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## Primary school parent training set for Dec 10

Friona Primary School is holding a parent training session for parents who have children in ECE, Pre-K, Head Start, or Kindergarten.

The training will be Thursday, December 10, at 6 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria. Kindergarten, Pre-K, and Head Start teachers will guide parents through activities that will help improve students' fine motor skills and coordination.

The evening will begin with a short presentation about the importance of attendance at school and give information about ways to improve fine motor skills in young children.

Parents will go home with a bag of goodies for implementing fun learning games and activities that enhance a child's writing and cutting. All parents of Kindergarten, Pre-K, Head Start, and ECE children are urged to attend.

There will be child-care available if needed.

## Elementary Christmas program date changed

Elementary school principal Martha Soliz advises that the elementary school 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas program has been changed from Thursday December 10 to Tuesday, December 15. The program will be presented at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

## One-inch snow ends the month

Local official weather guy John Gurley had it pretty easy in November recording the official weather. There was no precipitation until November 29 when we recorded about one-inch of snow, equivalent to 0.10" of moisture. The highest recorded temperature was 79 and the lowest was 19. We appreciate Mr. Gurley's climatological observations.



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The Friona city park, the Texas Longhorn, and the Old Depot were like a winter postcard after the area received the first snow of the season overnight Saturday into Sunday morning. The snow continued throughout the day Sunday but milder temperatures prevailed and it had all disappeared by Monday afternoon.



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Officially welcoming the Christmas season Tuesday at Friona City Park were Little Miss Friona Kambree Kimbrough, Santa Claus, and Miss Friona Paige Herbert.

## Filing period open for county elections, Heald, Powell will not seek re-election

The filing period for candidates in next year's county election is December 3 through January 4. Primary elections will be held in March and the general election will be in November. Elected officials will take office January 1, 2011.

County Judge Bonnie Heald and Precinct 4 County Commissioner Elvis Powell have announced they will not seek re-election.

According to a report in the Farwell Stateline Tribune, incumbents seeking re-election will be: District Judge Gordon Green, District Clerk Sandra Warren, County Treasurer Altha Herington, County Clerk Colleen Stover, and Precinct 2 County Commissioner James Clayton.

Also seeking re-election will be the three Justices of the Peace; Trey Ellis Pct 1, Sandra Clayton Pct 2, and Pam Haseloff Pct 3. Judge Green files as a Democrat. All other incumbents are Republican.

Anyone interested in running for one of the offices must first choose a party then contact either Republican county chairman Floyd Reeve of Friona or Democratic county chairman Robert White of Farwell regarding filing procedures. Filing fees are \$375 for Justice of the Peace, \$1500 for District Judge, and \$750 for all other county offices. Candidates can also file by petition which requires a minimum of 50 registered voter signatures.

# Library salutes lay representatives

The Friona Public Library held a tea Monday November 30 to recognize lay representatives who have served to assist library director Darla Bracken to insure the voice of the public in library planning and development.

Mrs. Bracken said there have been 12 lay representatives since 1967 (Actually 11 since Nelson Lewis served two different terms.) Of the 11 representatives, five are deceased and the six living were present at Monday's tea.

The Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC) has developed libraries in Texas for 100 years. They formed a regional network in 1967 which includes the Texas Panhandle Library System (TPLS) in Amarillo.

Library director Darla Bracken said, "Our library officially became a member of TPLS in 1972 although our local library leaders had been working toward membership since 1967. Membership criteria included owning 10,000 volumes and being open to the public at least 20 hours per week." Mrs. Bracken is a 27-year veteran of local library services.

She said the library has

benefited as a TPLS member from annual collection development funding, access to volume discount purchasing, excellent training and continuing education opportunities for just the cost of travel, professional and legal advisory, area resource sharing, grant opportunities for automation and equipment, area wide 'universal card' reciprocal borrowing, special collection development for large print, Spanish language, and audio books, website development, TextShare Databases access, and Loan Star Direct Aid Funding.

TPLS lay representatives for the Friona Library have included: Willard Stewart, 1967-1972; Nelson Lewis 1972-1973; Steve Messenger 1973-1976; Zora Gaede, 1976-1977; Jo Ann Baize, 1977-1979; Nelson Lewis, 1979-1980; Marie Perkins, 1985-1998; Melba Smiley, 1998-2002; Kathy Petty, 2004-2005; Lois Norwood, 2005-2006; Elizabeth Gore, 2006-2007; and Linda White, 2007-2009.

Beginning this fall the Panhandle Public Libraries group, formerly TPLS, will continue their cooperation in an enhanced role in the Harrington Library Consortium (HLC), a

group of multi-type libraries including public, academic, school and special established in 1983. As a participant in HLC since 1987, Friona Public Library is in an excellent posi-

tion to continue providing quality library service to the community.

As Peggy Rudd, Texas State Library Director, says, "As we move into the new

millennium it's clear that information is becoming more and more important and valuable in our lives. The Internet and the World Wide Web have made increasing

amounts of information available at our fingertips." The public library is the information access vehicle for our communities and welcomes your support.

