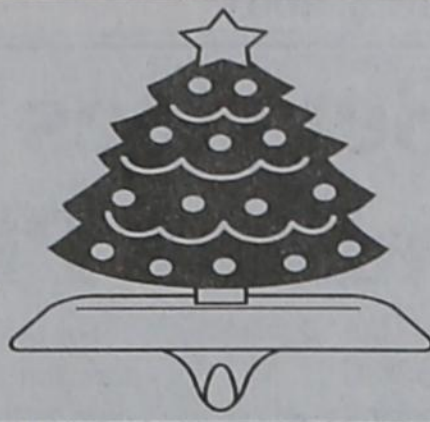


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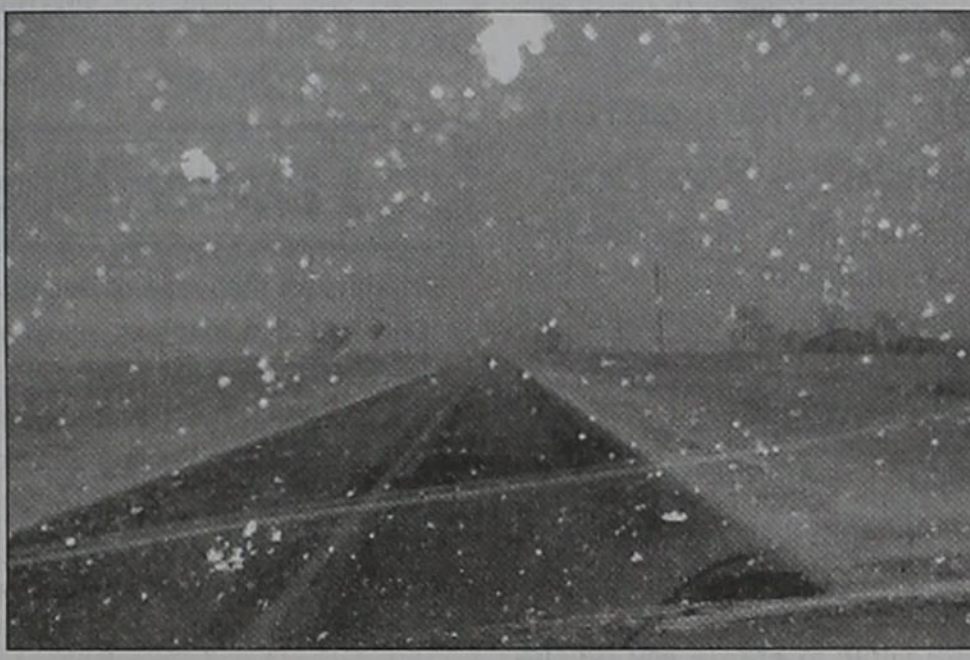
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TWELVE PAGES



A BRIEF snowfall surprised area residents Thanksgiving morning. Large flakes fell for a couple of hours and quickly melted. Bovina city manager Ernest Terry caught these photos for us as he drove around the city. Bovina's Main Street, above, and Highway 60 were pretty much deserted during the "storm".



2003 Texas Christmas Ornaments Available

The Friona Depot Heritage Society has the official 2003 Texas State Christmas Ornaments for sale for \$18. The ornament depicts the gates in front of the State Capitol. The Society has, or can get for you, all the other ornaments in this series for the past eight years.

If you call right away, you'll be able to get yours in time for Christmas. A portion of the proceeds goes toward the upkeep of the old Depot building in the Friona City Park and the rest goes for the upkeep of our State Capitol building in Austin. To order, phone Lois Norwood at 250-3209 or Bettye Jarboe at 250-2257.

Christmas Concert Set For Dec. 11

The Friona Junior High Bands will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Friona Junior High School auditorium.

Along with standard band literature, the bands will present a variety of music that coincides with the Christmas season. A highlight of the evening will be the introduction of the young musicians in the bands who recently were selected as All-Region among band students in the Panhandle.

The concert is free to the public and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an evening of entertainment typical of the holiday season.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Bovina Christmas Caroling Dec. 18

Christmas caroling for Bovina's kids will be Thursday, December 18. The annual event is sponsored by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and our local Girl Scout troop.

The cotton trailers full of carolers will be pulled around town assisted by the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department and Bovina Police Department. The trailers will leave the EMS building at 6 p.m. and return by 7 p.m. for a visit with Santa. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

If you would like to help with this event, call Toya DeLeon at 251-1317 or Deanna Curtis at 251-9930.

Christmas Card Funds Benefit Local Services

Local residents can spread the Christmas spirit, and benefit local causes, with donations to the annual Christmas Card funds in Friona and Bovina.

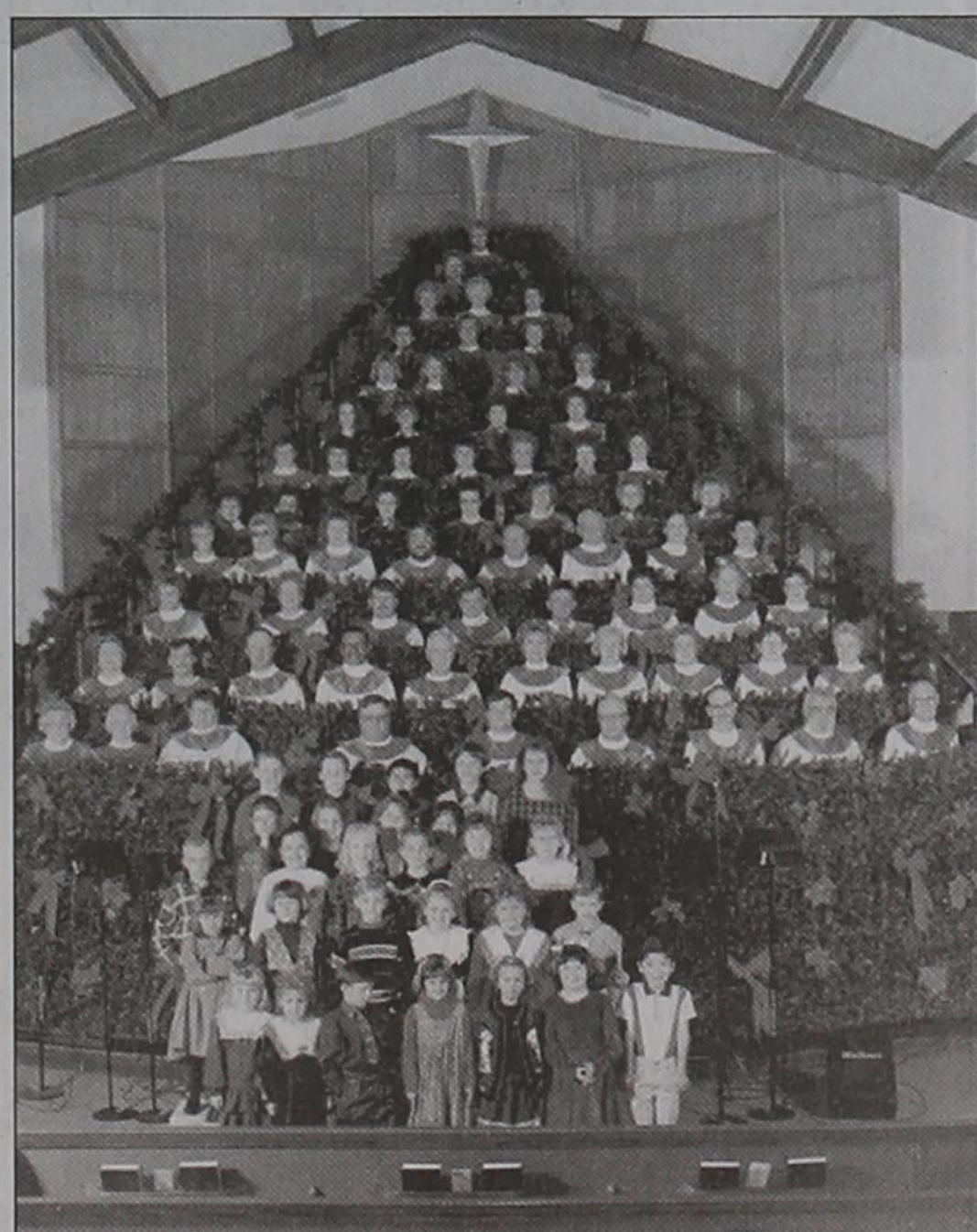
Project Christmas Card in Friona urges residents to donate money that would be spent on Christmas Cards for local friends and relatives to Project Christmas Card, sponsored this year by the Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary.

Donations will be used for hospital equipment and can be made at the Friona State Bank, Friona Star office, or several other local businesses.

The Bovina Christmas Card Fund is divided between the Bovina EMS and volunteer fire department. Donations are being accepted at First Bank in Bovina.

The Friends in Friona volunteer group is also seeking Christmas gift donations to benefit the Pioneer Heritage Museum, located on Sixth Street in Friona. If you haven't visited the museum, you should. Volunteers have done a lot of work with limited resources to preserve the pioneer history of the county. Donations to the museum fund can be made at First National Bank-Friona Banking Center.

The Friona Star will publish the names of donors to all funds in a Christmas issue. This is an opportunity to help assist our local organizations that provide valuable services to the community. Your donations will be appreciated.



THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE presentation will be Saturday, Dec 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec 7, at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. in the Friona Junior High auditorium.

Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op To Award 5 Scholarships

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

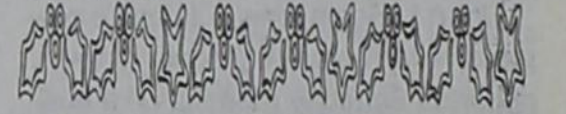
Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence.

Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, or counselors. Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include: written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension

offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 12, 2004. Awards will be announced within sixty (60) days of this date.



Museum Seeking Donations

Friends of Friona are seeking Christmas donations to the Friona Heritage Museum. Donations can be made at First National Bank-Friona Banking Center, Friona Public Library or any officer of the museum.

Bovina C of C Will Sponsor Christmas Lighting Contest

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a home and yard Christmas lighting contest for city residents. Cash prizes will be given to the first, second and third place winners in the amounts of \$100, \$75 and \$50.

Homes will be judged the week

before Christmas and the Chamber asks that all entrants need to leave their lights on until 11 p.m. night. No entry will be necessary.

Winners will be announced in the December 18 newspaper.



REMEMBER

The Project Christmas Card

Donations can be made through December 19 at Friona State Bank, the Friona Star office and a number of businesses in Friona.

Santa Letters and Holiday Deadlines

It is time for Santa letters. Santa Letter boxes have been placed at the Friona primary and elementary schools. In Bovina, Santa letters will be gathered by teachers and turned in to the elementary school office.

Deadline for the newspaper to receive Santa letters is Monday, December 15. We will make every effort to publish Santa letters in our December 18 and December 25 issues. Santa letters can also be dropped off at the Star office in Friona during regular business hours or actually mailed to P.O. Box 789, Friona, 79035.

