.

Unfortunately the pages past December 1, 1943 are blank because W. L. died of pneumonia before he saw another Christmas.

During that year many young men of his age were at war. In his diary W. L., ever the patriot, gives a vivid picture of the war from the point of view of those who stayed home. He shows everyday life on the family farm where hard work and rationing were demanded.

He does not talk of his therapist, or obsess about crime or sex. He talks about the hard work, school, church, patriotism, honor, and about carrying his share of the load. He is eloquent in writing about people and places he loved.

His diary speaks of simpler times: movies, playing Monopoly after a 16-hour day of work and school, the gift of a Parker Pen and a subscription to Reader's Digest. Feel what he must have felt as he describes "the mountain" in his haunting essay, *Dusk*.

Listen to W. L. as he describes *A Day of My Own*. In his works may lay the secret to how we can simplify life today and enjoy its pleasures as he and his family did.

A Day of My Own is available for checkout at the Friona Public Library.



courtesy photo

Kay Swafford of Bovina, left, donates a book about her brother's diary from 1943, "A Day of My Own", to the Friona Public Library. Accepting is librarian Brenda Patterson.

Bovina splits with Morton

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The Bovina Mustangs and Fillies hosted the Morton Indians and Maidens Friday, January 27.

The junior varsity Mustangs fell to the Indian 47-21.

Joseph Bermea led the scoring with 11 points, Aaron Ramon 5, Josh Ramirez 3 and Jeremy Curtis 3.

The Varsity Fillies soundly beat the Maidens, 77-55. The Fillies were hot at the free throw line hitting 67% of their shots.

Jessica Bachicha scored a career high of 20 points with six field goals and eight free throws. Irma Rocha dropped in 14 with three 3-point shots, one field goal and three free throws. Laura Rocha added in 13 points including four field goals and five free throws.

Other Fillies scoring were Lucy Saucedo 12, Audrie Terrones 7, Hilda Quintero 5, Ruby Vela 5 and Yesenia

Guevara 1.

The Mustangs had the last game of the evening against Morton and played a tough game to the end. But the Indians would not be denied a win. The Indians tamed the Mustangs, 65-59.

Michael Ortiz was on fire scoring 26 points, which included three 3-point shots, seven field goals and three free throws. Jesus Rocha scored 12 points with two 3-point shots, two field goals and two free throws.

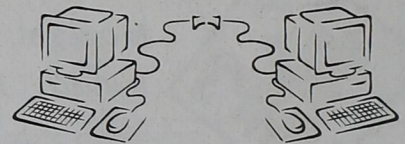
Other Mustangs scoring were Jeremy Vazquez 5, Trent Quintana 3, James Lara 3, Oscar Rodriguez 3, Isaac Tavera 3, Chavira 2, and Robert Knoll 2.

The Mustangs and Fillies will hit the road for their next two outings. Tuesday, January 31 they travel to Hart and February 3 Amarillo Bushland.

FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

Data	10		Total	
Control	General	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,698,164	\$ 877,026	\$ 3,575,190
5800	State Program Revenues	5,254,387	172,819	5,427,206
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,275	1,933,607	1,934,882
5020	Total Revenues	7,953,826	2,983,452	10,937,278
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	4,425,980	1,621,432	6,047,412
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	98,692	30,954	129,646
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	909	12,791	13,700
0021	Instructional Leadership	51,044	151,256	202,300
0023	School Leadership	476,049	8,011	484,060
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	154,167	340,362	494,529
0033	Health Services	66,741	38,937	105,678
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	194,384	3,667	198,051
0035	Food Services	20,339	578,933	599,272
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	558,890	8,354	567,244
0041	General Administration	362,290	10,734	373,024
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	852,578	19,278	871,856
0053	Data Processing Services	78,419	115,444	193,863
0061	Community Services	-	3,013	3,013
Debt Service:				
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	58,180	5,747	63,927
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	113,647	-	113,647
Intergovernmental:				
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	136,628	-	136,628
6030	Total Expenditures	7,648,937	2,948,913	10,597,850
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	304,889	34,539	339,428
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915	Transfers In	59,000	-	59,000
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	59,000	-	59,000
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	363,889	34,539	398,428
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,951,739	186,959	2,138,698
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,315,628	\$ 221,498	\$ 2,537,126

