

Chicken Dinner Is Set Jan. 19

The Parmer County VFW and VFW Auxiliary will host a center dinner on Sunday, January 19, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 6th Street and Euclid, in Friona.

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, beans, iced tea and desserts will be served. Charge is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Those wanting take-out orders are asked to call 265-7463 to place their orders.

The organizations will also receive canned food donations, which will be turned over to the local food bank to be used as the need arises.

For a good meal and great fellowship with your neighbors, come out and support the organizations.



THE MODERN STUDY CLUB Christmas Card Fund project raised money this year which was donated to Parmer County Community Hospital to purchase equipment. The amount given was \$3527.97. Modern Study Club member Donna Mears presents the check the PCCH administrator Bill Neely.

Rainfall For 2002 Came To 14.75"

The official rainfall for Friona came to 14.75 inches for calendar year 2002, according to Bill Ellis, official recorder.

That made the year the fifth-driest since 1988, but it was a bit misleading. Only 9.36 inches had been measured through September, and the "last quarter" of the year (October-December) was the wettest at 5.39 inches, which was highly unusual.

The least moisture measured in the past 15 years has been 1990, at 12.97 inches. Wettest year has been 1997, at 27.69. Three other years rang up over 20 inches, with two others being within .34 inches of twenty inches, a bit surprising.

The measurement in Friona, by month, was as follows:

January: 1.22; February: .17; March: 1.29; April: .64; May: .47; June: .79; July: .98; August: 2.62; September: 1.19; October: 3.37; November: .70; and December: 1.32.

Snowfall measurement:

January: 5.0; February: .5; March: .2; December: 8.55. Year's total: 14.25 inches.

Friona's Moisture Given By Year

Year	Precip.
1988	19.99
1989	13.83
1990	12.97
1991	24.73
1992	23.49
1993	16.61
1994	17.96
1995	14.56
1996	15.78
1997	27.69
1998	15.53
1999	26.24
2000	15.22
2001	19.66
2002	14.75

2002 Cotton Crop Is Probably Best Ever

The next-to-last weekly survey by the Friona Star/Bovina Blade on bales of cotton ginned in Parmer County shows that the 2002 crop will wind up as the best-ever for the county, in terms of number of bales produced.

Wednesday's survey revealed that a total of 156,349 bales had been ginned.

Three of the county's gins had completed their season, and the rest indicated that they would be finished possibly by the week's end.

The fact that the ginning on the '02 crop might be completed before the middle of January is pretty remarkable, due to the number of weather-related delays the operation has experienced.

That, plus the fact that Parmer County farmers received the least amount of moisture during the growing season than for any of the past ten years.

The 2001 cotton crop had been the top cotton-producing year, with 153,700 bales, according to figures supplied by Plains Cotton Producers of Lubbock.

The 2001 Parmer County cotton crop led the

South/Rolling Plains area with its yield of 1,009 pounds per acre. The 153,700 bales were produced on 73,100 harvested acres, which survived from an original planting of 93,100 acres.

The harvested/planted acres are not as yet available for the 2002 crop.

Since 1996, no other county in the Plains Cotton Growers' jurisdiction has come close to the 1,009 pounds of lint per acre that Parmer County established in 2001.

In fact, the only other two times a county topped 900 pounds of lint per acre were also by Parmer County, with 936 pounds/acre in 1996, and 908 pounds per acre in 1998.

Prior to this past year's crop, the 2000 year had produced the second-most bales, 141,200. This came on 93,100 harvested acres from a planted base of 111,300 acres.

The 1998 crop ranked behind that of 2000, with 132,100 bales produced, from 69,800 harvested acres, from a 79,700 acre planted base.

The county's cotton farmers first produced over 100,000 bales per acre in 1996, when the count stood at 112,100 bales. The 1996 production

came from only 57,500 harvested acres.

In spite of its success in cotton production, the crop hasn't always been the leader in the county (acres planted), unless it has been in the last year.

For a number of years, grain sorghum or maize was the leading crop, and Parmer County led the state and nation in its grain production. Hence the annual celebration of Maize Days in Friona.

When feedlots sprang up over the county, corn soon became the leading crop, and it wasn't long before the county went to the "head of the class" in that crop's production.

So, it seems that whatever Parmer County's farmers are planting, they seem to lead the region and state in yields-per-acre.

Parmer's Top Cotton Years

Year	Bales
2002	*156,349
2001	153,700
2000	141,200
1998	132,100
1996	112,100
1999	109,100
1997	108,800
1991	89,400
1990	83,100

*Final count subject to change

All-Region Band Pupils To Advance

On Monday, December 9, members of the Chieftain Band traveled to Panhandle High School for Class 1A, 2A, 3A all-region band tryouts.

Each year the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) sponsors the selection of outstanding high school band students to perform in the annual All-Region Band.

The process of selection is very competitive as the two bands are made up of students from three high school classifications. Top students are ranked according to their tryout performance and placed according to that ranking.

The top band is Symphonic and the second band is Concert. Students who are placed at the top of their section in the Symphonic Band then advance on to area in the ATSSB All-State process.

Friona students selected to the All-Region Concert Band were Brittany Anthony, flute; Jisela Torres, clarinet; and Mark Hernandez, trumpet.

Selected to the All-Region Symphonic Band were Paula Gonzalez, bass clarinet; Riley Rector, trumpet; Joey Dominguez, baritone; and Jacob Dominguez, tuba. All four of these students were ranked at the top of their sections and will be competing at Sundown in the All-Area Band tryouts for selection to the ATSSB All-State Band.

"We are extremely proud of these students," said band director Tim Youree. "They have honored themselves, their family, their school and their community with their accomplishments."

Donors Are Added To Xmas List

Several local residents donated to Friona's Project Christmas Card after the deadline for donating had passed.

Late donors included Leslie, Becky, Cass II, Dan and Adam Perkins; Homer and Frankie Lindeman; Natalie Williams; Roger Fields; Mike Roberts; Jim and Mary Johnston; and Glendora Lee, John and Shawn Jordan.

Pig Roast For Chiefs Baseball

The 2nd annual Pig Roast to support Chieftain Baseball will be held Friday, January 17 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria prior to the Squaws/Chiefs basketball games with Lockney.

The cost of a pig plate will be \$5 adults and \$3 students. The menu is pig, cole slaw, beans, potato salad, dessert and drink.

Proceeds will benefit the Chieftains Baseball program. Chieftain baseball t-shirts and caps will also be available for purchase.

Happy 2003 Have A Great New Year!

WELCOME TO 2003! The task of writing the first column of the new year usually requires the writer to say something profound. Webster's describes "profound" as having intellectual depth and insight.

You might as well stop reading here and now, since I certainly do not meet those somber qualifications. But with your kind indulgence, Good Old Bill and I will attempt to bumble through a few more columns in twenty-oh-three with some attempts at humor, some comments on current events as they affect the local folks, and some observations on life in general.

I've heard that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle these three things: a snowy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas lights. We experienced all of the above during the recent Christmas holiday season. My sentiment regarding old Bing Crosby's, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" is BAH, HUMBUG! When you have family members trying to get home for Christmas via icy highways and delayed air travel, the stress levels run way too high.

Anyway, my wish for our loyal readers in 2003 goes something like this:

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastro-enterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber and the IRS.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall. And may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest rate not rise.

May your next birthday find you seated around the table together with your beloved family and cherished friends. May you find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost cheaper, and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything you have experienced at previous celebrations. May all of those present not roll their eyes when you tell the same stories over again... and again.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them. May someone love you enough to forgive all your faults, be blind to your blemishes, laugh at your jokes, and tell the world about all your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish your dinner, may the commercials on TV not be louder than the program you have been watching, and may your checkbook and your budget balance.

May your computers not crash and your vehicles not stall. May your crops receive the proper amount of moisture at the proper times. May your steers bring a good price and your cows produce gallons of milk. May travel conditions be perfect when your children are coming home for the holidays.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, your parent, your siblings; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse, your hairdresser, your janitor or your mechanic.

May we all live in a world of peace and with the awareness of God's love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss, and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our hearts.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



ALL-REGION BAND students at FHS are, top, l-r, Joey Dominguez, Paula Gonzales and Jacob Dominguez. Front, l-r, Riley Rector, Mark Hernandez, Brittany Anthony and Jisela Torres. Four of the students are headed for Area tryouts. See related story. ron carr photo



MASONIC HONORS---Hugh Moseley, second from right, was presented with honors as a 50-year Mason on December 13th in Lubbock. He was accompanied to the event by Linda and Larry Knowles (far left & far right) and by Ruddene Crowley, center left. Hugh began his Masonic work at Yellowhouse Lodge #841 in Lubbock in 1952 and has maintained a dual membership in Yellowhouse and Friona Masonic Lodges.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star



THE FRIONA FIRE DEPT. was called out on New Year's for a fire at 913 Washington Street. A fire in the house's attic was probably of electrical origin. The house was Friona's first brick home.

Advice On Financial Aid May Be A Scam

There are companies who contact students and parents offering scholarships, career planning, college selection and financial aid information if you will pay a fee for their services. They will trick you by making you pay for information that is free.

Please do not pay for any of these services because:

- The scholarships are often limited to colleges your student will not attend, or your student can apply for if they fill in forms provided at Friona High School or on the Internet.
- Students and parents can do free scholarship searches. Contact the counselor at Friona High School.
- Students can do free college searches.
- Students receive free

newsletters and magazines that contain information about careers, colleges, technical schools, the military.

- The federal government and financial institutions provide free financial aid information, both printed and online.
- Seniors and their parents are provided a free financial aid workshop in both Spanish and English.
- If a company contacts you either by letter or by phone, get its name and call the high school immediately at 250-3951, before you spend money for information you can receive for free.

Mary Gonzales Buried Here

Services for Mary C. Gonzales, 67, of Amarillo were held Monday, January 6, 2003, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with the Rev. Ed Sweeney officiating.

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

She died Thursday, December 26, 2002.

She was born March 15, 1935, in Canyon. She moved from Friona to Amarillo in 1976. She was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Frank Galicia of Amarillo; five daughters, Janie Diaz, Gloria Saldivar, DeLores Galicia and Victoria Martinez, all of Amarillo, and Patsy Galicia of McCombs; a brother, Steve Aragon of Amarillo; two sisters, Susie Gutierrez of Friona and Rosa Gutierrez of Fort Worth; 22 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.



JOHNNY CLABORN Rites Held Jan. 2

Services for Johnny Claborn, 54, of Friona were at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 2, at First United Methodist Church of Friona with the Rev. Steve Patterson officiating.

