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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

December 1

-FFA Toy Drive Begins

-Adopt-a-Resident at Prairie Acres Begins

-Toys for Tots begins in Bovina

December 5

-Bovina Christmas in the Park
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

December 7

-Deadline for donating to the Empty Stocking Fund

-Bluebonnet's Hospice Holiday Remembrance and Reunion Dinner at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

-Friona Christmas in the Park
Santa Comes To Town
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Depot

-Tree Decorating Contest at the City Park
Vote for your favorite tree with a donation of Pop Tarts and Peanut Butter for Snack Pak 4 Kids

December 9

-Friona InterBank Christmas Tea-All Day

December 10

-Elaina Procter and Maddie Tyler perform at Friona Heritage Estates-6:30 p.m.

-FHS Choir carols around Friona

December 11

-Friona Heritage Estates Christmas Party-6 p.m.

December 13

-FHS Choir Christmas Concert at FHS Auditorium-3 p.m.

-First Baptist Church of Friona children program at morning worship

-First Baptist Church of Friona Adult Choir perform at 6 p.m. followed by candlelight worship and a Birthday Party for Jesus.

December 14

-Deadline for Project Christmas Card

-Last day of FFA Toy Drive

December 15

-Prairie Acres Christmas Party-6:30 p.m.

-"Handling Holidays and Grief" at 3 p.m. in Friona Heritage Day Room

December 17

-HO! HO! Home for the Holidays! ends

-Deadline for Bovina home lighting contest



ron carr photo

City employee Richard Samarron spent time trimming trees in the city park that were damaged by the icy weather we received over the weekend. Many limbs were broken in the city park and around town. City employees hauled away the broken limbs this week.

Christmas in the Park rings in the season

The Friona Chamber of Commerce will kickoff the holiday season in Friona with the Christmas in the Park celebration on Monday, December 7.

The City Park will be lit up again this year by organizations, businesses, churches and citizens of Friona who will decorate a tree for a chance to win the Traveling Trophy. Votes for the trees can be made by contributing Pop Tarts or 16 ounce jars of peanut butter. The 'votes' will be donated to the Friona Snack Pak 4 Kids program. Tree decorating needs to be done before December 7. Call the Chamber at (806) 250-3491 to save your tree.

Santa will be arriving at the Depot at 5:30 p.m. to visit with the children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are asked to bring their own cameras for pictures of their children with the jolly, old man from the North.

He will depart for the North Pole at 7 p.m.

If you are hungry or thirsty during your visit there will be vendors on hand with Kettle Corn, tamales and Atole. If you are interested in being a vendor at the event call the Chamber.

The City Park will be filled with the sounds of the season as the Friona High School Choir and the Friona United Methodist Church choir will be singing during the event.

Join the Friona merchants at their Christmas Open Houses and shop, eat and be merry on December 7. Ivy Cottage, Milk House Market, Glamour & Décor, Interior Expressions and Creative Chaos Boutique will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Bi-Wize will hold their Open House from 2-4 p.m. the same day.

There will not be a home lighting contest this year but the Chamber Board

members will be driving around during the season and taking photos of the best decorated homes to be sent to the Friona Star for recognition.

The Chamber is encouraging everyone to shop locally with their "Ho Ho Home for the Holidays" event which started November 16 and runs until Thursday, December 17. Sign up to win \$25-\$100 in Friona Bucks at any of the following businesses: A-1 Service Center, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Blackburn Hardware, Malouf's Fabrics, Carniceria Hernandez, Tasty Cream, Fast Stop, Milk House Market, Interior Expressions, Hunan's Restaurant, Ivy Cottage, Kendrick Oil-Farm Store, Subway, Glamour & Décor, Lowe's Supermarket and Veterinary Industries.

For more information contact Chris or Betty at the Chamber office at 621 Main Street or call (806) 250 3491.

Adopt a Resident for Christmas

Prairie Acres Skilled Nursing Facility is asking the community to celebrate and share the spirit of giving. Adopt a resident this holiday season. For more information, contact Prairie Acres Activity Department at (806) 250-3922.

Bluebonnet hosting two events

Rhonda K. Sanders, LMSW, Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice Social Worker recently announced two upcoming events they will be hosting.

Bluebonnet's Hospice Holiday Remembrance and Reunion Dinner will be Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

"Handling the Holidays and Grief" will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15 at the Friona Heritage Estates Day Room. Refreshments will be provided.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend these events.

Bovina Toys for Tots to kickoff

Every year the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture sponsors the Toys for Tots program. The program provides clothing and toys for kids in Bovina that might not have a visit from Santa. Funds are solicited from local businesses and individuals to help these needy kids.

This is a wonderful season and can be much more so if we know that all kids will have a package on Christmas morning. Those who have handed out the gifts in the past report that the big smiles and expressions of gratitude from the kids make the Christmas season so much brighter.

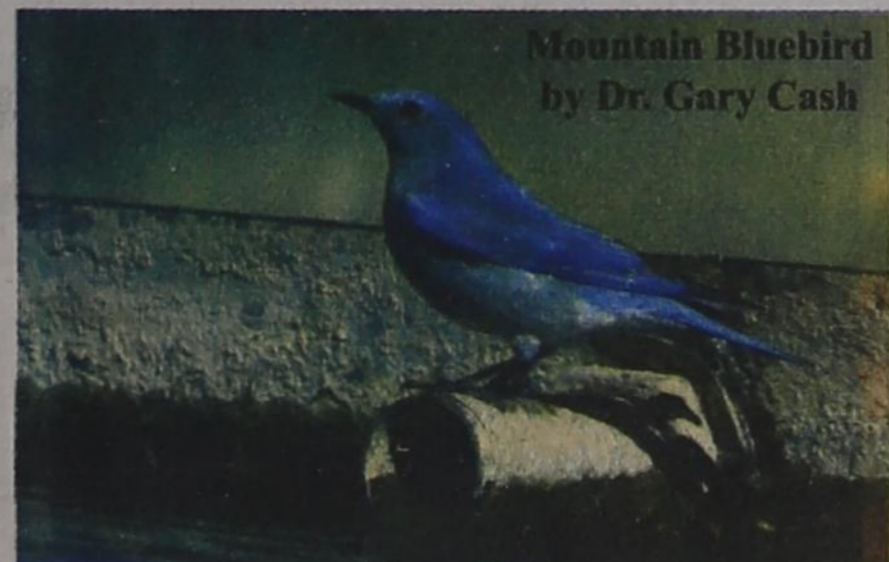
You may contribute to the fund at First Bank Bovina to the chamber earmarked for the Toys for Tots program. Representative from the chamber will be contacting businesses asking for donations.

