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FFA Toy Drive underway

Tracy Blount, Friona FFA instructor, announced that the Friona FFA is sponsoring a Toy Drive this year. Students and members of the community can bring new or slightly used toys to the FFA Ag Shop at any time until Monday, December 15. Toys will be distributed to needy children in the community as well as the Toys for Tots Drive in Amarillo.

Gift idea: Books for Christmas

The Friona Friends of the Library Book Shoppe would like to remind everyone that the best gift for Christmas is a book. The Book Shoppe is open every Wednesday from 1-5 p.m. The public is encouraged to come in and pick up a bag of books for \$1 and get ready for some snowy winter days.

Time for Santa Letters

Santa letters are being collected by teachers at the Friona primary and elementary schools. The deadline is December 8. Any Santa letters mailed at the Friona post office will be given to the Friona Star. Santa letters will be published in the next two issues of the Friona Star.



From Dr. Gary Cash: This Roadrunner hopped up in this mesquite tree when one of the coyotes came to get a drink from the pond at the windmill. Hehe

City council meeting Monday

The Friona city council will meet in regular session Monday December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

The agenda includes approval of previous minutes, departmental report from the police department regarding budget, expenses, and activities, and approval of November 2014 accounts payable and financial statement.

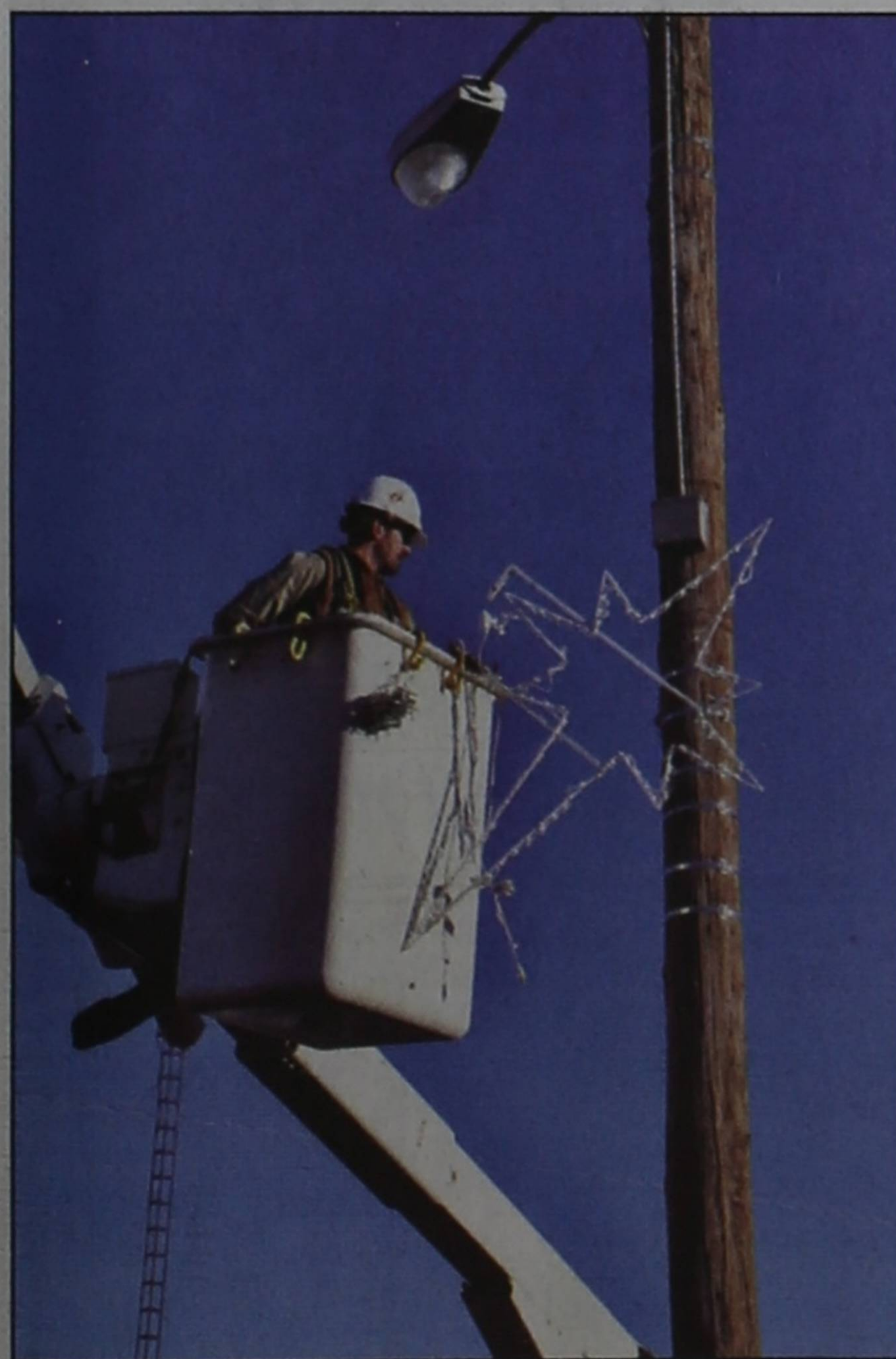
They will consider and take action on approval of a variance requested by Homer Haile at 1015 W. 11th to place a carport three feet in the city easement.

At the end of the regular agenda the council will go into closed executive session for a discussion to appoint Isidro Jimenez as police chief. He has been the interim chief since the resignation of Chief Frank Mooney. The council will return to regular session to take action, if any, on the discussion.

Lighting Contest deadline

Residents of Friona are invited to participate in the Friona Chamber of Commerce Residential Lighting Contest. Deadline to sign up for the contest is 3 p.m. on Friday, December 19. Just email a picture of your house (within a 5-mile radius of Friona) along with your name and address to the fedc@wrt.net. Winners will receive \$100 in Friona Bucks for first place and \$50 in Friona Bucks for second place.

