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## 48th Chamber Banquet

Mercer \& Barnett Friona's Man, Woman of the Year

Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture was held Thursday, February 26, at the Friona Community Center. The dinner featured Excel steaks cooked and catered by Desperado's of Amarillo. Special guest speaker Ray Stone, producer of The Cowboy's Football Report, entertained the crowd with Cowboy football anecdotes. Stone also chided those present to spend as many dollars at home as possible to help the local economy. "Each dollar spent in Friona," Stone said, "generates six dollars into the Friona economy." A lively auction, with surprise
auctioneer auctioneer Tracy Bunker, had at-
tendees battling tendees battling over autographed pictures of Bob Lilly, Tom Landry and Roger Staubach. An
autographed Cowboy football was autographed Cowboy football was the top auction item. After a furious round of bidding the football went
to Dana Campbell. A U.S. flag that to Dana Campbell. A U.S. flag that

Nrovided by Congressman Randy and purchased by First Natio The highlight of the program was the honor presentations to local citizens. The Citizen of the Year award was presented to Suzanne Bunker. Students of the Year were
Haleigh Herbert and Keith Hut Haleigh Herbert and Keith Hunt,
Teacher of the Year is Cheryl Teacher of the Year is Cheryl Weatherly, Most Courteous Employee was Kathy Sandoval, and the Man \& Woman of the Year
honors went to Billy Joe Mercer and Mary Joyce Barnett.
Dean Sasser is the Fion ber president for 2004; Kody Kimbrough is vice-president, Patricia Phipps, treasurer, Debby Stovall, Women's Division president; and Darin Hofferichter, past president. Other board members are Varla Wilcox, Danny Campbell, Nancy Davis, Steve Patterson, Charlise Citizen of the Yeethmaye


STUDENTS OF THE YEAR Haleigh Herbert \& Keith Hunt
Texas Public Schools Week Activities By Jim Parker, FISD Superintendent
Friona Schools have a variety held an open house on Monday, of activities scheduled during the March 1 in conjunction with the month of March. Everyone is annual FHS Who's Who awards encouraged to come and take a program.
look at our schools. One of the The junior high campus hosted more popular activities is to join open house activities on Tuesday, your child for lunch in the school cafeteria. Adult meal prices are $\$ 2.75$.
The traditional "Public Schools Week" has been expanded into a
month of celebration and open month of celebration and open
Relay For Life
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11 this year Times will be different than hast year The event will begii at 7 pm. and end at 1 am.
A meeting of tam captains set for Monday, March 8, 7 p.m., at the Friona Banking Center meeting a team, or just needing information, is encouraged to attend the meeting. If you have questions, call Jyl Grimsley at $250-5700$ or Suzanne Bunker at 250-8055.

There will be many ways to be involved in the Relay for Life. More information will follow in the weeks ahead but it is important to organizers to get teams together a soon as possible. So start thinking "Cancer Research" and "Relay for Life."

Bunker was cited for assimilating
into the community after into the community after moving to
Friona several yer Friona several years ago as a
Physician's Assistant at Parmer County Hospital. She has been active in school events, the Chamber of Commerce, and organized the Relay for Life last year that raised $\$ 20,000$ for cancer research. Her husband is Tracy and they have three children, Courtney, Brice, and Caden.
Student of the Year Haleigh Herbert has lived in Friona all her life. At Friona High School she has been involved in the National Honor Society, FCCLA, student council, choir, cheerleading, basketball, cross country and golf. She was a homecoming queen nominee, selected as football queen, and serves as president of her church youth group. She served one year as Miss Friona, has maintained a high academic average and was chosen
Most Friendly Most Friendly at FHS. Haleigh's

## parents are Donald and Marka Hunt and his sister is Ashlee. <br> Huns parents are Chris and T



TEACHER OF THE YEAR Cheryl Weatherly
Aycock Resigns County Attorney
Position Before Primary Election
In a letter received Monday,
March 1, Parmer County Attomey March 1, Parmer County Attorney Charles Aycock announced his resignation effective that date.
I have been notified by Governor Rick Perry's office that I have been appointed a member of the Texas Board of Pardons and Pa roles with my duties to begin March 2," Aycock's letter stated. "Since this is a full time position, I am resigning as Parmer County Attor-
ney effective March 1,2004 ." ney effective March 1,2004 ."
Aycock's name is already pris Aycock's name is already printed on the March 9 Republican primary
ballot. In his letter Aycock urged ballot. In his letter Aycock urged Vote On Tuesday ballot but the only two still in Kirk Edwards. Gibson Quackenbush, Sparks and Barnes have dropped out. Also on the Republican ballot in the county attorney race candidate Charles Aycock has dropped out, leaving Jeff Actkinson as the only candidate for county attorney.
John Tannahill, Kirk Frye and John Mars are in the race for Precinct 1 County Commissioner on the Republican ballot. Other than President of the United States, there are no contested races on the Democratic ballot. Exercise your right as
American. Vote Tuesday!

