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Friona students plan historical marker dedication

The historical marker declaring that Friona was the first school in Texas to integrate will be officially dedicated on Thursday, February 8. The ceremony will be held at the Friona Elementary School, near the site of the original school Robert, Jimmy and Ray Walker attended. Everyone is invited to the dedication at 2 p.m. and the reception immediately following at the Parmer County Museum.

Pedro Ramos, former Friona student, now at West Texas A&M University, who conceived the idea to apply for the marker, will explain its importance to the U.S. and Texas history and to all who have received an "equal education" in Friona since then. The families of the Walkers and Superintendent Dalton Caffey have

been invited as very special guests.

Activities will be held throughout the day for elementary and high school students to commemorate the day and continue the significance of embracing diversity. A steering committee led by FCCLA members, Isabel Romero, Jordan Carr, Emily Allen, Hannah Carthel, Teresa Ramos, and Apryl Escobedo have worked with other Family and Consumer Science students and Friona school administrators, Jim Parker, Kenny Austin, Becky Riethmayer, and Denver Crum, to plan the day. Community partners who are also involved include, Wendy Carthel, Parmer County Museum; Darla Bracken, Friona Library; and Gladys Spring, Parmer County Historical Commission.



courtesy photo

FCCLA steering committee members planning the historical marker dedication activities are, left to right, Isabel Romero, Jordan Carr, Emily Allen, Hannah Carthel, Apryl Escobedo, and Teresa Ramos.

FHS choir selling singing valentines

The Friona High School choir is once again selling singing valentines to any and everyone in Friona! Valentine's Day is Wednesday February 14.

Sales began Monday January 29. The cost is only \$10 for each valentine. "There are 11 different groups this year with fun songs to entertain and impress your loved one," said choir director Allison Johnston.

Proceeds from the singing valentines will help the choir raise money for their spring trip to South Padre Island in May. Singing valentines can be ordered and purchased from any choir member or contact Allison Johnston at Friona High School.

The groups of choir members will go to your loved one's location, home or business, sing a selection of valentine songs

and leave a valentine goody. Book early. Mrs. Johnston can be reached at the high school, 250-3951, or by email at ajohnsto@frionaisd.com.

Attention all FHS basketball fans

Friday February 2 is the final home game this season for the Chieftains and Squaws. It will be senior parents night, honoring the parents of our senior basketball players and cheerleaders.

Coach Bob Ferguson advises that the presentation of the seniors and parents will be held at 5:45 p.m., before the start of the Squaws game.

FEDC seeks local property information

The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) is a member of High Ground of Texas, a consortium of economic development groups throughout the Texas

Panhandle. The purpose is to attract businesses to the Panhandle.

The High Ground of Texas has developed a database for its members, which is then made available

to all prospective businesses that might want to locate in the Panhandle. A part of that database is information on available commercial, office, or industrial property.

Chris Alexander, Chamber of Commerce director and FEDC board member, is asking property owners in Friona and the area to furnish details about available buildings to feed into the High Ground database. A range of information is requested such as location, contact person, square feet, rental rate, rail access, ceiling height, parking, etc.

Alexander said this is not an attempt in any way to list and/or sell local property. The FEDC does not buy and sell real estate. The

purpose is to provide information only to potential new businesses.

A detailed form to list property information is available by contacting Betty or Chris at 250-3491 or email to fede@wrt.net. They very much would like to include all available area property in the database. Your cooperation will be important and appreciated.

For more information check out these websites: frionachamber.com or highground.org.

Seliger files bill to end TAKS testing

State Senator Kel Seliger filed Senate Bill 379 to eliminate the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test at the high school level and replace it with end-of-course exams based on the recommended curriculum. "I believe that too much classroom time is devoted to preparing for and taking the TAKS test. This is both an ineffective measure of what Texas students should be learning at each grade level and an ineffective accountability system for educators," said Seliger.

Seliger recognizes that valuable classroom time is wasted reviewing previous grade levels and course material, and too much emphasis is placed on test taking techniques. He considers this stressful for both

teachers and students and believes it takes away from time that could be spent focusing on course curriculum.

Senate Bill 379 represents an attempt to move away from high-stakes testing and eliminate the undue focus on TAKS preparation. It requires an end-of-course exam to be administered in each course at the high school level in each of the four core subjects: math, science, social studies and English. Each exam would count for a portion of the student's overall course grade, to be determined by the district, and a cumulative mastery of each subject qualifies students for graduation in place of an exit exam.

For purposes of graduation, a passing grade would be required

for each subject as determined by averaging exam scores "from the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Exams given in the senior year would only count toward the student's course grades for that level.

"I am encouraged by the positive feedback I have received from the education community on this framework, and I look forward to working with Senate Education Chair Florence Shapiro to replace our current system with one that incentivizes both teachers and students and produces an environment in which learning can thrive. She has led the process in developing a system that is better for schools, students and teachers," Seliger said.



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Patricia Phipps, deputy city secretary, has completed certification through the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification program.

Patricia Phipps completes municipal clerk certification

After three years of attending two-day seminars and completing 200 hours of individual study over a four-course curriculum, Patricia Phipps graduated from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification program on January 18, 2007.

Patricia is deputy city secretary for the City of Friona and is a 24-year employee of the city. During completion of the course she attended the eight two-day seminars in locations like Austin, Tyler, Denton, and Dallas. The curriculum included selected texts and a number of special readings on the topics of public administration, election law, budgeting and finance, municipal law, and personnel management.

The Texas Municipal Clerks Certification program, located at the University of North Texas in Denton, is a university-level program for city clerks and city secretaries in Texas. The program is the third oldest of thirty-three such programs in the country.

"Texas Registered Municipal Clerks are recognized for their achievements and contributions to effective, efficient local government by their mayors, city administrators, city councils, and the citizens of their communities," said Dr. Joyce Snay, director of the Texas Municipal Clerks certification program.



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Cargill Appreciation Day. Employees of Cargill Meat Solutions served lunch to the staff of the Friona Rural Health Clinic Wednesday in appreciation of their service to the community. Ready to enjoy the feast are, l-r, Dr. Jeff Dickson, P.A. Cathey Hamman, Cynthia Johnson of Cargill, Lisa Alaniz of the Clinic, Rosie Aragon, Karen Lucas, and Naomi Romo, all of Cargill, Dr. Bob Alexander, and Beverly Martindale of Cargill.

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corn, cotton, gas & ethanol

By Ron Carr

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Letters To The Editor

There are topics I am not qualified to talk about. Farming is one of them.

Whatever I know about farming I've picked up from living out here for almost 12 years and listening to real farmers talk. What I do know is that without farmers we don't eat and farming is a lot like playing Texas Hold 'Em poker.

The big buzzword these days seems to be ethanol. Some folks, including President Bush, say ethanol is our savior for the future. Around here plans are well underway to build four ethanol plants using cow manure for energy to operate the plants. (By the way if I say anything stupid in this short article you'll understand that I am agriculturally challenged.)

I've been reading some interesting results that are predicted because of the ethanol craze. The President even mentioned ethanol in his State of the Union address, which makes it politically correct.

Corn prices have gone way up, as much as \$1.50 a bushel. There are many types of corn. The kind you buy in the store and eat is not the kind they use for ethanol. Corn used for livestock and fuel is what has increased in price, putting pressure on cattle producers and feedyards since they compete for the same corn to feed their livestock. In other words it is costing more to feed the cattle.

Another article I read noted that tortilla makers are facing big decisions too. Corn tortillas are getting more expensive and they are used mostly by poorer folk, according to the story.

Higher corn prices will lead to higher grocery bills as beef, pork, and tortilla prices increase.

One of the more interesting predictions is that cotton acreage could decrease as much as 50% this year as more producers plant the higher priced corn. Farmer's Co-Op Gin manager Jerry Butman confirmed that there will be a decrease in cotton acreage in the area and could indeed be half as many acres planted.

One local producer said he would rather plant silage corn and contract it to the dairies rather than grow corn for ethanol production. Dairies and feed yards compete for crop production too.

For my city friends, silage corn is when the entire plant is ground up and used for cattle feed, instead of stripping the corn kernels from the cobs. Don't that just beat a cob a'crawlin'?

The President said he wanted the U.S. to produce 35 billion gallons of ethanol by 2017. He calls it the 20 in 10 plan. Right now they say the U.S. uses 140 billion gallons of fuel a year.

Another article said ethanol cannot be carried by pipeline so moving it by rail or truck adds to our pollution problem and costs more. A gallon of ethanol does not travel as far as a gallon of gas. Consumers are not likely to buy ethanol unless it costs less than gasoline.

