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# Friona ★ Star

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## TYA shoe drive

The Texas Youth Association is conducting a shoe drive that began on December 1, 2016 and will run through March 1, 2017. Gently used or new shoes can be dropped off at The Milk House Market, Hi-Pro, and Friona Chamber of Commerce. The shoes will go to other countries to help people start a micro business in order for them to be self-sustaining.

## FBC fundraiser meal Dec. 18

First Baptist Church Friona Missions Fundraiser Meal is set for Sunday, December 18, 2016 at noon. Join FBC this Sunday for a delicious brisket dinner with all the fixings, and help fund gospel initiatives to impact lives around the globe. This January a team of five people from FBC Friona will go to Africa to share the gospel, help with food relief, and disciple orphans and their caretakers.

If you don't have a church home, join FBC at 10:40 a.m. for a Christmas Service, or if you have a church home, please come eat with FBC after your service is over. There is no cost for the meal it is by donation only. For more information call 806-250-3933 or go to [www.fbcfriona.com](http://www.fbcfriona.com).



holly campbell photo

At the Friona Fire Department's Christmas party Saturday evening, Stephen Campbell, left was named 2016 Firefighter of the Year, and Glenn Reeve was honored for his 60-years of service on the fire department. We thank all firemen and their families for their volunteer service to our community.

## Council appoints two on EDC board

The Friona city council had a brief meeting Monday. All council members were present as they zipped through a brief agenda.

The council appointed Rick White and Clint Mears to a two-year term on the Friona Economic Development Corporation board of directors.

Friona Police Lt. Pedro Sanchez gave the monthly police department report. He said they have hired a new dispatcher

now in training. In November the department had 290 calls, made 12 arrests, and made 131 traffic stops.

A joint agreement with Bovina for 2017 sealcoating by Brandt Engineering was approved. The two cities will jointly seek a bid from Brandt. The council also approved a 2017 contract with Brandt.

Agriculture leases for the 2017 crop year with Michael Rushing and Rex Wells were

approved. Approval was also given to the Xcel rate settlement that has been negotiated.

For additional information about the city business see Rick White's Mayor's Minutes on page two.

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of the city council will be Monday January 9 at 6:30 p.m. All council meetings are open to the public.

## Commissioners hear from Mariah site manager

Parmer County Commissioners met Monday December 12 in Farwell.

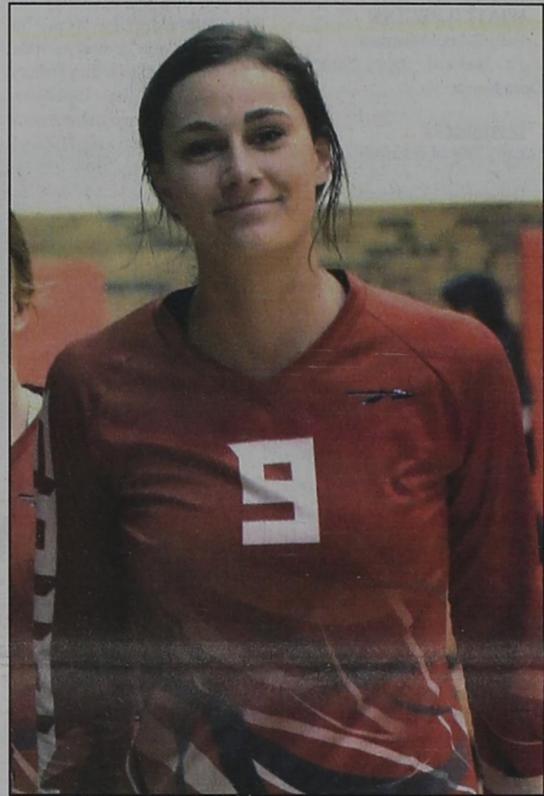
They were introduced to new project site manager for Mariah Del Norte, James Phipps. He told them the project may be online by January 1, 2017.

Commissioners are planning to purchase the Bovina building at Gardner and 3rd St. currently the Justice of the Peace and County Extension offices. In conjunction with the building purchase after the first of the year, they discussed the need for a storage building at the location. No action was taken.

Veterans Service Officer Bill Dannheim gave a report and reminded that legal advice can be available to any veteran in need of such service.

After discussion of the county investment policy County Treasurer Altha Herington was appointed as Investment Officer.

The annual fire report was given. It was noted there have been 101 fire calls out in the county in 2016. That includes all calls by all county fire departments.



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Congratulations to Squaw senior Kim DeWit for being selected to the 3A all-state volleyball team. Forty girls in the 3A classification are named all-state. Coach Bryan Masse said Kim was also chosen as 3A Hitter of the Year by the Texas Volleyball Coaches Association.

**The  
Friona ★ Star  
will  
be  
closed  
December  
26-30  
Merry  
Christmas!**

## FISD Trustees discuss security, policy and contracts

The Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the FISD Administration Building to discuss a twenty-one item agenda that included the 2015-16 Annual Audit Report, a proposal from Guardian Security Solutions, LLC and changes to policy. All members of the board were in attendance.

The firm of Johnson and Sheldon presented the audit report and explained a number of items that have been added to the audit due to federal and state mandates. They found that the audit was clean and unqualified findings in their opinion. The auditors were pleased that the audit went smoothly and only took three days to complete instead of the customary five days.

Steve Sanders and Ray Dunn from Guardian Security Solutions LLC were on hand to present a proposal to the board for security measures to make Friona schools safer for the students of the district. They recommended access control doors, intercom systems for the external doors and security cameras. They stated that "security doors were the most important" items at this time as well as cameras and access control were recommended.

Guardian works with many area schools including Childress, Quanah, Canadian and Shamrock and are recommended by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris.

Members of the FHS Choir were joined by State Cross Country Qualifier Jackie Legaretta to address the board on their recent activities. The choir



dana jameson photo

FHS Choir students performed for the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday evening. Francisco Summerlin, Evarista Herrera, Damian Rodriguez, Lupe Macias, and Brooklynn Johnston sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas!"

sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". The board congratulated them on their many accomplishments.

The board heard from FHS Junior class representatives requesting to have the prom at Hereford Country Club on May 13, 2017. The board approved the request upon assurance that there would safety measures in place for the students attending the prom.

After a brief break, the board continued the meeting with Principals Erika Montana and Mark Sundre reporting on activities at the high school and junior high.

Montana reported statistics on the 2015 graduating class. According to the report 95 percent of the class graduated, 42 percent took advanced courses including AP or Dual Credit classes, 96 percent were on the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program, 22 percent scored at the higher-education readiness component qualifying scores in English Language Arts, and 19 percent scored at the higher-education readiness component qualifying scores in Math.

She also reported that eight students from FHS will be at-

tending the inaugural festivities in January when President-elect Trump will be sworn in as President. The trip is sponsored and paid for by Region 16. Those MSLE students are Andrew Cigarroa, Nayeli Jaramillo, Fabian Ledezma, Axel Puga, Kessly Salinas, Ebany Saucedo, Allison Soltero, and Gerardo Trejo.

Sundre reported the results of several extra-curricular non-athletic events that FJHS students have participated in the first semester. The One-Act Play resulted in two All-Star Cast medalists, two honorable mention All-Star Cast medal-

ists and one sound tech award medalist.

In UIL Academic competition FJHS brought home 20 medals-12-1st place medals, 8-2nd place medals, 10-3rd place medals, 7-4th place ribbons, 11-5th place ribbons and 8-6th place ribbons.

"We dominated Chess Puzzle, Science I and II, Maps, Charts and Graphs, and Number Sense," stated Sundre.

The Junior High band took 28 seventh and eight graders to Pampa for All-Region try-outs. Twelve students earned spots on either the symphonic band or the concert band and

will perform at the All-Region Clinic and Concert at WTAMU on January 13-14.

The board approved items on the consent agenda, payment of November bills and considered budget amendments.

Friona Junior High will once again be on the PEG (Public Education Grant) list for 2017-18 due to scoring below 50% on any STAAR test subject. The subject scores that were listed as problematic were Social Studies and Science.

The board approved evaluation appraisal forms for the Special Education Staff as well as a para-professional assessment for non-degreed staff. They also approved the adjunct faculty status for Parmer County agent Wendy Case representing Texas A&M Extension Service.

Dr. Pam Ray, FISD Superintendent explained the 27 changes to policy that would be added, revised, replaced or deleted.

The board approved the request for non-Chapter 21 contracts for Darla Hutchins, Director of Technology and Business Manager Dianna Wright.

Dr. Ray and the board reviewed policy regarding foster care students, the new regulations and available services that were instituted recently by the state.

The board heard from Dr. Ray about Superintendent and District goals she would like to implement before going into a closed session and adjourning.

The board will meet again on Monday, January 16, 2017. These meetings are open to the public and they welcome public input.

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wrt.net, call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127  
**December 15**  
 Friona Noon Lions meet at Headquarters at noon

**December 16**  
 JVG/VG Basketball vs. Shallowater at Home 5/6:30 p.m.

**December 18**  
 FUMC church-wide breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
 FUMC Choir and Handbell Choir Cantata at 7 p.m. in Sanctuary

FBC morning worship will observe the Lord's Supper followed by a brisket fundraiser for missions  
 FBC Christmas Caroling around Friona and at Prairie Acres & Heritage Estates 6 p.m.

