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## FISD financial aid meeting rescheduled

Friona High School's financial aid night has been rescheduled for Wednesday January 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the high school cafeteria and refreshments will be served.

Representatives from several establishments will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. The meeting is to inform seniors and their parents on the options of financial aid to attend college.

All senior students and their parents are encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information contact high school counselor Stephanie Barrett at 250-3951.

## Note to senior parents for '08 yearbook

The 2008 yearbook advisor Veronica Velazquez reminds senior parents that if you want your student's baby picture with a note of encouragement in the yearbook you must notify her by December 22. Picture and note will be requested in January and an invoice will be mailed at that time.

You can contact Ms. Velazquez at 806-346-1615 (please leave a message) or send email to vvelazquez@frionaisd.com.



Jan Chesher was Santa at Prairie Acres on Dec. 18.

## Nominations needed for gifted and talented

Friona ISD students in Kindergarten-12th grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented program offered by Friona ISD for the 2008-09 school year.

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

Forms need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2008. A certified Gifted and Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission into the program.

## Necesitamos nombramientos para estudiantes

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD in K-12 tienen derecho a para nombramientos de padre or maestro al programa Talento y Talento ofrecia por Friona ISD para el 2008-09 ano de escuela.

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

Las formas necesitaran ser completado y para ser vuelto al director por el la de enero de 2007. Los nombramientos del estudiante se consideraran y el probar necesario para la colocacion en el programa sera dado por un maestro certificado, Talento y Talento.



This Friona home spells out wishes to all for a Merry Christmas. Note the Wheat Growers elevator star in the upper right corner.

## Wheat Growers star still shines

BY RON CARR

A reader called to ask about the star that shines from atop the Friona Wheat Growers elevators each Christmas season. The lone star, outlined with white bulbs, has been a Christmas fixture for at least 50-years, according to Friona Wheat Growers manager Ron Smiley.

"I've been here 39-years and it has been here since then I know," Smiley said. The old office house was built next to the elevator south of the railroad in 1949 and Smiley is sure the star has been shining since sometime in the mid-1950s.

Smiley, who climbed to the top of the elevator to change bulbs back in his younger days, said the metal frame of the star is about 12-15 feet tall. It is bolted to a housing and has to be un-bolted and laid down to change the bulbs.

The power for the star is provided by a 190-foot extension cord which reaches to the ground and is plugged in an outlet at ground level.

The last 30 feet up to the star is by ladder, Smiley said. Today Friona Wheat Growers elevator superintendent Efrén Arzate makes the 200-foot journey to the top to maintain the star each year.

Smiley said he has often thought about installing an airport strength spotlight in the center of the star and creating a manger scene on some vacant property down below along 5th St. "The beam from the star would shine down on the manger," he said. "Maybe I'll still do that one of these days."



ron carr photo

The star on top of the Friona Wheat Growers elevator has been shining each Christmas for more than 50 years.



ron carr photos

Above, the Prairie Acres Christmas Tree is loaded with gifts for the residents' Christmas Party. Right, Prairie Acres resident Lela Mae George unwraps a gift with the help of her son David and his wife Carolyn George.

## Winners named in Ho! Ho! drawings

Thursday December 13 was the final day for the 2007 Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotion sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. Participants had the opportunity to register at various businesses for \$25 in Friona Bucks and a \$100 Friona Bucks grand prize.

Drawings were held December 13. The winner of the \$100 in Friona Bucks grand prize was Brandi Curphey. Winners of the \$25 Friona Bucks drawings were:

Hardin Steakhouse, Ethel Walker, A-1 Service Center, Richard Carson; Blackburn

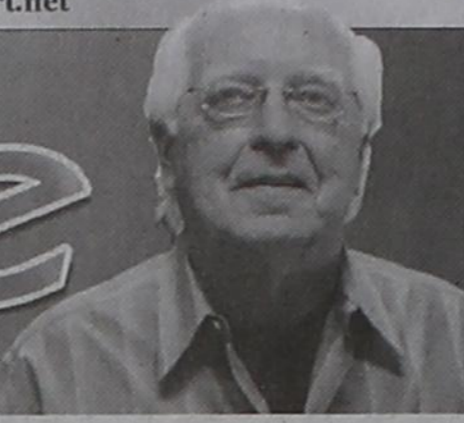
Hardware, John Duke; Dairy Queen, Jorge Dominguez; Bi-Wize Health Mart, Barbara Cockerham; Ingram's Department Store, Dana Campbell; Ivy Cottage, Sandy Houston; Kendrick Farm Store, Belinda Anthony.

Also, Friona Star, Rose Lee McCain; Fast Stop, Perla Bautista; Veterinary Industries, Jeff Bradley; Lowe's Supermarket, Kitty Gallman; Malouf's Fabrics, Valoris Osborn; Tasty Cream, Alonzo Rojas; W.T. Services, Reyes Valdez; and Reel Ticket Videos, Amber Roberson.



# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## believe in santa and wear old shoes

Dear Santa, I want a bog of eirl. Jazmin

Reading a bunch of Santa letters can be a humbling experience. We were not able to figure out what little Jazmin was asking Santa for. I'm sure she and Santa know and whatever it is she wants I hope she gets it.

From looking over this year's requests to Santa it seems the Jolly Old Elf had better have a big expense account. Most of us grownups that are now out of the Santa business don't know much about a DS, or psp, or wii.

Several youngsters shoot high with a list that includes motorsikls and forwelas and heles. Translated, that is motorcycles, four-wheelers, and heeies, the shoes with a wheel on the heel.

Some want glasses so they can see better, or a bed to sleep on. Others ask for warm clothes.

Seeing the mind of a child through Santa letters makes me wonder whether it wouldn't be a better world if we all just kept on believing

in Santa Claus. Because I had some younger siblings, Santa kept including gifts for me under the tree until I was well into high school. It was a good deal. One year Santa brought me a Zippo lighter.

I'm always curious about why people do what they do. Most of us are average Janes and Joes who lead non-extraordinary, routine lives. Then there are the exceptions. What happens to a little boy writing a Santa letter who ends up dead or in prison. Some might blame it on Santa because the kid didn't get what he asked for.

I believe attitudes are learned at an early age. Parental or adult influence, or lack of it, shapes lives. Sometimes youngsters that have a positive upbringing rebel and turn sour. And kids who survive in the worst circumstances often turn out to be positive outstanding citizens.

Then there is Richard Trahan. No doubt Richard wrote a letter to Santa and sat on Santa's knee as a child. I don't know for sure. But instead of playing Santa

this year, 30-year-old Richard will begin serving life in prison. Here is what happened, according to the newspaper story.

Richard was in a Port Arthur bar in May 2005. Todd Hall, 39, came in the bar. His wife was a waitress at the bar and he was waiting for her to finish her shift.

Todd walked up to the bar and ordered drinks. When he stepped back he stepped on Richard's shoes. Todd apologized but Richard didn't accept so they got into a fistfight and were thrown out of the bar.

Todd hung around outside still waiting for his wife to finish her shift. As he crossed

the street, Richard shot him from behind and killed him. The jury deliberated less than two hours and sent Richard to prison for life.

The story was told in a few paragraphs, not much longer than a Santa letter, to sum up the end of two lives. How stupid and unnecessary.

I relayed this story to a friend. I was trying to sort out the stupidity of the incident where a guy can get killed for stepping on another guys' shoes.

He said the answer was pretty simple; "Wear old shoes."

Dear Santa. My name is Ron. How are the reindeer? Here is what I want this year.

## commentary Fatal crash memorial....\$300!

People whose loved ones die in traffic accidents often erect memorials on the side of the road where the accident happened. Small crosses, plastic flowers, or stuffed animals are put in place with the victim's name and date of death.

We seem to remember some controversy over these roadside markers. Officials said they could become traffic hazards themselves as folks stopped or slowed down to look. Something must have changed.

Now the recent 80th Texas Legislature has approved a program to allow friends' and family of DWI victims to purchase memorial signs to be placed near the location of fatal crashes. The markers will cost \$300.

The legislature required the Texas Department of Transportation to develop rules and administer the program. TxDot says the \$300 will defray the cost of the sign.

A lady named Julie Blasingame requested the program from the legislature. A drunk driver was involved in the death of her daughter Rachel. Mrs. Blasingame will be the first participant in the program. She wants to see the memorials all over Texas to remind drunk drivers not to drink and drive.

The marker will identify the victim (or family name), date of the crash, the phrase "Please Don't Drink and Drive" and the phrase "In Memory of....." Of course in true bureaucratic fashion there are rules.

The crash must have occurred on a state highway. Drunk or impaired drivers killed in a crash do not qualify for a memorial. And the memorial sign will remain in place for only one year. After that it will be offered to the person(s) who made the original application for the marker.

So instead of hammering a lovingly made wooden cross into the ground and digging a hole for a few plastic flowers, grieving relatives and friends can now fill out an application with TxDot, pay \$300, and have a nice standard state sign erected, for a year.

They say if it only keeps one drunk driver from venturing out onto our streets the program will have served its purpose. Which is a ridiculous and political statement.

We know someone's heart is in the right place and the thought is a noble one. We also know there is no sure-fire way to keep drunk drivers from drinking, driving, and harming others. Let's hope that between our legislature, TxDot, our dedicated State Troopers, and the state-sponsored victim signs, sooner or later there will be no more drunk drivers on the roads.

Hey, it's Christmas. Miracles do happen.

# Senate passes 2007 Farm Bill

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) voted for the **H.R. 2419, the 2007 Farm Bill**, which contains important provisions for Texas, including a safety net for producers and creation of a permanent agricultural disaster assistance trust fund. The Senate passed the \$286 billion measure by a vote of 79-14.

"I am very pleased that we've renewed and strengthened many important policies that have been so good for Texas," Sen. Hutchison said. "The Farm Bill will maintain the critical safety net for Texas producers, while also supporting commodities, conservation, and nutrition. I will continue to work on behalf of farmers and ranchers in our state to spur growth in this vital sector."

The 2007 Farm Bill contains a strong and sufficient safety net for producers, ensuring that direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments remain available to aid farmers in times of distress. The bill creates a permanent Agriculture Disaster Assistance Trust Fund, authorizing \$5.1 billion over five years to provide farmers relief in the event of

a disaster. The provision would cover losses not covered by crop insurance. Currently, farmers and ranchers are often forced to wait months to receive critical assistance from the government for agriculture disasters.

