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## Two die in train/semi crash

BY RON CARR

About one and one-half miles west of Friona on the south side of Highway 60, is a trailer washout facility for cattle haulers. The railroad crossing that leads to the location is marked only by a stop sign and railroad warning sign.

That was not enough Friday afternoon, December 9, when about 3:30 p.m. an eastbound train slammed into a 2005 Peterbilt tractor and killed Charles Curtis Berry, 32, and Teresa McBirde, 39, both of Canyon. The two had dropped off their cattle trailer at the washout and were exiting over the crossing at the time of the wreck. The rig was owned by Dee King Trucking of Friona.

The impact killed the two instantly and scattered wreckage debris for almost a mile along the tracks, according to the Sheriff's department.

An accident at the same crossing in August 1993 claimed the lives of three local residents, members of the same family, when a westbound train hit a 1984 Mercury.

According to the 1993 story in the Friona Star, a total of five fatalities occurred in a 10-month period at crossings within a couple of miles west of Friona.

A truck driver and a county maintenance worker were killed in separate accidents in late 1992 at crossings near the Parmer County Implement location west of town.

### 95,639 cotton bales and counting

The cotton bale count from Parmer County cotton gins as of Monday December 12, was 95,639 bales ginned. With plenty of modules still on the ground, the total count will exceed 100,000 bales by week's end and continue to rise. Included in our county bale count survey were: Friona Farmer's Co-op, Parmer County Cotton Growers, West Hub Gin, Clay's Corner Gin, North Lazbuddie Gin, Bovina Gin, Lariat Gin, and Farwell Gin.

### FSA accepts emergency farm loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, winds, and lightning that occurred on August 27, 2005, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office in Farwell, Thomas Taylor said.

Parmer County is one of five in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eli-

gible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the above disaster.

Taylor said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Taylor said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 24, 2006, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing with possible delays into the new farming season.

The FSA office in Farwell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Minus-4 degrees is lowest for date

(From official Friona weather guy Bill Ellis)

Winter arrived a couple of weeks early for the Friona area last week when the low temperature fell to four degrees below zero on Thursday, December 12.

Since Amarillo set an all-time record low of -2 for the date it's probably a record for Friona also.

Most oldtimers can't recall when or if we ever had a temperature below zero that early in December. Such readings are usually late in the month, if not until January or February.



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Two people died in this train-truck accident Friday December 9 west of Friona. Wreckage of the tractor was dragged almost a mile from the collision site and debris was scattered along the way. Since the accident happened at 3:30 p.m. officials do not believe the sun played a part in the wreck. All residents are again reminded to use caution at all railroad crossings.

## United Way of Friona says thanks

The board of directors of the United Way of Friona and area met on December 8 at the Friona State Bank Community Room. On the agenda was recognition of the United Way Pacesetters and telethon workers. "They did an outstanding job and the 2005 campaign would not have been successful without them." UW secretary Marca Herring said. "We also want to thank again Ricky White and the employees at Cargill Meat Solutions for their payroll de-

ductions. Our campaign donations would have been considerably less without them."

United Way board members are: Cecil Maddox, Larry Knowles, Thoma Lou Boeckman, Dean Sasser, John Gurley, Mike Hutson, John Blackwell, Marca Herring, Billy Joe Mercer, Mercedes Williams, Carolin Reeve, Melanie London, Alan Monroe, Joe Bob Mann, Pam Kendrick, Ricky White, and Mark McMorrough

The 2005 Pacesetters include Hollis Horton, Mike

Hutson, Mike Hanes, Dee Ann Hutson, Dean Sasser, Peggy Monroe, Tommy St. Clair, and Robert Jones. Pacesetters are volunteers that call on local businesses for donations.

The telethon workers were Tiny Taylor, Ruth Miller, Eddy Mays, Sharolyn Cline, Eva Kimbrough, Percy and Margaret Parsons, Katherine Smith, Betty Reeve, Glenda Sifford, Billy Joe Mercer, Kenny Austin, Joyce Veazey, Mildred Mingus, Mercedes Williams, Pam Kendrick,

Kathy Sandoval, Cindy Alexander, Joe Bob Mann, Jamie Garza, and Heather Sandoval.

On behalf of the board, Marca Herring concluded, "Because of all of the above people who care about our community, we reached our goal and voted to disburse funds to the various organizations. Thank you to the citizens of Friona and area for your generous contributions."



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This home on Main Street in Friona shows the Christmas spirit of the community. Merry Christmas everyone!

## TxDOT launches annual holiday "Don't Drink and Drive" Campaign

Festive lights decorating homes and businesses across Texas are a bright sign that the holiday season is in full swing.

But state and local law enforcement agencies warn that there are some lights that Texas residents will not want to see this month: the flashing red and blue lights that signal a traffic enforcement stop.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced December 8 that officers will be stepping up enforcement of the state's driving while intoxicated laws through January 2. TxDOT has made grants totaling \$661,955 to 61 Texas cities to help defray expenses to crack down on impaired drivers.

"Officers will be out in force, so we want to remind people to let someone else drive if they've been drinking," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "Designate a sober driver, call a taxi or just stay put until you can drive safely. We want everyone to have a happy and safe holiday season. That's why extra officers will be on the streets to arrest drunk drivers this month."

Safety advocates credit stepped-up enforcement of the state's DWI laws and ongoing advertising about the penalties for drunk driving with the recent decline in impaired driving fatalities. Federal officials reported recently that 130 fewer people died in

Texas last year in alcohol-related crashes than in 2003.

Along with the Texas Department of Public Safety and local police departments and sheriff's offices statewide, the Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Municipal Police Association and Valero Corporation are also participating in the holiday DWI-prevention campaign.

Penalties for a first-time DWI offense include driver's license suspension for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to six months in jail.





# OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

## merry christmas coach and al

Dear Coach Dewitt,  
I came across this article in some newspaper back in November and wanted to share it with you and Al. It is a heck of a piece of trivia, for me at least. The headline read "College basketball celebrates 25 years with 3-point shot" Here is the story written by Jim O'Connell of the Associated Press:

It isn't one of those dates that jumps to mind, even for the most devoted of college basketball fans. Even on its silver anniversary, it went virtually ignored.

On November 29, 1980, in Reid Gym on the campus of Western Carolina in Cullowhee, North Carolina, Ronnie Carr made the first 3-pointer in college basketball history. Think how the game has changed since that line first appeared on a court. From strategy to broadcasting vernacular, the 3-point shot has become as much a part of the game as the dunk, the zone, and the shot clock.

The night Carr made history, the line was 22 feet from the basket and the Southern Conference had volunteered to try it out for the 1980-81 season.

The Catamounts were playing Middle Tennessee State that night and the 3-point line really wasn't that big a deal in pre-game chatter. Carr took the first shot from behind the line less than two minutes into the game. He made the first 3 on his next attempt with 16:09 left. The 23-footer went through the net at 7:04 p.m.

"I wasn't concentrating on that even though it was part of my game and even though we were briefed on it and the magnitude of it," Carr said Wednesday, a day after his alma mater honored him in a ceremony for that long jumper 25 years ago.

Representatives of the Naismith Hall of Fame were there to document the moment. The ball is still on display in Springfield, Massachusetts. Carr missed his two other 3-point attempts that night in Western Carolina's 77-70 victory. Larry Caldwell, Carr's teammate, and Rick Campbell of Middle Tennessee both made a 3 during the game. But Carr was first

and he's proud of it.

"I give three or four interviews a year about it," said Carr, who was involved in a serious auto accident before his senior year. So what does the man who hit the first 3 six years before it became official think of the current line at 19-9?"

"I think to make it a real special shot, I wouldn't be opposed to moving it back," Carr said. "I'm so grateful to be a part of it. It changed the very makeup of basketball and did more to change the structure of the game than anything in history."

So there you have it Coach Dewitt. Guess you didn't realize that I went on to play basketball and become famous as late as 1980 after Al and I had been out of high school for 23 years. Thanks to you I ended up in the Hall of Fame. In my own mind, of course.

In this story they also mentioned the dunk, the zone, and the shot clock. Correct me if I am wrong coach but in the era of the 1950s when we played, the only one of those we had was the zone. Or did we just play man-for-man? I forget now. I'm not sure even you could dunk in your heyday could you?

Have you been to any high school basketball games the last several years and looked at the equipment they have now and the uniforms they wear. Especially the uniforms. I looked us up in my 1957 annual. We wore short-shorts compared to the baggy versions they wear today. (Duck Owens would have tripped and fell on the shorts they wear now.) Our shirts were like tank tops or undershirts and our shoes didn't have any writing or swoosh marks on them either.

The kids that need glasses today either play in contacts or shatterproof prescription goggles. I can remember mother cutting up an old innertube to make thick rubber bands to hold my glasses on. Athletes today don't need that kind of contraption and if they did it would be near impossible to find an innertube.

Hey coach, I saw your picture in the Hillsboro paper with the 1955 HHS state finalist football team reunion. My gosh

what a shock to see how old all those guys looked. You, Merlin Priddy, and David Hernandez I could recognize. The rest of them I would never have been able to tell who they were, especially Mike Curry, Refugio Rizo, and Joe Fernandez.