**December 19**  
 Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays drawings  
 Project Christmas Card deadline

**December 20**  
 JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Lubbock Roosevelt 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.

**December 21**  
**WINTER BEGINS!**  
 Early School Dismissal  
 1st National Bank Christmas Open House

**December 22**  
 Early School Dismissal

**December 23-January 8**  
 Christmas Break

**December 24**  
 FUMC Come & Go Communion from 4-5 p.m.  
 FUMC Children & Family Christmas Service at 5:30 p.m. for all children  
 FUMC Candlelight Christmas Service at 7 p.m.

**December 25**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
 FBC Christmas service at 10:40 a.m.  
 FUMC worship service at 11 a.m., No Sunday School

**December 26-30**  
 Friona Star office closed

**December 28-30**  
 VG Basketball at Texico Invitational  
 VB Basketball at Littlefield Invitational

**December 29**  
 7th/8th Boys Basketball at home vs Slaton 5 p.m.  
 7th/8th Girls Basketball at Slaton 5 p.m.

**December 31**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

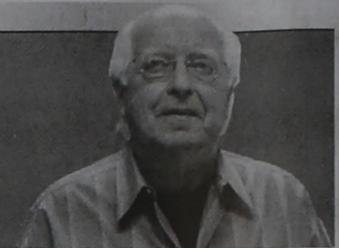
**2017**  
**January 1**  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**January 3**  
 JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Littlefield at Home 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.

**January 5**  
 7th/8th Boys Basketball at home vs. Slaton 5 p.m.  
 7th/8th Girls Basketball at Slaton 5 p.m.

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## the russians are coming the russians are coming

The Democrats fell right in lock step and are blaming the Russians for sending Hillary to the clearance bin of politics.

They are calling the alleged Russian hacking and meddling in our election process the "political equivalent of 9/11." They are mortified that a foreign enemy could mess with our sacred election process.

Three Senate Democrats want a nonpartisan commission to investigate whether Russia interfered. One of those three, Senator Ben Cardin (MD) says, "The American people deserve a nonpartisan, transparent, public investigation into the insidious attack on our Democratic institutions."

They are saying this because Hillary lost. They are blaming FBI Director James Comey too. He mentioned a few weeks before the election he was re-opening the investigation into Hillary.

Didn't see the Democrats calling for a nonpartisan commission to investigate Hillary's email shenanigans. How life can change when one loses an election. Once a hypocrite always a hypocrite.

Some are even fearful of a Russian takeover of America. I have a friend here in town that has suspected Trump and his relationship with Russia from the beginning. Now, with Exxon CEO Rex Tillerson being Secretary of State and drilling for oil

in Russia, he is even more convinced the Russians are coming.

Exxon is said to have drilling operations in 50 countries. He has an understanding of how business is done on foreign lands. He can't possibly be worse than Hillary Clinton and John Kerry as Secretary of State.

Here is the good part I know

will give you great comfort. Both the Republicans and Democrats are calling for a congressional investigation of Russia meddling in our election.

The Democratic left is not now, nor will they ever be, willing to give Trump and his administration a chance. They are still scratching around trying to

overtake the election. The electors meet Monday to cast each state's electoral vote. Some of the electors have received death threats, presumably not from Republicans, unless they change their votes.

To show how out of touch with America the Democratic party is, they are already touting

Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden to run for president in 2020, when both will be approaching 80-years-old. By then the congressional investigation of Russia might be concluded.

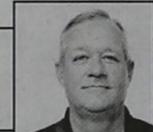
Relax. Nobody is coming to get you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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## Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Greetings!!!

A big thank you to everyone involved in organizing the "Christmas in the Park". Chris Alexander and the Chamber of Commerce do a very good job each year with this event. The Sheriff's department did a great job organizing the light parade. There was a very good turnout for this event and the kids really enjoyed themselves. That is what it is all about. The park looks great and all of the kids enjoyed visiting with Santa Claus.

The city is making some major repairs at the sewer plant on the sprinkler system. Legacy Pumps and Campbell Electric are working on the issues. Work at the Credit Union/Police Department is making good progress. The Public Works employees have done a lot of painting

and replacing floor tile. The contractor, Johnny Alvarez, has completed three separate garages for the police cars, built an additional two rooms in the office area and will be installing bullet resistant windows in the front entrance. There is a lot of work to be done before the police department can move in. The projected "move-in" date will be around April 2017.

Judge Campbell had 59 new cases in November. There were 24 trials by judge cases that pled guilty and 33 cases disposed. There were an additional 6 new juvenile cases filed. Total fines collected were \$6,945.84 and court cost equaled \$2,750.81.

EMS had 33 total runs in November. There were 9 calls for 9-1-1, 17 calls for transfers and 7 calls resulting in "no

transport". Payments collected equaled \$13,064.22 and billing totaled \$42,878.24. Data Billing Company, Amarillo, TX, is doing a great job collecting the payments for the city.

Volunteer Fire Department was busy in November. There were 7 emergency calls. One call for a wreck 3 miles south on Highway 60 at the Cargill entrance; six calls were for fires-3 miles south on Highway 214 (gin), 8 miles east on Highway 60 (cotton burrs), Friona Feed Yard (cotton burrs), east on Highway 60 (grass fire), east on Highway 60 (another grass fire), and south of Black (grass fire). There have been a total of 66 emergency calls this year, 42 emergency calls outside the city limits and 18 calls inside the city limits. Diane and I, along with other

city and county officials, were invited to the Volunteer Fireman Christmas dinner held at the Senior Citizens House. We all had a great time visiting with the volunteers and their families. We also, enjoyed some very good barbeque. We want to say "thank you" for the invitation. Congratulations to Glenn Reeve, Jr. for 60 years of service as a volunteer fireman. The volunteer firemen do a great service for our community and we are very grateful.

The city pumped, 13,019,700 gallons of water and sold 10,710,000 gallons during November. Payments collected equaled \$60,791.74 with 1432 accounts billed.

Chief Jimenez and the officers responded to 290 calls in November. There were 131 stops, 75 warnings, 56 cita-

tions and 12 arrests (3-no driver's license, 1-driving while license invalid, 1-family violence, 2-possession of marijuana, 2-possession of paraphilia, 1-criminal trespassing and 2-burglary of a habitation). The officers drove a total of 3822 miles patrolling and protecting our city.

Accounts Payable equaled \$181,979.05 for November. All bills were paid and the city is in good standing.

The library had a total of 836 patrons visit in November an average of 44 per day. There were 868 items circulated and 85 new items added to the inventory. The Friends of the library are gearing up for their 2017 membership drive and coordinating the Literary Basket Fundraiser.

Your Mayor

### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 this Alan starred with TX Burnett in "The Four Seasons"

5 above Parmer Co.: \_\_\_\_\_ Smith County

6 often found in big TX supermarkets

7 TXism: "\_\_\_ blazes a wide trail" (fat)

8 seat of Brooks County: \_\_\_ furrias

9 in Ellis Co. off I-45

15 this Harrison starred with TX Tommy Lee Jones in "The Fugitive"

16 TX Earle was \_\_\_\_\_ Bailey's "Tallest Man in the World"

19 "breakfast" town in Burnet County

21 TXism: "a watched pot \_\_\_ boils"

22 TXism: "bought \_\_\_" (died)

27 "Bum" Phillips

28 TX investors want high interest \_\_\_\_\_

29 ex-Ranger pitcher from TX, Roger \_\_\_\_\_

30 Peter of Alamo spoof "Viva Max!"

32 football score (abbr.)

34 1991 Killeen tragedy was \_\_\_\_\_ mass shooting in history

37 TXism: "\_\_\_ your poison" (choose)

38 \_\_\_\_\_ Grande

39 football posture

40 TXism: "there's more of them than \_\_\_\_\_ Texas"

42 Winnsboro FM

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "it don't \_\_\_ up"

2 Gov. W. \_\_\_ O'Daniel

3 seat of Dallam Co.

4 TXism: "safe as \_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_"

5 TXism: "does \_\_\_ dog stink?" (yes)

54 TXism: "\_\_\_ horn" (amateur)

55 TXism: "\_\_\_ high time"

56 Clara Driscoll: "Savior of \_\_\_ Alamo"

12 Astro pitcher stat: earned \_\_\_\_\_

13 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since \_\_\_ You Baby"

14 TXism: "salt some away"

15 big TX ranch owner: Pitch \_\_\_\_\_ & Cattle Company

16 TXism: "\_\_\_ a line" (fish)

17 bird's \_\_\_\_\_ site

18 TX soda: \_\_\_ Pepper

20 Marshall region: \_\_\_ Texas

22 this Petty sang with TX Wilburys (init.)

23 TXism: "\_\_\_ my boots retreaded"

24 New Year's \_\_\_\_\_

25 "joy juice" holders

26 Willie's Farm \_\_\_\_\_ was held near Austin in 1986

28 in Starr Co. on 83 athletic confer. for some TX colleges

33 TXism: "\_\_\_ right boys" (police)

35 former fed. agcy. on TX's so. border (1933-2003)

36 1977 UT Heisman winner Earl (init.)