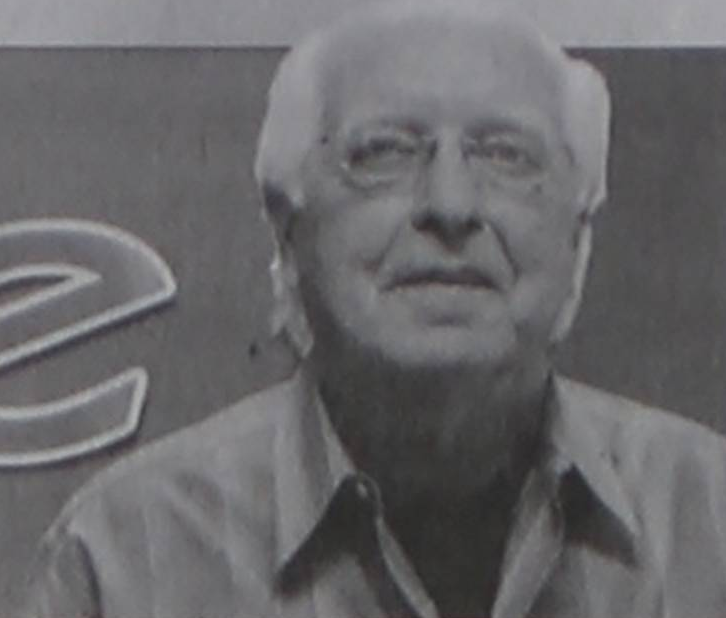


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Attending the Monday tea reception for past lay representatives of the Friona Library were, l-r, Kathy Petty, Alvin Petty, Linda White, Melba Smiley, Elizabeth Gore, librarians Darla Bracken and Brenda Patterson, Marie Perkins, Lois Norwood, and Friona city manager Patricia Phipps.

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## newspapers over texas

Wow!

Here it is Wednesday after lunch and I'm just writing the weekly column. We finish the newspaper every Wednesday around 4 o'clock before sending it off to the printing plant in Clovis so I'm putting pressure on my production department, which is Nathan Parson.

It never crossed my mind during my growing up years that I would ever work for a newspaper, much less own one. On the other hand, I have been a total newspaper junkie since my early days in Hillsboro.

The Hillsboro Evening Mirror was printed in a cavernous building on a corner of Waco St. just down from the Texas Theater. As a boy I remember going into the Mirror building just to visit and smell the ink and look at the older men cranking away on a gigantic print press in the back.

I realize now how much of a labor it was back then to publish a newspaper. Reporters typed their stories on type-

writers. The cameras were big heavy monstrosities that used 5-inch negatives and flashbulbs the size of a household light bulb.

In Hillsboro I often read the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Fort Worth Press because most of my dad's relatives lived in Fort Worth. After high school I moved to Dallas where the Dallas Morning News became my habit every day for the next 30-years.

Paul Crume, who grew up here in Parmer County at Lariat, was a front page columnist for the Dallas Morning News. I read his writings every day. Other columnists like Dick Hitt, Blackie Sherrod, Mike Royko, and Jimmy Breslin captured my imagination with their columns. I remember thinking how great it would be to get paid for writing columns in a newspaper.

During my years as a travel agent, traveling across the world, I always managed to buy a newspaper in whatever city I was in. I was a USA Today customer from the first

day they started printing. Often my friends would bring me a newspaper from their travels. Never mattered to me that a newspaper might be several days old by the time I read it.

Today the noise seems to be that the big city papers are on the brink of extinction. Indeed several newspapers have closed down the past few months. Most of the closings were in markets where two newspapers were printed, a morning and an evening edition. That happened in Dallas many years ago when the Morning News and the evening Times-Herald were both printing Dallas papers before the Times-Herald eventually closed.

Community newspapers like this one and the many other community weeklies in the Panhandle do not have the same concerns as a big city daily. Folks can get national news on the Internet but you don't get your kids' baby picture or Aunt Ellie's obituary or the first bale of cotton on the World Wide Web.

Newspapers like the Friona Star fill a community need that large daily papers and the Internet will never fill, i.e. local news about local folks and plenty of photos of local happenings.

On our trip to Frisco over Thanksgiving, my mom and I stopped in several small towns

along the way for a break. At each stop I bought the local newspaper. In Quanah I bought the Wichita Falls paper too. In Decatur they had the Wise County Messenger, Ft. Worth Star Telegram, and the Dallas Morning News.

I came home Saturday with a load of newspapers, including three days of Dallas Morning News editions. My son-in-law Jamey was up early Thanksgiving morning looking after the turkey so he went to a 7-Eleven to buy the Morning News. It is the one that had all the Black Friday sales flyers inserted. There were so many sales flyers they were in a separate plastic wrapper from the actual newspaper.

The cost of newspapers along the way ranged from 50-cents to 75-cents to one dollar. The Thanksgiving Day Dallas Morning News (and the Sunday edition) was \$3. The Star-Telegram Sunday edition was \$2.

We came home Saturday evening. I was too tired to read so my stack of newspapers had to wait until Sunday. No problem. For me it was a perfect day. Cold, snowing, hot coffee, robe, slippers, and a big stack of newspapers.

For this old guy, life doesn't get much better than that. Thank you for reading the Friona Star.

## Crime of the Week REWARD up to \$1000.00

December 1, 2009

On 11-22-2009 during the night time hours, an unknown person or persons took a large feed delivery truck from a farmer on County Road J north of Pleasant Hill. The feed truck was driven away from the feedlot at a high speed and it appeared the suspects were not familiar with the area as they ran the truck into a T-intersection not far away. The truck crashed over a large embankment and into a field where the truck was seriously damaged. It is possible the suspects were injured in the crash but were able to flee the scene. If you have any information about this theft and the suspects involved contact Parmer County Crime Stoppers.

