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TWENTY-FOUR PAGES

First Baptist clothes closet open this Sat.

First Baptist Church in Friona will open its clothes closet Saturday December 19 from 9-11 a.m. to distribute gently used clothing items, blankets, shoes, etc. free to needy families. If you are in need of such items please go by the church.

If you have items to donate to the church's ongoing clothes closet please call 250-3933 or go by the church for details of the types of items accepted.

Friona Star early deadlines set the next two weeks

The Friona Star will print and publish one day early the next two weeks to allow our employees a little extra holiday time.

The Thursday, December 24 edition will be "on the street" Wednesday, December 23. The Thursday, December 31 issue will be distributed Wednesday, December 30. Deadline for advertising and news items will be 5 p.m. Monday, December 21 and 5 p.m. Monday, December 28. The Friona Star will return to a normal schedule January 7, 2010.

Santa letters

Many Santa letters are included in this issue of the Friona Star. Due to the large number of Santa letters received and space limitations, Santa Letters will also be included in next week's Friona Star. In case you can't find your child's Santa letter this week, look for it next week. If your child has not yet written a letter to Santa, you can bring it by the office no later than Monday December 21 by 5 p.m. Thanks and have a very Merry Christmas.

Friendship quilt returns to Friona

BY LILIANA CASTILLO: Clovis News Journal

A piece of Friona history has made its way back to the Texas town.

In 1948, a small home demonstration club called the Merry Matrons made pieces of a quilt with ships as the motif. Each matron made a pair of squares, one with her name and one with her husband's name below a ship. They exchanged squares with the other matrons in the club.

Each matron quilted the squares they were given into a quilt—a quilt the group called a friendship quilt in honor of the friendships they shared and the ship motif they chose.

In September, a top of one of the quilts surfaced on eBay.

Denise Parker, who grew up in Friona, often searches the auction Web site for yearbooks she doesn't have. When she saw the quilt and recognized a few names listed on it, she called her mother, Louise Bynum.

Bynum called her quilting buddy Emma Lou Stewart of Friona, who knew June Brummett of Clovis, the sole surviving member of the club from the 1940s. Stewart said she dropped her quilting projects and finished the top into a whole quilt.

Brummett said finding the quilt brought a rush of emotions and memories.

"I remembered a lot of good friends, lots of memories," Brummett said. "I hadn't thought about those things until they found it."

Brummett said it had been so long since she made her friendship quilt, she wasn't even sure where it was. When she mentioned it to her granddaughter, J'Mi Heflin, remembered having it.

"I've been gone from over there (Friona) for so long, I lost track of everybody," Brummett said.

Heflin said hers is a family of pack rats. "We're kind of a sappy, nostalgic family. We hold onto things that wouldn't mean a hill of beans to anyone else," she said.

Stewart said the more she looked at the quilt online, the more she wanted it.

"I wanted it to come back to Friona," she said.

Stewart said she plans to hang the quilt at Prairie Acres, the nursing home in Friona, for a while, so the seniors can see it. After that, she hopes to have it put into the Friona Museum.

"I think it would be nice for it to be there," Brummett said.

Parker said she couldn't believe the quilt still existed after 61 years.

Parker said the listing for the quilt originated in Oklahoma. A woman had bought boxes of fabric at the estate sale of Dortha and Ertis Bass. She found the quilt top mixed in with scraps while going through the boxes at home.

"I think it's home," Bynum said.



This home on 7th st. invites the spirit of Christmas.

ron carr photo

Council seeking municipal judge applicants

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday December 14. Mayor John Taylor presided. Also present was city attorney Slater Elza.

The interlocal agreement between Friona EMS and Bovina EMS was renewed and approved for a five-year period. (It was previously renewed each year.) The agreement provides for the EMS services to cover for each other as needed.

Rentals of the Community Center, Redeemer Center, and use of the tables and chairs were increased. Community Center rental rates

are \$550 for a dance, \$300 for business vendors, and \$150 for social functions. Redeemer Center rental is \$100. Three-day rental for tables is \$4 per table and 75-cents per chair.

The council accepted the resignation of Municipal Judge Donice Jones as of January 29, 2010. Judge Jones' final day in the office will be December 31. She will receive accrued vacation until the January 29 date. Judge Jones has been a City of Friona employee for 28 years, three as municipal judge.

Applications for the mu-

nicipal judge position are now being accepted. Interested applicants should contact City Manager Patricia Phipps. A special meeting for interviewing municipal judge applicants was set for Wednesday December 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the city council chambers.

A discussion about whether the municipal judge position would be full time or part time was held but no action was taken. The last two municipal judges, Eddie Mays and Donice Jones, have been full time. It was said that prior to those two the municipal

judge was a part time position and the council may revert to the part time status.

Extensive discussion was held about the city's water system. The council approved paying a final invoice to Oller Engineering of Lubbock and all contracts to the firm are now paid. City manager Phipps was given approval to discuss the city water well system's electrical maintenance with a firm in Canyon that currently maintains wells in Hereford, Canyon, and Perryton.

The east well is now officially back in service after

TCEQ approved the water quality in the well. It had been closed down for several months pending tests of the water.

A petition by Southwestern Public Service (SPS) to increase rates was denied.

The council's regular meeting of the Friona city council was changed to Monday January 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The council's regular meeting is the second Monday of each month but City Manager Phipps and secretary Kelly Daniel will be attending a seminar on the regular meeting day of January 11. All council meetings are open to the public.

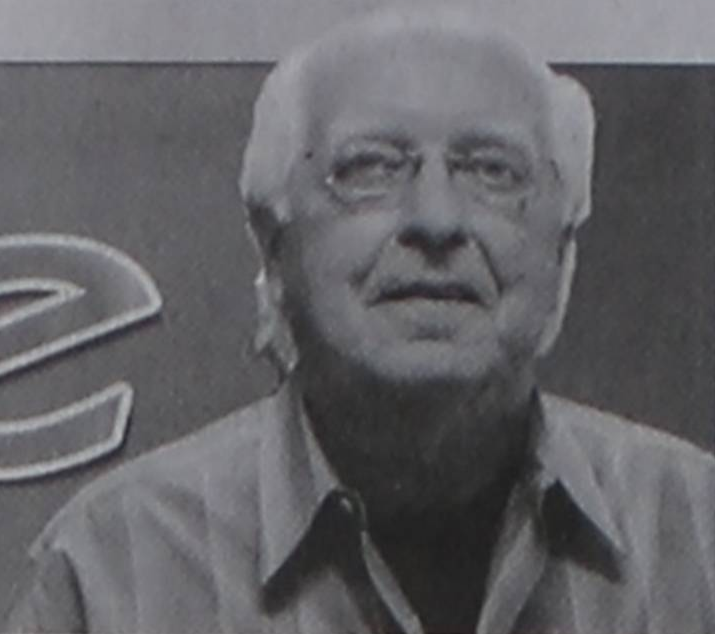


clovis news journal photo

Emma Lou Stewart of Friona and the long lost 1948 quilt.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



something good is going to happen to you

Oral Roberts. RIP!
 Guess the Lord finally decided to call Oral home. He died Tuesday just short of his 92nd birthday. No doubt the TV channels will be running continuous flashbacks of old Oral's flamboyant career.
 "Something GOOD is going to happen to you." Oral always shouted that phrase to open his Sunday morning telecasts 40-50 years ago. He was one of the original fire and brimstone televangelists who became wealthy on the backs of poor folks who actually thought he was personally helping them.

At Oral Roberts University in Tulsa he built a prayer tower. The millions of folks that wrote in for help were entered in a computer so they could be solicited for donations later. It was revealed that Oral and his staff would print out a long list of needy names on occasion, take the lists to the prayer tower, and pray over the stack of computer paper.

I lived in Tulsa from 1989 to 1995 before moving to Friona. ORU had some decent basketball teams back then. The giant statue of praying hands on the ORU campus dominated the skyline of south Tulsa.

While I lived there, a former Oral Roberts employee whom you might say was

disgruntled, wrote a tell-all book titled "Six Flags Over Jesus" about the Oral Roberts dynasty. Needless to say it was not a flattering book. Before the book was published, the author was found badly beaten for no apparent reason. The buzz in Tulsa was that Oral's boys had something to do with the beating but as far as I know the case was never solved.

Oral's public relations machine even went so far as to suggest the author had himself beaten to help publicize his book.

In the mid-70s my travel agency in Dallas was sending a lot of groups to Hawaii, taking advantage of the big orange Braniff 747 that flew non-stop from Dallas to Honolulu. It was a festive aircraft with Hawaiian décor inside. The flight attendants wore Aloha clothes and handed out copious amounts of rum punch and mai-tais.

I flew the route many times, usually managing to travel in the first class section thanks to my Braniff connections. I always waited until the last minute to board since I would be spending the next 8 hours on board.

On one trip I boarded and took my aisle seat just as the crew was passing around the punch. My seatmate by the window looked familiar. The flight attendant handed

him a glass of punch. He took a sip and immediately asked her what was in it. When she said rum he handed it back with an "I don't believe I want it."

He looked familiar. I asked his name. Oral Roberts he said. Crap, I thought. I'm trapped beside one of the most famous God guys on the planet for 8 hours. What will we ever talk about?

Turns out he spent the entire flight writing on a legal yellow tablet. I asked once why he didn't record his thoughts. Giving me a "you are an idiot" look, he explained that he makes a good living talking so he saves his voice as much as possible.

After the meal service I went upstairs to the first class lounge for the balance of the flight where a body could have a brandy or rum punch without the possibility of a sermon.

In Honolulu a couple of tour operator friends met me with a lei greeting in the bag-

gage area. No one met Oral. I told them who he was and they noticed he was still looking for luggage when we were ready to leave. Turns out his luggage was lost. My friend offered to assist. After the lost bag paperwork, we gave Oral a ride to his Waikiki Hotel. He offered to pay but they declined. He said thanks and disappeared into the hotel lobby.

Never knew why Oral was in Honolulu that day. Seemed strange no one met an important guy like him at the airport with a lei and a limo.

Like the rest of us, Oral had highs and lows. He made money then lost a lot of it. He probably saved some souls and drove a few others away from religion. He had family troubles just like we do. Now none of it matters. Oral died. We all do sooner or later.

If he does make it to the pearly gates, St. Peter will no doubt say, "Come on in Oral, something GOOD is going to happen to you."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I was wondering if you could help me. I am looking for an old friend. His name is Lonnie Phillips. He used to be the Head Football Coach there and later I think he got into the insurance business. Could you help me? Coach Phillips coached me many years ago in Borger, Texas.

Thanks,
 John Pafford
 jcpafford@sbcglobal.net

Dear Ron,
 As a subscriber to the Friona Star and an ardent supporter of newspapers all over Texas, I want to thank you for your 12/3/09 editorial.

The Internet is a great place to get national & world news - news that's good to know but has limited impact on day-to-day life. However, it sure doesn't fill the niche that a local community newspaper does by reporting on the things that DO impact day-to-day life.

There is no other single delivery system that offers the news of the total community (government, business, education, and social) as efficiently as the newspaper. The major newspapers are failing because they have forgotten that. Over the last 99 (& counting) years that we have subscribed to newspapers, we have seen newspapers that used to cover all the events in the community go to segmenting that news by neighborhood or, worse yet, referring their readers to an online site. They have forgotten that the very distinct advantage to a newspaper is that all of the information you could possibly want is located in one very convenient (and green considering the paper is recyclable & your computer is not) delivery system.

Thank you for pointing that out to your subscribers. It's nice to know that the marketing (i.e. brainwashing) arm of the online community hasn't convinced all newspaper publishers that they are obsolete. Here at Texas Press Clipping Bureau, we have subscribed to Texas newspapers since 1910 and intend to continue until they cease printing.

Sincerely,
 Vanette Sherrill
 Texas Press Clipping Bureau

Enough to nog your socks off!

BY RON CARR

The Prairie Acres monthly newsletter, The Prairie Times, usually has a recipe included. I'm sure the ladies there have lots of recipes to share since they cook 24/7.

These two eggnog recipes in the December Prairie Times caught my eye so thought it would be appropriate to share. I'm pretty sure they don't allow the residents to imbibe eggnog with rum and whiskey mixed in but who knows, maybe they should.

Here is what the newsletter said about eggnog. The origins of the word eggnog are hotly debated. Some claim the "nog" comes from "noggin", an old English word meaning a small wooden mug.

Others argue that eggnog originated as egg-and-grog, which was shortened to eggnog. (Grog refers to an alcoholic beverage.) There are many variations of eggnog. Here are a couple of eggnog recipes, courtesy of the Prairie Acres newsletter. Mix it all together, blend it up, and raise a toast of Christmas cheer. You go granddad!

Christmas Eggnog Granddad's Eggnog

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| 12 egg yolks | 4 eggs separated |
| 5 whole cloves | 1 1/2 cups milk |
| 4 cups milk | 1 1/2 cups whiskey |
| 4 cups cream | 1 cup cream |
| 3 cups rum | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1 3/4 cups sugar | 1/2 cup white rum |
| 2 1/2 tsp vanilla | Pinch of nutmeg |
| 1 tsp cinnamon | |
| 3/4 tsp nutmeg | |

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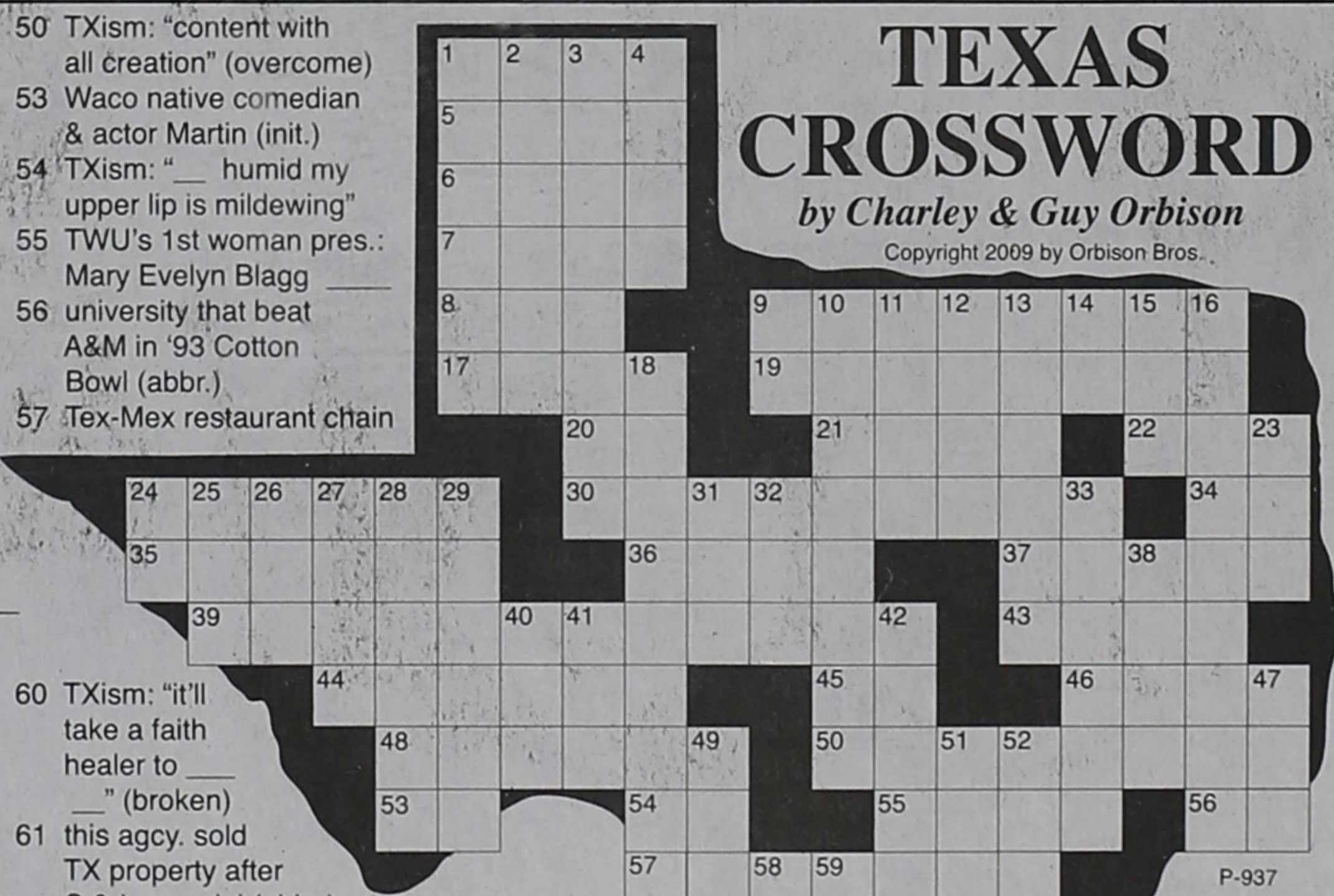
- 1 TXism: "___ of bones" (skippy)
- 5 TX Wiley Post was the 1st to fly ___ around the world
- 6 TX Audie film: "To ___ and Back"
- 7 West TX climate
- 8 TXism: "bought a pig ___ poke"
- 9 Switzer coached at this university
- 17 monthly expense
- 19 "Fugitive" TX actor Tommy
- 20 Astros' Drabek won ___ Young award in '90
- 21 TXism: "beats anything I ___ saw"
- 22 Cowboys league
- 24 laden with salsa mountain in Culberson Co.
- 34 Yo ___ Digo Creek
- 35 TXism: "___ white flag" (give up)
- 36 TXism: "I'm all ___" (attentive)
- 37 TX Kristofferson's "Sunday Mornin' ___ Down"
- 39 "mop lady" actress from San Antonio
- 43 Texans don't duel with this
- 44 tasty pastry
- 45 TXism: "___ 2-steps to his own beat"
- 46 TX McMurry's "The ___ Picture Show"
- 48 TX Howard Hughes once dated this famous actress Jean

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "thick ___ on a dog's back"
- 2 Cascade Caverns are near this town
- 3 airport between Denton & Ft. Worth
- 4 TX Orbison had ___ several ___ records
- 9 good ___ boy
- 10 TXism: "hard work ___ fences up"
- 11 blue jeans Strauss
- 12 what Jerry Jones flies in (2 wds.)
- 13 Carswell AFB namesake
- 14 TXism: "happy as a kid ___ Santa's lap"
- 15 film of 53-across: "Dead ___ Don't Wear Plaid"
- 16 TXism: "thick ___ a garbage dump"
- 18 nickname of TX Earl Campbell (2 wds.)
- 23 San Antonio street: ___ Chaney
- 24 George H. to George W. (abbr.)
- 25 TX Utilities agcy.
- 26 TX Mandrell tune: "Sleeping Single ___ Double Bed"
- 27 TXism: "take the ___" (quit drinking)
- 28 periods of time
- 29 most NW county
- 31 TXism: "you ___ bet your boots on it"
- 32 TX Prentiss' "Where the Boys ___"
- 33 "no pass, ___"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 38 TX singer "Loaf"
- 40 TXism: "beer shed"
- 41 TX high school sports assoc. (abbr.)
- 42 Texas State ___ Institute
- 47 Ft. Worth defendant Cullen (init.)
- 49 TX Ranger "Lone ___ McQuade"
- 51 TXism: "birthday ___" (naked)
- 52 state fair's "Big ___"
- 58 in 1839 & 1881, these destroyed the capitol buildings
- 59 TXism: "to boot"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Every Monday

The Friends of the Friona Library's Book Shoppe at 6th and Euclid in the former VFW building, open every Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9-5. Linda White is the Book Shoppe chair. Used books, good deals, stop by and shop at the Shoppe.

