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## Bank takes action on debit card fraud

Friona State Bank has advised that some bank customers have been victims of debit card fraud. Debit card use has been suspended until next week. A bank spokesperson issued the following statement:

"Some of our customers are victims of debit card fraud. Because of this, Friona State Bank is limiting your debit card use to ATM transactions only until the first of next week. Hopefully this issue will be resolved by then. We are sorry for this inconvenience at this busy time of year but we want to limit your liability."

## Water district relocates office

The Parmer County office of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 was moved December 4 to Mars Real Estate and Insurance, 908 W. 11th Street in Friona. The telephone number is 806-250-2090.

At their January regular meeting the High Plains Water District board of directors will appoint John Mars as the new Parmer County secretary. He succeeds Carolyn Stowers of Friona who recently resigned the position. She has served as secretary since May 2004.

Persons wishing to drill water wells within Parmer County may obtain permit information from John Mars' office. In addition, data from Parmer County well logs and other water related information is available to the public at this location.

Other High Plains Underground Water Conservation District representatives in Parmer County are Precinct 3 district director Carroll Cook of Friona, and the Parmer County advisory committee including Jerry Don Glover of Lazbuddie, Kay Williams of Farwell, Don Bandy of Bovina, Keith Hicks of Clay's Corner, and Jim Taylor of Friona.

## Yearbook early bird deadlines

Friona high school yearbook sponsor Allison Johnston advises the last date to order yearbooks at the Early Bird price of \$45 is Friday, December 19. After Christmas the price goes up to \$50.

Order forms may be picked up at the high school office or the choir room. Notices were sent out to every student early in the fall. "If anyone has any questions they may contact me at the high school," Johnston said.

Parents (or grandparents) are also advised that senior recognition ads are available in the yearbook. "Senior parents may place a senior recognition ad in the yearbook with a special note to and photo of their senior," Johnston said.

Ad prices are \$25 for a 1/8 page, \$50 for 1/4 page, \$75 for 1/2 page, and \$200 for a full page ad. If parents have questions or want to place a recognition ad contact Mrs. Johnston at the high school. The school office phone is 250-3951.



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Kids are sending their letters to Santa as Christmas descends on the area. Bailey Pope, daughter of Charlie and Britny Pope, visited with Santa Claus in person at the Friona Volunteer Firemen's annual Christmas dinner Saturday evening.

## Council keeps 9-1-1, welcomes new Prairie Acres administrator

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday December 8. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor John Taylor and the council welcomed Nikki Brister, new administrator at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. She assumed the duties on December 1 after serving 10-years with a nursing home facility in Ranger, Texas, where she worked in all departments. Mrs. Brister, 30, recently received her nursing home administrator's certification.

She was born in Ranger but her family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, when she was 1 1/2 years old. She grew up in Las Vegas but they

subsequently moved back to Ranger. She told the council she is glad to be on board and has positive goals for the nursing home.

City manager Terri Johnson told the council that Prairie Acres was "in the black" by \$6,728 in October and "things appear to be turning around" at the facility.

The council spent little time discussing the issue of moving the county's 9-1-1 emergency dispatch operation from Friona to Farwell. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) had advised county commissioners that in order to move 9-1-1 all three city councils, Bovina, Farwell, and Friona,



Nikki Brister  
Prairie Acres Administrator

must unanimously approve the move. Bovina and Farwell support the move. In a quick vote without

discussion the Friona council voted unanimously Monday night to keep 9-1-1 dispatch office in Friona. No one from the public or any of the commissioners appeared before the council to address the matter.

Police Chief Tino Salinaz gave the police report for November. The department received 315 calls for service, made 4 arrests, issued 47 citations, and 168 warnings. The department is still short two officers. Chief Salinaz said they are working with PRPC and Amarillo College to provide tuition costs for potential officers in return for working for the Friona PD.

In other action the council

approved the lease by Jerry Loflin on land owned by the city at the south water field. Loflin leases the land from the city. They approved the transfer of a cable TV franchise, authorized the city offices to close on Friday, January 2, as a holiday, and set the next meeting of the council for Monday, January 19, due to the city secretary and city treasurer, Terri Johnson and Patricia Phipps, will be attending a school in Austin the week of January 12.

City council members are Jim Atwell, Martha Barker, Mark Osborn, Ronnie Stevick, and Charlie Pope. The council normally meets the second Monday of each month.



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The Mars residence on West 10th St. is aglow with Christmas spirit. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a lighting contest for area homes and businesses. Call the Chamber at 250-3491 to enter your location. Contest ends December 15.

## High School choir concert & caroling

The Friona High School choir will have their Christmas concert Sunday, December 14 at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The choir will also be caroling around Friona during the next two weeks. The choir's official carol-around is today (Thursday December 11). They will sing at the senior citizen lunch, Prairie Acres, Heritage Estates, Friona elementary and primary, and the Friona State Bank. A group from the choir will carol for the Evening Lion's Club.

On Friday, December 12, a group from the choir will sing for the Heritage Estates Christmas party. Thursday December 18 a group from the choir will carol for the Noon Lions Club and that evening another group will entertain at the Friona State Bank Senior Travel Club's Christmas party.

Choir director Allison Johnston says, "We hope to see everyone at our concert on Sunday."



# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## pootin is not a russian leader

Can I use the word 'fart' in the newspaper?

I suppose I should be sensitive to the community and use the politically correct government terms: gaseous emissions or flatulence. The problem with those terms is they don't have a verb tense as in 'who gaseous emissioned' or 'hey, who flatulated.'

When our kids are little we don't use the f-word. If they have a gaseous emission we say they pooted. Poot is a nice friendly word that is good until about 4th grade.

Some guys I've known over the years were proud of their gaseous emission talents. One I remember would assume the stance and pretend to be cranking a motorcycle. Some gaseous emissions seem to just appear without the sound effects.

Those are usually the worst kind from an aromatic standpoint.

Even the Supreme Court gets into the act. In 2007 the highest court in the land took up the topic of animal farts, ruling that greenhouse gases emitted by belching and flatulence (by farm animals) amounts to air pollution. Will the makers of Beano be asking for a bailout?

Now the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has accepted the fact that they cannot prevent cows and hogs from belching and flatulating so they are considering the government's answer to all problems: a fart and belch tax. They call it a fee.

The Associated Press article was on Page 1C of Sunday's Amarillo Globe-News in case you think I am making this up. The proposal is to levy a fee (tax) on farms

or ranches with more than 25 dairy cows, 50 beef cattle, or 200 hogs. The air-polluting animals fee is suggested to be \$175 for each dairy cow, \$87.50 for each beef cow, and \$20 for each hog.

The result of such a ludicrous robbery by the government would be devastating. A 5000 head dairy would be required to pay \$875,000 a year in fees. However, a 5000 head feedyard would only pay \$437,500, while 5000 hogs would only cost \$100,000. The article said the EPA might even extend the fee to chickens and other farm animals.

I can truly say that I don't remember ever hearing a chicken poot or belch. But then most of the chickens I have come in contact with have been dead and fried.

No doubt a team of government scientists has figured out the average volume of cow flatulence compared to hog emissions and established the fees accordingly. I

can't figure why a dairy cow fart is worth twice that of a beef cow. Based on the above numbers we could all soon be eating more pork, drinking Chinese milk and grilling Japanese beef.

Such a stupid assessment would indeed bankrupt many producers. But the big question is "What would the government do with the money?" It's pretty simple: over the next 100 years scores of scientists will conduct never-ending lab experiments to develop totally fartless farm animals.

Finally, speaking of the environment, President-elect Obama met with the scariest man in America, Al Gore, this week. Mr. Gore is the gloom and doom prophet of the universe. He is overdosed on the destruction of the planet and now Mr. Obama is said to be considering him as a part of his administration.

Come January, farm animal flatulence may be the least of America's worries.

## Chip & Dip Cookies

BY RON CARR

Sometime in the past I remember buying some chocolate pretzel stick cookies at one of the local fundraisers. It was a stick of pretzel (I think) covered in chocolate and was very tasty. Don't be deceived that these are cookies, they are actually little sticks that taste like cookies.

