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Merry Christmas



Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays winners

The 2005 Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays annual promotion of Friona businesses named the Friona Bucks winners in a December 15 drawing. The annual shop in Friona event is sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and the participating businesses. The \$25 Friona Bucks winners must spend their bucks at the business where their name was drawn. The \$100 Friona Bucks winners can spend their bucks at any participating Friona business.

The \$25 Friona Bucks winners were: A-1 Service Center-Loren Martin; Bi-Wize Health Mart-Dulce Rodriguez; Blackburn Hardware-Amanda Henry; Dairy Queen-

Johnnie Wiseman; Friona Star-Dethica Lewellen; Ingram's-Noel White; Ivy Cottage-Stephanie Tamez; Kendrick Oil Co. Farm Store-Shirley Osborn; Fast Stop-Gabriel Hernandez; Los Arcos-Patti Widner.

Also, Lowe's Supermarket-Mary Stone; Malouf's-Dethica Lewellen; Silver Screen Video-Laurie Riley; Sugar Shack-Mary Lou Venhaus; Tasty Cream-Becky Mays; Veterinary Industries-Jamey Belk; W. T. Services-Susan Gonzales; Hardin Steakhouse-Coy Burch; Friona Veterinary Clinic-Bill Gist.

The grand prize winners of \$100 each in Friona Bucks were Aimee Houston, Daniel Gonzales, and Neva Vaughn.



dana d jameson photo

Angel trees were placed at the local banks and St. Teresa's Catholic Church to provide gifts for needy children. The project was organized for the Parmer County Child Welfare Board. Wrapped gifts at Friona Banking Center included a red wagon. Shown picking up the gifts for distribution is Child Welfare representative Elizabeth Romero, center, with bank employees Patsy Vasquez and Britny Pope. The board thanks everyone for their generous giving. Merry Christmas.

Want a county office? Now is the time to file

Many county offices will be on the ballot for the November 2006 elections, but for anyone interested in running, now is the time to file. The filing period is December 2 to January 2. Candidates will file as either Democrat or Republican and the primary election is scheduled for March 7. Early voting will be February 21-March 3.

This primary and national election will include state offices including Texas' next governor. All terms of county officials elected are for four years.

County Commissioner in Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 are on the ballot. Precinct 2, which is the Bovina precinct, will be contested. Former commissioner Tom Ware has decided not to run again. Filed so far, all Republican, are James Clayton, Larry Hodnet, and Galen Carson. Precinct 4 Commissioner Elvis Powell has filed for re-election and so far has no opponent.

All three Justices of the Peace are up for re-election and all three incumbents either have filed or intend to file. They are Precinct

1-Valton Howard, Precinct 2-Vi Hutto, and Precinct 3-Pam Haseloff.

In other positions, County Clerk Colleen Stover, District Clerk Sandra Warren, County Judge Bonnie Heald, District Attorney Johnny Actkinson, and County Treasurer Altha Herington all plan to run for re-election. According to Mrs. Stover, all have either filed or plan to file.

The filing fee for county offices is \$750. Since justice of the peace is considered a part-time position, the JP filing fee is \$375. At least one candidate, Sandra Warren, is filing by petition, a process in which a candidate can gather names on a filing petition in lieu of paying the filing fee.

Details of filing for an elected office are available from the County Clerk's office or the party chairmen. The county clerk phone number is 806-481-3691. The office will be closed on January 2. Party chairmen and phone numbers are: Democrat, Robert White, 806-481-9043; Republican, John Armstrong, 806-825-2169.

Chief asks for help to stop Christmas vandals

According to Friona Police Chief Tino Salinaz, it appears that not everybody is in the Christmas spirit this year. "We have had several vandalisms around town where Christmas yard decorations have been vandalized," Salinaz said.

Suspects have driven through yards running over yard decorations, they have cut yard decorations, and have stolen some Christmas lights.

The Friona Police Department needs your help in solving these crimes. If you have any informa-

tion regarding these or any other crimes please call the Parmer County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-481-9178 or 1-800-774-TIPS. You may also call the Friona Police Department at 806-250-2711.

"Please remember that to call in a tip regarding this or any other crime you can remain anonymous: you do not have to reveal your identity," Salinaz said.

En Español

No parece que todos estan en el espíritu de Navidad este año; hemos tenido varios vandalismos alrededor del pueblo

donde decoraciones de yarda de Navidad han sido vandalizadas. El sospechoso (sospechosos) ha manejado por yardas que desbordan yarda decoraciones, ellos han cortado decoraciones de yarda y han robado algunas luces de Navidad.

El Departamento de la Policia de Friona necesita su ayuda a resolver estos crímenes, si usted tiene cualquier informacion con respecto a estos o cualquier otro crimen llama por favor los Taponos del Crimen de Condado do Parmer en 1-800-481-9178 o 1-

800-774-TIPS.

Usted puede llamar tambien el Departamento de Policia de Friona en 806-250-2711. Recuerde por favor que eso llamar en una punta con respecto a este o cualquier otro crimen usted puede quedarse anonimo y usted no tiene que revelar su identidad.

Holiday hours

County offices at the courthouse in Farwell will be closed December 23-26 and on Monday January 2. Friona city hall will be closed December 23-26 and on Monday January 2.

The U. S. Post Office, Friona State Bank, First National Bank-Friona Banking Center, and the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union will be closed on Monday December 26 and Monday January 2. The banks and credit union will also close at 3 p.m. Friday, December 23.

Most local businesses will be closed on Christmas Day. The Sonic Drive-in will be open Christmas Day. Lowe's Supermarket will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, December 24. Bi-Wize Health Mart will close at their regular time of 1 p.m. Saturday and will be closed Monday December 26 and Monday January 2.

Friona Star will publish next week

For many years the Friona Star was published 51 weeks a year. Previous publishers chose not to publish the newspaper the week between Christmas and New Year. No one is quite sure how the custom came about except allowing extra family time during the hectic holidays.

Beginning this year, current publisher Ron Carr has implemented a 52-week publishing schedule. The Friona Star will now publish an edition the last week of each year. Next week's paper will be distributed on its normal day, Thursday December 29.

The Friona Star office will be

closed December 22-26. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 27 & 28, then closed December 29-January 2. We will reopen for the New Year on Tuesday, January 3.

During the times the office is closed we have an answering machine for messages and will check it periodically throughout the holidays. Deadline for inclusion in the December 29 New Year's paper will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 27.

"From what I could find out, we were the only weekly paper in Texas to not print a paper the last week of the year," Carr said. "I like the continuity for our readers, and es-

pecially our advertisers, to have our newspaper every week."

"Also," he said, "there are businesses that offer sales and services that have year end tax advantages to individuals, like financial institutions and auto dealers to name a couple. I want to give them the opportunity to advertise their business to our readers."

"As always, we appreciate the support we get in the community and around the area," Carr said. "We are proud of our newspaper and our community. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone. Take care and be safe this holiday period."

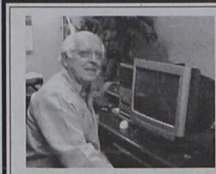
Bale count rising: 101,042

As of Tuesday December 20 around noon, cotton gins in Parmer County reported a total of 101,042 bales ginned. Recent weather slowed the module hauling process but gins had plenty of cotton on their lots to process. Friona Farmer's Co-Op Gin manager Jerry Butman said his gin would close Christmas Day but otherwise will continue to operate 24-hours a day. Butman says unless something bad happens they should be finished ginning during the first week of January.

Gins reporting for this week's total bale count were Friona Farmer's Co-Op, Parmer County Cotton Growers, West Hub, Clay's Corner, North Lazbuddie, Bovina, Lariat, and Farwell.



Thanks and a Merry Christmas to our Friona city employees for decorating our city park again this year.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

my christmas card

It's pretty neat to have your own newspaper, especially when Christmas rolls around.

I can just write this weekly "colyum" and cover everybody I would have sent a Christmas card to at one time. So here's your card:

Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season to you and yours. Peace! May your days be merry and bright. Joy to the world, Oh little town of Bethlehem, and if there are any Merry Gentlemen reading this, God Rest Ye!

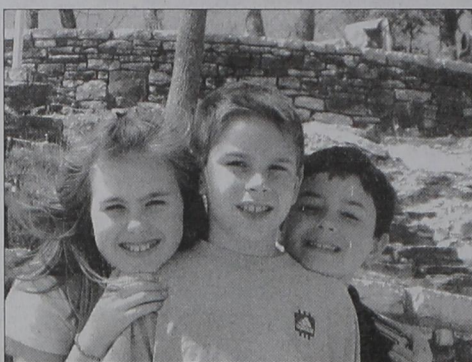
Having said that, did you see the national news this morning where Palestinian gunmen were shooting people in Bethlehem? The world and the Christmas season are not like they used to be are they?

We live in a time when

otherwise rational people will sit on a sidewalk all night in freezing weather outside a Best Buy store to be first in line to buy an Xbox but probably whine when asked to go to early church.

I was in Wichita Falls last weekend for my daughter Megan's 15th birthday. We went to Chili's Friday night with my son Zach and his girlfriend Kinsey. The Chili's staff managed to embarrass Megan with their raucous version of happy birthday.

I spent a couple of nights at the Hawthorne Suites hotel. The rooms are suites with mini-kitchens and the rate includes a big breakfast each morning, which I figure is worth \$20 at least. Megan and I spent Saturday shopping for her combination birthday and Christmas presents.



From Coppell, Texas, grandkids Hayley, Harrison, and Hudson Holmes belong to my oldest daughter Candee and her husband Walt. Merry Christmas to you guys.

Yes, it was crowded in Wichita Falls. Wall-to-wall shoppers and bumper-to-bumper traffic. We picked Zach up at 6 p.m. when he got off work at the Cinemark 14 movie theater and stopped at Braum's for some food to take back to the hotel. After the miles of shopping we did, I needed the rest.

The Cinemark management held their employee Christmas party late Saturday night at the Village Bowling Alley. Megan and I dropped Zach off there at midnight. The bowling alley was next door to the Best Buy. That is where we saw at least 30 people camped out in front of the store hoping to score an Xbox the next morning. The temperature at the time was around 30 degrees.

Zach caught a ride back to the hotel and woke me up when he came in at 3 a.m. We got up in time to make the hotel breakfast. Around 11 a.m. I left town for the 5-hour drive back to Friona. Just west of Clarendon the freezing mist and drizzle took over my windshield and stayed until well past Amarillo. With some luck I made it to Friona about 4:30 p.m.