Burial was in Friona Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002 in Clovis, New Mexico.

He was born Aug. 27, 1948, in Groom. He lived in Dallas the last several years and was an air freight contractor with Graf Industries.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, J.C. "Jay" and Jonell Claborn of Friona; a daughter, Amy Claborn of Arvada, Colo.; and a brother, Dr. Jobey Claborn, Muleshoe.

Pallbearers were Eddie Wood, Billy Lloyd, Jay West, Jackie Claborn, Terry Fite and Jason Claborn.

Honorary pallbearers were Jay Potts, Larry Buckley, Steve Buckley, Darrell Buckley, Rickey Lloyd and Bubba Long.

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75 yrs Ago-Jan. 6, 1928

On Saturday night of this week, January 7, the Friona town basketball team will entertain the Amarillo town team here at 7 o'clock. The Amarillo team represents the Presbyterian Church. The probable lineup for Friona will be Singleterry and Spring, forwards, Reeve Guyer, center, Bill Guyer, Roden and Richardson, guards.

65 yrs ago-Jan 7, 1938
Bethel Hicks, who for the past two or three years has been proprietor of the recreation hall known as "Bek's Place," has recently sold the business to a Mr. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have moved to Seagraves.

Wayne B. Stark, Station agent for the Santa Fe Railroad here, spent the Christmas holidays at Woodward, Oklahoma, visiting his father, brothers and sisters.

60 Yrs Ago-Jan. 8, 1943
Minister C.B. Glasgow of Amarillo accepted the call to become the minister of the Sixth Street Church of Christ at Friona, and he and Mrs. Glasgow have become residents of this city.

J.L. Spencer, principal of the Friona Grade School, has resigned to take the job of principal at Miami High School.

55 Yrs Ago-Jan. 9, 1948
Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Turner, Friona, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Jean Turner, to Bob Coker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coker of Summerfield.

50 Yrs Ago-Jan 8, 1953
Influenza cases of epidemic proportions have since Christmas touched every family, the schools and businesses of Friona.

Manager Jimmie Baxter of Parmer County Community Hospital reported that about 90 percent of all callers at the hospital the last two weeks have been flu cases.

45 Yrs Ago-Jan. 9, 1958
Friona City Commission Monday night appointed a five-man committee to revamp the city's code for building, including requirements for the construction, electrical wiring and plumbing. Members of the committee are Raymond Fleming, chairman; Glen Stevick, Dan Laceywell, Weldon Dickson and Kenyth Cass.

Buddy Lloyd, moisture recorder for the U.S. Weather Bureau, reports .88 inches of moisture was carried by the snow, the first of the year. Unofficial measurements of the depth of snow that fell, place and amount between seven and eight inches.

40 Yrs Ago-Jan 10, 1963
Andy Hurst and Newman Jarrell, Jr. are announcing this week the sale of Jarrell's Variety in Friona to Hurst, who operates Hurst Department Store.

Deposits at three Parmer County banks stood at an all time high of \$14,317,383.51 on December 31, it was reported this week. Friona State Bank led with deposits of \$6,302,459.61.

35 Yrs Ago-Jan 11, 1968
Don Light, head foot ball coach at Friona High School the past five seasons, resigned this week to enter another line of work. Light was replaced by assistant coach Bob Owen in a meeting of the school board Monday night.

Dean Blackburn, who has been associated with Maurer Machinery Co. in Friona for the past 20 years, has resigned to accept a position with the Daco Advertising

Frionans Graduate

Amarillo College has named two Friona students among the 178 that graduated in December. These students will be recognized during commencement ceremonies in May.

Those graduating from Friona with Associate in Applied Science Degrees are Linda Black and Jo D. Osborn.

Co., which has its headquarters in Fort Worth. Blackburn will continue to live in Friona, and will be representing the specialty advertising firm to Parmer, Deaf Smith, Castro and Swisher Counties.

30 Yrs Ago-Jan. 4, 1973
Snow began falling about 8 a.m. January 1. By evening, the ground was covered to a depth of two inches. During morning, snow continued to fall. Two and one-half inches fell during the 24 hour period and by six o'clock that evening four inches. Total moisture received during the two day period amounted to .32 inches.

For the first time in a number of years, Friona had a New Year's baby born January 1-and this year there was not one, but two babies vying for the "first" honors. Brian Bush was born at 9:47 a.m. January 1 at Parmer County Community Hospital, to capture "first baby" honors. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Bush of the Lazbuddie community. Less than an hour later at 10:40 a.m. Gary Miller Stowers was born. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Stowers.

25 years ago-Jan 8, 1978
Over 70 farmers from throughout Parmer County representing American Agriculture's farm, strike movement, drove their tractors to Clovis Tuesday afternoon giving the residents of the New Mexico city a show of strength on the farm strike.

15 Yrs Ago-Jan 9, 1983
The Friona area recieved a nice snow the day after Christmas with measurements of around 10 inches being the average.

Funeral services of longtime Friona businessman Elroy Wilson, 76, was conducted Tuesday, December 28 at the Calvary Baptist

Church. Wilson became owner of Plains Hardware in 1955, and continued as owner/manager of the store until September of 1978 when he sold to Steve Bavousett and retired.

15 Yrs Ago-Jan. 9, 1988
Old Man Winter continues to keep the local area in an icy grip, as the temperature had failed to make it past the 32 degree mark as of Thursday of this week. After

J. Senibalo Rites Held In Friona

Funeral services for Juanito Sillorar Senibalo Jr 37, of Friona were held Saturday, December 28, 2002, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with the Rev. Ed Sweeney officiating.

Burial was in Christ the King Cemetery in Ilo Ilo Philippines, under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, December 26 2002.

Senibalo was born July 13, 1965, in Ilo Ilo. He married Leah Senibalo on August 8, 1989. He was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church. He moved from Ilo Ilo to Friona seven years ago. He worked for Excel in the quality assurance department.

Survivors include his wife, Leah; his mother, Veronica Senibalo of the Philippines; two sons Gabriel and Gladwyn, both of Friona; four sisters, Teresa Abdon, Roquita Gumarang and Amalia Mango, all of the Philippines, and Myrna Bustamante of Staten Island, New York; and three brothers, Boy, Roberto and Sambo, all of the Philippines.

The family suggests memorials to Crown of Texas or St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

having the temperature reach into the 40s on Sunday, January 3, the mercury has nose-dived and has never recovered as high as the freezing mark.

10 Yrs Ago-Jan 9, 1993
Project Christmas Card raised over \$3000 for Parmer County Community Hospital. It was revealed this week the proceeds will go to purchase a new microfilm camera for the hospital.

5 Yrs Ago-Jan 9, 1998
Parmer County may be the only county in Texas whose "first registered birth" is still an active resident

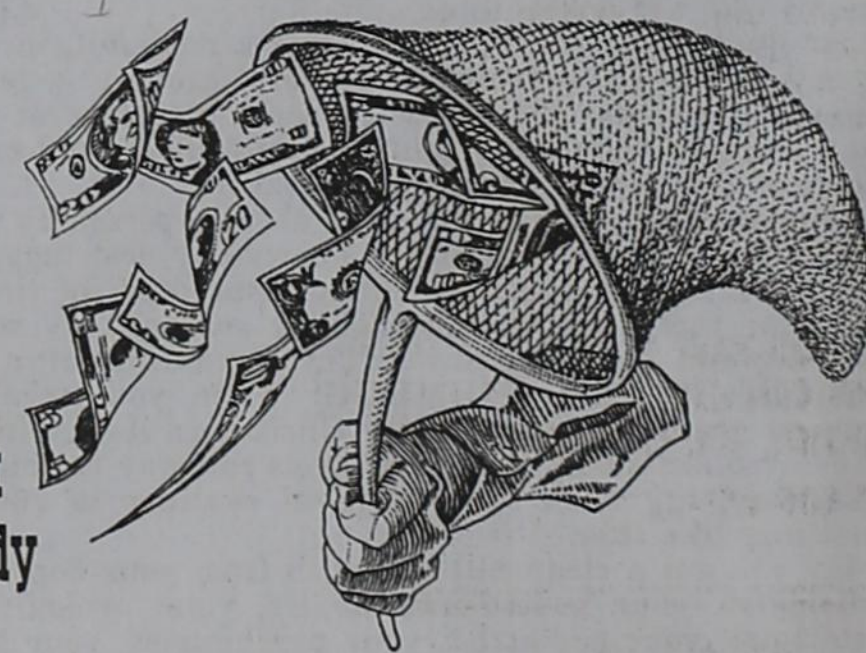
Frank A. Spring was born October 9, 1907 on the family's farm north of Bovina. Parmer County had been organized just a few months earlier that year, so when the doctor rode to the courthouse to register Spring's birth, he became the first registered birth in the county.

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7-8 Maidens Score Two In District

Friona's 7th and 8th grade girls notched a couple of easy victories over Abernathy Monday night.

The 7th grade "A" team never trailed and won handily 54-27. High scorers for the Maidens were Blair Smiley with 18 points and Briar Barnett with 16.

Coach Kirton said, "These girls really shined tonight. We had several individuals show improvement in their skill and intensity. They all worked well together. This made for a good start this spring."

For the 8th grade Maidens "A" team, Courtney Adams led the scoring with 10 points as the girls bested Abernathy 41-14. Tiffany Vasquez and Staci Murphree each had 7 points, Shayli Reed 6, Kambree Davila 4, and with 2 points each were Julie Echevarria, Lucretia Field, and Erica Davila.

Both the 7th and 8th grade "B" teams defeated Abernathy.

Both girls teams will play in the Tulia Tournament Saturday, January 11.

Farm Bureau News

CORPUS CHRISTI -- Congressman Charles Stenholm was presented the Texas Farm Bureau's Meritorious Service Award at the organization's 69th Annual Convention here today.

