

MY TURN



By Carol Ellis

COLUMNISTS, at the first of a new year, like to reflect on noteworthy events of the past twelve months...take stock, evaluate, put things in proper perspective. This is in order to wipe the slate clean and start the new year with eager anticipation of what may lie ahead.

You could say that 1996 was the "Year of the Angels." The craze over angels started a couple of years ago, but it went into full throttle in '96 with books, movies, TV shows, angel clothing, jewelry, stationery, collectible knick-knacks, Christmas ornaments, etc.

"It's A Wonderful Life", the Jimmy Stewart Christmas classic movie about Bedford Falls, was 50 years old this past year, having been filmed in 1946, complete with Clarence, the bumbling guardian angel.

The idea that we each have a special angel looking out for us when the going gets rough, is a pretty comforting thought and something we can all live with, even if the commercial trappings do get a little out of hand.

1996 could also be called the year of the "Macarena." For awhile last summer, you couldn't go anywhere without hearing it played over a loud speaker; a peppy sound with a bouncy Latin beat. Young and old were bobbing around, making arm motions and wiggling their backsides. Nothing since the "Bunny Hop" of the '50s has so captured the rhythm of the entire country.

Then we had that "Tickle Me Elmo" craze at Christmas, created by adults and exploited by adults. Those of us at the newspaper office thought it was rather odd that, of all the letters to Santa Claus which we received at the paper, not one child asked for a Tickle Me Elmo doll. The grown-ups were the ones getting the kids all worked up, and then charging hundreds of dollars for black market Elmos which they had squirreled away.

Perhaps the most exciting event of 1996 was the discovery of the possibility that there may have once been life on Mars. We've suspected it all along, because we all know that there are aliens who walk among us. Why else would we be burdened with such freaks as Dennis Rodman, Michael Jackson, O.J., Woody Allen, and Madonna. Two of these, Madonna and Michael J., decided in '96 that they should reproduce themselves. Eeek! Do we really need any more of these creeps?

Wal-Mart stores took a step in the right direction during 1996. They announced that they would no longer sell CDs or tape albums in which violence and/or obscene language was incorporated as part of the music. This, of course, sparked debates over censorship and violation of artistic freedoms, etc. But I think most of us would rather enjoy freedom from obscenities and cultural coarseness disguised as music. Bach and Beethoven must be spinning in their graves.

Women in the Armed Services waited long and loudly in '96 about sexual harassment by their male comrades in arms. Are these the same ladies who are anxious to be allowed to go into combat and battle the enemy in fox holes around the world? Aren't these the same ones who raise cries of discontent until they are allowed to infiltrate the country's previously all-male military institutions? If you can't stand the heat, girls, better get out of the kitchen. (Redundancy intended.)

Closer at home, '96 was the year that our Bovina and Friona teams showed their stuff on football fields around the State of Texas, and made the hometown fans really proud.

It was also the year that the good old boy who lives with me on Maple Street hit the 60 year mark on New Year's Eve. We had a nice little gathering of friends who came to wish him many more. Now I guess he can no longer be called the good old BOY. At this point in life, he has turned into the good old geezer.



SNOW RECEIVED....The Friona area received around six inches of snow this week, the first moisture of the new year. Trees, shrubs and bushes were bedecked with nature's handiwork.

Friona PD 1996 Highlights Of Captures Car Thief The Friona Star

On Monday, January 6, a vehicle was reported as stolen to the Friona Police Department.

Officer Manny Torres spotted and attempted to stop the vehicle near the intersection of White and Elm Streets.

The driver exited the car and fled on foot. Officer Torres chased the suspect to a nearby residence where a struggle ensued.

Torres was joined by Captain Tim Roberts to assist in subduing the suspect. During the struggle, Officer Torres sustained a cut to his hand from a broken glass coffee table and minor injuries to the suspect.

The subject was arrested after the struggle. Both the officer and the suspect were taken to Parmer County Hospital for treatment, where Officer Torres required twelve stitches to his hand.

Photo Reminder For Parents & Grandparents

Area residents are being reminded of the Friona Star's annual Valentine Brag Page coming up in just one month. This special issue has grown in popularity over the past several years.

Parents, grandparents and sweethearts may place photos and/or messages to their kids and other loved ones on the "Brag Page" for a small fee.

Deadline for the Valentine issue will be Monday, February 10.

Friona Youth Commission Sets Meeting

Roy Smith, Parmer County DARE officer, announced that the Friona Youth Commission will meet on Thursday, January 23.

The 7 p.m. meeting at the City Office is held to adopt a city plan concerning problems involving local youth.

The Commission will also begin preparing a grant to establish a youth activity center.

All concerned citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting. Commission members are interested in hearing as many ideas as possible from the public.

As of January 9, 1997
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bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.
Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey



GOOD JOB.....The Friona Junior Livestock Show Grand Champion Heifer is owned by veteran show performer Alicia Smith.



KEVIN'S WINNER.....Kevin Schueler won Grand Champion honors for his prize winning lamb at the Friona Junior Livestock show.



JEREMY & THE CHAMP....Jeremy Campbell shows his Grand Champion Barrow at the Friona Junior Livestock Show..



AND ANOTHER CHAMP.....The Grand Champion Steer Award at the Friona Junior Livestock Show also went to Alicia Smith.

The Chieftains football season, a 13-2 record and advancing to the 3A state semifinal game was by far the biggest story of the 1996 news year in Friona.

The 1996 Chiefs set many school records including a 13-game winning streak, longest in school history, as Coach James Morton was named coach-of-the-year.

A brief summary of 1996's top news as reported by the Friona Star, follows.

JANUARY

The Friona Squaws won the consolation championship of their bracket in the prestigious Caprock Invitational Tournament the week after Christmas in Lubbock. The Squaws bounced back from an opening round loss to state power Groesbeck, 63-58, to win their next four games and claim their large trophy.

Project Christmas Card raised \$4,017.58 for Parmer County Community Hospital. The money raised is to be used to buy new IV pumps for patient rooms.

The Friona Junior Livestock Show was held January 6. Grand champions were M'Kell Jarecki, champion lamb; Alicia Smith, champion heifer; Rusty Simmons, grand champion steer; and Wade Schueler, grand champion barrow.

Recycle bins were made available by the City of Friona, in conjunction with the Panhandle Environment Partnership, for recycling aluminum, paper, newspapers, and plastic bottles.

The new Catholic Rectory was completed and moved to its permanent location. Blessing and open house was held January 13.

The Friona Squaws passed a pair of hurdles with victories over Floydada and Dimmitt, to run their district record to 4-0 and their season record to 19-5.

Reverend Geary Brogden, who served as minister of music and youth at Friona's First Baptist Church for almost 20 years, tendered his resignation effective February 11.

Friona Police and school officials investigated vandalism at FHS. The school offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty persons.

Captain Tim Roberts started with the FPD on January 8. He moved from Pampa and has been in law enforcement since 1982.

Robert Neeley, chairman of Friona State Bank, announced that Jack Hamil and Mike Beauchamp were elected to the board of directors.

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show was held January 18-20. Staci Foster of Lazbuddie exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb, Kolby Wilkerson of Lazbuddie showed the Grand Champion Goat, Wade Schueler of Friona exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow, Brice Redwine of Lazbuddie had the Grand Champion Steer, and Alicia Smith of Friona showed the Grand Champion Heifer.

FEBRUARY

A new UIL alignment moved Friona into District 1-3A, comprising an 8-team district made up of Friona, Dalhart, Perryton, River Road, Sanford-Fritch, Tulia, Dimmitt, and Muleshoe.

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50th Annual Jr. Stock Show Set

The 50th annual Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show will be held January 16-17-18 at the County Showbarn (Friona Community Center).

FFA and 4-H Club youngsters from throughout the county will bring their projects to show during the three-day event.

Weight-in of the animals will be held on Thursday from 1-5 p.m. Barrows, steers and lambs will also be classified.

Showing begins at 8 a.m.

Friday with the lamb show. The barrow show will start at 12 noon Friday.

Steers will be shown at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by the heifer show.

The premium auction sale will be held at 5 p.m. at the showbarn.

(See the special eight-page section dealing with the stock show inside this issue)

General superintendent of the show is Mack Heald of Farwell. JeDon Gallman of Friona is assistant superintendent.

Other officials include: swine: Joe Tarter, Lazbuddie; Sonny Moore, Bovina, lambs, and Jerry Simmons, Friona, cattle.

Gallman is president of the stock show board. Jimmy Dale Seaton of Lazbuddie is vice president. Gary Patterson of Farwell is secretary. Dr. Dale Schueler of Rhea and Alan Monroe of Friona are treasurers.

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

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70 Yrs Ago-Jan. 14, 1927

Material is on the ground, and workmen are employed at the erection of a new building in the south part of town. The new building will be used as a blacksmith shop, and will be operated by a man named Sylvester. Mr. Sylvester comes here from Bovina.

65 Yrs Ago-Jan. 8, 1932

F.S. Truitt returned home Monday from Gainsville, where he had gone the week before with Mrs. Truitt and their son and daughter. Frank Truitt will enter college there on Monday. Mrs. Truitt plans to stay awhile, hoping the lower altitude will improve her health.

55 Yrs Ago-Jan. 16, 1942

Among the political announcements carried in the issue: Sheriff Earl Booth announced for reelection; A.D. Smith of Farwell for reelection to County Attorney; Lee Thompson re-election as County Judge; David Moseley, re-election to office of County Commissioner Precinct 1; and O.M. Jennings of Lazbuddie, Commissioner of Precinct 4.

45 Yrs Ago-Jan. 10, 1952

First baby of 1952 was born at the Parmer Community Hospital. The baby was Joe Bill Jones, six pounds, nine ounce boy of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones of Friona. The youngster arrived Tuesday, January 8.

40 Yrs Ago-Jan. 10, 1957

Lakeside Phillips 66 service station will open Saturday in Friona. Kermie Deaton, longtime station manager, will be the lessee. Deaton currently is lessee of the Sloan Osborn station, also handling Phillips products, at the corner of Main and Highway 60.

Rites Held For Relative Of Frionan

Services for Stephen Ray Fleming, 22, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, were held Wednesday, January 8, 1997 at Brownfield Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Bob Reynolds of the Brownfield Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was in Terry County Memorial in Brownfield.

Fleming died Friday, January 3, 1997 in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he was working as a ranch hand.

He was born May 6, 1974 in Brownfield and graduated from Brownfield High School.

Survivors include his mother, Pam Howell, and his step-father, Linwood Howell, of Brownfield; three step-sisters, Linda Thompson of Las Vegas, New Mexico, Lisa McLellan of Friona and Lydia Johnson of Vancouver, Washington.

His grandmother, Thelma Wendell Fleming of Brownfield, also survives.

35 Yrs Ago-Jan. 11, 1962

The first baby for Parmer County in 1962 is an eight pound boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jamison of Bovina last Friday. He was named Ricky Don.

Deposits for the fourth quarter at Friona State Bank showed an increase of 17 per cent over the December 31, 1960 report-standing at \$5,447,336.28.

30 Yrs Ago-Jan. 12, 1967

Ben Robert Neeley, who was born Tuesday morning, January 10, is the first baby boy to Friona parents in 1967 at Parmer County Community Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neeley.

25 Yrs Ago-Jan. 13, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Webber are the parents of the first baby born at Parmer County Community Hospital in 1972. The baby was born Sunday, January 9 and was named Clifford G. Webber.

The Friona City Council voted Monday to initiate a \$100,000 bond issue to submit to Friona voters, for construction of a new fire station, along with improvements to the city's water and sewer systems.

20 Yrs Ago-Jan. 9, 1977

Bobby Perkins was Friona's champion in the "longest tailfeather" contest with an entry measuring an even 26 inches. The contest was in conclusion to the recent pheasant hunting season.

15 Yrs Ago-Jan. 10, 1982

Construction in Friona during 1981 was better than in some cities of the same size, mainly due to the million-dollar renovation at Friona Junior High School. According to figures compiled by City Manager A.L. "Jake" Outland, there were 40 permits issued during the year, calling for construction valued at an estimated \$1,682,833.

10 Yrs Ago-Jan. 3, 1987

The Friona High School Squaws won the consolation championship of the ABC Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament in Lubbock, playing five games in three days and extending its season record to 13-3. The Squaws racked up wins over Dimmitt, Brownfield, Lubbock Dubar and Shallowater after a disappointing opening-round loss to Abernathy.

5 Yrs Ago-Jan. 11, 1992

A contract has been awarded for the second stage of the widening of U.S. highway 60, from State highway 214 (North) in Friona to the east city limits of Bovina.

Absentee voting is underway at the Friona City Hall on the special election January 18 to legalize bingo

for charitable purposes.

Chad Hamilton, senior linebacker on the 1991 Friona Chieftain team, was named to the first team defense All-South Plains by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal recently.

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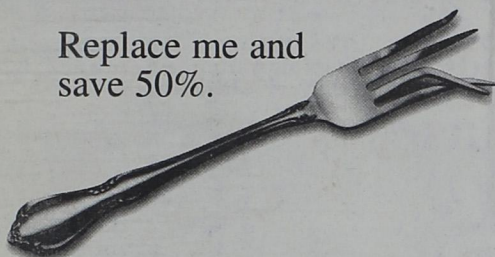
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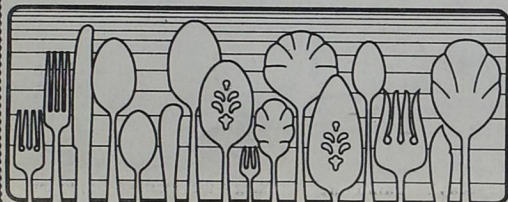
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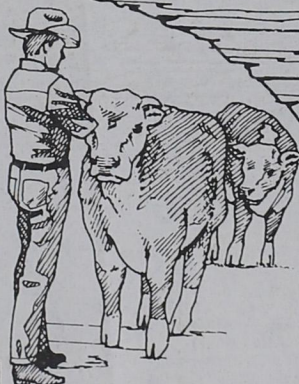
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UP FOR TWO.... Quint Ellis (32) goes high for a shot over his Tulia defender in Tuesday's game. In the background are teammates Eric McInroe (44) and Angel Vega (22). Ellis had a good game with 16 points, but Tulia scored a 72-64 win. (Photo by Ron Carr)

Chieftains Extend State-Ranked Tulia

The Tulia Hornets brought a ranking of second in the state to Chieftain Fieldhouse Tuesday night.