I'm filling up the rest of the space in this Christmas card with pictures of my grandkids. It's Christmas and showing off grandkids is another perk that comes with publishing a newspaper. (I bought the little jump seat car for Hannah.)

Thanks for sharing my Christmas card. Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight.



Retired teachers meeting Jan 2

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and Personnel will meet Monday, January 2, at the Friona State Bank Community Room at 2 p.m.

The program will be presented by Karen Renner who will speak about her daughter Krista Renner Kemple's book.

All retired Parmer County school personnel are invited to attend the meetings.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

We would like to take a minute to thank all of the girls who are a part of the Friona United Methodist Teen Circle. They made the most beautiful blankets for our Parmer County foster kids as Christmas presents. The blankets are gender and age specific, and it was truly a wonderful act of kindness. Thank you, girls, for remembering the reason for the season and making someone else's Christmas bright! Also, thank you to Deirdre Osborn, Kim Hofferichter, Karla Rector and Terri Ellis, who lead the Teen Circle group.

Sincerely,

Blaire Herring, CPSS II
Jennifer Eggen, CPSS III
Carla Sappington, CPSS III
Monica Valdez, CPSS IV
Texas Department of Family and Protection Services



Tumbleweed Smith

Bird Eggs and Butterflies

Franklin County has an active historical association. J. D. Baumgardner says his community of Mount Vernon puts a sign in front of all the historical homes.

"I and another member of our board of directors have maintained these signs for the last several years. The signs have a white four-by-four yardarm with a hanging plaque that gives the names of the original owners of the house, the year it was built and the current owners' names. We have somewhere between fifty and sixty of those in front of homes that have been beautifully restored."

One home that has been restored is that of Henry Clay Thurston, the tallest soldier in the Confederate Army. He stood seven feet, seven and a half inches tall. After the war he joined a carnival and was billed as the tallest man in the world.

The house was built in 1868. Thurston lived in it until he died in 1911. When Mr. Baumgardner's group learned of the

house, it was literally on the ground.

"We restored it at a cost of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. There's a lot of history here. We've tried to keep everything as original as we could."

When the house was dedicated a couple of years ago, J. D. staged a spectacular event, with civil war re-enactors in complete uniforms manning five confederate camps.

The population of Mount Vernon is 2,300. The county has 10,000 residents. The Franklin County Historical Association converted an old fire station and city administration building in Mount Vernon into a museum. It has one of the best butterfly collections in the country.

"I'd say within the top two or three. The exhibits show the bottom side, the top side and all sides of the butterflies."

The museum will soon have an important bird egg collection. "We're building quarters for a million dollar exhibit. We have

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three of the extinct bird eggs: the Carolina parakeet, the passenger pigeon and the Heath hen. We're one of the very few museums that have this type of exhibit."

The bird eggs are over a hundred years old. The collection was started by a family named Nations who passed it down to succeeding generations.

"Luckily it ended up in our historical association. A firm in California that specializes in bird eggs found out about our collection and wanted to see them. They wanted them very badly. The eggs were priceless to them. The directors of our group, including myself, thought that if it's worth that much to them it's worth more to us.

These have been stored in garages and old houses for more than a century and we thought it was time to really fix them to the point that they'll be preserved another century in the proper method."

The unique collection will be on display sometime next year.

Around Town
To get your area events published,
call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net



Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Chamber needs old photos for banquet

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is looking for old photos of Friona. The Chamber is in the process of compiling a video history of Friona to be used at the Annual Awards Banquet and big birthday party celebration on March 2, 2006. They are asking anyone that wants to participate in the history to please take them to the Friona Star office or bring them to the Chamber office. The photos will be returned as soon as possible. This is Friona's 100th birthday year and we want to make it a fun one.

Reception for Wied Jan 8 in Panhandle

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Square House Museum in Panhandle, Texas cordially invite you to attend a reception for Bobby Wied on Sunday, January 8, 2006, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Opal Weatherly Purvines Annex of the Square House Museum, located at TX Hwy. 207 at 5th Street in Panhandle. Refreshments will be served. "Palo Duro Canyon Paintings by Bobby Wied" may be viewed from January 3 through February 26, 2006.

New Year's singles dinner/dance

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide event. It will be a New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room on December 31. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes dinner, program, and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 30. The church office will be closed the week of December 26-29. Penny will be in the office December 30 for ticket purchase and ticket pick up. The event will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. More information and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 1, 2005-January 7, 2006

- Jan. 1-Hack Corbell, Gary Stowers, Richard Wilson, Cordella Jeter, Loree Myers, Benny Pryor
- Jan. 2-John Bill McFarland, Sunny Horton Ratliff, Dr. Neil Veggeberg, Buford Hartwick, Jose Luis Prieto, Deanna Duke, Jimmy Bynum
- Jan. 3-Vicki Kube, Jennifer Brockman Baize, Marriott Horton, Vondale Mann, Jeremy Reed, John Jarecki, Maxine Bolding, David Moseley, Jolynn Tongate, Keylan Moore, Dale Mann, Jayden Merket
- Jan. 4-Wanda Wilhelm Gibson, Debbie Stowers, Mike Sunderlin, Judy Hromas, Brad Hromas, Peter Vanegas, Sandra Cockerham, Joe Black, Sr.
- Jan. 5-Courtney Stowers, Carolyn Kaufman, Keith Moore, Jalyne Scott, Destiny Sandoval, Sarah Zagorin, Nora Fuentes, Charlie Eubanks, Ricky Jamerson, Jim Bob Scott
- Jan. 6-Wesley Barnett, Randy Lee Sharpe, Megan Conlee, Linda Griffin, Don Teague, Carlene Grissom
- Jan. 7-Jeff Hamilton, Mike Lamb, Laquita Dodson, Shea Dodson, Harold Taylor, Gloria Turner, Kelli Spring, Drew Baize, Wayne McClaran, Rosa Anaya

Merry Christmas to all from the Noon and Evening Lions Clubs. We appreciate the community support throughout the year for all of our fundraising events and for all who dined on our burgers, fries, and funnel cakes. Thank you each and every one.

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday, December 15, for their final 2005 club meeting. There

were 13 members present. The informal Christmas lunch of ham, baked potato, green beans, and corn topped off with cake and ice cream was enjoyed by all.

Boss Lion Clint Mears said the club directors had voted to donate \$100 to the Friona Historical Museum and that our clubs had collected and sent 600 pairs of eyeglasses to the international Lions World Sight

group for distribution. Some of the eyeglasses were used for hurricane Katrina victims. We thank everyone that donated their used eyeglasses to this worthy cause.

Members discussed the schedule of fundraising events for 2006. We also try to have a guest speaker or program for each of our meetings, which are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of

each month. If any group or individual has a program to present or knows of an interesting program, please call Ron Carr at the Friona Star or Boss Lion Clint Mears at Intheden Graphics, 250-5200.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Friona Lions.



ron carr photo

Friona Noon Lions say Merry Christmas. Noon Lions present at Thursday's final 2005 meeting posed for a Merry Christmas photo. They are, l-r, standing, Lance Gatlin, Larry Knowles, John Gurley, Allan Haile, Rick Barnett, Danny Black, Edward Martinez, and Anthony Montelongo. Seated, l-r, Bud Rainey, Kevin Wiseman, Clint Mears, and Dale Houlette. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all Friona Lions Club members.



FlashBacks

60 Years Ago

December 21, 1945

Friona—A new drug store under the management of J.B. Roden and O.J. Beene has been opened on Main Street, just south of the Welch Auto Supply Store. Both these men are well known in Friona, both having served the public here as pharmacists for many years. Mr. Roden formerly owned and operated the City Drug Store, and Mr. Beene worked for him before he was called to the Armed Services, from which he was recently discharged.

55 Years Ago

December 21, 1950

Friona—Money in the amount of \$454,000 has been earmarked for construction of rural telephone lines in this three-county area by the Rural Telephone Cooperative plan, according to telegrams received Tuesday by E.C. Reinauer, president of the board of directors of that organization in Hereford.

45 Years Ago

December 22, 1960

Friona—Dear Santa Claus, I want some machinery, an army set, and English bike, a football suit, a gun, an army tent. Love, Donnie Lewellen.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a beebie gun, and army tent, and my brother wants a shotgun. Love, Don Fortenberry.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Cuddle Baby on Bear Rug and a Stroller and a Milk and Juice Bar and be good to other boys girls. Your friend, Beverly Kay Anthony.

40 Years Ago

December 23, 1965

Friona—Friona's Trebelaires, under the direction of Eva Miller, will make their annual good will appearance

at Amarillo Air Force Base this week-end. The ladies are Sharon Awtry, Pat Tannahill, Carolyn Hamilton, Mary Ralph Smith, Linda Outland, Sandra Beene, Sherri Tannahill, Susie Carmichael and Gail McGlothlin.

Bovina—Winter weather hit here Tuesday night of last week. This was the first real "spell" of the winter season and brought with it snow and freezing temperatures. The snow, which measured some three inches, fell Tuesday night and Wednesday.

35 Years Ago

December 24, 1970

Friona—The 1970-71 edition of the Trebelaires, under the direction of Eva Miller, are Kathy Mclean, Sally Kendrick, Nancy Martinez, Cindy Barnett, Ann Hurst, Esther Smith, Jan Wallis, Carleen Schlenker, Carolyn Murphree and Debbie Bengé. The group presented a 30-minute program last Saturday on Channel 4.

30 Years Ago

December 24, 1975

Bovina—Members of the Bovina Future Homemakers of America visited the Retirement Ranch in Clovis Monday, December 15. The group sang Christmas carols and took gifts of Christmas candy and cookies and door decoration to residents

there.

20 Years Ago
December 25, 1985
Bovina—The Christmas Story came to life Saturday even as the holiday celebration approaches. Members of the Youth For Christ organization portrayed Bible characters in a nativity scene on Third Street. The characters were Joseph-Kirk Scott, Mary-Jennifer Beauchamp, the Wise Men—Christy Scott, Robbie Dyer and Leah Steelman, shepherds-Joanna Clayton, Mendy Rhodes and Kory Mitchell. The angel was Trish Fox.

15 Years Ago

December 22, 1990

Friona—Richard Samarron, Friona's entry in the U.S. vs. Russia Powerlifting Championship held in November in Moscow, returned home with the championship of his age division, 24 and under.