Friday, December 18

Last day to order FHS yearbooks for \$50. Price goes up to \$55 after December 18. Order from frionaisd.com website or contact Allison Johnston or any yearbook staff member to order.

Early school dismissal and last day of school for the Christmas Holidays.

Wednesday, December 23

Christmas Tea at First National Bank - Friona Banking Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by for refreshments, snacks and visiting.

Tuesday - Thursday December 29-31

Chieftains and Squaws varsity participate in the Caprock Basketball Tournament in Lubbock. Locations/times on the Lubbock Avalanche Journal website.

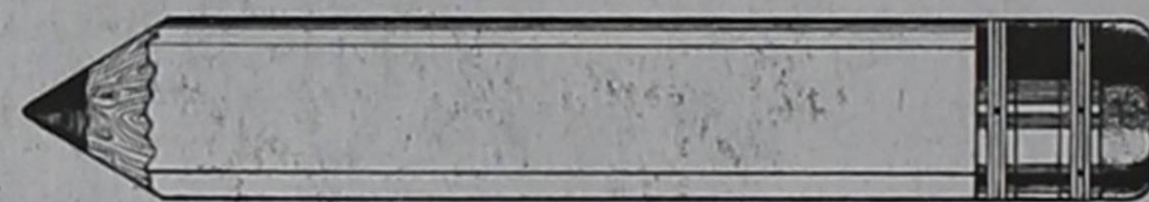
Monday January 4

School resumes after Christmas/New Year semester holiday break.

Thursday - Saturday January 14-16

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at the Friona community center. Show on Thursday, Premium Sale on Saturday. Times, schedules, etc. TBA

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ADVERTISING

Standard open display rates are \$4 per column inch. Volume discounts are available.

Classified ads are a minimum of \$5 or 25-cents per word. Borders and special type are \$4 a column inch with a \$5 minimum.

Card of Thanks is printed with a border and is the \$4 a column inch rate with a \$10 minimum.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary, and birth announcements are \$10. We reserve the right to limit the amount of space used for wedding announcements without extra charge.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not always reflect the views or opinions of the editor or staff of the Friona Star. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, style, or length. Letters must be signed and include name, address, and phone number of sender for verification. Anonymous letters are never considered for publication.

DEADLINES

News articles and advertising are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday to guarantee publication. Articles and ads submitted after the deadline are accepted only on a space available basis. Deadlines may be changed from time to time for holidays or special issues.

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Comptroller's office shares Texas holiday facts

During the holiday season, people across our state will gather together and celebrate with friends and family to exchange gifts, offer thanks and reflect on the past year. Many Texans are also expected to buy Christmas trees, bake holiday treats or hit the roads to travel. To commemorate this special time of year, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has compiled some festive holiday facts about our state and its economy related to the season.

- Texas has approximately 150 Christmas tree farms across the state producing 200,000 trees annually on 2,500 acres. Texas Christmas tree growers contribute \$12 million each year to the state's economy. Christmas trees have been grown commercially in Texas since 1977. Virginia and Afghan pines are the most common Christmas trees grown in Texas.

- In Houston, the city saved \$185,000 in landfill costs by recycling 5,800 tons of tree waste from 47,000 homes from October 2007 to September 2008. Seventy-nine tons of this tree waste was from Christmas tree recycling.

- In 2007, Texas producers contributed 75 million pounds of pecans toward the record United States total crop of more than 385 million pounds.

- The Neiman Marcus Christmas Book was first published in 1926. Neiman Marcus is headquartered in Dallas.

- The Collin Street Bakery in Corsicana has been baking the world-famous DeLuxe fruitcake since 1896, the recipe for which was brought over from Wiesbaden, Germany. The bakery ships its Texas fruitcakes, pecan cakes and other delicious pastries to 196 countries.

- In 2008, 5 million Texans traveled during the Christmas and New Year's season, with 4.5 million traveling by car. Only California had more holiday travelers.

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, three places in the country are named after the main course of Christmas dinner: Turkey, Texas, was the most populous in 2008, with 456 residents, followed by Turkey Creek, La. (361) and Turkey, N.C. (272).

- According to climate data gathered over the years, Abilene, Lubbock and Wichita Falls have a 3 percent chance of having a white Christmas, and Amarillo has a 7 percent chance of having snow on December 25. The other major cities in Texas have nearly zero chance of a white Christmas.

- More than half of Texas consumers (55 percent) hope to spend more or the same on the holidays this year, an improvement from 43 percent last year. Texas consumers anticipate spending \$1,380 over the holiday season, or 21 percent higher than the national average of \$1,145.

- Three in four Texas consumers plan to use cash, checks or debit cards to pay for their gifts, compared to 65 percent nationwide. Only 23 percent of Texans expect to use credit cards.

- More than 60 percent of Texans expect to shop at discount/value department stores and 50 percent plan to shop via the Internet.

- Gift cards are expected to be the top gift for the sixth

year in a row, with 67 percent of Texas consumers planning to buy an average of six gift cards for presents this year.

Lions Club News

BY RON CARR



courtesy photo

Evening Lions Club member Ron Colwell, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, gave the program at the December 10 meeting. Rev. Colwell gave a history of caroling.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 03, 2009 to December 09, 2009:

Federico Vela and Lorena Vela - Herman Marquez and Melissa G Marquez, L2 B81 BOVINA.

Eyvonna Lynn Haney Estate - Antonio Soccio, Jr. and Precilla M. Soccio, L20-21 B25 FARWELL.

Gaylord A. Stowers Estate - Joe Reeve, 0.4325 AC N/PT S1 T3S R3E.

Collectible Texas Christmas ornaments available

Christmas trees in Texas may now be adorned with the nineteenth edition of The Original Texas Christmas Ornament, according to Martin Miazza, designer of the copyrighted series.

This year's ornament shows the Matagorda Lighthouse which was also featured on the recent stamp issued by the U.S. Post Office. The polished pewter ornament is packaged in a free gift box especially designed for it. The dated Texas ornament is part of an ongoing series whose design changes every year.

"We expect this latest edition of the Texas ornament to enjoy the growing popularity of our previous issues in the series," Miazza said. The limited edition state ornament is also available for the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisi-

ana, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida where previous editions are still sought by collectors.

Miazza, who has been in business since 1965, also does an annual ornament based on the music of Christmas, which he feels makes an ideal gift for those who do not collect the state ornaments. This year's edition begins a new series within a series by introducing the First Day of Christmas.

You may contact the designer at 1-800-476-1208 or you are invited to visit his store on the Internet at www.MartinMiazza.com.

Current issues are \$13.95 for either the state or music ornaments. A limited number of past editions are also available.

Sheriff's Report

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

December 8, 2009, Jeffrey Gonzalez, 31, of Farwell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft, fine, court costs and restitution.

December 9, 2009, Leonie Martinez, 29, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with aggravated assault, pending Grand Jury.

December 10, 2009, Justin Rodich, 27, of Portales, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke charge (theft by check), pending County Court.

December 12, 2009, Adrian Delgado, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with public intoxication, paid fine and released.

On December 1, 2009, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Johnny Joe Carranza, 27, of Friona, charged with DWI with a child under age 15, was sentenced to 6 months in Parmer County Jail, suspended for 2 years; \$470 court costs; and \$750 fine.

— Omar Dimas, 19, of Friona, charged with tampering (fabricating physical evidence), was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, deferred for 4 years; \$320 court costs; \$400 attorney fees; and \$465 restitution.

— Wendy Tafoya, 20, of Friona, charged with tampering (fabricating physical evidence), was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, deferred for 4 years; \$320 court costs; \$400 attorney fees; and \$465 restitution.

Crime Stoppers offers reward for information

On the night of December 11 and early morning of December 12, unknown person or persons caused damage to the Farwell School, several homes, and several vehicles in the City of Farwell.

The damage was caused by individual(s) shooting out windows with a B.B. Gun. The individual(s) were possibly riding around in a vehicle during the nighttime hours or early morning hours.

If you have any information about this or any other crime please call the Farwell Police department or the Parmer County Crime Stoppers, 800-744-8477 or 806-481-9178. You will remain anonymous and if your tip leads to an arrest you may earn a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Local sales tax allocated

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.70 billion in sales tax revenue in November, down 14.4 percent compared to November 2008.

"Sales tax collections, declining since February 2009, continued to be weak in November," Combs said. "Compared to a year ago, sales tax collections were down across all major sectors of the Texas economy, including oil and natural gas production, construction, manufacturing and retail trade."

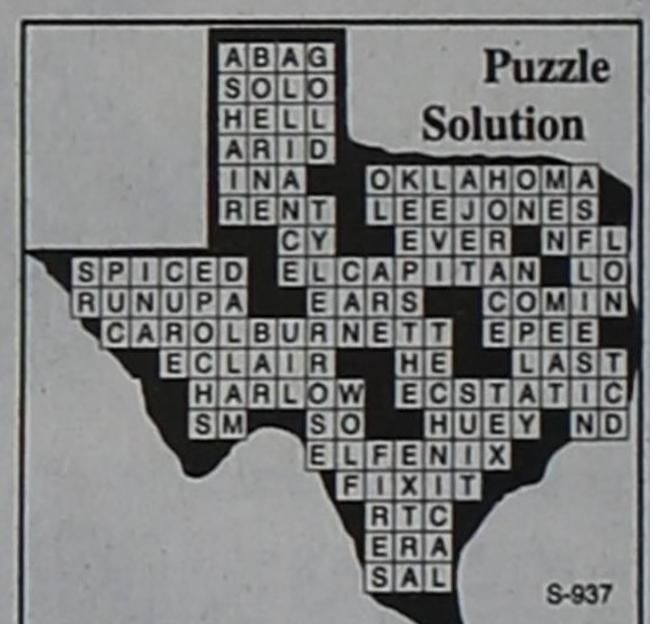
November state sales tax collections and December sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in October.

Parmer County's December 2009 payment totaled \$36,817.33 broken down as Bovina \$6,366.65; Farwell \$7,640.34; and Friona \$22,810.34. In December 2008 the tax payment total was \$43,655.31.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were down -15.66%, broken down as Bovina - 1.03%; Farwell -2.76%; and Friona -22.31%.

For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$492,815.81 as compared to \$505,050.83 for the same period last year, a -2.42% change.

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, January 8.



You are invited to our Christmas Tea
Wednesday December 23 - 10:00 - 3:00

From our house to yours
Have a Merry Christmas

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December 20 - December 26, 2009
(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wrt.net.)

Dec. 20- Harletta Carthel, Mike Schneider, Rocky Nichols, Deloris McNeely, Alec Gordon, Joe Jones, Andrea Ortiz, Mika Schneider, Sylvia Mendiola

Dec. 21- Robert Sandoval, Tomas Fuentes, Sr.

Dec. 22- Sabrina Clark, Jane Houlette, Chris Haile, Dick Steelman

Dec. 23- Sue Wells, Lavenia Duke, Uldene Grimsley, Nancy Davis

Dec. 24- Jon Osborn, Bert Osborn, Gabriel Baca, Mike Herbert

Dec. 25- Bob Hurst, Dr. Bob Sanders, Betty Smock, Michael McLellan, Mickey Harrelson, Maria Robledo

Dec. 26- Wade Cargile, Lindsey Jennings Irwin, Guy Ellis, Tony Day, Teresa Taylor, Lynda Grimsley, Tyler Peace, Dean Wines

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The Squaws and Back row, l-r, R... Murphree, Kami Stephanie Aguirre

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Kami Kerby (14) Vega's #14 during tournament. Friona ketball photos frionaonline.com

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The Squaws and their third place medals from the Farwell tournament. Back row, l-r, Regan Anthony, Sasha Estrada, Taryn Jamerson, Anna Murphree, Kami Kerby, Maddie Murphree, Ester Sarabia; front, l-r, Stephanie Aguirre, Paige Herbert, Lisann Davila, Tenna Montana.

Junior high UIL champs again

Friona Junior High won the District 2-2A academic meet held December 2 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The campus was represented by 105 students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The overall point totals for each campus that participated in the UIL competition are: Friona 766.7, Childress 629, Muleshoe 592.6, Floydada 554.8, Tulia 362,

and Dimmitt 200. Campus points are earned when students place in their selected individual events. Each campus that participated in the One Act Play competition in November also received team points if their campus placed and if the cast and crew earned any individual awards. Friona won the overall District 2-2A One Act Play competition also.

Junior high principal Mark Sundre said, "As always, the students were great ambassadors for our campus and our community. Many thanks to the academic coaches and to Melissa Randolph who served as campus coordinator this year. Thanks also to our parents for continually supporting their children and the junior high campus."



ron carr photo

Kami Kerby (14) tries a left-handed layup against Vega's #14 during the first game of the Farwell tournament. Friona beat Vega 33-26. More basketball photos on the Friona Star website, frionaonline.com/photos.

Junior varsity vs Highland Park

JV Squaws 22, H-Park 44. Scoring: Stormes 9, Davila 4, Vital 4, Juarez 3, Adame 2.

JV Chiefs 62, H-Park 47. Scoring: DeWit 18, Kelley 15, Ortiz 10, Wylly 9, Avalos 6, Pena 2, Woods 2.

The JV girls and JV boys will meet Texico Friday December 18 at home. JV girls at 4 p.m. and JV boys at 5:15 p.m. The JV boys will play Portales Monday December 21 at 4:30 p.m. followed by the varsity boys at 6 p.m.

Chief/Squaw home games coming up

Friday Dec 18
Texico here
JV girls @ 4:30 p.m.
JV boys @ 5:15 p.m.
Squaws @ 6:30 p.m.
Chiefs @ 8 p.m.

Monday Dec 21 here
boys only vs. Portales
JV boys @ 4:30 p.m.
Varsity boys @ 6 p.m.

(Note: this is a time change from the original schedule.)

Chiefs win consolation at Farwell: Squaws win third

The Friona Chieftains lost their first game to Vega in the Farwell tournament but stormed back to smash Bovina and Ft. Sumner to win the consolation bracket.

The Squaws won their first game against the Vega Lady Longhorns, but lost the second game to eventual winner Texico, then beat Dora, N.M., for third place medals.

Chiefs 40, Vega 43: After beating the Longhorns the week before to win the Vega tournament, the Chieftains lost a close return match to start the Farwell tournament. Vega led 36-23 at the end of the 3rd quarter. The Chiefs made a 17-7 4th quarter run but it was not quite

enough to catch Vega. The Longhorns were ranked 4th in the state 1A rankings. Scoring: Matthew Stanberry 16, Stetson Reed 7, Caleb Monroe 6, Zack Fair 4, Nick Ortiz 4, Joey Dickson 3.

Chiefs 83, Bovina 44: Powered by nine 3-point goals the Chiefs wasted no time in disposing of the Bovina Mustangs in game two of the tournament on Friday. Five Chieftains were in double figures. Friona led 45-17 at the half. Scoring: Stetson Reed 15, Dominique Kellum 14, Caleb Monroe 14, Joey Dickson 13, Matthew Stanberry 12, Nick Ortiz 9, Brenner Barnett 4, David Schwab 2. Putting up 3-pointers were Dickson 3,

Ortiz 3, Monroe 2, and Reed 1.