Although the Hornets escaped with a 72-64 win, the Chieftains gave them all they wanted--and even held a nine-point lead early in the third quarter.

The loss left the Chieftains with a 1-2 district record, and broke a four-game winning streak by the Chiefs--Friona's best basketball winning streak in awhile.

Last Friday, the Chiefs took their show on the road--all the way to Perryton, and came home with a 65-56 win, their first in district play.

Tuesday's duel with the Hornets was a tight one all the way.

Shane Blackburn's layup, and Aaron King's steal and layup gave Friona the early lead at 4-0 a minute into the game.

Tulia rallied for an eight-point streak. Nathan Culwell's three-pointer keyed the rally, which gave the Hornets an 8-4 lead. But another layup by Blackburn and a jump shot by Quint Ellis gave the Chieftains an 8-all tie with 4:05 left in the quarter. King swished the net with a three-pointer for a 13-12 lead.

The Chieftains worked the ball almost a minute for a good shot, but attempts by themselves and the Hornets failed.

Baskets by Justin Daniel and Vega tied the score at 17, but Culwell made his second "tre" for a 20-17 Tulia lead. Eric McInroe responded with a three-pointer of his own to regain the tie score at 20-all. King's and Blackburn's jump shots kept Friona close, and King's pair of free throws kept Friona within two, 26-24, at the half.

This time, the Hornets worked for a last shot, but a good defensive play by Friona kept Tulia from scoring.

Ellis, who had just two points to show for his first half, came back with a mission in the third quarter.

The 6-4 Chieftain junior canned a three-pointer from the

right corner to regain a tie for the Chiefs at 29-all.

Then, on three successive trips down court, Ellis repeated his formula, one inside the circle and two more from three-point range. The defense had caused three Tulia turnovers in the meantime.

Ellis' personal 11-point rally gave Friona an eye-popping 37-29 lead, after just 2:37 of play in the third quarter. It also brought about a frantic time-out call by Tulia's coach.

The Hornets came back for six unanswered points to trail, 37-34, before Ellis got his fifth basket of the quarter for a 39-34 lead at the 2:52 mark.

It was a 41-38 game with 2:03 left. Then McInroe and King zonked three-pointers on successive trips downcourt, and the Chieftains had rebuilt their lead to nine points, at 47-38 with just 1:30 left in the quarter.

"It looked pretty good for us at that point," said a proud Chieftain Coach Kevin Cooper.

But unfortunately, the Hornets showed they can score baskets in bunches. It looked like the Chiefs would have a 47-44 lead at the quarter, but Tulia's Mikey Marshall, responded to shouts from the bench by tossing the ball up after a late in-bounds. To the local fans' dismay, the shot hit nothing but net as time expired.

Tulia had erased Friona's nine-point lead, and did it in 1:30 of clock time.

The fourth quarter saw first one, then the other team hit scoring streaks, but the Chieftains missed some good chances at the foul line. King finished off his excellent game with three more three-point baskets, but the Hornets snuck out of town with the eight-point win.

King ended with 23 points, and Ellis with 16.

"If we could have hit our free throws (the Chiefs made only eight of 15), and gotten other shots to fall, we could have won it," Cooper said.

In last Friday's game at Perryton, the Chiefs responded to a 15-13 Perryton lead to outscore

the Rangers, 52-41 the rest of the way, to escape with a win in what will be their longest district trip. King and Ellis scored 14; Grimsley and Milner scored 10 apiece.

CHIEFS 65, Ptn. 56

Aaron King 5-1*1-14; Shane Blackburn 3-0-6; Angel Vega 1-1*0-5; Quint Ellis 6-2-14; Justin Daniel 1-0-2; Kyle Grimsley 4-2-10; David Shelby 2-0-4; Charlie Milner 5-0-10.

Tulia 72, CHIEFS 64

King 3-5*2-23; Blackburn 3-0-6; Vega 1-0-2; Ellis 3-3*1-16; Daniel 1-2-4; Grimsley 1-3-5; Milner 1-0-2; Eric McInroe 2*0-6.

Chief JV Getting Underway

The Friona Chieftain junior varsity have compiled a 2-3 record in the team's early games. Like their mates on the varsity, this team's season was delayed somewhat due to football.

CHIEF JV 61, S-F 44

Jesus Mata 3-1-7; Nathan King 0-1-1; Barry Procter 3-0-6; Colby Ingram 0-2-2; James Evans 1-0-2; Jeremy Roth 0-1-1; Jeff Rando 4-3-11; Joseph Bandy 1-5-7; Daniel Wiseman 0-1-1; Landon Martin 1-6-8; Coby Patterson 4-4-12.

Laz 56, CHIEF JV 49

Mata 4-0-8; Roth 1*0-3; Evans 2-0-4; Rando 4-1-9; Procter 2-0-4; Bandy 5-1-11; Patterson 5-0-10.

Far. 61, CHFS JV 47

King 1*0-3; Evans 1-1-3; Rando 1-4-6; Procter 1-1*0-5; Bandy 3-3*0-15; Wiseman 1-0-2; Patterson 4-1-9.

CHIEF JV 49, Ptn. 45

King 4-0-8; Martin 1-3-5; Evans 0-1-1; Procter 0-0-0; Bandy 4-1*6-17; Patterson 1-0-2.



TAMMY TOSSES.... Versatile Squaw performer Tammy Spencer tosses a perfect free throw as Amber Martin sets for rebounds. The Squaws downed Tulia Tuesday, for a 3-2 district record. (Ron Carr Photo)

FHS Squaws Have 3-2 Dist. Mark

Friona High School's Squaws downed Tulia here Tuesday, 56-48 to hike their district record to 3-2.

April Pope keyed a big second quarter for the Squaws with a pair of field goals, one for three points, and a pair of free throws, as Friona took control.

Miss Pope ended up with 12 points, Amber Martin did likewise, and Jamie Stokes netted ten.

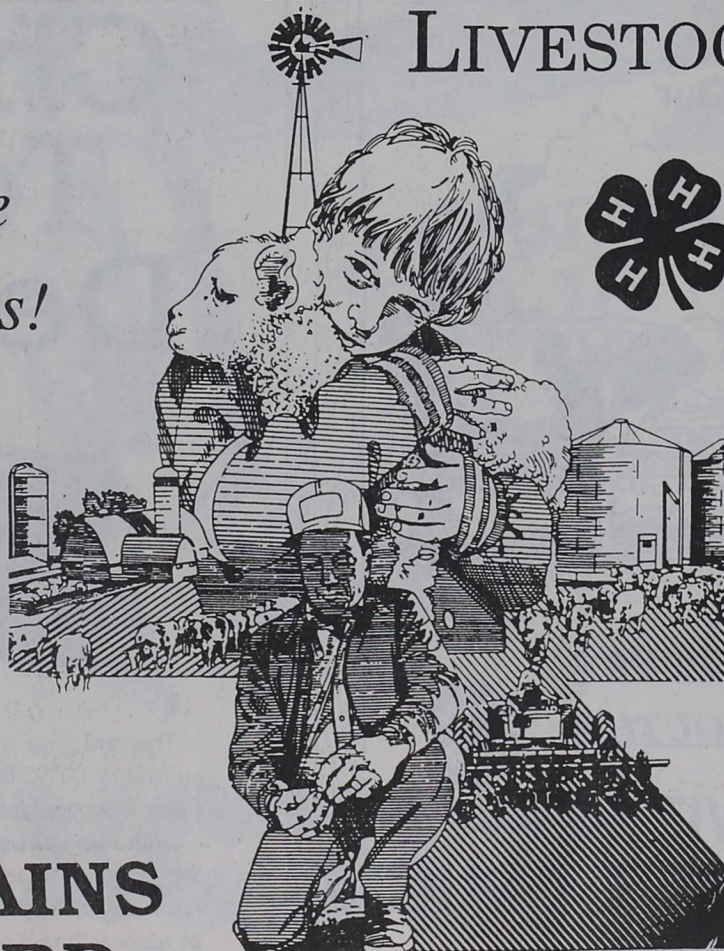
At Perryton last Friday, the team stayed right with the Lady Rangers most of the way, only to be edged out, 54-51.

Whitney Ellis had a trio of baskets as Friona opened up with a 14-13 lead. Amber Martin had pairs of baskets in both the first and second quarters, with one being a three-pointer. Tammy Spencer also hit a "tre," and the Squaws went to halftime tied, 28-all.

Friona's scoring trailed off in the third quarter, and when Perryton (Continued on Page 4)

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Squaws Split Games In Caprock Tourney

The Friona Squaws played four games in Lubbock's Caprock Tournament during the Christmas holidays, and had an even split in their games.

The team started off against Gruver, and suffered a 49-35 defeat. Continuing in the consolation bracket, the Squaws whacked Wichita Falls High, 47-17 (evening their season record against class 5A teams at 1-1).

Friona then claimed a hard-fought 35-32 win over Seminole, and then staged a rally before losing to district rival Dimmitt, 50-46.

In their opening game, the Squaws got it together in the second half, outscoring Gruver, 26-23, but their earlier deficit couldn't be overcome. Eight players scored, but none had over ten points.

In their game against Wichita Falls, first-ever meeting by the two schools, the Squaws got off to a 15-0 lead, and were ahead, 22-2 at halftime.

Rachel Burleson and Amber Martin each scored ten points to pace the scoring.

In the team's game with Seminole, the Squaws again started well, holding a 20-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. Friona held quarter leads of 20-13, 22-18 and 29-25 enroute to the 35-32 win. Jamie Stokes scored ten points for the Squaws.

In their consolation semi-finals game, rival Dimmitt was the fast starter, holding a 25-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Squaws regrouped after trailing 37-18 at halftime, outscoring the Bobbies 12-3 in the third and 16-10 in the fourth, but couldn't quite overcome their slow start. Whitney Ellis' 17 points paced the Squaws.

Gruver 49, SQUAWS 34
April Pope 0-1-1; Sandra Gonzales 1-3-5; Rachel Burleson 0-

1-1; Amanda Pope 0-0-0; Christina Santellana 0-0-0; Amber Martin 2-3-7; Whitney Ellis 1-4-6; Jamie Stokes 2-1-5; Sheri Fiel 0-4-4; V'Lynda Wilcox 0-0-0; Tammy Spencer 2*-0-6.

SQUAWS 47, W. Falls 17
April Pope 1*-0-3; Gonzales 1-1*-0-5; Burleson 4-2-10; Martin 2-2*-0-10; Ellis 1-0-2; Fiel 4-0-8; Grantham 1-0-3; Wilcox 1-1*-0-5; Spencer 2*-0-6.

Chieftains Win Trophy In Meet

The Friona Chieftain basketball team, which got its season underway over a month late due to participation in the state football playoffs, is beginning to get their "basketball legs" in gear.

After opening their season with losses to Lazbuddie and Sanford-Fritch, rebounded from an opening-round loss to seasoned Nazareth to win the consolation championship of the Clarendon tournament during the Christmas break.

Charlie Milner opened with four baskets in the first quarter, and the Chieftains were leading Nazareth, 18-14 at the end of the first quarter.

However, the Swifts outscored the Chieftains the rest of the way and took a 77-64 win.

Quint Ellis, who had four three-points, led Friona scoring with 20 points and Milner added 19.

Friona came back on Friday to whip Quanah, 92-55. Ellis started fast with a nine-point first quarter to pace Chieftains to a 21-12 lead. Three-point baskets by Aaron King and Angel Vega sparked Friona to 20 more points in the second quarter, and the Chiefs held a 41-23 halftime lead.

Milner heated up with six baskets as the Chiefs led 61-34 after three. Eric McInroe came in to sink a trio of three-point baskets and a pair of free throws, as Friona posted

Spencer 1-1*-0-5.
SQUAWS 35, Sem. 32
Gonzales 0-2-2; Amanda Pope 0-2-2; Martin 2-1-5; Ellis 1-1-3; Stokes 4-2-10; Fiel 3-0-6; Spencer 2*-1-7.

Dim. 50, SQUAWS 46
April Pope 3*-0-9; Gonzales 2-1-5; Amanda Pope 1-0-2; Santellana 1-0-2; Ellis 6-5-17; Fiel 1-1-3; Spencer 1-1*-0-5.

a 31-point fourth quarter. Ellis' 22 points led the scoring.

In the trophy game, the Chiefs met up with Sanford-Fritch, whom they had played just prior to Christmas in their first district game, with the Eagles making off with a win.

It was just a ten-point lead for Friona, 30-20 at halftime. But the Chiefs wore the Eagles down in the second half, 42-27, for the 72-47 win.

Ellis had a 20-point game for scoring leadership. Justin Daniel scored 13, Kyle Grimsley 12 and Shane Blackburn ten.

Naz. 77, CHIEFS 64
Aaron King 1-0-2; Shane Blackburn 1-3-5; Angel Vega 1*-2-5; Quint Ellis 4-4*-0-20; Kyle Grimsley 1-0-2; Justin Daniel 2-1-5; Charlie Milner 9-1-19; Eric McInroe 1-0-2.

CHIEFS 92, Quanah 55
King 3-2*-1-13; Blackburn 1-0-2; Vega 1-2*-1-9; Ellis 8-6-22; Daniel 2-2-6; Grimsley 4-0-8; David Shelby 3-0-6; Milner 5-0-10; McInroe 1-4*-2-16.

CHIEFS 72, S-F 47
King 1-0-2; Blackburn 5-0-10; Vega 2-1*-1-8; Ellis 8-4-20; Daniel 4-1*-2-13; Grimsley 5-2-12; Milner 3-1-7; Shelby 0-0-0.

