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HERE IT IS, the first week after Christmas. Many of us may be wondering how we are going to pay for Christmas, when our mailboxes are suddenly packed with the possible solution.

According to my mail during the past three days, I may have already won anywhere from \$50,000 to \$10 million, depending upon which mail-out I want to believe.

The bad part about the mail to which we are referring is that many people are duped into going along with the proposal offered by the companies doing the mailing. Many thousands of people will think that if they send in one or two magazine subscriptions, then their chances of becoming an "instant winner" are no doubt tremendously enhanced.

That's where the companies get the money to make their big pay-offs, apparently with plenty left over to use as profit.

One of the mailers we received was worded "cash certificate enclosed." The green enclosure looked a lot like a check, but was to be applied to the purchase of something or other. There's a new scheme every year.

We have felt for years that this type of "junk mail" should be outlawed, since it preys upon people who really can't afford to buy the stuff being pandered. But it's completely within the law.

We just wish that the mailers had to pay first class for all this tripe. If they did, we'd wager that the U.S. Postal Service wouldn't be having to figure out ways of cutting back its services.



SQUAWS AT LUBBOCK...Members of the Friona Squaws' basketball team are shown huddled around Coach Vicki Hatton during a time out in their Wednesday morning game against Midland Greenwood at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The Squaws scored a big win over Lubbock High at the meet.

Names Are Added To Xmas Card School Set To Resume

Several names were inadvertently omitted from the Project Christmas Card list, as one of the business containers was not picked up and turned in to Friona State Bank.

Those who contributed and should have been on the list included:
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Friona schools will resume after a two-week holiday break on Monday, January 4.

Buses will run, and classes will begin on Monday at the regular time.

The next break for students will be on January 18, which is a teacher work day.

Area Enjoys White Xmas

The Friona area enjoyed a White Christmas--something that doesn't happen many years--when two to three inches of snow fell on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The snow continued throughout the day on Christmas, and into Saturday, December 26. The wind caused the snow to drift, which hampered the measurement.

With the snow also came cold temperatures, although the readings weren't nearly as low as they were earlier in the month, when the 14-inch snow was received. The low readings got into the teens several mornings, before finally warming up past the freezing mark on Sunday, allowing some melting to take place.

The warmup continued early in the week, with Wednesday's high reaching the mid-50s. However, the warm weather was dashed by a new front that invaded the area Wednesday night. The New Year's weekend is expected to be a cold one.

Although most of the cotton has been stripped and now is in the form of modules, the snow and mud has made it harder for farmers and ginners to get the modules out of the fields. The ginning process is expected to take awhile.



ARCHIE ECHOLS and **CONNIE NEELLEY** were honored in 1987 as Friona's Man and Woman of the Year.

Summary Of Year's News Is Given

(From the Friona Star files)

JANUARY

Playing five games in a three-day span, the Friona High School Squaws won the consolation championship of the ABC Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament in Lubbock.

As a sidelight of the recent Caprock ABC basketball tournament, Friona's Butch Preston was the grand prize winner of an all-expense trip to see the Dallas Mavericks' team play. Preston won the prize in a free-throw shooting competition sponsored by the Lubbock chapter of the American Business Clubs.

Deaf Smith REC announced that it expects to save its members around \$9.7 million plus interest by prepaying its debt to the Rural Electrification Assn. The savings will be passed along to the REC members.

Friona's Community Heritage Society met January 15 for the purpose of electing officers, and discussing the future and immediate plans for the renovation of the old Santa Fe depot building.

An electrical explosion occurred at Friona's Excel plant at an early hour January 22. Friona Fire Department was called to extinguish the blaze. No injuries were sustained, but the plant was shut down for most of the day on Thursday.

The Friona area was rebounding from a blast from Old Man Winter, which deposited over a foot of snow in the local area during the past week. The snowfall was accompanied by a high north wind, causing most of the snow to drift badly.

Funeral services for Sloan H. Osborn, 85, were held Friday, January 30. Osborn, early-settler in the area, died Monday, January 26 at Hereford. Osborn had served as Friona's postmaster from 1933-53, and helped bring rural electricity to the area, was a banking leader and a leader in the development of the cattle-feeding industry.

FEBRUARY

Two members of Friona's football team, Jeff Chaney and Sam Montoya, were named to the class AAA all-state team announced this week. Chaney was named to the first team as an offensive tackle. Montoya was picked as the first team place kicker, and also made the second team as a punter.