"Our farmers and ranchers need to know that when a weather-related disaster strikes or when crops fail or prices fall, a dependable safety net exists. The provisions in the Farm Bill will assure producers that they can be protected from unforeseen events."

Senator Hutchison, along with Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), also secured in the Farm Bill a demonstration project for schools to address the rising childhood obesity epidemic. The project authorizes up to \$25 million, allowing schools to hire a Nutrition Coordinator and fund parent nutrition education. Family-based approaches to nutrition have been proven effective in promoting long-term, healthy lifestyles.

The 2007 Senate Farm Bill renews and builds upon many successful programs included in the 2002 Farm Bill, and authorizes farm policy for the next five years.



## Praise the Lord and pass the ammunication

(Received via email from the Constitution Party.)

The country's largest third party, based on voter registration, the **Constitution Party**, points to recent shootings in **Omaha, Nebraska** and **Arvada and Colorado Springs, Colorado** and suggests Americans question the notion that more, and stricter gun laws save lives.

New Life Church member Jeanne Assam protected the lives of members of her church Sunday by using a firearm. "An armed civilian acting swiftly and deliberately saved the lives of perhaps as many as 100 people (**USA Today**) thereby stopping a madman who was on a murderous rampage", said Constitution Party National Committee Chairman Jim Clymer. "Instead of four dead bodies there would have been scores more if not for the fact that a law-abiding citizen

ended the carnage by using a gun", added Clymer.

"Just note the horrific consequences of having so-called 'gun-free zones' in light of the bloody scenes at Virginia Tech and the Omaha Mall. It should be apparent that guns in the hands of law-abiding people save lives," Clymer noted.

The Constitution Party believes the media have downplayed the most important aspect of this tragic story. News stories have focused on the past law enforcement experience of the woman who stopped the killer. Calling her a "security guard", reports made it appear Jeanne Assam was part of "an elite group with special abilities and opportunities most people lack; this could not be further from the truth. Able-bodied people of both genders across a wide spectrum of age have the capacity and should have the

un-infringed, God-given right to defend innocent life", Clymer said.

Reports mentioned she was "trained, licensed, and background-checked". That is true of millions of Americans with concealed weapons permits. The media spin suggested this heroic woman was not simply an armed citizen exercising basic 2nd amendment rights.

"Others interested in defending their lives against ever-increasing rampage shootings would do well to ignore the implication that they could never do what she did, that they should never dare to consider defending their lives and the lives of others," Clymer added.

The Constitution Party encourages all Americans to look critically at the example of this tragedy that could have been worse, and note, the effort to disarm Americans with more

gun laws has not resulted in fewer shootings. "On the contrary, schools and other places where people are prevented from carrying self-defense weapons have become easy targets for gunmen. It's time Americans stop and think about where all these shootings are taking place...certainly not at police stations or places where there would be armed resistance", said Clymer.

The Constitution Party calls on all Americans to acknowledge that guns don't kill people, criminals do...and in so doing stand up for the 2nd Amendment.



## Mark Your Calendar

- December 21**  
Early dismissal for Friona schools for Christmas holidays.
- January 7**  
Friona schools resume after holiday break.
- January 8**  
Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. Dimmitt  
Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- January 10**  
Friona Livestock Show at the Community Center
- January 12**  
FHS Powerlifting Meet begins at 9 a.m. at the high school gym; 12 schools, 200 lifters, concession stand available.
- January 16**  
FISD financial aid meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria
- January 16**  
High Plains Imigation Conference & Trade Show at the Amarillo Convention Center
- January 17-19**  
Pamer County Junior Livestock Show at the Friona Community Center
- January 22**  
Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. River Road  
Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- January 29**  
Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. Tulia  
Games at 6p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- March 6**  
Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center

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Thursday, Decem

For the benefit of town readers, we, d an inch of snow. Frion Saturday morning ea gone by Saturday, ecept in the shades of Overnight tempes the teens but prey the day. Suppos precip Saturday rice over Christm coming home for Hope your holiday and shiny and full of

The senior citi shower for Taryn last Thursday's s Taryn helps Nora co meals we have twio is expecting a baby months and is a de tion to our lunches. Former Frionan was a visitor Th Richard Burton's Paducah was a gues lunch. Also good to Eddie Gauna with the We will have th Thursday Decembe time off for the hol senior meal will be January 3. The boe to have senior me Christmas week at New Year's eve. It was said that of Christ minister L having surgery W ember 19 at BSA a tumor on his bla it should be a rou and he should be new for the holi so. All the best w Nelda, and the fam

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# Town Talk II

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For the benefit of our out-of-town readers, we did get about an inch of snow Friday night and Saturday morning early but it was gone by Saturday afternoon except in the shadiest areas.

Overnight temps have been in the teens but pretty nice during the day. Supposed to get more precip Saturday but should be nice over Christmas for those coming home for the holidays. Hope your holidays are bright and shiny and full of warm fun.

The senior citizens held a shower for Taryn Chisom after last Thursday's senior lunch. Taryn helps Nora cook the healthy meals we have twice a week. She is expecting a baby girl in a few months and is a delightful addition to our lunches.

Former Frionan Arline Elliott was a visitor Thursday. Pastor Richard Burton's mother from Paducah was a guest at Monday's lunch. Also good to see Cleo and Eddie Gauna with us.

We will have the senior lunch Thursday December 20 then take time off for the holidays. The next senior meal will be on Thursday January 3. The board decided not to have senior meals during the Christmas week and on Monday, New Year's eve.

It was said that 6th St. Church of Christ minister Leon Talley was having surgery Wednesday December 19 at BSA in Amarillo for a tumor on his bladder. Leon said it should be a routine procedure and he should be as good as new for the holidays. We hope so. All the best wishes to Leon, Nelda, and the family.

The 6th St. Church of Christ hotline this week (250-3495) said John Renner, Eddie Hall, and Robert Zetsche were still recovering and not yet 100%. Robert has moved into rehab in Amarillo.

Hope all you guys get tip-top soon. Take it easy during the holidays.

Our Friona Star winner in the Ho Ho Home for the Holidays promotion was Rose McCain from Bovina. Congratulations Rose and all the Ho Ho winners.

I talked with Britny Pope about last Sunday's Christmas tea at the Women's Building. The ladies were disappointed with the slim turnout (3 people showed up) but are not discouraged. They are organizing the Parmer County Women's Foundation and I hope many of our older ladies will provide guidance and support to Britny and some of our younger wives and mothers. We need to get our younger generation involved in the community.

Passing on thanks to Brent Loflin and his crew at Friona Body Shop for the painting and striping of the new Rescue One fire truck. Brent donated the time and effort so say thanks the next time you see him.

I attended the Fire Department's annual Christmas Party Saturday evening at the community center. Thanks to Chief Taylor for inviting me. The event was catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo. Larry Martin was recognized for 25 years as a volunteer fireman and Bryan Campbell was honored as Fireman-of-the-Year. Santa made an appearance for the fire family youngsters.

Several have asked about Santa since our long time Santa Danny Black passed away this year. Filling in has been Dean Eichenauer, better known to some as Mr. Dean the Handyman. His wife Heidi is employed at Parmer County Hospital. On behalf of the community and the kids, thanks Dean.

Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin manager Jerry Butman said the gin baled 10,153 bales this year. That is more than predicted before harvest but about one-third the production of previous years. Jerry said the quality and yield of this year's crop were high with some reported as high as four bales per acre.

The first college semester has ended as evidenced by the appearance of several college kids back home for the holiday break. Spotted Stephen Campbell, Kandace Frye, Sean Lookingbill, Caleb Miller, Krista Graham, and Shayli Reed to name a few. That seemed like a short semester to us but probably not to them. Most won't have to return to college until around January 14.

As basketball season goes full steam ahead I want to thank high school secretary Leigh Monroe for being the drop-off point for game statistics. From 7th grade through varsity, boys and girls, there are 10 teams. JV and varsity play twice a week and tournaments.

All of that means a lot of game statistics to keep up with. The coaches copy the score sheets and Leigh collects them and either sends or brings them to our office, most of the time the day after the games.

Thanks to the coaches too from junior high and high school for helping us out so parents and friends can keep up with their kids' progress.

Mike Hutson and Clint Mears of FHS-TV will video the Chiefs and Squaws home district games (and any playoff games) and re-broadcast them Saturday morning on WT Services Channel 76.

Look for Friday night's Highland Park games Saturday morning at 10 am.

The Clovis News Journal reported that Ben's BBQ has closed. It was located on Prince St. around 14th. Ben's was consistently voted "Best BBQ" in Clovis. I recall they catered several Bovina all-sports and Chamber of Commerce banquets I attended. Ben's owner Ben Barrow said the new Clovis Civic Center cut into his catering operation which was a big part of his business.

Wayland freshman Staci

Murphree is still going strong for the Wayland Flying Queens basketball team. She chalked up 11 points and 15 rebounds in an 81-58 win over the University of Texas-Permian Basin last Friday night. The Flying Queens are off until January 3. They play in the Sooner Athletic Conference.

Grandparents Percy and Margaret Parsons are frequent attendees at Staci's games when they play in Plainview.

This is our last Town Talk before Christmas. We'll have a "probably pretty small" newspaper, December 27 and January 3 because of the way the holidays

fall this year. We will definitely need news so take time to email or call with your news and concerns of interest to our readers.

Hope you and yours have a safe, peaceful, enjoyable holiday season. My mom, my brother, and I will be staying here, enjoying some store-bought and prepared turkey and an afternoon nap.

Thank you everyone for supporting the Friona Star throughout 2007. Our thoughts and prayers especially go out to all who will celebrate Christmas without loved ones lost during the year. Please keep smiling and be grateful. Until then.



Taryn Chisom, who helps prepare the senior citizen meals each week, was feted by the seniors with a baby shower after the meal last Thursday. Taryn, who lives in Bovina, is expecting her second child, another girl, in a few months.

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## Fire Department News

BY JON DOUGLAS, REPORTER

In recent news the Parmer County commissioner's court approved a county-wide burn ban effective December 1 thru April 30, 2008. Most of the guidelines remain the same such as below ground incinerators in 10 mph wind or less.

For farmers that must burn field trash they must contact the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and the local fire marshal in the district where the field to be burned is located. Persons not notifying the correct individuals for control burning could be cited for violating the burn ban.