Wow! I haven't gotten over the shock yet. I noticed you were sitting next to Pat Hill and he was wearing sunglasses. What's his deal these days? He always was slightly off center.

I'm going to send you the picture, Al. You will be amazed. See if you can pick out John Stanley Moore without looking at the names. Wow!

To all you loyal readers that may have forgotten, Coach David Dewitt was my high school basketball coach in Hillsboro and he still lives there. By my calculation, Coach Dewitt is about 83 these days and going strong. Al Podsednik and I were 1957

classmate graduates and played basketball for Coach Dewitt. Al lives in Houston. Both of them subscribe to the Friona Star. With any luck and good health, we shall all meet next at our 50th class reunion in 2007. Right fellas?

To me this time of year is a time for reflection, being grateful for what we have today, no matter how difficult it was to get here. It is a time to enjoy old memories and share them with others. It is a time to slow down. And a time to remember.

Merry Christmas Coach and Al.



## Letters To The Editor



Friona Home Schoolers

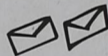
Dear Friona Star,

On Friday, October 28, 2005, the Friona home schoolers, ages 3-13, made helping hands for the soldiers in Iraq. Helping hands are glove-filled care packages that have candy, gum, toothbrushes, tissues, wet wipes, Chap Stick, and combs in them. Every last Friday of the month the home schoolers will get together and make care packages to send off to our local soldiers.

We would especially like to thank Mike Hanes for his support and generosity. Thank you for your donations!

If you are interested in donating any items or money for shipping costs, you may leave your items in a drop off box at Bob's Pump on Hwy. 60, or call any of the home schooled students.

Written by:  
Maddie Murphree, Galen Clark, and Matthew Samarron



Dear Editor,

On December 9, 2005, Calvary Baptist Church in Friona sustained major water damage from a broken pipe. Our whole auditorium was flooded. Our carpet and pews were standing in water.

I placed a call to Sheriff Randy Gerries about the possibility of him bringing some inmates from the jail to help us take up the pews so the carpet could be removed and the carpet cleaners could remove the water.

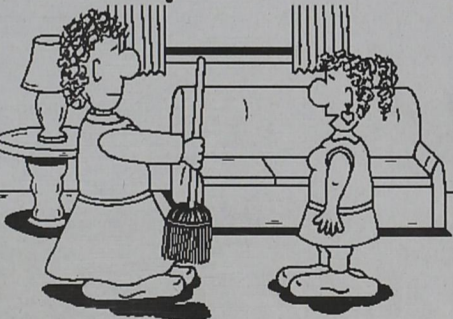
He graciously agreed and in just a couple of hours, he had eight inmates and four officers here to help. Within about 90 minutes, they had all the pews out and the carpet people were pulling up the carpet.

I want the citizens of Parmer County to know how much I appreciate Sheriff Gerries and the officers as well as the inmates who came that day.

I feel very fortunate to live in a county where there is this kind of help.

Sincerely,  
Glenna Holt  
Calvary Baptist Church

## Daily Toons



"Okay, so, like where do you plug it in?"

## Tumbleweed Smith

### German radio on the Plains of Texas

About one-third of Gaines County is composed of German Mennonites.

They number around 5,000. So it seemed perfectly logical that the radio station in the county seat of Seminole would start broadcasting some programs in the German language. KIKZ airs John Peters' program ("The German Radio show") from 8 to 10 PM on weekdays and from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays.

"To me, Seminole is somewhat of a poster city for cultural assimilation," says John, "making everyone feel a part of the community, involving everyone. I'm impressed."

John has been a public school teacher in Seminole 28 years.

"We had our first program on June 5, 2004. It took off like a space rocket. The station did a very good job of promoting it for several weeks before we started. I discovered that the audience was just huge. On our second or third show,



I asked listeners to call in. I was just curious to see if anybody was listening. The phone lines just lit up. I got calls for the rest of the day. The callers said, 'yeah, we're listening. We hear you.' About half the German Mennonites don't have televisions, but they will listen to the radio."

John has developed quite a following to listeners in and around Seminole. He has also developed his skill as a DJ. He'll talk over the instrumental beginning of a German song and stop talking the instant the vocals start. But his show is not just about music.

"I do play some German Blues, German Pop and German Rock from time to time. I play quite a lot of gospel. Listeners really appreciate the news, especially the local news. They like to hear anything that's going on with the German Mennonite population. They'll just eat it right up."

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John and his family were among the first Mennonites to arrive in Gaines County in 1977 from Canada and Mexico. John says the Mennonites have had a major religious, economic and social impact on the community.

"Most of the Mennonites work in agriculture, but several work as carpenters or in the home improvement industries."

The Mennonites got their name from Menno Simons, a Catholic priest who left the priesthood and started the Mennonite faith in Zurich, Switzerland in 1525.



# Around Town

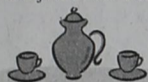
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## Blood Drive December 15

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hosting a blood drive at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Thursday, December 15 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Every donor will receive a Christmas ornament. The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life! Thank you for all you do!

## Friend of the Library Christmas Tea

The Friends of the Friona Public Library are sponsoring a Christmas Tea honoring local author Krista Renner Kemple who wrote, "Another Beautiful Day: The Memoirs and Diaries of Clara Baker Renner". The tea will be held Friday, December 23, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pioneer Heritage Museum at the Corner of Sixth and Cleveland in Friona. RSVP if possible to the library by December 15. Please bring your special teacup if you have one and join us for a delightful Christmas Tea.



## Pre-order Friona on Parade

Bill Ellis is asking those interested in a copy of his book, "Friona on Parade" a history of the FISD, to sent him a \$10 deposit for each book wanted to 1201 Maple St., Friona, TX 79035.

Due to printing costs, this will help him know how many books to print. Total cost is expected to be between \$30 and \$45. If you are a valedictorian or salutatorian and have not sent Bill a photo, please do so.

The book will contain academic and sports records from the early days to the present, with some never-before printed photos and sports records.

## Reception for Wied in Panhandle

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Square House Museum in Panhandle, Texas cordially invite you to attend a reception for Bobby Wied on Sunday, January 8, 2006, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Opal Weatherly Purvines Annex of the Square House Museum, located at TX Hwy. 207 at 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Panhandle. Refreshments will be served. "Palo Duro Canyon Paintings by Bobby Wied" can be viewed from January 3 through February 26, 2006.



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Participating in the weightlifting meet at the Hereford YMCA were, back row, l-r, Russell Wagner, Greg Alvarado, Jose Samarron, Richard Samarron, Cassandra Barker, and Ben Flores, Jr. Front, l-r, Matthew Samarron, Neil Eddins (kneeling), Juanito Samarron, Flores, Angel Samarron, and Rae Garcia.

## Samarron and sons in lift meet

Jose Samarron and his sons Matthew, Angel, and Juanito competed at the N.A.S.A. weightlifting meet held Saturday, December 3, at the Hereford YMCA. There were 42 entries in the meet.

Jose had the highest lift total for the day and placed 1st in the 275-pound open division. His lift total of 1631 pounds included 678 in squat, 380 in bench, and 573 in dead lift.

Matthew placed 1st in the 165-pound teen division (13-18 years). He totaled 452 pounds with curl 66, bench 121, and dead lift 265. Angel was 1st in the 114-pound youth division.

His lift totals were curls 50, bench 55, and dead lift 160 for a total of 237 pounds.

Juanito kept up the tradition by placing 1st in the 135-pound youth division. His total was 253 pounds including curl 38, bench 55, and dead lift 160.



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The Friona Evening Lions were entertained by Christmas carolers at their December 8 meeting. The carolers were, from left, Allison Johnston and daughters Brooklynnne, Holly, and Dierdre, and Hannah Stovall, Allison Jones, and Meghan Hendrickson.



ron carr photo

The Friona City Council has a new council chamber. The remodeled chamber is next door to the Chamber of Commerce on Main St. Members are on a raised platform in semi-circle seating, a big improvement over the old chamber in the back of city hall. Council members meeting Monday night are, l-r, Jim Atwell, Martha Barker, city manager Terri Johnson, mayor John Taylor, Mark Osborn, and Ronnie Stevick.



Merry Christmas

## FlashBacks

### 70 Years Ago December 13, 1935

Friona—The government has opened here what is known as a Resettlement Feed Store in Friona under the management of Mr. Owen Miller, of Dimmitt, who will have his office in the Fallwell garage, where he may be found on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week. The only feed substances he now has on hand are alfalfa hay and thrashed oats, and it is understood that these varieties of feed are those secured by the various sources, and are being sold to farmers of drought stricken areas at actual cost to the government.

### 60 Years Ago December 13, 1940

Friona- Last week the Haile Hardware Store came under the management of a new proprietor, as a result of a trade between the former proprietor, S.H. Haile and J.J. Williams. Mr. Haile exchanged his store for Mr. Williams' farm. Since he succeeded J.L. Riddle as proprietor of the store, nearly a year ago, Mr. Haile and his family have made plans to move to the farm a little later.

### 55 Years Ago December 14, 1950

Friona- Modern street lighting will soon line the principle Friona Street arteries, Southwestern Public Service officials assured the Star this week, with work already commenced on erection of poles. All equipment has arrived with the exception of the metal poles, C.D. Hardesty of the Hereford office stated and the timber poles are being erected this week on streets

where they were authorized along Main Street from the railroad to the corner of the park. Present plans call for tying in the wooden poles at an early date, regardless of receipt of the metal standards.