If you have any information at all about this crime, please call Parmer County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.

If you have information about this or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers. No one will ask your name.  
Call Crime Stoppers at:  
800-744-TIPS (8477)  
(806) 481-9178



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Holiday shoppers were busy Tuesday enjoying Christmas open house at Ivy Cottage and Ingram's. This Christmas season the Chamber of Commerce urges you to shop at home as much as possible.



**ACROSS**

1 Lady Bird's real init.  
5 woodwind in the Houston Symphony  
6 glove for Rangers' "Pudge" Rodriguez  
7 TXism: "got \_\_\_ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)  
8 Tom Landry was an All-Pro cornerback for this team  
18 TX judge Crier's first TV network  
19 reservoir in Coke Co.  
21 TXism: "\_\_\_ got his spurs tangled" (fell)  
22 Rock Hudson's character in "Giant"  
23 TXism: "busier than \_\_\_ in a boom town"  
24 Dale Evans' town  
29 TXism: "\_\_\_ his pall bearers the slip" (recovered)  
30 TXism: "nip \_\_\_ the bud"  
31 direction to Houston from Zapata  
32 Paris, TX: not known as "Gay \_\_\_"  
33 TXism: "a sight for \_\_\_ eyes"  
34 Cowboys' announcer Sham on Buchanan & Inks lakes: Buchanan \_\_\_  
36 TXism: "has to \_\_\_ a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)  
38 San Antonio AM  
39 TXism: "couldn't \_\_\_ less"

**DOWN**

1 TX Quannah's tribe  
2 home of ACU  
3 TX Kenny sang "Don't Take Your Love \_\_\_"  
4 pier into the Gulf of surprise in '93  
9 TX Duvall's Oyl Waco's "The Great TX Raft \_\_\_"  
10 political party of 1st female in TX legislature ('22)  
20 ATF lost \_\_\_ of surprise in '93 cult raid near Waco  
22 TXism: "nail his hide to the \_\_\_"  
24 "\_\_\_ and downs"  
25 TX pianist Cliburn

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**Solution on page 4**

34 a critique of TX authors (2 wds.)  
35 A&M All-American Lewis ('90)  
37 a flag over Texas  
38 TXism: "well once too often"  
39 Yvonne de \_\_\_ starred in film about 46-across  
41 "\_\_\_ little joke"  
42 TXism: "\_\_\_ on" (apply it)  
45 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a bug's ear"  
48 essential ingredient in TX chili

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Every Monday

The Friends of the Friona Library's Book Shoppe at 6th and Euclid in the former VFW building, open every Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9-5. Linda White is the Book Shoppe chair. Used books, good deals, stop by and shop at the Shoppe.

Thursday, December 3

Friona community blood drive honoring Percy Parsons at the Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall, noon to 7 p.m. hosted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo. An appointment is not necessary to donate. Donors will receive a holiday sweatshirt. Give the gift of life.

Friday-Saturday, December 4-5

Country Jubilee Arts & Crafts Show at Farwell Community Center.

Saturday, December 5

Christmas program at Grace Baptist Church at 6 p.m., located at 1601 No. Euclid. The public is invited to hear "The Christmas Story" with traditional music, a candle-light service, and refreshments following the program.

Thursday December 10

Junior high band concert at 7 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

Sunday December 13

High school choir Christmas concert at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Monday, December 14

Regular meeting of the Friona City Council at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers on Main Street next door to the Chamber office. All council meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday December 15

Elementary school 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas program at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

Friday, December 18

Last day to order FHS yearbooks for \$50. Price goes up to \$55 after December 18. Order from [frionaids.com](http://frionaids.com) website or contact Allison Johnston or any yearbook staff member to order.

Early school dismissal and last day of school for the Christmas Holidays.

Tuesday - Thursday December 29-31

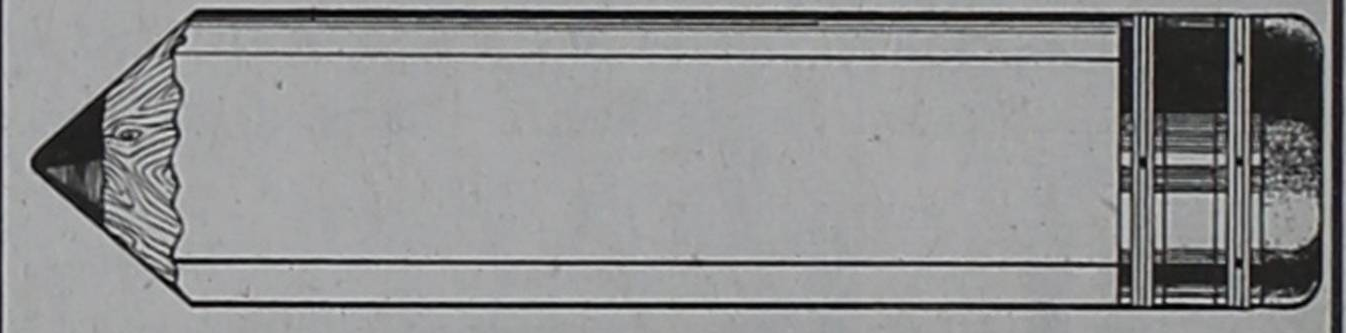
Chieftains and Squaws varsity participate in the Caprock Basketball Tournament in Lubbock. Locations/times on the Lubbock Avalanche Journal website.