10 Years Ago

December 23, 1995

Bovina—Dear Santa-I've been a good girl this year. Please bring me play puppy, a teacher Barbie, a B.B. gun, and a baby brother. Love, Nicki Clayton.
Dear Santa-I wish you will bring a bike and a big prez. I bin good. Frank Martinez.

Merry Christmas!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Lariat was a community named by W.H. Simpson of the purchasing department of Santa Fe, for the cowboy's rope or lariat. The post office was established December 9, 1925. Parmer County History c. 1974

Handbook of Texas

Sheriff's Report

December 12, 2005, John Camper, 37, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated open container, pending County Court.

December 15, 2005, Juan Pablo Costilla, 32, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while license suspended, pending County Court.

December 15, 2005, Jose Jaime Deleon, 53, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with terroristic threat, pending County Court.

December 16, 2005, Darren Milloway, 41, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

December 16, 2005, Ronald Wilson, 33, of Farwell, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with motion to revoke (burglary building), pending District Court.

December 16, 2005, Angela Martinez, 25, of Plainview, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while license invalid, pending County Court.

December 16, 2005, Eliazar Delacruz, Jr., 23, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with an Oldham County warrant, pending transport.

December 17, 2005, Manuel Alonso, 35, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while license invalid, pending County Court.

December 18, 2005, Hector Rubio, 23, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while license invalid, pending County Court.

Puzzle Solution

S-731

Sonic will be open Christmas Day 10AM-10PM!

TRY A GINGERBREAD BLAST!

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courtesy photo

Carol and Bill Ellis attended a Christmas gathering at the Horton residence. Carol said that for the first time in 40 years, the Horton family has not put up a live green Christmas tree. Hollis Horton shows off his interesting new tree for Christmas 2005. It is 15 feet tall, made of wire circles, and draped with 1,000 lights. Ornaments are hung on the inside of the tree. The family says if you call Hollis he will be glad to show you his brand new tree.

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Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from November 30, 2005-December 6, 2005.

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Scott Johnson-Hein Hettinga, W/2 S12 T10S R2E, S13 T10S R2E, NE/4 S24 T10S R2E

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 7, 2005-December 14, 2005.

Marcos A Madrid, Jr, Victor Gonzalez and Socorro Gonzalez, L16-18 B48 FRIONA

Sotero Pena and Trinidad Pena-Domingo Alvarez and Juliana Alvarez, N/2 L11-12 B42 FRIONA

Roy Rutland III and Patricia Ann Patricia Clark-Todd Lingnau, NW/4 S34 BLK A WD & FW JOHNSON

Floyd R. Schueler and Glenda Schueler-Leon Meeks and Delores Meeks, N320AC W211.15AC OF S531.5AC S5 TIN R1E; NW/4 S40 BLK C RHEA BROTHERS, NE/4 S41 BLK C RHEA BROTHERS, E17.022 AC OF E179 AC S44 BLK C RHEA BROTHERS

Thank You

The Family of JOHN BACA wishes to express our deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We have never felt more humbled nor more blessed. Your outpouring of love and friendship helped to make a difficult time more bearable.

You have touched our hearts and lifted us up by your many acts of friendship. Words are inadequate to describe our gratitude for the abundance of delicious food, the many beautiful cards, and the thoughtful phone calls, prayers, visits, beautiful flowers and the Memorials in memory of JOHN BACA.

You have once again reaffirmed what we've always known; the most wonderful people in the world choose to live in Parmer County, Texas. May God continue to bless you.

Teresa & Raul Brailif
Peggy Cabrera
Candi, Eric, Caleb Geske
John Cabrera
Brandi & Chloe Brailif
Stephanie Cabrera

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Squaws lose large to Canyon

The Friona JV and varsity Squaws tangled with the powerhouse Canyon Lady Eagles Tuesday night at Canyon. Coaches often like to match their teams with strong opponents in bi-district action to toughen them up for district. We hope it works for

the local girls as the 3A state contender Lady Eagles pounded the Squaws 61-22.

The girls scored 5 points in each of the first three quarters and 7 in the fourth. Shayli Reed managed two 3-point goals and a couple of free throws to lead

scoring with 8 points. Miranda Frye had 5, Courtney Adams 3, Tiffany Vasquez 2, Staci Murphree 2, and Briar Barnett 2.

The JV Squaws got some toughening too, losing by a not-even-close margin of 71-34. One of the JV Lady Eagles, #22 Tinner, scored 30 points. High scorer for the JV Squaws was Ashley Ingram. She had two 3-pointers, four free throws and a couple of field goals to lead with 14 points. Erin Austin had 6, Julie Echevarria 4, Hollis Gurley 4, Sandra Godoy 4, and Briana Wright 2.

The Lubbock Cooper games shown on the schedule for tomorrow night have been canceled. The varsity Squaws will make their annual trip to Lubbock December 29-31 to participate in the Caprock Tournament. January 3 will see the JV and varsity boys and girls hosting Muleshoe here with the JV girls tipping off at 4 p.m.



Chiefs bomb Vega 47-38

Caleb Miller and Hector Sanchez combined for ten 3-point goals and 30 points to lead the Friona Chieftains to a 47-38 win at Vega last Friday.

Miller drained six 3-pointers and Sanchez tossed in four. Miller had 20 total points, Sanchez 16, Sawyer Reed 6 and

Cody Jamerson 5 to round out the Chieftain scoring. The boys led in each of the four quarters.

In perhaps the most amazing statistic, especially for a high school boys basketball game, the two teams went to the free throw line for only 7 shots. Friona was 2 for 3 and Vega made 3 of 4.

The Chiefs will participate in

the 2005 Wildcat Classic tournament at Littlefield December 28, 29, 30. They open play Wednesday at 4 p.m. vs. Dumas. Other teams in the tournament are Lorenzo, Smyer, Morton, Abernathy, Olton, Lubbock Cooper, Idalou, Spearman, Denver City, Springlake-Earth, Kermit, Tulia, Farwell, and Littlefield.

JV Chiefs 53
JV Longhorns 37

JV Chief Trent Hudson didn't do much in the first half of the JV boys match against Vega Friday night. He scored 2 points. The same went for Alex Gurley who also managed only two first half points. Kaison Graham scored all of his 8 points in the first half. Friona scored just 21 first half points, then came roaring back in the second half with 32 more to corral the Vega Longhorn JV 53-37.

Both Hudson and Gurley recovered from their first half scoring malaise to lead the team scoring, Hudson with 15 and Gurley 13. Graham had the 8, Jared Boyd 6, Chris Haile 4, Phillip Saiz 4, and Dillon Welch 3. Boyd and Graham each had a 3-point goal.

9th Chiefs 23
9th Longhorns 35

Coach David Townner and the 9th Chiefs made the long drive to Lockney Monday, December 12, 2005 only to have a longer drive home after falling to the 9th Lockney Longhorns.

Justin Echevarria led the scoring with 8 points including two field goals, one 3-point shot and one free throw. Aaron Hand is back from the injured reserves and dropped in four points. Andy Bentley also added in four points.

Rolando Castanon scored 3, Geraldo Garza and Justin Dominguez had 2 points each.

The boys enjoy a nice break for Christmas and will return to action Monday, January 9, 2006 in Dimmitt.

Squaws steal two from Vega

The Friona JV and varsity Squaws won at Vega last Friday. Vega is always a strong 1A bunch but our girls held their own against the Lady Longhorns and brought home two wins.

The JV Squaws continued their winning record with a 41-24 victory. A slow start found Friona behind 10-8 at the 1st quarter and ahead by one, 15-14, at the half. In the second half they went on a 26-10 run, holding Vega to three field goals and three free throws in the half.

Hollis Gurley led the junior Squaws with 8 points, Sandra Godoy 7, Michelle Martin 6, Briana Wright 6, Erin Austin 5, Heather Sandoval 5, Morgan Anthony 2, Erin Anthony 2.

The varsity Squaws built a 21-13 halftime lead. It is a good

thing because the Lady Longhorns won the second half on a 23-18 run but it wasn't quite enough as Friona held on for a 39-36 win.

Junior post Courtney Adams, who had a slight injury in the Farwell tournament and sat out one game, made up for her time off by scoring 20 points to lead the Squaw scoring. Krista Graham put up two 3-point goals and 9 points, Erica Davila had 4, Tiffany Vasquez 3, and Staci Murphree 3.



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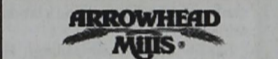
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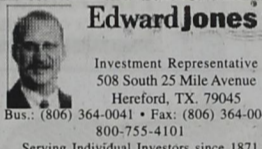
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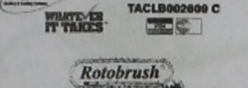
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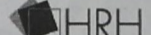
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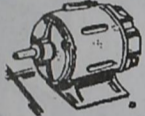


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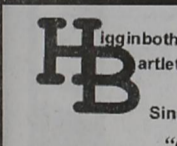
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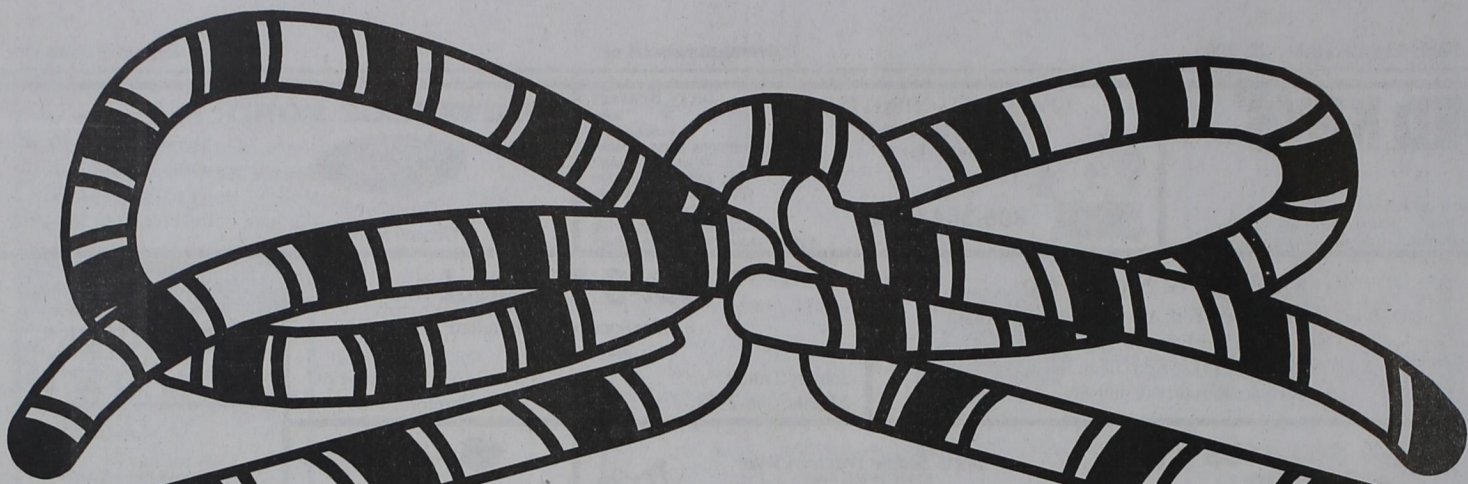
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Love, Ezra Aguirre

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I hbe so ciach
Love, Brandon

Dear Santa,
I Daniel want a cowboy that comes with a horse, shotgun, a horse that stands still. A pony, real pony, a toy gull, a fake dear that moves.