For more information contact the Chamber at 250-3491.



dana jameson photo

Local Xcel Energy representative Joel Duffield took advantage of the nice weather Monday to put up the lighted stars on Main Street. We appreciate Joel and Xcel for donating the time to light Main Street for the Christmas season.



ron carr photo

Christmas came to town Monday evening as Santa made his arrival via Larry Rector's "Little Ole Train." Accompanying Santa were Little Miss Friona Ariana Vasquez and Miss Friona Kendall Barnett. Santa set up shop inside the Old Depot in the city park and the girls handed out candy canes to the little ones.

Santa will visit Bovina city park

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will host a community Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the city park Saturday December 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Bovina high school band ensemble and several elementary school children will provide music and sing carols. A St. Ann's Catholic Church youth group will perform traditional Mexican dances.

A ginger bread house contest will lead off the evening and prizes will be given: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15, and 3rd place \$10.

The Chamber urges everyone to participate in singing familiar carols throughout the evening. Coffee, hot punch, and hot chocolate will be served along with some great cookies.

Santa will be there to hear the children's Christmas wish lists and his helpers will

hand out candy to the boys and girls. Christmas decorations will be provided for the children to decorate the community tree and the evening will end with everyone singing Silent Night as the tree is lighted.

Chamber president Don Spring says, "It will be an evening devoted to fellowship and the joy of the special season in Bovina and everyone is invited to attend and take a special memory

home."

Also, Bovina residents are invited to enter the Christmas home lighting contest. Judges will award a \$100 prize for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. "Bovina always has beautifully decorated homes and we think the hard work of decorating should be rewarded," Mr. Spring said. To sign up call Don Spring at 251-1552 or Suez Smith at 251-1677 by December 13.

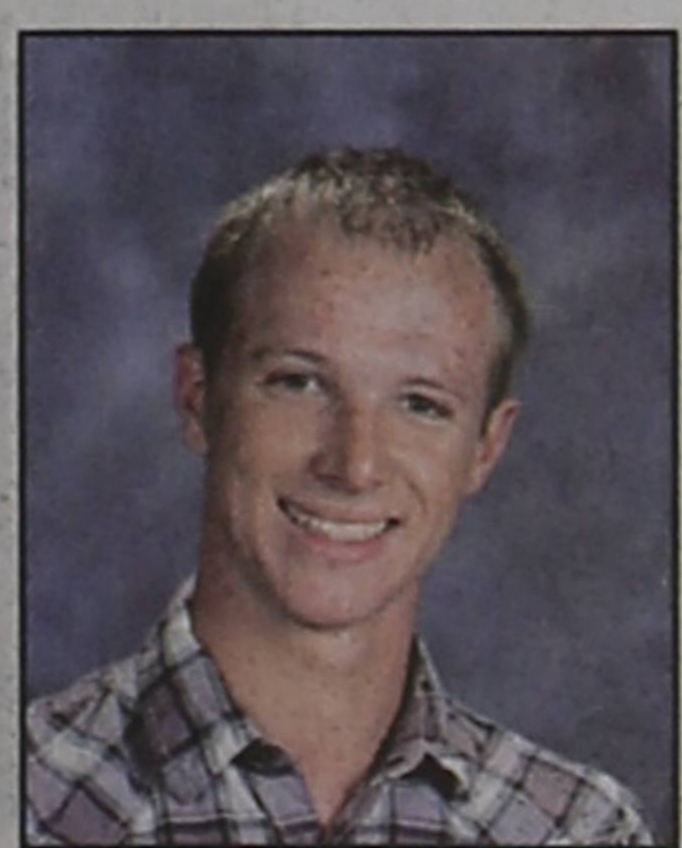


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Christina Green (4) comes up with a rebound as teammates Arianna Moreno (10) and Paige Upton (12) join the battle. The Squaws beat Boys Ranch 61-48. The girls will participate in the Melrose, NM tournament this weekend.

Barnett selected for aerospace program

Friona High School junior Josh Barnett has been selected to participate in the online distance learning portion of the Texas High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) Program at NASA Johnson Space Center. Josh is the son of Ricky and Erin Barnett.



Josh was chosen by a selection panel based on his outstanding application profile, including the essay composition and letter of recommendation. "The applicant pool was very competitive and Josh is to be commended on being selected for this program," stated Pam Ray, Friona

High School Principal. "He joins more than 150 students from across the state in this advanced science program."

After high school, Josh plans to attend Oklahoma State University and study aerospace engineering. Josh also holds the distinction of being the youngest licensed pilot at Clovis Municipal Airport. "The Friona ISD family is very proud of Josh and excited about this unique learning experience," stated Ray.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



on being an activist

The president invited some "young activists" to a meeting.

Got me to wondering what qualifies one to be an activist. One dictionary definition said, "an especially active, vigorous advocate of a cause, especially a political cause." Another version, "a person who campaigns for some kind of social change."

The word is from Latin actus, "a doing, a driving force, an impulse." If you take up a cause and/or demand change you are then an activist. A woman in Saudi Arabia was arrested for driving. Women in Saudi Arabia are not allowed to

drive. So some people are protesting the situation and they are being called activists.

In spite of that research I'm still not sure who is an activist and who isn't. Pretty sure you can't enroll in Amarillo College or WT and get a Bachelor of Activism degree. There are liberal college professors that promote activist causes and many federal judges are sometimes accused of being activist judges.

Some race-baiters like President Obama's buddy Al Sharpton stir the pot of activism among easily swayed youth. The thugs and looters

and street criminals in Ferguson, Missouri could hardly be classified as activists.