This recipe was developed by a mom and son in Penfield, New York and published in Relish magazine. They used potato chips and pretzels because the boy was allergic to peanuts.

Seems like a little work but will sure make you a hero around the Christmas tree or Christmas dinner table. Make sure you have wax paper. Have a crispy Christmas.

### Chip & Dip Cookies

Makes 2 dozen

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup coarsely crushed potato chips
- 3/4 cup coarsely crushed pretzels
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup white baking chips

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. Combine butter and sugar. Beat with a mixer at medium high speed until light and fluffy. Add egg yolk and vanilla. Gradually add flour and mix well. Stir in potato chips and pretzels.
3. Shape level tablespoons of dough into 3-inch logs. Place on an ungreased baking sheet 1 1/2 inches apart. Bake 14-18 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely on baking sheet.
4. Heat semisweet chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir. Repeat until melted. Dip one end of each cookie into chocolate and place on wax paper. Refrigerate until firm, about 10 minutes.
5. Heat white baking chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir. Repeat until melted. Dip other end of cookie into melted chips and place on wax paper. Refrigerate until firm, about 10 minutes.

## Board names Austin as superintendent

The Friona School Board met in regular session Monday December 8 at the administration building.

Kenny Austin, who has served as interim superintendent since the retirement of Jim Parker last December, was named as the lone finalist for the permanent position as FUSD superintendent.

The board approved final plans for construction at the Friona Child Development Center (formerly the M&M Welding building) at 8th and Euclid and the automobile mechanics building on 9th St. A portion of the mechanics building will be torn down and a new 12 X 12 building constructed which will be taller and allow for an automobile lift to be installed.

Construction on both projects will begin in January and should take about four months to complete. Both buildings will be ready for the start of the 2009 fall term.

The board also approved the Highly Qualified Teacher plans.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ron,

As a former Chieftain I am embarrassed by the size of the crowd at the Vega tournament. The size of the crowd was literally only 25 people who consisted mainly of parents.

And also if you do come to the game fans need to yell and be loud! Home crowd advantage is a great thing but it's even better when you are playing away and your crowd is louder than the home's.

So all of you should be ashamed to call yourselves fans!

Let me ask how many of ya'll, including you Ron, missed any away football games? And while yes Friona may have graduated quite a few players from last year's team, this team is still a very, very good team that has a good shot at bringing Friona its third straight district championship! So all of you Frionians (sic) need to come and show some support for your Chiefs.

Jared Boyd

## Mark Your Calendar

December 14

Choir Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium

December 16

Prairie Acres Christmas Party 6:30 p.m.

December 17

First National Bank Christmas Tea 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Farm Bureau

Christmas Open House

December 18

Chamber Ho, Ho, Home for the Holidays drawings

December 22 - January 2

School's out for Christmas Holidays Starts January 5

January 18

Prairie Acres benefit Mexican dinner, Jr. High Cafeteria

January 27-29

Farm & Ranch Show at the Lubbock Civic Center

January 31

Deadline for history stories in 3rd Parmer County History Book

March 10

Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the Community Center

## Your Town is You

If you want to live in a kind of town  
That's the kind of town you like,  
You need not gather your clothes  
And start a long, long hike.

You'll find elsewhere what you just left behind  
Cause it's nothing really new.  
You knock yourself when you knock your town  
Because your town...is really you.

Real towns are not made of people afraid  
Of someone else getting ahead.  
If everybody works, and nobody shirks,  
You can raise any town from the dead.

You can make your mistakes  
And your neighbors can make theirs too.  
But your town can be what you want it to be  
Because your town...is YOU!  
Anonymous

## Friona Star

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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.

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### ACROSS

1 big TX social party

5 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_\_\_ tender on pay day"

6 Cowboy CB Jenkins (#31)

7 TXism: "he \_\_\_\_\_ me dry"

8 MGM's lion

9 TXism: "rough as a corn \_\_\_\_\_"

12 TXism for a "dumb person," or a popular website

17 "entrance" south of the border.

19 Toyota, AT&T, & American Airlines Centers

21 Dave Campo was \_\_\_\_\_ by Cowboys in '08

22 TX Charley Pride tune: "\_\_\_\_\_ Me"

23 "he's got \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation"

28 in Van Zandt Co. on FM 279 & 314

29 "\_\_\_\_\_ I say, not as I do"

30 this Pease was 5th & 13th gov.

31 \_\_\_\_\_ Lake, TX

35 Fort Worth decor retailer: "\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Imports"

36 seen on many TX city lakes (2 wds.)

42 someone from Virginia, e.g.

44 Myrtle gave \_\_\_\_\_ to Willie on 4/30/33 in Abbott, TX

### The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Solution on page 4

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### DOWN

1 2nd of 3 song-based TV films by TX-born Kenny Rogers (3 wds.)

2 Taylor Co. seat

3 TX reservoir: "\_\_\_\_\_ Pines"

4 TX flag has \_\_\_\_\_ bar or stripe

9 this TX Brown won Pulitzer for news reporting (5)

10 newspaper for two towns in San Patricio Co. (3 wds.)

11 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big \_\_\_\_\_ John"

12 sweet potato

13 TXism: "mean as \_\_\_\_\_"

14 TX Audie in WWII

15 De Leon h.s. class

16 TXism: "feeling his \_\_\_\_\_" (frisky)

18 "get \_\_\_\_\_ of it"

20 TX Strait's "You Look \_\_\_\_\_ Good in Love"

23 Mr. Einstein (init.)

24 Mr. Lombardo (init.)

25 hollow watermelon thump means this

26 oriental person

37 TX gov. Richards & TX-born Miller

38 place in custody

39 \_\_\_\_\_-surface missile

40 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ it with kid gloves"

41 Cowboys' logo

43 \_\_\_\_\_ Lago, TX

45 "Dawn at the Alamo" artist: \_\_\_\_\_ McArdle

47 TXism: "dark \_\_\_\_\_ of black cats"

48 glue

55 TX Gary Morris' "The Love She Found \_\_\_\_\_"



# Town Talk II

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

Happy Christmas, Merry New Year, best wishes for Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and even a greeting for you Atheists. Don't know what ya'll are going to do during the Christmas Holidays but hope you find something.

Winter starts December 21 but it felt like it was already here Tuesday with wind chills in the 20s and a tad of blowing snow here in the county. Not a good day to be a roofer. Gonna be warm by the weekend though with less than two weeks left before Christmas. Happy shopping.

Parmer County Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley says that they will hold their Christmas open house December 17. Stop by any time during the day. Mitchell says they will have refreshments and finger food and urges Farm Bureau clients and friends to stop in for a Christmas visit. I'll probably go by. Finger food is better than nothing (just kidding Mitchell).

First National Bank-Friona Banking Center's Christmas Tea is the same day. They have been encouraging ladies to prepare their favorite recipes and bring them by. Should be interesting. You can make a day of it and visit both places.

Peggy Monroe called to report your very generous response to this year's Empty Stocking Fund which benefits needy children in the area. Several churches and individuals have contacted Peggy to donate. She has taken over the coordination this year for the late Jo Blackwell. Peggy says a big thank you to all who have contributed so far. If you haven't there is still time. Give her a call.

Went to Clovis last Friday with my colleague Mike Pomper and dined at the Leal's Restaurant on Prince Street. Nice joint. Used to be Po' Boys Steakhouse. Nothing like some Leal's pico, guacamole, and enchiladas for a brisk cold day. Or any other time.

Stopped at the Country Christmas Jubilee Arts & Crafts Show at the Farwell Community Center on my way back. Lots of vendors with their creative creations. Wish I knew how to make something besides just words and photos. Visited with Mary Johnston at the historical commission booth and Joy Morton who was helping her sister Gay Taylor at her booth. Leslie and Kirk Wright were there. Leslie creates some neat cos-

tume jewelry (I guess it is costume, if not I apologize. What do I know). Martha and Walter Schueler were there with his handmade wooden toys. Friona Library director Darla Bracken was representing Friends of the Library.

Nice show. Maybe some day it will come back to Friona.