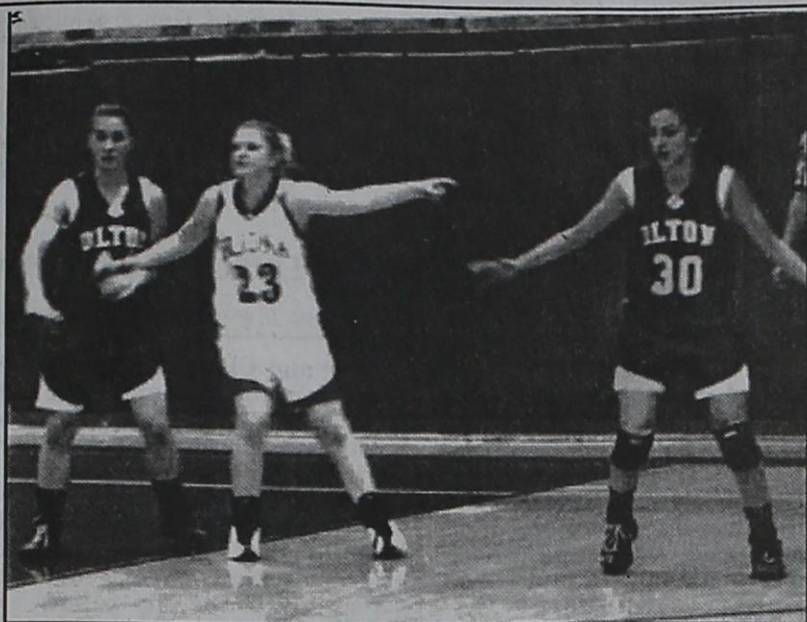
In presenting the award to Stenholm, Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman said, "Our honoree today can only be described as one of the giants of Texas agriculture. That is true today it's also true in the historical sense. He is on everyone's "short list" of individuals who have had great and lasting impact on our industry."

Stenholm is the 21st person to receive the award TFB's seven-decade history. It is the highest honor the organization can bestow.

Patman cited Stenholm's work on the 2002 Farm Bill as the Congressman's most recent contribution to Texas agriculture and noted his influence with other members of Congress.

"There have been many, many times that I've talked with a member of Congress about an issue or bill of concern to agriculture and Farm Bureau," Patman said. "Very often, when that Congressman did not understand the details of agricultural legislation, he or she would say something like, 'I'll have to talk to Charlie about that.'"

Previous Meritorious Service honorees include Governor Dolph Briscoe, Progressive Farmer Editor C.G. Scruggs, Members of Congress and the Texas Legislature, and former TFB Presidents.



OPEN FOR A PASS....Friona's junior post, Ashley Smiley (23), looks open for a pass during the Tuesday game with Olton. The Squaws lost the close contest 44-40 and are 1-1 in district play and travel to Floydada tonight. ron carr photo

Squaws Go 1-2 In Caprock Tourney

The FHS Squaws played some commendable basketball at Lubbock's Caprock Tournament during the Christmas break, but could boast only one win in their three starts.

In their favor, one of the losses was a 41-39 overtime decision to Lamesa in their second-round game.

Friona drew Trinity Christian in their first-round game, played at Lubbock High School. They knew going in that Trinity had a good team, and their hunch proved to be right.

The Squaws could manage only two baskets in the first quarter, and fell behind, 25-5.

Amy Murphree warmed up with a pair of baskets, one a three-pointer, plus a free throw as the team outscored Trinity 10-9 in the second, but trailed at the half, 34-15.

Friona matched Trinity in scoring during the second half, but could not overcome their early deficit.

Ashley Smiley, who tied for the scoring lead with 13 points, had four baskets in the second half, and Miss Murphree, who also scored 13, had three baskets and a free throw.

In their second game, the Squaws got off slow in scoring, trailing Lamesa, 11-6 after the first quarter.

Ashley Smiley scored four points and Murphree three, but Friona still trailed, 22-15 at the half.

Murphree and Smiley each scored four, as Friona kept close at 33-28 after three quarters.

Trisha Winebrinner sank a pair of three-pointers, and Miss Smiley hit two from the field, as Friona outscored Lamesa 11-4 to tie the game at 39-all and force overtime.

But the team could come up with only a pair of free throws in the extra period, by Miss Winebrinner, who paced Friona with 15, and came up short, 43-41.

In their final tourney game, the Squaws drew Lubbock Cooper, and scored a 47-45 win in a game that was close all the way.

After leading 5-4 after one quarter, the Squaws' offense cranked up a notch in the second. Smiley scored six, and V'Lesha five, as Friona trailed by two at the half, 22-20.

Miss Winebrinner scored a pair of baskets and was two for three at the line, and Andrea Geris sank a three-pointer, as it was still a two-point game, 35-33, Cooper after three.

Winebrinner scored five points and Mandy Geris three in the fourth quarter, as the Squaws outscored the Lady Pirates, 14-10 for the win.

Smiley scored 12 and Winebrinner 11, all of her points being in the second half.

TC 55, SQUAWS 35
Ashley Smiley 6-1-13; Amy Murphree 4-1-2-13; R.J. Barrett 1-0-2; Trisha Winebrinner 2-1-5; V'Lesha Wilcox 1-0-2.

LHS43, SQUAWS 41 (OVERTIME)
Mandy Geris 0-1-1; Smiley 4-4-12; Murphree 3-1*-0-9; Barrett 1-1-3; Winebrinner 2-2*-4-15; V'Lesha Wilcox 0-2-2.

SQUAWS 47, CHS 45
Andrea Geris 1*-4-7; M. Geris 1-3-5; Haleigh Herbert 1-2-4; Smiley 6-0-12; Barrett 1-1-3; Winebrinner 4-3-11; Wilcox 1-3-5.

Chieftains Fourth In Wildcat Tourney

The Chieftain basketballers placed fourth in the Wildcat Tournament December 27-28.

The team got a forfeit win over Tahoka in the first round, advancing to play district mate Lockney in the second round.

The team fell to host Littlefield, 60-19 in third-round action, and lost to Olton, 59-49 in the third-place game.

In the Lockney game, both teams started slow in scoring, and were tied, 7-all at the end of the first quarter.

Adam Bandy hit a three-pointer, and teammates Brock Field, Marc Haile, Nathan Haile and Ricky Dickson chipped in two-pointers, as Friona trailed, 24-19, at halftime.

Heath Gammon sank a pair of baskets, one a three-pointer, and Marc Haile added three baskets, and the

Chieftains were nursing a 36-34 lead after three quarters.

Marc Haile scored seven points and Bandy six in the fourth quarter, as Friona held on for the 56-50 win. Bandy led scoring with 17 and Marc Haile had 15.

In the third round against host Littlefield, the Chieftains couldn't get it going, and the 'Cats breezed. Friona held leads of 14-3, 35-8 and 50-13.

Gabe Rivas led the Chieftains with six points.

In the third-place battle against Olton the Chiefs missed 28 shots from the free throw line, which was a major factor in the 59-49 loss.

Nathan Haile scored five, and Bandy four in the second period, as the Chiefs went to halftime trailing by just three, 29-26.

The Chieftains missed 13 of 21 shots from the free-

throw line in the fourth quarter, and came up short, 59-49.

Nathan Haile scored 14, Andy Carthel 11 and Bandy ten for Friona.

CHIEFS 56, LHS 50
Heath Gammon 1-1*-0-5; Nathan Haile 3-2-8; Brock Field 1-0-2; Ricky Dickson 1-5-7; Adam Bandy 3-2*-5-17; Andy Carthel 1-0-2; Marc Haile 7-1-15.

Lfd 60, CHIEFS 19
Gammon 1-0-2; N. Haile 1-1-3; Field 1-0-2; Bandy 1*-1-4; Gabe Rivas 3-0-6; M. Haile 1-0-2.

Olt. 59, CHIEFS 49
Gammon 2-1-5; N. Haile 3-1*-5-14; Dickson 0-1-1; Bandy 3-1*-1-10; Carthel 4-3-11; Micah White 0-1-1; Dustin Thompson 1-1-3; M. Haile 2-0-4.

DISTRICT STARTS FRI. AT FLOYDADA

Chieftains Conclude Non-District At 9-10

The Chieftain varsity won one out of three of their games following the Littlefield tournament, to wind up their non-district schedule with a 9-10 record.

That's a sizeable improvement from a year ago, when the Chiefs were 5-10 at this point, enroute to a 6-20 season record.

The team downed Hart, 54-50, in a game played December 30. Adam Bandy and Nathan Haile each scored a pair of early baskets, with one of Adam's being a three-pointer, as Friona took a 14-9 lead after the first period.

Andy Carthel and Haile came up with two baskets apiece in the second, and Carthel added a freethrow, and the Chieftains went to halftime ahead, 26-17.

Haile, Brock Field and Bandy all had two baskets in the third, and the Chiefs stretched their lead to 46-33.

The Longhorns caught fire in the fourth quarter, as Corey Moore's 11 points paced Hart to a 17-8 advantage, and the Chieftains managed to hold on for the four-point win. Nathan Haile and Bandy scored 13 points each to pace the scoring.

On January 4, the Chiefs journeyed to Shallowater, coming out second-best to the number two (state poll) ranked Mustangs, 73-35.

Friona managed to score more than nine points in a quarter only in the second,

when Nathan Haile's three baskets paced Friona's 14 points. The Chieftains were trailing, 35-19 at the half. Haile's 19 points led the scoring, as only three other players scored at all.

The Chiefs hosted River Road on Monday, January 6, and played a good game, although losing, 63-52.

Friona started off well, taking a 12-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. But the Chieftain offense sputtered in the middle quarters, scoring only seven points in both the second and third quarters.

The lagging offense finally caught fire in the fourth, when Ricky Dickson sank a pair from the field, and was three of five at the line. Chance Hutson came on to score two baskets and was three of three at the line.

Friona outscored their guests, 26-22 in the quarter. Dickson led the scoring with 11 and Nathan Haile had ten.

CHIEFS 54, Hart 50
Nathan Haile 5-1*-0-13; Brock Field 3-0-6; Ricky Dickson 3-1-7; Adam Bandy 5-1*-0-13; Andy Carthel 3-2-8; Dustin Thompson 0-1-1; Chance Hutson 0-2-2; Marc Haile 2-0-4.

SHS 73, CHIEFS 35
N. Haile 5-3*-0-19; Dickson 1*-3-6; Bandy 2-2-6; Carthel 2-0-4.

R.R. 63, CHIEFS 52
Gammon 1-1-3; N. Haile 3-1*-1-10; Field 1-0-2; Dickson 4-3-11; Bandy 3-3-9; Carthel 2-0-4; Hutson 2-3-7; M. Haile 3-0-6.

Meet Friona's Class of 2015

Clara is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

Her Parents are Aaron and Rufina Salinas. She has a sister, Kessly and 2 brothers, Yurban and Abayomi.

