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Free pre-natal classes

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County is having sign up for free pre-natal classes Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the conference room at Parmer Medical Center. All expectant mothers are encouraged to register for the free classes.

Mothers who participate in the classes earn points to use for free baby items for their newborn. Classes are available in both English and Spanish. The coalition will also be accepting donations of new or gently used baby items at the same time.

For more information about the coalition contact Heidi Eichenauer at 806-250-2754 or JoDonna Terry at 295-8291.

Women's Health Clinic

Beginning December 10th, Friona Rural Health Clinic will be offering a women's health clinic every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 - 5:00. To schedule an appointment with Carman Putman, MS, FNP-C for your annual health exam and other female health issues, call 806-250-2781.

Empty Stocking Fund needs help

The Friona Empty Stocking Fund helps needy children at Christmas. Money donated to the fund is used to buy shoes, socks, and other clothing for needy children designated by teachers. The USDA inspectors at the Cargill plant provide toys and food to be included.

Local coordinator Peggy Monroe says funds have been slow to come in this year. She and her volunteers are getting ready to travel to Amarillo for the first round of buying the children's gifts. Donations are much needed and can be made at Friona Interbank. Please help. All donations are appreciated.



ron carr photo

Friona is in the Christmas spirit as seen in the lights and decorations at the city park. The Chamber of Commerce will drive around town Monday, December 16 to judge Christmas decorations so be sure to have yours turned on. You could win some Friona Bucks.

Nancy Davis appointed to city council

The Friona city council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 9 with all members present plus city manager Patricia Phipps, city attorney Slater Elza, and deputy city secretary Rosa Mendez. Mayor Rick White presided.

Doug Kelley and Fred Cook were reappointed to the city planning and zoning commission. Police Chief Frank Mooney gave his departmental report and introduced Andrew Aguirre who will begin the Police Academy in Amarillo in January and graduate in August at which time he will become a full time Friona officer. Chief Mooney said they were having no luck hiring a proposed School Resource Officer (SRO). There have been no applicants for the position. It was reported that

court fines are down by \$18,000 this year from 2012.

With the recent resignation of Charlie Pope from the council, the options were to fill the seat by appointment or leave it vacant until the May 2014 election. An appointment to fill the seat would be effective only until the May election at which time the appointee would have to run for election to complete Pope's one-year remaining term.

The council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of both options. The names of John Taylor, Brent Loflin, and Nancy Davis had been submitted for appointment to the vacancy. After much discussion, councilman Bruce Fleming made a motion to appoint Nancy Davis to fill the

vacancy and councilwoman Martha Barker seconded. The appointment was approved.

Mrs. Davis, president of the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union, will fill the term until the May election and has the option to seek a one-year re-election at that time. Also up for re-election in May if they choose to run are Mayor Rick White and council members Martha Barker and Greg Lewellen.

The council went into executive session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to Prairie Acres and Cargill water issues. When regular session resumed no action was taken.

The next city council meeting will be Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

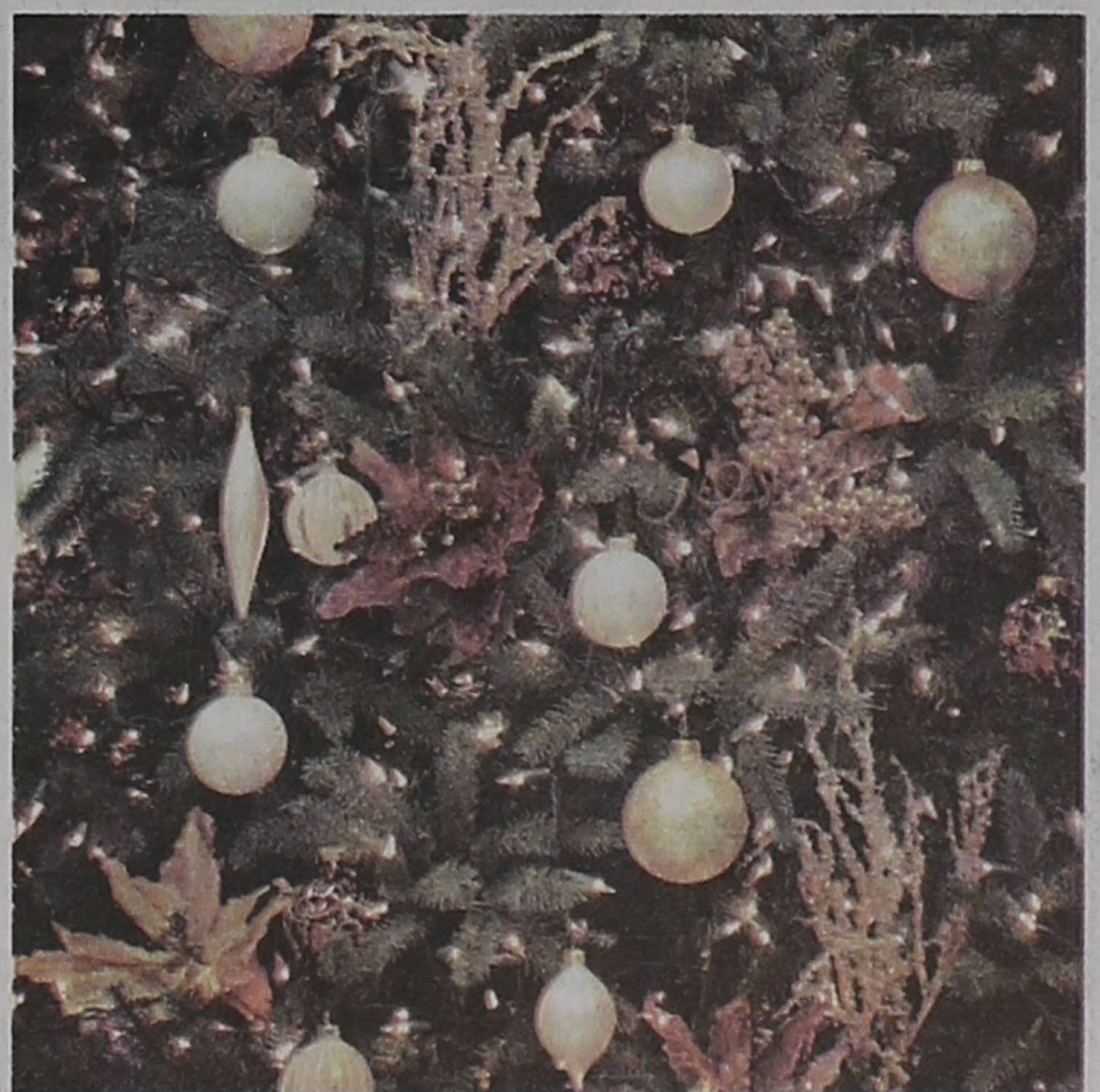


Prairie Acres Christmas tree



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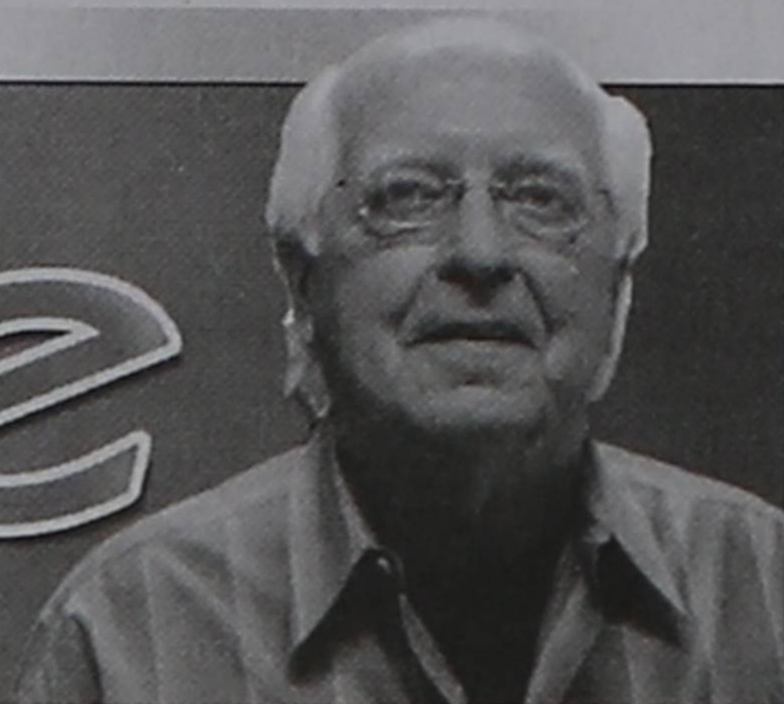
Mayor Rick White, left, and city manager Patricia Phipps, presented an award of recognition of service to Charlie Pope who served seven years on the Friona city council. Charlie resigned from the council recently. He is the plant engineer at Cargill and serves on the Cargill management committee that is in discussion with the city about water issues.



**12 shopping days
'til Christmas**

Out Here

By Ron Carr



mean people need Jesus

It can get mean and nasty out there.

I've been around a long time and in my past I've visited some shady joints and low class neighborhoods. I've seen and participated in various levels of trash talk. I've known and listened to mean spirited people say disparaging things about others, using cuss words that would make your momma blush.

