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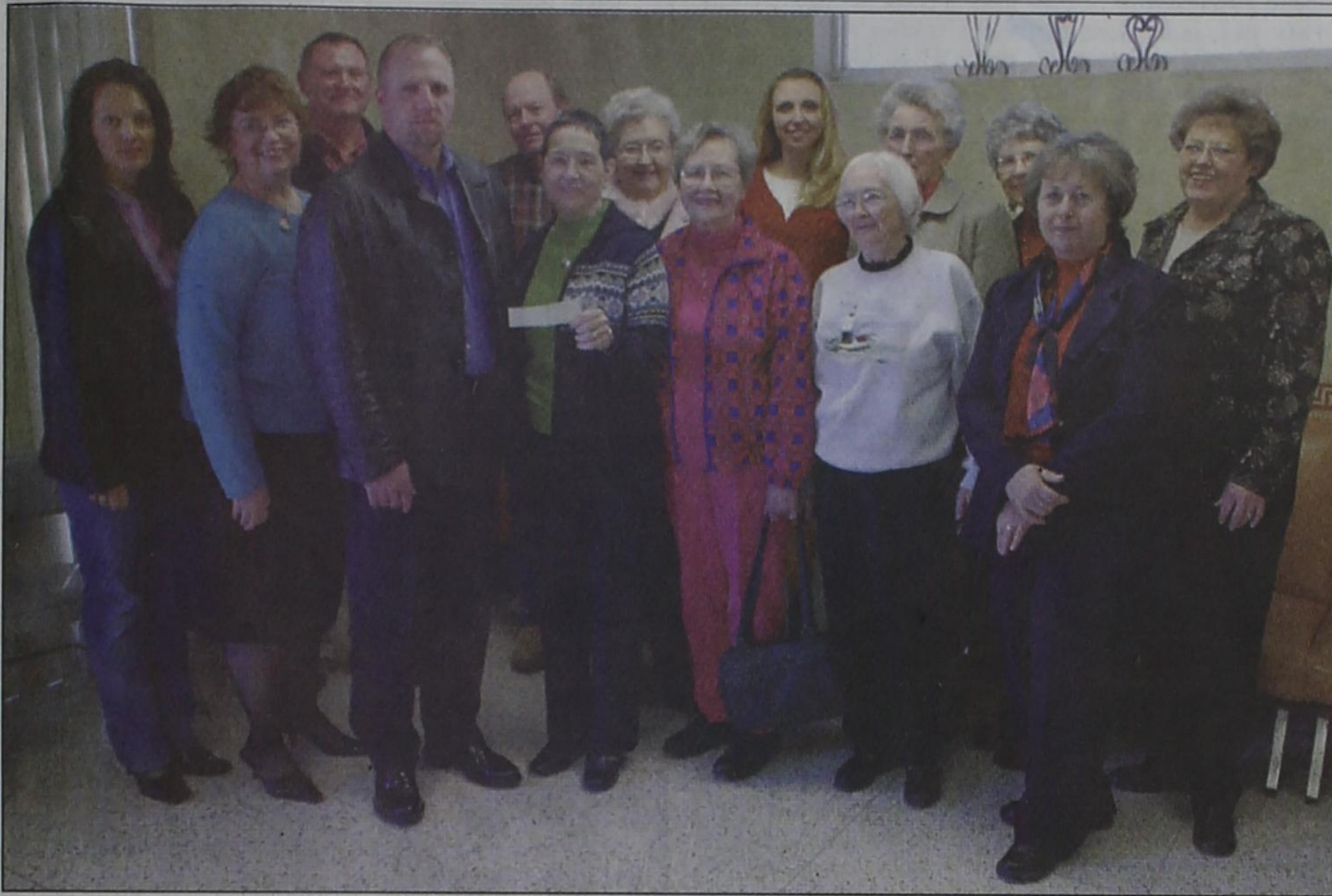
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Elizabeth McLellan, center, presents a check for \$3168.16 to Parmer County Community Hospital administrator Lance Gatlin. The funds represent donations made to the Project Christmas Card program and will be used to purchase a geriatric transport chair for the hospital. Attending the reception and presentation were, l-r, Belinda Gatlin, Heidi Eichenauer, Robert Neelley, Lance Gatlin, Dennis Anthony, Mrs. McLellan, Betty Lewellen, Jeanette Thurman, Tessa Schueler, Mary Johnston, Tommie Mercer, Betty Wiseman, Linda Rushing, and Donna Schueler.

Project Christmas Card used to purchase hospital geri-chair

The Parmer County Community Hospital auxiliary coordinates the annual Project Christmas Card campaign. Through donations from local citizens, the auxiliary raises money which is then used toward purchasing hospital equipment.

The 2006 Project Christmas Card raised \$3168.16. On Monday, January 8, the auxiliary hosted a reception at the hospital and presented the check to administrator Lance Gatlin. According to the Director of Nursing Lynn Nelson, the money will be used to purchase a geriatric transport chair.

The "geri-chair" as it is referred to, can lie flat like a stretcher, then

be raised to a sitting position. Mrs. Nelson said for example they could recline a patient on the chair as a stretcher, take them to x-ray, raise the chair to a sitting position for the x-ray, then recline the patient for return to their room.

This eliminates the need to move a patient from table to chair and back to bed. Mrs. Nelson said it is much more efficient for the hospital staff and much more comfortable for patients that need to be moved around the hospital.

The auxiliary members wished to thank everyone that donated to the 2006 Project Christmas Card.

Chiefs make history with win at Dimmitt

BY RON CARR

Coach Ky Graham remembers the last time the Friona Chieftains beat the Dimmitt Bobcats at Dimmitt in basketball. He was in the 7th grade and saw the game. Friona won 57-55 in 1975. It was the last time the Chieftains had beaten Dimmitt at Dimmitt until Tuesday night, a span of 31 years.

Since that 1975 game, the Chiefs have only one other win against Dimmitt. That was in 1998 at the Friona gym. Tuesday night in Dimmitt, the Chieftains rallied from a 12-point 3rd quarter deficit to tie the game at 66-66 on Ryan Schwab's put back jump shot under the basket and send the contest into overtime.

Sawyer Reed and Hector Sanchez combined for 12 of Friona's 14 overtime points as the Chiefs routed the Bobcats 14-5 in the overtime period for an 80-71 win. Nine of Friona's 14 overtime points came from free throws.

The Chiefs trailed 22-9 at the end of the 1st quarter and 41-28 at the half. At the end of three

quarters the Bobcats led 57-45. The Chiefs needed a rally and rally they did, outscoring Dimmitt 21-7 in the 4th period to send the game to overtime. Schwab and Reed combined for 15 4th quarter points.

Reed led the Chiefs in scoring as he tallied 21 points, including two 3s and 7 of 8 from the free throw line. Sanchez contributed 15 points also including two 3s. Caleb Miller tossed in four 3s for his 12 point total. Alex Gurley scored 11, including three 3s. Altogether the Chiefs made 13 3-point goals and were 15 of 22 from the free throw line.

Others scoring were Ryan Schwab 7, Jared Boyd 6, Ryan Geries 3, Kaison Graham 2, Chance Lewellen 2, and Tolby Wilcox 1. It is a big win for the Chieftains. The return match is set for February 2 when the Bobcats visit Friona gym. The win gives the Chiefs a 3-1 district record with Muleshoe and Bushland still to play in the first half of the district schedule.

Mayor proclaims Saturday as Special Olympics Day

"RESOLVED, That I, John C. Taylor, Mayor of the City of Friona, Texas, do hereby proclaim Saturday, January 13, 2007, as Special Olympics Day in Friona and I encourage all residents of Friona, Texas and the surrounding area to reflect upon the important mission served by Special Olympics, as well as attend the basketball games

scheduled January 13 at all three school gymnasiums."

A Panhandle-wide regional Special Olympics Basketball Tournament will be held in Friona Saturday January 13. Opening ceremonies will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the high school gym. Basketball competitions will be throughout the day in all three gyms; high school, junior high, and el-

ementary. Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

Organizers estimate about 135 Special Olympics athletes will participate. A total of 11 teams and 300-350 people including athletes, families, coaches, and friends will be in town for the event. The Friona Noon Lions Club will cook hamburgers to provide to the group. Cargill Meat Solutions

donated the hamburger meat tubes and Lowe's Supermarket will slice and prepare it.

Friona Mayor John Taylor and the city council issued a proclamation designating Saturday as Special Olympics Day in Friona. Organizers said that about 100 volunteers in Friona will assist with the tournament. For more information call Donna Mullins at 250-3285.



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Mayor John Taylor signs the proclamation designating Saturday January 13 as Special Olympics Day in Friona. Standing, l-r, are FHS principal Denver Crum, and Special Olympics organizers Donna Mullins, Peggy Monroe, and Ross Paiz. See related story for details.

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Historical group seeks hospital information

Do you think having a hospital in Friona has made a difference in your family life?

That question is posed by Mary Johnston and members of the Parmer County Historical Commission along with the hospital auxiliary as they gather information for a new history book.

In the proposed new history book they would like to

include family stories about the hospital. This would include experiences you and your family have had with hospital care, memories of long ago hospital personnel, or any other personal experiences you can share.

Write or email your stories to the Friona Star or Belinda Gatlin, 1603 W. 11th, Friona 79035 or email belindagatlin@

yahoo.com.

In February the hospital auxiliary will host an appreciation dinner for hospital personnel. The auxiliary would like to have stories, cards, letters, etc., to include in a scrapbook for the hospital personnel.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Parmer County. Members of the Parmer

County Historical Commission will be providing historical highlights through the year. A major centennial celebration is being planned for May 5 at the courthouse and city park in Farwell. It will be an all-day event.

The Friona Star invites any of our out-of-town or out-of-state readers to participate by sharing your memories and

experiences here in Parmer County or about the hospital. Write or email the Friona Star or Mrs. Gatlin as noted above.

Members of the Parmer County Historical Commission are Don and Gladys Spring, Mary Johnston, Hugh Moseley, Wendy Carthel, Judy Cummings, Mack and Bonnie Heald, Bonnie and Pat Howard, Joe Bob Mann, Ted Treider,

Sharon White, Craig and Brenda Wilson, Delwyn Allen, and Floyd Reeve.