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took a four-point lead, that turned out to be the difference.

Ptn. 54, SQUAWS 51
April Pope 1-0-2; Sandra Gonzales 1-0-2; Rachel Burleson 0-0-0; Chris Santellana 1-0-2; Amber Martin 4-2*-1-15; Whitney Ellis 7-0-14; Tammy Spencer 3-2*-0-12.

SQUAWS 56, Tul. 48
April Pope 2-2*-2-12; Gonzales 3-0-6; A. Martin 4-4-12; Ellis 2-2-6; Stokes 2-6-10; Fiel 1-0-2; Spencer 1-1*-1-6.

Friona Fire Dept. News

The Friona firemen held their elections on January 2. The new officers elected for the upcoming year are: Jim Taylor, chief; Glenn Reeve, Jr., assistant chief; John Taylor, training officer; Roger Fields, training coordinator; Raul Garza, secretary-treasurer; Darrell Barlow, reporter; Brian Harris, whistle blower; Fred Florez, captain-company 1; Chuck Teague, lieutenant company 1; Bobby Jordan, captain company 2; Terry Sharrock, lieutenant company 2; Stephanie Jones, mascot.

The other members on the Fire Department are: Rex Williams, Steve Jones, Dwayne Procter, Jessie Aragon, Joe Mann, Ruben Taylor, Ralph Shirley, Salvador Garcia, Larry Martin, Mac Fields, John Blackwell, Lee Campbell, Guy Warren, Jimmy Williams and Lance Teague.

The firemen would like to welcome Stephanie Jones as our mascot. They work hard keeping all the equipment in good working order. We also have training in all phases of fire safety, for the betterment of Friona and other communities.

We have training the first three Thursdays every month from 7-10 p.m. If you think you would be interested in joining the Fire Department, you can come to the meeting the first Thursday of every month. We wish to thank everyone for the support of our Fire Department.

Darrell Barlow, Reporter

Reverend William Waide Messer was called as the new pastor of Friona's First Baptist Church. He had been pastor of First Baptist Church of Santa Anna since 1991.

Winter hit with a full blast the first week of February. The temperature dropped to a low of five degrees on Wednesday and 11 on Thursday. The area received from one to two inches of snow.

The Friona Squaws clinched the district title in their last year in District 2-3A. After closing out their season in Muleshoe, the Squaws will meet the winner of the River Road-Perryton game.

Sophomore Quint Ellis led the Friona Chieftain basketball team in scoring with 373 points over a 28-game schedule for a 13.3 average. Junior Charlie Milner was runnerup with 291 points, a 10.3 average.

For the Squaws, who lost a close bi-district game to River Road to close out the year, Courtney Carthel was top scorer with 335 points, a 10.8 average. Britny White finished with 325 points, a 10.5 average.

MARCH

Three members of the Friona Squaws were elected to the all-district basketball team. They were Courtney Carthel, Julie Goddard, and Britny White. For the Chieftains, sophomore Quint Ellis was selected the first team all-district boys team.

Parmer County Hospital District announced that three terms are set to expire. The three expiring terms are currently held by Dale Schueler, Anne Corn, and Dennis Anthony.

Buford Hartwick resigned his post on the Library Board after 17 years pending his move to Amarillo. The library presented him a plaque for his service.

Teresa Buske, executive vice-president of the Friona chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, was recently elected vice president of the Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Parmer County voters, given a more convenient opportunity for the primary election, voted in the Republican primary more heavily than the Democratic, 54 per cent to 46 per cent this past Tuesday. It was the first time in the county's voting history for the Republican primary to outdraw the Democratic primary.

Heidi Lay, 24, a USDA meat inspector at EXCEL, was found dead in her Friona residence on Monday, March 18.

The Friona Chieftains baseball team broke into the win column by whacking Lockney, 22-2. Lance Loper hit a home run to highlight an 11-run first inning for Friona.

APRIL

Filing for re-election to the Parmer County Hospital District board were Dale Schueler, Anne Corn, and Dennis Anthony.

Friona police officers Mike Howard and Shelby Davis stopped a van containing 15 people. The occupants were turned over to the Border Patrol and the local ministerial alliance provided money to feed them in the meantime.

The Friona Masonic Lodge No. 1332 honored Brother A.L. "Jake" Outland with the presentation of the Golden Trowel Award in recognition of his devoted service to the Friona Lodge and to the principle tenets of Masonry in general.

Friona hosted the UIL Literary events, and came away with the overall district championship, amassing 368 points to second place Shallowater's 328 points, and Muleshoe's 295 points.


Man and Woman of the Year Awards were presented to Jim Parker and Teena Hughs. Citizen of the Year went to Debbie Rector, Teacher of the Year was Charlotte Ratcliff and Employee of the Year was Glenn Reeve, Jr.

Honored as Students of the Year were Casey Renner and Julie Goddard.

(1996 News Review To Be Continued Next Week)

**Parmer County Stock Show
January 16-18**

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50th Annual Parmer Co. Jr. Livestock Show Set

There have been county livestock shows for well over fifty years, as we see old newspaper reports of shows in the 1930s and early '40s.

But complete records indicate that the show this year is headed for its 50th consecutive renewal, once again at the Community Center-Showbarn in Friona.

Youngsters from the Friona, Bovina, Farwell and Lazbuddie communities will be competing in the county-wide event.

Judging will be held all day Friday, January 17, concluding on Saturday morning. The premium auction sale will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday at the showbarn.

For the first time since 1986, a goat show was added to the show. Goats were previously judged in 1984, 1985 and 1986. "This gives students a chance to show an animal without having the expenses involved in showing the larger animals," a show spokesman said.

Weigh-in and classifications of all animals will be held from 1-5 p.m. Thursday, January 16. Barrows will be classified as they are weighed in. Steers will be classified beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, followed by the lambs.

The lamb show kicks off the judging Friday at 8 a.m. The barrow show is scheduled to begin at 12 noon.

Steer judging will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, followed by the heifer show.

Judges for the County Show will be J.D. Ragland for steers and heifers; Bill Binder, lambs; and Conda Maze for the barrows.

Grand champion animals at last year's show included: Wade Schueler of Friona, barrow; Staci Foster of Lazbuddie, lambs; Brice Redwine of Lazbuddie, steers; Alicia Smith of Friona, heifers; and Kolby Wilkerson of Lazbuddie, goats.

Buyers of last year's

grand champion animals were: steer, Bovina Feeders; barrow, Parmer County Implement Company; and lamb, Clay's Corner Gin.

Showmanship honors in the 1996 show were awarded to: (lambs) Laura Jo Via, champion junior division, and Ashlee Hunt, reserve champion; Cade Morris, champion senior division, and Kevin Schueler, reserve champion.

Barrow showmanship awards went to: (junior division) Tyson Kerby, champion, and J'Lond Jarecki, reserve champion; (senior division) Shane Roberts champion, and M'Kell Jarecki, reserve champion.

Beef showmanship recipients were: (junior division) Jeffery Seaton, champion, and Shawndee Nichols, reserve champion; (senior division) Rusty Simmons, champion, and Brice Redwine, reserve champion.

Redwine's grand champion steer was an exotic cross steer and marked the 18th time an exotic crossbred animal has been named grand champion of the county show.

Hereford steers have won at least 18 Parmer County titles, perhaps more. The champion's breed is not noted on seven of our "yearly scoreboards" listed here.

A purebred steer hasn't won the county title since Dana Berend of Friona won with a Shorthorn steer in 1986.

Hampshire barrows have won 18 titles. Cross-breeds have claimed ten titles, Durocs eight, Polands six, Chester Whites four and Yorkshires, two.

By winning two of the four grand champion honors last year, Lazbuddie showmen maintained their lead in overall champions at the county show. Lazbuddie has claimed 93 champion trophies since 1948, to 69 for runnerup Friona, which also won two in 1996.

Champions Since 1948

Steer Champions

1948--Maurice Gaede, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1949--Weldon Massey, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1950--Herbert Schueler, Friona; 1951--Donald Jesko, Farwell; 1952--Ben Jordan, Friona (Hereford); 1953--Mary Tatum, Friona (Shorthorn).

1954--Jerry Henson, Farwell 4-H; 1955--Frankie Spring, Friona FFA (Hereford); 1956--Leon Massey, Friona; 1957--Glen Watkins, Lazbuddie; 1958--Jim Roy Wells, Friona (Hereford); 1959--Derrell Jennings, Lazbuddie.

1960--Bobby Redwine, Lazbuddie (Hereford); 1961--Craig Coon, Friona FFA (Hereford); 1962--Risa Howell, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1963--Dwain Phipps, Friona (Hereford); 1964--Rex Wells, Friona FFA (Angus).

1965--Mike Riethmayer, Friona FFA (Angus); 1966--Gary Phipps, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1967--Jacquelyn Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1968--Mark Haseloff, Farwell 4-H (Hereford).

1969--Robert Haseloff, Farwell FFA (Hereford); 1970--Gail Morris, Lazbuddie FFA (Hereford); 1971--Carrie Haseloff, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1972--Mark Haseloff, Farwell 4-H (Cross).

1973--Annette Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1974--Jacquelyn Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1975--Mac Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1976--Joan Carson, Bovina 4-H (Charolais-Cross).

1977--David Lust, Lazbuddie 4-H (Angus); 1978--Joan Carson, Bovina FFA (Charolais-Cross); 1979--Dean Church, Friona FFA (Limousin-Hereford Cross); 1980--Phillip Jesko, Lazbuddie FFA (Angus).

1981--Roddy Berend, Friona FFA (Angus-Chianina Cross); 1982--Jeff Lundy, Friona FFA (Hereford-Chianina Cross); 1983--

Corrie Lundy, Friona FFA (Maine-Anjou Cross); 1984--Dana Berend, Friona FFA (Chianina Cross).

1985--Dana Berend, Friona FFA (Exotic Cross); 1986--Dana Berend, Friona FFA (Shorthorn); 1987--Michael Head, Friona FFA (Exotic Cross); 1988--Michael Head, Friona FFA (Exotic Cross).

1989--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA (Chianina-Limousin Cross); 1990--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA (Chianina-Maine Anjou Cross); 1991--Clay Hurst, Friona 4-H (Exotic Cross).

1992--Lori Bradshaw, Lazbuddie 4-H (Exotic Cross); 1993--Clay Hurst, Lazbuddie FFA (Exotic Cross); 1994--Jason Jesko, Lazbuddie FFA (Exotic Cross).

1995--Jill Hodges, Lazbuddie FFA (Exotic Cross); 1996--Brice Redwine, Lazbuddie (Exotic Cross).

Sheep Champions

1954--Gerald Hardage, Farwell FFA; 1955--Jackie Sheek, Friona; 1956--Jackie Sheek, Friona; 1958--Jim Greeson, Friona; 1959--Pat O'Brian, Bovina; 1960--fine wool, James Brown, Lazbuddie; medium wool, James Brown, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Pat O'Brian, Bovina.

1961--medium, David Koelzer, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Jim Roy Wells, Friona; 1962--medium, Steve Young, Lazbuddie; fine wool, John Ward, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Steve Foster, Lazbuddie; 1963--medium wool, Mariana Gammon, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Dwain Phipps, Friona; Southdown, Darrell Mason, Lazbuddie.

1964--medium wool, Mariana Gammon, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Darrell Mason, Lazbuddie; 1965--fine wool, Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Royce Barnes, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Jerry Roach, Bovina.

1966--fine wool, David Nelson, Farwell; medium wool, Daryl Kirkpatrick, Bovina; Southdown, Royce Barnes, Lazbuddie; 1967--fine wool, David Nelson,



GRAND CHAMPION STEER...Brice Redwine of Lazbuddie is shown here with his Exotic Cross steer that was named the Grand Champion Steer at the 1996 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.



TOP BARROW...Friona's Wade Schueler exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow at last year's Parmer County Junior Livestock Show. His crossbred barrow was earlier named breed champion.

Stock Show Scoreboard

Champion Trophies Won Since 1948

School	Sheep	Barrows	Steers	Heifers	Other	Totals
Lazbuddie	50*	28	11	3	1	93
Friona	17*	13	26	11	2	69
Bovina	22*	2	0	0	1	27
Farwell	2*	6	10	1	1	20

*Class Winners Only 1960-76

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Champions Since 1948....

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Lazbuddie; medium wool, Wesley Barnes, Jr., Lazbuddie; Southdown, Carol Foster, Bovina.

1968--medium wool, Monte Barnes, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Pablo Mendoza, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Monte Barnes, Lazbuddie; 1969--fine wool cross, Randy Waggoner, Friona; fine wool, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; Dorset, Charles Bentley, Friona; Hampshire, Stephen Sherrill, Bovina.

1970--fine wool, Pablo Mendoza, Lazbuddie; fine wool cross, Mendoza; Southdown & Shropshire, Mark Barnes, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Karene Hart, Friona; other breeds, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.

1971--fine wool, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; cross, Larry Johnston, Friona; Southdown, Mark Barnes, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Hugh Rogers, Bovina; other breeds, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.

1972--fine wool, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Timmy Smith, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Neal Moore, Lazbuddie; cross, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; other breeds, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.

1973--fine wool, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA; Southdown, Dennis Willard, Bovina FFA; crossbreeds, Kevin McClaran, Bovina FFA; other breeds, Karene Hart, Friona 4-H.

1974--fine wool, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie 4-H; crossbreeds,

Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA; medium wool, Duane Mitchell, Bovina 4-H; Southdown, Dennis Johns, Lazbuddie 4-H; other breeds, Russell Windham, Lazbuddie 4-H.

1975--fine wool, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie FFA; fine wool cross, Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA; other breeds, Mark Foster, Lazbuddie FFA; Southdown, Russell Windham, Lazbuddie 4-H; medium wool, Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA.

1976--fine wool, William Martin, Farwell; fine wool cross, Donny Gustin, Friona; Southdown, Sean Mason, Lazbuddie FFA; other breeds, Lezli Williams, Bovina; medium wool-light, Mark Clayton, Bovina; medium wool-heavy, Lezli Williams, Bovina.