Monday January 4

School resumes after Christmas/New Year semester holiday break.

Thursday - Saturday January 14-16

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at the Friona community center. Show on Thursday, Premium Sale on Saturday. Times, schedules, etc. TBA



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Thursday, December 3, 2009

Yes indeed we had the snow Saturday night...  
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I was getting up. I did watch the first quarter of a pot...  
the Cowboys - Oakland game. Paid me \$100 for a \$2...  
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KEEP TOY

Stopping the

# Town Talk II

By Ron Carr, Phone-250-2211, Fax-250-5127, Email-frionastar@wtrt.net

Yes indeed we had the first snow Saturday night into Sunday. Looked like a couple of inches to me. A "right good" cold spell has hit and winter doesn't become official until December 21. Supposedly some more precip in the forecast this week.

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. My mom and I drove to Frisco Wednesday and came home Saturday (ahead of the snow thank goodness). We stayed at my daughter Kirsten's but got to see all five of my kids and all five of my grandkids during the holiday. We took warm coats but didn't need them. It was shirt-sleeve weather and some of the little ones actually went swimming in their heated pool Thanksgiving night.

Got really full of turkey, ham, and football. Kirsten and Megan went out about 5 a.m. on Black Friday and came home with some bargains about 8 a.m., about the time I was getting up. I did win the first quarter of a pot on the Cowboys - Oakland game. Paid me \$100 for a \$20 buy-in. Could have won the 2nd quarter too but the Cowboy kicker missed an easy field goal. Oh well.

The 6th St. Church of Christ family hotline (250-3495) gave the following report Tuesday. William Gromowsky is still at PMC in rehab for his knee operation but should go home this week. Jimmy Grooms is improving at BSA rehab but will probably be

there for at least a couple more weeks. Ralph Reed is home but not doing well.

Amelia Taylor is still at Northwest Texas Hospital. Her blood is slowly getting back to normal. No word on when she might be home. E.R. and Mary Ann Watson are both still battling health problems. Carl McInroe is still taking chemo there in Lubbock for his throat cancer. We send all our best wishes to everyone for a full and speedy recovery.

Darrell Thompson, Bobby and Dustin's dad, had an accident while burning trash Monday with some gasoline. Fumes ignited and flashed back on him. He took a helicopter ride to the burn center in Lubbock and is facing skin grafts later, mainly on his legs. Bobby said he was singed on his face, hair, and eyebrows too. He'll probably be in the hospital for 10-12 days. Our thoughts and prayers to Darrell and the Thompson family.

Happy birthday to Rene Snead. He will celebrate his 90th birthday Friday December 4. Contact Jyl Grooms for birthday details. Sure he would appreciate a call or a card.

Nice story on the front page of Sunday's Clovis News Journal about a quilt that was quilted in 1948 in Friona and was recently found on eBay and returned to Friona. Emma Lou Stewart's photo made the front page. Thanks to David

Stevens, Clovis News Journal editor, we have permission to run the story and photo which we will do in our December 17 Christmas Star.

Send a card to a soldier. Xerox Corporation will print a card from you and send it to a soldier in Iraq. Go to the website <http://www.letsaythanks.com>. They have a lot of different card choices and it only takes a few seconds of your time. It is free too.

Also, a movement is underway to send Christmas cards to the ACLU who is working hard to take Christmas out of Christmas. Send them a Christmas card to ACLU, 125 Broad St. 18th Floor, New York, NY, 10004. Pass it on.

Friona schools will dismiss December 18 and resume classes January 4. The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Friona Community Center January 14-16. The Farwell Show is set for January 9. Check our calendar on Page Two each week. We try to keep current on coming events. If you have something for the calendar let us know.

The 4th and 5th grade Christmas program has been changed to Tuesday December 15 at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium. It was originally December 10.

The K-Bob's Restaurant on Mabry in Clovis burned last

week. From what I hear it was a total loss. Friona firemen were called out in the snow Sunday about 6:30 p.m. to a trailer home fire just west of town. It belonged to Martin Drager but he was staying at the Friona Inn since Tuesday because of the condition of the trailer and the cold weather was a health threat. The trailer was a total loss.

Earlier Sunday, Bovina firemen, Sheriff's deputies, and DPS responded to a jackknifed tractor trailer rig about one mile east of Bovina on Highway 60. It was snowing at the time and the lady driver said the trailer started slipping and caused the accident which blocked the east bound lanes for several hours.

During the Chieftain - Crane game in Denver City we met with former Friona coach Raul Santillon. He was a coach in Friona 7-8 years ago and is now a Denver City coach. He has custody of his two daughters, both of whom are now in high school. I'm sure some of you veteran teachers remem-

ber Raul and his kids.

Basketball coaches, help us out. Don't forget to get your results to the newspaper.

The transition from football (and volleyball) into the basketball season is always hectic at best, especially if the boys make it to the football playoffs. Basketball games are moved around to accommodate playoffs, the girls start before the boys, the boys don't get into full swing until football is over, and the Thanksgiving holidays interfere too. Most December games are in a tournament somewhere.