### 40 Years Ago December 15, 1965

Bovina—"We were more than pleased," was the report this week from officials of the First State Bank of Bovina concerning the grand opening in the firm's new building Sunday afternoon. A crown of more than 600 attended the open house between 2 and 6 p.m. Bovina Church of Christ had a venison and elk barbecue supper Monday night. The game was killed by Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rushing on a recent hunting trip. The couples furnished the meat for the winner, one deer and one elk.

### 35 Years Ago December 12, 1970

Friona - Walt Dittman and Leon Coffey found a fifty pound bobcat near Dittman's residence 18

miles west of Friona in the Rhea Community. The large cat, which is somewhat of a rarity for this area, had been run over by an automobile when found.

### 25 Years Ago December 17, 1980

Bovina—Bovina's Mustangs were the first place winners in the Friona invitational tournaments last weekend.

### 15 Years Ago December 15, 1990

Friona—Former Friona resident Ted Sanders, was tapped Wednesday to fill in for departing United States Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos. Sanders graduated from Friona High School in 1959 and later went on to attain his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Bovina-Sue Fowler and her son Robert Fowler, were recognized this week by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. They have the business, Plants Plus, located about five miles west of Bovina and have been in business eleven and one-half years.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Lakeview was a school district created in 1928 when it was decided to divide the Black School District. The board members were Mr. E.B. Whitefield, Mr. J.M.W. Alexander, and Mr. C.A. Guinn.  
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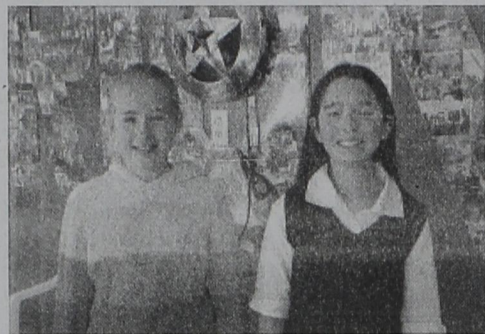
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Jon Hendrickson, left, of Xcel Energy, presents a \$7,500 grant check to Chris Alexander, Chamber of Commerce manager, and Friona Mayor John Taylor. The grant is to be used to improve the environmental quality of the Reeve Lake recreational area in Friona.



ron carr photo

5th graders Darian Irons and Kylie Boyd were praised by city employees for their efforts in raising money for the city animal shelter. With winter weather setting in they felt sorry for animals in the pound so the girls did odd jobs and collected donations to raise \$69 which they used to buy dog food, pet blankets, chew toys, and flea and tick collars for animals in the shelter. Good job girls. Merry Christmas.

## Sheriff's Report

December 6, 2005, Ricky Conner, 43, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, pending Grand Jury. He was also charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by felon, pending Grand Jury.

December 8, 2005, Oscar Vidaurri, 23, of Farwell, Texas, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

December 9, 2005, Dora Ann Martinez, 21, of Hereford, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while license suspended, pending County Court.

December 11, 2005, Fetapai Leota, 39, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

December 11, 2005, Leopoldo Muniz, 19, Texico, New Mexico, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:  
—Darrell Jerome Holt, 43, of The Colony, Texas, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 8 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$423 court costs; \$5,000 fine; \$1,590 attorney fees, and \$236 transport fees.

—Ruben Silva Castillo, 64, of Muleshoe, Texas, charged with possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility (meth), was sentenced to 2 years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice, \$307 court costs, \$10,000 fine, and \$900 attorney fees.



FHS December Teacher of the Month Gayle Murdock and Student of the Month Hannah Stovall.

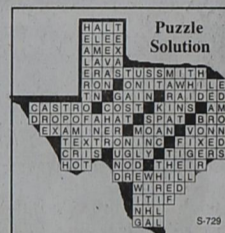
## FHS honors student and teacher of the month

Friona High School principal Denver Crum announced the teacher and student of the month for December. "We are proud to announce Gayle Murdock and Hannah Stovall as our December honorees," Crum said.

Speaking of Gayle Murdock, Crum said, "Gayle Murdock is a dedicated teacher that works with our FCCLA and Family Consumer Sciences students and has been a dedicated instructor in Friona ISD for 31 years. She models positive behavior for our students and is extremely friendly and very helpful. Ms. Murdock has worked tirelessly on community service efforts such as the Veteran's Day Program, service learning, hurricane relief, and care packages for the military."

Student of the month is Hannah Stovall. Principal Crum says of Hannah: "Miss Stovall is involved in a variety of activities at the high school including the Early Childhood Program (ECP), Advanced Choir, AP coursework, and has attained a high level of academic achievement. Hannah is always very helpful and considerate to our staff and other students."

"We are proud of both of these outstanding individuals and Friona High School is very fortunate to have them as part of the school community," Crum said.



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December 19- December 23

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Monday, December 19

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Lunch- Ham and cheese sandwich, chips, pickle slices, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, December 20

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Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, crackers, green beans, garden salad, assorted gelatin.

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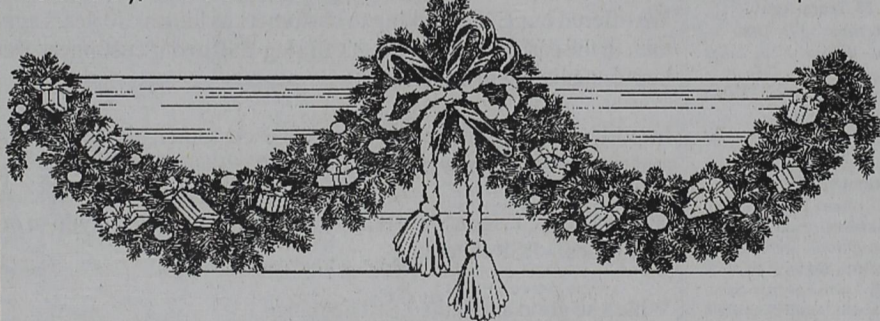
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# Squaws repeat as Farwell tourney champs

BY RON CARR

The Friona Squaws brought home the championship trophy from the Farwell Tournament for the second year in a row. The tourney was held December 1-3.

## Squaws 60, Whiteface 41

In the first game the girls took a 12-7 first quarter lead and pulled away the rest of the game to register a 60-41 victory. The win was sparked by five 3-pointers and three Squaws in double scoring figures. Junior post Courtney Adams led with 17 points, Staci Murphree put up 13, and playmaker guard Shayli Reed contributed 12 points, including two of the five

3-points. Tiffany Vasquez, Krista Graham, and Adams had the other 3's.

Briar Barnett had 6 points, T. Vasquez 5, Graham 3, Dennis Vasquez 2, Kambree Davila 2.

## Squaws 40, Texico 38 (OT)

The game with the Lady Wolverines was close from the start. Except for an 8-3 Friona 1st quarter lead the game was within two points until the Squaws finally prevailed in overtime. The score was tied 28-28 at the end of the 3rd quarter and 35-35 after regulation play. Friona had no three point goals and no player in double figure

scoring.

In the overtime period, Friona netted three free throws and one two-point basket while holding Texico to three points. Texico missed three free throws in the overtime.

Scoring for the Squaws were Shayli Reed 9, Courtney Adams 8, Tiffany Vasquez 8, Staci Murphree 5, Erica Davila 3, and Miranda Frye, Krista Graham, and Briar Barnett 2 each.

## Squaws 63-Farwell 54

Saturday night the Squaws met the host Farwell Lady Blue for the tournament championship. The girls got a wake-up



**Shayli Reed**  
All-tournament team

call after trailing 16-10 at the end of the 1st quarter and came back with a huge 28-point 2nd quarter to lead 38-34 at halftime.

But they slowed down to only a 7-point 3rd quarter to lead after three 45-44. But then they picked it up again with an 18-point final quarter and the 63-54 win.

Shayli Reed pounded the nets for 23 points to lead the Squaw scoring in the championship game. Included in her total were six 3-point goals. Tiffany Vasquez helped with 11 points, Krista Graham had 8, Staci Murphree 7, Erica Davila 7, Kambree Davila 5, and Dennis Vasquez 2.

Shayli Reed and Erica Davila were selected to the all-tourna-



**Erica Davila**  
All-tournament team

ment team along with Jennifer Johnson of Happy and Brooke Lunsford and Britton Barrett of Farwell.



courtesy photo

The JV Squaws celebrate their third tournament championship this season with this first place plaque at Tulia. They've also won 1st place at Nazareth and Muleshoe tourneys. They are, l-r, back, Michelle Martin, Morgan Anthony, Heather Sandoval, Lauren Hughes, Hollis Gurley, Erin Anthony, Coach Carrie Davis, Blair Smiley, Jordan Monroe, Brooke Herbert; front, Briana Wright, Erin Austin, Sandra Godoy, Julie Echevarria, Ashley Ingram.

## JV Squaws champs at Tulia Tourney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The FHS JV Squaws are on a roll by winning the Tulia Tourney. The Squaws traveled to the Tulia Tourney December 8, 9 and 10.