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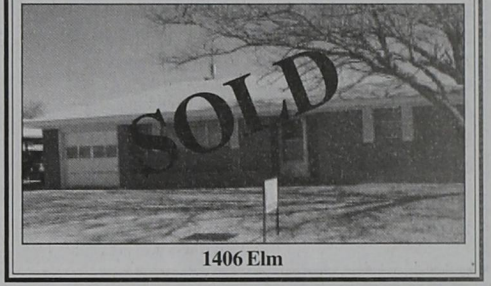


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Public meeting for Parents

Friona ISD school officials will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friona Elementary Cafeteria for the purpose of securing parent comment on a proposal to begin the 2006-2007 school term on Wednesday, August 16, 2006.

A school district that proposes to begin classes prior to the week in which August 21 falls are required to hold a public hearing for comments, have Board approval, and submit a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency.

Friona campus planning committees recommended starting prior to Monday, August 21 to allow more flexibility in planning a school calendar. Committee recommendations were based on staff requests for additional instructional time before the October TAKS tests, to allow for a school holiday in October thus breaking up the long period between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, to allow for a slightly longer Christmas break, and to provide an additional student holiday at the traditional Winter Break, previously called Ski Break. A one day staff training session will be scheduled at that time.

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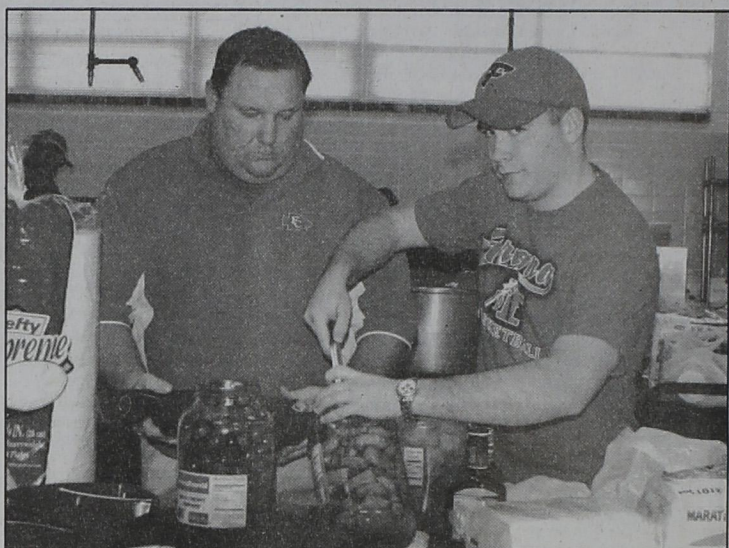
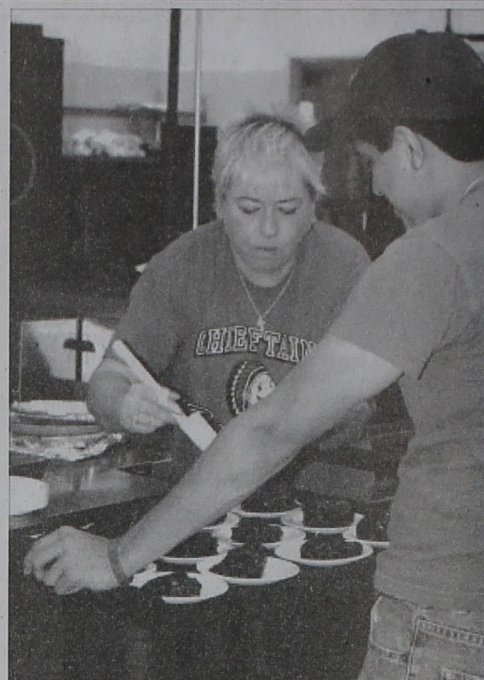


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The JV Squaws continued their excellent season with a win over Floydada to go to 23-2 for the year. Above, Ashley Ingram (10) and Sandra Godoy (44) on defense. Right, Michele Martin (31) drives past a Lady 'Wind.



2006 Pig Roast

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Baseball mom Verna Patton lines up some chocolate desserts as Matt Martinez holds the tray.