The next meeting of the Parmer County Historical Commission will be January 25 at 7 p.m. at the 1st Bank in Bovina community room. For more information contact any commission member.



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Chieftains Ryan Geries (22) and Sawyer Reed (3) do a double takeaway from a Tulia Hornet during Friday night action at Friona gym. Ryan Schwab (00) waits for the ball. The Chiefs will host the Muleshoe Mules Friday January 12 in district action. Chiefs and Squaws photos from the Tulia games are available for reprint on our website, frionaonline.com.

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an upper level low
By Ron Carr

Welcome to the regular meeting of Weather Wienees Anonymous. My name is Ron and I am a weather weinee.

I hate cold weather. My ability to function in society shuts down when ice is on the ground.

Doppler Dave is my worst nightmare. When he gives those seven day forecasts and there is snow predicted on the seventh day, I start getting ready. I go into my own upper level low.

Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten have my kind of weather. Steel drums, flip flops, and a Yellow Bird is winter gear in the Caribbean. Even the trailer park in Zapata, Texas, is starting to look good.

Going skiing? Don't invite me. Want to build a snowman? I'll watch through the window. Snow is in the forecast? I'll be depressed until the sun comes out.

Luckily, everyone is not a weather wienee like me. Many folks continue to function like normal, they just put on a few more clothes. Not me. First off, I don't like cold weather. Second, I like snow and ice even less. I did take a ski lesson one time and couldn't wait to get the sticks and boots off and get back to the lodge fireplace.

I took a snowmobile safari once with a company called Bert Rentals in Crested Butte. We roared up in the mountains, did wheelies on a frozen lake, stopped at an old miners cabin, and raced down the mountain. All in sub-zero temperature. I'm pretty sure I suffered frostbite since my hands and feet ache when it gets really cold.

A lot of folks around here will remember the Ice Bowl playoff game between the Chiefs and Seminole in Levelland in 1997. The wind chill was below zero. Luckily I was on the sideline where they

had a couple of blowing heaters set up for players and referees. Don Spring and I were trying to keep our camera batteries thawed long enough to take a picture. The Chiefs lost and when the game was over Coach James Morton was walking up the field consoling a player. It was a Pulitzer photo opportunity but my camera battery had frozen one last time and I missed it.

In 1987, long before I thought about living here, I drove out for Christmas to visit mother and the family. It snowed from here to Abilene. My sister, brother-in-law, and two of their boys and I took off in a three-car caravan the day after Christmas. It took around six hours to get as far as Snyder where we finally slid into a motel and holed up for the night. The next day I had to have help to get out of the motel parking lot which resembled a skating rink.

Other than the moisture it provides and the snowman opportunities for children, there is no redeeming quality for snow. Ski resorts would disagree but I'm content to let them live and work and play in the mountains. Give me flat land and an Interstate on a sunny day.

Doppler Dave says we are in for some winter weather beginning Friday through Monday with temperatures in the single digits and several days with temperatures not rising above freezing. He uses those magical upper level lows and troughs and jet stream examples to panic half the population and send people like me into a period of dread.

I guess it is good that we get some advance notice of the weather. The pioneers that settled this country lived in creaky old houses with cracks for the wind to blow through. They didn't get seven-day forecasts except when their knees

starting hurting and they knew a storm was on the way. Didn't matter much back then because they didn't have anywhere to go anyway.

These days snow, sleet, and ice disrupt all kinds of activities. Airports, shopping malls, school and church activities get discombobulated. Grocery store shelves are emptied with people stocking up on survival food. And we all pray that the electricity will just stay on.

At least this predicted storm is headed our way over a weekend. But then the Special Olympics basketball tournament is set for Saturday with teams coming in from Hereford, Canyon, and Amarillo.

Give me a nice outside cabin on a Caribbean cruise ship with a balcony and let's head for San Juan, Puerto Rico.

I checked and it has never snowed there.

Chamber banquet set, nominations sought for annual citizen awards

"Helping Each Other Grow" is the theme selected for this year's Chamber of Commerce banquet. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2007 Chamber banquet will be held Tuesday, March 6, at the

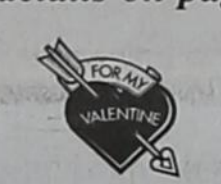
Friona Community Center. The Friona High School Choir, under the direction of Allison Johnston, will provide musical entertainment.

Tickets to the banquet will be \$15. A limited number of Gold Tables will be available for sponsorship by local businesses. A Gold Table is \$500 and includes 8 banquet tickets. The meal will be prime rib.

The Chamber is currently seeking nominations for the 2007 individual citizen awards. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office for the following categories: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Students of the Year (one boy, one girl), Courteous Employee of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Citizen of the Year.

If you would like to nominate someone for the above awards pick up a form at the Chamber office on Main St. Chamber Executive Vice-President Chris Alexander said that nomination forms should be filled out and turned in no later than February 20. For more information about the banquet or nominations call the Chamber office at 250-3491.

Bring photos of all your little angels for the Friona Star Valentine issue. The deadline is Monday February 5 5:00 p.m. (see details on page 3)



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Letters to the Editor


To Whom It May Concern:

Leander Davila and I are two members of the 1997 FHS graduating class. We are trying to gather contact information for all of our classmates. We live in Austin now, but would like to "get the word out" that we are trying to plan a reunion. We are asking graduates and/or their families to contact us with their new information.

Graduates can call me (Jenny) at 512-626-3309 or e-mail Leander at Leander.Davila@ci.austin.tx.us.

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Jenny Rhea Eisenhauer



Texas has \$14 billion in new state funds

Comptroller Susan Combs said the Texas Legislature will have \$14.3 billion in new money to spend in the 2008-2009 state budget. Combs issued her Biennial Revenue Estimate, reporting to the 80th Legislature and the Governor that \$82.5 billion in general revenue is available for appropriation. "This is a solid, conservative estimate," Combs said.

"I anticipate \$77.5 billion in general revenue income during the next biennium," Combs said. "Add to that a \$7.0 billion ending balance for the current biennium—the largest ending balance on record. Subtract \$2.0 billion in oil and gas production tax revenue that must be set aside in the Rainy Day Fund, and the bottom line is \$82.5 billion that is available to spend. "That is approximately \$14.3 billion dollars more than the current \$68.2 billion budget," Combs said.

"This is a great time in Texas," Combs said. "Our state's strong economy is producing vigorous revenue growth to serve Texans' needs.

However, it is my duty as Comptroller to point out that I do expect a cooling of the economy in the months ahead." Combs said three important contributors to the Texas economy are slowing: the housing market, oil and gas prices and consumer spending.

"Nationwide, the housing boom of the last two years is rapidly slowing. In Texas, new home starts that were up 20.7 percent a year ago were down 12.4 percent last October—a dramatic shift," Combs said.

"Oil and gas prices are expected to recede following a rapid climb in fiscal 2006 and exploration will decrease somewhat," Combs continued. "The growth in consumer spending will decline, due in part to the slowdown in the housing market. People feel wealthier and spend more freely if their homes are increasing in value. Also, low interest rates have made refinancing attractive—often involving a cash out' of home equity to be spent by consumers. That trend, too,

has changed. Looking at some of the state's largest revenue sources, Combs said 87 percent of the revenue will come from taxes and the remaining 13 percent will come from non-tax sources such as fees, interest earnings and lottery proceeds.

The sales tax will continue to be the states largest tax revenue source, bringing in an estimated \$41.50 billion during the 2008-2009 biennium. Sales tax revenue is expected to grow approximately 4.2 percent annually—down from fiscal 2006's 12.0 percent growth and fiscal 2007's anticipated 7.0 percent growth.

With the overhaul of the franchise tax by the 79th Legislature, this tax is now the second largest source of tax revenue and the third largest source of general revenue. During the next biennium, the franchise tax is expected to produce \$5.84 billion for the General Revenue Fund and an additional \$6.09 billion for the new Property Tax Relief Fund,

a dedicated fund that is not available for general-purpose spending by the Legislature.

Oil and natural gas production taxes are expected to raise \$4.94 billion in revenue. Of this, \$2.01 billion will be reserved for the Rainy Day Fund. Both taxes are expected to decline over the biennium, as historically high prices are expected to moderate.

"I will continue to closely monitor Texas' economic indicators and report to the Legislature if a change in my revenue estimate is warranted," Combs said. "There will be no surprises. My goal is seamless and constant communication with the Legislature as they go about the crucial task of allocating taxpayer dollars to best meet the needs of all Texans.

Comptroller Susan Combs' complete 2008-2009 Biennial Revenue Estimate can be found on her website www.window.state.tx.us.

Tumbleweed Smith Cruising in and around New Zealand

We've been thinking about a trip to Australia and New Zealand for about ten years. We finally got to the stage where we said, "What are we waiting for?" We flew from LA to Sydney. The opera house and harbor bridge are just two reasons why people who spend lots of time on the water call Sydney's harbor the most beautiful in the world.

I can't begin to explain the feeling I had looking at the Sydney Opera House. I had seen pictures of it forever, but to be able to see the architectural masterpiece up close was a special thrill. Part of the thrill came from being so far from home. Just across the water from the opera house we saw people climbing the harbor bridge.

We sailed out of Sydney at sundown on Holland America's Statendam, a small ship with just over 1,200 passengers. Each of the ships in the fleet carries the theme of a significant Dutch personality. The theater on our ship was called "The Van Gogh Lounge" and had reproductions of "Starry Starry Night" done in mosaic tiles on floor to ceiling walls on either side of the

stage. One of the entertainers couldn't ignore the inspiration the room gave him, so he sang the Don McLean song about the famous artist.



In Melbourne we watched kangaroos play in 110-degree heat. The next day in Tasmania we experienced 35-degree temperatures and a snow blizzard. Although the calendar indicated it was summer, Mother Nature didn't abide by it. We were cool most of the trip. I never used any of the flashy short sleeve shirts I had packed.

We crossed the Tasman Sea in two days and arrived in Milford Sound, one of the most beautiful places on earth. The Maori name for New Zealand means "long low clouds" and you can best observe them in the early morning. The sea is the bluest I've seen and the snow-capped peaks in the distance with clouds in front of them make for an uplifting sight.