Herbert and her sister is Paige. Student of the Year Keith
Hunt has maintained a 90 and above grade point average during above grade point average during
his four years at FHS. He is a National Honor Society member, Science Club member, and was selected as an outstanding student. He played football one year, basketbail four years, and baseball three
years. He has been active in community events such as the Relay for Life and Friona 4H Club, helping He is very active in the FFA, serving as president of the Friona Chapter, Littlefield District Secretary, and voting delegate. He has earned high hock in many shows and pated in livestock . He has particiHigh Individual audging, has won and placed 12 at une district level and plac

FRIONA CITIZEN \& MOST COURTEOUS EMPLOYEE Suzanne Bunker \& Kathy Sandoval

## Lt. Morris Not Guilty

The trial of former Friona Po- said before that if Lt. Morris was lice Lt. Jerry Morris was held exonerated and wanted to return
this week in County Court. Mor- to Friona, I would find a place this week in County Court. Mor- to Friona, I would find
ris was accused on two charges for him," Johnson said. ris was accused on two charges
of assault by a Hereford couple, Antonia and Raymond Hernandez Antonia and Raymond Hernandez. The assault allegedly occurred at
the Friona Police Department on the Friona P
Morris has been suspended Morris has been suspended
without pay since about three without pay since about three
weeks after the incident. The Judge Bonnie Clayton-Heald and
Jas a six person jury, four men and two women.
The two-day proceeding sulted in a not guilty verdict on the two assault charges. Lt. Morris had turned in his badge and gun at the end of December at the request of Friona Police Chief Royce Goodson.
Friona city manager Terri Johnson, who was called as a trial witness on Tuesday, said that she would talk with Morris about
whether he still wanted a position whether he still wanted a position
in Friona and what that might be. in Friona and what that might be.
The Friona Police Department is The Friona Police Department is
presently at full staff. "I have

## School Board

Meets Mar. 10
The Board of Trustees of
Friona Independent School District will meet in regular monthly session on Wednesday, March 10,2004 , at 5 p.m. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to Spring Break schustee plans for Spring Break school holidays. In addition to the regular business items, the Board
recommendations from all campus administrators and consider structional staff at this meeting.

St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner Sunday 11am
St. Teresa's Ladies Society is
hosting their Annual Mexican Dinner on Sunday, March 7 from 11 a.m. to $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the parish hall in Do
Donations are $\$ 6.00$ for adults The menu will be slightly different this year instead of chees enchiladas, the ladies will be serving meat enchiladas. The full menu will consist of meat enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, hot sauce \& chips, coffee, tea and dessert. Take out orders will be available at no extra cost. So come and join us in a good home-cooked Mexican dinner and visit with your friends, family and he Christian community of Friona. World Day Of Prayer nated as World Day of Prayer. The theme this year is "In Faith, Wome Shape the Future.
One of the local organizers, Dana Campbell, reminded all area pastors to keep the day special with prayer there will be a gathering at the Friona Congregational Church. The speaker will be Donna Johnston of Canyon. Music will be Hansard An Dotie Powers \& Dusty Hansard. An offerg will be taken and the proceeds will benefit Mercy Works. Representatives from the Friona Ministerial Alliance will offer
praycers. prayer concerms.
Everyone in the
Everyone in the community is pray and fellowship.


## Out Here

BY RON CARR

Nobody Won In Morris Trial


#### Abstract

Lt. Morris was found not guilty fuesday, March 2,2004 I sat in on the Monday aftemoon part of his trial. He was acquitted nine months to the day after the ailleged offense occurred on July 2, 2003 . Morris has been on unpaid 2003. Morris has been on unpaid administrative leave for all but about three weeks of the nine months, driving an 18 -wheeler driving an 18 -wheeler around the country, waiting for his day in court. During the ensuing months and trial postponements I wrote several times in support of Morris and speedy trial. Several folks whispeered that after all the facts came put I might be surrised. I got an anonymous letter proclaiming that there might be some deep dark there might be some deep dark secrets about the case and Jerry Morris that I didn't know. : So I went to Farwell Monday mainly to see if there were any hidden facts that would come out A four man, two woman jury heard the case before County Judge Bonnie Clayton-Heald. Prosecuting for the state of Texas was Roy Carper, an attomey from the Midland area. Lubbock attomey Dan Hurley was Morris' lawyer. I was the only outroom. Antonia Hemandez 21, ad her Antonia Hermandez, 21, and he husband of three years, Raymond rocky times when they appeared the Friona Police Department on July 2, 2003. In his words, Antonia had thrown him out of the house in Hereford, he lived with a cousin for a couple of weeks, then moved to Friona and lived with a girlfriend he had met at work. For reasons that were not explained, Raymond took his and Antonia's wedding pictures with him when he moved in with the Department. To Friona girlfriend. When he later plied, "Go ahead." reconciled with Antonia, he left the wedding pictures, a box of clothes girlfriend's house Security card at the girlfiend's house. Antonia suggested to Raymond hat they come to Friona to retrieve his belongings from the girlfriend's residence. They stopped by the Friona police station about 11 am riona police station about 11 am . them since there might be trouble. (Hurley asked Raymond if Antonia was "really angry" at him during At the Friona PD, Morris plained the police department does not interfere in a civil matter unless there is a court order or a crime has been committed and declined to send an officer to stand by while they retrieved his belongings. At the girlfiend's house they wouldn't give Raymond his wed wouldn't give Raymond his wedor all of his Social Security card, Antonia returmed to the he and to file a theft to the Friona PD again tried to explaine. Lt. Morris that the circumstance to the couple stitute theft. They testified they were angry at pretty much everyIn the smal In the small foyer of the police F _ _ him, he isn't going to help us, let's go", at which point Morris grabbed him by the nape of the grabbed him by the nape of the neck and belt and hustled him back to the booking room. He pushed Antonia aside during the brief encounter. Testimony said that Antonia was houting to Police Chief Scott Given turn them in going to complain and turn them in to the Hereford Police

