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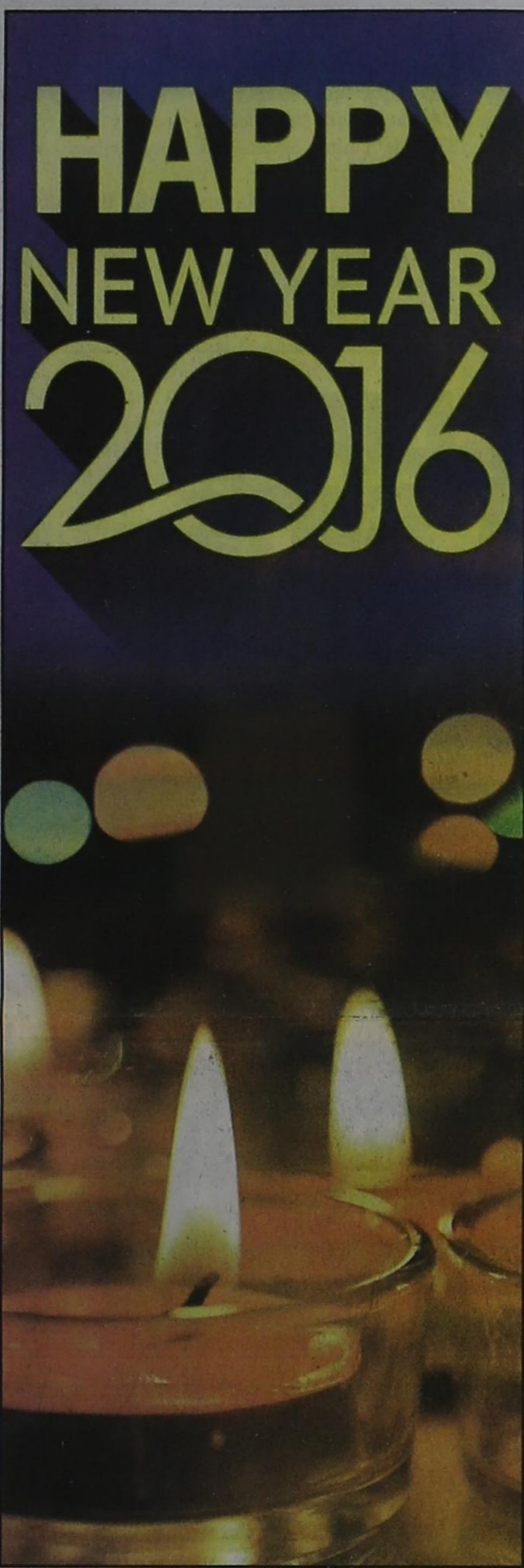
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## Retired teachers to meet Jan. 5

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5 at the Friona Interbank Community Room. Connie Slagle will present a program on the various methods she used to find the original owners of a 1930 era autograph quilt. Quilters as well as those interested in history and genealogy are invited to join the retirees for refreshments and a short program about Mrs. Slagle's research.



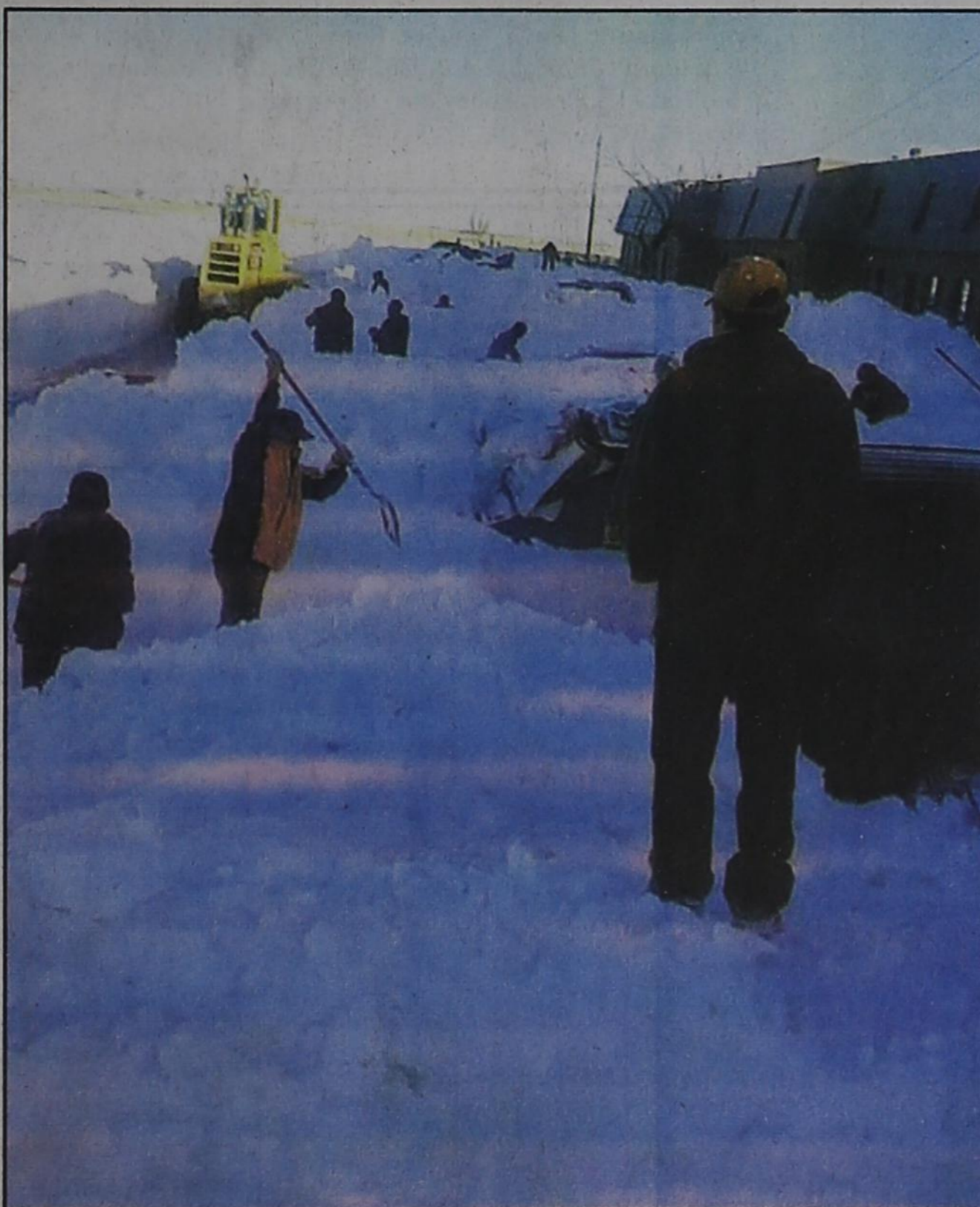
dana jameson photo

This photo pretty much sums up the news about the 2015 blizzard. This Sweet Bran semi- was one of several that got stuck turning off of Hwy 214 onto westbound 5th St. Good samaritans were abundant over the weekend as Friona received 20" of blowing snow with 5-10 foot drifts. Many private citizens took their time to find and help out stuck or stranded drivers. Others picked up hospital personnel and drove them to work. TxDOT graded Hwy 60 and 5th St. causing more piles of snow blocking side streets and parking lots.



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The Friona FFA brightened some lucky Friona youngsters Christmas this year with their annual Toy Drive. Pictured with the many donated toys are, l-r, Cody Stowers, Seth Murphree, Courtney Bunker, Chelsie Gomez, Brandon Douglas, Bryce Bunker and FFA instructor Tracy Blount.



courtesy photo

Goliath Blizzard 2015. This great photo was posted on Facebook. It is on 14th Street in front of the Cottonwood Apartments. They are trying to dig out vehicles and clear doorways and the street for the apartment residents.

## Blizzard 2015 shuts down the county

The stories are many. Of ways. Emergency personnel from Hereford assisted 8 10-foot snow drifts, blocked and law enforcement were not able to reach them until Monday. Many remained in their vehicles up to 24 hours. Friona Inn manager Dee Bhakta said their rooms were filled Saturday and Sunday. Some travelers spent the night in their vehicles in the motel parking lot she said.

Monday morning Sheriff Randy Gerie and his deputies along with DPS troopers and Friona volunteer firemen headed out east, west, and south to check on stranded vehicles. They took water and food and brought some people back to the First Baptist Church in Friona. Many vehicles were stuck in a bottleneck near Black where the highway was impassable.

A report from the DPS office in Amarillo said State National Guard units working on Hwy 60 westbound

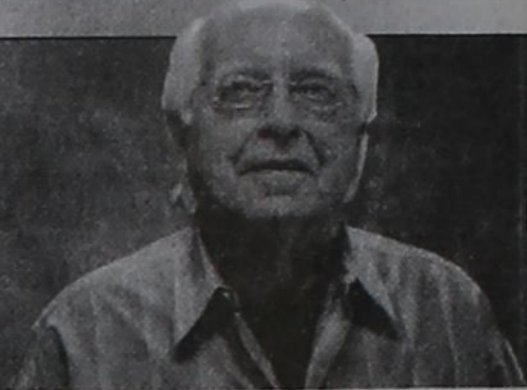
vehicles in getting out of the snow and transported 39 stranded motorists in Parmer County east of Friona near the community of Black. Several more motorists were stranded between Friona and the New Mexico state line but because of high snow drifts and stranded vehicles blocking the road, the Guard units were not able to get past Friona. The DPS helicopter performed an air sight assessment of the area Monday morning and reported there were 25 vehicles stranded in the road between Black and Friona. City manager Patricia Phipps said city employees worked to clear streets near the hospital and nursing home. Fortunately it was a quiet weekend for emergency ambulance calls.

**January School  
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# Community Calendar

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wrt.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

Dec. 31-NEW YEAR'S EVE HAPPY 2016!!!