Since Christmas day is on Thursday this year, our Christmas papers will be published on Thursday, December 18, and Wednesday, December 24.

The deadline for items and advertising to be guaranteed to be included in these special issues is December 15.

Following a long-standing tradition, the Friona Star/Bovina Blade will not be published the week between Christmas and New Year's. There will not be a January 1 issue. The next issue published after Christmas will be January 8.



The Pheasant Forecast? Better Than Last Year

By Jim Steiert

Opening day of pheasant season is now just under two weeks away. As we slide into December the question on the minds of many outdoor enthusiasts is what kind of season can we expect this year?

Not surprisingly, the forecast is for better hunting than last year—a massive bird crop is required to improve from the 25-year low in pheasant counts that we witnessed last year.

Danny Swebston, the Panhandle wildlife district leader with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, predicts an "average" season, though that's sort of like saying we've re-



JIM STEIERT

ceived the elusive "average" rainfall or the "average" frost date.

In other words, the science isn't exact.

There are some pockets of good bird numbers locally, depending on where the rain clouds aligned themselves last spring and summer, and the cropping patterns. I had a call from a local landowner a few weeks ago who told me he was seeing more pheasants in the playa lake bottom on his property than had been present in years. Only a short distance down the road, few birds had been observed.

Pheasants certainly congregate in the most favorable habitat, making for some prime hot spots. If you

stumble into one of those hotspots, the hunting can be spectacular.

Swebston says recent bird counts on his best pheasant survey lines in Deaf Smith County were somewhat disappointing—biologists noted only 17 pheasants on the survey line.

The survey was run with a good deal of grain sorghum and cotton still unharvested, however, so it's possible many birds were still in heavy cover and not out where they could be spotted and tallied.

What Swebston can say positively, however, is that if we want to continue to maintain a strong population of pheasants in the Texas High Plains, we will have to make a deliberate effort to do so.

With a dramatic change in irrigation and cropping patterns underway here, landowners will have to perform management to provide additional habitat for ground-nesting birds if we're to have large numbers of pheasants over the long haul. That habitat will need to be there both during the nesting season, and through the winter, and preferably adjacent to grain fields.

We're not seeing the large numbers of pheasant hunters in the Hereford area that we once did. The reason, in a nutshell, is that we just don't enjoy the huge population of these popular gamebirds that we once did.

Pheasant numbers can be rebuilt, but only if we're willing to work at it.

The upcoming pheasant season will mark the first time in many years that the event has spanned more than 16 days.

This year's season will open December 13 and run through January 11. The additional hunting days were hard-won, and the issue was not without controversy. Still, an expanded season gives hunting enthusiasts a greater window of opportunity to enjoy this sport, and the additional days should reduce the likelihood of a major winter storm wiping out an abbreviated season.

Another change this season is that the daily bag limit has been reduced from three roosters to two. This should somewhat offset the pressure from additional hunting days.

Remember to leave a foot attached to your harvested birds as proof of sex. Only roosters are legal to take during the expanded season.

(Jim Steiert is an award-winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and Editor of the West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op Connection Newsletter.)



LITTLE MISS Friona Jaylee Floyd, Santa Claus, and Miss Friona V'Leshia Wilcox, greeted children Monday night at Friona City Park as the city rang in the official start of the holiday season.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

Birthdays for the week of December 7 through December 13:
 Dec. 7—Hortencia Bermea, Carla Sue Scott, Lauri Rector, Melanie London, D'Lynn Carr, Brenda Busch
 Dec. 8—D.L. Osborn, Jesse Estrada, Candace Frye
 Dec. 9—Bill White, Robert Martinez
 Dec. 10—Kellie Coffey, Jason Grant Berend, Ross Roden, Don Ready, Connie King, Kenneth Wilkerson, Sharon Newton, Michael Johnston
 Dec. 11—Chris Hamill, Leigh Neelley Boatman, Libby Procter, M'Lynda Jarecki, Jeff Chaney, Lindsey Neill, Louise Bynum, Whitney Jo Dean, Darby Drummond
 Dec. 12—Nelda Ellis, Mark Ready, Sheila Gresham, Linda Knowles, Barbara Williams, Chad Stevick, Paul J. Smith, Sheldon Burleson, Mark Taylor Wood
 Dec. 13—Leroy Cox, Laura Alice Irvin, Taylor Duran, Guadalupe Nieto.
 If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 by Tuesday noon and report it.
 When you see names, which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago
 December 7, 1928
 John L. Sears, one of Friona's progressive farmers, living south of town, departed Saturday morning on a business mission to Hugo, Oklahoma.

55 Yrs. Ago
 December 10, 1948
 Mrs. Habbinga's brother, Bennie Klem, and her nephew, Ewald Koap, returned with her to visit here for a few days. Bennie lived here fifteen years ago and is enjoying meeting his old friends.

45 Yrs. Ago
 December 11, 1958
 Mrs. Gene Welch of this community, Mrs. Earl Harkins and Mrs. F.B. Harkins of Plainview and Mrs. Leon Harkins of Happy Union were all shopping in Lubbock Tuesday.

30 Yrs. Ago
 December 9, 1973
 Don Carthel, senior offensive center and place kicker for the Eastern New Mexico University Greyhound football team, was selected by his fellow teammates as the "Most Valuable Player" of the 1973 gridiron season.

25 Yrs. Ago
 December 17, 1978
 The Friona area was hit by one of the coldest December cold spells in its history last week, when the temperature fell to an official low of nine

Breast Cancer Screening Dec. 19

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on December 19, 2003.

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

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

degrees below zero on Saturday. The reading was the lowest recorded at Friona since January 5, 1971, when the mercury fell to ten below. It was the first time in the 17 years that records have been kept by the City of Friona for the reading to fall below zero during December.

20 Yrs. Ago
 December 4, 1983
 Bobby Davis held on to edge Ron Smiley for the grand prize in the Friona Star's 1983 football contest. Both contestants recorded scores of 18 for the final week, allowing Davis to hold his two-point lead. Final score was 187 for Davis and 185 for Smiley.

15 Yrs. Ago
 December 10, 1988
 The first major snowstorm of the season hit the area Wednesday night, bringing cold temperatures and blizzard-like conditions to the area.

10 Yrs. Ago
 December 4, 1993
 A survey of the county's gins Thursday showed that a total of 40,056 bales had been ginned as of noon that day.

5 Yrs. Ago
 December 4, 1998
 Movies showing in Hereford at the Moovies 6 theater were: Psycho, Bugs Life, Enemy of the State, Babe Pig in the City, I Still Know What You Did Last Summer, Rug Rats, Water Boy.

Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates Birthdays

Resident/Client birthdays for December:
 December 2—Carolyn Chambless
 December 4—Dorothy Smith
 December 11—Wanda Hart
 December 11—Darrell Buske
 December 19—Bertram Jack
 December 19—Johnnie Boothe
 December 24—Wana Brewer

Employee birthdays for December:
 December 11—Mario Carrasco
 December 14—Maria Garcia
 December 26—Phil Martinez
 December 30—Eneida Brito
 December 31—Adrianna Ramirez

WT Services Offers Globalstar Phones

(Reprinted from the December 2003 Co-Op Connection.)

Some useful Christmas gift ideas are available from WT Services, Inc. this holiday season, including one with global reach.

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ONE OF the many children that visited Santa Claus at Friona City Park Monday.

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Nearly any item in the catalog can be ordered and delivered to the local office within a couple of days, in plenty of time for Christmas.



TDH Immunization Schedules For Dec.

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for December 2003 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Bovina will be December 8, 2003 in the Bovina EMS Building from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Friona will be December 19, 2003 at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

45 Yrs. Ago
 December 3, 1958
 Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rhodes Sr. for Thanksgiving were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Denney of Fort Worth. Also visiting throughout the day were Mr. and Mrs. Aubra Ellison of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ellison and Mrs. Buck Ellison of Bovina.

40 Yrs. Ago
 December 4, 1963
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ezell and family of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Horn and family of Plainview and Roger Ezell spent the Thanksgiving holiday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ezell.

35 Yrs. Ago
 December 4, 1968
 Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Edward Gray are the parents of a daughter born at 1:42 p.m. November 26 in Parmer County Community Hospital.

30 Yrs. Ago
 December 5, 1973
 Six students in Bovina High School have been named to the honor roll for the second six weeks of the first semester announces Principal Gary Cox.

25 Yrs. Ago
 December 6, 1978
 Harry J. Charles used consistent picking week after week to win the Bovina Businesses Football Contest for 1978. This makes Charles the third person to become a two-time winner of the contest having won earlier in 1973.

20 Yrs. Ago
 December 7, 1983
 The 1983 pheasant season will kick off next Saturday morning, December 10. A breakfast will be sponsored at the High School Cafeteria by the Bovina Band Booster Club.

15 Yrs. Ago
 December 7, 1988
 Nine Winners in the recent Parmer County 4-H Food Show will put their culinary skills and knowledge of nutrition on the line Saturday at the South Plains District 4-H Food Show in Lubbock.

5 Yrs. Ago
 December 4, 1998
 Doris Strawn had a wonderful Thanksgiving with all of her family. Her children are Bill and Verna Marie Strawn of Spearman; Jerry and Kay Strawn of Panhandle; Leon and Vicki Richards of Frío; and Judy Herring of Canyon. Also with her were several grandchildren.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA

Birthdays for the week of December 7.
 Dec. 9—Judith Jennings, Jake Brozek
 Dec. 10—Sabina Schilling
 Dec. 11—Ken Guest, Keith Guest, Marilyn Rains, B.J. Charles
 Dec. 12—Martha Buchanan, Lola Parson, Lavern Black, Jim Bob Swafford
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Wana Brewer

Life Story

by Wana Brewer

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Wana Brewer.

I was born December 24, 1913 in Grayson County, Texas. My parents were Cecil and Lucy Vestal. We lived on a country farm near Tom Bean, Texas. I had a brother, he was seven years younger than me. When I was three years old we moved to Altus, Oklahoma. Then two years later we moved back to Grayson County.

I started school when I was seven years old at Tom Bean. It rained a lot and we had lots of black mud. I walked to school even though it was so muddy. When I was a Freshman in High School my Daddy decided to sell the place we lived on and move to the Friona area. We were located two miles north of Hub. That was my first experience riding a school bus. I graduated from High School in 1932 two years later, I started college in Canyon.

When I was a junior in College I taught my first school in the Rhea Community. I taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grades for two years. The next year I taught in the Lakeview Community grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Then I went back to Rhea and taught there for another year.

I went to college in the summers and got my degree in 1940. I came to teach in Friona when the Lakeview School consolidated with Friona Schools.

My main subjects were Art and Geography.

I went to Canada in 1942, belonged to a travel group from Canyon. We traveled in the New

England States, except Maine. Also, went to New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We traveled for six weeks. We were a group of 45, and set up tents and slept in bedrolls.

Loyde and I met in school and married on December 22, 1945. Loyde was elected for county clerk in 1946 and we moved to Farwell. While we lived there we had two sons, Byron and Galen. Byron started school in Farwell and halfway through the year we moved back to Friona. Galen started school in 1956 and I started teaching again.