Make Christmas a little more heartfelt and give to the program.



ron car photo

Stop and shop. Interior Expressions is one of the local businesses that will be open later Monday December 7 in conjunction with the Christmas in the Park celebration. Others are Ivy Cottage, Milk House Market, Glamour & Décor, and Creative Chaos. Bi-Wize will hold an open house from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Shop local and come to the park to see Santa and get in the Christmas spirit.



Mountain Bluebird
by Dr. Gary Cash

Out Here

By Ron Carr



cabin fever

Sometimes people ask me when I'm going to retire.

I'm not ever sure quite how to take that. Do people think I look like I'm too old to still be working? Maybe they are ready for me to stop writing my sometimes toxic opinions in this column. Either way it feels like they are hoping I will retire sooner than later.

No doubt people who ask me about retiring are just making casual conversation so I shouldn't be paranoid about it. On the other hand I have been around here a long time.

There is no reason I need to retire as long as I can pull my pants on, button my

shirt, and drive to the office. My job is not so difficult that I need to quit. When people say "are you working-hard" I can't say yes with a straight face. Besides as long as I have Dana Jameson and Nathan Parson to do the heavy lifting around here there is no reason to retire.

If I ever had any thought of retiring I got over it during last weekend's ice storm. It wasn't exactly a storm I guess but it got plenty slick and foggy. Because of the forecast I canceled my trip down to Denton/Frisco to see the kids for Thanksgiving. I'll have time to go visit during the Christmas holidays.

So I stayed here, had a big Thanksgiving meal at my brother Rick and sister-in-law Sherry's house. We stuffed, watched some football, and after two farewell pieces of pie I headed home with some leftovers. I did not get out again until noon Sunday.

Stayed in my sweat pants, t-shirt, and trusty old blue robe for two days. The television, computer, and police scanner kept me company. I had plenty of vittles, water, coffee, and turkey sandwiches to survive.

On TV I checked out another fence jumper at the White House. After the last fence jumper they put some

more spiky stuff on top of the fence to keep out fence jumpers. That didn't seem to work out.

Friday morning many of our citizens in the country were without electricity. Our volunteer firemen were called out Friday morning for a transformer fire on FM1172. There was a one car accident at Hub about noon. Another rollover about 3:30 p.m. on 214 south of the Del Rio Dairy. A spin out in a ditch east of Friona, then two pickups collided on 214 two miles south. Our firemen, EMS, and Sheriff's office were called out to that one. One person was taken to PMC. Bless our volun-

teers. A few times during my two days of incarceration I would look out the front door onto 5th St., just checking conditions to make sure I should stay in the house. Then I would mosey back to my friendly chair and listen to Obama trying to scare the hell out of us about climate change.

I couldn't help but think this is what life would be like if I retired. Nothing to do but sit in my chair and ever now and then look out the front door. The thought was even scarier than Obama.

If ya'll don't mind I'm going to keep on working for a while.

- Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127
- Dec. 3-5-9G/JVG/JVB/9B Friona JV Tournament
 - Dec. 3-5-VG Basketball at Melrose Tournament
 - Dec. 3-5-VB Basketball at Nazareth Tournament
 - Dec. 5-Pheasant season begins
 - Dec. 5-Bovina Christmas in the Park 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Dec. 7-Bluebonnet's Hospice Holiday Remembrance and Reunion Dinner at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
 - Dec. 7-Friona Christmas In The Park 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Depot
 - Dec. 7-Tree Decorating Contest at the City Park
 - Dec. 7-Santa Comes To Town-5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Depot
 - Dec. 7-Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 - Dec. 8-JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball at Home vs. Sudan 5/5/6/30/8
 - Dec. 9-Friona InterBank Christmas Tea-All Day
 - Dec. 10-FHS Choir Carol around Friona
 - Dec. 10-Elaina Procter and Maddie Tyler perform at Heritage Estates at 6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 10-12-JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball at Farwell Tournament
 - Dec. 11-Heritage Estates Christmas party-6 p.m.
 - Dec. 11-13-Arts/Crafts Show at Sugarland Mall in Hereford
 - Dec. 12-Gingerbread House Day
 - Dec. 12-Bovina Annual Pancake Breakfast-8-11 a.m. at the XIT Center
 - Dec. 13-First Baptist Church of Friona children program at morning worship
 - Dec. 13-First Baptist Church of Friona Adult Choir perform at 6 p.m. followed by candlelight worship and a Birthday Party for Jesus.
 - Dec. 13-FHS Choir Christmas Concert @ FHS Auditorium-3 p.m.
 - Dec. 14-Deadline for Project Christmas Card
 - Dec. 14-Immunization Clinic in Bovina
 - Dec. 14-Last day of FFA Toy Drive
 - Dec. 15-Prairie Acres Christmas Party-6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 15-"Handling Holidays and Grief" at 3 p.m. at Friona Heritage Day Room
 - Dec. 15-JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball at Bovina 4/5/15/6/30/8
 - Dec. 17-Friona Star Christmas Edition featuring Santa Letters
 - Dec. 17-HO! HO! Home for the Holidays! ends
 - Dec. 17-Bovina deadline for home lighting contest
 - Dec. 17-Early School Release

School Menu December 7-11

Monday

Breakfast-Cereal, Pop Tarts, fruit punch juice, apples, milk
Lunch-Turkey pull sub, green beans, corn, banana, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk
Lunch-Beef ravioli, roll, broccoli, cheese cauliflower, peaches, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Cereal, pig-in-a-blanket, apple juice, grapes, milk
Lunch-Hamburger, carrot sticks, French oven potatoes, strawberries & bananas, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, pineapple, milk
Lunch-Chicken fried steak, roll, mashed potatoes, cheese tomatoes, pears, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cereal, sausage biscuits with cheese, apple juice, pears, milk
Lunch-Cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice, refried beans, lettuce & tomato salad, fruit salad, milk