Jan. 1-NEW YEAR'S DAY

Jan. 3-Last day of Pheasant season

Jan. 4-First Day Back to School

Jan. 5-Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personal meeting at 2 p.m. at Friona Interbank Community Room

Jan. 5-VB/JVB basketball at Home vs. Vega 5:00/6:30

Jan. 7-9: 9G/9B basketball at Lazbuddie JV Tournament

Jan. 8-JVG/VG basketball at Home vs. Tulia 5:00/6:30

Jan. 8-JVB/VB basketball at San Jacinto 5:30/7:00

Jan. 12-JVG/VG basketball at Shallowater 5/6:30/8

Jan. 15-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at home vs. Dimmitt 5/6:30/8

Jan. 16-FRIONA STOCK SHOW

Jan. 18-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Jan. 19-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at Muleshoe 5/6:30/8

Jan. 19-23-Parmer County Stock Show

Jan. 22-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at home vs. Littlefield 5/6:30/8

Jan. 23-Kids Paint with Extension-10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Bovina

Jan. 26-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at Tulia 5/6:30/8

Jan. 29-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at home vs. Shallowater 5/6:30/8

Jan. 31-Annual German Sausage Dinner at St. Ann's Church in Bovina

Feb. 2-GROUNDHOG DAY

Feb. 2-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at Dimmitt 5/6:30/8

Feb. 5-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at home vs. Muleshoe 5/6:30

Feb. 6- Kids Paint with Extension-10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Bovina

Feb. 7-Paint with Extension 2-4 p.m. in Bovina-\$15

Feb. 9-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at Littlefield 5/6:30

Feb. 10-ASH WEDNESDAY

## School Menu January 4-8

**Monday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, apple Frudel, fruit punch, oranges, milk  
Lunch-Hot dog, Doritos, fresh tomatoes, fruit cocktail, milk

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, fruit punch juice, banana, milk  
Lunch-Salisbury Steak, roll, green beans, corn, Mandarin oranges, milk

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, Holland burrito, grape juice, apples, milk  
Lunch-Roasted chicken, roll, baked beans, French oven potato, pineapple, milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, pears, milk  
Lunch-Combo sub, lettuce & tomato salad, carrot sticks, tropical fruit, milk

**Friday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, waffles, fruit punch juice, grapes, milk  
Lunch-Pepperoni pizza, broccoli, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, milk

## final 2015 thoughts

Secure the border. Politicians have been advocating Secure the Border for years. The Republican candidates all spout, "the first thing we have to do is secure the border. Sounds great. I don't believe they can do it.

Demagogue, meme, GIF, hack, existential.

These are a few of the words that pseudo educated people like to use to make the rest of us feel dumb. I venture the people who use these words do not know the meaning of them without having to look it up.

Stitches, The Game, Meek Mill.

Evidently these are real people, mostly black rappers I think. They have been fighting with each other

about some girl or something. This is the kind of important information you learn while being trapped at home with the television during a snow storm.

Hillary called Donald Trump sexist.

If I was advising Hillary I think the first thing I would tell her is to never use the word sex or sexism, or sexist in public. It leaves the perfect opening for opponents to remind her of hubby Bill's reputation in the world of sex and stuff.

Self-driving cars.

I am stretching to try and find some positive reason why we need self-driving cars. Can't see me or any friends I know getting excited about a self-drive car. You have to be in the car for it to drive

you around so why not just drive it? Haven't heard of any testing for self-drive cattle trucks. I think the geniuses in Silicon Valley are just bored and thought self-drive cars would be fun to piddle with.

To the moon and back.

I would like to see a new phrase created to express our love for someone. To the moon and back is getting a little overused I think. How about something like 'a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck.' Maybe I will run a contest in 2016 for a new love expression.

Hoverboards.

A new toy that is sending a bunch of people to emergency rooms with broken bones. They don't really hover since they have

wheels but oh well. Not sure if they have any practical use. Won't get you through a snow drift.

So much for 2015. Let's move on.

Other than the Giant Goliath Blizzard I hope you each had an enjoyable Christmas holiday with family and friends and your out-of-town visitors got home safely.

We have one more year of Obama. Hope it goes as fast as 2015 went. Can't wait to follow the election process in 2016. May have a few more Hillary columns ahead.

In any event, this time next year we will have a new president.

Stick around. Should be interesting.

Very Happy New Year to all.



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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' \_\_\_\_\_"

5 TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_\_ bricks shy of a load"

6 ocean motion

7 TX hall of fame outfielder, Speaker

8 seat of Parker Co.

16 TX country singer, Ketchum

17 on the XIT Ranch: "\_\_\_\_\_ las Casas Amarillas"

21 TXism: "dab \_\_\_\_\_ on"

22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ booze" (jail)

23 film by TX rancher Chuck Norris: "\_\_\_\_\_ Silence" (1985)

24 Baird: "Antique Capital \_\_\_\_\_ TX"

29 this Dunn impersonated TX Barbara Bush on SNL

30 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a hand" (assist)

31 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to \_\_\_\_\_"

32 Dan Patrick's title: "\_\_\_\_\_ Gov."

34 TXism: "two \_\_\_\_\_ in a pod" (alike)

35 TX Dan Rather was anchorman on this network

36 TX Shelley Duvall's series: "Tall \_\_\_\_\_ Legends"

37 Persia

38 "fish or cut \_\_\_\_\_"

39 UT tennis player who won NCAA singles title in 1979

**DOWN**

1 Ranger bullpen pitcher (1992-97)

2 TXism: "exciting as \_\_\_\_\_ the IRS office"

3 in the middle

4 TXism: "faster than \_\_\_\_\_ Texas jackrabbit"

9 TX-filmed "Places in the \_\_\_\_\_" (1984)

10 TX "Babe": Mildred \_\_\_\_\_ Didrikson

11 big corp. that GE took over in 1985, and split up

12 TX Ginger's dancing partner in film (init.)

13 "\_\_\_\_\_ Aggie, always an Aggie"

14 Fort Worth great western wear store: "Lusky's/ \_\_\_\_\_"

15 this Molly was in film "Harper Valley PTA"

18 dir. from Andrews to Quanah

19 canine crunch (2 wds.)

20 Marcellus \_\_\_\_\_ founded the Houston Chronicle in 1901

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24 "good \_\_\_\_\_ boy"

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34 LBJ was the 36th one (abbr.)

35 TXism: "quick as you \_\_\_\_\_ an eye"

37 Dan Rather book about growing up in TX (2 wds.)

38 singer Pat who attended UNT

40 Astro pres., Ryan

41 gangster girlfriend

44 social occasion

47 palm stems used to make furniture

49 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ line" (fish)

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President Barack Obama  
July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

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# Town Talk II

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What is the town talk this week? Haha! The Big Giant Goliath 2015 Blizzard I reckon. For the record, I do not like snowy weather. Was going to say I hate it but that may be a little strong. I know, we can always use the moisture so let's be grateful for that. Blizzard stories and photos are plentiful on the Internet/Facebook. Our first responders had to go out and rescue people stranded in the snow. I wonder about people. The blizzard was not a big surprise. Weather forecasters had been talking about the possible blizzard for days, even down to the hour when it would start. Oh well, truckers have to truck.

Wandering cattle is one of the blizzard problems. A small herd of cows was seen wandering down 5th St. during the storm. Some cattle that are kept north on Hwy 214 were found wandering near Bovina, about a 15 mile walk. Then there were the photos of a cattle herd walking along on the Loop in Lubbock. I'm told blizzard snow makes the cattle wander off. Hope all the cattle get back home eventually.

Lot of businesses, including the Friona Star office, were closed Monday. Most of Monday's business was spent digging out or staying inside and warm. That is what I did. Snow is piled high everywhere so still be careful.

Congratulations to Friona grad Caitlin Bronniman. She

received her nursing degree from West Texas A&M last week. Her mom is Leslie Wright. Now her name looks like this, Caitlin Bronniman, BSN, RN. Hard work and determination pays off.

We were closed and did not print a Star last week. For a while I was beginning to wonder if we could put one together this week. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas. I drove home from Denton on Christmas Day to beat the storm. Belated thanks to Jeri Lynn White and Sandra Berend for the goodies you brought by the office before Christmas. Thanks to Linda White for the pecan goodies she brought this week.

I know many of you remember Hugh Moseley, a Parmer County historian and all around good fellow. Hugh has moved to Canyon from Sweeny, Texas. I do not know why but here is his new address in case you want to add him to your address list or send him something: Hugh Moseley, 9 Hospital Drive #310, Canyon, TX 79015. That is in the Palo Duro Village which I think is an assisted living facility.

We received this from one of Claire Blanco's daughters. Claire lives in California now: "Our beloved mother Claire C. Blanco spent a lovely Christmas with 30 plus loved ones. She had a great time but then the following morning Mom took a fall at her home. She

was rushed to the hospital and had a fractured right hip. They are unable to perform surgery so Mom will be going to a rehab facility for an unknown length of time."

"She has never stopped talking about "her Friona Texas" and the beautiful people that she had met in the 23 years she lived there. We, her family, are reaching out to her friends in Friona, in the need of prayers. We want to thank you for having made our mother a part of your community. You made her happy. Thank you from her family and a blessed New Year to you all."

Here is another note from a Star reader: "This donation for Project Christmas Card is from Richard, Pat, James, and Matthew Shirley. We just want to wish all our friends in Friona a very Merry Christmas. We may not get to see you often but know we haven't forgotten you. Friona is always in our thoughts. Great memories."

We received an email press release about a dating site for dog owners. It is called YouMustLoveDogs Dating.com. You can post a video of you and your dog and maybe snag another dog owner to date and maybe later marry. The guy who created the site is also the creator of the PupPot, a cooking, serving, and storage system for homemade doggie meals. He and his fiancé also host the Puppy Cooking Network on Youtube. So grab your dog and go for a little ro-

mance. Coach Jimmy Arias emailed that Gabriel Chico and Adrian Munoz were selected to 2nd team all-district in football. Josue Ojeda and Jonathan Hernandez were named honorable mention. The Chiefs and Squaws were scheduled to play in the Littlefield and Texico basketball tournaments this week but both teams canceled due to the Goliath snowstorm. Kenny Austin said they couldn't get the buses out of the bus barn and if they did they couldn't go anywhere. The JV and varsity girls and boys host Vega here Tuesday January 5 with JV at 5:00, Squaws at 6:30, and Chiefs at 8:00 p.m. Coach Woods told me the Vega boys are good so shake off the winter blues and come out to enjoy some basketball.

Thanks to Mike Martin at A-1 Service Center for taking time to inspect my Tahoe during a busy Christmas season. Mike's parts business, managed by Ted Procter, has expanded into the office area now. This was my first stickerless inspection. Mike scraped the old sticker off and I went to the Chamber of Commerce to get my registration. It always feels good to accomplish something instead of putting it off.

Tim Elmore has retired after 39 years as a librarian/media specialist, with 19 of those years at Cowart Elementary School in Dallas. Tim lives in Kemp, Texas and is a former Friona resident.

Happy anniversary to Jim and Sherry Atwell for 49 years

and to Kirk and Annette Frye for 31 years. Both celebrated during this Christmas break. Many more.


Emily Stowers has resigned as FCCLA teacher at FHS for a similar position at Amarillo College in Amarillo. Emily and Andrew will be moving to Amarillo eventually. Former Spanish teacher at FHS, Erin Barnett, has come out of retirement to take over at FCCLA for the remainder of the school year.

That wraps up Town Talk for another year. Appreciate your submissions and participation. Always good to hear from our out-of-town subscribers and former residents. We appreciate all of our readers. Straight ahead to 2016. Happy New Year. Until then!



courtesy photo  
John and Kathleen Dunn recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary at Prairie Acres with their family and friends. Their anniversary was October 27. Congratulations to the Dunn's!