Chiefs 93, Ft. Sumner 48: The Chieftains, perhaps frustrated after the loss to Vega put them in the consolation bracket, smashed Ft. Sumner in the consolation final at Farwell, draining twelve 3-point goals in the game. The Chiefs led 57-34 at the end of the 3rd quarter, then, led by Joey Dickson and Nick Ortiz, put up 36 points in the 4th quarter.

Scoring: Dickson 24 (including five 3s), Ortiz 20 (including four 3s), Stanberry 16, Barnett 8, Fair 7 (including two 3s), Schwab 7 (one 3), Reed 6, and Kellum 5.

Squaws 33, Vega 26: Sasha Estrada and the Squaws led throughout the game to take the win over the Lady Horns 33-26. Estrada led scoring with 16 points. Others: Regan Anthony 5, Kami Kerby 3, Taryn Jamerson 3, Anna Murphree 2, Ester Sarabia 2, Tenna Montana 2. Estrada had two 3s.

Squaws 23, Texico 41: The Texico Lady Wolverines, New Mexico 1A state champions last year, held the Squaws to seven first half points in the 23-41 loss. Texico defeated Farwell for the tournament championship Saturday night. Scoring: Jamerson 6, Stephanie Aguirre 6, Sarabia 3, Montana 2, Estrada 2, Anthony 2, and Paige Herbert 2. Aguirre had two 3s and Jamerson one.

Squaws 52, Dora NM 44: All ten varsity girls scored in this game for third place in the tournament. They put together a 17-12 fourth quarter run and were good on 9 of 10 free throws. Scoring: Anna Murphree 11, Montana 9, Estrada 7, Jamerson 6, Herbert 5, Kerby 4, Aguirre 3, Sarabia 3, Anthony 2, and Maddie Murphree 2. Herbert, Aguirre, Anna Murphree, Sarabia, and Montana each had a 3-point goal.



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Matthew Stanberry (33) controls the tip to start the Chiefs game vs. Vega to open the Farwell tournament. Teammate Stetson Reed (22) looks on. Look for basketball photos on the Friona Star website, frionaonline.com/photos.

Squaws 39, Lady Hornets 24

The Friona Squaws drilled three of their six 3-pointers in the first quarter to take an 11-4 lead and were never really threatened as they defeated the Highland Park Lady Hornets 39-24 Tuesday at Friona gym.

Scoring: Sasha Estrada 7, Anna Murphree 7, Tenna Montana 7, Stephanie Aguirre 5, Taryn Jamerson 4, Kami Kerby 3, Regan Anthony 3, Paige Herbert 3. Herbert, Aguirre, Murphree, and Jamerson each had one 3-

pointer and Montana had two 3-point goals. The Squaws were 9 of 16 in free throws.

Next up for Friona will be a game with the Texico Lady Wolverines Friday December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friona gym.

Chiefs roll over H-Park 58-40

The Friona Chieftains improved their season record to 9-1 with a victory over the Highland Park Hornets at Friona gym Tuesday night. The only Chieftain loss was to the Vega Longhorns in the first game of the Farwell tournament last weekend.

The Chieftains will challenge the Texico Wolver-

ines Friday December 18 at 8 p.m. here and will play Portales Monday December 21 at 6 p.m. also here. Monday games will be JV boys and varsity boys only.

The Chiefs put up 18 first quarter points to take an 18-7 lead and continued with an 18 point fourth quarter to beat H-

Park 58-40.

Scoring: Joey Dickson 16 (including three 3s), Caleb Monroe 13, Matthew Stanberry 8, Zack Fair 8, Nick Ortiz 5, Dominique Kellum 4, Stetson Reed 2, and David Schwab 2. Monroe and Ortiz each scored a 3-point bucket. The Chiefs were 5 of 12 from the free throw line.

Junior high boys basketball

The 7th and 8th grade Braves have opposite records through their first three games. The 7th Braves are 3-0 and the 8th Braves are 0-3. Game and individual scoring stats:

7th Braves 59, Tulia 5. Joselito Cigarroa 26, Cole Stowers 9, Mason Lofflin 7, Brayden Pope 7, John David Haile 6, Haden Smiley 2, Brent Hickman 2.

7th Braves 33, Dimmitt 12. Cigarroa 10, Pope 6, Stowers 6, Smiley 4, Haile 3, Lofflin 2, Hickman 2.

7th Braves 50, Childress 29. Cigarroa 18, Stowers 11, Haile 6, Pope 4, Hickman 4, Douglas 4, Smiley 2, Lofflin 1.

8th Braves 18, Tulia 25. Trent Hickman 12, Mark

Schwab 4, Brad Stowers 2. 8th Braves 18, Dimmitt 19. Schwab 10, Brad Stowers 4, Hickman 4.

8th Braves 23, Childress 34. Juan Salcido 10, Schwab 7, Abel Palacios 4, Brad Stowers 2.

On the roster for the 7th grade Braves are Cole Stowers, Jacob Dickson, Brent Hickman, Haden Smiley, Mason Lofflin,

7th A Maidens 18, Muleshoe 28. Scoring: Barraza 9, Moreno 6, Vital 2, Juarez 1.

7th B Maidens 2, Muleshoe 40. Scoring: Sanchez 2.

8th A Maidens 38, Muleshoe 34. Scoring: Destiny Sandoval 16, Kendall

Joselito Cigarroa, Brayden Pope, John David Haile and Douglas. The coach is Justin Sundlie.

The 8th grade roster is Mark Schwab, Brad Stowers, Omar Ramos, Blake Stowers, Abel Palacios, Trent Hickman, Juan Salcido, Isaac Gallardo, Jose Zamudro and Coke Capshaw. The coach is Todd Kilpatrick.

Junior high girls basketball

Kimbrough 5, Ashli Smith 4, Marisol Posada 4, Kailey Lucas 3, Amy Osborn 3, Nicolette Guerra 3.

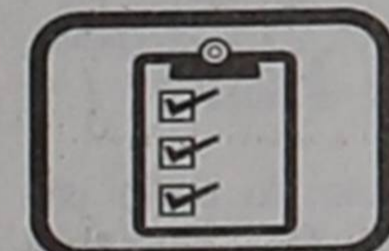
8th B Maidens 20, Muleshoe 38. Scoring: Bailee Brailiff 8, Jeri Duenes 6, Mariza Mendoza 4, Liliana Amezcua 2.

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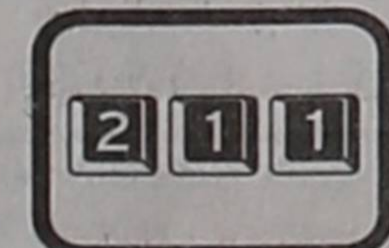
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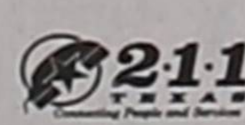
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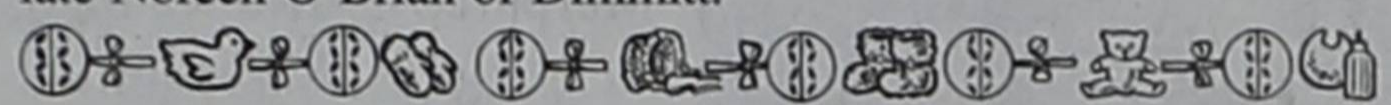
Bailey Lynn Merritt

Keylin and Yvette Merritt, of San Marcos, Texas, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Lynn Merritt on November 3, 2009 in Austin, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long.

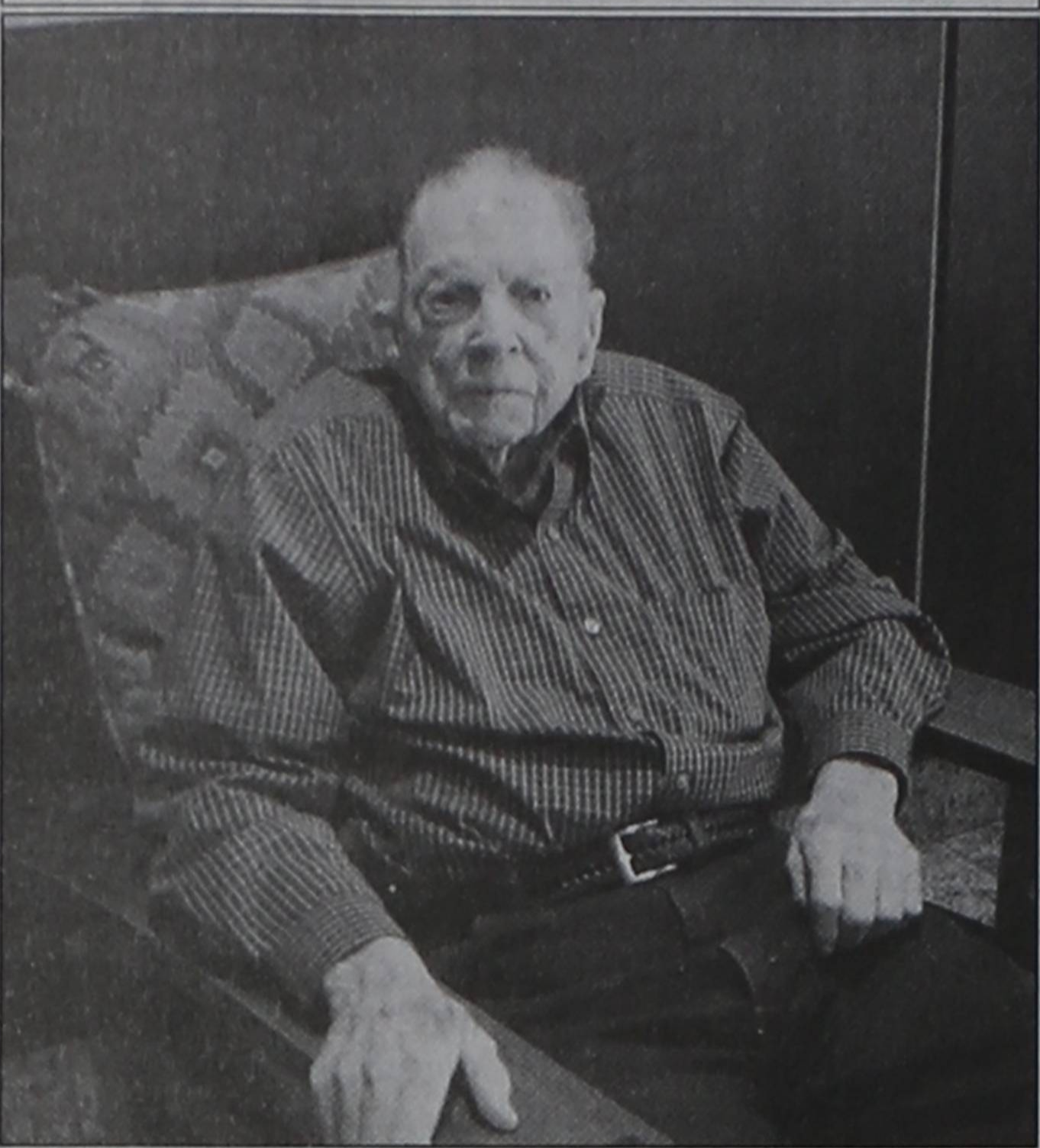
Grandparents are Sheila and Daniel Higgins of Dimmitt, Cheryl and Steve Tamez of Blanco, Texas, and Thomas and Gena Merritt of Blanco, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Roy and Paula O'Brian of Friona, Harley and Frances Merritt of Friona, Sylvia and Ken Harmon of Boerne, Texas, and Josthina Tamez of San Antonio, Texas.

Bailey's great-great grandparents are Martha Phillips and the late Monty Phillips of Dallas, and Tom O'Brian and the late Noreen O'Brian of Dimmitt.



Birthday



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Marshall Elder celebrated his 96th birthday with a dinner at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Attending from Friona were Connie and Laquita Dodson and Dale and Laura Hart.



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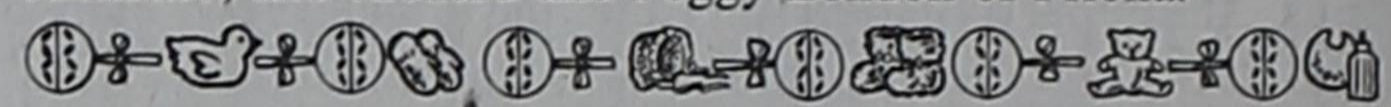


Harley Renae London

Glen and Rena London, of Friona, are proud to announce the newest addition to their family, their daughter, Harley Renae London, born November 25, 2009, at 8:27 a.m., at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. Harley weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her three sisters, Cassie Jo Smith, Maegan Davis, and AJ London, and her brother, Luke London, were all excited to welcome her home.

Harley's grandparents are Leroy and Betty Burnett of Amarillo, and Richard and Peggy London of Friona.



Is Christmas really the most wonderful time of the year?

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

"It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year; There'll be much mistletoeing; And hearts will be glowing; When love ones are near; It's The Most Wonderful Time..." are the often heard lyrics of a favorite Christmas song. For most, Christmas is one of the most wonderful times of the year, but for others, it is one of the worst times of the year.

Maybe you, or someone you know lost a loved one in days gone by and will spend Christmas without them for the first time. Maybe you aren't able to buy the gifts for family and friends that you hoped to buy, or maybe you're just a Grinch and a Scrooge despising the joy, hope and smiles on faces and decorations associated with the season. Whatever the reasons that make Christmas difficult for you to enjoy Christ, remember that in the story of Jesus birth God did His greatest work in the most unlikely of people and through challenging circumstances.

In Jesus day circumstances were much less than pristine. When Jesus was born the Jewish people were in the middle of a tax imposed by the Roman Emperor who reigned over them. They had lost national independence and were subservient to the mighty Romans.

In fact this great taxation led a man named Joseph and his pregnant wife, Mary, to travel many miles to Bethlehem in order to be registered and pay their tax. When they got to Bethlehem, no one wanted them or had room for them, so they stayed in a stable. On top of that it was time for her to have baby Jesus, while they were in the stable, far from home and in an unfamiliar place. In this unlikely location baby Jesus was born, a message that God works in the most unlikely of places and people.

Then, on that very night, the overlooked and outcast shepherds received an invite to this occasion, and to go see Jesus in the manger. These guys were social outcasts, held dirty, labor intensive jobs, and were the most unlikely people to be called when big events happened, yet God chose to send an angel to relay the news of Jesus birth even to them.

In this time of mistletoeing and glowing, with loved ones so near, remember that for many Christmas is the worst time of the year because it exposes loneliness, losses and disappointments from the year or years gone by. The only way to recover any sense of the wonderfulness of Christmas is to see that Christmas resonates with God reaching out to those in desperate, lonely,

downtrodden and difficult situations.

If you are hoping for Christmas to be a wonderful time of the year, then do not look to yourself; or solely to family, but to the one who is called Wonderful. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace," Isaiah 9:6.

Christmas cantata at Calvary Baptist

The sanctuary choir of the Calvary Baptist Church will be presenting their annual Christmas cantata Sunday evening, December 20, at 6 p.m. The choir extends a cordial invitation to the community to come and enjoy this special presentation of Christmas.

Wayne Proffitt, worship pastor of the church, will be directing the cantata. Daniel Caywood will be the narrator, Gail Burton will be the soloist, and Devin Fitch, student pastor, and his wife Brandie, will be in charge of the drama.

Think about this

"Oh, you'd better watch out"

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Above all, a person who is a Christian, should be excited and hopeful about the return of Jesus Christ.

Now, certainly, the judgment of the Lord will be a terrible thing to those who have no hope. On that day, it will be a terrifying time for those who haven't loved and obeyed the Lord. Note the judgment scene in Matthew 25:31-46. Peter gives us another view in II Peter 3:1-13.

So, the message is: "You'd better get ready!" That, dear friend, is what this life is all about. Getting ready! Life is not about making money, getting an education, or being popular. It's about getting ready.

Our view of the coming of the Lord should mean more to us than just procuring insurance against the impending wrath of God. Absolutely, we must submit to Christ, but our view of the Lord's coming should motivate us to living today like today is THE Day of the Lord. Who knows, it may be!

Ready. Set. Wait.

BY REV. BUCK MALONE, Congregational Church

Advent is half over. Christmas (Christ's Mass) is not far off. The Roman Catholics and others considered to be "Western" churches celebrate Christ's Mass beginning at midnight on the 25th. As you will notice if you watch any major news source, the Eastern Church celebrates the Mass of Christ on January 6th. Both have the same focus: a new way of living has come, and a new way to calculate time-itself continues.

Only a few days left and we will be sitting alone or with friends and family once again. Are you ready? And what have you done to prepare? All the gifts been bought? All the goodies been baked? All the cards and letters been written? All the visitors been contacted and the house cleaned and in order? Good. You are now ready.

Before, during, and after all these things occur, keep your heart and your mind open. We search and ponder the meaning of Christ's Mass 'till our vision is cloudy and our "ponderer" is sore. We can seek too hard and too often.

Make sure this season that time is reserved for waiting, watching, listening, and simply just sitting in stillness to hear, as the UCC's motto goes, "God is Still Speaking". Some feel God spoke and hasn't spoken in 2000 years. Some "hear" God's voice every day. Both require a still heart and a still mind in order for the vision and the pondering to become complete - a fulfillment of this season's meaning.

St. John tells us that the Mass of Christ is to make straight the crooked ways and to smooth the rough places. It is for each of us to return to the age of five when innocence occupied much more of our life, and to know the wonder and awe of being alive and not just simply existing. It is to become what Advent tells us: to become an embodiment of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy.