I haven't traveled very far from Friona in my Tahoe lately but I haven't found a station yet that has an ethanol pump. I'm sure there must be some,

maybe at truck stops. One of the officials building the ethanol plant near Hereford chastised local leaders last week because there is not an ethanol distributor in Hereford. As Willie says, if you're gonna' have a dance, you've gotta' pay the band.

Finally, here is the most interesting prediction I heard while researching this story. One long time producer here said that when ethanol gets into full pro-

duction and begins to take a bite out of the fuel market, OPEC will have a meeting and drop the price of oil to \$25 a barrel or lower, forcing low gasoline prices and driving ethanol producers out of business. If that happened, would the government subsidize ethanol or pass a law fixing the price of a gallon of gasoline?

That all depends on how bad they want to be re-elected.

commentary

So long friend Rex.....!

Life is short and the end is sometimes sudden. Monday at the senior citizens lunch, Rex Williams was his usual friendly self. He said he needed to send me some emails here at the paper for our letters to the editor. I believe he told another of his "corny" stories and explained to his tablemates how he managed to make a stew last longer by adding ingredients every day.

He looked better to all of us. It seemed Rex was gaining some weight back and he was not as dependent on his oxygen. After his wife Barbara died a couple of years ago Rex was lost for a while but to us he seemed to be moving on. He talked often of his two sons in Lubbock and if he missed a senior lunch we worried about him.

Rex served as a Friona police officer and as Parmer County Sheriff and a Friona volunteer firefighter. He was the president of our senior citizens lunch group. He was as thin as a stalk of bamboo and just as strong and wiry until age and health problems slowed him down.

Rex was an old school police officer and Sheriff, fair but firm. Most of all he was a caring person on and off duty. Seniors and friends helped him deal with his grief and encouraged him along the way.

We all saw him at the senior lunch Monday and could not know it would be his last. He was found dead Tuesday morning on the front porch of his home. No one knows for sure what happened. Friends say he visited the cemetery Monday evening and headed home but never made it into the house. They think he fell and his death was an accident.

Rex Williams served the community well for many years. He left us too quickly and too soon. He was 72. We will miss him.

Just wanted to let Bill Hardin know that alumni from all over the state and country are talking about how excited they are that he will be re-opening Tasty Cream. No joke. It was such a disappointment to so many of us to visit home and see our favorite hangout—where so many memories were made—going downhill. No hard feelings—but it just was not Tasty Cream standards. News spreads fast and we cannot wait to come back and have one of our favorite Tasty Cream burgers and cokes. Thank you BILL!

Tamara
(via email)



Dear Ron,

With the continuing aging of our state's population, it is important that Texas takes steps to address the many issues facing our senior residents. None is more critical than the quality of nursing home care.

I support and applaud Senator Bob Deuell (R-Greenville) for filing legislation that provides additional money for staffing in Texas nursing homes. It has been well established that quality of care provided by a nursing home is tied directly to staffing levels.

We are currently using the staffing enhancement program as a means of providing our direct care staff more benefits and a retirement program that could not be available otherwise.

By strengthening the nursing home staff enhancement program, Senator Deuell is taking the lead in providing the care our seniors deserve. It is our responsibility to contact our local representatives and senators to encourage each of them to be a part of this important program.

Sincerely,

Jo Blackwell
Administrator/CEO
Prairie Acres/Friona Heritage Estates



The Iraq war from a soldier's view

By Robert Hefner

The headline on the new Army Times reads "War-Zone Trainers—The Most Crucial Job in the Army". Recruiting to fill advisor positions with both the Iraqi and Afghan Armies has become the number one priority within the Army today, and rightly so. As politicians on both sides of the aisle clamor for what would inevitably be a Vietnam style evacuation in chaos from Iraq, the soldiers assigned to train the Iraqi Army are the one last hope to actually win this war. Win, to me, is defined as honorable withdrawal from the field of battle, not a precipitous flight from Baghdad with our flags and supplies lighting the skies behind us.

The Army and the Nation need trainers, soldiers who can integrate with the Iraqi forces and make them better. It will take long years to make them a real, capable military—it takes us years to make a soldier capable, and we have the best training regimen in the world, with experienced NCOs and officers in charge.

For the Iraqi Army, many of their brand new privates have more experience than the officers leading them, there is no NCO corps, and their training ground includes a live enemy and real bullets. This really is the marathon that President Bush warned us about when the war started in 2003, and I am offended by the self serving politicians on both sides of the aisle who continually criticize our efforts for political gain, all the while offering no real alternatives of their own.

Our military is formed on three words, taken from MacArthur's famous farewell speech—Duty, Honor, Country. More than just platitudes, these three words imply a dedication and selflessness that has become passé in today's world. These words indicate that there are some things worth fighting for, and yes, worth dying for. Without that belief our military does not exist. Without that belief, our country does not exist.

I was raised with similar values. Papa never backed down from a fight when his family or

his honor was threatened. His example showed us better than any discussion could have that "I" is not most important, that God, family, and honor are valuable and that anything with value also has a cost. No doubt when I joined the Army sixteen years ago those principles played a role in my decision. It is part of the human condition to want to be a part of something greater than yourself, to belong to a collective that works to the greater good. That feeling that I had to do something concrete in support of the current war is why I volunteered for my first tour in Iraq.

I served for ten and a half months as an advisor to an Iraqi mechanized battalion. It was at the same time the most frustrating and the most rewarding year of my life. Without a doubt I was doing something worthwhile, we were making a difference in the lives of the Iraqi soldier we trained with but in the security of the surrounding areas where we patrolled. I will never forget the elections of January 2005 when Iraqi citizens rose up in the millions to vote for the first time in their lives despite threats to them and their families.

The checkpoint my team manned in central Baghdad saw hundreds of Iraqis march through on their way to the polls. Men and women, fathers and mothers who knew better than anyone that just being there put their lives at risk, people who willingly took that risk because they saw promise on the horizon. They had hope, for the first time ever, for freedom, and our presence offered it to them.

That hope has faded under the ceaseless onslaughts from our own American media and our faithless politicians. Iraqi citizens know that the insurgents, funded by Iran and Syria, trained and supplied by Iran and Al-Qaeda, will not go away. The politicians here at home have demonstrated much less staying power. That flicker of hope has faded, but the light is not yet extinguished. They know that the US mili-

tary will leave and the insurgents will not, so the focus of that hope shifts inevitably towards their own military. It shames me to admit that this, the greatest nation on God's green earth, lacks the intestinal fortitude to fulfill its promises, but that is the inevitable conclusion. Any real chance of hope for the Iraqis or honor for the US military rests with those few soldiers who live, eat, sleep, train, and fight shoulder to shoulder with their Iraqi counterparts.

An American soldier was quoted in the Army Times as saying "Any soldier worth his weight wants to go over there and finish this mission." It is easy to understand how a young soldier wants to test his manhood in a combat zone, to prove to himself his worth. I'm not young anymore, the medals on my chest show I have nothing left to prove, yet still I want to return. The first tour I wanted to face the elephant, there was a need to know something concrete about the focus of my training for 15 years. The first tour was for me.

I want to return for honor, for hope, and because I cannot accept in my mind that the greatest military in the world can be defeated. I want to return because the job isn't finished, and I have proven that my contributions will help achieve our goals. I want to return because I am a soldier and a soldier belongs in a war zone, not behind a desk pushing papers. I want to return because despite all the frustration, the pain, the fear, that mission matters and it will help shape the world that my children and grandchildren will live in. I want to return because for their sakes, failure is not an option.

A big part of it is the success I experienced on my first tour. The way we were raised contributed to an understanding of other people, to a sense of empathy for other ways of life. Too many Americans firmly believe that there is only one right way, and that is the American way. That attitude with the Iraqis is a recipe for disaster be-

cause it undermines the trust and camaraderie that are essential. Too many American soldiers address the Iraqi concerns from an American viewpoint with no concern for the local culture, customs, etc. I believe that more than anything else I earned the trust of my Iraqi counterparts, through training and fighting side by side with them, and that experience is what would make me even more valuable as an advisor on a second tour.

I am not so naïve as to think I will be as incredibly lucky as I was on the first tour. Soldiers who served with me were "blowed up" 15 to 20 times, for me only seven. Soldiers who served with me saw fellow American soldiers die; I never did. There is no doubt that a second tour is tempting fate, yet still I feel compelled to do it. I remember the bowel-loosening fear, throwing up behind a Humvee in the aftermath of a brief firefight. I remember the counterproductive stupidity of some of the policies that were handed down from higher, and I remember the frustration of being given 60 days to train Iraqi soldiers to a standard that the majority of our own battalions could not achieve. Even so, I want to go back.