*Country Thoughts*  
dana jameson



## Being Poor vs. Poor Me

During a recent conversation with an old friend she asked the question I am sure many people ask themselves and others... "Will I always be poor?"

Let me make it clear that she is far from poor. She has a roof over her head, food in the refrigerator and on the shelves, has not one but two cars at her convenience, and is able to pay the bills. She has had some difficulties in the past couple of years and things are not as they once were when she could go and do whatever whenever she wanted.

But the conversation got me to thinking about the difference between being poor and the Poor Me thoughts.

Being poor is not having food, shelter or reliable transportation. Poor Me is not having enough money to go out to eat, stay in a hotel/motel or gas money.

Being poor is not knowing where you will lay your head at night. Poor Me is having a bed that isn't comfortable and desiring a new bedroom set.

Being poor is not knowing how you are going to feed yourself or your children. Poor Me is wanting to go to a new restaurant and not having quite enough money this week.

Being poor is having a job that pays below minimum wage and having to get two more jobs just to pay the heating bill that came nowhere near keeping you warm. Poor Me is having a job that pays better than minimum

wage and griping about the outrageous heating bill that kept you a warm 75 degrees on a frigid day.

Being poor is not knowing if you will have a job next week and there is no savings to keep you comfortable until another job comes your way. Poor Me is having a job with all the bells and whistles that you gripe about and threaten to quit if you don't get what you want.

Being poor means so much more when you sit down and think about it. Poor is not a state of mind it is a way of life in some people's lives. They have been beat down so far that they can't even see the light at the end of the tunnel through the worries and pain they are suffering.

Poor Me is only temporary and will disappear with the next desired thing that comes along.

Being homeless is associated with being poor. What if you were homeless? Would you survive or lay down and die? Many in America have been homeless for years and have found a way to survive through the hellish heat and arctic cold weather by using their heads and not giving in to the thoughts of giving up. They have found ways to keep warm on cold nights and know were to go to get out of the weather when it rages. Could you do that?

When you have a case of 'Poor Me's' look around at what you have and be thankful, then banish the 'Poor Me's' from your thoughts.

## Library Corner

By Darla Bracken

### El Niño

This Christmas season, besides celebrating the birth of Jesus, we are also feeling the effects of an El Niño, meaning The Little Boy or Christ Child in Spanish. As our community continues to recover from an epic blizzard, with 20 inches of snow and winds of over 60 miles per hour, we are awed by its power.

Fishermen off the coast of South America in the 1600's first observed the unusually warm temperatures of the surface of the sea. It occurs in the area of the equator in the central Pacific Ocean in December, thus the name El Niño, and in the area of between 120 degrees west and the International dateline. El Niño affects world weather patterns but mostly those in North America. It is a complex combination of oceanic and atmospheric fluctuations in temperatures and wind.

Temperature increases range from 1 to 5 degrees Celsius and the higher the temperature, the greater the intensity. Generally, they occur every 2 to 7 years irregularly. El Niño is warmer temperatures than usual and La Niña, the little

girl, is colder than average temperatures. In general, El Niño occurs more often with effects of episodes lasting 9 to 12 months; although some effects can last for years, i.e. drought and floods.

As you might have guessed, this is an unusually strong El Niño year, which was expected last year in 2014 because conditions closely matched 1997-98, the strongest El Niño to date. The Jet Stream, or prevailing wind stream, is also involved as evidenced by the deep dip to the south allowing the frigid Arctic air to come into play in Goliath, our recent storm. This also affects air pressure lows and highs.

What causes it? Surface heating in typhoons and other tropical storms can cause the ocean to warm. Increased winds can cause the surface to cool; less wind can allow more heat. Winds can purge heat. Heat can also accumulate in the ocean and rise to the surface, so it is a combination of things. When will it occur? They are predictable--more than anything other than the seasons (that surprised me). Intensity is a little trickier to

predict, however.

How do we study them? Using satellites, moored buoys, drifting buoys, sea level analysis and XBTs or probes, dragged through the ocean. Do they occur in oceans other than the Pacific such as the Atlantic or the Indian? Although possible, not as likely because of the huge area of the Pacific this allows more time for the heating and cooling and wind effects to occur. Are they all alike? No, intensity depends on temperature.

What does an El Niño mean for us? Warmer than average winter in the west and central Canada and colder for us, wetter than average in the Gulf coast and Florida and for us and drier than average for Ohio Valley and Pacific Northwest. What does not cause the heating in an El Niño? Volcanic eruptions on land or under the ocean and sunspots, at least that we know of, which also surprised me.

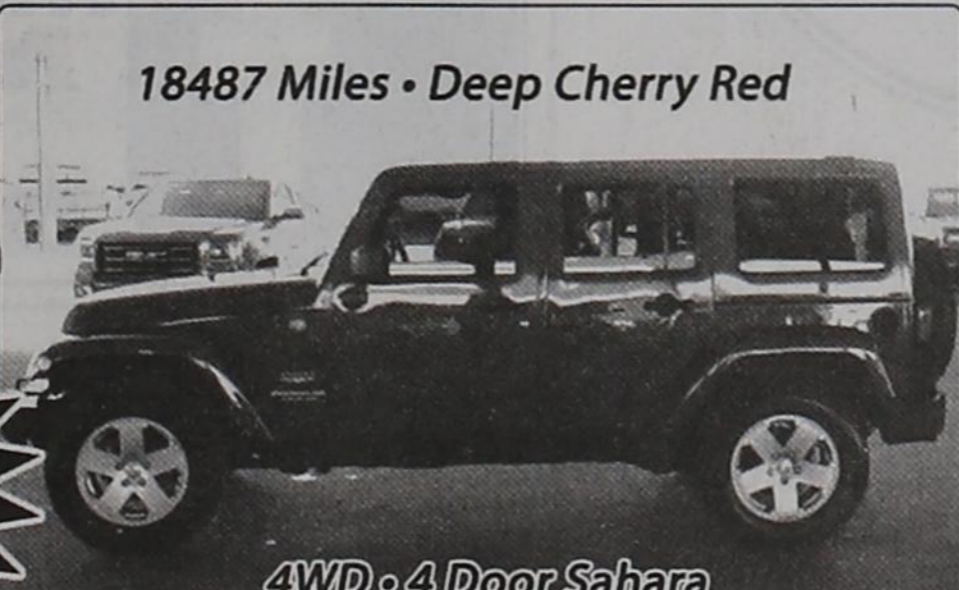
This writing is mostly to answer my own curiosity about this phenomenon and it is not meant to be an in depth study. I have tried to be accurate and I hope you enjoy it.

## THE STEVENS 5 STAR DEAL OF THE WEEK!

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## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

### News from the week of January 6, 1980

\*The first baby born in Friona and in Parmer County for the new decade was a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Javier Mata on January 2 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

\*Local winner of the Miss Ugly Contest of Friona High School was Joy Morton. Harley Merritt was the winner of the Mr. Ugly portion of the contest. The competition is an annual event and part of the pre-Christmas festivities at FHS with proceeds going

to benefit Girlstown.

\*A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Friona prior to Christmas for the new Tri-County Savings and Loan office. Attending were officials of the S&L, and the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Jerry Poarch, president of the Chamber, cut the ribbon. Looking on were Wanda Harmon of Muleshoe, Percy Parsons, Don Harmon of Muleshoe (President of the Association), local branch manager B.K. Buske, and

Ray D. Fleming, builder.

\*Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brookfield were honored with a fortieth wedding anniversary reception December 23.

\*Navy Seaman Recruit Monte B. Rule, son of Mildred Rule, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida.

\*Friona Cablevision Company added three new channels to its lineup, giving local subscribers a choice of nine channels.



Lions Club News

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday December 17 for the last meeting of the year. There were 15 members present with six guests from the high school choir.

The main event of the meeting was the raffle drawing for the Browning shotgun. The shotgun winner was Myrna Phipps Hill of Amarillo, formerly of Friona. She is the sister of city manager Patricia Phipps and niece of Lion Dale Houlette. Congratulations to Myrna.

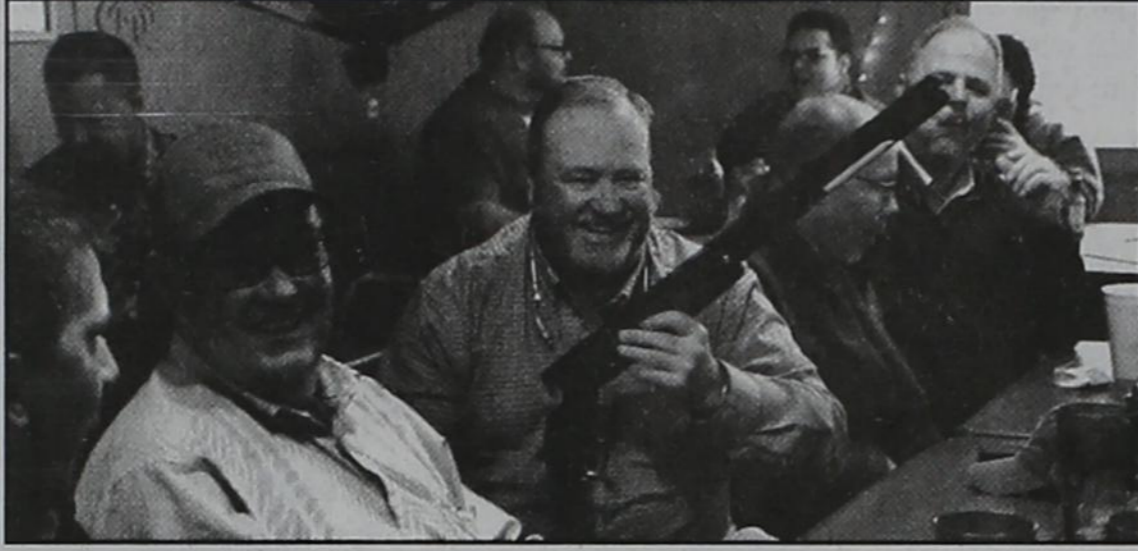
Bill White and Reece Hendley were the winners of the \$100 gift cards. Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and supported the Noon Lions. Guest Tamara Garcia of AgTexas drew the names.

Friona high school choir director John Bonner and five high school choir members led the club in singing Christmas carols. Thank you Mr. Bonner and students.



ron carr photo

Friona high school choir members sang Christmas carols at the Noon Lions Club's December 17 meeting.



ron carr photo

Noon Lions Fred Cook, left, and Davy Carthel look over the Browning shotgun that was raffled as a club fundraiser. The drawing was held at the club meeting December 17 and the winner was Myrna Phipps Hill of Amarillo. She bought the ticket from her uncle, Lion Dale Houlette. Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle.



Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of December 10 through December 17, 2015:

Muleshoe State Bank-Ronald G. Ray and Toni G. Ray, SW/4 S5 T15S R2E, 1.00 Ac. SW/4 S5 T15S R2E, 23.460 Ac. SW/4 S5 T15S R2E.