Her favorite activities include playing with dolls and playing with cousins. She likes pizza and ice cream. Her favorite color is pink

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Friona ISD Monthly School Calendar January, 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Staff Work Day JV & Var. Girls BB @ Abernathy	4 JV & Var. Boys BB @ Shallowater
5	6 7-8-9 Girls BB vs. Abernathy - H JV & Var. Boys BB vs. River Road - H	7 JV & Var. Girls BB vs. Olton - H Local Stock Show	8 Report Cards	9 7-8-9 B BB vs. Abernathy - T	10 Jr. High School Assembly 2:50 Rachel Scott Presentation (AM) HS JV and Var. B & G BB @ Floydada	11 Bobsled Speech Tournament - Here JH B&G BB Tournament @ Tulia Area All-State Band Tryouts @ Sundown
12	13 JH & 9 th B&G BB vs. Olton G-T B-H	14 JV & Var. B&G BB @ Hale Center	15	16 HS Lifetouch Spring Pictures 9 th B&G Basketball Tournament @ Dimmitt	17 All Region Band @ WTAMU Baseball Pig Roast HS Cafeteria 5:00-8:30 JV & Var. B&G BB vs. Lockney - H 9 th B&G BB Tournament @ Dimmitt	18 All Region Band Concert @ WTAMU 2:45 9 th B&G BB Tournament @ Dimmitt
19	20 JH & 9 th BB @ Floydada Girls - H Boys - T	21 JV & Var. B&G BB vs. Abernathy - H TAKS Field Test 11 th Lang. Arts	22 County Stock Show	23 County Stock Show	24 County Stock Show JV & Var. Basketball vs. Olton - T End of three Weeks	25 County Stock Show Speech @ Hereford Friona Jr. High BB Tournament
26	27 Scholastic Book Fair @ Primary JH & 9 th BB vs. Hale Center B-T G-H Progress Reports Financial Aide Workshop 7:00 DECA District 8 Competition @ Lubbock	28 Scholastic Book Fair @ Primary Var. & JV B&G BB vs. Floydada -H EXCEL Chili Supper	29 Scholastic Book Fair @ Primary	30 Scholastic Book Fair @ Primary Leap Pad Training for Primary parents 6:00	31 Scholastic Book Fair @ Primary 7 th & 8 th Girls BB vs. Clovis-Gattis - H Var. B & G BB vs. Hale Center - H Speech @ Tascosa	

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Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's Going to be 40



HART FAMILY CHRISTMAS---The family of Dale and Laura Hart enjoyed a big four-day family get-together at Carlsbad, New Mexico during the Christmas holidays. (For details see Becky's "Friona News") Standing, back row (l-r) are: Troy Bass, Dallas Bass, Danny Bass, Stephen Campbell, Jeremy Hart, Danny Campbell, Joe Romero, and Dale Hart. Seated, middle row: Karene Bass, Lissa Bass, Evelyn Romero, Kari Hart holding baby Staci Hart, Holly Campbell holding Rachel Romero, and Laura Hart. Seated on the floor are: Jonathan Romero, Colby Hart and Kristi Hart.

Squaws Split First Two Dist. Contests

The Squaws got their 2003 district schedule off on the right foot at Abernathy last Friday, winning 32-27.

However, returning home on Tuesday, the team couldn't hold an early lead against Olton and came out on the short end of a 44-40 score.

In the Abernathy game, the Squaws hit three, three-point baskets in the opening quarter, two by Amy Murphree and one by Andrea Gerles, and had a 12-5 lead at the end of the quarter.

Trisha Winebrinner made two baskets, plus a free shot in the second quarter, and the Squaws went to intermission holding a 19-13 lead.

Winebrinner and Ashley Smiley each had a pair of baskets and Miss Murphree hit another "treys," as the Squaws increased their lead to 30-23.

Winebrinner scored 12 and Murphree 11 to pace the scoring.

On Tuesday, Miss Murphree again started off with a pair of baskets from three-point range, and Andrea Gerles joined her with one, as the Squaws got off to a 15-12 first-quarter lead.

Miss Smiley nailed two baskets, and was two for two at the free-throw line in the second quarter, but Friona had only two other points. Olton outscored the team, 15-8, to take a 27-23 lead that was hard to overtake.

Miss Smiley hit three baskets, Mandy Gerles and V'Lesha Wilcox one apiece to pace Friona's fourth-quarter rally, but Olton held on for the win.

On December 30, the team hosted Hart in their final tune-up for district play, and scored a 52-33 win.

Ashley Smiley led the scoring with 19 points, and Trisha Winebrinner added 14.

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SQUAWS 52, Hart 33

Andrea Gerles 1-2*-0-8; Mandy Gerles 1*-0-3; Haleigh Herbert 3-0-6; Ashley Smiley 9-1-19; R.J. Barrett 1-0-2; Trisha Winebrinner 6-2-14.

SQUAWS 32, AHS 27

A. Gerles 1*-0-3; Smiley 2-0-4; Murphree 1-3*-0-11; Barrett 0-1-1; Winebrinner 5-2-12; V'Lesha Wilcox 0-1-1.

Olt. 44, SQUAWS 40

A. Gerles 1*-1-4; M. Gerles 2-0-4; Smiley 6-2-14; Murphree 2*-4-10; Barrett 0-2-2; Winebrinner 1-0-2; Wilcox 2-0-4.

Chieftain JV Resumes Play

The Chieftain JV dropped a 63-30 game to River Road on January 5. Rudy Gonzalez and Johnathan Nava each scored eight. Willy Castillo and Eduardo Godoy each scored six.

On December 30, the team played Hart, and dropped a close, 42-41 decision. Matt Gammon scored 12, Keith Hunt 10, Nava scored 7 and Chad Hutson six.



SQUAW forward R. J. Barrett gets set for a shot against Olton in the 44-40 district loss.



SOPHOMORE Squaw point guard Andrea Gerles (10) closes in on an Olton player. ron carr photos

NOW STAND 16-3

Squaws' JV Wins Two District Tilts

The Friona Squaw junior varsity has won both of their district outings since the first of the year, to go 2-0 in district and 16-3 for the season.

In their game at Abernathy on January 3, the team downed the Lady Antelopes, 54-31.

Brenda Murphree hit a three-pointer, a two-pointer and a free shot to pace the team to a 13-3 lead in the opening quarter.

Misty Adams went five of six from the line, and Yvonne Vega scored four points, and the young Squaws enjoyed a 26-9 halftime lead.

Miss Adams scored five points in the third quarter, and three more in the fourth, as the Squaws coasted to a 23-point win. The team made 21 of 27 shots from the free-throw line, 78 per cent. Heather Clark led the scoring with 15 points; Adams added 13 and Murphree 12.

Returning home on Tuesday, January 7, the JV Squaws laid it on Olton, 53-17, holding the visitors to

only four points in the second half.

After a slow first quarter (4-3, Friona), Miss Murphree zapped three baskets (one a three-pointer) in the second quarter, and Friona led at the half, 16-12.

Murphree kept her hot hand in the third quarter with three three-pointers, and Meagan Ingram hit two of her three "treys," as the team extended its lead to 33-15.

Miss Clark sank four baskets and added a free throw after one of them in the fourth as the Squaws outscored the visitors, 20-2 for the final margin of 53-17.

SQUAWS JV 54, AHS 31

Meagan Ingram 1-0-2; Melissa Vasquez 0-6-6; Yvonne Ramos 0-0-0; Brenda Murphree 4-1*-1-14; Misty Adams 3-7-13; Yvonne Vega 2-2-6; Heather Clark 5-5-15.

SQUAWS JV 53, Olt. 17

Ingram 3*-0-9; Vasquez 0-2-2; Ramos 3-0-6; Murphree 2-4*-0-14; Sylvia Rosas 1-0-2; Adams 2-0-4; Vega 2-0-4; Clark 4-2-10.



Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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Larry and Genie Moyer enjoyed having their sons and their families home during the week before Christmas. They are Doug and Christa Moyer of Ulysses, Kansas and children Jolie, Jayton and Jaren; and Brad and Shea Moyer of Lampasas and their daughter Kyndal. On December 20 the family members celebrated little Kyndal's third birthday.

Christmas night Larry's sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Don Eitel of Tempe, Arizona came to Friona for a few days. Their daughter and her family joined them here. They are Christi and Kevin Cox of Louisiana and their two children Caleb and Emma.

Roy and Eva Miller had lots of company here to help them celebrate the new year. Guests included their daughter Mary Lou Glass of McLean and her daughters and their families Terri Luna of Clarendon and her three children Jillian, Jerrah and Jordan, and Angela Burrus of Friendswood and her two children Holly and Riley. A cousin, Tori Glass, was there too.

Also visiting in the Miller home were a grandson and his family, Kent and Amanda Miller of Ft. Sumner, New Mexico and their children Macy and Ross. Kent's mother and her husband, Nelda and Leon Talley also spent the afternoon with the Millers.

Eva said that Ross had been home on leave from Ft. Benning in Columbia, Georgia and returned there on New Year's Day.

Claire Blanco left Friona December 20 to see friends and family members in California. She first went to Crestline, which is in the San Bernardino Mountains, to see her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Norman Simpson. They enjoyed Christmas

together and Claire said eight of her grandchildren and their friends were there.

On December 27 she went to Whittier to visit her sister-in-law, Margaret White of Field Beach and other friends. She said that one day she and friends went to Temecula to a section of the city called "Old Town" where there was a mile of antique stores down both sides of the street. They had a great time looking around.

On January 2 Claire then went to see her daughter Marilyn, former Friona resident. Upon landing in San Jose, she was met by a limousine that Marilyn sent for her. She stayed at a nice place where James Garner had once been a guest. They enjoyed eating out on the Bay and seeing the boats decorated with Christmas lights. She said everything was very expensive there and meals were \$18 and \$19 each at various restaurants. Claire stayed in California visiting Marilyn and her father until her return to Friona on January 6.

Ruben and Ollie Pearl Taylor had several guests in their home for Christmas. They included her mother Opal Strickland of Friona; his brother and sister-in-law, Toby and Hope Strickland of Texico.

The Taylors' daughters and their families were also there. They are Renee and Randy James of Tulia and their son Jonathan who is stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; and Paula and Eddie Howard of Levelland and their children Tiffany and Troy. The Howards' daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren were also there. They are Stacy and Casey Whatley of Dimmitt.

Family members of Dale and Laura Hart gathered in Carlsbad, N.M. to celebrate a

big four-day Christmas holiday. Their four children, spouses and grandchildren were all present.

A major highlight of their visit was "Christmas on the Pecos," which is a boat ride down the Pecos River to view all the luxurious homes along the river with their elaborate lighted Christmas decorations reflecting in the water. Laura said it was just beautiful.