The air and water in New Zealand are the purest you'll find

anywhere. The natural beauty of the land influences the residents to provide beauty around their cities and homes. Gardens and flowers are everywhere. The yards and streets are clean and neat. I don't think I saw a piece of garbage anywhere.

The people of New Zealand are extremely courteous. They appreciate Americans especially, since we helped defend their country in World War Two. In every small town we visited we saw inviting restaurants serving attractive and delicious food. We passed through neighborhoods of houses with some of the most striking architecture I've seen. They had clean lines with lots of glass and steel.

Most New Zealanders are trim and fit. People of all ages take part in a variety of physical activities. Sidewalk cafes are full of vivacious and enthusiastic young people. The extreme sports of bungee jumping and jet boating started in New Zealand. Can you tell I was impressed with that place?

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Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN



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Breann Barnett speaks to the Noon Lions about her trip to China. Lions Bud Rainey and Robert Jones, l-r, enjoy a lighter moment during Breann's talk. Visitors and prospective new members are invited. Meetings are at Headquarters Restaurant the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Check us out.

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday January 4 for the first meeting of 2007 with 16 members and three guests, including club sweetheart Alli Jones, R. J. Renner, and Breann Barnett. Boss Lion John Gurley reminded members of the hamburger cooking for the Special Olympics Saturday January 13. He said we will cook about 350 patties. The meat is furnished by Cargill Meat Solutions and Lowe's Supermarket will slice and

prepare the patties. The program was given by former Noon Lions sweetheart Breann Barnett, now a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Breann told members about her 16-day mission trip to China during December. The trip was sponsored by the WT Baptist Student Ministry. Since China is a communist country, the mission trip was called a cultural exchange trip to avoid the religious aspect. Her team

spent two days in Hong Kong then went to Guilin, China where they toured the area and witnessed to the Chinese. The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be Thursday January 18 at the Headquarters Restaurant. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome to join us for food, fun, and frivolity. Sometimes we are even serious.

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Golden Spread Co-op to award scholarship

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative will award a \$1,200 scholarship in May to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members of a rural electric cooperative which is a member/owner of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative. Applicants must be entering freshmen and be of good character as evidenced by at least two letters of recom-

mendation. Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors. Candidates must enroll as a full time student in an accredited college or university in the states of Texas or Oklahoma.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's Hereford office. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2007. Awards will be announced within sixty days of this date.

Fourth grade sends books to Pakistan

During November 2006 the fourth grade classes at Friona Elementary participated in a service learning project in which they collected children's books to send to Pakistan. The entire elementary school brought books to contribute to the project. The books will be used for a mobile library for the children of Pakistan. The fourth grade reading students also participated in a book-mark exchange. The students made a bookmark that portrayed their favorite book along with their name and where they live. In return they will receive homemade bookmarks from the children in Pakistan. One of the teachers commented,

"The fourth graders are very excited to be getting a bookmark from a child in Pakistan."

The project coordinator was FHS senior Alli Jones, daughter of Robert and Becky Jones. Alli coordinated the project as a part of Patsy Allen's FCCLA/service learning class.

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We salute the organizers of the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show. It is a very special part of our community.

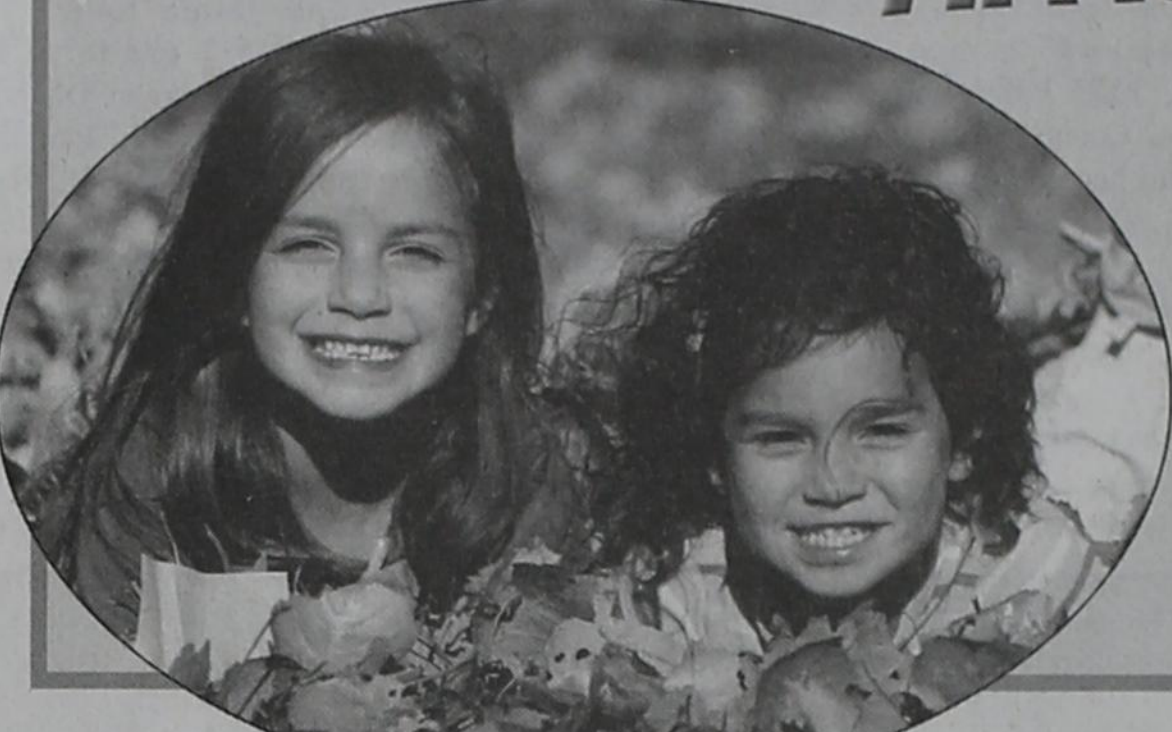
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Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts


It's Bragging Time!



Taylor & Kyndali Duran
Grandchildren of Joe & Marlene Mueller and Tony & Mary Duran

Bring a photo (any size) and your special Valentine message to the Friona Star office by 5pm Monday, February 5th
Cost per person in photo:
1-\$10, 2-\$15, 3 or more - \$20
*Valentine photos will appear in the special Friona Star Valentine issue February 8.
*All photos will be returned.
For more information call 250-2211.

This week is The 2007 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show



Good Luck to all participants!

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Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

January 5, 2007, Jereme Durant, 30, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, pending Justice of the Peace Court.

January 5, Jeremy Roth, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

January 5, 2007, Daniel Garcia, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, pending County Court.

January 5, 2007, Jorge Duran, 26, of Riverside, California, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with failure to identify, pending County Court.

January 7, 2007, Johnny Rowton, 40, of Farwell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated with an open container, pending County Court.

January 7, 2007, Jeffrey Smith, 35, of Lubbock, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

January 8, 2007, Javier Mendoza, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, pending County Court.

Six offenders registering with the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

December 21, 2006, Charlie Burkart, 31, 2455 CR19, Friona.

Friona Junior High School All A and AB Honor Roll

Friona Junior High School principal, Kevin Wiseman, announced the Honor Roll lists for the 3rd six weeks.

All A Honor Roll:
Sixth grade: Kylie Boyd, Guiomar Davila, Marissa Lozoya, Kalley Preston, and Linda Ramos.
Seventh grade: Gabriel Avalos, Ryan Dewit, Rachel Dickson, Tenna Montana, Katie Osborn, and Weston Wyly.

Eighth grade: Keeley Dunnam and Miguel Reveles.
AB Honor Roll:
Sixth grade: Maria Chacon, Meagan Davis, Jake Dewit, Roberto Dominguez, Cotton Fleming, Krystin Gonzales, Jorge Guerrero, Cheyenne Harris, Macy Her-ring, Darian Irons, Nohely Juarez, Sawyer Lytal, Jesus Mendoza, Magali Moralez, Adrian Prieto, Rowdee Rhodes, Jessyca Rivas, Eduardo Rojas, Louis Rojas,

Samuel Silva, Angela Torres, Maria Torres, and Oscar Vazquez.
Seventh grade: Taran Abeyta, Meagan Balli, Perla Bautista, Karina Chihuahua, Lorenzo Garcia, April Henriquez, Donovan Johnson, Abigail Jones, Dillon Kelley, Berenice Lopez, Abigail Martinez, Caleb Monroe, Donovan Ortiz, Luis Puga, Gabriela Reveles, Victor Reveles, Leslee Roberson, Samantha Rodriguez, Yurban Salinas, Matthew Teague, Collin Thompson, Mario Vega, and Michael Villanueva.

Eighth grade: Raul Anchondo, Jesus Andrade, Regan Anthony, Laci Austin, Kourtney Boardley, Caitlin Bronniman, Maria Calvillo, Zack Fair, Kirby Frye, Thania Garcia, Alex Gonzales, J Gurley, Brittany Herbert, Isabel Hernandez, Vannesa Herrea, Kami Kerby, Laura Lopez, Uriel Lopez, Juan Martinez, Ernesto Monreal, Ingrith Ojeda, Catalina Ortega, Juan Ortiz, Adrian Padilla, Adrian Quintana, Marissa Sanchez, Ester Sarabia, Maria Silva, Skyla Stormes, Karina Trevino, Duncan Welch, and Julie Wiseman.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 21, 2006 to December 27, 2006:

William V. Gromowsky and Kathryn W. Gromowski - Eddie Don Lide and Chantel Lide, E/2 S21 T4S R4E; N/2 S21 T4S R4E

Eddie Don Lide and Chantel Lide - Kenneth Weems, E/2 S21 T4S R4E; N/2 S21 T4S R4E

Charles William Summers - Melvin Summers Irrevocable Trust and Rena Sue Summers, S7 BLK H KELLY

Darla Armstrong - Oscar Rodriguez and Efigenia Rodriguez, SW/2 L3 B90 BOVINA

Eddie Bryan Smith - Steven B. Smith, L18-21 S44, L9 S48 BLKA

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Puzzle Solution



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Allo Reeve and her "Brides of the White House" collection and presentation were featured at the Parmer County Museum on Sunday, December 10. Family and Consumer Science students, l-r, Ruby Rodriguez, Perla Guerrero, Lupita Rivera, and Maria Vega photographed the "Brides", made the video, and gave the presentation that Mrs. Reeve (center) did for many years.