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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "hot as a _____ griddle"
- 5 "No Pass No _____"
- 6 this Collin played throughout TX in his first band
- 7 this Harris was in "The Right Stuff" with TX Quaid
- 8 oil additive
- 9 it's out of control in Washington
- 15 promissory _____
- 16 in Midland: "Permian Basin _____ Museum"
- 19 TXism: "drawing _____ it"
- 21 left page of an open book
- 22 aromatic substances used in certain ointments
- 27 TX Joe Don Baker film: "_____ Fear"
- 28 TX Charley Pride's "Never _____ Loved" (1981)
- 29 TXism: "a squeaky wheel gets the _____"
- 30 TXism: "fast as a rat up _____"
- 32 TX Janis died of this (abbr.)
- 33 silly hats? (2 wds.)
- 36 TXism: "shootin' _____" (pistol)
- 37 he took the title from TX George Foreman in 1974
- 38 Houston gymnastic coach, Bela _____

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "tax wrangler"
- 2 pie _____ mode
- 3 La Grange is seat of this county
- 4 Athens, TX is the "Black-_____ of the World"
- 8 noisy cries
- 9 Kacey Musgraves put this on in 2015 in Mineola (2 wds.)
- 10 Bevo's univer.
- 11 _____ Red Duke
- 12 TXism: "close enough for _____ work"
- 13 Confederate general Robert _____
- 14 bird found on TX beaches
- 15 TXism: "_____ poison" (choose)
- 16 TX Nat Stuckey recorded "_____ Top" in 1966
- 17 SEIA is a trade assoc. for the _____ industry
- 18 gloomily
- 20 TX agcy. that works with disabled (abbr.)
- 22 this Gainey was a coach & GM for the Dallas Stars (init.)
- 23 in Smith Co. on hwy. 135
- 24 pumbing problem
- 25 wife of Abraham
- 26 "he was led _____"
- 28 "to _____ not to be"
- 31 TX ZZ Top album: "_____ Hombres"
- 34 Cloris of TX-based "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- 35 affirmative vote
- 37 TX B.J. sang "The Eyes of _____ York Woman"
- 40 TX Ivory Joe wrote "Since _____ You Baby" (1956)
- 43 TX Buck Owens show: "_____ Haw"
- 44 TXism: "too many _____ the fire"
- 50 narrow rural roads
- 51 "_____ More Beef"

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"I care about one thing and one thing only and that is how to use every minute of the remaining 1,276 days of my term to make the country work for working Americans again. That's all I care about."

President Barack Obama
July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

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Town Talk II

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The only good thing about the weekend icy weather was it gave us some more moisture. I canceled my trip down to the house and stayed in the Denton all day and Saturday. Finally ventured out Sunday about noon. Will try the trip to Denton again during the Christmas holidays. Hope you all had a feast of a Thanksgiving even though the weather messed up many planned celebrations.

You need to get busy and donate to Project Christmas Card. Donations can be made at Friona Interbank or one of the donation canisters at local businesses. This year's donations will be used to purchase lift chairs for hospital rooms. Donations are due by December 14 and donors will be listed in our December 17 Christmas paper.

While you are at it don't forget the Empty Stocking Fund which provides clothing items and a toy to needy children in the community. Donations can be made at Friona Interbank or contact Peggy Monroe.

The third time was the charm for the Lowe's Grocery in Bovina. The Bovina city council approved the grocery store to sell alcohol for off premise consumption. It was the third time Lowe's had pe-

tioned the council for the approval. The council voted no twice but approved the third try. Bovina police Chief Jesse Garcia has resigned effective the end of November.

How does free pancakes sound? The city of Bovina will be serving up a free pancake breakfast from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday December 12 at the XIT Recreation Center. Santa Claus will be there. I went over last year and it was worth the trip. Think I will go again. You are invited too.

Republican county chairman Bill White says three incumbents have signed up for re-election. They are Kirk Frye, Precinct 1 commissioner; Randy Gerles, Sheriff; Jeff Actkinson, county attorney. Others up for re-election are Bobbie Pierson, tax assessor, Kathryn Gurley, district attorney, and Kenny White, Precinct 3 commissioner. All are expected to run for re-election. The filing deadline is December 15.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce will not have a Christmas lighting contest this year. The board members will be driving the city and take some photos to be included in the Friona Star. Me and Dana will be taking some Christmas lighting photos too.

Is Black Friday still the Friday after Thanksgiving? I don't think so. Black Friday sales and promotions started before Thanksgiving. They say shopping in a store on Black Friday has given away to online shopping on Cyber Monday. Seems to me it has become a mess.

Monday December 7 at 5:30 p.m. Santa will visit as Friona celebrates the annual Christmas in the Park. There will be carols by the high school choir, hot chocolate, and turning on the Christmas lights provided by the city. Several merchants along Main St. will be holding open house. Come on, out and celebrate.

Prairie Acres invites you to Adopt-A-Resident for Christmas again this year. Some residents have little or no close family and can use extra help this Christmas season. Call Elizabeth Romero, activity director, and she can help with adopting a resident and what they may need. Thank you.

Bovina residents can enter the Christmas lighting contest by signing up at city hall. Need to enter by the morning of December 17. Judging is planned on December 18.

The city is once again providing a trailer to collect your old electronics. Computers,

monitors, printers, TVs, and other electronic devices can be discarded free. The trailer is in the city park on Main St. It will be available during business hours until December 15.

Prairie Acres Christmas party will be December 15 at 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus will visit. Call 250-3922 or go by and help with their Adopt-A-Resident program. The resident of the month is Travis Lovvorn. The employee of the month is Carol McIntosh in the medical records department. Carol has been an em-

ployee since September 1988.

Friona Heritage Estates Christmas party will be December 11 at 6:00 p.m. Family are asked to bring finger foods or snacks. On December 10 there will be a special treat as Elaine Procter and Maddie Tyler will be playing violin music. The public is invited. Residents will be served a special Christmas Eve breakfast. On December 15 the public is invited to a program on handling grief during the holidays. Rhonda Sanders of Bluebonnet Home Health will present the pro-

gram. Let's all extend hearty congratulations to Dave and Geneva Bentley who celebrated their 60th anniversary December 3.