**JV Squaws 51**

**JV Lady Owls 18**

The Squaws stomped the Silvertown Lady Owls from the first quarter. Julie Echevarria led the scoring with 11 points including three field goals, one 3-point shot and two free throws.

Briana Wright dropped in 10 points with three field goals, one 3-pointer, and one free throw. Other JV scorers were Hollis Gurley 8, Ashley Ingram 6, Erin Austin 4, Lauren Hughes 4, Erin Anthony 2, Blair Smiley 2 and Sandra Godoy 2.

**JV Squaws 58**

**JV Bobbies 20**

The Squaws came back on the second day of the tourney to eas-

ily beat the Dimmitt Bobbies, 58-20.

Echevarria led the scoring again with 13 points, including six field goals and one free throw. Ingram added in 10 with two field goals and six free throws.

Wright scored 8 points, Gurley 6, Austin 5, Godoy 5, E. Anthony 4, Hughes 4, and Heather Sandoval 3.

**JV Squaws 41**

**JV Swiftettes 25**

## 7th Maidens compete in Tulia Tourney

Coach Arnold Peralez and the FJHS 7th A Maidens competed in the Tulia Tourney December 10 and split their two games, losing the first to Dimmitt and winning the second against Tulia.

**7th A Maidens 15**

**7th Dimmitt 33**

Leading the scoring were

The final day of competition saw the Squaws handling the Nazareth JV Swiftettes, 41-25.

Ingram led the scoring with 10 points including two field goals, one 3-pointer and three of four free throws. Gurley dropped in three field goals and one free throw for 7 points.

Other Squaws scoring were Austin 5, Echevarria 5, Wright 4, E. Anthony 4, Godoy 4 and Smiley 2.

## 7th A Maidens 24

## 7th A Lockney 26

The FJHS 7th A Maidens fell to Lockney 7th Lady Longhorns Monday, December 12 in Friona, 24-26.

Top scorers were Regan Anthony 9, Britny Herbert 9, Elizabeth Trevino 2, Ester Sarabia 2, and Laci Austin 2.

**8th A Maidens 33**

**8th A Lockney 28**

The 8th A Maidens downed the 8th Lockney A Lady Longhorns Monday, December 12 in Friona, 33-28.

Yesenia Rojas led the scoring with 16, Stephanie Aguirre 7, Kyla Hurst 7, Taryn Jamerson 2 and Paige Herbert 1.



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Squaw junior post Courtney Adams looks for a pass underneath against the Lubbock Christian Lady Eagles Tuesday night.

## Squaws give 'free' win to LCHS

The Friona Squaws managed to stay even with the Lubbock Christian Lady Eagles for most of the game Tuesday night. The

girls led LCHS 25-24 after three quarters but then the 4th quarter rolled around.

Maybe the Squaws were tired from the Farwell tournament or just had an off night. Either way the Lubbock Christian girls sank 13 of 14 free throws in the 4th quarter, outscored Friona 17-5, and cruised to a 41-30 win over the Squaws. Lubbock Christian was 18 of 23 from the free throw line

while Friona was 7 of 10. Shayli Reed edged into double figures to lead with 10 points, Staci Murphree had 7, Courtney Adams 6, Erica Davila, Miranda Frye, and Briar Barnett 2 each and Kambree Davila one point.

Next up for the Squaws will be a trip to Vega Friday December 16, then a road game with the Canyon Lady Eagles in Canyon Monday, December 19.

## 7th Braves win Tulia Tourney, stomp Lockney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Congratulations to Rex Cumpton and the FJHS 7th Braves in their championship win in the Tulia Tourney held Saturday, December 10.

**7th Braves 44**

**7th Dimmitt 40**

Nicolas Ortiz and Clayton Smiley led the scoring with 9 points each. Brenner Barnett and Kirby Frye dropped in 8 each. Chris Garcia scored 4, and Ernesto Montreal and Zack Fair 3 each.

**7th Braves 55**

**7th Tulia 16**

Nicolas Ortiz scored 15 points against the Dobbers. Frye added in 11, Montreal 9, Fair 6, Barnett 5 and Michael Chico and Smiley dropped in 4 each.

"This was a good tournament. Dimmitt beat us early in the year but we were able to get them in the tournament," said Coach Cumpton. "The kids played well in both games, allowing them to win the championship."

In Monday, December 12 action, the Braves beat Lockney's 7th grade, 44-14.

Smiley led the scoring with 11 points, Ortiz 8, Chico 5, Barnett, Fair and Frye 4 each, Garcia 3 and Duncan Welch and Kellum 2 each.

"A good win here to finish up between the holidays," said Cumpton. "We continue to have balanced scoring which really helps. Nine players out of 12 were able to

score."

The Braves record is 5-2.

The Braves are off for the Christmas holidays. The Braves will next compete in Dimmitt Monday, January 9, 2006.



**Kelsey Cote**

## Meet the Class of 2018

Kelsey is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Jose and Gloria Chico. She has two sisters, Iza and Tora and three brothers, Duvonte, Michael, and Salvador.

Kelsey likes playing with baby dolls. Her favorite color is red and her favorite food is pizza.

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## Friona ISD School Calendar December, 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7-8-9 BB vs. Floydada JH: 5:00 - 7:15 Var. B Vega BB Tournament JV G&B @ Malheur Tournament TMEA Pre-Area Choir @ Dumas	2 Eless. UIL @ Wayland HS Speech Tournament @ Amarillo High Var. B @ Vega BB Tournament JV G & B @ Muleshoe Tournament Var. G @ Midland Lee	3 JH Suzzany School HS Speech Tournament @ Amarillo High Var. Boys @ Vega BB Tournament JV G&B @ Malheur BB Tournament
5 Progress Reports Home 9 <sup>th</sup> Girls BB vs. Olan There 9 <sup>th</sup> Boys BB vs. Olan Here	6 Headstart and Migrant Parent Meeting 5:30 @ Jr. High Cafeteria Elem. CPI - Update Training Junior Class Parade Supper @ HS Caf 5:00-8:00 p.m. JV G & Var. B vs. Highland Park - H 4:00-8:00 pm.	7 JH District UIL @ Wayland	8 Elem. Faculty Christmas Party V B&G Farwell BB Tournament JV G&B Tulia BB Tournament	9 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. @ Amarillo to see the Malesker V G&B Farwell BB Tournament JV G&B Tulia BB Tournament Conecado Speech Tournament	10 7 <sup>th</sup> G&B BB Tournament @ Tulia V G&B @ Farwell BB Tournament JV G & B BB Tournament @ Tulia Conecado Speech Tournament
12 JH vs. Lockney @ 5:00 G-H, B-T 9 <sup>th</sup> BB vs. Lockney Girls - T Boys - H FHS Choir will be Caroling around Friona @ 11:00 - 3:30	13 JV Girls and Var. B BB vs. Lubbock Christian H - 4:00 & 8:00 pm.	14	15 JH Band & HS Choir Christmas Concert @ JH Auditorium @ 7:00 pm.	16 JV Girls @ Var. B BB vs. Vega - T 4:00 & 8:00 pm.	17 JH Saturday School
19 JH Semester Exams Basketball vs. Canyon - T JV & Var. G 5:00 & 6:30 pm.	20 JH Semester Exams JV & V B vs. Vega - H 5:00 & 6:30	21 JH Semester Exams Music Programs JH Auditorium ECE -1 <sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 9:30 a.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.  Early Dismissal ECE -1 <sup>st</sup> - 1:00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 1:30 - 2:00	22 BB vs. Lubbock Cooper T JV G & B @ 5:00 pm. V G @ 6:30 pm. V B @ 8:00 pm.	23	24
26	27	28 V Boys @ Littlefield Tournament	29 V Boys @ Littlefield Tournament V Girls @ Caprock Tournament	30 V Boys @ Littlefield Tournament V Girls @ Caprock Tournament	31 V Girls @ Caprock Tournament

**7th A Maidens 24**

**7th A Lockney 26**

The FJHS 7th Maidens narrowly lost to the Lockney 7th Lady Longhorns Monday, December 12 in Friona.

Regan Anthony and Britny Herbert led the scoring with 9 points each. Elizabeth Trevino, Ester Sarabia and Laci Austin dropped in 2 each.

The Maidens are off for the

Christmas holiday and will see action in the new year on January 9, 2006 against Dimmitt.

**7th B Maidens 4**

**7th B Lockney 1**

The 7th B Maidens played one quarter against Lockney's 7th B team and won 4-1.

Julie Wiseman and Crystal Trevino led the scoring with two points each.





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Chance Lewellen (33) fires a jump shot.

### JV Chiefs compete in Tulia Tourney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Jose Gonzales and the JV Chiefs competed in the Tulia Tourney December 8, 9 and 10.

In game one the Chiefs easily beat the Silverton Owls 45-19. Jared Boyd and Kaison Graham led the scoring. Boyd and Graham each had two field goals, one three-point shot and one free throw. Others scoring were Chris Haile 7, Aminadab Alvidrez 6, Phillip Saiz 6, Alex Gurley 5, Trent Hudson 3 and Dillon Welch 2.

The Chiefs fell to the Dimmitt JV 48-42 in game two on Friday.