The group also toured the famous Carlsbad Caverns, did some shopping, and enjoyed a lovely meal and gift exchange in the banquet room at the Stevens Inn in Carlsbad.

The families who attended were Dale and Laura Hart; Troy and Karene Bass and children, Dallas, Lissa and Danny Bass; Danny and Holly Campbell and son Stephen Campbell; Joe and Evelyn Romero and children Jonathan and Rachel Romero; Jeremy and Kari Hart and children, Kristi, Colby and Staci Hart.

Stock Show Season Is Underway

The Friona local Jr. Livestock Show was held Thursday evening at the Community Center.

The Farmer County Jr. Livestock Show will be held January 22-25 at the Community Center.

Judging of all animals will be held on Thursday, January 23. The premium auction will be held beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

Animals will be weighed in on Wednesday, January 22, from 1-6 p.m. Classification of barrows will be held starting at 6 p.m.

Lazbuddie will hold its local show will be held at 1 p.m. January 18, also at the Friona Community Center.

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I Believe In Fairy Tales

By REV. ALVIN PETTY

I believe in Fairy Tales for they have brought and do bring meaning, order and power to my life. They helped prepare me for gaining a mature understanding of the religious symbols of the Bible and the most important inner truths of its stories.

My mother nurtured me on fairy tales. Some very good elementary school teachers continued that nurture and added to it the fascinating stories of classic Greek Mythology. These stories stirred my spirit and spoke to me in a way that I loved but could not articulate till later in life.

Dr. Bruno Bettelheim, an American child psychiatrist, in his book, *The Uses of Enchantment, The Meaning and Importance of fairy tales*, states that fairy tales speak to the deep needs of a child. When they are read over and over again to the child they speak to and lodge in her/his subconscious, giving comfort and creating courage. Even the violence in fairy tales serves a positive purpose. It teaches the child that the evil opponent can be overcome. The fear, which eats on us, can be broken if we face it.

This is the message of almost all classic fairy tales. Some of them have been around for thousands of years in almost every culture in varying forms. Their purpose has always been to help children grow up whole.

Fairy tales teach hope, good manners, courage to keep trying, wholesome sexuality and that evil can always be overcome in some way. These have been their themes for millennia. They do not use a literalistic language to teach truths. The Greek philosophers Plato and Aristotle taught that truths of an eternal spiritual nature are best conveyed through mythic stories. And fairy tales are stories that speak to our emotions even on a subconscious level and appeal to the better angles of our nature.

In spite of the inherent greatness of fairy tales many Christians miss their meaning entirely because they take the monsters, witches and violence literally. They decry dogmatically the evil of modern attempts at new fairy tales and mythology such as Star Wars, Harry Potter, and Lord of the Rings.

But I believe in the message of these modern day fairy tales. Each of the above

while entertaining teaches age old mythic themes of human character and greatness. From Star Wars I learn in vivid color that the possibility of redemption exists for all where love is at work (Darth Vader turning to the good), the importance of and necessity of pursuing a heroic quest in growing up (Luke Skywalker learning to serve the positive power of the Force), the heroic quest and growing up involves discovering and helping your father (Luke Skywalker redeeming Darth Vader) and the world can't keep a good man down (Obi Wan Kenobi (sic) sacrificing himself in love to save his friends and telling Darth Vader who is about to slay him, "if you kill me, I shall become more powerful than ever.") That sounds like something attributed to a Galilean Peasant of about 2000 years ago.

In Harry Potter stories, which are marvelous reading or viewing, you learn lessons like, "Love in the greatest magic of all," or "It doesn't matter that you have a great potential for evil within you, what matters is the choices you make. Good choices make for a good person and life. We all have the potential for evil within us but we do not have to realize it." Odd but these statements sound a lot like that Galilean Peasant again.

If you destroy fairy tales and their wonder and romance, you kill something very necessary to the development of the human spirit. I believe in Fairy Tales. They help me believe in the resurrection and eternal life.

J. Simnachers Have A Boy

John and Karen Simnacher are the parents of a baby boy born December 16 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Named Max Aaron, the new arrival weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was nineteen and three-fourths inches long.

He has an older brother, Andrew, nearly three years old.

Grandparents are Bobby and Delphine Wied of Friona and Al and Pat Simnacher of Hereford.

Great-grandparents are Leona Wied of Wilson and Adeline Loerwald of Hereford.



AMY BETH TERRY and WILLIAM MARK RUSHING....Mitch and Kathy Terry of the Rhea community and George and Leslie Rushing of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Amy Beth and William Mark. The couple will exchange wedding vows March 15 at 3 p.m. in the Friona United Methodist Church. The bride-elect is a graduate of Friona High School and attends West Texas A&M. Rushing was home-schooled and is a self-employed farmer and rancher.

Study Club, Lions Club Met For Holiday Party

Modern Study Club and Friona Evening Lions Club met on Thursday, December 19, for their joint Christmas program. The club room was decorated with a variety of Santa Clauses, owned by Judy Head, and candles and garlands. Modern Study Club prepared the meal and served it to members and guests.

Percy Parsons, president of Evening Lions, called on Don Kimbrough to give the invocation; he then led the group in the pledge to the American flag.

The music program was presented by Roy and Eva Miller's grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Clint Mears, Sarah Gerles. Mandy

Gerles, Andrea Gerles, Kathi Miller, Jacob Miller, Caleb Miller, and Alyssa Hill. Roy and Eva are responsible for the Christmas program each year for their respective clubs - Clint, Sarah and Kathi plan the actual program. This year, Clint, Mandy, and Andrea provided Christmas carols, during the meal. Alyssa sang several solos since she was the only out-of-town great-grandchild (Alyssa is a Senior and has received a music scholarship at Wayland Baptist University. Mandy (Mandy is also a Senior and will attend Texas Tech University next year) and Andrea, and Jacob and Caleb sang a medley of carols with scripture readings about the birth of Jesus Christ before each carol. Clint led the audience to participate in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and the program ended with everyone singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

There were thirty-four members and guests attending the meal and program. Out-of-town guests were Linda Tims, Evelyn Hill, Alyssa Hill, Aubrey Hill, Leslie Hill of Sunray, and Selenda Hays of Amarillo. Other guests were Ryan Gerles, Margaret Parsons, Wynona Martin, Lunell Horton, Don Kimbrough, Curt Miller, and Connie Neelley.

Kelly Jacks Have A Boy

Kelly and Teresa Jack are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday, January 5 in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Jared Allen weighed six pounds, twelve ounces and was nineteen and one-half inches long.

Grandparents are John and Sherri Taylor and Galen and Kerri Jack.

Anita Harris, Troy and Billie Kirby and Bertram Jack are the child's great-grandparents.



FIVE GENERATIONS....Opal "Grannie" Strickland got together with her family at Christmas to pose for a five generation picture. Shown standing are Bryan Campbell (left) and Randy Campbell (right). Seated are Elwanda Campbell (left) and Opal Strickland (right) holding the twins, Emily and Jake Campbell.



DINNER MUSIC---Tim Longmire of South Fork, Colorado, provided background music for Friona Senior Citizens' first lunch of the new year on Monday. Tim was here visiting his dad, Lew Longmire. He played good old time country-western and pop songs in the style of Floyd Cramer, which was greatly enjoyed by the seniors.

LET THE "SON" SHINE

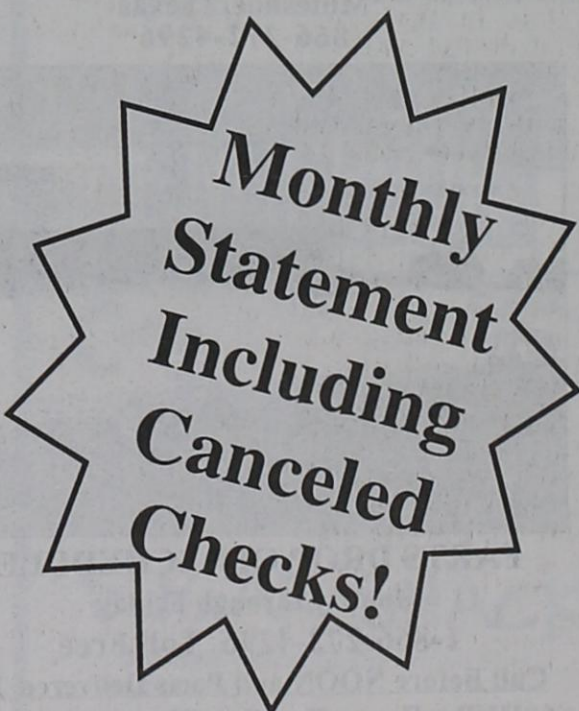
Two little girls were discussing the things thier families did. "But why does your grandmother spend so much time reading her Bible?" "Well, I think," replied the other little girl, "that she is cramming for her final exam."

God's wonderful word said it like this: "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (II Tim. 2) Have a great week! (TLT)

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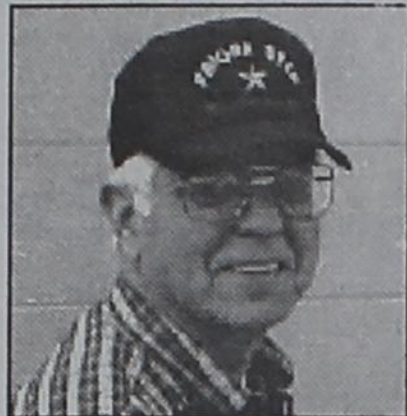


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Out Here

by Ron Carr

Being Badder Ain't Better!

You probably missed this story. The headline in the December 20, 2002, Lubbock Avalanche Journal said, "Father of Four Slain, Lorenzo Man Arrested."

The story opened with this paragraph: "Five-year-old Jodice Martinez waited all day Thursday for her dad to return home. But she'll never see him again."

The story included small pictures of the faces of two men; Joe Luz Martinez, 36, who was killed. And Pedro Steven Chavez, 26, who allegedly killed him.

I don't know any of these people. A Lubbock detective said the pair had been drinking at a club prior to the shooting, which was reported at 3:28 a.m. Police found Martinez dying on a concrete driveway of a residence on 32nd Street.

He had been shot once in the left arm, once in the abdomen and twice in the back. He died at a local hospital.

A resident at the home where the shooting took place said she thought the two had been arguing about who was "badder" than the other. If that is true, I guess now we know.

The lady at the house said the two were friends. They were part of a group of people who would hang out

at the house after the bars closed. "I'd always offer them food; anything to sober them up," she was reported as saying.