Kaye Vaughan and Eric Vaughan-Ronald G. Ray and Toni G. Ray, NE/4 S1 Blk. Z W.D. and F.W. Johnson.

Kim Talley McMakin, Rose Glaze, Rose M. Glaze III-Eltje Frans Brand, S/2 S28 Blk. X Johnson.

J.D. Heiskell Holdings, LLC.-Black Enterprises, LTD. and H and R Black, Inc., L3 B8 Ironwood No. 1 S49 Blk. A, L5 B7 Ironwood No. 1 S49 Blk. A.

Bernard Suparamany-Khamsomphou Douangchanh, W 61' L14, E 19' L15 B6 Staley.

Bernard Suparamany-Douangchanh Khamsomphou, L44 B1 Western Addition Friona.



Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

December 15, 2015

Alonso Molina-Quezada, 35, of Lazbuddie, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of duty on striking fixtures/highway landscape more than \$200. The case is pending in County Court.

December 17, 2015

Justin Walls, 35, of Bovina, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a parole violation. The case is pending a hearing.

December 19, 2015

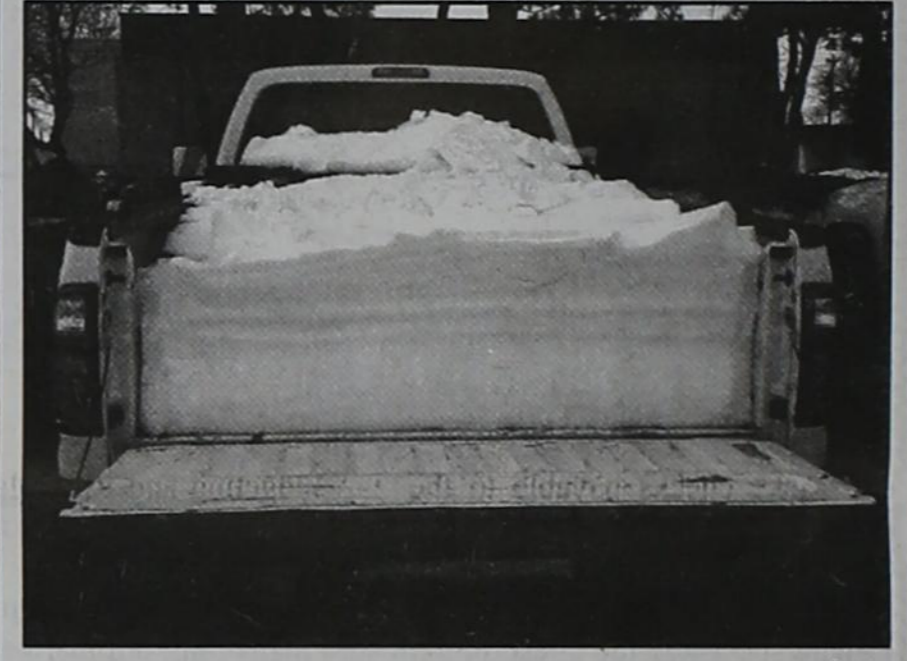
Efrain Rocha, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of evading arrest with a vehicle. The case is pending in Grand Jury.

Francisco Ortiz, 18, of Muleshoe, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

December 1, 2015

In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Andy Armendariz, 19, of Dumas, Texas, was charged with forgery and sentenced to 18 months in a state jail facility, probated for three years. Armendariz must attend and complete a rehabilitation program as recommended by the court. He was charged \$329 in court costs, fined \$1,000 and \$500 in attorney fees.



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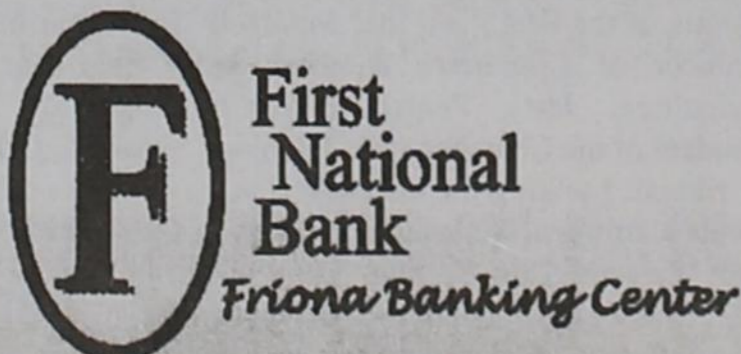
Hollis Horton sent in the above photo with the question, "Need a load of snow?" Looks like he can deliver.



From Dr. Gary Cash: A few hours yesterday beating around on the ranch with the camera in a 4 wd vehicle sure beats a day in the sale barn, that is of course, if you don't like money. Lol



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# OBITUARIES

## Grady Sorley

Church services for Grady Sorley, 86, formerly of Bovina, were held Saturday, December 19, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Muleshoe, with Dr. Stacy Conner, of Muleshoe, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery in Bovina, Texas. Grady died Tuesday, December 15, 2015 in Olton, Texas.

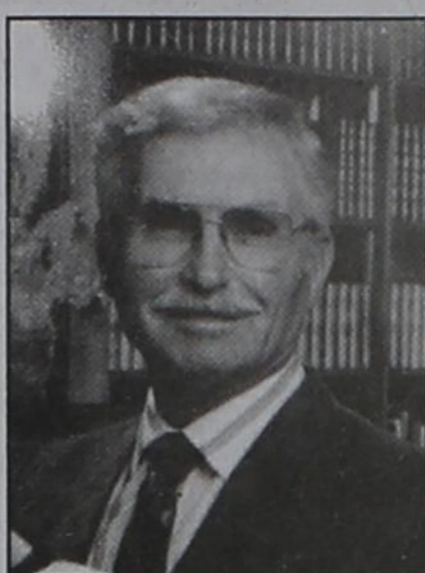
Grady was born December 2, 1929 in Lamb County, Texas to Emil and Bula Sorley. He married Dorothy Jones in Clovis, New Mexico on August 26, 1950.

Grady moved to Bovina in 1954. He was an ordained Deacon in 1959 and served for over 44 years at the First Baptist Church in Bovina. He also served as the Chairman of Deacons, Sunday School Director and teacher, youth leader, Baptist Men, including president, and choir director for over 20 years. He and Dorothy have sung for numerous occasions, including concerts, weddings, revivals and other ministries in Bovina and the surrounding communities.

He was also a member of the Llanos Altos Baptist Men's Association. He made several mission trips to Mexico and Guatemala.

Grady served on the school board in Bovina from 1961 to 1969, with three of those years as president. He was a member during the years Ridgley Elementary was constructed.

He was on the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and helped with Bull Town Days. Grady was also a member of the Bovina Lions Club, a past owner and director of Bovina Pump Co. and Agri-Sprayers. He served on the Board of Directors of the Bovina Medical Clinic, was an officer on the Board of Directors for the



High Plains GPI Cooperative.

Grady was a successful farmer in the Bovina community. He was the highest producer of sugar per acre in 1967 in the Texas-New Mexico sugar beet growing area.

He has always enjoyed singing, coming from a family that loved music. Grady and Dorothy recorded an album "Sweet and Easy" in 1978 and this was a very rewarding experience for them.

He is preceded in death by his parents and four brothers and sisters.

Grady is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his two sons, Phil Sorley and his wife, Patty of Huntington Beach, California and Ken Sorley and his wife, Terri of Clovis, New Mexico; his daughter, Debra Beauchamp and her husband, Mike of Friona, Texas; his sister, Nita Powell of Summerville, Texas; his brother, Gene Sorley of Lubbock, Texas; nine grandchildren, Alison, Cole, Chris, Angela, Lori, Tony, Sara, Jill and Sydney; and twelve great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 220 West Avenue D, Muleshoe, Texas, 79347. Online condolences may be made at [www.ellisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ellisfuneralhomes.com).

## Tom Jarboe

Tom Jarboe, 84, formerly of Friona, Texas, died Saturday, December 19, 2015. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Southwest Church of Christ, 4515 Cornell Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Tom was born July 3, 1931, in Floydada, Texas to Mal and Grace Jarboe. In 1951, Tom married Bettye Laminack. He received his undergraduate degree from West Texas State University where he later earned his Masters of Education. He proudly served in the US army, in Korea, from 1952-1954.

Tom and Bettye lived in Friona for 60 years and were active members of the community. Tom worked for the Friona ISD as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent. During his career, he impacted the lives of countless students and educators.

In 1982, Tom was named Friona Man of the Year. He was also a finalist for State Superintendent of the Year. He later worked for the Texas Association of School



Boards.

Tom and Bettye were faithful members of the Sixth Street Church of Christ, where he served as a bible class teacher and elder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother Malvin Jarboe.

He is survived by his wife Bettye, of Amarillo; daughter Jeanine and husband Chris of Amarillo; and son Jay and wife Sherry of Keller, Texas. He was Papa to his four grandchildren, Meagan, Jayson, Ryan, and Jacob.

The family suggests memorials to High Plains Children's Home.

## Kenneth W. Neill

Kenneth W. Neill, 93, of Friona, died Wednesday, December 23, 2015 in Friona. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Parkside Chapel, in Hereford, with the Reverend Kyle Struen, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow in West Park Cemetery, under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.



Kenneth was born October 25, 1922 in Merkel, Texas to William C. and Mattie Johnson Neill. He graduated from Merkel High School in 1940 and attended college at Weatherford Junior College and Wayland Baptist College.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps but was classified as Inactive Reserves and told to stay in school, subject to call at any time. That call came in January of 1943 when he was activated and entered into training as an Aviation Cadet. After several training stations, he and his fellow B-29 crewmates were sent for overseas service to Tinian Island in the Marianas where they landed on December 21, 1944. In February of 1945 they flew their first mission and concluded with their 37th mission over Japan in July 1945. They were shot down and ditched the plane in April of 1945 but were rescued after 73 hours on rafts.

He returned to U.S. soil in September of 1945 and married Lesta Lee Sharpe in Follett, Texas on October 21, 1945. They lived in Summerfield, Texas af-

ter the marriage until they moved to Friona in October of 1962.

Kenneth was a man of God whose faith was rock solid. His family was his treasure. He was a farmer and involved with various agriculture endeavors and finally worked the last several years at Hi Pro Feeds in Friona before he retired. He was an avid sports fan, especially when his kids and grandkids were playing. Woodworking was a hobby that he pursued in his retirement years.

