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## Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates Christmas party

Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates will celebrate Christmas for the residents Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Families are urged to bring a large snack tray and at least one gift to go under the tree for your family member.



## Texas Christmas ornaments available

A spokesperson for the Depot Heritage Society says that sales at the Country Jubilee Christmas bazaar were off quite a bit due to the weather. The Depot Heritage Society still has a limited number of official Texas State Christmas ornaments left over.

The ornaments are now available at Donna Baker's Gift Shop across from the city park. Shop hours are 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11-2 on Saturday.

Ornaments are \$20 and a portion of the proceeds go for the upkeep of the Depot. The Depot Society also has a few ornaments from past years if anybody needs one to complete their collection.



Cassie Brawley

## New officer at Friona PD

A new officer is on patrol at the Friona Police Department. Joining the department last week is Cassie Brawley. She is an Amarillo native and Amarillo Highland Park graduate.

Officer Brawley comes to Friona from Dalhart where she served with the police force. She and her husband live in Hereford for now until they can find a home in Friona. He is employed with Messer Construction.

## Parmer County cotton bale count

As of Monday, December 11, cotton gins in Parmer County reported a total of 79,273 bales ginned.

Reporting for the bale count are Friona Farmer's Co-Op, West Hub Gin, Clay's Corner, North Lazbuddie, Bovina Gin, Lariat Gin, Farwell Gin. Parmer County Cotton Growers was not counted



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Enjoying a fun outing with Bonnie Pope's Day Care at Friona State Bank's Christmas open house are l-r, Bonnie Pope, Abby Isom, and Carly Drake.

# Man dies from train injuries

Robert Jason Oswald, 29, of Friona was found dead beside the railroad tracks near the Highway 214 overpass Sunday morning, December 10, about 10:30 a.m.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris said a BNSF

train conductor contacted law enforcement in Parmer County and reported sighting the body. The Friona Police Department and Parmer County Sheriff's Office responded. Their investigation concluded that Oswald had

been riding an eastbound train and had attempted to get off in Friona while the train was still moving, suffering serious injuries that caused his death.

Justice of the Peace Vi Hutto pronounced Oswald dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy. The investigation later found that Oswald had been in Clovis with friends and boarded the train in Clovis during the early morning hours of December 10 to return to Friona. Funeral and burial was held in

Roswell, New Mexico. Railroad authorities from BNSF stated that it is illegal to board a train or be on Santa Fe property. Sheriff Geris said the train operators were unaware that Oswald was on the train.

# Chiefs win Farwell tournament

Tuesday December 5 the Chieftains traveled to Floydada to take on the state-ranked Floydada Whirlwinds. Friona was down by only 2-points at the half but the Winds came back in the second half with a 33-22 run as they beat the Chiefs 60-47.

Friona managed five 3s in the game, two by Sawyer Reed and one each from Kaison Graham, Alex Gurley, and Caleb Miller. Reed led scoring with 18, Gurley 9, Ryan Schwab 9, Graham 3, Hector Sanchez 3, Miller 3, and Ryan Geris and Chance Lewellen one point each.

The Chieftains won the championship in the December 7-9 Farwell tournament, sweeping games from Melrose, Vega, and Texico.

Senior wing Caleb Miller had the hot hand in the opening match against Melrose. Miller was high scorer with 18 points, all of them on 3-point goals as he drained five 3s in the 1st quarter. The Chieftains battered Melrose 69-21. Lewellen had 14, Alex Gurley 12, Sawyer Reed 10, Jared Boyd 7, Ryan Geris 2, and Ryan Schwab 2.

Game 2 on Friday saw the Chiefs pull away from the Vega Longhorns for a close 46-37 win. The teams were tied at 19- at the half but the Chiefs stretched out a 27-17 second half to seal the victory and head for the Saturday night championship. In this game the Chiefs were also deadly from 3-point range as they netted seven 3s, with Miller again hot with three 3s and 9 points. High scorer was Reed with 11, Sanchez had 9, Geris 8, Gurley 5, Lewellen 2, and Boyd 2.

The championship game Saturday night got off to about a 9 p.m. start as the girls' championship between Vega and Texico went into overtime (Vega won). The Chiefs met the highly ranked (in New Mexico) Texico Wolverines.

The Chiefs got off to a shaky start, spotting the Wolverines a 7-11 lead after the 1st quarter. The Chiefs pulled back ahead, 24-20 at the half and held a narrow 34-32 advantage after 3 quarters. But Saw-

yer Reed scored half of his 20 points in the 4th quarter to spark a 23-15 Chieftain run and a 57-47 win. It was second-year coach Ky Graham's first tournament victory as the boys brought home the

gold.

Reed had 20 points, Hector Sanchez 11, Geris 6, Tolby Wilcox 6, Ryan Schwab 6, Miller 5, and Gurley 3. Both Sanchez and Wilcox fouled out in the 4th quarter. Texico

put up 20 free throws and made 10 while the Chiefs made 8 of 10 free throw attempts.

The Chiefs next game will be at Friona gym Friday December 15 as they host the Canyon

Eagles at 8 p.m. The boys open district play Tuesday, December 19 at home vs. River Road. Varsity boys game time for all district games will be 7:30 p.m.



ron carr photo

The Chiefs won the Farwell Tournament championship. Showing off their medals and trophy are, back, l-r, Alex Gurley, Ryan Geris, Sawyer Reed, Coach Ky Graham; middle, l-r, Caleb Miller, Tolby Wilcox, Hector Sanchez; front, l-r, Ryan Schwab, Jared Boyd, Kaison Graham. Check out the championship photo album at frionaonline.com.



# OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

## empty promises and artificial trans fat

Here are the three things the Democrats promise to get done when they come back to work January 4:

Raise the federal minimum wage, enact lobbying and ethics reform, and lower Medicare prescription drug costs.

I'd like you to write these three issues down in your new 2007 Hallmark calendar book or on the wall of your barn. About mid-year or this time next year check to see if indeed either of these Democratic miracles have come to pass.

Nancy Pelosi, the first ever female Speaker of the House of Representatives, is promising a new Democratic era of ethics and responsibility. Yeah, right! I'll believe it only if it happens. Before they left for holiday the now-ethical Dems admonished the Republicans for turning a blind eye to the inappropriate conduct of Rep. Mark Foley. I seem to remember some blind eyes by the Dems when Billy Jeff was president.

Another issue caught my eye this week. New York became the first city to ban artificial trans-fats at restaurants. Another case of government telling a private industry how it can or can't do business and telling you what you can or cannot eat. Remember we told you non-smokers that when the government got through with the tobacco industry they would be coming after your fat-foods next? Well they are here and they aren't going to stop.

Salad dressing, shortening, chips, popcorn, fried potatoes, cereal, candy, commercial baked goods, and animal products are some of the food sources of trans fat for Americans. Soon they will be after hamburgers, hot dogs, steak and Spam. The government is determined to help you be healthy because they are tired of your health being a drain on the economy.

In another bit of political two-sidedness, us media received a press release from Carol Keeton

Strayhorn (remember her). She is still the comptroller for another few weeks. Her recent report says that undocumented immigrants add \$17.7 billion to our gross state product and produce \$1.58 billion in state revenues.

I suppose undocumented immigrants is a nice way of saying illegal aliens. Didn't Grandma Strayhorn say during her run for governor that she would stop the illegal immigration? Weren't they a bad thing just a few months ago? How come all of a sudden we should be thanking them for contributing so much money to the state?

Her report also said the state spent \$957 million on K-12 education for undocumented students, \$11.2 million for higher education, \$58 million for health services, and \$130.6 million to incarcerate them in 2006.

And then there was all the crying during the governor's race about Texas is running out of money fast, we can't raise

enough for schools, yadda, yadda. A headline this week says that Texas legislators will return to session in January 2007 with a \$15 billion surplus to spend. Just where in the heck did that come from? I thought we were broke.

I know this is the Christmas season and we shouldn't be talking about politics but weren't Mary and Joseph heading to pay taxes when they took shelter in a manger and Jesus was born? I don't remember any other reason they were out traveling on a donkey but then I may not be the resident expert on the Christmas story either.

There are many political issues on the calendar the next few years that will directly affect your way of life and of earning a living. Politicians are whittling away at the Constitution and the rights of American citizens and most of us don't know enough to care or care enough to know.