Friona youngsters hogged the awards given at the annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show February 5-6-7. Clint Hurst exhibited the Grand Champion barrow. Michael Head showed the Grand Champion steer and heifer. Jennifer Smith exhibited the grand champion lamb in Thursday's judging.

The Friona School board accepted the resignation of elementary principal Freeman Melton, who has served in his capacity the past 11 years. At the same time, the board named assistant principal Jerry Shelton to replace Melton beginning in 1987-88.

Friona's police department was investigating two break-ins Thursday. Burglars broke into Friona High School and managed to get into the vault in principal Hal Ratcliff's office, taking an undetermined amount of cash. The same night, burglars broke into Malouf's and took an undetermined amount of clothing.

The auction sale for the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show was down by over \$20,000 from its total of a year earlier. The 1987 totals were \$54,505.72, according to spokesman Dale Schueler.

The Friona Squaws won their district title for the second straight year, posting a stellar 28-3 regular season record. On February 20, the Squaws downed Sanford-Fritch, 49-38 in their bi-district game at Plainview. However, the Squaws lost to Midland Greenwood, 43-39 in their area playoff game. The loss knocked the team out of the regional tournament, and snapped the Friona girls' 20-game winning streak.



MISS FRIONA...Sindy Preston, right, was crowned as Miss Friona by the 1986-87 queen, Christy Jordan.

MARCH

The City of Friona has received \$84,000 in grant money, with which it will pave five blocks in the city's low to moderate income areas, says City Manager Beelee Goodwin.

Baxter Black, ex-veterinarian who is called the "Cowboy Poet" has been chosen as speaker for the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet.

A Lazbuddie family came up with a way to combat the soft agriculture economy: have a grand champion at the Houston Livestock Show. Sixteen-year-old Susan Redwine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrol Redwine, exhibited the grand champion barrow, which sold at the premium auction for \$35,000.

Ronda Ratcliff, member of the Friona Squaws' bi-district championship team, has been chosen to participate in the Golden Spread All-Star games, April 3-4 at West Texas State University.

Honored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet were Archie Echols as "Man of the Year," Connie Neelley as "Woman of the Year," Randy Lewis as "Most Courteous Employee," Bobby Wied as "Teacher of the Year," and Jeff Dickson and Glenda Ellis as Outstanding Young People.

Funeral services for Dr. Lee Spring, 67, were held Thursday, March 26. Dr. Spring died suddenly at his home Tuesday, March 24 of an apparent heart attack. The son of early-day settlers, "Dr. Lee" had been associated with Parmer County Community Hospital since 1954. When he retired in January of 1985, he figured at the time he had delivered "around 1,000" babies.

The area was hit by an early-spring blizzard on Monday, March 23, which deposited two to three inches of snow.

Mika Maddox, member of the FHS girls golf team, got a hole in one while playing in a district tournament in Muleshoe.

Donnie Houle has been promoted to manager of Friona's Energas office, replacing Ralph Shirley who retired. Houle has served as assistant manager of operations at Hereford's Energas office.

APRIL

Friona High School won the District 2-AAA Literary championship at the conclusion of the District UIL Meet last weekend in Tulia. FHS students qualified for twenty positions in the Regional UIL Meet.

FHS student Humayan Chaudry won first place at the regional Science Fair at Amarillo College recently. Holly Snead and Kellianne Coffey won first and second in the biochemistry division.

Friona High School's UIL one-act play, entitled "Livin' de Life" was named a winner at the area round of competition and will advance to the regional level.

A 20-year-old Cannon AFB woman was killed early on April 13 in a car-truck collision at the Black community.

The Friona Squaws qualified six girls for the regional meet in four individual events and one relay during the district meet. Ronda Ratcliff, Dara Wells, Sindy Preston and Michelle Echols won the 1600-meter relay. Miss Ratcliff also won the high jump, equalling her school record, and placed second in the 400-meter dash. Lacye Osborn won the 800-meter run, and Sindy Preston won the 200-meter dash.

Seven members of the Chieftain track team qualified for regional. They are Rod Britting, Sam Montoya, Toby Gibson, Stephen Thornton, Cody Bracken, Daniel Echols and Shy Burney.

Friona is one of 12 cities in the state of Texas which will be certified as "TEXCEL" cities under the Texas Cities for Economic Leadership program.