Jesus' way is the way, and His way involves everything each and every one of us do to plan for Christmas. Christmas is centered in what is the most distant place each of us fears. It is a journey, a pilgrimage, a quest. The longest distance in the world is the span from our hearts to our minds. The manger bridges that gap like no other.

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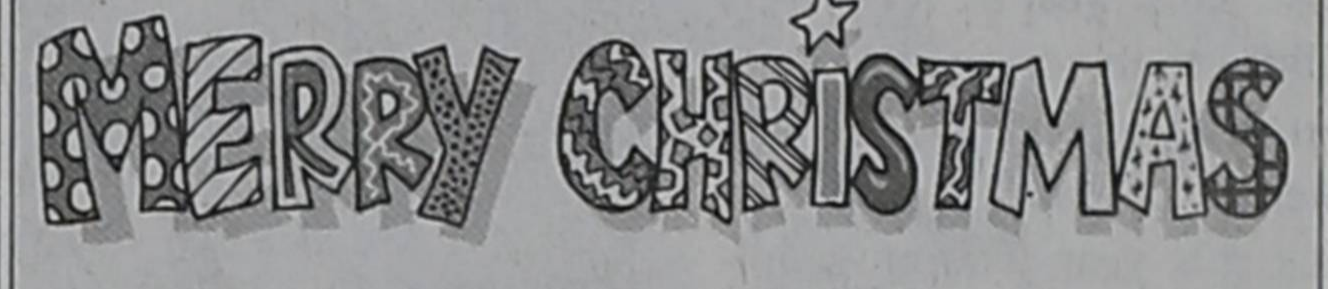
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Multiple generations revive Nazareth Christmas Pageant

BY JIM STEIERT

A revival of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant is set for December 20 and 23 with performances free to the public at 7:30 each evening at the Holy Family Church. Love offerings will be accepted.

This year's return marks the first presentation of the lavish Pageant in 15 years. Stagings have occurred 16 times previously from 1972 to 1994.

Tradition runs deep in this telling of the story of the early life of Jesus Christ, beginning with the "Annunciation" in the Galilean village of Nazareth, through Christ's birth in Bethlehem, the "Flight to Egypt", and the return of the Holy Family to Nazareth where Jesus spent his boyhood.

The Pageant is a source of community pride and common purpose. Multiple generations of families from this Panhandle village have been and are involved. Community members constitute cast, stage crew, choir, directorial and technical staff with talents from electronics to carpentry, art, mechanics and makeup.

Pageant highlights include music, pantomime and narration. Lighting and musical effects add dramatic impact.

The script and some music for the Pageant were written and arranged by community members. This year's version is faithful to the original production in 1972 and 1973. Many veterans of past Pageants are back this year. The crew follows traditions including utilizing materials steeped in the history of the Holy Family Church. The parish celebrated the 60th anniversary of the current church building earlier this year.

The last Pageant prior to this year was in 1994. Aware that a generation of their children had not seen the richly presented production, parishioners were stirred to end the Pageant's lengthy hiatus.

"It's amazing to see all ages working together. A committee was formed, we asked for help to revive the Pageant, and everyone in the immediate and outlying community has just pitched in," says Lisa Lacy Schulte, an assistant director. Some local residents recall

their fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters in early Pageants, and opportunity to participate spans generations in this year's effort that includes 150 from the community.

Husband and wife, Christopher and Melina Birkenfeld, and their infant son, Ian, portray Joseph, Mary, and the Christ child. Christopher's late aunt Mary Benke Birkenfeld wrote the script and arranged and wrote music for the original Pageant in 1972 and 1973. Melina's late father, Bruce Braddock, portrayed a Roman soldier in an early production.

The role of a Wise Man from the East is being passed from one generation to the next. Matt Olvera steps into the part for the first time. His dad, David, began portray-

ing a Wise Man in 1973 and continued for several years. David plays Simeon this year. Likewise, Derrick Schacher assumes a Wise Man role, following in the footsteps of his late grandfather, John Schacher, who performed in early years of the Pageant.

Nicole Kleman Schulte is this year's director, following the lead of her sister Noreen Kleman Carson, who directed the fifth through eighth Pageants and also wrote music.

In the choir loft participation truly spans generations. Organist Sharon Brockman has directed the choir for ten past Pageants, and her husband, Ralph, who also serves as Nazareth's mayor, is a veteran of the technical crew. Jim Hoelting works from the

choir loft as a lighting technician while his wife Sandee sings.

Organist Mary Olvera is also seasoned in providing music through the years and says while listening to tenors Alan, Clyde, and Bob Birkenfeld and Brandon Wilhelm, she recalled that their dad and granddad, the late Herman Birkenfeld and the late Lavern Wilhelm, sang in Pageant choirs. Four of Herman Birkenfeld's children, Darlene Schulte and Bob, Clyde, and Alan Birkenfeld are in this year's choir.

"Local folks remember the Melody Six Band from Nazareth years ago. They included Ed Ramaekers, the late Herman Birkenfeld, the late Paul Venhaus, and the late Francis Wilhelm. Ed Ramaekers has four kids singing with us this year and four of Herman Birkenfeld's children are singing with us too," muses Lisa Lacy Schulte.

The full cast and crew includes Nicole Schulte, director and Patti Kern and Lisa Schulte as assistants. Dianne Heitschmidt is in charge of scripting and Karen Gerber is handling publicity.

Choir director is Angela Fulkerson. Pianist is Sharon Brockman and organist is Mary Olvera.

Lighting and sound crew include Jim Hoelting, Ralph Brockman, and Lisa Schulte.

Patti Hochstein Kern is back at her post from Pageants past

as stage manager.

Melina Birkenfeld, Jill Schulte, Irene Huseman and Tracie Petersen are the makeup crew.

Costume Coordinator is Norita Hoelting, assisted by Ilona Schilderink, who also assists with acolytes.

Actor coordinators are Beverly Schulte and Cindy Huseman.

Actors include Mary: Melina Birkenfeld; Joseph: Christopher Birkenfeld; Simeon: David Olvera; Zachary: Edwin Huseman; Scribes: Mark Kleman and Ricky Backus; Herod: Val Steffens; Child Jesus: Eric Heitschmidt; Angel Gabriel: Joe Hochstein; Elizabeth: Edith Huseman; Inn Keeper: Dwayne Acker; Shepherds: Paul and Carl Huseman, Alec Braddock, Brian Klein, Cale Wilhelm, and Daniel Kern; Wise Men: Matt Olvera, Derrick Schacher, and Stanley Gerber; Soldiers: Curtis Durbin, Virgil Huseman, Chris Williams, Norman Gerber; Mothers/Children: Cindy Huseman and son, Dianne Heitschmidt and son, Leigh Durbin and son, Tausha Schacher and son, and Lynsey Wilhelm and son.

Angels include Faithe Huseman, Kamryn Schulte, Anna Huseman, Katherine Fulkerson, Paige Gerber, Carly Heiman, Abby Schmucker, Allie Schulte, Ellen Schilderink, Lexie Ethridge, Madison Samford, and Carly Wilhelm.

Among acolytes are Kyla Acker, Mason Kleman, Hallie Kleman, Cole Kleman and Sara

Kleman, Lexy Huseman, Natalie Schulte, Tate Schulte, Slade Gerber, Roxanne Wilhelm, Hayden Gerber, Taylor Koch and Shania Schacher.

Choir members include basses Keith Hoelting, Dwayne Kleman, Joel Gerber, Rex and Glenn Ramaekers, and Garrett Kleman. Tenors are Bob, Clyde, and Alan Birkenfeld and Brandon Wilhelm. Altos include Darlene Schulte, Sandee Hoelting, Karleen Kleman, Beverly Schulte, and Mary Verkamp. Second sopranos are Nicole Schulte, Mary Beth Gerber, Becky Sanford and Jeanie Birkenfeld. Sopranos are Delores Heiman, Angie Hochstein, Vera Huseman, and Kathy Birkenfeld, all under the direction of Angela Fulkerson.

Reader Coordinator is Gladys Fortenberry and readers include Ronnie Hoelting, narrator, Keith Birkenfeld voicing the Angel Gabriel, Joel Gerber voicing Zachary, Tisha Gerber voicing Mary, Joan Durbin voicing Elizabeth, Brent Wilhelm voicing the innkeeper, Keith Hoelting voicing Joseph, and J.C. Pohlmeier voicing Simeon. A combination of the readers gives voice to other characters.

Prop managers include Edwin Huseman, Norman Gerber, Ricky Backus, John Welps, Dan Gerber, Clyde Schulte, Keith Hoelting, Joel Gerber, and Danny Schilling, and Tracie Petersen.



Jim Steiert photo

Herod orders death of the innocents—Dwayne Acker fills in in the role of King Herod, issuing orders to his soldiers to slay all of the male children two years and under in a vain attempt to kill the Christ child. Among those portraying soldiers in the Nazareth Christmas Pageant are from left Norman Gerber, Curtis Durbin, and Chris Williams.



Jim Steiert photo

Angels appear at the stable in this scene from the Nazareth Christmas Pageant, being revived this year after a 15-year hiatus.



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Mary and Joseph, portrayed by Melina and Christopher Birkenfeld present the infant Jesus, represented by their son, Ian, to Simeon at the temple. David Olvera plays the role of Simeon in this year's revival of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant with performances on December 20 and 23.

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love,
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by Ezekiel

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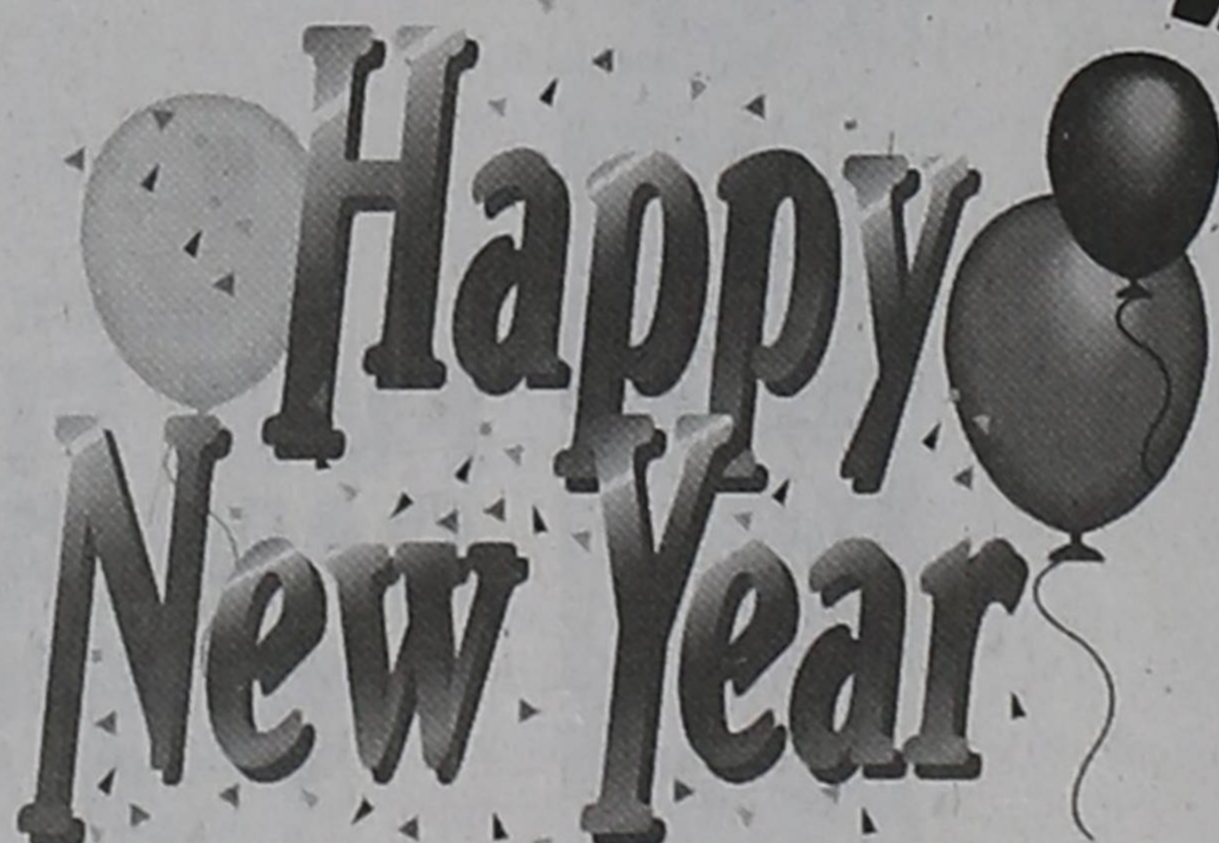
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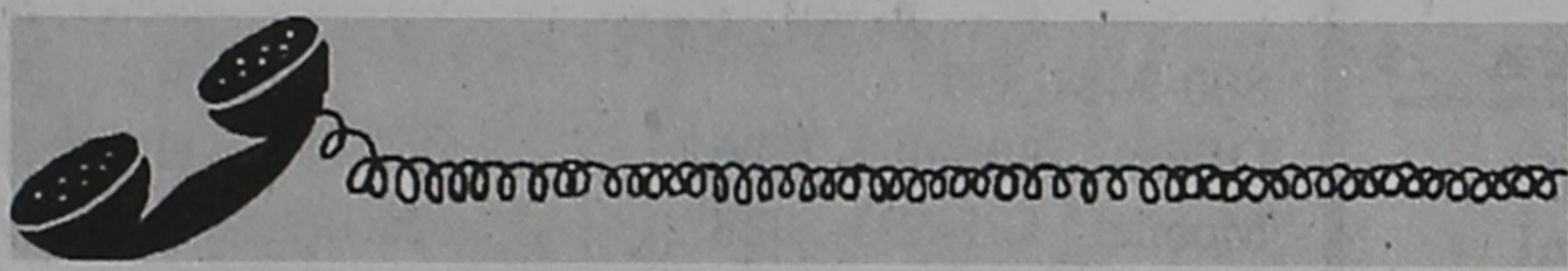


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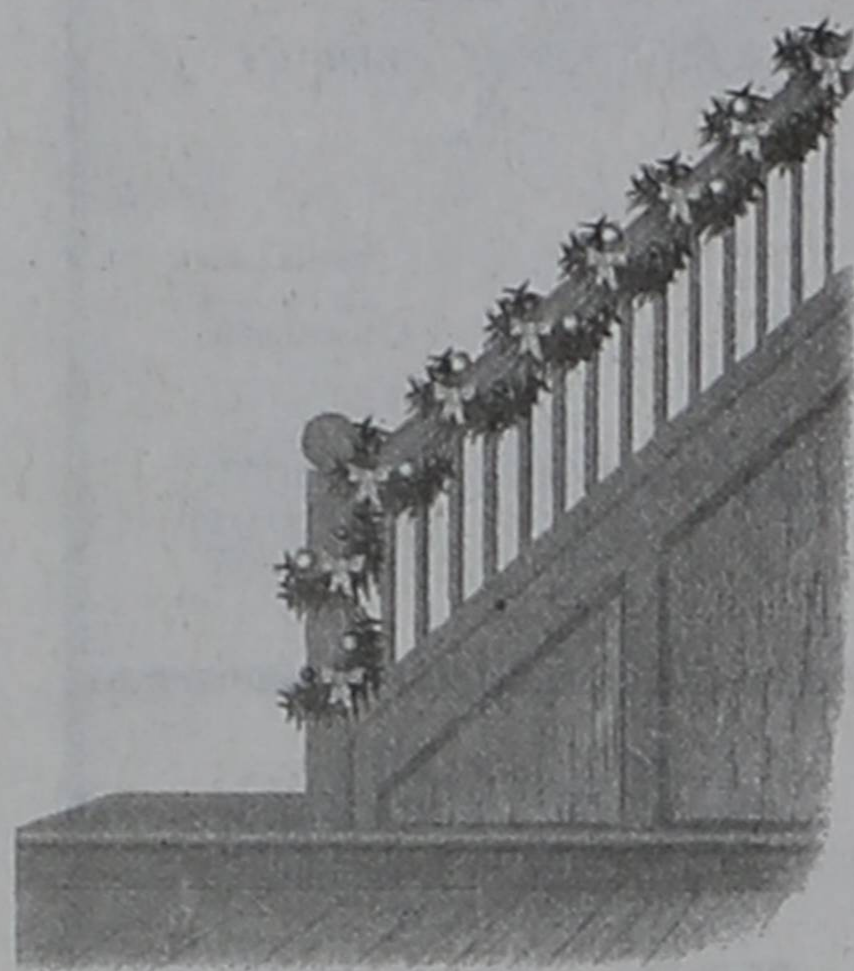
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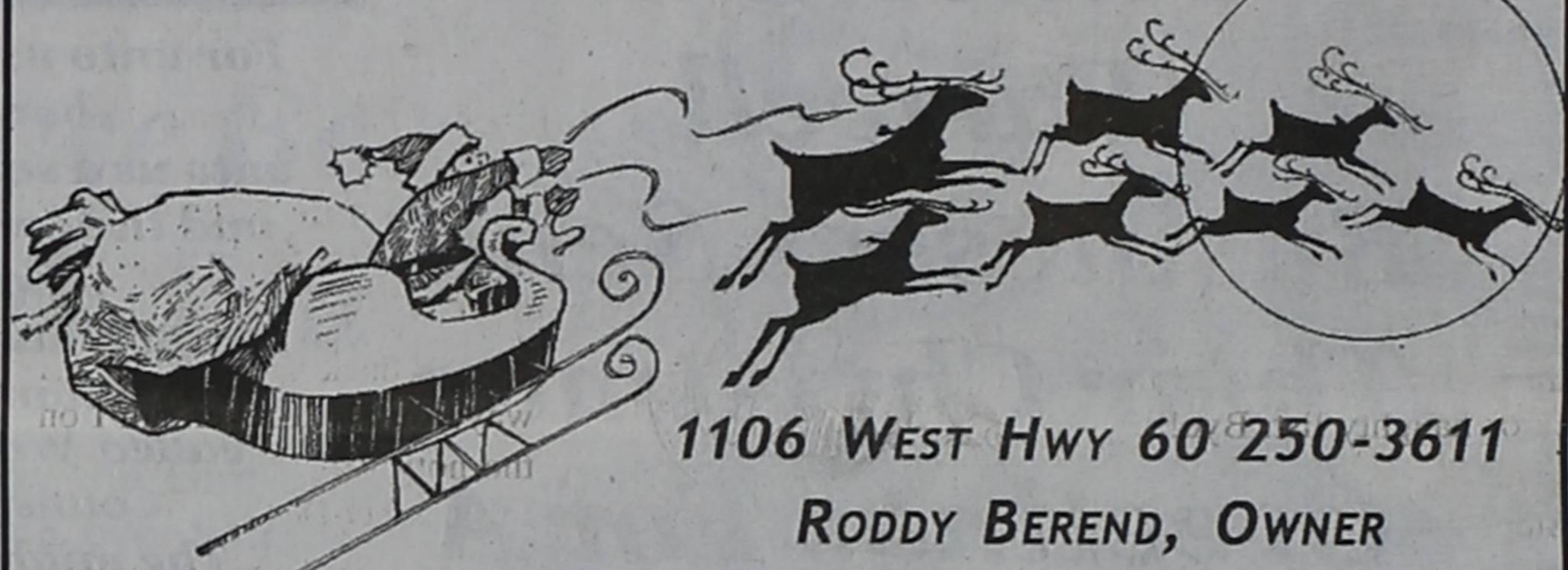


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The Lazbuddie 4-H consumer decision making team, l-r, Shyann Rainey, Ashton Mason, and Lacey Jesko, competed at the district meet in Tahoka. They placed 3rd in giving reasons, 4th in judging classes, and 3rd overall. "The three young ladies did an excellent job representing Parmer County 4-H," said Shana Fleming, Parmer County family consumer sciences extension agent.