Several members of the Congressional Black Caucus spoke on the House floor this week with the "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" symbol in spite of the grand jury finding that Michael Brown did not put his hands up. Some of the so-called activists still claim he did and are taking advantage of the situation.

The Congressional Black Caucus members should be ashamed and embarrassed but they are not.

Many activists are just being activists because a whole mob of other people

are being activists. The videos of the looters in Ferguson are disgusting and un-American.

Reverend Martin Luther King gave his life being an activist for these people and for civil rights for all. I'm not passionate enough about any cause to be an activist. I suppose some of my opinions in this column are a tad activist. But I'm not joining a mob or caucus to prowl the streets looking for trouble. Some causes are legit and some aren't. It is not difficult to know the difference.

Here's to activists everywhere. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



ron carr photo

Brayden Pope (5) tries to navigate the baseline for a shot against Boys Ranch. The Chiefs led most of the way but lost a close game 61-58.

Senior guard Cole Stowers (23) brings the ball down against Boys Ranch. Stowers scored 19 points but the Chiefs lost in a close game 61-58. Next for the Chiefs is the Nazareth tournament this weekend and home vs. Melrose Tuesday December 9.



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Taylor Stallings (1) scores with a left-handed layup. The Squaws beat Boys Ranch 61-48 to improve their record to 3-3. Next home game is Tuesday December 9 vs. Melrose.



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Kendall Barnett (20) muscles past a Boys Ranch defender. Kendall and teammate Paige Upton led scoring with 18 points each as the Squaws beat Boys Ranch 61-48.

Squaws beat Boys Ranch

The Friona Squaws managed to scrape out a win over the Boys Ranch ladies in spite of 32 turnovers. The final score was Friona 61 Boys Ranch 48. The Squaw record is 3-3 as they head to the Melrose Tournament this weekend. First game is Thursday at 2:30 p.m. MST vs. Logan.

Leading scorers against Boys Ranch were sophomores Paige Upton and Kendall Barnett with 18 points each. Christina Green had 5 points, Taylor Stallings 5, Celeste Flores 4, Arianna Moreno 4, Johnna Thompson 4, and Erica Barrera 3.

Upton also had 11 rebounds, Green 10, and Moreno 7. The girls shot 19 of 52 from the floor (36%) but were helped along by 21 of 34 free throws (61%).

Chiefs lose two close games

The Friona Chieftains hosted a state-ranked Texline team Tuesday November 25. They were scheduled to play Farwell but they were still in the football playoffs.

The Chiefs lost a squeaker 62-60. Cole Stowers led scoring with 21 points. Dallin Woods had 18, Brayden Pope 6, Jacob Dickson 5, Keagan Kerby 5, John Haile 2, Mason Loffin 2, and Brent Hickman 1.

At Friona main gym Tuesday December 2 the Chiefs again were in the hunt, leading most of the way but losing by three to Boys Ranch 61-58. Stowers scored 19, Keagan Kerby 9, Brayden Pope 9, John Haile 6, Jacob Dickson 5, Saul Espino 5, Mazson Loffin 2, Dallin Woods 2, and Josh Barnett 1. The boys head to the Nazareth tournament this weekend and host Melrose here Tuesday December 9.

"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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- 39 "Texas ____ Chili Championship"

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 33 TXism: "____ the mark"
- 34 this Dee was in Broadway's "The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public"

Town Talk II

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

Spent Thanksgiving week-end in Denton and Frisco. Got to see all five of my kids and all five grandkids. Drove down on Wednesday and back to Friona Sunday. Gas was a lot cheaper this year than last. When I got home about 3:30 p.m. it was 76 degrees. About two hours later it was 28. Monday morning it was down to 9 degrees. By Tuesday it was back in the 60s. Winter has definitely come to Parmer County.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries has advised of a scam going around the state again. You might get a phone call that you missed jury duty and have to send in a fine. The Sheriff says they do not call people to collect fines by phone so don't send any money or account info. Just hang up. By the way there is a fine for missing jury duty but they are likely to come visit you.

In Detroit a homeless man stole an ambulance to go to a strip club named The Booby Trap. Only in America can you write a sentence like that and have it be true.

Dennis Field is planning a driver education class beginning January 5 to February 2. It will be three nights a week for two hours a night. Cost is \$375. For more info call Dennis at 265-

7635. Here's a sale you will want to make if you love garage sales. Saturday December 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 306 W. 14th, Kitty Gallman will be selling "a double garage full of Christmas gifts and décor." The location is the home of Kitty's mother Clydie Black who passed away recently. See the ad elsewhere in this Star.

Thanks to Friona Star subscriber Bill Bailey in Reading, Pennsylvania for sending a donation to the Friona Empty Stocking Fund. I believe Bill is a former Friona resident and a long time subscriber to the Friona Star. Donations to the Empty Stocking Fund can be made at Friona Interbank. Thanks again Bill.

Received a subscription renewal from Charlene Harper in Portland, Oregon. We appreciate all of our subscribers and especially those who live far away and still keep in touch with Friona. The Friona Str influence stretches from coast to coast.

Happy anniversary to Mike and Gena (Wright) Hankins on celebrating their 27th anniversary. Gena is a Friona girl who works for Plateau Cellular in Clovis and Mike is in his first

year as a Friona teacher and track coach after many years coaching in Clovis.

Friona firemen were dispatched Sunday afternoon to a grass fire in the median about a mile east of Black. I came through the smoke on my way home from Denton. Bovina firemen were sent to a trailer fire on north 1731 about 10:00 p.m. Monday night. At the same time the Bovina EMS were called to a residence for a possible heart attack. Friona EMS were called out early Tuesday morning for a health issue at the trailer park on 5th St. The Friona crew made a couple of runs to Amarillo during the weekend holiday. Thanks to all of our first responders for their service to the residents of the county. They stand ready 24/7 and we appreciate them.