Merry Christmas!

# Christmas Is Not Illegal... Yet!

By John W. Whitehead

When I was a child in the 1950s, the magic of Christmas was promoted in the schools. We sang Christmas carols in the classroom. There were cut-outs of the Nativity scene on the bulletin board, along with the smiling, chubby face of Santa and Rudolph. We were all acutely aware that Christmas was more than a season to receive—it was a special time to give as well.

But times have changed. Schools across the country avoid anything that alludes to the true meaning of Christmas—such as angels, the baby Jesus, stables and shepherds. In one West Virginia town, although the manger scene (one of 350 light exhibits in the town's annual Festival of Lights) included shepherds, camels and a guiding star, the main attractions—Jesus, Mary and Joseph—were nowhere to be found. Supposedly concerns about the separation of church and state resulted in the omission.

In Chicago, organizers of a German Christkindlmarkt were informed that the public Christmas festival was no place for the Christmas story. Officials were concerned that clips of the film "The Nativity Story," which were to be played at the festival, might offend someone.

In Connecticut, teachers last year were told to change the wording of the classic poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to "Twas the Night Before a Holiday." And as a mother of two schoolchildren recently remarked: "In the past, this school has gone from 'winter' parties that banned red and green cupcakes, and napkins, to banning any Winter party in fear that it may be mistaken for Christmas."

I have yet to understand how anyone can discuss the true—or even historical—meaning of

Christmas without at least a reference to Christ. Surely something has gone wrong when America's children are encouraged to celebrate the fictional Rudolph but are refused the opportunity to even mention Jesus, who was an actual, historical person. To claim that Christmas is something other than what it is—a holiday with a religious foundation—is both dishonest and historically unsound.

Indeed, Christmas (Old English *Cristes Moesse*, "the Mass of Christ") was instituted, and for centuries kept, as a religious holiday (as in "holy day"). Originally, Christmas included festivities, but its primary purpose was to provide a time for spiritual renewal.

Unfortunately, far too many parents, students and teachers erroneously believe they cannot celebrate the religious nature of Christmas in the public schools. Whether through ignorance or fear, Americans are painfully misguided about the recognition of religious holidays. Ironically, the most targeted religious holiday for exclusion is Christmas—which is also the most popular in American culture. Are our schoolchild-

dren to be forbidden from learning about one of the most culturally significant events because it has religious overtones?

It isn't the fear of lawsuits that prompts school officials to erase Christmas from the calendar. No courts have ruled that Christmas cannot be celebrated in the schools. Instead, it is the anathema of political correctness that forces Christmas out of the school if there is the possibility that even one person might be offended by the mention of God or Christ.

However, there are constitutional ways to celebrate Christmas in the public schools without violating the United States Constitution. These are succinctly set forth in The Rutherford Institute's "Twelve Rules of Christmas". While it is true that public school teachers, as agents of the state, may not advance religion, they are allowed to discuss the role of religion in all aspects of American culture and its history. This includes the religious aspects of the Christmas holiday.

While our Constitution does not give *carte blanche* to promote religion in the public schools, neither does it dictate

a cleansing of Christmas from the classroom. Students may enjoy the same freedom of religious expression that is allowed any other time of the year—in or out of the classroom. This means that students can freely distribute Christmas or Hanukkah cards to their friends and teachers, just as they would a birthday card. Such cards can even mention the words God and Jesus Christ.

The trend toward erasing traditional Christmas practices from our daily life is discouraging and disheartening. In a society already known for its selfishness and consumerism, it seems that a religious holiday would be an opportunity to celebrate something more essential, something wholesome and good and also something that would remind us of our nation's history—one that is dominated with a spiritual and religious heritage.

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## Neugebauer to continue disaster aid push

Congressman Randy Neugebauer expressed disappointment Friday after it became a certainty that the House would not have the opportunity to vote on an agriculture disaster relief package in 2006.

"From wild fires to severe drought, the 2006 crop year wreaked havoc on farms and ranches throughout West Texas and the Big Country," Neugebauer said. "The effects of these disasters were devastating and widespread. The cost of the crop and livestock losses in Texas topped

\$4 billion, nearly doubling the previous record. Cotton losses alone totaled more than \$1 billion. In addition, the 2006 winter wheat crop was the smallest since 1971. In response to these disasters, I joined with other members in the House and Senate in working toward a disaster assistance package that could help offset 2006 losses. Unfortunately, no such package will be voted on this year. This news is a like a lump of coal in the Christmas stocking for those producers who are short

on crop and long on bills." Despite this news, Neugebauer remains determined to keep disaster assistance for agriculture a priority in Congress.

"Although the last opportunity for passing disaster relief in 2006 is now gone, the need for this relief remains," Neugebauer said. "When Congress reconvenes in January, I will again work with my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass a disaster relief package that is so sorely needed."

scrambled to pick it up.



Randy Neugebauer

California folks are laid back, I must say. The party was to last from 10 AM to noon. Parents and their kids started arriving around 11:30 and stayed until nearly 5 o'clock. Time doesn't seem too important to folks in California.

My son BZ and his family live in a real neighborhood with lots of kids. Most of the guests at the party walked over because parking is a problem due to all the cars on the street. Hardly anybody uses garages for vehicles. That's where they keep their stuff.

Halloween decorations were still up in houses all over the neighborhood. One of the houses has been for sometime and has been turned into a halfway house for people who are recovering from mental disorders. One of the women who live in the house is making all sorts of pumpkin items: pies, cakes,

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Friona Star,  
 Friona will be hosting a Special Olympics Basketball Tournament January 13, 2007. An event like this will be a success with the help of the community. There are about 75 volunteers already signed up to help.  
 We are seeking interested businesses for sponsorship. There will be about 200 athletes from the Texas Panhandle competing in individual skills, team skills and traditional basketball. We also need to purchase about 300 t-shirts for the athletes/coaches/volunteers. These shirts will have the sponsors on the back and will be a souvenir for the athletes.  
 We are also serving lunch for all athletes and coaches. There will also be a dinner and dance after all competitions have ended. All meals are free for all teams and volunteers.  
 I would like to also put together goodie bags for each athlete. Each bag will be filled with business marketing items that will be donated by businesses. Items may include: note pads, pencils, key chains, rulers, just about any item can be used, these special people enjoy life and everything they receive is appreciated.  
 Thank you,  
 Donna Mullins, Head of Delegation  
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 Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.



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## Tumbleweed Smith California Highlights

We went to San Francisco to celebrate our grandson Aiden's first birthday. The house was decorated in a Bob the Builder theme. Colorful Bob the Builder balloons, hard hats, napkins, plates and glasses were on the table. Aiden's three-year-old brother Max had some friends of his over for the party. When it came time to serve the cake, everybody crowded around Aiden's high chair to watch him eat a cupcake and get chocolate all over his face. He did it well.

The weather was perfect. It had been cloudy and rainy the previous two days, but on Saturday, the day of the party, the sun came out and the kids were able to go outside. They banged away at a Bob the Builder piñata suspended from a tree limb in the back yard. Despite numerous tries from the youngsters and some adults, the piñata held fast. The yellow and blue crepe paper on the outside was torn and tattered, but the goodies inside were protected by some hard cardboard. It was finally opened with a mighty swing from one of the mothers who had some softball experience. Candy spilled out and kids

bread, cookies, and even pumpkin potato chips. The house where she lives has some of the best decorations on the block. On Halloween night, kids flocked to her house for trick or treat. She ran out of goodies. Later, when the doorbell rang, she cheerfully greeted the kids, but told them how sorry she was that she had run out of treats. Kids, ages three to six, when they heard she didn't have any candy or cookies, started giving her some. It was that way a good part of the evening. You just don't hear many stories like that. But it happened in California.

When we took a walk around the neighborhood, my son took us to a hillside around the corner from his house. A brand new 4-story house is gradually sliding down the hill, threatening the houses below. It was built for speculation. When the owner realized it was a liability, he left town and hasn't been located. The house is in the process of being demolished.

California sure is an interesting place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.



### Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday December 7 at Headquarters Restaurant with 19 members, two guests, and sweetheart Alli Jones present. Club vice-president Lance Gatlin presided.