Gurley dropped in two field goals and three 3-point shots to lead the scoring with 13 points. Hudson scored 11, Boyd 8, Haile 5, Graham 3 and Saiz 2.

In the final game the Nazareth JV clobbered the Chiefs 51-26.

Gurley once again led the scoring with 8, Haile 6, Boyd 3, Graham 3, Garrett Clark 2, Saiz 2, and Hudson 2.

The Chiefs hosted the Lubbock Christian JV Eagles Tuesday, December 13, 2005. Their next outing will be in Vega Friday, December 16.



## Chiefs top Lubbock Christian 84-80

The Friona Chiefs and Lubbock Christian Eagles poured in 164 points Tuesday night, including a two-team total of 14 three-pointers, nine by Friona. When you do the

math, the Chiefs had a season high 84 points to edge the Eagles 84-80.

The Chiefs had a healthy 44-28 lead at the half. The Eagles launched a comeback

by scoring 36 points in the 4th quarter to complete a 52-40 second half run over the Chieftains but it was not quite enough.

Ten Chieftains ended up in the scoring column, led by Sawyer Reed with 21 points, Caleb Miller 18, Cody Jamerson 14, Ryan Geries 7, Ryan Schwab 5, Hector Sanchez 5, Chance Lewellen 4, Tolby

Wilcox 4, Sean Lookingbill 4, and Andrew Aguirre 2.

The Chiefs next outings will be back-to-back games vs. Vega. Friona visits Vega tomorrow night then hosts a return visit Tuesday, December 20. Since it will be JV and varsity boys only on Tuesday, the JV game starts at 5 p.m. and Chief varsity at 6:30.

### Chiefs' results at Farwell tournament

The Friona Chieftains participated in the Farwell tournament last weekend.

<b>Chiefs</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Chiefs</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Clovis So.</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Happy</b>	<b>52</b>

Friona and Clovis were tied 9-9 and 15-15 in the first two quarters but the Chiefs had an 11-3 run in the 3rd to outgun Clovis 43-37. Sawyer Reed was top gun with 22 points, Hector Sanchez 7, Caleb Miller 6, Chance Lewellen 6, and Cody Jamerson 2.

<b>Texico</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Chiefs</b>	<b>33</b>

In spite of netting six 3-point goals the Chiefs were unable to catch Texico. The Wolverines were 11 of 19 from the free throw line

while Friona managed only 1 of 4 free tosses. Reed again led scoring with 17 points, Ryan Geries had 7, Sanchez 6, and Cody Jamerson 3.

Things improved for Friona as they met Happy in Saturday's consolation game and captured the win 57-52. Reed was high again with 15 points (plus 3 rebounds & 7 assists). Cody Jamerson contributed 14 points and 6 rebounds; Sanchez had 8 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists; Ryan Geries had 6 points, Chance Lewellen, Sean Lookingbill, and Andrew Aguirre 4 each; and Tolby Wilcox had two points.

### JV Chiefs clip Eagles 43-37

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The Friona JV Chiefs hosted the Lubbock Christian Eagles Tuesday, December 13, 2005. Coach Jose Gonzales and the Chiefs handed the Eagles a 43-37 loss.

Trent Hudson led the scoring with 17 points, five rebounds and six steals. Jared Boyd dropped in 10 points and had two rebounds. Dillon Welch and Alex Gurley added in four points each. Welch had four rebounds, one assist and one steal. Gurley had four rebounds, three assists, one blocked shot and two steals.

Phillip Saiz and Omar Hernandez each scored three points. Saiz also had two rebounds and two steals. Hernandez had one rebound and one assist. Chris Haile added in two points and had six rebounds, one assist, one blocked shot and two steals.

The Chiefs face the Vega Longhorns in Vega on Friday, December 16. Keep up the good work Chiefs!



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Cody Jamerson puts up two of his 14 points.

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# Friona junior high wins district UIL

Way to go FJHS! The Friona junior high UIL students won first place in district UIL competition. Here is the way the points worked out: Friona 743.6; Floydada 565.5; Tulia 467.3; Lockney 378.1; Olton 361; Dimmitt 216.3. Individual results are:

**MUSIC MEMORY:** team-2nd, Katie Osborn 5th, Alyssa Cooper 6th. **EDITORIAL WRITING:** 7th grade, Kelsey White 5th, Keeley Dunnam 6th; 8th grade, Monica Dominguez 2nd. **READY WRITING:** 6th grade, Rachel Dickson 2nd, Weston Wylie 3rd; 7th grade, Laci Austin 3rd, 8th grade, Sasha Estrada 2nd, Alex Ferguson 3rd.

**PUGA 3RD:** 7th grade-team 2nd, Ester Sarabia 5th, 8th grade, Leonardo Castaneda 2nd.

**NUMBER SENSE:** 6th grade-team 2nd, Rachel Dickson 3rd, Amber Roberson 5th; 7th grade-team 2nd, Kirby Frye 2nd, Karina Trevino 5th, Miguel Reveles 5th; 8th grade, Kenny Newhouse 4th.

**CALCULATORS:** 6th grade-team 3rd, Edward Leon 2nd; 7th grade, Cody Vogesser 6th; 8th grade-team 2nd, Alma Robles 3rd, Yesenia Ortiz 5th. **DICTIONARY SKILLS:** 6th grade-team 1st, Alan Tafoya 1st, Leslie Rubio 5th, Emily Ramos 3rd; 7th grade-team 1st, Kaitlin Bronniman 1st, Lisann Davila 4th, Regan Anthony 6th; 8th grade-team 3rd, Jordan Kelley 3rd.

**MATHEMATICS:** 6th grade-team 1st, Rachel Dickson 1st, Luis

**MAPS, GRAPHS, AND CHARTS:** 6th grade, Luis Puga 4th; 7th grade-team 2nd, J Gurley 3rd; 8th grade-team 2nd, Bryan Baxter 3rd. **SCIENCE:** 7th grade-team 1st, Keeley Dunnam 2nd, Mikey O'Brian 3rd, J Gurley 6th; 8th grade-team 2nd, David Schwab 5th. **SPELLING:** 6th grade-team 2nd, Rachel Dickson 1st, Amber Roberson 4th, Gabriel Avalos 6th; 7th grade-team 2nd, Nicolas Ortiz 5th; 8th grade-team 1st, Lacey Lookingbill 1st, Jessie London 4th. **IMPROMPTU SPEAKING:** 7th grade, Brenner Barnett 2nd; 8th grade, Paige Herbert 4th.

**ORAL READING:** 6th grade, Jessica Jamerson 6th; 7th grade, Brittney Herbert 5th; 8th grade,

Sasha Estrada 1st. **MODERN ORATORY:** 7th grade, Cristina Silva 6th; 8th grade, Jessie London 3rd. **LISTENING SKILLS:** 6th grade-team 2nd, Weston Wylie 4th, Jessica Jamerson 5th; 7th grade-team 1st, Mikey O'Brian 1st, Kirby Frye 4th; 8th grade-team 1st, David Schwab 1st, Anyuli Lopez 2nd.

**ONE-ACT PLAY:** Team 1st; Paige Herbert all star cast; Brittney Herbert, all-star cast; Alex Ferguson, all-star cast; Laci Austin, honorable mention. **ART:** 6th grade-team 1st, Megan Balli 1st, Veronica Mireles 1st, Denae Ortiz 3rd; 7th/8th grade-team 1st, Maria Cavillo 1st, Uriel Lopez 4th, Julie Machado 4th.



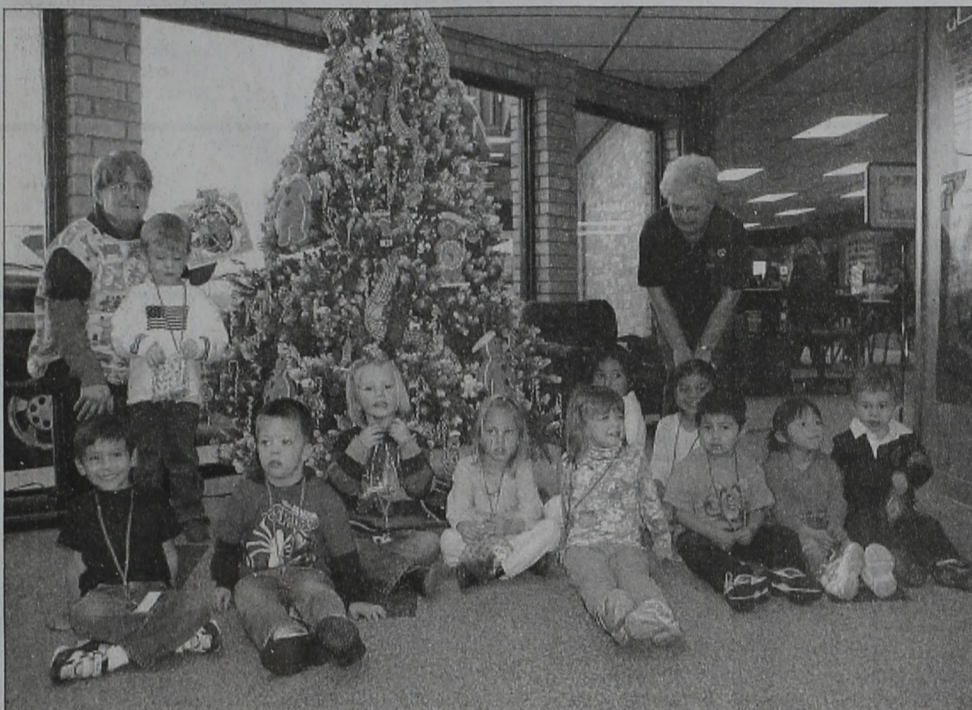
8th grade UIL champions, back row, l-r, Alma Robles, Jessie London, Lacey Lookingbill, Sasha Estrada, Anyuli Lopez and Monica Dominguez. Front row, l-r, Jordan Kelley, Alex Ferguson, David Schwab and Leonardo Casteneda. Not pictured, Bryan Baxter.