With 7th grade through varsity, boys and girls, it is difficult for us here at the Star to keep up with it all. So coaches, please get us copies of the score sheets for your games and we will be happy to publish them. Make copies of the score sheets, both home and visitor, and get them by our office, or take them to Leigh Monroe at the high school, or call and we will pick them up. Or fax to 250-5127.

We know all parents, grand-

parents, and friends like to see their kids' names and results in the paper so we will do our best. Thanks for your cooperation.

Ben McCain was in town this week. He is still promoting his Killer Tumbleweed movie. The DVD is now available at the Lowe's grocery stores in Friona, Bovina, and Farwell. Nice review on the wildsidecinema.com website. And they have a killer tumbleweed fan site on Facebook. Go to facebook.com/killer\_tumbleweed to become a fan and keep up with the McCain Brothers.

It is December. Wow! Santa had a cold visit at city park Tuesday but lots of boys and girls brought their Christmas wish lists. We have a hectic schedule the rest of the month. Our annual Christmas paper, Santa Letters, shopping and planning for the holidays. We appreciate our readers and look forward to whatever lies ahead in 2010. Keep in touch. Until then!



ron carr photo

Friona volunteer firemen battled a blaze at this trailer home west of Friona Sunday evening about 6:30 p.m. The trailer is owned by Martin Drager. He was not home at the time of the fire. Officials said they believe the fire was started by faulty electrical connections.

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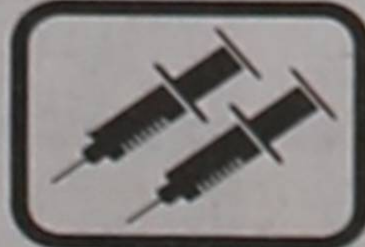
**WASH YOUR HANDS**  
Wash your hands often. Scrub for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.



**COVER YOUR COUGH**  
Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. No tissue around? Your sleeve will do.



**STAY HOME**  
If you get sick, stay home until you're well so you don't spread more germs. Steer clear of others who are sick.



**GET YOUR SHOTS**  
Protect yourself by getting all your flu shots. You need both the seasonal flu shot as well as the new H1N1 shot.

Stopping the flu is up to you.

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## Britny Pope



Friona State Bank is proud to announce that Britny Pope of Friona has rejoined our banking staff after an absence of seven years and is again working in our loan department.

Mrs. Pope started work at Friona State Bank part time and in March 1997 became a full time employee. She began her banking career in the bookkeeping department where we all learn basic banking procedures, then advanced to the Consumer Lending Department. She left Friona State Bank in 2002 and we are pleased to say has now returned.

Britny White Pope is the daughter of Friona residents Ricky and Diane White. She was born in Friona and graduated from Friona High School where she met and married Charlie Pope. They have two children, Brayden, 12, and Bailey, 9. They are both very athletic and the Popes spend a lot of time and miles following them from game to game.

Britny's other interests include baking and decorating. Charlie is an avid hunter. The family enjoys going to the movies and are members of Calvary Baptist Church.

We feel very fortunate to have someone of Britny's experience working at Friona State Bank. Please stop by and congratulate her on her return. You will be greeted with a very sweet smile and a warm hello.

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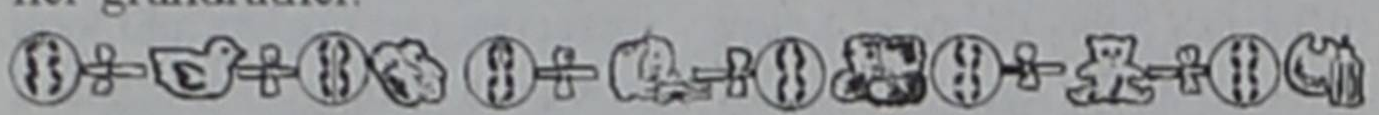
Hazel Catherine Fields was joyously welcomed into this world by her parents, Trevor and Madeline Grimes Fields of Amarillo.

Hazel was born on September 6, 2009 at 10:59 a.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 6 pounds 4 1/2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Edith Grimes is her great-great-grandmother and Georgia Fields is her great-grandmother. Great-grandparents are Tom and Diane Hodges.

Her grandmother is Catherine Grimes and grandfather is Andrew Grimes.

Grandparents are Skip and Lou Keith and Roger Fields is her grandfather.



### Abeyta completes basic training

Army Private Tori Abeyta of Friona graduated from nine weeks of basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Maria Cruz of Friona and a 2009 graduate of Friona High School.

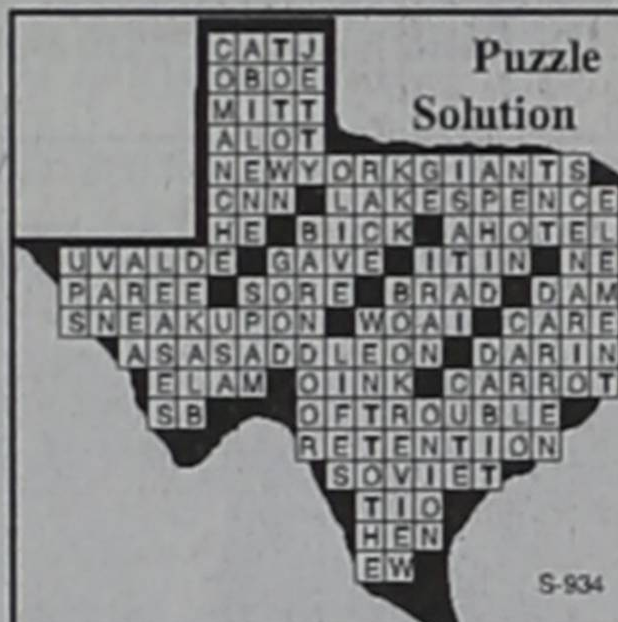
During the nine weeks of training Tori received instruction in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, bayonet training, marching, rifle marksmanship, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

### Wind developers meet in Bovina

Jim Swafford, CEO of Scandia Wind Southwest based in Bovina, hosted a one-day wind development meeting at 1<sup>st</sup> Bank of Bovina last week. It was an information gathering meeting for Brice Foster, Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer.