Loyde was in poor health and died December 12, 1958.

I retired from teaching after 35 years. Now I live at Heritage Estates. I think Friona is the best place to live.



Prairie Acres Employee of the Month Peggy Padilla and Resident of the Month Dick Free.

d. jameson photo

Teel Bivins Resigns Senate Seat

(State Senator Teel Bivins delivered the following letter to Governor Rick Perry on December 3, 2003.)

With this letter, I hereby resign my seat in the Texas Senate at 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2004. My rationale for taking this action is manifold.

Serving in the Legislature has been the most exciting and challenging experience of my life, and I am proud to have been part of this great and honorable institution. However, I knew going in that the job was only temporary. In 1995, I sponsored a constitutional amendment that would have limited terms in the Texas Senate to no more than 14 years. Now that I have served for fifteen years, I know that my tenure has been long enough.

As you know, I am now a new dad splitting my time between Houston and Amarillo. The reality is that I am simply unable to devote the time needed to represent my constituents in Austin.

Furthermore, I have been honored to learn that President Bush intends to submit my name in nomination to become the United States Ambassador to Sweden. If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate, it is very important to me that the voters of Senate District 31 have the opportunity to select new representation in anticipation of a potential Special Session on Public School Finance in April 2004. By tendering my resignation now, I hope that an early vacancy would allow for a special election to select my replacement prior to that time.

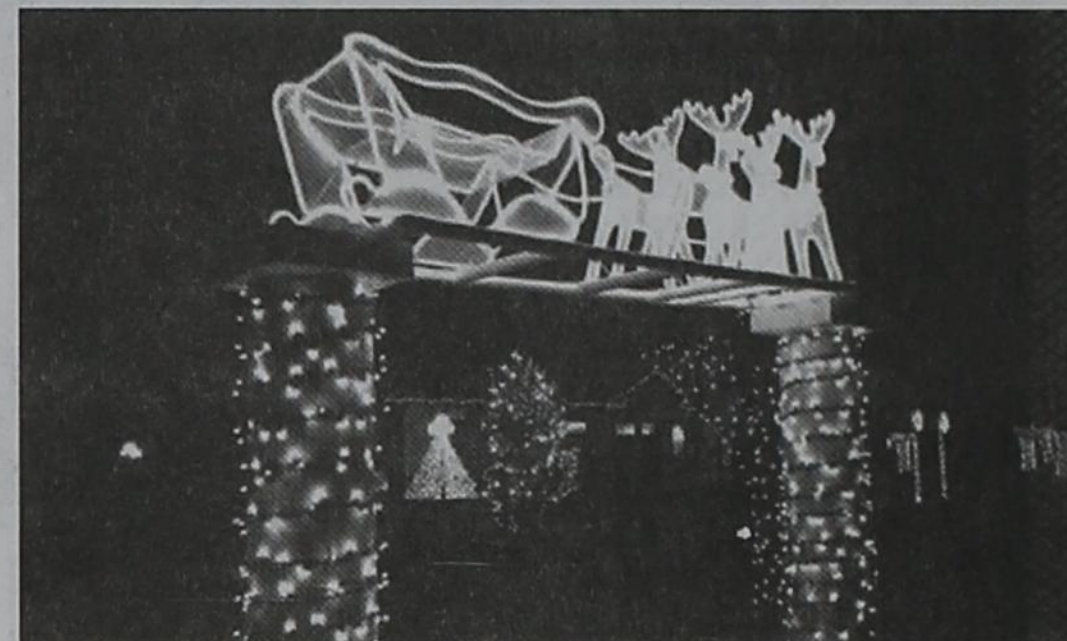
I am deeply honored that the people of Senate District 31 have allowed me to represent them since 1989. Certainly one of the high points of my service has been working with leaders like yourself, as a member of the House of Representatives, Commissioner of Agriculture, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor. Thank you for your service to Texas and for all you have done for me during my tenure in the Texas Senate.



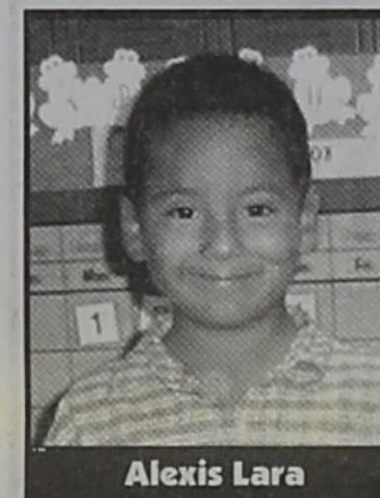
Lydia, Julia and Kayla Alexander

The congregation at Union Congregational Church is pleased to announce that Julia Alexander has accepted the position as lay minister. She will be available in the office, at the church, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The church phone is 250-3635 and Julia's home phone is 250-3567. Union Congregational UCC is located at 1601 Euclid. Sunday school is at 10:00 a.m. and worship at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS at Friona City Park



Alexis Lara

Meet the Class of 2016

Alexis is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Jose Luis and Rocío Lara. He has 2 sisters, Gisselle and Viviana.

Alexis likes to play with friends, ride bikes, play with Playstation, and play with his sisters. His favorite colors are blue, gold, and silver.

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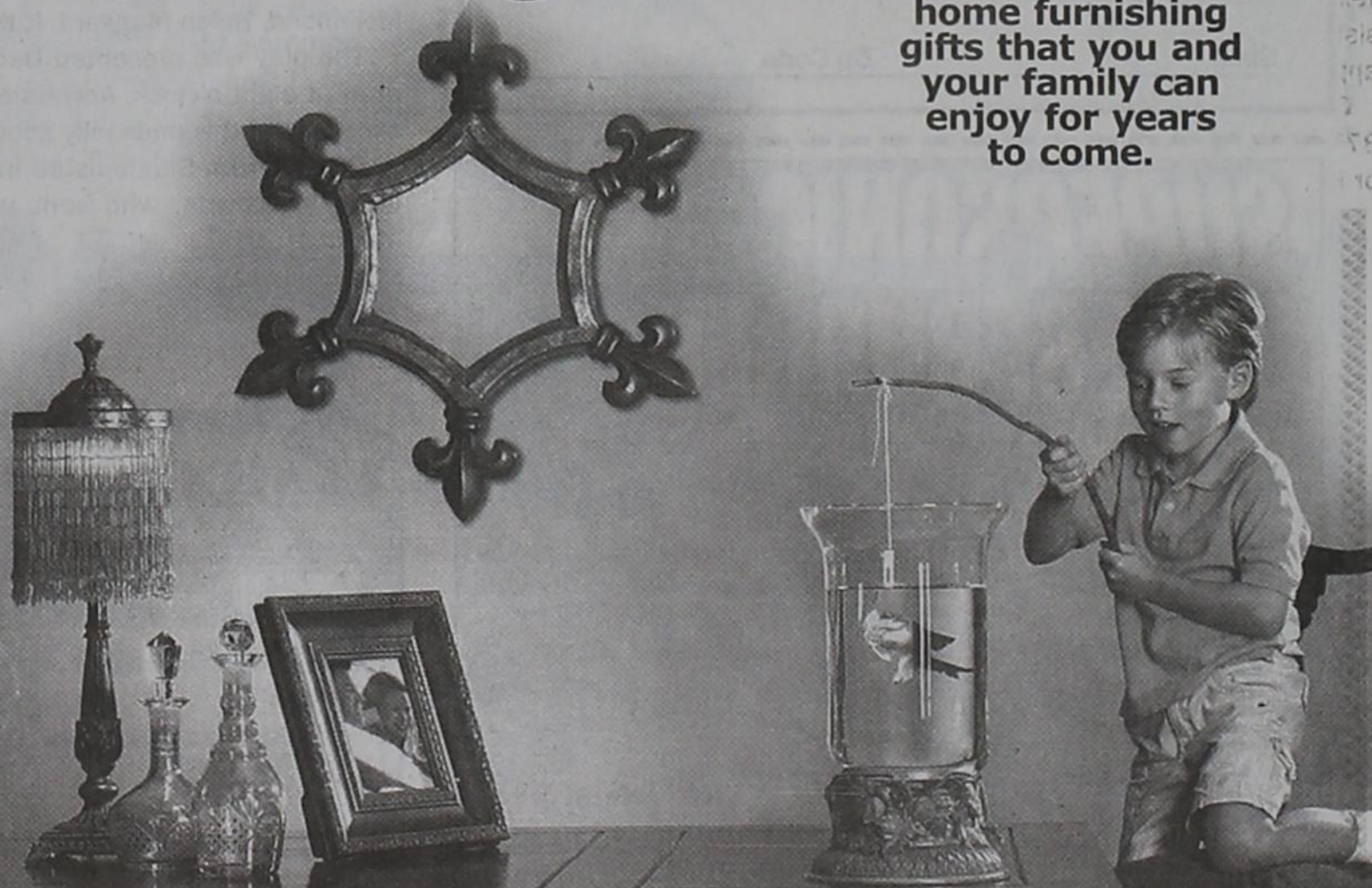