The counter to this is my family. My wife of 18 years has tolerated more than any woman should be expected to. I've deployed to foreign countries ranging from Korea and Bosnia to Iraq and strangest of all, California. Sixteen years in the Army and we have moved nine or ten times. She has taken over as Cub Scout Den Leader because I was deployed, she has dealt with 100 hour work weeks and countless training exercises of three weeks or longer, and she has nervously watched the news from home, hoping to catch a glimpse of her husband in part of the Iraq war coverage.

On the wall above my desk is a letter from my son written in 1995 while I was on a 90-day mission in California. It starts "Dear Dad, I want you to come home..." My daughter probably needs me at home now more than ever as she deals with high school and all the chaos of growing up. More than anything, I want to be a good father and a good husband. Another deployment just takes me away from my family when they need me, so why do I wish it so strongly?

When I returned from the first tour, I promised my wife that I

would not volunteer again. I will keep that promise. As a father, it is impossible for me to break it. As a soldier, sometimes it seems impossible for me to comply with it. It is not that I don't love them. Quite the opposite, it is because I value their future that I feel so compelled to contribute to its development. I am torn between love and honor, between family and country.

With one promise to my wife my decision was made for me. I will not volunteer, but neither will I try to avoid orders to deploy if they do come again. It is impossible to avoid the Iraq war these days. Every media outlet mentions it. Every mention of it reminds me that I am doing less than I could, just a little twist of the knife. I will remain torn between love and honor, between family and country. I should expect nothing else. I am, after all, a soldier, and our Nation is at war.

(Major Robert Hefner is a 16-year Army Veteran stationed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as Executive Officer of the Information Ops Academy. He is the son of Tom and Jackie Hefner of Friona.)

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Letters to the editor are always

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Students selected to All-Region Band were, l-r, back row, Hernan Ramirez, Kenny Newhouse, Justin Dominguez, Alonzo Rojas, and Bryan Flores; middle row, Rolando Castanon, John Torres, Gabriel Senibalo, Alex Ferguson, and Raul Licerio; seated, Erica Davila, Kathy Anthony, Heather Sandoval, and Gaby Rivera. Ramirez, Newhouse, Torres, and Rojas also advanced to all-area tryouts.

Chieftain Band all region/area selections

Members of the Chieftain Band traveled to Panhandle High School December 4 to try out for the Class A-AAA All Region Bands. Each year the Association of Texas Small School Bands, or ATSSB, sponsors the selection of outstanding high school band students to perform in the annual All-Region Band.

to their try out performance and placed according to that ranking in either the top band, Symphonic, or in the second band, Concert. Students who are placed at the top of their section in the Symphonic Band then advance to area in the ATSSB All-State process.

trombone; and Raul Licerio, tuba. Alternates were: Alex Ferguson, baritone saxophone; Brett Field, trumpet; and Bryan Flores, trombone.

Jameson Photography

Does your son or daughter need their Senior pictures done? I can help You get them done professional. Call Tyler at 265-5141 or 265-5142.

"This year marks the most high school students in recent years to make the All-Region Band. They have honored themselves, their family, their school, and their community with their accomplishment," said band director Ron McWilliams.

Banking at Friona State Bank
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In a 1982 recipe contest conducted by the bank, Peggy Monroe, center, won \$100. Bank employees Carol Dement, left, and Jerry Hinkle presented the check and hosted a "tasting bee"

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Texas Trail meeting



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The Plains Trail Region board of directors met Thursday at the Congregational Church. Friona students unveiled a video tourism brochure for the regional board. Right, students Matt Martinez and Hector Sanchez joined classmates for the presentation.



Students create tourism video brochure

On Thursday January 25 the Parmer County Historical Commission hosted the Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) board of directors. The meeting was held at the Congregational Church. Parmer County Museum curator Wendy Carthel is a member of the TPTR board.

The Texas Plains Trail Region has a colorful brochure. Wendy Carthel asked Patsy Allen if she would be interested in producing a video version of the Plains Trail brochure. Mrs. Allen's students then took on the video project. Students involved were Matt Martinez (original music), Isabel Romero (script), and Aaron Hand (narrator). Hector Sanchez also coordinated the project.

chure was finished. The students debuted the video version to the board members and received two standing ovations for their work.

Students selected to the All-Region Symphonic Band were: Kenny Newhouse, alto saxophone; John Torres, trumpet; Alonzo Rojas, trombone; and Hernan Ramirez, baritone. Three of the students not only made the Symphonic Band but were ranked at the top of their sections and advanced to the area competition on January 6 for selection to the ATSSB All-State Band. They were: John Torres, Alonzo Rojas, and Kenny Newhouse, with Hernan Ramirez selected as an alternate in the baritone section.

After five months and hundreds of volunteer hours a DVD rendition of the Plains Trail brochure was finished. The students debuted the video version to the board members and received two standing ovations for their work.

The first eight copies of the DVD are being sent to the Texas Historical Commission in Austin. The Chamber of Commerce will be asked to show the video at the upcoming Chamber banquet. "The community needs to be aware of what talent our students possess," Mrs. Carthel said.

Don't forget about the Valentine's Day Brag page in the February 8 issue of the Friona Star. For information call 250-2211.

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Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from January 17, 2007 to January 24, 2007:

Clyde Redwine, Marie Redwine, and Kathleen Marie Redwine - Friona Land Holdings, NE/4 S3 T11S R3E; NW/4 S2 T11S R3E.

Harrol Redwine and Leslee M. Redwine - Friona Land Holdings, SE/4 S10 T11S R3E; .50AC NE/PT NE/4 S10 T11S R3E.

Virginia Morris - Gail Morris and Marca Morris, SE/4 S72 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

Alton Morris Estate - Gail Morris, Jeannie Hill, and Carolyn Matthews, SE/4 S72 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

Carolyn Matthews and Gary Matthews - Gail Morris and Marca Morris, SE/4 S72 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

Jeanne Hill and David Hill - Gail Morris and Marca Morris, SE/4 S72 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

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Sheriff's Report

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

January 25, 2007 Kenneth Bails, Sr., of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Castro County warrant, released to Castro County.

January 27, 2007, Magdaelena Legarreta, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

January 28, 2007, Antonio Lozano, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more, pending Grand Jury.

January 28, 2007, Tony Delapaz, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

January 28, 2007, Jeremy Brower, 28, of Iowa, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

On January 9, Isaiah Malachia Valdez, 23, of Hereford, charged with evading arrest—detention with vehicle, was sentenced to 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, deferred for two years; \$291 court costs; \$750 fine; and \$350 attorney fees.

On January 9, David Ray Merrill, 46, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth), was sentenced to ten years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for ten years; \$316 court costs; \$1,000 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$140 restitution; loss of driver's license; confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as a condition of community supervision.

On January 11, Joanne Goetz Gholston, 37, of Farwell, charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth), was sentenced to 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, deferred for two years; \$316 court costs; \$750 fine; \$140 restitution; loss of driver's license; and ordered to obtain substance abuse counseling.

On January 19, Rudolfo Ornelas, 46, of Portales, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, deferred for two years; \$316 court costs; \$750 fine; \$140 restitution; and confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as a condition of community supervision.

Ethanol reduces cotton acreage, increases income

By Roger Haldenby

In the January 2007 Cotton Economics Research Institute newsletter, a recent study, "The Effects of the Projected Boom in Ethanol Production on the U.S. Cotton Industry" is reviewed.

"Rapidly expanding demand in the United States for ethanol and biodiesel are leading to revised projections of corn and soybean plantings and market prices. While biofuel production does not directly affect cotton production, shifts occurring in the planting of corn and oilseeds may reduce the number of acres planted to cotton."

"Using a partial equilibrium model of the world fiber market developed at Texas Tech University, we estimate the effects of increased production of ethanol on the U.S. cotton market over a five year period. Results indicate that U.S. planted acres of cotton will decrease by an average of 250,000 acres per year. The world cotton price (A-index) is projected to increase by two percent, the U.S. farm price is projected to increase by five percent, and the U.S. cottonseed price is projected to increase by an average of 16 percent. Overall U.S. net farm income from cotton production is projected to increase an average of \$120 million per year."

The Cotton Economics Research Institute is situated at Texas Tech University in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, which is itself part of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

School lunch menu

February 5- February 9
(All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)

Monday, February 5
Quick baked potato, hot rolls, cheese sauce, chili, garden salad, assorted gelatin, margarine.

Tuesday, February 6
Macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, green beans, peaches, brownies.

Wednesday, February 7
Pork patties, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, gelatin w/fruit.

Thursday, February 8
Mini burritos, ranch style beans, fresh veggie dippers, frozen yogurt.

Friday, February 9
Holiday

Sheriff has child ID kits available

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerries has joined with the Sheriff's Association of Texas to provide ID kits to all Texas children grades K-6. The initiative will reach over 2 million Texas children.