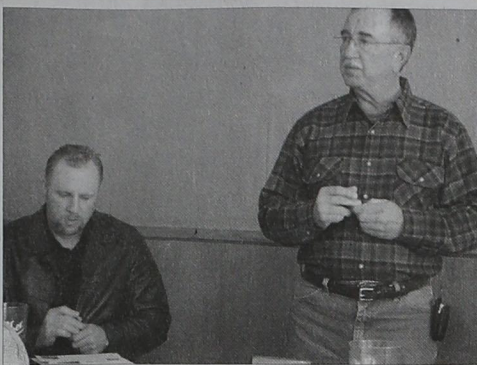
Members sang happy birthday to Alli who celebrated her 18th birthday December 6. Larry Watts of WT Services was a guest of Ed Martinez. Jim Bob Jones was the other guest and presented a program on the Friends of the Library Endowment Fund.

The goal of the endowment is to raise a total of \$150,000. Jones said the Friends of the Library had raised almost \$20,000 for the endowment. He explained several means of being a benefactor to the library's future growth. More information on the endowment fund opportunity and the different donor levels is available by calling the library at 250-3200.

Vice-president Gatlin said that long time Noon Lions member Joe A. Walters is in ill health and is not doing well. The thoughts and prayers of the club go out to the Walters family.

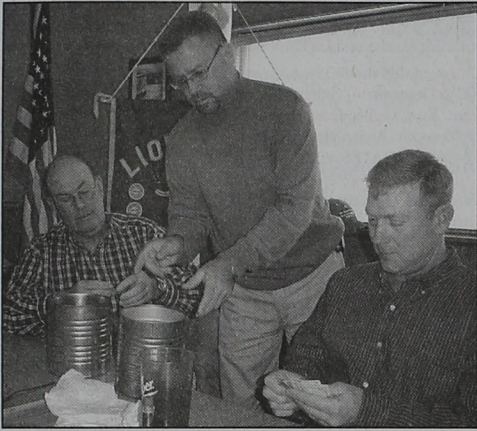
This week club members dined on their choice of pork chops, chicken fried steak, or meatloaf, vegetables, gravy, and the Headquarters salad bar. You can enjoy the food and fellowship by becoming a Lions Club member. The next meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday December 21. Our program will be Christmas music by the Friona high school choir.

Visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend. We always need new members. For information or an invitation to a meeting contact any Lions Club member.



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Jim Bob Jones talks to Noon Lions members about the Friends of the Library Endowment Fund. At left is Lion Lance Gatlin.



ron carr photo

Donating to the weekly drawing at the Noon Lions Club meeting are, l-r, Lions Fred Cook, Mike Hutson, and Tommy St. Clair. New members are always needed for the Lions Club. For information or to visit one of the meetings contact any member.

## New dairy lab in Hereford

According to a report in the December 7 Hereford Brand newspaper, Dairy Veterinary Management Services Laboratory will open a dairy lab seven miles west and two miles north of Hereford just off FM1057.

Dr. Adam Jackanicz and his wife Jennifer, both veterinarians, are relocating from Dimmitt. The Hereford Economic Development Corporation has given the company a \$15,000 loan to purchase equipment needed for the lab. The loan is to be repaid at the end of 18 months unless the company has five employees at which point the loan will be forgiven.

The lab will use a new test, BioPRYN (Pregnancy Ruminant Yes/No), that allows faster and easier testing for pregnancy of dairy and beef cattle.

## Breast cancer screening clinic January 15 & 22

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Hospital at 1307 Cleveland Avenue, in Friona on January 15 and 22, 2007.

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.

## Santa's Reindeer Grounded for Drinking

Santa's reindeer star in a new animated TV commercial produced by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and airing throughout Texas this month. In the spot, Santa's reindeer are grounded for drinking on Christmas Eve, prompting Santa to hook up his sleigh to a quartet of yellow taxis. TxDOT's message to holiday revelers: if you've been drinking, designate a driver or take a cab to get home safely.

With holiday revelry now in full swing, state officials are urging motorists to take the precautionary step of planning ahead to get home safely when their holiday celebrations include alcohol.

"Drunk driving will ruin the holidays for hundreds of families," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "We can't say it enough: plan ahead and plan not to get behind the wheel if you've been drinking."

TxDOT's 9th annual holiday-themed campaign also uses radio commercials based on popular Christmas carols, billboards along interstate highways, ads at gas stations and festive coasters in bars and restaurants to deliver the reminder to designate a driver. The \$500,000 public education initiative extends through New Year's Day.

Safety advocates credit stepped-up enforcement of the state's DWI laws and ongoing advertising reminding Texans not to drink and drive with the continued decline in impaired driving fatalities. Federal officials report that 135 fewer people died in Texas last year in alcohol-related crashes than in 2004, continuing the trend from 2003.

Supporting increased traffic enforcement allows TxDOT to accomplish one of its primary goals of enhancing safety on Texas highways.

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-pre-

vention 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.



The Texas Department of Transportation's holiday campaign to curb drunk driving is underway. Reindeer puppets star in a new animated television commercial urging motorists to take a cab or designate a driver to get home safely if they've been drinking.

## YOUR EYES

### Sneak Thief of Sight

Did you know that glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the U.S.? Approximately one out of two hundred Americans over forty have this condition. What's even worse is that large numbers of Americans have glaucoma and don't even know it. Just what is Glaucoma?



To understand glaucoma, first realize that the eye produces and disposes of an equal amount of fluid each day. With the most common type of glaucoma, the amount of fluid produced is greater than the amount disposed, causing excessive pressure within the eye. Simply put, most glaucoma occurs when pressure becomes excessive for the individual eye.

Because there are usually no symptoms with most types of glaucoma, it is particularly dangerous disease. A gradual loss of peripheral or central vision can occur. Fortunately, glaucoma is usually treated with newer drugs or surgery. Checking for glaucoma is now part of a routine eye exam. Experts agree that regular eye examinations by an optometrist are critical to check for this eye condition. See your eye doctor today.

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Coach Ky Graham huddles with the Chieftains during the game with Texico. Friona won the Farwell Tournament championship 57-47 over the Wolverines.



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At the Friona State Bank Christmas Tea, Leticia Salas was the hostess with the big smile as she served Christmas cheer.



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Chieftain wing Ryan Schwab (00) launches a jump shot over a Texico Wolverine. More action photos on the Chiefs vs. Texico album at frionaonline.com.

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from November 29, 2006 to December 6, 2006:

Enchanted Farms, Randal S. Ware, Kent D. Ware, and Stanley H. Ware-Jeff Actkinson, Robbi Actkinson, Rod Carpenter and Melissa Carpenter, L18 B8 IRONWOOD ESTATES UNIT 2 S49 BLK A

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Roy V. Miller Sr. Estate-Delwin D. Allen and Patricia A. Allen, 4.00 AC NE/CORNER W/2 S23 T1N R3E

Patsy Widner and Patti Widner-Armstrong Kerr and Ruth Kerr, W30' L2 E30' L3 B2 RIDGEVIEW

Sheri Lynn Young-James E. Simpson, Veatrice V. Simpson, Brian Simpson and Jody Simpson, S26 BLK H KELLY

## Sheriff's Report

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

December 7, 2006, Lesley Gama, 34, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

December 7, 2006, Casey Wooten, 21, of Texico, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending County Court.

December 7, 2006, Brandon Cox, 40, of Muleshoe, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, and charged with driving while intoxicated 3<sup>rd</sup> or more, pending Grand Jury.

December 9, 2006, Arealo Campos, 37, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

December 9, 2006, Orlando Bustos, 19, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

## Friona Fire Department News

By Jon Douglas, Reporter

We would like to thank all the firemen and families attending our annual Christmas dinner and fireman appreciation banquet. The annual Christmas party was held Saturday, December 9, at the Friona community center with the meal of catfish and chicken catered by River Smith's of Lubbock.

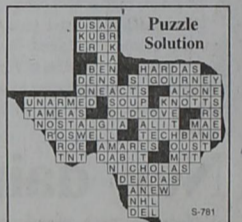
Three firemen were honored for their service with the department. Charlie Pope and Jon Douglas were awarded 5-year service pins and Glenn Reeve, Jr. was presented with a bronze engraved axe for 50-years of continuous service with the fire department. Firefighter Matt Osborn received the "Fireman of the Year" award.

