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Chiefs win: they're in



ron carr photo

Chieftain Ryan Schwab was the hero of the moment Tuesday night. He is hoisted by fans and teammates in a post-game celebration after the Chiefs beat Tulia 68-67. Ryan scored the winning basket with four seconds left in the game to give Friona the win and its first trip to the playoffs since 1974.

	Basketball playoff schedule No ticket pre-sales for the games.	
Chiefs practice game vs. Silverton Friday, February 17 WT Event Center Tip-off 4 p.m.	Squaws vs. Panhandle Friday, February 17 Tip-off 6 p.m. WT Event Center Adults \$5 Student/child \$2	Chiefs vs. Tahoka Tuesday, February 21 Tip-off 8 p.m. So. Plains Texas Dome Levelland (Second game of a double-header. First game is Dimmitt vs. Denver City)

School board public hearing on vote machines Feb 20

The Friona Independent School District board of trustees will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the use of electronic voting systems for the May 13, 2006, election.

The hearing will be held as a part of the regular monthly school board meeting Monday, February 20, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Central Administration Office board room located at 909 E. 11th.

The board will also consider an Order of Election for three trustee positions expiring in May 2006. Those trustees whose terms are expiring are Loraine Anthony, Joe Santellana, and Mitchell Smiley. The board will appoint Betty Chaney as absentee election clerk.

Other agenda items include the review of administrative level personnel contracts and a policy update from the Texas Association of School Boards.

Commissioners set early vote dates; Reinforce burn ban

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, February 13, 2006 at 10 a.m. in County Courtroom at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas.

Thirteen items were on the agenda.

The court considered bids for a 1976 John Deere 4430 tractor being offered as property for salvage. The court received one bid from Bozeman Machinery and Salvage in Lubbock for \$3,610.

The court set early voting dates in Bovina and Friona. Early voting dates for Friona will be Thursday, February 23 and Thursday, March 2 at Friona State Bank. In Bovina, early voting will be Friday, February 24 and Friday, March 3 at City Hall.

In other items of business the commissioners:

- Heard the Treasurer's Report from Altha Herington; considered Continuing Education Hours as required for the District Clerk Sandra Warren.
- Hired Valerie Mullin of Farwell for the position of Janitor for Parmer County Courthouse and Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Erma Hernandez of Bovina previously held the position.
- Approved the upgrade of CR25 for 2 miles south of FM145 to Cr BB. Precinct 4 and Lazbuddie Feeders will share the cost of the caliche.
- Ratified the rental agreement between Central Plains MHMR, Parmer County, City of Bovina, City of Friona and John Gurley. Parmer County will share the expenses of rent for the

Parmer County Counseling Service and the City of Friona and Parmer County will share the monthly utilities.

—Heard a presentation by Wendy Carthel, Parmer County Pioneer Museum representative. The court designated the Parmer County Pioneer Museum \$12,500 for their 2006 budget.

—Met with representatives from the Parmer County Fire Departments on the current Burn Ban. It was unanimous that the Burn Ban is working. They would also like to remind the citizens of the county we have 3 dumpsites to take their household trash and those sites are:

- Friona-Monday through Friday 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and located east of the Hwy 214 bridge, south of Friona.
- Lazbuddie-Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located on Stadium Drive ¼ mile west of the Lazbuddie school.
- Bovina-24 hours a day, 7 days a week and located on the east side of Bovina on East Street.

There is no charge for dumping during the Burn Ban.

Everyone is reminded that when a Burn Ban is in effect violators are responsible for any damages incurred as a result of a fire. There is up to a \$500 fine for throwing trash in the bar ditches.

"Hopefully the rains will come and the ban will be lifted soon," said County Judge Bonnie Clayton-Heald.

—Considered the division of the 2006 Right of Way monies. They do this once a year.

The \$206,000 Right of Way

funds were divided among the four precincts in the county. Each precinct received \$25,000 and each commissioner designated how the funds were to be dispersed.

In Precinct 1, \$10,500 went to the precinct fund, \$7,000 to the Friona Fire Department, \$2,500 to 911 and \$5,000 to the

Parmer County Pioneer Museum.

In Precinct 2, \$22,500 to the precinct fund, and \$2,500 to the Parmer County Pioneer Museum.

In Precinct 3, \$16,500 to the precinct fund, \$3,000 to the Farwell Fire Department, \$3,000 to the Farwell EMS, and \$2,500 to

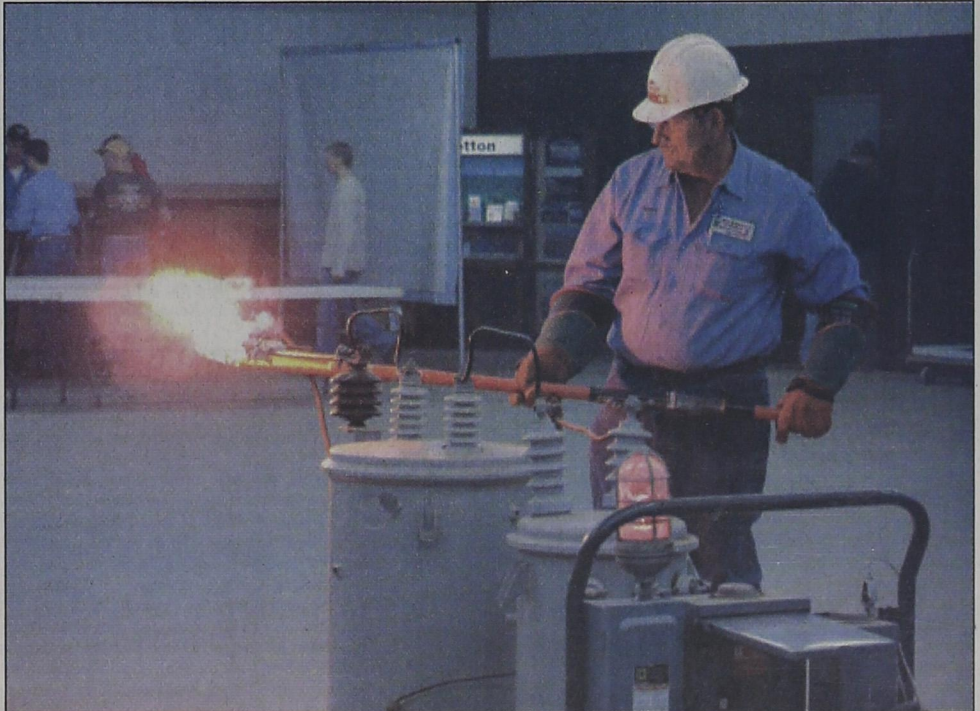
the Parmer County Pioneer Museum.

In Precinct 4, \$10,000 to the Lazbuddie Fire Department, \$10,000 to the Lazbuddie EMS, \$2,500 to the Lazbuddie Cemetery Fund, and \$2,500 to the Parmer County Pioneer Museum.

In the final item of business,

the commissioners considered the Texas Association of Counties Website contract for agenda posting. The website is www.county.org.

The Commissioners Court meets every Monday and their next meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2006.



ron carr photo

A tough way to roast a weiner. Bruce Johnson of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative used electricity and a weiner to demonstrate to the 4th grade students the importance of safety around electricity. They were participating in the annual Ag in the Classroom day.



OUT HERE

a lazy column

by Ron Carr

THIS IS THE WAY SOME OF THE STUFF WE GET HERE AT THE PAPER LOOKS. IT IS LAZY. AND BORDER LINE DUMB AND TERRIBLY UNPLEASANT TO READ.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ENGLISH. AND PUNCTUATION. AND THINGS LIKE PARAGRAPHS AND SUBJECTS AND VERBS. LAST THURSDAY I WENT BY THE AG IN THE CLASSROOM DAY AT THE FRIONA COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE FOURTH GRADERS FROM FRIONA LAZBUDDIE AND BOVINA TOOK A FIELD TRIP TO LEARN ABOUT AGRICULTURE AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD. THE OUTING WAS SPONSORED BY PARMER COUNTY FARM BUREAU. BY THE WAY MITCH AND VECA AND ANDY COOKED SOME 5-NAPKIN HAMBURGERS TO FEED THE TEACHERS AND GUESTS. THE SCHOOL KIDS BROUGHT THEIR LUNCHES. AFTER THEY ATE MIKE REED FROM SOUTHWEST DAIRY ASSOCIATION GAVE HIS TALK ABOUT WHERE OUR FOOD COMES FROM AND SQUIRTED THE KIDS WITH SOME MILK FROM THE DAIRY COW HE HAULS AROUND.

WHILE I WAS THERE I TALKED TO ONE OF THE FOURTH GRADE ENGLISH TEACHERS ABOUT WHETHER THE KID LEARN ENGLISH THESE DAYS BECAUSE FROM SOME OF THE STUFF I'VE READ AND SEEN IT LOOKS LIKE PROPER ENGLISH COMPOSITION IS NOT GIVEN MUCH EMPHASIS THESE DAYS. SHE WAS A BIT FRUSTRATED. I HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING MY STUDENTS TO EVEN CAPITALIZE THE FIRST WORD IN A SENTENCE SHE SAID. I ASKED WHETHER KIDS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO CONSTRUCT AND DIAGRAM A SIMPLE SENTENCE ANYMORE. THE LOOK ON HER FACE TOLD ME ALL I NEED TO KNOW.

MY THEORY IS THAT WITH ALL THE INTERNET, TEXT MESSAGING INSTANT MESSAGING, AND STANDARDIZED TESTING THAT IS SO POPULAR THESE DAYS KIDS DON'T SEE THE NEED TO WRITE BETTER. NOT TO MENTION THAT NOBODY WRITES PERSONAL LETTERS NOWADAYS. WHO NEEDS TO COMPOSE A STUPID LETTER WHEN EMAIL OR CELL PHONE IS FASTER. WHEN IT COMES TO COMMUNICATION, WRITTEN WORDS ARE FAR DOWN THE SPECTRUM. IT IS NO WONDER THAT MOST STUDENTS THAT START COLLEGE NEVER FINISH. IT IS NO WONDER THAT MANY STUDENTS HAVE TO TAKE REMEDIAL COURSES WHEN THEY GET TO COLLEGE. THE MANY COMMUNICATION METHODS AVAILABLE TODAY MAKE PEOPLE BASICALLY LAZY WHEN THEY WRITE SOMETHING.

ONE METHOD USED OFTEN IS TO WRITE EVERYTHING IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, LIKE I AM DOING HERE. I HAVE TO ADMIT JUST BREEZING ALONG WRITING WITHOUT REGARD TO THOSE BOTHERSOME PARAGRAPH INDENTIONS, AND PUNCTUATION MARKS MAKES WRITING FASTER. WHO WANTS TO BOTHER WITH THAT PESKY OLD CAPITAL LETTER SHIFT KEY WHEN YOU CAN ROLL ALONG IN ALL CAPS.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT HERE AT THE NEWSPAPER WE GET PRESS RELEASES, LOCAL STORIES, EMAILS, AND LETTERS (MOSTLY COMPUTER PRODUCED), THAT ARE WRITTEN JUST LIKE THIS COLUMN. ALL CAPS, NO SEPARATED PARAGRAPHS, VERY LITTLE PUNCTUATION, AND RAMBLING DISCOURSES THAT QUITE FRANKLY OFTEN DO NOT MAKE ANY SENSE.

WHEN WE RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS THAT LOOK LIKE THIS I KNOW IT CAME FROM A LAZY WRITER AND THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PIECE GOES DOWN LIKE A BRICK IN A FISH POND. SUCCESS IN LIFE IS A LOT ABOUT PERCEPTION AND IMAGE. HOW A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER, OR CUSTOMER, SEES YOU AND PERCEIVES YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS. IF YOUR DRESS AND YOUR WORK LOOKS SLOPPY AND HAPHAZARD AND LAZY YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS DIMINISH BEFORE YOU EVEN OPEN YOUR MOUTH.

I WROTE THIS LAZY COLUMN TO PROVE THE POINT. CHANCES ARE YOU GOT FRUSTRATED TRYING TO READ THIS IF YOU EVEN READ THIS FAR. I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU IF YOU DIDN'T. WORDS WRITTEN IN THIS FASHION ARE HARD ON THE EYES TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH WHERE YOU ARE ON THE PAGE. WORDS WRITTEN LIKE THIS ARE BORING EVEN IF THEY ARE ACTUALLY INTERESTING.