Friona's fourth Dinner Theatre, sponsored by Modern Study Club, was held April 24-25 at the Community Theatre. Eva Miller, director, called the 1987 production "the best one yet."

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LITTLE MISSES...The three finalists in the Little Miss Pageant are shown. The 1986 winner, DaLinda Black, is crowning V'Lynda Wilcox, 1987 winner. On the left is April Pope, who was second runnerup. At right is Christy Ann Moss, first runnerup.

Squaws Top Lubbock At Caprock Tourney

The Friona High School Squaws played some good basketball at Lubbock's Caprock basketball tournament, but were eliminated Wednesday afternoon after suffering their second tournament loss.

The bright spot for the Squaws was a 44-38 win over class 5A Lubbock High School in their first-round game Tuesday afternoon at Coronado High School.

The Squaws played a good, solid game against the big Lubbock team, having to hit some clutch baskets when the game got down to the wire. They also turned in one of their best defensive efforts of the season.

The two teams volleyed for the lead in the first quarter. Sindy Preston's shot gave Friona its first lead at 4-2. Lisa Fulks and Tiffany Osborn both scored, for leads of 6-4 and 8-6, respectively.

But the Lady Westerners scored the last two baskets of the quarter to lead, 10-8 at the buzzer.

Miss Fulks made a three-point play (a jump shot and a free throw) to regain the lead for the Squaws to start the second quarter.

Lubbock rallied for a 14-11 lead. Trudy Reeve made a long jump shot and Miss Osborn scored on a rebound effort for a 15-14 advantage.

Misses Preston and Osborn each scored on jump shots to give Friona leads of 17-14 and 19-16, and after Lubbock cut the margin to 19-18, Miss Osborn connected again for a 21-18 Friona lead. The Squaws went to the half with a 21-20 lead.

Karen Wied's set shot opened the second half for Friona and gave the Squaws a 23-20 lead.

Lubbock High countered with a basket and a 23-22 deficit with 5:12 left in the quarter. That's when the Squaws' defense went to work under the Lady Westerner basket, and did not allow LHS another point in the quarter.

Friona wasn't scoring much, but Bena Bronniman clicked on a jump shot at the 4:51 mark for a 25-22 lead, and after the Squaws worked the ball for the last 40 seconds of the quarter, Miss Osborn's shot ripped the nets with :03 on the clock, giving Friona a 27-22 lead.

The hometown girls rallied to

start the final quarter, and tied the game, 27-27 with 6:16 to play.

But the Squaws were determined. Karen Wied worked open for a layup, and the 29-27 lead. Miss Bronniman's long jumper at the 5:07 mark was good, and she was fouled on the play. Completing the three-point play gave Friona a 32-27 edge.

Lubbock's 5-11 Amanda Hill scored four points to pull her team to within three at 34-31, but Miss Wied responded with a pair of free throws at the 2:43 mark. This was Friona's first one-and-one chances for the entire game.

Lubbock still hung close with a goal and a 38-34 score at the 2:00 mark, but Miss Wied connected from the side for a 40-34 score.

Trudy Reeve and Sindy Preston finished out the scoring with free throws as the Lubbock girls were forced to foul in the final minute.

Miss Osborn's 12 points led the scoring. Misses Reeve and Wied had eight apiece.

"We needed a win like this. They were bigger than we were, but we played a good game," said Coach Vicki Hatton following the game.

Especially good work was turned in under the Lubbock baskets by Misses Bronniman and Osborn. Lubbock's high scorer was held to less than half her season's average.

On Wednesday morning, the Squaws met Midland Greenwood in their second-round game at Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum.

The game was a rematch of the two schools who met for the area championship last February.

But Friona's shooting was much colder than the weather outside the coliseum, and the Squaws suffered a 41-21 defeat.

The Squaws stayed with the Midland girls in the early going.

Bena Bronniman gave Friona a lead with a turning jump shot, 2-0. Then, after she tied the score at 4-4, Tiffany Osborn's short jump shot gave Friona a 6-4 edge. But that was to be the Squaws' last lead.

Midland's Cheryl Martin scored for an 8-6 lead for her team, and Trudy Reeve gave Friona an 8-8 tie to end the first quarter.

Friona could not get a shot to fall to open the second quarter

(they weren't getting many), and Greenwood hit their first four shots. This resulted in a 16-8 lead for the Midland team.