Morris did a little preaching Raymond in the booking room, poking his finger in his chest, telling him it was not advisable to act that way in a police station and that he should calm down. Instead of booking him, Morris preached and let him go wortis warning. They drove back a Hereford and filed co Hereford and filed a complaint with the Hereford PD that Morris hit the Hereford PD that Morris hit Raymond in the chest with his fist Raymond in the chest with his fist and pulled out some of Antonia's hair. Hereford PD referred them to complaint, collected statements from complaint, collected statements from witnesses and filed two assault winesses and filed two assault charges against Morris, effectively putting his law enforcement career in limbo. Ex-chief Given testified that before and during this period he was looking for jobs elsewhere. (He is now a lieutenant in Tulia). He also testified that he had told Morris that he would see to it that he (Morris) would never make it off probation during an earlier confrontation beween the two men. If there were other murky facts and information I didn't find out about it at the trial. I did learm more than I wanted to know about the two complainants, Antonia and Raymond. There is more stuff about Raymond. There is more stuff about them that came out at trial that I them that came out at trial that I didn't discuss here. Suffice it to say didn't discuss here. Suffice it to say the two of them turmed out to be Jerry Morris' best witnesses. They didn't handle the witness chair too well. The jury deliberated 30 minutes and returned a not guilty verdict. There is something wrong with this whole process. Nobody really won.


Not Moris, not the city of Friona
not Antonia and Raymond, and cetainly not the citizens.
Most of the "players" from July 2, 2003, are not around in their same capacity anymore. Ex-chief Scott and Rita Given are in Tulia, dispather Donice Jones is employed as the city water clerk, and several police officers that grumbled the force and are summbling some where else today. Jery Morris borrowed money from a local bank to finance his
legal fees. Will he come back to legal fees. Will he come back to
Friona? I don't know and neither froma? Iont know and neither talking to Teri J Johnson at the city. So there you are. Make your own choice. I think Jerry Moris is a good man who "got the short end of the stick". If you have information to the contrary be sure and let me know.

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Friona Jr. High was the sight of an enorSome undertaking. Some of the students worked together on Wednesday, February
25 to put this giant snowman together after the big snow. Jeremy Mendoza, left, and Curtis Graham put on the finishing put on
touches.


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The clinic in Bovina will be March 8, 2004 in the Bovina EMS Building from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The clinic in Friona will be March 19, 2004 at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to $11: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and 1:00 p.m. to
3:45 p.m. 3:45 p.m.
All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or


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## Around Town

 FUMW Met Feb. 25 Sauerkraut, Bread, Parsley Pota- insurance premium for three years met February 25. for a humbling Take ours will be available. The and inspirational Lenten service done cost for this delicious meal will be by Steve Patterson. Ten women $\$ 7$ for adults, $\$ 3.50$ for children 6 were in attendance. $\quad 15$ years and children 5 and under 57 years and children 5 and undereat free. They will also have a drawing, country store, arts and Lazbuddie Sr. Dinner crafts and games. Lazbuddie Sr. Dinner will be hosting an Enchilada Dinner Sunday, March 7, 2004 in the New Jail Open House Lazbuddie cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. The county commissioners have to $1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ All proceeds will go set Saturday, March 13, from 2-4 toward the senior trip. The menu p.m. as the date for the public to includes enchiladas (beef \& cheese), $\quad$ visit the new Parmer County Law Spanish rice, beans, tossed salad, Enforcement Center. All Parmer tostados with guacamole dip and County residents are invited to see tostados with guacamole dip and County residents are invited to see this sumptuous feast will be $\$ 6.50$ Department offices. The jail will not for a regular plate (3 enchiladas) be officially occupied by inmates and $\$ 5.50$ for a light plate ( 2 until the week following the open enchiladas). Takeouts and deliver- house. ies are available by calling (806) 965-2130. house.