Mr. Martinez had four children it said. The 5-year-old, a 10-year-old daughter, and two others, ranging in age from 5 to 18. He became a father when he was 17 and "was always working to support his kids," they told the newspaper.

The story also contained comments from relatives and friends who remembered him as "a good boy, a good son, the greatest father of all time, he never whipped his children, he never yelled at them, and people always wanted to help him because he was always there for them."

I had some questions about the story as I read it. Most obvious is why a 36-year-old father of four, who apparently was a good person, would be out getting drunk and trying to prove who was "badder" at 3 o'clock in the morning.

There is no way to rationalize that is there. If you are always working to support your kids, being out drinking and arguing at 3 a.m. is not exactly the best example for a role model.

I'm pretty sure that when Pedro Chavez, 26, sobered

up, he had some soul searching of his own to do. He shot a "friend" four times at 3 a.m. in the morning. While he is in prison, no doubt he will have ample and continuing opportunities to prove his "bad streak."

I'm not sure why I even remembered this story. Except that it happened near Christmas. And the family was left to explain the behavior that led to the killing.

Over and over we read good things about bad people. People who give up responsibly for vicarious behavior and often pay the ultimate price.

Mothers have been interviewed about sons on prison's death row and mostly say things like "he was such a good boy, always laughing and helping people." Yeah, and throwing in a brutal murder or two along the way.

It is our nature to see the

good in people. It is our nature to try and help people to be better. It is also in some people's nature to try and be badder than the rest of us.

I've known people in my lifetime who wanted to be the baddest. You have too. I've had friends that acted that way. It was always good to have the "baddest" guys on your side, or so I thought.

But you know the saying. No matter how bad you are, there is always somebody "badder." For the family and friends and children of Joe Luz Martinez, and others like him, being badder doesn't mean much in the end.

I hope that in 2003, we can all figure out that just being better is a lot more admirable and important goal than being "badder."

The future would be a lot brighter that way wouldn't it. In the least, we would all have a future.

Mr. Martinez doesn't.

Deaf Smith Electric To Award Scholarships

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

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals or counselors.

Selection will be based on

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Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 14. Awards will be announced within sixty days of this date.

George Jones Submits Life Story For Printing

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be printed in the homes newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature George Jones.

BY GEORGE JONES

I was born August 12, 1911 in Eddy, Texas. My parents were Allen Lavern and Elizabeth Overton Andrew Jones.

Dad came from Tennessee and met mother who was from Georgia at Eddy, Texas. They married and farmed there. They had a daughter, Theo, and four sons, Lavern, George, Ira D. and Payne Allen.

I finished Eddy High School as class salutatorian in 1929. I graduated from Draughons Business College at Fort Worth, Texas. I moved to New Deal, Texas and farmed with Theo and her husband, Haney Emory, for five years.

I met Wilma Atkinson of Abernathy, Texas through a friend. We were married June 26, 1937. We lived in Lubbock and Wilma finished Texas Tech with a Home Economics Degree while I worked as a city bus driver.

We moved to Lakeview, Parmer County, in January 1940, during a snow storm. I climbed on top of the house to adjust the stovepipe in the snow before we could build a fire. We moved here to farm and make our home. We raised chickens, milked cows and sold milk and cream to help with the grocery bill. We raised the usual crops with the usual implements and methods.

We had two sons, Wayne Atkinson and Boyd Andrew. Each had three children.

Events have been varied through the years. June 1942 we had a beautiful wheat crop ready for harvest. On Sunday afternoon, a big hail came and saved us the trouble of harvesting. It was all gone! Monday's combining never happened.

Another time a hired

hand who worked for me and a neighbor, was learning to drive my tractor. After showing him how to do the plowing, he turned too short and wrapped the one-way upon the tractor and turned it on its side.

August 8, 1965, I was in a pickup-Santa Fe train accident in Friona and was badly injured. But due to Wilma's, the doctors and others' efforts and good care, I survived.

I served on various boards of the United Methodist Church, the Friona Consumers board of directors nine years and was president of the school board and Parmer County F.H.A. board several years.

Wilma developed leukemia and passed away April 29, 1977.

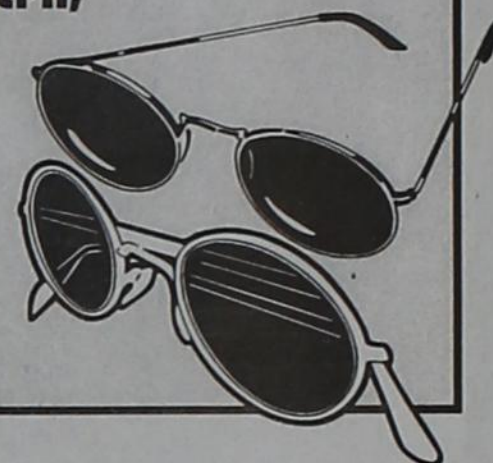
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Checks must be postmarked by **January 31** or penalty and interest will occur.

If you turned 65 years old as of Jan. 1, 2003, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to re-apply for this exemption.

Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased agricultural property. If you purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

Call, or drop by our office, for your application(s). They will be mailed to you upon request.

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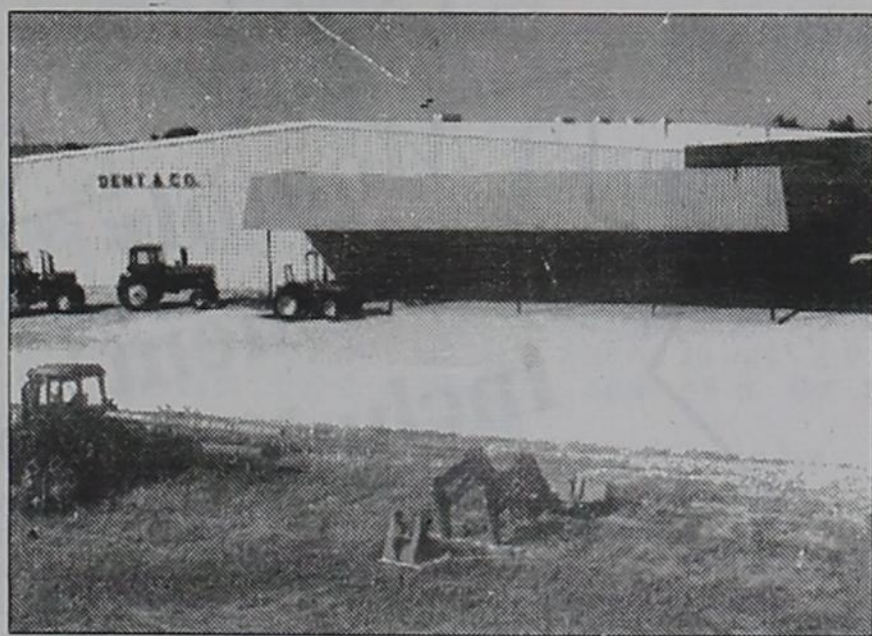
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Independent judges counted over 300 votes in our Ugly Truck Contest. Both Ansil Locke and Robert Hunt received 96 votes. The co-winners will each receive \$250 for their ugly truck entries!



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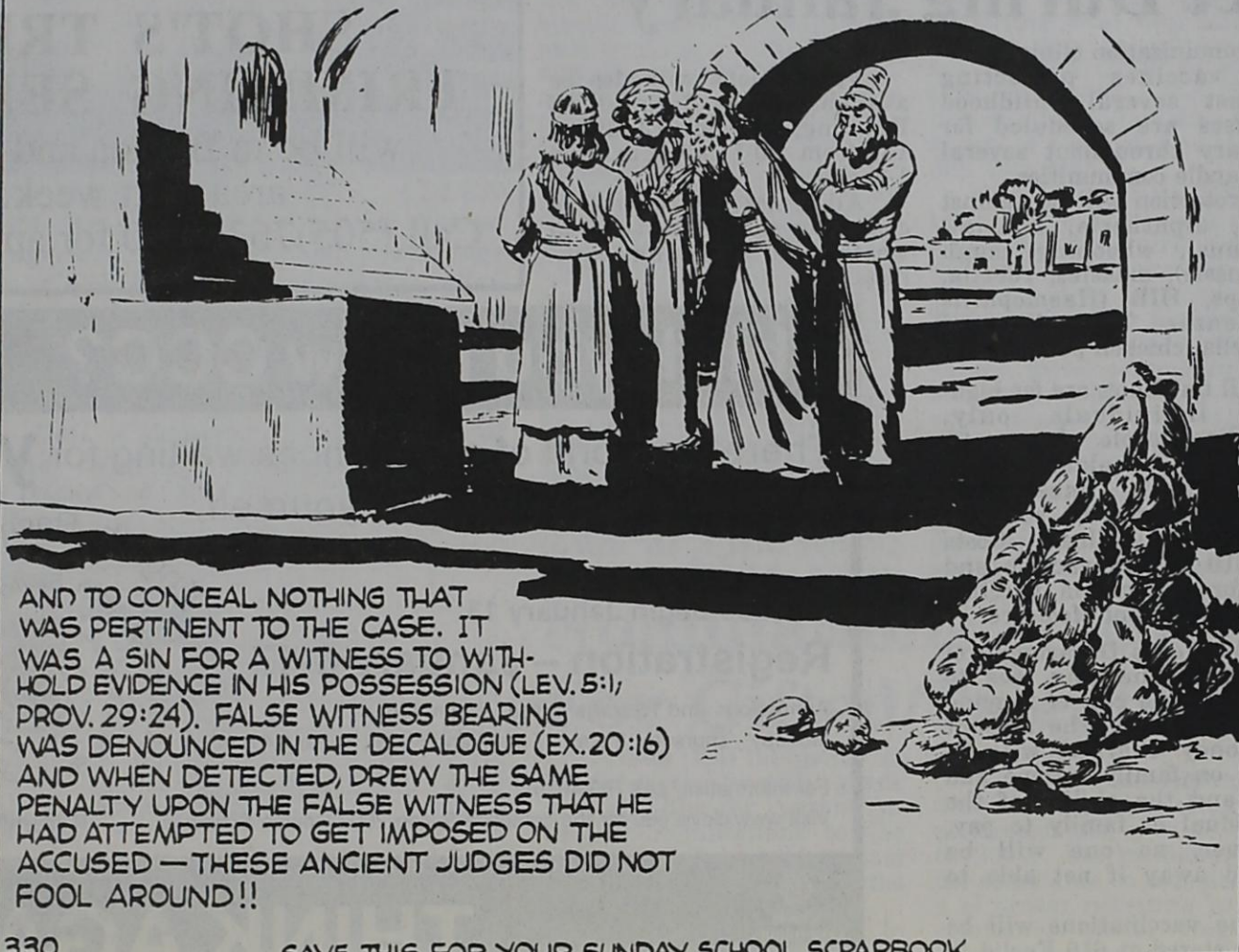
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FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

"LET THIS BE A WITNESS!"