WORDS WRITTEN LIKE THIS ARE NOT NECESSARY IF STUDENTS WERE FORCED TO STUDY AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD COMMUNICATIONS. THE FOURTH GRADE TEACHER TOLD ME SHE GIVES HER STUDENTS POINTS OFF THEIR GRADE IF THEY DON'T CAPITALIZE THE FIRST WORD IN A SENTENCE. GOOD FOR HER. UPPER AND LOWER CASE IS ALIVE AND WELL IN SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS.

I'M THINKING THAT ANY COMMUNICATIONS WE GET HERE AT THE PAPER FROM NOW ON THAT ARE IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS ARE GOING DIRECT TO THE TRASH DUMPSTER. IF YOU ARE TOO LAZY TO WRITE WELL, WE'RE GOING TO BE TOO LAZY TO READ IT.

READIN' WRITIN' AND ARITHMETIC ARE STILL PRETTY IMPORTANT. I HOPE.

Strayhorn sends Jan sales tax

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn says that January's state sales tax collections got a boost from a strong economy, holiday sales and the rebuilding process that continues in Southeast Texas following Hurricane Rita. The state collected \$1.5 billion in sales tax revenue, up 12 percent compared to January 2005.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly basis.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on

Friday, March 10.

Parmer County's February 2006 payment totaled \$53,043 broken down as Bovina \$9,614; Farwell \$11,638; and Friona \$31,790. In February 2005, the tax payment total was \$51,255.

Comparing February 2005 to February 2006 tax receipts, Bovina is up 10.56%, Farwell is up 5.08%, and Friona is up 0.97%.

For the year 2006, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$89,778 compared to \$81,823 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is up 11.78%, Farwell is up 33.31%, and Friona is up 0.11%, for an overall increase.

Graduation rates need improvement

Gov. Rick Perry has issued the following statement recognizing efforts of The University of Texas System Board of Regents to improve graduation rates:

"Today the University of Texas Board of Regents passed a resolution directing all institutional presidents to set policies to maximize their positive impact on graduation rates. This important step will provide greater accountability to the Board, as well as to students and families who are investing in the future of Texas by pursuing a higher education degree.

"Texas institutions of higher education must not only increase

graduation rates, but also provide continuous enrollment for students and ensure students receive degrees in a timely manner. Our colleges and universities play an essential role in ensuring Texas builds the workforce we need for tomorrow; the continued growth of the Texas economy depends upon our highly-skilled workforce. The Board's action today reflects this imperative. I strongly urge all Texas higher education institutions to take similar steps to improve graduation rates and reduce the time it takes for students to complete their degrees."

Tumbleweed Smith

The tough people of Cross Plains

As I approached Cross Plains on Highway 206 I started noticing the black, charred ground. Partially burned fence posts hung from loose strands of barbed wire. It was like this for a couple of miles before I reached the city limits. When I got to town, the scene was horrible. Mounds of ashes were the only remains of blocks of houses. I went to see my friend David Estes at Texas Heritage Bank. He told me two people had died, 116 houses had been totally destroyed and 39 more damaged. That's about 25 percent of the housing in and near town. The home of Robert E. Howard, the author of Conan and other fantasy works, was not damaged, although fire burned the lawn.

The fire started around noon on Tuesday, December 27 about 3 miles west of Cross Plains. The temperature was 80 degrees, and the wind was blowing toward the east at 30 miles an hour. By 3 o'clock the blaze turned north and headed into town. 31 fire departments fought the blaze and

stayed around until Friday putting out flare-ups on trees and bales of hay.

As soon as news of the fire spread, donations of food, clothing, furniture and money poured in from Texas and states as far away as Minnesota and North Carolina. The First Baptist Church became a command center. The First Methodist Church was the only public structure completely destroyed. Flames got close to the school, but it was spared.

The cleanup continues. City and county are clearing the lots at no charge to the residents. The people affected by the fire are amazing. David and Bethany Parker and their children, Amber and Taylor, are excited about the new home they're designing. The Parkers were out of town when the fire burned their house. Bethany saved all her photos to disc and had them with her in her laptop. Before she went digital, she had duplicates made of her pictures and sent them to family members, who are



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Ron

If you had a passing moment of "ears burning" yesterday afternoon, it was because you were the topic of conversation at the meeting of the Board of the Friends of the Friona Public Library. Because it's only fair that you know what is being said about you (in case you want to dispute it) we decided to put it in writing.

The discussion was prompted by your covering the Grand Opening of the Book Shoppe on February 8. Not only were you there with your camera, you allowed yourself to be pressed into service taking photos of the event with our camera also. Someone mentioned in our Board meeting how helpful you were on that occasion. The next comment was that you've always been extremely supportive of the Friends. Heads nodded; assents murmured. "He has encouraged our book review column and has consistently included news of any events that we sponsor in the Star," someone said. It's good you weren't there. You might have been uncomfortable with all the praise.

Suddenly, a good idea struck the entire group at the same time. We decided to do something to show our appreciation for your support. A unanimous vote of the Board approved naming you a Life Member of the Friends of the Friona Public Library. The card enclosed with this letter indicates that status. We hope it will remind you of our appreciation.

We hope also that you will print this Letter to the Editor because we would like for others to know of our appreciation for your consistent support of the Friends of the Friona Public Library.

Sincerely,

Jyl Grimsley, Membership Committee Chair
 For the Executive Board of the Friends

(Editor's Note: The Friona Star has a long tradition of supporting the Public Library. We feel reading, historical research, and the preservation of Friona's historical archives to be of vast importance. The Friends of the Friona Public Library are sincere and unselfish in their efforts to preserve Friona's past and work for its future. We are proud to be a small part. Thank You!)

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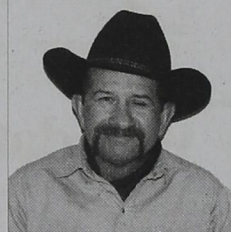
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Neugebauer's mobile office to visit Friona

In an effort to better serve the constituents of the 19th District, Congressman Randy Neugebauer invites residents seeking federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies to visit his mobile office.

Staff members from Neugebauer's district offices will be visiting at various locations in the Panhandle during the period of February 21-23. A mobile office visit is scheduled for Friona Thursday, February 23, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the city council chambers office at 632 Main St. All local citizens are invited to visit with Congressman Neugebauer's staff during their Friona visit.



Early Voting:
 Friona - Feb. 23
 Bovina - Feb. 24

Political ad paid by Galen Carson

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Around Town

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

Book Shoppe now open

As reported in the Friona Star February 9 edition the Friends of the Library has opened The Book Shoppe at 119 W. 6th in Friona. They will be accepting donations of books at the Library during normal business hours. They are also seeking donations of oak or wooden tables and chairs, a Baker's Rack and a park bench. The Book Shoppe hours are the second Wednesday of the month from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In March it will be open Wednesday March 8 and Thursday March 23.

If you are willing to lend or donate one or more of the items listed above or if you need someone to pick up your donated books please call 250-3200.

Cookbooks are in at Chamber Office

Chris Alexander at the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture notified the Star this week that the cookbooks containing recipes from Friona residents are in and available for \$10. Call the Chamber at 250-3491 or come by.

Allo Reeve 90th birthday Feb 18

The family of Allo Reeve would like to invite everyone to celebrate with them. Grandma Allo's 90th birthday on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at Allo's home, 510 W. 10th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No gifts please.

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.

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.

Handweavers Guild to meet Feb 23

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is set for February 23 at 7 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or information call John Robinson at 806-355-7889.

Sweet Adelines & FHS Choir to perform

Ladies, do you love to sing? We do, too! Come join the Palo Duro Metro Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Int'l for a day of singing with girls from the Friona High School Choir. For a \$20 fee you will learn new vocal skills, increase your confidence, and make new friendships.

This event will occur Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum in Friona at 6th & Cleveland. At 4:30 p.m. they will sing in concert for the public.

Admission for the public will be \$1 to benefit the museum. Please join them for this great opportunity.

Calendars available at Library

The new 2006 calendars sponsored by the Parmer County His-

torical 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.

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.

World Day of Prayer service Mar 3

The World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday, March 3, 2006, at 12 p.m. noon at the Union Congregational Church, 1601 North Euclid. Everyone in the community is invited to this open prayer service. Soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served.

AC Lamplight Theatre Mar 3-5

The Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre proudly presents "Little Women" on March 3-5, 2006 at Amarillo College Washington Campus, 22nd & Washington, Ordway Auditorium. This wonderful story of the March sisters is a classic tale of family survival during a time of war. With their father away fighting in the Civil War, Joe, Meg, Beth and Amy grow up with their

mother in less than perfect conditions. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 806-371-5353. Show times are March 3 & 4 at 7:30 p.m., and March 5 at 2:30 p.m. Adult tickets will cost \$8 and children \$5.

St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner Mar 5

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will host their annual Mexican Dinner Sunday March 5, 2006 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall. This delicious meal will consist of homemade meat enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, hot sauce and chips with coffee, tea and dessert for the low cost of a donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. Takeouts will be available at no extra cost.

County spelling bee February 22

The Parmer County Spelling Bee will be held at the Friona junior high auditorium Wednesday, February 22, at 10 a.m. Spelling bee winners from Farwell, Lazbuddie, Bovina, and Friona will participate with the winners advancing to the regional spelling bee in Canyon in March.

Czech sausage dinner in Canyon

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon will sponsor their 15th annual Czech sausage dinner Sunday, March 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located at 605 38th Street in Canyon and the phone number is 655-3302. The cost is \$7 adults, \$4 child 6-12 years, and under 5 eat free. The menu is Czech sausage, sauerkraut, bread, parsley potatoes, cobbler, and all the trimmings. A drawing, country store, arts and crafts, and games are also scheduled.

Hospital district board election

For the election scheduled to take place May 13, 2006, three seats are up for election to the Parmer County Hospital District board of directors. Incumbents whose terms are expiring are Dennis Anthony, Dale Schueler, D.V.M., and Brett Whitten, D.V.M. The filing period for candidates interested in running for a place on the hospital district board is open now and will end on March 13, 2006, at 5 p.m. For additional information contact Lance Gatlin, PCCH administrator, at 250-2754 or e-mail lgatlin@trhtalliance.org.

TAKS test date Feb 21 at FHS

Friona High school counselor Stephanie Barrett has announced that FHS will administer the ELA TAKS test to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on Tuesday, February 21. The tests will begin at 8:25 a.m. and they are untimed. Mrs. Barrett urges parents to make sure their child is at school that day.

mathematics, science, and social studies on February 21-24.

If parents have any questions concerning these tests they can contact Stephanie Barrett at the high school, 250-3951, or email sbarrett@frionaisd.com.

Blackwell on AC honor roll

Amarillo College named 352 students to the fall 2005 honor roll. Students on the list have been enrolled in 12 or more hours in academic courses and have earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Included on the honor roll from Friona is Jo Blackwell.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- February 19, 2006-February 25, 2006**
- Feb. 19-Rex Nelson, Marty Gonzales, Minnie Knight, Kathy Stone, Joyce Miller Marshall, Jill Brown, Heath Gammon, Kristina Anthony, Callie Hefner, Shyla Sossaman, Arline Elliot, Roger Shull, Aubrey Easley
 - Feb. 20-Larry Potts, John Edd Duke Jr., Clint Hurst, Cody Bracken, Tina Cole, Gretchen Edelman, Carol Smith, Averi McLellan, Luis Martinez, Hollee L. Ratliff, Herb Howell, Elena Salazar, Isabel Espinoza, Tamela Bandy
 - Feb. 21-Kyle Barnett, Sunni Graves, Joe A. Guerra, LaFawnda Mays, Lacy Venhaus, Hector Baldwin, Derek Jamerson, Virginia Moyer, Judy Hodnett, Allee Gee, Brooke Dierschke
 - Feb. 22-Julie Brown, Ann McFarland, Matthew Gammon, Brenda Joy Murphree, Natasha LaFuenta, Jacy Grimsley, Bobby McMillan, Britny Herbert, Lawrence Widner, Larry Mitchell
 - Feb. 23-April Pope, Gayle O'Brian, Dexter Allen, Matthew Kendrick, Doyce Barnett, Leticia Duke
 - Feb. 24-Mike Smith, Joe Bob Johnson, Bobbie Clark, Sharon Rector, Janice Auburg, Della Patterson, Michelle Morris, Lisa Ann Edelman, Joey Dominguez, Robin Rushing, Carmella Hernandez, Carlene Jones
 - Feb. 25-Lyn Eldon Rändolph, Alex Gurley, Hollis Gurley, Tommy Villalobos, David Stephens, Amelia Rose Sandoval, Elva Hernandez, Freddy Flores

FlashBacks

75 Years Ago February 13, 1931

Friona-Friona barbershops have started a price war and have reduced the price of haircuts to 40 cents and shaves to 20 cents. Monday morning town awakened to find a placard in the window of Smokey's Barber Shop listing new prices. This was followed by a still larger sign in front of both the other shops announcing the same prices.