Annul Annual Sausage Dinner An AARP Mature driving proSt. Ann's Catholic Church will scheduled for Thursday and Friday be hosting their annual $13^{\mathrm{h}}$ Annual March 18 \& 19, 2004. This is an 8 Czech Sausage Dinner, Sunday, hour class. Class time is 6 pm 8 March 7, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 310 p.m. each day at Friona State p.m. in the Parish Family Center, Bank Community room. Anyone 50 $60538^{\mathrm{h}}$ Street in Canyon. They or over may attend. The cost is will be serving Czech Sausage, $\$ 10.00$. Reduction in their liability

## Parmer County Receives

Sales Tax For February
arole Keeton Strayhorn sent $\$ 326.4$ milion in sales tax to Texas cities, up 8 percent compared to February 2003 payments.
Texas counties received February sales tax payments of $\$ 26.8$ million up 7.9 percent. Parmer Cours. Farwll $\$ 5,673$; and Friona $\$ 30,106$. In February 2003, he tax payment total was $\$ 40,467$.
Comparing February 2003 to February 2004 tax receipts, Bovina was down $18.68 \%$, Farwell had no change, and Friona was up $14.68 \%$, accounting for the overall increase in monthly tax revenue of $5.58 \%$. For the year 2004, Parmer County cities have received a total of $\$ 73,755$ compared to $\$ 67,162$ for the same period last year. For the year,
Bovina tax revenue is down $-11.07 \%$, Farwell is up $15.71 \%$, and Friona is up $14.50 \%$, for an overall increase of $9.81 \%$ for the county.


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Archeological Society Annual Meeting Set A presentation by a longtime archeologist is among the highlights of the $40^{\text {h }}$ Annual Meeting of the Southwest Federation of Archeo logical Societies, set for April 3 2004 in Canyon, Texas. For reservation information call the Amarillo Convention and Visitors Council at Primary School Hosts Math \& Science Night On Thursday, March 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., parents of students in the Primary Building (ECE, PK, $K$, and $1^{\text {s }}$ ) are invited to bring the whole family to experience science and math investigations through a literacy approach.
This "Investigations at Wonder Purk event will feature activities such as "Ball Toss, "Coin Drop", "Dancing Delight, Frezz or Rol' "Mirror, Mirror, Make a Face" Ro"
Children and adults will visit variety of leaming stations and participate in hands-on activities throug out the evening. Parents and home activities with simple moterials. s you will be event is importan exciting ways families can participate together in activities that support children's leaming. Parents who are involved in family learning increase children's opportunities to grades.


 NY... PCCH March 19 The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clininc at Parmer Conty Hospital, 1307 Cleveland

## One More Time! <br> Republican Primary: Tuesday, March 9th

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Thank you for your support in the recent special election. With your help, we won $56 \%$ and 18 of 26 countiesBut the election battle is not over yet! Your support in the Republican Primary is now needed to determine who will hold this State Senate seat from 2005-2009.
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Texas A\&M University's Depart- dents who made the joumey to the ment of Sports and Exercise Sci- Rocky Mountain meeting was SES ences (SES) did not return empty- major Gabe Goodwin, a graduate handed from the Rocky Mountains. student from Friona. eight awards given February 5-8 at presented a poster. From those, the regional meeting of the Rocky finalists were chosen to give oral Mountain Chapter of the American presentations of about 15 minutes in College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) length.
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## Friona Flashbacks

## 75 Yrs. Ago March 1,1929

March 1, 1929
Charley Gonce of Bovina took first place; J.W. Ford of Friona, second and Bud Oueen of Rhea second and Bud Queen of Rhea,
third in the old fiddlers' contest held at the school auditorium Wedness at the school auditorium Wednes-filled with spectators. The winner will enter the Tri-State contest at will enter Me
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WH. Warren
mule buyer shipped 50 heading good mules to parties in Fort Worth on Monday.

65 Yrs. Ago
March $\mathbf{3 , 1 9 3 9}$
Business concems will give prizes away during the annual livestock
show this weekend, valued at around $\$ 100$. Persons visiting the show will need to register at some place of business, prior to 2 p.m. on Saturday. At that time, a drawing will be held to see who the
merchandise will be.

60 Yrs. Ago
February 25, 1944 Joyce Ann Miller, 10 -year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, was a guest singer on the Army Air Base broadcast over Station KGNC last Thursday. Joyce was a hit at the recent bond rally, at which she also sang "Marezy Doats" an Army Air Corps song.

50 Yrs. Ago
February 25, 1954 Well-drilling and irrigation has become big business in the area. Since April of last year, some 323 permits have been issued for drilling of wells.

45 Yrs. Ago
February 26, 1959 Dr. Paul Spring and Mrs. Eva Miller were named "Man and Woman of the Year" at the annual Chamber of Commerce and Agri-
culture Banquet Tuesday night. Bill Nichols was installed as president of the chamber for 195

February 27, 1964 Baker Duggins and Mrs. V.J.
Zeman were honored as "Man and Zeman were honored as "Man and
Woman of the Year" by the Friona Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet on Monday
The county commissioners unanimously approved the Texas State Library's Bookmobile program for Parmer County on Monday

30 Yrs. Ago
March 3, 1974 Parmer County Commissioners gave approval at their regular meetenforcement center and jail, which will cost in the neighborhood of $\$ 225,000$.