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a happy Christmas.
Love, Brooklynne

Dear Santa,
Trucks, trailer, army gun, ermxe gn fake.
I love u, Trush Patarru
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Love, Miguel

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presis fwor the kis. I will be have with my Mom

Dir Santu,
I want Bik.
Luv Reagan

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How are your elves.
I like uor sleigh.
I like uor rabers.
I want a gamecube.
I want a clothes.
I want a pants.
Love, Sabrina Barraso

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa.
I want a book and some pants. I also want some pen-

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cils. I want candy canes. I also want a game cyob.
Love Kim Dewit

Dear Santa,
I like your sleigh, I want a BrBe cor.
Love, Natalie Correa

Dear Santa,
Does your sled has a rokit.
I like all of your raindr Santa clause North pole
Love, Edwin Garcia

Dir Santa,
I want paint.
Love Weston

Dear Santa,
I like you be Kus you bring toys to us. I love the toys that you bring to me.
I want sumthig that is a sham- poo gift box.
Love, Ashley Soltero

Dear Santa,
Do you have a snowball fight with your elves? Is it scary to ride in the sky?
Love, Ashton Ferguson

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your reindeer? I have been a good girl. I am four years old. Would you pleas bring me a Barbie toy

and a little tent for Trifany. Please bring Destiny a book and Heather a diary. I Love you!
Amelia

Dear Santa,
I love you. Is it cold in the North Pole? I want a table or Dora. I want a Barbie. Thank you.
Love Lupita Hernandez

Dir Santa,
I have been good this year, so could I have a chocolate fountain? And could I have a new bike? And a new little control dirt bike with boots and the suit, and the kneepads and the elbow pads and the goggles and the helmet. I want all of it to be blue. That is all I want for Christmas.
Love, Brandon Countiss


Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some more presents. I want a toy, like a pony and a Princess TV and DVD player. I been a very good girl. A Princess Guitar. I will be waiting

with some cookies and milk under the tree just for you.
Mireya Y Ramirez
P.S. Use the front door because we don't have a chimney.

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you bring cloths,barby and cuna and baby cloths and cassel and Barby car and bike and table pricess.
Love Lupita

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, and a float, paint, and ink, whit broshes.
From. Valeria Martinez

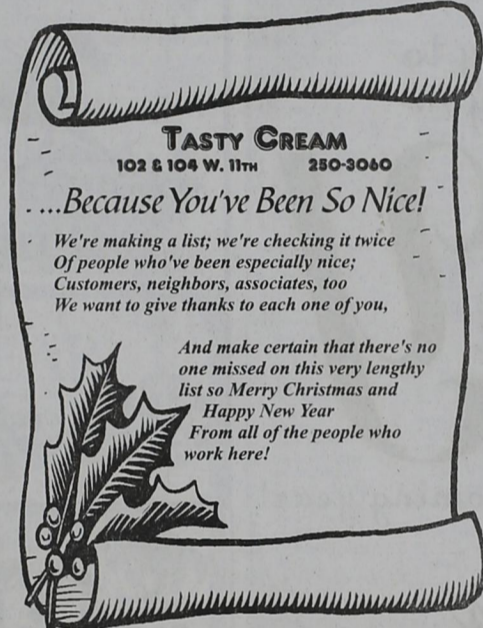
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From. Jobanny Soltero



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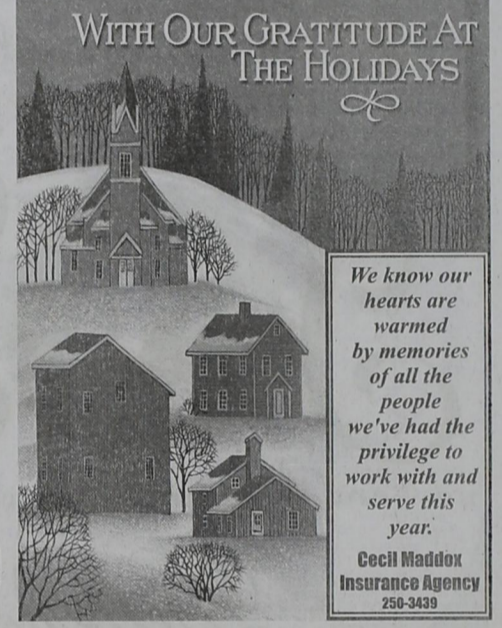


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Angela G. Cruz

Angela G. Cruz, 70, of Bovina, passed away December 19, 2005 in Friona. Mass of Christian burial services were held Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Jose Luis Chavez officiating. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Cruz was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband Antonio Cruz of Bovina; her stepmother Celia Garza of Harlingen, Texas; two daughters, Luisa Cruz of Bovina and Maria Cruz of Friona; and three sons Fernando Cruz and David Cruz of Bovina and Salvador Cruz of Allen, Texas.

Mrs. Cruz is also survived by four sisters, Adeline Cavazos, Antonia Garza, Estella Araiza, and Isabel Martinez, all of Harlingen; three brothers, Candelario Garza, Jose Garza and Miguel Garza, Jr., all of Harlingen; fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Guadalupe M. Salinas

Guadalupe M. Salinas, 37, of Bovina, Texas, passed away Monday, December 19, 2005 in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 22, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Bovina United Methodist Church in Bovina with Rev. Amelia Gonzales officiating. Celebration of Life services were held Wednesday, December 21 at the church. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Salinas was a truck driver and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina.

He is survived by his wife Viola Salinas of Bovina; his mother Julia Salinas of Bovina; two daughters, Brandy Rocha of Clovis, New Mexico and Kyla Salinas of Bovina; one son Pete Rocha of Amarillo, Texas.

He is also survived by a sister Deanna Curtis of Bovina and three grandchildren.

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From: Mike

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade. I want a dirt bike.
Love,
Jerry Prito

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like? How are you doing? I like red and white candy canes. I'm in first grade. I live on 1630 Etta. I want a computer for Christmas.
Love, Misty

Dear Santa Clause, I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Barbie doll some clothes a pair of shoes a baby doll some dresses. A sled and a purse lots uve makeup. Have a safe trip.
Love Renee

Dear Santa
I have been good. I would

like a baby doll cloths shoes
Barbie doll som cats and dogs
Thanks
Jodie

Dear Santa,
This is a lot, but I want you to know you can get me anything you want. These are just ideas.
All I want for Christmas is:
1. A car that is just my size.
2. A robot Cinderella that I can get in my self.
3. A reigndeer
4. A baby Paint horse
5. A Castle that is shiny and blue.
6. An Astronaut Costume
7. A Blow up Jet Plane
8. A House
9. A 1,000 dollars
10. A Sky High Movie
11. A Sharkboy and Lava girl Movie
12. A Golf Set
13. More Cloths
14. A Sister with a new attitude
15. A Furniture set for the house
16. A Sleigh that can fly

17. A real Baby
18. A Baby Set for the new baby
19. A Dog cage for Kado (dog)
I sure hope you like all my ideas. I hope you can get me all of my stuff.
Your friend,
Katy McLennan

Dear Santa,
I love to write to you. And now I'd like to tell you what I want for Christmas. It is not much, but here it goes.
All I want for Christmas is:
A Video Camera
A Pottery Kit
A Cell Phone That Takes Pictures and I would like you to give me Internet Access.
I hope you like my Ideas.
Your Biggest Fan,
Macy
P.S. Can you bring my don some things, please?
My sister, Katy's is way...longer than this.

Dear Santa,
How are things in the north pole? I swear I wel get some-

thing more than Christmas cookies. I wont a elomento hero Yu-Gu-ho! Pock
Love, Justin R. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are the elvs? And how is Mrs. Claws? What I want the most is a sellphone but I know my mom and dad wont let me have it forget it. And makeup but my dad dosent even like nail polish. So I ges I will have to wate until I am eighteen to put all of that stuff on.
Love Your Friend, Rayanna Williams

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the north pole? I want a Xbox for christmas. Also a remote control monster truck. And a drum set.
Yore friend, Rosendotena

Dear Santa,
How are you. Wold you bring me a trampoline. What wold you like for Christmas. I Love Christmas a lot. What I like about Christmas is the

To Santa With Love

present s and the partys. I like it because we get together. I wold like if you gev me a doll for Christmas, ther wel cholate cookies at my howes,
Love, Karen Meza

Dear Santa,
I would like a Firefly Cell Phone. A dog bed and bones for my dog. A dimond ring for my mom. Some slippers for my dad, and a Hello Kitty bedspread for my sister. I wold like yarn for my grandmother, and a new lawnmower for my grandfather.
Thank You, Kelsey Davis

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas, is a labtop and a CD player.
Happy Christmas

Dear Santa claz,
If I am good I want Brats Dolls. or a labtop that says my name onit I hope you have a great holiday. And put me on the good list please I'll be good
Merry Christmas, Breanna Campos