However, none of that compares to the ugly, mean-spirited, obscene and downright nasty words that float around on what is called "social media." Some of the stuff I've read is not very social. I am not a twitterer, blogger, or Instagrammer. No tweets here. I don't follow anybody and I don't want anybody following me.

Besides, we live in a world where the wrong tweet could have you arrested or land you on National TV explaining your stupidity to Bill O'Reilly or Sean Hannity.

Recently Carrie Underwood appeared in a remake of "The Sound of Music". I didn't watch the show. Am not much of a musical fan and I saw the original many moons ago. The ratings people said over 18 million people tuned in.

But it seems that the twitter terrorists began a vulgar onslaught, criticizing Miss Underwood's performance and posting lewd and mean opinions of not only the show but personal attacks on the lady. They seemed insulted that she would try to be Julie Andrews. It is pretty easy and

safe I suppose to sit at a computer in an obscure location and sling vicious comments. Or use your smartphone to be dumb and stupid.

After the onslaught of terrible tweets, Miss Underwood posted a tweet of her own. It said "Mean people need Jesus."

Of course her Jesus tweet was also roundly slammed in the tweet universe. I doubt if mean people are paying much attention to Jesus.

The Internet universe is a dangerous place. There is always a lot of hacking and stealing and cussing going on. I've seen reports that employers are beginning to check prospective employees' Facebook and Twitter accounts. Unholy crap you may have posted in the past

could have a negative effect on your future.

If you want to stir up a flurry of mean people comments, post something about religion, or a left or right political comment, or some cat pictures, or criticize Mr. Obama. It is easy to cause a fight on social media. Racists and mean people are always waiting on the next social media fight.

It is pretty easy to be mean and hateful when all you have in front of you is a keyboard and a monitor. Or with a few anonymous strokes on your iPhone. It is easy to be condescending to others if you will never see them. It is easy to be all of those mean things until someone says "Mean people need Jesus."

Then what do you do.

Letters to the Editor

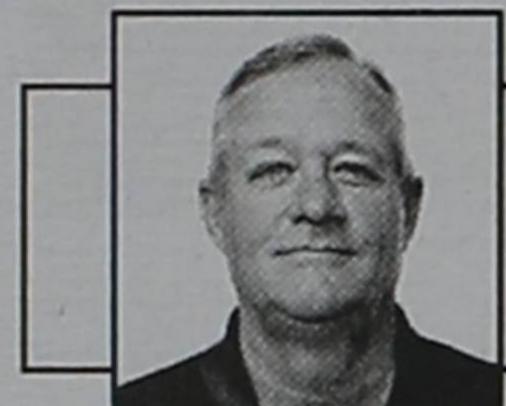
Ron,
Some people wonder why anyone would live in a small town like Friona. Well, I'm glad I do. Where else would friends and neighbors get out on a cold, snowy day to celebrate a birthday.
Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to make my 80th birthday one to remember.
Love you all, Pat Martin

DID YOU KNOW?

Amendment 12: A portion of Article II, section I of the Constitution was superseded by the 12th amendment. This amendment is about the election procedures of the president. It was ratified June 15, 1804. In the election of 1800, confusion caused problems in the decision of who would be president. The Electoral College tallied the votes and the person with the most votes became President while the second runner-up became Vice-president. In 1796, John Adams became President and Thomas Jefferson Vice-President. The election of 1800 attempted to correct the rules that led to the confusion and that finally elected Thomas Jefferson as President. The interesting story of this confusion can be found in the history books and on your computer.....Mary Johnston.



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Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Last month, I discussed a question, "How would you define success and prosperity in your community? It's worth mentioning again this month.

Success is creating a safe and secure community to raise a family with a great school system, excellent emergency services, successful businesses and neighbors you can count on. Having health care facilities that you are confident will provide great care for you and your family and, as important, elderly care facilities that you are confident will provide great care for your loved ones while being able to keep them close to home.

Prosperity is not defined as material wealth, but by the wealth gained by being part of a thriving community.

Last month, the Volunteer Fire Department was recognized and we are so thankful for the work they do and the work they will continue to do. It is a great asset, living in a small community, to have

people step up and volunteer in the manner that they do.

This month I want to discuss another great asset we have that most small municipalities do not have and that is the Friona Public Library. I sat down with Darla Bracken (a Friona native) to discuss the success the library has had over the past 50 years. It was amazing to me the library began back in 1963 as a "Women's Club Project". Through support of community donations, corporate donations and dedication of many Friona citizens, the library has grown to be a great asset.

Darla worked at the library during her high school years and continued to work as she was going to college. In 1982, she became a full time employee and in 1985 became the director of the Library and has held the same position to present. In 1968, the city adopted the library and today budgets \$271,000 dollars annually to keep the library a viable asset in our community. Darla has

helped make the library what it is today. She has dedicated the past 28 years promoting programs for the children in our community, storytime every Thursday and incentive summer reading for the Junior High students just to name a couple.

Darla was also instrumental in getting a \$150,000 dollar endowment for the Library and the endowment has grown to \$192,000 dollars. This endowment is managed by the Amarillo Area Foundation. From 1963 to present, the Library has grown to 40,000 volumes including video's, audio's and e-books. Darla is compassionate, caring and dedicated to the work that she does for the library and the community.

The city park looks fantastic with all of the lights and decorations. We would like to thank the community for participating in decorating the park. Also, we would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for promoting this wonder-

ful event. Santa Claus visited Friona on Monday December 2nd and the children had a great time.

Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates are doing very well financially. There are 48 residents living at Prairie Acres and 13 residents living at Heritage Estates. Thanks to Billy Ray and all the staff for providing great care for all of the residents. This plays a big role in making Friona a successful community.

After the ground breaking ceremony of the housing project, the housing that was presented to be built was a 3-story building. We met with the builder and advised the builder that the city could not accept a 3-story building in our community due to our volunteer fire department not having the necessary equipment to handle a fire on the upper level. This situation has postponed our building efforts. Negotiations continue with the builder and we will keep you updated as

we move forward.

The city council appointed Nancy Davis to replace Charlie Pope as a temporary Alderman. Nancy will fulfill this position until the next elections in May. We would like to welcome Nancy to the City Council and look forward to her serving.

Judge Campbell looked at thirty five new cases in the month of November. Thirty one cases were tried by the Judge. There were four new juvenile cases filed. The court collected in fines, \$8,082.81.

Emergency Medical System (EMS) made a total of twenty two runs. (911 calls-twelve, transfers-six, and no transfers-four).

Volunteer fire department had a total of four fire calls. There were two small grass fires and two electrical fires. All were contained very quickly with no incident.

The city pumped 13,375,800 gallons of water, sold

11,723,000 gallons of water and billed \$56,892.04 for the month of November.

The Friona Police Department had a total 172 service calls for the month of November. There were 4 arrests made (one arrest for an assault, one arrest for drug possession and two arrests for traffic violations). The officers issued 38 total citations and handed out 67 total warnings. Chief Mooney introduced Andrew Aguirre at the city council meeting. Andrew is attending Academy Training in Amarillo and will join our police force at the completion of his training in August 2014.

Lastly, the city would like to thank Roddy Berend for donating all the tarp used to lay more rock at the state park between Etta and Springfield on highway 60. This has helped this area look better and there will be more improvements later.

Your Mayor

Project Christmas Card

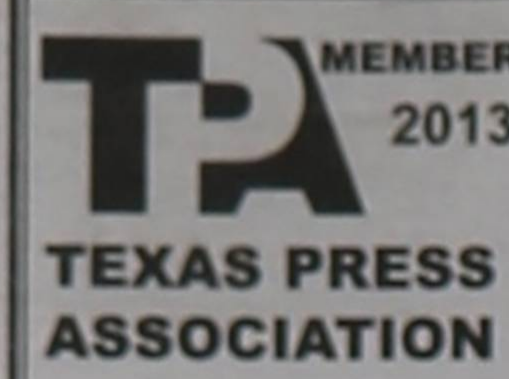
The Parmer Medical Center auxiliary sponsors the annual Project Christmas Card. The original idea was to use money you would spend on Christmas cards to donate to help buy equipment for the hospital. Over the years Project Christmas Card has raised several thousand dollars annually and provided much needed equipment.

Donations this year can be made through First Interbank. Plans are to purchase a mannequin dummy to be used for hospital staff training. The Friona Star will publish a list of donors in our December 19 Christmas issue.

"I care about one thing and one thing only and that is how to use every minute of the remaining 1,276 days of my term to make the country work for working Americans again. That's all I care about."
President Barack Obama
July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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49 where the thrills are at the State Fair

50 citrus drink

51 TX Vikki Carr international hit: "Cosas del ____"

52 TX legendary oil well firefighter "Red"

53 environmental agcy.

54 control a horse

55 TXism: "hen fruit"

57 TXism: "fun as feeding monkeys at the ____"

58 frontier Mason Co. feud: "Hoo ____ War"

59 TXism: "it'll make your hair stand on ____"

13 TX-born Steve Martin '91 film: "Father ____"

14 barbed or baling

15 TXism: "lower ____ a snake s belly"

16 horse morsels

18 disfigure

20 TXism: "____-right boys" (police)

23 daughter of Gov. Jim Hogg (init.)

24 "close but ____ cigar"

25 electronic banker

26 TXism: "____ little cane"

27 first name of 46-across: Humble ____ Refining Co.

