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Bands, choir Christmas concerts set Dec. 15

The Friona junior high bands and the high school choir will present their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15, at 7 p.m. in the Friona junior high auditorium.

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

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

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Santa Claus stopped by the Old Depot in City Park Monday. On hand as Santa's helpers were Sydney Frye, Little Miss Friona, and Hollis Gurley, Miss Friona. Chamber of Commerce director Chris Alexander said the Santa photos can be picked up at the Chamber office during business hours. They are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but closed from noon to 1 p.m. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make Christmas in the Park special to our local children.



ron carr photo
Mal Manchee of Hereford, left, receives his \$100 grand prize check from Mike Hanes, owner of Bi-Wize Drug Store, a football contest sponsor.

Manchee wins 2005 football contest

The Week 12 football contest, the final weekly contest of this season, did not determine the overall grand-prize winner but it did settle second place.

The Week 12 winner was Dorothy Stowers of Bovina. Dorothy joined Mal Manchee and Nathan Brockman as the only three contestants to pick 14 of 15 correct in the final contest. As is the normal case, some of the players in contention took some gambles during

the last week hoping to overtake the leader. But it was not a week of upsets.

Stowers won the \$25 weekly prize by being 12 points off on the Dallas 10, New York 17 tie-breaker. Both Manchee and Brockman tied at 18 points off on the first tie-breaker so we had to revert to the second tie-breaker game, Cincinnati 38, Pittsburgh 31. But they also tied at 24 points off on the second tie-breaker. So in keeping with the Christmas spirit, we paid Manchee and Brockman each \$15 for 2nd place. That's not all we paid them.

Six players managed to pick 13 correct in the final week but it was not enough to overtake Mal Manchee who is declared the official 2005 grand-prize winner of \$100. It is not a surprise since Manchee has been alone in first place for the last several weeks. For Manchee, who is from Hereford, it is the third time he has won the grand prize in the *Friona Star* football contest.

Brockman is also the runner-up grand prize winner and

earns the \$50 second place cash. Going into the final week Brockman was one point behind the second place leader, Bobby Wied, who had held second place for a few weeks. But in the final weekly contest, Brockman scored 14 correct, while Wied managed only 11 correct, to vault him into second place, past Wied and Don Max Vars who also made a run at the winners.

The order of finish of the top six in total points was: Mal Manchee 145, Nathan Brockman 142, Don Max Vars 141, Bobby Wied 140, Rusty McFarland 139, and Clint Mears 138. Finishing with 137 points were Claire Brown, Jessica Dearing, Jim Johnston, Dorothy Stowers, and Jimmy Walker.

We hope you enjoyed playing our 2005 *Friona Star* football contest. We do appreciate everyone who entered each week and especially to our sponsors who make the annual football contest possible.

Thanks again and we will see you all back here next year for the 2006 *Friona Star* football contest.

Opportunities for Giving

Your donations to the following funds this Christmas Season will benefit local residents

Project Christmas Card benefits Parmer County Community Hospital. Donations at the local banks or credit union and other businesses.

Empty Stocking Fund for needy children. Contact Jo Blackwell at Prairie Acres or donations at Friona State Bank.

Child Welfare Board benefits needy and displaced children. Angel trees at both banks for gifts and cash do-



Acres activity department at 250-3922.

Friona United Way donations assist many local organizations throughout the year. Donations accepted at Friona State Bank or contact Cecil Maddox, United Way board president.

In Bovina, donations to Project Christmas Card can be made at FirstBank and will benefit the Bovina fire department and EMS.

Helping others helps everyone. Your generosity will be appreciated. Merry Christmas.



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Julie Chavez, granddaughter of noted Hispanic labor organizer Cesar Chavez, visited Friona last week on Wednesday to spend the day with Friona students at the Pioneer Museum. She was the guest of the local FCCLA classes who are studying a project on ethnic diversity. Here she speaks to a Friona elementary fourth grade class at the museum.

Weather Watch

From *Friona's* official weather guy, Bill Ellis.

Wednesday's low temperature of 7.7 degrees was the lowest reading in Friona since the mercury dropped to a frosty one degree on Christmas Eve morning in 2004.

Besides the cold, wheat farmers are getting antsy due to the fact that we have received only .25 inch of moisture since November 15, with .22 of that coming in November.

After having measured 16.12 inches through September, the year's total is still just 16.82 with none for December.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

is christmas here to stay?

Memory Lane is a great place to visit if you can remember how to get there.

The Christmas holidays arrive these days near the end of October, pick up steam in November, and hit passing gear the day after Thanksgiving. (Does anyone besides me remember when cars had passing gears?)

Christmas is just not as much fun as it used to be. Maybe it is and I don't know it or don't care. When I was a teenager in the 1950s the concept of a Best Buy store would have looked like something from outer space. There is virtually nothing in a Best Buy store today that was around when I believed in Santa.

Remember Silly Putty? It started in 1950. How about Pez Dispensers as stocking stuffers. More than 3 billion Pez candy dispensers with the cartoon character heads are still sold every year and they were first introduced in 1952. Tonka Toys have been manufactured since 1947. The little die-cast vehicles named Matchbox were popular way before Hot Wheels. Matchbox cars were first marketed in 1954.

The top selling brand name toy of all time is Barbie. The old lady was first born in 1959 and is still going strong. I'll bet you didn't know that her full name is Barbie Millicent Roberts and she was inspired by a German doll named Lilli.

Since Crayola crayons

were introduced in 1903 there have been more than 120 shades of color. Remember raw umber? The Slinky must have been a fascinating toy when it was first sold in 1945. Over 300 million have been sold since, using enough wire to circle the earth 126 times.

I got a Slinky one year but we lived in a one-story house with no stairs so I spent a lot of time watching mine slink off the coffee table to the floor.

Anybody remember Dam Trolls? Those ugly little lovable troll dolls were first carved from wood by Thomas Dam of Denmark and have been around since 1961.

None of the toys mentioned above made any noise or required batteries. We made our own sound effects for Tonka Trucks and Dam Trolls.

There are a lot of whizbang toys for today's kids. I was in a Toys 'R Us in Dallas over Thanksgiving weekend. Since my kids are way past the toy phase I haven't kept up with today's toy favorites. The store was packed and my eyes glazed over at all the selections. How do today's parents figure out what to buy?

I heard

that Cabbage Patch dolls are set to make a comeback. I still remember the Cabbage Patch craze when my daughter Kirsten was maybe 5 or 6 years-old and we chased all over Dallas trying to snag one. Kirsten is 30 now and has a new daughter of her own. She should have saved her Cabbage Patch.

This is the Christmas season. It is a time for strolling down Memory Lane. When families gather for Christmas the conversation always turns to "Do you remember when....." It is a season for giving and reliving.

Some would argue that Christmas is mainly for the kids. One can't disagree with that. It is all about the light in children's eyes when they finally get to open that really big wrapped box, or peeking around the corner into the living room to see if Santa has visited yet.

For the grownups it is about the smell of roast and sweet potatoes and pecan pie drifting out of momma's kitchen, and a quick afternoon nap in momma's spare bedroom.