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- San Antonio picante
- TXism: "brains in _____" (computer)
- TXism: "is the Catholic?" (yes)
- TXism: "sharp as a _____ tooth"
- TXism: "bit a biscuit"
- Grande
- Donald Trump ex
- Dawson Co. seat
- TX Guy Clark album: "_____ Build"
- actress Smith of film "San Antonio" ('45)
- football team list '68 film with TX Al Freeman, Jr.: "For Pete's _____"
- TXism: "_____ bien" (good)
- TX B.J. Thomas album: "Home _____ Belong"
- this TX William wrote "The House of Breath"
- TX Robin Wright '92 film
- TXism: "hot enough to sunburn _____"
- TX B.J.'s "_____ Feeling"
- TXism: "_____ a rooster he'll crow"
- news media _____ entrance? (2 wds.)
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- Travis Tritt's "It's All _____ Change"
- Cove, TX
- TX Strait's "All My _____ Live in Texas"
- TX wildcatter is a taker
- Biofac of Mathis, TX uses _____ Management
- "bear" south of the border
- TXism: "it's not _____ in cement"
- "Texas Two- _____"
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- Runnels Co. seat was named for William _____ Ballinger
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
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- Hall of Fame Cowboy White (init.) _____
- TX Orbison's _____ Pretty Woman"
- Adam & Eve son
- TXism: "dab it _____"
- archaic "you" _____
- Austin Statesman _____ VIP (abbr.)
- commercials _____
- Harley riders
- El Paso explorer Juan de _____
- "The Trial _____ Harvey Oswald"
- TXism: "between a rock and _____ place"
- rattlesnake homes
- RB Emmitt (init.) _____
- TX actress Duncan (init.) _____
- UT music fraternity "Mu Phi _____"
- TX Charley Pride's "Where Do _____ Her Memory?" _____
- color shade

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by Charley & Guy Orbison
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Happy Holidays

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Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a Barbie doll some clothes a pair of shoes a baby doll some dresses. A sled and a purse lots uve makeup. Have a safe trip.
Love Renee

Dear Santa
I have been good. I would

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Ellis' book featured in Amarillo Globe-News

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Mike Lee, Assistant Sports Editor of the Amarillo Globe-News, appearing in the newspaper's December 16 issue. It is reprinted here with the writer's permission.)

It's difficult to imagine a better person to chronicle the history of Friona High School than Bill Ellis, who worked for the Friona Star newspaper for 42 years—35 as publisher—before his retirement in 2003.

There is a time, though, when Ellis' longtime link to Friona couldn't have been foreseen.

Ellis, 68, grew up in Muleshoe, the hated rival 30 miles to the south of Friona. He took his first newspaper job in 1959 as a sportswriter in San Mateo, California, where he covered the 1960, U.S. Olympic Track Trails and the 1961 Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Candlestick Park. He met Stan Musial and even named his oldest son after the former St. Louis Cardinals' slugger.

Bill and Carol Ellis eventually started a family, and with both sets of grandparents back in Texas, the young couple moved back home. Bill got a job at the Muleshoe Journal, but it didn't last long.

"I had a falling out with the owner," Ellis said. "Friona had a newspaper opening, I thought I'd do that until something better came along."

Nothing did until retirement some 42 years later.

While chronicling Friona's sports teams, Ellis gained a reputation as a statistical nut. He compiled the Chieftains' all-time record against every football opponent they played for 42 years. In basketball, he



kept up with seasonal scoring leaders and shooting percentages.

As retirement neared, Carol Ellis kept mentioning to Bill that he ought take all that statistical data he kept and write a book.

Bill is taking Carol's prodding to heart.

"Friona on Parade" is scheduled to be published in September 2006 in conjunction with Friona's centennial celebration. If Bill's book includes everything he says, it'll be an incredible collection of research that will be a must have for anyone who ever lived in Friona.

It'll also be a historical record that 99 percent of Texas communities wish they had but don't.

In football, Ellis' book will list Friona's all-time team scores and all-time record against every opponent, along with the Chieftains' individual all-time rushers, passers, receivers and scorers.

He has pretty much all the scores, with most of the omissions coming from 1921-1925.

The James Morton era from 1992-1997 will be the highlight. Morton's first team finished 0-10, but he won district

in 1994 and guided the Chieftains to their best season in 1996 with an unlikely berth in the Class 3A state semifinals.

"Looking back on it," Ellis said, "just about every team we played in the playoffs that year—Monahans, Vernon, Aledo and Tatum—all had twice the enrollment of Friona. Aledo was three times bigger."

Morton was 44-24-1 in six years at Friona, but Tommy Moss 47-44-1 from 1981-1989, is the Chieftains football coach with the most victories.

In boys basketball, Ellis plans to include season-by-season team scores, individual scoring leaders, top scorers in single games and shooting percentages from the 1960s to the present.

Price Brookfield, who played in the 1930, will get his share of space. Brookfield played basketball for Friona in 1936, when the Chieftains beat Amarillo High three times and won the district tournament.

Brookfield, who was 6-foot-4 but scored mainly from the perimeter without the bonus of the 3-point shot, went on to star for West Texas State, where he helped the 1941-42 Buffaloes to a 28-3 record and a No. 1 national ranking.

Brookfield's 44 points and 21 field goals against New Mexico State in 1942 still stands as WT school records. His 606 career field goals also remain as the WT record, and his 1,406 career points rank third.

"He was the No. 1 athlete to come out of Friona," Ellis said of Brookfield, now 84 and living in Pinhurst, N.C. "He was a first-team All-American for West Texas (in 1942). He also started on the high school

football team as a freshman at fullback."

In girls basketball, Ellis obtained information from unlikely sources.

"Thank goodness for girls who kept scrapbooks in high school," he said. "A lot of this stuff would have been lost completely without them. Betty (McLellan) Rector and Mildred (Mingus) Agee played during the 1940s and kept detailed scrapbooks with team scores."

Before the UIL began sponsoring girls basketball, Friona qualified for the state tournament six times during the 1940s when it was run by the Texas High School League of Girls Basketball and played in Hillsboro and Waco.

The Squaws never won

state during the 1940s, coming closest in 1947 when they finished 45-1.

Friona later won a UIL state title in 1964 with a 33-0 record.

Baker Duggins, who coached the 1964 championship team, wanted to change the girls teams' nicknames from Squaws to Indian Maidens. "Some of the old-time players, their response was, 'Like hell you will. We've been the Squaws forever and we're not going to change it now,'" Ellis said.

Academically, Ellis has photos of the valedictorians and salutatorians back to 1928. He also has a senior class photo or a senior class roster dating to the late 1920s. He also

hopes to have an all-time list of elementary, junior high and high school teachers.

Ellis also is compiling the number of students who qualified for regional and state in UIL literary competition, denoting state winners and state medal winners.

Ellis' book will run about 250 pages, but he has no idea how many copies to print. The book will cost about \$45 per copy. Ellis is seeking preorders, with a \$10 deposit, to get a read on how many copies to order. For more information, call (806) 250-3053.

Checks can be mailed to Bill at 1201 Maple, Friona, 79035.

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Love, Courtney Bunker

Dear Santa,
How are things Things at the Noth Pole I want a 4 wheeler and a gocart and dirt bike. I'll leave a cake and milk for you Santa. Can you come over? It will be fine. Have a safe flite through the storm okay.

Love, William London

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? And how are you this year? I got cookies and milk for you at my house. I want a Barbie House. And the Bella, bella dancerella.

Love, Elizabeth Rocha

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been very good this year. How is Mrs. Clause. I made my AR goal. Do you know what I want for Christmas Santa? I'll be waiting for you at my house. With cook-

ies and milk. How are your reindeers Santa? I want to get a doll. Also I want clothes.

Love, Eva Alvidez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Please get me a dorbake, or a bake at leest. Can you give me a motor scooter. Close woode be fine too, or a bb gone too shoot birds or rats or rabbits a little wone. And a ring and a bracelit and shoos. And a toy lake a simi.

Love, Alexis Alvidrez

Dear Santa,
How are you and the dears? I want a watch and a play stashin 2 and a toy alligator.

Love, Justin Bailey

Dear Santa,
My name is Adrian. I am eight years old and I am in 2nd grade. I would like a bike and a light bright set and some skates. I have to sisters one is tow years old and she wants a Baby doll. My other sister is six years old and she wants some skates.

Thank you, Merry Christmas

Dir Satu,

I want is tos rip par spajbop sdoelitfatn trics trail renfatun

Love Trushar

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me these gifts I want you to bring me a bionicle called toa Lhikan and kikanalo. And a lego police car. And a lego truck. Please bring me these gifts santa please.

Jorge

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this yir. Ken you git me these things. I want a remote control roboraptor. The Zathura game the radio control digital camera plane. Whodunit? Forensic Science Lab.

Joshua Barnett

Dear Santa,
Don't forget I will leave a plat of cookies and a glass of milk for you.

Love, Kreisun Dominguez

Der Santu,
A wot a brge. A nsancl on. Love Sat Clas, Viviana

I want a three bar Rb facemask Standerd. PLEASE!!!!
Cole Stowers

Don't forget to leave a plate for Santa. I love you Santa. Santa does a lot of thins for us. I hop you have a grate Christmas.

Zack

Dear Santa,
I've ben very good every days I want a little princess and a dollhouse and a Carioci Macine and a turtle or a stuffed animal.

Love Bianca Arellano

Dear Santa,
Can you give me a Jesse McCatney CD please. Gladwyn Senibalo

Dear Santa,
I want a 3 bar Rb face mask Standerd and a USC Jersey for football.

Cole Stowers

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a pretty good boy this year. The one thing that I would really like to have is a game boy advance sp

and the games backyard football, baseball and dirt bike riding. I love to play football, so I would enjoying a helmet and jersey with the Texas Tech logo, pads and black pants with red stripes. I would also like some farm toys, such as pick-ups, gooseneck trailers and cows and horses to go with it. If I could, I would also like a new safe to keep all of my money in, a snow cone maker and a money clip.

On my report card I had all A's and one B. Tell Rudolph and the reindeers and the elves and Mrs. Claus I said Hi!

Thank you Love, Brayden Pope
And I want crash tag team racing

Dir Sontu,
I wont BaBu doll. Samanphta

Dir San ti
I want a toy train and presents.

Raul

Dir Santu,
I wont Babie doll. Love Nicole

Dir Santu,
I want u Brbgan. Love Verenice

Dear Santa,
I think your wife's cookies are the best. I want a Playstation 2 with an Icredible game. I also want a Powr rangers robot. Thank you.

Love, Mason Stanberry

Dir Santu,
I wot rorbt the hm wos mocto

Luv, Jo Linn

Dir Sontu,
I trampoline.