In depth presentations were given by Harald Dirdat of Clean Energy and Scandia Wind Southwest about the Parmer County Mariah Wind Project, and Russ Stridolph, Chief Financial Officer of the Tres Amigas Superstation project proposed for Curry County. Stridolph is based in New York.

Also A. J. Swope, executive director for Class4 Wind of Amarillo introduced his organization. They offer services to developers, support industries, landowners, and educational seminars related to the wind industry.



## Lions Club News

### Bovina Lions sponsor Empty Stocking Fund

Shelby Rhodes, treasurer of the Bovina Lions Club, advises that the club is sponsoring the Empty Stocking Fund for Bovina. Please send your contributions to Bovina Lions Club, P.O. Box 629, Bovina 79009.

Mrs. Rhodes said, "We work with the Bovina High School student council and the school counselor. The monies are given to the students and they take the needy children shopping and let them pick out gifts for themselves and their families."

Food is also accepted for needy families in the community and distributed by the student council members. For further information contact Celia Quintana at 251-1317. The Bovina Lions Club thanks you for your support of this project.

### Smiley inducted to W. T. sorority

Blair Smiley has been initiated as a member of the Society in Iota Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society, encourages high professional, intellectual, and personal standards and recognizes outstanding contributions to education. The vision of Kappa Delta Pi is to help committed educators be leaders in improving education for global citizenship.

Blair is the daughter of Kim and Mitchell Smiley. She is a junior at W. T. and a 2008 Friona High School graduate.

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## Sheriff's Report

The following report is from the office of Sheriff Randy Geries.

November 18, Luis Esparza, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with forgery. Pending district court.

November 18, Juan Zetino, 26, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI 1<sup>st</sup>. Fine, court costs, and 30 days jail.

November 20, Jesse Dominguez, 57, of Littlefield, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft more than \$500 but less than \$1,500. Pending county court.

November 21, Bryan Campbell, 36, of Friona was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI. Pending county court.

November 25, George Alvarado, 32, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check over \$20 but less than \$500. Fine, court costs, and restitution.

November 29, Felix Martinez, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with DWI w/child. Pending grand jury.

November 28, Daniel Salcido, 25, of Black, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI 1<sup>st</sup>. Pending county court.

November 29, Mario Toj, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with DWI 1<sup>st</sup>. Pending county court.

### Home Tour in Hereford

The La Madre Study Club will sponsor its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Hereford Sunday, December 6 from 1-4 p.m.

The three featured homes will be Dr. Earl and Sara Chase, 215 Sandalwood St.; Dwayne and Cindy Cassels, 142 Pecan St.; and David and Sandy Tiemann, 119 Quince St.

Tickets can be purchased at any of the tour homes for \$5 and will qualify for a drawing of \$50 in Hereford Bucks. Tickets will be left at the last home toured. Homes may be toured in any order.

Proceeds from the tour will be donated back to the community through civic organization projects, scholarships, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Christmas Stocking Fund, and others.

### Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from November 18, 2009 to November 24, 2009: Robert Cervantez and Diane Cervantez - Maria Elena Rodriguez, W 70' L2 B84 BOVINA.

Randy L. Hardin, Jr. and Kara L. Hardin - James J. Johnson and Cynthia Irene Johnson, L6 B6 LAKEVIEW.