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caprock update

Chieftains lose to Tulia 60-54

The Friona Chieftains are in a mild slump, coming off of a 0-3 run in the Caprock tourney, defeating Highland Park, then losing to the Tulia Hornets 60-54 at home. The Chieftains were on the road to Dimmitt Tuesday this week and host the Muleshoe Mules Friday. Reports on the Dimmitt and Muleshoe games will be given next week.

Chiefs 50—Odessa 60 Sawyer Reed led scoring with 18 points in the first game of the Caprock Tournament during the holidays. Ryan Gerles had 10, Hector Sanchez 8, Ryan Schwab 5, Alex Gurley 4, Caleb Miller 3, and Chance Lewellen 2.

Chiefs 52—Hereford 57 Still at Caprock, the Chiefs battled the Here-

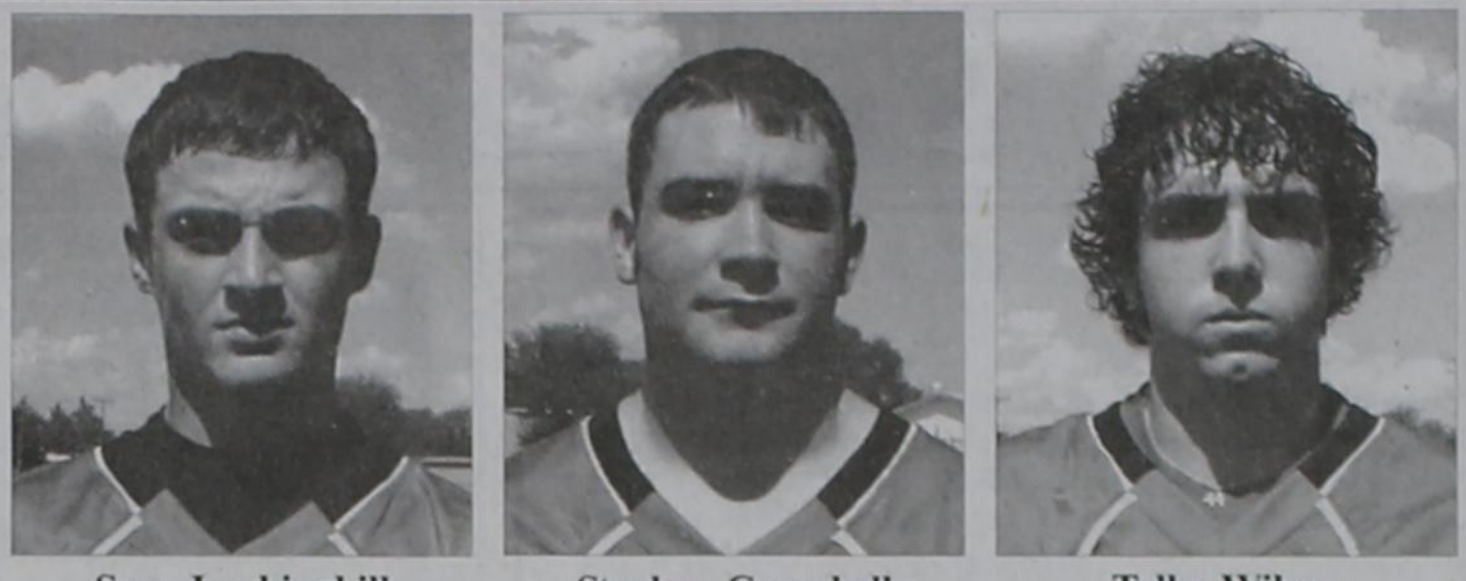
ford Whitefaces with a 22-point 4th quarter but couldn't quite stretch out the win. Schwab scored high with 13 points, Gerles 12, Gurley 10, Sanchez 9, Lewellen 6, Miller 2, and Tolby Wilcox 2.

Chiefs 54—Brownfield 88 The Brownfield Cubs clawed the Chiefs to wind up the Caprock experience. Alex Gurley took over with 17 points including two 3s. Caleb Miller had two 3s and 11 points, Schwab 6, Jared Boyd 6, Gerles 5, Wilcox 4, Lewellen 2, and Reed 2.

Chiefs 60—Highland Park 47 With 14 points from Reed and 13 from Gerles, Friona recorded a district win over the Hornets. Caleb Miller added two 3s for 6 points, Lewellen 9, Gurley 6, Wilcox 4, Sanchez 4, Kaison Graham 2, and Schwab 2. The Chiefs were 10 of 17 from the foul line and HP was 10 of 24.

Chiefs 54—Tulia 60 The half-time score was Tulia 25, Friona 19. Both teams scored 35 points in the second half as the Chiefs could not gain ground on the Hornets. Schwab, Sanchez, and Gurley all had 3-point goals for Friona. Gurley was high point man with 16, Reed followed with 14, Schwab 9, Lewellen 4, Sanchez 3, Wilcox, Miller, Gerles, and Graham 2 each.

Tulia's Darren McCaslin (#23) led the Hornets with 20 points including four 3s as the Hornets shot only 5 of 19 from the free throw line but had a team total of nine 3-point goals.



Sean Lookingbill Stephen Campbell Tolby Wilcox

Chieftains on academic all-state list

Three Chieftain football players were named on the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) 2A academic all-state teams. Players chosen for academic all-state recognition must maintain a grade point average of 92 or better. ACT and SAT scores are also considered, as well as school and commu-

nity honors. Chieftain seniors Sean Lookingbill, son of Kelly and Tonya Lookingbill, and Stephen Campbell, son of Danny and

Holly Campbell were named to the THSCA 2A 2nd team. Senior Tolby Wilcox, son of Terry and Varla Wilcox, received honorable mention recognition.

Be sure to tune in Saturday to WT Services Channel 76 at 10 a.m. for a video replay of the Squaws/Chieftains games vs. Muleshoe. Clint Mears and Mike Hutson bring you the game replays on FHS-TV each Saturday.

Squaws get tough with Tulia

The Friona Squaws never let up on their old rival the Tulia Lady Hornets, scoring 22 points in the 2nd quarter on their way to a solid 60-53 district win. The Lady Hornets tried to catch up in with a 19-point 4th quarter rally but the Squaws put in 17 of their own in the 4th.

The Squaws were pretty hot, putting up seven 3s and 9 of 12 from the free throw line. The Lady Hornets were 15 of 22 from the line. Scoring 3-pointers were Erica Davila 1, Lucretia Field 1, Tiffany Vazquez 2, Krista Graham 1, and Shayli Reed 2.

Reed and Staci Murphree each had 16 points, Davila 8, Vazquez 6, Briar Barnett 5, Graham 4, Field 3, and Miranda Frye 2. Lady Hornet senior Kelsey Kiker (#12) led the Lady Hornets with 22 points including 5 three-point goals.

The Squaws continued district play this week at Dimmitt Tuesday and at home vs. Muleshoe Friday.

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Alex Gurley (30) drives around a Tulia defender. More Chiefs vs. Tulia photos at frionaonline.com.

Pig Roast Thanks!
Friona head baseball coach Greg Hazelwood says the pig roast was a big success thanks to the fine people of Friona. Special thanks go to the baseball parents, pig roast sponsors—Bunker Trucking, Campbell Electric, Friona Heating & Air, Monroe Farms, Lowe's Supermarket, Property Associates, Wilbur-Ellis—and my wife Jan. It is a nice problem to have when we had to run to Lowe's to pick up more food to serve everyone. Thanks again!

Chief freshmen at Lazbuddie

Coach David Towner took the freshman boys to the Lazbuddie tournament. The boys managed a 1-3 record through four games.

Chiefs 42—Lazbuddie 44 A 13-10 4th quarter run by Lazbuddie edged the freshman Chiefs who led 32-31 after three quarters. Jeremy Alaniz had three 3s to lead scoring with 16 points. Stetson Reed put in 15, David Schwab 5, Jordan Kelly 4, Roy Lee Burns 2.

Chiefs 22—Bovina 34 Only five Friona boys made this trip as the Mustangs took advantage. Schwab had 8, Kelly 7, and Alaniz 7.

Chiefs 36—Kress 21 In their only tourney victory, Reed took the lead with 20 points, Schwab had 11, Josh Duenes 3, and Kelly 2.

Chiefs 30—Hart 46 Stetson Reed and Jeremy Alaniz both had a 3-pointer but it wasn't enough. Reed was leading scorer with 11 points, Alaniz 6, Schwab 5, Kelly 3, Jose Ramirez 3, and Duenes 2.

Chiefs 28—Texico 55 The freshmen were unable to stop the Wolverine's Meza who had 25 points. For Friona, Joey Dickson had 11, Reed 9, Schwab 4, and Alaniz 4.

Freshman Squaws lose twice to Dimmitt

The Freshman Squaws participated in the Lazbuddie tournament.

Squaws 26—Dimmitt 28 Coach Styler Haddock's freshman Squaws were edged by Dimmitt. Taryn Jamerson scored 8, Yesenia Rojas 7, Shayla Parker 4, Anna Murphree 4, Paige Herbert 2, A. Lopez 1.

Squaws 21—Silverton 17 It must have been a defensive low-scoring game. Rojas led with 7, Jamerson 5, Monica Dominguez 4, Murphree 2, Herbert 2, and Lacey Lookingbill 1.

Squaws 35—Adrian 28 Anna Murphree came to life, draining three 3s on her way to a game high 17 points. Teammate Y. Rojas had 10, and Jamerson, Herbert, Dominguez, and Lookingbill all had 2 each.

Squaws 35—Dimmitt 43 The freshman Bobbies once again handed Friona a loss. This time Jamerson poured in 18 points, Murphree 10, Dominguez 3, Herbert 2, and Parker 2.