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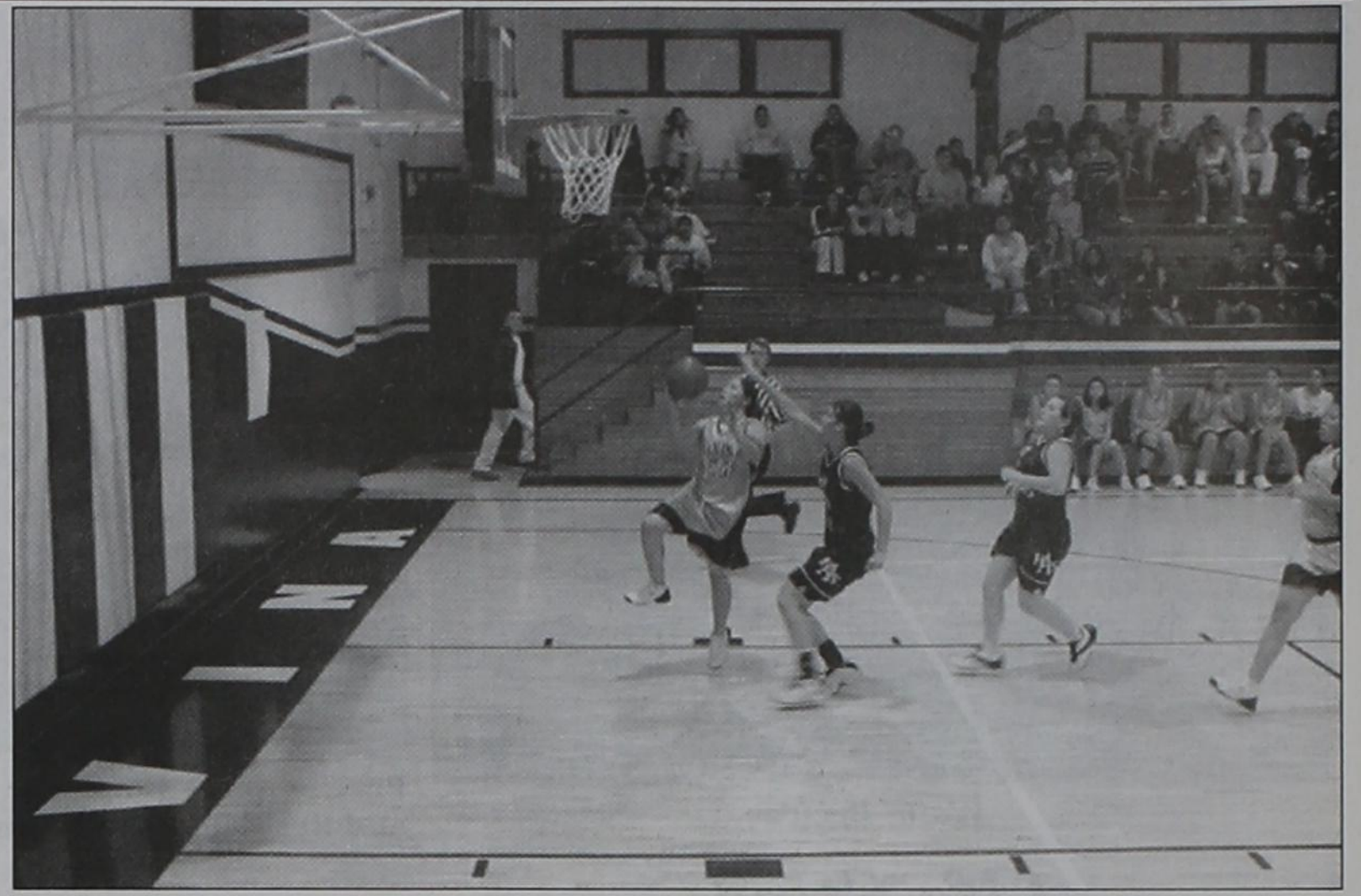


SCHMOOZING with the Randy Neugebauer party Monday were, l-r, Cheryl Weatherly, Kitty Gallman, County Republican Party chairman John Armstrong of Farwell, Randy and Dana Neugebauer, and Mary Merrell of Bovina. See Ron Carr's Out Here Column for a closer look at Congressman Neugebauer's visit.





BOVINA Mustang Jeff Casas goes in for a layup, above, and gets blocked below. Alfredo Martinez (5) and Hugo Antillon (4) are also pictured



BOVINA Fillie Amanda Martinez scores against Adrian. Jessica Bachicha is at the right. Martinez had 15 points in the Fillies 37-27 win over the Lady Matadors.



RAYMOND CHISOM avoids a Matador. The Mustangs handled Adrian 52-33 and are 4-0 on the season.

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THE FILLIES surround a Lady Matador, above, and celebrate victory as they leave the floor, below.



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Ron,

I found this writeup in a scrapbook. It is timely. Was in the Friona Star at that time. Please print it.

Also, why don't they put a stop light at the Hub intersection to avoid so many wrecks? They have put one here at the intersection of Highway 60 and VFW Road that goes north of Canyon. Highway 60 carries many more vehicles than the highway from Friona to Muleshoe. I'm all for it!

Sincerely, Martha Rutherford

(Editor's Note) Martha included a clipping from a 1933 Friona Star which talked about two local musical & thespian programs. One article began, "Under the direction of Prof. Glenn Davis, the High School Glee Chorus will render the following program of sacred music next Sunday night, Dec 10 at 7 o'clock in the regular service at the Congregational church. A brief address by the pastor on 'The Music of the Bible' will follow."

Musical performers named were Goldina Highfill, Claude Miller, Virginia Short, and Forest Osborn.

The other program, "The Gypsy Troubadour", was described as "another good home talent play" and was also directed by Prof. Davis. Some of the 1933 cast listed were Forest Osborn, Maurine Furlong, Eddie Manns, Lucille Routh, Wilma York, Rex Johnson, Goldina Highfill, Claude Miller, Wilbur Meade, Nadean Bengier, Johnnie Bengier, Virginia Short, & Dorothy Crawford.

The "chorus" was listed as Orville McElroy, Raymond Jasper, Ernest Osborn, Leslie Meyers, John Blackburn, Martha Slagle, Geraldine McFarland, Helen Maggard, Ruth Reeve, & Wayne New.

The play was presented Dec. 8, 1933, at the Grade School Auditorium at eight o'clock. Admission was 10 cents and 25 cents "to cover expenses of this unusually good program."

(The Martha Slagle listed in the chorus is Martha Rutherford, now living in Canyon, who sent us this letter and clipping. Thank you Martha.)



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THE PIPS basketball program trains kids in the art of ball handling and coordination. Above, they perform at halftime of the Squaws-Tulia game. Right, Paige Herbert masters the finger spinning routine.

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DUSTIN THOMPSON goes up for a shot. Keith Hunt (00) and Brock Field (11) look on.



V'LESHA WILCOX outsmarts a Lady Hornet.

Squaws Have Coach North & Fans Smiling

The Friona Squaws have put a smile on Coach Richard North's face recently as they continue their win streak. Fans have also discovered the highly charged brand of basketball that the girls have been playing this year.

Last week, in spite of only a 4-point production in the third quarter, the Squaws held the lead through most of the game, and bested the Tullia girls 45-38. Friona had a scare in the first quarter as junior wing starter Trisha Winebrinner went down in a heap with a badly sprained ankle. She is expected to be back in action in the next couple of weeks.

Using a smothering press, the Squaws continually harassed the Tullia Lady Hornets, scoring at least

12 points off of turnovers. Senior Ashley Smiley led scoring with 13 points, Katy Welch had 12, and freshman Shayli Reed added six, scoring the Squaws only 3-point shot of the night. V'Lesha Wilcox, R. J. Barrett, and Andrea Gerles each had four points and Heather Clark scored two.

This week at Farwell, the Squaws again used the press, anchored by the speedy threesome of Andrea Gerles, Katy Welch and Shayli Reed, to overwhelm the Farwell Lady Blue 59-43 in spite of another 4-point quarter. This time it was the first quarter as Farwell led 7-4 after one period.

Not to worry. Friona scored 21 points in the second stanza and smothered Farwell, holding them to 8 points. First half score: Friona 25, Farwell 15.

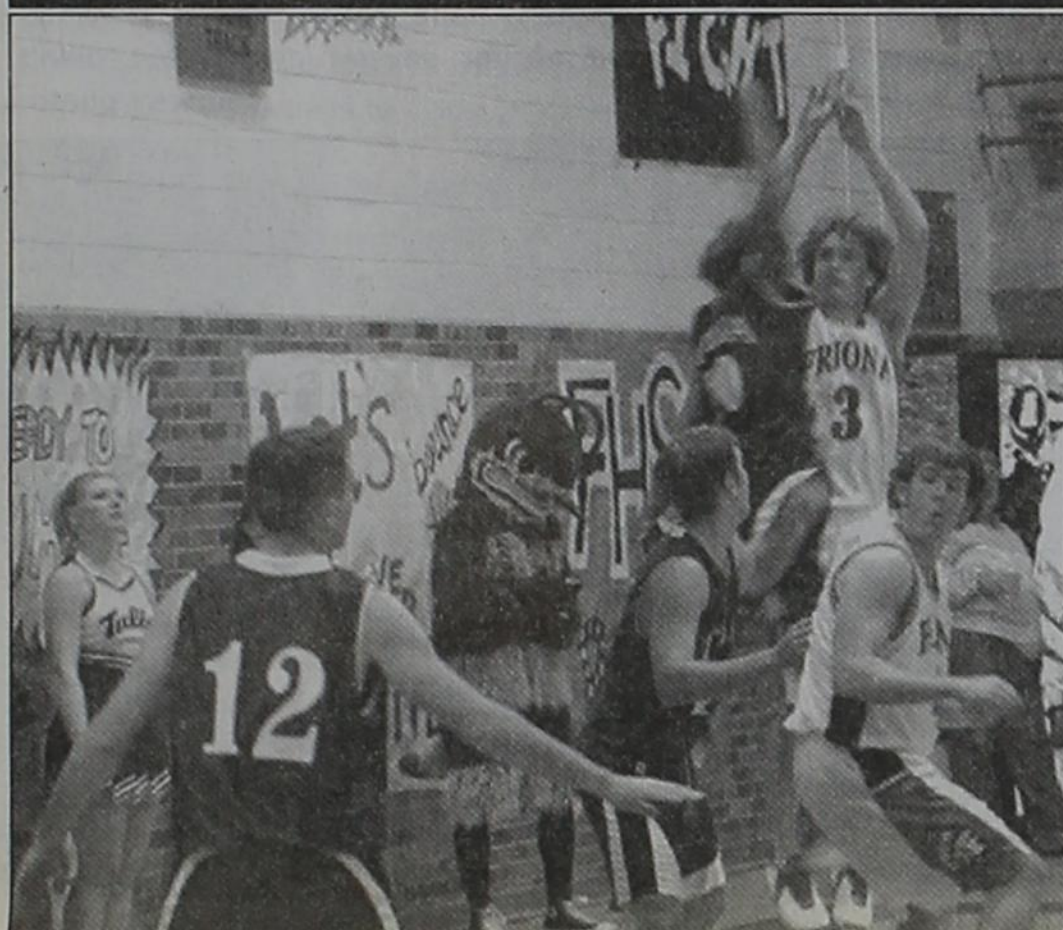
The freshman phenom Reed led the Squaws with 18 points, including a pair of 3-pointers and 8 of 11 free throws. Welch and Barrett also had 3-point goals for the Squaws.

Other scoring included Smiley 14, Welch 9, Gerles 8, Barrett 7, and Clark 3. The Squaws were 11 of 21 at the free throw line.

The Vega Tournament this week, Highland Park here next Tuesday, and then the Squaws return to the Farwell Tournament next weekend. If the girls keep playing the way they have, there could be a couple of new trophies in the FHS trophy collection.



KATY WELCH tests Tullia's defense.



MARC HAILE (3) powers a jump shot as Dustin Thompson spins to the basket.

Friona Boys B'Ball Recap

Friona's 7th grade boys whipped Olton 30-19 as Justin Echevarria led his team with 10 points.

Teammate Justin Dominguez added 8 points, Aaron Hand had 5, Gonzalo Gonzales 3 and Mike Keen and Rolando Castanon 2 each. The 7th grade boys are coached by Greg Hazelwood.

Coach Mike Fair's Friona freshman boys won their battle with Olton 31-27. Chance Lewellen was high scorer with 9 points and Valente Casas had 8. Other scoring was done by Eddie Ortiz with 7, Phillip Saiz, Caleb Miller, and Emillio Tarango 2 each and Tolby Wilcox one point.

The Friona JV boys, coached by David Towner, had an up and down three games at the Olton Tournament. They beat the Olton freshmen 54-11, lost to Dimmitt JV 61-31, and lost again to Floydada JV 38-24.