Kits will be distributed through the public school system and the Sheriff's office. Students in grades K-6 will receive an ID kit through their school. The Sheriff's office also has a supply of the ID kits to be handed out to children who fall outside the K-6 age range or do not attend public school.

Each kit contains an inkless fingerprinting card, DNA swabs and preservation envelope, and a wallet card. All information can be completed by a parent or guardian and stored at home. In the event of an emergency, the ID kit can be handed over to authorities to help locate a missing child.

Puzzle Solution

OBITUARIES

Peggy Ann Hargrove

Peggy Ann Hargrove, 65, of Bovina, died on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, in Friona.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m., on Friday, January 26, 2007, at First Baptist Church of Bovina, with Reverend Kelly Warren officiating. Burial was at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 27, 2007, in the Goree Cemetery in Goree, Texas, under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Hargrove was born on October 3, 1941, in Kismet, Kansas, to Jack and Blanche Chase. She married Wayne Hargrove on August 27, 1976 in Liberal, Kansas. He preceded her in death in 2006. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue McClure of Bovina; three brothers, Jackie Chase of Dallas, Archie Chase of Murrieta, California, and Everett Chase of Denver, Colorado; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rex Williams

Funeral services for Rex Williams, of Friona, will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, with Leon Talley, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

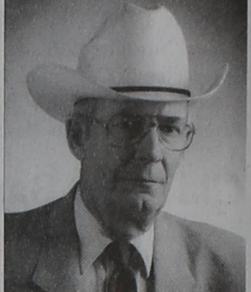
Mr. Williams died on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 in Friona. He was born on July 30, 1934, in Anton, Texas to Lynn E. and Lela (Evitt) Williams.

He married Barbara Metcalf on December 22, 1955 in Anton. She died on December 29, 2004.

He moved to Friona, in 1961, from Anton. He was employed at Herring Implement for 20 years. He was a member of the Friona Police Department from 1979 to 1988 and served as a Captain and Assistant Police Chief. He was elected Sheriff of Parmer County and served from 1988 to 1996, when he retired.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ, a past president of the Friona Lions Club, president of the Friona Senior Citizens, a 30-year member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department, and a past member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Survivors include two sons, Ronnie Williams and Dewayne Williams, both of Lubbock; one sister, Bonnie Stephens of Littlefield, Texas; two brothers, Gene Williams of Lubbock and Cecil Williams of Brownfield, Texas; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Rex Williams

Kid's valentine workshop at Amarillo Art Museum

The Amarillo Museum of Art will be hosting its annual Children's Heart Art Valentine workshop on Saturday, February 10, from 10-11:30 a.m. Children ages 4-10 are invited to the museum to enjoy making valentine cards and gifts in a festive holiday setting with music and refreshments.

Because attendance is limited, registration must be made in advance by calling the museum at 806-371-5050. Tuition is \$15.

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Thursday, February 1, 2007

The 8th Maidens, led by Regan Anthony, from Trevino.

The 7th Maidens, led by Vanessa Vital, Abby Megan Sharrack, and front row, Elda Cast Rachel Dickson.

Senior Hector Sanchez He has scored 48 points at Highland Park and 22 at Friona.

Junior high The 7th grade Braves won the junior high tournament and is the 7th boys coach. The 7th graders beat S. Caleb Monroe scored 10 points, Michael Ortiz 7, Gabriel Johnson 2, and Dillon Kelle. Next up was Dimmitt and to 8-2 with a 39-35 win scoring again with 15 points. At Muleshoe, the Braves Avalos to whip the small M. DeWit 3 to improve the 7th The Friona 7th grade Braves. Scoring were Jacob Reeves 4.



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The 8th Maidens, back row, l-r, Ester Sarabia, Kami Kerby, Brittny Herbert, Regan Anthony; front row, Laci Austin, Lisann Davila, Elizabeth Trevino, Karina Trevino.



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The 8th Braves, l-r, Kirby Frye, Juan Martinez, Zack Fair, Chris Garcia, Duncan Welch, Nick Ortiz, Clayton Smiley, Brenner Barnett, Ernesto Monreal.



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The 7th Maidens, l-r, back row, Karina Oviedo, Adriana Soltero, Tenna Montana, Vanessa Vital, Abby Jones, Samantha Rodriguez; middle row, Estibali Hernandez, Megan Sharrock, Berenice Lopez, Lupita Aguilar, Amber Roberson, Yari Avilez; front row, Elda Castanon, Tamra Stormes, Jessica Jamerson, Emily Ramos, Rachel Dickson.



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The 7th Braves, back row, l-r, Ryan DeWit, Michael Ortiz, Caleb Monroe, Dillon Kelley; front row, Weston Wily, Donovan Johnson, Jacob Pena, Gabriel Avalos.

Junior high girls basketball

The San Jacinto girls whacked Friona's 7th grade Maidens 42-8 in last weekend's junior high tournament in Friona. Only two 7th grade girls managed to score in the game. Tenna Montana had 5 points and Rachel Dickson 3 points.

The Muleshoe 7th grade girls

edged Friona 7th 17-11. Montana had 6 points in this game, Abby Jones 2, and Yari Avilez, Rachel Dickson, and Vanessa Vital all had one each.

The 8th grade Maidens did better. They socked it to both Farwell and Dimmitt.

Led by Regan Anthony's 15

points the 8th graders beat Farwell 35-14. Other scoring in the game was Ester Sarabia 6, Lisann Davila 5, Kami Kerby 5, and Brittny Herbert 4. Anthony drained a pair of treys in her scoring total.

With the score tied 14-14 after three quarters, the 8th Maidens put up 9 points and held Dimmitt to 6 in the fourth to take a 23-20 win over the junior Bobbies. Anthony again led scoring with 9 points, Liz Trevino 6, Herbert 4, Karina Trevino 2, and Kerby 2.

For the 8th Maidens, Brittny Herbert poured in 11 points to lead Friona to a 33-23 win over Muleshoe. Lisann Davila scored 8, Liz Trevino 6, Kami Kerby 4, and Regan Anthony 4.

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Muleshoe came to visit Monday night. The 7th Maidens lost to the little Mullettes 19-17 with Vanessa Vital scoring 6 points, Tenna Montana 5, Emily Ramos 4, and Rachel Dickson 2. The girls led 13-11 after three quarters but were tripped up in the fourth.

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Coaches are Jeanne Stone for 7th grade and Jeff Isom for 8th grade.

JV basketball action update

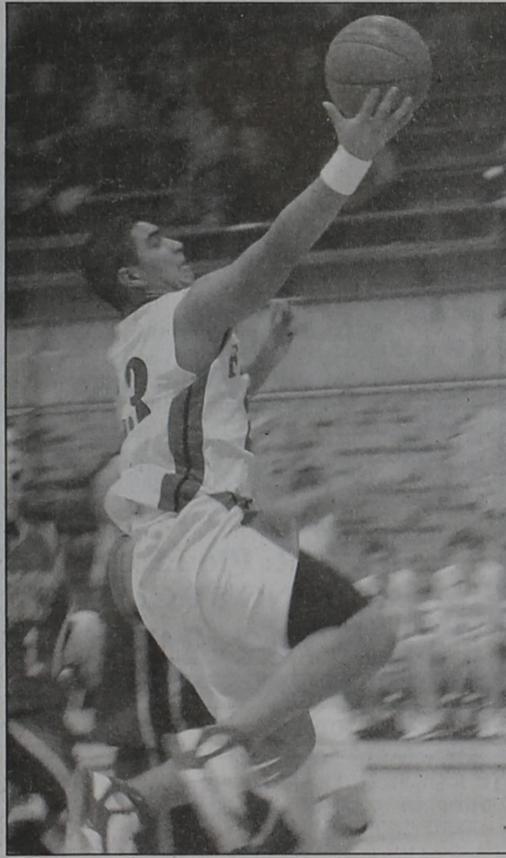
The junior varsity boys and girls are in the midst of a good year.

The JV Squaws dominated Highland Park 47-15 last Friday. Heather Sandoval led scorers with 15 points, Michelle Martin 8, Diana Bolivar 8, Hollis Gurley 4, Erin Anthony 3, Ashley Ingram 3, Stephanie Aguirre 2, Sasha Estrada 2, and Brittany Berend 2.

At Tulia Tuesday the JV Squaws mashed the Lady Hornets 46-31. Hollis Gurley led scorers this time with 14 points, Bolivar 11, Sandoval 8, Ingram 6, Anthony 5, and Estrada 2.

The JV Chiefs also corralled Tulia and brought home a 43-30 victory. Chris Haile tossed in 16 points, Michael Stanberry 12, Justin Dominguez 4, R. Castanon, Joey Dickson, and Stetson Reed 3 each, and Justin Echevarria 2.