Bovina's Christmas in the Park lighting ceremony is December 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Music, hot punch, hot chocolate, and coffee. Santa will make a visit. Even some caroling. More details in the story on the front page. Also the annual Christmas pancake breakfast will be held from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Saturday December 13 at the XIT Recreation Center. The community is invited.

Thanks you Joel Duffield and

Xcel Energy for installing the lighted Christmas stars along Main St. Joel and a helper got the job done Monday to brighten our holiday season.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for our Noon Lions Club shotgun raffle. They are \$10 each and available from any Lions member or at Andy Montana Insurance, Intheden Graphics, and here at the Star office. Take a look at the ad in this Star for more info about the gun.

Fudge made fresh by Sandra Berend. She is a veteran math teacher at FHS but could probably have a second career in marketing. Sandra was at the basketball games Tuesday evening handing out small samples of her amazing fudge. How evil is that? I am one of many San-

dra fudge fans. You can order for Christmas and Valentine's Day. Chocolate is \$10 a pound. The kind I get, chocolate with pecans or walnuts is \$12 a pound. Get your order in by contacting Sandra on Facebook or call 806-220-7628. Makes a good gift too.

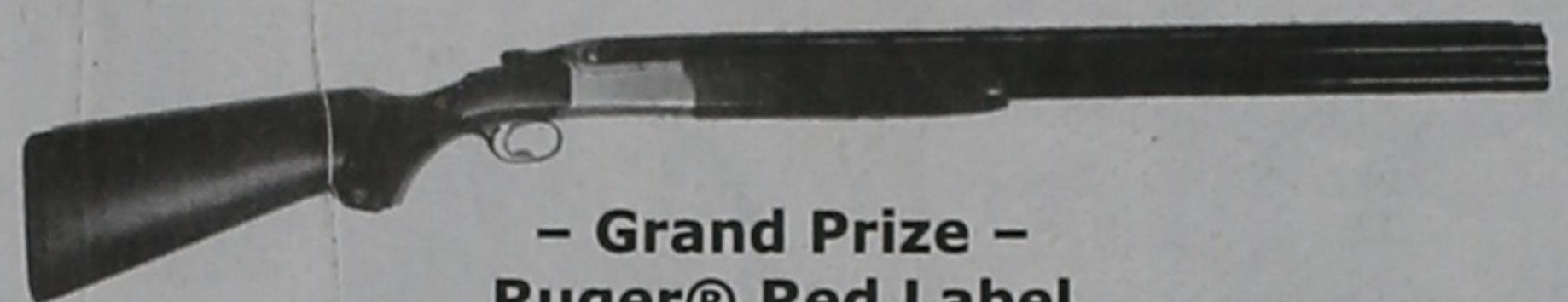
Good luck and wishes to Chieftain Coach Mike Prokop who is having knee surgery next week. His wife Shirley told me she and Mike spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Fredericksburg. She said they found a "little hole-in-wall cafe" that served a Thanksgiving dinner like her mom used to make and they had a great time.

A couple of weeks ago I wrote my column about food and complained about how bananas

go brown so soon. A local gentleman came by the office this week to tell me to separate the bananas. He called it "individualize them." Said they will last longer that way, up to 10 days. I'm skeptical but willing to try it. I shall report on the results of the experiment.

The hectic season has definitely begun. We will have three papers in December to wrap up another year. Our Christmas paper will be December 18. We will not publish a Friona Star during the Christmas week. We will publish a paper dated January 1, 2015, which will be distributed Wednesday, December 31. Santa letters coming up soon. It is a fun and frantic season. Take a breath. Remember the Serenity Prayer. Until then!

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Country Thoughts
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Kids!

I want to see a show of hands of all the parents who have had their children not act properly when out in public. I see quite a few hands raised out there. I think I even see President and Mrs. Obama's hands raised.

The big stink over the weekend was that the President's teenage daughters, Sasha and Malia, were reprimanded on social media by an aide for not being more respectful and not showing more 'class'. That aide has since resigned her position.

Now, think back to when your children were growing up. Did you ever fear that said children would blurt out a bad word in front of the preacher or that they would act out in front of a large crowd of people?

I remember a little girl that every time she was asked a question she would pull her skirt up over her head and hide. Her mother was mortified every time this happened. Fortunately, she outgrew this behavior and became a very well spoken young lady that overcame her shyness.

As far as the President's daughters behavior (acting bored and eye rolls) during a clearly posed photo op (the turkey pardoning)...they were just being teenage girls. If their father was not the President it would have been a non-issue.

The aide criticized their choice of clothing. She compared their outfits to deserving a place at the bar. They are children. They were fully clothed with nothing hanging out and their jeans were pulled up correctly. They looked like typical teenagers.

Gone are the days of Presidential children dressing in matching outfits and being seen and not heard.

President George W. Bush's 19-year-old twin daughters were cited in 2001 for underage alcohol offenses. Oops!

I am sure that if we were to look back at all the first-children we would find many that committed much worse offenses.

I think a lot of the problem goes back to the fact that with some people words fall from their mouth then find their way on to Facebook, Twitter, and all the social medias. Then the regrets and apologies and resignation follow.

What happened to thinking and considering a situation before blurting out the first thoughts that come across your mind?

I am sure you have heard the old saying, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!"

Maybe it is time to consider this saying when we are contemplating posting something.

Did you hit the stores last weekend?

I made the mistake of running to Walmart on Wednesday afternoon. I call it a mistake because I was nearly run over in the parking lot by someone that never looked back before backing up and blocking the entry. Then I dealt with sales representatives that only had thoughts of how quickly they could get out of the store and not how to help anyone.

I was still on crutches and managed to navigate through the above scenario before grumbling and stumping out to my car where a bright ray of sunshine came from two teenagers that offered to help me get into my car.