$\begin{array}{ll}25 \text { Yrs. Ago } & \text { character in the "Wheels Across } \\ \text { March 4, 1979 } & \text { America" program, made a stop in }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Friona's annual ski break was } & \text { America" program, made a stop in } \\ & \text { Friona while on a cross-country }\end{array}$ held last weekend, but the event was not without its casualities with the worst example being Mike Smith, who suffered two broken legs while skiing at Breckenridge, Colorado with a group from the First United Methodist Church, as one of the
adult sponsors. 20 Yrs. Ago
March 4, 1984
D.L.'s Thriftway will hold a
Grand Opening sale in its newly Grand Opening sale in its newly
remodeled and expanded location on West Highway 60 next week, it was announced by D.L. and Ruth Harguess.

Grand Opening for Rick's Country Kitchen will be held Saturday, March 3 at 619 Main Street, former Bi-Wize Drug location. Rick and Lisa Nash will specialize in pizza.

## March 4, 1989

## Happy Birthday Friona

## March 7 through March 13, 2004

Mar. 7-Teresa Wilcox, Steve Stephens, Rick Jennings, Frieda Dickson, Betty Renner, Dub Ingram
Mar. 8-David Sifford, Mary Schueler, Rob McDaniel, Ruby Neathland, Bianca Burkett, Sarah Geries, Gail Hand
Mar. 9-Linda White, Billie Tongate, Cindy Cleveland, Will Romero, Sean Campbell, Kay Hinton
10-Jerry Poarch, Jo Blackwell, Park Weatherly, Patsy Gresham Riggins, Beth Bridges, Victor Favela
1-Bryan Walker, Corbin Riethmayer, Koby Rogers, Jeffery Rogers, Rhonda Fields, Jeanette Thurman
Mar. 12-Justin Boyd, Lonnie Wilkerson, Amy Geries, Mindy Wilson, J ustin Grimsley, Mike Mills, Dianne Hendricks, Berta Cooper, Elaine White Harmon
Mar. 13-Holley Hand, Larry Moyer, Connie Reed Parker, Leslie Adams, Jayson Grimsley, Mollie Seright Warren, Rainbo Snyd Lisa Fulks, Eric Espinoza, Tommy Tatum, Sheldon Turley If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up or
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4-Hers Attend Shows In
San Angelo \& San Antonio
Stock Show February 20-28, 2004. 4-Hers exhibiting livestock projects were Jennifer DeLeon, Ryan DeLeon, Sarah Herington, Abby Johnson, Drew Johnson, Dan Patterson, Levi McCormick, Alisha Wauson, and Michelle Wauson.
Placing were: Ryan DeLeon, Lt Wt Hamp, $11^{\text {th }}$ Place; Drew Johnson, Heavy Cross, $12^{\text {th }}$ Place; Jennifer DeLeon, Middle Wt Cross, $13^{\text {th }}$ Place; and Abby Johnson, Heavy Cross, $14^{\text {th }}$ Place were Suzanne Aragon, Caleb Christian, Colton Christian, Jennifer DeLeon, Ryan DeLeon, Abby Johnson, Drew Johnson, Jordan DeLeon, Ryan DeLeon, Abby Johnson, Drew Johnson, Jordan
Mason, Ryan Mason, Levi McCormick, Dan Patterson, Bretton Stancell, Caitlyn Stancell, Zachary Stancell, Abrial Terrones, and Ray White.
Placing were: Abby Johnson, Champion Duroc; Caleb Christian, Reserve Champion Medium Cross; Ryan DeLeon, $1^{\text {th }}$ Place Cross; Jordan Mason, $2^{\text {nd }}$ Place Poland; and Ray White, $3^{\text {rd }}$ Place Chester
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THE CHIEF'S CORNER
by ROYCE L. GOODSON
Friona Police Department

## We Now Offer 

 Come In and Check

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After entering the apartment, officers found marijuana and cocaine, and arrested the tenant, Stephen Jessie Padron, for possession and delivery of a controlled substance. The Friona Police Department is continuing the investigation and is expecting to make more arrests as more information is gathered. The Friona Police Department appreciates the assistance of Sheriff Randy Geries and his department and the area Drug Task Force officers in gathering informa-

## SILVER SCREEN VIDEO VIDEO

1017 Main Street • Friona, TX 79035 • 250-3620
On Sunday, February 29, the
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R of Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County Court. February 25, Francisco Vasquez, 24, of Cactus, was arrested by the Friona Police on a Moore County warrant, posted bond and released. February 26, William French, 30, of Ohio, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, court costs and three days in jail. March 1, Stephen Padron, 29, of
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## Did You Know <br> YOUR COUNTY TANES WENT UP \$3.42 PER S100.00 property evaluation TO FINANCE THE MEW JAIL IN FARWELL? <br> PARMER COUNTY PREEMCT 1 NEEDS A CHANGE. ONE MAN WIIL STAND UP FOR YOU AND YOUR tak DOLIARS. THAT MAN IS JOHN G. MARS. <br> together we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE. <br> THE STAKES ARE TOO HIEH FOR YOU TO STAY AT HOME MARCH 9,2004. <br> 

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$\star$ Republican Primary Election: Tuesday, March 9th $\star$

## Please Mark Your Calendar: This s sthe vote that counts the most!

Thank you for your support in the recent special election. With your help, we won $56 \%$ and 18 of 26 counties But the election battle is not over yet! Your support in the Republican Primary is now needed to determine who will hold this State Senate seat from 2005-2009.
This is the third time in the past three months l've asked for your support. I would be honored to earn your vote one more time.
Re-elect


STATE SENATOR
Vote For Kel "One More Time"
In The GOP Primary:
Tuesday, March 9th
Campaign Hotline: (806) 373-5500
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## Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs. Ago
March 4, 1959 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edens returned home from three weeks in California Friday evening. The Bovina couple went to the coast to see their son, Bill, who is in the Navy. Bill had a nine-day leave, which he spent with his parents.