1977--Randy Smith, Lazbuddie FFA (medium wool); 1978--Tim Garner, Bovina 4-H (medium wool); 1979--Charlie Trimble, Bovina (medium wool); 1980--Sean Mason, Lazbuddie (medium wool).

1981--Casey Riddle, Bovina FFA (Suffolk); 1982--Bret Whitten, Bovina FFA (Suffolk); 1983--Terry Moore, Bovina FFA (Hampshire); 1984--Terry Moore, Bovina FFA (Suffolk).

1985--Tracy Moore, Bovina FFA (Hampshire); 1986--Donell Garner, Bovina 4-H (Suffolk); 1987--Jennifer Smith, Friona FFA (Hampshire); 1988--Guy Ellis, Friona FFA (Suffolk).

1989--Jessica Smith, Friona FFA (Suffolk); 1990--Cade Morris,

Lazbuddie 4-H (Cross); 1991--Shana Foster, Lazbuddie 4-H (Suffolk); 1992--Monty Schueler, Friona FFA (Hampshire).

1993--Monty Schueler, Friona FFA (Suffolk); 1994--Kevin Schueler, Friona FFA (Hampshire); 1995--Cade Morris, Lazbuddie 4-H (Suffolk); 1996--Staci Foster, Lazbuddie (Hampshire).

Barrow Champions

1948--Clyde Hays, Friona (Hampshire); 1949--Roy Miller, Friona FFA (Duroc); 1950--Frankie Allen, Friona FFA (Spotted Poland China); 1951--"Friona FFA" (Chester White); 1952--Bob Geries, Farwell (Berkshire).

1953--Truman McKillip, Farwell (Chester White); 1954--Jerry Gleason, Lazbuddie (Chester White); 1955--Robert Ivy, Lazbuddie (Poland China); 1956--Don Bandy, Bovina (Duroc); 1957--Kent Glasscock, Bovina (Hampshire); 1958--Calvin Mason, Lazbuddie (Duroc).

1959--Dickie Geries, Farwell (Berkshire); 1960--E.C. Wilson, Friona (Poland China); 1961--Jimmie Dale Seaton, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1962--Theresa Seaton, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1963--Bobby Gleason, Lazbuddie (Poland China).

1964--Theresa Seaton, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1965--Bobby Gleason, Lazbuddie (Poland China); 1966--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Cross); 1967--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Cross); 1968--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Cross).

1969--Stan Treider, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1970--Randy Bush, Lazbuddie (Poland China); 1971--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Duroc); 1972--David Gallman, Lazbuddie (Chester White); 1973--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie FFA (Hampshire).

1974--Charleston Steinbock, Lazbuddie 4-H (Duroc); 1975--Mark Mimms, Lazbuddie FFA (Cross); 1976--Mike Windham, Lazbuddie (Cross); 1977--Brent Green, Farwell 4-H (Duroc); 1978--Joe Reeve, Friona 4-H (Duroc).

1979--Russell Windham, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1980--Vandi Tarter, Lazbuddie 4-H (Duroc); 1981--Joe Dan Tarter, Lazbuddie FFA (Cross); 1982--Danna Ralston, Farwell 4-H (Cross); 1983--Beth Johnson, Friona 4-H (Hampshire).

1984--Susan Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1985--Chad Rhodes, Friona 4-H (Hampshire); 1986--Vandi Tarter, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1987--Clint Hurst, Friona 4-H (Hampshire); 1988--Clint Hurst, Friona 4-H (Hampshire).

1989--Susan Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1990--Cammy Hancock, Friona FFA (Yorkshire); 1991--Casey Bradshaw, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1992--Shane Roberts, Farwell 4-H (Cross).

1993--Dawn Weir, Lazbuddie 4-H (Cross); 1994--Kia Morris, Lazbuddie 4-H (Yorkshire); 1995--Jessica Smith, Friona FFA (Hampshire); 1996--Wade Schueler, Friona FFA (Cross).

Heifer Champions

1982--Corrie Lundy, Friona FFA; 1983--Robby Berend, Friona FFA; 1984--Carl Hutchins, Farwell 4-H; 1985--Dana Berend, Friona FFA; 1986--Dana Berend, Friona FFA.

1987--Michael Head, Friona FFA; 1988--Michael Head, Friona FFA; 1989--Brett Thomas, Lazbuddie 4-H; 1990--Shannon Cochran, Friona 4-H; 1991--Amy Hartzog, Farwell 4-H.

1992--Jarrah Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H; 1993--Jarrah Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H; 1994--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA; 1995--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA; 1996--Alicia Smith, Friona FFA.

Goat Champions

1984--Greg Salyer, Friona 4-H; 1985--Shannon Cochran, Friona 4-H; 1986--Blake Kelley, Farwell 4-H; 1996--Kolby Wilkerson, Lazbuddie.

Turkey Champions

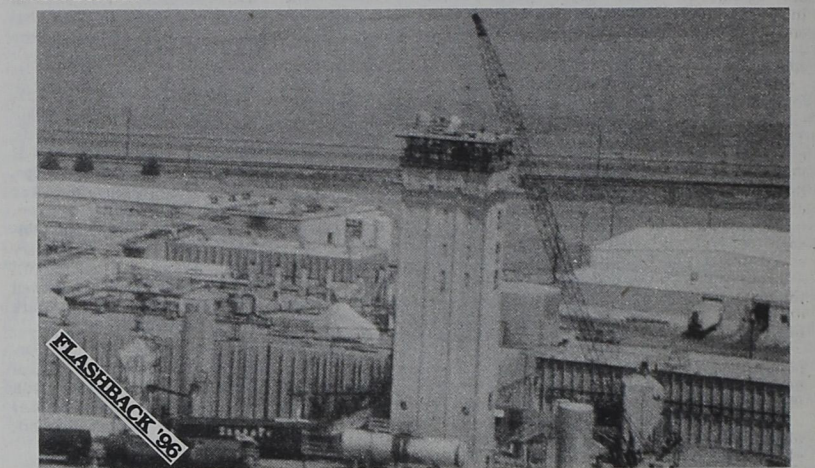
1986--Mendy Rhodes, Bovina 4-H.

1996 Grand Champion Buyers

Steer--Bovina Feeders. Barrow--Parmer County Implement Company. Lamb--Clay's Corner Gin.



WIDE LOADS.....This convoy of wide horsepower was used to bring the huge track moving cranes in last week as work continues on the Santa Fe Railroad construction.



NEW HIGH-RISE AT EXCEL.....The new milling tower at EXCEL between Bovina and Friona, will top out at 147 feet. It is expected to be ready for grinding operations sometime in November. This will replace the previous bone-grinding operation which was severely damaged by fire in August 1995.

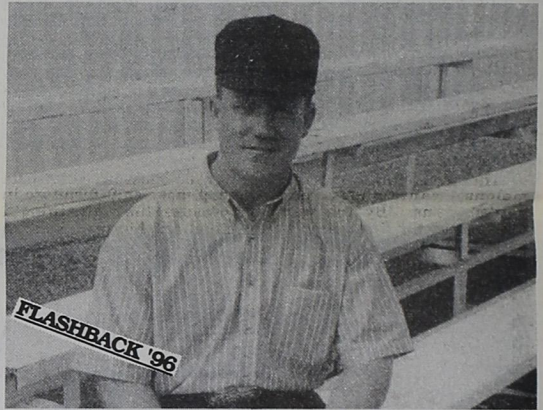
First Baby of 1997 Son Of Langfords

Bovina's newest resident was born January 7, 1997 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock to Mac and Colita Langford. The healthy boy was named Curtis Melton Langford.

Curtis weighed in at a hefty eight pounds, seven ounces. He has two sisters, Keegan, 5 and Kristin, 2 1/2.

Proud grandparents are Mrs. Kay Ella Bruedigan of Slaton and Leon and Suzy Langford of Farwell.

Great-Grandparents are Howard and Minnie Kelso of Bovina, Laura Buxkemper of Slaton and Elmer and Agatha Langford of Clovis, New Mexico.



NEW COUNTY AGENT.....Cody Hill is the new Parmer County Extension Agent. He comes from Gaines County where he was agent for two years. Hill is a graduate of South Plains College and a masters degree from Texas Tech.

Land Bank Association Merger Is Announced

Effective January 1, First Texas Federal Land Bank Association is a reality for Panhandle, South Plains and West Texas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses across a forty county territory.

First Texas is the result of a merger between the Federal Land Bank Association's of Childress, Dalhart, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Muleshoe and Spur, and the Westex Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt.

The Association will make and service long term real estate credit through local, full service credit offices in the following locations where existing Land Bank Association offices are maintained: Childress, Dalhart, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Spur, Crosbyton, Dimmitt, Hereford and Tulia.

The Lubbock credit office will be located at 2708 82nd Street, effective January 1. The current office for the Lubbock Association at 1117 65th Drive will become the corporate headquarters of the Association.

With a loan volume approaching \$325 million on approximately 5,000 loans, this long term lending Association will be the largest Farm Credit System Association in the Tenth Farm Credit District, which includes long term portfolios in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and short and intermediate long term lending in the states of Texas, New Mexico and a portion of northern Louisiana.

First Texas FLBA will serve

agriculture across much of the Texas Panhandle, most of the South Plains and a significant portion of West Texas. The territory will stretch generally from the Dallam and Sherman county lines of the northern Texas Panhandle to Crane and Upton counties of West Texas along the south, and after skipping some of the central Texas Panhandle, will reach an eastern boundary on a line from Wheeler County, along the Oklahoma border to Stonewall County in the rolling plains.

John E. Morris, formerly chief executive officer of the Westex FLBA of Dimmitt, will serve as chief executive officer of the Association, and Randy C. Breiting, formerly chief executive officer of the FLBA of Dalhart, will join First Texas as executive vice president.

Carol Kitchens, formerly with the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, will serve the Association as assistant vice president/administrative officer. William C. Liles will continue to serve customers in Bailey and Parmer (part) counties as president of the Muleshoe Credit Office. In this capacity, he will be responsible for all loan and loan servicing functions in those counties.

Mr. Morris stated, "In all respects, this was clearly a merger of equals, produced from a position of unparalleled financial strength, in order to better serve the current member/borrowers, as well as meet the credit demands of future members of our system. That such an organization of this magnitude

could be put together is a tremendous compliment to the boards and management of the former Associations, as well as the stockholders of each institution."

Stockholders of each of the Associations overwhelmingly approved the merger in votes held in early November, and final regulatory approval was received in December.

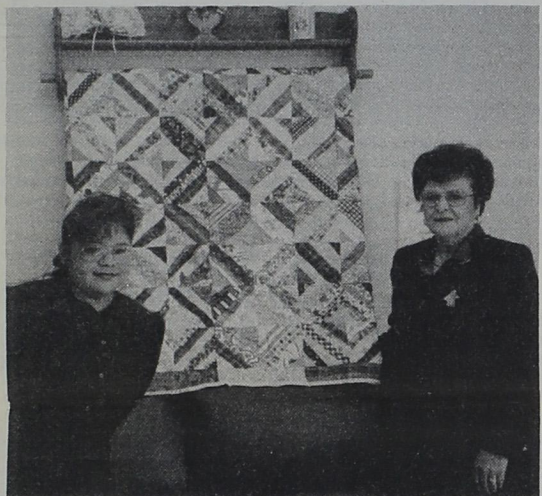
Based upon documentation provided to the Farm Credit Administration, the regulatory arm of the Farm Credit System, First Texas will have impressive financial credentials with total capital of approximately \$50 million, projected gross income in the range of \$7 to \$9 million annually and a capital adequacy ratio in excess of 27 per cent of permanent capital to risk adjusted assets.

Stock Show Scheduled

Thursday, January 16
1-5 p.m.--weigh-in of all animals. Barrows will be classified as weighed; 5 p.m.--classify steers, followed by lambs.

Friday, January 17
8 a.m.--lamb show; 12 noon--barrow show.

Saturday, January 18
8 a.m.--steer show, followed by heifer show; 5 p.m.--premium sale.



QOM @ PA.....Which means that the quilt-of-the-month (qom) at (P) Prairie Acres (pa) is furnished by Mildred Welch, right. The quilt was made by her mother, Nola Harkins. PA nurse's aide Patti Casarez is shown admiring the quilts which will be on display throughout the month of January. (Ron Carr Photo)

NOTICE

to Parmer County Taxpayers

January 31, 1997 is the deadline to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County.

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

If you turned 65 years old as of Jan. 1, 1997, 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.

Ron Procter
Chief Appraiser

Parmer County Appraisal District
P.O. Box 56, Bovina, Texas, 79009
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Prairie Acres Resident Submits Her Life Story

Residents of Prairie Acres Nursing Home are chosen to write their life history and the Friona Star is happy to re-print these stories. Helen Edwards' story reads as follows:

By HELEN EDWARDS

I was born Helen Marie Potter, April 23, 1918 in Childress, Texas to my parents, Will and Flora Potter. I had two sisters, Clemmie and Thelma, and two brothers, Roy and Bill. My father worked for the railroad while living there.

When I was four years old, we moved to the valley in Ft. Sumner, New Mexico onto a farm that belonged to a friend of Papa's. I remember it had a big apple orchard!

One day while Mama was sitting outside shelling peas, Thelma was filling the coal oil tank on our stove from a barrel outside and I was drawing water from the cistern and lightning must have struck right close and sort of shocked us or something.

I dropped the bucket in the cistern and when I turned around Thelma grabbed her head with both hands and was kneeling in front of Mama and screaming. It did not last long, but was a terrifying experience.

We managed to go to the picture show quite a bit. I also remember going to the Braggs' home (our neighbors) to listen to the radio a few times with my folks.

During all these years Mama and Papa were strong Christians and helped get a Church of Christ going in Ft. Sumner. I know Papa and Roy helped build the first church building.

Papa finally bought a farm of his own down close to the river. He built a sweet potato house and raised mostly sweet potatoes and sold them.