7th grade UIL champions, back row, l-r, John Gurley, Michael O'Brian, Brenner Barnett and Kirby Frye. Front row, l-r, Laci Austin, Maria Calvillo, Caitlin Bronniman and Keeley Dunnam.

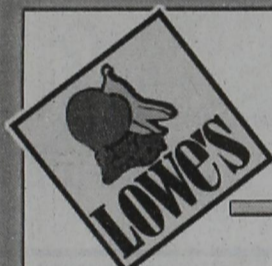


6th grade UIL champions, back row, l-r, Luis Puga, Weston Wylie, Edward Leon and Alan Tafoya. Front row, l-r, Meagan Balli, Jessie Ortiz, Veronica Mireles and Rachel Dickson. Not pictured, Emily Ramos



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Gingerbread time at the library. Darla Bracken and the story time children baked gingerbread cookies and enjoyed a visit around the gingerbread Christmas tree donated by Friona Banking Center. Front row, l-r, Thomas Huckins, Keagan Hurst, Carly Drake, Maddie Sharrock, Adaline White, Gabby Ortiz, Moses Chavez, Kitty DeLaCruz, Reagan Cochran, and Mireya Ramirez peeking from behind. In back are Michael Wales, Darla Bracken, and Melba Smiley.



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
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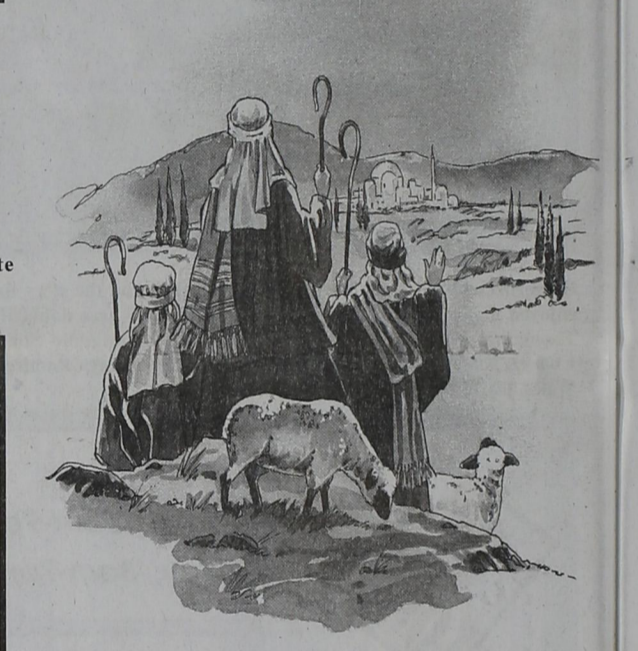
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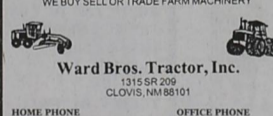
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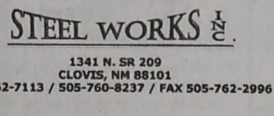
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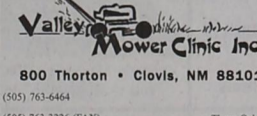
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Krista Renner Kemple has compiled her grandmother's diaries into a book, "Another Beautiful Day." "Grannie Renner's diaries opened a wonderful view of my own family's history and of life for a woman in the early days of Parmer County," Mrs. Kemple said. "The book I created from her accounts of her daily life is a way to preserve that history and to make it available to others."



**Krista Renner Kemple**

Speaking from her home in Wake Forest, North Carolina, the author, daughter of Karen and Gary Renner of Friona, says, "I'm thrilled that the Friends of the Library worked with the Parmer County Heritage Museum to arrange an opportunity to showcase the book. It's a perfect setting."

After her 1990 graduation from Friona High School, Krista earned a BA in English at San Antonio's Trinity University and a graduate degree in English at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Marriage in 1998 to artist Christopher Kemple, establishing her career as an editor and web designer, and the birth of daughters Mallory and Phoebe didn't dim the Friona natives' interest in Clara Baker Renner's story. "If anything, compiling and editing the stories has been a way of staying connected with family and with a part of Parmer County history," she said.

A holiday tea sponsored by the Friends of the Friona Public Library and the Parmer County Heritage Museum will be an opportunity to meet the author and hear more about the book. "Another Beautiful Day" by Krista Renner Kemple will be available for sale at the event which is slated for December 23, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the museum.

Vintage tea party refreshments, museum displays, a presentation by the author, and time to reminisce about Parmer County history complete the activities of the morning. Those planning to attend should RSVP to the library at 250-3200. Everyone is encouraged to include the date in their holiday schedule.

To our friends in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico

We would like to thank each and every one of you who expressed and showed us sympathy in the death of our beloved husband and Dad, Leslie McCain.

Thank you for all the flowers, calls, cards, food, visits, thoughtful words, acts of kindness, and most of all your prayers and love. We feel so privileged to live and come from this wonderful community filled with so much love for others. A special thanks to the members of the EMS for their promptness and helpfulness.

Rose McCain and family



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Mark and Cherith Watson, of Austin, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their first child Ian Conner Watson on November 7, 2005 at 10:38 a.m. at the Round Rock Medical Center in Round Rock, Texas.

Ian weighed 6 lbs, 14 1/2 oz., and was 18 inches long. His grandparents are Mrs. Joan Watson and the late Jim Ben Watson of Fort Worth, Texas and Dale and Evelyn Randolph.

## Calvary Baptist sanctuary floods

BY RON CARR

Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the door, and where's the people?

In the case of Calvary Baptist Church of Friona, you'll likely find the people convening over in the fellowship hall at least for the next few Sundays.

During the hard freeze last week a water line froze in a toilet behind the pulpit and choir area. The pipe broke and when the frozen line thawed it started spewing water and didn't stop until discovered Friday morning by church secretary Glenna Holt. "The water spewed straight up and actually caused some ceiling damage in the bathroom before filling the entire sanctuary with about 8-10 inches of water," Holt said.

Sheriff Randy Geries brought eight inmates from the county jail and several church members gathered to move all of the church pews out of the sanctuary. The pews were bolted to the floor.

Blackmon-Mooring of Amarillo came within about two hours of receiving a call from church officials and removed the carpet. As of Monday several large fans were still blowing in the sanctuary area to dry the premises.

The carpet will have to be replaced according to Ms. Holt. The insurance company had been contacted and the pews were stacked in the church foyer, hall, and adjacent classrooms.

Members met last Sunday in the fellowship hall, which was the original church building and

now serves as a banquet kitchen and meeting area. "We asked them how many were members in 1960," Holt said. Several raised their hands. "Well, we're back where we started 45 years ago," she said.

## THINK ABOUT THIS

# Growing old with God #5

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Caleb was a great man of God. His story that prompts these articles is taken from Joshua 14. Caleb teaches us that one of the key ingredients for fulfillment in old age is obedience at any age. He said, "I wholly followed the Lord, my God" (Joshua 14:28) that attitude, dear friend, is the secret of spiritual success. It's a beautiful thing to see an elderly person who was honest and strong enough to say, "I haven't lived as I should have. I see my sins. I am determined now to obey the Lord."

Inner security at any age can only come to those who are Christians. True happiness comes from a sense of one's own worth and dignity as a child of God. You may be getting old but if you belong to God, you're not really getting close to the end. You're getting close to the beginnings.

Friona United Methodist Church would like to invite you to a Come & Go Communion at 4 p.m. and a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 24.



## Clean-up crew



courtesy photos

Inmates from the Parmer County jail, along with several Sheriff's deputies and Sheriff Randy Geries, came to the rescue when the sanctuary at Calvary Baptist Church flooded last Friday. The men helped unbolt and move the pews out of the sanctuary so the carpet could be removed and the area dried out.



### Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

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### Japan lifts U.S. beef ban

By Blair Fannin, A&M Extension Center

Japan's decision to lift a two-year ban on U.S. beef imports could strengthen the current cattle market.

"It should be a positive thing for cattle prices," said Dr. David Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock economist. "As we start re-capturing some market share, that's going to pull some supplies off in an already tight market."

It may take some time to see the market effect of the announcement, Anderson said. Japan was the largest U.S. beef trading partner before the end of 2003, importing \$1.4 billion of beef.

"Since that time, that void has been filled by Australian beef and Japanese imports of U.S. pork," Anderson said. "How soon we recapture that market share is the key question to how soon we'll see the impact of the decision. It may be a long-term process. It's highly likely it won't be an overnight thing."