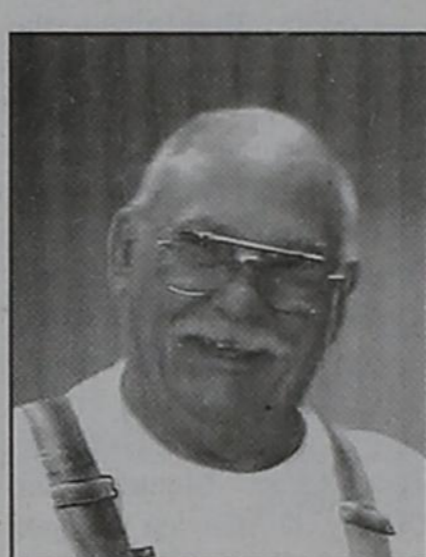
Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, all of his siblings, his wife, and daughters, LeAnn Neill and Susan Baker.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Weatherly of McKinney, Texas and Becky Dunn and husband Cayce of Aurora, Colorado; two sons, Mark Neill and wife Lisa of Friona, Texas and Mike Neill and wife Kristi of Canyon, Texas; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Heritage Estates Assisted Living or Prairie Acres Nursing Home at 201 E. 15th St, Friona, Texas 79035.

## Radford Oscar Venable

Radford Oscar Venable, 68, of Bovina, Texas, died December 27, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas. Memorial services have been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Bovina with Rev. Brian Mullins, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105

Radford was born May 1, 1947 in Clovis, N.M. to Elton Radford and Marie Margaret Langer Venable. He served in the United States Navy then married Anita Kay Stone January 16, 1970 in Bovina. He was a long time Bovina businessman and truck driver. He served as a member of the Bovina Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce and Bovina City Council. He was a loving husband, father and Popa. Besides being with family he loved his time with friends and his hot rod vehicles.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of Bovina; two sons, Bud Venable of Lubbock and Rusty Venable and wife Amanda of Shallowater; one daughter, Amy Mejia and husband Daniel of Ozona; one sister, Margaret Jo Moore and husband Owen of Loogootee, Indiana; and seven grandchildren, Gavin, Alex and Ace Mejia, Sadie, Sidney, Shelby, and Kennedy Venable.

Memorials can be made to: St. Jude Children's Research



## Lillie Mae Perkins

Lillie Mae Perkins, 88, of Amarillo, Texas died Friday, Dec. 18, 2015. Services were held Monday, December 21, 2015 in Amarillo at the Church of Christ, 9999 S. Western Street, with Pat Mannon, evangelist from Huntsville, Arkansas, officiating. Graveside services followed in the Friona Cemetery in Friona, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage Street, Amarillo.



Perkins in 1992.

Mrs. Perkins was born in Tribbey, Okla. She married Richard Perkins on June 11, 1944, in Tribbey. They spent 71 wonderful years together.

Mrs. Perkins lived in Friona most of her adult life. She cared for children in her home for many years and loved baking. She was a homemaker and a member of Amarillo Church of Christ. She moved to Amarillo in 2009.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Richard Leon

Survivors include her husband, Richard; four daughters, Linda Pate and Alisa Trim-mell and husband Glen, all of Amarillo, Anita White and husband Larry of Lubbock and Angela Novak and husband Mike of Manassas, Va.; three sons, James Perkins of Amarillo, Bobby Glenn Perkins and wife Diane of Bushland and Billy Ray Perkins of Putnam; a sister, Monte Ann Whalen of Wildomar, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Grain Elevator Workshop set for Jan. 22

By Kay Ledbetter

The Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be held January 22 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 9000 W. Interstate 40 in Amarillo, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

The meeting is set for 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., said Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo. Registration is \$50 at the door, and checks should be made payable to: Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS.

Program topics and speakers include:

— Aeration, Dr. Carol Jones, Oklahoma State University agricultural engineer, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

— Bird and rodent control, Mark McQuillan, co-founder of M&M Specialty Services, Leavenworth, Kansas.

— Laws and regulations, Levon Harman, retired Texas Department of Agriculture inspector, Tulia.

— Dust control, Jones.


— Equipment safety, McQuillan.

— Worker protection standards, Glen Walkup, Compliance Plus owner, Amarillo.

Continuing education units by the Texas Department of Agriculture for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licenses are pending at this time, Bynum said.

The program is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society.

For more information, contact David Hoffman, president of the Tri-State Chapter, 806-676-3418, or Marty Stipe, treasurer, 806-220-5737.



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A familiar sight in the aftermath of the 2015 Goliath Blizzard as neighbors with front loaders and blades pitched in to help clear driveways, parking lots, and streets, and rescue stranded travelers.

## Association of Mature American Citizens tidbits

News taken from the Association of Mature American Citizens filler files.

### Man kills his computer

We all know how frustrating it can be when your new computer is not responding to your commands, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. You might even get so angry that you'll conjure up all kinds of violent ways to deal with the inhumanity of the darned thing.

For example, one computer user in Colorado Springs got so flustered earlier this year that he picked up his gun and shot his recalcitrant desktop machine eight times, reports United Press International. Although local police labeled their report of the incident: "Man Kills His Computer," the culprit was charged only with discharging a firearm within city limits.

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### Improper disposal

Be sure to handle hazardous waste in the proper manner, suggests the Association of Mature American Citizens.

A nature lover in Idaho thought he was doing the right thing for the environment by disposing of his used wad of toilet paper by taking a match to it. He didn't want to be a litterbug, reports a local TV station. He turned out to be an inadvertent firebug.

He was on an exceptionally dry stretch of wilderness trail near Boise when the incident occurred and the burning tissue paper set the woods on fire.

A Bureau Land Management spokesperson told reporters: "We've had this before, actually - it doesn't happen very often - but when people have to go, they will often burn their toilet paper just as kind of an environmental concern, to not litter, but it's not a good idea."