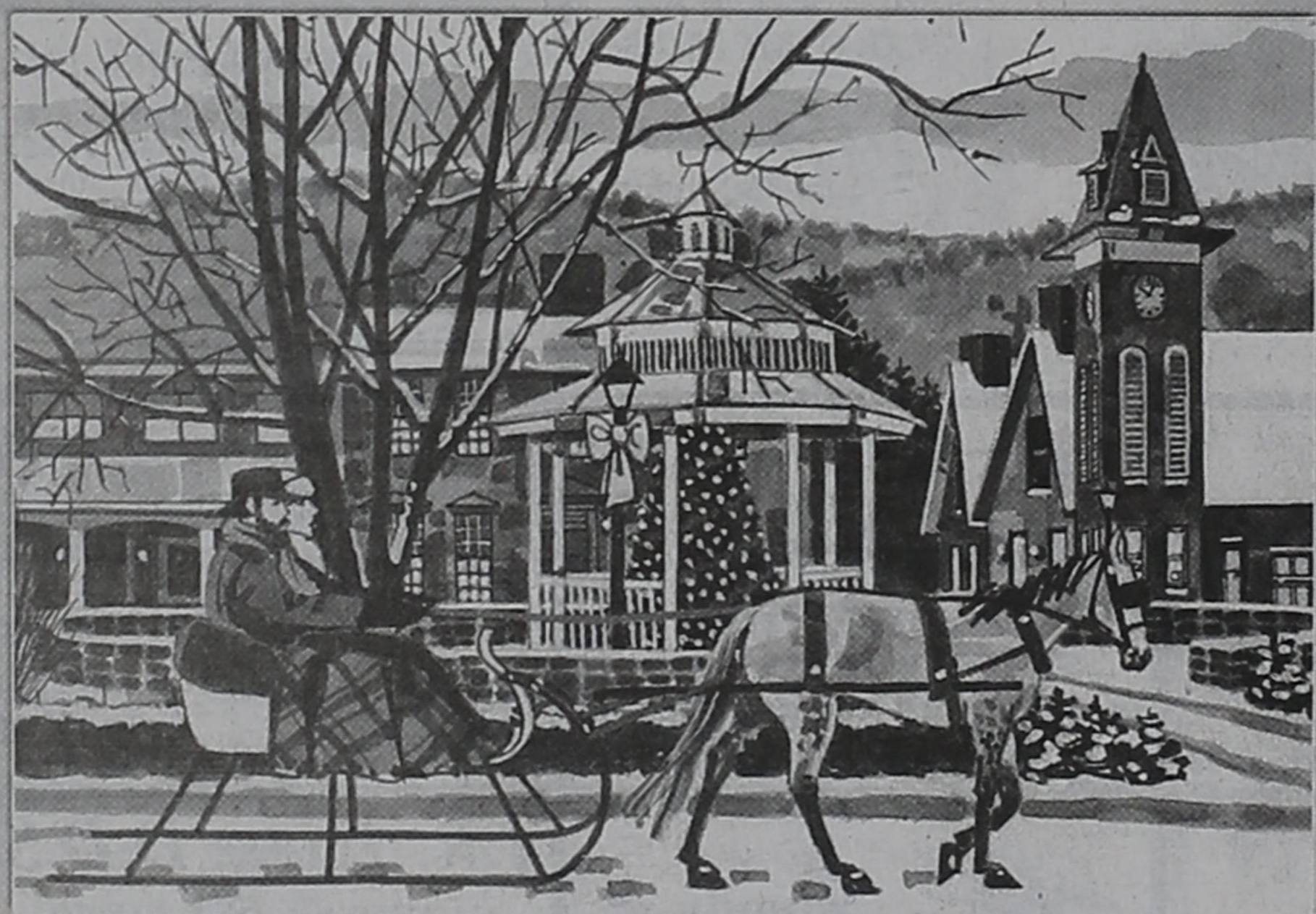
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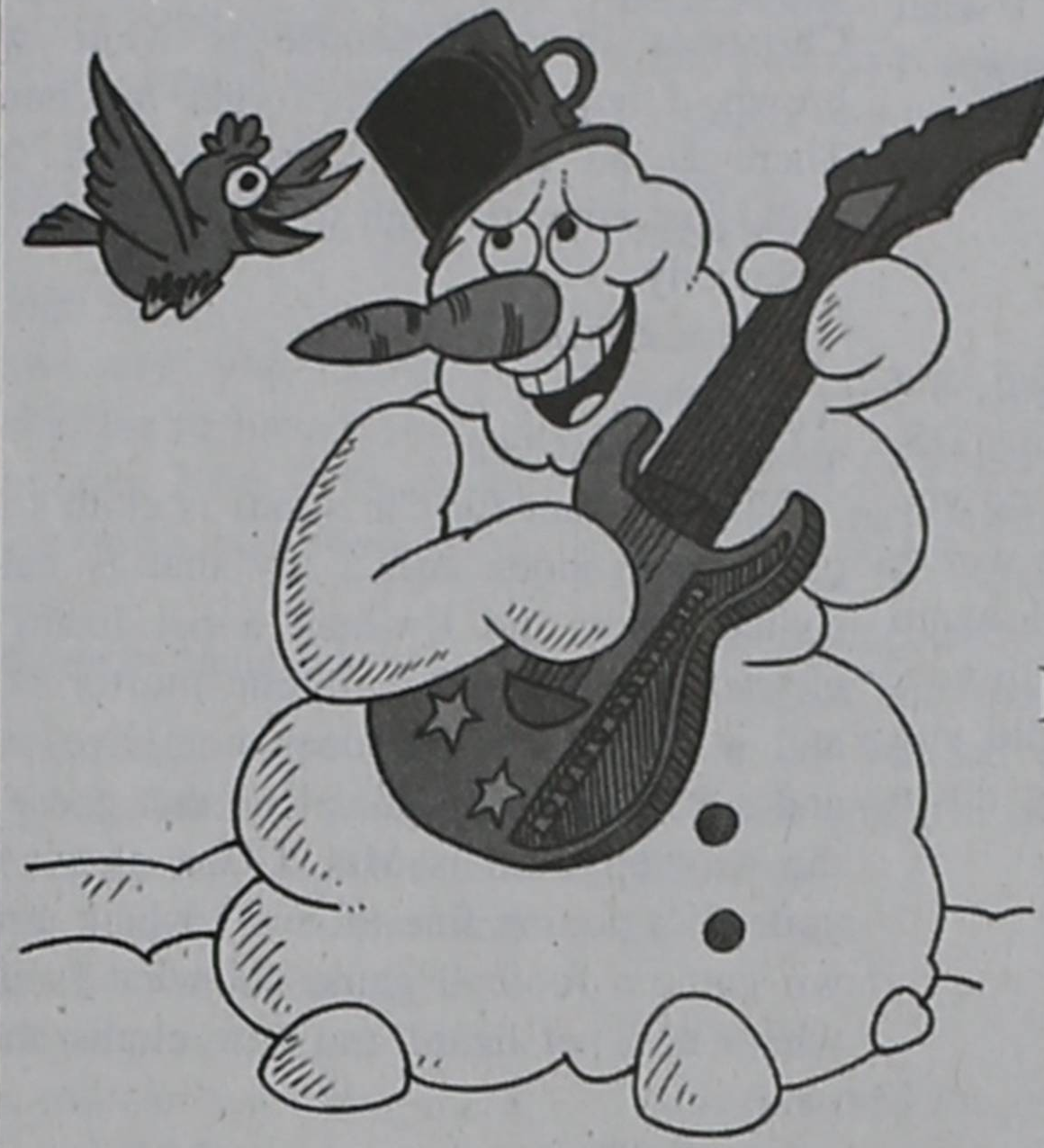
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Dear Santa

I want petshops and in two year's I want a new cell phone and the most one of all I want my family to have a good crismas. cose my mom and dad fight a lot and my sister and my brother and I get scerd a lot and when I grow up I want my life to be ok and my mom and dad to live longer and for them to not fight and for my mom or dad to get sick. And I want my hear to get long. and I want a snak, rabbet, mouse, gineypig, and that's all But ther's this boy in my class He said He wanted your beard Black But I like the way you are forever. am I on the noty list.

Sincerely Desiree

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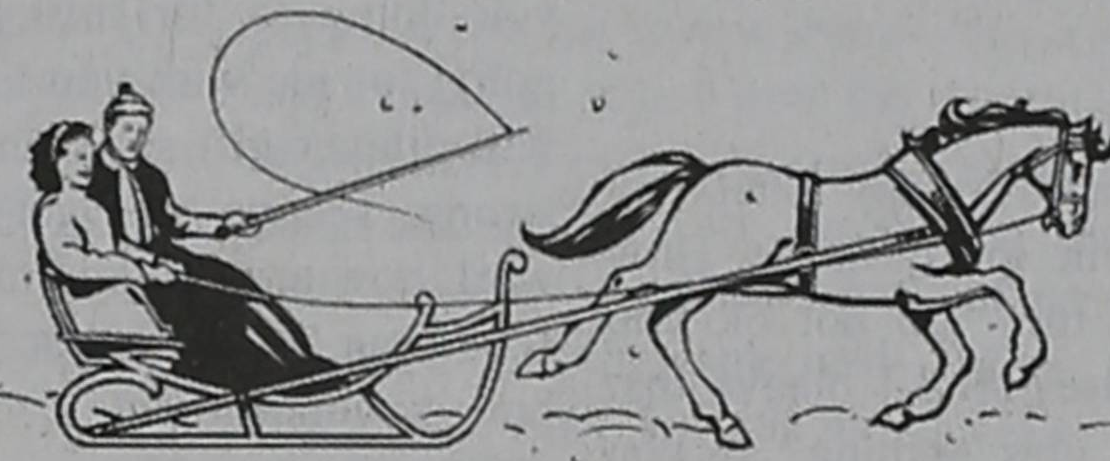


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Dear Santa,
How are you and your wife? Are the elves alright? I shure hope they are Santa. And good luck Santa and have a good trip be careful to Santa. Your reindeer's shure have to carry a lot of stuff. I've been good do I get a present? If I do I want a jeep
sincerely
Breanna

Dear Santa,
are you having a good Christmas. I want fake nails. I want a wii I want a puppy I want aqua sand. I want a moxie gril
sincerely Yuliana

dear santa
How are you doing? I want a wii and games for it. I want more games, for my DS. How are your reindeers doing? How do you know all the kids names in the whole world. How did you be come santa claus? How are your elf's doing? Does mrs. claus help you. Can I have any kind of fish. How did you get your sleigh? Do you like going down chimnies?
Sincerely,
Logan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
are you having a good Christmas. I want fake nails. I want a wii I want a puppy I want aqua sand. I want a moxie gril
sincerely Yuliana

Dear Santa,
I want a kitten for christmas. How was your reindeers? Do you like it at the north pole? How is mrs. claus? It is very cold and has a lot of snow. I already have two dogs but I will keep the kitten inside. Does rudeof most still glow? How are the elf's doing? How many degree's is it at the north pole? Have the elf's made lots of toys?
Sincerely,
Angelica Flores

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas a with pupy. That's all I want. I hope you come to my house. How are your Dears ok If they are not ok you can't come to my house? And I bleave that you are live. Is mrs. clas coming? If you come to my house leve the pupy in my bed. I will miss you next year Santa and mrs. clas and your rainDears, Eleafs. Hid a 1 dollarer under my peloy. Your Eleafs are beasy right? By Santa I will miss you.
The End.
Sincerely
Guzita Montes

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? I am 8 years old I am in 3rd grade. How are you doing? I would like two things I want my family to have the best Christmas ever. Second I want a PSP I know it'll be hard to make. I've always wanted a PSP. I've been good but I'll try harder to be even greater. I will try to become a better person each day. It is very cold out hear in Friona it is snowing my dads house was filled with snow I couldn't see the door. I'm sure you'll have a great Christmas two. My house is white with brown. I hope you dont forget my house. There is no chimney at my house. You could just enter through the door.
Sincerely,
Rosa Zamora

Dear Santa Claus
What I want for Christmas is cloth's and pant's and shoes and a toy that is called switch blade and I want a pet lizard an eletrick scooter and a minine mortor skyle and a pet snake that does not have teeth and a PSP and a big air plane that goese all the way up. And is Mrs. Claus okay. And your elf's doning fine to. and I want a new wii game a football game but what I really want is a pet lizard and new cloths shoes pants
Ivan Gallardo.

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old I am in third grade I live in Friona. how are you doing? and do you no that it is snowing! this christmas I want you mack it snow and I want a des with games for chrismis and I want you to come to my house I like all your randers. I am gonna put randeer food for your randeer. I really beleve in you
Sincerely
Aspin Cox

Dear Santa Claus.
I don't want anything. I just want everyone to have a nice Christmas. So what are you doing to for this year. Is Mrs. Claus going to ride with you the muth. I hope you will dilever gift safly and get back saft and strong. I hope you get to dilever the holl worl. how are you and mrs. Claus doing. Am I in your good list or on your notey list. have a wundful day.
Sincerely
Your freaind Naomi

Dear Santa,
How are your raindeer's for Christmas. I want a nentindo game of lps and a baby Alive and a movie girl.
Sincerely,
Brenda

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Thursday, December 17, 2009

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers?
ing Santa? I would I
ave a wii and a jump
gan. I have bin a
boy.
Love
Hector Cavazos

Dear Santa,
How are you doi
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bin a good girl.
love Tiffan Sandova

Dear Santa,
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of duty 4 for my xbox
Love Marco

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present.
Love: Jordan

Dear Santa,
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es and drink my milk.
Sincerely
Nicole Fair

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Pea

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
how are the reindeers doing Santa? I would like to have a wii and a jungoll and a gan. I have bin a good boy.
Love
Hector Cavazos

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like to have a D.S. I bin a good girl.
love Tiffan Sandoval

Dear Santa,
Are you working hard? I want to now if you and the elves and the reindeer are fine? Santa for Christmas I want a new phone and Madlen 10 football for my xbox 360! Santa and for Christmas want Playstation 3 and call of duty 4 for my xbox 360!
Love Marco

Dear Santa,
How is your raindeer? I've been really good this year. How good are your elves working? I can't wait to see my present's. How is Mrs. Claus? I have a present for you. I can't wait till you see it. Ok I'll tell you it is a ornament and it is you!!! I can't wait till school is out. But I will miss my friends. I hope I have a good Christmas!! Oh I hope you like the present.
Love: Jordan

Dear Santa,
How are raindeer's doing and Mrs. Claus? Are the elf's wo feet tall? So if your havend hard that in Froina it has bin snowing. For Christmas I want a laptop. So what have you ben doing? I would like to no how you can keep all the kids name's in your head? How do you no witch present's go to who? I don't have a chimney and how do you come put present's under the tree and eat my cookies and drink my milk.
Sincerely
Nicole Fair

Dear Santa,
Do you hav dog at the North Pole I hav bin a good girl? I would like to hav a play toy mouse and a i Pod. Mi babe bradr would like a playtoy dinasro. and a iPod. I hav bin a good girl
Love,
Emily Campbell