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Assistant baseball coach David Towner and Stephen Campbell fill up the condiment trays for the big crowd that came out to support the baseball team at Tuesday's pig roast.

2006 FRIONA BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
February	16	Muleshoe (scrimmage)	Home	4:30
	20	Littlefield	Home	4:30
	25	Muleshoe (JV)	There	4:30
	28	West Texas High (JV)	There	4:30
March	2	Littlefield Tournament	There	TBA
	3	Littlefield Tournament	There	TBA
	4	Littlefield Tournament	There	TBA
	7	Sanford Fritch	There	4:30
	10	West Texas High (JV)	Home	4:30
	17	Bovina (DH)	There	4:30
	21	Dimmitt* (JV)	Home	4:30
	24	Tulia*	Home	4:30
	28	Floydada*	There	5:00
	31	Olton* (JV)	Home	5:00
April	1	Tulia (JV only)	There	11:00
	3	Portales (JV only)	There	5:00
	4	Lockney*	There	5:00
	7	Dimmitt* (JV)	There	5:00
	10	Tulia (JV only)	Home	5:00
	11	Tulia*	There	5:00
	14	Floydada*	Home	5:00
	21	Olton* (JV)	There	5:00
25	Lockney*	Home	5:00	



District Games* DH-double header (JV) JV game after varsity

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- Coca-
- TXism: "quick as _____ York minute"
- this Moore starred with TX Harrelson in "Indecent Proposal"
- brandin' o' shootin'
- "New _____" blew up in '37 killing 298 students & teachers
- Fresnos, TX
- English mutton sheep
- TX Charley Pride's "Losing You?"
- actor Sharif pertaining to Valley citrus
- whooping cranes winter on TX coast and summer on the _____ Circle
- famous song: "Texas _____"
- neighboring state event: Mardi _____
- "biddess" (abbr.)
- Spanish: _____ are atop many TX structures
- TXism: "not one _____"
- Cowboys Sunday aim: game _____
- TXism: "that _____"
- In Concho Co. on 83 _____
- TX artist James Swann did this
- TXism: "he'd argue with a fence _____"
- kangaroo pouch
- TXism: "_____ soul"
- TX-based TGI Friday's has a restaurant in Seoul, South _____
- late Rangers sportscaster Holtz (init.)
- fuel
- pick-up wheel shaft
- TX must follow federal tailpipe _____ law
- TXism: "_____ storm"
- TXism: "it'll do _____ pinch"
- inquire _____
- born _____
- Stanley Marsh's 10 buried Caddys
- LBJ attended a _____ school
- Valley citrus
- TXism: "hard as putting up a tent in _____ storm"
- _____ Park, TX
- TXism: "_____ bout"
- Walter Scott novel named after _____
- TX actress Cyd (init.)
- TX novelist Shelby coveted film award is named after TX _____ Pierce
- ex-Houston Rocket Thorpe
- TXism: "like a lamb _____ to slaughter"
- TXism: "hard as dodging _____ wedding"
- TX-born ragtime composer Joplin
- an actor in the wings (2 wds.)
- TXism: "exciting as a fire _____ the IRS office"
- oil _____
- TXism: "ain't got a _____"
- takes care of _____
- ex-Ranger Canseco
- TX Red Duke
- Dallas Grand Prix initiator Buddy
- Austin Sparrarama event: Spam _____
- sport of the great TX Cecil Smith
- Dalhart AM/FM
- TXism: "if it had been _____ it would have bit you"
- TXism: "ain't got a lick of _____"

FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

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

Riding for the Brand on the XIT

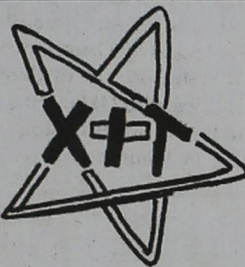
by Darla Bracken, fridarla19@yahoo.com

According for XIT Ranch Rule #23 written by B. H. "BarBQ" Campbell in 1888: "It is the duty of every employee of the Company's interests to the best of his ability, and when he sees they are threatened in any direction to take proper measure at his command to accomplish this end, and as soon as possible to inform his employers of the danger threatened." These rules also included no personal horses to be fed by the Company and no more than 2 personal horses each, no hunting unless necessary for food, no running of game on Company horses, no gambling, no drinking, no freeloading i.e. visitors and vendors alike were expected to pay for or provide food for themselves while on the ranch." (How different that is from today where corporations offer every manner of benefit, incentive, and perk even to their own demise?)