Also in fire department news, the Friona Volunteer Fire Department has acquired a new rescue vehicle that was purchased with the generous donations from our last fundraiser. The vehicle was purchased in Georgia and driven back by Jim and John Taylor and repainted by Friona Body Shop.

The new Rescue One is an old ambulance that will carry our complete inventory of rescue equipment and supplies during critical rescue operations. This will also free up Rescue 2 to become a fast attack type grass unit and personnel carrier.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Brent Loflin and his crew at the Friona Body Shop for donating their time and paint and for the excellent job they did repainting the recently acquired rescue vehicle.

We would also like to thank the community and surrounding area for your very generous support over the years.

## Final 2007 sales tax sent

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.8 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.5 percent compared to November 2006. The Comptroller sent local governments \$447.3 million in December sales tax allocations, up 10.8 percent compared to last December.

"State sales tax collections through the first three months of fiscal 2008 are up 6.6 percent compared to the same period last year," Combs said. "Growth is substantially slower than the vigorous 12 percent and 10.9 percent seen in fiscal 2006 and 2007, respectively. As the pace of the U.S. and Texas economies continues to cool, we expect the growth in Texas sales tax collections will continue to moderate."

Combs sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$300 million, up 9.9 percent compared to December 2006. City sales tax allocations during calendar year 2007 totaled \$3.8 billion, up 6.9 percent compared to 2006. Counties' December sales tax allocations were \$27.5 million, up 11.1 percent compared to December 2006. Counties received \$338.9 million in sales tax during calendar year 2007, up 8.4 percent compared to last year.

"The final sales tax allocation of 2007 brings total local sales tax allocations for the calendar year to \$5.6 billion, surpassing last year's local sales tax revenue by 6.9 percent, despite a slowing economy," Combs said.

Parmer County's December 2007 payment totaled \$39,625.70 broken down as Bovina \$6,937.31; Farwell 7,157.66; and Friona 25,530.73. In December 2006, the tax payment total was \$42,156.52.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were down -6.00%, broken down as Bovina up 7.39%; Farwell down -18.60; and Friona down -5.10%.

For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$483,813.78 as compared to \$483,968.42 for the same period last year, a -0.03% change.

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, January 11, 2008.

## Troopers step up Christmas and New Year's patrol

All available DPS troopers will be on patrol for the Christmas and New Year's holidays in an effort to make the roads safer for all travelers.

DPS troopers will be on the lookout for drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators from Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 25, and again on Monday, December 31 through Tuesday, January 1. DPS is especially concerned about drinking and driving during the holidays.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, DPS troopers made 1,253 DWI arrests and issued 27,032 speeding tickets and 1,183 seat belt citations. In addition, troopers issued 1,326 tickets for child safety seat violations. (These numbers do not include citations written by other law enforcement agencies.)

"Your chances of getting arrested for DWI or receiving a traffic citation nearly doubles during increased enforcement periods like Operation Holiday," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Traffic crash death notifications are never easy, but they are even more difficult during the holidays."

Our hope is that our efforts, combined with other law enforcement across the state, will save some people from needless traffic deaths during the holiday season."

Highway Patrol troopers ask Texans to remember the following driving safety tips:

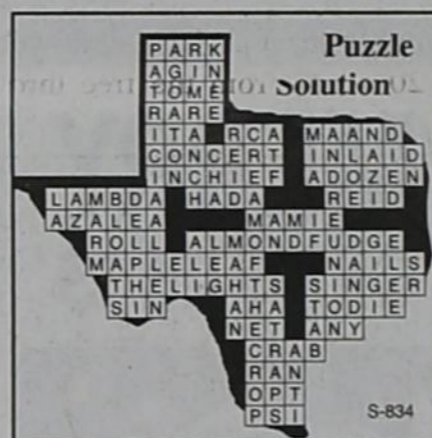
- \*Slow down—speed is the number one killer on Texas roads.
- \*Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.
- \*Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.
- \*Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum.
- \*Drive with courtesy; it's contagious.
- \*Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

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December 23, - December 29, 2007

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to [frionastar@wrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wrt.net).)

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- Dec. 29-Holly White Schueler, Alan Monroe, Debby Stovall, Heather Schueler, Melissa Vazquez, Angie Riley, Scott Riley



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## Sheriff's Report

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

December 15, 2007, Richard Jordan, 33, of Snyder, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated (3<sup>rd</sup> or more), pending Grand Jury.

December 16, 2007, Cody Williams, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

December 16, 2007, James Burford, 54, of Texico, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, pending Justice of the Peace Court.

December 17, 2007, Adrian Garcia, 26, of Bovina, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with assault, pending County Court.

December 17, 2007, Jose A. Rodriguez, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated (1<sup>st</sup>) and open container, pending County Court.

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 05, 2007 to December 12, 2007:

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# Basketball Roundup



## Chiefs lose two in Canyon

The Friona Chieftain JV and varsity boys traveled to take on the Canyon Eagles last Friday at Canyon.

The JV Chiefs lost 63-40. The JV Eagles scored 24 points in the 1st quarter and led Friona 36-16 at the half. Justin Dominguez was high scorer for the JV with 10 points. J Gurley had 9, Nick Ortiz 7, Kirby Frye 6, Brenner Barnett 6, and Jeremy Alaniz 2. Barnett had two 3s and Ortiz and Frye had one each. The boys were 6 of 14 in free throws.

The varsity Chiefs were defeated by the Eagles 63-38. The halftime score was 29-19 favor of Canyon but the Eagles outscored the Chiefs 34 to 19 in the second half.

Sawyer Reed scored 9 points, Alex Gurley 8, Ryan Gerles 6, Matthew Stanberry 4, Kaison Graham 4, Jared Boyd 3, Trent Hudson 2, Chris

## Ortiz scores 40 in JV Red win

Coach David Towner suited up six freshman boys for a home game vs. River Road Monday. River Road brought 13 boys. Friona won 83-44.

Nick Ortiz led the attack with an amazing 40 points as the freshmen trounced River Road. Ortiz had fifteen 2-point, three 3-point, and a free throw.

Jeremy Alaniz had 16 points, Clayton Smiley 11, Brenner Barnett 10, and Duncan Welch 6. The boys were good on 8 of 13 free throws.

Coach Towner said, "The boys played really well with everyone contributing to beat River Road in our first home game of the year."

Haile 1, and Ryan Schwab 1. Reed and Boyd each had a three-point goal and the boys were 4 of 8 in free throws.

The JV and varsity Chiefs and Squaws continue district play this week with games at River Road Tuesday (December 18) and at home Friday December 21 hosting Highland Park. JV boys and varsity girls are at 6 p.m. and the JV girls and varsity boys are at 7:30 p.m. JV games will be in the junior high gym.

## 7th Maidens 20 River Road 19

It was a low-scoring squeaker for the 7th Maidens as they edged River Road 20-19.

They were behind 13-10 after 3 quarters but rallied for 10 points in the 4th quarter to slip by RR for the one-point victory. Leading scorer Goretta Torres tossed in 6 of her team high 11 points in the 4th quarter. Brianna Miller scored all 4 of her points in the 4th. Maddie Murphree also had 4 points and Kalley Preston had 1. The girls were 4 for 16 from the foul line. The 7th B Maidens scored a 16-15 win over River Road's 7th B.

## 8th Maidens 10 River Road 29

The 8th grade girls managed only 4 points in the first half as they lost to River Road's 8th grade 29-10.

Rachel Dickson scored 5 points, Tamra Stormes 2, Elda Castanon 2, and Megan Sharrock 1. The girls shot 4 of 10 from the free throw line.

## FHS-TV Chieftain/Squaw Boosters Basketball TV Schedule

January 5.....	Highland Park
January 12.....	Dimmitt
January 19.....	Texico
January 26.....	River Road
February 2.....	Tulia
February 9.....	Muleshoe
TBA.....	Playoffs

All games start at 10 a.m. each Saturday on WT Services Channel 76

## Squaws edged by River Road 48-43

The Squaws got off to a slow start but picked it up in the second half. They came back from a 15-point half time deficit with a 28-18 second half run and pulled within 5 points as time ran out. The loss gives the ladies an 0-2 district record. They host Highland Park Friday December 21 at 6 p.m.

The Squaws drained five 3s, two each by Sasha Estrada and Miranda Frye and one by Ashley Ingram. Frye and Hollis Gurley were high scorers with 10 points each followed by Briar Barnett 7, Estrada 6, Regan Anthony 4, Michelle Martin 3, and Ingram 3.

## Chiefs 2nd half sinks 'Cats

Alex Gurley had two 3s in the 1st quarter but the Chiefs couldn't muster much offense during the half as River Road took a 25-23 half time lead.

But the boys found the range after the break, scoring 23 points in the 3rd quarter on the way to a 42-point splurge and a 65-49 district win over the Wildcats. The Chiefs were 20 of 26 from the free throw

line but that was balanced by 17 of 22 for River Road. In addition to Gurley's 3s Sawyer Reed had one also and led scoring with 19 points.

Ryan Gerles had 15, Gurley and Matthew Stanberry 14 each, Chris Haile 10, Ryan Schwab 2, and Jared Boyd 1.

The win gives the Chiefs a 1-0 start in district play as they host the Highland Park Hornets Friday, December 21. Game times are 6 p.m. for the JV boys and varsity girls, and 7:30 p.m. for the JV girls and varsity boys. JV games are in the junior high gym.

## JV Squaws 58, River Road 53

Anna Murphree, Heather Sandoval, and Stephanie Aguirre each reached double figures as the JV Squaws racked up a 58-53 district win over the JV Lady 'Cats. The girls were behind 13-11 after one quarter but rallied to take a 26-20 half time lead.

River Road actually outscored Friona in the second half 33-32 but Coach Sundlie's girls matched the Lady 'Cats and improved

their free throw shooting as they went 22 of 37. Murphree and Taryn Jamerson each had a three pointer.

Murphree led scoring with 15. Sandoval had 13, Aguirre 12 (all free throws), Jamerson 8, Brittany Berend 4, Elizabeth Trevino 2, Paige Herbert 2, and Kami Kerby 2.

## JV Chiefs 61 River Road 54

The junior varsity Chiefs continued their winning ways with a 61-54 district win over the River Road JV Wildcats. They will host Highland Park at 6 p.m. Friday December 21.