WITH THESE WORDS MANY A BIBLICAL PERSON WOULD SEAL A CONTRACT OR A COVENANT, OR A BUSINESS PROMISE BY SOME TANGIBLE TOKEN AS A HEAP OF STONES, OR A MONUMENT WITH A CHISELED MARK OF AGREEMENT ON THE STONE (GEN. 31:46-52). SOMETIMES IT WAS BY A WRITTEN DOCUMENT SUCH AS A DEED OR A LETTER OF DIVORCE (DEUT. 24:1,3, JER. 32:10). BUT THE MOST POPULAR METHOD WAS BY CALLING MEN TO WITNESS THE EVENT IN QUESTION. THIS CONCURRENT TESTIMONY OF AT LEAST TWO WITNESSES WAS REQUIRED UNDER THE MOSAIC LAW—ESPECIALLY IF IT WAS TO ESTABLISH GUILT OF A CAPITAL CRIME (NUM. 35:30). THIS PRINCIPLE WAS A GENERAL RULE IN ALL JUDICIAL PROCEDURE (DEUT. 19:15). ALL WITNESSES, BEFORE THE TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN, WERE CAUTIONED TO TELL NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH...



AND TO CONCEAL NOTHING THAT WAS PERTINENT TO THE CASE. IT WAS A SIN FOR A WITNESS TO WITHHOLD EVIDENCE IN HIS POSSESSION (LEV. 5:1, PROV. 29:24). FALSE WITNESS BEARING WAS DENOUNCED IN THE DECALOGUE (EX. 20:16) AND WHEN DETECTED DREW THE SAME PENALTY UPON THE FALSE WITNESS THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO GET IMPOSED ON THE ACCUSED—THESE ANCIENT JUDGES DID NOT FOOL AROUND!!

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MOSELEY HONORED---Hugh Moseley received 50-year membership honors from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas from Jim Davidson, District Deputy Grand Master of District 93-A. The ceremony was held at the Yellowhouse Lodge #841 in Lubbock on December 13th.

Around Town

FHS basketball videos on Saturdays

Mike Hutson and Clint Mears will once again video tape the Squaws and Chieftain district home basketball games and replay them at 10 a.m. each Saturday on WT Services Channel 76. They will also tape and replay any and all playoff games. Tune in and support FHS basketball.

Hub cowboy fellowship Jan 21

Join the monthly worship service on Tuesday, Jan 21, at the Hub Community Center, 1 1/2 miles south of the Hub intersection of FM214 and Hwy 86. The service will start at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Curtis House and music will be by Curtis and Allison House. Everyone is invited to this non-denominational gathering for the whole family.

Pig Roast for Chieftain Baseball Jan 17

The 2nd annual Pig Roast to support Chieftain Baseball will be held Friday, Jan 17, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria prior to the Squaws/Chiefs basketball games with Lockney. Cost of the pig plate will be \$5 adults and \$3 students. The menu is pig, cole slaw, beans, potato salad, dessert, and drink.

CCC registration Jan 6-17

Clovis Community College class registration is being held Jan 6-17. You can get your GED, get your start on a new degree or find a new career. Classes begin Jan 13. Senior citizens who register on or after Jan 10 will receive a substantial discount. The CCC Admissions and Records office is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon-Thur, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fri. For more, call 769-4747.

Tommy St. Clair Joins GP Ag Credit Team

Tommy St. Clair, a Great Plains Ag Credit loan officer, has been transferred to the Association's Friona office from Plainview.

St. Clair and his wife, Jana, have three sons, Justin, Adam and Cole.

He has a strong agricultural background. Coming from Muleshoe, and prior to joining Great Plains, he farmed in Parmer and Bailey counties.

He holds an A-20 Real Estate Appraisers Certification.

St. Clair joins Robert Jones, the Friona vice president, to serve farmers and ranchers in Parmer County and adjoining areas.



TOMMY ST. CLAIR

Immunization Clinics Set During January

Immunization clinics offering vaccines protecting against several childhood diseases are scheduled for January throughout several Panhandle communities.

Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lock-jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

All flu clinics are for high-risk individuals only, including people who are 65 years old or older, people with chronic illnesses, or people living with someone with a chronic illness. Costs are \$10 for flu vaccine and \$15 for pneumonia vaccine, for those without Medicare.

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however, no one will be turned away if not able to pay.

The vaccinations will be administered at 616 Euclid in Friona, Friday, January 17, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-

3:45 p.m. Vaccinations will also be available at the Bovina EMS Building, Monday, January 13, from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

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



STARTING OFF THE NEW YEAR at Prairie Acres were January honorees Maggie Torres, employee-of-the-month and Lawrence Cooper, selected as resident-of-the-month.

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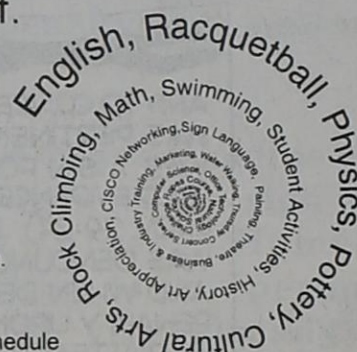
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Registration - January 6-17

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Hot water extraction means a hot water cleaning solution, under high pressure, is forced into your carpet and then extracted out of your carpet. Shaw Industries, the world's largest carpet manufacturer, recommends hot water extraction as the primary method of cleaning carpets.

Carpet cleaners use one of the two types of hot water extraction. If they use a large unit that operates from a van or truck outside your facility, it's called truck mount extraction. If they use a small unit that can be brought inside, it's called portable extraction. Shaw's first choice is the truck mounted unit - and it recommends the small, portable unit in areas where the truck mounted unit won't reach.

The truck mount extraction cleans much better because it heats the solution to a higher temperature - and shoots the cleaning solution into the carpet at higher pressures, which breaks up the dirt, bacteria, chemicals and pollens in the carpet. Then the machine uses high suction to draw the dirt and chemicals out of your carpet.

#4: Having the right equipment is all a company needs to clean your carpets properly.

Not true. Many companies own hot water cleaners but very few companies teach their employees how to use them properly. This is why it's important that you choose your carpet cleaner carefully. The best cleaning companies are those that have been certified by the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, known as IICRC. Before you choose a carpet cleaner, ask to see written proof of the company's IICRC certification.

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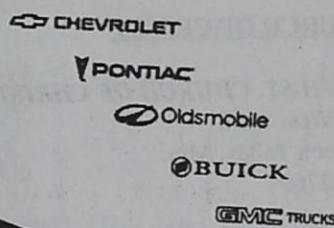


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HAPPY NEW YEAR! MAY 2003 BE A GREAT ONE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!!

Sincerely,
Glenn Reeve



CHERITH RANDOLPH and MARK ALLEN WATSON... Mr. and Mrs. Dale Randolph of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cherith LaDale, to Mark Allen Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ben Watson of Fort Worth. She is a relocation counselor with Coldwell Banker United Realtors of Austin. He is a manager in the service accounts management department with Dell Computer Corporation of Round Rock. The couple is planning a beach wedding on the island of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands in early March.

Girl Scouts Kick Off Annual Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts from eighteen surrounding counties will gather at JC Penney's in the South Plains Mall from 6.30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10th, 2003 to kick-off the annual cookie program. Girls will participate in a number of activities, learning marketing and selling techniques, goal planning, and customer service. In addition, there will be games and cookie samples for everyone. January 6th marked the first day that cookies were available for the public to order.

Girl Scouts are excited to announce the return of two new cookies from last year, the All-Abouts and the Ole' Ole'. Each All-About cookie has a Girl Scout message embossed on the top and rich fudge coating on the bottom. The Ole' Ole' are reduced fat, bite-sized vanilla cookies with pecan chips, coconut and covered in powdered sugar. In addition, consumers will see the return of six Girl Scout Cookie favorites including the popular Thin Mint, original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut) Aloha Chips (white fudge, macadamia nuts), the Tagalong (layered peanut butter and chocolate), the Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut butter cremes), and the Trefoil (shortbread).

The cookie program is fun for everyone; girls enjoy the experience and consumers love the cookies. But like most things in the Girl Scout program, the benefit to girls is that it's a skill building exercise. Taking orders,

handling money, tallying sales and distributing orders helps teach and reinforce money management, decision-making and goal setting. For many girls, it's a first time experience with such disciplines.

For the last 67 of the organization's 91 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies-an experience that helps girls build strong skills, values and friendships. This year marks the 66th Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, one of America's favorite and eagerly anticipated events.

Over 4000 Girl Scouts for the Caprock Council's eighteen county area will sell cookies from January 6th through March 9th. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806 748 0769) or phone (806 745 2855). For more information, contact Girl Scouts of Caprock Council at 806 745 2855.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls while teaching then critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting and its special girl-only environment girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.



STEPHANIE COOK and DR. RICK RODEN... Stephanie Osment Cook of Lubbock and Dr. Ricky Jon Roden of Friona announce their engagement and approaching marriage on February 1 at The Lodge Resort in Cloudcroft, N.M. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late David and Laura Osment. Parents of the prospective groom are Dr. and Mrs. Jon Mack Roden of Friona. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a supervisor for Children's Protective Services. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and the University of Texas School of Dentistry. He is in private practice in Hereford.

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*OVERALL ODDS ARE 1 IN 4.58

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END OF GAME NOTICE

These games will be closing on January 30, 2003. You have until July 29, 2003, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at any one of the 22 Texas Lottery Claim Centers or by mail. Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-371-0110 (1-800-375-6886).

Notice: A Scratch Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. For current information on prizes remaining in a Scratch Off game, call 1-800-371-0110. Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. *Overall odds include break-even prizes. © 2003 Texas Lottery Commission.

Nominations Needed For Gifted/Talented

Friona ISD students in kindergarten-twelfth grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented program offered by Friona ISD for the 2003-2004 school year.

Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the counselor or principal in their child's building for the appropriate form.

Forms will need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2003. Students' nominations will be considered and the necessary tests for admission to the program will be given by a certified Gifted and Talented teacher.