He also raised water-melons, cantaloupes and garden items. By the way, Papa raised the first cotton to

be grown in the valley. Thelma liked to work in the fields and I didn't, so I helped Mama in the house mostly and she canned hundreds of quarts of vegetables and meats every year.

I remember going swimming with my friends' family (the Stewarts). We went to Santa Rosa, New Mexico to a swimming hole.

My parents never really knew it, but I'm sure if they knew how deep that hole was, they would have never let me go. I was not a bit afraid and would dive off right in the middle. I guess the Stewarts kept an eye on us 'cause I never thought how dangerous it was.

If a circus or carnival came to town, Papa would take us and maybe we could have a ride or something. We always had plenty to eat and plenty (not very many) clothes. Mama did all our sewing.

Now back to the home place, we had a dining room with a great big table in it. I don't ever remember turning my nose up at anything Mama put on it.

I remember one dish we were all fond of! Mama would skim the thick top cream off the milk, put it in a bowl and add sugar and we ate it like syrup with bread.

We had a wood or coal stove in the living room (we used coal, I think) and also a big old player piano where I spent a lot of time learning to chord. As far as education, I was able to go through the twelfth grade.

I married Homer Edwards in 1937. We moved to Magenta, Texas. Homer worked for a gravel company. We lived with his uncle and aunt for about eight weeks and then we bought a boxcar that had been partitioned off for a house. It had a living room, a kitchen and a bedroom.

There must of been some kind of make-shift furniture in it because the only thing I remember buying was a

Montgomery Ward refrigerator. We had some sort of bed in the bedroom and had a coal oil stove to cook on and a wood-burning stove in the living room.

One day I got a call and I had to go to the police station to receive that call, because there was only one phone. I was told that Mama had passed away. Mama was only 48 years old. We never really had any satisfaction as to the cause of her death.

Papa was living up on the irrigation ditch in the valley and doing some trucking. My brother, Bill, was only twelve years old. Papa asked Homer if we would like to move in with him and help him drive the truck and that is what we did.

This work did not last long for Homer, so he made a deal with his Uncle Jack to move onto his farm in the valley. He bought some cows, pigs and chickens. Homer raised a garden and his brothers and sisters took turns helping us.

We milked several cows and sold cream, but we just couldn't make a living at it. Later he worked for a gravel pit, driving a truck near Quitaque, but that didn't last long, either. Homer worked in lots of jobs and we moved from place to place. We had two wonderful girls, Berlene and Barbara.

Homer became head service man at Farmers Electric Co. in Melrose, New Mexico. We lived there from 1950 to 1993. Homer retired in 1980. We moved to Clovis in 1993. Then, in June of 1996, Homer passed away.

On September 19, 1996, I decided to come and live at Prairie Acres and am comfortable with my decision.

My daughters are happily married and live in Clovis, New Mexico. I have three grandsons, one granddaughter and eight great-grandchildren.



Edna Estes Is Buried In Coleman

Funeral services for Edna Estes, 79, of Bovina, were held Thursday, December 26, 1996 at 2 p.m. at Henderson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Douglas Estes officiating.

Interment was at Rockwood Cemetery directed by Henderson Funeral Home of Coleman.

Mrs. Estes, formerly of Coleman, Texas, passed away Monday, December 23, 1996 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

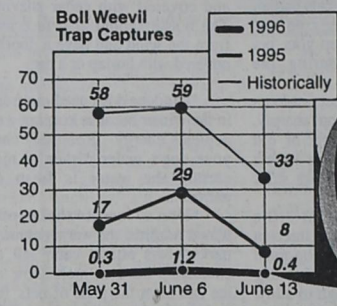
Her parents were the late Charles A. and Lucy B. Dale Shamblin. She was born in Coleman County on July 23, 1917 and graduated from Santa Anna High School in 1934. She married Herman Estes on September 7, 1935 in Fort Worth and they were married 61 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina where she resided from 1948 to 1987, then moved to Coleman. They lived in Coleman until September of 1996, returning to Bovina. She was a retired beautician and hotel operator.

Survivors include her husband, Herman, of Bovina; one daughter, Brenda Sue Smith of Bovina; one son, Kenneth Wayne Estes of Mission, Texas; a sister, Gladys Constant of Fort Worth, Texas; brother, Dale Shamblin of Lake Tawakini, Texas; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Boll Weevil population drops dramatically

Boll weevil traps in the Texas Southern Rolling Plains show weevil populations have dropped almost 98 percent since the start of an eradication program in the area. The traps serve as a "census" device, giving researchers an idea of how well the program is working. Traps that once attracted as many as 200 weevils before the program might now attract only one or two.



Source: Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System



Water District Making Annual Measurements

Technical Division staff members are now making annual depth-to-water measurements to determine the effect of 1996 pumpage on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the fifteen county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area.

Measurements are taken from a network of more than 1,100 privately-owned wells. These observation wells are spaced throughout the District at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

The depth-to-water measurements are made in January and February to allow water levels in these wells to stabilize from pumpage of the previous irrigation season.

Technical Division personnel make these measurements by lowering a steel tape with a few feet coated with carpenter's chalk into the well to a pre-determined depth. The chalk turns a darker shade of blue when it comes in contact with water, giving a means of determining the distance from land surface to the static water level when the tape is removed from the

well. After the depth-to-water measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement and the date the measurement was made is affixed at the well site.

The High Plains Water District measures the same observation wells each year, and the current depth-to-water measurement is compared to measurements made in previous years to determine average annual changes in the water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the Water District service area.

The data is also used to construct maps showing the water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the District are published each year in The Cross Section, usually in April.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the depth-to-water levels at one year, five-year and ten-year intervals are also published.

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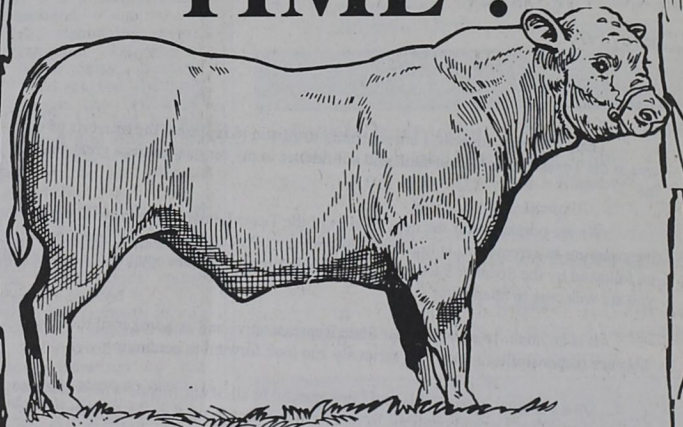
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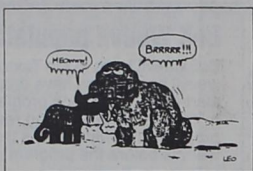
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Protect Your Pet From This Winter's Woes

(Provided by The Humane Society of the United States)



Like you, dogs and cats cannot withstand winter's bitter cold and numbing wetness. Keep your pet happy and healthy during the winter:

*Don't leave your pet outdoors when the temperature drops sharply. Short-haired, very young, or old dogs and cats should never be left outside. Dogs and cats are safer indoors.

*No matter what the temperature, wind chill can threaten a pet's life. An outdoor dog must be protected by a dry, draft-free dog house that is large enough to allow the animal to sit and lie down comfortably but small enough to hold in its body heat, with a floor raised a few inches off the ground

and covered with cedar shavings. The house should also face away from the wind and have a doorway covered with burlap or a rug.

*Outdoor dogs need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your dog's water dishes to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen.

*Don't forget these other winter hazards: the warm engines of parked cars attract cats; salt and chemicals used to melt snow and ice can burn the pads of pets' feet; and antifreeze tastes sweet but is a deadly poison to pets (and children). Take precautions against these dangerous conditions.

Guy Warren Is Ready For Mail From Home

Guy Warren of Friona has arrived in Bosnia. According to his wife, Heidi, Guy is stationed in a small town called Prejidor in the Republic of Srpska.

His unit is assigned to the Czechoslovakian sector of the United Nations peace forces. They have set up operations in Prejidor in a house where the offices are downstairs and they live upstairs.

Warren's unit will be assisting the local community in rebuilding their lives and properties. He told Heidi that they attended a school opening with the minister of agriculture. He said the children wore torn and dirty clothes, all they had. It made him sad.

He says that they are caught in a hard winter and "haven't seen the ground yet" for all the snow and ice.

It takes two to three weeks for mail to reach Warren and his unit. According to wife, Heidi, they would look forward to receiving items such as wool socks, hard candy, pocket games, cards, or audio cassettes. Warren's favorites are Chris LeDoux and Dwight Yoakum.

They also would welcome books of any kind and especially just hearing from people back home. All Parmer County citizens are urged to write and/or send items often to these men in Bosnia.

Wouldn't a big box of Parmer County chocolate chip cookies go over big in Bosnia? Here is Guy Warren's mailing address. We know he looks forward to hearing from everyone. Regular U. S. postage applies.

Sgt. Guy Warren
G-5 US 413th CABN
Operation Joint Endeavor
Banja Luka, MNF-SW
APO AE 09779

God Bless the U. S. A!



HI-PRO RETURNS...One of the major news items of 1996 was the re-opening of Hi-Pro Feeds, which had been dealt a savage blow by the 1995 tornado. An open house was hosted for the company's new office and feed mills.

Screening Date Is Set

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on January 22.

Each participant will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a Registered Nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month. The total cost of the screening is \$70.00. Financial aid

is available for breast screening and mam-mograms to individuals who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo at 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 359-4673.

SPS Reports First Quarter Earnings

Southwestern Public Service Company (NYSE: SPS) has reported first quarter earnings of \$21.5 million, or 52 cents per share, compared with earnings in the same period in the prior year of \$21.9 million, or 54 cents per share.

The electric utility reported earnings of \$102.8 million, or \$2.51 per common share, for the twelve months ended November 30, 1996. That compares with earnings in the twelve months ended November 30, 1995, of \$116.6 million, or \$2.85 per common share.

Total kilowatt-hour sales, excluding non-firm, increased 1.1 per cent and 4.2 per cent in the three-and twelve-month periods, respectively. The increase for the twelve month period was primarily due to hot, dry weather in late spring and early summer that increased air conditioning and irrigation load. Improved economic conditions contributed to sales for both periods.

Bill D. Helton, SPS chairman of the board, said quarterly and twelve-month earnings were negatively affected by increased interest expense due to increased long-term and short-term debt.

These higher levels of debt were caused by the retirement of preferred stock, the 1995 acquisition of electric properties from Texas-New Mexico Power Company and increased construction expenditures.

Twelve-month earnings were positively affected by the sale of a portion of underground water rights held by SPS subsidiary Quixx Corporation that added 19 cents per share.

Earnings were adversely affected by merger-related and business integration expenses, primarily in the 12-month period. SPS is in the process of merging with Denver-based Public Service Co. of Colorado (NYSE: PSR) to create New Century Energies. Pending final regulatory approvals and other steps, the companies have targeted completion of the merger for spring 1997.

Additionally, earnings for the prior twelve-month period had been boosted by the rate settlement with wholesale customers in New Mexico that added 11 cents per share, and by a change in the estimate of delivered-but-not-billed kwh sales that added 13 cents per share. These estimated kwh sales relate to energy used by customers but not billed until the subsequent month.

Southwestern Public Service Company is a regional electric utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Corporate headquarters are in Amarillo, Texas.

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January 1997

Dear Friends:

Thanks to your support, I am returning to Austin to represent the interests of our area at the Texas Capitol. Your faith and confidence in my service means a great deal to me.

We are preparing for the next session of the Texas Legislature and will begin with the swearing-in ceremonies at high noon on January 14th. The swearing-in ceremony will be followed by the Speaker's election. All of these proceedings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative and as Speaker of the House. This is a responsibility I take very seriously and look forward to continuing.

On a personal level, Nelda and I are grateful to all of our friends who worked so hard to ensure that I would continue to represent this area in the Texas Legislature. We cannot express how thankful our family is not only for your hard work, but also for your continued support and friendship.

I will continue to represent our rural values in a way that will make you proud to have me as your State Representative and the Speaker of the House. I look forward to working with you to continue moving Texas forward.

Sincerely,

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WINNING LAMB....Staci Foster of Lazbuddie (holding the lamb's head) was the proud owner of the Hampshire lamb that was named Grand Champion at the 1996 Farmer County Junior Livestock Show.



GRAND CHAMPION GOAT....Kolby Wilkerson of Lazbuddie took the top honors with his goat at last year's Farmer County Junior Livestock Show.

LARGE FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Thursday, January 16, 1997 — Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATED: From Bovina, Texas, 5 Miles South On Hwy. 1731, Then 3 1/2 Miles East On Hwy. 3333; Or From Farwell, Texas, 2 1/2 Miles Southeast On Hwy. 70, Then 6 1/2 Miles East On Hwy. 145, Then 4 Miles North On Hwy. 1731, Then 3 1/2 Miles East On Hwy. 3333.