Both teams will join the varsity Tuesday in Muleshoe as Friona takes on the Mules and Mullettes in a set of district matchups.



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Senior Hector Sanchez delivers a fast break layup. He has scored 48 points the last two games, 26 vs. Highland Park and 22 vs. Tulia.

Junior high boys basketball

The 7th grade Braves won a couple of games in the Friona junior high tournament and beat Muleshoe Monday. Mike Herbert is the 7th boys coach.

The 7th graders beat San Jacinto 40-13 in tournament play. Caleb Monroe scored 10 points to lead the way. Ryan DeWit had 8, Michael Ortiz 7, Gabriel Avalos 7, Weston Wily 5, Donovan Johnson 2, and Dillon Kelley 1.

Next up was Dimmitt and the 7th graders improved their record to 8-2 with a 39-35 win over the junior Bobcats. Monroe led scoring again with 15 points, Avalos had 10, Wily 6, Johnson 4, DeWit 2, and Ortiz 2.

At Muleshoe, the Braves got 12 points from both Monroe and Avalos to whip the small Mules 35-21. Ortiz scored 4, Wily 4, and DeWit 3 to improve the 7th Braves record to 9-2.

The Friona 7th grade B-team boys lost to the Muleshoe B 19-17. Scoring were Jacob Pena 7, Juan Martinez 6, and Victor Reveles 4.



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Sawyer Reed (3) glides past a Highland Park Hornet on the way to the basket.



ron carr photos

Miranda Frye cuts inside with a left-handed dribble. More Squaw and Chief photos at frionaonline.com, click on the Highland Park album.



High School News

By Hannah Stovall

They've graced you with "The History of Tom Jones", "April Fish", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", and many more, but this year's One Act Play cast is up to something new. Under the direction of Erika Montana, this One Act cast will divert from their usual course of comedy, diving into the challenging, but hopefully rewarding, world of tragedy.

Incorporating romance, suspense, conflict, and loss, this play is classical theatre. Drawing on the writings and poetry of Federico Garcia, one of the greatest playwrights in the history of theatre, the characters flow from one scene to the next with a constant beat and rhythm. The cast has been learning traditional Spanish songs, some of which will appear in the actual play. Classic Flamenco dances will also be included. Passion is an irreplaceable aspect of this production. Every glance, every step, every line delivered, every entrance or exit made, must be done with great passion, great determination, confidence, and above all, purpose. Every character is working toward his own goal. Every decision made impacts the outcome of every character. The end result changes life for everyone.

While this production is classic theatre to the core, it does bear a shocking title. Have no fear, though, this year's One Act Play will be one you don't want to miss! You'll just have to stay tuned for the title...



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Chieftain post Chance Lewellen (33) gets ready to apply some muscle to a Highland Park Hornet.

Squaws swat two Hornets to go 10-0, clinch district

The Highland Park Lady Hornets buzzed into town last week and the Squaws promptly tore up their nest with a 83-24 thumping. It wasn't even that close.

Squaw senior Shayli Reed easily tossed in a season high 33 points including 5 threes and 6 of 6 free throws to lead the Squaws victory. Miranda Frye added 14 points including two 3s, Staci Murphree added 13, Briar Barnett 9, Erica Davila 5, and Krista Graham 4.

The girls ran out 28 points in the 1st quarter and led 43-9 at the half. A 40-15 second half kept the Squaws undefeated in district.

Tuesday the Squaws traveled to the Tulia Lady Hornet hive but this one was not quite so easy. Tulia never is. Friona managed a 45-37 win to stay undefeated at 10-0 and clinch the district title.

The Lady Hornets actually led at half time 25-17 as the Squaws had trouble finding the basket. Shayli Reed, Tiffany Vazquez, and Lucretia Field each had a three in the first half but that is about all the girls could muster. Then they put on a 28-11 second half run, holding Tulia to only one field goal in the entire second half. Coach North also pointed out the Squaws made only two turnovers in the second half.

Reed led scoring with 14 points, Field had 10, Staci Murphree 6, Erica Davila 6, Briar Barnett 5, and Tiffany

Vazquez 4.

The Squaws have two district games left, Dimmitt Friday

at home and Muleshoe Tuesday at Muleshoe. By winning district they will get a first

round bye. Coach North was trying to line up a practice game with Texico.

Chiefs roll on toward district title

With victories over both the Highland Park Hornets and the Tulia Hornets in the past week the Friona Chieftains moved closer to the District 2-2A championship with three games left in the season.

Friday night at Friona gym the Chiefs outlasted Highland Park in a hectic finish, finally claiming an 85-80 win over the pesky Hornets. Friona was up by 62-51 as the 4th quarter be-

gan but Highland Park put on a 29-23 fourth quarter finish, pulling within 3-points of the Chiefs in the closing minutes.

Led by a season high 26 points from Hector Sanchez, the Chiefs held on for the five-point win. Sanchez drained four 3s in his total. Altogether the Chiefs scored nine 3s, with three 3s from Alex Gurley, and one each from Sawyer Reed and Ryan Schwab.

In addition to Sanchez's 26 points, Ryan Geries had 18, Reed 11, Gurley 9, Schwab 7, Caleb Miller 4, Chance Lewellen 4, and Jared Boyd 2.

At Tulia Tuesday night, the Chiefs redeemed their only district loss with a 68-55 return match win over the Hornets. It was a high foul game as Friona scored 14 of 19 free throws while Tulia had 18 of 25 from the line. The Chiefs had four 3s, two by Reed and one each from Sanchez and Gurley. Sanchez was also perfect from the line, scoring 7 of 7 free throws and led scoring again with 22 points. Gurley had 14, Reed 13, Schwab 9, Geries 7, and Lewellen 3.

The Chieftains host their old rival Dimmitt Friday at Friona gym in the final home game of the season. Next week they travel to Muleshoe Tuesday and wind up the season Friday at Bushland.

Lifters power up at Friona high school

Friona high school powerlifters are in competition with meets in Vega and Levelland. Powerlifting coaches this year are Jimmy Arias and Bob Ferguson.

One team received a 1st place at the Vega meet and 3rd at the Levelland meet.

Dillon Welch, Victor Guerrero, and Ricardo Monreal all scored 1st place. Aaron Arcos, Adam Carrasco, and Gerardo Torres placed 2nd; Octavio Moreno, Alex Vega, and Alex Ferguson earned 3rd place.

Placing 5th were Fernando Moreno, Joey Mendoza, Alex Dunnam, Lalo Castaneda, Lupe Gonzalez, and Gilberto Torres.

For the girls team Stephanie Barber, Sabrina Barber, and Tori Abeyta were all 1st place finishers.



ron carr photo

Shayli Reed (25) shadows a Lady Hornet. Reed scored 33 points to lead the Squaws over Highland Park 83-24. This and many other basketball photos on our website, frionaonline.com.



Chieftain/Squaw TV

Watch replay of the Chieftain/Squaw vs. Dimmitt games Saturday February 3 at 10 a.m. on WT Services Channel 76. Clint Mears and Mike Hutson of FHS-TV will bring you all the action. All playoff games will also be broadcast on the Saturday following the games.