Recently, with funds raised from our yearly activities, the firemen voted to replace the truck chassis on Tanker 3. This will enable us to be more proficient in our firefighting duties. Steps are underway to replace the apparatus onto the newer model chassis. You should be able to view the newer model chassis with the apparatus in a few weeks.

Also we would like to welcome our newest fireman, Jeremy Campbell, to the Friona Fire Department.

We ask that you please remain cautious when doing any outdoor burning activities. Grass and weeds are becoming drier from the lack of moisture in the recent months. Please also remember to keep water on real Christmas trees in your homes and do not let them dry out as they can be a major fire hazard.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.



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# Squaws win consolation at Farwell

The Friona Squaws, with Miranda Frye and Erica Davila still ailing from injuries, won 2 out of 3 in the Farwell tournament to capture the consolation bracket championship. The good news was that injured senior Shayli Reed finally returned to full time action.

The Squaws drubbed Melrose 49-21 in the opening game Thursday December 7.

## 9th Chiefs 56 Highland Park 17

The freshman boys got the chance to play and took it to the Highland Park Hornets. The 9th graders scored almost as many points (15) in the first quarter as HP did for the entire game. Matthew Stanberry poured in 19 points, Stetson Reed 14, David Schwab 9, Joey Dickson 5, Jordan Kelley 4, Roy Lee Burns 2, Jose Ramirez 2, and Josh Duenes 1. The 9th grade boys coach is David Townner.

## 9th Squaws 30 9th Highland Park 15

The 9th Squaws traveled to Highland Park Monday, December 11 and won, 30-15.

Taryn Jamerson once again led the scoring with 10 points. Lacey Lookingbill dropped in 6 points with two 3-pointers, Monica Dominguez, Anna Murphree and Yesenia Rojas 4 points each, and Angelica Galager 2.

## 9th Squaws 24 9th Tulia 37

Coach Styler Haddock and the 9th Squaws fell to the 9th Tulia on Monday, December 4, 37-24, in Friona.

Leading the scoring was Taryn Jamerson with 15 points including one 3-pointer. Paige Herbert added in 4, Anna Murphree and Yesenia Rojas 2 each and Lacey Lookingbill 1.

Tiffany Vazquez came up top scorer with 12 points, Briar Barnett 10, Kambree Davila 8 including two 3s, Shayli Reed 7, Staci Murphree 6, Krista Graham 2, Ashley Ingram 2, Lucretia Field 2.

In game 2 the Squaws were edged by eventual tournament champion Vega 38-35. The Squaws were off to a slow start with Staci Murphree scoring the only points (3) in the 1st quarter. A 24-19 second half run was not quite enough to regain the lead. Murphree had 11 points for high score, Reed 8, Graham 5, Vazquez 5, Barnett 2, K. Davila 2, Field 2.

The consolation game on Saturday saw the Squaws meet old rival the Farwell Lady Blue. They disposed of the Lady Blue with a 63-31 whipping, perhaps still smarting from the loss to Vega. In the 1st quarter of the Farwell game the Squaws scored 23 points and led 33-18 at the midway break. Shayli Reed found her game after the lay-off, leading the Squaws with 16 points including four 3s, Murphree had 12, Krista Graham 9 (three 3s), Vazquez 8, Field 7, Barnett 6, K. Davila 3, and Ashley Ingram 2.

Staci Murphree was named to the all-tournament team.

The girls were set to open the powerful Canyon Lady Eagles Friday December 15. Game time is 6:30 p.m.



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Ryan Geries (22) goes high to defend against a Texico Wolverine in Saturday's Farwell Tournament championship. In on the play are Chieftains Caleb Miller (32), Ryan Schwab (00), and Sawyer Reed (3). Complete game photos available at our website frionaonline.com

## High School News

By Hannah Stovall

As our Friona High School "Gatsby Day" approaches and our campus prepares to take a leap backwards to the Roaring '20s, we are continuing to study about the culture, economy, and community of that era. As seen in The Great Gatsby, people relished in prosperity and wealth, even the lower classes were well off. Living a life full of social gatherings, shopping sprees,

parties, and high society, citizens of the 1920s had little to wish for.

However, in Gatsby we see the void of a man left by a lost love and an irreplaceable need for her companionship. Gatsby acquires great riches and popularity, endless monetary funds, and countless friends, but none of this is truly what he needs.

Let's fast forward to a day and time where social classes exist with enormous spaces spanning between them. There is the lower class, well below the poverty level; the middle class, equipped with the necessary tools and funds to exist; and the upper class, possessing wealth far beyond our imaginations. Many of us are content in our current standing, and many strive to gain what they think they need or want.

As this celebration of Christmas approaches, we are all in chaotic preparation for its arrival. Let's not forget to be grateful this season for the blessings that we have, remembering that there are many less fortunate than us. Let's reach out to those surrounding us who are in desperate need of our attention, always being thankful and never forgetting the greatest Gift of all.

## 8th Braves 33

The 8th Braves fell in overtime against the 8th Muleshoe Mules, Monday, November 27, 2006, 39-33.

"We couldn't buy a basket especially in overtime," said Coach Greg Hazelwood.

Leading the scoring for the Braves was Clayton Smiley with 11, Nick Ortiz and Kirby Frye 7 each, Duncan Welch 4, Brenner Barnett 3, and Zack Fair with 1.

## 7th Maidens 28 7th Highland Park 26

The FJHS 7th Maidens traveled to Highland Park, Monday, December 11, 2006, and edged them out, 28-26.

Adriana Soltero led the scoring with 11 points, Rachel Dickson 9, Yari Avilez 6, and Samantha Rodriguez 2.

## 7th Braves 52 7th Hornets 30

Coach Mike Herbert's 7th Braves swatted the 7th Highland Park Hornets, 52-30, Monday, December 11, 2006 in Friona.

With 18 points Caleb Monroe led the scoring. Ryan DeWit popped in 9, Donavon Johnson 8, Weston Wyly and Dillon Kelly 6 each and Michael Ortiz 5.

The win brings the Braves to 4-0 for the season.

## 8th Maidens 39 8th Highland Park 20

The 8th Maidens stomped Highland Park, 39-20, Monday, December 11, 2006.

Regan Anthony led the scoring with 15 big points including one three pointer. Kami Kerby added in 6, Brittany Herbert 5, Lisann Davila and Ester Sarabia 4 each, Liz Trevino 3, and Laci Austin 2.

# Squaws win two at Bushland

The JV and varsity Squaws opened district play Tuesday by downing the Lady Falcons of Bushland.

The JV Squaws turned five 3s and a 27-point performance by Hollis Gurley into a 69-15 rout.

Gurley netted 13 points in the first quarter and finished with 27, Diana Bolivar had 13, Michelle Martin 11, Sasha Estrada 10 including two 3s, Heather Sandoval 4, Melissa

Gallego 3, and Stephanie Aguirre 1.

The varsity Squaws turned in a convincing 52-25 performance against the Lady Falcons, burying six 3s and 10 of 18 from the free throw line to go 1-0 in district.

Shayli Reed sparked the win with a 16-point game including three 3s. Staci Murphree had 11 points, Tiffany Vazquez 9, Ashley Ingram 6, Krista Graham 5,

Lucretia Field 2, Briar Barnett 2, and Erica Davila 1.

District play gets serious Tuesday as the JV and varsity boys and girls host the River Road Wildcats and Lady Cats. There is a new starting time schedule for district games this year. Game times are 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with JV and varsity playing at the same times in different gyms.

# JV Chiefs split four games

The junior varsity Chieftains beat Floydada, beat Happy in the Tulia tournament, then dropped games to the Dimmitt and Tulia JVs in the tournament.

## JV Chiefs 46-Floydada 29

Chris Haile scored 10 of his game high 12 points in the first half as the JV Chieftains easily handled Floydada. Matthew Stanberry had 10 points, Justin Dominguez 9, R. Castanon 6, Justin Echevarria 4, J. Alaniz 3, and Stetson Reed 2.

## JV Chiefs 44-Happy 23

Friona ran out to a 21-10 halftime lead in the first game of the Tulia JV tournament and closed for the win over Happy. Chris Haile was again high scorer with 20 points, Stanberry 15, Dominguez 4, Echevarria 2, Joey Dickson 2, and G. Garza 1.