65 Years Ago February 14, 1941

Friona—According to reports reaching the Star office, the Friona schools will issue another school annual this term, and several students of the high school are now quite busy collecting and arranging the material for it. It was reported that the school's two bands were to have their pictures taken for the annual Thursday.

55 Years Ago February 15, 1951

Friona—Announcement was made this week of the purchase of the Friona Locker and Cold Storage firm by S.T. Thomson, local produce merchant and civic worker owning the Friona Poultry and Egg Company. Former locker operator, Ray Landrum, is planning to move to Colorado where he has purchased a summer resort.

35 Years Ago February 18, 1971

Friona—The official 1970 census figures for the City of Friona were revealed to be 3,111 this week, showing an increase of 51.4 percent over the 1960 population of 2,048.

30 Years Ago February 18, 1976

Bovina—Illness picked the most inopportune time to strike

the Bovina Mustangs. The Maroons were eliminated by Farwell in the opening round of the tournament by a two-point margin, 46-44, to end the hopes of advancing to bi-district for Zane Reeve's Chargers.

25 Years Ago February 15, 1981

Friona—The Friona area was hit by the coldest blast of the winter on Tuesday, as an Arctic cold front pushed through the area. At one point the Tuesday afternoon winds were clocked at 30 miles per hour, and the chill factor measured 40 degrees below zero.

20 Years Ago February 16, 1986

Bovina—The Bovina Fillies overcame an early foul problem

to defeat Paducah 61-37 in their bi-district playoff game in Plainview. It is the second time in three years for both of Bovina's teams to make the playoffs. Both are coached by Mark Lanham.

Friona—After a thirteen year absence, the Friona Squaws are back in the playoffs. The Squaws, under the first year coach Vicki Hattton, swept the second half district title with a 6-0 record and then disposed of first half champ, Dimmitt, 58-41, for the overall title and first place seed in district. Team members are Mika Maddox, Shannon Atwell, Ronda Ratcliff, Lacy Osborn, Wendy Hinkle, Kerry Cain, Ashlee Gee, Glenda Ellis, Susan Bailey, Denae Reeve, Kelly Wied and Kim Battey.

DID YOU KNOW?

The town site of Farwell, Texas was surveyed in 1905 by W.D. Howren of Amarillo, Texas. Nearly 586 acres of land were in a grant by the Capitol Freehold land Investment Company, of London, England, set aside to be the town of Farwell. Parmer County History c. 1974

Handbook of Texas

Meet the Class of 2018

Kassandra is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Augustina & Pilar Lopez. She has two sisters, Nayeli and Jessica. Kassandra likes riding her bike. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite food is Chinese food.

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DAR seeks women who served in WWII

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) teach love of God, country, and home and are instrumental in educating children about being good

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served our country during WWII.

"Rosie the Riveter" was a symbol of the United States war effort that characterized the mil-

lions of women who had gone to work to replace the men who joined the armed forces during WWII. Those women built thousands of airplanes and worked in defense industries and support services including steel mills, foundries, lumber mills, offices, hospitals, day care centers, the American Red Cross, "Gray Ladies", and USO volunteers.

"March is officially Women's History Month and the Los Ciboleros Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, would like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of women who served our country with such patriotic dedication," Knowles said. "Our chapter encourages you to share your story describing your experiences so that we may honor your contribution to this effort."

If you have a story to share or know someone that does, please contact Mrs. Larry J. Knowles at 806-250-3210 or via e-mail at larryk@wtrt.net.



tyler jameson photo

Crowned as Prairie Acres Valentine Queen and King at the Prairie Acres Valentine Party were residents Nora Martinez and Bob Wilson.

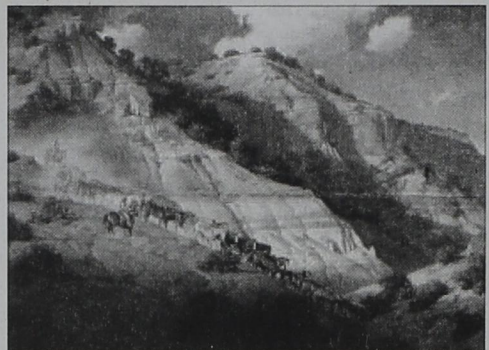
Western art show and sale at PPHM

From March 4 through April 2, 2006, the Friends of Southwestern Art (FOSA) will sponsor the seventh Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale. This event provides the only museum-quality venue in northwest Texas for currently-working artists who focus on the American West. The proceeds fund additions to the PPHM's art collection and bringing the finest in historic Southwestern art to the region.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum has a history of exhibiting the work of Southwestern artists, beginning with the Coppini Academy of San Antonio's annual exhibitions in the 1950's through the Amarillo Rotary Club exhibitions in the early 1990's. Inviting gifted and sought-after artists to exhibit in the Panhandle-Plains Invitational complements the museum's outstanding historic Southwestern art collection. Consequently, the Invitational is curated like any other museum exhibition and only the highest-quality works are shown.

Over fifty artists from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, California, and Oklahoma have been invited to the exhibition. Each exhibiting artist is asked to submit at least one work inspired by Scott Meyers Palo Duro Canyon in keeping with the museum's 2006 exhibit theme. Several artists are making special trips to the canyon to paint the fall foliage.

A fixed-price sale will be held at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on Saturday, March 4, 2006, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. in the Foran Galleries. Objects will be for sale through April 2, 2006.



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Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Sheriff Randy Geries office:

February 8, 2006, Derek Williams, 24, of Elk City, Oklahoma, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with violation of a controlled substance (burglary habitation), pending District Court.

February 9, 2006, Jerrie Suniga, 36, of Farwell, Texas, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with failure to appear (forgery), pending District Court.

February 11, 2006, Daniel Padilla, III, 35, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with interfering with an emergency call, pending County Court.

In 287th District Court on February 2, 2006, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

—Cynthia Vest Gaytan, 25, of Texico, New Mexico, charged with forgery, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$308 court costs; \$350 attorney fees, and \$502 restitution.

—Timothy Eric Rincon, 17, of Hereford, Texas, charged with evading arrest/detention with vehicle, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 years; \$316 court costs; \$750 fine, and \$350 attorney fees.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from February 2, 2006 to February 7, 2006:

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Friona School Menu

**February 20- February 24
(All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)**

Monday, February 20

Lunch - Fried chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, yogurt.

Tuesday, February 21

Lunch - Frito pie, ranch style beans, garden salad, peaches.

Wednesday, February 22

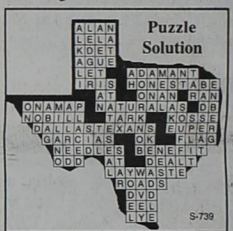
Lunch - Steak fingers, rolls, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, pears.

Thursday, February 23

Lunch - Tacos, spanish rice, pinto beans, pineapples.

Friday, February 24

Lunch - Cheeseburgers, french fries, fresh fruit salad.



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Anthony likes to play baseball. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is blue.

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Chiefs edge Tulia on last second shot 68-67

BY RON CARR

His teammates call him Schwaby but Tuesday night they called him a hero. Sophomore Ryan Schwab scored the final two points in the final game of the regular season for the Friona Chieftains at the Friona gym against the Tulia Hornets. But it wasn't just a routine basket.

The game was a must-win for the Chiefs to guarantee a playoff spot. Not just any playoff spot but the first playoff game for a Friona Chieftain basketball team since 1974. If the boys had lost to Tulia they would still be in the playoffs with a Lockney loss to Floydada, but Coach Ky Gra-

ham and his team wanted to win their way in.

Lockney did lose to Floydada by one point, 54-53. A one-point Friona win and a one-point Lockney loss meant the Chiefs are in the playoffs by a total of two points. That's close.

From a last place finish in district in 2005, the Chieftains finished this year with a 6-4 district record and the third place seed behind Floydada and Dimmitt. They will play a practice game Friday at 4 p.m. at the WT Event Center prior to the Squaws area playoff contest with Panhandle, scheduled for 6 p.m. In the first playoff round the Chiefs will face Tahoka at 8

p.m. Tuesday, February 21, at the South Plains College Texas Dome in Levelland.

The Tulia Hornets gave it their best shot. They came to play. The Chiefs jumped out to a first quarter 15-7 lead and looked to be breezing but the Hornets got 3-point fever in the second quarter, outscoring Friona 26-18 for a 33-33 tie at the break. The Hornets didn't let up as they outscored the Chiefs 21-8 in the third quarter for a daunting 54-41 lead going into the final stanza.

The Hornets struck first to increase their lead to 15-points, 56-41. But Friona's determination kicked in, thanks in part to a loud and rowdy crowd of Friona fans cheered them on. By the time there was 2:48 re-

maining in the game the scrappy Chiefs had whittled the Tulia lead to 60-58, going on a 17-2 run. Sawyer Reed had the hot hand, leading the team with 30 points and scoring from all over the court.

A couple of free throws by Ryan Gerles and Chance Lewellen and a put back by Reed narrowed the score to 67-66 favor of Tulia with about 14 seconds left and Tulia had the ball. But the Hornets were called for traveling at mid-court as the Chiefs applied a full court press. Coach Graham called a timeout with about 11 seconds left and his team down by one. "I called a Duke Set on the play which is patterned after Duke University," Graham said. "Sawyer gets the ball and dribbles off a

screen and has the option to pass off or shoot."

Sanchez inbounded the ball to Reed who dribbled to the top of the circle, charged past a screen by Gerles, and launched into the air, the crowd, and the Tulia Hornets, expecting a jump shot. Graham said that Schwaby was playing the low post and had actually set up under the basket to rebound Reed's shot. But Reed spotted Schwab and rifled a pass which Schwab fielded and jumped in one fluid motion, banking the shot in from about two feet. Chieftains 68, Tulia 67.

The Hornets had about four seconds left but the Chiefs press, the crowd noise and the momentum allowed only a last minute toss from mid-court that went astray. Chiefs win 68-67.

Fellow students and fans mobbed the court to congratulate the group of come-back kids that made history. Ryan Schwab was hoisted on the shoulders of fans and teammates and there were hugs for the coaches and players. And a few tears from the wives and mothers.

In addition to Reed's 30 points, including 4 of 6 three-pointers, Ryan Gerles had 12 points, Chance Lewellen 7, Ryan Schwab 7, Hector Sanchez 5, Hayden Patton 5, and Caleb Miller 2.

The last two Chieftain games, Dimmitt and Tulia, will be broadcast Saturday, February 18, starting at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76. Tune in. Schwaby's final bucket off a rifle pass from Reed is worth the price of admission.



dana d jameson photo

JV Chief Chris Haile goes high to block a shot against the Tulia JV Hornets.

JV Chiefs 58, Dimmitt 46 JV Chiefs 43, Tulia 41

JV Chief Alex Gurley lit up the nets as the Chiefs hosted Dimmitt JV last Friday. Gurley racked up 27 points, including four 3's and 9 of 11 free throws, to lead Friona to a 58-46 win. Chris Haile scored 10 points, Trent Hudson 8, Kaison Graham 6, Phillip Saiz 5, and Garrett Clark 2.