Dear Santa
what is your fafit reindeer? did you hav a good week? I would like to hav a Sand Bag for a Gun I hav been a good Boy
Love
Cotton Riethmayer

Dear Santa,
How are you How is Mrs. Claus are the elves fine or not fine? Have you take care of the Raindeers or not? are you going to make a shirt for me? have I been noty or good I hope I have been good if I'm not good I will try to do my Best to be good and I hope you have a good Christmas ow and I might give you a present for Christmas only if you give me one okay? okay. ow and I left you some cookies and milke ow I want some clothe please thank you bye.
Sincerely
Omar

Dear Santa,
I like how you and the elf work together. Santa how are the raindeers doing? It is snowing a lot in Froina. How are you and mrs. claus? I like the toys that the elf made last christmas. Thanks for the presents last christmas. For christmas I would please like a psp and a sled and a tendo des I please and a repot car and lots of other fun stuff and I hope you like the milk's and cookies. Santa when you go home from giving presents go and rest and drink hot coco with marshmellos. and give me the best christmas ever.
Sincerely,
Anahi Cigarroa

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite cookies? I would like to have a notidow I have been a good girl.
Love
Victoria Gonzalez

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph with the red nos? I would like to have a Leapster. I have been a good Boy
Love Gabriel Perez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? How are you and your wife doing? Are you ready for the big delivery. I have ben a good girl this year. I would like an american doll with brown laired hair with gold highlights and for me and her I would like pj's. I hope you make it safle. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love
Emma

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for this day I hope your ready to deliver today and how are you doing with your wife and this is what I want for Christmas I want a three flor Barby house and a Barby bus that terns into a house and sum Barby
Love, Melissa

Dear Santa,
I am 11 years old and I want a ipod and a psp and boots and a wii and a getear herow and the resound I want a lot of tings is becuas I thank you are a very good person and that is way I like you so much becuas you give a lots of presents. and all of the children love you becuas you and fontastik to give them what they want and they thank you becuas what they wish for is what you give them and what you give them is what they want and I know you all ways give it to them. and we thank you so much.
Sincerely,
Andrea

Dear santa,
how are your elves? Is mrs. claus fien? I would lika to have a PSP I have been a good girl.
Love
Sharlene Maldonado

Dear Santa,
Hawo is the randeers? I would like to have a Gi Go gam for PlaStaion2 gam a Fallat for intindo gam I have bin a good good boy.
luv Jake Cambell

Dear Santa
how are you doing? I would like to have Lego Indiana jons 2 the vidio game.
Love
Matthew mendoza

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want you to come savely to town and I will leve you cookies and milk for you Santa I hope you have a very good Christmas and can you bring me a D.S. and P.S.P
Samuel

Dear Santa,
For Chistmas, I would like a grain truck and, a R.C. plow for my R.C. tractor. I also would like some more tracks for my train and maybe a cooking set. Please, please, please bring me a R.C. plow. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
Merry Christmas,
Hadley White

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole is it doing great so I would like to have a X-box 360 for Christmas on the 25th I would like that very much
Sincerely, from, Ulysses

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers? Are the reindeers ready to deliver presents? How are you Santa? Santa what I want for Christmas is a pink laptop, a pink NdendoDS, and a bunk bed.
Sincerely,
Angel

Dear Santa,
How or you? how is Mrs. Claus? how is the elves? I would like to have a Xbox I have been a good boy.
love
Malachi torres

Dear Santa,
I hop you giv me a car and giv a dog. I hop I get a toy.
Love,
Jake Padilla

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you have a safe trip coming down to my house. I have been very good this year. So I think you should get me a cowboy jersey, football, basket ball, monopoly game for the wii and a lava lamp. I wish you give us snow on Christmas.
Trushar Patel

Dear Santa,
I hope you and the reindeer are fine so you can give presents to people all around the world everybody in the world will be very sad pleas do not be sick. On christmas night can I meet you so I can see what you have gave me and so I can tell you what I want next year. I want a cricket 22 a eletic scuter a ground racer go cart a shotgun a 20 gaje shotgun more pencils a spy gear remote controle car 360 it has glasses and it has a camrea connected to it. please let it snow on christmas like it's supposed to ow I forgot something I want a puppy and a cat a new horse and a huge pig. Can I have the whole seirys of magic tres house books and can I have the movie transformer reveng of the fallen and can I have the game mad-den 10 new spur. How is mrs. claus doing? When I said I want new horse I ment by when my other horse dies I will already have one to ride. pleas forgive everybody who was being naughty. Merry Cristmas to all

Love:
Slade

Dear santa,
Wat is your favorite cookies? I would like to have IpoD I have bin a good girl
Yulissa Garcia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Nintendo DSI. For my mom I want a stove. For my sister Bianca I want a Baby Alive. For my Little brother I want rocky the truck. For my sister Nickole I want a Woopsy Doo. For my brother Omar I want a DS. For my sister Andrea I want a PSP. Last but not least for Giaani I want a DS to. I want to have the best Christmas for my family this year. my mom should have the best Christmas most of all because she has worked so hard to take care of all seven of us.
Mery Christmas Santa!
Jazmin Calderon

Dear Santa,
How are you fine? are you working hard? How are the reindeers good or bad? today is my birthday? and I am nine years old? I am so excited for my birthday? for I want is a Mp3 player? and looking for Love?..
Love, Marixa

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how your reindeers are doing and how you are doing? I would like a nintendo DSi and a purple bike to. I would like to know how your elves are doing and Mrs. Claus is doing to? I would like to know how you remember all the children's names so you can send the presents? and I would like you to really really bring me the both presents please. I would like to know what your reindeer like to eat? and could you please go though the door cause I do not have a chimney. I like the way you do toys for christmas and I wish you have a happy happy christmas this year.
Sincerely,
Vanessa Chavez

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Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph? How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas is a Nintendo Ds-i, refrigerator, Wii, desk, chap stick chocolate please, guitar, plastic strings for bracelets, bing bag, chir, laptop, computer, direy. Have a good Christmas. PS, I was a good girl.
 Love, Gia

Dear Santa, How are you. For Christmas I want a new remote control for my play station. I also want a new football game. For Christmas I am going to make you some milk and chocolat chip cookies. I hope you like them.
 Merry Christmas Santa.
 Love, Jonathan



Dear Santa,
 Hi from Friona! I just want to say how is your wife, and all the reindeers. Also I am going to live you lots of cookies and milk maybe lots of ginger bread cookies to. I hope you bring me lots of presents because I have been really good. What I would likes is a DS game, a wallet, and a perfume for my mom. I don't want that much oh and my dad I am going to give him \$5 I all ready bot my sister lots of thing. That was all I wanted to say and want.
 Love, Gabi Barrandey

Dear Santa, Caius
 My name is Juan Lara and I am going to tell you what I wont for chrismats I wont for chrismas I wont a blue selcell phone so I could my friends and family and I wont a star wars helment and blaster have a mre to all of oll.
 Juan Lara

Dear Santa,
 How are all of your raindeer and how is Mrs. Claus and how are you. I saw that video that you sent me it was very cool. No one has ever sent me a video that is that cool. I will leave you some cookies on the round counter. I will also leave you some milk by your cookies. I will also leave you a pickure by your milk and cookies. I want for Christmas is some plows to go with my tractor. I also want another tractor and some texas tech stuff. I hope you have a good Christmas.
 Merry Christmas!
 Love, Jace Belk

Dear Santa,
 what are your favorite cookies? i Love you santa. I would like to have a car I am a good boy.
 Love
 Alex Guerra

Dear Santa,
 Hi Santa, how are you doing? How are your reindeer? For Christmas I want... Nintendo ds-i, some Nintendo ds games, some earrings, clothes from Justice, some things that I can use to play school. I will have some cookies and milk ps, if we make reindeer food you can take it.
 Love, Natali

Dear Santa,
 I have been good. My mom and I are thinking of making you a small ginger bread man. I hope you get me Dsi, PSP go, and a big box of littest pet shops. I hope you get Scpapy a new pillow. Do you like warm milk or cold milk? I hop you have a colorful bear for me. Don't make him big. I feel like it is going to snow on Christmas morning. I hope you get my mom a Ds. Do you have a Florida Gators helmet for my dad.
 Love, Rickie



Dear Santa,
 I have been good and I LOVE your sleigh so I hope I am on your good list and I want a game for my play staion 3 and please I want a necklece for my mom please bring a necklece for my mom and my Dad some shoes and can a you bring Wii form my dad and my mom and my Brother and me and can you bring some cloths for my brother and my mom bring some shirts so my mom so in the afternoon she can find some. We neat some Cameras for my mom and Dad, Brother and me. My Dad needs some cloan so please santa bring some cloan. And bring some shoes for my dogs plect because my Dogs are getting cold and bring two shirts for my dogs.
 Francisco

Feliz Navidad!
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Our Thoughts Turn To Family and Friends This Time of year. We hope you have a very, very, Merry Christmas!

Kathryn Gurley, Attorney at law
 250-2050

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 Merry Christmas!

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 ies. I hope you like
 Merry Christmas Santa
 Love, Jonathan

Town Talk II

By Ron Carr, Phone-250-2211, Fax-250-5127, Email-frionastar@wtrt.net

Nice brisk Panhandle weather the past few days. Two great shopping days over the weekend. Temps hanging around in the 40s and 50s this week. Weather guys in Amarillo say it will definitely snow again before the end of the year. Farmers are hoping so. We'll see.

Nice crowd at Monday's senior citizen lunch. Rick White, long time local resident and Cargill training officer, furnished the meal of beef tri-tips, potato casserole, green beans, salad. Rick said he wanted to honor the senior citizens, many of whom have made major contributions to Friona and the county over the years.

The leftover meat will be "reorganized" and served Thursday as BBQ. Senior lunch cooks Nora and Susan invited Rick back to cook ribeyes soon. On behalf of all the seniors, thanks Rick for a great lunch.

Visiting at Monday's lunch was Neil Warren, a former resident who makes his home in Alaska. He was in town to

participate in the pheasant hunting season and visit friends.

Rachel and James Cummings are proud parents of a baby girl, Myra Ann Marie, born December 9. Saw proud grandparents Jack and Pat Turner at Monday's senior lunch. They now have six granddaughters and two grandsons. Congrats all around.

Hey Clay, if you are reading this, know that your family and friends, including me, are pulling for you. You are not forgotten. Just wanted to send some positive Christmas thoughts your way. Tough times don't last forever unless you let them. Stay positive.

Master mechanic Joe Reeve, owner of Mr. Service, has completed the purchase of the former Stowers Shop building and has moved into the larger space. Also employed with Joe will be Justin Bridges and Joe Bob Mann. Justin, a recent FHS

graduate, has just completed an automotive course at a tech college in Houston. Joe Bob is a long time mechanic employee at the Stowers Shop with the late Gaylord Stowers. Joe and Joe Bob have many years of automotive repair experience and look forward to serving their many customers at the new location.

Glad to hear Jimmy Grimsley is home and was able to attend church last Sunday. Amelia Taylor is also back home although she will need to make frequent trips to Amarillo for blood tests. Amelia made a brief appearance at the Volunteer Firemen's Christmas banquet Saturday night. Husband Jim is the Fire Chief.

Darell Thompson was expected to come home Wednesday of this week after about two weeks in Lubbock recovering from burns. Skin grafts to his legs have been completed and he seems to be on the road to recovery.

Many folks are still on local prayer lists so keep all in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Christmas this season.

More news from the McCain Brothers of Killer Tumbleweed fame. Ben says that he and Butch will appear in a movie called My Name Is Bruce on the Sci-Fi channel Saturday night at 9 p.m. It stars Bruce Campbell from the Spiderman movies. Ben plays the mayor and Butch has dual roles as the sheriff and a simpleton with a unibrow. They also sing the theme song, which they wrote, called "The Legend of Guan Di".

Don't forget it is almost last call for donating to the Empty Stocking Fund and

Project Christmas Card. Donations to either project can be made at Friona State Bank.

The Empty Stocking Fund provides clothing and other items to needy children here in Friona. The Project Christmas Card fund is a project of the Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary. We have been notified that this year's donations will be used to help decorate the walking path for the new hospital with benches and landscaping.

Don't drink and drive ever, but especially during the holidays. DPS has a new gimmick this year. Reindeer antlers will be placed on bathroom mirrors in bars and restaurants across Texas. When you look in the mirror you will see your head with antlers on it. A decal next to the antlers will read, "Don't drive if you're tipsy, buzzed, or Blitzen. Call a cab or get a sober ride home." Of course many drunks will think seeing reindeer antlers in the bathroom mirror is perfectly normal. Be safe. Don't drink and drive. Suspended driver license, \$2,000 fine, up to six

months in jail. Make it a Merry Christmas.

Santa Claus, a/k/a Dean Eichenauer, made an appearance at the Friona Volunteer Firemen annual Christmas banquet Saturday night at the community center. The kids got to visit with Santa and receive a sack of candy and fruit. Firemen, retired firemen, city and county officials, and families enjoyed the meal, prepared by the firemen and their spouse helpers.

Rookie fireman Chris Brawley, an employee at 4-Way Pump Service, was selected by his fellow firemen as Firefighter of the Year. Chris and his wife Crystal are proud parents of one-month old twin boys.

Hats off and Merry Christmas to our volunteer firemen for their service and thanks for inviting me to the banquet. Santa photos from the banquet elsewhere in this Christmas issue.

County Republican party chairman Floyd Reeve has advised that incumbent

county treasurer Altha Herington has filed for reelection. We have received no word from Democratic county chairman Robert White about any Democrats filing for county offices. The filing deadline is January 4.

As we put our big Christmas issue together this week, we are hoping all of our loyal readers and advertisers have a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year's season. Thank you for your contributions of news and photos during 2009. We got out of the year without irritating too many folks I reckon. We appreciate you all and look forward to another Happy "News" Year in 2010.

The next two weeks we will print the Friona Star one day earlier than normal in order to allow our employees a little extra time off for the holidays. The Star will be "on the street" December 23 and December 30. We will return to normal schedule January 7. Thank you again. See you soon. Until then!



Letters to Santa

Dear santa,
How are lyou and mrs Claus? how is the north Pole? Please bring me a stuffed dog love Nohemi

Dear Sant
How is Rudolph please bring me a toys
Love
James Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want a red hot wheel.
Love,
Isaih Martinez

Dear Santa
How are you are fine I am going to feed your reindeer at my back yard. For Chrisimas I want a BB gun a rifle and a Xbox 360 and I well give yoy cookies and mink.
Love Roy Vega

Dear Santa, Caius
My name is Juan Lara and I am going to tell you what I wont for chrismats I wont for chrismas I wont a blue selcell phone so I could my friends and family and I wont a star wars helmet and blaster have a mre to all of oil.
Juan Lara

Dear Santa,
Hi santa clause this is a girl. What I want for Christmas is a little puppy. Ds, PSP, a new pair of tenny shoes. I also want new swimming suits for me and my sister. I want a new bed. I know I have been a little bad at home but I think I deserve presents. Can you give me what you think I could give my mom.
Love Bianca

Dear Santa, How are you. For Christmas I want a new remote control for my play station. I also want a new football game. For Christmas I am going to make you some milk and chocolat chip cookies. I hope you like them. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Jonathan

dear Santa
how is Rudolph I have been good this year please bring me Buss Light year
Love Usiel Carrasco

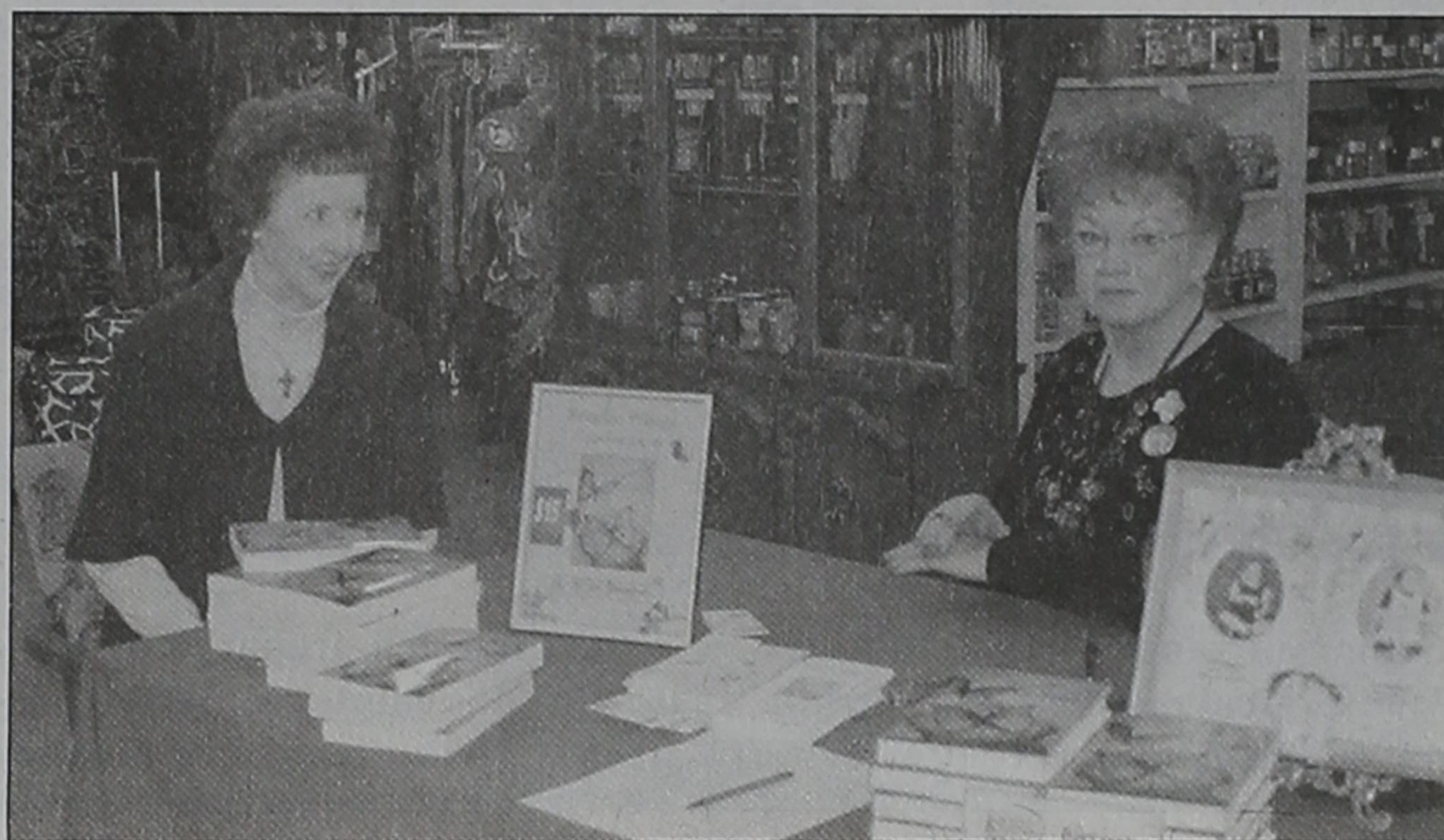
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. I would like a pink Nintendo ds I and a pink bag to carry it. I would also like some games like drake and josh, imagin class trip, wizard of waverly place. I also would like a lap top, and a new mp3. I want a special little bear.