The Historical Commission is still encouraging everyone to submit family histories for the 3rd Parmer County history book. Deadline is January 31, 2009. Christmas would be a good time to get input from the family and get some history down on paper. Gladys Spring and Mary Johnston would be glad to give you an assist. Your family doesn't have to have been here 50-100 years to be interesting. Give it a try.

Check our calendar on Page Two for upcoming community events. It is there in the same spot every week. Got something you would like to add let us know. The Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the community center. The 2009 Maize Days parade, etc. is set for Saturday, September 26, 2009. Watch the Star for all the important dates.

The photos posted on our website might make a nice Christmas gift. An 11 X 14 print is only \$20 plus a couple of dollars for mailing. Look

through the albums. Photos are a lasting gift and we have a variety of events and people captured on digital. Ordering is fast and easy. Check it out at frionaonline.com/photos. Need help call us.

The Chamber has "Recipes to Remember" cookbooks for only \$10 and the "Parmer County Brand Book" for \$15. Bill Ellis' Friona sports history book, "Friona on Parade" is at the Christmas special price of \$50 and we have copies here at the Star office. Parmer County Historical Commission bricks are available for \$50, \$75, or \$100. See Mary Johnston or Gladys Spring to order. Makes a nice permanent gift don't you think.

Pork chops, English peas, corn, and black bean soup highlighted the Monday senior lunch. Good job Nora and Rosemary. There were no announcements of illness among the group unless you consider Bob Naylor's sense of humor an illness. Students from the high school choir will sing Christmas carols at the senior lunch today (December 11). Their Christmas concert is Sunday December 14 at 4 p.m. at the high school.

I attended the Fire Department's annual Christmas party Saturday evening. Enjoyed the catered Mexican food dinner by Abuelo's of Amarillo. Fire Chief Jim Tay-

lor presented firefighter service awards to Salvador Garcia for 15 years and John Taylor for 25 years. Joe Mann, who is retiring after 58 years of service, was presented his fireman's helmet as a tribute. Joe already had received a watch (25 years) and a gold firefighter's ax (50 years) so the only thing left was to give him his helmet.

Congratulations to Ty Potts who was selected by his fellow firemen to receive this year's Fireman of the Year award. Chief Taylor said

Ty is a relative newcomer to the department but has shown his dedication by attending fire school and being an active local volunteer. He encouraged Ty to continue to serve and advance through the ranks of the department.

Santa made an appearance for the fireman kids and handed out a lot of hope along with a sack of fruit. Thanks for inviting me gentlemen. Enjoyed the evening. We appreciate your unselfish service to the community.

My son Zac, who was out here at Thanksgiving, called me Friday to say that one of his college classmates and fraternity brother was killed in a pedestrian accident last Thursday night as he crossed a busy street in Georgetown. Zac is 19. This was a harsh dose of reality to him. The young man was a senior at Southwestern University. Life goes on Zac, in sadness or joy, life just goes on. I hope you take away something positive from this that will guide you for a while. Until then!



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Ty Potts, left, was named Fireman of the Year during the Fire Department Christmas party Saturday evening. Fire Chief Jim Taylor makes the presentation. The Fireman of the Year is selected by vote among the volunteer firemen.



holly campbell photo

Clint Mears entertains with his Christmas music during Friona State Bank's Christmas Tea.

## CROOKS LIKE CHRISTMAS TOO

Along with the excitement of this Christmas season, let us be mindful that there are crooks who want the "gift" of your money or identity

### Some helpful hints to know:

- Concerning your debit or credit card,
  - if the bank is open, call us as soon as possible if you lose any of your cards. We will immediately put a "stop" on those cards. Again, please call 806-250-5000.
  - if the bank is closed, call this number immediately: 1-800-887-0555
  - save your receipts to verify the amount taken from your account by comparing the amount on your statement.
  - keep your cards close at hand. Do not ever let them out of your possession!!

- Concerning Identity Theft,
  - shred financial documents and other personal information before you discard them.
  - don't carry your Social Security Card in your wallet or write your number on a check. Give out only when necessary.
  - don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
  - never click on links sent in unsolicited e-mail
  - keep your personal information in a secure place at home.

Stop by Friona State Bank and let us discuss more ways to prevent fraud and identity theft. We are here to serve you and want you to have a wonderful Christmas.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 14 – December 20, 2008

(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. 14-B.K. Buske, Joe Tongate, James Procter, Shana Taylor, Trey Cozier, Dorothy Sorley, Victor Espinoza, Troy Benton
- Dec. 15-Don Reeve, Crispin Buchanan, Deena Willard, Connie Willard, Sylvia Ingram, Luke London, Lana Allemand, Juan Perez, Haden Smiley, Deven Black, Marion Carson, Linda Marshall, Carol Ortiz, Emily Kessler
- Dec. 16-Michael Stanberry, Gerald Floyd, Lisa Guerra, Megan Carr, Kyle Jamerson, Travis Stewart, Rhett Houston, Rosalie Lopez, Paul Graham
- Dec. 17-Joe Tagle, Elthie Hand, Robert Garza, Lance Goen, Jim Schlenker, Mary Joyce Barnett, Jason Hankins, Esther Alexander, Peyton Pecsokovsky
- Dec. 18-Debbie Stevens, Wade Procter, Brittany Anthony, Michael Craig Scott, Antonio Martinez, Hal Ratcliff, Bud Rainey, Pam Rector, Trey Widner, Morgan Leal, Billy Dean Baxter, Crystal Morton, Scott Steelman
- Dec. 19-Wes Drake, Jason Rector, Paige Osborn, Mindi Wilson, Lonnie Busch, Cliff Daniel, Mary Carr, Ryan McClaran, Drue Jennings, Noah Houston
- Dec. 20-Harletta Carthel, Mike Schneider, Rocky Nichols, Deloris McNeely, Alec Gordon, Joe Jones, Andrea Ortiz, Mika Schneider, Sylvia Mendiola



# Lions Club News

By Ron Carr

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday December 4 with 13 members plus club sweetheart Kathleen Wyly and four guests present.

Guests included Raz Gonzales, guest of Jerry Duenes, and from Cargill were Jarrod Gillig, Rick White, and John Surman. Mr. Gillig, general manager of Cargill in Friona, gave the program.

He told members that Cargill operates the largest restaurant in the county with their cafeteria. A program was started to collect the aluminum cans from the cafeteria and employees. Gillig said each month they collect about 30,000 cans, recycle them, and give the money to ag instructor Paul Smith and the FHS FFA program. Gillig said it amounts to \$750 - \$1000 per month.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be Thursday December 18 at Headquarter's Restaurant. The high school choir will be present to sing Christmas carols. All Noon Lions members are urged to attend this final meeting of 2008.