40 Yrs
March 8, 196
J.T. King, head football coach at Texas Tech, will be speaker at Bovina High School's athletic banquet. Mrs. Demp Foster enter tained members of Lazbuddie Home Demonstration Club with a luncheon at her home recently.

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35 \text { Yrs. Ago }
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\text { March 12, } 1969
$$ Craton D. Looney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Peckinpaugh of Roswell, New Mexico and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, has recently been pro-

moted to second lieutenant at New Mexico Military Instiute.

30 Yrs. Ago
March 13, 1974 More than 500 students in the College of Home Economics at Texas Tech University have been named to the Dean's list for the fall semester. Included in the list is

Mr. and Mrs. D.T. King. Miss
King is a graduate of Friona High School.


25 Yrs. Ag
 Billy Marshall, a corn growe
from Bovina has won top hors from Bovina, has won top honors in Association yield contest. His yield Association yield contest. His yield
of 251.41 bushels was the highest yield in the nation and the state of Texas in the contest's irrigated divi-

## Charlie Gray observed his $95^{\text {th }}$

 birthday with a party and gifts at his
## 20 Yrs. Ago March 7, 1984

 Richard Shepherd and Sony Mayfield were crowned basketbal king and queen for 1983-84 during basketball homecoming. Bovina youngsters had better than average luck at the 1984 Houston Livestock Show and Ro deo, which were concluded last week. Best luck of all was by Misti Boozer, whose homegrown barrow,"Pig," was judged Reserve Cham"Pig," was judged Reserve Champion Hamp
1984 show.
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15 Yrs. Ago
March 8, 1989 Mel Porme w, 1989 Angel
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Happy Birthday Bovina
Mar. 7 -Tina Sides, Bobby Haney, Charles Gilbreath, LibbyHolman Mar. 8-Charolette Wilbur, Kay Venable, Bonnie Scaff, Tiny Moore, Sonja Maria Murillo, Jane Trotter, Desmond Fox Mar. 9-Jimmy Gilbreath
Mar. 10-Ona Patterson, Tony Chisom
Mar. 11-Nelline Spicer
Mar. 12-Susan Kerby
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Bovina ISD Spelling Bee Winners Named

Bovina ISD held it's annual | Speling |
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| ruary 26. |

"We would like to congratulate the following winners and thank all the students who participated in this event"," said Elementary Principal Darla Sealey. Junior Bee winners were first place Heather Millera a third trader from Mrs. Deen's class, second place Vanessa Rodriguez a third grader from Mrs. Side's class and third place was won by Taylor Lane a fourth grader from Mrs. Steven's class.
In the Senior Bee the winner were first place Aaron Ramon a seventh grader; sec ond place Hannah Miller also a seventh grader and third place Kimberly Casas a sixth grader. These students will participate in the County Bee on March $5^{\text {th }}$ along with the other school winners from Parme
County. County.
The county bee will be at 9:30 a.m. at Bovina I.S.D. in the auditorium.

## DEADLINE FOR CROP Insurance Is March 15

Now is the time to call or stop by to see Bud Rainey to sign up for your 2004 Spring Crop Insurance.

Wheat Acre Changes Are Also Due By March 15

## I would really appreciate your business!

## Bud Rainey Insurance Agency

Affiliated With Prairie Insurance

Friona
603 Main Street - 250-2766 Cell - 265-7257

Hereford
The Tardy Building - 803 W. 1st 363-6489
F.H.S. Names Who's Who Winners Who's Who awards were revealed Monday night during the Public ents select the various category mates and the winners are announced at the awards assembly.
The Who's Who winners for 2004 are:
Most Dependable, Pedro Ramos \& Maegan Ingram; Most Competitive, Rudy Gonzales \& Yvonne
Vega; Friendliest, Eduardo Godoy \& Jisela Torres; Most Stylish, Jason Gutierrez \& Andrea Geries. Most Talented, Juan Carlos Silva
\& Amy Geries; Most Cheerful, Mason Vasquez \& Haleigh Herbert, Most School Spirited, Steffan Busch \& Kristin Butman; Most Likely to
Succeed, Fabian Dominguez \& Succeed, Fabian Dominguez \&
Bridget Soltero; Most Studious, Caleb Hidalgo \& Mashay White; Best Sense of Humor, Ramey Alaniz \& Claudia Cruz.
Freshman Favorites, Ruben Chico \& Krista Graham; Sophomore Favorites, Andrew Chico \& Jessica
Silva; Junior Favorite, Willy Castillo Silva; Junior Favorites, Willy Castillo
\& Andrea Geries; Senior Favorites, \& Andrea Geries; Senior Favontes, Mr. \& Miss Friona High Scho


MR. \& MISS FHS Jason Gutierrez \& Claudia Cruz.