32 TXism: "best I ever laid eyes ____"

33 Travis at Alamo: "I shall never surrender ____ retreat"

34 TX George Strait s "You Look ____ Good in Love"

36 TX chip maker

37 singer McEntire

38 TXism: "boring as a fishing trip with ____ warden"

39 a native Indian tribe of TX

40 this Waller was 1st mayor of Austin

41 TXism: "beehind"

43 TXism: "how ____"

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48 "Confederate Colt" .44 ____ pistol

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- 6 TXism: "Ya ll ____ back now, ya hear?"
- 7 TX actor/singer Kristofferson
- 8 historic landmark in Boerne: Ye Kendall ____
- 9 music you won't hear at a honky tonk
- 12 TXism: "wouldn't know ____ mount a stick horse" (dude)
- 17 on the horizon
- 19 TX Trini s "____ a Hammer"
- 21 TX or GA town
- 22 Carswell AFB once housed the B-52 "____-fortress"
- 23 TXism: "get your ducks ____"
- 28 therefore
- 29 TXism: "rare as ____ teeth"
- 30 what a "windbag" is full of (2 wds.)
- 31 slipknot rope loop
- 35 TXism: "long as a country ____"
- 36 TX Sam Bass profession (2 wds.)
- 42 TX or CA town
- 44 TX Gene Autry old TV series: "Range ____"
- 46 TX-founded co. before it was Exxon
- 47 TXism: "chrome dome"

- DOWN**
- 1 TX Carol Burnett s TV sidekick
- 2 Ripley s "Believe ____"
- 3 seat of Gaines Co.
- 4 TX or IA town
- 9 TXism: "a ____-tailed tooter!"
- 10 Sam Houston beat ____ Santa Ana at San Jacinto
- 11 org. for TX Kite and Crenshaw
- 12 TXism: "he'll never drown in ____ own sweat" (lazy)

Town Talk II

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We woke up to ice/frost covered trees Sunday morning but no ice on the streets. They were kind of pretty. It all melted by afternoon as temps got above freezing for a change. Lets be thankful we didn't have any power outages. I was inside most of the weekend. Cold weather doesn't agree with me. My kids in the Denton/Frisco area were housebound for a few days from the ice storm. A fella I had a meeting with Friday left Friona about 3 p.m. for Lubbock. He was flying back to California and finally got there at 9 p.m. Sunday after being stuck at DFW for two days. Winter doesn't begin until December 21.

Some of the wind turbine companies are being fined by the government because the wind turbines are killing birds, especially eagles they claim. So the government subsidized the wind farms and are now penalizing them for bird kill. I suggest the politicians and bird lovers go talk to the birds about the dangers of flying into

a wind turbine blade.

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show dates are January 15-18. Weigh-in Wednesday the 15th, show is the 16th, and sale is the 18th. We think the dairy heifer show is on Tuesday the 14th. Exact schedule and times later.

Riley Rector had a wreck Sunday night on Rockwell Road in Amarillo. He reached for some jerky on the floor and ran into a dumpster. His dad Rickey says he broke his back with compressed fractures in three places. No surgery but Riley will be lying flat for a while and wear a back brace when he can get up. Was to be released from Northwest Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday and will stay at Rickey's house during recovery. Going to be quite a healing process and we wish young Riley a speedy and complete recovery.

Friona graduate Tania (Hand) Raindl and husband Brady are expecting triplet boys in the

spring of 2014. They live in Lubbock. Tania is the daughter of Gary and Gail Hand of Friona. If memory serves me, Tania is a former Miss Friona and she played the piano for her talent. Congratulations to all of the Hand/Raindl families. Wow! Triplets!

Thanks Jeri Lynn White for the Christmas goodies you brought by on Thursday. Pumpkin snickerdoodles and bacon wrapped toast and cream cheese. Mighty nice gesture from the local 4-H sponsors. And mighty tasty.

Sunday around noon a semi-ran into the rear of a vehicle on Hwy 60 east of town causing a rollover and injuries to the driver. It was a hit and run as the semi- left the scene. Area law enforcement was notified and New Mexico state police stopped the semi- on 60/74 in Clovis. The truck had front-end damage and was leaking anti-freeze. DPS trooper Izzy Carrasco went to the New Mexico scene and arrested the

truck driver who was from El Paso. He was charged with serious bodily injury and jailed in Farwell. Friona EMS transported the accident victim to PMC with back injuries.

Monday, December 16, the winners in the Chamber of Commerce Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotion will be drawn at participating merchants. Also that same Monday evening, Chamber judges will be driving around town to pick a Christmas decoration winner so be sure to turn your Christmas lights on.

A bit of trivia. At the Monday city council meeting, city manager Patricia Phipps told the aldermen there are 1,365 water meter connections in Friona.

It was good to see city councilwoman Martha Barker at the council meeting Monday evening, although she arrived by wheelchair. Martha is recovering from foot surgery as a result of dropping a big butcher knife on her foot and severing some tendons. She hasn't been able to work at Suds and Scissors in a while and will be out of commission for a while longer. Her hair customers will be glad to see her back at work and so will we.

News from Monday's county commissioners meeting. They heard from county auditor Larry Johnston and county treasurer Altha Herington and reviewed the 2013 county fire department reports. County Judge Trey Ellis said the DPS would be closing some of the smaller driver license offices

like Friona soon. Consideration was given to allow county employees to process certain driver license transactions but the issue was not deemed feasible for Parmer County. A TxDOT grant to repair county roads was too complicated. Used and obsolete electronic equipment was approved to be destroyed instead of sold. And the county burn ban remains lifted until further notice.

The Noon Lions Club met last week with 16 members present and enjoyed meat loaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans plus cobbler thanks to Lupe and Geneiva at Headquarters. Linvell Rose was given a gift card to Gander Mountain for selling the most shotgun raffle tickets. The drawing for the Browning shotgun will be held Thursday December 19 at the club meeting at Headquarters Restaurant.

Went to the Prairie Acres Christmas party Tuesday evening. Santa handed out an abundant number of gifts and the visiting families enjoyed Christmas carols and lots of goodies to eat. Kevin and Carolyn Wiseman led the singing of Christmas carols and Prairie Acres elves handed out the gifts. Brownie Girl Scouts sang carols too. Nice evening. The Heritage Estates Christmas party is 6:30 p.m. Thursday December 19.

The annual Friona High School Choir Christmas concert is Monday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free. Director Allison Johnston suggests you bring a non-perishable food item to support the

new Friona food bank. Allison says, "Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music and help alleviate hunger in our community. It's a win-win."

It is almost time for Chieftain/Squaw district basketball to begin. The district games will be broadcast on KNNK Radio 100.5 or you can listen via the television on WT Services channel 6. The broadcast schedule will be included in our paper each week. Go Big Red!

My kids in Denton, Frisco, and Coppell were all iced in during the four-day ice event in the Metroplex. Except my son Casey was on a tour of Israel and Jordan when the ice came. Youngest daughter Megan tried to drive in the mess and got her car stuck for a couple of days then towed by the city of Denton plus a parking ticket. After a \$160 towing fee she has her wheels back and another valuable life lesson learned. Megan's birthday is December 16. She will be 23. Happy birthday baby girl.

Effective January 1, 2014 our Friona Star subscription and advertising rates will increase about 10%. It is the first rate increase in ten years. The single copy price will increase from 50-cents to \$1.00. Announcements, i.e. birth, engagement, wedding, anniversary will increase from \$10 to \$15. We will continue our no charge policy for obituaries. Thank you all for the support of our community newspaper. We look forward to continued success in 2014. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Until then!



courtesy photo

Cargill Cattle Feeders located in Bovina held a peanut butter drive for the Snack Pak 4 Kids program in Friona. 101 jars of peanut butter were donated through the drive, of which the cattle department donated the largest number. They are pictured, front row l-r: Shawn Walton, Meredith McGowan, Ernesto Avila, Manuel Hernandez and Pilar Cecenas. Back row: Heliodoro Brito, Ismael Chavez, Edgar Ibarra, Darren Berkopec and Miguel Salazar. Not pictured, Jesus Tarango.

Country Thoughts

dana jameson

Twelve days left of good shopping

Here on the 12th day of December the question of the day is "Have you finished your shopping?"

If the answer is yes, good for you!

If the answer is no, oh my!

There are only 12 shopping days until the big day. Well, really there are only about five days of good shopping left because stores get a bit picked over the later you wait.

At one time in my life, I actually started shopping for the next year right after Christmas for all the people on my list. I even sent out Christmas cards back then.

Things have changed a great deal since that time in my youth. For one thing, presents are expensive. I do not remember them being this expensive in the past.

Of course, they were but I just did not think about the expense as much as the joy they would give.

According to an updated cost analysis of the Twelve Days of Christmas, the cost of the classic is no longer cheap and your true love will have some major outlay if he is so inclined to gift you this year.

Among the items that have

not changed in a year were Two Turtle Doves at \$125, Three French Hens at \$165, Five Gold Rings at \$750, Six Geese-a-Laying at \$210, Seven Swans-a-Swimming at \$7,000, and the poor beleaguered Eight Maids-a-milking who have not received a raise and still only make \$58.

One Partridge in a Pear Tree is a bargain this year. This item went down from \$205 in 2012 to \$200 this year.