Maybe one of the most surprising rules of all was number 11: "No employee of the Company, or of any contractor doing work for the Company, is permitted to carry on or about his person or in his saddlebags, any pistol, dirk (long bladed knife), dagger, slingshot, knuckles, Bowie knife, or any other similar instruments for the purpose of offense or defense. Guests of the Company, and persons not employees of the ranch temporarily staying at any of its camps, are expected to comply with this rule, which is also State Law."

3 million acres of unsettled Panhandle grassland, considered expendable by many in the state as 'desert', were traded in exchange for building the red granite Capitol Building that still graces Austin to-

day, second in size only to the U S Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. In 1882 the XIT Ranch was formed containing all or parts of ten Texas counties: Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Lamb, Castro, Bailey, Cochran and Hockley. The brand was developed by Abner P. Blocker because it would be hard to alter or "burn off" and may have meant big in Texas. (I prefer the legend myself.) The brand was large, 5 inches tall, and on the right thigh. Company cattle were also branded with the last digit of the year on the right shoulder and the number of the division on the right jaw. Cattle rustlers, like computer hackers, persisted and eventually came up with the Texas Star from the XIT. (See illustration). The first



cattle came in July 1885-110,721 head up from Mexico at a value of \$1,322,587. The ranch usually branded 35,000 head at spring and fall roundups—at about 500 head per day.

8 Divisions

There were 8 divisions on the XIT which each operated as separate ranches: 1) Buffalo Springs, in uppermost northern Dallam County,

was the steer pasture where 12,500 head annually were acclimated before driven to the colder northern pastures in Wyoming and Montana. 2) Middlewater in Hartley County just south of Dalhart was the steer pasture for the cutbacks or culls held waiting to be shipped. 3) Ojo Bravo (Bold Springs) in Hartley County was the prettiest part of the ranch and the breeding range for high grade cattle. 4) Rita Blanca (Little White River) southwest of Channing, was used as a beef range. 5) Escarbada (the scraping) in far southwestern Deaf Smith County held graded cattle. 6) Spring Lake, in northern Lamb County, was a breeding range. 7) Casas Amarillas (Yellow Houses) in southern Lamb County was a general breeding pasture and had the world's tallest windmill at the time—130 feet. 8) Bovina (Bull Town) in central Parmer County was the last division to be added, 10 years after the others, as a shipping point on the Pecos & North Texas Railroad in 1898. Alamositas was later developed as a test site for electric fencing and a telephone line. Main headquarters were at Channing, a major shipping point, that developed on the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad in 1887.

Legacy of the Longhorn

The XIT Ranch heritage began with the gaunt and wiry wild Texas Longhorn. Introduced to Texas in 1693 after Father Massanet deserted his East Texas mission, longhorns were the economic salvation of Texas after the Civil War. The breed handled drought, travel and thirst much better than other breeds. Their hoofs were tougher, their legs longer and their appetites allowed a much wider variety of

wild grasses on the range. They were easier to handle both on the trail and at roundup. They traveled easier because of the breadth of their horns—being further apart there was less heat and stress. They had their teeth longer and lived nearly twice as long as other breeds. They were extremely sensitive in sight, hearing and smell. A newborn longhorn if scared off from his birth spot would return to the exact spot as would his mother to find him. They were extremely attached to their native soil (as are most Texans) and would return from hundreds of miles away if given the opportunity. One such Longhorn, *Old Blue*, led the drives to Wyoming and Montana for 8 seasons, because the other cattle would follow him so well. He never went to market and always returned with the remuda to the Ranch.

Although later mixed with other breeds such as Hereford Shorthorn and Aberdeen-Angus, the hardy longhorn breed left its mark forever on Texas cattle.