Soon 2015 will be a memory. Blessings of the season to you each and every one. Thanks for supporting our little community newspaper. Our annual Christmas paper will be December 17. We will not publish the Star during Christmas week. See you next week. Until then!



ron carr photo

This trailer will be available in the city park until December 15 to collect your electronic stuff for recycling. Old computers, monitors, printers, and other electronic gadgets can be deposited free of charge. The service is offered by the city.

Country Thoughts

dana jameson

Frozen in Hereford

How was your Thanksgiving? Did you hit the stores after lunch or did you take a nap and leave the shopping to everyone else? Did you do any shopping?

I spent my Thanksgiving with friends in Hereford and it was excellent as usual.

I had planned to come home on Friday evening after babysitting my granddaughter, Edith, but the weather had other plans for us.

I awoke on Friday morning at my son's house to find that there was a thin layer of ice covering everything.

My granddaughter was bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, and ready to take on the day. I was still blurry-eyed and far from bushy-tailed.

After breakfast, we set about watching Daniel the Tiger and taking everything in the toy box out looking for that one toy that would keep Edith occupied while I put everything back into the toy box.

We finished an hour of Daniel and it was on to Mysteries at the Museum and James Bond. She enjoyed Pierce Brosnan as Bond for exactly 4 1/2 minutes then it was time for Nana lap time and an hour nap before lunch.

The moisture continued to fall outside but we were happy in our little world.

I found that turkey leftovers make a tasty quesadilla for a toddler. At least I think she liked it. She was smiling while she ate.

The afternoon was much like the morning except there was a three-hour nap and more layers of ice.

She sure knows how to spend a cold, snowy day...curled up under a blanket napping and waking only to eat and drink.

Edith's mom and dad had other plans when they got home. They were ready to get out, do some shopping, and eat out.

You guessed it...we hit Walmart at 5:30 p.m. and unbelievably there were not many people shopping. It is funny how snow and ice will make people's urge to shop go away. Well, that worked until about 6:30 when everyone finished supper and ventured out for a bit of shopping. That was our signal to pay out and get some supper.

Just a side thought...Be kind to the people who wait on you or check you out at the stores. They are usually there because of a paycheck and would rather be home, bundled up and enjoying a good television show.

After supper, we got home just in time for the sleet to start again. I once again announced I was going home the next day after I went to mass. My family simply shook their heads at me and clucked their tongues while saying I might have to rethink that plan.

The roads cleared a little on Saturday but once again, I was reminded that I needed to stay put at least one more day because there was no telling what the roads were like.

After mass and a nice meal of Mexican food I retired to the room, I now fondly call my home away from home.

As much as I protested and wanted to come back home I know my family and friends were right when they convinced me to stay Thursday, Friday, Saturday and part of Sunday. They just wanted me to be safe and not be bull-headed and independent.

If you are loved, cherish it. I am loved.

Friona Flashbacks

News from the week of December 3, 1988

*Dianne Morgan claimed the grand prize in the Friona Star's football contest, coming from a point behind on the final week to nip Eddie Mann of San Angelo for the \$100 grand prize.

*The Friona FFA Jr. Chapter Conducting team won first at the district contests and is competing at the state level this week in Huntsville. Team members are Jennifer L. Smith, Shawn Cole, Tamara Hand, Kassie Weatherly, David Reed, Timothy Clark, Greg Salyer, Blue Field, Amy Rape and Jennifer K. Smith.

*The Junior Farm Skills team placed first in FFA district contest and is competing in the state contest. Team members are Charlie Snead, Corbin Riethmayer, Brandon Renner and Chad Hamilton.

*Winners in the Pee Wee division of the Parmer County Food Show were Shana Seaton, Kia Morris, Sarah Montgomery, Ginger Sides, Jamie Slagle, John Goen and Lindsey Kingston.

*The Freshman Chief-

tains downed the Muleshoe Freshmen 59-56 in a triple overtime game here Monday. Corbin Riethmayer hit a pair of free throws to win the game for Friona, after Charlie Snead sank a basket in the second overtime to tie the game and keep Friona's chances alive.

Holidays!

Ho!
Ho!
Home
for the
Holidays!

Participating
merchants:

- A-1 Service Center
- Bi-Wize Pharmacy
- Blackburn Hardware
- Carniceria Hernandez
- Fast Stop
- Glamour & Décor
- Hunan's Restaurant
- Interior Expressions
- Ivy Cottage
- Flowers and Gifts
- Kendrick Oil/
Farm Store
- Lowe's Supermarket
- Malouf's Fabrics
- Milk House Market
- Subway of Friona
- Tasty Cream
- Veterinary Industries

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Friona Interbank is hosting their annual Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and would like to invite everyone to enjoy the Christmas season by attending.

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Panhandle Parables

**"This Is My Story,
This Is My Song..."**

By JEFF PROCTER
Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

She longed to be loved and found the love of a man who had a wife. Caught in a very compromising moment. She was cast into the street to be stoned by the self-righteous of her community.

He was a beggar. Humiliated daily by those who just walked by not giving him any notice. His life was of little worth to the world after all he couldn't even walk.

She was in and out of relationships each time thinking this was the one only to leave a string of 5 divorces and not the energy to marry again, shackled up with some fella. She was the talk of the town in a bad way other women didn't even want to be around her.

He was a rich thief. Extorted money from those who barely had any and lived like a king or so he thought, but when he looked around there was no one he could trust. His greed was his only friend.

At sixteen she was on the streets learning harsh realities about life that no child should have to face. By eighteen she was a pro in a very old profession. No self-worth, no home and no future.

The first four little stories come from the Bible. The adulteress in John 8. The lame man in Acts 3. The Samaritan woman in John 4. Zaccheus in Luke 19. The last story is a modern day representation of any one of us, but for the decisions we made.

They all were opportunities for redemption. Jesus did not condemn the woman in John 8, but told her to go and sin no more. The beggar was healed in the name of Jesus by Peter and John. The Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus lead the whole town out to meet him and the rich thief found a friend and the value of his soul. What about our girl? What if she found the Lord? Let's pretend she did. She found her value, married a godly man and now counsels girls caught in the sex trade.

Not all stories will end this way, I wish they did. But for those who do the old hymn rings true. "This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long."