## JV Chiefs 40-Dimmitt 49

The JV Bobcats defense

## 8th Chiefs 46 Highland Park 15

In this game the 8th grade boys scored more points in the first quarter than HP did the entire game. Kirby Frye was high scorer with 18, Ernesto Monreal 6, Zack Fair 6, Clayton Smiley 6, Nick Ortiz 4, Dominique Kellum 2, Chris Garcia 2, Brenner Barnett 1, Duncan Welch 1. The 8th grade boys coach is Greg Hazelwood.

held the Chiefs to 12 first half points. Friona scored 28 in the second half but it was not quite enough. Dominguez led scoring with 11 points, Stanberry had 10, Haile 8, Dickson 6, Castanon 3, and Echevarria 2.

## JV Chiefs 34-Tulia 45

# JV Squaws win Tulia tourney

The JV Squaws swept their three Tulia tourney opponents by a combined score of 124-45 as they captured the championship.

They began play Thursday with a 40-9 thumping of the Tulia freshmen team. Sasha Estrada led the scoring with 12 points including two 3s, Hollis Gurley 11, Heather Sandoval 6, Stephanie Aguirre 6, Erin Anthony 3, and Diana Bolivar 2.

Friday they delivered a 40-16 blow to Boys Ranch as Gurley was high scorer with 12, Sandoval 8, Anthony 7, Aguirre 7, Bolivar 4, and Estrada 2.

The girls wrapped up host Tulia JV handsly with a 44-23 win to bring home the hardware. Gurley had 14 points, Bolivar 8, Estrada 8 including two 3s, Aguirre 6, Anthony 6, and Sandoval 2.

The JV Squaws will challenge the ever-tough Canyon JV Lady Eagles at Friona gym Friday December 15 at 5 p.m.

# New time schedule for district games

Fans will note the new format for JV and varsity district basketball games this season. In past years the JV girls games started at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5:15 p.m., varsity girls at 6:30 p.m. and varsity boys at 8 p.m. Not so this year. JV and varsity games will be played at the same time in different gyms.

The JV boys and varsity girls' games will be played beginning at 6 p.m.

The JV girls and varsity boys games will be played with a start time of 7:30 p.m.

The JV games will be played in the junior high gym. School officials say the change will result in money and time savings for the district and will mean players will miss less school for out-of-town trips.

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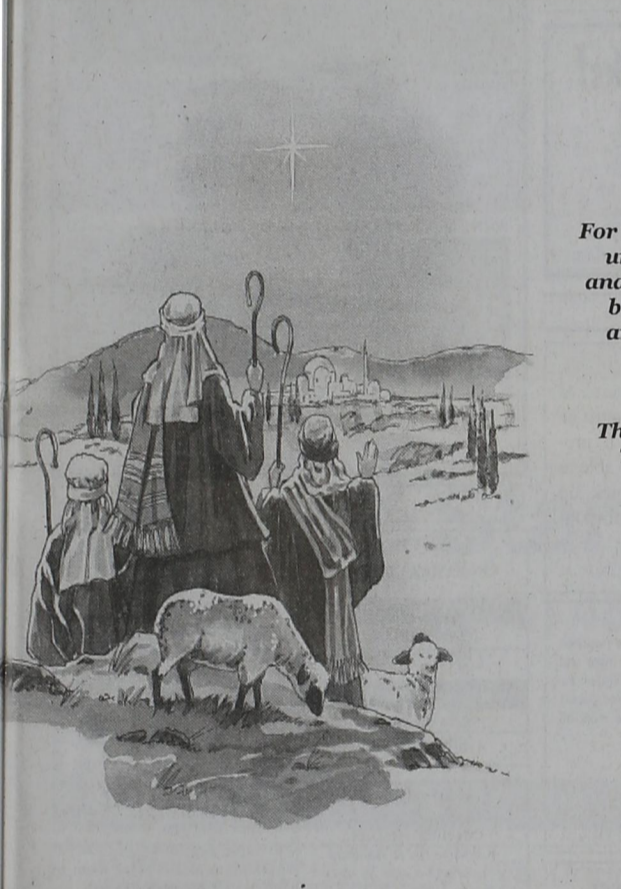
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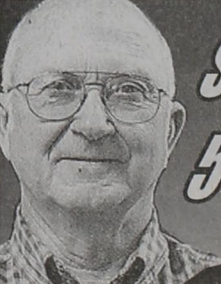
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# FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

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

## From Barnstorming to Brainstorming

By Darla Bracken

Delmar was not born in Texas [but he got here as quickly as he could.] He was born in Loyston, Tennessee on August 20, 1917 in a two-room log cabin to Henry and Flossie Hill Longmire. He was one of seven children. Loyston was in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in the area later flooded to allow for the construction of the Tennessee Valley Authority Dam. Their family was forced to relocate to Illinois in 1924.

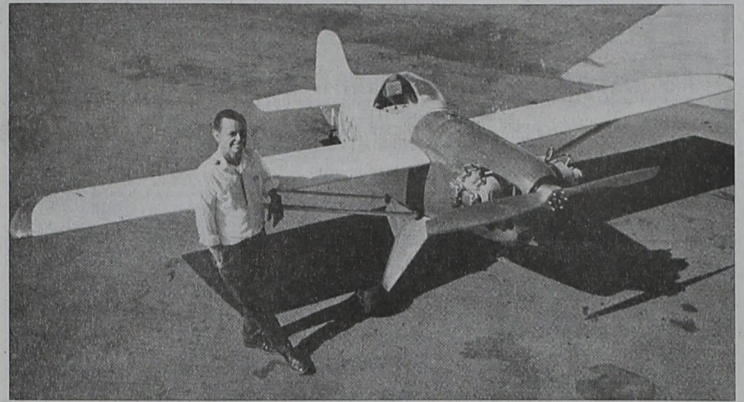
As a young boy of seven, Delmar loved school and everything about it: reading the books, learning new things and being with other children. One early memory that stands out in his mind is when he saw his first airplane. In fact, he saw his first airplane before he saw his first car. The sky—he just had a fascination for it from the beginning. As he

grew older his fascination for flight grew also and at the age of 14, he built his first aircraft—a glider. He had never seen a glider, but he worked from drawings in a magazine. "It was crude, but it flew! I launched it by dragging it up a hill, attaching a line to my horse and yelling like mad as the horse charged down the hill. I got it off the ground that way." Forced to quit school to help with work on the farm, Delmar refused to give up on his dreams or his education. He has been a dedicated self-learner ever since.

In Illinois he saw his first barnstorming act. There were stunt flyers, daring acrobats, and daredevil drivers—more than enough to fuel any young boy's imagination. Some of the early pilots he remembers seeing were the Gyro Bros. and Jimmy Doolittle. By the time

he was 17 he had decided to seek his own fortune and adventure so he left home and hitchhiked across the country to the west, southwest. As fortune might have it, he stopped in a little town in the Texas Panhandle—Friona, our town. The local barber "Smokey" Bob Price introduced the little town to him and soon he was apprenticed to a local machinist, Meryl Sylvester. He began dreaming of opening up his own radio sales & repair shop, as radios were another one of his areas of interest. He approached Banker Frank Spring with the idea, but was unable to secure funding for the project because they weren't sure there would be enough business to support a shop. Soon all the stores had them. He continued building and testing aircraft in Friona and he still had many designs in mind; he would test them south of Friona in Clyde Goodwine's pasture.

He was also able to find a Barnstorming Show—Floyd Daniels of Floydada needed a service crew to travel with his performers and Delmar had an exciting new job. These 'Thirties Thrillseekers' hauled passengers and delighted hundreds with these daring air shows; rides were usually from \$1 to \$5 each. Barnstorming got its name from the fact that the flyers would just come 'storming' in, flying over small rural towns and then around a farmer's barn landing in the



The N12DL - This plane was powered by a 65hp Continental engine and had a wingspan of 18 ft. The fuselage length was 14 ft. It weighed 400 lbs. empty. It went up to speeds of 150 mph. This plane was certified by the FAA after 50 hours flying time in 1970.

pastures where the shows would later take place. They would then negotiate with the farmer to use his land as a temporary runway. The shows were conducted mostly by avid aviators, former WWI U.S. airmen who were now civilians, although most of the aircraft were military surplus like the Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" biplanes, a popular training aircraft. It was Friona's Mayor F. W. Reeve who saw to it that Delmar was also able to attend a trade school at Canyon to learn radio operation, Morse code, aircraft welding and mechanics—more education—something Delmar has always appreciated.