ps, I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Bree DeLaCruz

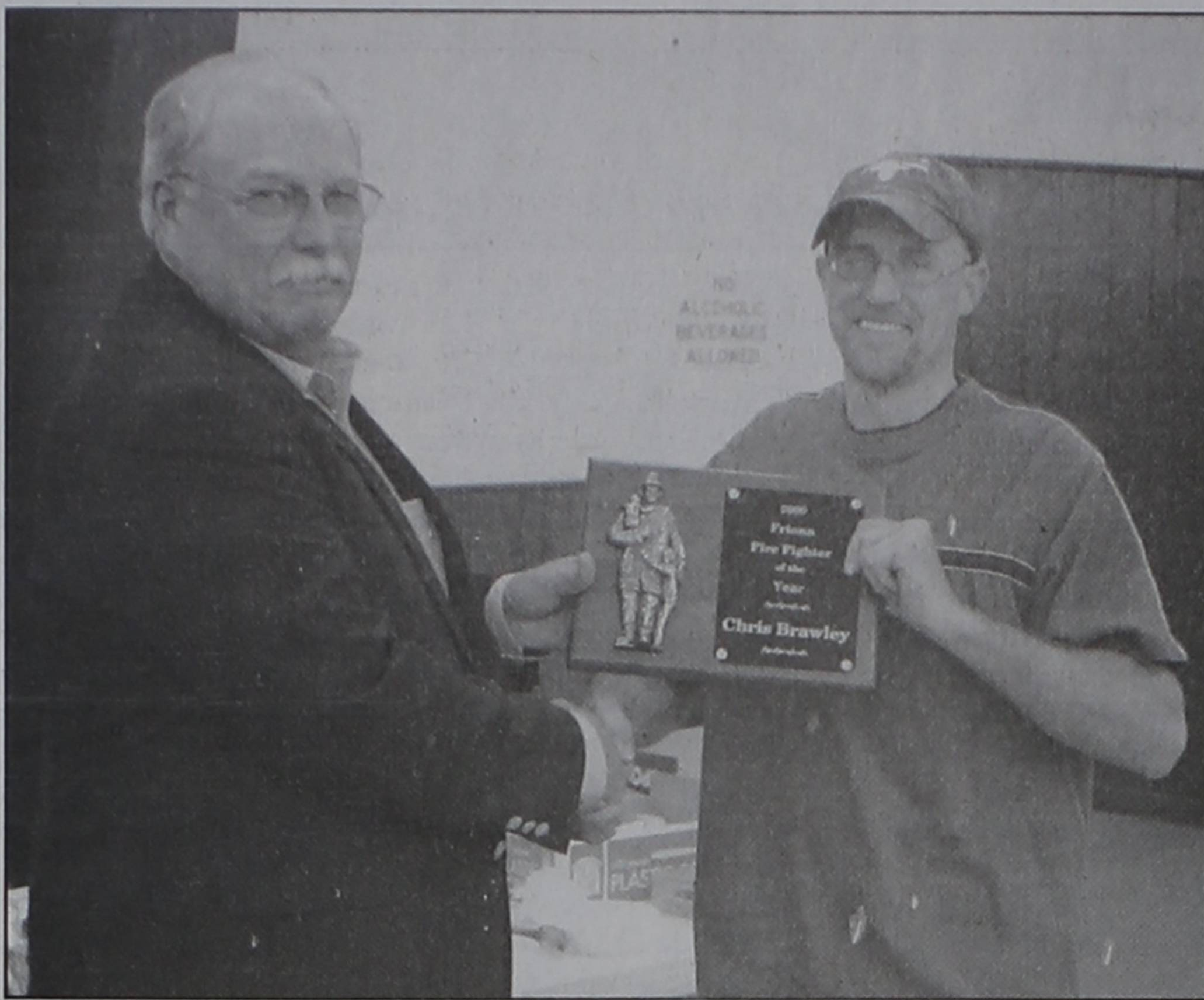
Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how are the reindeer. I have been a good girl. Me, and my mom are thinking about making you some surger cookies and decorate them really pretty. I hope everything is going good at the North Pole. I can't wate for you to come to my house. I might sleep in the living room and wate for you to come to my house. For Christmas I would like some really pretty jewelry, and some new games for my Ds. I also want a hot pink bean bag and a turquoise rug for my room. I hope you have a spectacular Christmas.

Love,
Bailey Pope

Dear Santa,
I have been good. My mom and I are thinking of making you a small ginger bread man. I hope you get me Dsi, PSP go, and a big box of littest pet shops. I hope you get Sepapy a new pillow. Do you like warm milk or cold milk? I hop you have a colorful bear for me. Don't make him big. I feel like it is going to snow on Christmas morning. I hope you get my mom a Ds. Do you have a Florida Gators helmet for my dad.
Love, Rickie



Local area author Jan Thompson, right, visits with Lucy Beth Hinkle, during a book signing for her book, "Fragile Wings", held at Ingram's last Saturday.



ron carr photo

Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor, left, presents the Firefighter of the Year honor to Chris Brawley at the annual Firemen Christmas banquet Saturday night at the Friona community center.



ron carr photos

Senior citizens gathered Monday for a special lunch prepared by Rick White, local resident and Cargill Meat Solutions employee. White prepared the meal to recognize senior citizen contributions to the history of Friona and the county. Above, left, cook Susan González, Sue Procter, cook Nora Rios, Rick White, and Pat Martin in the senior citizen Friendship House kitchen.

A Christmas Wish from Bi-Wize

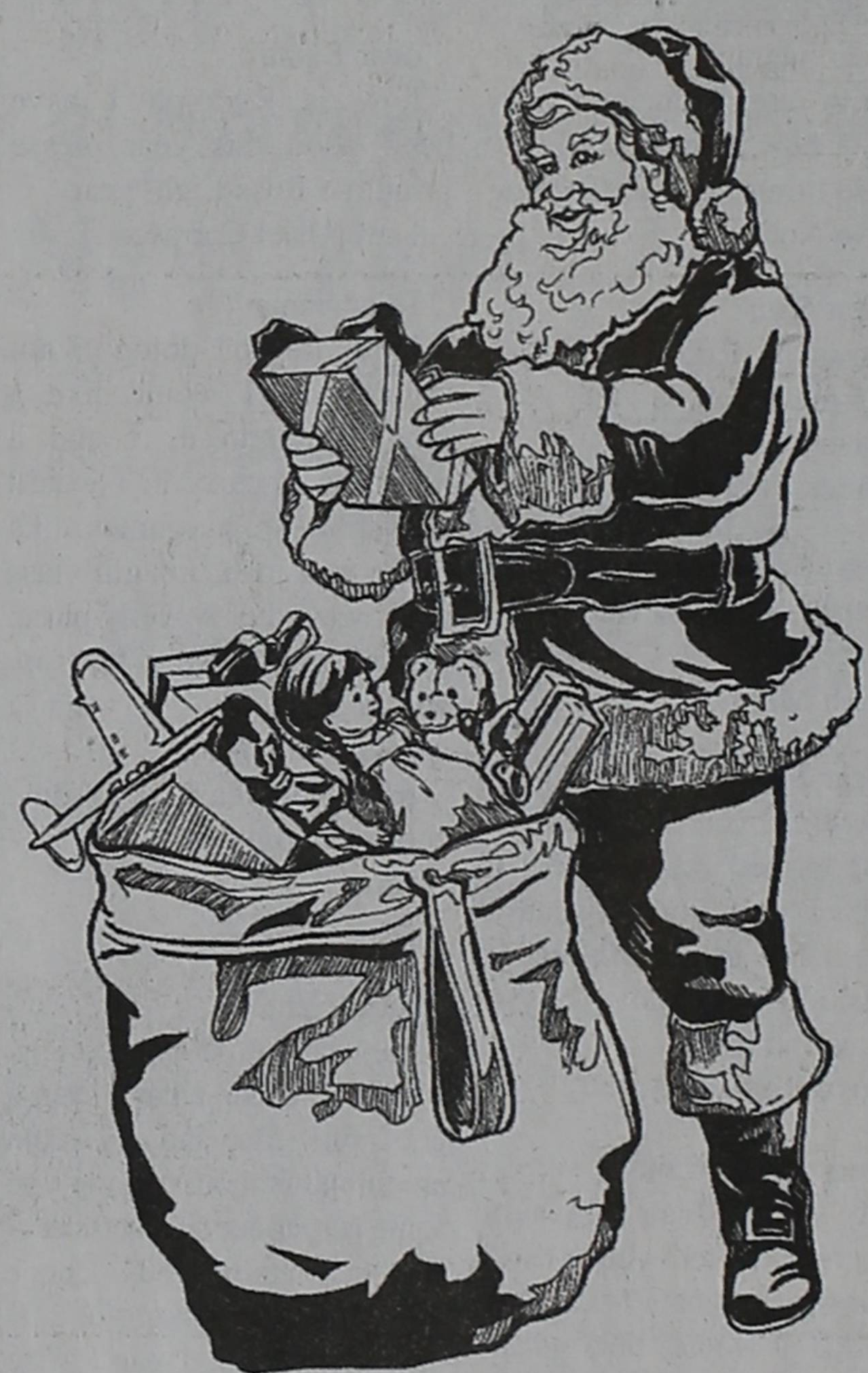
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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
My name is Clarissa and for Christmas I want a scooter and some games for my Nintendo DS you don't have to worry because my mom already bought the Nintendo Ds for me I just need the games I hope you have a very great Christmas
Merry Christams
Clarissa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would really love a phone, because all my friends have a phone. My sisters have a phone too, and I don't want to be left out. That is why I want a phone. I don't want a plain old phone. I want a touch screen phone. I want a phone like my mom and dad. If my mom and dad get me a phone, I would want a laptop I would want one with internet so that I can play games on my laptop. I want a tiny laptop and that is what I want for Christmas.
Marry Christmas,
Love Noelia Correa

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a four wheeler a go cart a hummer remot car. My dad wants a Tshirt of Michael Jackson and a plain black shirt. My mom wants some kind of perfume and a shirt with Barber and Romo or Michael Jackson. My sister wants a make up purse with makeup in it. She also wants a cell phone or a party. My sis wants a new cell phone because it is messing up, so my parents might get her a black berry.
Merry Christmas,
Jerry Prieto
PS Have a good Christmas

Dear Santa,
I hope your doing good over there at the Northpole!! I can't wait till' Christmas!! I'm very exstastic I can't even sleep!! I hope I get what I wanted. I've always wanted a wii. Well even if I don't get it for Christmas, I really don't care. I'm just glad I'm getting something!! Anyway I hope you have good one!!!
Merry Christmas,
Verence Mendoza

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a new bike, psp, truck and a dog can you please bring me a dog I like all dogs big and little I really want a puppy I will name him chocolate If you can bring me a puppy in the cage also can you make his fur like chocolate.
Thank you santa
Merry Christmas
Junior

Dear Santa,
On Christmas I want something really speal and it is a secret but I cant tell you. What I want is a nintendo Dsi and xbox, KTM, a pool table Tony Hawk bick that for a boy a scatebord for the wii, and a collectable big snow bord that will hang on the wall so that if I go to sipapoo I can snow bord mack sure you put buckles on it also mack sure you get a new tarp for my tram-o-lean mack sure you give molly my little couin a little scatebord about her size that is the same as mine.
Sincerely
Arlisa

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas. I know your always busy. My little brother Adrian is probably wrighting you a letter that says: Santa I want a PSP. He doesn't really know how to write a letter. I wonder if it's fun exploring the world! But then again it's probably hard to give presents all night! If I were you I would go to bed once I get home!
Merry Christmas,
Jacqueline

Dear Santa,
Thanks for Christmas because I love it a lot. Thank you for your presents we love them a lot. Pleafce bring us some more presents. I would like a wii, xbox, some video games like Saints row 2, Saints 1 and most of all I want a Play Staion 2. I also want tickets to wonder land because I is so fun!
Have a Merry Chirstmas,
Rocky

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like...a nintendo DSI, a digital camera, all of the collector barbie dolls, DS games, American girl stuff, an I pod, a guitar (if possible a Taylor guitar), head piece walkie-talkies, some earings, a black scooter (from Walmart), CD's from any artists. Please do what you can.
Sincerely,
Brooklyn Johnston

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I love a million things like bratz fashion dolls, a lava lamp, ice cream baker, cookie baker, a baby monkey dolphin and penguin for a pet, cute areopostle stuff, dress up dolls, mostly bratz stuff, a laptop, I pod touch, cell phone, dimonds, jewelry, texas longhorns shoes and hats, a magial snowglobe, a big flat screen t.v., a wii, a guitar hero, a half of a million dollars the other half is for Ms. Gallegos, bookmarks that I can decorate, chieftain stuff, and to own the whole world and santa, thank you!
Love,
Laura

Dear Santa Claus
I realy want a four wheeler, for Christmas, a nintendo DSI lots of nail polish, clothing, silver shoes, I also want a puppy and a talking parrot, a wii, psp, xbox 360, guitar hero set, pogo stick and a new phone, a touch screen Ipod, littlest pet shop set and a digital camera.
Love Erika

Dear Santa,
What I whant for Christmas is a lemur that likes children and adults. The kind of lemur I whant is a ring tail. I always wanted to see a lemur so I thought instead I wanted a lemar as a pet.
Love Daniel Pineda

Dear Santa,
This year I would like 100 dollars and something for my brothers. Bring them little toys because they are too little I want a wii and a dirtbick. I want something for my parents too.
Merry Christmas,
Gerard Trejo

Dear Santa,
I hope you get to come to my house, because I won't a computer or a four wheeler with a helmet, safety first! I don't won't to get hurt and I also won't a game called call of Duty; Modern warfare. It is a cool game, its about people that are in the army. I also wan't an xbox 360 to play the game.
Love: Guillermo

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Santa and the reindeer doing? You are probably getting ready to deliver presents. It must be cool living in the North Pole. I wish I could visit you, but I have to stay here with my family. Sometimes I wish I could be you, but like I said I have to stay here! I can't wait to get your presents! I already have my Christmas stuff ready for you. All I have to do is get the cookies ready for you! I can't what to see the Christmas tree with presents from you. Nice writing to you.
Sincerely your
Friend Vvi

Dear Santa,
I would like to see you but is so long to see. Well I would like a motorcycle oH and on't forget something for my family because they will be sad they didn't got nothing. I also hope you give me a box of hot wheels for all my brothers and me and for sister a selfphone she wants one. I want you to get my mom a chevie and a big house and for my dad a truck to go to work. Santa I hope you can get me a play station three and a nintendo Ds and also for my brother a game boy. For my little brothers a bunch of hores with trailers for the horses and my mom wants a car to. Santa had you ever had a gift before because I want to sent a piece of my heart. I hope you give me a big shot at it and so my family want yours best shot.
To: santa
Sincerely: Gabriel

Dear Santa,
How are you how is Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus and how are your raindeer. For Chrisma I want a nintendo i a turquoise but it for my mom. I already have some games for it but my other won was broken when I opened it. For Chrismas I want a play station and I want another nintendo and a turquoise won like my moms and please give me two of them please because my mom want my turquoise won and she said that she going to play it all the time so she doesn't let me play it.
Love, Mariah

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a lap top. I want it to be red the apple one please I hope you can buy me one, because I really want a laptop. I really wanted one, but I don't have money to buy it. So I really want one for Christmas. I am poor and I wish I had a computer for Christmas, If you don't give me one, you could give me something else. Can you just give me something For Christmas! I hope you can and please bring my brothers something two please because they are twins.
Merry Christmas santa
Lynette

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I'm gonna feed you reindeer's and Im gonna gave you cookies and milk and a note by the fire place. What I want for chrstmas I want a LSU hat and shirt and the new transformers movie the DVD and drms and a guitar and drums for a playstation 3 afor guitar hero spectacular DVD and the id. My brother wants a xbox 3 bo. Ive ben a good boy.
Love Logan

Dear Santa,
Thanks for Christmas because we love to open presents. Santa can you get my brother and I a couple of Christmas presents, like an xbox 360, playstation 3 or 2, the new nerf game for wii, and Madden 2010 for playstation 3 or 2. Can you also get a Christmas present for my baby cousin he is 1 year old. Santa can you get him a football and we play catch with him.
Marry Christmas,
Isaac Duran

Dear Santa,
I would like a electric guitar and the cords with the speekers but the name of the guitar is focus. I want it red or black. I also want a nintendo Dsi. I want a red four wheeler with a key that can stop the cart.
Merry Christmas
Love, Johnny



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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
What cha doin? Has it warmed up over there? Okay, no more funny business. If you give me as many things on my Christmas list (maybe more) I will (try) to be nice every season! You name it, new years, valentines day, thanksgiving, easter, April Fools, St Patricks day, Christmas, 3 kings day! I hope to get lots of presents from you on Christmas morning.
Merry Christmas,
Franky

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,

For this Christmas I would like many things like a nintendo Dsi, a new bicycle, a remote control truck, and a Wii, a PSP, a game called Monopoly, 4 bouny balls, a Pogo stick, playdoo, a soccer ball, a baseball bat with the ball, and a football. I hope you will bring me these presents because I have been so nice and good all year long and I wish you a very merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Edvin

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a nice trampoline and a spiderman toy. I hav bin a good boy.
Luv
Moses Reyes

Dear Santa,
you know I want the toy deurstater for christmas and want the bubble bee transforms and the octimis prime transformers and want the Lego Star Wars game so thats want i will leave you cookies and milk for you and i hop you have a safe trip over here
Noah

Dear Santa
I want a go kart for Christmas. I also want to have a new bike with ramps and a table top for Christmas. Then I want a wii or if you can get me a PS3 or PSP for christmas. I might also if you can get me a Labrador retriever for christmas. I also would like to have a Playstation 3 for Christmas. I would like to have a signed football by Jorden Shipley or Colt McCoy thanks Santa, Claus and the elves have a really good Christmas
your friend
tristan Stormes.

Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas I would like to have spectacular spiderman action figure that could shoot suction cup webs. I want a nice Buzz light gear action figure that responds to your voice, and has a popout wing set. I want a Transformer/Octomous prime action figure. I would also like a Ben 10:alien force or mitrix game. Finally last but not least a cool iron man figure and his car that shoots a mitsle.
Merry Christmas
Happy Holidays
Signed Michael Valdez

Dear Santa,
I want a xbox 360 and some vidiou games the games. I want are ratchet and clank crak in time and lakugan and a cat and be careful wine you land on mi haues and nowe that i told you wate i want i hope you have a nice trip.
Erick Prieto

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Erick Prieto

Dear Santa,
I want to tell you about Christmas. I want a NinteDo DSO. We are going to make tamales. We are going to make a Dessert as good cake, and Jello. That's what I want to talk about. I want to tell you have a good Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Seth Murphree. I hope I'm on the nice list. I want the wii games Fishing, Bull Riding, and Hunting. A PS2 would be nice I would also like a go cart for Christmas. Same Old Navy Sweet shirts. I would like about maybe 15 \$100 gift cards from 15 different stores. One of the best things you could give me is an I-pod touchscreen.
Sincerely Seth Murphree
P.S. Why are the elves so small?

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Nuria Garcia. I will tell you the things I want for Christmas. I will want a Wii, a Santa Globe, cookies made from Santa or Mrs. Clause with chocolate chips on it. Then I want a fur animal I want it soft and cuddly, a special doll, a flat screen, a computer, and for Mrs. Gonzales and Mrs. Soliz, I will get them a present. For Mrs. Gonzales I want you to give her some lotion and a key chain that says her name. For Mrs. Soliz give her a big present. The big present is a blanket that says Texas Tech and a mug too.
That's all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Nuria Garcia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Labtop to play games on, a Digi Makeover to give people makeovers on it, a karaoke machine to hear music on it, and an electric guitar and I will leave some cookies and milk for you. have a Merry Christmas.
Viviana Chavez

Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is a playstation 3, gold fish that are small. A new jacket that is black, a psp that is black, an old fashion nintendo. A wii game that is called Super Mario Bros, a wii controller, a Filex Jones jersey, go to the Dallas cowboy game, A I pod touch, a Texas tech jersey, sorry sliders, A new bike, a swing set, a big slide, a water slid, a big jump house, a Droid phone from verizon wireless sell phone, a fourweller, and a dirt bike.
Ivan Duran

Dear Santa Clau,
In this letter I am goin to tell you what I whant for Christmas. What I want is a phone and it to be a ipod touch, a real white parrot, a wii, those clothes at Khouls that say I love my Kitty, a live girl Sophie, all the Zhu Zhu pets hampsters, some toys to kids who don't have any, a white nintindo dsi, my own flat screen t.v. that has the channels nick & Disney, lots and lots and lots of money, a white game boy and all the games. That is it, this is all the stuff I want for Christmas. Thank you Santa.
Love
Mesa Capshaw

Dear Santa
What cookies do you like? How are you? are you happe mrs claus? I would like a live puppy and a rabbit. I am nice to my mom.
Love Patricia DeLacruz



Dear Santa
I was wondering How every thing is going with the work-shop. For christmas I would like anything dallas cowboys. Because I am a big fan of them. You are a great Guy and I am vary, vary greatfull. But every year I forget the true meaning of Cristmas.
Sincerely Drew Bonds
P.S. Cowboys Rock.

Dear Santa Claus,
I only want a few things for Christmas. The first one is a Nintendo DS game imagine babies. Also a Zhu-Zhu pet hamster Num-Nums. A 50 year anniversary Barbie doll, a Lir doll Katie, a new MP3, a new bike with a nice, shiny pink with lime-green flames helmet and A's for the whole year. Don't forget to eat my cookies. Say hi to Ruldolph, Dasher, Dancer, Comit and the new one Olive the other reindeer and Mrs. Claus.
From,
Saidi

Dear Santa,
I want for Chrismas is a wii, I pod touch, computer, Easy Baker, Close, Shose, 6-Ohigh tops, swingset, moon sand, frog that stay little, made, little Christmas tree, nail polish. Vocabalary Bingo, Nintendo I, New Jacket, New Basket Ball, VollyBall Dog Pit Bull, New T.V. horse, Go to a foot ball game in Dalles, fashion DS, Texas Tech Jerse, Green Bay Jerse, good Christmas.
Love Lexie

Dear Santa Claus
I would love a puppy, sco-ter, ink doll swetter and a family trip and that is all I want for Christmas oh and for eerone to have a good Christmas and have lots of fun I will also like to drive and hope you and Mrs. Claus have a grate Christmas and the elves oh I wood like for everone to have a Big huge humer or a cheta pet
Your frend
Samantha Salinas

Dear Santa Claus
These are things I would like for Christmas. I want a video games called rock band, rock band 2 and a PSP. I would like a nike football and some shoes called nike shox. I would wear them and play with them all the time. Those are the things I would like. Oh and a wii and a leather Jacket. I would like time to spend time to. Thank you santa.
Victor M. Davila

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is a Ipod watt generator and a new dog and a cat and a Xbox 360 so I can play them with my new Xbox psp with new games like ricing. I also want a go kart with a 4 strok engine and a nintendo DSI that all I want for Christmas.
Love
Blasé Bermea

Dear Santa Claus
This is a list of things I want for Cristmas. The first thing I want is a new cover for my cell phone, a new ipod touch screen, a car all to myself! I want more new cloths that I might like, and a touch screen computer. Lot's and Lot's and Lot's and Lot's of money so I can stay at Inn of The Mountain Gods! Go shopping for lot's of cloths that are on sale so I can buy atleast fifty shirts fifty pants I also want to stay at Ruidosa over the weekend. Love Karina Acosta Soto

There is an opportunity for local landowners to join the Parmerton Rhea LLC and sign land leases for the Mariah Project at 301 Hwy 86 Bovina. The office is the former office of Sandra Johnson. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-5:00, closed for lunch 12:00-1:00. Please note that January 9th, 2010 is the deadline to sign up in order to participate in full exit compensation.

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FHS Students and Staff Member for November

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

Freshman: Jessica Rivas has a good work ethic in the classroom. Mr. McWilliams says that as a member of the Chieftain band, she contributes by being "a great flute player".

Sophomore: Conner Woods works hard both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. He is a pleasant student to have in class. Conner also excels in running. This month he competed at the Regional Cross Country Meet in Lubbock. He encourages other stu-

dents and works well with others. Mrs. Osborn said that he is "an independent, dedicated individual" and a "great student in class".

Junior: Karina Trevino is described as a good motivator and a "go-getter". She participates in class and encourages others to do the same. She is

the Drum Major for the band, is in AP English, and participated in Volleyball.

Senior: Josh Duenes is de-

vanced in choir and was a soloist for the band during the Veteran's Day Assembly. He has participated in the Entrepreneur Fair in which his team won a prize for their project. He played on our Area qualifying football team. On top of that, he is taking Dual Credit classes to prepare him for college. He recently qualified for the Area Choir and will audition for the All State Choir in January. He is 4th chair Tenor I in the Area Choir.



Mary Ortiz

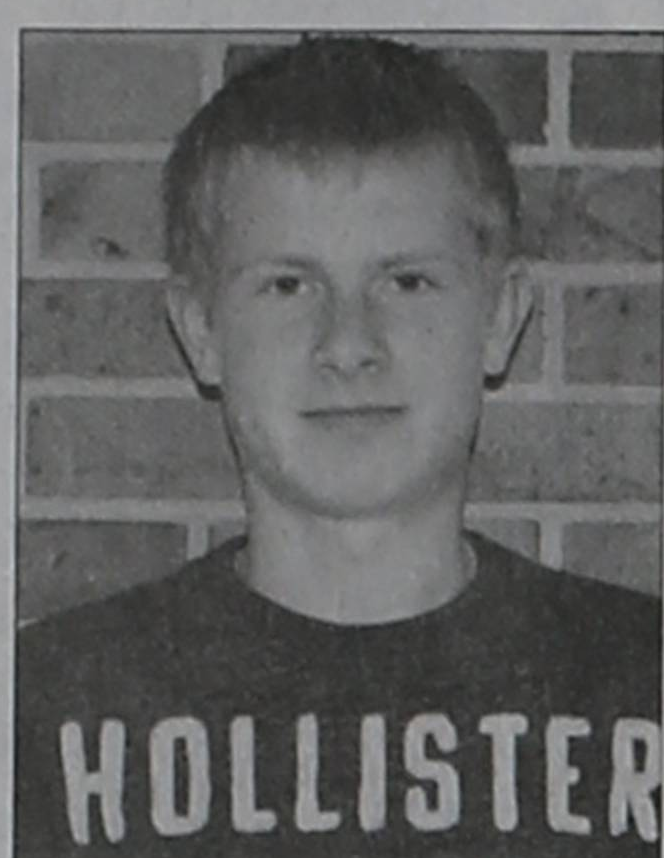
Staff Member of the Month: Mary Ortiz is described by Ms. Murdock as "helpful to students and teachers alike. She is always willing to translate and she is an encourager of our students". Mr. Kirton says that she is "invaluable". "She is flexible, experienced and

cares about our students. Mrs. Ortiz is a wise person and a great supporter of education in our community".

We are proud to have these students represent our school. Their qualities, character and contribution to Friona High School are appreciated and hereby recognized.



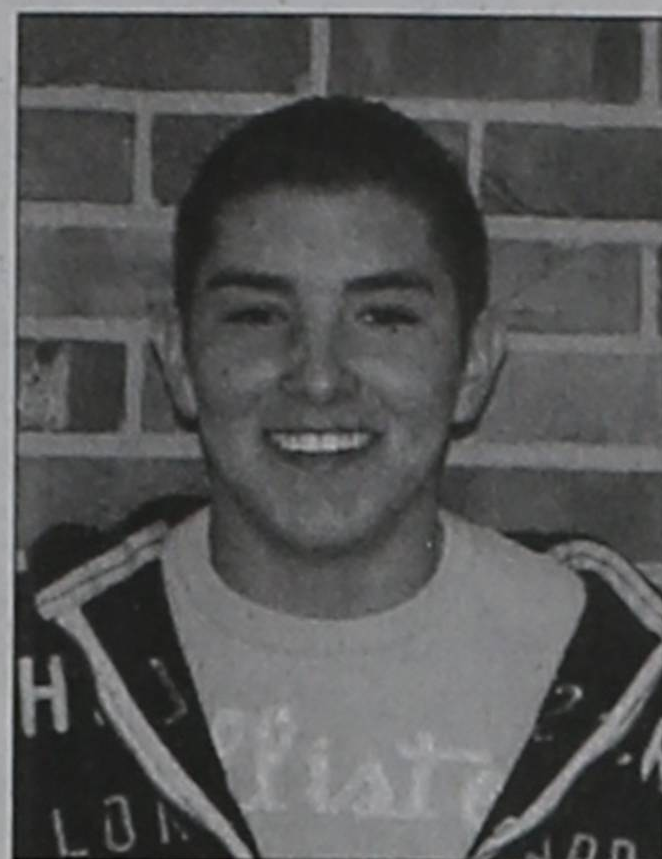
Jessica Rivas



Connor Woods



Karina Trevino



Josh Duenes

scribed by Mrs. Osborn as a "hardworking, dedicated and responsible student". She also said that he is a "good representative of FHS". He was in the musical, has ad-

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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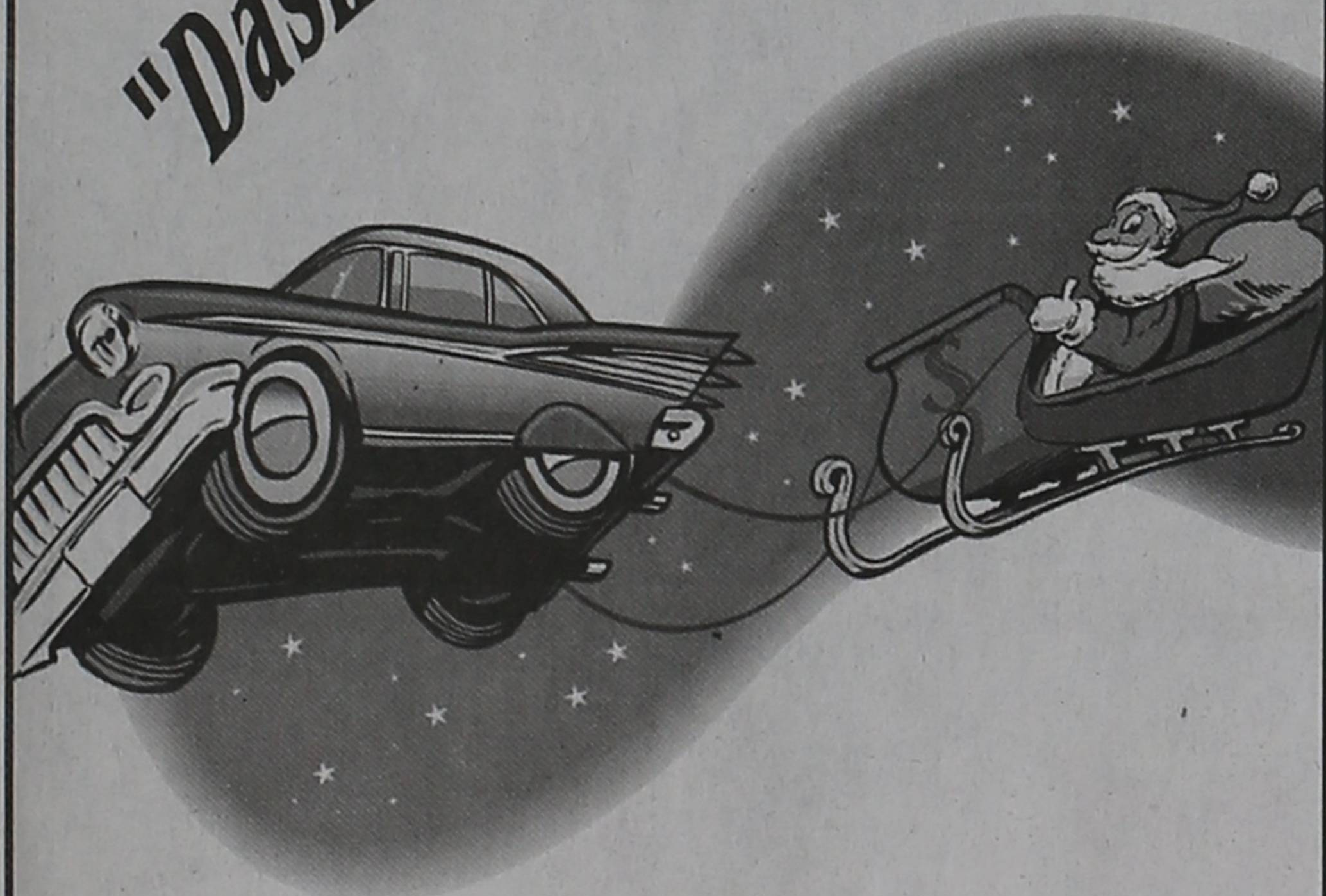
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and
Happy New Year**

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