38 TX saying: "One \_\_\_\_\_, one Ranger"

41 winter glider

44 A&M's "12th Man" is \_\_\_\_\_ scholarship athlete

45 TXism: "\_\_\_ with kid gloves"

51 TXism: "dumber than a post"

52 Dan Patrick is \_\_\_\_\_ Gov. of TX

### ON YOUR PAYROLL

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# Town Talk II

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I want to thank our Friona Star managing editor Dana Jameson for her patience in typing and translating all of this year's Santa letters. It is a tedious job but Dana has persevered in assuring that you and Santa see all of the letters. Plus she has taken many, many photos of kids talking to Santa. Think I'll give her the week off after Christmas.

Project Christmas Card donations this year will purchase a stretcher for trauma patients with a built-in scale to weigh the patients. Many medicine doses are given by the weight of the patient. Last year Project Christmas Card purchased four lift chairs and two wheel chairs for the hospital. Your donations are important. You can donate at Interbank or in one of the canisters at local businesses. The Friona Star will print a list of donors in our Christmas paper next week.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 We enjoyed attending the Fire Department Christmas party Saturday evening at the Senior Citizen Center. Thanks for inviting us. Fire Chief Jim Taylor announced service awards: Justin Bridges 5 years, Jerry Lanier 10 years, Heath McElreath 10 years, Glenn Reeve 60 years. The Fireman of the Year was Stephen Campbell. Santa a/k/a Bobby Thompson made an appearance to end the evening. As always I thank our firemen and their families for their sacrifice and service to our community.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 On Wednesday December 21 the Parmer County Farm Bureau and First National Bank will have some refreshment goodies and a Christmas open house. Stop by and visit for some Christmas cheer.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 The Co-op Gin reported Tues-

day they had ginned 7,825 bales of cotton with another 500+ to go. What a change from prior years. We are happy to hear the good news finally.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 The Squaws opened district basketball Tuesday at Idalou. The district favorite Idalou Lady Cats beat the Squaws 84-42. The girls will host Shallowater here Friday December 16 with JV at 5:00 and varsity at 6:30. The Chiefs and Squaws continue district play at Lubbock Roosevelt Tuesday December 20. December 28-30 the Chiefs will compete in the Littlefield tournament and the Squaws are in the Texico tournament.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Several guys I know, including my brother Rick, will be attending the Thursday-Saturday high school state championship football games at AT&T stadium this weekend. It is \$15 for an all day ticket. Plus a small fortune if

you want a hot dog. It is a football marathon and sounds like a bunch of fun.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Next week is our annual Christmas edition Friona Star. It will be filled with Santa letters, Christmas

greetings from our local businesses, and lots of Santa photos. We will be closed the week of December 26-30. We will be back in the office Monday January 2, 2017 to start another year of news and stuff.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Merry Christmas from the Friona Star. We hope everyone is well this holiday season and wish you safe travels. See you next week. Until then!



## Library Corner

By Darla Bracken

### See Me

I am blind, I do not see...but I can still hear, touch, smell, and taste. I have knowledge, life experiences...I can talk to you and relate to you. I may be able to do things with my hands: crochet, paint, read Braille, that may be difficult for you. See me.

I am elderly, I cannot do some of the things I used to easily do...walking, hearing, seeing, doing things with my hands. I have knowledge, life experiences...I can talk and relate to you. See me.

I am deaf, I cannot hear...but I can still see, touch, smell and taste. I may have to see your

lips move to know what you are saying. I have knowledge and life experiences...I can relate to you. See me.

I am crippled. I cannot walk or hold things with my hands...but I can still see, hear, feel, smell and taste. I have knowledge and life experiences. I can talk and relate to you. See me.

For all those among us whose lives are difficult every day due to physical handicaps and to those who are caregivers among us and who strive to make life easier and more bearable, even happier or more pleasant, for us -may God grant special blessings to you.

Sometimes if we slow down enough, we are able to see our blessings and relate more to those around us.

New-on-the-bookshelf: Baxter Family Christmas by Karen Kingsbury; Whole town is talking by Fannie Flag; Whistler by John Grisham; Sleeping Beauty Killer by Mary Higgins Clark; Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks; No Man's Land by David Baldacci; Night School by Lee Child; Wrong side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly; Kept Woman by Karin Slaught; Non-Fiction: All the Gallant Men by Stratton, Bush by Smith, Mannings by Anderson.

## Country Thoughts

dana jameson



### Sparkle

It is that time of year when little children get that sparkle in their eyes and wishes rain down all around them.

Who am I kidding? Adults get that same sparkle when they think of what they will be able to afford when they get their taxes done.

But for those of us that have somehow misplaced our Christmas spirit when we boxed up the decorations last year it is hard to get that sparkle back.

We watch the news and learn that the world is not as great as we would like.

Bills have to be paid and the sparkle goes out as each check is written and mailed off.

With each passing day, we get beat down and are expected to recover before the next barrage is launched. But with each recovery coming slower and slower it is very hard to bounce back.

In the newspaper business, we have the mindset of two weeks to two months in advance so there is no sitting back on ones laurels and enjoying the spoils or the sparkle.

I thought about writing to Santa and asking for a year filled with no beat downs and a boat-load of sparkle. I realized that those are my responsibilities.

I am the one that is in charge of controlling how people affect me. I am the one in charge of the sparkle. So are you.

And if I am in charge of these two things then I shouldn't have to worry about them screwing up my head and my life.

They can take their buckets of cold water and spoil someone else's sparkle.

Kinda sounds like I have a chip on my shoulder but not really. I'm just stating that our lives are ours. We need to step up and enjoy the sparkles in life.

So here goes nothing:  
 Dear Santa,

I haven't written you seriously in a very long time. I apologize for that. Your time is valuable and I wasted it.

I don't think I want a lot this year but I am not standing in your boots.

I would like to have my sparkle back. Not just a small sparkle but the sparkle I had as a child. That sparkle that can only be found deep inside.

If it is possible can you bring me an empty bucket that I can fill up with sparkle for those days when it goes missing?

Can you bring all of the sparkle-less people out there these two things?

I think the world would be a much better place if we could find the sparkle in life instead of the darkness.

Thank you for indulging me.  
 Dana

## Friona Flashbacks



### News from then week of December 14, 1961

\*The glass was about all that was found left in the window of Allen's Jewelry Friday morning after thieves smashed the glass and escaped with about \$1,800 in rings and watches. A total of 55 rings and 6 watches were reported taken in the brazen theft. This is the second time in a year that thieves struck the store.

\*Audye M. Wiley, chairman of the Friona Religious Survey reports it to be "a great success" with 99% completion December 7. The survey reveals 4,553 people counted and 16 denominations showing members in the Friona area.

Churches who lead in membership are Baptists with 1,090,

Methodist 504, Catholic 409, Church of Christ 388, Congregational 64, Lutheran 48, and Assembly of God 35.

An alarming factor was discovered however, since most of the people in Friona seem to think our city has a church-going people, that is the percentage of church membership is only 58.8%, while the national average is 63.6% a difference of 4.8%.

\*Friona shoppers will take home 60 turkeys, which will be given away in the giant drawing Saturday afternoon in the City Park.

Past issues of the Friona Star are archived at Texas Tech University [www.swco.ttu.edu](http://www.swco.ttu.edu)

## The Stevens 5 Star Deal of the Week!

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## Merry Christmas from



Rick and Diane White would like to thank everyone who has bought our jerky over the years.

## Lions Club News



Dr. Linda Sides and Friona Evening Lions Treasurer Kristina Anthony

Dr. Linda Sides from Clovis, NM presented "The Brain" program at the Friona Evening Lions regular meeting on Thursday, December 8. The evening meal was catered by Country Rose.

Dr. Sides uses her skills with the flute to illustrate how music is recognized by the brain. She believes music training expands an area in the left cortex of the brain, helping memory, hand coordination, and discipline.

Dr. Sides is the wife of David Sides, a former Friona resident, received her Doctorate from the University of Texas at Dallas. Her degree is Doctor of Philosophy with specialties in cognition and neuroscience.

## Williams graduates boot camp

Private Aaron Jaden Williams, 19, of Friona, graduated from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Friday, December 9, 2016. He is the son of Billy and Stephanie Williams of Friona.

Private Williams successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training as one of 89 recruits in Training Platoon 2151. While in recruit training Williams achieved Rifle Expert, the highest level, and his Platoon collectively achieved the highest testing scores in the Practical Application Test & Written testing.

Following ten days home on



leave he will report to Camp Pendleton for two months at Infantry Training Battalion then Military Occupation Specialty school.

## Love Fund for Jazlynn

A love fund has been established at Friona InterBank for 7-year-old Jazlynn Simein. She is the daughter of Amanda Villanueva, granddaughter of Ruben and Laurie Villanueva and great-granddaughter of David and Emma Davila.

Jazlynn was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation in January. She also has Syringomyelia and Pulmonary Valve Stenosis. She underwent heart surgery on Thursday, November 10 in Fort Worth for a hole in her heart. She will also undergo brain surgery in the next 6-8 months.

Donations will go towards medical, travel, and so her mother can take time off work to care for her. The family thanks and extends their prayers to the community for their help.

## Xcel Energy, customer groups, reach rate agreement

Xcel Energy has reached a settlement with Texas customer groups to increase annual revenues to support close to \$1 billion in capital improvements and recognize the impact of reductions in wholesale sales in 2015.