He married a local girl, Ruth Maurine Helmke, and they had four sons: Larry, Jerry, Tim and Terry—Terry died at six months of age and is buried in our local cemetery. World War II came along when his family was young and Delmar enlisted from 1940-1945. He was able to continue his quest for lifelong learning. He trained as a radio operator, built a control tower and also trained as an air traffic controller while he was stationed at Topeka, Kansas. His excellent training and experience took him to the South Pacific to repair a badly damaged radio communications tower—he was the only army personnel there amongst all those navy guys. He was not in the air corps, but rather the Cavalry; in fact, he rode in the last mounted Cavalry the United States ever had. He trained and broke wild horses from the Northwest, which were brought in just like the other 'raw recruits'.

After the war he came back to Friona and earned his pilot's license at Benger Air Park. He learned acrobatics from Elvie Jennings and also knew Carl Maurer. In 1952 he applied for work at Sandia Peak Lab in Albuquerque, New Mexico in Advanced Component Development. He was required to have a security clearance higher than the president's. He designed test labs, which would be used to test all types of materials that were to be approved for space travel. Everything had to be independently tested and he remembers many products when they first came out such as Teflon and Pyrex. He remained there until he retired in 1982.

All the while he kept designing and building experimental aircraft as a hobby. Each aircraft design tested different designs, principles, materials, etc. An experimental aircraft had to log 50 hours of flying time to be certified by the FAA. Delmar estimates that he has built between 30 and 40 certified aircraft in his

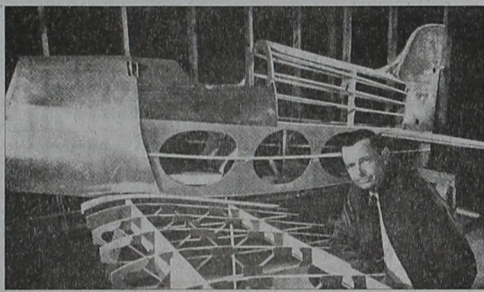
lifetime many of which are still flying. He helped establish the first Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter in New Mexico, EAA # 179, which is still active today with over 100 members; this group is also sanctioned by their international organization.

As an early observer of the night skies, Delmar was also keenly interested in astronomy. As a respecter of intelligent design, the grandeur of our universe has especially intrigued and challenged him. He has built and used many telescopes in his lifetime. He says that the clarity of night sky viewing is much more polluted today than in the days of his youth even in our own clear Panhandle skies.

Now just shy of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, he's still seeking answers. He is currently studying calculus and, you guessed it, building another experimental aircraft. This one is for his son to fly in order to earn his pilot's license. Without the benefit of much formal education or degrees, he has taken full advantage of every learning opportunity that has been afforded him in his lifetime, as he became radio operator, welder, electrical engineer, pilot, air traffic controller, mechanic, designer, inventor, tester, and amateur astronomer. On the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Wright Brothers and their first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on Dec. 17, 1903, it is fitting to honor one of our citizens who has distinguished himself in this field of interest, Friona's own: **Delmar Lew Longmire.**

Libraries are very important to the lifelong learner and that is how I met, Lew, my friend and neighbor. Lew tells me that he has a specialized home library of between 700 and 800 volumes.

Note: Lew flew the last plane he built on his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday in that he has built between 30 and 40 certified aircraft in his



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6 this Estrada was in "Border Blues" with TX Busey

7 TXism: "hasta \_\_\_ vista"

8 Dublin's Hogan

9 TXism: "\_\_\_ nails"

15 rattlesnake casas

16 this Weaver was in "Heartbreakers" with TX Love Hewitt

19 short plays (2 wds.)

21 "Did Oswald act \_\_\_?"

22 TXism: "he'd be \_\_\_ in a battle of wits"

27 TX chili: "\_\_\_ of the devil"

28 this Don was Deputy Barney Fife

29 TXism: "\_\_\_ a lap dog"

30 TX Pride's "She's Just an \_\_\_"

32 "Roger the Dodger" (init.)

33 longing for the past

36 TXism: "risky as huntin' a gas leak with \_\_\_ match"

37 this West was in "Myra Breckinridge" with TX Farrah

38 New Mexico UFO location?

39 halftime performer: Texas \_\_\_

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Answers on pg 4

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**DOWN**

1 pint-sized guitar

2 near El Paso:

3 Taylor Co. seat

4 Jerry Jones before Cowboys (2 wds.)

8 "Big \_\_\_ dog stink?"

16 breeding horse

17 he signs up to race

18 okayed?

20 Coca-\_\_\_

22 '06 national football champ (abbr.)

23 TX Hall of Honor rancher Mary \_\_\_ West

24 "love" south of the border

13 this Guthrie performed at TX Willie's Farm Aid III

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37 sail support

40 "no ifs, ands or \_\_\_"

43 buyer offer at a cattle auction (2 wds.)

44 dish popular in neighboring state "\_\_\_ beans"

50 first president of Rice: Edgar \_\_\_ Lovett

51 Elisha Pease was a Reconstruction gov. appointed under martial \_\_\_

Friona School Menu

December 18- December 20

(All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)

Monday, December 18

Lunch - Chicken fajitas, spanish rice, pinto beans, gelatin w/fruit.

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, December 20

Lunch - Chicken pattie, rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, yogurt.

Thursday, December 21

No School

Friday, December 22

No School

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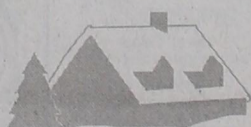
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# TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

It is the Christmas season alright. I went to Amarillo Saturday to the camera store downtown. Thought I might do some shopping but when I got to the Sony and I-40 intersection and saw the crowds it didn't seem like a good idea.

I made a stop at Academy on the way out of town to get some new tennis shoes. Saw a friend there who said it took her 45 minutes to get from Westgate Mall through the traffic on Westgate Parkway to the Academy store, a normal dis-

ance of 2-3 miles. The traffic and crowds are guaranteed to get worse the next few days. Merry Christmas.

Guess I had forgotten how many different tennis shoe styles there are. Running, walking, cross training, hiking, biking, and basketball to name a few. None of them fit my lifestyle. Since they didn't have an "old guy" shoe section I settled for a pair of New Balance cross training ones.

The Friona firemen and families held their annual Christmas banquet Saturday night complete with a visit from Santa. Firefighter Glenn Reeve, Jr. received his 50-year bronze axe plaque for his service to the fire department. Someone said Glenn is only the 5th or 6th firefighter to serve 50-years and we appreciate all of our firemen for their many years of dedication.

We bid farewell to Friona Star production manager Dana Jameson. This is her final week

as a Friona Star employee. Dana will be taking over as managing editor of the Olton Enterprise newspaper as of Monday. Dana has been an employee here since I purchased the Friona Star in 2003. She has been a valuable employee and we wish her well in her new responsibilities.

Went to the Stratford vs. Idalou football game last Friday night (Stratford won) in Canyon. Clint Mears, my brother Rick, and I ate at Feldman's Wrong Way Diner. It is on 5th Street near the square and the First Baptist Church.

We loaded up on the Mesquite Bacon Cheeseburgers. It is a neat place with a chicken fried and burger menu, pretty laid back, and worth a visit if you find yourself in Canyon. Lots of WT students work there as they make their way through college. Percy Parsons said his granddaughter Amy Murphree works there but she wasn't on duty during our stop.

A new Pizza Hut and WingStreet is being built in Hereford next door to the present Pizza Hut, in front of the Holiday Inn Express. The new place will be similar to the operation in Clovis on Prince near Llano Estacado. The Hereford joint will sell Pizza Hut pizzas, WingStreet buffalo wings, and have a sports bar area complete with several 52-inch plasma TVs. Plans are for the restaurant to be open by the spring of 2007.

The present Pizza Hut will

then be torn down and turned into a parking lot.

Nice crowd of Friona fans at the Farwell gym Saturday night as the Chieftains battled Texico for the Farwell tournament championship and won the trophy 57-47. Good going for Coach Ky Graham and his Chiefs. Former Parmer County Farm Bureau manager Glenn Morton was a referee for the game. He lives in Olton now and runs the Lamb County Farm Bureau.