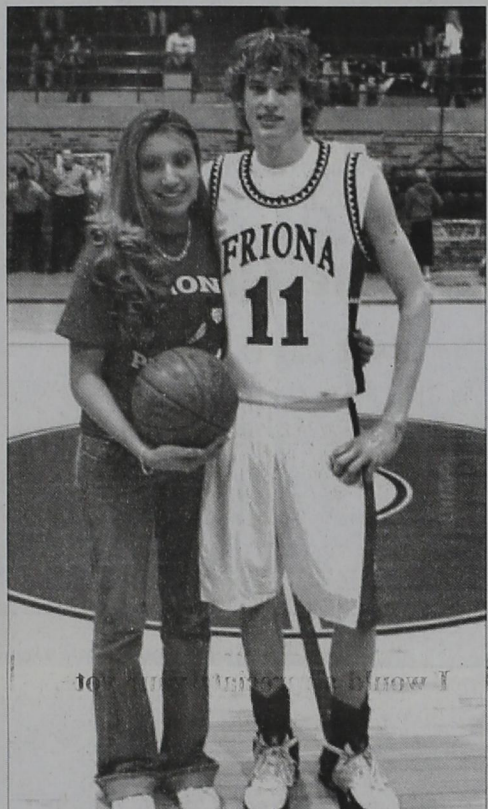
The Friona junior varsity Chiefs ran up a big lead against the Tulia JV Tuesday but then let Tulia back in the game. Friona managed to hold off a 20-6 Tulia fourth quarter after leading 22-10 at the half to edge the JV Hornets 43-41.

Alex Gurley was high point with 15, Jared Boyd had 7, Chris Haile 7, Phillip Saiz 4, Kaison Graham 3, Omar Hernandez 3, Dillon Welch 2, and Trent Hudson 2.



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Phillip Saiz (41) plays in your face defense as the JV Chiefs beat the JV Hornets 43-41 in their final game of the season.



ron carr photo

The 2005-06 Basketball King and Queen are seniors Deniss Vasquez and Cody Jamerson.

Freshman end season with win

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The FHS Freshman boys basketball team and Coach David Towner have fought an uphill battle all season with illness and lack of games to play. But the boys came back in their final game against Lockney to win 31-17.

The team went into the game with only five players and finished with one short due to a technical called against Gerardo Garza early in the fourth quarter.

Leading the scoring was Justin Dominguez with 5 field goals for 10 points. Rolando Castanon dropped in 1 field goal and 2 three-pointers for 8 points. Andy Bentley scored 5 with 2 field goals and a free throw. Justin Echevarria and Garza added in 4 points each to top Lockney.

Chiefs lose to Bobcats 59-35

BY RON CARR

Dimmitt students and fans filled the bleachers at the Friona gym Friday night and they were loud. Since football season is over they finally had something to cheer about as the Dimmitt Bobcats and the Friona Chieftains squared off with district playoff seeding at stake.

About midway into the 1st quarter, Hector Sanchez hit a 3-point goal to give the Chiefs a brief 7-6 lead.

It would be the first and last time the Chiefs had the lead as Dimmitt stretched to a 33-21 halftime advantage and a 26-14 second half run to put away Friona 59-35.

Going into the half break, Caleb Miller fouled a Bobcat attempting a three point shot with less than one second on the clock. The Dimmitt player made all three free throws. Instead of a 9-point deficit Dimmitt went to the break up by 12.

The tempo picked up in the second half with Friona scoring several points on steals and breaks but committing some mental lapses and turnovers that resulted in easy points for the Bobcats. The Chiefs managed just two points in the fourth quarter.

Senior Hayden Patton made his playing debut in the third quarter. Hayden has been out all season with a broken leg and finally got some playing time in this next-to-last regular season game.

Sanchez led scoring with 11 points, including three 3's, Ryan Gerles had 8, Cody Jamerson 4, Caleb Miller 3, Tolby Wilcox 3, Sawyer Reed 2, Ryan Schwab 2, and Chance Lewellen 2.

After this game the Chiefs are still in the hunt for a playoff berth. With one game left, Friona and Lockney are tied with identical 5-4 district records.

Friona hosts Tulia and Lockney takes on Floydada Tuesday night. Friona must win and Lockney lose for the Chiefs to get into their first playoff game in 32 years.

Go Big Red!

Squaws win district crown again, beat Floydada 58-46

BY RON CARR

So they didn't want to flip a coin for first seed in District 6-2A. The Squaws and Lady Winds tied with an 8-2 record. Friona won an initial coin toss to determine first seed. But a protest from Dimmitt that the district has to playoff for first seed caused the Squaws and Winds to meet for the third time this season. They played at Littlefield and Friona pounded the Lady Winds and brought home the district trophy, thank you very much.



By half time the Squaws were ahead 30-18 thanks to 10 points from Courtney Adams and four 3's from Tiffany Vasquez, Krista Graham, and Shayli Reed. The girls outscored Floydada in the second half 24-23 to coast to a nice 54-41 victory.

Reed was top scorer with 14 points, Staci Murphree had 13, Adams 11, Graham 8, Erica Davila 3, Vasquez 3, and Kambree Davila 2.

Congratulations to the Friona Squaws for their great year and good luck in the playoffs.

Way to Go Chiefs & Squaws!

We would like to say a big "Thank you" to all who helped with the Friona High Baseball team pig roast. Because of all the parents, and sponsors (Friona Heating and Air, Monroe Farms, Wilbur Ellis, Parmer County Community Hospital, Deaf Smith Electric Co-op, Campbell Electric, Property Associates & Lowes), this was a very successful fund raiser for the team. We especially appreciate all of you who came out to eat! Thanks again!

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Back, l-r, Coach Ky Graham, Ryan Geries, Chance Lewellen, Caleb Miller, Sawyer Reed, Ryan Schwab, Coach Jose Gonzales. Front, l-r, Hector Sanchez, Tolby Wilcox, Cody Jamerson, Hayden Patton, Sean Lookingbill.

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District Champs -

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Back, l-r, Kambree Davila, Deniss Vasquez, Ashley Ingram, Courtney Adams, Miranda Frye, Coach Richard North. Middle, l-r, Shayli Reed, Erica Davila, Julie Echevarria, Lucretia Field, Briar Barnett. Front, l-r, Staci Murphree, Krista Graham, Tiffany Vasquez.

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Coach Ky Graham plots strategy with the boys late in the game Tuesday.



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Tolby Wilcox (34), Ryan Geris (43), and Sawyer Reed (30), go high to defend against a Hornet shot attempt.



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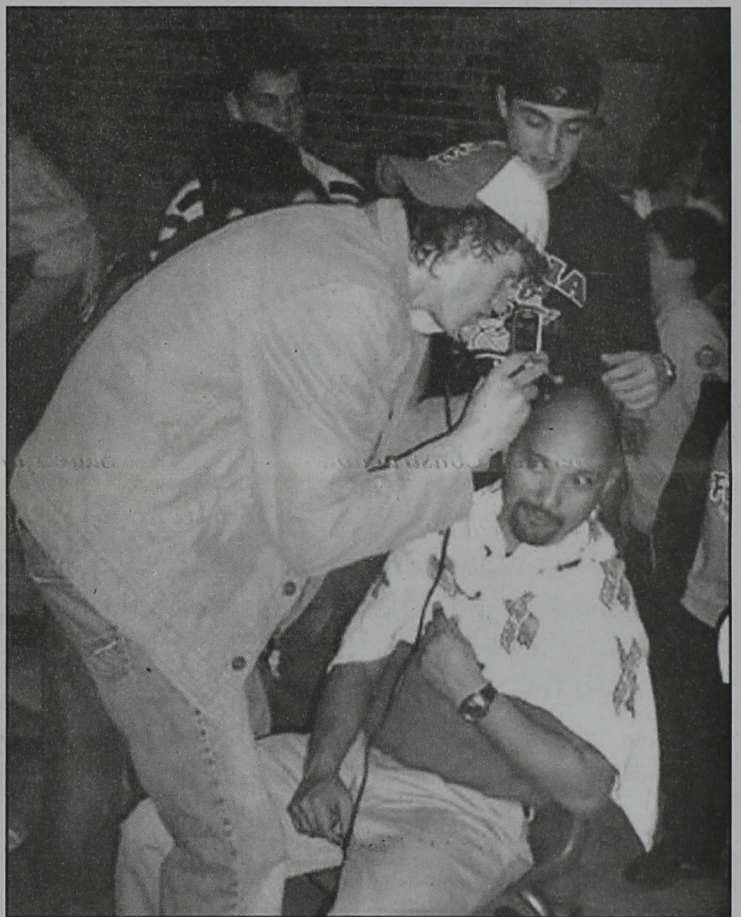
The Chieftain press at work. Ryan Geris (43), Sawyer Reed (30), and Caleb Miller (32) surround a Hornet in the back court.



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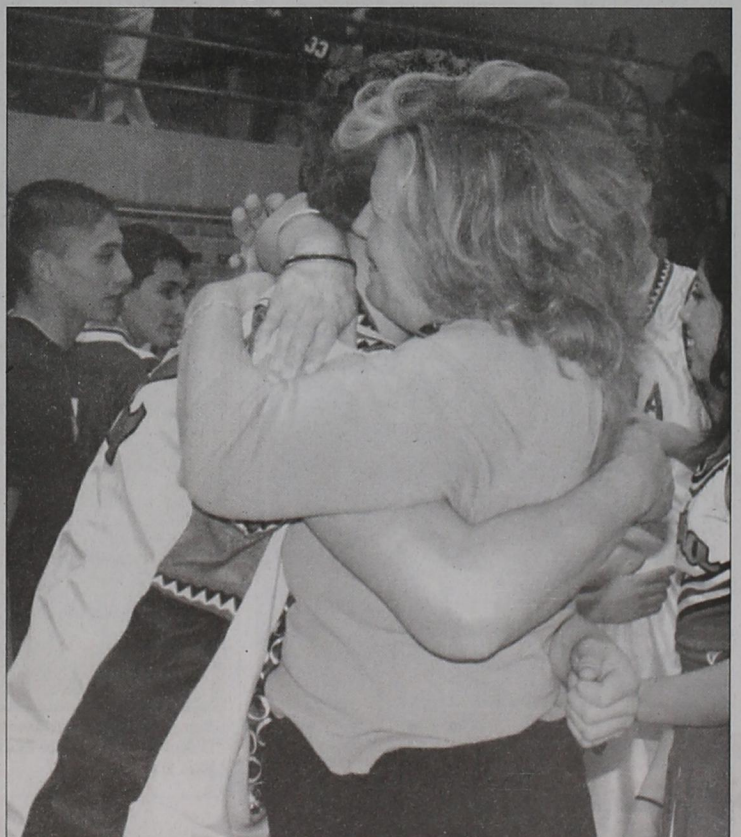
Sawyer Reed (30) catches the entire Tulia team flatfooted as he goes up for two of his team high 30-points to lead the Chiefs to an exciting last second victory.

The Friona High School Booster Club has Squaws and Chiefs playoff t-shirts available for sale for \$10.00. The shirts will be available during the games in Canyon on Friday night or you can call 250-2101

 An advertisement for t-shirt sales. It features a graphic of a t-shirt and a stylized logo with a star and the word 'FRIONA'.


courtesy photo

Chief assistant coach Jose Gonzales agreed to let the team shave his head if they beat Tulia. They wasted no time, shaving him after the game. Cody Jamerson and Sean Lookingbill take their turn.



dana d jameson photo

Coach Graham's wife Lanis hugs a Chieftain after Tuesday night's exciting victory over the Tulia Hornets.

Charles Moses (Charlie) Jones family history told

(Editor's note: The following account, and pictures, of the history of Charlie Jones' family was submitted by Floyd and Eva Lou Rector of Lubbock, formerly of Friona. During 2006-07 as

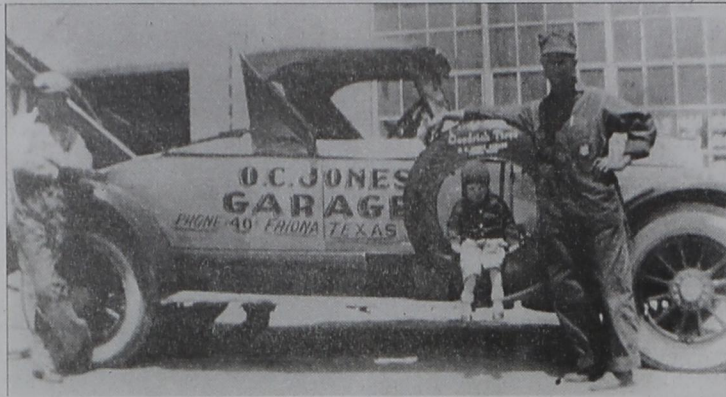
eral places in the area before settling north of Forney on a farm some 20 miles east of Dallas. In about 1898 Charlie had been to Friona several times

and Shorty (William Holly) moved to the area. Corine and Raymond Jones were already married and had a young son, Charles. O.C. (Opal), and Ruth Roberson were also married.