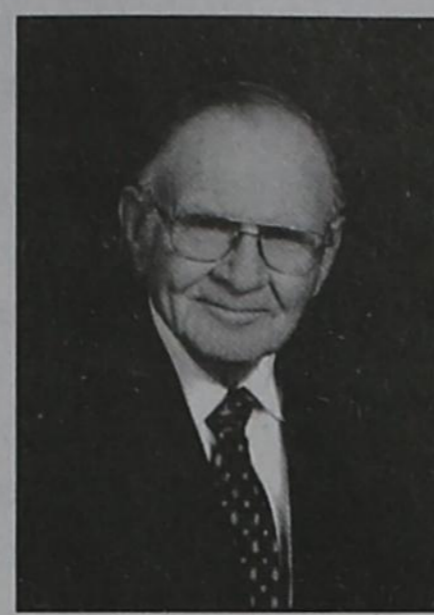
Billy Joe Mercer

Billy Joe Mercer, 84, of Friona, died Wednesday, November 25, 2015, in Friona. Funeral services were held Monday, November 30, 2015 at the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor, and Rev. H.E. "Steve" Stephens of Amarillo, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Mercer was born September 8, 1931 in Clovis, New Mexico to Charles Lloyd and Edith Mae Bomar Mercer. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean Conflict. He married Tommie Ruth Martin on September 3, 1955 in Friona where he was a dedicated, longtime area farmer. He was honored to be the Friona Man of the Year in 2004 and was President of the Friona Sr. Citizens from 2002 to 2004. He loved helping the elderly.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Robert E. Mercer.

He is survived by his wife, Tommie of Friona; one daughter, Leesa Stephens and husband H.E. "Steve" Stephens of Amarillo; one son, Tim Mercer and wife



Cari of Coppell, Texas; five grandchildren, Hannah Patton and husband Larry of Corpus Christi, H.E. "Trey" Stephens III of New Orleans, Taylor Mercer and husband Alex Bedford of London, England, Garik Mercer of Norman, Ok., and Dillon Mercer of Lubbock; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send Memorials to the Friona Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 614, Friona, Texas 79035 or the Friona United Methodist Church, 301 E. 8th St., Friona, Texas 79035.

You may sign the online register book at www.blackwellmullins.com



Jonathan M. Smith

Jonathan M. Smith, 33, of Friona, died Monday, November 30, 2015 in Friona. Memorial services have been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday December 3, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Jonathan was born September 7, 1982 in Plainview to Melvin Henry and Linda Sue Walton Smith. He graduated from Hereford High School in 2001. Jonathan was manager

of the Allsup's Convenience Store in Bovina, was a known wrestling fan, loved music, musicals, theater and cooking. He is survived by his parents, and two brothers, Jeff Smith of Hereford, and Jason Colston of Friona; and one sister, Karen Smith of Abilene.

You may sign the online register book at www.blackwellmullins.com.



FBC programs Dec. 13

Sunday, December 13 will be an awesome day at First Baptist Church Friona and you won't want to miss out!!! In the morning worship service the children will present their Christmas program entitled, "Christmas Around the World." This program focuses on the reality that Jesus came to save the world from our sins, and looks at how so many different Christmas traditions are from many places around the globe.

At 6:00 p.m. that evening the adult choir will perform their musical "Breath of Heaven." After their program they will have a time of gathering in the Lottie Moon Missions Offering, and dedicating that to the Lord.

They will close with a time of candlelight worship in the Auditorium and from there attendees will move to the Fellowship Hall for a Birthday Party for Jesus complete with delicious cakes and goodies. Everyone is invited and for more information call 806-250-3933 or visit www.fbcfriona.com.



Just Wondering...

By TEENA HUGHES

You probably heard the owner of Amarillo's Silverland and Hill's Hallmark did not open for Black Friday, so his employees would have more time to spend with their families. He heard another company was doing this and was sorry he hadn't thought of the idea. He re-named Black Friday to Family Friday, and was hoping this idea would catch on. I don't know if anyone else decided not to open.

From the first time I heard this, I wondered what was going to happen. Mr. Hill was taking a huge financial risk by not opening the doors to two businesses, and in this day when everything seems to revolve around the almighty dollar, Mr. Hill was courageous to stand for his beliefs. How would God honor or bless

him for his efforts? We all know what the weather was like Friday. Mr. Hill looked brilliant and prophetic.

Did you see the Texas Tech-UT game? Tech quarterback Pat Mahomes threw an interception. As soon as the UT player intercepted it, Devin Lauderdale hit the UT player knocking the ball loose. Jakeem Grant just happened to be running toward the play, caught the ball in the air, and ran it in for a touchdown. It was an amazing play, the kind that usually doesn't go Tech's way.

So, did God make the weather bad on Friday to bless Mr. Hill? Did God create the touchdown for Tech? Even the announcers on television called it Divine intervention at least twice.

I choose to believe God allowed these things to happen rather than causing them to happen. In both cases, something good came out of something bad--the bad weather, the bad pass.

God is in control, and He doesn't create bad weather so one person can be blessed. The bad weather caused many problems for many people, and God doesn't create problems for us. And, the pass, someone was going to be a hero, someone wasn't. I'm just glad God allowed the hero to play for the team I wanted to win. Take care, and enjoy the sunshine!



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BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

FCM, or Friona Christian Ministries, consists of Friona Churches who have come together to assist people with housing and transportation needs and to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ. FCM also hosts the Gospel Gathering during Maize Days, and the Community Thanksgiving Service held just before Thanksgiving.

In 2015 we have been able to help many people with a variety of needs ranging from rental assistance, one night hotel stays, gas for transportation, utilities, and groceries. In total, eighteen families were given some form of housing assistance and seven were assisted with transportation.

This ministry is only possible because of cooperating churches and the kindness of Friona believers who give generously. In fact, this past

November FCM collected an offering of just a little over \$2500, all for the purpose of helping families in our community!

If you, or someone you know of has an essential housing, utility or transportation need don't hesitate to reach out for help, first at your local church, and then to Friona Christian Ministries.

Currently, First Baptist Church is the location people need to come and fill out a FCM Assistance Application when needs arise. From there the applicant's needs are verified, screened and responded to in Christian love.

Finally, FCM exists behind the scenes, but is only possible because of you. Thank you to the local churches in Friona who play a part in FCM and thank you to the many generous individuals who enable FCM to minister to those in need.