## LEGAL NOTICES -

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| H \& R BLOCK 904 W. $11^{\text {TH }}$ HWY 60 FRIONA, TX. <br> WEDNESDAY MARCH 10 | until $2: 30$ p.m., Thursday, March 18, 2004 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia, and Whiteface Texas including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County: |  |
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Judges and Commissioners of te te tites and Cow

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc., shall be the agent for the owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommen
Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ABERNATHY, BORDEN OUNTY, FRIONA, FRITCH, HEARNE, LOCKNEY LORENZO, MORTON, POSI, TAHOKA, TULIA, AND WHITEFACE TEXAS in an amount not less than five perce $(5 \%)$ of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond ill not be considered.
The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the Aate of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner. All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and
figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most dvantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Own reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to ccept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interest. Bemselves regardiced to inspect the site of the work and to inform ail local conditions under which the work is Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Friona,
Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia and Whiteface.
Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifica ons are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden
Tahoka, Tulia, and Whiteface Texas and Oller Engineering, Inc.,
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## Lyndell "Scott" Green

Lyndell "Scott" Green, 41, He was preceded in death died Tuesday, February 17, 2004, by his father, Curtis Green, in at a Lancaster medical center.
Memorial services were held Memorial services were held Saturday, February 21, 2004 at
2:00 p.m., at the First United 2:00 p.m., at the First United
Methodist Church of Mansfield, Methodi
Texas. Texas. Scott was born on February $\begin{aligned} & \text { Green of Lubbock; one sister, }\end{aligned}$ 17, 1963, in Lubbock, and was husband, Brian, of Dublin, Caliraised in Lockesburg, Arkansas. fornia; and a cousin, Cathy He married Andrea King on May 18, 1991, in Denton and was employed as a golf course superintendent for the City
Arlington from 1995 to 1998 .
$\qquad$ als/donations be made in his name to the National MS Society, (800) 344-4867, in lieu of

## Jimmy Allen

Funeral services for Jimmy Allen, 54 , of Lubbock, will be held Thurs-
day, March 4, 2004 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Baptist Church in Friona with
Alvin Petty, pastor, officiating. Alvin Petty, pastor, officiating.
Burial will follow in the Bunial will follow in the Friona
Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.
Mr. Allen died Monday, March , 2004 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.
He was borm March 11, 1949 in Hereford, Texas. He lived in Lubbock for the past 25 years, moving Karen Agee on May 1, 1999 in Lubbock. He He was a Master Electrician erving in the Arete Vietnam War, member of the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock
He was preceded in death by his natural mother, Betty Robertson in 1970; a brother, Louis Parsons in 2002; and a sister, Janie Allen in 1947.


JIMMY ALLEN
two sons, Tony and Michael Allen, both of Lubbock; a stepson Brian Barnwell of Shreveport, Louisiana; stepdaughter, Tonya Purvine of Abilene, Texas; his parents, John and Elsie Allen of Friona; three brothers, John Lee Allen of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Tommy Frank Allen of San Antonio, Texas, and David Parsons of Houston, Texas; and seven grandchildren.
The family suggests memorials

Phillip Morris Griggs, Jr.
 Fredrick Hancox. 2004 in Farwell, Texas. P.J. was born December 9, 1981, in Muleshoe, to Brenda and Phillip Morris Griggs, Sr. He grew up in Bovina where he attended school, and later graduated from Hampton State School in Beaumont, Texas. He worked in telecommunications.
Survivors include one son,

## Armida Leyba

A funeral mass for Armida Leyba, 54, who died Monday, March 1, 2004, in Odessa, will be held Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Fr. Ed
ing.
$\qquad$ Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Friona.
$\qquad$ 1050 in was born January 1 1950 in Mexico, where she mar-
ried Jesus Leyba in 1969

She was a resident of Friona for the past ten years, moving from Mexico. She had worked a dishwasher and was a a dishwasher and was a mem
ber of St. Teresa's Church. St. Teresa's Catholic Church.
Survivors include her husband, Jesus; four daughters, Miroslava
Torres, Marissa Garcia Torres, Marissa Garcia, and
Magaly Leyva, all of Friona Magaly Leyva, all of Friona
and Marisela Hinojos of Odessa and Marisela Hinojos of Odessa, of Mexico; one brother, Rojelio of Mexico; one brother, Rojelio and six grandchildren.
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## My Life Story

by Faye Southward
Friona Horitage Estates, writes a story about Home or history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Faye Southward. I was born January 22, 1912 in Hill County Texas. My parents were James Rice and Willie Lee Southward. I was the second of eight children. I had five brothers and two sisters. Only two of my brothers are still living, Marvis and Harold Dean. We moved to
Hall County Texas and then to Headrick, Oklahoma where I grew up.
My family and I moved to a section of land my father bought 13 miles southeast of Friona in January of 1940 . We began farming the land that year.
I never held a job outside of the home, but I worked hard ling my father and mother with all of the work that has to be diso raised cows, chickens, and pigs and I helped take care of them.
 yougest brotier Harold, who was around 12 at the time, and别 I negur farm hand.
iner married and lived at home taking care of my mother I far unil their deaths in 1967. When my brother Melvin's passed awa, I moved a quarter mile down the road to move his and help win the cooking, housework, and the raising
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TIRINA SWARTOUT \& LOGAN SPENCER
T. Swartout \& L. Spencer