Another factor is gauging how fast Japanese consumers return to eating U.S. beef, Anderson said. Various reports have shown a majority of consumers are hesitant about buying U.S. beef, but Anderson said it's hard to draw conclusions.

Japan's decision comes at a time when seasonal supplies of cattle are "tight."

"We're at a point during the cattle cycle where we have low supplies of cattle and low supplies of beef," Anderson said. "That plays into high cattle prices and we've all seen high beef prices at the grocery store."

That also plays into exports as well when we have a higher-priced commodity, it makes it tougher to move into the market place."

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By K.C. Smallwood

Parmer County SWCD, Technician/Clerk

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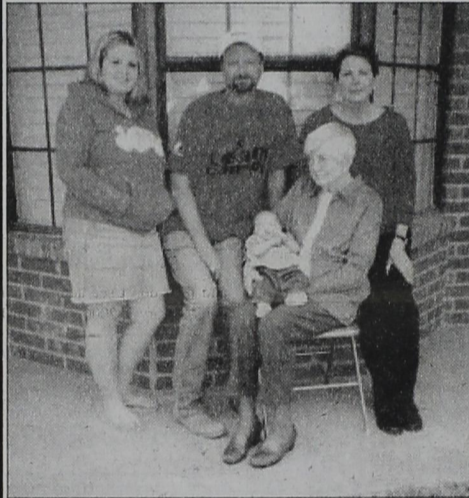
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### Meet the Class of 2018

Samantha is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Celia and Juan Salinas. She has a sister, Bianca and a brother, Mark.

Samantha likes going fishing. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is purple.

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# Mustangs compete in Monahans Tourney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Shannon Shorter and the Bovina Varsity Mustangs made the long drive to Monahans December 8, 9 and 10 and unfortunately came back empty handed.

**Mustangs 44**  
**Monahans 52**

Michael Ortiz led the scoring in game one against the Monahans Lobos with 18 points including three 3-point shots, three field goals and three free throws.

Jeremy Vazquez dropped in three 3-point shots and four of five free throws for 13 points. Other Mustangs scoring were Trent Quintana 7, and James Lara and Jesus Rocha with 3 each.

**Mustangs 32**  
**SA Grape Creek 55**

Jeremy Vazquez was the top scorer against San Angelo Grape Creek with four 3-point shots, two field goals and three free throws for 19 total points. Other Mustang scorers were Michael Ortiz 6, Chris Heinzman 5, and Trent Quintana and Oscar Rodriguez 1 each.

**Mustangs 34**  
**EP Riverside 77**

With more than half of the points Michael Ortiz led the scoring with 22 points including six 3-point shots and two field goals. Jesus Rocha added in 6 points, Robert Knoll 4 and Isaac Tavera 2.

The Mustangs hosted the Hale Center Owls on Tuesday, December 13.



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**Mustangs Jeremy Vazquez (3), Trent Quintana (11) and Chris Heinzman (00) make a fast getaway. The 'Stangs lost to Hale Center 73-59.**



## JV Mustangs Lose to Hale Center

The Bovina Junior Varsity Mustangs met the Hale Center JV Owls Tuesday, December 13 in Bovina.

The Owls held the Mustangs to nine points in the first half and fifteen in the second half to take the win 47-24.

Leading the scoring was Josh Ramirez with 6 points. Joseph Bermea and Jaime Chavira dropped in 5 each. David Gonzales and Pecos Prather added in 4 each.

The JV Mustangs travel to Lubbock Friday, December 16 and then don't see action again until January 3, 2006. Good Luck Mustangs!

# Bovina school board holds regular December meeting

The Bovina ISD board of trustees met in regular session December 12 in the administration building. Board president Mike Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present were Mike Beauchamp, Don Teague, George Villarreal, Larry Mitchell, Kevin Hughes, Mindy Neal-Widner, and Richard Carson. Staff present were Bill Bizzell, Darla Sealey, Tommy Boatwright, and Kent Torbert.

The board heard reports from the school principals, reviewed financial reports, approved current bill payments, and approved previous meeting minutes.

In other action, the board approved expanding the scope of auditors Brown, Graham and Co. to include field audit work in the area of cash and cash disbursements. Underwood Law Firm was retained as the district's legal counsel. The agreement with West Texas Food Service Cooperative was also approved. No school personnel action was taken at the meeting.

The board reviewed the Texas Education Agency video "Healthy Children, Healthy Schools" and no action was taken. The contract of new superintendent Bill Bizzell was approved. Bizzell, who has been acting as interim superintendent, gave a superintendent's report, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

## Mustangs fall to Owls 73-59

The Mustangs hosted the Hale Center Owls Tuesday, December 13. Coach Shannon Shorter's system of "run and gun" worked pretty well in the first half netting them 36 points.

Hale Center came back in the second half to win 73-59. The Mustangs free throw shooting is improving with each week. Against the Owls they were 71% at the line hitting 10 of 14.

Leading the scoring for the Mustangs was Michael Ortiz with 21 points including three 3-pointers, five field goals and two free throws. Jesus Rocha dropped in 11 with three 3-point shots and one field goal. Jeremy Vazquez added in 10 with four free throws and two field goals. Trent Quintana scored 8, James Lara 5, and Oscar Rodriguez and Isaac Tavera contributed 2 each.

The Mustangs travel to Lubbock Friday December 16. Play starts at 4 p.m. with J.V. girls.



dana d jameson photo

The Bovina Fillies' Irma Rocha (20) shows nice shooting form over the Lady Owls.



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Bovina's Jessica Bachicha, with the ball, plows into a nest of Lady Owls as teammate Lucero Saucedo (23) looks on.



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Michael Ortiz jockeys for rebound position against the Hale Center Owls.

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# OBITUARIES

## Roy Virgil Miller, Sr.

Roy Virgil Miller, Sr., of Friona, passed away December 12, 2005. He was 100 years old. Services were held Wednesday, December 14 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Friona. Glenn McFarland, Leon Talley, and Don Kimbrough will officiate. Burial was at Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. Music for the service was performed by the Miller Family.

Mr. Miller was born in Duke, Oklahoma, in Indian Territory, on October 8, 1905. Mr. Miller married Eva Roysden on March 8, 1930. This year they celebrated their 75-year anniversary.

He attended Oklahoma High School and graduated in 1928 from Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was a schoolteacher in Ninnekah, Oklahoma where he met Eva. He later worked as a dairyman for several years. He had a 9-year career as Head Dairyman at the Norman State Hospital, in Norman, Oklahoma.

He served in the U.S. Army from September 14, 1941 to January 16, 1946 during World War II. Mr. Miller attended Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia. He and his family were also stationed at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In 1946, Roy and Eva and seven children moved to Friona after he was released from military service. He began his 40 year farming career



Roy Virgil Miller, Sr.

in Friona. It was at this time he developed his love of gardening. He raised flowers, especially the sweetpeas he planted for Eva every year.

Mr. Miller was ordained as a Baptist deacon in 1961 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Friona for more than 40 years. He also attended the First Baptist Church in Bovina for the last 20 years. He was a Sunday school teacher for 40 years.

He was a member of Alpha Zeta, an academic fraternity,

and Alpha Gamma Rho, a social fraternity. He was Republican of the year 2000, member of the American Legion and VFW.

Mr. Miller was a director of the Friona Consumer Corporation for 18 years. He was Friona Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 1975 and a very active member of the Friona Lions Club.

He is preceded in death by three sons; John David Miller in 1960, Ross Kent Miller, Sr., in 1980, and Roy V. Miller, Jr. in 2004.

He is survived by his wife Eva; four daughters, Mary Lou Glass and her husband Dale, Donna Carol Mears and her husband Sam, Jerry Linda Tims and her husband Clyde, and Janice Noreen Miller.

He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial be sent to the Friona Library, Parmer County Community Hospital or the Friona Senior Citizens.

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# Local soldier returns home

BY DANA D JAMESON

Imagine looking up while practicing free throws before a basketball game and seeing your father standing at the door of the gym. He has been gone for 15 months and the only communication you have had with him is through letters and a few phone calls.

Dominique Kellum is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Friona Junior High School. Joe Bowen, Jr., Dominique's dad, arrived in Friona Monday from a recent tour of duty in Washington and surprised him at the game.

Sgt. Bowen has been in Washington, D.C. guarding our nation's capital for the last 15 months with Operation Noble Eagle.

His Battalion Commander was Lt. Daniel Alvarez, who explained the units mission. "The National Guard unit provided defense during the Presidential inauguration and the State of the Union address not to mention on many other occasions. Their primary function was in support roles such as transportation and engineering and providing security against aerial threats."

The unit was met with a hero's welcome on Friday afternoon, December 2, in Roswell. Several hundred people lined the streets and waved American flags and banners in honor of the Roswell National Guard unit.

The unit was honored with the Defenders of Freedom Award in a ceremony held on Sunday, December 4. They had previously received the Commander's Special Safety award for working 436 days without a single soldier lost.

At the awards ceremony Cpt. Nathaniel Carper spoke on behalf of his unit. "The amount of pride I have for these guys and the work they've done in the last 16 months is outstanding," he said. "Just the job they performed and the standard at which they've done it."