Four Calling Birds will cost you \$600 as compared to \$520 previously.

Eleven Pipers Piping and Twelve Drummers Drumming went up 2.9 percent costing the consumer, respectively, \$2,562 and \$2,775.50.

Ten Lords a Leaping are a bargain at \$5,243, which is up from \$4,767 from last year.

The biggest ticket item is Nine Ladies Dancing at \$7,552, which is up 20%.

The grand total for 2013's Twelve Days of Christmas is \$27,393. If you are an online buyer, it will cost you another \$12,300 in shipping. (Birds are expensive to ship!)

Wow! I do not know about you but I think I could enjoy the cash much more than cleaning

up after a gaggle of geese or any other bird.

I have simplified my shopping, as I have gotten older. I have two sons and a daughter-in-law that are at the top of the list. One of the boys always wants money because I am not computer savvy and will purchase the wrong doohickey for his computer. The other son and his wife just got married so they are still trying to break in all the new stuff so I will do my best to fill in where the wedding gifts did not.

I have simplified the rest of my list to the point of only purchasing a few items and sending cards. I also like to call and wish my loved ones Merry Christmas. My relatives are spread between here and Wisconsin with a few stops in Oklahoma and Kansas so presents and visits are a bit difficult but calls work pretty well.

Does this make me cheap? Probably, but sometimes it is the thought that counts.

Time is ticking and the weather is not helping much.

By the way, if my true love feels the need to purchase the Twelve Days of Christmas...get over it! There are plenty of ways to use that money.

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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
I want a skylanders plush and games a pet.
Love, Noah

Dear Santa,
I want a bat. I like Sadv. I like Santa.
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a toy Sata. I like Sata.
Love, Aurora

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like to have a good friend. I make a good friend and my friends are but I was good my friend home she is a good and me and mom and Dad we like to see my momfriend.
Sincerely, Selamawit Yemane

Dear Santa,
I want a xbox1 and wii.
Love, Rafael

Dear Santa,
I want a car.
Love, Gustabo

Dear Santa,
I want a hat. I like Sata.
Love, Mathias

Dear Santa,
I want a lot ov skylanders. I like to get a IPod.
Love, Brice

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Love, Marca

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Love, Cayden

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Luv, Jonathon

Dear Santa,
I want a big hug Elmo, I want a monst truck, I want a togd, I want a presints.
Love, Foster

Dear Santa,
I like a toy.
Love, Justin

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like to have A Ipad with white around it that's my orepresent for this yea. SO how is Mrs. Claus and you? How is rudof does his nose still light up? How are the elves? I hope you bring me my present.
Sincerely, Diego Escamilla your friend

Dear Santa,
I like Satjo. I want a lot of prese as and a of toys.
Love, Gael

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I would like to have 1 present. Which is a real Dog.
Sincerely, Jolee Danielle Salas

Dear Santa Cluas,
For Christmas I want toys. I really love Chrisamas. It is my fovirt holaday. I've been a good and bad girl but I now I don't decerve presents but I relay love Jesuse is Birthday. What I want for Chrisamas more cards, bikr, My life doll, barbies dram hose, Barbie, my nat to go and live back with me.
Litzzy

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an iPad and pajamas and a lap-top and I want a Zibra or a chita chair for my room and brown snowy boots.
Megan Jackson

Happy Birthday December 15-21

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

Dec. 15-Don Reeve, Crispin Buchanan, Deena Willard, Connie Willard, Sylvia Ingram, Luke London, Lana Allemand, Juan Perez, Haden Smiley, Deven Black, Marion Carson, Linda Marshall, Carol Ortiz, Emily Kessler, Erma Schilling

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

Dear Santa,
I have been rilly nice this year. I would like to have an iphon 5 and pajamas and a chita or a zebra chair for my room and sweaters and a laptop and a ipad and I want chita slippers and a vibration chair. What are you doing fo Christmas. I know you are going to take the raindeer to deliver presnts. I am going to my gramas hopefully I could get what I rilly want and I'm going to we are going to have Cun because all the family is going to be there, so how is Mrs. Clues tell her I said hi and tel roudolph that I rilly like him hope you can come to my house and eat cookies and milk if you thell be chocolate chip.
Sincerely, Megan

Dear Santa,
I wont dlotva gesis. I like satu tocvmtomydoz.
Love, Danare

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year and I want a Play Station 4 for Christmas. I don't want coal for Christmas because I'll cry. I want a Play Station 4 because I don't have a game system that works. I also want a game to go with it. I also want internet to go with it please. I beg you Santa Claus to get me a Play Station 4 for Christmas. I'm counting on you to get me a Play Station 4, a game that goes to it and internet on the Playstation 4. Please get me all of this stuff.
Sincerely, Patrick

Dear Santa,
I want five things from you. I also have too questions. Do you have other raindeer teen the ones how fly your slae? Do you get think you got what that boy or girl wanted? The thing I want for cristmass are My little pony funkow dolls, Old little pet shop, Equetrea girls dolls, Monster high and itunes card. That is all I want. Please right back.
Love, Abby George

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office
December 2, 2013, Charles Robinson, 22, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending in County Court.
December 3, 2013, Michael O'Brian, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for motion to revoke (possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces), pending in County Court.

December 3, 2013, Jason Longo, 42, of Texico, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for a Curry County warrant. Longo posted bond and was released.

December 4, 2013, Michael Ainslie, 31, of Hereford, was arrested by the Friona Police Department for theft of property, pending in County Court.

December 4, 2013, Misty Luce, 29, of Houston, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a Harris County warrant, pending transport.

December 5, 2013, Jessie Dimas, 42, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (driving while intoxicated), pending in County Court.

December 8, 2013, Miguel Alvarenga, 41, of El Paso, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for an accident involving serious bodily injury or death, pending in Grand Jury.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds reported by the County Clerk's Office for the week of November 21-December 4, 2012.

Henry Louise Jane Phillips-Henry Jane Living Trust, W/2 S2 BLK A

Wilson Ferguson Farms, Inc.-R.H. Cox Jr. and Sandra Cox, S/2 S63 BLK H THOMAS KELLEY

Robert Sandvick and Shirley Sandvick-City of Farwell, L14 B3 Landford and Nutt Farwell

Ruby Meeks, Shirley Sandvick, Barbara Watford, Sybil Ham Alexander, Roy Wagner, Mary Casina Pitkanen, Frank Wagner, Jessica Renea Glass, Paul Samuel Glass, June Renea Ham Childers, Craig Ham, Lawrence Ham, Jr., Chris Ham, and Leona Mae Ham Estate-City of Farwell. L15-18 B3 Landford and Nutt Farwell.

James Ryan Willoughby and Crystal Willoughby-Jeffrey Pierce and Victoria Pierce, L27-29 B58 Less NE 5'X67" L29 OT Farwell

Mary Merrell-Mark Englant and Susan Englant, L11-15 B34 OT Bovina, L16-17 S/2 L18 B34 Bovina

Charles L. Bass, Bette Jones and Troy Bass-Open X LLC, W/2 S4 T1N R4E, NE/4 S1 T1N R3E

James Michael Tarrant and Alisha Lynn Tarrant-Blue Sky Farms, LLC, 341.628 AC S19 Doud & Keefer, 291.846 AC S20 Doud & Keefer

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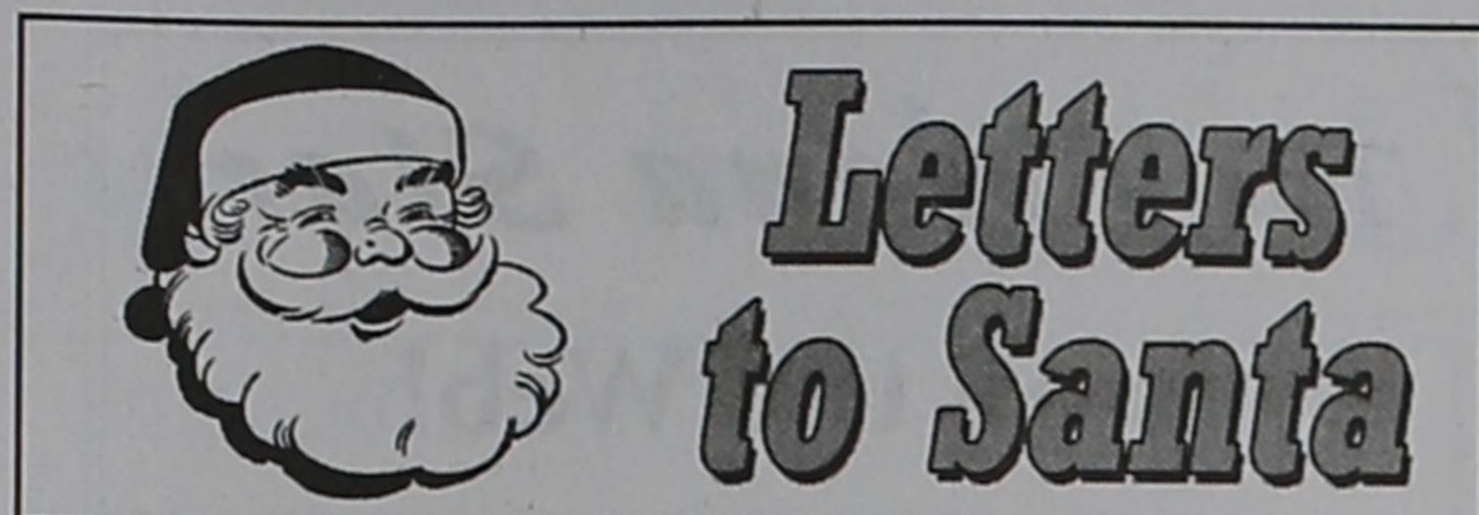
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Love Leslie Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How ro the randers can I hav a Elf? Can I hav a elephant Can hav a tablet? Good Bye
Love. Damian Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I would like clothes long sleeves.
Love, Maddie kay Tyler