Miss Bronniman got Friona's first points of the quarter with a jumper at the 3:59 mark, and scored a free throw with 1:23 left. That was the Squaws' only points of the quarter, and Greenwood went to halftime with a 17-11 lead.

The third quarter was almost a replay of the second, as the Midland girls scored seven unanswered points for a 24-11 lead.

Miss Bronniman's layup with 4:23 to play and Sindy Preston's jump shot at the :13 mark were Friona's only points.

Greenwood kept hitting and Friona kept missing, and the hoped-for rematch of last winter failed to materialize.

Miss Bronniman was the only player to score more than two points for the Squaws, with nine.

Relegated to consolation play, the Squaws met Dimmitt Wednesday afternoon. Bad second and third quarters cost the Squaws in the 43-40 loss.

It was the second year in a row for the district rivals to meet in the Lubbock tournament.

The Squaws had a good start, and led 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. But Dimmitt came back with a good second quarter to go to halftime trailing 20-19.

The Bobbies outscored Friona 14-9 in the third quarter to take the lead at 33-29, and the fourth quarter was even on scoring.

Karen Wied scored 11 points to pace the scoring. Bena Bronniman and Sindy Preston each had eight.

SQUAWS 44, LUBBOCK 38
Trudy Reeve 3-2-8; Karen Wied 3-2-8; Sindy Preston 1-2-4; Sherri Dickson 1-0-2; Alisa Perkins 0-0-0; Lori Fulks 2-1-5; Tiffany Osborn 6-0-12; Bena Bronniman 2-1-5.

GREENWOOD 41, SQUAWS 21
Reeve 1-0-2; Toni Chapman 1-0-2; Wied 1-0-2; Dickson 0-0-0; Preston 1-0-2; Perkins 0-0-0; Fulks 1-0-2; Osborn 1-0-2; Bronniman 4-1-9.

DIMMITT 43, SQUAWS 40
Reeve 2-0-4; Wied 4-3-11; Dickson 0-0-0; Preston 3-2-8; Perkins 0-0-0; Fulks 1-1-3; Osborn 3-0-6; Bronniman 1-6-8.



CHIEFTAIN DEFENSE... Stephen Thornton puts up a defense against his Brownfield opponent in a tournament game at Frenship. The Chiefs had tough luck, losing all three of their games.

Teams Have Saturday Tilt

Friona High School's basketball teams will have a Saturday game on January 2, when they host Abernathy teams at the FHS gym.

Varsity teams are entered in tournaments at Lubbock and Frenship prior to New Year's and wind up their holiday week by hosting the Abernathy teams.

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Homemakers Xmas Party

The Friona Chapter of Young Homemakers met December 10 at the Friona State Bank for their family Christmas party.

The fun filled evening started with a visit from Santa. The group then went Christmas caroling around town, and finally came back to the Bank for supper and a Christmas tree ornament exchange.

A special thanks to Santa for finding the time to visit the kids and to Bruce Parr for escorting the group on his wagon train during the caroling.

Members and their families attending the party were Kimber, Leslie and Brook White, Norma, Joel, Brittney and Joy Hight, Melanie and Brittney Montoya, Beth, Charles, Dallas and Dustin Fleming, Cindy, Gaines and Chance Butman, Jana, David and Beau Barnett, Kathy and Andy Carthel, Linda, Kevin, Kelsey and Katy Welch.

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Year's News Review.... (Continued from Page 1)

Excel Corp. was moving into new offices which have been completed in a separate building on their property. The move took about a week, according to office manager, Harry Hutcheson.

MAY

Ronda Ratcliff has been given a four-year scholarship to play basketball at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Two members of Friona High School's track and field teams--seniors Lacy Osborn and Shy Burney, have qualified for the state track and field meet. Miss Osborn won her event, the 800-meter run, and Burney was second in the high jump.

A Santa Fe freight train struck a truck loaded with boxed beef at the crossing leading to the Excel Packing Plant on May 11. The driver was unhurt in the accident.

Honor students for the FHS class of 1987 were announced. Kathy Boeckman is the valedictorian with a four-year average of 97.24. Mika Maddox is salutatorian with a 96.23 average. Jeff Dickson is third with an average of 96.12.

Elaine White is valedictorian for the eighth grade class with an average of 97.6. Dan Neelley is salutatorian, with an average of 96.4.