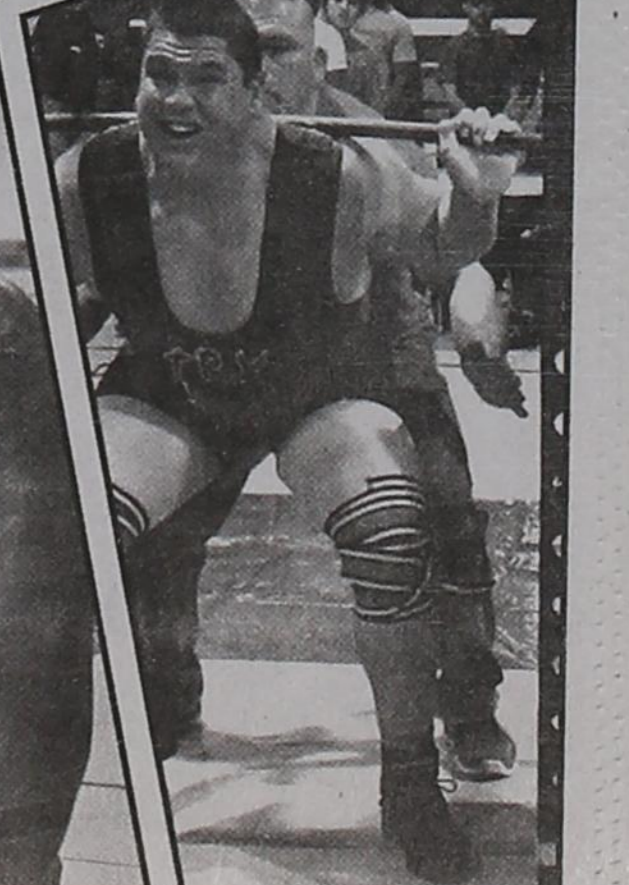
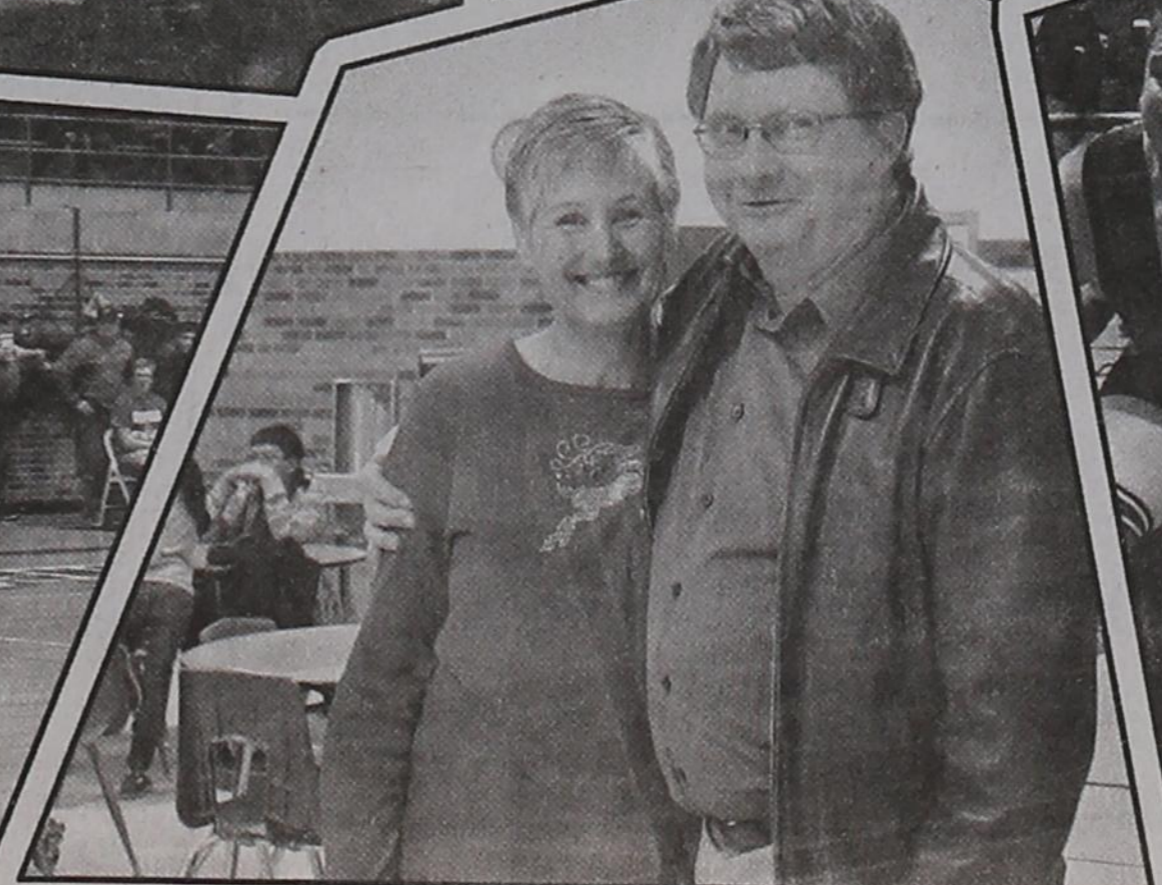
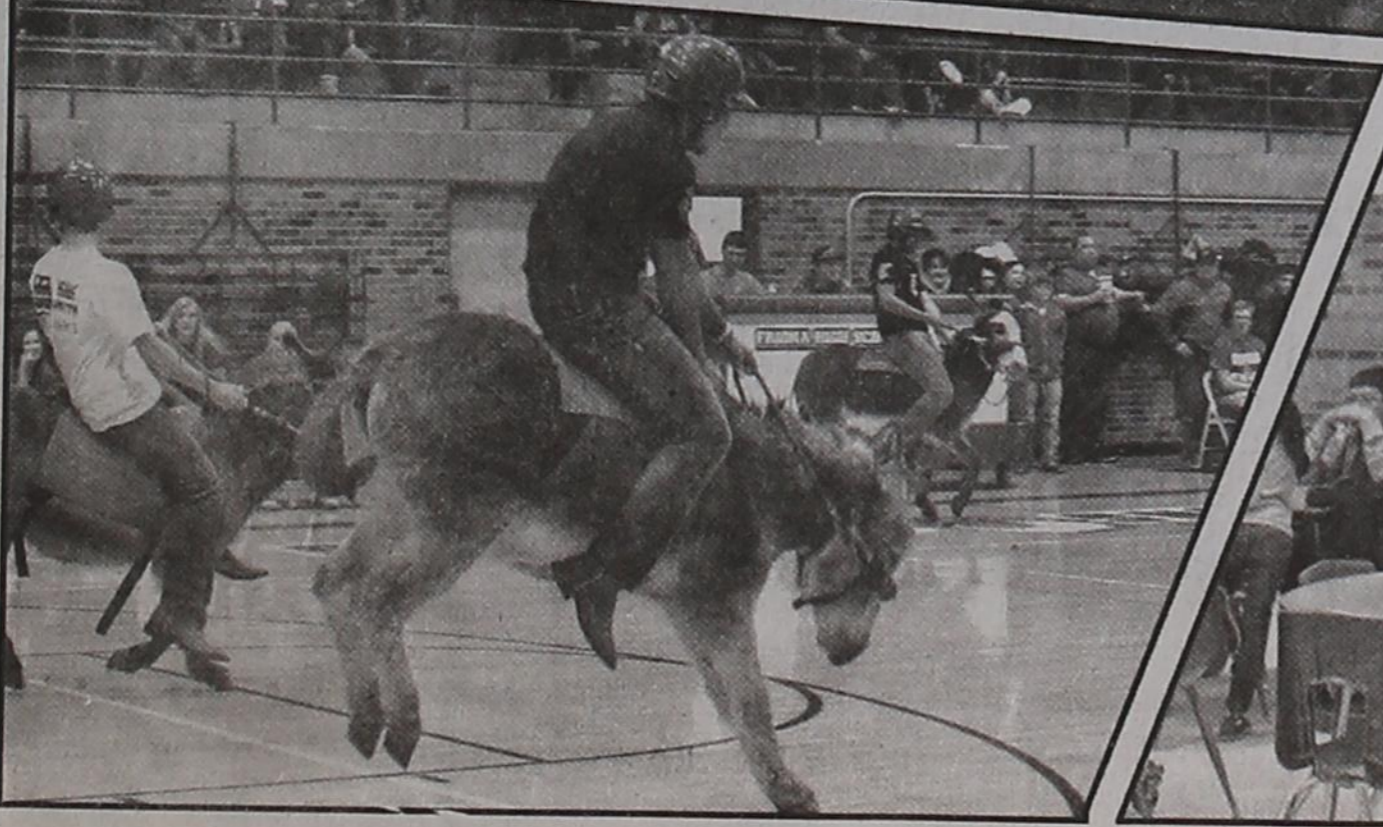
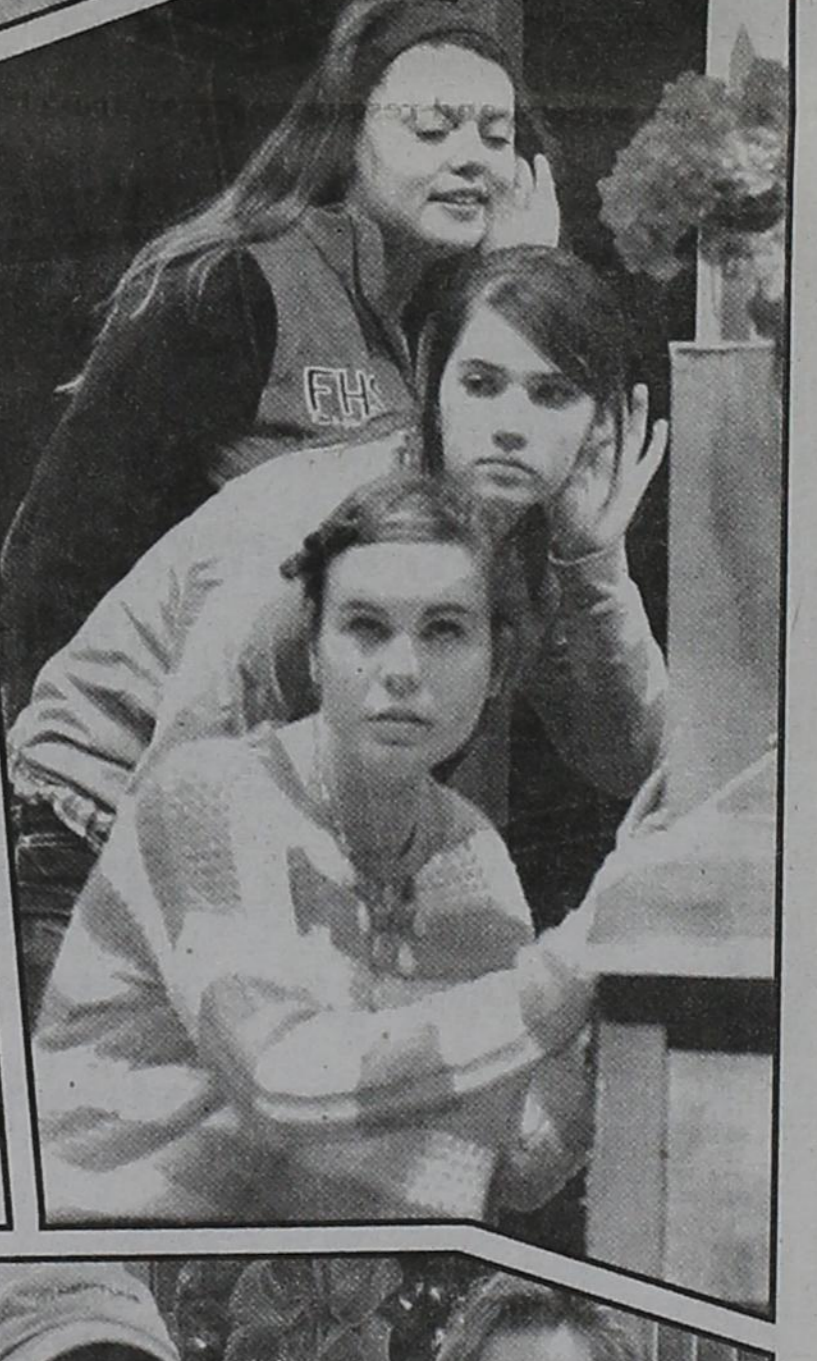
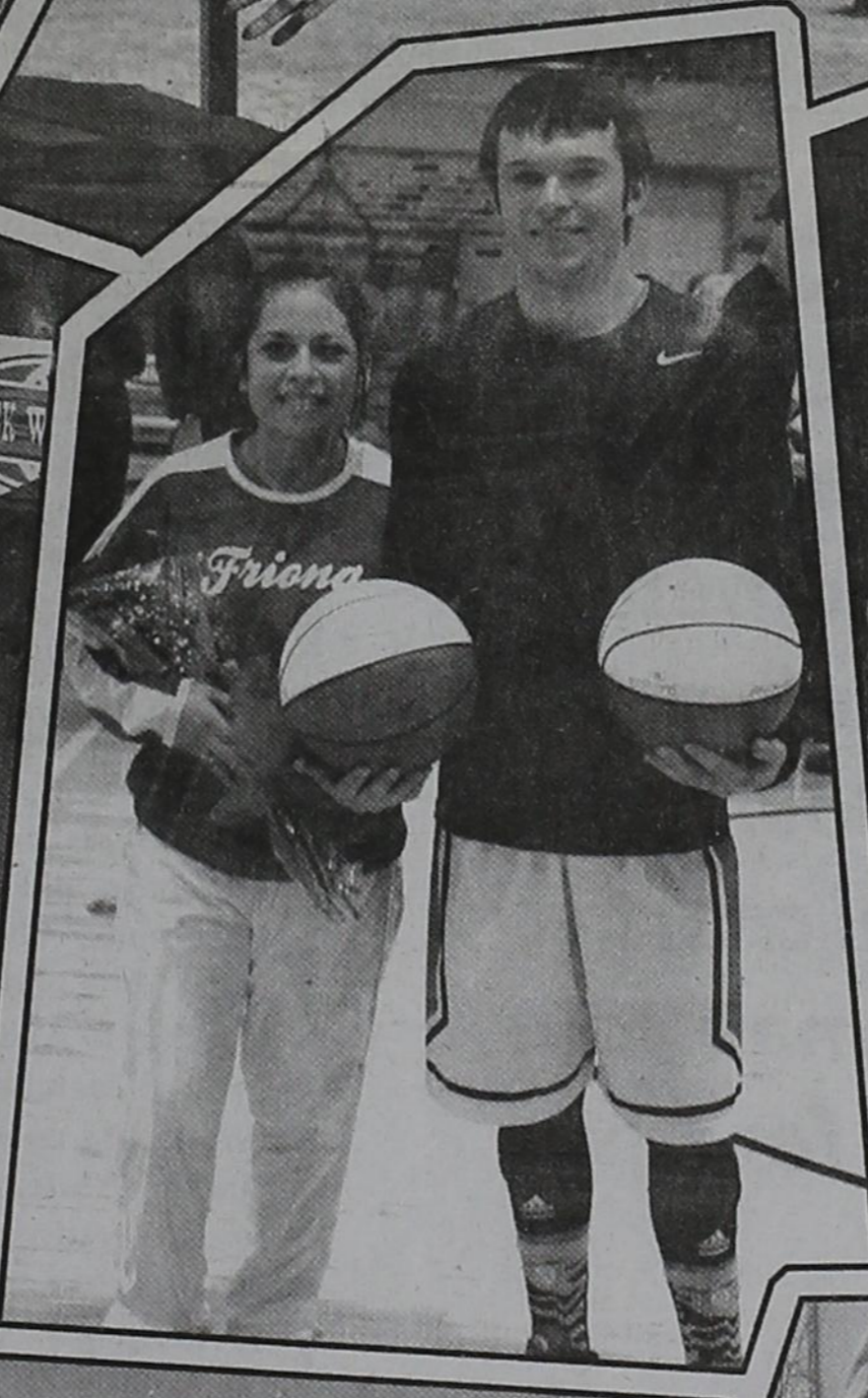
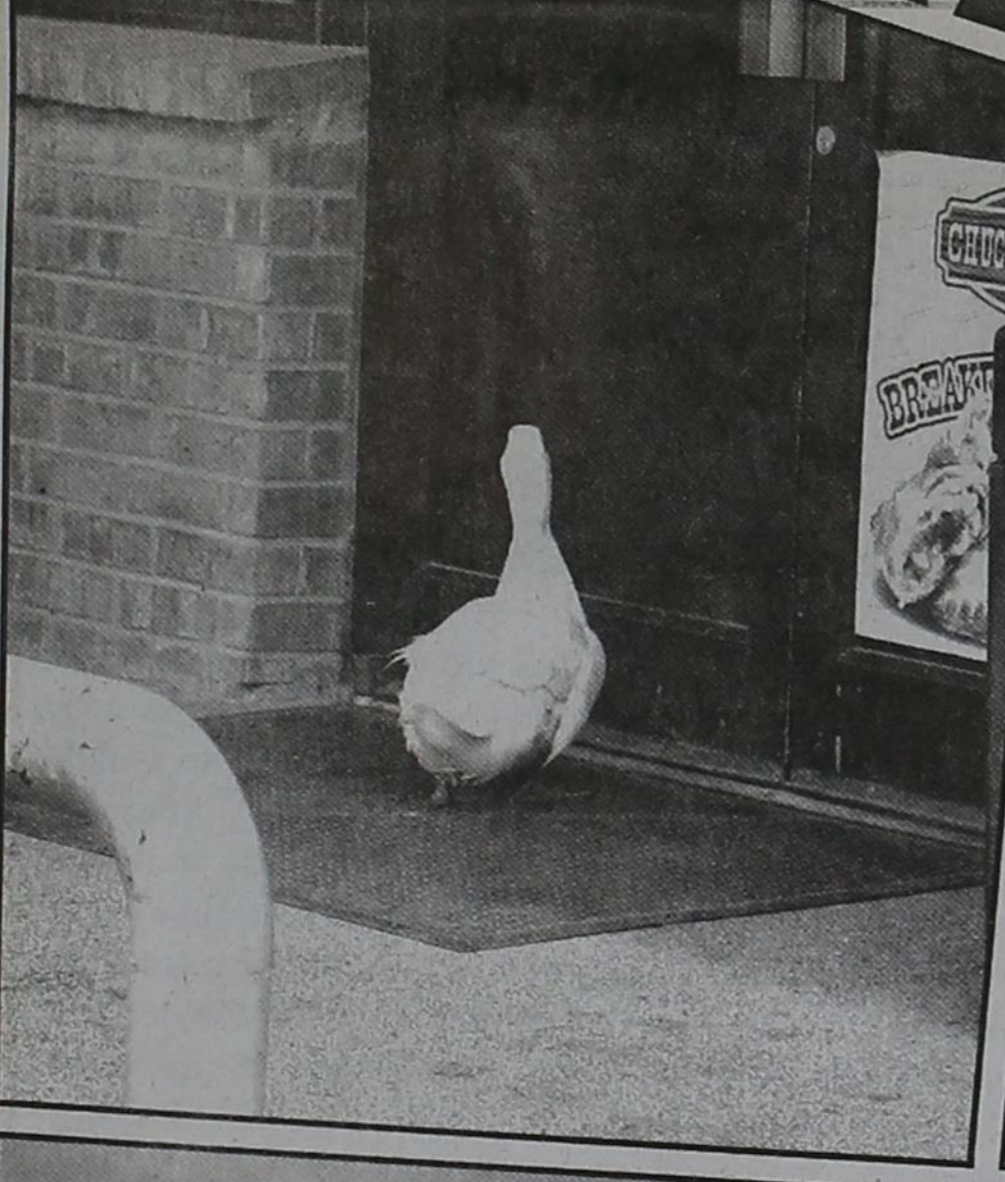
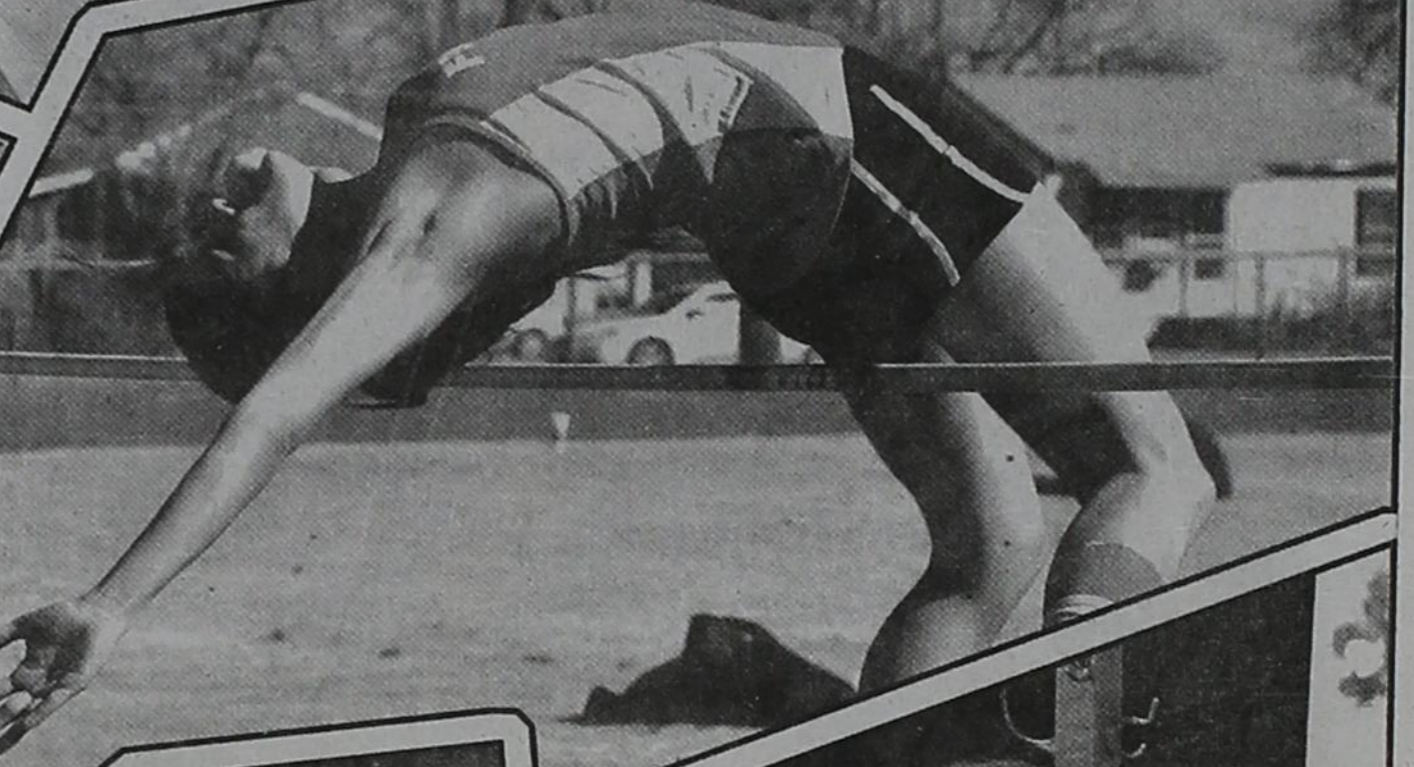
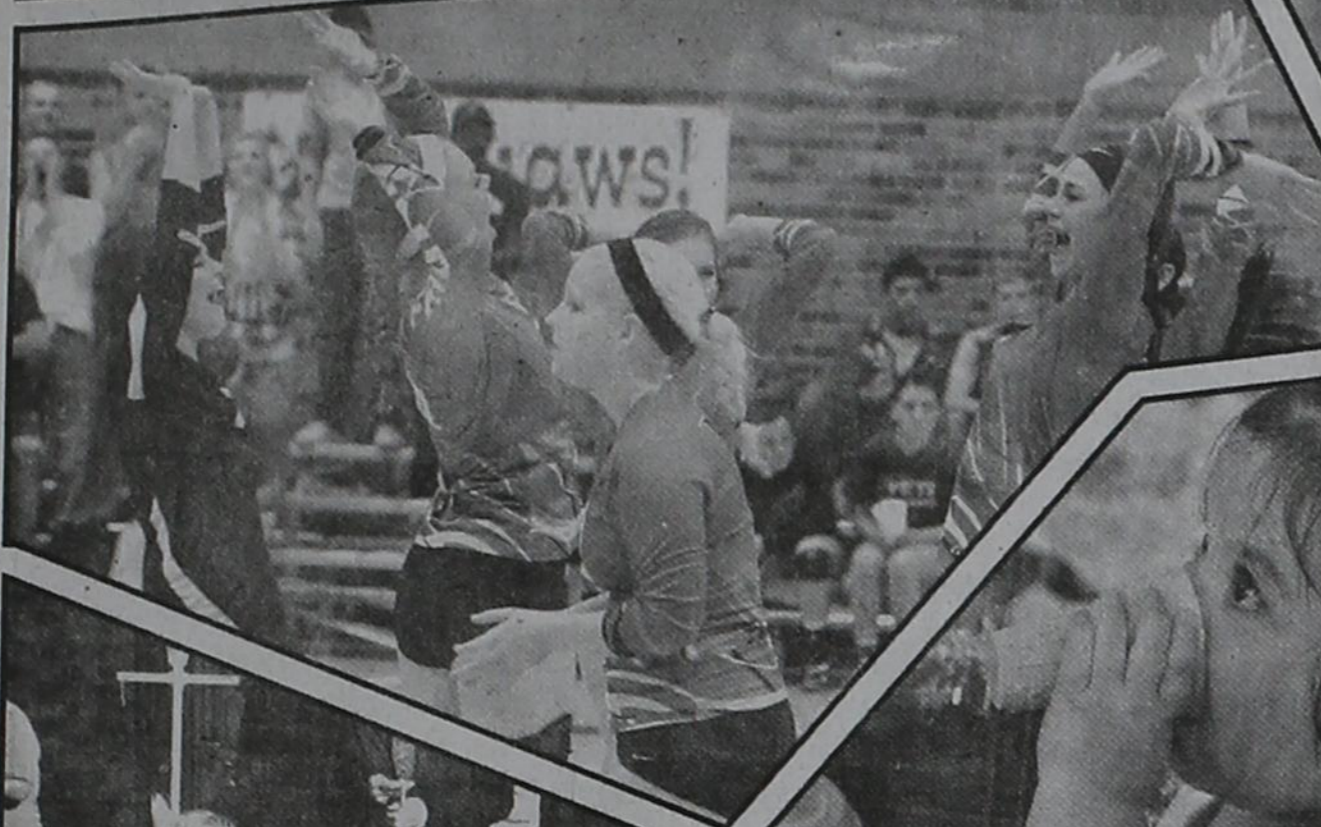
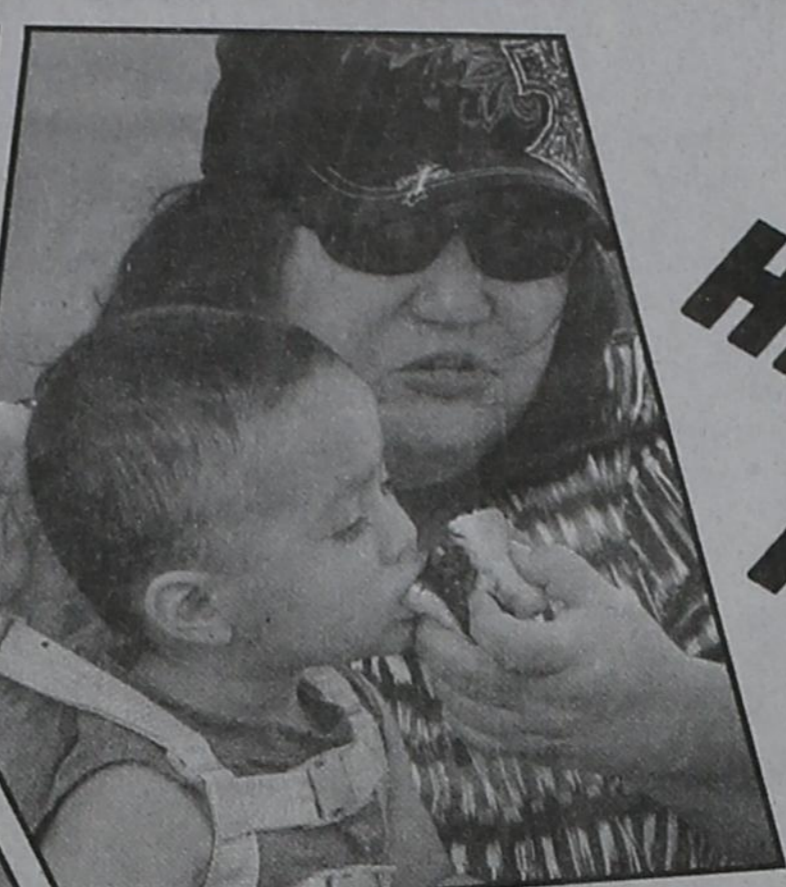
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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,511,677	\$ 375,633	\$ 3,887,310
5800 State Program Revenues	7,134,343	38,835	7,173,178
5900 Federal Program Revenues	832,395	993,572	1,825,967
5020 Total Revenues	11,478,415	1,408,040	12,886,455
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
0011 Instruction	6,176,229	630,569	6,806,798
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	114,754	299	115,053
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	61,413	65,080	126,493
0021 Instructional Leadership	5,000	157,146	162,146
0023 School Leadership	691,672	-	691,672
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	387,146	346,091	733,237
0033 Health Services	114,554	508	115,062
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	347,146	-	347,146
0035 Food Services	897,716	16,803	914,519
0036 Extracurricular Activities	854,196	-	854,196
0041 General Administration	467,833	1,000	468,833
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,208,025	-	1,208,025
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	13,401	-	13,401
0053 Data Processing Services	212,299	-	212,299
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	-	240,000	240,000
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	-	61,250	61,250
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	400	400
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	113,734	113,734
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	59,138	-	59,138
6030 Total Expenditures	11,610,522	1,632,880	13,243,402
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(132,107)	(224,840)	(356,947)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
7915 Transfers In	92,344	144,972	237,316
7949 Other Resources	60,000	-	60,000
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(237,316)	-	(237,316)
8949 Other (Uses)	(60,000)	-	(60,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(144,972)	144,972	-
<b>EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS:</b>			
7919 Extraordinary Item - Resource	801,557	-	801,557
8913 Extraordinary Item - (Use)	(431,370)	-	(431,370)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	93,108	(79,868)	13,240
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,280,900	476,535	4,757,435
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,374,008	\$ 396,667	\$ 4,770,675