Love, Jesse

Dear Santa,
For Chrismtas I want smack

down, Raw 2006, smack down v.r. moth H2 controler's and last but not least a Xbox 360.

From your friend Joselito.

Dear Santa,
A moder bike. Sam

Dear Santa,
I love you. I mis you to. How are you doing have you got a los of notes. I want a gam boy. And a new Barbie house. How are you doing miss claus. And Santa after Christmas have a good time in Hawaii.

Kendall Barnett

Dir Sant tau,
I want presents.

Stephanie Blaophi

Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you like Christmas? For Christmas I want a gamecube. I also want a spiderman game. Playstian 64.

Luv Matti Duran



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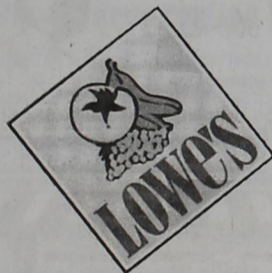
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A Christmas Feature

Lilah Gay Gee enjoys collecting artifacts of the Christmas season

BY CAROL ELLIS

Lilah Gaye Gee is a local perky, bright-eyed 94-year-old with a lot of spunk and spirit. She especially enjoys each Christmas season as a time to get out her collections of Nativity scenes, angels and Santa Claus figurines.

Mrs. Gee and her husband, the late J.T. Gee, were both teachers in the Friona School System when they moved here from their Bovina teaching positions in 1935. At that time, Mrs. Gee taught home economics and Mr. Gee taught Vocational Agriculture.

She retired a few years later to raise their family, Tom and Linda, who both graduated from FHS. Mr. Gee retired in 1976

after serving as vo-ag teacher and later as grade school principal for 41 years.

Following his retirement, the Gees enjoyed a good bit of foreign travel and that was when Lilah Gaye became interested in collecting Nativity scenes, as they were depicted in other lands. She is especially proud of the glockenspiel Nativity from Germany. When the candles are lit, heat rising from the candles causes the scene to revolve.

Another of her favorites is the clay-fired ceramic Nativity from Guatemala. The Nativity from Peru is carved stone and one from Hawaii is done in bamboo. She showed us one very tiny Nativity carved in beeswax and

told us that an Indian fellow from Hereford had carved one small but elaborate scene in heavy buffalo bone.

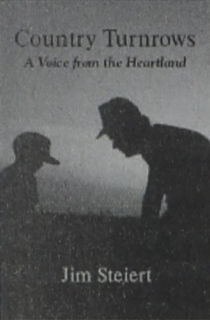
Other of her various Nativities are: stained glass; clear blown glass; wrought iron; one carved in olivewood from the Holy Land; plus a tiny Joseph, Mary & baby Jesus inside a walnut shell from Oberammogau. She has nearly 40 Nativities in her collection and at least that many or more figures of angels and Santas.

Mrs. Gee has been active in school, church, club and civic activities in Friona for the past 70 years. She, along with her lovely collections are truly Friona's own Christmas treasures.



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Retired teacher and Friona treasure Lilah Gay Gee shows off some of her many nativity scenes, Christmas angels and Santa Claus figurines.



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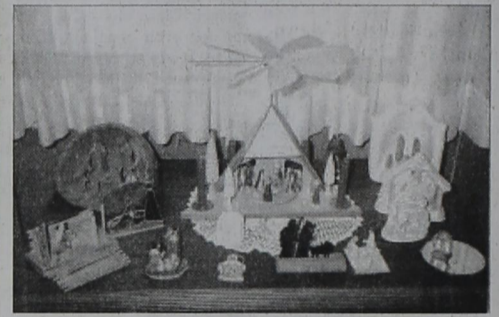
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Firemen Christmas party



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The Friona volunteer fire department held their annual Christmas party Saturday night. The above four firemen represent 85 years of service to the fire department. L-r, Matt Osborn 10 years, Dwayne Procter 20 years, Fire Chief Jim Taylor, 25 years, and Rex Williams 30 years. The Firefighter of the Year award went to firemen Charlie Pope shown with Chief Taylor.



Some of the big kids had Christmas wishes too. Fireman Jon Douglas took his turn on Santa's knee. Good luck with your Santa list Jon.

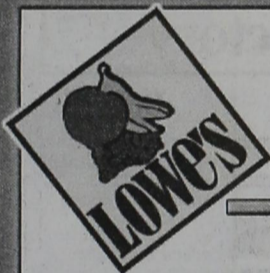
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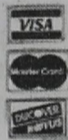
Santa visited the Friona firemen's Christmas party. Jody Roberson, daughter of Casey and Becky Roberson, is not quite sure she wants to see Santa.



Islerling Osborn, son of Matt and Jojo Osborn looks good in his Christmas sweater, all dressed up for Santa.



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First Baptist Church

Sunday Worship-10:45 a.m.

Grace Baptist Church

Sunday-10 a.m. Brunch and Praise service,
reading of the Christmas Story

St. Teresa's Catholic Church

Christmas Eve-6 p.m. Children's Mass
11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass
Sunday-8:30 a.m. English Mass
11:15 a.m. Spanish Mass

6th Street Church of Christ

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10th Street Church of Christ

Sunday-10:30 a.m.
No afternoon worship services

Friona United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve-4 p.m. Come and Go Communion
6 p.m. Candlelight Service
Sunday-11 a.m. Worship Service

Women may be from Venus, but men left a ring around Saturn

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

Growing up in the 1950's, the foundation of my relationships with girls was based on the assumption that they were weaker and needed to be protected by my manly self. My theory imploded after I say my first female roller derby on television involving women who had once been potter children for tooth decay. I'm not saying that they were rough looking, but they put their makeup on with sandpaper and had names like Bertha and Lars.

Watching them skate around the rink in those shiny uniforms reminded the casual observer of horrible third world experiments with spandex and water buffa-

loes. They made the East German Olympic women's wrestling team look like ballerinas. That one event shook my foundation of fearless fortitude, shattered my faith in fragile femininity, shaped my future fear of females, and caused me to acquire an afflictive affinity for alluring alliteration.

After years of observing women and men in their natural habitats (hair salons and auto-parts stores, respectively), I have discovered some alarming differences. Inside the head of every woman is a purse that contains all the major cerebral pieces and car keys. A man's head is a virtual vortex of emptiness. This allows for stadium-sized quantities of ego, a remote control, and a brain about the size of a turnip—although

the turnip has a better sense of direction.

Men and women share emotions differently. Women actually have emotions. Some have them sewn into their sleeves. A woman will cry over mushy stuff like a baby's first burp and movies like *Titanic*. Men just burp and watch *Dumb and Dumber*. You don't even realize a man has emotions until a thunderstorm knocks out the cable or cancels his tee time.

What do churches do about these differences? We form a committee and immediately assign the nearest woman to be secretary. A better approach would be to celebrate the differences between men and women, both of whom are created in God's image. God formed dust into a man and rib into a woman.

He knew what He was doing. If He had created woman first, she would have removed all the dust and man would have been formed out of leftover animal parts.

Women such as Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, and the Samaritan woman at the well aided Jesus in accomplishing His purpose. The Bible does not say, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among the men." Winning our world to Christ will surely take each of us...each one different, each one uniquely gifted each one serving God.

God so loved the world, no matter from which planet we may have arrived.



Maddison Paige Barnett

Todd and Vanette Barnett, of Canyon, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their first child Maddison Paige Barnett on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at 9:34 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Maddison weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long. Her grandparents are Troy and Veca White of Friona, and Duane and Brenda Barnett of Amarillo.

Maddison's great grandparents are Gene and Mildred Welch of Friona, the late Ray White, and Lawrence and Dixie Deal of Laverne, Oklahoma.



THINK ABOUT THIS

What's in your package?

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

It's that season of the year when we will be exchanging gifts and enjoying the fellowship of friends and loved ones who we possibly have not seen for some time. Some packages will conceal items dearly needed, some will contain games and toys and lots of surprises. But let's change train of thought for a minute to the package that contains your life. *What's in your package?*

Your package is one that is displayed everyday of your life. You aren't reserved for display during a certain season of the year. Is your life one that is full of surprises? Is the ingredient that your package contains something that everyone needs? Someone once said, "The smallest package is the one of the person who is wrapped up in himself." You, dear friend, know what is in your package. A few simple tests reveal its contents.

-Are you happiest when you are helping someone else or when you are getting something you've wanted for a long time?

-Do your thoughts usually center on yourself or on your loved ones?

-How much time is spent during the day reading the Bible and praying?

More tests could be suggested, but we all get the point. We all need to grow in this area, don't we?

Have a wonderful holiday and check to see...what's in your package?

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Love, Germain Garcia

Dear Santa C.

I wish I was in the good list that I was a little bit bad. Im sorry that I was rood to people. I want for Christmas is a laptop with a free internet and a new scooter. Please send me those. I beleave in you. Say all the elfs that I say hi. I promise at the table I will give you cookies and milk. I also forgot a celver bell of an reeender.

Your Friend, Liliana Amezcu

Dear Santa,

Have you been sleeping for along time Santa? Are you ready to have some cookies at our house? We are going to make you some special ones. Are the elves making toys for every-

one? I want a Princess Jeep to drive. I also want a Barbie head that I can fix her head and paint her nails. I also want some toe shoes to do ballet in like the "big" girls have. Would you bring my mommy a pretty dress and shoes please? Also, could you bring my Daddy a new suit please? My brothers and I really want a new puppy too. I hope you get to our house soon and I hope you will be safe.

I Love you Santa, by Callie Crum

Dear Santa,

Do you know what I want Santa Clause? I really want a remote control Herbie car the most. I also want some new Thomas trains and tracks and a Jeep like my Nana has at her house to ride in. I Love you Santa and I believe in you Santa. Would you take me in your sleigh to the North Pole? I have been good this year and I will be sleeping and not peeking when you come to my



house.

Merry Christmas!

I Love you Santa, Caleb Crum

Dear Santa,

I am 3 now and a big boy Santa! I want to ride a train like the Polar express to come to see you at the North Pole. I Love you Santa and you are my best friend. Would you bring me a remote control Herbie car and some bridges and tunnels for my Thomas train? I also like

Hot Wheels cars and lots of new trains. Please come soon Santa; I ask mommy every day if it is Christmas yet.