Squaws 25—Texico 26 It was a heartbreaker as the Squaws scored 13 points in the 1st quarter, none in the 2nd quarter, and 12 in the second half to drop a squeaker to Texico. Herbert and Rojas led with 6 points each, Murphree 5, Lookingbill 3, and Lopez 2.

8th Braves roll on.....

8th Braves 59—Arbor Academy 30 The Braves scored 40-points in the first half and went on to batter Arbor Academy in the first game of the Tulia Tournament. Nick Ortiz poured in 20 points, Clayton Smiley 12, Zack Fair 10, Duncan Welch 6, Kirby Frye 5, Brenner Barnett 3, Ernesto Monreal 3.

8th Braves 47—Tulia 24 The Braves bopped Tulia to take the tournament championship. Kirby Frye stepped up to lead with 17 including 9 of 10 free throws. Barnett had 8, Ortiz 6,

JV Chiefs split two

JV Chiefs 43—Highland Park 29 The JV Chiefs scored 25 points in the second half to win handily over Highland Park. Chris Haile netted 19 points for high scorer, Matthew Stanberry had 15, Stetson Reed 5, Eric Martinez 2, and Joey Dickson 2.

JV Chiefs 27—Tulia 28 The Hornets squeezed by the Chieftains with a 10-7 run in the 4th quarter to win by one. Haile had 11, Justin Dominguez 9, Stanberry 6, and Dickson 1.

JV Chiefs 51—Dimmitt 65 In spite of some solid scoring, the JV Chiefs couldn't match up with the junior Bobcats. Matthew Stanberry had 18 points, Justin Dominguez 17, Chris Haile 10, Justin Echevarria 4, and Irving Huerta 2.

8th Maidens win two

8th Maidens 25—Texico 27 The 8th grade girls lost a squeaker to Texico. They led 23-17 after three quarters but Texico put on a 10-2 run in the 4th quarter to claim the victory. Brittany Herbert was high scorer with 8, Liz Trevino 6, Regan Anthony 5, Lisann Davila 4, and Laci Austin 2.

8th Maidens 46—Arbor Academy 10 Regan Anthony led scoring with 11 points, Liz Trevino 8, Laci Austin 6, Brittany Herbert 6, Karina Trevino 6, Kami Kerby 6, Lisann Davila 3.

8th Maidens 48—Tulia 17 Was anybody guarding Laci Austin? She led her teammates with 18 points, Liz Trevino kicked in with 12, Brittany Herbert 8, Regan Anthony 4, Ester Sarabia 4, Karina Trevino 2, and Kami Kerby 1.



Richard North



Baker Duggins

North passes Duggins for most wins at FHS

By BILL ELLIS
Texas Tech's Bob Knight isn't the only coach who is setting records this season in the "win" department.

One of the oldest sports records at Friona High School has fallen in recent days, as Coach Richard North coached his 241st win at FHS.

Baker Duggins, who coached the Squaws to the school's only state team title, had held the record of 240 wins for the past 43 years.

Duggins, who guided three Squaw teams to state meets (1960, '63 and '64) retired from coaching following the 1964 season with 240 wins vs only 39 losses in nine seasons, a winning percentage of .856.

North, in his 13th season at FHS, tied the longtime record with a 62-48 win over Ralls at Lubbock's Caprock Holiday Tournament, and set the new mark in the next game with a 48-39 win over Mineral Wells.

That was the Squaw's first meeting with Mineral Wells since that '64 title year, when Friona toppled the Central Texas team, 48-37, led by Teto Jennings' 35 points.

At this point in time North has a record at FHS of 244 wins vs 135 losses, a 64.4 winning percentage.

F.G. Crofford, who coached eight seasons, is third at FHS in wins with 163, vs 64 losses, a .718 percentage. R.L. Bates is fourth on the list, with a 133-16 record, a sterling .893 percentage. All four of Bates' teams made it to their state meet, posting a 45-1 record in 1947, when the team won 44 consecutive games.

(Editor's note: All of these sports records and many more can be found in Bill Ellis' book, "Friona on Parade", available at the Friona Star, Friona Public Library, or from the Ellises at 1201 Maple Street.)

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7th Braves are 6-1

7th Braves 31—Texico 36 The 7th grade boys gave up their first loss of the season to bring their record to 6-1. The Braves led at the half and after three quarters but the 7th Wolverines outscored Friona 11-3 in the final stanza. No individual scoring statistics were available for this game.

7th Braves 57—Arbor Academy 12 The boys swamped Arbor at the Tulia tournament, opening up a 24-5 first quarter lead and increasing it every quarter. Donavon Johnson scored 16 points and Michael Ortiz was close behind with 15. DeWit had 6, Avalos 6, Weston Wylie 4, Caleb Monroe 4, Dillon Kelly 4, and Matthew Teague 2.

7th Braves 51—Tulia 39 The 7th boys won the Tulia tournament championship with a 51-39 whipping of their Tulia hosts. Friona was behind at the end of the 1st quarter 12-9 but rallied for a 19-3 run on the 2nd quarter and never trailed. Donavon Johnson had 12 points, Caleb Monroe 10, Gabriel Avalos 10, Ryan DeWit 8, Michael Ortiz 7, Dillon Kelly 2, Donavon Ortiz 2.

7th Maidens update

7th Maidens 10—Texico 45 It was a rough night in Texico for the 7th Maidens as they were behind 26-4 at the half and were shutout in the 4th quarter. Rachel Dickson scored 6 points, Emily Ramos 2, and Tenna Montana 2.

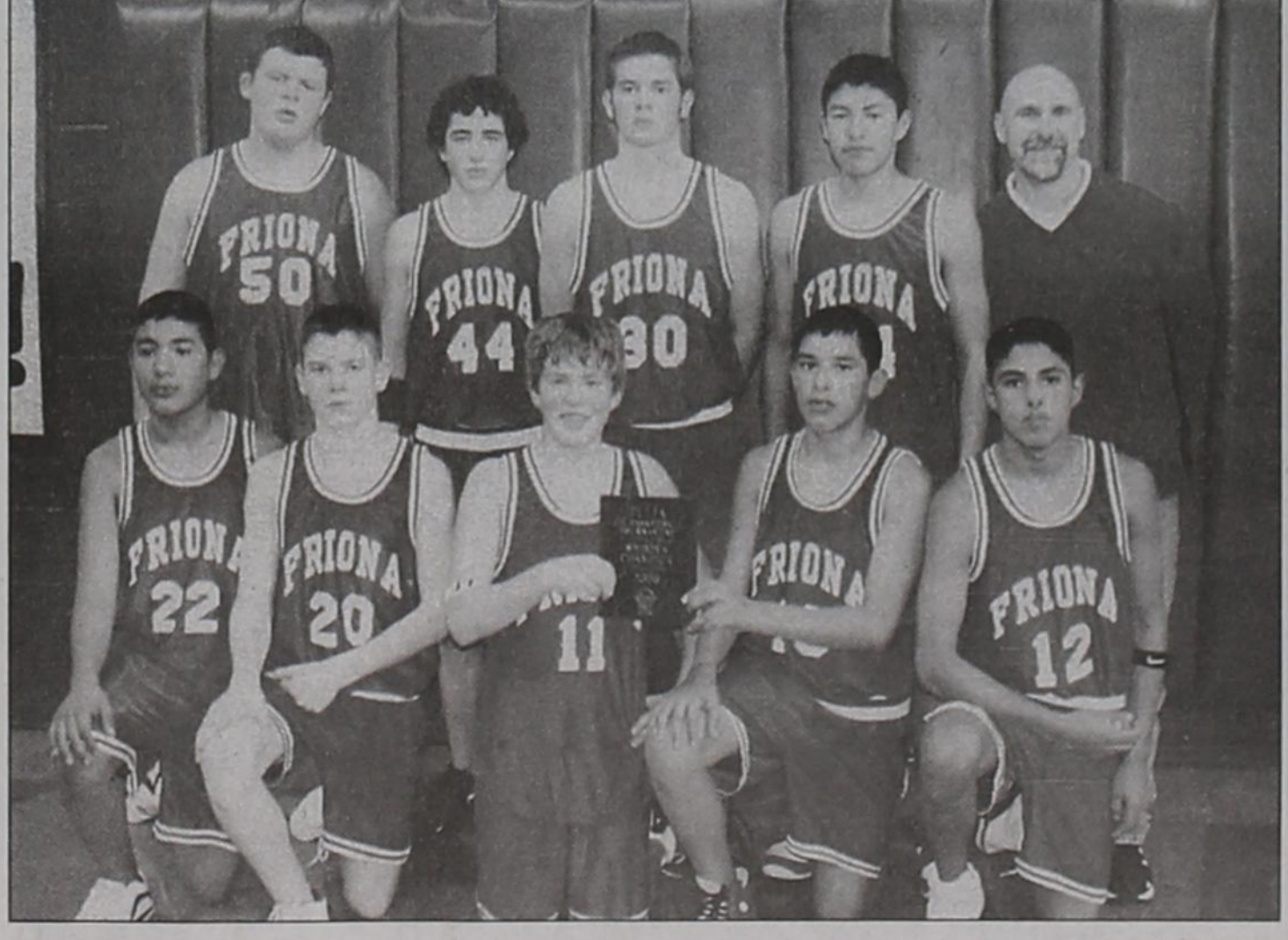
7th Maidens 23—Arbor Academy 22 Tenna Montana found the range as she popped in 10 points to lead the Maidens to a 23-22 win at the Tulia tournament. Rachel Dickson 5, Karina Oviedo 4, Emily Ramos 4.

7th Maidens 4—Tulia 58 The smell of victory did not last long at Tulia as the 7th grade Lady Hornets pounded the Maidens 58-4. Emily Ramos scored 2 points in the first half and Rachel Dickson scored 2 points in the second half to complete the Maiden scoring.

Squaws hammer Bobbies 82-25

The Friona Squaws continued their winning ways by hammering the Dimmitt Bobbies 82-25, led by a 25-point performance from Staci Murphree. Krista Graham and Shayli Reed scored 13 each, Tiffany Vazquez 8, Erica Davila 7, Lucretia Field 6, Miranda Frye 6, and Briar Barnett 4. The Squaws netted seven 3s in the game, three of those by Krista Graham, and were 7 of 16 from the foul line.