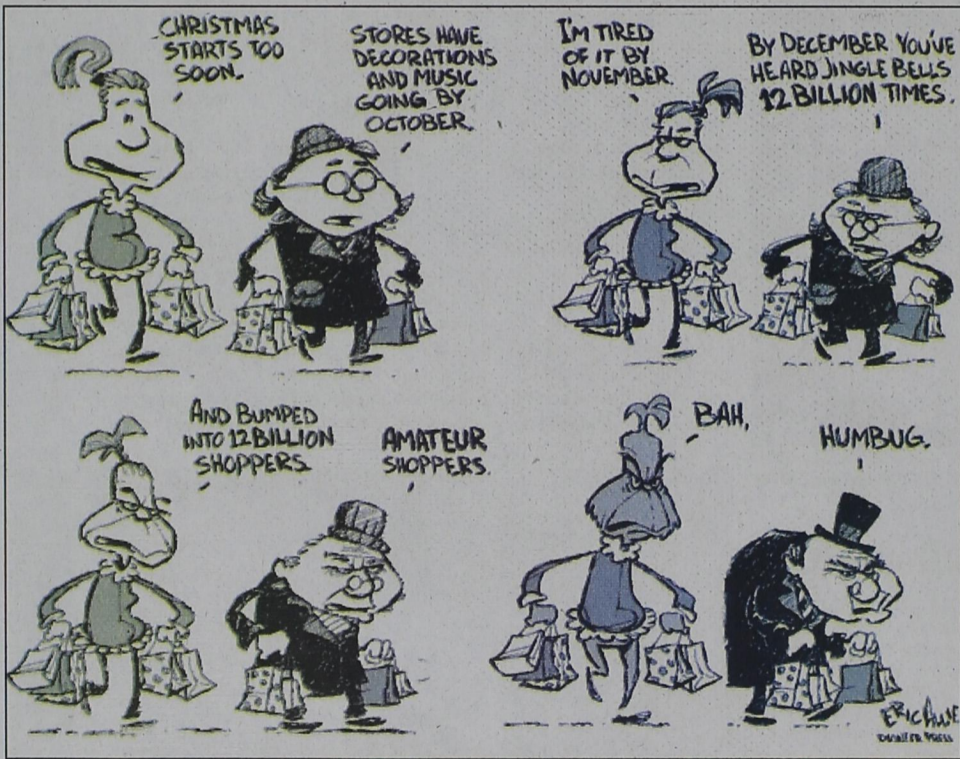
A lot of misguided morons

these days are trying to eliminate the word Christmas. Some big smart department stores have even stopped using the word Christmas in their advertising, banned the Salvation Army from the sidewalk, and instructed employees to greet customers with Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas. Target is one of those stores.

The word Christmas evidently offends a few folks that don't celebrate Christmas since it is a religious holiday. A few numbskulls even want Christmas trees to be called holiday trees or ban them altogether. I say that Christmas is still Christmas whether you observe it or not and the radical riff-raff should be ignored or given a choice of being deported to Venezuela or Siberia.

Is Christmas here to stay? Yes. Christmas memories are among our most prized possessions. To that element of society who wants to detour or derail our Christmas trips down Memory Lane I have only two words.

Merry Christmas.



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Tumbleweed Smith

Winning with Ben Stein's wit and wisdom

When I think of eloquent speakers I think of Churchill and Roosevelt, John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. My favorite speaker today is Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister. His speech after 9-11-01 is a pattern for all speakers to follow. The other day he gave a speech that resulted in a twenty minute standing ovation. He could hardly leave the room because everybody wanted to shake his hand.

Recently I had the opportunity to hear Ben Stein, a truly outstanding speaker. He spoke at Midland College as part of a distinguished lecture series. When he walked onto the stage, the audience applauded and laughed. Everyone could see he was dressed in a suit and wearing tennis shoes. That set the stage for an enjoyable evening.

Ben Stein was valedictorian of his Yale Law School class of 1970. He is an economist, actor, journalist and teacher. His TV quiz show, Win Ben Stein's Money, has



won six Emmys. His appearance in the movie, Ferris Bueller's Day Off elevated him to near-cult status. His columns have appeared in the Wall Street Journal and he occasionally is a commentator on the CBS Sunday Morning program. He appears in TV commercials.

The title of his speech was "Free at Last. What's Right With America."

Ben knew his audience. He made everyone in the audience feel special. He told us how smart we were to be living in West Texas. He talked about small town conveniences and friendliness.

He told us about his houses in Los Angeles, New York and Washington and how the people in those big cities were just crazy. He told us he was glad to be out here with some real people who were not crazy. He saw peace of mind on our faces.

Ben mentioned the fact that our area has few trees. But then he said, "Out here, the people are trees. They give

shade and comfort."

Ben had a script and followed it. He read most of his speech but we didn't really notice it because he was familiar enough with the material that he maintained good eye contact. Occasionally he would leave his prepared remarks to tell a story. He told us about the division of political parties, that he had never seen so much polarization. He mentioned the hate that he hears from party loyalists. He spoke of heroes and mentioned the names of some people in the news who are not heroes but seem to get plenty of exposure on TV. He told us movie stars who criticize our country and its leaders are not heroes. Heroes are fighting men and women who are in Iraq and Afghanistan. He reinforced our feelings about American values.

He spoke for fifty minutes and was interrupted by applause a dozen times. He lived up to his reputation of being a humorous economist and law professor, something that can be said of very few people.

Two inducted into ENMU honor society

Friona residents Marie Deanna Samarron and Joe Lafuente were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

The Society's mission is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher

education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others. The motto of Phi Kappa Phi is *Philosophia Kratoito Photon*, which means, "Let the love of learning rule humanity." Those elected to membership are juniors who have completed at least 72 credit

hours and rank scholastically in the top 7.5 percent of their class. Seniors must rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

Lafuente is pursuing dual bachelor degrees, a Bachelor of Science with a major in history and minor in psychology with a secondary licensure in social studies, and a Bachelor of Science with a major in political science. He is employed by ENMU as the student director for the NonTraditional/Re-Entry Educational Services Center. Lafuente is a 1977 graduate of Friona High School and a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer.

Samarron is a senior who is also pursuing dual bachelor degrees. She completed her Special Education major requirements last semester with a minor emphasis in bilingual education. This summer she was awarded the President's Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an endorsement in bilingual education. Marie is a 1992 graduate of Friona High School and is married to Jose Samarron.



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Joe Lafuente and Marie Samarron, center, receive their citation of induction from Dr. Alan Garrett, left, chapter president of Phi Kappa Phi, and Dr. Kathie Good, chapter secretary and assistant professor of special educational studies at ENMU. See story.



Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Friona Noon Lions held their December 1 meeting at the Pioneer Heritage Museum in Friona. There were 17 members present and club sweetheart Breann Barnett.

The Lions were hosted by Wendy Carthel, curator of the museum. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Carthel gave a brief history of the museum and the historical church building it is housed in. Members then took a brief tour of the upstairs and downstairs exhibits.

At each meeting, Noon Lions members contribute \$1 each toward a cash drawing. One-half of the money collected each week goes into the pot. Two numbers are drawn and the winners get an opportunity to pick from a deck of cards. To win the money, the member must pick the Joker from the deck. If there are no winners the pot grows until someone wins. The cards drawn are discarded making the odds better as the deck shrinks. The other half of the money goes into the club treasury.

There were no winners last week. The pot is now over \$50 and there are 37 cards left in the deck. The next meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday, December 15, at the clubhouse. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome.



ron carr photo

The Noon Lions met at the Friona museum last Thursday. Museum curator Wendy Carthel points out some of the various exhibits during the sack lunch meeting.



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Looking over the exhibits on the lower level of the museum are, l-r, club sweetheart Breann Barnett, Lion Johnny Flores, museum curator Wendy Carthel, and Lion Larry Knowles.



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Around Town

To get your area events published, call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net

Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Dec 10

Well-known cowboy poet Tibb Burnett, of Benjamin, Texas, will headline at the Cowboy Poetry Breakfast on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at the Big Texan Steak Ranch. Burnett is a featured entertainer at most of the big cowboy poetry gatherings. He displays a comfortable at-home manner as he relates his poetry of cowboy experiences, heritage, and attitudes. He will be followed by an open mike session for cowboy/girl poets, singers, musicians and tall tale-teller members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association.

Enjoy the festive Christmas decorations while eating a hearty cowboy breakfast while listening to the talented area members of the SWCPA. This is the only event of its kind in the entire country that is held on a monthly schedule.

Reservations for parties more than 10 should be placed with Pat at the Big Texan 372-7000 or 374-4354. Breakfasts are \$6.50, which includes the entertainment.

Friends Christmas Tea

The Friends of the Friona Public Library are sponsoring a Christmas Tea honoring local author Krista Renner Kemple who wrote, "Another Beautiful Day: The Memoirs and Diaries of Clara Baker Renner". The tea will be held Friday, December 23, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pioneer Heritage Museum at the Corner of Sixth and Cleveland in Friona. RSVP if

possible to the library by December 15. Please bring your special teacup if you have one and join us for a delightful Christmas Tea.

Pre-order Friona on Parade

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

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

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

FISD cafeteria will sell rolls

The Friona ISD cafeteria would like to help you with your holiday baking. What would be better than fresh, hot homemade rolls right out of your oven? The cafeteria will be offering frozen, ready to bake rolls for \$4 per dozen. Just thaw, let rise, bake and serve. Place your order by calling Linda at 250-3350 or Roxanne at 250-3353 or email your order to roxhurst@frionaisd.com. Place orders by Monday, December 12. The rolls will be ready for pickup at the junior high cafeteria between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, December 15 or Friday, December 16.