Total scoring in the three games was: Hayden Patton 24, Antonio Monreal 27, Steven

Sanchez 15, Kelby Monroe 9, Andrew Aguirre 2, Cody Jamerson 23, Pedro Ramos 9.

In the Tullia contest on home court, the JV boys romped 43-22. Will Hughs appearing in his first contest, scored 3 points. Antonio Monreal and Steven Sanchez led scoring with 10 points each, Cody Jamerson and Hayden Patton had 7 each, Pedro Ramos 4, and Andrew Aguirre 2.

In their most recent game, the Farwell JV handed out a basketball lesson to the JV Chieftains. Score: Farwell 54, Friona 38. Coach Towner's minions were led in scoring by Cody Jamerson with 10, Hayden Patton added 9, Antonio Monreal had 7, Steven Sanchez 6, Will Hughs 4, and Kelby Monroe 2.



JV Squaws Beat Farwell

Coach Ky Graham's JV Squaws continued their winning ways Tuesday, handing the Farwell JV Lady Blue a convincing 51-27 defeat.

Courtney Adams came alive in the game with 17 points to lead Squaw scoring. Tiffany Vasquez had 8 points, Staci Murphree and Kristi Graham had 6 each, Yvonne Vega 5, Molly Carthel and Lucretia Field 4 each and Breann Barnett one point. Vega and Graham each had a 3-point goal.



Chiefs Still Need A Win

The Friona Chiefs are still trying to find a winning basketball combination.

The boys dropped their last two games by almost identical scores: Tullia 62, Friona 34 and Farwell 62, Friona 33.

The Chiefs, under head coach Jeff Isom, will be heading to the Vega Tournament this weekend, host Highland Park at home next Tuesday, and back to Farwell for the Farwell Tournament next weekend.

Dustin Thompson was high point in the Tullia game with 9

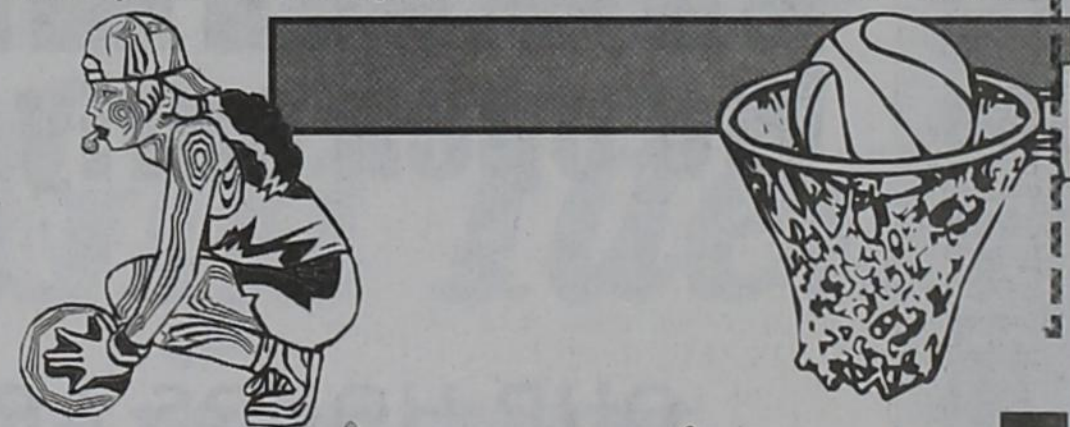
followed by Marc Haile with 8, Brock Field 6, Matt Gammon and J. Nava 4 each and Ricky Dickson 3. The boys were down by only six points at the half, but suffered a 38 to 16 point Tullia run in the second half.

At Farwell, Haile was high scorer with 8, Matt Gammon had 7, Ricky Dickson and J. Nava 5 each, Brock Field and Chance Hutson 3 each.



TRISHA WINEBRINNER limps off the floor after a first quarter ankle sprain.

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KAREN EDELMON BURNS and her husband, John, live in Seattle, Washington where she met Howard Dean at a local event. John is a full time volunteer with the Dean campaign. Von and Nancy Edelson of Friona are Karen's parents.



THE CHIEF'S CORNER

By **ROYCE L. GOODSON**
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Holidays are a special time of year and we all enjoy them. Unfortunately, during this time of year we often become careless and vulnerable to theft and other crimes. Law enforcement officials often find that during the month of December the number of thefts and robberies increase dramatically.

There are steps that we can each take that will allow our Holiday Season to be a "merry" one and not one full of disappointment. During one of the highest crime times of the year, please take the following precautions to ensure the safety of you and your family:

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- Lock the doors and windows of your residence even if you'll only be away for a few minutes and always give the impression that your home is occupied by leaving on lights and a radio or television.
- Do not put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your house and collect your newspapers and mail if you are going to be out of town.

We each have a responsibility to take precautions to reduce crime risks. By following the above guidelines we can make it more difficult for thieves to accomplish their goals. Criminals look for easy targets and we can reduce the number of thefts during this holiday season just by practicing a few crime prevention tips. Reduce the opportunity of becoming a crime victim, use good crime prevention tips, and make life hard for the BAD GUYS.

November Sales Tax Received

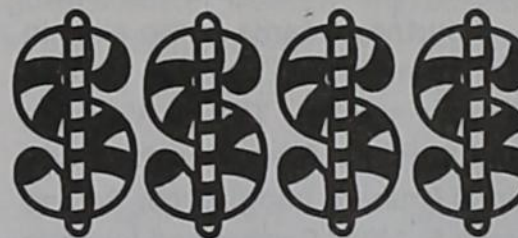
Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent the November monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities and counties.

Parmer County's November payment totaled \$38,496, broken down as Bovina \$7,228; Farwell \$6,839; and Friona \$24,429. In November 2002, the tax payment was \$30,222, an increase of 27.37%.

Comparing November 2003 to November 2002 tax receipts, Bovina is up 122.80%; Farwell is up 40.21%; and Friona is up 10.53%, accounting for the over-

all increase in monthly tax revenue.

For the year 2003, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$345,524 compared to \$303,553 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is up 138.83%; Farwell is up 28.87%; and Friona is down 3.66%.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

November 26, Jorge Madrigal, 31, of Portales, New Mexico, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI. Pending County Court.

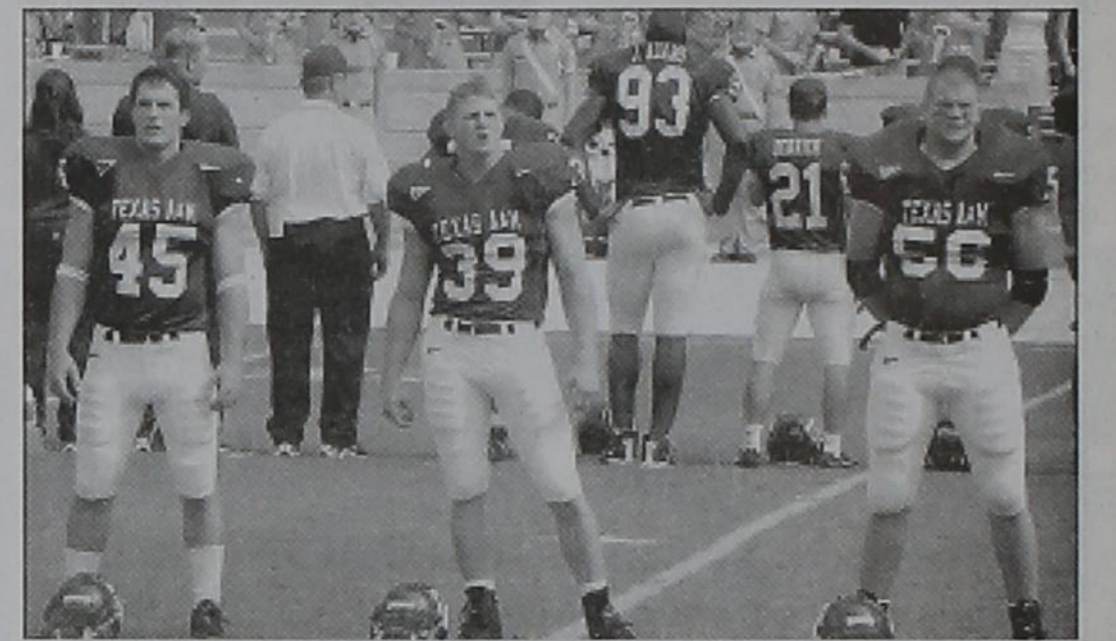
November 28, Keith Pruitt, 34, of Casino, Texas, was arrested by the Highway Patrol and charged with theft by check, Randall County. Posted bond and released.

November 29, Randy Riley, 33, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana. Pending County Court.

November 29, Mathew Goe, 19, of Lazbuddie, was arrested by the Highway Patrol on a DPS warrant. Paid fine and released.

November 30, Christopher Nash, 26, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, Navarro County. Posted bond and released.

December 2, Imelda Ortiz, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check. Paid fine, court costs, and restitution.



WALK-ON AGGIE...Friona's Nathan Haile (45), left, is a walk-on at Texas A&M. He suited up for several games but didn't play as a red-shirt freshman. courtesy photo



KENDALL & KAMBREE KIMBROUGH visited with Santa on Monday, December 1. Kendall & Kambree are the daughters of Kody & Kim Kimbrough of Friona. ron carr photo

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How often you need to wear the lenses depends on your prescription. For strong correction, people will probably need the contact every night. For moderate prescriptions, the lenses will be worn from two to three times a week. The effect of the lenses is reversed when no longer worn. Presently, the cost for the prescription and contacts from a vision specialist run about \$1,500 to \$1,800 for both eyes.

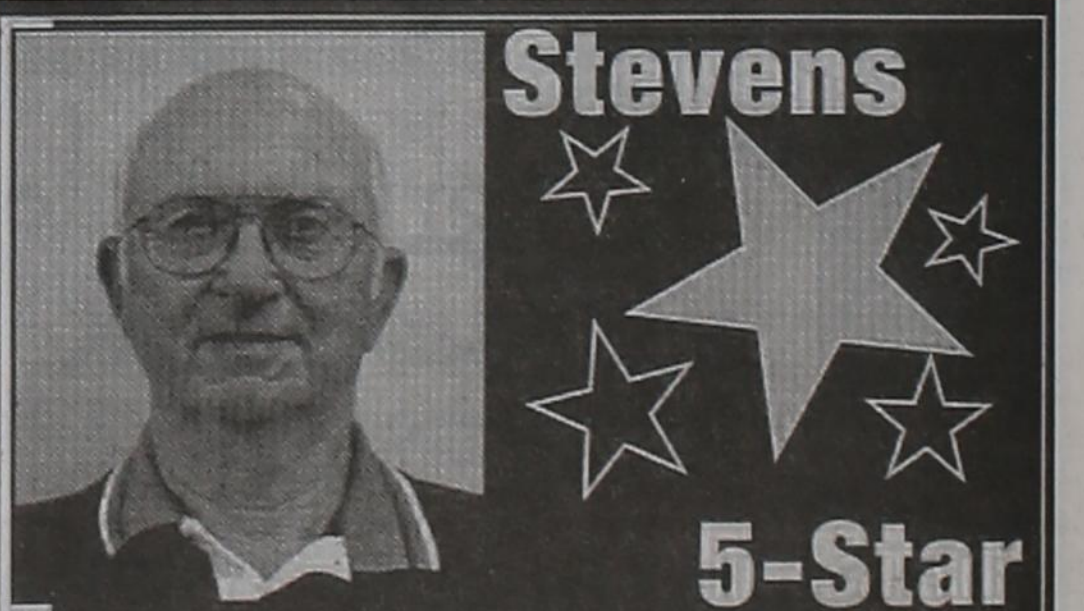
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China Safeguards Decision A Victory For U.S. Industry's Seeking "Fair" Trade

Friday, November 21, 2003

By Shawn Wade

Even though the recent decision by the U.S. Commerce Department's Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) affects only three relatively small categories of textile imports, it sends a hopeful message to other manufacturing industries that the U.S. is willing to enforce the provisions of the trade agreements we make.