The Squaws remain undefeated in district play at 5-0 with the Muleshoe Lady Mules visiting Friday night to wrap up the first half of district competition.



The eighth grade boys won 1st place in the Tulia tournament. They beat Arbor Academy 59-30 and Tulia 47-24. Back row, l-r, Clayton Smiley, Duncan Welch, Kirby Frye, Chris Garcia, and coach Greg Hazelwood; front row, l-r, Juan Martinez, Zack Fair, Brenner Barnett, Ernesto Monreal, and Nicholas Ortiz.

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The Friona ISD Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing as part of the regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007.

The hearing is to allow for public comments or questions related to the school district's accountability status.

A copy of all accountability reports is available at the FIRD Central Office, 909 E. 11th Street.

Notice is also given at this time of a change in the regular monthly meeting date for the month of January due to conflicts with trustee schedules.

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Thursday, January 11, 2007

Boll

By Leah Bell
 The steering committee of the Northwest Plains Boy's Life Eradication Zone unanimously voted last Thursday to amend setting 2007 assessment rates at \$4 for irrigated crops and \$2 for dryland crops, while keeping the...

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Boll Weevil committee sets assessment rates

By Leah Bell

The steering committee of the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone unanimously voted last Thursday to recommend setting 2007 assessment rates at \$4 for irrigated cotton crops and \$2 for dryland cotton, while keeping the same

failed acre policy as 2006. "Even though we are recommending these rates, the new Commissioner of Agriculture (Todd Staples) is the only person authorized by law to lower assessments below the rate established by the producers in

the original referendum," said Bailey County's board member John Saylor. "We will forward this recommendation to the Foundation Board's Finance Committee and they will make sure the proposed assessment will provide adequate funds to continue maintenance operations." Once approved by the Finance Committee and the Foundation Board, the recommendation will be sent to the Commissioner.

The steering committee also discussed the importance of the upcoming retention referendum. They noted how important it is that producers vote "to continue the successful program protecting their investment and avoiding quarantine restrictions".

Also announced at the meeting was the acceptance by Lyn Vandiver to the zone manager's position. Vandiver accepted the position following the retirement of Johnny Justiss, who had successfully managed the zone manager's position. Vandiver is a Muleshoe native and has worked with the boll weevil eradication foundation since 1999.

The steering committee, representing Bailey, Lamb, Parmer, Castro, and Deaf Smith counties, also unanimously agreed that 2007 will most likely see just 2/3 of the cotton crop planted in 2006 which could potentially change the face of the boll weevil program over the next several years.

Specifically, the county representatives suggested the following prognosticated acreage cuts: Deaf Smith - 2/3 less; Castro - 1/2 to 2/3 less; Parmer (Friona) - up to 1/2 less; Parmer (Farwell) - 1/3 less; Bailey

(irrigated) - 1/3 less; Bailey (dryland) - 1/5 less; Lamb (northern) - 1/2 less; Lamb (around Springlake/Earth) - unsure; Deaf Smith - unsure, depends on the market and the price of cotton.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. Executive Director Lindy Patton assured the committee that Northwest Plains zone remains "the leanest zone we have in the state" and is in "the best shape of any zone in the state," even with a dramatic cut in cotton acreage. "Your zone is financially very stable."

Inputting several assessment scenarios led steering committee members to choose the recommended rate which cuts down on the cash balance but leaves enough money to operate even through difficult years. Program success in eliminating the boll weevil has allowed the program to reduce staff, pay off its debt and operate under budget.

Steering committee members are predicting at least 100,000 less planted cotton acres in 2007, citing water issues and cotton seed prices as the main determining factors.

The recommended 2007 rates will allow farmers to "tread water and wait things out," according to Saylor.

Deaf Smith farmer Charles Schlabs expressed concern about rising seed costs and said, "The price of cotton could change if China doesn't show up next year." He also expressed concern about volunteer cotton, stating it was a worse problem in 2006 than ever before in Deaf Smith County.

Also helping to determine

the assessment rate in 2007 is the anticipated decrease in program expenses.

According to program director Dr. Charles Allen, "It isn't finalized, but we will be smaller next year. Fewer traps will be deployed and the interval between-trap inspections will be increased. This will result in fewer people checking traps and a lower operating cost." These changes are all part of "Phase 3" in the Northwest Zone in 2007.

There are "no plans to go no trapping at all" according to Allen. The final "Phase 4" component of the post eradication plan is "still in the works."

Farmers located in the Northwest Plains eradication

zone will be receiving a letter from the steering committee in the near future explaining the retention referendum and encouraging cotton producers to vote to continue the program.

Members of the Northwest Plains steering committee include - Mark Williams of Farwell, Kevin Riley of Earth, Bryan Patterson of Lamb Co., Jerry Sowder of South Bailey Co., Vic Nelson of Dimmitt, Charles Schlabs of Deaf Smith Co., Rickey Rector of Friona, Frank Bezner of Hereford, James Brown of Muleshoe, Jimmy McCurry of Earth, John Saylor of Muleshoe, and Kevin Breshers of the New Mexico steering committee.



Frank Dominguez III

Dominguez receives Tech degree

Frank Dominguez III, the son of Frank and Fabiola Dominguez, Jr. of Friona, received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing from Texas Tech University during commencement ceremonies on December 16, 2006 in Lubbock, Texas.

Dominguez, a 2002 Friona High School graduate and salutatorian of his class, graduated from Texas Tech University with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. His last semester, he attained a GPA of 3.75. While attending Texas Tech, he worked as a bar supervisor at Joe's Crab Shack, while simultaneously working as a server at IHOP.

After graduating, Dominguez was hired by Wells Fargo Financial as a USC Credit Manager.



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The Staff Member of the Month Veronica Velazquez, and the Student of the Month Sean Lookingbill.

FHS student and staff of the month announced

Friona High School is proud to announce the Student and Staff Member of the Month for November.

Our Student of the Month is Sean Lookingbill. Sean works hard every day in class and supports other students in team activities. He has an excellent attitude toward every endeavor, whether performing on stage, working in athletics, or interacting with other students and teachers. We are proud to have Sean as a student here at Friona High School.

Our Staff Member of the Month is Veronica Velazquez. Miss Velazquez is noted for her high level of professionalism and character. She has a great attitude and works well with others. She has shared responsibilities in overseeing the concession stand at games and does a good job of working with our cheerleaders. Miss Velazquez is an excellent role model and expects the best from her students. Because of her concern for students and kindness in every project or duty, Miss Velazquez deserves to be recognized as the staff member of November.

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33 Austin has the tallest ___ Christmas tree

38 fishin' net

40 saddle ___

41 cable network

42 TXism for a worthwhile person

48 TX Willie sang ___ with Waylon & Cash

50 TX Logan ___ play "South Pacific"

51 Victoria Principal role on "Dallas"

56 TXism: "so broke ___ pay attention"

57 unarmed (2 wds.)

TELLER RECIPE

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2 lb. beef chuck shoulder roast, trimmed of fat and cut in 1" pieces

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1 jar (16-oz.) chunky salsa

2 Tbsp. brown sugar, packed

1 Tbsp. soy sauce

1/2 tea. garlic, minced

1/3 cup fresh cilantro, coarsely chopped

2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice

Rice or wide egg noodles, cooked

In Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add beef cubes and brown evenly. Stir salsa, brown sugar, soy sauce and garlic into browned beef. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Remove cover and continue cooking for 30 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in cilantro and lime juice. Spoon mixture over rice or egg noodles.

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DID YOU KNOW?

October 21, 1927, marked the beginning of the Black Soccer Ball history. They won the opening game defeating the Summerfield Coyotes to the tune of 9-2.

Parmer County History c. 1974

The road to enlightenment often passes through Mayberry

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

Once upon a time, I played softball. In fact, it was remarkable how softly I played. People used to travel from all over my imagination just to watch me play. When I slid, I stirred up enough dust to cover Oklahoma, and that was just getting out of the car. My fans under the stands would scream and yell my name every time I headed for the outfield. They usually stopped screaming when I went back to the dugout to get my pants and glove.

My nickname was almost "The Babe". That would have been disrespectful of Babe Ruth, so I was "The Boob", which was awfully close. (Out of all the names they called me, it is the only one printable.) On that rare occasion when I would make contact with the ball, I would hear it say, "What was that? I thought I felt something." I hit so many ground balls that as soon as I stepped up to the plate, worms would hide their young. There was one game when I was legitimately cheered. I was the eighth player, and my presence at

the game kept us from forfeiting. It felt great to be needed.

The second episode of the *Andy Griffith Show* centered on Opie's first meeting with Aunt Bea. Rose had been taking care of Opie, but she got married and moved. Enter Aunt Bea. She could not do anything as well as Rose. She tried really hard, even trying to learn how to swing a baseball bat like Rose. Things just didn't work out, and Aunt Bea decided to move on.

Aunt Bea and Andy were outside at the car saying goodbye, unaware that Opie was watching and listening from his upstairs window. Finally, he could not stand it any longer and ran downstairs, out the door, and yelled for Aunt Bea not to leave. Andy was caught completely by surprise and asked Opie what changed his mind. Opie responded, "Well, if she goes, what will happen to her? She doesn't know how to do anything—play baseball, catch fish, or hunt frogs! She'll be helpless! So that's why she's gotta stay, so I can teach 'em to her!" Opie then hugged Aunt Bea and said, "You need me!"

On the road to Damascus,

the apostle Paul was blinded by a light and met Jesus. In his first letter to the church at Corinth, he wrote that the church is like a body, all the parts dependent upon each other. The body cannot function properly if any part is not doing its job, and no part is more important than the other.

On the road to Mayberry, I was blinded by a light, but mine was in the form of a

six-year-old character on a television show. Sometimes light shines where we least expect it. I didn't meet Jesus, but I did discover a theology of need. You see, not everyone in the church can play baseball, catch fish, or hunt frogs, but we can learn from each other. We are all part of the same body—and we need each other with our different gifts. That is the gospel according to Paul...and Opie.