Dear Santa,
How do you look? I will like you to bring me a Barbie.
Thank you, Kaylee Quirz

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa. how is your wife. I wil like a kitten.
Love, Angelica Reyes

Dear Santa,
How are you? Does Mrs. Claus wear red? I would like a I Pad and a phone.
Love, Jessica Piedra

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus is she good or bad? I would like to have a puppy for Christmas.
Love, Audree Reyes

Dear Santa,
How are you santa can you bring me a ipad.
Thac you Arianne Cruz

Dear Santa,
Do you lik cookies. I want a toy machine gun. Santa you are my BFF.
Thank you, Nathan Tafoya

Dear Santa,
I would like a gaint whale for Christmas. I would like a chee-tah that runs fast.
Love, Omar Perrchez

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me su-per powers do I can run fast on top of water? I have been good.
Love, Karely Nunez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like an iPad and comput-er and a soft dog and fun park game.
Love, Vanessa Penaran

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a little ipad.
Sincerely, Aubrey Lynn Schueler

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a computer.
Sincerely, Daisy Ortiz

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like for Christmas? I want a puppy.
Love, Orlando Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
What cookies would you like? I would like you to bring me now boots and now clothes and I would like a puppy.
Love your friend, Odalis Be-navente

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy woody from toy story. I would like some cars.
Thank you, Aldo Salas

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I want a pup and a pohaws for Christmas.
Love, Dannelle

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Love, Emily

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Love, Kaylee

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Love Elisah

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Love, Isaiah

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Love, Isaac Med

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I love Santa.
Love, Emily

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I want book.
Love, Aubree

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Love David

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I want a irel laptap. Ix box.
Love, Lorenzo

Dear Santa,
I want a ds and a trampoline.
Love, Deysy

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Barbie hawoes and tadtit and playing hawoes.
Love, Mia

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox and a wii and a ds vien and a trap vien.
Love, Rene

Dear Santa,
I like u I x box ad u letop coocer Luv Muim. Luv Satur-day Clws. I kike mflaley.
Muim Martinez

Dear Santa,
I like a xbox.
Love, Jiro

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Do you hear what I hear?

JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th St. Church of Christ

(Author's note: I have had some ask questions about Olive in last week's article. It comes from the song Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer, "all -of- the- other reindeer use to laugh and call him names." Now say it quickly...all-of (Olive) hope this helps and you get my weak little joke.) Now off to this week's article...

Title comes from yet another great song of the Christmas season. A lamb sees a star, a shepherd boy, hears a song, a king sees a child. I have done little service to this song here, but encourage you to look it up and listen, it is a beautiful song. Let me just pose for a second the same questions that come from this song, but for fun let's let God be the one asking them.

God: Do You See What I See?

Me: See? See What?

God: Do you see the wonder of creation, from pollen dust to mountain peak? Do you see beyond the chaos and the lives lived so vainly without Me? Do you see the loneliness in one and the hope in another? Do you see what I see?

God: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Me: Could You Repeat the question?

God: Do you hear the roar of a waterfall and the hush of a breeze as it gently plays with the leaves? Do you hear the voice giving praise and the cry of a lost child? Do you hear the shouts of anger and the pleas of a child yet born?

God: To the children who call Me Father, Beyond the holiday listen and see that which is around you matters to me.

Jesus saw what God saw heard what God heard and gave us the precious gift of His life, that our eyes and ears might be opened to all the possibilities of service to and for our King. Let us be about His work. (Matthew 25:31-46) During the insanity we call holidays, be aware, be open, be ready, be HIS.

FUMC to host Living Nativity

Christmas is almost upon us! The First United Methodist Church is excited about the birth of our Savior. We want to celebrate with the whole community with a Living Nativity scene. Everyone is invited to come and view the Living Nativity on Wednesday, December 18, from 5 - 7 pm at Rickey Rector's barn, just west of town on Highway 60.

Visitors to the Living Nativity will be treated to seeing Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, shepherds and wise men, along with live animals. The church's choir will be singing throughout the evening, and refreshments will be served to all who attend.

Transportation will be provided from the parking lot to the living nativity.

For further information, please contact the church at 250-3045.

Songs of the Season

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

This poem was originally published in the Sheffield Register newspaper of London on December 24, 1816 by James Montgomery and later became a majestic Christmas Carol. At almost two hundred years old, this song recounts the amazing trek of the angels from the heavenlies who came down to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in divine chorus before the shepherds. The song addresses the angels, shepherds, wise men and today's believers in four different stanza's and the chorus rings out "Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born king."

Do you know this song? The song is "Angels from the Realms of Glory," a poem, and then a song, that has blessed worshippers for almost two centuries. (excerpts of this article taken from Kenneth W. Osbeck, Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1996)).

OBITUARY

Joe Luis Salas

Joe Luis Salas, 56, of Friona, died Sunday, December 8, 2013 in Friona. Services will be scheduled at a later date in Mexico. Local arrangements are by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Salas was born December 28, 1956 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Jesus and Felicitas Iracheta Salas. He was an employee of

Cargill Meat Solutions of Friona.

Survivors include his mother of Chihuahua, Mexico; two sisters, Maura Herrera and husband Jorge of Los Lunas, NM and De Los Angelas Salas of Los Lunas, NM; five brothers, Saul Salas, Miguel Salas, Ricardo Salas, Gerardo Salas and Juan Salas, all of Mexico.

The family of Charles Clifton Rodgers would like to thank the administration and staff at Prairie Acres for the excellent care, love and compassion they gave our loved one. We appreciate them so much. We are grateful to have such a wonderful facility in our community. Sincerely, The Charles Rodgers family

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by Darla Bracken

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A few of my favorite things...

This holiday season as we reflect on our blessings: family, friends, homes and health, we often remember the things that made us the happiest.

Do you smile when you remember: holding your newborn baby how soft and warm they felt the comfort of your mother's kiss upon your cheek when your mother made snow ice cream after a really big snow the smell of a freshly cut Christmas tree your dad reading you the Christmas story from the Bible the smell of rain, the sound of thunder seeing a butterfly making and eating homemade ice cream hearing a mockingbird sing reading to your children or grandchildren listening to them reading to you reading a really good book especially on a cold, rainy day catching a snowflake in your hand talking to a special friend reading old letters playing with cousins holding a new baby playing paper dolls with your mother baking and eating cookies hearing church bells ringing helping children find the Big Dipper in the night sky walking in the rain

wading in the water eating cotton candy for the first time looking for seashells on the seashore seeing a rainbow, especially a full double one finding an Indian arrowhead hugging your grandparents eating fresh vegetables from the garden riding on a merry-go-round learning to bake a turkey learning to write your name having a warm house making a pie riding bikes with your friends slumber parties and telling ghost stories watching leaves change colors writing letters to soldiers watching your children at play singing along with the radio petting baby animals eating fresh fruit off the tree going Christmas caroling making new friends and visits from old ones the feel of a cool breeze in the hot summertime collecting rocks playing board games with your children looking at old photographs running with your dog and them letting you win making and baking fresh bread reminiscing with your friends at a class reunion

building a snowman giving just because knowing that your children are happy making snow angels riding on a sled your grandpa made going for a walk in the woods seeing a hummingbird going squirrel hunting in Arkansa watching a sunrise going pheasant hunting with your dad the smell of roses in bloom baking your new husband an apple pie friends giving to others to honor your friendship going for a swim on a hot summer day skipping a rock across a pond listening to your dad tell stories making someone else happy the velvety softness of a horse's nose visiting with an elderly neighbor a cold drink of water when you were really thirsty getting a new puppy or kitten watching birds in a birdbath singing in Christmas programs as a child getting a hug from someone when you really needed one living in a town that has a library sharing memories of growing up in a small town with friends and family? It is a wonderful life.