FlashBacks

55 Years Ago December 7, 1950

Friona—Money to carry out the city improvement program in Friona has been deposited in the Friona State Bank this week by the bonding company. Voters recently authorized issuance of \$100,000 in street improvement, water works improvements and extension, and the city-office-fire station erection; and that total amount has been deposited together with some \$180 interest paid by the bonding company was interest due from the time bonds were signed until final state approval this week.

50 Years Ago December 9, 1955

Friona—Over \$500 additional Christmas decorations and greenery has been procured for Friona street decorations this year, with the town now putting on a festive appearance that might well be the envy of larger towns of the area. New and additional lighting, decorative bells, trees, etc. are being put in place this week to complete the Chamber of Commerce project wherein local merchants donated over \$500 in a plan to add to the decorations each year. Individual merchants and the Chamber of Commerce have underwritten the finances, and city employees have erected the installations without cost, the city also paying electricity bills.

45 Years Ago December 8, 1960

Friona—Burglars struck two Friona business establishments Friday night, getting over \$1000 cash from Bi-Wize Drug and an undetermined amount of jewelry and cameras from Allen's Jewelry Store. The break-ins were discovered Saturday morning. Entry had been gained to both buildings through a back door. Night patrolman Jack Fleming said he had made his final check of the alley where back doors to both buildings about 5 a.m. and noticed neither of the doors open. Ralph Roden discovered that his safe had been smashed and \$1067 in cash was missing. Eight diamond sets were missing from the jewelry store.

40 Years Ago December 8, 1965

Bovina—Two members of the Bovina Mustang Band earned berths on the all-region band Saturday in Lubbock. Mary Dane, senior, who plays clarinet, was named to the band, and Mike Grissom, sophomore tenor saxophone player, was named second alternate in the band.

35 Years Ago December 10, 1970

Friona—Friona State Bank officials estimated that upward of 2,000 people visited the new bank during its official open house last Saturday afternoon. The new building was fairly filled for the four-hour period that it hosted the public.

25 Years Ago December 10, 1980

Bovina—Four Bovina Mustangs were placed on the All-District 3-AA football team. They were Ricky Shepherd, Ed Chisom, Gabriel Guevara and Harvey Shepherd.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cadillac, Parmer County, Texas was a project that failed to materialize. This proposed town was at the point where Parmer, Lamb, and Castro counties meet. It was to be composed of 14 city blocks with Avenues named Silver, Carpenter, McMillan, Vorpe, Davis, Foster, Ford, and Jackson.

Parmer County History c. 1974

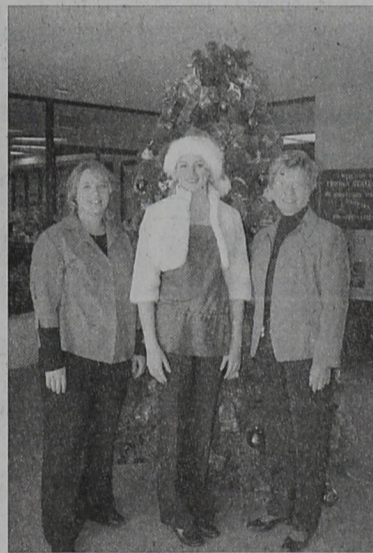
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The library raffled a doll during the recent Christmas bazaar. The winner was Ron Smiley, being presented the doll by librarian Brenda Patterson.



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The second place grand prize winner in the football contest was Nathan Brockman shown here receiving his \$50 check from Friona Star office manager Marlene Mueller.



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

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from November 23, 2005 to November 29, 2005.
 Francisco Estrada, Sr. and Guadalupe Estrada-Frank Estrada, Jr., Amulfo Gallego and Socorro Gallego, L11 B6 LAKEVIEW
 Uriel Vega and Cynthia Vega-Scott Verlod and Dalia Verlod, N100' L1 B2 WELCH
 Millard Refrigeration Services, Inc.-Ben Kirton and Ella Kirton, L4 B1 WELCH
 Washington Mutual Bank-HUD, L39 B1 WESTERN ADDITION
 Oasis Mortgage & Finance LLC-Francisco Garcia and Patricia Garcia, L7-9 B10 FARWELL
 D.T. King and Cynthia King-Francisco Estrada and Guadalupe Estrada, L7-8 B10 FRIONA
 Leon Meeks and Delores Meeks-Charles Smith Revocable Family Trust and Marilyn Smith Revocable Family Trust, N640 AC S15 T15S T2E
 Donald Lynn Copley and Randa Allen Copley-Charles J. Meyer, L1-4 B9S FRIONA

Sheriff's Report

November 28, 2005, Billie Jean Weigel, 36, of Tucumcari, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with criminal mischief, pending County Court.
 November 28, 2005, James Poole, 50, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated open container, pending County Court.
 November 28, 2005, Reyes Valdez, 71, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated 2nd, time, court costs and 120 days, probated two years. He was also charged with UCW, time, court cost and 120 days, probated two years.
 November 30, 2005, Randy Ramos, 36, of Hereford, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving with license suspended, pending County Court.
 November 30, 2005, Jim Heard, 71, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, pending Grand Jury.
 December 2, 2005, Bruce Ramos, 40, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury. He was also charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.
 December 2, 2005, Jonni Cain, 19, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with motion to revoke (possession of a controlled substance and forgery), pending District Court.
 December 3, 2005, Gerhard Friessen, 19, of Muleshoe, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with racing on the highway, pending County Court.
 December 4, 2005, Humberto Cervantez, 35, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated with an open container, pending County Court.
 December 5, 2005, Alejandro Trevizo, 54, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon green presiding, on November 21:
 —Carilyn Hittson, of Nara Visa, New Mexico, charged with Class B misdemeanor theft, was sentenced to 180 days in Parmer County Jail, deferred for 6 months; \$308 court cost, \$200 fine, \$480 attorney fees, and \$80 restitution.

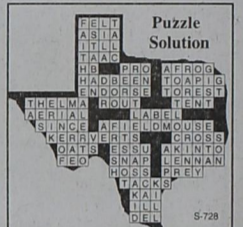


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Sometimes signing up for a drawing pays off. Leah Senibalo, a med-tech at Parmer County Community Hospital, put her name in a Dr. Pepper contest drawing at Allsup's and won this Mini-Cooper convertible.

Friona School Menu

December 12- December 16
 (All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)
Monday, December 12
 Breakfast- Choice of cereal; Lunch- Cheese pizza, fresh veggie dippers, frozen yogurt, peaches.
Tuesday, December 13
 Breakfast- Pancake w/syrup, sausage, assorted juice; Lunch - Fish, cornbread, rice, mixed vegetables, pudding cup.
Wednesday, December 14
 Breakfast- Breakfast biscuit, applesauce; Lunch - Burrito, corn, spanish rice, gelatin w/fruit.
Thursday, December 15
 Breakfast- Breakfast pizza, assorted juice; Lunch - Barbeque franks, rolls, macaroni and cheese, green beans, juice bar.
Friday, December 16
 Breakfast- Pop tart, assorted juice; Lunch - Corn dog, scalloped potatoes, pork n' beans, gelatin w/fruit.



Friona Country Club Golf Special
 Through April 15, all Friona residents can play golf at Friona Country Club!
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Don't wait until the last minute for your Christmas goodies.

Miss Merry Christmas, Hollis Gurley, stopped in the store this week to try some of Kenda Dunnam's christmas goodies.

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Squaws beat Midland Lee at the Chaparral Center

BY RON CARR

Coach Richard North took the Squaws on a four-hour bus ride last Friday so they could get into the playoff spirit early. The Chaparral Center at Midland Jr. College is now the site for the 2A and 3A regional basketball tournament. The regionals were played in Abilene up to this year when they have been switched to Midland. "If we can get back there in February we will have valuable experience on the very floor where a trip to Austin will be decided," North said.

The long trip was worth it for the Squaws as they beat a solid Midland Lee team 59-55. Lee entered the game with a 10-3 record including a 3rd place finish at the Frenship tournament and a semi-final appearance in a 32-team tournament in Austin.

"They were athletic," North said, "and we put them on the free throw line too often where they outscored us 23-10."