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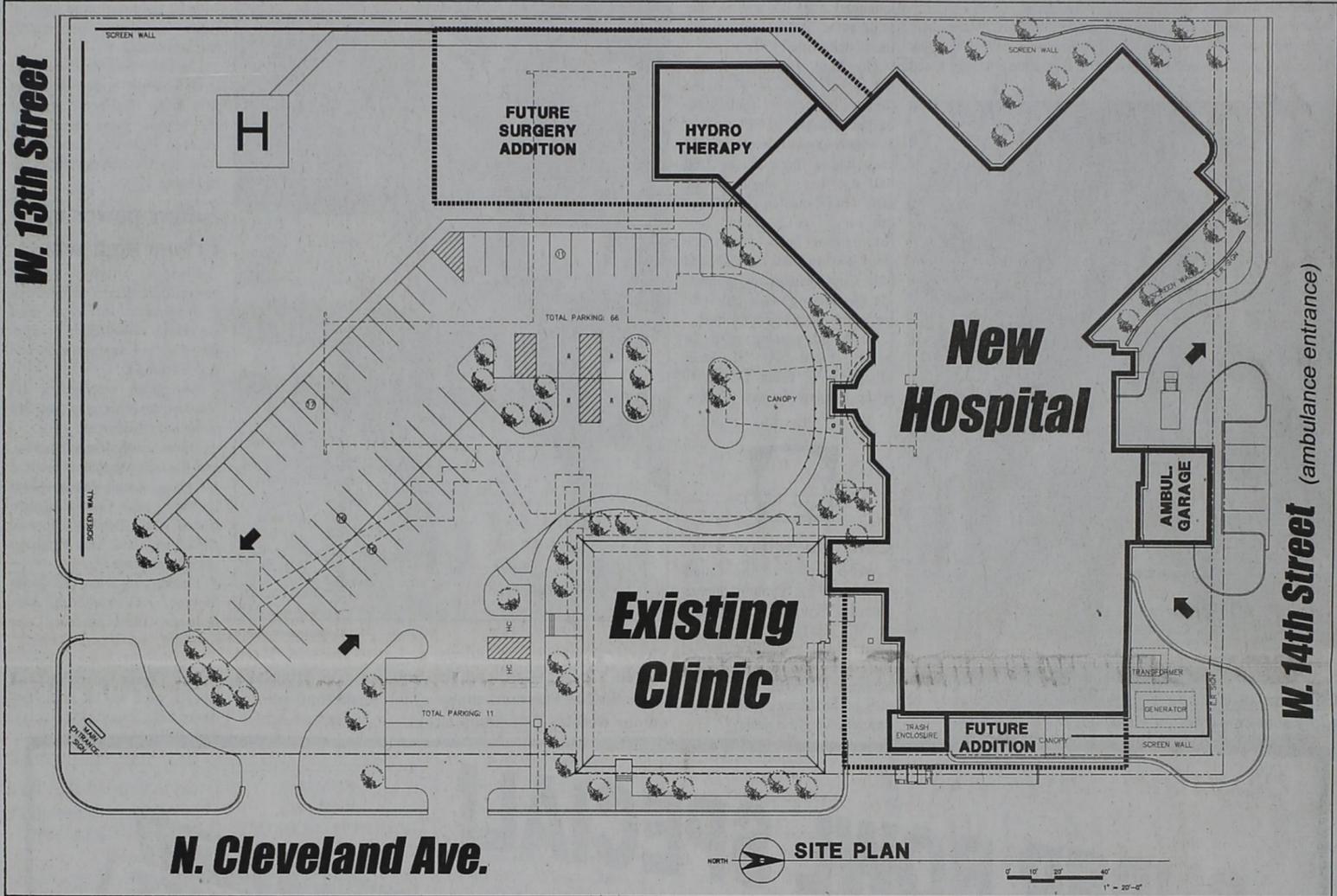
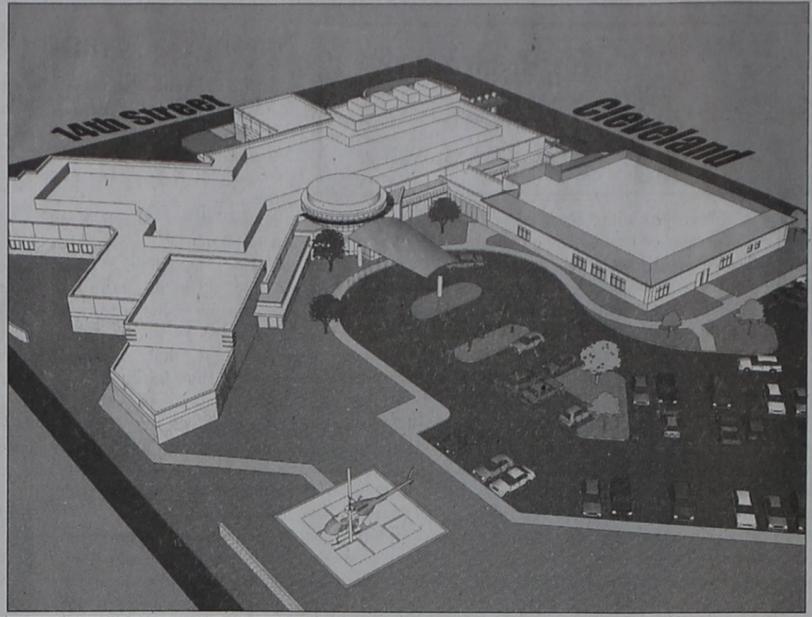
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Preliminary plans for the new Parmer County Community Hospital

PCCH administrator Lance Gatlin shared the preliminary drawings for construction of the new hospital. The new building will be positioned closer to 14th St. than originally projected. The dotted lines on the drawing are the existing hospital, which will be torn down once the new hospital is completed. The main entrance and a larger parking lot will then be constructed. The emergency and ambulance entrance will be on the 14th St. side.

The 3-D imaging at right shows the hospital once completed. Mr. Gatlin emphasized that plans are still being finalized for the hospital floor plan and details are subject to change but this will give an idea of the new building. Groundbreaking will be held later in the year. Thanks to Mr. Gatlin for the use of this current diagram.



Friona ISD School Calendar February, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 JV & Var. Basketball vs. Dimmitt - H Tascosa Speech Tournament	3 JH Saturday School 8:00-12:00 UIL Reg. Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Canyon Tascosa Speech Tournament
5 3 rd Grade Canned Food Drive JH BB vs. Tulia G-T, B-H @ 5:00	6 HS Basketball vs. Muleshoe - T @ 6:00	7 District CX Debate @ Friona First Baptist Church	8 End of 4 th Six Weeks Assembly 9:30-11:30 JH Dance 7:30-10:00 Historical Marker Dedication at 2:00 p.m. JH Auditorium	9 Student Holiday Teacher In-Service HS Boys Basketball vs. Bushland - T	10 Var. Baseball Scrimmage @ Olton - 11:00 UIL Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest
12 Holiday Stock Show @ San Antonio	13 5 th Six Weeks Begin Singing Valentines Stock Show @ San Antonio	14 ECE - 1st Valentine Parties Elem. Valentine Parties Singing Valentines Stock Show @ San Antonio	15 Stock Show @ San Antonio	16 Reg. I FCCLA HS Baseball vs. Bovina - T Stock Show @ San Antonio	17 Reg. I FCCLA Stock Show @ San Antonio Friona Special Olympics Basketball Tournament
19 Var. Baseball @ Littlefield 5:00	20 TAKS 3 rd /5 th Reading 4 th Writing HS TAKS	21 No School For Primary & Elem. Students Parent Conferences JH Spelling Bee @ 3:00 HS TAKS	22 4 th Grade HS TAKS OAP Festival	23 HS TAKS OAP Festival Var. Baseball vs. Bovina - H @ 4:30	24 OAP Festival
26 Girls Golf @ Friona Var. Baseball vs. Boys Ranch H @ 4:30 p.m.	27 Parmer County Spelling Bee @ 10:00 a.m. Jr. High Auditorium Boys Golf @ Friona	28			

Thursday, February 1, 2007

That huge gasp you... this week was from peo... ceiving their Atmos Ener... ing bills after more th... weeks of ice and snow an... weather. Ours came for th... office. It was a little no... \$350. We have two heating... here but the office is only... 3 1/2 days a week. Oh... don't like to be cold. Oh... Be sure to check on... erty friend or neighbor... this cold weather. Do some... nice for someone. It will... you feel warmer.

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TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

That huge gasp you heard this week was from people receiving their Atmos Energy heating bills after more than two weeks of ice and snow and cold weather. Ours came from the Star office. It was a little north of \$350. We have two heating units here but the office is only open 3 1/2 days a week. Oh well, I don't like to be cold.

Be sure to check on an elderly friend or neighbor during this cold weather. Do something nice for someone. It will make you feel warmer.

Ask Nola Faye Vestal about being checked on. An out-of-town friend tried for a day to call Nola Faye but she didn't answer her phone. It was during the ice and snow so the out-of-town friend called another

Friona friend to go check on her. Because of the weather, the friend called the Friona police to go by Nola Faye's house.

Turns out there was just a problem with Nola Faye's phone. Nola Faye said the two officers that came to her house about 9 p.m. were very nice and polite with their concern. The next morning several WT Services telephone guys were there bright and early to repair her phone service.

At the senior lunches last Thursday and Monday it was said that Debra Baxter took a fall and broke her foot and will be confined at home for a while. Stella Shirley was back Monday after a long bout with pneumonia and a hospital stay. Glad to have Stella back.

Parmer County Extension agent Suzanne Reese visited the senior lunch Thursday to talk about nutrition and a co-op food bank available. She is about two weeks away from the birth of their first baby. They did not do the sonogram, so they won't know until it arrives whether it is a boy or girl. Good luck Suzanne.

The biggest shock for all of us who attend the senior meals was the sudden and untimely death of Rex Williams. At Monday's lunch Rex was present looking fit and healthier and joking with us all. Rex served as president of the seniors group and delighted in telling a few "corny jokes." Rex was found dead on the front porch of his residence Tuesday

morning by a passerby on her way to work at Heritage Estates. Officials ruled out foul play and determined Rex had apparently fallen sometime the night before.

We will miss Rex and send our prayers and sympathies to his family.