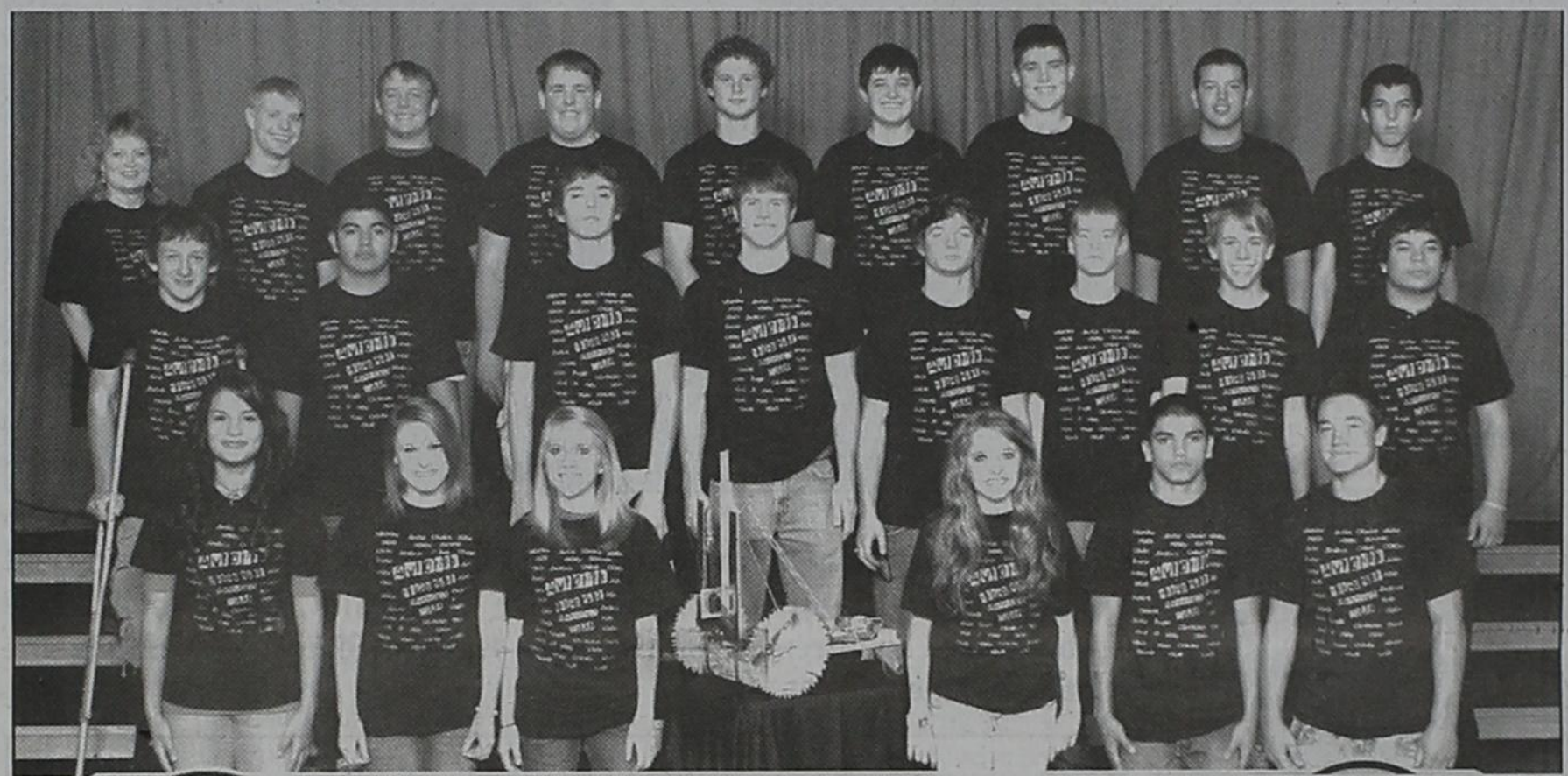
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Cargill general manager Jarrod Gillig gave the program for the Noon Lions meeting. At left is club sweetheart Kathleen Wyly. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone from Friona Lions Club members.

# Courthouse Notes

The following warranty deeds were filed at the County Clerk's office the week of December 1 through December 3, 2008.

- Homer Lindeman and Frankie Lindeman – Ted Lindeman and Joan Lindeman, 16.78 AC SW/4 S1 T3S R3E
- Pamela Carpenter – Richard Carpenter, SW/4 S7 T11S R3E



courtesy photo

The Lazbuddie Robotics Team qualified for the nationals to be held in Denton, Texas, at the University of North Texas. Back row, l-r, Mrs. Debbie Weir, Jacob Schacher, Kayle Jesko, Todd Nichols, Riley Smith, Colton Weaver, Logan Mason, James Baca, Tanner Beasley; middle row, l-r, Dallas Cox, Matthew Samarron, Devlin Thompson, Chase Timms, Trevor Coker, Justin Schacher, Jarrod Jesko, Arthur Gomez; front row, l-r, Katie Chavez, Shelby Martin, Summer Lowe, Cassidy Lowe, Angel Samarron, Charles Baca. Not pictured Carrie Beth Gilly, Natasha Barnes, Lydia Campos, Kinzi Schacher, Paola Estrada, Keely Burris, and Jordan Hernandez.

# Sheriff's Report

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

December 2, 2008, Jose Rueda, 26, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office with a Deaf Smith County warrant, posted bond and released.

December 5, 2008, Dickie Clayton, 63, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for theft (more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000), pending Grand Jury.

December 5, 2008, Claude Miller II, 58, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for aggravated sexual assault of a child, pending Grand Jury.

December 5, 2008, Edward Romero, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

December 5, 2008, Quenton Stroud, 20, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

December 6, 2008, John Rise, 19, of Roswell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

December 6, 2008, Ashley Granados, 19, of Roswell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol with a Deaf Smith County warrant (assault), pending transport.

December 6, 2008, Viviana Lara, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office with a Randall County warrant (theft by check), posted bond and released.

On November 21, in 287<sup>th</sup> District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Alonso Lara-Leon, 22, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), reduced to a Class A misdemeanor, was sentenced to 180 days in Parmer County Jail and \$470 court costs.

# DPS troopers get in-car computers

An effort to equip all DPS troopers with in-car computers is sweeping across Texas, now finishing up in the Houston and Austin areas.

The \$15 million project, approved in the last legislative session, is mostly complete. All areas of Texas now have at least some patrol units equipped with the wireless technology. When the project is completed, nearly 2,000 Highway Patrol and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units will have the in-car computers.

"We appreciate the Legislature providing us with this capability," said interim DPS Director Stanley E. Clark. "From an officer safety and efficiency standpoint, this puts our troopers on the cutting edge and moves us light years ahead in our law enforcement capabilities."

With in-car computers, troopers have the ability to instantly identify wanted persons and stolen vehicles. The secure network provides real-time alerts, digital photographs and homeland security information, and equips the units with GPS (Global Positioning System) technology. The computers will also speed up the citation process. DPS is also testing in-car computers in the Texas Ranger and Criminal Law Enforcement divisions.

# 2 killed in wreck near Panhandle

According to a DPS news release two persons were killed and two injured in a traffic crash near Panhandle last Sunday.

Victor Raul Meir Garibay, 18, and Luz Marquez, 41, both of Amarillo, were killed Sunday, December 7, as a result of a crash on U.S. 60 south of Panhandle. The crash occurred about 3:53 a.m.

Garibay was the driver of a 2003 KIA passenger car traveling westbound in the eastbound lane of US60 in a construction zone. He struck a cement divider with the front left of the vehicle. Marquez was the back right passenger in the vehicle and was ejected during the crash. Both were pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler.

Ashley Marquez, 7, and Alejandra Gusman, 22, both of Amarillo were also in the vehicle and were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital with serious injuries. DPS said no seat belts were worn by the occupants.



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# OBITUARIES

## Gilbert Wayne Knapp

Gilbert Wayne Knapp, 69, of Amarillo died Tuesday, December 2, 2008. Services were held Friday, December 5, 2008, at the Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with Dr. G.A. Roach officiating.

Mr. Knapp was born May 29, 1939, in Mercedes, Texas to Gayle Martin and Lola Doris Adams. He graduated from high school in Big Rapids, Michigan, where he participated in sports and played several instruments in the band.

He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in France. He enjoyed shrimping off the Gulf of Mexico and Key West, Florida.

He married Josephine Gutierrez August 29, 1973, in Friena, Texas. He was a long time resident of Friena where he operated a service station. He then moved to Amarillo and lived there for more than twenty years. Mr. Knapp retired from Asarco and was a former vice-president and active club member of Amarillo Area Singles dance club.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Adams.

Survivors include a daughter, Skyla and husband Jesus Larrea of Early, Texas; two sons, Gregory Knapp and David Knapp; a daughter-in-law to be, Ruth Lazoya of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Brianna, Bridgette, Bailee, and Anthony of Early, and Gracie and King David Jr. of Amarillo; three step-grandchildren, Orlando, Joel, and Alicia; a loving sister, Gayola and husband William Borzick of Henderson, Nevada; a cousin, Bobbe Zane Murphy of Amarillo; his very special friend Ms. Mike Settle; and other friends including Zeke Castillo and his many, many friends from the Wishing Well and his beloved dog, Puppy.

The family suggests memorials to American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Building A-6, Amarillo, Texas, 79106.