Juniors Courtney Adams and Shayli Reed led the scoring for the Squaws as each were in the high double figures. Between them the duo scored 41 of Friona's 59 points. Adams

netted 22 points and Reed scored 19, including four 3-pointers. Adams scored only 3 points in the first half then caught fire after the break with 19 second half points, including a 3-pointer for the junior post.

Rounding out the scoring were Staci Murphree 8, Briar Barnett 4, Tiffany Vasquez, Deniss Vasquez, and Erica Davila scoring 2 each.

With the score tied at 54, Reed hit one of her 3-point field goals and the Squaw defense allowed Lee only one point in the final three minutes of the game. Murphree grabbed 7 rebounds and Davila had 5 assists. The Squaws are off to a solid start. The squad consists of one senior (Deniss Vasquez), two sophomores, and seven juniors.

After a Tuesday game at home with Highland Park the Squaws will kick off play in the Farwell Tournament at 10:30 a.m. today vs. Whiteface.

Squaws 82

Highland Park 17

The Friona Squaws had target practice Tuesday night as they overwhelmed the Highland Park Lady Hornets by the lopsided margin of 82-17. The score at halftime was 32-4. There are 10 girls on the Squaw team and in this scoring match all 10 Squaws scored points.

Coach North alternated his first team and second team, substituting all five girls at one time throughout the game. At one point late in the game, Squaw Briar Barnett missed a free throw and a frustrated Highland Park player put the rebound back in for a Friona basket.

Sophomore Barnett led the scoring with 14 points, followed by Courtney Adams 13, Staci Murphree 10, Tiffany Vasquez 9,

Shayli Reed 8, Deniss Vasquez 8, Miranda Frye 6, Kambree Davila 6, Erica Davila 5, Krista Graham 3.

The Squaws are in the Farwell tournament this weekend, December 8-10, and host Lubbock Christian next Tuesday.

JV Chiefs take 4th in Muleshoe

The FHS JV Chiefs competed in the Muleshoe Tourney December 1-3, 2005 taking fourth place.

JV Chiefs	59
JV Steers	44

In game one of the tourney on Thursday, December 1, the Chiefs dominated the Steers 59-44.

Kaison Graham scored 13 points with one field goal, three 3-point shots and two free throws. Chris Haile dropped in 12 points, Alex Gurley 9, Trent Hudson 8, Aminadab Alvidrez 4, Jared Boyd 4, and Garrett Clark 4.

JV Chiefs	39
JV Winds	55

In game two on Friday, December 2 the Chiefs slipped behind the Floydada Whirlwinds 55-39.

Haile led the scoring with 14, Hudson 12, Graham 6, Gurley 4, Alvidrez 2 and Omar Hernandez 1.

JV Chiefs	35
JV Hornets	45

In game three on Saturday, December 3 the Chiefs fell to the Hornets 45-35.

Hudson had a big night with 16 points including six field goals and four free throws. Boyd scored 9, Gurley 7 and Graham 3.

The JV Chiefs will travel to the the Tulia JV Boys Tournament December 8-10. The Chiefs will face Silverton at 7:45 p.m. on December 8.

Chieftain basketball update

Farwell 56

Chiefs 52

November 29 the Chiefs traveled across the county to challenge the Farwell Steers. In spite of a 2-point 1st quarter, the Chiefs rallied to score 52 points but came up 4-points short, dropping the decision to the Steers 56-52.

Caleb Miller led the scoring with 15 points including three 3-point goals. Sawyer Reed contributed 9 points, Ryan Schwab, Kelby Monroe, Hector Sanchez, and Cody Jamerson, each scored 6 points, and Tolby Wilcox and Hayden Patton had 2 each.

San Jacinto 50

Friona 41

The weekend of December 1-3 Coach Graham and the Chiefs played in the Vega tournament. They went 1-2 in the tourney, opening with a 50-41 loss to San Jacinto.

The boys led 25-20 at the half but San Jacinto outscored them in the 2nd half 30-16 to capture the victory. Cody Jamerson and Sawyer Reed were in double figures with 12 points each to lead scoring. Ryan Schwab netted 6 points, Andrew Aguirre had 4, Kelby Monroe 2, Hector Sanchez 2, Hayden Patton 2, and Sean Lookingbill one point.

Friona 65

Happy 62

Next up at Vega were the Happy Cowboys. The Chiefs turned up the scoring volume as they outdistanced Happy to claim a 65-62 win. Three Chiefs were in double figures in this one. Jamerson poured in 19 points to lead, Hayden Patton scored 15, and Hector Sanchez 14. Both Patton and Sanchez netted two 3-point goals.

In this one the Chiefs were behind 29-26 at halftime but put up an impressive 39 second half points to even their tournament record at 1-1. Sawyer Reed added 8 points, Chance Lewellen 7, and Tolby Wilcox 2.

Hartley 67

Friona 59

Hartley had four players in double figures in a fast-paced offensive show to pull away from the Chiefs 67-59. Three Chiefs were again in double figures, led by Sawyer Reed with 18 points including two 3-point field goals. Caleb Miller and Hayden Patton each had 14 points, and a total of eight 3-point goals between them, four each.

Other scoring included Hector Sanchez 4, Ryan Schwab 4, Cody Jamerson 3, Andrew Aguirre 2, and Sean Lookingbill one point.

Highland Park 48

Friona 45

Tuesday night, December 6, the Chieftains hosted the undefeated 8-0 Highland Park Hornets. The Chiefs matched up well with the Hornets in a game that saw the lead change several times and five 3-point goals by Caleb Miller in his team leading 19 points. Hector Sanchez scored 10, Chance Lewellen 6, Sawyer Reed 5, Cody Jamerson 2, Ryan Schwab 2, and Hayden Patton one point. Patton suffered a severe ankle sprain in the second quarter and was out for the game.

A 3-pointer by Miller with less than a minute left in the game tied the score at 45-45. But Highland Park got the ball into shot territory and a Hornet drained a 3-point goal with 2.8 seconds left to give the Hornets the victory. The Chiefs are improving each game as some of the younger players gain playing time and experience.

The Chiefs continued their success from 3-point territory. They had eight 3-point goals in the Highland Park game. Next up is the Farwell tournament this weekend, December 8-10, and meet Lubbock Christian next Tuesday.

JV Squaws win Muleshoe Tourney

The FHS JV Squaw swept the Muleshoe Tourney December 1-3, 2005 with wins against Farwell JV, Muleshoe and Dimmitt JV.

JV Squaws	56
JV Lady Blue 17	

In game one of the Muleshoe Tourney on December 1, 2005 the Squaws stomped Farwell 56-17.

Julie Echevarria and Sandra Godoy led the scoring with 10 points each. Echevarria dropped in four field goals and two free throws. Godoy scored with two field goals and two 3-pointers.

Other Squaws scoring were Jordan Monroe 8, Hollis Gurley 6, Erin Anthony 5, Ashley Ingram 4, Heather Sandoval 4, Erin Austin 3 and Michelle Martin 3.

JV Squaws	36
JV Muleshoe 26	

The Squaws led the JV Lady Mules throughout game two of the Muleshoe tournament

on December 2, 2005, 36-26.

Ingram scored 11 points including one field goal, one 3-point shot and four free throws. Gurley scored 8 with two field goals and four free throws. Austin and Echevarria scored 5 each, E. Anthony 4, Godoy 4 and Martin 3.

JV Squaws	42
JV Bobbies	28

In the Championship game on Saturday, December 3, 2005 the Squaws easily beat the Dimmitt JV Bobbies 42-28.

Briana Wright led the scoring with 11 points including one field goal, one 3-pointer and six free throws. Gurley scored 8, Echevarria 5, Austin 5, Ingram 4, E. Anthony 4, Godoy 3 and Monroe 2.

The JV Squaws will compete in the Tulia JV Girls Tournament December 8-10, 2005.

The first game for the girls will be against Silverton Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 P.M.



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Varsity Squaw Erica Davila (10) is all business as she holds off a Lady Hornet. Erica had 5 points in the Squaws 82-17 swatting of the Lady Hornets.



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Squaw sophomore guard Miranda Frye (21) cuts inside a screen by Deniss Vasquez (20) as she drives the lane against Highland Park.

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Chieftain Tolby Wilcox recovered a fumble out of bounds against the Highland Park Hornets Tuesday night. The Chiefs lost the game at the buzzer 48-45.