Xcel Energy, the Public Utility Commission of Texas Staff, industry groups and an alliance of the 80 towns Xcel Energy serves in Texas, have agreed to a \$35 million, or 6.9 percent, annual revenue increase. Under the settlement rates filed today, the typical 1,000 kilowatt-hour residential bill will rise on Dec. 10 by approximately 4 percent, or \$3.97 per month.

The agreement also provides for the assured recovery of \$12.6 million of annual power factor revenues, including \$11 million of additional power factor revenues, to protect Xcel Energy against the risk of revenue loss from potential unrealized power factor billings for a two-year period after new rates become effective. Power factor billings are only applicable to business classes with a demand charge and are a means of compensation for the supplying of extra electrical current for customers who have low power factors, or are inefficient users of electrical power.

"Our customer groups understand that the service Xcel Energy provides and the investments we're making are critical to the economic success of both

Xcel Energy and the region, and we value their input throughout this process," said David Hudson, president - Xcel Energy Texas.

The increase is needed to support close to \$1 billion of investments Xcel Energy made through December 2015 to maintain and improve reliability and to import lower-cost power. Notable examples of these investments are the two 345-kilovolt transmission lines to Woodward, Okla. These lines cost \$270 million, but delivered about \$60 million in energy savings within their first year of operation by allowing the company to tap a wider market where more affordable power is available.

New rates also account for the reduction in wholesale power sold to rural cooperatives and municipal utilities in the region. Xcel Energy's contracts with wholesale customers include planned reductions in sales, with most contracts ending in 2019. As these sales decrease and eventually go away, retail customers benefit long term because existing generating resources are freed up to serve retail customer needs as their power demand increases. The change in costs reflects Xcel Energy's investment in the energy future of the Panhandle and South Plains region.

"The energy future that Xcel Energy creates for the residents, businesses, and communities in the Panhandle and South Plains

of Texas is realized through our company's focus on ensuring affordable and reliable service while appropriately capturing changes in our costs to serve, as well as making smart investments that will support economic growth for decades to come," Hudson said.

The new rates will be implemented on an interim basis until

a final order is issued by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Xcel Energy is also permitted to seek collection of the new rates retroactively to July 20. Xcel Energy will file a surcharge in the spring of 2017 that will recover the difference between the old and new rates for the period of July 20 through Dec. 9.

## Local tax receipts up 1.64 percent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$627.6 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 0.2 percent more than in December 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in October by monthly filers.

"The cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, El Paso and San Antonio continue to see significant increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston, Sugar Land and Plano saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations." Friona will receive a payment of \$36,188.32, which is a decrease of -9.61 percent as compared to the 2015 payment of \$40,038.98. To-date Friona has received \$366,952.88, which is an increase of 2.30 percent over the 2015 payments of \$358,677.98.

Bovina will receive a payment of \$11,928.92, which is an increase of 5.06 percent as compared to the 2015 payment \$11,357.42. To-date Bovina has received \$145,289.83, which is an increase of 10.53 percent from the 2015 payments of \$131,447.13.

Farwell will receive a payment of \$9,673.12, which is a decrease of -1.92 percent as compared to the 2015 payment of \$9,862.53. To-date Farwell has received \$130,620.43, which is an increase of 2.23 percent over the 2015 payments of \$127,763.91.

Friona will receive a payment of \$28,856.53, which is an increase of 1.64 percent as compared to the 2015 payment of \$28,390.19. To-date Friona has received \$390,809.41, which is an increase of 2.25 percent over the 2015 payments of \$387,068.17.

For details on December sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.



## Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

November 5, 2016

Estevan Herrera, 20, of Farwell, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than one gram. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

November 11, 2016

Ramon Perez Jimenez, 30, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of evading arrest with a vehicle. The case is pending before the Grand Jury. Jimenez was also charged with driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

Mario Castillo, Jr., 32, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous. The case is pending in County Court.



## Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of December 1 through December 8, 2016:

Robert Martin Butler, Elizabeth Ann Butler Scott, Catherine Cecilia Butler Howell, and Marguerite Walling Butler-Robert C. Hurst, Jr. and Shannon D. Hurst, 170.4 Ac. S7, 89.6 Ac. S8.

George Lawrence Widner Estate Trust-George Lawrence Widner Estate Trust and Carolyn Ann Widner, S/2 S30 Blk. C CSS, 16.6 Ac. of the N 176.6 Ac. S29 Blk. C CSS, 160 Ac. NE 160 Ac S 640 Ac. S29 Blk. C CSS, 160 Ac. NW 160 Ac. S29 Blk. C CSS, 120 Ac. S 120 Ac. W/2 S18 Blk. B CSS, SE/4 S8 Blk. C CSS, 320 Ac. S/2 S1 Blk. B CSS, S 269.7 Ac. E 429.7 Ac. S4 TIN R1E CSS, SW/4 S4 TIN R1E CSS, SW/4 S3 TIN R1E, 60.00 Ac. S269.7 Ac. E 429.70 Ac. S4 TIN R1E CSS, SE/4 S9 Blk. C CSS, SW/4 S10 Blk. C CSS, W 200 Ac. S46 Blk. C Rhea Brothers.

Norma Villarreal-Edgar Alvarez, S/2 L7 All L-8-10 B23 OT Bovina.

Maudie Taylor-Stancell Land and Cattle, Inc., N 306.55 Ac. W/2 S52 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, SW/4 S52 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, NW/4 S30 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, NE/4 S35 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, SE/4 S35 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, SW/4 S46 Blk. Z WE and FW Johnson, NW/4 S50 Blk. Z.

Carolyn Stancell-Stancell Land and Cattle, Inc., N 306.55 Ac. W/2 S52 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, SW/4 S52 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, NW/4 S30 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, NE/4 S35 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, SE/4 S35 Blk. Z WD and FW Johnson, SW/4 S46 Blk. Z WE and FW Johnson, NW/4 S50 Blk. Z.

## FLIP Lesson 16 Word List

1.	achievement (n.)	result gained by effort; accomplishment
2.	cocked (adj.)	turned to one side; tilted
3.	dais (n.)	raised platform in a hall or large room
4.	green (n.)	grassy park or lawn
5.	harmonic (adj.)	understood; resonant; congenial
6.	headlong (adj.)	reckless; without pause for thought
7.	podium (n.)	speaker's stand; lectern
8.	risers (n.)	stage platforms
9.	trustee (n.)	one to whom something is entrusted
10.	whoop (n.)	exuberant shout

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# Join Us

## Wednesday, December 21

### 10am - 2pm for our

# Christmas Tea

## Come by for Refreshments

## & Christmas Greetings

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### Jesus is Unique

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever received a Christmas present that was above and beyond any other present you ever received? One that stands out in its uniqueness from all others because of its quality and significance. I can't think of any gifts that I've received that were simply above and beyond all the rest, but I do know that Jesus Christ is the one who is above and beyond every other gift.

In fact, the angel Gabriel points to Jesus' uniqueness in Luke 1:33-34. First, Gabriel mentions the miraculous conception and an exceptional name. Jesus' name literally means "Jehovah saves," which encapsulates the reason He came. Further, the angel mentions that "He will be great." Jesus' greatness is second to none and is displayed in his perfect life, countless miracles, powerful teaching, and sacrificial death. Most of all, though, his greatness is shown because Jesus came back from the dead. No other religious leader actually has risen from the grave, because only Jesus Christ has the power to come back from the dead and conquer death itself. Following Jesus is not the same as being a part of any other religion, because Christianity is about knowing and following the Son of God who was dead and now is alive. Jesus birth is significant because of His life, and especially His death and resurrection. Therefore, may Jesus' greatness propel you to make much of Him this Christmas, because He is the most unique gift you've ever been given, and the only gift that lasts forever.

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

### God Has A Plan

By TEENA HUGHS

I took a 10-day break from Hallmark Christmas movies to watch the National Finals Rodeo.

Mary Burger, 68 years young, won the world barrel racing title. At the closing ceremony, she said, "God has His plan, and I like His plan!"

It is pretty easy to say you like God's plan when you have just become a world champion and won tons of money. However, there are times in life when we don't understand or agree with His plan.

I don't believe God plans car wrecks, tragedies, hard times, illnesses, etc., but they do happen, and I believe God knows they are going to happen. He doesn't want us to suffer or experience tragedies, but sometimes we do.

I believe what happens during and after difficult times, and how we handle the struggles of life, figures into God's plan. Sometimes we quickly get through something; other times it takes us years to see what God is up to. God has so much to teach us, and sometimes He desires to make changes in us. He can get it done quickly, or it can take a very long time. We determine how long it is going to take us to get through something. We can either surrender to Him and His plan, or we can fight Him and His plan and it will take longer to do what God wants.

It has taken me a long time to get to the point where I can accept God's plan for my life. I keep praying for answers to questions, but they don't come; so, right now, I don't understand God's plan for me. Since I desire to do what God wants, I just keep asking and waiting, because I know when the time is right, He will answer my prayers. He knows what is best for me; His timing is always perfect; and, His ways are always perfect.

In the meantime, I am going to keep asking and waiting until His plan is revealed to me. When that happens, hopefully I will be like Mary Burger, and I will like His plan. Take care and enjoy this last week before Christmas!