So, I guess there is a light at the end of the tunnel and this time it wasn't a train.

To our Friends and Customers:



Friona Interbank is hosting our annual Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 10 from 9-3pm and you are invited.

*In conjunction with our open house we are also hosting a retirement reception for long time employee, Shirley Ferguson. She will be retiring from the bank at the end of the year after devoting 49 years with us. Shirley started working at the bank in October 1965 and has given us loyal and dedicated service.

We at Friona Interbank invite you to come to our Open House and enjoy the goodies and also give Shirley your best wishes as she starts a new road to travel.

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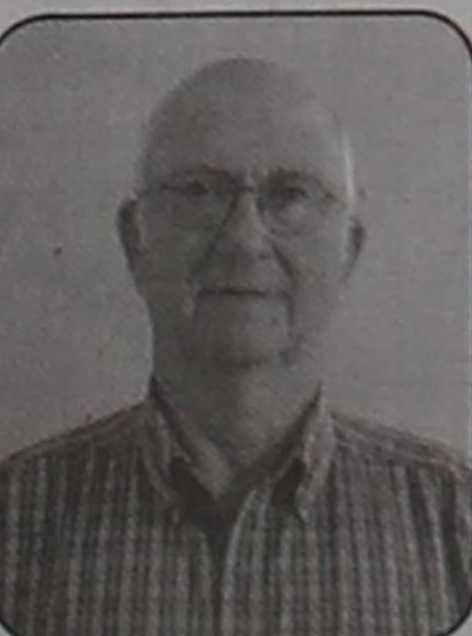
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Dec. 7-Hortencia Bermea, Carla Sue Scott, Lauri Rector, Melanie Braun, D'Lynn Carr, Brenda Busch, Karlee Osborn

Dec. 8-D.L. Osborn, Jesse Estrada, Kandace Frye Burk, David Lopez

Dec. 9-Bill White, Robert Martinez, Jake Brozek, Robert Rocha, Doug McLemore, Cassidy Malone, Candice Malone, Casey Meeks

Dec. 10-Rick Roden, Don Ready Connie King, Kenneth Wilkerson, Sharon Newton, Michael Johnston, Sabina Schilling

Dec. 11-Chris Hamil, Leigh Neelley, Libby Procter, M'Lynda Jarecki, Jeff Chaney, Lindsey Neill Beyers, Louise Bynum, Whitney Jo Dean, Darby Drummond, Chloe Sifford

Dec. 12-Nelda Ellis, Mark Ready, Sheila Gresham, Linda Knowles, Chad Stevick, Paul J. Smith, Sheldon Burleson, Mark Taylor Wood, Lavern Black, Jim Bob Swafford, Harley Isabelle Jones, Ron Price, Dustin Acker

Dec. 13-Taylor Duran, Guadalupe Nieto

New Arrival



Sophee Kaye Beyers

Adam and Lindsey Beyers of Vernon, Texas are the proud parents of a baby girl born Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 11:10 a.m. at United Regional Health Care Systems in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Named Sophee Kaye Beyers, the new arrival weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. Sophee has an older sister, Brynlee, who is almost 3-years-old.

Sophee's grandparents are Mark and Lisa Neill, of Friona, and Geoff and Linda Beyers, of Vernon. Great-grandparents are Pat Waller, of Lubbock, and Tommy Brockman and Kenneth Neill, of Friona, and Bobby and Glenda Nichols, of Vernon.

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the **Parmer County Sheriff's Office:** **November 24, 2014**

November 24, 2014
Barnabe Delacruz, Jr., 44, of Bovina, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on charges of assault and interfering with an emergency call. Both charges are pending in County Court.

November 29, 2014
Heliodoro Eddie Reyes, III, 20, of Friona, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

November 29, 2014
Maurico Martinez, 50, of Friona, TX, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of driving while intoxicated 3rd of more. The

case is pending in Grand Jury. **November 30, 2014**

Juan Primero-Luis, 35, of Friona, TX, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of driving while intoxicated with an open container. The case is pending in County Court.

David Salazar, 26, of Bovina, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of motion to revoke (possession of a controlled substance PG 2-A less than 2 ounces). Salazar was charged a fine cost and 120 days.

Pablo Solis, 19, of Friona, TX, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of bribery. The case is pending in Grand Jury.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office for the week of November 20, 2014 to November 28, 2014:

Lariat Gin & Supply, Inc.-Parmer County Cotton Growers, L1-4 Part of L7-8 L9-12 B1 Fox. W/2 S17 Blk Z WD & FW Johnson.

Harpold Irrevocable Trust-Darrel R. Cook and Deborah Cook, E/2 L8-14 B93 OT Farwell, W/2 L8-14 B93 OT Farwell.

Carol Ellis-Ellis Family Trust, S/2 L4 All L5-6 B7 Drake. Luis A. Nanez and Zulema Nanez-Jose V. Herrera and Sandra Herrera, L23-25 B24 OT Farwell.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development-Toribo Monarrez and Maria Monarrez, L13 B2 Welch Acres.



Friona Mayor Rick White welcomed all visitors to Christmas in the Park Monday evening and announced the arrival of Santa Claus as the high school choir sang carols.