BARRETT FARMS, INC. — Owner

Telephone: Monty Barrett (806) 225-6611 Or Auctioneers: Jimmy Reeves (806) 864-3362 Or Jim Summers (806) 864-3611

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Mr. Barrett Is Retiring From Farming And The Following Will Be Sold At Public Auction:

- TRACTORS —**
 - 1-1993 John Deere 4760 M.F.W.D. Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, H.R., Radio, P/S Trans., T.H., Quick Hitch, Wts., 14,946 Rear Rubber, 14,930 Front Rubber, Duals 2,295 Hrs. (Nice)
 - 1-1990 John Deere 4955 M.F.W.D. Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, H.R., Radio, P/S Trans., T.H., Quick Hitch, Wts., 16,448 Rear Rubber, 14,930 Front Rubber, Duals 3,194 Hrs. (Nice)
 - 1-1989 John Deere 4020 Diesel Tractor, W.F., 3-pt., D.H., Wts., 16,938 Rubber (Console Model) Very Nice
- COMBINE, CORNHEAD, ATTACHMENTS, GRAIN CART —**
 - 1-1984 International 1480 Axial Flow Diesel Combine, Cab, A/C, H.R., Radio, Hydrostat, 810-24" Header, M.B.R., 30.5L22 Rubber, 2,176 Hrs.
 - 1-1993 John Deere 893, 8 Row, 30" Cornhead, Oil Bath 20-New Corn Head Chains — Set Pickup Fingers — Bush Head Changer/Adapter (HC 1480 To J.D. Head) — 2-Shop Made 20" Hydraulic Kickers
 - 1-Ortmann 608, 600 Bu. Grain Cart (1-Owner)
- COTTON EQUIPMENT —**
 - 1-International 1400 Diesel Self Propelled 4 Row Cotton Stripper, Cab, A/C, H.R., Radio, Hydrostat (1,929 Hrs.)
 - 1-McEroy 32" Cotton Module Builder, Cab (Clean)
 - 1-Brown Bros. 2 Bale T.A. Boll Guggy
 - 25-Module Taps
- TRUCKS, GRAIN TRAILER, PICKUPS, 3-WHEELER —**
 - 1-1981 Chevrolet Truck Tractor, 427 Eng., 5 Sp., 2 Sp., Air Brakes, 10,000 Rubber
 - 1-Teddon 34" T.A. 3-Compartment Hopper Bottom Grain Trailer
 - 1-1974 Chevrolet T.A. Grain Truck, 366 Eng., 5 Sp., 2 Sp., 22" Midwest Grain Bed, T/C Hoss, 9,000 Rubber (81,000 Mi.)
 - 1-1968 Chevrolet S.A. Grain Truck, 327 Eng., 4 Sp., 2 Sp., 16" Grain Bed, 9,000 Rubber
 - 1-1948 Chevrolet S.A. Grain Truck, 6 Cyl. Eng., 4 Sp., 2 Sp., 13" Bed (Has Not Been Used In Years)
 - 1-1992 GMC Sierra SLE 1/2 Ton 4x4 Pickup, 350 Eng., A/T, A/C, L.W.B. (New Rebuilt Chev. Trans.) 96,000 Miles & Loaded
 - 1-1980 GMC Heavy 1/2 Ton Pickup, 350 Eng., A/T, A/C, L.W.B.
 - 1-1978 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup, 350 Eng., A/T, L.W.B., 25,000 Miles On New Eng.
 - 1-1984 Honda Big Red 225, 3-Wheeler
- FARM EQUIP., BEET EQUIP. —**
 - 1-1993 John Deere 7300, 12 Row, 30", 3-pt. Hyd. Fold Max Emerge 2 Vacuum Planter, LH Assesl Wheels, J.D. Hyd. Markers, Monitor W/Corn, Maize & Cotton Plates & 12 Trash Kickers & 12 Trash Hides (Nice)
 - 1-Krause 4950 27 Hyd. Fold Double Offset Disc Plow, 24 Discs
 - 1-Krause 4336 A, 36" D.T. Hyd. Fold Chisel/Sweep Plow
 - 1-John Deere 7100, 8 Row, 40", 3-pt. Max Emerge Planter, Double Boxes, Incorporators W/Corn, Maize & Cotton Plates
- FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT, TOOLBAR MAKEUPS —**
 - 5-Injector Meter Pumps 2-W/Agitation Tanks
 - 1-Trak Star Ultrasonic Radar System For Fert. Control
 - 3-Fertilizer Flow Dividers W/Hoses
 - 1-Lg. Hyd. Fertilizer Hose Filings
 - 1-Lg. Damp Valves
 - 1-Tye 8 Row, 40" D.S.B. 3-pt. Tool Carrier, L.T.M.
 - 1-5x7x32 Hyd. Fold Toolbar
 - 1-5x7x28 Toolbar (Yetter)
 - 1-20" Double Diamond Bar Reinforced Tool Carrier
 - 1-21" Diamond Bar Tool Carrier
 - 1-Set Bagham Bros. 8-Row Hyd. Markers
 - 1-J.D. 16.4x38 Wheel W/Tire (J.D. 4430)
 - 4-Quad Cone Stabilizers — 1-Lioston Stabilizer/Coupler
 - 1-Set Shanks, Clamps, Spacers
 - 8-Noble Rolling Fenders — 8-Hamby Rolling Fenders
 - 1-Lot Hyd. Cylinders — 1-12x21" Bed Roller
 - 8-Vegetable Scratchers — 1-Lot Sags Gauge Wheels
 - 1-Lot J.D. Tractor Weights — 1-Lot Imp. Wheels & Tires
- STOCK TRAILER, LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT, HAY, SHEDS —**
 - 1-D 14' S.A. Gossensock Stock Trailer (Nice) F.M.C.
 - 1-Top Hand Cattle Squeeze Chute (Used Very Little)
 - 1-Gebbs Cattle Squeeze Chute
 - 1-Rhino 3-pt. PTO Posthole Digger, 9" Auger (Like New)
 - 1-EZ Roll Wire Roller W/BAS 8 H.P. Gas Eng.
 - 1-Lot Wire Roller Spools
 - 1-4 Wheel Round Bale Trailer (Holds 3 Bales)
 - 3-24" 4 Wheel Round Bale Hay Feeders
 - 2-24" 4 Wheel Burt Feeder Trailers, Expanded Metal
- RADIOS, SHOP EQUIPMENT, NON-CLASSIFIED —**
 - 5-Motorola 2 Way Radios, Hi Ban
 - 1-omey 225 Elec. Welder W/Leads
 - 1-Cutting Torch W/Hoses & Gauges
 - 1-A Frame Hoss Rack, Roll-A-Bout
 - 1-Ephant 1/2 Ton Chain Hoist
 - 1-Elec. Hi Pressure Washer W/Hanggun
 - 1-Crescent Tools Revolving Display
 - 1-Smudge Pot Heater
 - 1-Shop Vise
 - 1-Lot Shop Tables
 - 1-Lot Welding Hoods
 - 1-20 Gal. Butane Bottle
 - 1-Lot Hyd. Jacks
 - 1-Hi Lift Jacks
 - 1-Lot Metal Tool Boxes
 - 1-Lot Shop Brooms
 - 1-Lot Grease Guns
- 1-Lot Air Impacts, Air Tools**
- 1-Lot Elec. Drills, Saws, Misc.
- 1-Thomson 3" Drive Socket Set
- 1-Lot Hand Tools
- 1-Lot Tires & Wheels
- 1-Aluminum 4x8 Loading Ramp
- 1-Lot Impaction Parts
- 2-20 Gal. Poly 12 Volt Spray (For 3-Wheeler)
- 2-Alum. Ext. Ladders
- 1-Alum. 9' Step Ladder
- 2-Butane Filler Hoses
- 1-Set Ramps
- 1-Sweep Rack
- 9-5 x 2x8 Sq. Tubing
- 1-Lot Sheet Iron, Tin (New)
- 2-Part Barrels J.D. Oil (30 Wt. Motor Oil & Hyd. Oil)
- 1-55 Gal. Barrel Module Builder Kit (New)
- 1-Lot 55 Gal. Barrels, Barrel Pumps
- 1-Lot Drop Oil & Misc. Oil & Grease
- 2-Alum. Scoops, Forks, Shovels
- 1-Trailer Jack
- 1-Lot J.D. Filters
- 1-Lot Scrap Metal
- 1-Lot Items Too Numerous To Mention

Out Here

By RON CARR



Umberger! Famous for their hospitality and friendship to German prisoners-of-war during World War II.

Famous in these parts for their annual German sausage fest doo-dah celebration, which draws several thousand people, many of them from Farmer County.

Seems like I read where one of the only turkey farms in these parts is also in Umberger. It was written up in an Amarillo paper back around Thanksgiving.

On Monday night before Christmas, December 23, I discovered that Umberger has another claim to fame. A Panhandle version of the Grinch lives there too.

It was about 8 p.m. We had spent the day finishing our Christmas papers and shutting them in sections to the printing plant in Canyon.

I was on the way back to Canyon with the paste-ups of the last few pages when I had occasion to drop in at the Vincent's Package Store and Gas Station in Umberger.

It wasn't a voluntary stop. I pulled in because my car was on fire.

Just east of Dawn, my "check engine" and "temperature" lights started fluttering on and off. In a few seconds they quit fluttering and stayed on permanently.

I knew Umberger was just a couple of miles up the highway and decided to try and make it to the convenience store gas station where they had water and a

telephone.

It seemed like it took forever before I saw the Umberger lights ahead. Thank goodness they were still open.

By now my engine was sputtering and I was losing power. All warning lights were staring at me as though to say, "You idiot, do something."

I coasted left across Highway 60 onto the store parking lot. As soon as I took my foot off the accelerator, the engine died. Coasting without power was the only alternative.

I thought my radiator had overheated. Cool it down a few minutes, add water if necessary, and I would be on my way, right? WRONG!

I got the car stopped just to the west of the building halfway between the building and the two gas pumps. When I popped the hood latch, thick gray smoke rolled out all sides.

Not radiator steam. This was fire smoke. There was no water hose in sight, so I ran inside to ask for help. It was then I encountered the Umberger Grinch.

"Sir, do you have a water hose or fire extinguisher? My car is smoking pretty bad."

The old gentleman had finally come out of the office at the back of the store where he was sitting in his orange velour recliner watching TV.

He wasn't a happy man and got even unhappier when I mentioned the word smoke.

"You are not close to my gas pumps are you? If your car is smoking, get it off my lot. I don't want my fuel storage tanks to catch on fire."

"Sir, the car won't run right now. I can't move it. Just need some water or something in case it is on fire."

This didn't move the old guy very much. He walked over and looked out the window and repeated his demand that I move the car.

Frustrated, I went back outside to check the situation. The smoke had subsided some, so I raised the hood all the way.

There on the top rear of my engine was a pretty little campfire, with flames about 10-12 inches tall.

I'm not much of a mechanic, but I do know that a fire on the top of a car engine is not good.

So far the old gentleman had not come out to look, so I rushed back in and informed him that I now had a blaze under the hood.

"I need something to put out a fire, sir. Do you at least have any bottled water?" He started shouting at me to get the "#@!&*!" car off of his lot, but he did rustle around and find an ice bucket, ran some water in it, and handed it to me. It was about half full.

I dashed out, threw the water on, and the flames went out, but there was still sizzling and smoke, so I went back in to get more water just in case I needed it.

Grinch didn't think it was funny that I needed more water. He started ranting at me about blowing up his underground storage tanks. He told me about another time when a woman came in with her car on fire and jumped out screaming.

With great pride he told me that he got in his truck, took a running start, and shoved the woman's car off his lot, across a dirt road and out into a field.

"Hit her car right in the back as hard as I could," he said with a scowl.

With the fire out, he told me he wanted to push my car off his property. Three times he went out to his pickup to push me, but each time a customer pulled up. Each time he got out of his truck, slammed the door, and cursed his way back inside.

By now I had called Kent Bridenstine, the Canyon printing plant manager. He was on the way to pick me up along with the rest of the paper layout.

I told Grinch to cool it, that when my friend got there we would push it out

his way.

"Move it way over there", he motioned, "I don't want it to flare up during the night and set my tanks on fire."

Kent and me pushed my car out to the end of the lot next to a gravel road. As we were backing up to leave, Grinch came out the door flailing his arms and yelling.

I rolled down the window. "I told you I don't want that 'blankety-blank' car on my lot. It could catch on fire during the night." "Where would you like us to put it, sir!"

"I don't give a damn what you do with it, just get it off my property." "Thank you, sir."

Kent looked at me. "See what I told you" I said. We got out and pushed again, across the gravel road, to a grassy area under a stop sign.

As I got back in Kent's car, I noticed Grinch peering out his window at us. He didn't wave as we pulled away.

Not once during our encounter did the man smile or say a nice word. Not a kind word, not a friendly word.

He was what we used to call a sourpuss. The modern term is grinch.

To tell you the truth, I was disappointed. I drove all the way to Umberger just to blow up his fuel tanks and he wouldn't let me. A grinch sure knows how to ruin a guy's holidays.

Sometimes I forget, so hey grinch, thanks for reminding me that not everyone I meet in 1997 will be a nice person.

You better get a fire extinguisher. Never can tell when I may drop in again.

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HEIFER CHAMPION.....Alicia Smith's heifer was named Grand Champion at the 1996 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show. She is a Friona exhibitor.

Prairie Acres Party Line



By CAROL McINTOSH

I sincerely hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope that the Resident Christmas Party on the 19th of December helped kick the season off for you as much as it did for the residents and staff here. As usual, everyone really enjoyed all the good food, entertainment and visits with family and friends. It is a lot of hard work for the staff, especially the activity department, but it is always well worth it.

We want to welcome Opal Hitt and Glen Stevick to our home. Come say hi.

Thank you's go to: Betty Harris for the Large Print Reader's Digest and other magazines; Bill and Margaret Wilshire for bringing treats and goodies for the staff to munch on; Frances Euler for the subscription of Guidepost magazines; Wilma Wise for the magazines and sweat suits; Jinx Snead for the lap robes and gift; the Hospital Auxiliary for cookies for the staff; D.L. and Ruth Harguess for the candy brought to the residents; Elda and Wanda Hart for the lap robes; Dottie Osborn for the beautiful house plants; and Eva Kimbrough for the sweat suits.

There are several thank you's to mention for making the Christmas Party such a success: Leon Talley for being our "Star Guest"; Janet Rector for singing; Virgil and Judy Ichtetz for singing and leading Christmas carols; Nelda Ellis for playing music; Prairie Acres staff for singing; all the special people who adopted a resident; all the other groups or organizations that came up to visit or entertain; and to anyone I may have accidentally not mentioned.

We want to express our deepest sympathies to the Carl Hadley Family and the Mary Elder Family.