FJHS Basketball Update

BY DANA D. JAMESON

8th Braves 40
8th Breezes 38

The FJHS 8th Braves squeaked by the Breezes Thursday, December 1, 2005, 40-38.

Matthew Stanberry led the scoring with 17 points, Stetson Reed, 10, Joey Dickson, 5, Jesus Sarabia, 4, and Alex Ferguson and David Schwab 2 each.

The Braves are 3-0 for the season.

8th Braves 43
8th Colts 37

The 8th Braves hosted the Olton 8th Colts Monday, December 5.

The trailed the Colts in the first and second quarter to end the half 18-19. They came back in the third quarter to tie 27-27. The Braves overtook the Colts in the fourth to win 43-37.

Matthew Stanberry scored 22 points, Stetson Reed 16, Joey Dickson 3 and David Schwab 2.

The 8th Braves are undefeated this season.

8th B Maidens 8
8th B Floydada 17

The FJHS 8th B Maidens fell to Floydada, 17-8, on Thursday, December 1.

Yesenia Ortiz scored 8 points, and Krystal Rios and Monica Dominguez scored 2 each.

8th Maidens 27
8th Floydada 42

The 8th Maidens fell to 8th Floydada on Thursday, December 1, 2005 in Frióna.

Leading the scoring were Sasha Estrada with 8, Yesenia Rojas 7, K. Hurst 6, and Stephanie Aguirre 6.

8th Maidens 28
8th Olton 29

8th Olton edged out the 8th FJHS Maidens 29-28 on Monday, December 5, 2005 in Olton.

K. Hurst led the scoring with 13 points, Yesenia Rojas 7, Sasha Estrada 3, Paige Herbert 3 and Stephanie Aguirre 2.

7th Braves 35
7th Breezes 48

The FJHS 7th Braves fell to the 7th Floydada Breezes 35-48 on Thursday, December 1, 2005.

"We hit a dry spell in the third quarter against Floydada," said Coach Rex Cumpston, "and just could not recover in the fourth quarter."

Leading the scoring was Brenner Barnett with 10, Clayton Smiley 9, Zack Fair 7, Ernesto Monreal 3, Nicolas Ortiz 2, Duncan Welch 2 and Kolton Lucas 2.

7th Braves 66
7th Colts 13

The 7th Braves stomped the 7th Olton Colts 66-13 in Frióna Monday,

December 5, 2005.

Leading scorer for the Chiefs were Zack Fair with 16 points, Ernesto Monreal 14, Kirby Frye 9, Brenner Barnett 6, Nicolas Ortiz 6, Duncan Welch 6, Michael Chico 2, Dominique Kellum 2, and Sergio Mendez 2.

"A good team effort against Olton," said Coach Rex Cumpston. "A lot of players were able to contribute on both sides of the ball."

The 7th Braves will compete against Dimmitt in the Tulia Tournament on Saturday, December 10. Game time is 11:30 am.

7th Maidens see action

The 7th A and B Maidens hosted Floydada Thursday, December 1 in the FJHS gym.

7th A Maidens 27
7th Floydada 26

Leading the scoring were Reagan Anthony with 13 points, Britny Herbert 11, Kelsey White 2 and Elizabeth Trevino 1.

7th B Maidens 2
7th B Floydada 9

Leading the scoring was Skyla Stormes with 2 points.

The Maidens traveled to Olton on Monday, December 5, 2005.

7th A Maidens 19
7th A Olton 6

Lisann Davila led the scoring with 8, Anthony 6, Trevino 3 and Ester Sarabia 2.

7th B Maidens 8
7th B Olton 5

Stormes led the scoring with 4, Tonya Garcia 2 and Crystal Trevino 2.

The 7th Maidens will be competing against Dimmitt in the Tulia Tournament on December 10, at 9 am.



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JV Chiefs Phillip Saiz (41), Trent Hudson (43), and Garrett Clark (22) mix it up against the Highland Park Hornets.

JV Squaws 53, JV Lady Blue 27

The JV Squaws started off slow trailing 12-11 against the Farwell JV Lady Blue on Tuesday, November 29, 2005. They gained momentum in the second quarter and scored 14 points a quarter to beat Farwell 53-27.

Julie Echevarria led the scor-

ing with 19 points including 9 field goals and one free throw. Other Squaws scoring were Ashley Ingram 8, Erin Anthony 6, Michelle Martin 6, Hollis Gurley 5, Brooke Herbert 3, Sandra Godoy 3, Erin Austin 2, and Morgan Anthony 1

JV Chiefs 38, JV Steers 37

Coach Jose Gonzales and the JV Chiefs narrowly beat the Steers 38-37 on Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

Trailing at halftime 23-16 the Chiefs pulled ahead in the third quarter by one point and held that lead to the end.

Kaison Graham scored 8

points with one field goal and two 3-point shots. Trent Hudson also scored 8 with four field goals. Other Chiefs scoring were Chris Haile 6, Jared Boyd 5, Alex Gurley 4, Dillon Welch 4, Garrett Clark 2 and Phillip Saiz 1.

JV Squaws 50, Lady Hornets 31

The JV Squaws hosted the Highland Park Lady Hornets on Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

Hollis Gurley led the scoring with 17 points including five field goals and seven free throws. Ashley Ingram dropped in three field goals and three

free throws for 9 points. Erin Austin and Briana Wright had 7 points each, Erin Anthony 4, Sandra Godoy 3, Jordan Monroe 2 and Lauren Hughs 1.

The Squaws will compete in the Tulia Tournament.

9th Chiefs 29, 9th Winds 36

The FHS freshmen boys met the Whirlwinds on Thursday, December 1, 2005 in Floydada.

Floydada played a very unique game by having no fouls called on them. The Chiefs on the other hand were not so lucky.

Justin Echevarria led the scoring with 15 points including six field goals and a three-point shot. Rolando Castanon dropped in 2-three point shots for six, Andy Bentley scored 4 and Irving Huerta and Justin Dominguez 2 each.

"The kids played really hard," said Coach David Townner. "They have improved from the first game."

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2005-06 Friona Varsity Chieftains basketball team, back, l-r, Coach Ky Graham, Caleb Miller, Chance Lewellen, Hector Sanchez, Ryan Gerles, Ryan Schwab, Coach Jose Gonzalez; middle, Hayden Patton, Cody Jamerson, Tolby Wilcox, Sawyer Reed; front, Andrew Agurrie, Kelby Monroe, Sean Lookingbill.



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2005-06 JV Chieftain basketball team, back, l-r, Coach Jose Gonzalez, Kaison Graham, Alex Gurley, Chris Haile, Garrett Clark, Phillip Saiz, manager Beth Nava; middle, Trent Hudson, Eric North, Dillon Welch, Omar Hernandez; front, Jared Boyd, Aminadab Alvidrez, Brett Field.

Notice Of Sheriff Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF PARMER

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of PARMER County in the following cases on the 1st day of December 2005, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11:30 A.M. on the 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said PARMER County, in the City of FARWELL, Texas, the following described property located in PARMER County, to-wit:
Cause No. 9164 FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CAMPBELL DEBORAH DBA AMERICAN CANVAS

All of the 3.12 acre tract of land out of Capitol League No. 484, in Parmer County, Texas being more particularly described as being out of the Northwest part of a 16.48 acre tract out of the Northwest portion of the Northeast one-fourth of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 East of a Capitol Syndicated Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/4" iron pipe set 40 feet South of and 590 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast one-fourth of Section 1, said Township and Range;

THENCE South parallel with the East line of said Section, 474.7 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe set in the North right-of-way line of Highway 60;

THENCE Northeasterly with the North line of said Highway and along a curve to the right having a radius of 2,915 feet 483.2 feet to a 3/4" iron rod for corner;

THENCE North parallel with East line of said Section, 226.5 feet to a 3/4" iron rod set in the south right-of-way line of paved road;

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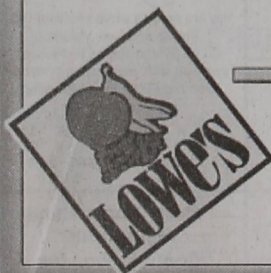
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You don't have to be a sandwich to be miracle-whipped

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

My personality leans toward the skewed side of life. When I was young, I played a little too much above-the-neck touch football with my brother's friends, who had sausage for brains. As a result, whenever I see offbeat religious articles in newspapers or magazines, they always catch my eye. Fortunately, they throw it back so I can use it again.