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD en K-12 tienen derecho a para nombramientos de padre o maestro al programa Talento y Talento ofrecia por Friona ISD para el 2003-2004 ano de escuela.

Los padres que desean de nombrar su nino para este programa puede avisar el consejero o a director en su edificio de nino para la forma

apropiada. Las formas necesitaran ser completado y para ser vuelto al director por el la de enero de 2003. Los nombramientos del estudiante se consideraran y el probar necesario para la colocacion en el programa sera dado por un maestro certificado, Talento y Talento.

Meet Friona's Class of 2015



Gladwyn is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

His parents are Leah and Juanito Senibalo. He has a brother, Gabriel.

His favorite activities include playing and drawing. He likes to eat Spagetti, and noodles. His favorite color is Blue.

Gladwyn Senibalo

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We will have an assortment of bagels and flavored cream cheese, as well as scones and muffins. We will also have pastries and danishes coming soon. And cakes and pies by the slice.

We are still doing cookies, birthday cakes, & wedding cakes, of course.

We have also added sandwich trays to our menu. So for your next party, give us a try before you drive out of town. I don't think you will be disappointed.

We look forward to serving you in 2k3 and hope that you will let us help you with any of your baking needs. We appreciate all your business over the past 2 years. We wouldn't have made it without all of you. Thank You!

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THE DYNAMITE DUO of Mike Hutson, left, and Clint Mears, are shown videoing a recent basketball game. Tune in Saturdays for video replays of Squaw/Chieftain home and playoff games. See the FHS TV schedule at right. ron carr photos



TAKING OFFICE as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, is Valton Howard, shown in his new office location at Main and 9th in Friona. He and other county officials were sworn in at the courthouse in Farwell in December 31.

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January 11Olton/River Road
January 18Lockney
January 25Abernathy
February 1Floydada
February 8Hale Center
February 15TBA/Olton
TBAAll Playoff Games

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file an answer with the court that issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: Jaime Garcia, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 24th day of February, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 17, 2002 in this case numbered 346 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, on January 7, 2003.

Vivaliah Hutto
 Justice of the Peace
 Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas
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 Bovina, Texas 79009

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TO: Mark D. Goff, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 24th day of February, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 17, 2002 in this case numbered 359 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, on January 7, 2003.

Vivaliah Hutto
 Justice of the Peace
 Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas
 PO Box 849
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TO: Jason J. Jass, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 24th day of February, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 17, 2002 in this case numbered 362 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Rosendo R. Lara, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 24th day of February, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 17, 2002 in this case numbered 331 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Manuel Martinez, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 24th day of February, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 14, 2002 in this case numbered 432 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
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TO: Francisco Molina, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 24th day of February, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 4, 2002 in this case numbered 372 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Alice Portillo, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 24th day of February, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 5, 2002 in this case numbered 405 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
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TO: Joel Rodriguez, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 4, 2002 in this case numbered 390 on the docket of said court, and styled,

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
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SNOW IN THE FORECAST....Folks who stayed home for Christmas in Friona enjoyed a few white Christmas days in December. The combination of melting and refreezing caused problems but the county escaped the second round of predicted snowfall and recent weather has been sunny and warmer. *ron carr photo*

Financial Focus

Be Aware of Different Types of Investment Risk

When most people talk about "investment risk," they're usually referring to the possibility of losing principal, typically in relation to stocks. But there are other types of risks to be aware of--and by knowing about these risks, you can make better investment decisions.

Unfortunately, many investors place far more weight on the risk to principal than on other types of investment risk. It's not hard to see why this is the case. We all know that stocks go up and down all the time, and when you sell your stock, you could walk away with less money than you originally put in. It's a simple concept to understand, so it resonates powerfully in people's minds.

However, if you let the fear of losing principal drive all your investment decisions, you'll run straight into some other types of risk, which, although more subtle, are equally dangerous. For example, you might think that, instead of investing in the stock market, you'd be much "safer" if you purchased fixed-income investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), corporate bonds, municipal bonds and U.S. Treasury securities. After all, your principal will be preserved--provided you hold the vehicle until maturity and the issuer remains solvent--and you earn a fixed rate of return. You'd think there couldn't possibly be any risk.

But there is. It's true that fixed-income instruments help provide a stable income. And the greater the difference between the interest rate you're receiving and the rate of inflation, the more purchasing power you have. However, when interest rates are low, your investment may barely keep you ahead of inflation, which means you're incurring purchasing power risk. That might not sound as bad as losing some of your principal, but it's a risk, nonetheless.

And it's not the only risk, either. Fixed-income vehicles also carry interest rate risk. Here's how it works: Suppose you own a bond or a CD that pays 7 per cent interest, and it matures when prevailing market rates are around 5 per cent. If you want to reinvest your proceeds into another bond or CD, you are not going to be able to match you earlier rate--which means your regular interest payments will be lower.

As you may be beginning to suspect, every type of investment has some type of risk associated with it. As an investor, you have to find ways to minimize these risks. The best risk-reducing technique is diversification. It's never a good idea to own all stocks, or all fixed-income instruments. By owning just one type of asset, you expose yourself to the full force of the risk associated with that particular instrument. But by building a diversified array of investments, you'll capture some of the growth potential of stocks and some of the relative stability of fixed-income vehicles.

You can even diversify within individual investment categories. Look at many stocks, representing a variety of industries. Consider building a "bond ladder" consisting of bonds of varying maturities. Study the whole range of fixed-income securities.

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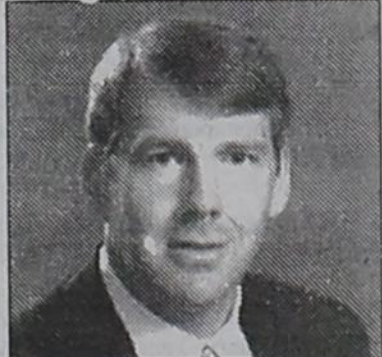
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January 12--Gary Don Schueler, Charles Hough, Sherri Jo Rector, Jeff Brown, V'Lynda Wilcox, Loren Martin, Jesse Castaneda.

January 13--Logan Baize, Morgan Baize, Sarah Nelson.

January 14--Marcia Blackwell, Clarice Dominguez, Dave Hutson, Lisa Jones, Larry Gonzales, Jacquelyn Hight Franklin, Christi Martin, Colby Ingram, Patty Davenport, Trent Cook, Pamela Pauling, Layne Clark.

January 15--Dora Geneva Bentley, Aaron Kyle Hand, Abigail Jones, Carol Robinson, Tim Smith.

January 16--Andy Ken-

drick, Roger Peace, Darran Procter, Christie Wiseman Spring, James Warren III, Breann Barnett, Trell Taylor.

January 17--Amy Trevino, Jordan Nichols, Kitty Gallman, Mike Fair.

January 18--Nola Fay Vestal, Curtis Drager, Jenifer Lynn Buchanan, Joshua Kent Rivera, Bret Whitten.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

When you see names which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

YOUR EYES

No More Glaring Eyeglasses

Individuals who wear glasses no longer have to worry about glare. Anti-reflective coated lenses cut down on glare while enhancing vision. With regular glasses, only about 90 per cent of the light is transmitted through the lens. This means that you are not getting optimal vision. Anti-reflective spectacles improve vision by allowing as much as 99 per cent of the light to pass through the lens.

Many people spend long hours in their jobs either at a computer or reading. This close-up work coupled, with harsh fluorescent lights, can cause eyestrain. Reflective lenses will usually make eyes less tired. A large number of individuals have problems driving at night because of the glare from passing cars. Glasses with reflective coating reduce these bright distractions.

Remember how difficult it was looking into someone's eyes through their glasses because of the glare? With anti-reflective lenses, you can clearly see the color and expression in other people's eyes. These coated glasses are also more durable, scratch-resistant and easier to clean.



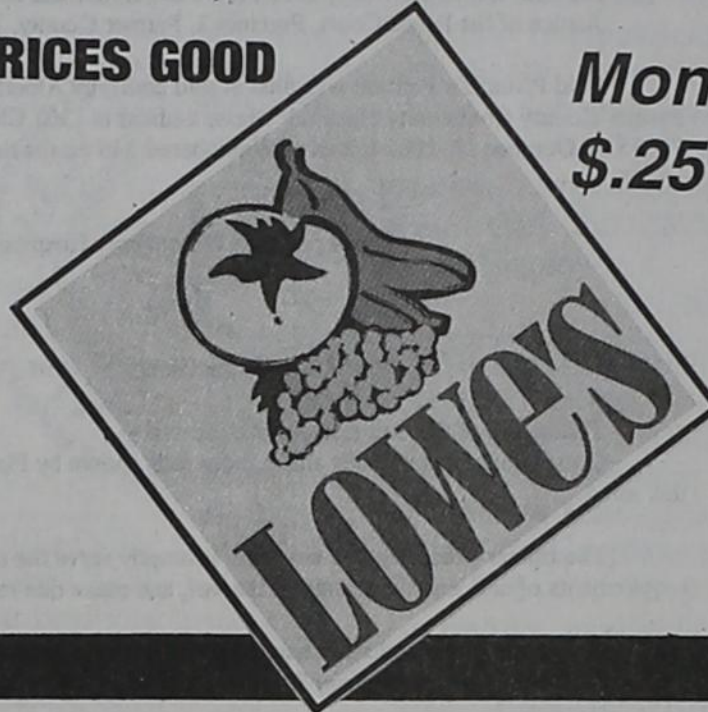
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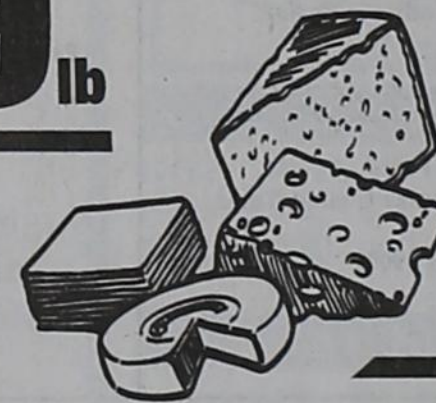
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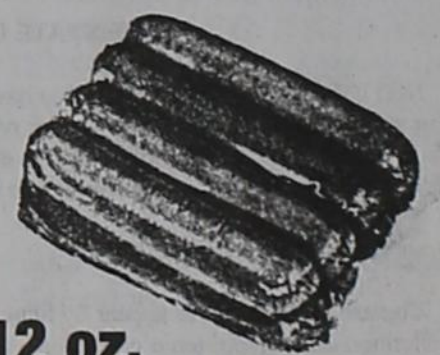
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