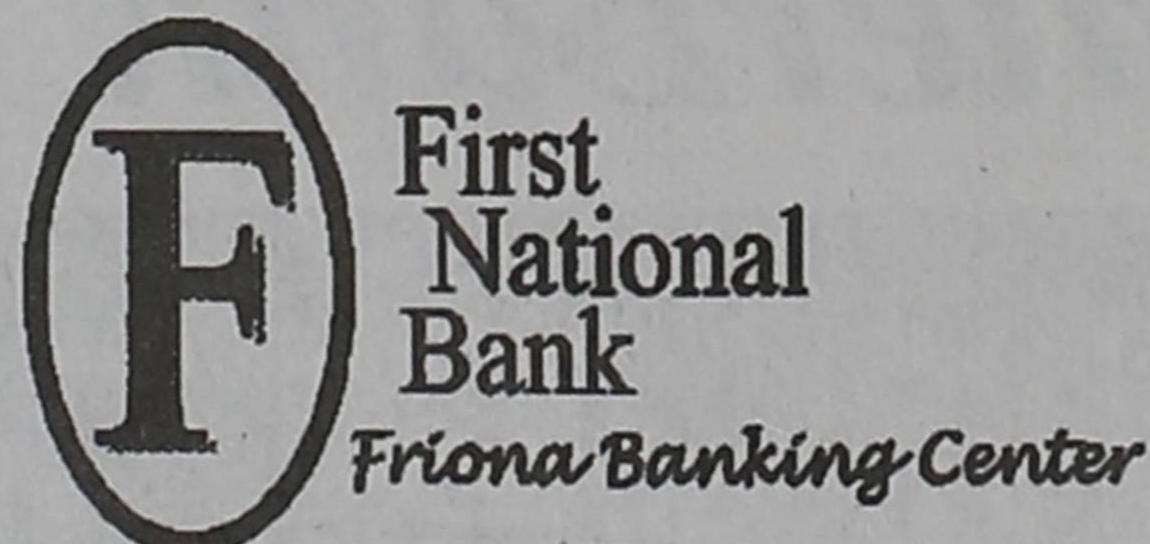
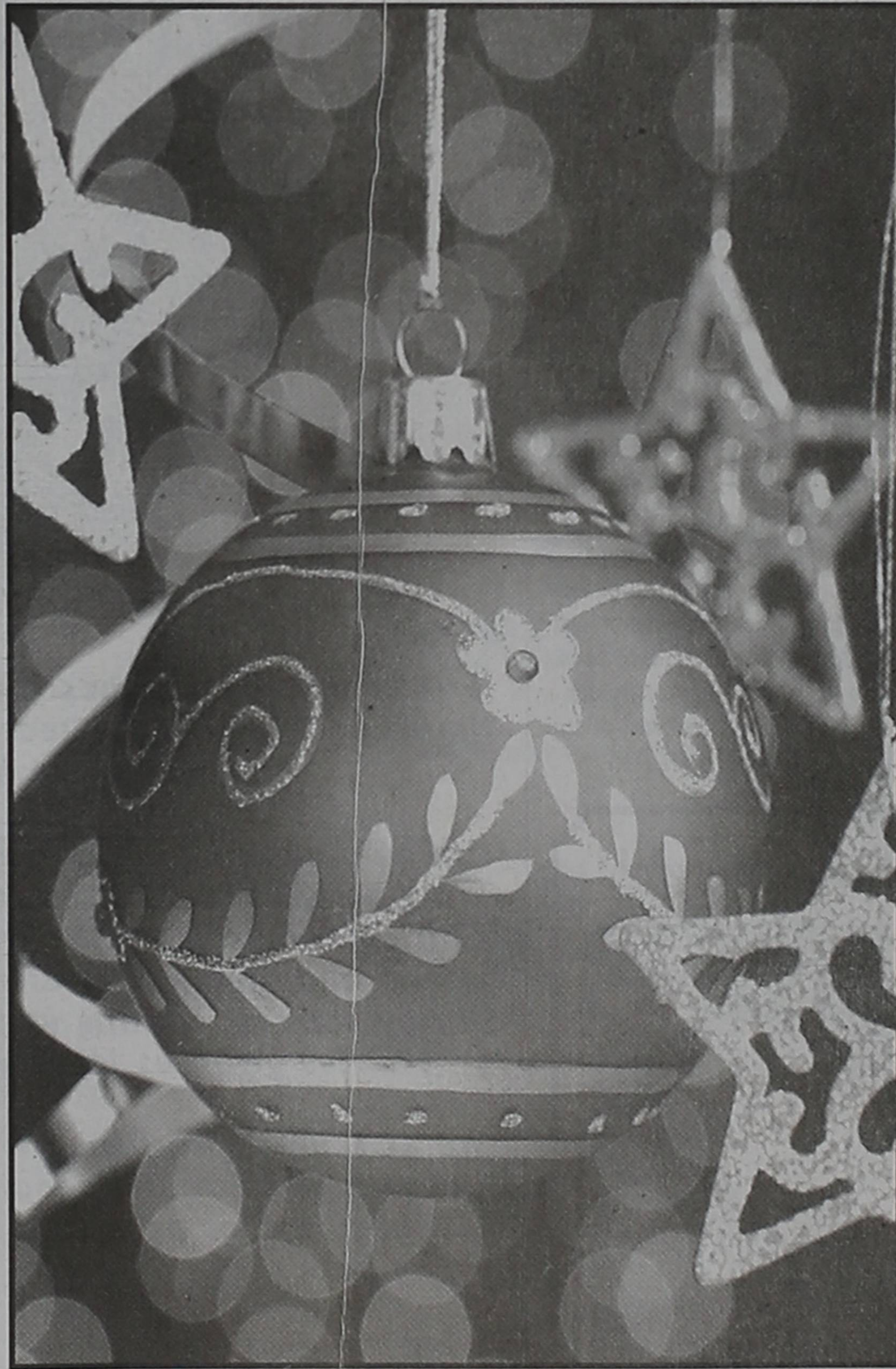
LT Dawn Weir, United States Navy, completed Officer Development School on Oct. 17, 2014 at Newport, Rhode Island. She is currently serving at the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit No. Six at NS Pearl Harbor, HI. Dawn is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and the daughter of Doyle and Debbie Weir of Lazbuddie, and the granddaughter of Marilyn Engelking of Lazbuddie and Billy Weir of Muleshoe.