High scorer was Zack Fair with 17. Justin Dominguez had 16, Joey Dickson 15 including three 3s, David Schwab 6, Stetson Reed 5, and Rolando Castanon 2. Reed and Dominguez each had a three. The boys made 13 of 19 free throws.

## 8th Braves 51 River Road 17

Coach Mike Herbert's 8th grade boys put together a runaway victory over River Road Monday. The final score was Friona 51, River Road 17. The youngsters led 29-8 at the half.

Two Braves were in double figures. Ismael Rocha led with 13 points followed by Ryan DeWit with 12. Donavon Johnson and Michael Ortiz each had 7 and Weston Wyly and Caleb Monroe scored 6 each. The team record is 3-1.

## 7th Braves 17, River Road 19

They made a great comeback but lost out in the final seconds. The 7th boys held River Road scoreless in the 1st quarter and led 10-8 at the half. Coach Greg Hazelwood said, "7th grade A played a close, exciting game but fell 2 points short of their first win on the season."

Scoring leader was O. P. Vasquez with 6. Sawyer Osborn had 5, Blaine Parker, Ty Stephens, and Jake DeWit each had 2 points.

## FHS to host powerlifting meet

Powerlifting coaches Jimmy Arias and Rex Cumpton have organized the first Invitational Powerlifting Meet to be held in Friona. Those who have attended other powerlifting meets say it is an exciting and entertaining event.

The Friona Invitational Powerlifting Meet will be held January 12, 2008, at the Friona high school gymnasium. Lifting competition begins at 9 a.m. and will continue until around 3 p.m.

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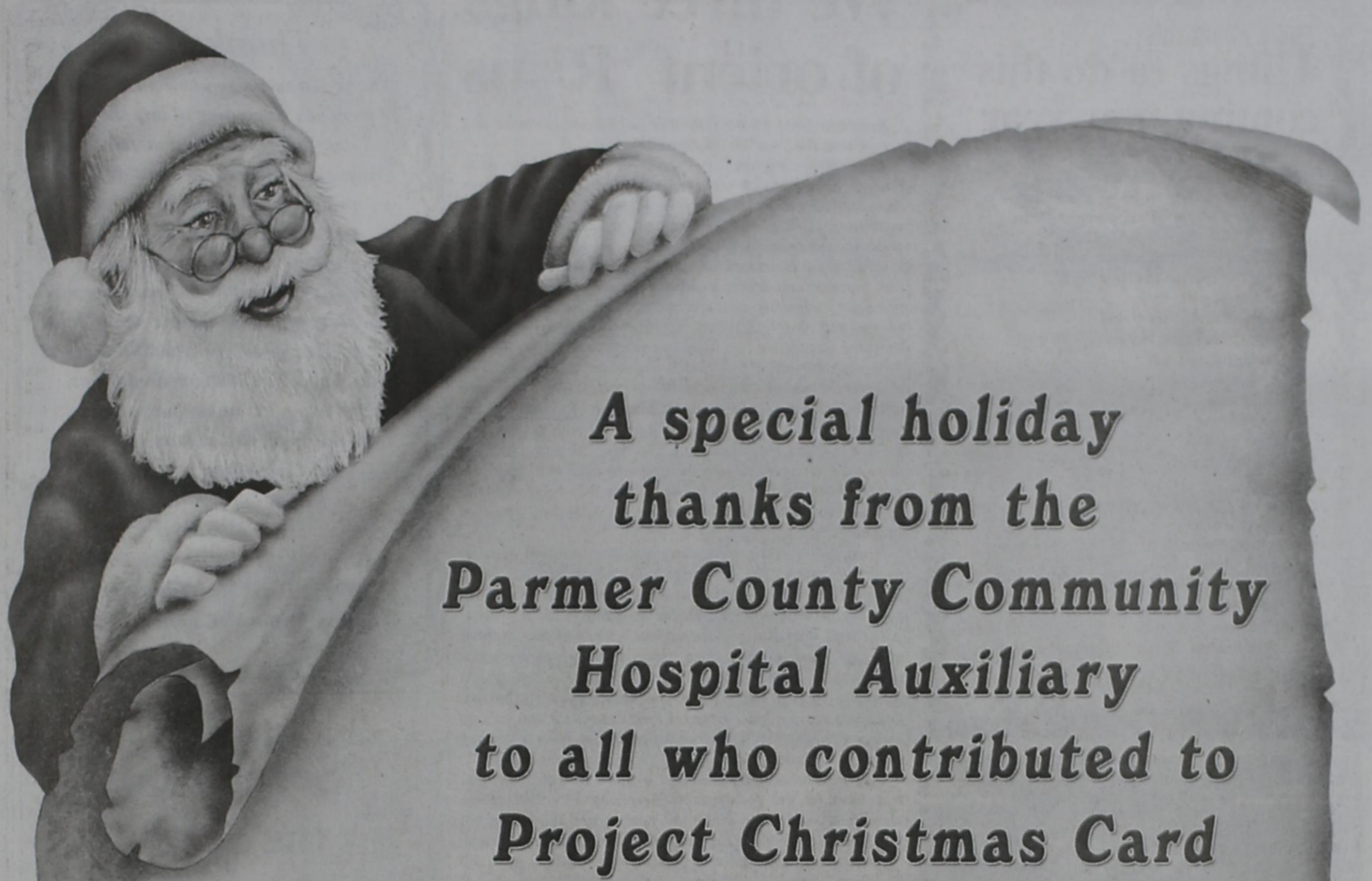
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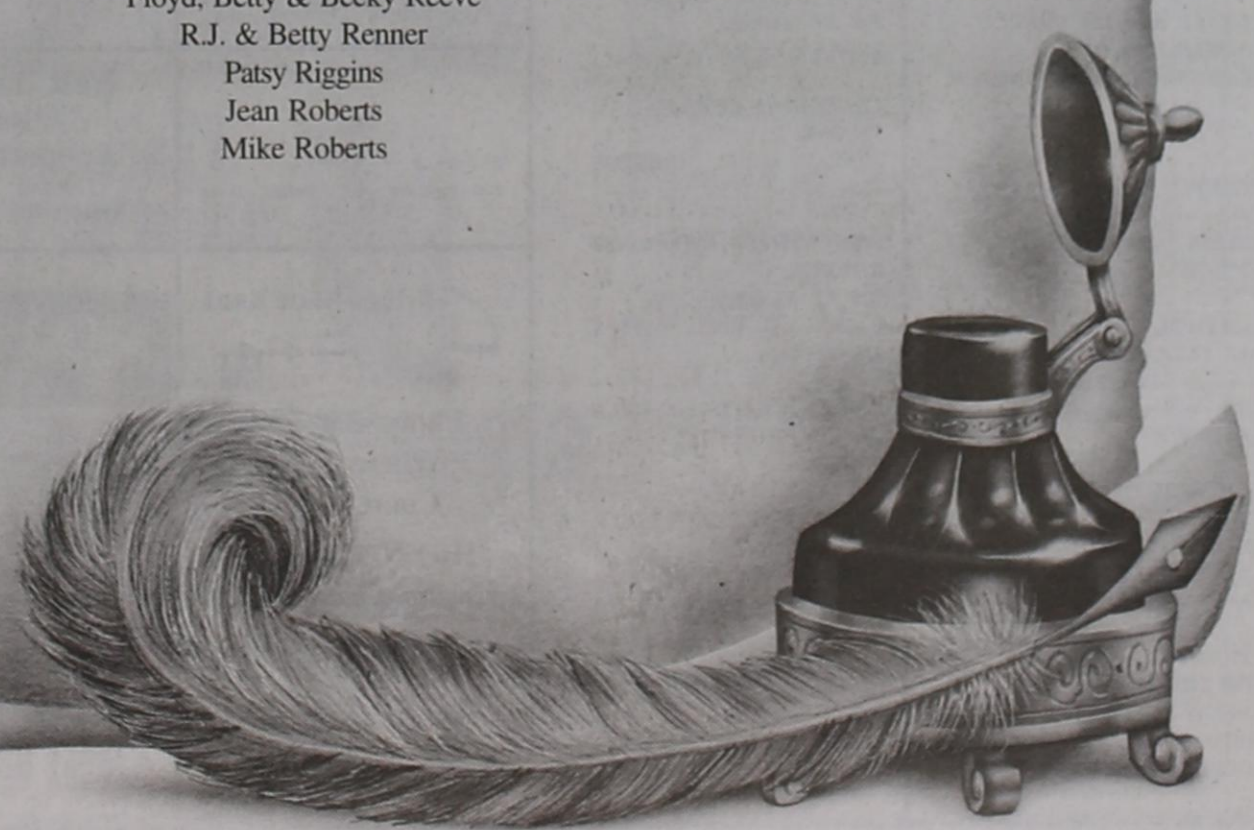
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**Think about this**

**Things to do this coming new year**

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It is never too late to begin a new habit—or to re-covenant our side of the promise with God—or to name anew the responsibilities we have as faithful people. The following serves as a model for living our faith in the New Year.

- \* Mend a quarrel
- \* Seek out a forgotten friend
- \* Dismiss suspicion; replace it with trust
- \* Give a softer answer
- \* Encourage youth
- \* Keep a promise
- \* Find the time
- \* Forgo a grudge
- \* Forgive an enemy
- \* Listen
- \* Apologize if you are wrong
- \* Appreciate
- \* Be kind; be gentle
- \* Laugh a little
- \* Laugh a little more
- \* Welcome a stranger
- \* Speak your love
- \* Speak it again
- \* Speak it still again

(Adapted)

**We three kings of orient 'R' us**

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

We interrupt the regularly scheduled shopping frenzy to bring you this special news bulletin: *There are only fifteen days until Christmas.* That means fifteen days to buy socks, underwear, lawn implement tools, or discounted cologne gift packs for that certain someone.

Have you ever noticed after about fifteen years of marriage that romance and sentimentality give way to economics and practicality? Jewelry and appliances are replaced with salad spoons and grip-lock pliers. It happens because men and shopping go together like female wrestlers and charm school.

At any mall during the holiday season, herds of men can be observed wandering aimlessly beside their wives. The men who do not survive the walk hunker down forlornly on the husband benches. Innocent children pass by with parents, and the conversation goes something like this: "Mommy, why are those men sitting there with their mouths open and their eyes glazed over? Are they in a coma or have they been watching too much football?" Parent responds: "No, Son; their wives are shopping."