During a special change of command ceremony held at the Eastern New Mexico Fairgrounds on Sunday, December 4, the National Guard's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 200<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Regiment, which has included Battery A of Roswell, was renamed the 804<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion.

The National Guard is not only



Joe Bowen, Jr.

important for protection against foreign attacks and terrorist threats but they also provide assistance during disasters such as the ones that have struck the United States in the past six months including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Joe is soon to be a retired Sergeant First Class (SFC). He plans to retire on his wife, Connie's, birthday, January 19, 2006.

He has lived in Friona off and on since 1997 and worked at Excel/Cargill since 1996. He is a maintenance safety trainer. He has two other children; 18-year-old Jasmine Bowen and 23-year-old Kevin Bowen.

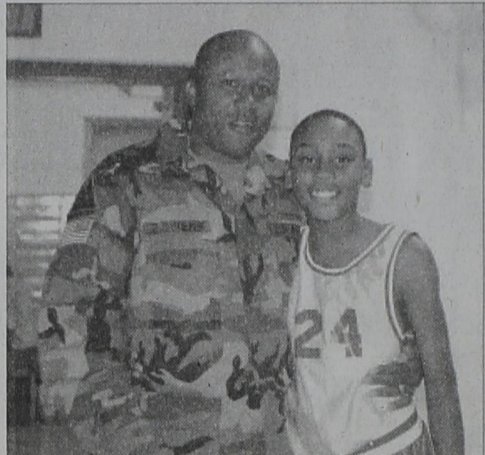
He is stationed out of Portales, New Mexico as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the 200th ADA (Air Defense Artillery) which is also a part of the Roswell National Guard.

A couple of years ago he spoke to the children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and made friends with Dominique's classmates. They have been sending him cookies and letters while he was stationed in Washington. He holds those letters dear to his heart.

He has been in the Army since January 18, 1982. From December 1991 until May of 1992 he served a tour in Southeast Asia.

Sgt. Bowen plans on getting back to a regular schedule of working at Cargill, spending time with his family and enjoying being a "soccer dad".

Welcome Back, Joe.



dana d jameson photo

Proud dad Joe Bowen, Jr. and Son Dominique Kellum



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Twinkling lights are all aglitter at the Ivy Cottage and all over Friona. Take a drive in the evening and enjoy the season.



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Dec. 22-Sabrina Clark, Jane Houlette, Chris Haile, Dick Steelman

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Join us for this special opportunity to worship. Following the candle lighting & congregational singing we will have "A Birthday Party For Jesus." Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun.



# FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

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

## DID IT REALLY RING? A legend...

By Don Spring



**ANNIVERSARY CLOCK.** Depot Heritage Society members John Fred White and Von Edelman are seen hanging the Anniversary Clock in the Depot at approximately the same spot where the old original clock was hanging back in 1911. The Depot Heritage group oversees the upkeep of the 100-year-old Depot building and celebrates the society's 20th anniversary this year.



**FRIONA DEPOT 1911.** Seated at the desk is Claude Lillard who was a very early Friona Depot Agent with the Santa Fe Railroad. He is pictured here with his two brothers; left is Lawrence Lillard and right is Earl Lillard. The calendar on the wall verifies the date as April 1911. The lower portion of the desk is still in use in the reception area of the Depot, now located in the center of the Friona City Park.

The small band of faithful parishioners stood in the early cool of a Texas Panhandle summer morning on August 7, 1921, gathered before their beloved church building. An early morning thunderstorm had swept through the small town and an errant bolt of lightning had found the tall bell spire on the Union Congregational Church building. The rampaging fire was quickly wiping out the work of a dedicated group of pioneers who, in 1908, had secured a loan from the Congregational Church Building Society of New York for \$770 with which to build the first church in Friona. The original group had been comprised of folks of many denominations, but the Congregationalists were the only group to agree to finance the new venture.

With fervor, the original members worked hard to organize a viable church and dedicated the building on May 23, 1909. By the early nineteen-teens they had secured a pastor and had made the small church a working, ministering congregation. Now the incessant flames licked skyward from the lovely stained glass windows that lay broken and melted

on the floor of the burning structure. Also inside were two pianos, a baby organ and several piles of coal. Although insured for \$1,000, building donations helped make up the difference in reconstruction costs along with a \$775 construction grant.

More importantly, to some, than what was inside was what was above, in the spire. The small bell had called the membership to services each Sunday and was used for important functions at other times such as weddings and funerals. As the small group huddled together in the wee morning hours, the spire weakened and came crashing down. As the bell hurtled toward the base-ment, it was reported by some that it tolled several times. Others reported that it was just a lovely story and that the bell didn't in fact, ring at all. I suspect that the bell rang very clearly in the hearts of some of the gatherers because when the new church was planned, the bell tower was a prominent part of the architecture, and a new bell was ordered from C.S. Bell Company at a princely sum of \$375.00 and is still used at the new church today. Sometimes

the things that stir the heart override the pragmatism of the mind. I really suspect that was the case for the church bell.

We will celebrate the Centennial of our town this coming year and to kick off the year-long celebration, we will toll the bell at midnight on New Years Eve. We invite you to celebrate the history of Friona with us at that time and to relive the story of the bell.

We also invite all churches in the City of Friona who have

bell towers to toll in our Centennial year on Sunday, January 1, 2006 at their morning services.

Note: The adobe chapel, which replaced the first frame structure, was dedicated on June 17, 1923 and now houses the Parmer County Historical Museum. Please send comments, questions or suggestions about Friona's Centennial Moments to: Darla Bracken fridarla19@yahoo.com.

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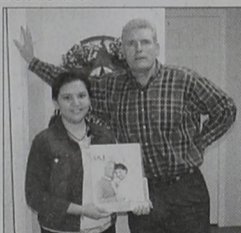
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**ACROSS**

- 1 "\_\_\_" who goes there?
- 5 CSA general: Robert \_\_\_
- 6 some TX stocks are listed on this exchange (abbr.)
- 7 co. that filmed "Ruby" in Dallas
- 8 "deal" hero of the TX Revolution
- 17 TX "Tarzan" Ely
- 18 TXism: "chew \_\_\_" (ponder)
- 21 Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)
- 22 TXism: "put on tallow" (\_\_\_ weight)
- 23 TX Cynthia Ann was kidnapped when Comanche
- 24 Dimmitt is seat of this county
- 29 TXism: "it \_\_\_ an arm and a leg"
- 30 "nap" ending at a TX barbecue
- 31 TX hero Audie (init.)
- 32 TXism: "at the \_\_\_" (impulsive)
- 34 lovers' quarrel
- 35 sis sib
- 36 newspaper: "The Navasota \_\_\_"
- 37 some say this sound is made by Llano Co. Enchanted Rock
- 38 this Paul owned Terlingua, TX
- 39 TX "Bell Helicopter \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "it'll take a faith \_\_\_" (broken)
- 2 husband of Alamo survivor Susanna Dickenson
- 3 this Cleef was in "Tumbleweed" with TX Audie Murphy with 9-down, bread see 4-down
- 10 \_\_\_ of blood
- 11 TXism: "guilty as \_\_\_"
- 12 \_\_\_ Jo, TX
- 13 Sen. John Tower's daughter
- 14 TX Sly Stone's "\_\_\_" to Take You Higher"
- 15 TXism: "in \_\_\_ neck of the woods"
- 16 TX Sam Bass \_\_\_ out in Denton Co. student
- 19 student
- 20 ex-Rangers owner Harrell "Eddie" Chiles
- 22 love makes the world \_\_\_
- 24 medium for TX singers (abbr.)
- 25 TXism: "his facts \_\_\_ elastic"
- 26 White \_\_\_ swept Astros in '05 World Series
- 27 slang name of TX 36th Infantry
- 28 actor Cesar
- 29 actress in TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- 30 San Antonio FM
- 33 TX "fire \_\_\_" electronics co.
- 35 what TX George Foreman was
- 37 TXism: "so humid my upper lip is \_\_\_"
- 38 watchful period
- 40 "Vietnam, TX" actor, Haing S. \_\_\_
- 41 Dallas Love \_\_\_
- 44 TXism: "brand blotter"
- 47 Six Flags ride sensation
- 49 TXism: "he's right handy \_\_\_" fork"

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ron carr photo

Chieftain Ryan Geris (43) dazzles his opponents with a blur of speed Tuesday night. Actually Friona Star photographer Ron Carr turned what should have been a good action photo into an artsy composition. If you shoot with a digital camera you have no doubt taken pictures like this. Call them artsy. That's what we do.



Brandon Countiss shares his wish list with Santa.



Cousins Haden Smiley and Samuel Frye visit with Santa

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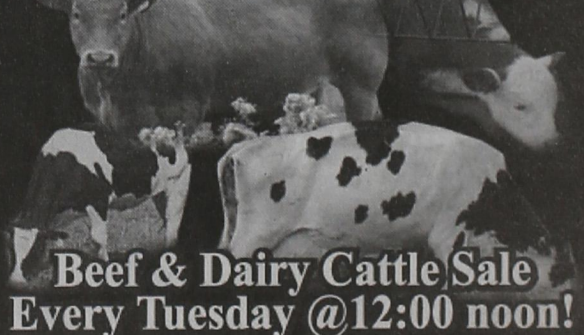
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