The city of Friona was buffeted by a hailstorm on May 24. Marble to golf-ball sized hail caused considerable damage to rooftops, vehicles and crops in the area.

JUNE

Representatives of ten clubs and organizations met Thursday at Friona Public Library to begin formulating a community information meeting to answer questions pertaining to the proposed nuclear waste repository to be located in Deaf Smith County.

The hail damage sustained by local homes in the May hailstorm was felt by between 600 and 700 homes in Friona, according to Wendell Gresham, spokesman for local insurance companies.

Friona's OTASCO store has announced a "Going Out of Business" sale, to begin June 15.

Tony Igo of Plainview has been employed as assistant elementary principal for 1987-88 at a recent meeting of the Friona School Board.

Hollis Horton marketed the first load of wheat in Friona for the 1987 season. The truck load was harvested June 15 on the Lillard place north of town.

Mac Fields of Friona was elected as State Mascot for the State Firemen's and Fire Marshalls' Association at their convention June 13-17 in Amarillo. Mac is the son of Roger and Lou Fields of Friona.

JULY

The Friona Fine Arts Council's Summer Drama Workshop presented its annual production July 3.

Sealcoat operations started on Highway 60 through Parmer County. The work was noticed right away by motorists, as hundreds of windshields sustained damage.

An apparent tornado--second one of the season, left some damage in the northeastern section of Friona late the night of July 4th. A large tree was uprooted at the Bud Rainey residence.

Ron and Melba Smiley and Cindy and Jerry Butman are new owners of the sporting goods business formerly known as Winner's Choice.

A countywide evangelistic crusade was held in Friona July 20-24 at Chieftain Field. Dr. Rudy Hernandez of San Antonio conducted the crusade, assisted by Homer Tankersley of Clovis, N.M.

The Friona Municipal Library has received a new computer worth around \$14,000 with a grant from the Texas Panhandle Library System.

A Texas Tech graduate class toured the area, visiting Friona's Excel plant, and visiting the George Frye farm.

AUGUST

According to a spokesman for the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation, the project of widening U.S. Highway 60 through Parmer County from two lanes to a four-lane divided highway continues to make progress. Right-of-way procurement for the project has been started from Castro County to Friona.

Jeff Chaney played for the winning North team in the 1987 state All-Star football game at Fort Worth.

Lacy Osborn, editor of the 1987 Chieftain yearbook, presented the first copy to high school secretary Betty Chaney, who was honored with the dedication.

Glenn Perkins of Friona was chosen as the winner of an art contest for Congressional District 19 and was flown to Washington to meet Congressman Larry Combest.

Terry Wilkerson is the new plant manager at Excel Corp., replacing Vaughn Blum, and Kerry Bahns is the new office manager, replacing Harry Hutcheson. Both Blum and Hutcheson received promotions within the corporation, and have moved from Friona.

Phillip Jesko, 24, a Lazbuddie man, was killed August 27 and his brother Jeff was injured when their truck overturned at an Interstate 40 off-ramp in Amarillo.

SEPTEMBER

Sindy Preston, 16-year-old junior at Friona High School, was crowned Miss Friona for 1987. First runnerup was Deena Willard and second runnerup was Julie Brown.

V'Lynda Wilcox, daughter of Terry and Varla Wilcox, was crowned Little Miss Friona at the pageant September 2. The 1987 Maize Days celebration was a big success, in spite of light rainfall which slightly dampened the participants and spectators at the parade.

The Excel Corporation presented a check of \$1,213.67 to the Friona High School band after holding a fajita booth and a dunking booth during the Maize Days celebration.

Seven Friona residents were among a group attending the mass delivered by Pope John II in San Antonio in September. They were John and Matilda Baca, Pete and Ofelia Diaz and their son Fiddy, and Joe and Lucy Bermea.

The Friona Chieftains were off to a 4-0 start with wins over River Road, 18-6, Idalou, 14-7, Portales, 23-8 and Olton, 43-0.

OCTOBER

The Chieftains set an all-time rushing record with 442 yards, paced by Daniel Echols' 218-yard performance, in a 49-20 non-district win at Pampa October 4.

Superintendent of Schools Tom B. Jarboe, who has served as head of the Friona Independent School District the past 14 years, told the local school board on Monday that this would be his last year at his position.