### Panhandle Parables

#### Christmas Time

By JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

*Author's note: My inkwell is running a little low and so I hope that you will enjoy a few reprints over the last 4 years of other articles I have written about this time of year. God bless and thanks. ~Jeff*

There they sat in the far reaches of the attic. It was Christmas time and they finally were getting out of the attic. Once the box was down it was obvious they had been up there awhile dust covered each bulb and in the bottom many were broken. How does something get so tangled just sitting in the box? A mystery for sure. Finally untangled and with crossed fingers they were plugged in, most worked, a few needed replaced and others just needed to be tightened. Each was placed in line on the roof and when turned on that night made the old house look amazing. The season will end and the lights will be taken down, placed in a box put back in the attic to wait for the next time to shine.

This is the life of a Christmas light, but sadly a reflection of how some Christians use their spiritual lights. Jesus said we are the light of the world, but our privilege is to shine always. If we do it on occasion that is like being a Christmas light. If we shine only in worship service then we miss the opportunities to show others in darkness the way to Him. When Jesus arrived in that manger long ago from day one darkness was dispelled. Wherever He went the Light was with Him, in Him and was Him. Darkness had no answer, because Jesus was the answer. Enjoy the lights of the season, but remember tis always the season to be a child of the King. Don't hide it under a bushel, or attic or church building. Don't let the devil blow it out, let it shine, let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

#### Christmas

#### Church Services & Programs

##### December 18

FUMC church-wide breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

FUMC Choir and Handbell Choir Cantata at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary

FBC morning worship service will observe the Lord's Supper. A brisket fundraiser meal for missions will be served after the service. Everyone is invited.

Join FBC at 6 p.m. as they go out into the community to sing Christmas Carols to their neighbors in town and at Prairie Acres & Heritage Estates

##### December 24

FUMC Come & Go Communion 4-5 p.m.

FUMC Children & Family Christmas Service at 5:30 p.m. for all children

FUMC Candlelight Christmas Service 7 p.m.

##### December 25

FBC Christmas service at 10:40 a.m.

FUMC worship service at 11 a.m., No Sunday School

## OBITUARIES

### Wanda Ruth Rogers

Wanda Ruth Rogers, 94, of Friona, died Saturday, December 10, 2016 in Friona. Mausoleum services were held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo with Rev. Vaughn Gossman, pastor of the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Wanda was born July 6, 1922 in Dalhart, Texas to Frank Poyntz and Iris Guy Kirk Wilson. She married Roscoe Lee Rogers. She was a former member of the Pink Ladies of BSA Hospital, was a Presbyterian, and loved Popeye's Fried Chicken. Her passions were having fun with family, and making Montessori toys with her husband.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, Frank P. Wilson Jr., Robert E. Wilson, and James E. Wilson; and one nephew, Edward W. Wilson.

Survivors include two neph-

ews, Jim Wilson of Kansas City, MO., and Gregg Wilson of Bovina; and four nieces, Ann Kingsley of Clovis, Candy Dyer of Georgetown, April Gober of Farwell, and Pam McCatrey of Amarillo.

Memorials can be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 East 15th, Friona, Texas 79035.

You may sign the online register book at [www.blackwellmullins.com](http://www.blackwellmullins.com)



### Daniel "Danny" Olivas

Chapel services for Daniel "Danny" Olivas, age 29, of Muleshoe, Texas, were held Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ruben Acevedo of Muleshoe officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park.



Danny died December 10, 2016 in Bailey County. He was born May 8, 1987 in El Paso, Texas to Victor Olivas and Bernadina Sosa.

Danny graduated from Muleshoe High School, and attended Clovis Community College. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy's fan.

Survivors include his significant other, Nicole Fuentes

of Muleshoe, Texas; his stepdaughter, Allena Hancock of Muleshoe; his mother, Bernadina Sosa of Muleshoe; his two brothers, Victor Olivas, Jr. and Javier Olivas, both of Muleshoe.

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*

Send your church news to the Friona Star [frionastar@wtrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wtrt.net)

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Pastor Brett Hoyle  
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Website-[www.fbcfriona.com](http://www.fbcfriona.com)
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Pastor Benito Mejia  
[benitomejia@live.com](mailto:benitomejia@live.com)
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Christine Putman had a wonderful 90th birthday party on Saturday, December 3. She says she's ready to get together again in ten years. Thanks to everyone that came and helped us celebrate this wonderful ladies life and thank you for all the gifts and cards. She is truly loved.



dana jameson photo

Fireman Heath McElreath, left, receives his 10-year service pin from Fire Chief Jim Taylor at the Firemen's Christmas party Saturday evening.



dana jameson photo

Enjoying the Dyer's BBQ dinner at the Friona Fire Department's Christmas party Saturday evening.

**Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays! participating merchants:**

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- Blackburn Hardware
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- Ivy Cottage
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- Veterinary Industries

**School Menu Dec. 19-23**

**Monday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, donuts, apple juice, pears, milk.  
Lunch-Popcorn chicken, roll, mashed potato, cheese tomatoes, peaches, milk.

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, pig-in-a-blanket, fruit punch juice, applesauce, milk.  
Lunch-Steak fingers, roll, corn, green beans, tropical fruit, milk.

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, grape juice, banana, milk.  
Lunch-Ham & cheese sandwich, French oven potatoes, broccoli, strawberries & bananas, milk.

**Thursday**  
Breakfast-Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk.  
Lunch-Pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, lettuce & tomato salad, fruit salad, milk.

**Friday**  
No School

FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,175,201	\$ 404,657	\$ 4,579,858
5800	State Program Revenues	7,058,320	53,514	7,111,834
5900	Federal Program Revenues	892,702	998,266	1,890,968
5020	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>12,126,223</b>	<b>1,456,437</b>	<b>13,582,660</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
0011	Instruction	6,426,415	740,882	7,167,297
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	130,336	493	130,829
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	72,038	32,527	104,565
0021	Instructional Leadership	5,000	132,298	137,298
0023	School Leadership	738,734	-	738,734
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	384,451	296,049	680,500
0033	Health Services	132,649	-	132,649
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	202,518	6,178	208,696
0035	Food Services	930,955	11,044	941,999
0036	Extracurricular Activities	810,121	-	810,121
0041	General Administration	508,882	7,698	516,580
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,137,026	-	1,137,026
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	14,651	-	14,651
0053	Data Processing Services	344,445	-	344,445
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	-	245,000	245,000
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	-	57,612	57,612
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	400	400
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	152,774	152,774
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	91,838	-	91,838
6030	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>11,930,059</b>	<b>1,682,955</b>	<b>13,613,014</b>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	196,164	(226,518)	(30,354)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
7915	Transfers In	135,100	128,890	263,990
7949	Other Resources	57,500	-	57,500
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(263,990)	-	(263,990)
8949	Other (Uses)	(57,500)	-	(57,500)
7080	<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(128,890)</b>	<b>128,890</b>	<b>-</b>
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	67,274	(97,628)	(30,354)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,374,008	396,667	4,770,675
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,441,282	\$ 299,039	\$ 4,740,321

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I liked the preset last year. And I love my preset and how is the noth poll is goig and I wate d Now game.  
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,  
I want an xbox 360, Clothes, pants, and shoes.  
Santa, Juan Medrano

Dear Santa,  
How is the north pole by the way for this chistmas I want a Nintendo 64 and a new phone and a pair of new shoes and a computer.  
Love Adriel Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last years gifts. I like it so much how are things at the North pole and how is mrs. cloas. Santa went are you ging to come. Santa can you bring me a life in the dream house abig one with dolls. I love you so so so so much pease bring a tavlet Thank you.  
Love, Mariela Soto

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicke. I want a ps3, and sum gams. I want a contrl car. I want a ps4p.  
Love, Alexander Alvidrez Mouez

Dear Santa,  
My name is Juan Soltero and I am 8 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a guitar. I like music and dancing. I like your.  
Love, Juan

Dear Santa,  
I want an electronic scooter for Christmas and I want an iphone. I also want clothes, pants, shoes and a fancy coat. Please come to my house and I will leave you milk and cookies. Say Hi to the Christmas elves for me.  
Sincerely, Byan Trejo

Santa I like you. You can get me a Angry Birds in pigs Red chok the Bluebirds bong metew terik in king pig.  
Enrique Cux Juarez

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Johadry

Dear Santa  
I want a car because I have old cars in my house and I want a monster trucks and I want a hot weels car with the race tracks.  
Domingo Velasquez

Dear Santa  
How are you doing? I hope I get all of the stuff I want. This is my Christmas list I want a mp3 player, a playstation 4, the Show 17, a rangers baseball cap, a wooden chess game, a analog watch, and a dallas cowboy action figure.  
Sincerely, Avram Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I've always been wondering in the North Pole is it always Christmas for you? /reply here/ Anyway here are the things I need: I need you to give food, water, toys and clothes to the poor, and I also need new clothes for my baby brother. What I want this year is: A PS4, a drone, and a sister for my big sister. Thank you!  
Sincerely: Wilfredo Padron

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing. How is roodeoff and the other reindeirs. Well what I want for Christmas is I want a PS4 and some new shoes, goat cart, jacket, bike, motorcycle and a brand new bed. Oh and I also wanted to wish you and the elves a happy Christmas, and I want to go to New York. And to the White house.  
Sencierly, Daniel Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want. A xbox a ipod a computer toy trucks a new bike a teddy bear and that's all I want for Christmas. P.S. I also want a new phone  
Your friend, Rene Rodriguez