There are several complicated procedures involved in male-pattern shopping. The first step is to choose between going shopping or giving ourselves an appendectomy. If we want to keep our honeys happy, we choose shopping.

The next step is to plan the approach. Do we shop together or do we separate? Here is an important tip for novice shopping husbands. Once inside the mall, proceed to the nearest women's clothing store. When you arrive, point to the first outfit you see and say, "Honey, I love that. Get it and let's go look at power tools." The more the outfit resembles a window covering, the quicker she will say, "Why don't we separate?"

With mission accomplished and a smirk on your face, you may head for the power tools, big-screen TVs, and cheese logs. Be sure and stop at the toy store to find this year's hot toy doll, Belch-and-Spit Bubba, predicted to be big in Alabama.

I love giving and receiving presents. I do a pretty good job of giving "things" at Christmas, but I am always reminded of the poor job I do in giving of myself throughout the year. I could do better in giving my family and friends more time, love, patience, kindness, encouragement, and a lot of other gifts that do not require standing in line.

This season also makes us think about what gifts we bring to Jesus. It is so easy to be kind, giving, and encouraging at Christmas. We, like the three kings, bear these gifts with much sincerity during the holiday season. But unlike the gifts of the kings, these gifts are not to be left at the manger; they are to be taken with us—used over and over again.

At this time of year, "We Three Kings of Orient Are" is a wonderful hymn about giving gifts to the King. An even better one is "Give of Your Best to the Master".

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Tony Carranza, l-r, Deirdre Johnston, and Crystal Trevino caroling at Prairie Acres.

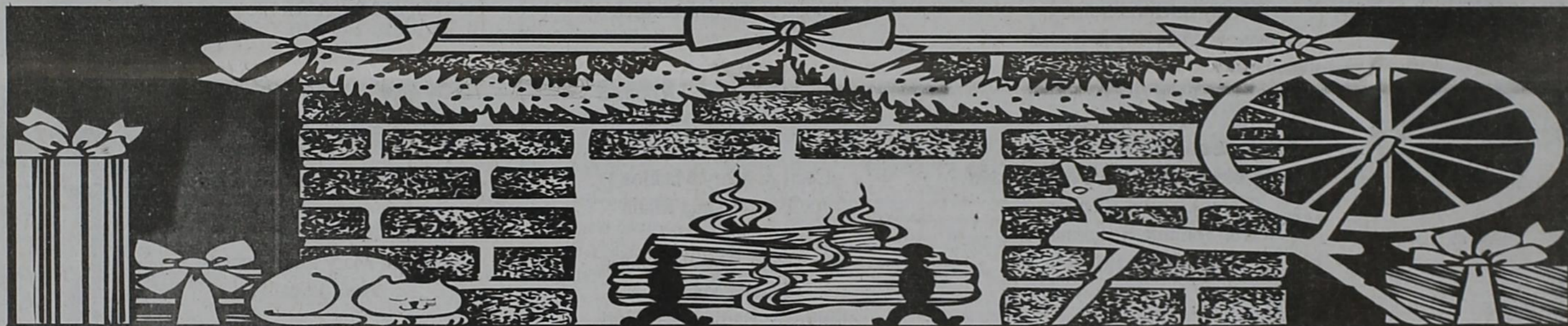
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President Adams prayed, "O Lord, in Thy Name we dedicate this house. We invoke Thy blessings upon all who now and hereafter shall dwell here. May none other but a good and wise man ever rule beneath this roof."

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# OBITUARIES

## Huey T. "Tuffy" Dement

Funeral services for Huey T. "Tuffy" Dement, 64, of Friona were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, with Reverend Rick Burton, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Dement died on Friday, December 14, 2007 in Amarillo. He was born on March 22, 1943 in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma to Ervin T. and Clara Middleton Dement.

Tuffy moved to Friona 53 years ago from McAlister, Oklahoma, and married Carolyn Melton on December 28, 1964 in Hereford, Texas. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was owner/operator of C & T Fertilizer. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn; two daughters, Carol McDowell and husband Terry of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and Sheryl Bartels and husband Darrell of Hereford, Texas; one sister, Cleta Stone of Lebanon, Missouri; one brother, Delmer Dement of Elgin, Oklahoma; and four grandsons, Heath McDowell, Eric McDowell, Chance Layton, and Brady Bartels.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice.



Huey T. "Tuffy" Dement

## Wayne McClaran

Funeral services for Wayne McClaran, 63, of Farwell, Texas were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 15, 2007 at the Bovina Church of Christ with ministers Mike Prather and Cecil Bunch of Clovis New Mexico, officiating. Burial followed in the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery south of Bovina by Blackwell Funeral Home.

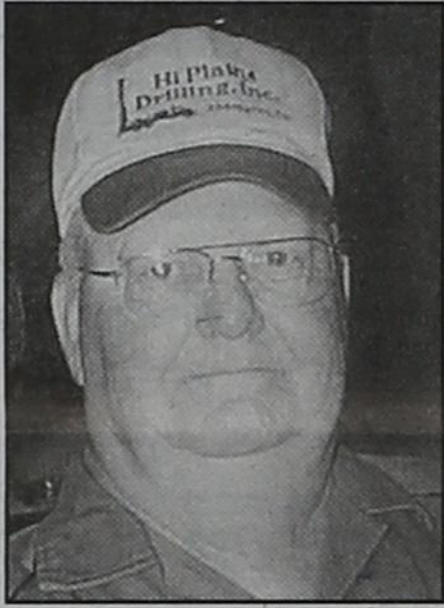
He passed on to his Heavenly home on Wednesday afternoon surrounded by his family after battling cancer since May of this year. He was born January 7, 1944 in Brownfield, Texas to Melvin and Pearlina Bowers McClaran.

He married Sue Tapp on May 30, 1964 in Plainview, Texas. His passion for farming in Parmer County lasted for 40 years. He was a member of Bovina Church of Christ and served as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pearlina McClaran in 1964 and a brother, Jerry McClaran in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; two sons, Greg and wife Kelly McClaran of Bovina, and Lance and wife Trisha McClaran of Farwell; and one daughter, Kim and husband David McArthur of Lubbock. His great love was his eight grandchildren, Trent, Brandon, Ryan, Ross, Hunter, Janae, Sydney, Hayden, and the ninth grandchild due in July. Also surviving are his father, Melvin McClaran of Graham, Texas and his brother, Kent McClaran of Bryan, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales, New Mexico.



Wayne McClaran

# "The Christmas Envelope"

From *Sowing Seeds Ministry*

It's a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past 10 years or so.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas—oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it—overspending...the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma — the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended; and shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church, mostly black. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids—all kids—and he knew them, having coached little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came. That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church.

On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me. His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years.

For each Christmas, I followed the tradition—one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on. The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents.

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there.

You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled

around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree, and in the morning, it was joined by three more. Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchil-

dren standing around the tree with wide-eyed anticipation watching as their fathers take down the envelope.

Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit, will always be with us.

May we all remember Christ, who is the reason for the season, and the true Christmas spirit this year and always.

## Did You Know?

\* December 24, 1931: New York City construction workers, at the future site of Rockefeller Center, dragged in a 12-foot Christmas tree and decorated it with tin cans and paper. The first official Rockefeller Center tree, with 700 blue and white lights, appeared two years later.

\* Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in 1895. The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Iowa \_\_\_\_ TX
- 5 TXism for "against"
- 6 TXism: "it belongs \_\_\_\_ and the bank"
- 7 steak order
- 8 TXism: "call \_\_\_\_ day" (quit)
- 9 once a label for TX Guy Clark
- 12 TX Sedgwick directed " \_\_\_\_ Pa Kettle" film
- 17 performance by TX Henley's "Eagles"
- 19 TX Dunn was 1st to put \_\_\_\_ roses on boots
- 21 TX Bush: commander- \_\_\_\_
- 22 TXism: "six of one, half \_\_\_\_ of the other"
- 23 UT Latino fraternity " \_\_\_\_ Theta Pi"
- 28 TXism: "feel like I \_\_\_\_ long drop on a short rope" (sore throat)
- 29 actor Tim of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- 30 East TX flower
- 31 wife of TX-born president DDE
- 35 TX Holly genre: "rock and \_\_\_\_"
- 36 Baskin-Robbins flavor "Jamoca"
- 42 TX-born Scott Joplin's " \_\_\_\_ Rag"
- 44 TXism: "hard as \_\_\_\_"

- 46 Don Meredith sang "turn out \_\_\_\_ the party's over"
- 48 TX Roy Orbison or Buddy Holly
- 49 TXism: "old as \_\_\_\_"
- 50 expression of triumph
- 51 TXism: "I'd have to get better \_\_\_\_"
- 52 take home pay
- 53 TX Toomay's "On \_\_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- 54 TX coast menu item
- 56 Emmitt \_\_\_\_ for the Cowboys
- 57 " \_\_\_\_ out"
- 58 UT band fraternity: "Kappa Kappa \_\_\_\_"

### DOWN

- 1 this Green was 1st Miss Texas in '36
- 2 TXism: "hungry as \_\_\_\_ a concrete pasture"
- 3 near Glen Rose: "Fossil \_\_\_\_"
- 4 TXism: "a \_\_\_\_-slapper" (funny)
- 9 this Mayne wrote several TX-based novels
- 10 TXism for a special person (4 wds.)
- 11 fed. agcy of the Waco cult tragedy
- 12 missing soldier (abbr.)

- 13 "Athens Fiddlers Contest \_\_\_\_"
- 14 \_\_\_\_ vera
- 15 TX-based CAF has \_\_\_\_ aircraft
- 16 TXism: "gave up the ghost"
- 18 when repeated, Emmitt and Mark Cuban dance
- 20 this Noonan was Cowboys 1st pick in '87 (init.)
- 23 TXism: "hasta \_\_\_\_ vista" (see ya)
- 24 state where Emmitt ran last (abbr.)