John Price of Friona was charged Tuesday, October 13 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the stabbing death of Virgil Ray Widmier, 36, of Dawn, formerly of Friona.

Friona High School's Chieftain Band won a Division I rating at the UIL marching contest October 21 in Lubbock on the Texas Tech campus.

Winn's Stores, Inc., which operates 230 stores in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, opened its Friona store on October 23. Betty Freeman will serve as store director.

The Chieftains lost to Littlefield and Tulia before bouncing back to down Dimmitt in district play.

The area enjoyed Indian Summer weather, with the high temperature reaching 81 degrees on both October 29 and 30.

NOVEMBER

Donny Carthel, head coach at ENMU and a former star for the Friona Chieftains, was the speaker for the kickoff lunch for Friona's United Way.

A surprising 24 per cent turnout of voters cast their ballots on the 25 proposed constitutional amendments and two referendums on November 2.

A Christmas shopping promotion has been launched locally by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

With playoff spots on the line, the Chieftains tied Floydada, 7-all in their final grid game, finishing 7-2-1 for the season, and knocking the Whirlwinds out of the playoff picture.

One of the latest killing freezes in a number of years finally called a halt to the growing season locally on Tuesday, November 10, when the mercury dropped to a low of 18 degrees.

Ernest Anthony, serving his third term as county commissioner, told the Friona Star he will be a candidate for re-election in 1988.

Friona Motors announced on November 21 that they are official dealers for Chevrolet and Oldsmobile vehicles for Parmer County and the surrounding area, having purchased the rights from Reeve Chevrolet-Olds.

Project Christmas Card kicked off its 32nd year in raising funds to assist Parmer County Community Hospital. A blood analyzer is needed by the hospital's lab, says administrator Elda Hart.

DECEMBER

Hal Ratcliff, currently in his eighth year as principal of Friona High School, was named to become Superintendent of Schools upon the retirement of Tom Jarboe, by the Friona School Board.

Wesley and Rhea Foster have sold their ready-to-wear and drygoods store to Mike and Betty Chaney, it was announced on December 5.

Mark Neill became a two-time winner in the Friona Star's football contest, by the margin of the tie-breaker system after he and Eddie Mann of San Angelo ended up in a deadlock on points at 163.

A young Friona man, Trent Shelton, 20, was killed early on December 5 when the truck he was driving ran off the road and overturned northwest of Dimmitt. Shelton was a student at Texas Tech University and was enroute home.

A teenager was killed and four other people injured in a two-vehicle collision at Lazbuddie December 11. Russell Scott Redwine, 13, was pronounced dead at Parmer County Community Hospital after suffering injuries in the wreck.

The first snowfall of the season turned out to be a whopper, with 14 inches of the white stuff received. Temperatures dropped to eight below zero during the blast, and again to minus five.

Two longtime employees of the City of Friona, Clyde Fields and Howard Love, will be honored at a retirement reception. Each will retire at the end of the year after a combined 64 years of service to the city.

Daniel Echols was named to the Amarillo Globe-News' Super Team announced in late December. Echols was named as a safety on the defensive team.

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Chiefs Outclassed At Frenship Meet

The Friona Chieftains competed
 in the Frenship Invitational
 Tournament on Tuesday, but lost
 all three of their tournament
 games.

The Chiefs fell to Brownfield,
 75-38 in Tuesday morning's
 opening round. Later in the day, in
 the consolation bracket, Friona
 was demolished by the host
 Frenship Tigers, 85-43.

In their opening game, the
 Chiefs stayed with Brownfield for
 about 12 minutes before the Cubs
 started to pull away.

Matt Brogden scored a pair of
 baskets, then was two for two at
 the free throw line as the
 Chieftains were trailing just 12-9
 after the opening quarter.

Daniel Echols scored on a layup
 to keep Friona close at 14-11, then
 after Brownfield scored, Echols
 scored again on a drive to the
 basket for a 15-13 score. That was
 to be the closest Friona was to the
 Cubs the rest of the game.

Brownfield outscored the
 Chiefs, 8-2 in a three-minute span
 to open up a 23-15 lead, and after
 Cody Burney connected with a
 basket from the side 2:36 before
 the half, the Cubs got another pair
 of buckets to take the halftime lead
 at 27-17.

The Cubs came out with a full-
 court press in the third quarter,
 and used their run-and-gun tactics
 to score the first 13 points of the
 quarter, opening up a
 commanding 40-17 lead.