This week I want to say hello to Debbie in San Diego. Debbie is Bobby Sims' wife's cousin. Bobby is the son of Jonell and the late J. P. Sims of Friona. Jonell said Debbie gets Bobby's Friona Stars and reads them.

She recently moved back to San Diego from New Jersey so welcome back to San Diego Debbie and make sure Bobby renews his Friona Star subscription. Come visit Friona sometime. Also a hello to subscribers Sunshine Scott in Marshfield, Missouri, and Donald and Penney Schwab in Copeland, Kansas. Glad to have you among our readers.

By the way, if you see Ollie Pearl Taylor ask her about her great grand-twins born in Seminole. She will show you a picture.

I saw Betty Lewellen in Bi-Wize. She and Delton have a cabin in the mountains of Colorado and they have a subscription to the Friona Star mailed to the cabin. They also buy a copy here in Friona. Since they don't live full time in Colorado I asked why they have a Friona Star sent up there. Betty said the Friona Stars we send to the cabin are real good to light the fireplace with. Stuff like that gives me a warm feeling and makes it all worthwhile.

When mother and I were in Clovis Sunday we spotted a "coming soon" sign for a new

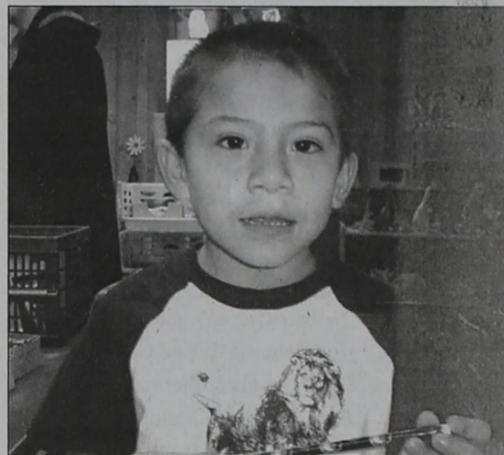
restaurant. It is just east of the Prince and Llano Estacado intersection on Llano Estacado. The sign says it will be called Burgers, Fries, & Cherry Pies. Sounds like a great combination.

Thanks to all who send us interesting news and photos. We appreciate you sharing. Keep it up. Check out our website at frionaonline.com and email us at frionastar@wrt.net. Thank you.

Perfect Attendance at Friona Primary



Pre-K and Head Start Morning Class, front row, Anthony Padilla and Katricia DeLaCruz; back row- Andres Montana and Alex Santiago



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Common Costly Misconceptions About Carpet Cleaning

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#3: One method of carpet cleaning is as good as another.

No. The dry cleaning methods - which are dry foam, dry chem and dry compound - do not rinse your carpet in any way. Instead they leave a residue. You might say they clean your carpet only half way. The most effective cleaning method is hot water extraction.

Hot water extraction means a hot water cleaning solution, under high pressure, is forced into your carpet and then extracted out of your carpet. Shaw industries, the world's largest carpet manufacturer, recommends hot water extraction as the primary method of cleaning carpets.

Carpet cleaners use one of two types of hot water extraction. If they use a large unit that operates from a van or truck outside your facility, it's called truck mount extraction. If they use a small unit that can be brought inside, it's called portable extraction. Shaw's first choice is the truck mounted unit and it recommends the small, portable unit in areas where the truck mounted unit won't reach.

The truck mounted extraction cleans much better because it heats the solution to a higher temperature and shoots the cleaning solution into the carpet at higher pressures, which breaks up the dirt, bacteria, chemicals, and pollens in the carpet. Then the machine uses high suction to draw the dirt and chemicals out of your carpet.

#4: Having the right equipment is all a company needs to clean your carpets properly.

Not true. Many companies own hot water cleaners but very few companies teach their employees how to use them properly. This is why it's important that you choose your carpet cleaner carefully. The best cleaning companies are those that have been certified by the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, Known as IICRC. Before you choose a carpet cleaner, ask to see written proof of the company's IICRC certification.



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Cotton marketing meeting in Hereford

A meeting for area producers, "Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Cotton", is scheduled for February 9 at the Hereford Community Center. Meeting time is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. John Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension specialist in cotton marketing in College Station and Mike Stevens, cotton specialist for the commodity division of Swiss Financial Ser-

VICES and hedging advisor, will teach the sessions.

Stevens, who is from Mandeville, Louisiana, is considered one of the leading cotton marketing experts in the nation according to Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo.

Producers can learn about fundamentals, technicals, and seasonal trends in cash, basis, and contracts, Amosson said. They also will learn to evaluate pre- and post-harvest marketing strategies and cash marketing tools.

Participants can expect to leave with a written marketing plan for their operations for the upcoming year. The short course is a part of the Advanced Topic Series hosted by Extension's Master Marketer Educational System.

Advanced registration is required by February 2. A fee of \$75 will cover instruction, materials, and lunch. Couples can attend for the same individual cost. To register contact Amosson at 806-677-5600.

Boll weevil assessments lowered

By Roger Haldenby

Boll weevil eradication was a very touchy subject a decade ago and, as High Plains zones were being voted on in 1999 thru 2001, naysayers chided grower committees accusing, "our grandchildren will still be paying off debt and we'll never see assessments lowered."

Those taunts are proving ill-founded as Boll Weevil Grower Committees have met these past few weeks in the Northwest Plains, Northern High Plains, Southern High Plains and Panhandle Zones. Each of these zones has demonstrated the success of the boll weevil eradication program and has now totally eliminated their debt, many years ahead of schedule.

They are also each in the process of making recommendations to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board and to the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture that grower assessments in 2007 be dramatically reduced.

The Western High Plains Zone and the Permian Basin Zone have both been held back by the delayed entry into the eradication program of the St. Lawrence Zone to the south. However, with an active zone in that area now having been operational during the past three seasons the job of eliminating the boll weevil is well under way.

Announcements of the new assessment rates in each zone are expected in the next few weeks.

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Feb. 10-Jana Floyd, Hayes Jones, Robert Saiz, Seth Houston, Chris Shufelburger

There's more than one way to trim the fat

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

Part of my job description, as I see it, is to be the moral and spiritual watchdog in my church and force the members to believe as I do on every controversial issue that may exist in our universe. With that in mind, there is a movement underfoot (or should I say underfat?) to rid our nation of all fat content—with the exception of the irritating man in the beer commercial who coined the phrase "Whazzup?"

I may not look like it, but I have tasted many fat-free foods. Like a person who would wear a tank top and sweatpants to a wedding or bring store-bought food to a potluck dinner, most fat-free foods have no taste. I am very familiar with no taste. I pick out my own clothes, and I ate youth-camp meat loaf for twenty-five years.

If food tastes good, it will ooze fat. If it sits on the counter long enough, it will just ooze. My grandmother was a wonderful cook. We always had plenty of fried chicken, fried potatoes, fried pork chops, and bacon. We called her the Wizard of Ooze.

According to my doctor, my annual fat intake is somewhere

in the neighborhood of the gross tonnage of a Winnebago. My cholesterol goes up just watching Porky Pig cartoons, and dogs follow me everywhere because they think I'm bacon. There are good reasons that this is not healthy, but I will use reasons that are totally fabricated.

Once food travels through our digestive system and its luggage arrives from Cleveland, it explodes and lands in all areas of our bodies. The fat globules immediately congregate together and head straight for the blood. They just sit there getting fatter and fatter, causing all sorts of trouble (the fat globules, not the politicians).

In some instances, the fat globules actually replace the brain. This is most evident in the Crocodile Hunter and mimes. If the globules stay long enough to form committees, they can block the flow of blood to and from the heart, one of our more important organs.

As bad as all of this seems, there is something worse. It is those of us who have become spiritually fat and are not doing anything to lighten the load. We find ourselves in that condition by taking everything in and not giving anything out. This condition is usually caused by our lack of personal stew-

ardship of time, gifts, and money.

Each of us knows what we ought to be doing in the area of stewardship. The problem is that sometimes we become so spiritually fat from a lack of spiritual exercise, we begin to suffer from a hardening of the

"oughteries". We know what we ought to do, but we seldom do it. When we reach that point, the answer can only be found within ourselves, in communication with God, the Great Dietician.

To put it simply...all oughteries lead to the heart.

Think about this

Zaccheus, a risk taker for Jesus

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Read Luke 19:1-10 and you'll find that Zaccheus not only risked ridicule, he risked exposure as well. As Jesus came by Zaccheus' Sycamore tree, suddenly Jesus stopped, looked up, and invited himself to Zaccheus' home.

Have you ever noticed that you learn a lot about a person when you visit in their home? You will see things that aren't normally visible. In fact some folks would rather you not visit in their home for that very reason.