A few years ago, I read about a "laughing revival" that broke out in a church in Toronto. People were rolling in the aisles and laughing hysterically. It was considered a miracle. If I did that this Sunday, miracle would not be your first thought. You would think the peanut butter didn't completely cover my cracker.

Another such article concerned an eighteen-inch statue of the Madonna (the Virgin Mary, not the singer) in a small town in Italy. According to the paper, this statue began crying tears of blood for no apparent reason. I can't imagine anything that would cause a statue to cry tears of blood ... unless it happened to find itself trapped inside my

daughter's closet. Townspeople saw this as a genuine miracle (the bloodstained statue, not the bloodcurdling closet). The miracle in my daughter's closet would be if I could see her closet.

In 1978 someone claimed to see Christ's image on a tortilla in New Mexico. I have seen many questionable things on a tortilla, but never anything religious. People have visited an auto parts store in Progresso, Texas to see a floor stain that resembled the Virgin Mary. When I think of miracles, I do not immediately envision tortillas and auto-parts stores. The real miracle would be knowing what Christ and Mary looked like in the first place.

What is it about the miraculous that not only draws people but also whips them into a frenzy usually reserved for sporting events? Have we become so immune to ordinary Christianity that it takes a bleeding Madonna to remind us that God is alive and working in the world today? Are we so miracle-whipped that we fail to see God in the leaves changing in autumn, in the beauty of a sunset, or in the birth of a baby?

There are hundreds of people all around us who, believe it or not, do not need a miracle. What they

THINK ABOUT THIS

Growing old with God #4

(Read Joshua 14 10-12)

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Another key ingredient for fulfillment in old age and one that was demonstrated by Caleb was a sense of divine purpose. He was eighty-five years old but still God had something for him to do. Caleb believed that with God's help, he could do it. There is no mandatory retirement age with God. We may be forced to retire at sixty-five from our job but God doesn't have any artificial system which forces people to quit. All of your life, up to this point, has been in preparation for right now.

Many have accomplished their greatest work in their senior years. Pablo Casals continued giving concerts into his nineties. He practiced every day. Someone asked why. He said, "because I think I'm making progress." Ben Franklin helped frame the Constitution of the United States when he was eighty. We may not be world famous but being famous is not important. What is important is to always use our abilities to the fullest. Some lessons simply cannot be taught by the young. That's why Paul told older women to teach the younger. (Titus 2:2-4)

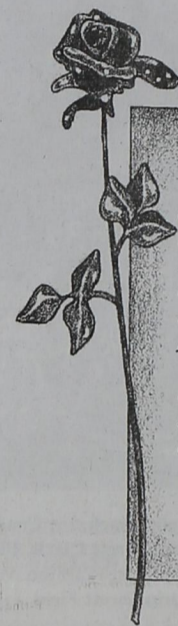
Some lessons can only be taught by those who are qualified by age and experience.

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do need is for a group of ordinary Christians to love them, minister to them, and point them to God - the real thing, not a cloud formation. In God we find the greatest miracle of all: He loved us so much He sent

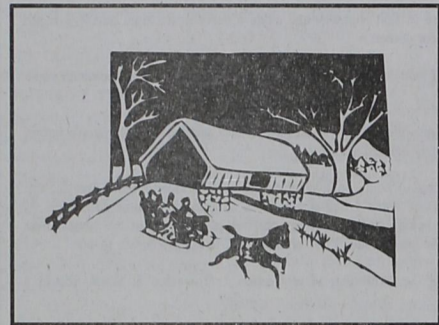
His Son to die for us.

We are not miracle-whipped, but we are miraculously loved. The key to consistent Christian living is knowing the difference.



Thank you to everyone who came by Ingram's last Friday. Special thanks to Sylvia Ingram, Glenda Downey, and M'Lynda Jarecki for hosting my book signing and for their help and support. Thanks to everyone for all the encouraging words and support you have given me and my family.

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 Raul is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Jesus and Maria Silva. He has one sister, Cristina and a brother, Andres.
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 Raul Silva
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Senior citizens were treated to a health day last Thursday during their weekly lunch. Above, Serey Shum, RN, Rhonda Maloney, RN, BSN; Amber Parkhurst, RN, BSN; Cele Rangel, RN, BSN; John Chavez, RN, MSN; PhD. Right, John Baines, RN, checks Rex Williams while Gwen Limmer, RN, tests Stella Shirley's blood pressure.



My Life Story



Allo Francis Reeve

By Allo Francis Reeve

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about their life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times". This month we feature Allo Francis Reeve.

I was born February 17, 1916 at the Givens Farm about 15 miles southwest of Childress, Texas. My parents were Jesse Francis Sparkman and Callie Maybelle Fletcher. I was the youngest of three sisters. My two older sisters are

Willo Virginia and Avo Mildred. My Daddy was a cotton farmer. Then he worked for the railroad department. When I started school we moved to town and they put me in the first grade. He owned a grocery store on Commerce Street, there in Childress. Mother used to dress us in white and kept us clean. We stayed in the house! After several times of having to take us to the doctor, Mother was ordered to put us out to get some sunshine. I continued through the 8th grade in Childress. After

that year we moved to Canyon, Texas for two years. Then we moved to Panhandle, Texas where I graduated in 1933. The next year I went to Amarillo Business College. After graduating, I returned to Panhandle to work for my Dad, who by that time was manager of the Panhandle Ford Company. Then I went to W.T. State Teachers College of Canyon, where I met Glen Evan Reeve. We were married during the school semester on February 7, 1935.

After the end of the school term, we found a two-room apartment in Canyon. As soon as Glen graduated, we moved to Friona where Glen's parents lived. We moved into a two-story house at the edge of town. Glen farmed for two years before he went in the business with his father. He ran the Chevrolet Oldsmobile of Friona after his Daddy passed away. We moved to town to a three-bedroom house before he started in that business. We had four boys, Glen Evan, Jr., Don Alford, Joe Francis and Max Ewin. My husband passed away in 1984.

I lived 21 years by myself before I decided to move into Heritage Estates where it's a home away from home that I really love.

OBITUARIES

Jane Kent



Jane Kent

Funeral services for Jane Kent, 68, of Portales, New Mexico, were held Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at Blackwell Funeral Home Chapel in Friona with Rev. Steve Patterson, minister of the Friona United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Kent passed away Sunday, December 4, 2005 at Heartland Continuing Care Center in Portales, New Mexico. She had lived in Portales since May of 2005 moving

from Logan, New Mexico. She had been a Farwell resident at one time.

She was born December 22, 1936 in Henrietta, Texas to Weldon B. and Willie Bea (Larkin) Fulgham. She was married to W.H. Kent for 23 years. He passed away February 7, 1993. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Kent is survived by two sons, Wade Kent and wife Lisa of Portales, New Mexico and Kade Kent and wife Rachel of Midland, Texas; one sister Jo Ann Thomas of Clovis, New Mexico and one brother Jack Fulgham of Bowling

Green, Kentucky.

She is also survived by six grandchildren, Shaina, Weston and Anna-Leigh of Portales, New Mexico and Rhett, Levi and Keller of Midland, Texas.

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- December 20-Curtis Brady
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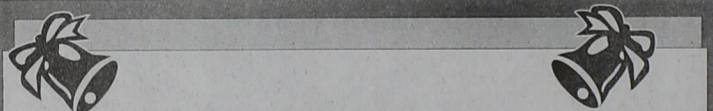
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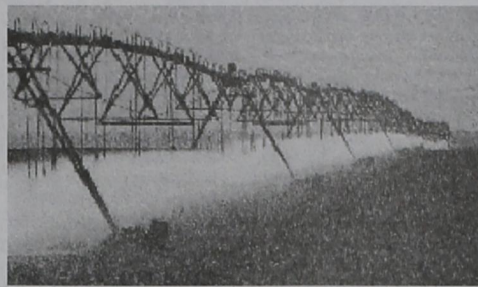
Over 12,000 center pivots in water district

Approximately 12,238 center pivot systems are currently in operation within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area, according to a 2005 inventory just completed by the district. This represents an additional 1,349 center pivots in operation since the previous 1998 inventory.