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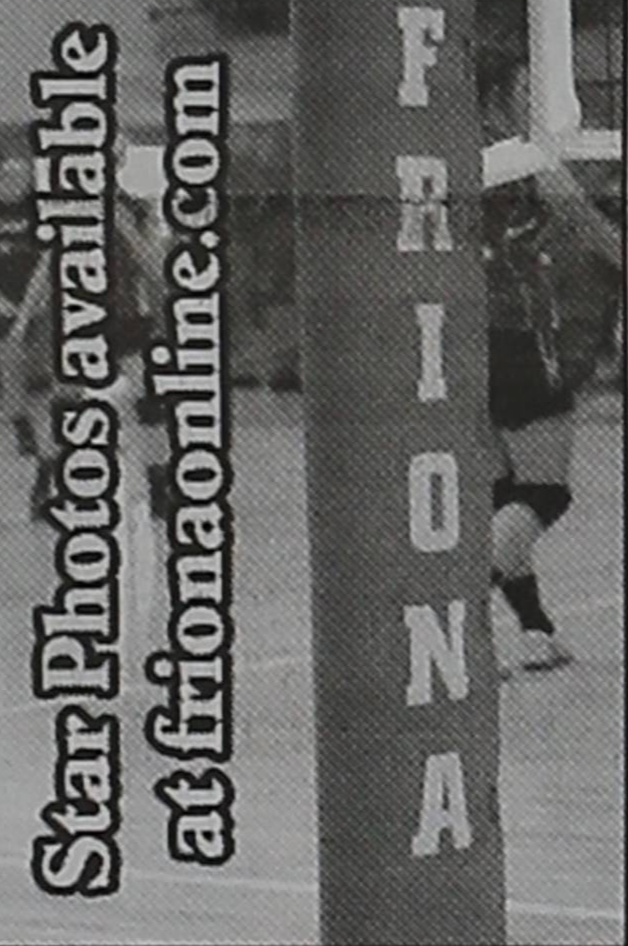
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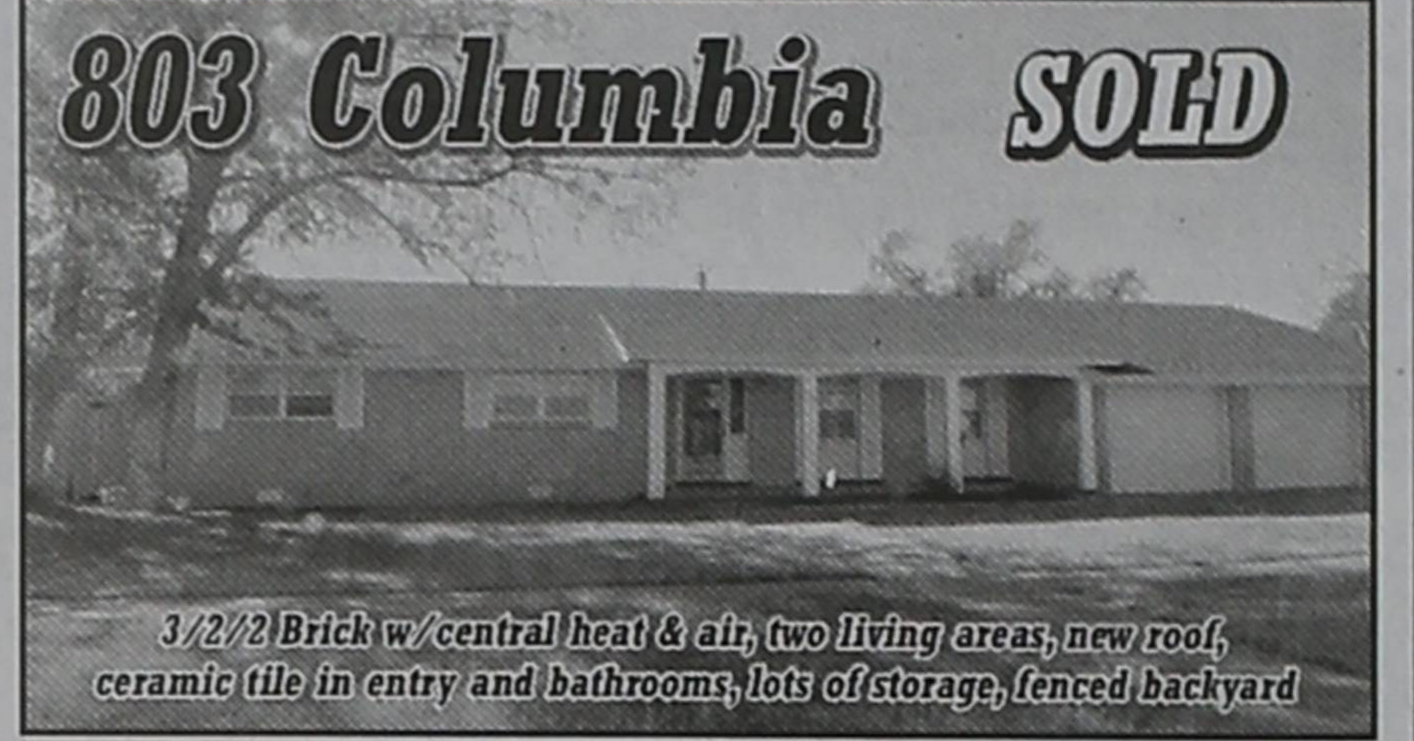
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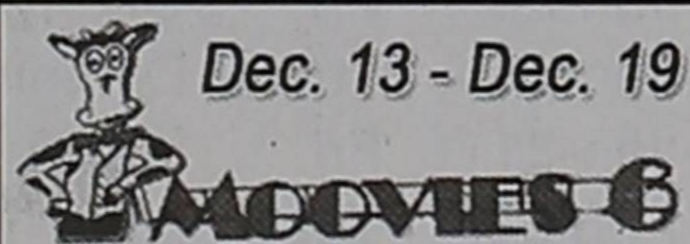
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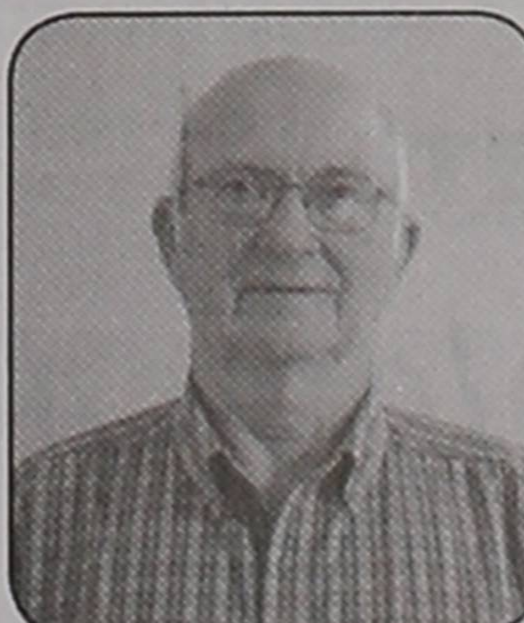
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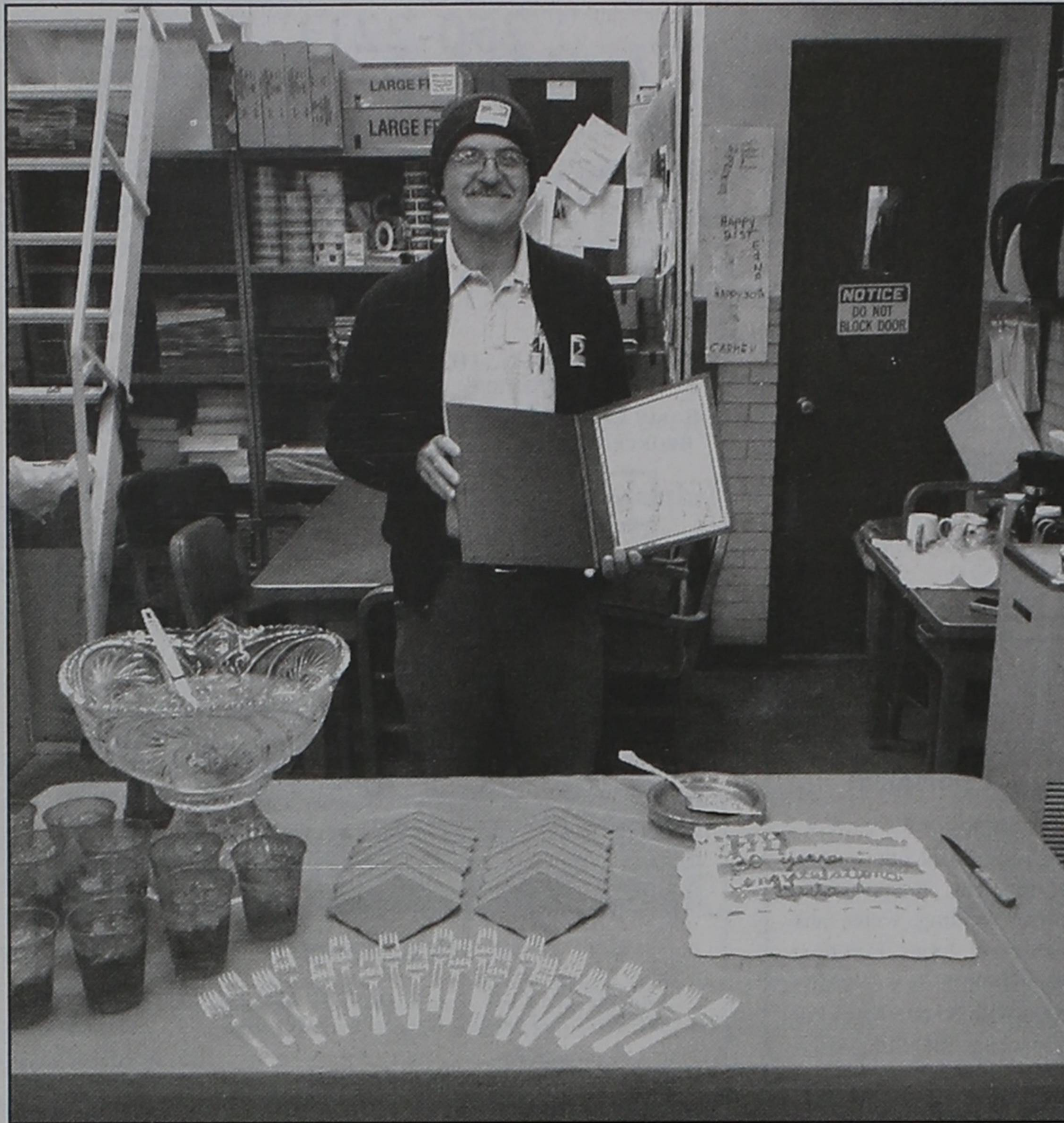
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Former Friona mail carrier, Luis Marquez, was recently recognized for 30 years of service to the United States Postal Service. Marquez began his career at the Friona Post Office where he worked for 1 1/2 years. He has been with the Hereford Post Office for 28 1/2 years working as a city letter carrier.