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# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I was good all year I would like to see your sleigh and deer. This year I need a blanket and shoes. This year I want a laptop and camra even a hoverbord.  
Love, Aldo Salas

Dare Santa,  
Can you get me some legos for crismis I want Legos.  
Love, J.J. Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last years present. I lik the present that you gave me. How is it going in the North pole. I want a dalis cowboy shart and a electric scoobter.  
Love, Jacob Gonzalez

Dear Santa my name is Sadie Bentley I've been a good girl this year the only thing I want is an Apple Labtop for Christmas this year. My parents can't afford to buy me one. They buy me what they can afford. Thank you Santa God Bless you—Sadie Bentley  
PS I go to Friona Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa,  
What kind of cookies do you want Becky to make this year? How did you become Santa Clause? For Christmas this year I am needing new clothes to stay warm. Let me tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I want a laptop, a nitting kitt with yarn, and a watch. Thank you for always visiting.  
Love, Vana Marie Stanberry

Dear Santa,  
I am so Excited that your visiting. I've been waiting all year. For Christmas I am needing a black pair of gloves that fit my hands. This year I want a submersible Titanic, baby black Kitty, a pet lizard, a blue bouncy ball, and a new computer. Last Christmas why didn't you bring me a Kitty? I'll try my best to leave cookies and milk. And please put the Kitten out and leave it in my room and please leave a note saying (your Kitten is your room)  
Love Gael Lara

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clause and the elfs? For Christmas I need clothes. I whont for Christmas is a puppy, tabet, basketball, soccerball and a xbox360 for my brother.  
Love, Dannelle Arguelles

Dear Santa,  
I love you, Mrs. clause and your elfs. I had been good this year? For Christmas this year I need new glasses because I don't like the one I have. What I what for Christmas is a American Girl Doll because they are cool and awesome, some puppy cloths because my puppy what some. I want a phone so I can play with it, new boots because I like them, and a big stuftea animal? Thank you Santa!  
Love, Anaesha Carranza

Dear Santa,  
Felis navidad Santa clos io amo lo presenta yo cero un biscilet.  
Cesar

Dear Santa,  
I am excited to meet you how, are your elf? For Christmas this year I need a blanket. I want a bike and a nerf gun and hotwheels. Thank you Santa.  
Diego Guzman

Dear Santa,  
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Love Isadela

Dear Santa,  
I am excited for Christmas this year. How are your elvs and raindeer? I need some socks and shoes. This year I want infinet warfare, new remote for my ps4 and I want to meet you Santa.  
Love Jesus Isaiah

Dear Santa,  
I am very exited for you coming back this year. How is Rudolf doing with the other raindears? For Christmas this year I need some mittens, to keep me warm, snow boots for the snow will not get in my shoes, a new blanket so I can be warm. For Christmas I want a new Nerf gun, and call of duty intire warfor, and Madden 17, and call of duty advence warfar, and a stuffed animal.  
Love, Elijah Garcia

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Dear Santa,  
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Love, Dorien West

Dear Santa,  
Thank you Santa for my last years pressens at chrimas. My present was cool ad good. And is real. Santa was it cold at Nothpole. I want a Frozen car and bounce castle.  
Love, Amber Ticum

Dear Santa,  
What kind of cookies do you want fo Christmas? For Christmas this year I am needing clothes to wear. This year I want a tablet and a pet dog. Thank you for always visiting.  
Love, Karen Morales

Dear Santa,  
How is you're elf are they god boy or not god boys I hope I on the nice list. For Christmas I need socks, shoes, glasses and coats. For Christmas I want a K-9 polise dog.  
Love, Ernesto

Dear Santa,  
I'm excited for presents this year. How are you elves? for Christmas I need new socks and a jacket. This year I want a 3LS, nurf gun, electric scoote.  
Love Donovan Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I'm glad that you and your elf's will be here! Im counting the days until Christmas. For Christmas I need some new snow boots. This year I want a new Call of Duty game on xbox, a bike, and a guitar. Most of all my Granparents and sister to come for Christmas. Well Santa have a jolly chrimas.  
Love—Aeriona Butler

Dear Santa,  
I am excited for you to visit. I've been good all year. For Christmas this year I am needing a new pair of shoes so I can walk. This year I want a electric scooter, a Burbie House, a Tablet, a stuffed Raindeer.  
Love, Laylah Jade Mireles

Dear Santa,  
I am so exited for you to be coming year. For Christmas I need to get some new pairs of long sock to keep my legs and feet warm. This year I want to get a new bike, PS4, scooter and a Madden 17 for the ps4.  
Love, Francisco Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last years gift. I liked your gift you gave me. How is it going at the north pole? I want a marbles for Christmas. Are your reindeers o-k? Are your elfs making good toys for girls and boys? I hope you give me a gift! I hope you eat the cookies and milk. Are you old? How many year old are you? I'll see you at the party.  
Love Olivia Gaspal

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ernesto and I am 8 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a pony, pink paper and a new bike.  
Love, Ernesto

Dear Jesus,  
How is heaven. How are the angels. I love you so so so so so so so so much. I wish your with me all the time and lite me know ok and have a good night. I want a xdox and a phone.  
Love Mariela Soto

Dear Santa,  
Thank you fo last years gifts. I hope I get a dog for Christmas. When are you coming to town? I relly hope you make it to town. I hope I get shoos again on Christmas. I like the present you gave me and my brothers. I love Christmas so much it is very cool. I love it so much. I love you Santa. What is up Santa at the North Pole.  
Love Aaliyah Padilla

Dear Santa,  
How are you. How are things at the North pole. How is misis. Clas.All I want for crismes is a xbox 1. And a huver bord. And a ranger. And a little morticicle. And my dand a morticicle. You frinde. Brock St. Clair.

Dear Santa,  
I wat a ball and a bicke.  
Love Gustavo Medrano

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelli Ticum and I am 8 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas please bring me a princess Barbie. I love to play with dolls. I want a doll house for it too.  
Love, Kelli Ticum

Dear Santa,  
How are you elfs? How air you and miss clos going. I'm is sided adowt crissmis!!! For crismis I want a ps4 and rum gamer.a I want a bik and a dog a jamih chaperda and a hutin dow 4s I love my presit las year!!!!  
You frend Isaac Mendoza

## More fall grazing for stocker cattle possible with mixed small grains

By Kay Ledbetter

Mixing spring crops with winter wheat might boost forage for stocker cattle grazing across Texas, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Roughly half of the 6 million wheat acres in Texas are grazed on any given year, said Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state small grains and oilseed specialist in College Station. Test plots he's grown for multiple years indicate producers could be getting more pounds per acre of beef on that land.

"We know forage production in small grains systems is incredibly important, so we wanted to look at increasing fall forage production without impacting grain yield or spring forage production," Neely said.

Winter wheat remains vegetative all fall and vernalizes in the spring, Neely said. Vernalization is the need for a set amount of chilling hours below 45 degrees in order for a plant variety to switch gears from vegetative growth to reproductive growth. Without vernalization, the plant is prevented from initiating stem elongation and a rapid growth period in its life cycle.

"We wanted to bypass the vernalization stage and get straight to the rapid growth period in the fall," he said. "We know we can do that with spring type wheats because they will head out by December if planted in September. We proposed doing a blend of winter and spring types to get the best of both worlds."

Spring small grains do not require vernalization and growth is strictly based on heat units, Neely said. If planted early in the fall, spring types will initiate reproductive growth and begin stem elongation and rapid biomass production, unlike winter types that stay vegetative until spring.

An experiment examining the impact of interseeding spring barley and winter wheat was conducted at three locations — College Station, McGregor and Comanche — over the 2014-15 and 2015-16 growing seasons. Three mixtures — no spring, 25 percent spring and 50 percent spring barley — were planted at four seeding rates — 50, 75, 100, 125 pounds per acre with win-

ter wheat. "We doubled or almost tripled our fall forage at the 50/50 rate with the spring barley," Neely said. "This was good news, but the next big question was how the blend would affect spring forage growth. We saw a small decrease in the College Station spring growth, but there was no impact at Comanche. No spring yield data was available from our third location due to wet field conditions."

"Despite the small suppression in spring growth at College Station, we still saw an 860-pound-per-acre yield advantage for total season-long forage production and 1,760 additional pounds of forage at Comanche overall."

He said the seeding rate was not significant at either location for straight wheat, but planting at the 75 and 100 pounds per acre seeding rate generally optimized forage production when doing a 50 percent blend

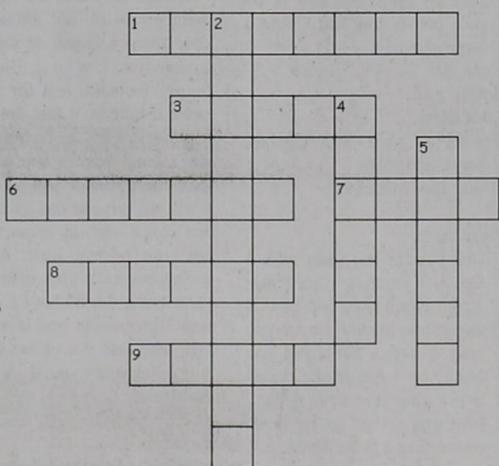
with the barley. Oat, spring wheat and spring barley interseeding treatments planted at a one-to-one ratio were included in statewide cool-season forage variety trials in the 2015-16 season, where the spring barley treatment ranked first out of 40 entries at Comanche and College Station.