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Who's Next

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Looking back over the recent weeks and months have you felt like there have been many untimely deaths in our community? By untimely, I mean people who died at seemingly young ages, or that their deaths were a surprise. It makes me wonder who's next.

It may seem a little creepy to ask such a question, but it is worth thinking about. It is worth thinking about first because of the rash of untimely deaths that we have experienced around us.

Secondly, thinking about "Who's Next?" is important because statistics prove that each one of us will die. Psalm 139 says that God has written the number of our days, and when our days are up, that's it.

Finally, it is vital to consider "Who's Next?" because it could be you. You say, "Surely not me," but you don't really know that. You can surround yourself with money, medicine and comfort, but death is no respecter of those things.

Therefore, since you, or I, could be next, we must be ready. Only Jesus can get you ready for death, because only Jesus has conquered death. To be ready if you are next, you must be saved from your sin by Jesus Christ. Come to Him in repentance and faith today, to receive life that is eternal and abundant.

Panhandle Parables

Let It Go!

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

If you are a parent of a young girl, like I am blessed to be, then the words to this title are all too familiar. Of course, when you have heard somewhere around seven million times it sort of sticks and for those who have not seen the movie Frozen you too can continue to read because I am going to focus just on these three words.

Letting go of things is hard to do. Satan uses all sorts of things to create in us a fear of letting go. I once had a friend who was a bull rider who told me letting go of the rope was hard for him because your natural reaction to falling is hanging on, but a bad idea if what you are hanging on to is a bull.

Learning to let go of fear, the past, the worries and sometimes even stuff is the most difficult. God who loves us and desires our freedom from all sorts of bondage, especially the bondage of sin gives us the only hope, but we must choose if we will let go of those things that hinder us from having the freedom we can have in Christ.

I like the holiday season, but am saddened with the attempt to fill voids in our lives with material things. I am not casually asking you to let go, as if it is the easiest thing in the world to do. It is often a challenge to let go of temporary things that we can see to grab hold of what is unseen. That is why faith becomes the key to our success.

Jesus was born, he did live and die and rise again. But in order to live like that has any real significance I must first let go of me to become His face, hands and feet to a world that is clinging to darkness because they see no alternative. We must show the alternative of living by faith is worth letting go of the fear, the past and the worries that plague us all. So I pray for your strength to let it go.

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Keep your focus on Jesus

By TEENA HUGHS

2014 has been a different and unusual year for me. Unexpected things happened that changed my plans and the course I thought I was on. I had plans to get four major projects completed; none of them are completed. Usually by now, I am on the downhill side of getting prepared for Christmas; at this point, nothing is completely done. Life: sometimes it gets in the way of our good intentions and plans, doesn't it?

The feeling of being behind can lead to frustration, mistakes, and sometimes anger; and, it can suck the joy out of

our lives. That is why I enjoyed the beginning of Community Bible Study so much yesterday. We just sat there and focused on Jesus while our worship leader sang.

In the end, I will get everything done for Christmas. All those projects that I think are so important this time of year will be completed, obviously not on my time schedule this year, but they will get done.

No matter what life brings my way, I know this: I need to keep my focus on the One whose birth we are celebrating by keeping up with my Bible study; increasing, not

decreasing, my prayer time; spending time thinking about Jesus and who He is and what He has done for humankind.

What peace there was yesterday when we just settled down, quit talking, and focused on Him. In the midst of all the busyness of Christmas, we don't have to lose

our joy; we don't have to become frustrated and angry. We can increase our relationship with Jesus if we will just remember to, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

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OBITUARIES

Susan Baker

Funeral services for Susan J. Baker, 65, of Hereford, TX were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 29, 2014 at First Baptist Church with Reverend Kyle Streun, pastor, officiating. Services were under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford. Mrs. Baker passed away Wednesday, November 26, 2014, in Hereford.



Mrs. Baker was preceded in death by her mother Lesta Lee and a sister Leeann Neill.

She is survived by her daughter Tessa Stow and husband James of Hereford; her father Kenneth Neill of Friona; two sisters, Cheryl Weatherly, of McKinney, and Becky Dunn and husband Cacey, of Aurora, CO.; two brothers, Mark Neill and wife Lisa, of Friona, and Mike Neill and wife Kristi, of Canyon; two grandchildren, Taytum Stow and Kyler Stow, both of Hereford.

Susan June Neill was born April 7, 1949 to Kenneth and Lesta Lee Sharp Neill in Friona, TX. Mrs. Baker attended Friona schools, graduating in 1967. Later she attended West Texas State University. She worked 18 years as a bookkeeper for Plains New

Holland. Susan was a loving daughter, mother and grandmother. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life. She was very dedicated to her family.

Robert Saiz

Funeral services for Robert Saiz, 66, of Friona, were held Wednesday December 3, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery.



of Corinth, Texas, and Philip Saiz of Friona; his parents Joe and Francis Saiz of Friona; five brothers, Daniel Saiz and wife Jovita of Sperry, Oklahoma, Nick Saiz and wife Cheri of Kingsland, Texas, George Saiz and wife Agnes of Kingsland, Texas, Jessie Saiz of Canyon, and Gilbert Saiz of Amarillo; four sisters, Frances Huckins and husband Alan of Friona, Linda Veraldo and husband Pete of Petersburg, Connie Northcutt and husband James of Carrizozo, N.M. and Ceclia Steelman and husband Rocky of Portales, N.M.