I Love you Santa, Cuyler Crum

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a bike and a west coast chopper truck and a video now XP and madden 06 and need for speed most wanted games and memory card for Playstation 2.

Thanks, Estevan

Dear Santa,

How are you doing what I want for christmas is a flywheel, comuter, motorcycle that's about it I hope you are giving a lot of presents to other kids because they want Christmas present to not just me.

Love Christian

Dear Santa,

I hope you are okay and. The elves are ok. And Mrs. Clols is ok. I want a puppy and

win it gets big I wood feed him. And play with him.

Love, Brandon Lee Garcia

Dear Santa,

How is it at the North Pole? I hope you can come to my house. I would lik a doll. The kind of doll I would like is a Barbie.

Love, Yodeli Castillo

Dear Santa,

How are you doing santa? I have bin so good this year. I am just wondering if I could have a teddy bear. And for my family to be happy. And also want lots of toys this year. Like barbies. Barbie car. And Dora toys. And a new bike. And Santa I will leav you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas Santa and say hi to the elfs for

me Santa.

Love, Danielle Perez

Dear Santa,

How are you how has it been in the north pol? If you were me what will you like for Christmas? I will like a new television and I bike to ride with my mom and dad and Ill also, like necklece for Christmas. and I'll be living you milk and chocolete cookies.

Love, Emily Ramos

Dear Santa,

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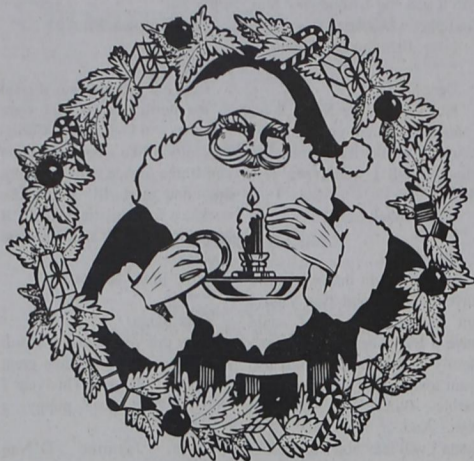
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Love Dylan Cooper

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Luve, Jose Salas

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Love, Sydney Frye

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Love Michael
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Love Mikaela Merino

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Love, Adaline White

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Love Nishna Soto

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How are the elfs. Please bring me I wis nice to School. Please bring me a Xbox 360.
Love Daniel Pena

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Love Desteni

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Love Kaitlin Santiago

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Love Nicolle Law

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Love Jasmin Salas

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and Mrs. Claus has a nice year. I have been good. Please bring me some games and a bike play station one.
Love Israel Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
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Love Tristan Stormes

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Love Jason Kelley

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Love, Brad

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Love, Cody

Dear Santa,
I want a 3 bar RB face mask stander. PLEASE!!!! And some little pickup's.
Thank you Santa.
Love, Cole

Dear Santa,
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Thank you.
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Kylie



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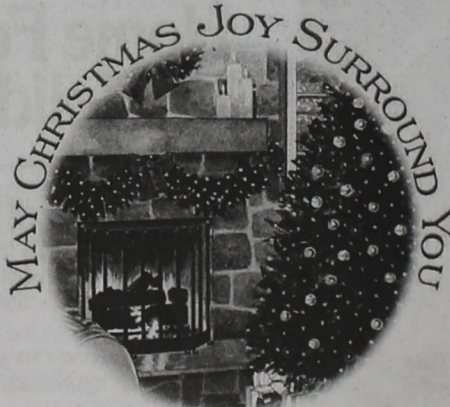
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Christmas at Prairie Acres



The Prairie Acres Christmas tree was piled high with presents. Jo Blackwell and the Prairie Acres staff thank everyone for their generous gifts to the adopt-a-resident program this holiday season. The Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates Christmas party was held Tuesday night, December 20.



Prairie Acres resident Julia Fairchild gets a warm hug from Santa at Tuesday night's party.

Merry Christmas

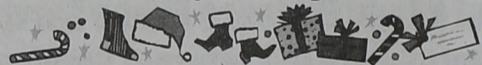


Santa's elf, Prairie Acres employee Marie Saiz, helps hand out the many Christmas gifts to residents.



Prairie Acres executive director Jo Blackwell and Santa make sure everyone at the nursing home has a very Merry Christmas.

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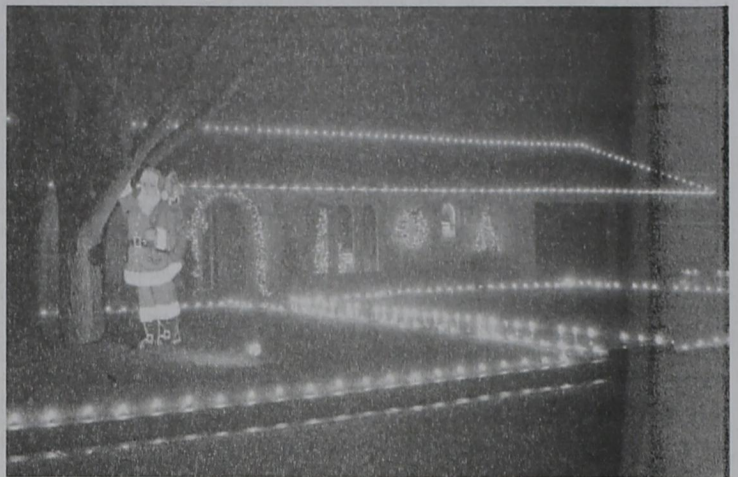
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Miss Merry Christmas, Hollis Gurley, stopped by the Star office to buy a paper and check out the next weeks news. L-r, Ron Carr - Editor/ Publisher, Nathan Parson - Graphic Design/Webmaster, Marlene Mueller - Office Manager, Tyler Jameson - Graphic Design, Dana Jameson - Production Manager, Jan Hazelwood - Advertising.

We at the Friona Star would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas And New Year!.

Friona Star

Beef 2010: from feed pens to boxed beef

BY KAY LEDBETTER, A&M Extension Center

A unique opportunity to follow cattle through the feeding and packing process to see how management decisions make a difference is being offered, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

Beef Marketing and Management 2010 is a series of educational activities for beef industry personnel in the Panhandle, said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist.

"Whether you are in the cow/calf, stocker, cattle feeding or allied industry sector; whether you are an owner, a customer-based operator or an employee; this program offers

an opportunity to learn more about factors influencing beef quality and value," McCollum said.

The program consists of two components: Beef 2010 educational meetings and Beef 706, he said. All activities will be held at the Herbert F. and Jeannie Kuhlman Extension Center and West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

In Beef 706, teams of participants will select feeder steers at the kick-off meeting Jan. 26. These steers will be placed on feed and followed until finished in July, McCollum said. They then will be followed through

the grading and hands-on cutting session.

"Participants will have a chance to experience first-hand the differences encountered in carcass composition and see the production of boxed beef cuts," he said. "The information will be evaluated in terms of the boxed beef value differences among steers and how that translates back to differences in live cattle."

The second component, the Beef 2010, is a series of seven monthly meetings/seminars supporting Beef 706. Topics covered in these seminars will be feeder cattle and carcass evaluation, influence of genetics and management on carcass merit, marketing on carcass grids, and tradeoffs between live and carcass marketing, McCollum said.

Pre-registration is required. To participate in the Beef 706 component, individuals must register for the entire Beef Marketing and Management 2010 program, he said.

Seats are limited to 45 for the Beef 706 portion of the program.

Seating is not limited for the monthly meetings. Registration is \$50 and payable to the Extension Activity Fund. Deadline is Jan. 15.

Registration forms are available at Extension offices or at <http://amarillo.tamu.edu> and should be mailed to Randall County Extension Office, 200 N. Brown Road, Canyon, TX 79015.

For more information, contact McCollum at (806) 677-5600 or Danny Nusser, Extension agent in Randall County, at (806) 468-5543.

Grain elevator workshop Jan 17

BY KAY LEDBETTER, Texas A&M Extension Center

Aeration, aflatoxin, meal moths and rodent control will be among the topics addressed Jan. 17 at the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop in Amarillo, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"The stored grain industry, just like other aspects of area agriculture, is not immune to change," said Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomology specialist. "Working with the local Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society, we are attempting to address some of these changes as well as discuss the latest research relevant to the stored grain industry."

The 18th annual workshop will begin at 8 a.m. in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center. The workshop has been submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture for continuing education credits for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licenses.

Additional topics of discussion will be stored grain protectants, laws and regulations, fumigation and weed control.

Pre-registration is requested by Jan. 10. The fee is \$30 and checks should be made to: Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS.

Mail registration forms and fees to Carl Patrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

For more information, contact Patrick at (806) 677-5600.



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Dear Santa,
I love I hope you I mis you.
I wish it crism a Barbie and
playhouse and doodle bear and
gam boy Hawaii Have.
Love Chelsie Gomez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I like
cookies and I got a Christmas
tree.
Love Sergio Martinez

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a car for
me and my sister and some pres-
ents?
Dear Santa, I like your rein-
deer.

Love Miriam
P.S. We are in first grade.
We like you.
Love Miriam Morales

Dear Santa,
I think you have a toy. I
want a Barbie toy for Christ-
mas. I hope you have a good
time shopping. You have fun at
Christmas. At school I am good.
Love Kayleigh Hardin

Dear Santa,
I am in First grade. I like
school. I learn to read books. I
want a toy light.
Love, Karina Santiago

Dear Santa Claus,
I would please like a pearl
blue gameboy advance SP. I
would also like 2 Pokemon game
versions emerald and sapphire.
I more thing a texas tech foot-
ball helmet. That is all please
good bye.
Sincerely, Haden Smiley

Dea Santa,
Be careful flying in the sky. I
wot for Christmas a game cube
I oso wot a spiderman shooting
wed glove. Thank you.
Luve, Cigarroa Joel

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I wunt a
Barbie for crismis. I wunt a randr.
I hop you come to my house. I
hop you got u lots of pueents
for everybody.
Love Briana Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a saf trip. I
wont a remote Escalade. A
wresting recing and 2 wrestlers.
Have a fun time in Hawaii.
Love, Tristan Castillo

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas because we
get presents. You no that my
brothers want an XBOX 360.
What is your favorite thing
chocolate cookies? I want a
karatte game. What is your fa-
vorite thing?
Love, Aaron Tafoya

Twas the night before Christmas
And Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically correct!
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",
Vertically Challenged they were calling themselves.
And labor conditions at the North Pole,
Were alleged by the union, to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished without much propriety,
Released to the wilds, by the Humane Society.
And equal employment had made it quite clear,
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid, were replaced with
Four pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

And as for gifts...why, he'd never had the notion that making
A choice could cause such commotion.
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur...
Which meant nothing for him or nothing for her?
Nothing to aim, nothing to shoot,
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls and nothing for just boys,
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific,
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.