### The Original

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- 34 TXism: " \_\_\_\_ he's a rooster he'll crow"
- 36 Muhammad \_\_\_\_
- 37 TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind \_\_\_\_"
- 38 TX rodeo star Larry \_\_\_\_
- 39 " \_\_\_\_ Don" in 46-across
- 40 Leslie Caron role
- 41 Gen. Robert \_\_\_\_
- 43 \_\_\_\_ Centro College
- 45 George H. Bush, \_\_\_\_
- 47 Persian rulers in Biblical times
- 48 TXism: "take a \_\_\_\_ at it" (try)
- 55 against

- 25 TXism: "school \_\_\_\_" (teacher)
- 26 a cow \_\_\_\_ if it eats too much green grass
- 27 Greek city
- 32 TXism: "fits like ugly on \_\_\_\_ ape"
- 33 medicine man abbr.



courtesy photo

The Lazbuddie robotics team placed 21st in state competition. The oral presentation team is, back, l-r, Jacob Schacher, Kayle Jesko, Chase Timms, Jason Davis, and Colton Weaver; front, l-r, Rochelle Smith, Chelsee Nichols, and Brittany Schacher.



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The Lazbuddie Robotics team robot drivers are, l-r, Todd Nichols, Arthur Gomez, Keeno Campos, Matthew Samarron, and Colton Weaver. Their team placed 44th out of 50 teams in the robot race at the state competition in Lubbock. Science teacher Debbie Weir is the robotics coach.



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pans, limel cars,  
football, and fi  
Thank you  
Sincerely,  
Lupe Magallene  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bratz  
on it, a toy  
long hair, and to  
I would like a  
bratz and a toy  
music.  
Sincerely,  
Nuria Garcia  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a su  
Christmas. I wa  
I want a ipod  
and want a toy  
want a roking h  
mas.  
Sincerely,  
Jessie Delgad  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want an Xb  
to play game  
pokemon. I wa  
car I want a ga  
in my car when  
I want a fast ra  
play races with  
game of space r  
Bob. Thank you  
Sincerely,  
Manuel Lope  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christma  
an Amp3 or a  
Barbie and pho  
game boy, a sta  
a bike, cloth  
shous. And tha  
for christmas b  
want is that pin  
Sincerely,  
Marlene Mora  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a game  
station 3 with gam  
Sincerely,  
Manuel Merco  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a gam  
vs, Raw 2 and  
four wheeler. P  
ranch pony, big  
with bulls, toy  
comomptr. wre  
racing toy.  
Sincerely,  
Edgro Ramier  
\*\*\*\*

Emily

Dear Santa,  
I want a trailer  
It has colors g  
and red and ora  
I want a blue t  
green van.  
Sincerely,  
Juan Lara  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a X bo  
play game lik  
pokemon. I wa  
to play in my  
fast racim toy  
with friends. I  
spaceman and  
Thank you Santa  
Sincerely,  
Manuel Lopl  
\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll  
want her to hav  
clothes and her  
ipod. I want it  
want a toy horse  
be brown and h



# To Santa at the North Pole

Dear Santa,  
I waned a tendo ds and  
some close some shos. love,  
Vivianna  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I have  
ben a good boy. Have you  
ben a good boy? I want an  
ipod and a sellfone. What  
would you want if you were a  
kid? You should have a nice  
Christmas. Love,  
Matteu  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want for christmas a new  
SpongBob to play with.  
Daniel  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want the Bee movie games,  
and webbaster.  
Jose  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I what the Transformers  
DVD and I what a goat cart  
and I what a psp. Thank you  
santa claus. Oh and a 2008  
football game.  
Tristan Stormes  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want ah x box and a ramot  
control car the one that  
charges and the one that has  
the big will in the back. Love,  
Victor  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a  
lubtop, a game cube, and a  
psp. And a real flute. Love,  
Daniela Flores Lopez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a laptop very much.  
Love,  
Karina  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Ipod for Christmas.  
thank you to Santa.  
Aspen Fleming  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a game fum a ecs  
and a scab.  
Artemic  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer. I want  
a quick jam toy and a girl  
crush. Love,  
Yuliana  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph. been good  
and nice. I love you Santa.  
Have I been good. I want toys.  
Love,  
Logan Rodriguez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Merire crism's I wot a lid  
dog and a bulun and a lit bir  
and a lit bcit.  
Maria  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a kiet and a doll and  
a doll bib.  
Ruby  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a begepieh. I wot a  
farwela.  
Rodrigo  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope you care coming  
soon! I hope you have a  
Merry Christmas too! I love  
you and I hope you will not  
fall off your sleigh when you  
come to my house. I'm going  
to leave you some of my  
mommy's brownies and some  
milk. Will you please bring me  
a skateboard, a pirate ship, a  
ninja turtle that is red, and the  
game called Wack, a Mole  
Tower, I've been very good  
this year—I promise!  
Love,  
Cuyler Crum  
\*\*\*\*\*

Santa Claus  
I wont a compytr for  
christmas and A brats in a  
nodr brats in I lLove you Santa  
Claus in I wont som hills.  
Jaylyn Rodriguez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
The Showhorse clection  
kitty playhouse Forest Friends  
tree House Sea Creature cave  
My Pony House Classic Ballet  
Studio and theater Trace Adraw  
praieclector Big Rig wild animal  
truck The chmpionship  
Horse Show Jungle Adventures  
& collections Ariel Pokemam  
My Little Pony a sofft Fox  
Polly Pockit Barbe drem House  
Prissas Cassler island Priss.  
Kaitlin Carthel  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus  
You know what I like. I love  
you  
Cassie  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For christmas I want a bratz  
a cmputer abig sreen TV. I  
want a pink camera and bi-  
cycle. I also want a skiny pink  
phone; paints dresses shirts;  
and I want a Play Station 2 for  
my brother. I want a baby alive  
not the one that you got me  
the other one and I like you  
to bring a jaket for my mom;  
and I want you to bring a ring  
for my mom so I can give it to  
her I want an X Box 360 for  
my brother and a monster; and  
a motorcycle for my brother  
Your frind  
Carina Rodriguez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
santy I what a loptop and  
compter and a paly stion 3  
and a gameboy and tomydaer  
resterler  
your frend  
matti  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Chistmas I want. A bike  
with stickes of flams and the  
coler is red and a morsickle  
and I want it red and a hulck  
toy and a spider-men toy and  
a sketbord dragenball z  
Your frind  
Jesus Ramiez  
\*\*\*\*\*

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Brooklynne Johnston  
p.s. have a graet winter Santa  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good and I hope I get some toys. I would like hotwheels, barbie dolls, heelies, dolls, and quick gems. Love,  
Renee  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation 3 and some new shoes and a psp game and the elemention chamber and a new table for my wrestlers and some new wrestlers.  
from Tristan  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
What I want is a psp. I also want some video game for my DS But what I mostly want is a video ipod. I would also like a labtop. But mostly want you to have a great Christmas.  
Love,  
Ashley  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa Claws,  
I want three Bratz that come with a big house and cloths. with three Babie and cloths for them.  
(Sorry, no name on this one).  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is vidoe games and i pod.  
Love,  
Raquel  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
What I whant for Christmas is a new Pooh bear and a baby alive and a amyacu girl and a pet shop diary and a new back pack and a me new chonthes for Christmas. Love,  
Kayleigh  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
For crismas is a xbox360 and a game called Halo3. And a new fox hat.  
Jason Kelley  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want a hanstr I louvé you Santy Clas you are the best tel the elves I said hi ok.  
(Sorry no name given)  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a bike and a Barbie can you and a dora toy. Love,  
Kelsey  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want a i pod. I want hat. I want a picisolchic. I want a pusl. Love,  
Marissa  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want for chesmas is a bratz and dolls and new pance and a brea toy. Love,  
Jazmyne  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a wii and smack down vs Raw 2008. Can you bring me another air hog and a bee bee gun. By the way how is it going. I hope its goning well. Love,  
Johnny  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Hotwilstrak. I want a LaBtop. I want a pupey. I want a trasformer. I want sum

vanpier teeth that never cam out.  
Cade  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
May I have a pet cat and baby doll a tiny barbe and a bed and a stuff bear. Love,  
Valerie  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want Air Hogs and I pour gotair. I want a trak a taake.  
Ivan  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? how is roudople doing. Is every thing going ok up there. Oar the elfs doing ok to. I would like a skateboard and a spider man 3 finle battle playset. Love,  
Caleb Crum  
\*\*\*\*\*  
dear santa,  
I want a wii. I want a psp. I want heles.  
Marcus  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
for crismas I whant an mp3 player or a Bratz. Love,  
Erica Grado  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bick for crismas and how are you dowing at the workshop. Love,  
Drew  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
pleas give me a Trex and a monkey and a frog and a toy right hear right now. Love,  
Noah  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
Cod you getme a Mp3 playr. Cod you getme a pegx for my mom. how is misis clos. how are youu. I love crismas bon you. Love,  
Zach  
\*\*\*\*\*

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 is new clothes cool ones and  
 I want a quick gems by conair  
 and a vidio camera and that  
 is all I want for Christmas.  
 (Sorry, no name included)  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a XBOS  
 Alex  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dear snata,  
 for christmas I want a ipod. I  
 want a baby Alive a Nintendo  
 DS  
 Arely  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a gmen JJ  
 Tommy  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa  
 Please bring me a cat and  
 dog.  
 Love Socorro  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I want a BaBy ALIVE  
 Casy  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a baby alive. I  
 also would like a new coat.  
 But I mostly I want a webkin.  
 But what I really really really  
 want is make up for little girls  
 like me. I am 6. But I bet you  
 would want to have a great  
 Christmas.  
 Love Allison Soltero  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I want a piano and a gutar  
 Carly  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a hors  
 Mariah  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 Wont PRINCESS BarBie  
 Evan  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a KTLh  
 Cianissa  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Die Santa  
 I wont a laptop  
 Elizabeth  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a IXBX  
 Steven  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Saot  
 I wont a rabbit pit  
 Thomas  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a cor  
 Rogelio  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a KTLrNcIH  
 (Sorry no name)  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a XBOX  
 Moses  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Treylee.  
 How is the weather up at  
 the North Pole? The weather  
 where I live has been cold.

I have been a very good  
 girl this year. Is my name on  
 your list? I sure hope so I  
 can't wait for Christmas and I  
 hope I get fourwheeler for  
 Christmas.

Please let the elves know I  
 have been extra good so they  
 can make me one.

Tell Mrs. Claus, Rudolph  
 and all the other reindeers Hi  
 for me.