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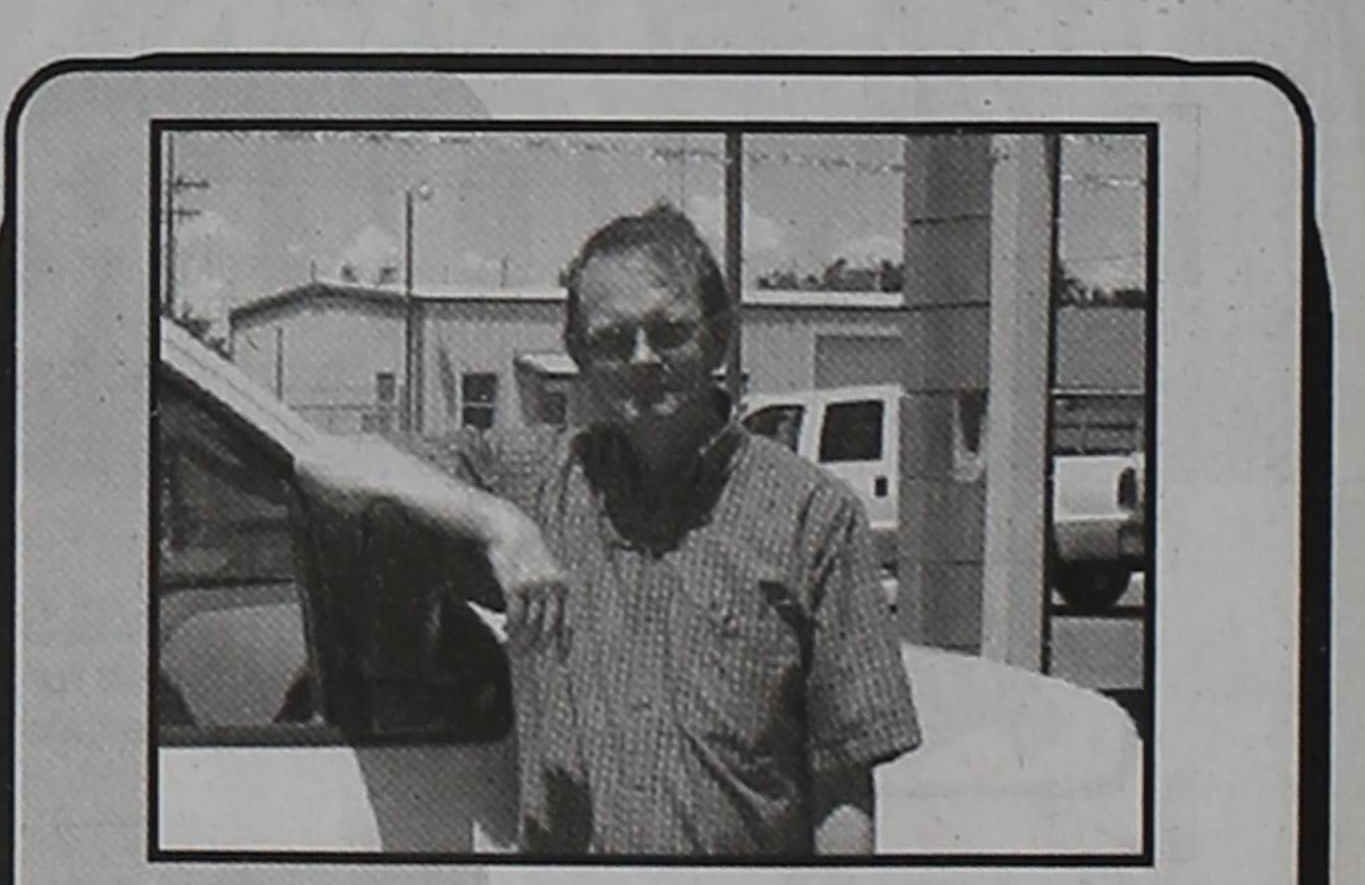
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Dec. 9-Bill White, Robert Martinez, Jake Brozek, Robert Rocha, Doug McLemore, Cassidy Malone, Candice Malone

Dec. 10-Kelli Coffey, Jason Grant Berend, Ross Roden, Don Ready, Connie King, Kenneth Wilkerson, Sharon Newton, Michael Johnston, Sabina Schilling

Dec. 11-Chris Hamil, 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, Chad Stevick, Paul J. Smith, Sheldon Burleson, Mark Taylor Wood, Lavern Black, Jim Bob Swafford, Harley Isabelle Jones



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December 7 - 11

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Monday, Dec. 7  
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Orange-Pineapple Juice  
Tuesday, Dec. 8  
Choice of Cereal  
Sausage Biscuit  
Grape Juice  
Wednesday, Dec. 9  
Choice of Cereal  
Breakfast Toasters  
Peaches  
Apple Juice  
Thursday, Dec. 10  
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Breakfast Pizza  
Grape Juice  
Friday, Dec. 11  
Choice of Cereal  
Waffles  
Sausage Link  
Orange Juice

Lunch  
Monday, Dec. 7  
Frito Pie  
Green Beans  
Macaroni Salad  
Fruit Cocktail Salad  
Tuesday, Dec. 8  
Hamburger  
Baked Beans  
Flavored Baked Potato  
Peaches  
Wednesday, Dec. 9  
Cheese Enchiladas  
Ranch Style Beans  
Spanish Rice  
Gelatin w/Topping  
Thursday, Dec. 10  
Chicken Pattie  
Pickle Spear & Roll  
Broccoli & Cheese  
Veggie Dippers  
Strawberries & Bananas  
Friday, Dec. 11  
Delicious Pot Pie  
Hot Rolls  
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photo by rene hough

The Friona junior high one-act play won first place at district competition. Cast members are, back row, l-r, Derreck Hernandez, Candice Malone, Cassidy Malone, Isaac Gallardo, Haden Smiley, Omar Ramos, Kendall Kimbrough, Teri Reed, Jacob Dickson, and director Allison Johnston; front, l-r, Hillary Bermea, Shayle Swink, Holly Johnston, and Tyler Hough.

Opportunities for Holiday Sharing

A holiday reminder of opportunities to give to our various local organizations.

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**Empty Stocking Fund.** Assists needy children. Donations at Friona State Bank or contact Peggy Monroe.

**Friona United Way.** Assists many local organizations. Donations can be made at Friona State Bank.

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8<sup>th</sup> A Maidens 34 • 8<sup>th</sup> Tulia 32

The Friona 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls A-team overcame a 15-24 first half deficit to score 19 second half points and edge Tulia 34-32. Scoring for Friona were Destiny Sandoval 10, Amy Osborn 7, Ashli Smith 6, Kendall Kimbrough 5, Shayle Swink 2, Kely Davis 2, and Kailey Lucas 2.