Robert was born February 10, 1948 in Fort Sumner, New Mexico to Joe R. and Francis Isabell Medina Saiz. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam. He married Marie Morrison on July 23, 1983 in Friona. He was employed by Blackwell Funeral Home for many years, he also was a landfill operator for Parmer County. He had been very active in Kids Inc., Friona Youth Basketball, Friona Football and Band Booster Clubs, and Boy Scouts of America. He at-

tended First Baptist Church. He loved fishing, golfing, family and old western movies.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny and Frankie Saiz and a granddaughter, Elleana Saiz.

Survivors include his wife Marie of Friona; two sons, Charley Saiz and wife Lori

of Friona; his parents Joe and Francis Saiz of Friona; five brothers, Daniel Saiz and wife Jovita of Sperry, Oklahoma, Nick Saiz and wife Cheri of Kingsland, Texas, George Saiz and wife Agnes of Kingsland, Texas, Jessie Saiz of Canyon, and Gilbert Saiz of Amarillo; four sisters, Frances Huckins and husband Alan of Friona, Linda Veraldo and husband Pete of Petersburg, Connie Northcutt and husband James of Carrizozo, N.M. and Ceclia Steelman and husband Rocky of Portales, N.M.

Juanita Carranza

Juanita Carranza, 84, of Friona, died November 25, 2014 in Friona. Family viewing and services were held on November 26, 2014 at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home in Friona.



Juanita was born December 27, 1929 in Rancho Verde, Texas to Guadalupe and Concepcion Aguilera Camacho. She married Juan Carranza October 10, 1949. She was a member of the Catholic Church, loved gardening, and taking care of her neighbors. She was best

known for her hospitality to others.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband,

eight children, one brother, one sister, one grandchild.

Survivors include: four sons, Doroteo Carranza, Santos Carranza, Pedro Carranza and Franky Carranza, all of Friona; two daughters, Romana Balli of Friona and Eva Lopez of Grand Prairie; 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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Grace Josephine "Jo" Moody Johnson

Grace Josephine "Jo" Moody Johnson, 84, of Arlington, died November 29, 2014 near Arlington.



Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Central Baptist Church in Pampa, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, and Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 9, 1930 in Hammon, Oklahoma, to Murray Wayne and Vinita Louisa (Collier) Moody. She grew up in Friona, Texas where she was known as Grace Jo to family and friends. She graduated from Friona High School in 1948. She received a Bachelor of Music degree from North Texas State College in 1951 and a Master of Education degree from West Texas State University in 1971. Mrs. Johnson taught school in Stratford and Skellytown before moving to Pampa to teach

in 1943; her father, Murray Moody in 1945; her husband in 1994; three sisters, Jurree Lawson in 1995, Doris Poindexter in 1998, and June Cruse in 2010; and two infant brothers.

Survivors include one daughter, Susan Johnson Austin and husband Bruce of Arlington; one son, David Johnson of The Colony; and three grandchildren, Julie Cooper and husband Casey of Richland Hills, Jacque Beavers and husband Alec, and Justin Austin, all of Arlington.

Remembrances in her honor may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 East Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065; or Lake Arlington Baptist Church, 2912 Little Rd., Arlington, Texas 76016. Please notate "Missions Memorial for Jo Johnson" on the memo line for both.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:30 PM Friday, December 5, 2014, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

a total of 30 years, retiring in 1987. Her first teaching position in Pampa was teaching music at Wilson Elementary, where she met Daniel James Johnson also a teacher. They married in 1958. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Iota, Sigma Alpha Iota and Pampa Knife and Fork Club.

Mrs. Johnson had been a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa for 50 years where she was church pianist, a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Women's Missionary Union. She moved to Arlington in 2005 where she became a member of Lake Arlington Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Vinita Moody



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Friona High School FFA students participated in the Area Leadership Contest held at WTAMU on Saturday, November 22. The Friona FFA Radio Broadcasting Team placed 1st in District, 1st in Area and qualified for State. Team members are l-r, Gavin Douglas, Brandon Berend, Brayden Pope and Cole Stowers. The team qualified for the State FFA Leadership Development Event for the third consecutive year.

The Friona FFA teams have been busy participating in the District Contest held in Littlefield and in the Area Leadership Contest that was held in Canyon at WTAMU on November 22. The Friona FFA teams are instructed by Tracy Blount.

In District competition held in Littlefield the Friona FFA Radio Broadcasting team of Gavin Douglas, Brandon Berend, Brayden Pope and Cole Stowers placed 1st. The team went on to place 1st in Area to qualify for State

competition. This is the third consecutive year for the team to qualify for the State FFA Leadership Development Event.

The Senior Quiz Team placed 2nd at District and advanced to Area where they placed 11th. The team members are Dan O'Brian, Chelsea Gomez, Josh Barnett and Courtney Bunker.

The Junior Chapter Conducting Team placed 2nd in District and advanced to Area where they placed 6th. Team members are Hadley White,

Bryce Bunker, Erica Barrera, Brandon Douglas, Matt Dickson, Seth Murphree, M'Kenzi Hurst and Reagan Stowers.

Tyler Hough and Christian Mireno participated in District competition. Hough placed 6th and Mireno placed 17th.

Radio Broadcasting Team #2 placed 3rd in District. Team members are Kendall Barnett, Sydney Frye and Aubrey Williams.

Erica Barrera placed 7th at District in the Greenhand Quiz.



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The FHS FFA Junior Chapter Conducting Team placed 2nd in District and advanced to Area where they placed 6th. Team members are l-r, front row, Hadley White, Bryce Bunker, Erica Barrera and Brandon Douglas. Back row, l-r, Matt Dickson, Seth Murphree, M'Kenzi Hurst and Reagan Stowers.



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The Friona High School FFA Senior Quiz Team placed 2nd in District and advanced to Area where they placed 11th. Area competition was held in Canyon at WTAMU on Saturday, November 22. Team members are l-r, Dan O'Brian, Chelsea Gomez, Josh Barnett and Courtney Bunker.

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