End of an Era

At its peak the XIT Ranch had 150,000 head of cattle, 1,000 head of horses and 150 cowboys. By 1900 there were 325 windmills and 100 dams on the ranch. Some 8 million head were driven north from the XIT to market. "Windmillers" held a special place on the Ranch having their own chuck wagons and traveling around to keep the mills running. The Ranch killed beef

for the chuck wagons averaging breed and the important role all of



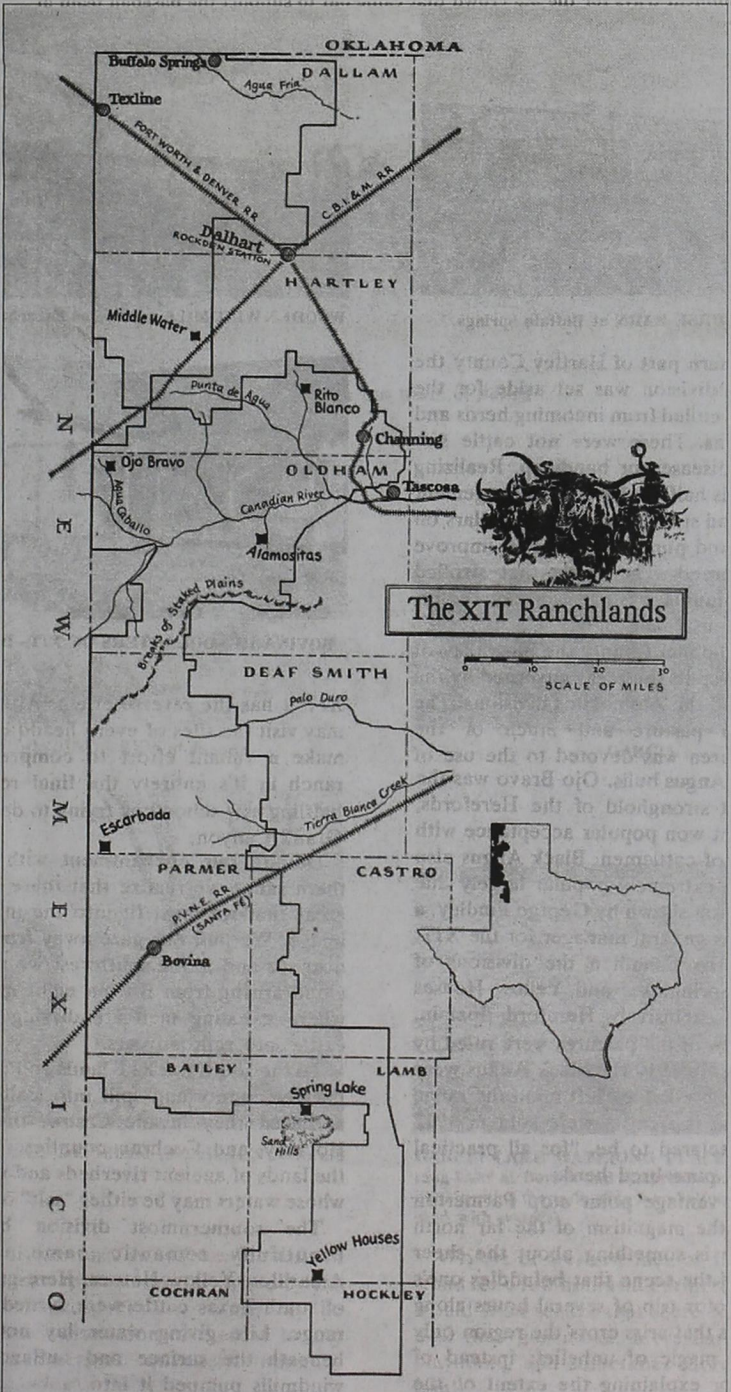
The capitol at Austin

about one every 3rd or 4th day—but a strict accounting was kept and nothing was wasted. Cowboys earned between \$25 and \$30 per month (*a dollar a day on beans and hay*) and faced fence cutting, cattle rustling and wild predators mainly wolves. Because of such difficulties not to mention the hardship of droughts, blizzards, prairie fires and declining cattle markets (sound familiar?), the XIT operated mostly without profit during most of its life span, 1882-1912. The last lands were sold in 1963 but for the most part, mineral rights were kept.