Can you imagine some things that Zaccheus might not want Jesus to know? The most obvious would be his ill-gotten wealth. Tax Collectors were known for their dishonest, unscrupulous ways of collecting taxes. Jesus, seeing his great wealth, would naturally lead to the question, "how did you get this?"

But, there was something missing in Zaccheus' life. He was wealthy, but there was a gnawing emptiness that his possessions couldn't fill. Notice, Zaccheus "received Jesus gladly". (v. 6)

We need to realize that if we want to get close to Jesus today, we must be willing to risk exposure. We must be willing to open it all up to him. Holding on to, hiding nothing.

Probably our greatest fear, in the fear of exposure, is that we will be rejected. We need to understand, God is more interested in what He can make out of us than in what we have been.

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Campbell Electric employee Robin Baize is atop the lift as he gets ready to take down the old scoreboard and install the new one.



High fives all around as the Squaws take the floor against the Highland Park Lady Hornets.



Erica Davila (10) and Tiffany Vazquez (22) corner a Lady Hornet.



Kason Graham (12) and Ryan Geris scramble for the ball.



The cheerleaders have kept the crowds noisy at the gym. From left are Emily Allen, JoAnn Mendoza, Jordan Jamerson, Leslee Avalos, Ashley Ingram, Brooke Herbert, Briana Wright and Michelle Martin. Not pictured is the mascot Tori Abeyta.

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- **Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007 - Sale Time: 10 a.m.**
 Bill Rollow - Owner
 Located: Abernathy, Texas - Selling: Farm Equipment
- **Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007 - Sale Time: 10 a.m.**
 Pope Farms - Owners
 Located: Abernathy, Texas - Selling: Farm Equipment
- **Friday, Feb. 9, 2007 - Sale Time: 10 a.m.**
 Cecil Jackson - Owner
 Located: Floydada, Texas - Selling: Farm Equipment
- **Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007 - Two Locations**
 Sale Time 1st Location: 10 a.m.
 Sale Time 2nd Location: 1:00 p.m.
 Birdsong Pumps Company - Owners
 1st Location: Plainview, Texas - 2nd Location: Aiken
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- **Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007 - Sale Time: 10:30 a.m.**
 William Gromowski - Owner
 Located: Friona, Texas - Selling: Farm Equipment
- **Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.**
 Wamon Foster - Owner
 Located: Hart, Texas - Selling: Farm Equipment
- **Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007 - Sale Time: 10 a.m.**
 Norman Strange - Owner
 Located: Silverton, Texas - Selling: Farm Equipment
- **Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007 - Sale Time: 10 a.m.**
 Greener Farms - Owners
 Located: Morton, Texas - Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment
- **Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007 - Sale Time: 10:30 a.m.**
 North Star Farms - Owners
 Located: Dahart, Texas - Selling: Farm, Hay & Construction Equipment
- **Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.**
 Walter Randolph - Owner
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- 4 actor Jack of "Big Bad John" with TX Jimmy Dean
- 9 Islamic leader
- 10 TX Belle Starr was a "_____ " heroine
- 46 more polished?
- 48 charge with a crime
- 49 TX George W.'s party (abbr.)
- 50 oil viscosity abbr.
- 51 this Air Force Base near Lubbock was closed in '97
- 52 a Ranger who doesn't play the field (abbr.)
- 53 TX VP Garner said his job "_____ worth a bucket of warm sp!t"
- 54 TXism: "whizzers" fictional sister of TX Ima Hogg
- 57 Col. Travis _____ the men at the Alamo
- 58 Reagan's "Star Wars" (abbr.)
- 11 citrus drink
- 12 _____ Paul played and sang theme for film "Texas Lady"
- 13 these are important for breeding race horses
- 14 TX "Babe" Mildred _____ Didrikson
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- 16 Christmas carol
- 18 TX actress Meredith Mac _____
- 20 Gov. _____ Campbell
- 23 film studio (abbr.)
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- 39 poet Nash _____
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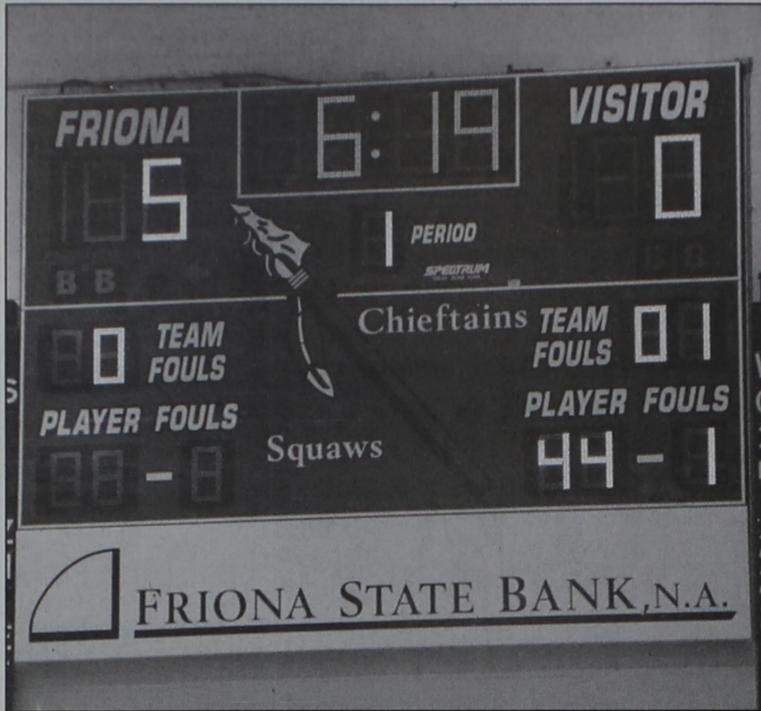
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S. Mendez & L. Reyes receive WT diplomas

Degrees were officially conferred on 514 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises, on December 15, at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 387 baccalaureates, 124 masters, and one doctoral degree.

Sandra Mendez, of Friona, earned a Bachelor of Arts de-

gree in Sports/Exercise Sciences.

Leslie Reyes, of Friona, graduated cum laude, earning a Bachelor of General Studies degree in General Studies.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum

Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2006 included 10 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 24 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 54 with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 12 states and 88 Texas cities and towns.

Mustangs earn football honors

Several Bovina Mustang football players were named to various Panhandle area teams.

The Amarillo Globe-News Golden Spread Team named James Lara as linebacker.

The All-South Plains team named by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal named Frank Martinez as 1st team defensive lineman; James Lara as 1st team linebacker, 2nd team tight end, and 2nd team kicker; Alfie Espinoza 1st team defensive lineman.

Named to the Team Texas regional team were 1st team offense James Lara, kicker; 1st team defense Frank Martinez defensive line and Jesus Rocha defensive back; 2nd team offense Jesus Rocha wide receiver; 2nd team defense Alfie Espinoza defensive end, James Lara linebacker, and Trent Quintana defensive back.

Mustangs beat Farwell 62-37

The Bovina Mustangs are on the way to a playoff berth with a 62-37 thumping of Farwell last Friday to remain tied with Sudan for the district lead.

Sophomore Jesus Rocha led the Mustangs with 20 points, helped out by Jeremy Vazquez with 17, Ivan Solis 14, Trent Quintana 5, Oscar Rodriguez 4, and Jessie Reyna 2.

The JV Mustangs lost to Farwell 48-26.

Dates set for senior class steak dinner and Relay for Life

Mark your calendars now for two important upcoming events.

The annual steak dinner fundraiser for the seniors of the Class of 2007 will be held Sunday, April 15, at the junior high cafeteria. This is a fundraiser for the all night drug free party held after graduation ceremonies.

The Relay for Life Cancer Walk has officially been scheduled for Friday June 22. It is time to work on forming teams and planning to participate in the cancer research fundraiser.

Details and further information about both events will be published in future issues of the Friona Star as they become available.

Farm Bureau celebrates food check-out week

The cost of food in America remains affordable. According to the latest statistics compiled by the Agriculture Department's (USDA) Economic Research Service, American families and individuals currently spend, on average, just under 10 percent of their disposable income for food.

Applying that statistic to the calendar year means the average household will have earned enough disposable in-

come, that portion of income available for spending or saving, to pay for its annual food supply in about 36 days, according to Parmer County Farm Bureau.

In recognition of this, Parmer County Farm Bureau is celebrating February 4-10, 2007, as Food Check-Out Week. Not only is America's food supply the safest, but it's the most affordable.

"The safe, abundant and af-

fordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers is responsible, at least in part, for our nation's increasing standard of living," said Ricky Barnett, Farm Bureau board president.

The third grade in Friona Elementary will be collecting canned food, February 5-9. The winning class will receive a pizza lunch. The collected cans will go to the Clovis Food Bank.

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