Highway 60. Their daughter was born there in 1929. He later built a larger home in 1930 or 31 on the same property. Their son Thomas Edward (Tommie) was born in this home in 1931. Ruth and Opal lived in this home as long as they both lived. The house remains there today.

Charlie started working for the county in 1928 and became commissioner in 1949. He was employed by the county for 50 years and was still commissioner when he passed away in 1978.

of the older building. Tommie had just returned from the Air Force during the Korean War. Opal remained in the mechanic and parts business until he passed away May 2, 1992.



Phone 40: O.C. (Opal) Jones' garage and wrecker service on Euclid St. 1929-37. His daughter Eva Lou (now Mrs. Floyd Rector) is sitting in the tire.

Friona and Parmer County celebrate their 100th anniversaries, we welcome any historical accounts of pioneer families and area history to be submitted for consideration...

Charles Moses (Charlie) Jones was born May 12, 1874 in Williamson County, Tennessee, one of 14 children. His family moved to the Ft. Worth area in 1879. They lived sev-

bringing people from that area to look at land for the Syndicate. In 1926 he bought 320 acres of land six miles south-east of Friona, being the north half of section 13 TWP4-SR4-E

On November 30, 1925, Mrs. Jones and four children: Corine (Mrs. Raymond Jones), Vera (later Mrs. Everett Harry), Marie (later Mrs. Bill Guyer),

The three families came in three Model-T cars taking two days to make the trip. Charlie came on the train, in an immigrant car, with their belongings and livestock. They arrived in Friona December 1, 1925. Their house was not completed so they moved into a syndicate house until theirs was completed.

Raymond and Corine, and Opal and Ruth, built two-room houses on each side of the older Jones' house. In 1926 the men began to break out land and broke out around 1,000 acres that year. Charlie, Raymond, Shorty, and Opal ran the plow 24-hours a day. Opal later stated that he ran the tractor 36-hours himself at times.

Opal farmed for two years and then moved their two-room house to the northeast part of Friona, on the north half of the northeast block of the first original townsite of Friona which was later on-

Opal went to work for the county in 1928 driving a 60 Caterpillar tractor and pulling a grader. When the tractor was delivered the delivery man said he would be back and show them how to start it when they were ready to use it. Opal, being the mechanic he was, had it running and at work when the man came back. The tractor engine's flywheel was open at the back with holes in it. You inserted a rod to pull the engine over. It had no crank.

When Opal went to work for the county Charlie Jefferson was working there also. Jim Roberts was a county commissioner.

as well.

In 1929 Opal opened a mechanic shop in the J.C. Wilkerson Chevrolet Building at 5th and Euclid in Friona. He remained there until about 1937 or 38. He owned a wrecker made from a Lincoln automobile coupe by installing poles in the trunk. In 1938 or 39 Opal contracted scarlet fever and sold his shop to a Mr. Wright. The building still stands between the City Body Shop and The Friona Credit Union.

Opal worked for the WPA in 1939-40 hauling gravel and then built a shop building just east

of the older building. Tommie had just returned from the Air Force during the Korean War. Opal remained in the mechanic and parts business until he passed away May 2, 1992.

When Charlie Jones came to Friona he and the boys farmed for a couple of years and then moved to town. He became night watchman for 16 years and was deputy sheriff for several years. He walked the streets for many nights and spent numerous time at the pool hall with his faithful German Shepherd always by his side.

Charlie passed away August 20, 1958. His wife, Eva Holly Jones, born September 19, 1890, passed away September 29, 1992, at 102-years of age.

Eva Lou Jones (daughter of Opal and Ruth Jones) married Floyd L. Rector June 16, 1948 in the Old Congregational Church, which is now the Parmer County Historical Museum.



Charlie Jones and his trusty German Shepherd during his night watchman and deputy sheriff days.



Meet the Class of 2018
Stephanie is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Erika Perez & Omar Maldonado. She has two sisters, Erika and Sharlene. Stephanie likes riding bikes. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is pink.

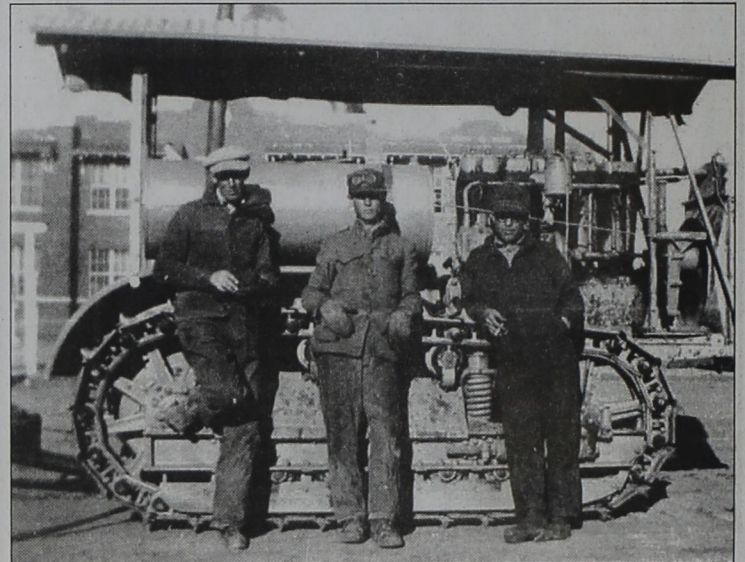
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In 1928, these men used the 60 Caterpillar tractor for road maintenance. They are, l-r, Charlie Jefferson, O.C. Jones, and probably county commissioner Jim Roberts at right.

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- 1 - Lot Flex Hose
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- 1 - Lot Items Too Numerous To List

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Update on Friona Centennial activities

(The following report from librarian Daria Bracken was emailed to the Centennial Committee members and volunteers. We thought we would share it with our readers.)

Hello Everyone!
Hope all is going well for all of you. Just wanted to touch base with all of you about what is going on; (please let me know if you have news also.)

Progress Reports: Chamber of Commerce Banquet March 2, 2006

Centennial Cookbooks: "Recipes to Remember" 1906-2006 Cookbooks are ready! \$10 each available at the Chamber. They are also working on updating the Parmer County Brand Book.

Recently notified that they have been awarded two grants: Bootstraps and Beautification to fund some extra special Centennial Projects. Chris and the Directors have been very busy.

All School Reunion was a great

success. Hope you were all able to attend & enjoy.

Oral Histories: Currently are underway. Wendy Carthel and her daughter Dollie have conducted two sessions here at the library and I know that Bryan Johnston's 7th grade history classes are working on them also. Good job! We are learning a lot. More are scheduled.

Would like to get Business history updates as well—we may have to ask for those through the Chamber. It would really be nice to have them on file should we decide to do a Centennial History Update.

Hispanic History: Do any of you have or know of anything concerning the "Bracero" Program or pictures of our migrant labor camps?

School History: Bill Ellis's book "Friona on Parade" is getting close to being finished. We have order blanks here at the library if you need one. Cost will be approx. \$45 and a \$10 deposit toward that purchase is required so they will have an idea of how many to print. Bill

and Carol have done extensive research for this book.

Service Learning Students are also at work on applying for an historical marker for the school since Friona was the first school in the state of Texas to integrate after the May 17, 1954 Brown vs. the Board of Education Supreme Court Decision that declared the 'separate but equal' unconstitutional.

Several teachers are incorporating the Centennial and local history into their studies, but I am not aware of all of them.

Museum: We had several activities at the museum during the fall including the Culture Fair with Cesar Chavez' granddaughter and the Christmas Tea with Krista. Approximately 500 visited the museum for programs. Chairs and tables have been purchased, lighting installed in the basement with ceiling fans to come; the kitchen is being repaired and painted and the hot water heater installed; dirt work has been done and painting the out-

side is on the agenda.

Websites: Chamber Website ready to publish. Museum website needs a little attention to restore a program; Library website needs an update.

Historical Markers: The replacement Friona Marker has been purchased and ordered. Should be here by Maize Days. Donna Baker has really made the old Syndicate Hotel look great!

Women's Club Marker was installed and dedicated Sept. 11, 2005.

Friona Star: Plans a Centennial Special Edition for Maize Days and is working closely with us on the Centennial Moments and Looking Back Historical Photos Columns.

Old Friona Brochure—not yet located—still have hopes for the Special edition and for the museum.

Quilt display: Connie Slagle has agreed to share some of her Grandmother Whaley's beautiful quilts for a show—more later—she has a wedding to plan. Connie also has a Powerpoint on the friendship quilt she researched that will make a great program.

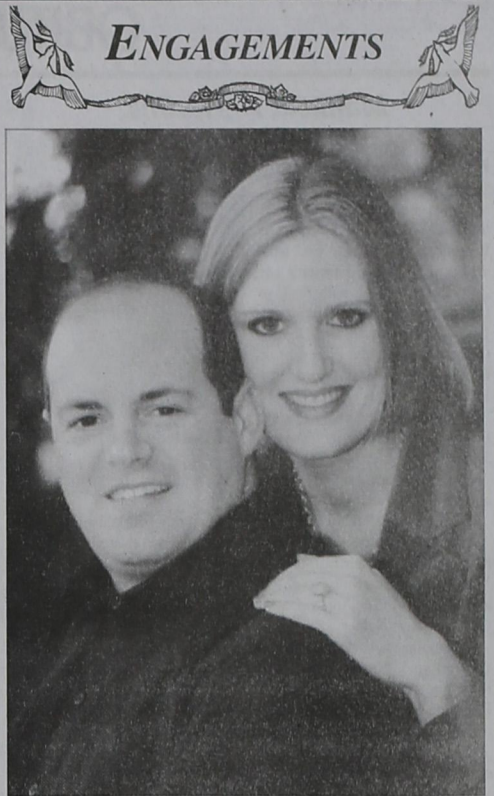
Vintage Photography Show: The library will sponsor this show and from some of the photos I have seen, it should be wonderful. This will be during Maize Days.

Founding Families Displays: The library is sponsoring these each month and we have nearly the entire year scheduled. We have had two wonderful displays—the Otis Edward Massey family and the Rudolph Renner Sr. family. Thanks!

Still would like to have a Storytelling concert in July for the 4th. I have a library friend who has agreed to come.

Longhorn Steer Art Project: Sponsored by the Friona Art Association, the Depot Association, area feedyards and Cargill so far. Mr. Prewitt has just called me and said the steer should be here next week! Area artists plan to paint historical scenes from Friona's history on the steer, which will be placed in the City Park.

That's all for now—let me hear from you...Daria



Reagan McDougall and Sheldon Wayne Burleson
McDougall~Burleson

Greg and Janet Burleson, of Friona, are proud to announce the engagement of their son Sheldon Wayne Burleson, of Aberdeen, Scotland, to Elizabeth Reagan McDougall, of Houston, Texas. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jette and Gregory McDougall of Zachary, Louisiana. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University with B.S. and M.S. degrees in Accounting. She is employed as a CPA for Deloitte & Touche LLP.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Petroleum Engineering and also a graduate of Tulane University with an MBA. He is employed as a Subsurface Engineer for ExxonMobil Production Company.

The wedding is planned for April 15, 2006 in Lajitas, Texas.



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OBITUARIES

Manuela P. Martinez

Rosary services for Manuela P. (Nellie) Martinez, 68, of Bovina, were held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2006 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Funeral mass was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2006 in the Church with Fr. Jose Luis Chavez, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Manuela P. Martinez

Manuela passed away Friday, February 10, 2006, in Canyon, Texas.

She was born January 17, 1938 in Mendoza, Texas to Andres and Emiliana Pena Martinez.

Manuela has left this earth to join her family in heaven.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Ramon Martinez and a sister Emiliana Rodriguez.

She was a longtime Bovina resident and a homemaker. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and belonged to the Guadalupe Society.