## Friona School Calendar for January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 -New Year Holiday	2
3	4 -Begin 4 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> C Girls Basketball vs. Shallowater 5:00/6:00 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball @ Shallowater 5:00	5 -VB/JVB Basketball vs. Vega 5:00/6:30	6	7 -7thB/8thB Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Lazbuddie -C Girls Basketball Tournament @ Lazbuddie	8 -7thB/8thB Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Lazbuddie -C Girls Basketball Tournament @ Lazbuddie -FHS Choir TMEA Area Auditions @ Abilene -JVG/VG Basketball vs. Tulia 5:00/6:30 -JVB/VB Basketball @ San Jacinto 5:30/7:00	9 -7thB/8thB Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Lazbuddie -C Girls Basketball Tournament @ Lazbuddie -FHS Speech Tournament @ Sudan -FHS Choir TMEA Area Auditions @ Abilene -FHS Band ATSSB Area Auditions @ Idalou
10 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> C Girls Basketball @ Dimmitt 5:00 -7 <sup>th</sup> 8th Boys Basketball vs. Dimmitt 5:00	11	12 -JVG/VB Basketball @ Shallowater 5:00/6:30	13 -9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> RTI Benchmarks	14 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Friona -C Girls Basketball Tournament @ Dimmitt	15 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Friona -C Girls Basketball Tournament @ Dimmitt -JH/FHS All Region Clinic @ Canyon -JVG/VG/JVB/VB Basketball vs. Dimmitt 5:00/6:30/8:00 -Elementary 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Awards Assembly	16 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Friona -C Girls Basketball Tournament @ Dimmitt -Friona Stock Show -JH/FHS All Region Band Concert @ WT -FHS UIL CX Debate Tournament @ Morton
17 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> C Girls Basketball vs. Muleshoe 5:00/6:00 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball @ Muleshoe 5:00 -Elementary MOY Math & Reading Benchmarks	18	19 -Parmer County Stock Show -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Muleshoe 5:00/6:30/8:00 -Elementary MOY Math & Reading Benchmarks	20 -Parmer County Stock Show -Elementary MOY Math & Reading Benchmarks	21 -Parmer County Stock Show	22 -Parmer County Stock Show -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball vs. Littlefield 5:00/6:30/8:00	23 -Parmer County Stock Show -7 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Farwell -FHS Speech Tournament @ Hereford
24 -Fort Worth Stock Show	25 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> C Girls Basketball @ Littlefield 5:00 -7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball vs. Littlefield 5:00 -Primary Book Fair	26 -Fort Worth Stock Show -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Tulia 5:00/6:30/8:00 -Elementary MOY 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Benchmarks -Primary Book Fair Family Night 5:00-7:00	27 -Fort Worth Stock Show -Primary Book Fair Family Night 4:00-6:00	28 -Fort Worth Stock Show -8 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Muleshoe -Primary Book Fair	29 -Fort Worth Stock Show -JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball vs. Shallowater 5:00/6:30/8:00 -Primary Book Fair	30 -Fort Worth Stock Show -8 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament @ Muleshoe -FHS Speech Bobsled Classic @ Friona