Friona Centennial City Art Project

Plans are underway to honor our ranching heritage and the cattle industry including the Longhorn

them have played in our city's history. A fiberglass longhorn steer will be placed in the City Park in a project sponsored by the Friona Art Association & Friona Community Heritage Society (Depot) and is being funded by our area feed yards, including Friona Feed Yard, New Tex Feed Yard, Paco Feed Yard, Texzona Feed Yard and Cargill Meat Solutions and other cattle related industries. Our little community, which began as a humble shipping point on the immense XIT Ranch, still exists now 100 years later and has a division of one of the largest meat packing companies in the world located here. Let's celebrate! If you wish to participate, please contact me by email, 250-3200 or at 109 W 7th.



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Chieftain baseball player Hayden Patton, left, Lacey Lookingbill and her mom Tonya help in the kitchen at the pig roast fundraiser Tuesday night.

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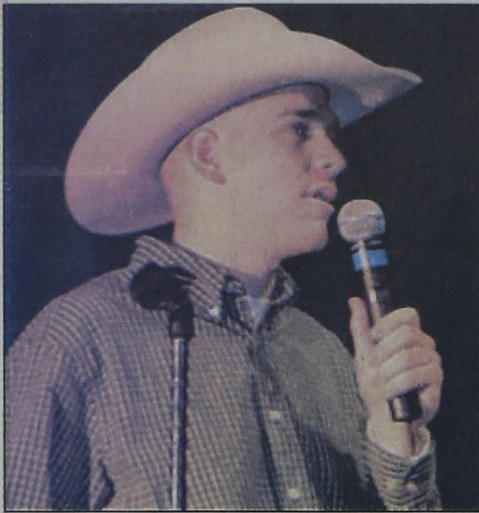
It's Bragging Time!

Bring a photo (any size) and your special Valentine message to the Friona Star office by **5 pm Monday, February 6th.**

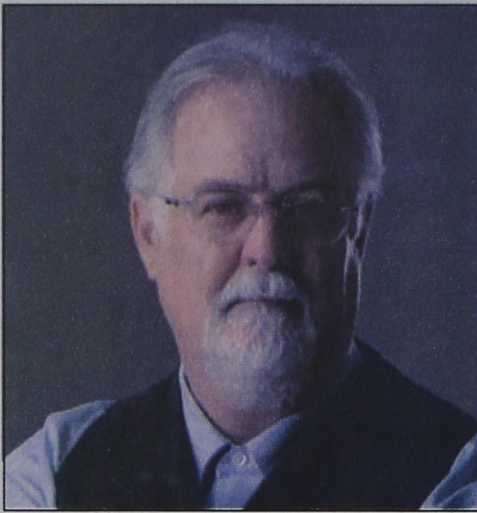
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* Valentine photos will appear in the special Friona Star Valentine issue February 9.
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For more information call 250-2211.



Andy Hedges



Andy Wilkinson

Bovina Chamber banquet to feature cowboy poets

"We have a really exciting evening of entertainment on tap for the Chamber banquet this year," says Jim Bob Swafford. "Things will be a bit different from years past."

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, at the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 each and are available for sale at the Bone Joint Clinic and the Parmer County Tax Appraisal office in Bovina. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information call 251-

1015. The evening will begin with a western style steak dinner and homemade pie and ice cream. After the meal, the Chamber will present the annual citizen awards and give away door prizes. The steaks are being provided by Cargill Meat Solutions.

After the meal and presentations, there will be a short intermission, then everyone will adjourn to the school auditorium for an hour of entertainment by poet and music artists

Andy Wilkinson and Andy Hedges.

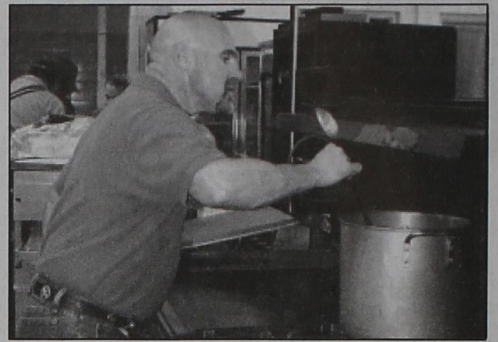
Hedges is a cowboy poet/reciter, singer/songwriter, and guitarist who hails from Lubbock. For the last ten years he has entertained audiences all over the West with his classic cowboy recitations, clean guitar work and cowboy folk music. He has performed at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, the National Cowboy Symposium, and countless cowboy gatherings, theaters, schools, and concerts.