These results suggest interseeding spring barley with winter wheat can enhance fall forage production and therefore total season forage yield for producers grazing wheat.

"It has been very convincing; we have an opportunity to increase our fall forage without hurting the spring grazing," Neely said.

Continued research will be needed to address impacts on forage quality and determine if the spring crop will die off or interfere with grain harvest in dual-purpose cropping systems, he said.

### FLiP Lesson 16



**Across**

- 1. reckless; without pause for thought
- 3. exuberant shout
- 6. one to whom something is entrusted
- 7. raised platform in a hall or large room
- 8. turned to one side; tilted
- 9. grassy park or lawn

**Down**

- 2. results gained by effort; accomplishment
- 4. speaker's stand; lectern
- 5. stage platforms

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# Santa Letters

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How wre you. I want to tell you what I want for cristmas. I want a x-box 360, white goldish brow bulldog, and a cristmas miracle. How are The Elf's doing and Mrs. Clase and the rain deers doing. And I want you to write me a letter back. And I don't know if you know that I don't have a chimney and I don't know how you get in.  
Love Thomas Cook

Dear Santa C.  
How are you today and how is Mrs. C. Haws the elfs and the raindeer. I would like to read you my list. I would want a vet set, pottery maker, hourse, and a art set for crismas.  
Love Ella McFarland

Dear Santa,  
The only thig I want for chistmas is Doctor toys becuse I want to be a Doctor.  
Love, Stephanie Cris

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a fake dog and kitty: I hope I'm on the good list. I really want a present Santa. I will put cookies and milk on the table If I can. Please bring present for my brothes and sister.  
Love, Merary

Dear Sant  
How are you and the Elvs and Mrs. Claw. I want a dog. I want a doll. I want my family to have the gretes Chismas ever. I want a smart wach. I whant a Goldfish. I whant a pet cat. I whant a new car. I whant a good Chismas this year.  
Love, Mey Orozcot

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Marilyn Antonio Cho. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph the reindeer. I would like to have a Iphone 7. I want it because it looks nice and my big sister has one. Also he's buying my 13 year old sister one. I deserve it because I let my sister sleep in my room while my dad is fixing her room. I am also nice to everyone. Also I let my sister barrow my stuff like my tablet, bed, headphones. Thank you Santa Because I know you'll get me it. Also I will leave you some cookies and milk for you. I am also looking forward for Chirsmas.  
Your friend, Marilyn

Dear Santa,  
How has it been over ther. For chrimas I would like sky-landers, imagintors, a 3DS with pokemo sun and pokemon moon. Halo 4 an extra xbox one controller, Hkaker, a new computer. And a gold membersh card for the xbox one.  
Your friend, Diego

Santa  
Quiero uno casa de munecos muy grande con cosmos y con alder ca y con mesa y aldereo con to do lo que tiene una casa com peta y que te gan yo gas a patos amarios ref.s y comidas con mesas vanos tuallas y una sala completa escaleros y ventonas Jardin y mascotas destidog y que sea de color vosa la casa y que las monas te gan diquinis y unali devia  
Escrito goy Yulisa

Dear, Santy  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Im good. All I wont is a Husky puppy toy, snuggles my deram puppy, gorgy. Have a nice trip? I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Yore Friend, Emily Ibarra

Daer Santa,  
How are you Santa? I want an American girl doll named Lea Clark because she will go to school with me.  
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,  
For this year I want only a Drone for reall drone, a good family joy Christmasas, nurf guns, and cute black as mid-night kitten. I miss my Kittern named luky he was my best friend and then one day he just disapeird. If you get this letter please tell all the elves and all the rain deer I said "Hi" and to keep up the good work and please help my baby sister with your Christmas magic and pease get her a toy monky to play with and hope the rest of the year will be great!  
Andres

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Sophia Luna Leon. How are all of the reindeer? Is it cold in the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus? Are you excited for Christmas? I would like 24 gel pens, craft stuff, the Lego Elves boat set, Lego Elves Azari's house set, skinny jeans, 72 Magic Tree House Books, play-doh set, mechanical pencils that look like pens, Lego Friends Emma's Workshop, and an Iphone 6.  
I need skinny jeans because my mom won't by me some. I want all the legos to share and play with my brother. I like craft stuff so I want the gel-pens and craft stuff. I like to make things, that is why I want a play-doh set. I like to read so I want 72 Magic Tree House for Christmas. I like to write with mechanical pencils so I want led pencils that look like pens. I have never had a I phone 6 so I want one.  
I deserve these gifts because I help my mom and I am nice sometimes. I like to help people and I help my dad, mom, also my brother. I go with my brother to dark, scary places because he is scared to go by himself. I play with my brother even though I don't have time. I help him find his lost things.  
Thank you Sant for taking your time reading my letter. I will leave you cookies and milk when you come. I hope to get the presents I asked for. P.S. I know I will not get these presents but it is fun to write a letter to you Santa.  
Sincerely,  
Sophia Luna Leon

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your elfs. I have bin a very good kid. The stuff that I wont is a Iphone, tabbit, with a case, puzzle, bows, shoes, watch, Amarkan girl, with 5 pers of close and shoes hats, seats for cutting haier and bags, Chirs-ame books and Orbezz.  
Senserly Evelyn

Dear Santa,  
For chismes I won't a pareis blanket, sparkly play dress. And I won't a woch that you can play on and take picthers, a real pupey, a spardly barbey. I will like a tede bare that is sparkly. A box tha has marker's and crayon's and crayon pencil's. A Amercen dall.  
Scensienly, Jaquelyn Salinas

## Proper winter supplemental feeding can optimize future breeding

By Adam Russell

Getting or keeping cows in proper body condition throughout the winter can optimize pregnancy rates the following season, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Jason Banta, beef cattle specialist, Overton, said cows with proper body condition scores at calving are more likely to breed back and produce healthy calves in the future. Proper nutrition and supplementation are two keys to keeping cows in good shape.

Banta said 2- and 3-year-old cows should have a body condition score of 6 or better at calving. Cows 4-years-old and older should be in a body condition score of 5 or greater at calving.

Cows with a body condition score of 5 should display abundant muscle tissue. Ribs are noticeable but overall fat cover is lacking. Hooks and pins are less obvious and hips and backbone are slightly rounded versus a sharp appearance, according to the AgriLife Extension overview.

A body condition score of 6 represents cows that are ideal at calving. Ribs are covered completely with fat and beginning to cover the rump, and muscle tissue is at its greatest.

For more body score information go to: <http://bit.ly/2hpHOWJ>.

Hay should be tested for nutritional quality, which will give producers the necessary information to help determine supplementation requirements, Banta said. Any supplementation plan should be based on three primary criteria – the nutrient requirements of the animal, the quality of available hay or roughage, and the current condition of the cows.

Winter supplementation will depend greatly on what stage of production the cow is in, Banta said. Lactating cows require different amounts of supplementation than dry cows, those pregnant but not nursing a calf.

"When evaluating pasture or hay, consider the nutrient requirements of the cow," Banta said.

For example, to maintain its body condition, a lactating cow would require hay that is about 11.5

percent protein and 62-63 percent total digestible nutrients, or TDN. A dry cow in late gestation would need about 8 percent protein and 55 percent TDN.

Producers should select supplements based on the cost per unit of nutrient needed, Banta said. Cubes are a common supplement used by many producers.

If both energy and protein supplementation are needed, a 20 percent cube would likely be most cost effective, he said. However, if only a protein supplement is needed, then a 40 percent cube is more cost effective.

Banta said producers should start slow and build up with supplements, such as concentrates and grains, because cows are designed to consume grasses. It's also important to feed them supplements consistently each day to avoid digestive problems such as acidosis, which can lead to founder, foot abscesses, damage to the rumen lining damage, or death.

He recommends starting with no more than 2 pounds of supplement per cow per day and slowly building up from there.

Banta said producers should watch manure patties to monitor cows' protein intake.

"If patties look like they are stacking up and are firm, that tells us we need more protein supplement," Banta said.

A 40 percent cube is a good concentrated supplement source of protein, he said. Generally speaking, if cows are in good condition then 1-1.5 pounds of a 40 percent cube or something similar is a good place to start for dry cows; 2-3 pounds per day would likely be needed for wet cows, Banta said. If cows also need energy, then something like a 20 percent cube could be a good option. With average quality hay, a common feeding rate for dry cows would be about 2-3 pounds per day per cow or 4-6 pounds for wet cows.

"Feeding amounts really depend on hay quality and other factors, so for more information I recommend visiting with a nutritionist or an AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist," Banta said.

## Marketing opportunities may materialize for wheat despite low prices, high stocks

By Kay Ledbetter

The U.S. has a pile of wheat to dig through this year, and that means lower prices. But a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist said world circumstances could present marketing opportunities in the coming year.

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains marketing economist in College Station, spoke at the recent Texas Wheat Symposium during the annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in Amarillo.

"We will be moving in the right direction going forward," Welch said. "The strong increase we are seeing in grain consumption around the world will help us move through some of this oversupply."