Gilbert Wayne Knapp

## Neelie Lillis Pierce

Funeral services for Neelie Lillis Pierce, 86, of Milburn, Oklahoma, were held Saturday, December 6, 2008, in the Clark Funeral Chapel in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, with Rev. Jeff Davis officiating. Interment followed in Condon Grove Cemetery in Milburn.

Mrs. Pierce died Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at the Hillcrest Care Center in Tishomingo where she had been residing for the past few years. She was a former long time resident of Friena.

She was born August 26, 1922, in Lazbuddie, Texas, to Frank L. Reed and Martha A. Ethington Reed.

She attended school in Friena, graduating in 1940. She married John M. Pierce February 3, 1946 in Hereford, Texas. He preceded her in death March 16, 2000.

She lived in Texas many years and moved to Johnston County in Oklahoma in 1997 to be near her daughter.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Martha Reed; two brothers, Bud Reed and George Reed; and five sisters, Mabel Pfingston, Faye Vigil, Minnie Knight, Edna Fambro, and Lena Stokes.

Mrs. Pierce is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Gary Sweatt of Allen Oklahoma, and Donna and Jeff Jones of Weatherford, Oklahoma; her son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Linda Pierce of Venus, Texas; her sister Grace Vassious of Palm Desert, California; her brother Frank Reed of Borger, Texas; seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Pierce's grandchildren served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.



Neelie Lillis Pierce

## My Life Story

BY PHYLLIS MCREE

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friena Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", for printing in this issue. This month we feature Phyllis McRee.

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I was born in Denver, Colorado on December 2, 1935 to Joe and Peg Brockman, the youngest of six children. While an infant, our family moved to Fort Sumner, New Mexico so that my father could begin construction on what is now Lake Sumner Dam. I lived at the lake until graduating from Fort Sumner high school in 1953.

In the fall of 1953, I attended Draughons Business College in Lubbock. After finishing, I began work at the B.E. Needless Tire Company in the bookkeeping department. I worked there for two and one half years and later worked at a bank in Port Arthur, Texas where my sister lived.

I moved back to Fort Sumner in March of 1960 and married Frank McRee on May 30. I went to work for the Village of Fort Sumner in December of 1961 and served as clerk until September of 1970, when we welcomed our oldest daughter, Lisa, into the world. We moved to my husband's family ranch in the early '70's, and I continued to be a stay-at-home mom. Our second daughter, Miki Lynn, was born August 14, 1974.

As our daughters grew older, I worked in town for Addison Drug and later helped the pharmacist in the local medical clinic. I took various other jobs, including taking the Census and helping out as much as I could at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Our oldest daughter married in 1991 and gave birth to a girl, Kyla, in 1993. When the baby was six weeks old, Lisa returned to work. I started my "Granny mobile" and drove to town each weekday to get Kyla and bring her back to the ranch. My grandson, Wade, was born in 1995. Once the kids started school, my baby-sitting days slowed down.

My daughter, Miki, gave birth to my third grandchild, Rose, on February 1, 2003. She moved from Amarillo back to Fort Sumner in January 2006 and I enjoyed having all three of my grandchildren near me.

My husband, Frank, still runs the ranch. I am lucky and blessed that he travels over 90 miles one-way to Friena to see me VERY often!

## A ditty and a prayer

BY REV. BUCK MALONE, United Congregational Church

I hope you've had a pleasant Thanksgiving and the same for Christmas to come. Some general information: Union Congregational Church invites everyone to worship each week but especially on the 14th and the 24th of December. We will have a Christmas Cantata on the 14th at 11:00 a.m., and our Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 p.m.. How about a ditty and a prayer?

There was once an abbot and a monk (an abbot is the leader of a monastery which is a place where monks live). The monk had not been there long, and seemed troubled. The abbot sensed this as the monk approached him while pouring tea. "Abbot, I've been to many shrines and places of worship. I've read over 7000 books. I've been to dozens of monasteries, and I've had many abbots try to help me. No avail. I can't find peace!"

About the time the abbot quit thinking to himself, "What a bore!", he began filling the monks' teacup to the brim and on to the rim of the saucer. The monk continued unaware with his yammering. The abbot then kept the teapot at the same angle to where the 200-degree tea began flowing across the table towards the monk and over the edge to the monks sandaled foot. It took about a second before the monk screamed, "Stop! It can't get any fuller!"

The abbot replied, "And neither can you. You are so full of what you think you need, what you think you have done, and what you think is important. I can't help you until, like this cup, you become aware and empty your heart."

Which reminds me of the best prayer I've heard in a long time - from Byron Katie: God spare me from the desire for love, approval, or appreciation. Amen.

### SERVICES PENDING

At our presstime, funeral arrangements for Robert Zetzsche of Friena were pending. Mr. Zetzsche died in an Amarillo hospital Tuesday night.

### Think about this

## The Spirit of Christmas

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

The spirit of the Christmas season makes it a wonderful time of the year. One, I believe, God would have us practice year around. What are some of the things that are evidenced this season?

#### 1) There is the wonderful spirit of giving

The season of exchanging gifts, of giving to the poor and needy. Preparing 'goodie' baskets to distribute to those who are sick, shut-in, elderly or bereaved. But the point I want to make is that we should possess this spirit continually. Jesus taught his disciples that it is "more blessed to give than to receive". (Acts 20:35)

#### 2) The spirit of receiving

We all like to receive gifts. It proves that others are thinking of us. Gifts are tokens of love. Someone said, "the gift without the giver is bare." When we receive a gift we know that we are receiving the giver too. Receiving on our part denotes appreciation on the part of another.

But let's all remember we are recipients of gifts daily. Real gifts from God that give evidence of His love for us. We should always be more thoughtful and thankful, acknowledging gifts from God and friends.

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guitar and a book  
Love  
Mia Bonds

Dear Santa,  
I want a PSP. I have been  
a good boy  
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Juan Mendoza

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have a good Ride to texas  
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working hard. my brother  
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Dear Santa,  
wow is Mrs. Clause? is she  
ok can you get me a  
Nintendo Ds? My brother  
wansa football game and an  
Xbox 360 cover.  
Love,  
Madysen Vazquez

Dear Santa  
how was your summer I  
am I first Grade All I want  
for Christmas is a Barbie Car  
and High School Musical  
backpack and a purse  
your #1 fan  
a. Escatona

Dear Santa  
I like play So Much I Want  
You to get Something for me  
I would like Bratz laptop.  
Love  
Jannessa Serrano

Dear Santa  
I am in first grade. I want  
a pink scooter yu are the  
best Santa make sure the  
elves are good  
Love  
Emma Morrow

Dear Santa,  
How was your Summer Did  
you have a great day with  
Mrs. Santa? I want a  
Nintendo and a four wheeler  
Please.  
Love,  
Karina Gomez

Dear Santa  
how was spring I am in  
first grade I would like a pink  
Nintendo DS and a micro-  
phone with a stick  
your #1 fan  
Lizbeth Rojas

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a  
playstation 3 with the sonic  
games, a footbáll, and a box  
of Hot Wheels,  
Love  
David Prieto

Dear Santo  
How was your day with  
mrs. Clause. I am in first  
grade. I am good I want an  
Xbox 360 and the game  
Speed racer.  
Love  
Jesus Guerro

Dear Santa  
How was your summer  
what are your favorite cook-  
ies I want a DS I want Christ-  
mas MP Sister wants a  
Nintend DS too  
Love  
Elizabeth torres

Dear Santa  
I want a Play Thank you  
Love  
Kyllope



Maddie Sharrock visits with Santa at the Fire Department Christmas Party.