Center pivot totals by county are as follows: Parmer, 1,788; Lamb, 1,737; Hale, 1,631; Castro, 1,378; Hockley, 931; Deaf Smith, 845; Bailey, 768; Lubbock, 743; Cochran, 615; Crosby, 551; Floyd, 541; Lynn, 497; Randall, 131; Armstrong, 51; and Potter, 31.

The center pivot count includes all types of water application methods, including Low Elevation Spray Application (LESA), Mid-Elevation Spray Application (MESA), and Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) systems, according to Scott Orr, High Plains Water District agricultural group supervisor.

Hale County had the largest increase in center pivots since the



1998 inventory with 319 pivots added. Other increases by county during the seven-year period include: Floyd, 183; Castro, 174; Deaf Smith, 162; Parmer, 153; Hockley, 103; Crosby, 84; Cochran, 47; Bailey, 33; Armstrong, 27; Randall, 24; Lamb, 12; Potter, 12; Lubbock, 10; and Lynn, six.

High Plains Water District and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) personnel used infrared satellite imag-

ery and computer analysis to count the pivots. The number of acres within the boundary of each center pivot was then calculated utilizing the results from the inventory analysis.

"USDA-NRCS data indicates slightly more than 3,000,000 irrigated acres within the High Plains Water District service area. Of this acreage, our inventory shows 54 percent or 1,623,566 acres are irrigated with center pivots using high effi-

ciency application packages," said Orr.

The 2005 inventory shows 1,623,566 acres under center pivot irrigation within the district. This is 187,372 acres more than the 1,436,194 indicated by the 1998 inventory.

Hale County leads the district with 221,739 acres of center pivot irrigation. Other total acres of center pivot irrigation by county include: Castro, 218,174; Parmer, 217,754; Lamb, 207,064; Deaf Smith, 134,741; Hockley, 109,440; Lubbock, 94,691; Bailey, 92,598; Cochran, 81,849; Floyd, 79,587; Crosby, 74,712; Lynn, 61,053; Randall, 17,361; Armstrong, 8,299; and Potter, 4,504.

Given an average cost of \$45,000 per system, the 12,238 pivots in operation within the district represent a \$366 to \$375 per acre investment in water conservation by area agricultural producers. Previous center pivot inventories were conducted by High Plains Water District and USDA-NRCS staff in 1986, 1990, 1993, 1995, and 1998.

Seminar will help producers map their 2006 crop year

The 2006 crop year will present unique problems for producers and understanding the situation is key to attacking the problem, said one Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Help in evaluating crops and establishing production strategies will be available at "Crop Profitability: What Will Work in 2006" seminars around the High Plains, said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo.

"We are faced with the highest projected energy costs we've ever seen, so things are going to have to be penciled very closely," he said. "With

\$10 per mcf gas, it's almost double what we were facing last year, and it's going to severely hurt the feasibility of irrigation crops."

In the three-hour seminar, Amosson will discuss supply and demand of major commodities in the area and the profitability for those and alternate

crops. Dustin Gaskin, extension risk management program specialist, will address profitability for minor irrigated and dryland crops, as well as ways to minimize production risks.

DeDe Jones, extension risk management program specialist, will analyze crop share lease agreements. Extension risk man-

agement programs also will be discussed. The nearest meeting for Parmer County producers will be at 8:30 a.m. December 19 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C.

Information for this article submitted by Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center.

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Mustangs 62
Anton 66

Leading the scoring was Michael Ortiz 17 points including 3-three point shots, three field goals and two free throws. Jeremy Vazquez added in 14 with 3-three pointers, 2 field goals and one free throw.

James Lara and Jesus Rocha dropped in 11 points each. Lara

had 2-three point shots, 2 field goals and, one free throw. Rocha had 2-three pointers, one field goal and three free throws.

Chris Heinzman scored 4, Trent Quintana 3 and Isaac Tavera 2.

Mustangs 39
Elida 56

M. Ortiz led the scoring with 14 including one-three pointer, four field goals and three free throws. Rocha scored 13 with 3-three pointers and four free throws. Heinzman added in 6, Vazquez 4 and Saul Martinez 2.

Mustangs 71
Hart 64

Rocha led the scoring with 23 points including 6-three point shots, one field goal and one free throw. M. Ortiz ran up 21 points with one three point shot, five field goals and eight free throws. Lara added in 9 points with one three pointer, two field goals and two free throws. Quintana scored 8, Knoll 4, Tavera 2, Heinzman 1 and Comelio Ortiz 1.

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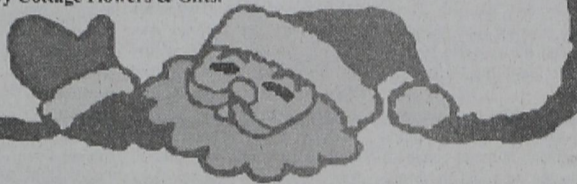
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ACROSS

- cowboy hat material
- this continent gets half of TX mohair
- TXism: "... all come out in the wash"
- former conference for UTSA (abbr.)
- Houston golfer Blancas (init.)
- Cowboy Larry Allen was in '05 ___ Bowl
- TXism: "... in a skillet would have more fun" (bored)
- TXism: "if it ___ a snake it would have bit you"
- TXism: "useless as 'panty hose ___"
- to sign as payee
- TXism: "laid ___ (buried)"
- Susan Sarandon ___ wanted to avoid TX! in ___ & Louise"
- lopsided victory
- lodging at a TX campsite
- El Paso's Ranger Peak has an ___ tramway
- identifying tag
- TX Ivory Joe sang " ___ I Met You Baby"
- TXism: "safe as ___ in a ___ haystack"
- attenders of Kerrville Folk Festival
- Travis asked Alamo defenders to ___ the line

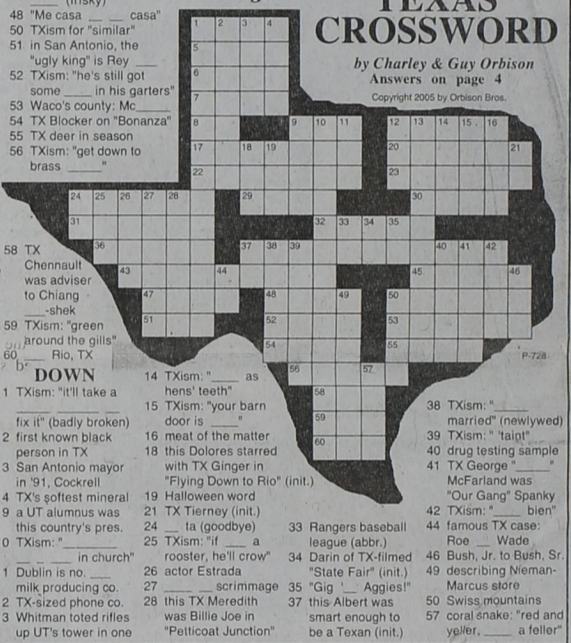
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- TXism: "feeling his ___ (frisky)"
- "Me casa ___ casa"
- TXism for "similar" in San Antonio, the "ugly king" is Rey
- TXism: "he's still got some ___ in his garters"
- Waco's county: Mc ___
- TX Blocker on "Bonanza"
- TX deer in season
- TXism: "got down to brass ___"
- TXism: "your barn door is ___"
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- meat of the matter
- the Dolores starred with TX Ginger in "Flying Down to Rio" (init.)
- Halloween word
- TX Tierney (init.)
- ___ ta (goodbye)
- TXism: "I ___ a rooster, he'll crow"
- actor Estrada
- scrimmage
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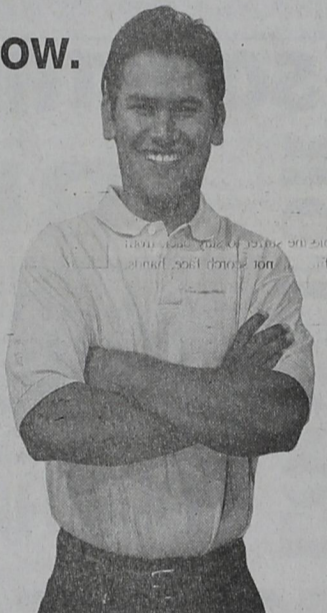
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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

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

Hog killing time

By Mr. E.C. Temple

The first norther had struck, so it was time to kill hogs. The day before, the men made the wooden vat for the scalding, put up the scaffold for hanging the butchered hogs, and made trestles to lay them on for the cutting and quartering. At rooster crowing time, dark as 'pitch, Ida crawled out of bed in the shivering cold, lit the coal oil lamp on the bed stand, struck a match to the kindling laid in the heating stove, and woke the family. Break-

fast had to be over before the helpers came to start the day's work. The cook stove in the house had to be used to heat boilers, tubs, and kettles of water for the scalding vat. Other water could be heated on the stove in the wash shack in the back yard, also in the iron black wash pots near the hog pen.