In 2004 he was named Male Poet of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists.

Andy Wilkinson is a writer and singer of contemporary western folk music. Through his poems and songs he weaves images of people and places in telling the tales of the American West of yesterday and today. His material comes from true stories of the past and present and people like his distant uncle Charles Goodnight, Comanche Chief Quanah Parker or Billy the Kid. He has recorded four albums of music and poetry.

Wilkinson recently directed "Soul of the West" in Washington, D.C. The piece featured performances by Gerald McRaney, Barry Corbin, Buck Taylor, Lee Horsley and many others. He co-wrote "Soul of the West" with Red Steagall who also starred in the play.

The public is invited to join the Bovina Chamber of Commerce for an evening of good food, fun, and classic entertainment.



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Friona Chiefs head baseball coach Greg Hazelwood keeps the tea stirring for the annual baseball team pig roast. Coach Hazelwood and the baseball team thank everybody for their support and turnout for the pig roast. It was a big success.

FHS choir selling singing Valentines

Once again the Friona High School Choir will track down your favorite sweetheart on Valentine's Day and deliver a medley of love songs live and up close. The annual songfest helps raise money for expenses for the choir to travel to their various solo and ensemble meets and for the state trip in May.

Songs include "Love Will Keep Us Together", "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You", "I Love You", "My Heart Will Go On", "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", "From This Moment On", and "Abramsame y besame". Valentines may be ordered from any choir member, or call Allison Johnston at the high school at 250-3951.

The cost is only \$10 each and includes a choreographed song with a custom made card presented to your sweetheart at the end of the song. Ladies, you can order a song for your man too. It's not just a guy thing. The choir kids appreciate your support.

Chiefs lose to Floydada 61-27

BY RON CARR

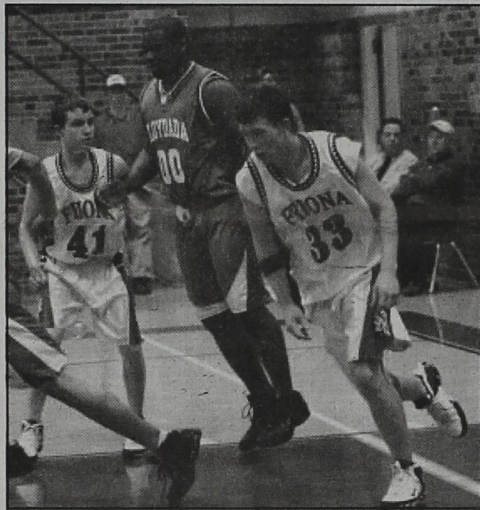
During the pig roast supper at Tuesday nights Friona vs. Floydada basketball games, a Floydada fan going through the chow line said the Floydada boys had dropped to number two in the 2A state rankings. They still looked pretty strong as they took home a 61-27 win over the scrappy Friona Chiefs.

The loss gives Friona a respectable 3-3 district record with four games left. Of the four games left to play, Friona has beaten three of the teams: Olton, Tulia, and Lockney. With the same results in the next two weeks, the Chiefs could find themselves in the playoffs.

Sawyer Reed led the Chiefs in scoring against the Winds with 13 points, followed by Hector Sanchez with 9, Caleb Miller 3, and Ryan Schwab 2. Twelve of Friona's points came from 3-pointers; two by Sanchez and one each by Reed and Miller.

Next up is Olton Friday night at Olton and a return visit from Lockney Tuesday night in Friona. The Floydada vs. Chiefs

and Squaws games will be re-broadcast on WT Services channel 76 at 10 a.m. Saturday February 4.



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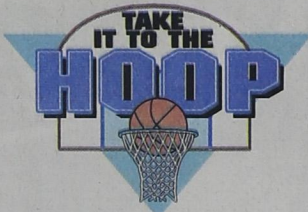
The Floydada Whirlwinds brought some size with them. Kelby Monroe (41) challenges the big guy as Chance Lewellen (33) heads up-court.



Remember:
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Meet the Class of 2018

Aimee is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Gerardo & Maria Isela Gonzalez. She has two sisters, Sarahi and Susana. Aimee likes to read books. Her favorite food is spaghetti and her favorite color is blue.

Aimee Gonzalez

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