Roast beef was the menu for Monday's senior citizen lunch. We had a nice crowd of seniors and were blessed with the Friona High School Choir who came over and entertained with a selection of Christmas music.

Director Allison Johnston said the choir has 65 students as members this year. After visiting the senior citizen center, the choir went across to Prairie Acres Nursing Home to sing for the residents there. Thanks to all you choir students and Allison for blessing us with your music and your presence.

A new voice answering the phone at Hi-Pro Feeds. Barbara Grimsley is a new phone answerer and receptionist there for about the last three weeks. She comes to Hi-Pro after several years with First National Bank of Hereford and Friona. Barbara's sister Betty Smith who was the Hi-Pro phone operator and receptionist for many years has moved into another department at the company.

Former Sugar Shack owner Kenda Dunnam advises that her Sugar Shack Cookbook is now printed and ready for sale. The cookbook includes all of Kenda's Sugar Shack recipes including her sugar cookies. Cost of the book is \$25. You can get one by calling Kenda. Look for her little ad on today's classified page.

Thanks to junior high teacher and camera buff Donald Herbert for providing the Star with team basketball pictures. Donald takes a lot of pictures of students and posts them along the halls at the junior high. He took basketball photos from varsity down through junior high and shared them with us. We appreciate it.

With digital cameras being so common these days we appreciate all the teachers and others who provide us with photos of the many different local events. We try to cover as much as we can but we are outnumbered and appreciate the help.

I'll be off to Wichita Falls this weekend to help my daughter Megan celebrate her 16th birthday Saturday. She will be 16 on the 16th and will be in line Monday morning to get her official drivers license. Megan is a sophomore at Wichita Falls Rider high school and her choir director is Misty Frye's aunt. Misty is a Rider Raider. Small world.

Please have a safe, peaceful, warm Christmas season. Thank you for your support of the Friona Star throughout the year.

## Disaster measure is disaster

By Shawn Wade

Disappointment was the overriding emotion expressed by Texas farmers and ranchers following the Senate's failure to approve an amendment to the FY07 Agriculture Appropriations bill that would have expanded the existing 2005-only disaster program language to a 2005 and 2006 program capable of providing meaningful relief to Texas agriculture.

It is estimated that in 2006 drought and wildfires in Texas alone have caused well over \$4 billion dollars in agricultural losses.

Plains Cotton Growers has communicated this fact regularly to legislators in the House of Representatives and the Senate for months and advocated the passage of a disaster aid package program that allows growers to qualify for assistance in either 2005 or 2006, in order to extend coverage to the broadest possible number of impacted growers, and includes a supplemental Direct payment.

The most recent effort to expand the current proposal was put forth earlier this week by Democratic Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota and debated on the Senate floor December 5.

The amendment, which would have expanded the 2005-only

program and designated the program's expenditures as emergency spending, failed to receive the 60 votes required to waive the budget rules requiring offsets to pay for the expansion by a mere 3 votes.

Senior Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison voted for the proposal and the emergency spending designation. Senator John Cornyn, despite stating on numerous occasions his support for disaster assistance, voted against the proposal.

In a statement issued after the vote Cornyn said, "I strongly support the original disaster aid package to provide assistance for Texas producers who were harmed by drought conditions and wildfire. It's important to note that \$4 billion in aid will be provided if we pass this overall bill, which would have been nearly impossible with the amendment that was proposed this week.

"The amendment would have increased deficit spending by nearly \$1 billion at a time when the American people have asked Congress for stronger fiscal restraint. And the White House said the President would likely veto the overall bill if it had included this amendment."

There is no doubt that a

broad-based assistance package is needed to address weather-related losses, all of which stem from adverse weather patterns incurred in late 2005 and throughout 2006.

With the failure of the latest effort by such a slim margin it is certain that a renewed effort to broaden the currently proposed assistance package will occur. The most likely time for such action is after the Senate returns from its December break and starts working on the omnibus appropriations package needed to finalize the remaining FY07 appropriations bills.

In the interim, Texas producers are forced to sit and wait for word that help is actually on its way and that their 2006 losses will be covered.

For High Plains cotton producers, who saw well over one million acres of non-irrigated cotton failed because of the drought, passage of a disaster assistance package is at the top of their Christmas wish list.

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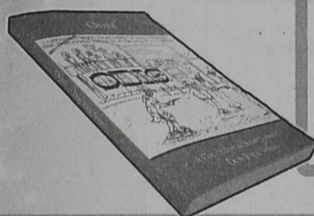
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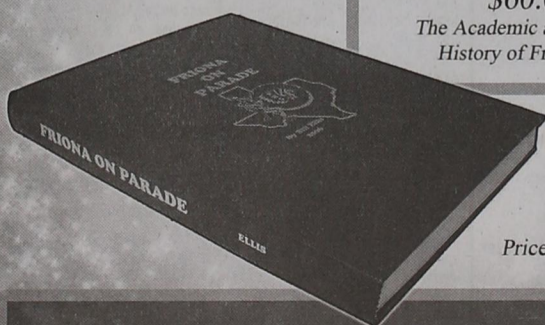
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Think about this

# God is a God of design

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

If you think the "Jack In The Pulpit" is amazing, think about God's animal, the Giraffe. The Giraffe is the tallest animal in the world. I read that the largest Giraffe on record measured between 19' and 20'. About half of a giraffe's height is its neck. This extra long neck serves many purposes. It serves as an elevator to lift the Giraffe's head to reach the tender leaves of trees from which an animal gets food.

One of the problems that having a neck that long presents though is that a Giraffe's heart must pump oxygenated blood 9' straight uphill to reach the Giraffe's brain. To accomplish this difficult task the Giraffe has a heart that is 2 feet long and weighs 25 lbs. The Giraffe has the highest blood pressure of any animal on earth. It has all that hydraulic pressure for the purpose of pumping blood uphill to his brain. What happens when he suddenly lowers his head to take a drink? Well, into this complex problem of applied hydraulics stepped a wise designer to devise a built in G-suit for the Giraffe.

At the base of the Giraffe's brain is a network of very elastic blood vessels that suddenly constrict. Then another amazing thing happens. Little valves shut down the diameter of the arteries in the Giraffe's neck to slow the blood. These same vessels prevent the heart from danger by back pressure when the Giraffe raises his head again.

Folks, things like this didn't just happen by chance. Rather, they reflect the design of a wise designer and planner.

## Christmas musical at Calvary Baptist

The Calvary Baptist Church will present a musical program, "Jesus, There's Something About That Name," at the church on Sunday December 17 at 6 p.m.

The community is invited to attend and share the joy of the Christmas season.

# If we live by Sweet 'n Low and Nutra-Saints, we could easily become numb and number

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

It was one of the most terri-

fyng, shocking, appetite-shrinking newspaper articles I have ever read. The article showcased the food of the future, describing how our taste palates will

continue to be expanded with artificial flavoring and foods designed to take the place of real food.

As a longtime fan of eating anything that raises my cholesterol, these advancements in food technology terrify me. For example, I could never eat anything called tofu because it sounds too much like a form of athlete's foot. They are even changing one of my favorite foods: tuna. It now comes in pouches. I don't want tuna in pouches. It needs to be in its natural habitat, a can, where I can drain the oil and excess fish parts.

And what about soy burgers? Unless that soy had four legs and moved in a herd, I don't want a burger made out of it. One of the scientists quoted in the article is a "food-science communicator." I don't have much respect for someone who talks to food, although I have noticed that it is much

easier to talk to a turnip than to a teenager. A turnip never rolls its eyes in disgust.

I long for the soft-drink commercial that advertised its product as "the real thing." Churches in recent years have faced a similar conflict with reality. Just look around. We now have imitation churches, synthetic Christians, generic Bibles, superficial worship, and hollow commitment. It could lead to salvation experiences based on artificial flavoring instead of the real fruit of the Spirit.

Instead of being Christ's light, we have created a Christ lite. We have been so intent on being seeker-sensitive in our churches that in many cases we have become Savior-soluble. All we have accomplished is to present a watered-down Christ and a diluted gospel to a world that is dying to experience the real thing. If God's mind can be numbed, I hope the church is never the cause.