Manuela is survived by two daughters, Nina Mendoza of Canyon and Nancy Salas of Olney, Texas; four sisters, Lupe Rodriguez, Lucy Rocha and Justina Uriegas, all of Bovina and Rumalda Robles of Oklahoma; and two brothers, Andres Martinez of Muleshoe, Texas and Johnny Martinez of Amarillo, Texas.

She is also survived by four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nephews, nieces and countless friends.

Nellie will be missed, as she was loved by all who knew her. She never met a stranger and welcomed everyone into her heart and home. The world has lost a wonderful person and Heaven has gained an angel. Who we know will be watching over all of us. May the good Lord bless her as she always blessed us.

Pallbearers were Johnny Martinez, Nicky Rodriguez, Andres Martinez, Ruben Uriegas, Jerry Rocha, and Raymond Rocha. Honorary pallbearers will be Mario Mendoza and Charlie Munoz.

Frances Pearl Young Euler

Frances Pearl Young Euler joined her beloved husband Raymond, daughter Lorri, grandson Jonathan, brothers Ed and Neal, her parents and all others who reside in the perfect paradise of heaven, three days before the date of her birth, Valentine's Day, 1924.



Frances Euler

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, Texas with Rev. Alvin Petty, former pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Euler was born in Sayre, Oklahoma. She resided in Hereford, Texas for many years, moving to Friona after marrying Raymond August Euler, August 11, 1957.

She was a Christian of the highest order, and a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a true "public servant", carrying out her duties without regard to race, gender or anything but fairness to all during her 30 years of service as Justice of the Peace, Parmer County Precinct #1. She served in this office from January 1, 1972 to December 31, 2002.

She leaves behind a son and soulmate, Bron; a loving and loved nephew, Kristofer; son-in-law Bill and wife Cathy; and numerous friends, including special friends Virginia Cursinger and Ruby Hassenpflug.

She is also survived by her beloved sisters-in-law Betty Young, Marie Axelson, and Gertrude Bigelow; nieces and nephews Kim, Janet, Bryan, Mark, Shelly, Janet, Lisa, Lars, Alice and Mark.

May God rest her precious soul.

Margie L. Mars Fallwell

Margie L. Mars Fallwell, 81, of Friona, Texas, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2006 in Clovis, New Mexico. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 17, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor of the Friona United Methodist Church, Rev. Mark Stovall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Don Kimbrough of Friona officiating. Burial will be in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Margie L. Mars Fallwell

Mrs. Fallwell was born January 10, 1925 in Kress, Texas to James Quillan and Gladys Myrtle Holt Mars. She lived in Friona since 1941 moving from Lazbuddie, Texas. She married Artis Fallwell, August 16, 1945 in Clovis, New Mexico. He died September 28, 1989.

Mrs. Fallwell worked as a dental assistant to Dr. Shackelford for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Rebecca Lodge.

Mrs. Fallwell was preceded in death by a brother, Marston "Johnny" Mars, August 11, 1980.

Mrs. Fallwell is survived by a son Michael Fallwell of Dexter, New Mexico; two daughters, Rhonda Field of Friona, and Connie Kelly of Clovis; one sister, Willa White of Corpus Christi, Texas; seven grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Bobbie Kay Nuttall

Bobbie Kay Nuttall, 63 passed away Monday, February 13, 2006, in Littlefield. Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Amherst with Rev. Mike Butts, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Poe Prairie Cemetery near Weatherford by Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mrs. Nuttall was born February 9, 1943, in Amherst. She married Lee Roy Nuttall on December 21, 1973, in Red River, N.M.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Shonda Black of Muleshoe; a son, Wade Nuttall of Lubbock; her mother, Odie May Gregory of Earth; a sister, June Parish of Earth; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Amherst Fire Department or Memorial Fund of First Baptist Church of Amherst.

Leighavanna Maria De La Cruz

Leighavanna Maria De La Cruz, 9 months, of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, passed away February 2, 2006 at Ft. Campbell. Mass of Angels was held at 1 p.m. on February 10, 2006 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, Texas with Father Jose Luis Chavez officiating. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona, Texas.

Leighavanna is survived by her mother Xochitl Bernice De La Cruz of Ft. Campbell; and her grandparents David and Estela Guevara of Bovina.

Rev. Don McNerlin

The Rev. Shannon Don McNerlin, 72, died Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in Nocona, Texas.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 10, at First United Methodist Church in Nocona with Rev. Larry Kruger officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ryan Strebeck. Burial was Saturday in Monahans Cemetery. Arrangements were by Scott Morris Funeral Home.

Mr. McNerlin was born January 25, 1934, in Spur to Willar Britton McNerlin and Willie Mae Cowan. He pastored churches in Logan, NM, Santa Rosa, NM, Tatum, NM, Nara Visa, NM, and Bovina, TX.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Elizabeth McNerlin; a son, Allen Britt McNerlin of Detroit; three sisters, Billie Clarke of Columbia, Mo., Athelda Courtney of Del Rio, and Gail Udem of Brookshire; a brother, Randy McNerlin of Phoenix; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Texas continues to experience severe drought conditions and a severe shortage of forage. The authorization of emergency CRP haying and

grazing will provide forage for livestock and help producers in areas most severely impacted by these drought conditions reducing the potential need to liquidate herds.

Emergency haying of CRP is authorized until May 1, 2006 and emergency grazing is authorized until June 1, 2006. Producers must file a request to hay or graze CRP acreage and visit the Natural Re-

sources Conservation Service to obtain a modified conservation plan prior to haying or grazing the acreage.

CRP annual rental payments will be reduced 25 percent times the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times the per acre annual rental payment. Other restrictions and limitations also apply.

CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may

rent or lease the haying and grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer located in an approved county.

In light of recent weather patterns, it is imperative that USDA offer the Emergency CRP haying and grazing program to Texas producers. Availability of forage is literally a matter of survival in the unpredictable and often unforgiving agriculture industry.

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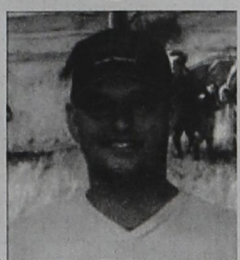
Hi-Pro Feeds expands sales team

Dr. Randy Robbins, Hi-Pro's manager of business development, has announced two new sales representatives that have joined the company.

Laura Odens joined the Hi-Pro Dairy Division as a technical sales representative and will assume a new sales territory in southern New Mexico. She will be based in the Roswell area. Odens holds a BS degree in animal science from Washington State University and is currently completing an MS in dairy science from the University of Arizona.

Robbins said Ms. Odens grew up in the dairy industry in Washington and has a special interest in calf and heifer management. "We're glad to welcome Laura to the Hi-Pro team. Her rich background in the dairy industry plus her academic knowledge will make her a valuable asset to our dairy customers," Robbins said.

Blake Williamson has also joined



Blake Williamson

Hi-Pro Feeds as a sales representative in the dealer-rancher division. Williamson holds a BS degree from West Texas A&M University and worked in the feed industry prior to coming on board with Hi-Pro.

Dr. Robbins said, "Blake will be a great member of the Hi-Pro team. He brings a broad area of expertise in animal nutrition, feed formulation, and product development as well as practical experience with cattle and horses."

Hi-Pro Feeds, a division of Friona Industries, L.P., has been a mainstay in the Southwest, filling the needs of livestock owners for quality feed, and it was one of the first companies in the High Plains to provide customers with a complete nutritional advisory staff. Quality, value and service have been the hallmarks of the company for over 35 years and its state-of-the-art equipment and strict adherence to milling quality ensure consistency in every pound of Hi-Pro Feed.

For information or to locate a dealer near you, visit the web site at www.hiprofeeds.com or call 800-447-7620.

Ft. Worth stock show results

According to the Parmer County Extension office, Parmer County was well represented at the 2006 Ft. Worth Stock Show. Results were:

Swine: Colton Christian, 2nd class 1 hamp; Levi McCormick, 2nd class 1 duroc; Ryan DeLeon, 3rd class 1 york; Chase Mitchell, 4th class 4 hamp; Caleb Christian, 5th class 1 cross.

Also, Abby Johnson, 5th

class 3 cross; Jennifer DeLeon 6th class 6 cross; Jill Johnson, 7th class 1 chester; Caitlyn Stancell, 8th class 4 duroc; Taylor Stancell, 8th class 3B OPB; Emily Stancell, 12th class 4 cross.

Steers: Hayden Hadley, 6th class 10 cross. Other 4-H'ers exhibiting at Ft. Worth were

Dalton Cockerham, Drew Johnson, Bretton Stancell, and Zacarey Stancell.

Hereford Cotton conference Monday

The Hereford Cotton Conference, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, will be held at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C, on Monday, February 20. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$5 registration fee, which will cover materials and lunch.

The program will feature speakers and topics related to cotton production, marketing, policy, quality, and maturity issues.

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PCG releases 2006 seed cost calculator; Grower choices span 140 varieties

Friday, February 10, 2006 By Shawn Wade

An updated version of Plains Cotton Growers' popular Seed Cost Calculator is now available for the 2006-growing season. Growers can download the calculator at www.plainscotton.org.

The 2006 version includes 140 conventional, Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready FLEX, Liberty Link, Bollgard and Bollgard II, Widestrike and numerous stacked gene versions of these technologies. A total of 12 brands of cotton planting seed, from nine companies, have been identified as available for sale in West Texas in 2006. Should information on additional varieties become available, an update to the spreadsheet will be developed and posted on PCG's website.

At 140, the list of varieties available in the West Texas market in 2006 is some 40 percent higher than the number of choices growers had in 2005. The obvious contributor to the jump has been the launch of new Roundup Ready FLEX and Roundup Ready FLEX stacked varieties in 2006.

Producers interested in downloading and using the new calculator can get a copy from the PCG website (www.plainscotton.org). The PCG calculator is an interactive Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that allows producers to calculate an estimated cost per acre for both seed and technology, based on published suggested retail prices.

The web page also includes links to the free program Open Office. Open Office can open and run Microsoft Excel spreadsheets for users that do not have Microsoft Excel on their computers.

The PCG calculator contains all of the functionality it had in 2005, including the ability for a grower to select up to nine varieties, from the list companies say will be available in the West Texas market in 2006, and compare them side by side.

The calculator also gives growers the ability to see how various seed and technology combinations compare on a per-acre cost basis using their own target seeding rate expressed in plants per acre or calculated as a function of row width and number of seed planted per foot of row.

The PCG spreadsheet will also show how much of a grower's per-acre cost is attributable to the cost of seed and technology, respectively, and the amount of change that occurred from 2005 levels.

PCG's 2006 Seed Cost Calculator will also show the effect of Monsanto's 2005 and 2006 Cap Cost Program for its technology products. The Cap Cost program puts an upper limit on the per acre technology cost of Monsanto traits when the seeding rate exceed approximately 56,000 seed per acre.

Additionally, the calculator includes separate worksheets that group varieties by type (Conventional; Roundup Ready & Liberty Link; Roundup Ready FLEX; Roundup Ready FLEX with Bollgard II or Widestrike stacked; Bollgard/Bollgard II, Roundup Ready with Bollgard/Bollgard II technology, and Roundup Ready with Widestrike technology).

Also included with this year's calculator is a brief description of the various Replant and/or Crop Destruct programs that are being offered to growers by seed companies in 2006.

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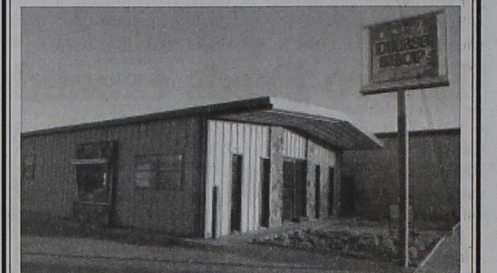
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 55567L006

APPLICATION SRJ Development I, LTD, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 55567L006, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant. The applicant has provided the following directions to the site: From Friona go south 0.4 miles on Ranch to Market Road 214, then go east on Ranch to Market Road 2397 for 4.75 miles, travel south on County Road 22 for 0.8 miles to the site located on the east side of County Road 22 at the Carthel South Dairy, Friona, Parmer County Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 2, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Friona Public Library, 109 West 7th Street, Friona, Parmer County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number; if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from SRJ Development I, LTD, 419 West Commercial Street, Portales, New Mexico 88130 or by calling Mr. Chris Zeisloft, Enviro-Ag, Engineering, Inc. at (806) 353-6123.