Attention all Churches in the Friona and Bovina area:
If your church is having special Christmas services or programs, call the Star office at (806) 250-2211.
We will publish the list in the December 17, 2015 paper.

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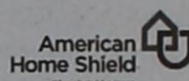
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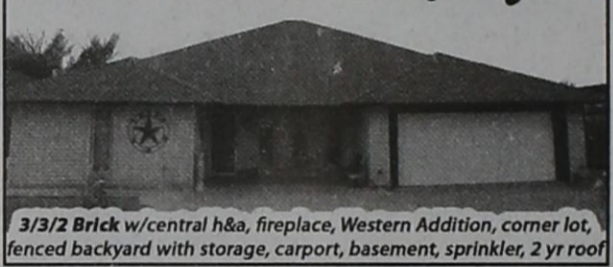
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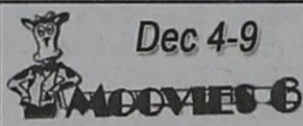
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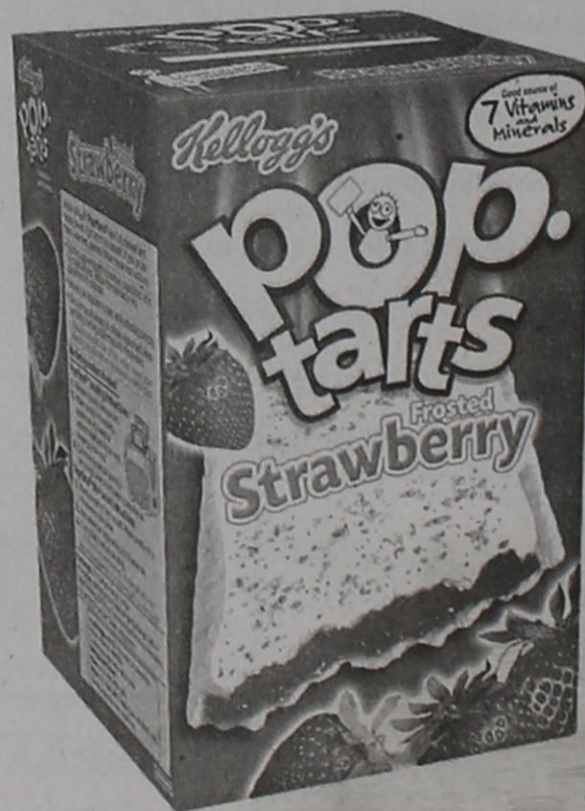
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Josh Barnett (12) harasses a Dalhart player as teammates Adrian Munoz (11) and Kaegan Kerby (4) look on.

Chiefs basketball update

Chiefs 55 Dalhart 44

The Chiefs opened regular season play with a win vs. Dalhart at Friona gym. Scoring were: Kaegan Kerby 12, Adrian Munoz 11, Chris Alvarez 11, Dallin Woods 8, Josue Ojeda 5, Jacob Harrison 5, Seth Murphree 3, Josh Barnett 3. The Chiefs had 5 three pointers and were 16 of 30 from the free throw line.

Chiefs 35 Hale Center 34

Scoring: Kaegan Kerby 14, Dallin Woods 7, Cody Stowers 5, Josh Barnett 5, Adrian Munoz 4.

Chiefs 54 Texline 58


The Chiefs put up 8 three pointers and 10 of 14 free throws. Kaegan Kerby led scoring with 25 points including three 3s. Dallin Woods 8, Jacob Harrison 6, Seth Murphree 6, Adrian Munoz, Josh Barnett, and Chris Alvarez 3 each.

Chiefs 58 Boys Ranch 51

Scoring: Kaegan Kerby 16, Dallin Woods 12, Adrian Munoz 10, Cody Stowers 8, Josue Ojeda 6, Jacob Harrison 4, Josh Barnett 4. The Chiefs had six 3s and 14 of 17 free throws. The Chieftains are 3-1 and will participate in the Nazareth Tournament this weekend, Thursday-Saturday. The next home game is Tuesday December 8 vs. Sudan. Varsity boys at 8:00 p.m.

Squaws 43 Boys Ranch 58

Coach Darrel Ray's varsity Squaws had trouble shooting Tuesday night. Boys Ranch point guard Lyric Turner, last year's 2A Guard of the Year in the Amarillo Globe News, scored 34 points. The loss gives the Squaws a 4-2 record as they head to the Melrose Tournament this weekend. Kim DeWit led the Squaws with 14 points and 22 rebounds. Taylor Stallings and Kendall Barnett had 7 points each. Coach Ray said poor shooting coupled with a season high 23 turnovers doomed the Squaws at Boys Ranch. The girls open the American Heritage Tournament in Melrose vs. the Floyd Broncos at 3:30 p.m. Texas time Thursday December 3 in the main gym at Melrose High School. The next home game is Tuesday December 8 vs. Sudan. Varsity girls at 6:30 p.m.