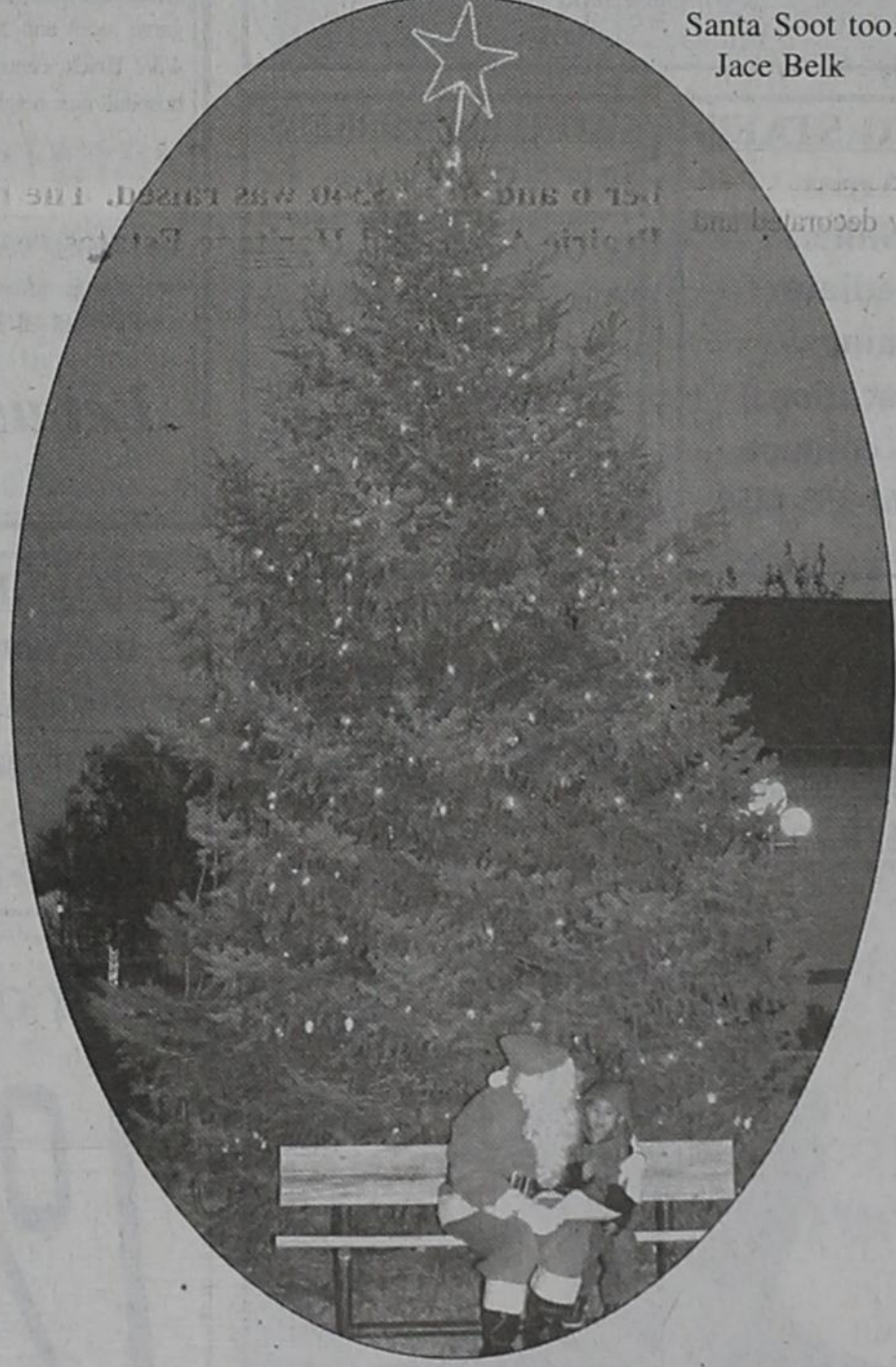
Dear Santa,  
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lot of presents. I have ben a  
good girl. Thanks for ol the  
presents you gave me last  
time. I willhave you a snak  
okay ow and for the reindeers  
okay and plese santaclaws.  
If you do not my family is  
going to be sad. I want you  
to stay for a wiyol okay  
Santaclaws is that okay with  
you it's okay with me. I want  
you and the reindeers to stay  
at my hose for a wile okay  
or then I and my family will  
be sad.  
Love santa  
Ebany 16

Dear Santa,  
I will like a floot and a  
cool Flloot and a copyooter  
I owas want a Flloot and a  
copyooter and Santa you are  
grat.  
Selena Ticum

Dear Santa,  
I owas be good to my  
bruther and mom, and dad.  
And I will leve cookies for  
you and do you know my  
cusin Jaci and her dad? And  
like thos toys you give me.  
And I hope you give me a  
game and a play Station 2.  
and I give a phone too.  
Andrew Cigarroa

Dear Santa,  
I want to see you. I like  
your reindeers to. i want a  
Will to and a guitar. you are  
so helpul. and you are so  
helpful  
Roy

Dear Santa,  
How is Dasher, comet, cu-  
pid, Doner, Blitsen. And also  
I want a nintendo DS. And  
also I want a little ipod too.  
and also I want some Texas  
Tech Stuff too. And I want  
Some goggles too for my  
gokart So I will be safe too.  
And also I want a gun Stand  
too. And also I want a lot of  
books too that are cowboy  
books. And also I want a  
Santa Soot too.  
Jace Belk



Santa and friend at City Park

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a  
Playstation3 and games of  
soldiers football. sonic and a  
game of race cars.  
Love  
Eduardo chavez

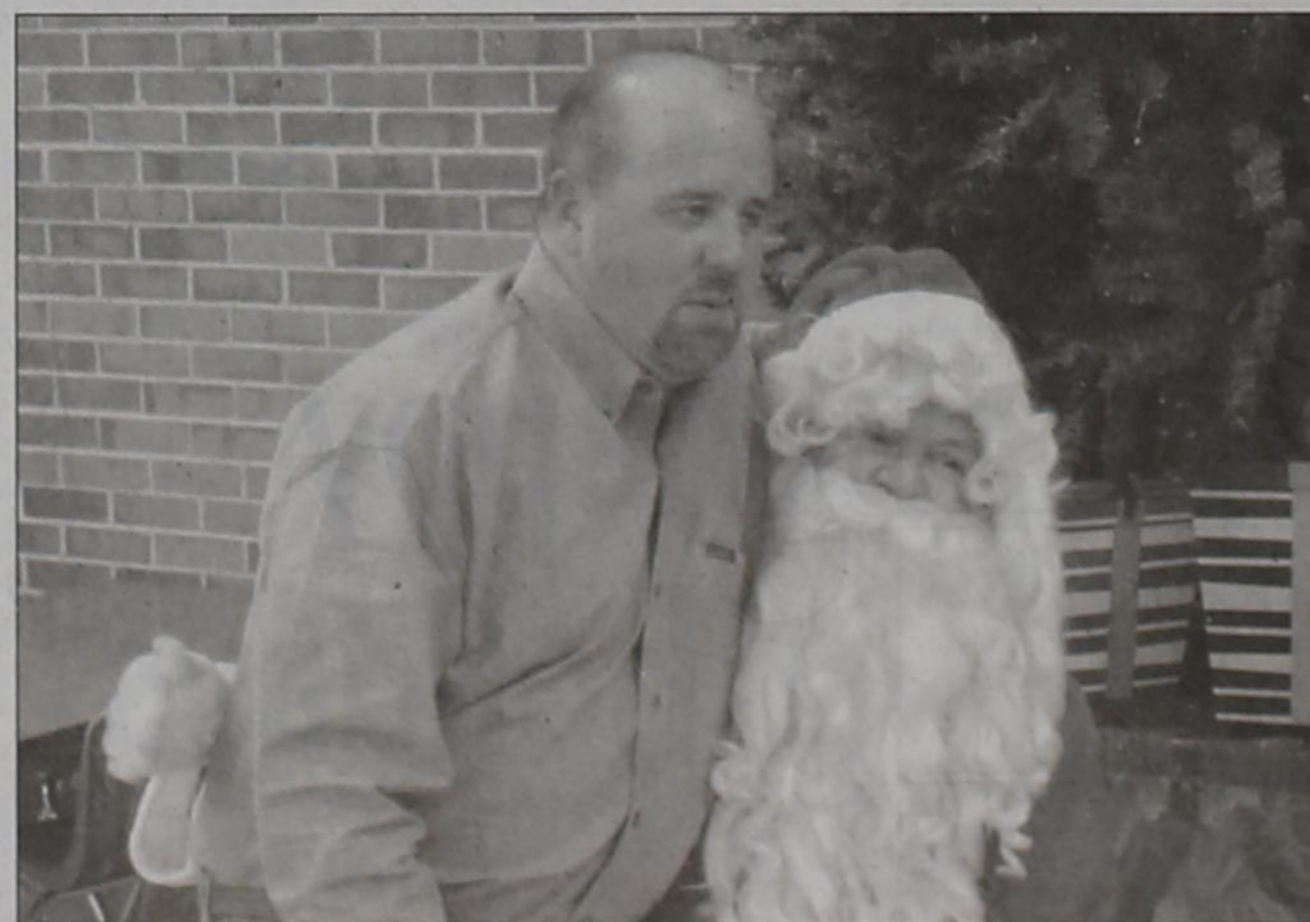
Dear Santa,  
I want a Brby toy. are you  
gung come to town on  
Chrismes I am being good at  
home and at school. I am  
liveing cookies for you i am  
liveing rode food.  
Cruzita Montes