The workers, or killers, came early, guns under their denim coated arms, ready to shoot to kill. The first 300 pounder was

dead. Men grabbed the feet and drug him, or else tied ropes around him to tug and lift him to the huge vat of steaming water, where strong hands and backs turned him over and over until the bristles came off easily upon being rubbed by the palm of the hand. The same strength got him hoisted to the scaffold where razor sharp butcher knives were used to scrape him clean of bristles, from top to bottom. Every nook and cranny of him was cleaned until the pinkish white skin glowed clearly and almost was iridescent as pearl. This was only the beginning of Mr. Porky. The scaffold had a heavy crossbeam at the top, in the middle of which a heavy iron hook was suspended by a heavier chain. The hog's hind feet were fastened together with an equally strong chain. One of the links had to be inserted onto the iron hook, making a pulley, by which he was hoisted up, head down. Then the artistry of main butcher was put to use.

The huge animal was sliced from head to tail, called gutting. The entrails, heart, liver and all insides were lowered into a huge wash tub, as they were separated carefully from the hog's linings. A large hog's insides filled an enormous vat or tub to the brim, with the steaming mass.

It was the women's job to separate from the tub the chitterlings, to cook or use for part of the lard rendering - also cut the heart and liver from the big intestines from which all fatty globules were removed for lard.

After the hog had drained and cooled sufficiently he was again hoisted to the trestle. Again the huge knives or clean-

ers were used. Off came his head - not to be thrown away. Even ears were saved, scalded in lye water to remove the outer skin and bristle and cooked along with the other parts of the usable head, from which was made spiced head souse. After the hams and shoulders had been cut from him, the feet and knuckles were disjointed to be made into pickled pig's feet - an art of preparation in itself. Then the bacon squares separated, the pure fat or sides cut into strips of skin. Then cut into small cubes by the quick swish of sharp butcher knives. After the hog had been dissected into his components of hams, shoulders, bacon rashers, fats for lard, the remainder of lean strips were cut for sausage, which was ground by the old fashioned hand method. It was seasoned with sage, salt and pepper and red pepper. Later years we were able to buy prepared seasonings, but now it was our own taste - a pinch or spoon of this or that until it tasted right.

After the sausage lay overnight a small amount was cooked for breakfast to judge the taste - too flat called for more seasoning. Too much seasoning called for more strips to be ground and added to the mixture.

Then came lard making day, which was more strenuous than the first day. The huge wash pots were used again. Fires built under them. Another testing, the fires had to be just right, as to blaze and embers, not too hot or low. The cut of fatty part of the hog was poured into the pots. Huge wooden ladles, long, long handles were used to enable the stirrer to stay back from the fire and not scorch face, hands, or catch a blowing calico dress on fire. The stew had to cook slowly.

Slowly at first until the first grease had been rendered enough to make liquid for the whole pot full. Then the constant turning of the fatty gobs was a chore. In the cold north wind to the back and the scorch of the fire in front. A good lard maker knew when it was "done," the liquid turned a certain clear color, and the skin had curled and crinkled into brown crunch curls. A big milk strainer or such was used (when the grease had cooled sufficiently) to strain the lard into huge lard cans. A bucket or long handled dipper was also used to convey the lard to the strainer and can. The skins were dumped into other containers, kept ready for soap making. If white lard was wanted, a pinch of soda was dumped into the pot as it boiled.

Lye Soap

Take 5 pounds of cracklings or fat scrape meat can of lye and 1 gallon of cold water.

Put the water into the wash vat and pour in the lye. It will boil like fury!

Put in the meat scrapes or cracklings and cook until all the meat has dissolved. Take fire away and stir until cool.

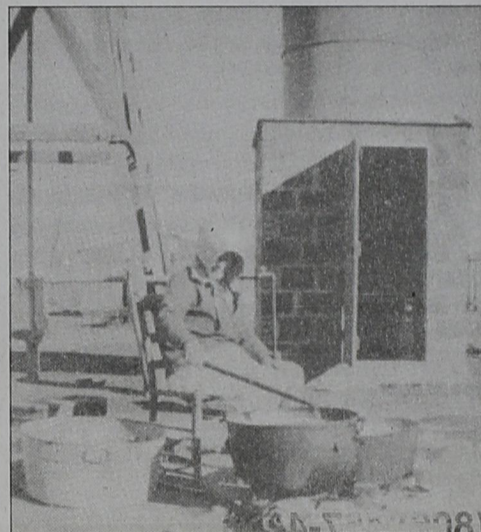
Cold Lye Soap

1 gallon water
1 can lye
5 pounds meat drippings or tallow

Pour the water into wash pot and add the lye then the meat drippings or tallow. This mixture will boil on its own. When boiling stops, pour mixture into clean container to harden.

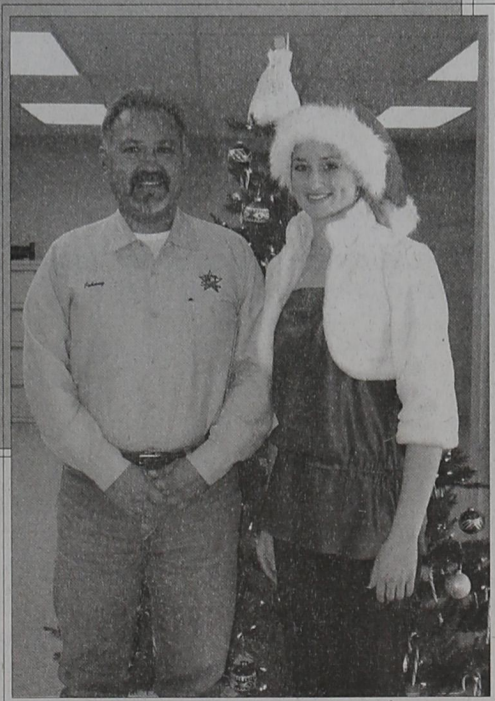


Hog Killing Time, Ben Buchanan, Melt Crow.



Mrs. D.W. Carpenter making lye Soap-Oklahoma lane.

Miss Merry Christmas, Hollis Gurley, Stopped by WT Services to visit Johnny Flores about Telephone, Internet, and Cable services.



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Tolby Wilcox (34) gives Highland Park's Robert Soleyjacks a taste of elbow during the Tuesday night action.



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Set to take off on another fast break down the court is Squaw junior guard Shayli Reed. That is Staci Murphree partially hidden at left ready to roll and help her teammate.



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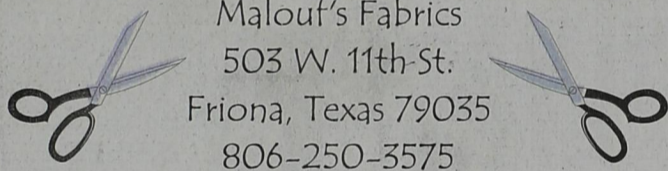
Merry Christmas smiles and greetings from cheerleader Briana Wright, left, and mascot Dierdre Johnston during the Tuesday night games with Highland Park at Friona gym.



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The junior class pancake supper was a big success for the class. Thanks to all the volunteer parents for their labor and to everyone who ate the pancakes, sausage, and bacon. It was all delicious. Here, junior class dad Robert Jones applies elbow grease to stir up another platter of batter.

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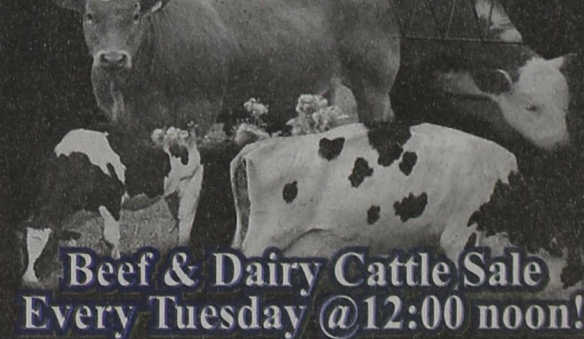
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