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Nail wagons, maintainers, and dirt

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Lots of little boys have dreamed of growing up and driving the big dirt moving equipment they see on television. The Precinct One County Commissioner and the men who work under him get to do just that every day.

The goal for this reporter last Thursday, February 9, was to interview those men.

At 7 a.m. I began my day at the Precinct One county barn with Commissioner Kirk Frye, Wayne Stone, Daniel Hoon and Malcolm Carthel and found them drinking coffee and planning out their day.

The initial plan was for Hoon to run the 1967 Chevy magnet truck, "the nail wagon", over the county roads around Flippin Lake (I wasn't sure where Flippin Lake was) while Stone and Carthel were going to water and maintain the caliche roads around the county.

While waiting for the nail wagon to warm up Frye explained that the county has a

deal with Caterpillar for a 5-year buy back program which keeps the equipment up to date and in good condition.

He was also proud of the fact that Precinct One has been under budget since he came into office, even with the soaring costs of diesel.

According to the guys at the county barn the nail wagon was probably the most boring job they had to do and they trade off driving it.

But Hoon makes the best of it. He listens to music, enjoys the wildlife and picks up all the larger pieces of trash in the bar ditches as the truck runs down the road at a fast pace of 2 1/2 to 3 miles per hour.

Hoon is originally from Dayton, Washington. He has three children Jacob, a 2005 FHS graduate now living in Bozeman, Montana, Nathan, a junior at FHS, and Megan, a freshman at FHS. He has been with the county for almost 2 years.

Today Hoon's first order of business is to stop at the County dump and drop all the old tires and hunks of sheet metal.

The dump is located off of South Hwy 214 under the bridge on FM 2397 and is open Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 for the public. There is a \$10 charge to dump. Robert Saiz has run the dump for the county since August of 2005. Everyone in the county is reminded we are under a burn ban and to dump your trash both big and small at the County dump instead of dumping it in the bar ditches or burning it.

Hoon then headed east on FM 2397 to County Road 19 leading around Flippin Lake. He lowered the magnet to about 2 or 3 inches above the ground. Once he turned on the magnet you could hear the nails, bolts and broken pieces of wire fences clanging against the bottom of the magnet.

As we drove he explained that moisture is the key to building roads and maintaining them. With our current situation of drought in the county they must wait until the rains come before rebuilding and resurfacing the dirt roads. When there is moisture they go in and drag dirt from the bar ditches to the middle of the roads and they do this until the road is packed and ready for traffic.

After a mile or so, Hoon placed a canvas under the magnet. He then turned it off and the debris it had collected fell onto the canvas. He then dumped it in the truck and started all over for the next mile.

The county has a total of 239 miles of dirt and caliche roads and only two paved roads to maintain. While they are maintaining the roads they have to be careful of gas, electric and water lines that are buried.

When it snows they take their maintainers to the hospital, nursing home and schools to drag the snow so the citizens of Friona have a safe place to park.

Frye picked me up after an hour or so to take me over to meet Carthel in the water truck.

We continued our interview. Frye was elected to the commissioners job 6 years ago and is in his second term. Kirk is married to Annette and they have three children Kandace, Miranda and Kirby. "I work for the people of Parmer County," said Frye.

Being a commissioner is more than a title. On Mondays he attends Commissioner's Court in Farwell. The commissioners determine the budget for the County and many other issues. As Precinct One commissioner Frye must follow the budget and make sure the work gets done in his precinct.

Not only do they run the magnet truck but they water the caliche roads and grade them so they don't blow away on the windier days here in the Panhandle. They only water the caliche roads because water is precious and must be used sparingly.

"We have a dump, please use it," said Frye referring to unwarranted dumping in the bar ditches around the county. "We need to keep our county clean."

My next stop was County Road 21 that runs by the FHS Ag barn. Carthel is watering the road so Stone can run the maintainer over it.

Carthel is married to Terri and they have two grown children, son Tracy and daughter Kim.

Stone has been with the county for almost 22 years and serves as the foreman. He is married to Mary and they also have two grown children, son Charlie and daughter Sunshine. According to his co-workers he is the best maintainer driver

there is.

Carthel went to the old county barn building on Columbia Street to refill the tanker for the next road assignment. He filled me in on his work history and his life in the Friona area. He is a jack-of-all-trades. He has flown spray planes, driven cattle trucks and fertilizer trucks, and since August of 2005 he has been with the county running maintainers, backhoes, water trucks and the magnet truck.

Frye came across the radio and changed our assignment. We were sent out to help the fire department with a grass fire northwest of Friona.

We hurried around and got out to the fire with the fully

loaded truck. Frye has an understanding with the fire department that if there is a fire and they need the water tanker they can use it.

Frye also sent Stone on the maintainer to the fire to start building fire lines. After dropping off the water truck, Carthel headed back to town and got one of the other maintainers to help out.

Elsewhere in the county Hoon saw the smoke from the fire and hurried back to the barn to get the third maintainer and drove to the fire scene to help.

So the next time you see one of the guys along the road stop and tell them what a good job they are doing.



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Malcolm Carthel fills up the County water tanker.



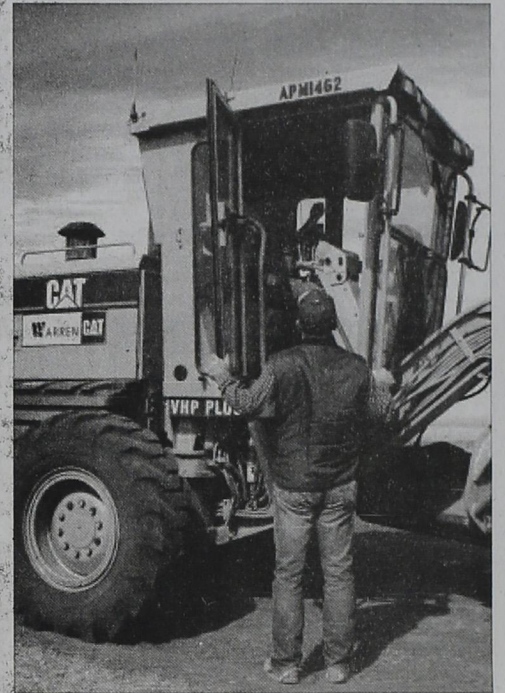
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Precinct 1 County employees, l-r, Malcolm Carthel, Wayne Stone, Commissioner Kirk Frye, & Daniel Hoon.




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Daniel Hoon is loading the "nail wagon" with trash and debris from the bar ditches around Flippin Lake.




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Kirk Frye talks to Wayne Stone at the grass fire Thursday, February 9.



Matt Myrick was one of our very dear friends. I am so honored to know his wife Christy and their 4 beautiful kids. So In their honor, starting Friday we will be donating \$1.00 from every "4-napkin" hamburger that we sell. Please come by & enjoy a hamburger & help us help her and the kids.

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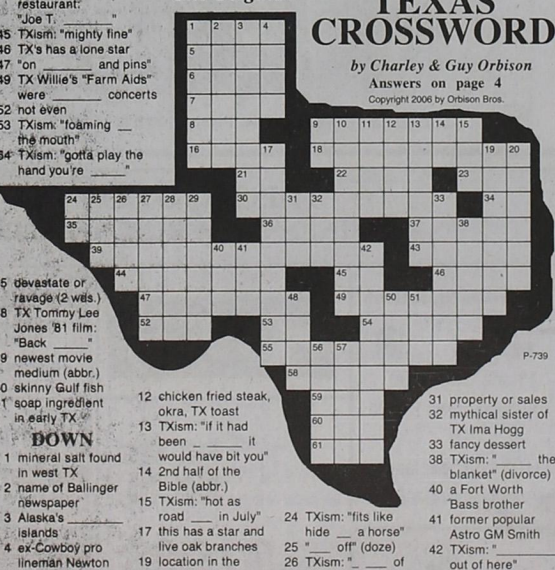
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- 37 in Limestone Co. on hwy. 14
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- 43 this TX Joseph invented the ice cream soda
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- 20 this Dick announced Cowboy '93 Super Bowl victory
- 24 TXism: "fits like hide ___ a horse"
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- 27 in Milam Co. on 79
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- 32 mythical sister of TX Ima Hogg
- 33 fancy dessert
- 38 TXism: "___ the blanket" (divorce)
- 40 a Fort Worth Bass brother
- 41 former popular Astro GM Smith
- 42 TXism: "___ out of here"
- 48 "Lone ___ State"
- 50 "untouchable" Elliot
- 51 TXism: "table graze"
- 56 sing in Swiss?
- 57 curly hair?

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
Answers on page 4
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The Calvary Baptist Church's annual winter banquet served 170 people. The theme was a Hawaiian luau and entertainment was by the Top of Texas Quartet. The church thanks everyone who came out for the fellowship and support.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Lessons from rivers #2

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Following Jesus will not be like a river flowing, taking the path of least resistance. Many obstacles will be thrown in our path by Satan if we follow Jesus. We must overcome them if we are to remain on course. Those obstacles will be both internal and external.

James tells us that our own lusts will give us problems. He said, "...each one of us is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed." (1:14)

Paul encouraged the disciples on his first missionary journey to "continue in the faith," and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God." (Acts. 14:21-22)

The same is still true today for those who want to follow Christ. If we want to follow Christ, we must keep our eyes on Jesus and walk where he walks and we need to be wary of the dangers along the trail. The next article will look at some of the Bible examples of those who followed crooked paths.

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

The squirrel may be in the house, but you don't have to let him nest

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

It was Christmas 1996, and we were returning from a trip to Little Rock. It was great to get home, up to and excluding the exact moment we discovered evidence that a varmint, with considerable climbing capabilities, had been loose inside the house while we were gone.

Actually, "we" didn't discover

the evidence. I am decoratively impaired and noticed absolutely nothing. However, it did not take long for my wife, Beverly, to find some strategically placed mouse memos on the bedspreads and other household items, such as sofas, pianos, chairs, clothing, and towels, which are important to hygienically advanced females. I inspected the memos and other surprises—chewed miniblinds, scattered jewelry, and dislodged Rocky and Bullwinkle tapes—

only to conclude this was not the handiwork of an ordinary mouse, unless his first name was Mighty. I suggested it was a squirrel and headed for the comfort and sanctuary of my recliner (my natural habitat) to watch the movie *Apollo 13*.

Several minutes passed, and my solitude was interrupted by my daughter's cry of "Mom, a squirrel!" After I realized Meredith was not referring to David, her brother, I went to investigate. (When I had time to think about it later, I was much disturbed by the fact that in her greatest hour of fear and terror my daughter cried, "Mom, a squirrel!" instead of, "Dad-the-great-protector-of-my-family, a squirrel!") When I arrived, the squirrel was sitting in the doorway to the living room, minding his own business...until the scream.

Never surprise a squirrel. You have not lived until you have stood in the hallway of your own home and witnessed the launching of a startled squirrel. He covered the ground between the doorway and the fireplace in 1.3 seconds. Having just innocently left *Apollo 13*, my response was, "Houston, we have squirrels!"

Until that moment, the closest

I had ever come to an animal in the house (with the exception of a particularly questionable tuna casserole) had been a possum in the basement. (This is not to be confused with the awkward-sounding but somewhat tasty pig in the blanket.) While our son, David, armed only with a flashlight, kept up a vigilant watch on the squirrel patrol, we found some sticks and plugged the hole. We believe he eventually made his way out of the chimney (the squirrel, not David).

A similar experience happens to Christians. The "squirrels" in our lives hit us when we least expect them. They sneak in, rummage around, and before we realize it, gain control of our lives and lead us away from the priorities of God, family, and friends. It may be a job that is squirreling away our time from our family or a money problem driving us nuts.

We may not know how the squirrel got in, but it doesn't take us long to realize we cannot remove it without God's help. For our own squirrel, we must arm ourselves with prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with God. We won't keep out all the squirrels, but they won't stand a chance of taking up residence.



New Arrivals

Bria Joy Ferris

Bria Joy Ferris

Gabe and Kayla Ferris, of Dalhart, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Bria Joy Ferris, on January 29, 2006 at 7:58 a.m. at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Bria weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long. Her grandparents are Criss and Karen Wyly of Friona, Texas and Scott and Donna Ferris of Dalhart.