8<sup>th</sup> B Maidens 11 • 8<sup>th</sup> Tulia 23

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Maidens B-team lost to Tulia 23-11. Scoring were Jeri Duenes 4, Bailee Brailif 3, Brandy Ramos 2, and Holly Johnston 2.

8<sup>th</sup> A Maidens 22 • 8<sup>th</sup> Dimmitt 12

The Friona 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls A-team defeated Dimmitt 22-12. Destiny Sandoval scored 11 points, Ashli Smith 6, Kendall Kimbrough 2, Isabel Davila 2, and Amy Osborn 1. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls coach is Jeff Isom.

8<sup>th</sup> B Maidens 33 • 8<sup>th</sup> Dimmitt 34

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade B-team girls were down 14-6 at the half and rallied with 27 second half points but fell by one-point 34-33 to Dimmitt. Scoring for Friona were Bailee Brailif 9, Mariza Mendoza 7, Kiana Lozoya 4, Liliana Amezcua 4, Cindy Chavez 3, Jeri Duenes 2, Jakelin Sanchez 2, and Brandi Ramos 2.

Coaches: send basketball stats

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## Pheasant surveys promising for some, discouraging for others

BY TODD MONTANDON

Regulatory biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife

Pheasant season is here again! Beginning Saturday December 5 hunters across the Panhandle will set out for a potentially rewarding outing.

Texas Parks & Wildlife's roadside pheasant surveys are conducted in the last two weeks of October and the first two weeks of November. Established twenty-mile routes are driven shortly after daylight and the numbers of pheasants are recorded. Counties typically have two or three different lines.

Surveys revealed promising pheasant numbers for many counties in the northern Panhandle while southern counties may not fare as well. Proper timing of spring and summer rains, along with favorable crop selection led to a good hatch for counties like Ochiltree, Hansford, Dallam, and Sherman. All of these counties showed considerably higher survey numbers as compared to 2008.

Counties further south such as Deaf Smith, Swisher, Parmer, Floyd, and Castro had more localized rainfall leading to variable nesting conditions. Overall, southern counties did not survey as well as in some years past. However, there are still portions of these

counties with huntable numbers of pheasant.

Nesting conditions were poor to average to slightly above average throughout the Panhandle for ground-nesting birds. Rainfall is important to provide both cover for rearing broods and insect production for growing chicks.

Playa lakes, particularly those adjacent to grain fields, typically hold the most birds. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields and grain stubble should also provide good hunting opportunities. TPWD leased lands throughout the Panhandle typically exhibit these type conditions, so check ahead to see where the nearest public lease may be.

This year's pheasant season runs from December 5, 2009, to January 3, 2010. The daily bag limit is three cock pheasants (possession limit six cocks). Please obey all game laws and hunt only on lands you have permission to tread. Remember that the Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) will allow hunters access to TPWD leased lands. The APH is available wherever licenses are sold.



Pheasant photo by Dr. Gary Cash, DVM



courtesy photo

Friona United Way president Ricky White presents a plaque to Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates administrator Nikki Brister recognizing the contributions made by the nursing home employees to the annual United Way campaign.

White said, "On behalf of the United Way members and all of the organizations that receive funding we thank Prairie Acres and all the employees who donate to the United Way. Every donation makes a huge difference in funding many Friona organizations."

If you have not made your donation please send it to the Friona State Bank. (Checks payable to United Way of Friona.) All the money collected stays in Friona and helps Friona families.

## Parmer wind leases finalized

Scandia Wind Southwest LLC, a Texas LLC landowners steering committee, have finalized land lease negotiations for the area of the Mariah Project in Parmer County, Texas. Parmerton Rhea LLC has negotiated on behalf of the landowners. The Mariah wind power project encompasses more than 200,000 acres with boundaries north to the Deaf Smith County Line, south to Road 3333, east to Highway 214, and west to Stateline Road.

The Parmerton Rhea LLC steering committee recommended the agreement to the 425 landowners in Parmer County. Signing will start now and be completed by January 9, 2010. Parmerton Rhea LLC and Scandia Wind Southwest LLC met Monday, November 30 in Farwell for the signing of individual land lease agreements with landowners who intend to become partners in the Mariah Wind project in Parmer County.

"I am very proud of the spirit of cooperation everyone has shown during the land lease negotiation phase. Through the process of the land lease negotiation we have finalized a fair and balanced agreement between the Parmerton Rhea LLC landowners and Scandia Wind Southwest

LLC. I want to thank the Parmerton Rhea LLC steering committee for the many personal hours they devoted to the negotiations. Scandia Wind Southwest LLC looks forward to working with everyone as this project progresses," said Jim Swafford, CEO of Scandia Wind Southwest LLC.

At approximately 3000 megawatts, the wind farm will bring a \$6 billion investment to Parmer County, according to Scandia Wind Southwest LLC officials.

"A wind farm would be a big boost for our area," says landowner Criss Wylie. "With our CRP contracts not being renewed and our declining water table, the wind, something we always considered a nuisance, could actually end up being a great benefit to everyone." Wylie said the wind farm would create a great number of jobs and industry that would significantly increase our school tax base.

Wylie observed, "This region has seen a lot of change in the past 100 years. Change is never easy. It may be time for something new."

A Scandia Wind official said the contract offered to landowners in Parmer County is very robust and delivers attractive financial lease terms and is fair to both parties in the short and long term.

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