The petitions granted by CITA last Monday involve Chinese imports in only three textile categories: knit fabrics, dressing gowns and brassieres. These categories account for no more than 5 percent of the \$10 billion-plus in Chinese textile and apparel sales that currently flow into the U.S.

For the cotton industry and its textile trade partners the ruling was a small victory in a much larger war to protect not only what remains of the U.S. textile industry, but also the critical new textile industries in the Caribbean Basin and Latin America that utilize mostly U.S. grown cotton.

The decision should send a clear message to current and future U.S. trading partners that we expect them to abide by the trade agreements they sign to gain further access to the U.S. marketplace.

The Bush Administration's decision to invoke the safeguard rule is intended to get China to fully comply with its WTO obligations and puts the ball in China's court by first opening a consultation process between the countries to develop a plan to limit Chinese imports in these categories.

If no agreement is reached, the U.S. then has the option to arbitrarily cap any further rise in Chinese imports in these categories to 7.5 percent above the amount of product that entered the U.S. during the first 12 months of the 14 months preceding the request for consultation.

PCG fully supports the Bush Administration's efforts to get China and the rest of our trading partners to abide by the rules they agree to when trade deals are struck.

"The reality of trading with China has always been that, regardless of the agreements they enter into, they will trade when it is to their advantage to do so," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Past history shows that the U.S. has maintained a very liberal trade policy overall. How else could we post a total 2002 trade deficit of \$418 billion with the rest of the world, of which \$103 billion is with China alone."

"For me the most important part of this decision is that the Administration is finally saying we expect our trading partners to deal with us fairly and that the only acceptable way to do that is to abide by the rules."

The most feared impact by U.S. cotton growers would be that China would quit buying U.S. cotton to make up their current fiber shortage.

Market analysts believe that implementation of the China safeguard provision will ultimately amount to little more than a bump in the road to future Chinese sales.

Chinese demand has already spurred them to purchase over 2.5 million bales of U.S. cotton to date and another one million is forecast to be needed down the line.

Any slowdown that analysts foresee will be caused more from the fact that China has already booked enough cotton to meet their immediate needs.

In public, China can now vociferously object to the U.S. action, threaten to buy the cotton they need elsewhere and then take a wait and see approach to purchasing the additional supplies they need from the U.S. when prices move in their favor.

There is little disagreement that significant damage has been done to the U.S. textile industry and that much of it is directly and indirectly the result of Chinese imports.

The real danger for cotton producers trying to sell their cotton is the fact that most of the U.S. market share that China has gained has been at the expense of the textile exporting countries of Latin America, countries of the Caribbean Basin and to a certain extent Asia, all of whom have been good customers for U.S. cotton.

In the case of the Caribbean Basin and Latin America, many U.S. textile companies have strong ties with the textile industries in these countries and provide a competitive alternative to Chinese textile goods with the added bonus of buying mostly U.S. cotton.

High Plains Vegetable Conference Slated for Jan. 13

Vegetable growers, processors, market gardeners and master gardeners can renew their production and marketing skills and gain new insight on a variety of topics at the January 13, 2004 High Plains Vegetable Conference at West Texas A&M University Canyon.

"The conference will feature more than seven hours of presentations and discussions with experienced growers, researchers, Extension specialists and agribusiness representatives," said Russ Wallace, assistant professor of horticulture and Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist at Texas A&M's Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. "The speakers will deliver science-based information designed to help growers who are interested in sustainable vegetable production."

The event begins with registration at 7:45 a.m., at West Texas A&M's Alumni Banquet Facility (at the corner of North 3rd and 25th Streets). Registration cost is \$25 per person before December 31, 2003, and \$30 per person at the door. This fee covers all hand-outs and materials, and lunch. Door prizes donated by agribusiness exhibitors will be awarded during the day.

"Our speakers will cover many topics and concerns. There will also be time to visit with agribusiness exhibitors," Wallace said. "Those who attend can qualify for continuing education units (CEU's) applicable to their field or profession."

Morning sessions will focus on pest management and alternate business strategies. Speakers will address disease control, insect pests and integrated pest management, Internet marketing tools, and new crops and markets.

COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

Cotton futures prices on the New York Cotton Exchange exploded higher to end limit-up Wednesday on commercial and merchant buying after closing lower four consecutive days.

The market was expected to continue its decline ahead of the four-day weekend in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. However, reports of "sizable amounts of business" executed Tuesday night provided support to the market.

Rumors of purchases by China fueled the market on Wednesday despite concerns that a textile dispute between Washington and Beijing might have cooled some of the ardor in China's buying. However, many industry observers believe a severe shortage of cotton in China, due to a poor crop there, means the country will have no choice but to return to the market to secure its fiber supplies.

In the export report for the week ended November 20, released a day later than normal due to the Thanksgiving observance, China was the featured buyer with net purchases of 125,900 bales of U.S. cotton. Net sales to all countries that week totaled 347,900 bales, and export shipments totaled 186,600 bales. China and Mexico were the primary destinations.

The latest export sales figure was down 34 percent from the previous week and 48 percent less than the

Z. Barrett Places In Horse Judging

The West Texas A&M University horse judging team was a dominating force at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship November 19 in Oklahoma City.

WTAMU swept first place in every category—in both individual and team competition—to capture its third AQHA world judging title. WTAMU amassed 3,407 points to easily outdistance the 28-team field, including Colorado State University (CSU), the second-place team with 3,355 points.

West Texas A&M also won AQHA world championships in horse judging in 1994 and 2001.

WTAMU had nine student representatives in the competition and placed four individuals among the top five in a field of 111 contestants. Zach Barrett, a junior equine industry and business major from Friona, placed among the top five.

One more world competition awaits the WTAMU squad this year. WTAMU will attempt to defend its title December 4-5 at the National Reining Horse Association Championship in Oklahoma City. The WTAMU team won the national reining title in 1999, 2001 and 2002.

four-week average. On the other hand, shipments increased 40 percent from the previous week and were 37 percent more than the four-week average.

In other news, domestic mill use continues to decline. Based on Census Bureau data, the National Cotton Council (NCC) calculated U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.12 million bales in October 2002. The NCC also revised its September figure to 6.18 million bales from its previous estimate of 6.17 million. The latest estimate was in line with analysts' expectations although slightly lower than some had predicted.

In the meantime, harvest progress across the Cotton Belt advanced by almost eight percentage points in the week ended November 23, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The agency reported 78 percent of the U.S. cotton crop had been picked compared with 71 percent a week earlier and the five-year average of 83 percent. Fieldwork now is finished in Louisiana and Mississippi and is almost complete in Arkansas. Cotton harvesting in South Carolina made the greatest advance on the week rising 14 percentage points to 72 percent complete.

Harvesting continues to gain momentum in West Texas where the bulk of the area's crop still is on the stalk. The High and Rolling Plains were rain-free during the past week-end allowing cotton strippers to operate without restriction. The region experienced a hard freeze on November 24 which will leave many fields ready to be harvested next week. Statewide, the harvest was 61 percent complete as of November 23 compared with 63 percent one year ago and the five-year average of 73 percent.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the four trading days ended November 26 totaled 9,165 bales compared to 12,521 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 61.81 to 66.03 cents per point versus the previous week's 62.86 to 69.63 cents per pound range.

Marketing Workshops Explore Futures, Options

Farmers and ranchers can gain a better understanding of futures and options, and how to effectively use them as marketing tools at two, one-day workshops slated for December 18, 2003 and March 4, 2003, said a Texas Cooperative Extension Economist.

"These workshops are designed to help producers improve their pricing and marketing strategies through the study of futures and options," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "In order to take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities, producers must know how to evaluate market alternatives."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market. So, we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options, fundamental and technical analysis, and pricing strategies, using these tools."

Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock will host both one-day workshops. The center is north of Lubbock on Interstate Highway 27—take exit 11, turn right on FM 1294 and drive one-half mile east.

Smith will teach both workshops, which are designed for those with beginning knowledge of the futures market.

"Each workshop will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.," Smith said. "Registration cost is \$30.00 per person, for each workshop."

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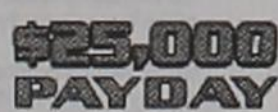
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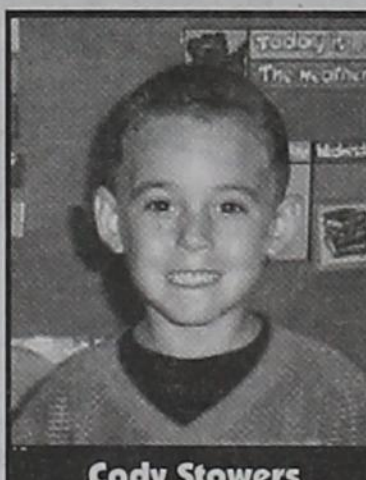
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Cody Stowers

Meet the Class of 2016

Cody is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Greg and Adriana Stowers. He has 2 brothers, Brad and Cole.

Cody likes riding his bike, swimming, and working cattle. His favorite foods are pizza, and grilled cheese and his favorite color is green.

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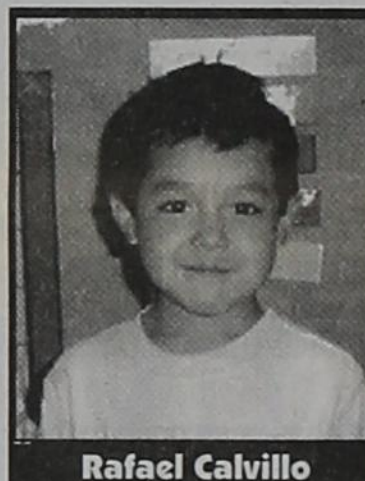
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Rafael Calvillo

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Rafael is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Rafael and Lourdes Calvillo. He has 3 sisters, Maria, Janet, and Rosa.

Rafael likes to play in the park, ride bikes, and watch TV. His favorite food is chicken and cheese enchiladas.

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TO: Jessica Viernes, GREETING:

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Farmer County Community Hospital,

vs.