He said grain consumption has risen over the years due to growing average incomes in some countries where the middle class has expanded.

"Projected economic growth is around 3 percent in a good portion of the world, including Asia, Africa and South America, and that's good for what we do," Welch said. "Wheat use is growing at 1 pound per person per year, in addition to population growth of about 1 percent each year."

Heavy wheat supplies are a result of four consecutive record wheat crops, which has only happened one other time in history, he said.

"We currently have a 124-day surplus of wheat on hand, while carryover stocks of the other crops are very close to their average," Welch said. "Given the strong consumption base, wheat is the only one showing a strong supply while the others show vulnerability in the market."

He said at this point only China is showing potential for a production problem in 2017 across the world. China is a net importer of all major commodities, so this could present some marketing opportunities for U.S. wheat.

The U.S. continues to see strong export sales in spite of large local supplies and a strong dollar, Welch said.

"In 2017, the most important question will be acreage. We planted the lowest winter wheat acreage in 100 years last year and expect even fewer for 2017."

With a drier-than-normal weather outlook, along with warmer-than-average temperatures in the High Plains, Welch said it is setting up to be a year of marketing opportunities for wheat producers.

"I expect some degree of lower production worldwide," he said. "That combined with continued growth in consumption points to somewhat higher prices in 2017 compared to 2016, though likely not enough to cover total costs of production."

"I expect wheat prices to be about \$1 per bushel higher next year if we get a cut in production and the wheat-to-corn price relationship returns to more normal levels. Wheat is currently priced much lower relative to corn compared to historical averages."

"But it does present us with some marketing opportunities," he said. "The big money players are currently betting on higher prices turning the market around."

Welch said producers must know what they have in their crop and be able to recognize the situation when it occurs if they want to be able to take advantage of any opportunities that materialize.

"Nobody really knows where prices are going to go. Economic theory teaches that prices will fall back to the cost of production, which means you need to be the lowest-cost producer. That and monitor the market for opportunities."

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# Santa Letters

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Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year, I would like an Elsa doll.  
Maria

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year I would like Dallas Cowboys Elliot toys.  
Elirz

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year I would like Ghostbusters toys.  
Sebastian

Querido Santa,  
Yo me he portado muy bien en la escuela. Por favor me puedes traer un i phone, Xbox 360 y una tableta? Te voy a dejar leche x galletas en la mesa. Gracias.  
Te quiero, Iram Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I relly love a easy mix, a ipad, and a pupy and a shopkin that is a pulsh that can sing and I would like a hachami and a maic box and a robot.  
Love Abigail Marquez

Dear Santa,  
How is everybody in the North Pole? What I want for Christmas is a proget mc square bag that is at Welmart I saw it in Harferd. I hope there is a lot of them over there please.  
Love, Maite Vega

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year, I would like a Ghostbusters movie.  
Sophia Delacruz

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year I would like roller skates.  
Adrynn

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa and Mis. Claus? I have been a good boy. Santa I will leave you some milk and some cookies. Can you please bring me an xbox 2 and a soccer ball and a four wheeler?  
Your friend Omar Trejo



Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year, I would like a guinea pig.  
Porter Gilley

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year I would like a real phone.  
Mayra

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? Are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing fine? Well for Christmas please bring me these things, a GTA5 for PS4, Zoomer chip, and Russel Wilson jersey. I hope I get them! I hope you have a successful Christmas. I'll set out some cookies, milk, and carrots for the reindeer.  
Your friend, Brice Jeter

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year, I would like an Elsa doll.  
Melanie

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year I would like a drone with a camera.  
Dustin

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? I have been a good girl. May I please have a bike, skates and a phone? Thank You! I will leave some cookies and milk for you on the table.  
Your friend, Audree Garza

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? I am doing good in school and I listen to my mom too. I learned a lot of stuff and have a lot friends. Ho ho ho! Please bring me an ipad, phone and a toy bear. Thank you. Have a safe trip! I love you Santa!  
Your friend, Mayte gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I will like to have a toy you. I will like a toy my mom. I love you Santa. You are the bet toy malking in the law wid wrat.  
Love, Alexis Pharis

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus For Christmas, please bring me a tent so I can make a fort. I always wanted to do that. I also want paper gliter and glue!  
Love, Miranda Pina

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year, I would like a blender.  
Jaretzi

Dear Santa,  
How are you santa? How is Mrs. Claus? I've been a good girl this year. Can you please bring me a hoverboard, an ipod, and a 2 storyhouse?  
Sincerely, Ashley Chico

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? How is Mrs. Claus getting the reindeer ready for you Santa? Santa I would like a soccer ball, Nintendo 3ds and an iPhone 6. Oh Santa I will leave you cookies milk on the table and leave carrots for the reindeer. Thank you!  
Your friend, Arianne Cruz

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I have been a good boy. Santa can you bring me a ball, a dog and lead pencils please. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you!  
Sincerely, Israel Santiago

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and how is your misner? I hope cuse I want this for crismas santa I want this 3ds game of Pokemon and ashes battle on this toy and evey storm of ice and the secret life of pets move. How are you? I like your magic. Your awesome! I like how you just come in and you live the presents are so awesome you are sow cool and awesome Santa I wold like if I can see you in the night please.  
Alessander Vega

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. For Christmas, please bring me a violin and a colering set and a book the movie trolls and a puppy. You are the best.  
Love, Stevie Jill Herring

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year, I would like a rain-bow.  
Destiny

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? I have been a good boy. Santa I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Please Santa I want a music CD about The night begin to shine. May I have an Xbox too?  
Sincerely, Carlos Chiztic

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. This year, I would like army Legos.  
Jacond

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? Yo me he portado muy bien. Yo te quiero pedir si me quieres traer pintura para mis unas por favor? Yo te quiero pedir si me quieres traer una tablet por favor? Yo te quiero, pedir si me quieres traer un telefono por favor. Te voy a dejar galletas con lece en la mesa. Buen viaje Santa. Tu amiga, Esmeralda Guevara

Dear Santa,  
I want a hto vive that's another name forvr headset by the way add the controlors.  
Love, Alek Wells

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing. I want a xbox ones. How are the elf's doing are there fine. I wihs they cood visit us I wish. I love you santa. I love you santa. I want my dad to come. Love I wish I cood keep a giger love santa.  
Love Anthony Diaz

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? I'm good. I want pleas an iphone 6, golden retriever and a trampoline if you can please. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table. Have a safe trip!  
Sincerely Emily Ibarra

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I have been a good boy at school and at my house. For Christmas can I please have a drone with a camera a space book and a new football. I will leave some cookies and leave the reindeer some carrots. I hope you will have a good trip.  
Your friend, Mario Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? I have been a good boy. I wish that you can come to my house. How can you get around the world on one night? May I please have an iphone, a toy Lamborghini and a psd?  
Sincerely, Justin Reveles

Dear Santa,  
Can a dog come to my house Please and I want a baby dog ok.  
Sincerely Love Alizah Dominguez to Santa Close and Mrs. Closese.

Dear Santa,  
I want for chismas I want a plan toy and a car tor and a game and a bike.  
Sincerely, Gabriel Martinez

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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa? I have been a very good boy. On Chistmas I'll leave you milk and cookies. If I see your reindeer I'll give them each a carrot. Will you bring me these things please, a Cowboy's jersey, a 3ds, and an NFl football? Have a safe trip!  
Sincerely, Aaro Rosales

Dear Santa,  
How is my elf Truman. I would like a chess game please. Santa is Rudolph real? I hear a lot of people say he is and he isn't. I miss Truman so much!  
Love, Grayson Nix

Dear Santa,  
How are your elfs? May I have a drone and a ipad and a teddy bear and a real Nfl football and those car that move.  
Sinccealy Catalino Tzunux

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? I have been a good girl. I want 3 things please. I would like one Hatchimal, an electric scooter, and a puppy. I will leave cookies and milk for your and cheese for the reindeer.  
Sincerely, Mekhila Shepherd

Dear Saanta,  
How is Rudolph? I will like a new Xbox rant. I what a gorss gane's. I will like a toy Grayson. I will like a robot.  
Sincely Isaac Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? What I want for Christmaas is a new shopkins. I want lots of stuff. What I relly want for Christmas is a new phone. I want a new Barbie doll. I want a Barbie hous. I want a new bike. I want a flash light.  
Love, Ketzally Tafoya

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Junior. I'm 10 years old. For Christmas I want a Xbox1, PS4, PS3, and a PC Can you also bring me games for my consoles that I told you I wanted? I also want a iPhone 7. Hopefully you and your reindeers can find my house.  
Sincerely, Junior Sanchez



Dier Santu Clos,  
For last yers present. Tis yuer I wunt a Huver Bord and a ex boxes and. A skat bord. And a rib stik and food. And a car and a pig. And to Baby gaots and 3 dogs. And I wunt a Baby Brother and a sister. 3 shep. And a ofig.  
Love Cutter Burney

Dear Sant,  
I want a xbox game and food because we are poor and ps4 and 7 games not gun games just norml not bad.  
Love,  
Heriberto Gallegos

Dear Santa,  
I'm happy to see you are your deers? I like to see them. This Christmas I need a 2 bikes, toplot, gloves, sockes a big doll. Thank you.  
Love Kisanet