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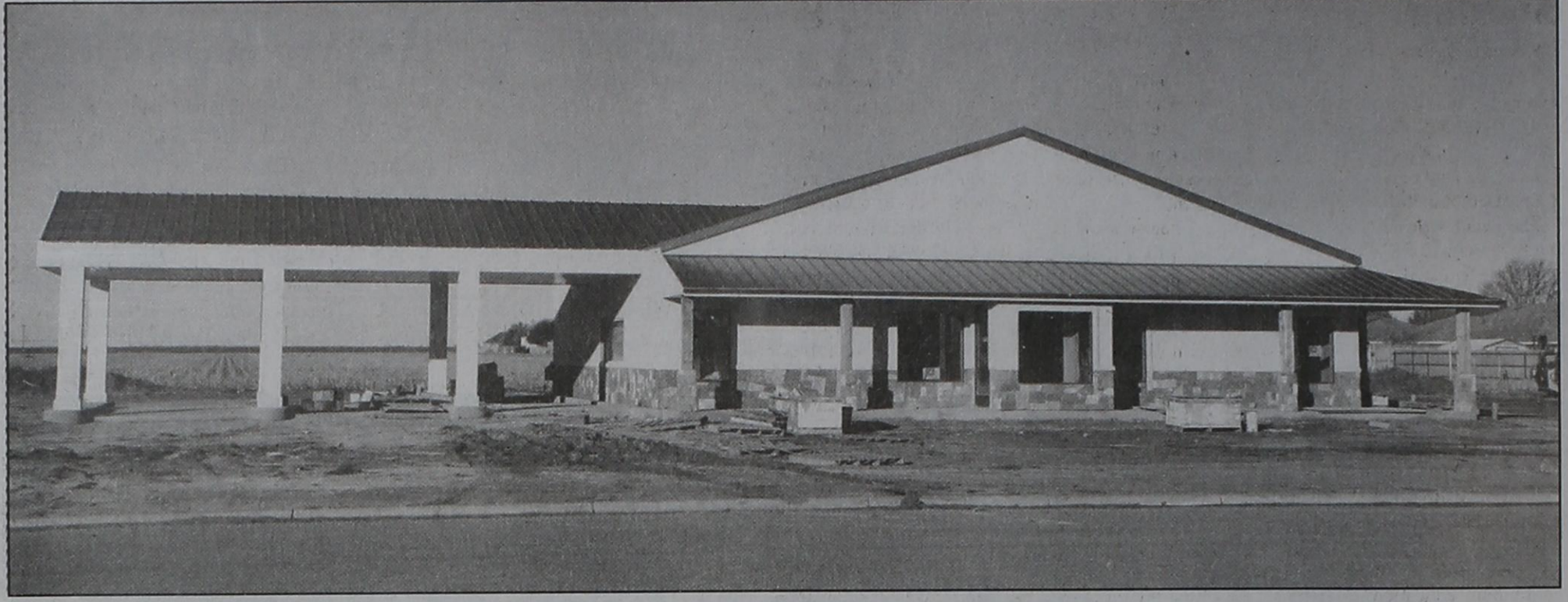
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dana jameson photo

Kim DeWit seems to be telling Sydney Frye (5), "You go that way and I'll go this way" during their victory over Lazbuddie Lady Horns.

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Title I, No Child Left Behind/Federal Funds/District Improvement Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 9th, 2015.

Meeting Time:

4:00 P.M. in the Friona ISD Board Room, 909 E 11th St.

If you have any questions, please call Kenny Austin at 250-2747

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Titulo I, habra una junta que se llama "Ningún Niño se Quede Atras"/ Fondos Federales/Comité de Mejoramiento del Distrito

Miércoles, el 9 de diciembre, del 2015

El Tiempo de la Junta:

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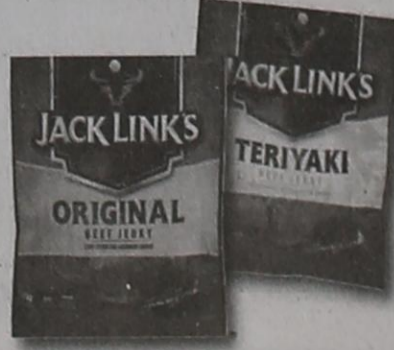
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Swisher County Ag Day set for Dec. 8

By Steve Byrns

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Swisher County Ag Committee will host its annual Swisher County Ag Day beginning at 8 a.m. Dec. 8 in Tulia.

The event will be held in the basement of the Swisher County Memorial Building, 127 Southwest 2nd Street.

"We'll be showcasing topics important to farmers and ranchers on the High Plains," said John Villalba, AgriLife Extension agent in Swisher County. "A mix of cotton, sorghum, wheat, cattle and agricultural law will be offered at the program."

Villalba said the program will also offer a number of continuing education units and credits. They will include five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units: two general, one integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and one drift. It also will offer six and a half Certified Crop Advisor credits:

one nutrient management, 0.5 soil and water management, three integrated pest management, one crop management and one professional development.

Individual registration is \$10. Lunch will be sponsored by Happy State Bank. RSVP by Dec. 1 to the AgriLife Extension office in Swisher County by calling 806-995-3726.

Topics and speakers will include:

- Wheat disease management, identifying rusts and using fungicides effectively, Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo.
- Application timing of nitrogen topdress in wheat and nutrient management practices in grain sorghum, Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock.
- Sugarcane aphid update and roundtable discussion, by the following AgriLife Extension personnel: Blayne

Reed, integrated pest management agent for Hale, Swisher and Floyd counties; Dr. Jourdan Bell, agronomist, and Dr. Ed Bynum, entomologist, both at Amarillo.

- Texas Department of Agriculture, Cheryl Goswick, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector, Groom.

- 2015 Agriculture law review and hot topics for 2016, Tiffany Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agriculture law specialist, Amarillo.

- 2015 Cotton residual herbicide trial summary, Reed.

- Veterinary feed directive-how does it affect cattlemen?, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.

- 2015 Cotton soil/water relationship result demonstration summary, Villalba.

Also included will be updates from the commodity groups that serve the area. For more information, call Villalba at 806-995-3726.



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The icy weather over the weekend caused broken limbs on trees in the city park and around town. Richard Samarron was busy Tuesday trimming broken limbs caused by the ice and getting the park ready for the Christmas celebration Monday December 7.

High Plains Ag Conference set Dec. 11

By Steve Byrns

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual High Plains Ag Conference from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

"As is our custom with this event, the curriculum will cover an array of topics of interest to producers throughout our region and offer a number of Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units," said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County.

Individual preregistration, which includes lunch, is \$35 by Dec. 9 and \$45 thereafter and at the door, with no lunch guarantee. For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1740 or rj-scott@tamu.edu.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and three general - will be offered.

Topics and presenters will include:

- New Technologies in Resistant Weed Management - new chemicals to be used for pigweed control. How and when to ap-

ply chemicals for best pigweed control, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, Lubbock.

- Evaluation of Transgenic Cotton Varieties-discussion of new variety traits regarding bollworm resistance, Dicamba and 2,4-D tolerance, Dr. Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension cotton program specialist, Lubbock.

- Sugarcane Aphid Management-best management practices for sugarcane aphid control. What to spray, when to spray and how to determine the need to spray, Dr. Pat Porter, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Lubbock.

- Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Steve Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector, Lubbock.

- 2016 AgriLife Extension Program Updates for Lubbock County, Scott, Dr. Mark Brown, county agent, and Vikram Baliga, county horticulturist.