No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish upon the truth.
And fairy tales...while not yet forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden,
For they raised the hackles of those psychological,
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.
So Santa just stood there, disheveled and perplexed,
He just couldn't figure out what to do next!
He tried to be merry, he tried to be gay,
But you must have to admit he was having a very bad day.
His sack was quite empty, it was flat on the ground,
Nothing fully acceptable was anywhere to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might,
Give to us all, without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy—with no indecision,
Each group of people in every religion.
Every race, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere...even you!
So here is that gift, its price beyond worth...

**MAY YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ENJOY
PEACE ON EARTH**

Courtesy of Claire Blanco



*There's so much
to be
thankful for
at this splendid
time of year,
including the
friendship of
people like you.*

*Please accept our
gratitude and
warm wishes for
a beautiful and
joyous holiday
season.*

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Remember *The* Magic!

*May your holiday come alive with
beautiful moments and
memories. We really appreciate
your making this past year
a truly memorable one for us.
Merry Christmas!*

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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

(This is one of a series of weekly articles pertaining to Friona's 100th anniversary, which will be observed throughout 2006)

Star...local beacon for 80 years

BY DARLA BRACKEN

From the Sept. 20, 1956 50th Anniversary Edition "To the Friona Star: MAY IT LIVE FOREVER, AND MAY ITS RAYS EVER BRIGHTEN THE LIVES AND QUICKEN THE SPIRITS OF ITS READERS."

Born as a suggestion by John W. "Uncle John" White, secretary the Chamber of Commerce in June 1925, soon the need for a local newspaper became a reality. (Although the first newspaper effort the *Friona Sentinel* was published by S. A. Harris in 1916, no other history or copies of the *Sentinel* exist of which we know.) Offers of a salary of "not less than \$50" per week were advertised

for the editor/manager of the newspaper in 1925. The name "Star" was a suggestion by A.W. Henschel, who at the time was president of the Friona State Bank.

Upon deciding that an "outsider" might be tempted to just pick up and leave, the duty of editor was assigned to Mr. John White with the revenues to be used to pay him. Eight days later the first copy of the Friona Star was printed at Clovis, New Mexico with a Friday publication date at a cost of 5 cents per copy. After 15 months of operation and with a list of 300 subscribers and most of the local businesses as advertisers,



Back in the 1930s the Friona Star office shared this building with the post office. The building was located on So. Main. The Friona Star sign is barely visible in the lower left front window.

Brand in 1940. White was associated with the Star in some capacity for 25 years. Improvements under the Nunn-Warren Press. Co. included a good Ben Franklin new press, a good Chandler & Price job press, a good Mentges folder and goodly amount of both body and job type. After the dissolution of the company during the Nunn-Warren Press years, the Star's 300 subscriber list dwindled down to 92 and advertisers to 2.

By 1950 Bert Neelley bought the Star and sold it in 1956 to Joe Osborn and W. H. Graham of Farwell. Osborn and Graham bought an offset printing plant to print the *Friona Star*, *The Bovina Blade* and the *Farwell State Line Tribune*. The plant was the first of its kind between Ft. Worth and Denver and Osborn and Graham were among the pioneers in this area. In 1958 the Friona Star had the honor to be the first newspaper to be printed by the offset pro-

cess in West Texas. Many other innovations and firsts grace the Star's history.

Award winning: The Star has quite an award winning history with General Excellence, and the distinguished "Community Service Award" along with numerous other trophies and awards over the years. The Star was located mostly on Main, but also on 6th Street 1957-1963, then at 614 Euclid and since 1968, at 916 Main. Editor/Publishers have included: John White 25 years, Bert Neelley 6 years, Osborn/Graham, 12 years, Bill Ellis 40 years and currently Ron Carr. The star has changed owners 9 times in its 80-year history.

*"Uncle John" was given this nickname because he wrote to every local boy in the service in World War II and signed his letters that way.

Prarie Progress c. 1981, 50th Anniversary Edition *Friona Star* Sept. 20, 1956; *Friona Star* Dec. 1981

the Star was sold to the Hereford Brand/ Seth Holman and then later to Nunn-Warren Publishing owner of the Amarillo Daily News and some 20 other newspapers.

The January 16, 1931 issue urged everyone in Parmer County, particularly farm families to subscribe to the Friona Star. In lieu of the \$1.50 cash for a one year subscription the following offer was made: "If you don't have the cash, bring in six dozen eggs and we will take them instead of money." The offer was limited to Parmer County.

By 1936, after this period of 'outside' ownership, White became sole owner/editor of the newspaper until the paper again was sold to the Hereford



The interior of the Friona Star office, circa '1929, with Uncle John White at the typewriter at left. The calendar at right shows October 1929.

For many people, decorating is a favorite part of the holiday season but to keep things merry and bright, it's important to use common sense and follow the basic safety guidelines shown here.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS Christmas Tree!

A live tree may be festive, but it can also be a potential fire hazard. That's why it's important to check for freshness when buying any live tree...

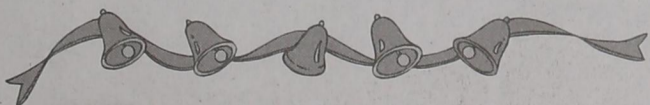
- * A fresh tree is deep green in color and has a strong scent of pine.
- * The needles on a fresh tree should bend not break, and they should be hard to pull off the branches.
- * The cutoff trunk of a fresh tree should be sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground the tree should not lose needles.
- * Natural trees should be cut at a 45 degree angle at the base and placed in water. A 6' tree will use 1 gallon of water every two days.
- * Keep tree away from radiators, fireplaces or other heat sources.
- * Make sure tree is securely fastened in the holder.
- * When tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
- * Consider an artificial tree it's much safer and cleaner.

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A Most Welcome Season



There's no place like home for the holidays, especially when there're people like you for neighbors! Merry Christmas and many thanks.



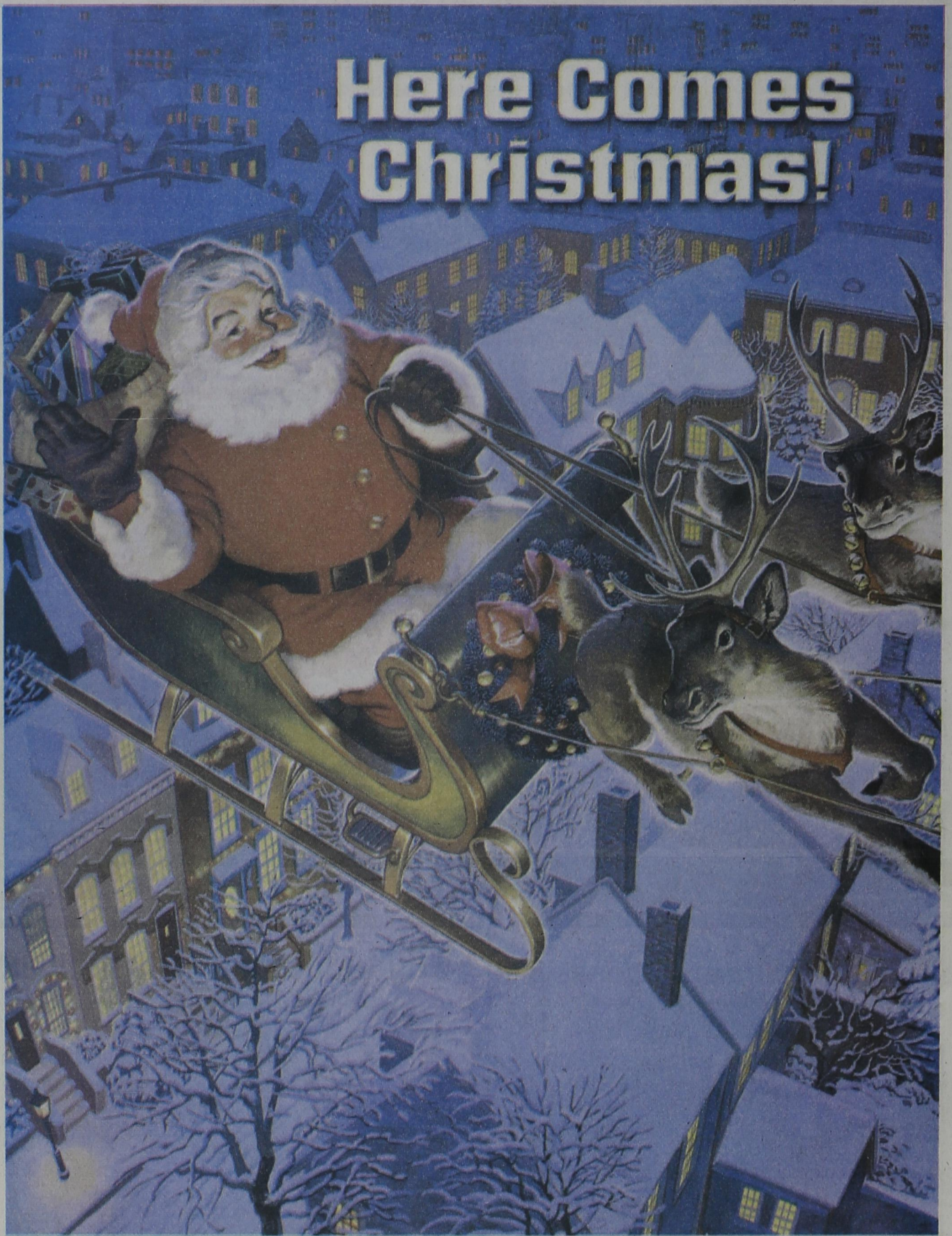
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With Gratitude At The Holidays

Here's wishing you a holiday that's filled with a generous dose of health and happiness. We thank you for your trust in us and look forward to serving you again next year.



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Here Comes Christmas!

Whew! How the time really flew ...

Now we're delivering best wishes to each one of you -

We hope the coming season brings,

Lots of glad tidings and beautiful things!

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