Standard Mileage Rates for 2014

The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2014 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- *56 cents per mile for business miles driven
- *23.5 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- *14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The business, medical, and moving expense rates decrease one-half cent from the

2013 rates. The charitable rate is based on statute.

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the

business standard mileage rate cannot be used for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

These and other requirements for a taxpayer to use a standard mileage rate to calculate the amount of a deductible business, moving, medical, or charitable expense are in Rev. Proc. 2010-51. Notice 2013-80 contains the standard mileage rates, the amount a taxpayer must use in calculating reductions to basis for depreciation taken under the business standard mileage rate, and the maximum standard automobile cost that a taxpayer may use in computing the allowance under a fixed and variable rate plan.

Nazareth Christmas pageant

By Jim Steiert

NAZARETH—Angels—a whole white-clad host of them—have been an integral part of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant since its beginning back in 1972. They'll be even more abundantly evident—and adorned in new fully-feathered wing—for this year's 19th staging of the Pageant Dec. 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church here. Admission is free and seating is first-come. Love offerings will be accepted to help defray expenses of the production.

From its inception, the Pageant has told the real Christmas story in scenes, songs, pantomime, and narration spanning the Annunciation, Nativity, visitation of the Magi, and through the return of the Holy Family to Jesus Christ's childhood home in the Galilean village of Nazareth. Some 150 residents of this community help to stage the event as actors, musicians, choir, artists, and technical crew.

Clever artists created Pageant costumes. Original seamstresses Lucille Drerup, Ann Heck, and Rosemary Wilhelm—all passed-on now—crafted Wise Men crowns from plastic bleach jugs—their robes from old communion railing cloth and priest vestments, soldier headgear from old fire helmets, shields from garbage can lids, and the original lanterns from fruit jars and funnels.

Angel wings were a chal-

lenge. Ladonna Brockman Miller, an angel at the age of 12 in the first Nazareth Christmas Pageant, who today lives in Houston, recalls that her Dad, the late Ernie Brockman, with the help of his children, tried creating angel wings in addition to his other duties coordinating the original 1972 Christmas Pageant.

"My Dad and I worked on the original angel wing frames on an old press in the barn south of Nazareth. My brother, Kerry Joe was involved in that part a lot more than me. Dad assigned me the responsibility of working with the youth choir to sing carols before the production and to try and get a group of my friends to be the angels. During those first years I had several roles, including being a narrator when I came home for Christmas break from college," says Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Miller's brother, Richard, says his Dad wanted to shape the angel wing frames from wood, and though he tried to help, he wasn't experienced in wood bending. "Our brother, Kerry Joe, actually remembers making a wooden wing frame, but it was too heavy for 'little angels' to walk around with, so that approach was abandoned. Dad and I worked together using thin copper tubing, bending it around different size buckets using clamps to hold the basic shape while applying heat for

the forming. I don't know if that version was used, but our aunt Rosemary Wilhelm did come by with some material for the wings to trial fit, and took the forms with her."

Eventually, a wire wing frame evolved as the basic form for angel wings until the 2011 performance. At that point, Ilona Schilderink, a Pageant seamstress, upgraded the angel wings with new tulle over wire frames and added "wing bling" in the form of garland etching.

Now working on her third pageant as a seamstress in addition to lending five children for roles as shepherds and acolytes in the production, Mrs. Schilderink is constantly on the lookout for different ideas for costuming.

She found a whole new approach for heavenly hovering while browsing online—real feather wings. She obtained a supply, and set to work spray painting to ensure that the new flight gear will prove highly visible.

Thanks to a continuing supply of hometown talent that has been a mainstay of the beloved tradition since its earliest days, an expanded host of eight angels—and the messenger Angel Gabriel, will wing their way through their scenes in this year's Christmas Pageant.

They may well bear their audience away to the wonder of the Christmas story.



CASA training begins in January

Great Plains CASA for Kids will begin winter 2014 new advocate training in January.

Training is tentatively set up for January 20-22 from 5-9 p.m., January 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and January 27-29 from 5-9 p.m.

All sessions must be attended to complete training. This is a mandatory 30-hour class training and 4 hour independent study program that a prospective volunteer must complete before becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

"Great Plains CASA for Kids

is in desperate need of volunteers," stated Jeri Wells, CASA Volunteer Recruiter and Coordinator. "We serve five counties including Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer. Currently there are 14 volunteers, most of who are in Deaf Smith County."

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to help the courts deal with the overwhelmingly difficult and costly increase in child abuse cases. Volunteers are screened and highly trained before being appointed.

"Volunteers are frequently the most consistent adult in the

lives of the children during their involvement in the child welfare system," stated Wells. "Being a CASA volunteer means being a friend, giving a smile or a pat on the back. It means saying to a frightened child, 'I am here for you.' It means having a heart full of love for a little person you have never met before."

For more information in the Friona and Hereford area about the upcoming training or becoming a Great Plains CASA volunteer, contact Jeri Wells at 806-363-1211 or by email at jeri@gpcasa.org

KNNK Friona Basketball Broadcast Schedule 2013-2014

Dec-17	Tue	Muleshoe	Friona	06:30 PM	G
Dec-31	Tue	Olton	Olton	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-03	Fri	Dimmitt	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-07	Tue	Littlefield	Littlefield	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-10	Fri	Tulia	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-14	Tue	Abernathy	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-17	Fri	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-24	Fri	Olton	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-28	Tue	Dimmitt	Dimmitt	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-31	Fri	Littlefield	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Feb-04	Tue	Tulia	Tulia	06:30 PM	G/B
Feb-07	Fri	Abernathy	Abernathy	07:30 PM	B
Feb-11	Tue	Muleshoe	Friona	07:30 PM	B

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Form Jacee

Dear Santa,
My mom said I can have 2 presents so. I want a Nintndo or a Tablet and a salon chair ford-dis. Oh and how is life in the cold? Thank you for the presents last year. And thank you for my elf Emily.

Love, Ellie McEuen

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a Furby boom and a I Pad with the apps. I also want a flutter by fairy. P.S. I want all the apps of Furby boom.

Merry Christmas, Mariela

Dear Santa...
I would like 1 pair of snow boots, a otter box for my I pad, 2 pairs of shoes and something else but I don't want to know. For you I will give you some cookies but I don't have a chimney so go through the window or the door.

Love, Karla Chavez

Dear Santa,
I wood like a brade new bike, shoes, x box, wii and a bakeball, soccerball. Brand new close and I wood like a skater. And a football seselie.

Xuan Garcia

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas from you is a xbox 360 with lefty dead and lefty dead 2 or you can get me a realy fast Yamaha that's as big as the one me and my dad say at thrme. If you get me that stuff tell your elves I said thank. Instead of milk and cookies wear leaving you cup-cakes and chocolate milk. I have really good trust in yous ant a this year and I've been realy good this year.

Signed Clayton Wade Caywood

Dear Santa,
For Chismas I want homless or pore people to have food or to have a home that is all I want for Chrimas I did not want eney toys this year I have been thinking about it for a long time and I decided that I want the pore or homeless people to have a Merry Chrimas and that is all I want for Chrimas.

Andrew Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a mine ipad for Christmas and a bike because the wim I have does not work. I also want a phone for Christmas so that I can talk to me friends on the weekend there is one more thing I really want is for my family to have a great day on Christmas because it makes me happy when it see my family happy and full of joy in the morings.

Sencely,
Luz

Dear Santa,
I want a easy bake oven for Christmas. I really want one Ever since it was on tv I wanted one. I want to make cakes, cookies and cupcakes for my parents. Maybe one day that my brother visits I can make him something. He will love it I feel it. I also will like a American Girl doll. But I want the easy bake oven the most ok Santa. By the way how is Rudolph. I hope he is fine. Say Hi to him for me.

Your friend, Ahtzire Soltero

Dear Santa,
For Chrimas I want a truck with a traler with cows and I also want 2114 wesoling and WWE Championship and I wish you and Mis Cluse a happy Chrimas.

Aaron Salinas J.R

Dear Santa,
What I want for chrimas is a guitar. I always wanted a guitar. I think guitars are cool. Some are cool because you could rock a role, but I want a guitar to wright songs and make lyrics. I would like a pink guitar but if you don't have one I would want a blue mermaid one. I will also like a stand with it. If you can may I please get a lyrics book with it. Maybe when I grow up I could become famouse.