Merry Christmas  
 XOXOXO  
 Tylee Jo Hill  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dir Santa  
 I wont a tranzformr  
 Omar  
 \*\*\*\*\*

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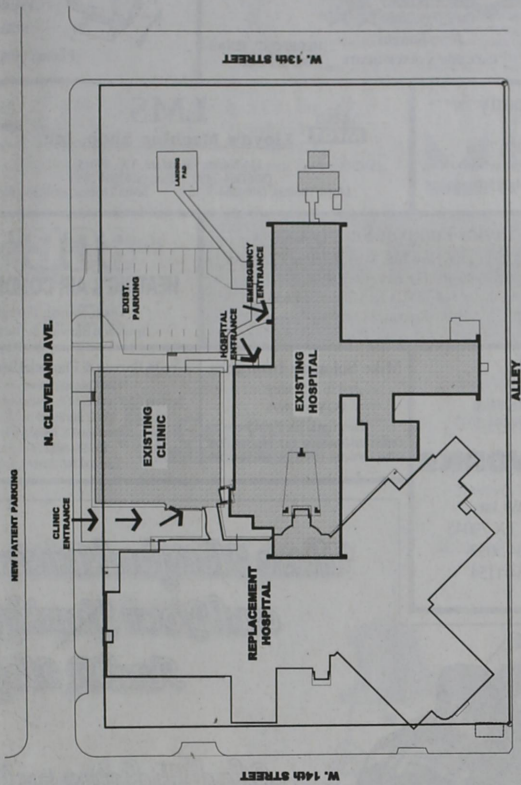
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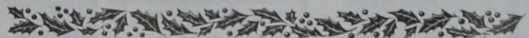
# Parmer County Hospital temporary entrance plan



We at Parmer County Community Hospital (PCCH) are pleased to announce that Phase I of the construction project will commence on January 3, 2008. Although we are confident that the end result will be a hospital facility which everyone in our service area will be proud of, the construction process will bring a number of inconveniences to our patients during the next 18 to 22 months. We are taking every possible measure to ease the burden for our patients, and we ask for your understanding and patience during the construction process. We will routinely update you as developments occur which may impact your visit to PCCH or Friona Rural Health Clinic (FRHC).

PCCH building will be relocated as of January 2, 2008. As of that date, patients presenting to PCCH for outpatient services will need to enter through the door located just North of the Emergency Room entrance. You will continue to enter FRHC from the North end of the building throughout the construction process. In addition, a new patient parking area has been constructed on Cleveland across the street from FRHC. Although patients are free to begin using that parking area now, in the very near future it will become the only parking area available other than the Emergency Room parking lot. Please refer to the attached diagram for clarification and do not hesitate to contact PCCH if you should have any questions.

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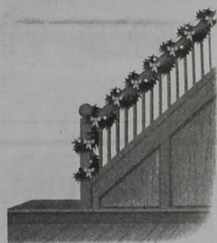


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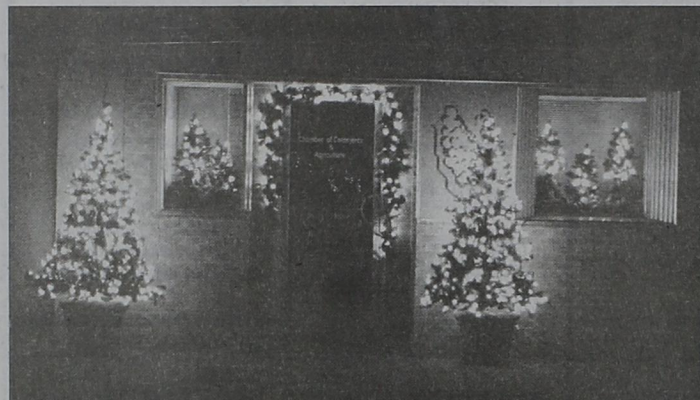
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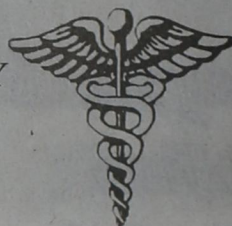


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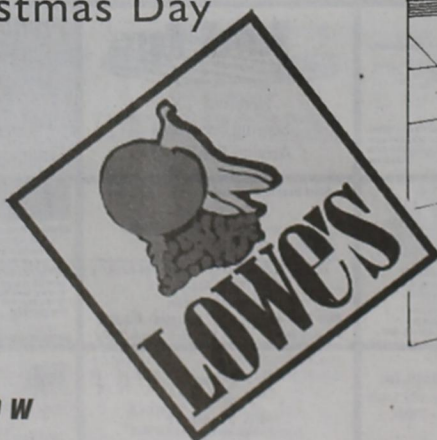
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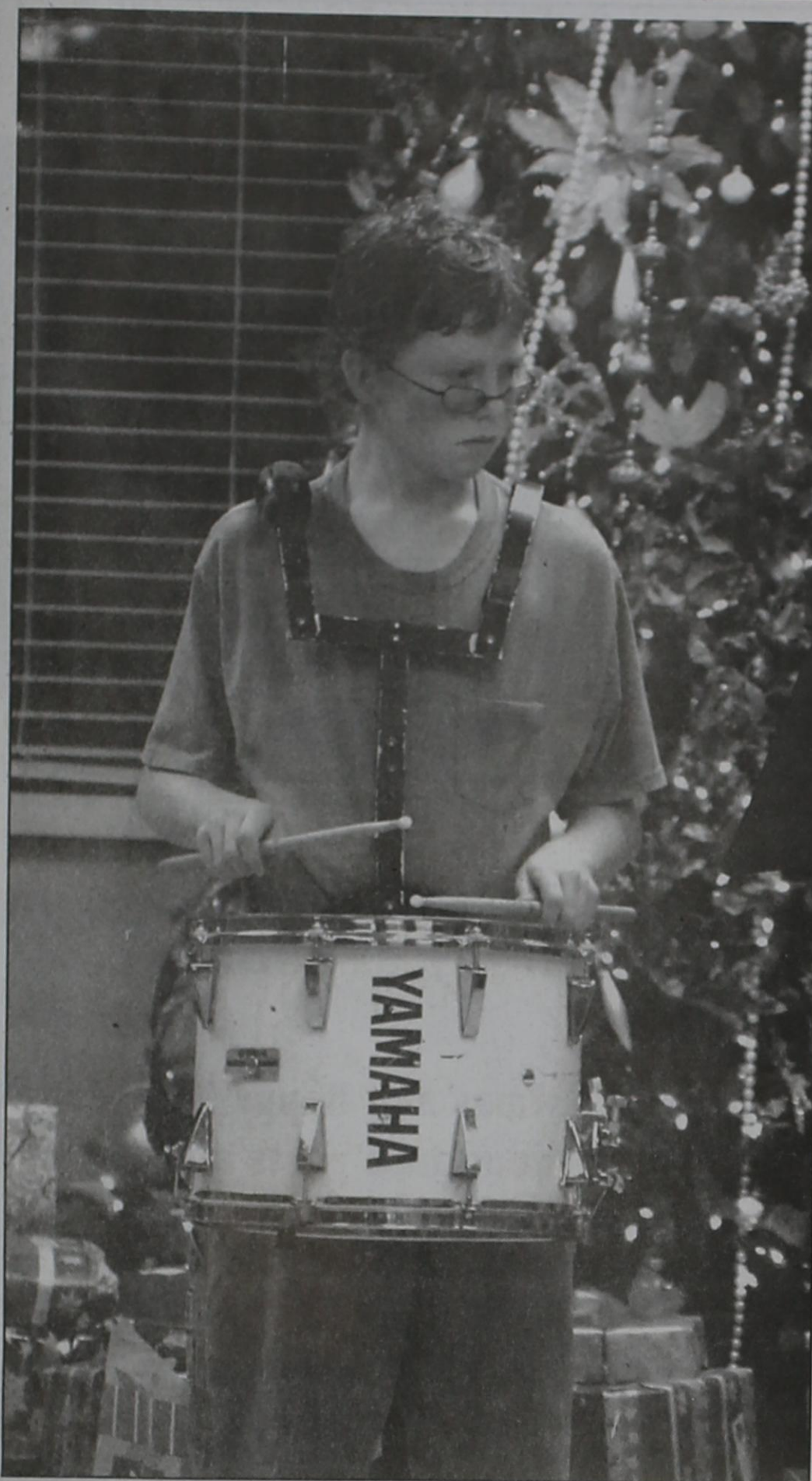
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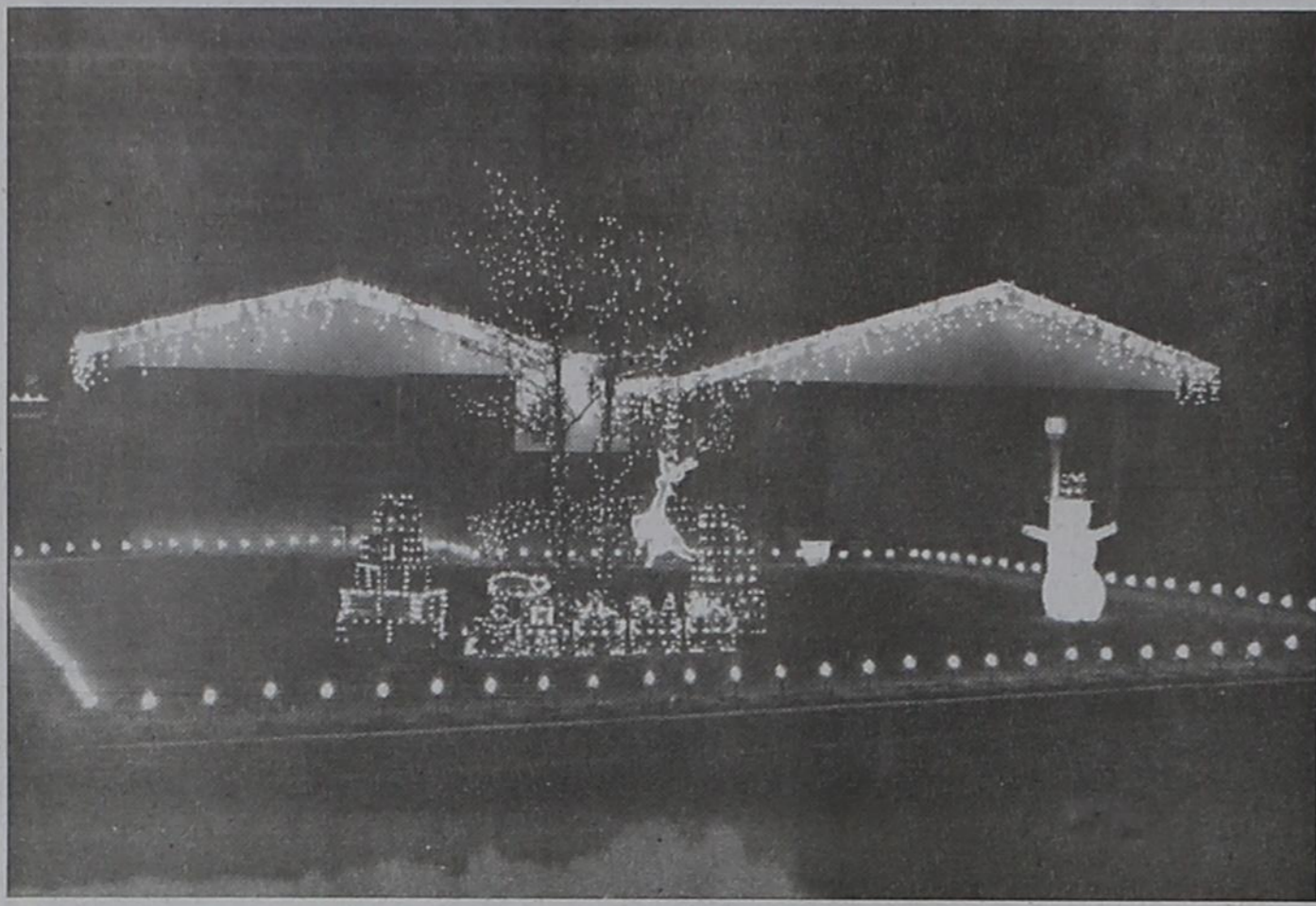