Jessica Viernes

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Bovina, Farmer County, Texas, on November 24, 2003.

Vivian Hutto

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Justice of the Peace

Precinct 2, Farmer County, Texas

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We reserve the right to approve all copy and edit submitted articles for space reasons. Let us hear from you.

The 3rd annual Amarillo Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival will be held December 6 and 7 in the Amarillo Civic Center. Exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will fill the south exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford will host its 23rd annual Festival of Arts & Crafts December 6 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained from Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford 79045. 806-364-0774.

Clovis Community Band will present a Christmas Concert at the Marshall Junior High School Auditorium in Clovis on Sunday afternoon, December 7. This is an excellent musical group and two Friona residents, Dave Thompson and Ricky Rector, are long-time members of the Clovis Band.

The Band also has performances scheduled in the spring on Sunday, May 2, and summer Concert Under The Stars in Ned Hawk Park on June 19, 2004.

Anyone who is musically inclined and would like to continue

with the music they learned in high school or college, could audition to become a member of this band. Dave or Rick can advise you about this procedure.

The annual La Madre Mia Home Tour will be Sunday, December 7, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hereford. Tickets are \$5.00 (available at homes).

Homes on the tour are Chris and D'Ann Blair at 240 Northwest Dr.; John, Donna and Diane Smith at 140 Redwood; and Frank and Judy Welch, south of Hereford (Castro County).

Fellowship of Christian Women will have their Christmas party Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 1600 North Cleveland. You need to bring a Christmas ornament and your favorite holiday food. We will exchange ornaments and just fellowship. All ladies are invited to come.

The Moonlight Extension Education Club announces its Twenty Fifth Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held December 13, 2003 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum at 2200 West American Boulevard in Muleshoe, Texas. Admission is FREE!

Come do your Christmas shopping and enjoy the community Christmas parade at 10 a.m.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until December 8, 2003. To request an application contact: Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Drive-Through Christmas Nativity Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Music, Youth, and Children's ministries of First Baptist Church would like to invite you to "Take a drive to Bethlehem". We will be depicting

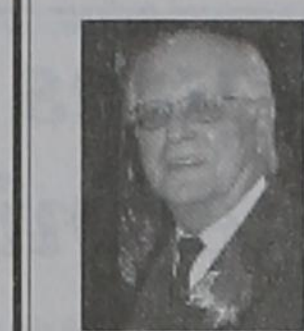
the events leading to the birth of Christ through a series of scenes made up of live characters. It will take just a few minutes for you to drive through. Please approach the church on Sixth Street to guide you.

It is our desire through this event to provide a glimpse of what took place over 2000 years ago as God sent forth the greatest gift ever given: The birth of a Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord!

The registration deadline for the February 7, 2004 ACT test is January 2, 2004. Students need to pick up registration forms from Mrs. Gallman before the Christmas break or plan to register online at www.act.org. School will not be in session until January 6, 2004. Please be aware that there are only three more testing dates this school year, February 7, April 3, and June 12, 2004.



NEW AT FARM BUREAU.... Andy Montana is a new agent at the Parmer County Farm Bureau office in Friona. Montana is a Hereford native and 1993 graduate of HHS. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and served as a prison corrections officer while qualifying for his insurance license. He is married to Erika and they have two children, Tenna, 9, and Andy, 16 months. Stop by the Farm Bureau and visit with Mitch and Veca, and say welcome to Andy.



OUT HERE

BY RON CARR

Park Lights & Politics!

Easing into the holiday season. Taking time to smell the roses.

Seems that the Christmas season got here pretty quick. The joy and chaos of the next few weeks is upon us, so no heavy philosophies this week. Just a bit of this and that.

Friona Chamber of Commerce director Kathryn Goddard says if you were not able to attend the Friona City Park program Monday night, be sure to drive downtown at night during the Christmas season to enjoy the decorations in the park. If you'll pardon the grammar, the park is now lit up.

Hats off to the city employees and city manager Terri Johnson for the time, effort, and expense of installing the beautiful lights on the trees, depot, and landscape. Drive by. You'll like it.

Also, Mrs. Goddard said the Women's Division of the Friona Chamber provided refreshments for all who attended the park ceremony and the special visit from Santa Claus. The Chamber ladies gave each child that visited Santa a Polaroid picture in Santa's lap, a candy cane and a cookie.

The special cookies were decorated and donated by Kenda Dunnam, owner of the Sugar Shack. Bill Hardin, owner of Tasty Cream, also helped the Women's Division provide the refreshments. A big thanks to Kenda and Bill. "Friona is lucky to have businesses that support all the events that make this a special place to live," Mrs. Goddard commented.

Another special thanks to the

Friona High School Choir and the Kids Choir from the Methodist Church, both directed by Allison Johnston, for the Christmas music at the park.

And I have a special thanks to give, as soon as you are sure the kids are not reading. Thank you to Santa Claus (Danny Black) who for many years has allowed the little boys and girls to sit on his knee, sometimes bawling, and bend his ear with their wish lists. If you think it's easy, next year you can be Santa. Thanks Danny (and Linda).

In last week's newspaper, top of page 7, there was a big 4-column notice that Congressman Randy Neugebauer was going to visit Farwell and Friona for a town hall meeting Tuesday. He is our man in Washington, elected to fill Larry Combest's term in Congress.

I've heard people complain that Parmer County is "so far north" the politicians don't think we are very important. After Tuesday, it might be Randy Neugebauer that thinks he is not important.

I went to the town hall meeting. You were not there. In the room at Friona State Bank there were 15 people. Six of those were in the Neugebauer party. That leaves nine citizens that showed up and two of those left while Neugebauer was still talking. Four of the seven were concerned about the school employee retirement fund vs. social security controversy. No room here to discuss the issue. Ask a teacher.

Neuge's answer strayed off into health care and the 108th Congress

and what federal employees get and he never answered the question raised. Looks like he is learning the Washington ropes pretty quick. His answer to the school people? You are not likely to get the problem solved soon.

Like many other Republicans these days, he blamed 9-11 for many current problems. He defended our being in Iraq in exactly the same language George Dubya uses. Almost word for word. The question was raised why people who died in the Twin Towers received over \$1 million and if a soldier dies his family gets \$25,000. There was not a viable answer. To Neuge's credit, he said he did not know why and he wasn't a member of Congress when the action was taken.

There were other politician phrases he used: "We'll look into it" and "Both sides of the aisle". It doesn't take long to learn the lingo.

One of the highlights for me was talking to Dana Neugebauer, his wife of 34 years. She said they live in an apartment in the middle of D. C. The apartment charges \$250 a month for parking. They park their car at the Capitol, where Congressmen park free. She didn't say how they get to the apartment. Probably use the Metro.

It was a pleasant meeting. Too bad you weren't there. So don't grumble about those damn Washington politicians that don't even know we are alive out here.

You had your chance. You ought to take it.

Benefits Start in 2006, Help Available Sooner

After Congress passed the biggest overhaul in Medicare's 38-year history, many seniors may be confused about what the changes will mean for them. Here are some answers as reprinted from a report in the November 26, 2003 edition of USA TODAY.

Q. How will this bill help pay for my prescription drugs?

A. Medicare beneficiaries who join HMOs that provide prescription drug coverage or buy drug coverage policies from private insurers will get help with their medicine bills.

Q. How much will this benefit cost?

A. Seniors will pay an average monthly premium of \$35, which could rise if drug costs increase. After a \$250 deductible, Medicare will cover 75% of drug costs up to \$2,250 and then nothing for drug costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100. After that, Medicare will pay 95% of drug bills.

Q. What if I am a low-income senior?

A. Low-income seniors do not pay premiums or deductibles. Depending on their income, they would pay either \$1 or \$2 per generic prescription and \$2 or \$5 for brand-name drugs. But an estimated 1.8 million seniors won't qualify for the low-income benefit because of an assets test.

Q. When do the prescription drug benefits start?

A. In 2006.

Q. But I need help sooner.

A. Starting in the spring, seniors will be able to buy a discount card for about \$30 that administration officials say will save them 15%-25% per prescription. Low-income elderly people will also get up to \$600 a year to help pay for drugs next year and in 2005.

Q. Will my Medicare Part B payments for doctor visits be affected?

A. Yes. Starting in 2007, seniors with incomes of \$80,000 or more will pay higher premiums for their share of the Part B premium, which covers doctor visits and outpatient care. Those below that level will continue to pay 25% of the premium. Wealthier seniors will pay higher percentages, up to 80% for those with incomes of \$200,000 or more.

Q. Are there any tax benefits in the bill?

A. Yes. Starting next year, pre-retirement-age workers who have health insurance plans with high deductibles will be able to save money in tax-free accounts to cover health care. Individuals can put away the amount of the deductible, up to \$2,250 a year (4,500 for families), to cover health expenses. Withdrawals for non-medical purposes will be taxed.

Q. Will I have more health plans to choose from?

A. Perhaps. Some health plans that dropped out of the Medicare system in recent years may return. The bill will allow higher payments to health plans from a \$12 billion fund to entice them to enroll seniors.

Q. What about this private competition experiment I have heard about?

A. Starting in 2010, about 2 million seniors in six metropolitan areas will be able to choose between traditional Medicare and private plans during a six-year experiment.

The test areas have not been chosen, but affected seniors might have to pay up to 5% more a year if they opt to stay in Medicare instead of switching to cheaper private insurers.

Q. I have drug coverage from my former employer. Will that continue?

A. Maybe. The bill's supporters say more than \$80 billion in tax breaks and subsidies to employer plans will encourage them to continue retiree coverage.

But the Congressional Budget Office estimates about 2.7 million seniors could lose benefits that may be more generous than those that will be offered under Medicare.

Q. Will the bill limit rising health care costs?

A. Depends on whom you ask. The bill requires Congress to rein in costs if Medicare must get more than 45% of its funding from general treasury revenue instead of payroll taxes, premiums and other sources.

Critics say the bill is flawed because it doesn't allow Medicare to negotiate cheaper drug prices the way the Department of Veterans Affairs does for veterans.

That job will go to private plans, which have less market clout than Medicare with its 40 million beneficiaries.

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Obituaries

Annie Laura Hargrove

Memorial services for Annie Laura Hargrove, 98, of Friona, were held Saturday, November 29, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Vernon O'Kelley of Amarillo and Rev. Mark Stovall of Friona, officiating.

Burial was in the West Lawn Cemetery in Dimmitt under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

She was born April 14, 1905 in Morris, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and passed away Thursday, November 27, 2003 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

Annie came to Texas in a covered wagon and met Elvis Valentine Hargrove who preceded her in death on August 5, 1972. They were married April 16, 1927 in Joy, Texas and moved to Dimmitt in 1942 with their four children. Although she lived the last five years in Friona, Dimmitt has always been home where she was a seamstress for the public for 50 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt for 60 years and an active member of the Dimmitt Senior Citizens. She was also the oldest registered voter in Castro County.