Dear Santa,  
I want one thing for Christ-  
mas, and its a boyfriend make  
sure its on time.  
Merry Christmas  
Sincerely,  
Autumn S. Kilpatrick

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a mary Crismas  
and i hope everyone givs  
you cookies and me and my  
mom and dad wish you a  
mary mary Crismas.  
Roberto Diaz

Dear Santa,  
tank you fro the presints  
and loves I want for  
cresmise i want a bick and  
dolls, and hight hill slippers  
and shrts and fack fingers  
neles and a ce dey and a  
camp rock ce dey and a  
dreses and a mre made fer  
and a wige.  
Natalee 13

Dear Santa,  
for chrtsmas I want a  
Airsoft gun, Nintendo DS, a  
Game for a nintendoDS if I  
get one.  
No Name



Friona firefighter Jon Douglas has some wishes for Santa too.

Dear Santa,  
How are you are you do-  
ing good. I hope you doing  
good. Is the Raindeers doing  
good. And the Elfs i hope  
so. I want a nintendoDS.  
With games the Pet Shop and  
a Dog won and a cat won  
and a monekey won.  
Victoria Torres

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph is his  
nose Red. I laptop for  
christmas. What is mrs.  
Clause doing. are elf real just  
kidding santa. I what a  
celpone. Rudolph is my fa-  
vorite Rednose.  
Brea Brown

Dear Santa,  
Tell Rudolph hi thank you.  
I hope you have a great day.  
I want a laptop. I hope you  
give me all my stuff I want. I  
belve in you I want a sell  
fone. I think your allsome. I  
want a nintendo DS.  
Angelica

Dear Santa,  
I have being good. pleae  
Poot me on the good lest. I  
wood like a nintendo DS.  
How does your beard grow  
so big. what is Mrs. Clause  
name. are you rindeers Magi-  
cal. are elfs real. Do elfs have  
pointing ears. how do you  
look like. I what a swining  
pool. are you magical. I what  
a laplop. I what lots of pre-  
sents. I what a camara. I what  
lot of clothes. I what a teddy  
bear. I what a computer. I  
what books. I what candy. I  
what a selthone. I what new  
shoes. I what to see you.  
Josselyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a So chic Salon  
Stylin Hair Salon. And a chic  
chair and if you can i want a  
so chic cart. How is the  
Reindeers if i can i mite give  
the Reindeers food. And i  
hope you ana Mrs. Clause  
have a Good christmas. And  
Mrs. clause have fun back-  
ing.  
Love  
Treylee

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good  
christmas and all I want is a  
bike and laptop Oh! and a  
Big chocolate Bar, yes!. please  
Lily Meza

Dear Santa,  
I wold like toys for Christ-  
mas. I like to Play with Barbie  
I hav to play been good this  
year  
Love  
Cynthia

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing and  
how are youre Reindeers I  
like them I like Rudolph and  
Comet and Cupet and Doner  
and Dasher Blitsen and I like  
you to you are my Best Frind  
and this is wate I want From  
you a Lamp top and a DS  
and a Phone and Lots of  
thing and a ginny pig and a  
Dog and Shoes Clothes and  
Lots Books are you magical.  
thank you merry Christmas.  
Youre Best frind  
Camila Davila

Dear Santa,  
Hi, Santa my name is  
Arianna Izaguirre. And here  
are some things I want for  
Christmas. First I want a D.S.  
or a P.S.P. Well I also want  
some other stuff like clothes,  
shoes or anything else that  
would fit my personality. I  
am also hoping that I would  
get a good present. Merry  
Christmas  
Sincerely,  
Arianna M. Izaguirre

Dear Santa,  
I want if you can bring my  
sister from Mexico and my  
little nephew Noah  
thank you  
Ian Gonzalez

Dear, Santa Clause  
How is every one? I hope  
every things are great and  
you had a better hunt  
Sauterday than we did! My  
list is not real long but its in  
the mid section. So here's  
my list... a four weeler, X-  
box 360 with ranch fun  
games...a big rancy dog  
puppy...rip stick...PsP money  
for games...snow...boie  
knife...and for my dad's Ar  
15 is mine.  
sincerely,  
Trey Hurst  
(Robert)

Dear Santa,  
I want a FiFa game for my  
playstaision 2. I also want a  
psp, and some jeans. I hope  
you can bring me that. Take  
care help the elfs. I really  
really want you to bring me  
the things. I also want you  
to bring something for my littel  
sister.  
Thank you  
Sincerely  
Christian Oviedo

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a  
WWE 2009 game for  
playstation 2. A memory  
card, but please please bring  
me saints Row 2s for  
playstation 2.  
From:  
Gerardo Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo D.S  
thank you  
Laura Robles

Dear Santa,  
I want a wii for Crismas  
and for my brothers give  
them something special  
From:  
Anahi Antonio

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo DS and  
an ipod that both of them  
are color red. And one more  
thing I want a X 360.  
Thank you  
Lizel Pina Maldonado

Dear Santa,  
I want a Rock Band Set  
and a wii and if you can't  
get that get me a pair of  
jeans or a shirt from Ameri-  
can eagle. If I'm in the bad-  
list take me a box full of  
coal.  
Your friend  
Adrian Munoz

Dear Santa,  
I want a pink scooter, I  
want a bike for my sister  
she's in 3rd grade. I want  
new cloth for school and a  
basketball to play with.  
Sincerely,  
Erika Maldonado

Dear Santa Clause,  
I just want to wish you a  
Merry Christmas. I also wish  
that you fill up the stocking in  
homes. Soon Christmas will be  
comeing and I don't know if I  
will get to spend this holiday  
with my mom or my aunts. I  
have a cousin and her Birth-  
day is a couple day before  
Christmas. I hope I get to  
spend Christmas with her. I  
hope you get to fillup some  
stocking. Merry Christmas.  
Sincerely,  
Karen Meza

Thursday,  
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Students, l-r, Victor Parra, Liliana Palacios, and Maria Jurado examine a saddle from the American Quarter Horse Museum during the school's Big Read project focusing on Western cultures.

## FHS students in Big Read western project

Submitted by Terri Cox, FHS English teacher

Students in Friona High School English classes participated in the annual Big Read project during November.

Focusing on the Western novel as a type of literature, the classes read different novels: the 9<sup>th</sup> grade read *Hondo* by Louis L'Amour; 10<sup>th</sup> grade *The Cherokee Trail*, also by L'Amour; 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and 10<sup>th</sup> grade pre-AP read *Conagher*, a third L'Amour novel. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Placement classes read the National Book Award winning *All the Pretty Horses*, by Cormac McCarthy.

Classroom activities varied from teacher to teacher but all students studied the Western as a type of literature with emphasis on the Western hero, the role of women in the West, the changing portrayal of Native Americans in Westerns, and common themes in Western novels and movies.

Each class also watched the film of the novel after reading it and compared and contrasted the restrictions and characteristics of the film genre to those of the novel genre.