Plan To Wed In California
Raymond and Cathy Spence of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage Another reception will be held of their son, Logan Spencer, to Sunday, April 4, 2004, from 2:00 Tirina Swartout.
Logan is a Friona High School graduate and is currently em-
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A nice shower, amounting to .54 .
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total local moisture to 2.34 inches in February, and the wettest on record at the Friona recording station, which dates back to 1931. February of 1986 , when 2.32 inches were recorded. No other February
had received more than 1.49 inches had received more than 1.49 inches
of moisture.
(Bill Flis, local recorder, has tried to secure all of the past moisture records for some time, and finally got them this week. The figures used here include the "melt" for snows.)
. Interestingly enough, the all-time high moisture year of 1941, which
produced 40.57 inches of rain, meaproduced 40.57 inches of rain, mea-
sured only .09 inch in February, and ng the other te 41.34 inches.
In addition, anuary and February, 2004, for January and February, 2004, was
the most, edging out the previous wettest month, in 1987.
The month just ended produced its moisture on five different dates. A total of .09 fell on February 11, from an inch of snow. Another. 20
inch was recorded on February 12, inch was recorded on February 12 ,
from two additional inches of snow. Continuing, .31 inches was received on February 22 , from a halfinch of snow; 1.20 was recorded
on February 24 , from the sevenon February 24 , from the seven-
inches of snow which followed rain on that date, climaxed by the .54 inches last
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## McDonough of Plainview.

Chantell is a 2000 graduate o Friona High School and is attend ing West Texas A\&M Universit Jared is a 1998 graduate of Silverton High School with a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science from West Texas A\&M University and is currently farming in Silverton.

They plan to wed on May 15 They plan to wed on May 15,
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## COTTON NEWS <br> from plains cotton growers, inc. <br> 4517 WEST LOOP 289 LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79414 <br> LUBBOCK, TEXAS 794144 TELEPHONE 806-79-494 FAX; 806-792-9990 <br> ww.plainscotton.org

USDA Says No $2^{\text {nd }}$ Counter Cyclical Advance For 2003 As Average Price Projected To Increase Friday, February 27, 2004 $\qquad$ By Shawn Wade One of the most anticipated announcements of the past month finally came late Wednesday aftemoon. Unfortunately for cotton, the news is something of a mixed blessing.
USDA Secretary Ann Veneman's February 25 announcement deflated hopes for a second advance payment for cotton through the Countercyclical payment program. USDA's projection indicates season average prices could res
the 2003 crop.
The prospect of rising prices should generally be considered good new since a sizeable portion of the 2003 crop has still not been marketed.
USDA loan figures through February 17 indicate 46 percent of the 10.013 million upland cotton bales entered into the government loan, approximately 4.7 million bales, have not been redeemed. The loan numbers correlate closely with the amount of cotton reported as sold through the end of January.
: USDA's January figures indicate approximately 47 percent ( 8.368 million bales) of the estimated 17.7 million upland bales produced in 2003 have officially been marketed. Normally producers have marketed 60 percent or more of the crop by the end of January.
The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on cumulative marketings through January 2004.

Average Price Received For 2003-crop Upland Cotton


Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; ${ }^{61.6^{*}}=$ preliminary $^{\text {na }}$
The downside of the announcement is, that growers who lost crops in 2003 will not be able to benefit from higher prices in the short term. Many of these producers were looking toward a second counter-cyclical advance to cover expenses associated with preparing for the 2004 crop.
6. For growers who received the first counter-cyclical advance payment on cotton it means USDA could eventually ask them to refund the amount of the first advance payment after the end of the 2003 marketing year if the current USDA projection is correct. The first 2003 crop CC advance payment totaled 2.01 cents per pound for cotton.
"The fact that market changes are not easy things to predict has always meant that producers could be asked to rectum advance payments after calculation of a final CC payment rate, explains FCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett "It appears that the 2003 marketing year may very well create just that scenario based on USDA's announcement." Producers who received the first counter-cyclical advance will be required to repay any excess payment if the final counter-cyclical rate is less than the amount of the first advance payment. If an overpayment situation exists, producers will be notified after final market prices are determined and then asked to repay the amount of the overpayment, interest free.
If USDA follows previous procedures to deal with an overpayment situation, producers will be able to repay the money directly or have the necessary amount, plus interest if applicable, deducted from future Comm
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Producers who complete the repayment process within 60 days would likely be required to only repay the total amount of the overpayment. Interest charges would only be charged in the event that repayment is not completed within 60 days of the first request for payment.

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