Think about this

Out on a limb for Christ

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Biologist, Bepino Gio-vanella, had a desire to find a safe, effective dosage of an experimental cancer drug. So he chose to test it on himself, to become a guinea pig. How many of us would be willing to take such risks to further the cause of medical science?

I read a while back of a couple in Georgia. They host prisoners on work programs in their community. They invite these inmates into their homes for meals and Bible studies. When asked about the obvious risk of inviting such people into their home, Wally Mertz put it this way, "The gospel means risk! If we are not willing to put ourselves in a position of personal risk, then we're not laying down our lives and taking up our crosses daily. Unless we are willing to do that, we're not serious about the gospel."

Now, what do we think about a statement like that? I don't know about you, but it pulls me up a little short and makes me think and question. How often do I take any risks for the sake of the gospel? Perhaps some of us hold the view that we should never take any risk in the spiritual realm that might cost us something.

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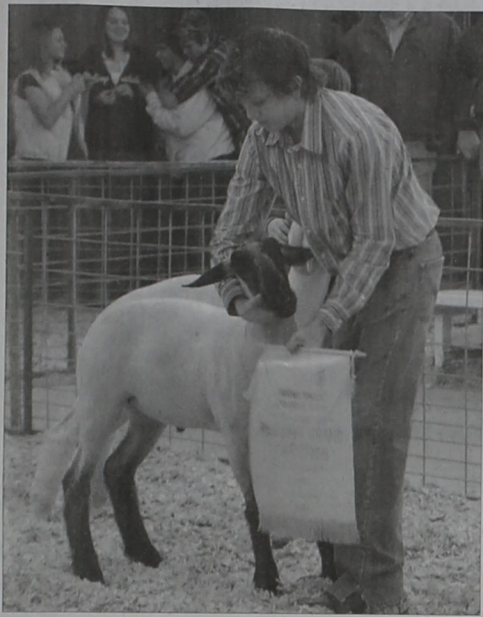
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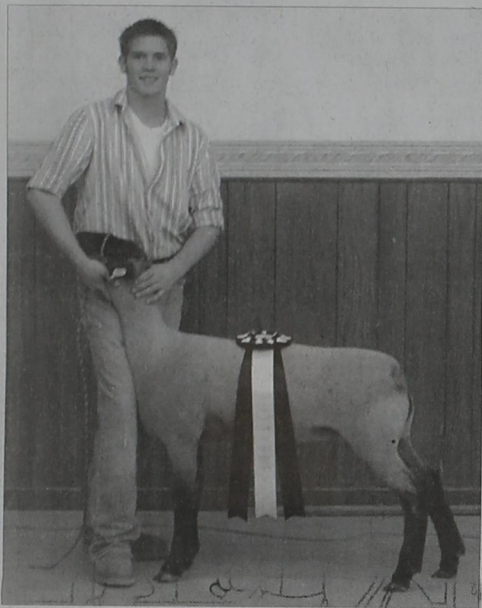


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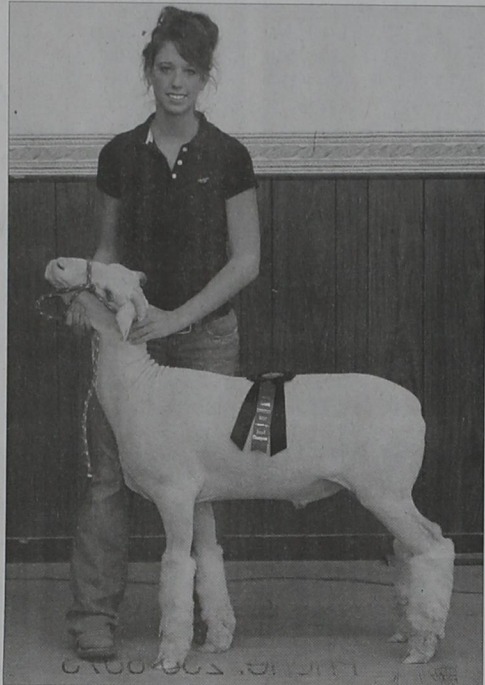


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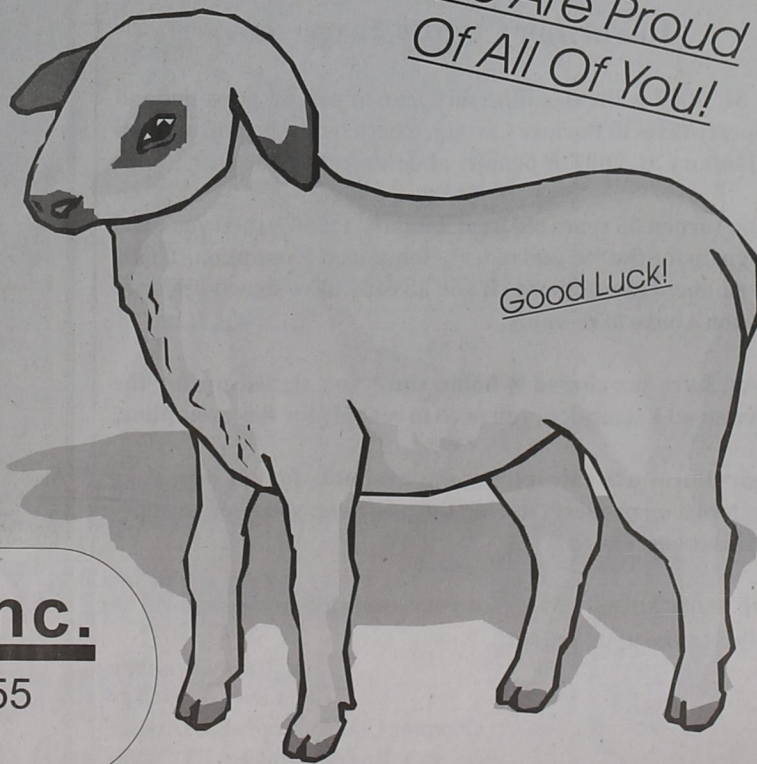
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If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2007, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

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

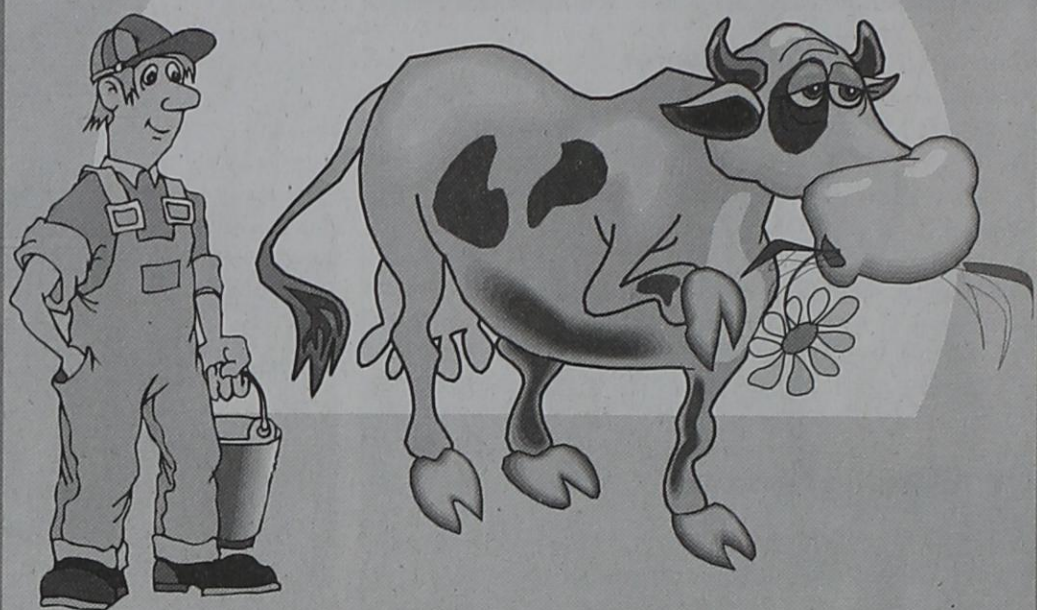
Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

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Council asks

Among the items on the council at Monday night's 07.01.08. The resolution legislative session of Friona as the Cheeseburger Chamber of Commerce. Alexander has been supporting the legislative Warren Chisum to present text of Resolution No. 0.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS REQUESTING THE STATE OF TEXAS TO PROCLAIM THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS AS THE CAPITAL OF TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the industries are paramount to the future of Friona, Texas;

WHEREAS, the surrounding area is a major contributor to the Annual Cheeseburger Festival;

WHEREAS, the future have planned the event; and

WHEREAS, all of the grown and produced in the area;

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Friona;

WHEREAS, it is the request the Members of the State of Texas to proclaim the City of Friona, Texas as the Capital of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS,

That the City of Friona, Texas, do hereby proclaim the City of Friona, Texas as the Capital of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of January, 2007.

of Friona, Texas on this day.

ATTEST:

TERRI JOHNSON, City Clerk

1-5 p.m.

8 a.m. lamb

1 p.m.

Council asks for cheeseburger status

Among the items of business considered by the Friona city council at Monday night's council meeting was Resolution 07.01.08. The resolution requests that members of the 80th legislative session of the State of Texas proclaim the City of Friona as the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice-President Chris Alexander has been collecting letters from local citizens supporting the legislative request and has asked Representative Warren Chisum to present the request to the legislature. The text of Resolution No. 07.01.08 follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRIONA CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE 80TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS PROCLAIM THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS, AS THE CHEESEBURGER CAPITAL OF TEXAS

WHEREAS, the importance of agriculture, beef and dairy industries are paramount to the continued growth and success of Friona, Texas;

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Friona, Texas and the surrounding area were privileged to host and enjoy the 1st Annual Cheeseburger Festival on July 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture have planned the Cheeseburger Festival to be an annual event; and

WHEREAS, all of the ingredients of a cheeseburger are grown and produced in our geographical area; and

WHEREAS, the growing and production of the ingredients of a cheeseburger represent the livelihood of many of the residents of the City of Friona; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a resolution should be issued to request the Members of the 80th Legislative Session of the State of Texas to proclaim the City of Friona, Texas as the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS:

That the City of Friona City Council hereby requests that the Members of the 80th Legislative Session of the State of Texas proclaim the City of Friona, Texas as the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Friona, Texas on this the 8th day of January, 2007.