Survivors include two sons, Don Hargrove of Dimmitt and LeeRoy

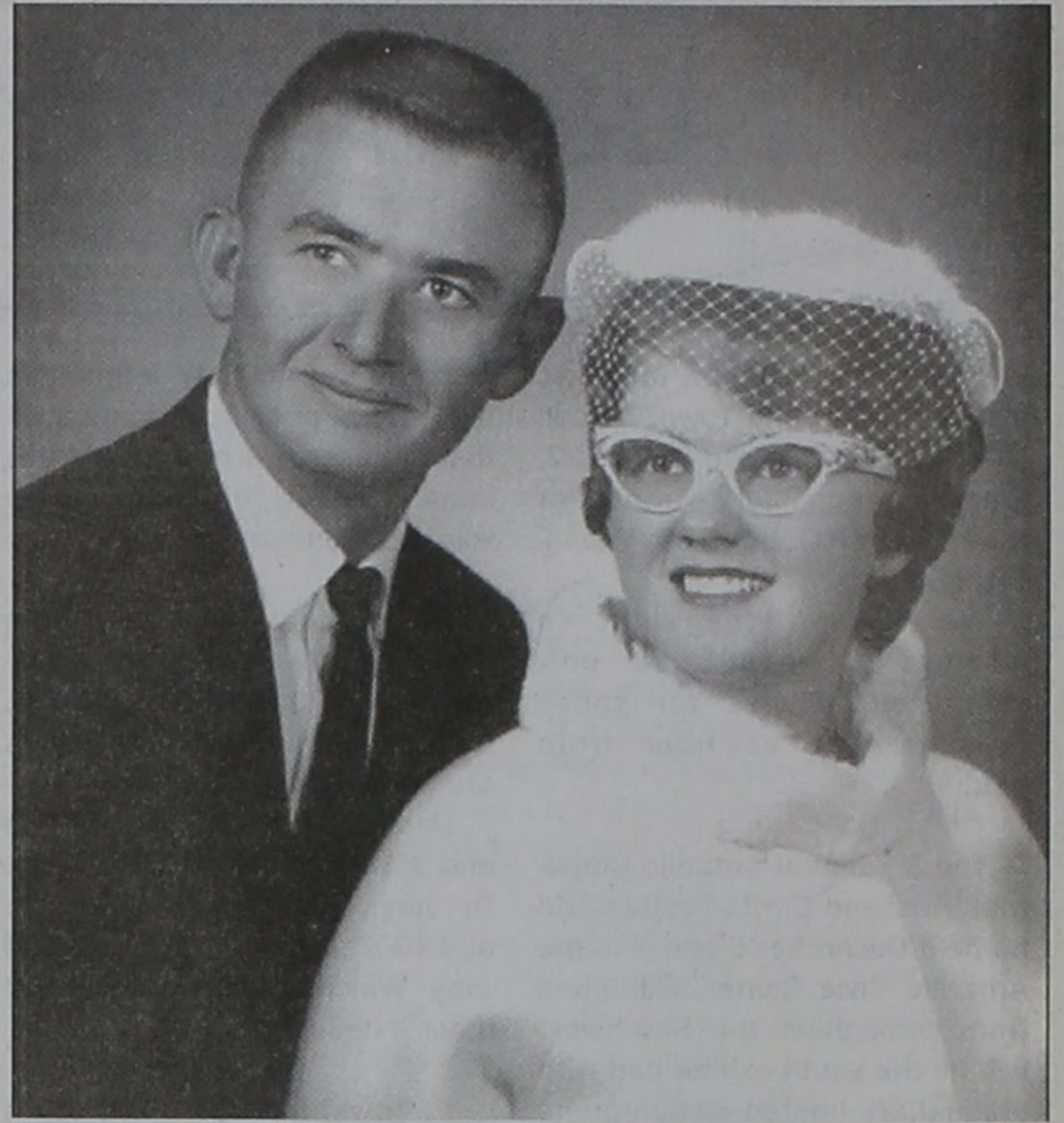
Hargrove of Abilene, Texas; two daughters, Betty Pugh of Spearman, Texas and Hazel Britt of Friona; three sisters, Jewel Smith of Henrietta, Texas, Opal Seigler of Mankato, Minnesota, and Dorothy Cox of Dallas, Texas; two brothers, Edwin Laughon of Henrietta, Texas and Ray Laughon of Winters, Texas; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

O'Brians Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Roy and Paula O'Brian will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary at a reception given by their children, Ray and Celia Mason of Post, Texas, Sheila Merritt of Friona, and Edward and Brandee O'Brian of Lubbock; and five grandchildren, Wes, Ben, Kaylin, Casey, and Brandy.

The reception will be Sunday, December 14, 2003 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary Baptist Church of Friona.

Roy and Paula were married on December 28, 1963 at the First Methodist Parsonage in Friona



Roy & Paula O'Brian~40 Years Ago

A Day at Baltimore Airport

I hope that you will spare me a few minutes of your time to tell you about something that I saw on Monday, October 27.

I had been attending a conference in Annapolis and was coming home on Sunday. As you may recall, Los Angeles International Airport was closed on Sunday, October 26, because of the fires that affected air traffic control. Accordingly, my flight, and many others, were canceled and I wound up spending a night in Baltimore.

My story begins the next day. When I went to check in at the United counter Monday morning I saw a lot of soldiers home from Iraq. Most were very young and all

had on their desert camouflage uniforms. This was a change from earlier, when they had to buy civilian clothes in Kuwait to fly home. It was a visible reminder that we are in a war. It probably was pretty close to what train terminals were like in World War II.

Many people were stopping the troops to talk to them, asking them questions in the Starbucks line or just saying "Welcome Home". In addition to all the flights that had been canceled on Sunday, the weather was terrible in Baltimore and the flights were backed up. So, there were a lot of unhappy people in the terminal trying to get home, but nobody that I saw gave the soldiers a bad time.

By the afternoon, one plane to Denver had been delayed several hours. United personnel kept asking for volunteers to give up their seats and take another flight. They weren't getting many takers. Finally, a United spokeswoman got on the PA and said this, "Folks, as you can see, there are a lot of soldiers in the waiting area. They

only have 14 days of leave and we're trying to get them where they need to go without spending any more time in an airport than they have to. We sold them all tickets, knowing we would oversell the flight. If we can, we want to get them all on this flight. We want all the soldiers to know that we respect what you're doing, we are here for you, and we love you."

At that, the entire terminal of cranky, tired, travel-weary people, a cross-section of America, broke into sustained and heartfelt applause. The soldiers looked surprised and very modest. Most of them just looked at their boots. Many of us were wiping away tears.

And, yes, people lined up to take the later flight and all the soldiers went to Denver on that flight. That little moment made me proud to be an American, and also told me why we will win this war.

If you want to send my little story on to your friends and family, feel free. This is not some urban legend. I was there, I was part of it, I saw it happen.

Will Ross
Administrative Judge
U.S. Dept. of Defense
(The writer, Will Ross, and his wife live in LA and both work for Uncle Sam.)



Roy & Paula O'Brian~2003

LET THE "SON" SHINE
"TIS THE SEASON"...To Consider Family. There is such a joy that should be found in families. Often this season presents opportunities to gather together and enjoy each other. Families are special. Like David, let's bless our families while we have opportunity.
(I Chronicles 16:43)
Have a great week! (TLT)

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SERGIO SAENZ & JUAN GARCIA battle for control as David Davilla and Cesar Prieto look on.

FHS Spanish IV Class Sponsors Soccer Game

by Dana Jameson

The place was Chieftain field in Friona, but the game was not football. On this chilly November day the game was soccer. At stake was a reputation. Who would be the victors? The Seniors of 2004 or their rivals, the Junior class?

The first half was dominated by the Senior girls team. They scored 1 goal and kept the Junior girls from even coming close to scoring. They played with a mix of fun and competition.

During the break between halves, students from the Spanish IV class sold hot chocolate and donuts in the concession stand. The hot chocolate was made from Mexican chocolate.

The second half of the game the Senior boys and Junior boys took the field. Once again the Seniors dominated, scoring 3 more goals and holding the Junior boys at bay. The boys played with the gusto of a championship game. But, at the same time having fun just being out on the field with their classmates.

In the end the Seniors won the game with a score of 4 to 1. It was all to benefit an orphanage in Juarez. The money gathered, by selling \$1 tickets, will be used for gifts of love for the orphans. The soccer game was sponsored by the Friona High School Spanish IV class. The boys and girls who participated are congratulated for making the effort to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Students that participated were:



ERANDY LARA & YVONNE VEGA shown controlling the ball.

Sophomore and Junior Girls : Hilary Rando, Nora Castanon, Daisy Delgadillo, Silva Delgadillo, Yvonne Ramos, Maegan Ingram, Yvonne Vega, Magdalena Ortega, Claudia Candanedo, Magally Leyva, Viviana Guerra, Patricia Aguirre, Karla Padilla, Guadalupe Estrada, Erandy Lara

Senior Girls : Jessica Garcia, Berenice Lopez, Magdalena Mendez, Roxy Aguilar, Ana Rocha, Mayra Arguelles, Monica Pina, Maria Sanchez, Yomaira Arzola, Jisela Torres, Linda Delgadillo

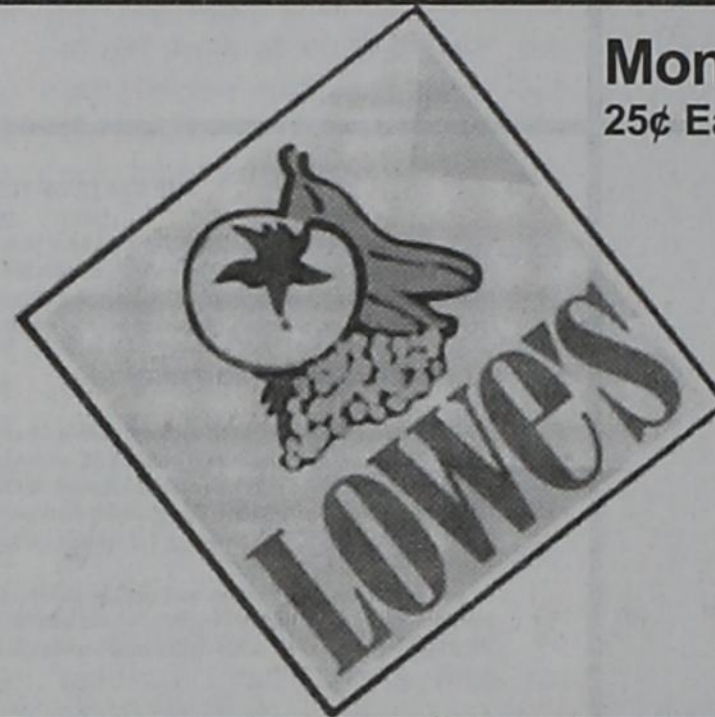
Junior Boys : David Mendez, Sergio Saenz, Rudy Gonzales, Willy Castillo, Freddy Reyes, Artemio Garcia, David Davilla, Frank Castillo, Antonio Monreal, Javier Sanchez

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