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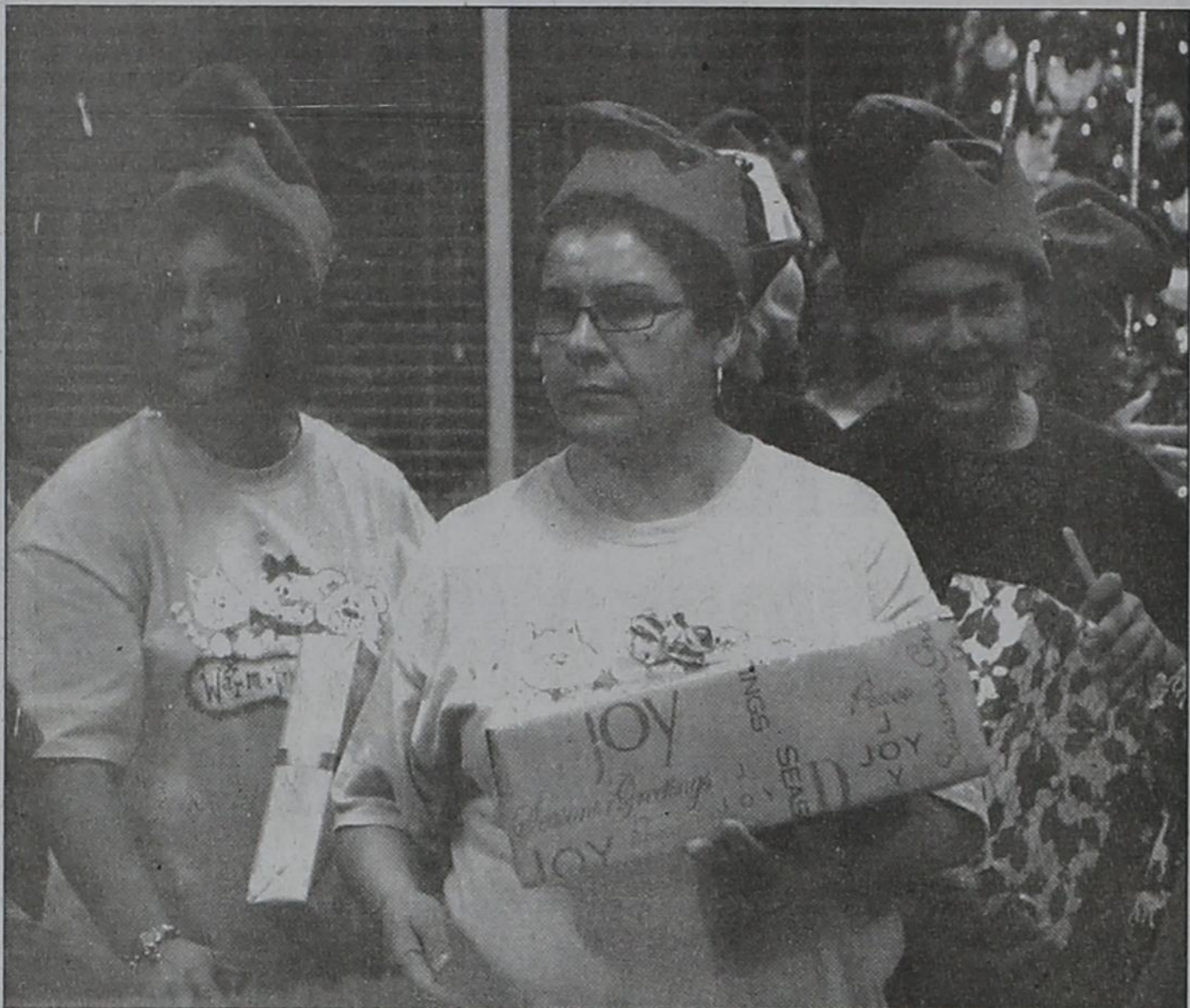
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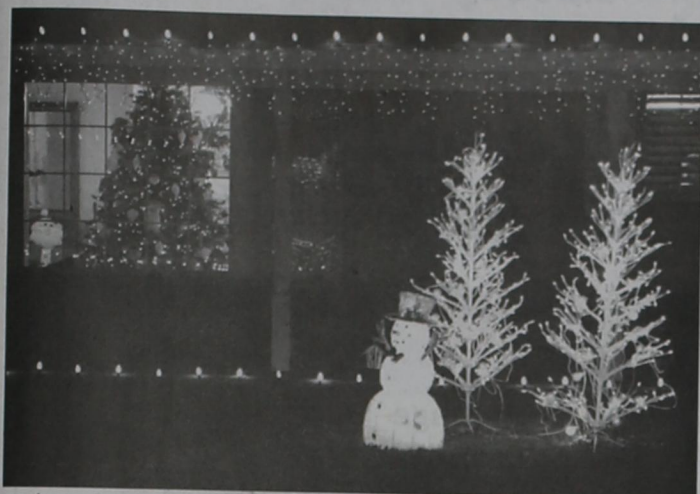
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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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Santa Claus peeks out the window above and welcomes visitors below. Two of the brightly decorated homes around town. Take a drive and look at the lights.



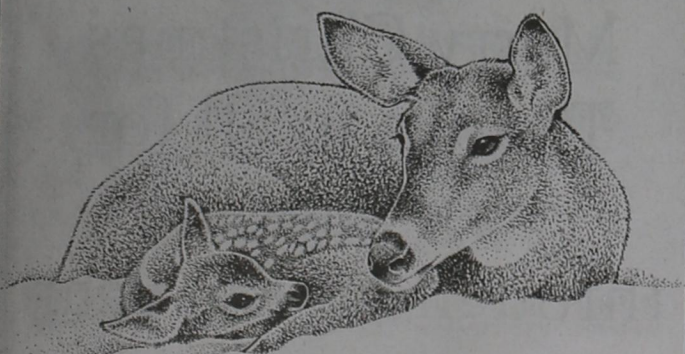
**We're proud to have been  
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for many years!**



**It's time to pause  
and reflect and wish  
all of our customers  
and employees a  
Merry Christmas and  
the best in the New Year**

** Friona Feedyard**

*Cotton harvest is over.  
The gin is quiet.  
We hope you enjoy Christmas  
with family and friends*



**Here's to a  
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Ashton Ferguson, above, and Brooklyne Johnston, below, visited with Santa Claus at the Parmer County Historical Museum. We hope their wishes come true, Merry Christmas.



**Merry Christmas**  
**Thanks to all of our**  
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**great year.**  
**Come see us.**

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**Seasons Greetings**  
**to all of our**  
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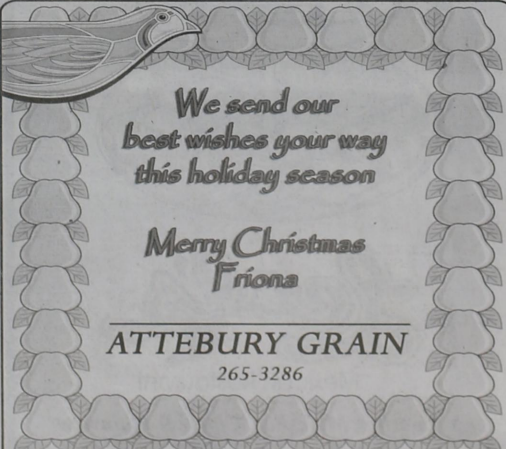
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**New Year**



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*best wishes your way*  
*this holiday season*


**Merry Christmas**  
**Friona**

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**A Christmas Wish**  
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**Happy, and**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**Thanks to all for**  
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**throughout the year**



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# Santa Visited the Fire Department Christmas party



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Friona volunteer fireman Charlie Pope, center, surprised John Taylor, left, and Jim Taylor with a couple of Gander Mountain gift certificates during the fire department's annual Christmas party Saturday. The Taylors were saluted for their unselfish contributions to the fire department, especially using their shop at 4-Way Pump to overhaul and outfit many pieces of fire fighting vehicles and equipment, plus the department's BBQ grill and ice cream freezers.



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The Fireman-of-the-Year plaque was presented to firefighter Bryan Campbell, left, by Fire Chief Jim Taylor. The volunteer firemen nominate, vote, and choose one of their own each year to receive the honor.



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Friona firefighter Larry Martin, left, was recognized for 25-years of service to the Friona volunteer fire department at the annual fire department Christmas party. Fire Chief Jim Taylor does the honor.



# Merry Christmas To All!



Holly, Danny, & Stephen

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From all of us at  
Cargill Friona  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year**

**Feliz Navidad  
y prospero ano!**

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