Bria's great-grandparents are James and Lydia Wyly of Friona and Clarence and Joy Holmes of Amarillo, Texas.

Thoughts from the Pastor...

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14)

It's hard to believe that within a few weeks we will enter into the Seasons of lent. Now, when we talk about the Seasons of Lent, I'm sure some of you out there are thinking..."Lent...what in the world is he talking about?"

Well, to begin with I'm not talking about the Kid Zone project where we asked you to bring us your lent from the dryer. That's not what I'm talking about and PLEASE, DO NOT bring us your dryer lent.

The Season of Lent is a forty-day period where we focus in on the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It truly is the story of God being intentional in proclaiming His love for you and me.

We begin this Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday developed as a day of penitence. This is a time for putting aside the sins and failures of the past in the light of who we are yet to become by the Grace of God. In many ways, it is a time for new beginnings in the faith. It is a time for growing through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting and concentration upon our baptismal covenant.

Now, please hear me! Lent is not about "giving up something" but rather "taking upon ourselves" the intention and the receptivity of God's grace so that we may worthily participate in the mystery of God-with-us.

In remembering the mystery of our redemption in Christ through the seasons of Lent and Easter, we are formed in the pattern of his death, and resurrection and his life-giving Spirit...so that...we might become...signs of God's Kingdom in this world.

The Seasons of Lent gives meaning and depth to our walk with God. May your walk with God be refreshed and strengthened as we journey through the Seasons of Lent.

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JUDGING ALL MEN

THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, OR JUDGE, GOES BACK TO THE TIME OF MOSES. ON THE ADVICE OF HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, JETHRO, MOSES ORGANIZED THE JUDICIARY OF ISRAEL--AND ONLY IN MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE DID MOSES MAKE DECISIONS. TRIBAL HEADS WERE KNOWN AS PRINCES AND ELDERS WHO POSSESSED CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY. IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM THAT HE ORGANIZED MOSES INCLUDED THESE OFFICIALS AND THEY RETAINED UNDER NEW REGULATIONS, THEIR HEREDITARY FUNCTION OF JUDGING (DEUT. 1:16-17) BEFORE HIS DEATH MOSES GAVE DIRECTIONS THAT THE ISRAELITES, ON SETTLING IN CANAAN, SHOULD APPOINT JUDGES AND OFFICERS IN ALL THEIR TOWNS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO REFER MATTERS TOO DIFFICULT FOR THESE MAGISTRATES TO THE PRIESTS. THIS BECAME A TRADITIONAL CUSTOM, AND WAS USED BY SAMUEL IN LATER YEARS WHEN HE BECAME TOO OLD TO JUDGE AND HE MADE HIS OWN SONS JUDGES OVER ISRAEL (1 SAM. 8:1)

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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)

Early City Fathers also faced a tough job

edited by Darla Bracken, fridarla19@yahoo.com
 "Friona Ordinances Chart City's Growth From the Beginning"
 reprinted from Friona Star 50th Birthday edition Sept. 20, 1956

It all began on March 19, 1928—the record of city laws for Friona, and since that time the list of ordinances has grown to a mammoth total of 290 says Elda Hart, employee in the city office. The election held on the above date, incorporated Friona by a vote of 65 for and 34 against.

John W. White (grandfather of John Fred White), the first mayor of the city, received 34 votes to place him in the office that gave him one of the most difficult jobs he had ever tried to do. Working with him to get Friona on the right foot as a city, were two commissioners, J. A. Blackwell and Jesse M. Osborn. [John White was a 20 year resident at the time of his election. He had also served as first editor of the Friona Star since 1925 and would also serve as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.] White, who is still interested in the progress of the town, and a big

booster in civic affairs, says the first year was tough. The townspeople wanted things done for betterment of the city and the town of Friona had no money [yet].

Laying down the law
 A complete history of the laws that govern the city of Friona would be too lengthy and the following notes contain only the early ordinances that were passed when Friona was in its infancy.

The first ordinance to be entered on the books involved the problem of sanitation. Adopted May 1, 1928, not even two months after incorporation, the law was for the regulation and cleanliness of outside toilets, with the specific reference that the buildings must be fly-proof.

In 1928, traffic problems existed just as they do today, and the second law on the books was to establish a speed limit (20 miles per hour) and to regulate the driv-

ing of tractors on Main Street, and also to establish curb parking.

When the officials passed a law to regulate and suppress hog raising or keeping [of hogs] within the city limits, they were specific on what the property owner could do. The ordinance states: "no hogs in blocks 62, 63, 76, 77, 82 and 83—one to keep more than one hog to the city lot in any other block, all lots of pens must contain not less than 600 square feet of space for each hog confined therein." (and fly-proof, right?)

The fifth law pertaining to Frionans declared it unlawful for a person to be intoxicated on the streets of the city or in any public place. A twin ordinance to the one above forbade fighting within the city limits.

It was declared unlawful to allow any kind of domestic animal to run at-large within the city limits meaning horses, mules, burros,

cattle, hogs, sheep, etc. [no more cattle drives through town].

More or less taken for granted now was the rule that all poles used for support of wires for public utilities should be placed along the alleys or streets other than Main Street.

More improvements, more progress

Progress continued and the next franchise to better living conditions was the grant to West Texas Co. to establish natural gas for lights, heat and power. Following on the heels of this franchise was an ordinance letting the contract for the construction of the waterworks.

Eleventh ordinance was the confirming contract between the city and Sanitary Appliance Co. providing for the purchase of certain sanitary sewer equipment.

All of the above laws were passed in the very beginning of Friona City government. Then in June of 1928, one of the most important grants for the comfort of the citizens was made. It was the initial agreement with the Texas Utilities Commission to construct, maintain and operate an electric lighting and power plant, furnishing electric lights power to the public.

In February 1930, a regulation governing the gas piping appliances, fixtures and apparatus in all buildings and structures of gas consumers, and the installation, construction, adjustment and repair thereof, provided for bonds to be given by those who do such work providing for permits and penalties.

In June of that year the placing of toilets and cesspools in the streets or alleys was prohibited with a fine set, and "each day said toilet or cesspool remains in alley is separated offense." Ordinance 14 provided for the application and

license of Master Plumbers, fix fees and defining duties.

The fire zone was established in the corporate limits of the city, fixing its bounds, and providing a penalty for the violation of same and fee for issuing building permits therein in 1931. In August, the issuance of bonds for the principal sum of \$41,500 bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the purpose of paying off, canceling and in lieu of a like amount of indebtedness outstanding against said city, was authorized. It provided for the levy of a tax on the \$100 valuation of all taxable property within the city limits.

Entertainment Tax?

A tax was placed on coin vending machines, shows, tent shows, travel theaters, musical exhibitions, truck peddlers, foot peddlers, public dances, pool halls and a poll tax in 1933. Too, the office of fire marshal was created. Rules and regulations concerning the practice and procedure of corporation court were made and double parking on any street was prohibited with a law against parking of trucks or any other vehicle longer than 20 feet, on Main Street.

The 21st ordinance provided for the reward, arrest and conviction of any party found guilty of arson in Friona. The town then promised to give highway for the state department to build Highway 33 through town. City fathers prohibited the riding of bicycles on sidewalks in Friona in 1936.

From that time, the number of laws appearing on the books to govern Friona, have increased as rapidly as the situation arise to demand the regulations; but none show the growth and the demands quite so much as the first early laws that are recorded here.

Citizens prepared for 50th Anniversary

Beginning today [September 20, 1956] Friona is celebrating her 50th birthday. So many things have been done to improve the appearance of the city in the past few weeks. In the downtown business section some decorating has been done, windows have been washed, and a general clean up job has been done by several firms.

In the residential section, weeds have been cut, unsightly objects have been moved and a lot of cleaning up has been done. If the work that has been done is any indication of the spirit of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, it should be a wonderful success.

A number of persons who have not been here for many years have indicated that they plan to be on hand for the parade this afternoon and for the festivities which will follow. The only way for those of us who have not been here very long to appreciate the improvements that have been made is to compare what the people who lived here years ago had, to what is here now.

The absence of trees is noticeable in almost all the old pictures that have been brought to the Star office. Some of the homes we have looked at that are beautifully landscaped now were just houses with windmills nearby not too many years ago, [only one old windmill remains in the city limits, do you know where it is?]

NOTE: Thanks to those of you who contacted me with personal remembrances about blacks attending Friona schools earlier than the fall of 1954. This information will be included in the application for the marker. DB



Friona's Main Street in the late 40's early 50's



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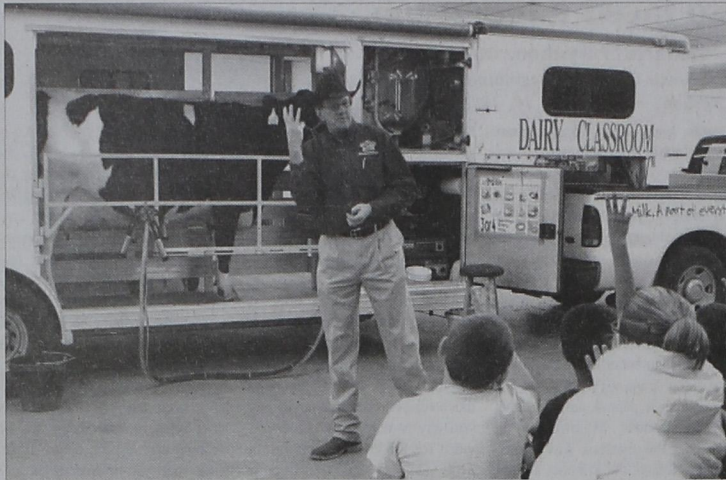
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Ag in the Classroom

Thursday, February 9



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Mike Reed of the Southwest Dairy Association entertains the 4th graders during Ag in the Classroom Day sponsored by Parmer County Farm Bureau. County Extension agent Suzanne Reese talked to the students about personal health and hygiene. The kids were from fourth grades in Lazbuddie, Bovina, and Friona.



ron carr photo

A surprise Valentine limo ride was enjoyed by, l-r, Diane White, Mary Beth Wylly, Britny Pope, and Belinda Gatlin. The ladies went on a scavenger hunt via limo and were treated later to a candlelight dinner, all arranged by their husbands. The limo driver is Sergio Correa, owner of The Picture Limo Service in Hereford.

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 Tree Maintenance, Yucca Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: Goober McCool's
 11 a.m. Source and Age Verification of Beef Cattle, Yucca Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: Farm Bureau
 Antique Tractor Parade, Midway • Sponsored by: PNM
 Art Quilt Demonstration, Women's Building • Sponsored by: Western Bank
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Chuck Wagon Lunch, Sheep Barn • Sponsored by: Sunland Peanuts
 1 p.m. New Mexico Cattle Growers, Cacahuete Room, JLCC
 Repairing Antique Quilts, Women's Building • Sponsored by: Western Bank
 1:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Games • Sponsored by: PNM
 Herbicide and Chemical Update, Yucca Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: CIDC and Curry County Chamber of Commerce
 2 p.m. Horse Demonstration • Sponsored by: Joe's Boot Shop
 Cooking School: No Mess, No Fuss Meals, Cacahuete Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: Roosevelt County Electric
 2:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Parade, Midway • Sponsored: PNM
 Using Reproduction Records to Assess Management, Yucca Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: AccessBank
 5 p.m. Expo closes for the day

Wednesday, Feb. 22
 9 a.m. Expo and Exhibits open
 10 p.m. Working Stock Dog Demonstration • Sponsored by: Desert Bloom Realty
 Antique Tractor Games • Sponsored by: PNM
 11 a.m. Antique Tractor Parade, Midway • Sponsored by: PNM
 Biofuels and Energy Cost Outlook, Yucca Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: Xcel Energy
 noon. DFA Dairymen's Lunch, Cacahuete Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: DFA
 12:45 p.m. What's Ahead in Milk Prices for 2006, Cacahuete Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: Southwest Cheese and DFA
 1 p.m. Country Fashion/Music Festival, Women's Building • Sponsored by: Buena Vista Realty
 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Regulations Update, Cacahuete Room, JLCC • Sponsored by: Bill Johnston Auctioneers
 Working Stock Dog Demonstration • Sponsored by: Desert Bloom Realty
 2:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Parade, Midway • Sponsored by: PNM
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