APPROVED:

JOHN C. TAYLOR, MAYOR
CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

ATTEST:

TERRI JOHNSON, CITY SECRETARY



High School News

By Hannah Stovall

This month marks the start of the 2007 second semester.

For some, this is only a few months, simply a step toward the next year of high school. For others, however, this semester brings us to the ledge. Personally, I belong to the latter group. We make up the Friona High School graduating class of 2007, and at the moment...we're all going crazy.

For some, this semester, this year really, is filled with emotional moments--our "last" first day of school, our "last" homecoming, our "last" library fine, "last" lunch detention, etc.

To these sentimental students, every day of this last semester will be cherished, every moment carefully filed away for future retrospection and reminiscing.

Others have never cared much about the school scene. To them, every day since

kindergarten has been a "waste of their time," and every week from now until graduation simply brings them that much closer to freedom.

Some of us choose to work hard in school, being dedicated to studies and extracurricular activities.

School may not be our favorite place to be, but we make the most of our time there. We have long-awaited this semester.

We have looked forward to graduation, and as it quickly approaches, we can't wait.

It really doesn't matter, though, what section of this senior class we belong to.

It really doesn't matter what our motivation in surviving high school has been.

We have all made it this far, and we don't have much farther to go.

No matter what our attitudes or opinions on this year may be, I just hope that we'll take this time...and truly make the most of it.



WEDDINGS

Bandy-Morgeson



Mr. & Mrs. Matt Morgeson
nee Valerie Bandy

Valerie Bandy and Matt Morgeson, both of Edmond Oklahoma, exchanged wedding vows on Sunday, December 24, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Y Chapel of Song on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Bandy of Friona. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morgeson of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Amanda Harvey was the matron of honor and Paige Taylor and Kim Morgeson, both of Edmond, served as bridesmaids.

Jason Berry was the best man and Bryan Coy and Dusty McSwane served as groomsmen. Adam Bandy served as usher.

The front of the chapel was decorated with candelabras and red poinsettias. The pews were marked with greenery and red bows.

The bride carried a bouquet of red roses as she was escorted to the altar by her father.

A reception was held at the home of the groom's parents. The bride and groom are both graduates of the University of Central Oklahoma.

The bride is employed by Edmond Schools as a third grade teacher. The groom is employed by Hardwood of Oklahoma City. They are making their home in Edmond.



ron carr photo

History revisited. At the Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary reception Monday Dr. Paul Spring, left, and Dr. Bob Alexander had an opportunity to visit and no doubt swap a few old hospital tales. Dr. Spring is long retired and Dr. Alexander will be soon retiring. The two doctors have over 100-years of service to the community.

You Are All Champions! Good Luck 4H and FFA! At The Parmer County Jr Livestock Show!

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show schedule

January 17
1-5 p.m. weigh-in of all animals

January 18
8 a.m. lamb show, followed by goat show
11 a.m. steer show
1 p.m. barrow show

January 20
1 p.m. premium sale begins



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TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

Thin Mints, Samoas, All Abouts, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Cafe Cookie, and Little Brownie. These are not rock-n-roll bands. In case you didn't guess, it is time for Girl Scout cookies again.

The cookies will be on sale from now until March 4 but local girl scouts will be taking orders for one week and cookies will be delivered the first part of February. All cookies are priced at \$3 a box with proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. To be sure you get your cookies contact your favorite Girl Scout or call scout leader Cindy Alexander at 250-5750.

The big weather guys in Amarillo say we are in for more ice, sleet, and snow activity Saturday and Sunday with high temperatures only in the 20s. Let's hope it stays

up north or goes away. Friona is hosting the Special Olympics basketball tournament Saturday with Special Olympic teams in town from Amarillo, Canyon, and Hereford. There will be tons of kids using all three gyms for the event. Let's hope for good weather. But just in case you had better stock up on some vittles before the weekend.

Friends passed on that Eldon Reeb, manager of Veterinary Industries, slipped on the ice New Year's Eve and broke his leg in two places. He had surgery on the leg and is now home recovering. It had to be a painful injury and a reminder to be careful if it ices up again. Take it easy and a speedy recovery Eldon.

Rural route mail carriers

Dale Hart and Jim Atwell reported being stuck on their routes more than one time during the ice and snow. Dale got stuck and had to walk a couple of miles to Jim Dixon's house to get a tow out of the snow. A couple of days later he got stuck three times in one day in the mud. On Dale's route in the Rhea Community there is not very good cell phone service. When I saw Jim Friday his pickup looked like a mud ball. He had gotten stuck that day as well. A thanks to all the mail folks that brave the weather and muddy roads so we can still get our bills.

At the senior lunch Monday we welcomed Larry Johnston as a visitor. He joined his mother Mary for lunch. It was good to see R. J. and Betty Renner joining us. Ask Donita Martin about that cute hat she was wearing. We also learned of the death of Don Huckabee and that Jack Turner and his wife Pat are temporarily staying in Amarillo in their travel trailer while Jack undergoes a series of chemo treatments. Our sympathies to the Huckabee family and a speedy recovery to Jack.

We had a good crowd at the Monday senior lunch. Guess most of us were tired of the holiday meals and being snowbound for a few days. The menu was chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and cucumber salad, plus dessert. And it only cost \$3. The seniors meet each Monday and Thursday for lunch at the Friendship House. All area seniors are invited to come have lunch and join in the food and fun.

Mother and I went to Hereford last Friday for a couple of errands and had lunch at the Down the Block Cafe. It is a small world no matter where you go. We saw people there we knew, including Steve Horrell of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. Mother saw a Lookingbill family member she hadn't seen in years, we dined on the soup and salad combo and enjoyed the trip. One of our errands was a trip to Detten's Furniture. Dennis and Jessica Detten have been good advertising customers of the Friona Star over the years. The Detten's have a very nice store and also offer flooring,

carpet, and carpet cleaning. Mother bought a new recliner and my brother Rick and I went back to get it Friday afternoon so she could recline through the weekend. If you are in Hereford try the Down the Block Cafe. They have great fresh food, burgers, salad, and smoothies. It is out in the Beall's shopping center.

During a phone call to Friona primary school I learned that Kathy Sandoval had emergency surgery last week and will be away from the school for about six weeks. Kathy is a very nice lady and always helpful when we need something at the primary school. Get well soon Kathy.

The rumor of the week is not a rumor. Bill Hardin will be back operating the Tasty

Cream. The landmark restaurant closed at the end of December but Lory Tannahill has brought Bill out of retirement and he will soon be once again dispensing sacks of burgers and other tasty food items after some remodeling. Lory called me Tuesday from her home in Plano and said Bill would indeed be back at Tasty Cream and they plan to reopen sometime in March.

Lory will still own Tasty Cream and Bill will operate it. More details as they become available.

Good luck to all the kids that compete in the county livestock show and special thanks to all the adults and advisors and volunteers that help put on the show. And thanks to all of you for reading and supporting the Friona Star.

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Tuesday, January 16
Lunch - Fish, cornbread, rice, mixed vegetables, pudding cup.

Wednesday, January 17
Lunch - Mini burritos, corn, spanish rice, gelatin w/fruit.

Thursday, January 18
Lunch - Barbeque franks, hot rolls, macaroni and cheese, green beans, juice bar.

Friday, January 19
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, yogurt.

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We wish the best of luck to all 4H and FFA youngsters as they exhibit their animals in the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.



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Ricky Dickson presented an American flag to the Friona elementary 4th grade Tuesday December 19. A plaque included read, "Flag was carried with honor by PFC Dickson, US Army, 82nd Airborne, Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2006." PFC Dickson made the presentation to his brother Jacob and classmates while home on leave for the holidays. The 4th graders wrote letters to PFC Dickson on Veteran's Day so he visited them and told of his experiences in the Army. Above are, l-r, mom Becky Dickson, Jacob and Ricky.

DPS Marks amber alert awareness day

January 13 is National Amber Alert Awareness Day. The day, named by the U.S. Department of Justice, is meant to remind Americans that Amber Alerts are an important tool in recovering children who have been abducted.

The Amber Alert system was used successfully for several years in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, before a state plan went into effect in August 2002. The state plan is meant to complement, not replace, local and regional plans.

Activation of the Texas Amber Alert Network is a massive cooperative effort involving the following: Texas Department of Public Safety; Office of the Governor; National Weather Service; Texas Department of Transportation; state and local law enforcement; media; Texas Association of Broadcasters; Independent Bankers Association of Texas; Texas Lottery Commission; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation; and BeyondMissing.com. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was added as a state partner in 2005, providing notification to the public through wireless carriers, content providers and major retailers.

Members of the general public can sign up to receive Amber Alerts via text messages on their wireless telephones by visiting www.wirelessamberalerts.org. The wireless industry has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (www.missingkids.com) to provide this service.

Since the Texas Amber Alert Network's creation in 2002, DPS has issued 26 state-involved Amber Alerts and 30 children who were featured in Amber Alerts have been safely recovered. The vast majority of requests made by local police agencies for state-involved Amber Alerts are declined because they do not meet the state criteria.

The criteria to issue an alert involving State of Texas assets is: The abducted child must be 17 years of age or younger; the local law enforcement agency must believe that the child has been abducted, that is, unwillingly taken from their environment without permission from the child's parent or legal guardian, or by the child's parent or legal guardian who commits an act of murder or attempted murder during the time of the abduction; the local law enforcement agency confirms that an investigation has taken place that verifies the abduction of the child and has eliminated alternative explanations for the missing child; the child is believed to be in danger of serious bodily harm or death; and there is sufficient information available to give to the public about the child, the abductor, or the suspect's vehicle.

If your child is missing, immediately call your local law enforcement agency to file a missing persons report and be prepared to provide law enforce-

ment with the most recent photo of the child, a detailed description of what the child was wearing, and any other information that could help identify the child or the abductor, such as vehicle and license

plate information.

Federal public service announcements regarding the Amber Alert program can be found on the U.S. Department of Justice website at www.amberalert.gov.

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