Each resident received a poinsettia from Charlene Grissom in loving memory of her mother, Clio Holly to honor: Shannon Grissom, Kristi Grissom, Pam Sparks and Denise Grissom.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In memory of Robert R. Ayers: John and Jo Blackwell.
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In memory of Jack Devenport: Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Black.
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In memory of Florence Traweek: Ruth Newsom, Wesley and Patricia Fisher, Thursday Bridge Club.

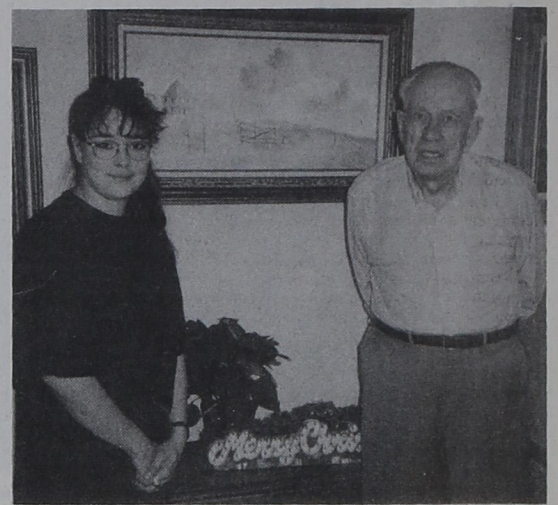
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A Love Offering for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year in honor of Mary O. Spring: Sarah J. Haynie and Geraldine A. Wires.

A Love Offering for Christmas: Modern Study Club.

In honor of The Masonic Widows of Friona Masonic Lodge #1332: Erma Brown, Arvilla Elmore, June Floyd, Edith Johnson, Faye Reeve, Katie Smith, Louisa Wilson, Jonell Clark, Lunie Fleming, Jessie Gore, Lillian McLellan, Marie Roden, Lois Weatherly, Maurine Dunn, Orma Flippin, Effie Hicks, Frances Ready, Martha Russell, Faye Wilson: Friona Masonic Lodge #13.

A portion of the Love Fund donations have gone toward purchasing supplies for our new therapy and rehab department.



PRAIRIE ACRES PEOPLE.....Honored for the month of December at Prairie Acres were resident-of-the-month Otis Neel and employee-of-the-month Michelle Sandavol, who is has been employed for two years in the dietary department.

(Ron Carr Photo)

Conservation Dist. Offers Cost-In-Water Tax Info

As income tax time nears, landowners who irrigate may take advantage of a tax deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for the cost of water depleted from the Ogallala Aquifer.

Landowners who wish to claim a cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance for 1996 may now request data to support their claims from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, which has been supplying the information for more than thirty years.

Any landowner who purchased, inherited or otherwise attained interest in land in the District's service area after 1948 and whose ground water is depleted in the business of irrigation farming is eligible to take the tax deduction.

The tax deduction is based on the landowner's cost-in-water resources at the time of acquisition. Basically, the water value is the difference in the sales prices between irrigated land and dryland in any given year. Cost guidelines are updated each year by the Water District based on actual real estate appraisals of recorded land sales. Also, the quantity of ground water in storage beneath the tract of land at the time of acquisition and a documented yearly decline in feet are required by the IRS to claim the deduction.

"By the end of January 1997, Water District personnel will complete the processing of about 6,500 parcel claims for local landowners to use to support their claims for a cost-in-water income tax deduction on their 1996 Federal income tax returns. About 5,200 of these have a decline, and the

landowners owning the parcel will have a claim this year for water depletion," says A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager.

It has been estimated that \$3 to \$5 million in taxes is saved each year by irrigating landowners in the District's service area as a result of this program.

Wyatt anticipates that 90 percent or more of these parcels will be requested before the 1996 income tax filing deadline.

Interested landowners or their accountants may obtain the data necessary to claim the tax deduction by contacting Rose Risinger, water depletion coordinator, at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

Requests for new claims should include the following information: name of the landowner, address, Social Security or federal identification number, a complete legal description of the land involved, and the original date of the land acquisition. Those who have previously made claims need only submit the assigned permanent reorder number.

The Water District charges a \$50 fee for the basic information to establish a claim (saturated thickness and annual decline data for up to three years and cost-in-water sales data for year of purchase). Each year following the initial claim, the Water District charges a \$10 fee for data if a decline occurs. If no decline occurs, no fee is charged.

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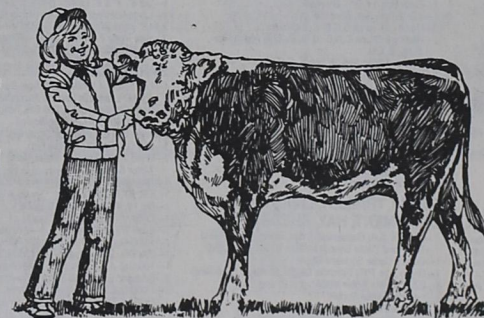
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Cost of attending the conference is \$10. Make checks payable to the Lamb County Ag Fund and mail to: Lamb County Extension Service, County Courthouse Room B5, Littlefield, Texas, 79339, or call (806) 385-4222, Ext. 235. Deadline for registering is January 13.

The conference is one of a series of regional cotton educational conferences scheduled during January of 1997. Other conferences scheduled include: Caprock Cotton Conference, January 14-15 in Floydada, Texas, contact Greg Jones (806) 675-2347; Hub of the

Plains Ag Issues Conference, January 22-23 in Lubbock, contact Mark Brown (806) 767-1190.

Cotton conferences are designed to educate the agricultural producer or businessman on new regulations, policies, technologies and management strategies facing the cotton industry.

Leaders and experts in the cotton industry will provide cutting edge information to those present. These cotton conferences directly support the following Texas Agricultural Extension Service issues: (1) Economic Competitiveness for Texas Agriculture and Communities; (2) Water Quality and Conservation; and (3) Environment and Natural Resources.

The conference begins at 8 a.m. with registration, coffee and donuts.

Speakers include: 8:30 a.m.--Dr. Dan Krieg, Texas Tech University agronomist, Lubbock, "1996 Crop Review."

9 a.m.--Leon New, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, irrigation engineer, Amarillo, "North Plains PET Network to Provide Efficient Crop Water Use."

9:30 a.m.--break and view booths.

9:45 a.m.--Scott Libby, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, "Using the PET Network for Water Savings."

10:15 a.m.--Dr. Peter Dotray, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, weed physiology, Lubbock, "Cotton Herbicide Programs."

10:45 a.m.--Dr. Jim Leser, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, entomology, Lubbock, "Cotton Insect Management Strategies."

11:15 a.m.--Dr. John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, cotton breeder, Lubbock, "New Opportunities in Cotton Variety Selection."

11:45 a.m.--lunch and exhibit booths.

1 p.m.--Roger Haldenby, Plains Cotton Growers, Lubbock, "Boll Weevil in the High Plains Update."

1:30 p.m.--Mrs. Polly Vann, Virtex Corporation, "Pesticide

Record Keeping Requirements."

2 p.m.--Dr. Alan Brashire, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Lubbock, "Cotton Storage and Module Fires."

2:30 p.m.--Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, agronomy, Lubbock, "Cotton Harvest-aid Strategies."

3 p.m.--break and exhibit booths.

3:30 p.m.--Dirk Aaron, review, EPA worker safety protection standard TDA licensing and CEU requirements review.

Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be provided to all holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license.

Extension Agents sponsoring the Llano Estacado Conference include: Dirk Aaron, Lamb County; Pammy Millican, Castro County; Cody Hill, Parmer County; Curtis Preston, Bailey County; Greta Schuster, Castro/Lamb counties; and Mark Logan, Parmer/Bailey counties.

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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 to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main St. in Friona, on Friday, January 17 from 10-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

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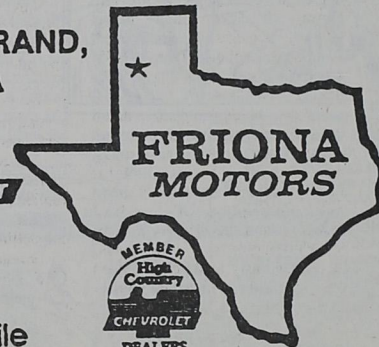
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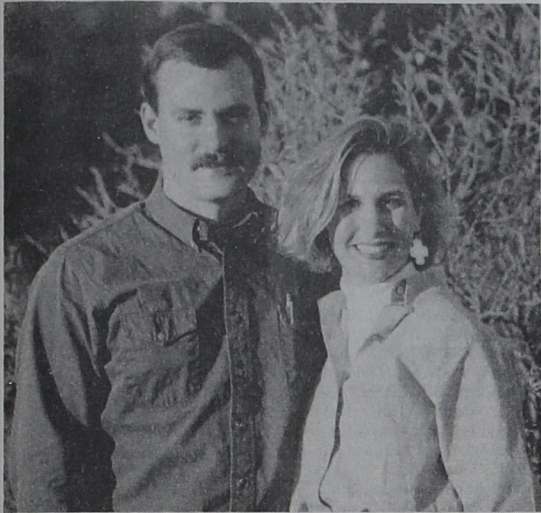
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SHEA MARKELL DARRAGH and DR. BRADLEY JAMES MOYER...Cynthia Brown Darragh and Bob Darragh of Marble Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moyer of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Shea Markell Darragh and Dr. Bradley James Moyer, both of Marble Falls. The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Saturday, March 8 at First Baptist Church in Kingsland. The bride-elect is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and now teaches at Marble Falls High School. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and is a veterinarian at Highland Lakes Veterinary Clinic in Marble Falls.

Michelle Shari Echols of Abilene, Texas and Bradley Howell Ott of Dallas exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 28 at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock.

Rev. Archie Echols, father of the bride, Rev. Daniel Echols, brother of the bride, and Rev. Noah Ampriester, grandfather of the bride, conducted the wedding ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. Archie and Donna Echols of Abilene.

Parents of the groom are Bobby and Donna Ott of Argyle, Texas and Natalie and Jim Jebbia of Kihai, Hawaii.

The church was decorated with two altar arrangements of roses and stargazer lilies. Two poinsettia trees stood on either side of the chancel. Eight candleabras and white pew bows accented the aisles.

Jeff Howard, organist, accompanied Amy Hester of Hartley as she sang "O Perfect Love" and "Wedding Prayer." "O Perfect Love" was sung at the wedding of her parents on December 26, 1964 and her brother's wedding on June 11, 1994.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her parents, she was attired in a cathedral length candlelight white gown. Her wedding gown featured an off-the-shoulder bodice, a detachable cathedral length train and bustle accented with three satin roses and lace cutouts. The hemline featured a scalloped lace edge with sequins and pearls. Sequins, pearls, lace and beads decorated the satin gown and train.

Her white round headpiece was

decorated with sequins and pearls. She carried a long cascading bouquet of red roses and stargazer lilies and wore a white pearl necklace and her mother's wedding garter.

Kristin Sweet of San Francisco, California served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Becky Luecken of St. Louis, Missouri, Ashley Campbell of Houston, Texas, Cecilee Echols of Sunray, Texas, sister-in-law of the bride, and Jennifer Burks of Lubbock.

The feminine attendants wore long black velvet dresses. The off-the-shoulder bodices featured short sleeves. They wore black patent shoes.

Sarah Lerman was the flower girl and Trent Lerman served as ring bearer. They are the children of Julie and Jimmy Lerman of Amarillo.

Greg Ott of Galveston, Texas was the best man. Ren Budde of Austin, Texas, Glen Buck of Phoenix, Arizona, Craig Hairline of Wichita, Kansas and Robert Stine of Amarillo served as groomsmen.

Casey Ruckman of Hereford, son of Gary and Pam Ruckman, was the Bible bearer.

Candles were lit by Natasha Ampriester and Christine Stoney.

The reception was held in the Lubbock Country Club.

The four tiered Italian Cream wedding cake was decorated with red roses and stargazer lilies. A kuluah fudge cake decorated with roses and the initial "O" was served from the groom's table.

Betsy Henson and Diane Cline registered the wedding guests.



MRS. BRADLEY OTT

Tamara Sotelo of Germany was a special guest. She was a foreign exchange student that resided in the Echols home when they were Friona residents.

Ginger Protzman, Betsy Henson, Diane Cline, Regina Ortega and Tamara Sotelo served the wedding cake and served as honorary bridesmaids. Jessica Stoney was in charge of gifts.

Following a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will be at

home in Dallas after March 6. The bride attended Friona High School, graduated from Levelland High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in psychology.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas and Texas Tech University with a degree in economics. He is a professional golfer.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of January 12-18

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January 12--Gary Don Schueler, Charles Hough, Sherri Jo Rector, Jeff Brown, V'Lynnda Wilcox, Bennie Widner, Loren Martin.

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January 14--Lisa Jones, Martha Russell, Dave Hutson, Marcia Blackwell, Larry Gonzales, Jacquelyn Hight Franklin, Christi Martin, Colby Ingram, Patty Davenport.

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

January 16--Roger Peace, Andrew Kendrick, Rex Talley, Katy Osborn, Darran Procter, Christie Spring, James Warren III, Breann Barnett, Trel Taylor.

January 17--Carrie Tullis, Kathy Caudill, Amy Trevino, Jordan Nichols.

January 18--Jennifer Lynn Buchanan, Bret Whitten, Nola Fay Vestal, Joshua

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If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon.

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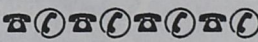
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Sincerely, Tom, Nellie & Sherrie

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DAD, JAMES HOWARD GRAY

Thank you, Parmer County Community Hospital, friends and family from Friona, Texico, Clovis and New Jersey.

The Lord Jesus has poured out His grace and blessing in all circumstances as a help and shield to me (Ps: 115: 9-11) during this recent journey from my home.

The people of Friona have rallied to encourage my heart in a tremendous way. There are no adequate words to express my thankfulness to ya'll.