# 2015 Highlight Pics



# Parmer County 4-H celebrates 13th annual "Sweat Suit Project"

By Deena Leuea

I would like to share with everyone the reason for this project and the need for monetary or donations of sweat suits.

About sixteen years ago, my grandmother was put into the Golden Age Nursing Home, currently Clovis Health Care & Rehab Nursing Home, because of a stroke. My little grandma

(which is what we called her) was blessed to have so many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even great, great-grandchildren that she had more than one visitor if not ten every day.

We did not have a need for these items, so I asked if anyone could use the extra clothing. I was told there were many people who lived in the home who were not as fortunate as my little

grandma, who had so many loved ones to visit as well as the gifts that were brought to her. The staff would be more than happy to distribute her clothing to other residents who were in need.

I learned during the time my little grandma spent at the home, that sweat suits were the perfect outfit for her. Because of her stroke, she was not able to walk or stand alone so she used a wheel chair. Most important for my little grandma the sweat suits kept her warm. In addition to warmth, she was able to maneuver her wheel chair with her one good leg and not have to worry about a blanket being caught up in the wheels while she moved about the home. The clothing needs no special care and if they need to be replaced, they are not expensive.

A few years after my little grandma's death God placed a mission on my heart to continue to help others. In December 2002 the wonderful employees of Cummins Natural Gas Engines banded together to donate enough money to give every resident a sweat suit for Christmas. We included a Christmas picture for each resident that was colored by my daughter's elementary school and hand delivered the presents to the home in late December.

Over the years, we have had many fundraisers including raffles, burrito sales, bake sales, and now indi-



courtesy photo

Friona 4-H members were Santa Claus to a few lucky senior citizens this year. Members are shown with John Renner as he opens his gift of a sweat suit.

vidual donations, Parmer County 4-H member support and local businesses donations. This will be our 13th year to support Clovis, 9th for Friona, 8th for Farwell, 2nd to support Muleshoe.

This is a huge challenge, but I know we will be blessed and together we always accomplish this great feat.

I am so proud to type that this is our 13th annual "Sweat Suit for Seniors" project and only through the generosity of compassionate people, outside sponsors and special friends from both Texas and New Mexico that this is able to happen every year.

In advance I would like to thank everyone who believes in this project and continues

to give from their heart. It takes so many people to raise money, wrap presents, and give their time and energy to get all of this done in time for Christmas. Please remember this is not only about giving from your wallet, but more importantly about giving from your heart. The visits from the children and volunteers who help deliver the gifts may be the only visit some residents receive all year long.

God bless all of you.

If any one would like to give a monetary donation or donate a sweat suit, throw blanket, or non-slip socks, please contact Deena Leuea at 575-693-2506 or Deanna Curtis 575-693-3984.



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Peggy London is shown with Friona 4-H members that delivered a sweat suit to her as part of the 13th Annual Sweat Suit Project.



courtesy photo

For the past several years the Friona 4-H club has conducted a service project to make sure that all the residents at Prairie Acres has a gift for Christmas. The 4-H club met on December 17, 2015 to wrap and deliver sweat suits and blankets to the residents at Prairie Acres. After meeting together to wrap the gifts, the members hand delivered the packages. All the 4-H members loved to see each of the residents' faces light up when they got to open their own gift. 4-H members pictured are: backrow, l-r, Hadley White, Aspen Fleming, Mason Fleming and Matt Hoyle; 2nd row, l-r, Eli Robledo, Tim Ally, Caden Bunker and Adaline White; and front row, l-r, Stef Ally, Carter Gilley, Dieter Ally, and Jarrett White. Reported by Adaline White

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SEALCOAT - 2016

will be received at the office of the City Manager of Friona at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas, 79035 until:

11:00 A.M.  
January 20, 2016

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owners in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the Owners and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone (806) 250-2761, City of Hart, 407 Broadway Street, Hart, Texas 79043, phone (806) 938-2771 and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

The Owners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owners reserve the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

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