- Industry Update, Angie Martin, Texas Corn Producers industry relations, Lubbock.

- Corn Sorghum Management, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

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Friona School Calendar for December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 -JH Band All Region Try Outs @ Pampa -FFA Toy Drive Starts -JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball @ Boys Ranch 4/5:15/6:30/8	2	3 -FHS Choir TMEA Pre-Area Auditions @ Amarillo HS -9G/JVG/JVB Basketball Tournament @ Friona -VG Basketball @ Melrose Invitational -VB Basketball @ Nazareth Invitational -FHS Speech Tournament @ Amarillo High -FFA State LDE @ SHSU Huntsville	4 -9G/JVG/JVB Basketball Tournament @ Friona -VG Basketball @ Melrose Invitational -VB Basketball @ Nazareth Invitational -FHS Speech Tournament @ Amarillo High -FFA State LDE @ SHSU Huntsville	5 -9G/JVG/JVB Basketball Tournament @ Friona -VG Basketball @ Melrose Invitational -VB Basketball @ Nazareth Invitational -FHS Speech Tournament @ Amarillo High -FFA State LDE @ SHSU Huntsville
6	7 -FHS STAAR EOC English I -FHS Band All Region Tryouts @ Panhandle -7 th /8 th C Girls Basketball vs. Littlefield 5:00 -7 th /8 th Boys Basketball @ Littlefield 5:00	8 -FHS STAAR EOC Biology -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball vs. Sudan 5/5/6:30/8	9 -FHS STAAR EOC English II	10 -FHS STAAR EOC US History -FHS Choir Carol Around Friona -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Farwell -JH Band Christmas Concert @ JH Auditorium 7:00	11 -FHS STAAR EOC Algebra 1 -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Farwell -FHS Speech Tournament @ Frenship/Lubbock High	12 -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Farwell -FHS Speech Tournament @ Frenship/Lubbock High -FHS Choir Area Clinic @ Wayland Baptist
13 -FHS Choir Christmas Concert @ FHS Auditorium 3:00	14 -FFA Toy Drive Ends -7 th /8 th Girls Basketball @ Tulia 5:00 -C Girls Basketball vs. Faith Triumphant -7 th /8 th Boys Basketball vs. Tulia 5:00 -Drug Prevention Program @ FHS Auditorium 2:30 -Parent Drug Prevention Program @ FHS Auditorium 5:00	15 -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Bovina 4/5:15/6:30/8	16	17 -Early Release -3 rd Grade Music Program 10:00/6:30	18 -End of 3 rd Six Weeks -Early Release -CG/JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ River Road 6:30/5/5/6:30/8	19
20	21 -Christmas Holiday	22 -Christmas Holiday	23 -Christmas Holiday	24 -Christmas Holiday	25 -Christmas Holiday	26
27	28 -Christmas Holiday -VG Basketball @ Texico Invitational -VB Basketball @ Littlefield Invitational	29 -Christmas Holiday -VG Basketball @ Texico Invitational -VB Basketball @ Littlefield Invitational	30 -Christmas Holiday -VG Basketball @ Texico Invitational -VB Basketball @ Littlefield Invitational	31 -Christmas Holiday		



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Santa will be coming to Bovina on Saturday, December 5 at 5 p.m. at the Christmas in the Park. He will take a day off then make the trip to the Friona Christmas in the Park on Monday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Remember to bring your camera for pictures. Everyone is invited to come and visit with the jolly man from the North Pole.

Bovina Christmas in the Park Dec. 5

The annual Christmas in the Park celebration has been set for Saturday, December 5 starting at 5 p.m. An assortment of activities are planned to kick off the Christmas season in Bovina.

Church will again be serving hot chocolate, coffee and cookies for all to enjoy. Those treats are always warming and tasty so come ready to enjoy those favorites.

The gingerbread house contest has been expanded to include three groups, the up to 12 years old, over 12 years old and organizations or groups. Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be awarded in each group.

Santa will make a visit to take orders from all the kiddoes for their gift wishes and also give bag of treats for all the boys and girls.

Singing groups from the school will be offering Christmas carols and the children from St. Ann's will be displaying Mexican traditional dances. Piñatas will be hanging around the park waiting to be swatted with lots of chances for each child to get a swat in. The piñatas will be loaded with tasty treats for the children to scramble for.

The Christmas tree in the park will be decorated by the children from Bovina Elementary School with the decorations they have handmade and the tree lights will be turned on as the revelers sing 'Silent Night'.

The plans are for a wonderful night of celebration and fellowship that the chamber hopes will extend to our friends from across the county, so plan to come and share in the singing and joy of the season with your neighbors.

Bovina Chamber lighting contest

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the Christmas lighting contest for residents. In the past, the folks in Bovina have done a tremendous job of making their town beautiful for the Christmas season and the

chamber would like to encourage them and reward them for their efforts. Cash prizes will be awarded for first place \$100, second prize \$50 and third prize \$25. Pictures of the winning decorations will be featured in

the county newspapers. The hope is that many folks will enter the contest this year. To enter call Billy or Suezy Smith at 251-1677. Deadline for the contest is December 18 and only those registrations will be judged.

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- Grand Prize -
Browning Citori Over and Under
20 Gauge Shotgun

- 2 Runnerup Prizes -
\$100 Giftcard

Drawing at Headquarters Restaurant
Thursday @ 12:00 Noon

December 17, 2015

Need not be present to win
Must be 18 or older

Tickets are \$10.00

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Parmer County has not had a meat judging team in the last 9 years. This year Parmer County Ag Agent, James Graves, worked hard with a group of Elementary members from across the county and it paid off. Graves took seven members that made up two teams to the District contest in Lubbock. The teams placed second and third in the District competition. Members of the team that placed second were Dieter Ally, Madison Osborn, Elijah Robledo. The third place team members were Steph Ally, Carter Gilley, Charlie Herring and Jarrett White. Three of the members placed in the top ten on individual scores: Dieter Ally placed 2nd, Charlie Herring placed 4th and Carter Gilley placed 5th.

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Christmas Open House

December 7, 2015

10am 'til 8pm

Milk House Market and Glamour & Decor

Eat, Drink & Be Merry

Bring this card in for
\$20 off a \$100 Purchase!!
Valid Dec 7th Only