## Happy Birthday

December 17, 2006-December 23, 2006

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- Dec. 23-Sue Wells, Lavenia Duke, Uldene Grimsley, Artie Faye O'Hair

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Robert Sloan Lamberson

Steven and Courtney Lamberson, of Amarillo, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Robert Sloan Lamberson, Friday, December 1, 2006, at 2:13 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Sloan weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz, and was 21 inches long. He has a 3-year-old sister, Carleigh Shae.

Sloan's grandparents are Henry and Paula Clark of Friona, Texas, Mike Lamberson of Amarillo, and Billie Lamberson of Amarillo. His great-grandparents are Bob and Bobbie Clark of Friona, Richard and Peggy London of Friona, Sue Vaughn of Amarillo, Don and Audrey Vaughn of Jacksonville, Texas and Mary Lamberson of Amarillo.

## Singles New Year's party at Hillside Christian Church

The Singles Ministry of Hillside Christian Church in Amarillo is sponsoring the Texas Star Ball, a dinner and Christian New Year's Eve dance at the HCC Student Ministry Building, 6100 Sony, December 31.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with dancing until 12:30 a.m. The dress code is modest and casual. Tickets are \$16 for one and \$30 for two. The price includes dinner, program, and dance. Area married couples and singles are invited.

Tickets must be reserved by noon Thursday, December 28, and paid for by Saturday, December 30. Special guests for the week-end dance lessons and ball will be pro-dancer, choreographer, and teacher Wiley Hicks-Simpson and his wife Michele from California. The event will be an alcohol free and smoke-free environment.

More information about the dance lessons and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis at 457-4986, or Danny Mize at 457-4951 at Hillside Christian Church. The church office will be closed December 25-29 so be prepared to leave a message and receive instructions about paying for tickets.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"No no no! There were no reindeer at the manger! They came later... with the wise men!"

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers, the Methodist Church ladies for the meal, Pastor Don Boren for the service, Mildred Mingus for starting the Love Fund for Sally, John and Dusty for the service.

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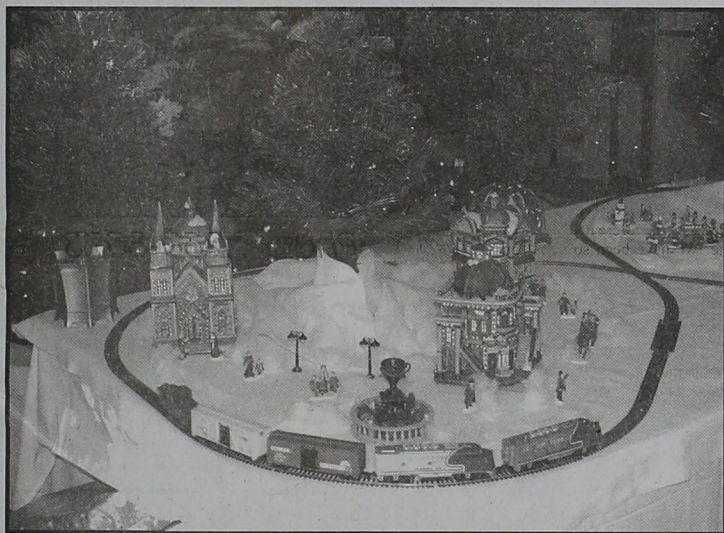
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Parmer County Community Hospital Employee of the Month for December is Glendora Jordan. Glendora took time from her day off to come in and help an out of town patient get ready to be transferred to another facility. Glendora "made a difference" in this patient's life!



ron carr photo

The Friona State Bank toy train and Christmas village display brightens the bank lobby.



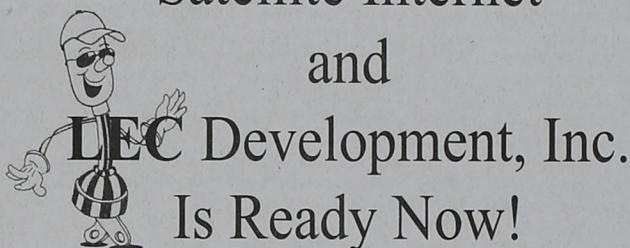
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## Caviness employees reject union bid

Traveling to Hereford you may have noticed individuals on Highway 60 at the entrance to the Caviness Packing Company plant. They were there to solicit support from Caviness employees on their way to or from work for a labor union at the plant.

According to a press release received from Caviness, the employees voted Friday, December 8, to block the attempt by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 540 to represent them in future negotiations with Caviness. The release stated that 88% of the employees voted against having union representation.

Caviness Packing Company is a locally owned beef packer that has been a part of the Hereford community since 1962. The company moved to a new \$25 million facility west of Hereford in July 2005. The company provides jobs for over 200 employees and operates Palo Duro Meat Processing in Amarillo where it has 220 employees.

Terry Caviness, CEO, said he had a very positive outlook for the future of the entire company and its employees. He gave credit to all employees for their past efforts that have enabled the company to prosper and grow.

Caviness said he is also grateful to the employees for showing their continued trust in the company and the leadership provided by plant manager Luis Arias. "The results of the election show that the employees are proud of their jobs that will continue to provide a better future for themselves and their families without union interference."

## Annual local sales tax revenues hit record high

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today said the state collected \$1.73 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.4 percent compared to November 2005. The Comptroller sent local governments \$403.8 million in December sales tax allocations, up 8.4 percent compared to December 2005.

"The final sales tax allocation of 2006 brings total local sales tax revenue for the calendar year to a record \$5.2 billion," Strayhorn said. "This marks the first time local sales tax revenues have reached \$5 billion in a single year."

"In 1999, in my first year as Comptroller, I distributed \$3.5 billion in local sales tax. Compared to that year, annual lo-

cal sales tax revenue is up 47.8 percent," Strayhorn said.

"Texas' population growth, diversity and economic strength have helped the state recover from the '02-'03 economic slowdown that followed the triple economic whammy of 9/11, the Enron and WorldCom scandals and the high tech bubble bursting. Local communities have bounced back from economic setbacks and natural disasters like Hurricane Rita," said Strayhorn.

Strayhorn sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$273.1 million, up 8 percent compared to December 2005. City sales tax allocations during calendar year 2006 totaled \$3.5 billion, up 13.5 percent compared to calendar year 2005. Counties' December sales tax allocations were \$24.8 million, up 13.9 percent compared to December 2005. Counties received \$312.7 million in sales tax during calendar year 2006, up 16 percent compared to last year.

Parmer County's November 2006 payment totaled \$42,157 broken down as Bovina \$6,459; Farwell \$8,794; and Friona \$26,903. In November 2006 the

tax payment total was \$33,277.

Comparing November 2005 to November 2006 tax receipts were up 26.68%, broken down as Bovina up 16.58%; Farwell up 4.72%; and Friona up 39.11%.

For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$483,968 as compared to \$498,660 for the same period last year.

For the year Bovina tax revenue is down -2.96%; Farwell is down -23.50%; and Friona is up 8.47% for an overall decrease of -2.94% for the county.

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, January 12, 2007.

## Deadline for regional boll weevil election

Cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until January 10 to officially place their names into nomination.

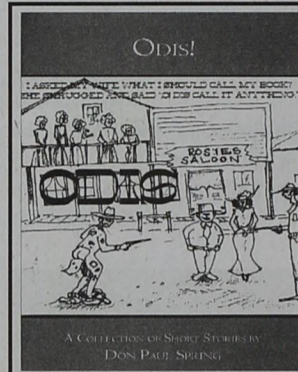
The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 2006 are set to decide in a February 13 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication program should continue in the Northwest Plains Zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have at least seven years of experience as a cotton grower may place their names on the ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet. In addition, the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone must support the nomination.

Producers can mail the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711 or fax the form to 800-835-2981. The nomination must be received on or before January 10. Nomination forms are available at local county extension service offices and the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at 512-936-2450.

The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, and Parmer

counties and that part of Randall County that lies north and west of a line running along Highway 60 from the Deaf Smith county line east to Interstate 27 then north along Interstate 27 to the Potter county line.



Don Spring will host a signing of his new book Sunday Dec. 17 from 2-4 at the Bovina First Bank Community Room. Jim Bob Swafford who illustrated the book will also be present for signing. All are invited and light refreshments will be served. Come visit. Cost of the book is \$18.40 Tax included.

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