Joan Ahhart

Town Talk



By JUNE FLOYD

Call 247-3681 With Your News Items



J. Gallegos Is Honored

By Jesus Gallegos
I am the son of Jose and Carmen Gallegos. I have a brother whose name is LCPL Jose Luis Gallegos, Jr. and I am Jesus Gallegos. I work at D.L.'s Thriftway. I work at the meat market, carry-out and put out the bread. My job is difficult but enjoyable. Working with the people is the most fun part of my job. It is my second year working at D.L.'s Thriftway, and I would first of all like to thank God for giving me this opportunity. Second I would like to thank D.L. for giving me the chance to work at his store.

I would also like to thank Randy and Hugo for keeping me there. I would also like to thank all the people in the meat market and in the grocery department for making my job enjoyable. I would also like to thank all the people who shop at D.L.'s Thriftway who make all our jobs possible.

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Our balmy spring like weather came to a "screaming halt" (whatever that is) sometime Sunday night. The snow has been beautiful and we're grateful that we haven't had a lot of wind, so most of it has stayed just like it fell.

I doubt that there are any elves in Friona, but there are good neighbors. I'm sure I shared the shoemaker's feelings when I looked out the window Monday afternoon and saw that someone had removed all the snow off my front walk.

He or she didn't leave any calling card, but I could see some tracks, so have a pretty good idea who the "good fairy" was and my deepest appreciation goes to him or her.

The most amusing question I've heard recently goes like this: "When do two of our organs exchange functions?" Answer: When our noses start running and our feet start smelling.

Lilah Gaye Gee returned home Thursday afternoon after an absence of several weeks. She first went to San Francisco and spent three weeks in the home of her son, Tom Gee.

Enroute home, she stopped off in Lubbock for a one week stay in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Owen and Linda Houston.

Other visitors in the Houston home were Curt and Robin Smith and son, Travis of Fort Polk, Louisiana and Jay and Laura Houston and daughters, Chelsey and Cheyanne, who live at Rios Ranchos, New Mexico.

Robin and Curt are serving in the United States Armed Forces and were stationed in Germany several years before being assigned to Fort Polk, so it was a special joy for all the family to be able to spend some time together.

Mrs. Gee said, "I had a marvelous time all the time I was gone and didn't have any serious health problems, but Friona surely looked good to me when I returned."

Lottie Bails and Opal Baxter spent the New Year holiday visiting Opal's family members who live in Hobbs, New Mexico.

They were guests in the home of Troy and Gladys Young and visited with Roger and Karen Head and sons, Chris and Josh and Denny and Denise Young and sons, Clinton and Trenton.

They returned home Friday afternoon.

Doyce and Mary Joyce Barnett spent about a week visiting in the home of Jerry and Cindy Hawkins and children, Jonathan, Ryan and Heather, who live in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Before leaving they hosted the annual Christmas party for members of the family of the late Rudolph and Clara Renner in their country home on Saturday evening.

Other family members attending were John and Lavon Renner, Billy Dean and Lillie Mae Baxter and Junior and Betty Renner.

Also, Ted and Sarah Renner of Seminole, Texas and Debbie Baxter of Amarillo; and the following Frionans: David, Jana, Beau, Breann, Briar and Brenner Barnett; and Gary, Karen, Casey and Aimee Renner and Blayne, Glenda and Brian Baxter.

There have been some changes in our neighborhood. We've lost five of our near neighbors. Ricky and Erin Barnett exchanged residences with Robert and Becky Jones recently.

The Barnetts have been living at 1403 Columbia and Robert and Becky have been living at 1301 West Seventh.

Then, we've lost Joy Osborn and her two younger sons, Matt and Ben. Ben departed one day last week for Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he is serving in the United States Army Reserve. He expects to be

sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina as soon as he completes his basic training.

Joy and Matt have moved from 1309 Columbia to 920 Euclid, which is the former home of the late Sloan and Ilene Osborn. We regret to lose them from our neighborhood, but are wishing the best for them in their new location.

We also have new neighbors over at 1211 Pierce. Bill and Betty Morgan, who lived here many years before moving to Farwell, have purchased the former home of the Hollis Ruckers and moved in.

Having a home in Friona will be especially nice for Betty, who has been employed here a long time—first at White's Supermarket, then for the past ten years or so at Bi-Wize Health Mart.

Bill retired from a career in law enforcement about two years ago and the Morgans have been living in Grady, New Mexico.

The couple's oldest daughter, Tonna Broyles, is a teacher in the local school system. She and her husband, Jimmy, live out on Cemetery Road.

Another daughter, Carol Tilley, lives in Azle, Texas and their son, Dennis, and his wife, Jeni, and two daughters, Megan and Amie, live in The Colony, Texas. Other grandchildren are Leslie, Jennifer and Kelsey Tilley of Azle and Mindy Liles, who lives in Lubbock.

It is good to have the Morgans back. They were our down the street neighbors when we moved into town twenty-eight years ago.

The month of December was a very busy one for Junior and Betty Renner. Two of their children changed places of their residence and one granddaughter got married.

Earlier in the month, this couple combined a trip to Dallas for the Friona-Tatum football game with assisting their daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Gary Murphree, move from Edmond, Oklahoma to Temple, Texas.

After their return home they sandwiched in a trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico for the wedding of Misty Renner and Jason Hightower on December 21, and a stay of several days in the home of their daughter, Lana McKelvey, and her family in Lubbock before returning to Temple to assist with getting the Murphree home ready for occupancy.

Gary's parents, Ray and Jean Murphree, who are former Friona residents now residing at Comanche, Texas, also assisted with this project.

Betty reported, "Even though all of us were busy all the time, we enjoyed being able to spend some time with

Ray and Jean."

Since they have been home from Temple, their son, Conrad, and his wife, Susan, moved from the Renner farm southwest of town to 1006 West Sixth, which is the former home of Guy and Lucille Latta.

Gary and Phyllis have two daughters, the oldest, Jennifer, stayed in Edmond, where she is working and attending college. The youngest, Lacey, is a junior in high school and is with her parents.

Things are about back to normal at 1201 Maple Street, where Bill and Carol Ellis live. Their youngest son, Rick, has gone back to his job in Los Angeles, California.

During the holidays, the number one Ellis son, Stan, who lives in San Antonio, spent several days here as did her sister and her family. Laura, Noel and Madeline Garcia came up from Lubbock to join the family for Christmas.

Then, on New Year's Eve, Carol honored Bill with a sixtieth birthday party.

Guests were Jim and Jane Dixon, Anne Spring, Ron Carr, Mary Crump, Judy Cummings, Dottie Osborn and Lee and Jo Witten, all of Friona, and Don and Verbie Nelson of Dimmitt.

Mark and Sandy Fuentes and children, Amanda and Bradley of Amarillo, visited in the home of Sandy's mother, Anne Spring, during Christmas week.

Loafman, who had been a medical patient at Hereford Regional Medical Center since December 14, was dismissed and returned home Monday afternoon.

Alvin and Murlene Gaines are patients at Baptist High Plains Hospital in Amarillo. Alvin has been a medical patient there several days and Murlene was admitted Sunday.

Both of them are reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Judy Cummings hosted a family Christmas dinner in her country home.

She reported, "It was such fun having both my sisters and brothers-in-law, all four of my children and all six of my grandchildren together with a few other kith and kin thrown in for good measure."

Those attending were Scott and Donna Cummings of Lubbock; Kyle and Mandy Cummings of San Diego, California; Terri and Gary Zervas and children, Brent, Sara and Jacob of Rockwall, Texas and Carol Dean Huggins of Farwell.

Also, Kirk Cummings, Lisa, John-Paul and Eli Gonzales and Mary Kay

Peterson of Azle, Texas; and Johnny and Dot Pruitt and Robert, Beverly, Brian, Joanne and Brett Gamble of Clovis, New Mexico.

Opal Baxter spent several days in Oklahoma during the Christmas holidays. She visited in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Jewel and Curt Seigrist at Sayre, enroute to Oklahoma City, where she was a guest in the home of Carolyn and Terry Foster.

Other guests in the Foster home were Sharon and Donnie Adcox and children, Danny and Teagan, and Tim and Elizabeth Grundy, who also live in Oklahoma City; and Steve and Willene Grundy of New Caney, Texas.

Opal also visited with Alan and Sue Teirycy and children, Sheena, Alesha and Dana in Elk City before returning home.

Dewayne and Cheryl Procter have had out-of-town guests recently. Cheryl's mother, Darlene Ramage of Carthage, Texas, was accompanied to Friona by David and Mandy Myers and children, Erin and Clay, who live in Nacogdoches.

Mandy is her granddaughter.

Other out-of-town visitors included Darran, Tiffany, Morgan and Reagan Procter of Marble Falls, Texas and Wade, Cherise and Darla Procter, who live in Lubbock.

Enroute to San Antonio for a visit in the home of their daughter, Robin Cruncleton, Robert and Carol Zetsche stopped off in Lubbock and spent a few days with Bobby, Kenna, Kendy, Tierney and Kara Zetsche.

Other guests in the home were Gwen and Steve Haines and children, Shea, Cade and



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CHRISTINA A. CRUTCHFIELD and DON DONOVAN...Mr. and Mrs. Troy Crutchfield of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christina A. Crutchfield, to Don Donovan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Donovan of Larned, Kansas. The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Friona High School and is presently employed at Friona Medical Clinic as a medical assistant. The prospective bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of Larned High School and is presently employed at Excel Corporation in Friona as a supervisor. Vows will be exchanged at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona at 4 p.m. February 1. The couple plans to make their home in Friona.

Honor Students Listed At Friona Junior High

Friona Junior High principal Kevin Wiseman has released the 3rd six weeks honor roll.

6TH GRADE

All A's
Randy Baca, Adam Bandy, Kendra Carr, Andy Carthel, Betsy Clark, Heath Gammon, Amanda Gerles, Cody Grimsley, Holley Hand, Chance Hutson, Raquel Mendez, Corbin Neill, Lindsay North, Lacey Presley, T.J. Randolph, Calvin Shields, Veronica Torres, Ty White, Brian Wiseman, and Jeffrey Zamora.

All A's & 1 B
Jered Cunningham, Adrian Delgado, Victor Favela, Judy Garza, Logan Lacy, Laura Mata, Kerrie Ryan, Shauna Stokes, and Alyssa Villa.

All A's & 2 B's
Ricardo Coronado, Andrew Gomez, Joshua Rivera, Manuel Rodriguez, Michael Stanberry, Christopher Ureste.

7TH GRADE

All A's
Ernestina Aragon, Stephanie Collier, Amanda Daniel, Frank Dominguez, Jennifer Echevarria, Cara Evans, Trevor Fields, Jacy

Grimsley, Candace Ingram, Felicia LaFuenta, Roy Loya, and Amy Terry.

All A's & 1 B
Porfirio Cardenas, Irene Chavarria, and Zaira Villarreal.

All A's & 2 B's
Alice Allen, Clint Cox, Dora Ibarra, and Alberto Monarrez.

8TH GRADE

All A's
Joshua Bursleson, Ruben Diaz, Tania Hand, Aaron Hendrickson, Lynette Jubay, Audra King, Andrew Perez, Sarah Peterson, J'Mae Randolph, Elida Rivera, Kayla Smiley, Veronica Velasquez, Cason White, Robert Winebrenner, and Amber Wylly.

All A's & 1 B
Valerie Bandy, Lupita Corral, Jenny Cunningham, Jena Grimsley, Ashlee Hunt, Vanessa Mata, LaFawnda Mays, Dwight Merrell, Maria Monreal, Alisia Rando, Charlie Saiz, and V'Laura Wilcox.

All A's & 2 B's
Keaton Behrendsen, Kahlie Ingram, Kristie Jack, Christina Ortega, Ema Perez, and Diana Tirado.

Friona High School Honor Roll Released

Twenty-one students at Friona High School have been listed on the "All A" honor list. Students making the honor lists include:

ALL A'S
Freshmen--Leslie Fiel, Alejandra Ortiz and Kayla Wylly.

Sophomores--James Evans.

Juniors--Rachel Burleson, Carrie Cox, Sarah Hale, Perry Hanes, Joni Johnson, Juanita Salinas, Lacy Venhaus and Shyla Wylly.

Seniors--Lucy Aronce, Alicia Baker, Shane Blackburn, Coby Clark, Leander Davila, Heather Martin, Canna Ray, Jacob Rios and Sheila Wiseman.

ALL A'S AND ONE B
Freshmen--Zubin Bhakta, Adrian Cruz, Christian Hanes, Mary Juarez, Tyson Neill, Leslie Reyes, Sandra Rivera, Dale Williams and Kyle Wiseman.

Juniors--Quint Ellis, Frank Estrada, Sandra Gonzales, Jeff Hamilton, Aaron King and Luis Ramirez.

Seniors--Steve Arias, Candi Baca, Misty Chesher, Amber Grantham, Blaire Jones, Sheri Jubay, Greg Lewellen, Jason Lytal and Carlos Vega.

ALL A'S AND TWO B'S
Freshmen--Lindsay Buske, Petra Chavarria, London Martin and Jessica Perez.

Sophomores--Clint Burney and Erika Rivera.

Juniors--Ruby Aronce, Gabe Goodwin, Ricardo Mendez, Saul Pacheco, Heath Patterson, Christina Santellana and Vanette White.

Seniors--Carmen Aguilar, Paulino Balli, Monica Davis, Andrew De La O, Leslie Fangman, Omar Garza, Clint Hand, Amber Martin and Aaron Rivera.

YOUR EYES

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When a child has trouble learning to read, there's often a vision-related problem. Johnny may have passed the school's eye-chart screening with flying colors, but that's just a distance-vision test. Reading calls for near-vision skills. A child who may have vision problems deserves a complete professional examination.

If parents or the teacher have noticed the child holding a book too close or too far away, or find that the child tires in frustration after short periods of reading, it's helpful to bring this to the optometrist's attention. If the eye doctor's examination points up a vision-related problem, it may be tested with corrective lenses, vision training or a combination of both.

It's wise to check for vision problems early in a child's school career, before the youngster is "turned off" from reading. Frustrated readers may turn aggressive in the classroom or turn into non-performing day-dreamers. With the optometrist's help, the child can learn or re-learn vision skills necessary for success.

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