As part of the emphasis on Native Americans the Parmer County Historical Museum generously provided a speaker for the students. Eldrena Douma, a Native American of both Laguna and Hopi heritage, told stories about growing up in her culture. Part of her presentation was directed toward elements that

would be helpful to students in writing for the TAKS test; other parts were directed toward helping students understand the similarities and differences between people of different cultures.

The American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum in Amarillo furnished "Artifiction", an opportunity for students to experience what it is like to examine and interpret artifacts from a museum and to have hands-on experience with objects related to horses and their care. This experience will be expanded to a writing activity which will prepare students for examinations in the spring. On the same day Mrs. Hardin gave a demonstration for the students reading *All the Pretty Horses*, showing them how to make fire with a chunk of flint and a piece of steel.

Individual students also researched Western topics and produced projects ranging from papers, posters, computer presentations, graphs, and children's books.

On November 25 the entire school celebrated with a Western Day. Student members of the National English Honor Society decorated and assisted with a cafeteria luncheon of barbecue and beans. The cafeteria tables were decorated with red and white checked table covers, the televisions in the cafeteria played *High Noon*, and student-produced posters decorated the cafeteria walls.

## High school winter formal dance benefits Prairie Acres

Submitted by Patsy Allen

Friona high school students were "Dreaming of a White Christmas" as they danced Saturday night to raise money for Prairie Acres. The idea for the dance started as a project for an FCCLA activity called Special Event Planning.

FCCLA members Hannah Carthel, Kelsey White, and Julie Wiseman, started coordinating plans for the dance early in October. They raised over \$340.

No money was spent to have the dance. The decorations were recycled from leftover prom lights, tulle, and balloons. Other decorations included red glittered hearts on the wall with names of all 59 residents at Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates.

The cheerleaders and Dianna Wright gave poster supplies, helium, and loaned extension cords.

Victor Parra created the music playlist on his iPod. Allison Johnston contrib-

uted the choir sound system and Erika Montana saved the night with the cord to make it all work.

Coach Mike Herbert, Johnnie and Mitchell Wiseman, FCCLA advisors Gayle Murdock, Patsy Allen, and Delwin Allen also helped. Principal Chris Morrow and FHS donated the fee for the security officer.

The cafeteria staff changed their schedule to accommodate setup and cleanup. The custodians provided ladders and more extension cords. FCCLA members and Family and Consumer Science class members donated refreshments and did the decorating.

Awards for "Best Dancers" and "Dancing with the Most Different People" were won by Lacey Lookingbill, Aaron Osborn, Laci Austin, Hannah Carthel, Paige Herbert, Tori Abeyta, and Brittany Herbert. The "Best Dancing Stunts" were done by Clayton Smiley and Duncan Welch.




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FHS students organized a Winter Formal dance with proceeds donated to Prairie Acres Nursing Home. The dance was held Saturday night December 6 and over \$340 was raised. The hearts on the wall contain names of Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates residents.



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Brittany Berend, daughter of Roddy and Sandra Berend, exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the 2008 Fall Classic Show held in Waco, Texas, over the Thanksgiving weekend. Brittany, fourth from the right, is a senior at Friona High school. Her proud mother Sandra is third from right.



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## Mexican enchilada dinner

Sunday, January 18, at the junior high cafeteria

Benefiting the Prairie Acres Donation Fund.

Tickets \$8 adults \$5 children 10 and under

Raffle Tickets \$5

Drawings will be held the day of the dinner for a child's Amish rocking chair, and Amish cross, a 17" television, a Texas Star donated by Allan Haile, and two \$500 gas cards courtesy of Kendrick Oil Farm Store.

Committee members have raffle tickets. Contact Nancy Edelman or Jyl Grimsley. Raffle tickets also available the day of the dinner.

Proceeds assist with Prairie Acres February bond payment

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# Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
Wonder what I will get for Christmas!!! How are your Elves doing. how are the Reindeers doing. is Rudolphs nose shining very bright!!! I have ben very good. I want a nintendoDS and some close.

Natali

Dear Santa,  
Do you Know Rudolph Santa. Santa how do you fly in the air. Santa do you like christmas. I hope you have a good christmas. I like your sleigh Santa. how do you get down the chimney. I want a i-Pod that has music. I want a baby alive. I want my own laptop. I want a baby Pony with a diaper. I want my own crayons with a Sharpener. I want a great christmas.

Socorro

Dear Santa:  
for Christmas I want to keep all my great friends and I want to make a new one.  
Merry Christmas  
Joy Soto

Dear Santa,  
What I want is a nintendo D.S. thank you.  
love  
Liliana

Dear Santa,  
I want a PSP and want it blue. Thank you I'm in Grade 5th my name is Jonathan Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Wii and clothes for Christmas.  
Thank you  
Martha Barraza

Dear Santa,  
"You're the best". For Chirtmas I would like to have a Ipod, pretty clothes, puppy, wii. I hope you like the cookies and milk I leave you and I hope Pracer likes my carots. I hope yall dont fall off your sleigh after Midnight. "Merry Christmas" Mrs. Claus.

Your friend  
Zulma Bojas

Dear Santa Claus  
I want for Chirstmas is the drums, bed, chair for my bedroom a Xbox 360, snowcone maker, basket ball, remote control car operation. How do you give everybody presents in 1 day. Is Rudolph going to glide your sled Christmas eve. When do you mak all the X toys. Have a joly Chirstmas.

From  
Trushar Patel

Dear Santa,  
Ples Santa wil you give Me a PuPPy for crismis Then vere good or a PSP2 Games. or a labtob 4 OF thing  
Alexia Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me piyos, a sweater of High school musical and some shoes. I will leave you coklet chip cookies and some Milk and a note. Also I want a purse of Hello kitty and a Rabbit waleb, ten Books of Biscuit.

Merry Christmas  
Bree DeLaCruz

Dear Santa,  
I will live you cookies on the table now I wont barbir hose and a flamoze t.v. and a DoS. ana thing that dose yoer neils and a I wante to be the best chrtmas ever a stufte anmele a big pake of the black longe carmek and á christmas tree and cookies. Stars and a pink D.S. Arthur's books by Marc Brown and my mom wonts a flamze t.v.

Amelia Sanndoval

Dear Santa,  
thanks for last yers toys I am going to give you milk and cookies.

Eric Lara

Dear Santa,  
I loved the presents last year and I hope you get the presents I want this year and I dan good and I gave all my riandier food and thay ate it all and I hope my family to have the Best Chrtmas ev-ery.

Aspin Cox

Dear Santa Clause,  
All I want for Christmas is for my family to be Happy!

Danielle Perez

Dear Santa,  
I wonder what your raindeer's name's are? I wonder what I will get for Christmas? And I wonder what you are doing and having a good christmas. And I want a laptop for christmas. And I want a good present. And I want a hot pink nintendo DS. And I hope I get what I want for Christmas.

Jordan



courtesy photo

Juan Gonzalez of Bovina, second from left, was presented with a check last week for his second place finish at TxDOT's Lubbock District Rodeo. Making the presentation was, l-r, Stevan Perez, Littlefield area engineer, Roy Lloyd, Bovina maintenance supervisor, and Randy Hopmann, Lubbock district engineer. TxDOT's Truck Rodeo is held each year to emphasize vehicle operation and maintenance and reward employee driving skills.



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Barrett McDaniel of Midland won the motor scooter that was raffled at the opening day of the Easter Lions Club pheasant hunt. Pictured with Barrett is his older brother Branson and his parents Kaci and Chance McDaniel. The Easter Lions Club would like to thank everyone who made the raffle a success. Proceeds will be used for scholarships.



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Brenda Patterson, assistant librarian and member of the Palo Duro Chorus of Sweet Adelines, taught the Friona Girl Scout Troop 364 some breathing methods to help improve their singing and earn their music patch. From left are Mrs. Patterson, Josselyn Castillo, Yodeli Castillo, Nohemi Castillo, Lorena Soto, Paulina Jaramillo, and Brenda Jaramillo.



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Fire Chief Jim Taylor, left, presents Joe Mann with his fire helmet at the department's Christmas party. Mr. Mann has announced his retirement after 58 years of service with the fire department.

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