Your friend, Esperanza

Dear Santa Clause,
I wish that I can have peace, love, and quiet.

I want peace and quiet because I get irritated easily and mad. Each time I'm in an arguement I shout, yell, or scream. Each time somebody annoys me with noise I yell at him/her or them. I want love because some people hate me for no reason. One time my friend's friend hated me because I was getting along with his friends. That's why I want peace, love and quiet.

Octavio

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a tablet, a wii U, a ramote controle car, and for my family to come and visit us or if we can visit them.

Jayden Villanueva

Dear Santa,
How are the raindeer and elves. This Christmas I want a soccer net just like you gave us a basketball net last year. I do want the soccer net to be big not small like other soccer nets. I would also like one of those 3-d posters with a soccer player on it. Those are the things I want the most. P.S. Would you like Belgium waffles again.

Love, Tim Ally

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a monkey and a tablet, phone, zibbra cover, the very much thing I would like is a baby doll for Christmas,

Love, Sabrina Raymond

Dear Santa,
I want a little dogy for chistmas and I also want you to buy me a doghouse with everything.

Alexis

FHS releases 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

Friona High School Assistant Principal Erika Montana recently released the 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll.

All A's

Freshman: Kendall Barnett, Maria Nava Lopez, Taylor Stallings, Marilena Viemes

Sophomore: Salma Estrada, Anahi Gomez, Makayla Pierce, Elizabeth Rocha, Jasmine Rodriguez

Junior: Luis Anchondo, Angela Hernandez, Karina Hernandez, Tyler Hough, David Martinez, Denise Padilla, Jose Rocha, Clara Salinas, Haden Smiley

Senior: Perla Bautista, Jesus Lopez Huicoza, Jacob Osborn, Esdras Rodriguez, Samuel Silva, Ricardo Soto

All A's One B

Freshman: Briana Alvarado, Alejandro Cigarroa, Mason Fleming, Daniela Flores Lopez, Alexa Garcia, Evarista Herrera, Damien Lowery

Sophomore: Eva Alvidrez Delgado, Joshua Barnett, Hillary Bermea, Courtney Bunker, Jacob Harrison, Kaegan Kerby, Erika Maldonado, Karen Meza,

Junior: Airam Chavez, Jacob Dickson, Edgar Guerrero, Mason Lofin, Arianna Moreno, Dan O'Brian, Celeste Rivas Flores

Senior: Daumenique Carranza, Isaac Gallardo, Derreck Hermandez, Trenton Hickman, Jakelin Sanchez, Lesly Serrano

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

By Melanie Gallman Braun.

How can you appreciate the cold? It's a great way to cool off after a hot and sweaty workout-eeek, how refreshing! That being said, walking and running outdoors right now isn't much fun. How do you get your cardio in when it's so cold outside? And even better... What kind of fitness equipment is on your Christmas list? Really? I challenge you to add some fitness equipment to your lists (and then use it). Doesn't matter if it is a major machine purchase or something that will fit in a stocking.

As far as major purchases go, you can choose from ellipticals, treadmills, bikes, rowing machines, stair climbers and all combos in between for cardio work. Elliptical

machines are great. You work your upper and lower body muscles and your cardiovascular system at the same time. Ellipticals are easier on your knees than treadmills. Some have ramps that you can adjust to intensify the work placed on different muscle groups, i.e., glutes, hamstrings, quads and calves. Major calorie burner.

Exercise bikes come in all shapes and forms. Bikes are also good if you have knee problems. They are usually the least expensive of all the machines and are great workouts if you don't just merrily stroll along. Treadmills can be more than just something boring to walk or run on. (Not counting somewhere to hang your clothes.) There are

lots of good treadmill workouts on the Internet that are fun and challenging. Stair climbers and rowing machines are usually found in gyms, but don't let that stop you from buying one if it's something you will use!

Fitness stocking stuffers run the gamut. My favorites are stability balls, resistance bands, hand weights, DVDs, gliders, and medicine balls. A BOSU trainer would be a very unique gift. BOSU trainers look like a stability ball cut in half on a hard plastic base. BOSU means "both sides up." These guys intensify any kind of workout by causing your to balance and engage your core. Most of these "gifts" come with workout DVDs. Grab your list and add fitness!



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The Friona High School varsity boys traveled to Melrose over the weekend and came away with wins against Tucumcari, Logan and Fort Sumner to win the tournament. Winning varsity team members were, back row, l-r, Gavin Douglas, Cole Stowers, Mason Lofin, Jacob Dickson, Saul Espino, John David Haile, Josh Barnett, Trent Hickman and Dallan Woods. Front row, l-r, Jose Zamudio and Brad Stowers.

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Love, Sophia.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a geat day. Santa can you bring me a kit-ten, make ups, close, I pad and a book that I can color.
Thak you Santa.
Love, America

Dear Santa,
Hat are you doing I have bin good I a truk toy. Any trak toy will be good. I hope you had a good ay.
Love, Erik

Dear Santa...
How are you? I want pop up bulloon and I want a crasy car and leggos.
Love, Erian

Dear Santa,
Santa are the elfs working hay I want a XboXone, and a I pod and deda Shoes and a fifa game.
Love, Angel.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great crisen-day four crises I wont feefu14 and playStaShan 4 and intendudse and legosse.
Love, Abram

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Haw is Mis Clas? I was good. Can you bring me Make up? Thank you Santa.
Love, Reyna

Dear Santa,
Santa how are you. Are the Presentan red? I wot an I Pad. I how are been good.
Love, Veissy

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How are you. For Christmas I want a playstain. Thank you.
Love, Omar

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Angry Birds Go gam and a remote control truck and trailer with a horn. I have been good.
Love, Tyler Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year Santa. Please bring me an ipod.
Sincerely, Lilly Abarca

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a puppy and a dress for my puppy.
Sincerely, Carolyn Borjas

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me an Easy Bake oven? I have been good.
Love, Xandra Casteneda

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a ds.
Love, Nadia Snyder

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me real nunchucks.
Sincerely, Ishmael Flores

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Angry Birds Go game and remote control truck. I have been good.
Love, Aaron Grajeda

Dear Santa,
I hove been good this year. I would like an Xbox 3sixte.
Love, Oscar Guerra

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me wiiu. I have been good.
Louve, Jose Luis Ontiveros

Friona ISD Nominations for Gifted and Talented Program

Friona ISD students in Kindergarten – 12th grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented Program offered by Friona ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.

Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the principal or counselor in their child's building for the appropriate form.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2014. A certified Gifted and Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission to the program.

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD en los grados de K-12 tienen el derecho de ser nominados por padre o maestro para el programa que se ofrece en nuestro distrito de niños Talentosos por el año escolar 2014-2015.

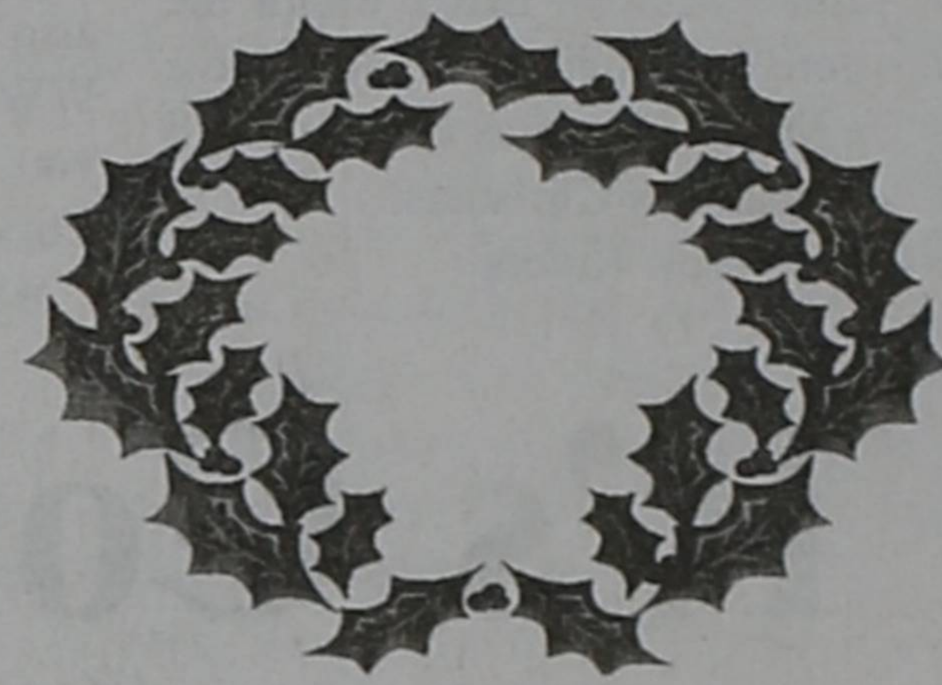
Los padres que desean de nombrar a su niño para este programa pueden hablar con consejera o el principal de la propia escuela para pedir las formas necesarias.

Las formas necesitaran ser completadas y entregadas a la oficina del principal para el 31 de enero del 2014. Los estudiantes nominados serán considerados y tomara evaluaciones las cual determinaran admisión al programa.

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