Echols finally got Friona on the
 board with a shot in the lane, but
 4:25 had already expired on the
 clock.

The Chiefs managed six more
 points, by Glen Trimmell, Rusty
 Rainey and Matt Brogden, but
 Brownfield still had a 51-25 lead.

Stephen Thornton scored a
 layup around free throws by Cody
 Burney and Echols, but Friona's
 early fourth-quarter rally was
 dimmed by another 14-point
 outburst by Brownfield, who
 opened up a 66-29 lead before the
 Chiefs could score again.

Echols paced the Chiefs with ten
 points and Burney had eight.

In the consolation bracket game,
 the Chieftains trailed Frenship, 15-
 9 after one quarter.

The Tigers then outscored
 Friona 22-14 in the second quarter
 to take a 37-23 halftime lead.

Any hopes for a second-half
 rally by the Chieftains were
 quickly dashed, as the host team
 spurted with 29 third-quarter
 points, to grab a 66-29 lead.
 Although the two teams pretty well
 traded baskets the rest of the way,
 the outcome had been determined.

Then on Wednesday, the Chiefs
 went back to play for seventh and
 eighth place, but lost to class 4A
 Monahans, 80-69.

"I was impressed with our play
 against Monahans. They pressed
 us, but we broke it and scored 45
 points in the second half. That was
 good for us," said Chieftain
 Coach T.J. Parks.

Parks pointed out that as an
 indication of the toughness of the
 tournament, Monahans, playing
 for seventh place, had a 10-3
 season record.

"We were out of our class, being
 in that tournament, but we had
 some bright spots. We saw some
 things that were impressive, and
 gave us some optimism. We mainly
 needed the tournament to get back
 into condition," Parks said.

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Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton who brought in a turkey for Christmas dinner. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper for the chocolate covered cherries they gave the residents and staff.

Since this is the end of the year, let's recap what has happened here at Prairie Acres. Most of the year we had a full occupancy. The Texas Department of Health has visited us twice this year for annual surveys. Both times we received superior ratings and the last visit in November we had no deficiencies.

This year, we completed our last bond payment of more than \$70,000. We are anticipating some major enlargement of the dining room and other improvements for the facility.

Funds from the Love Fund this year provided us with a chair scale, many wheelchairs, several gerichairs, new carpet for the lobby, beauty shop supplies, patio furniture, a video recorder, and a big screen television.

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James and Verna McNeely

Anniversary Party Fetes J. McNeelys

Mr. and Mrs. James F. McNeely were honored by their children with a surprise anniversary in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

The party was held in the home of Brian and Linda Evans.

James F. McNeely and Verna Mae Campbell were married

December 24, 1947 in Gainesville.

Six of the couple's eight children attended the party. They were J.T. and Vernetta Eddins, Jason and Vickie of Splendora, Texas; Sammy and Sue McNeely, Crystal, Christopher and Casey of Cleveland, Texas; Brian and Linda Evans, James and Cara of Friona; Paul and Kathy McNeely, Joshua and Laura of San Marcos.

Also, Justin and Deloris McNeely, Morgan and Clay of Hereford; and Joseph McNeely of Friona. Not able to attend were Reginal and Brenda McNeely, Scott and Keith of Azle, and Roger and Cindy McNeely and Jerad of Needville, Texas.

Cake, punch and mints were served to those present.

This was also a special occasion, since it will be the last Christmas for the McNeely family to spend together in Friona, as James and Verna are planning to move to Marietta, Oklahoma, in the near future.

Hereford Singers Perform Jan. 10

The Hereford Chamber Singers will present a "Religious Program" Sunday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Union Congregational Church.

A love offering will be accepted to help fund their upcoming trip to Expo 88 in Australia, upon being selected as one of only 100 music organizations to represent the North American Continental next summer.

Five Texas groups were chosen by the Expo 88 authority to participate in the North American Performance Project with the Chamber Singers being the only Panhandle group.

Bill Devers, the director and co-founder, is currently serving as the Union Congregational Church minister.

Australia will host the first International Exposition in the Southern Hemisphere this century. Brisbane, the country's third largest city, will flourish with exhibits from 30 different countries and 20 international corporations.

The North American Performance Project ties Expo 88 to Australia's Bicentennial celebration throughout the year. The top 100 amateur performing groups in the United States and Canada will spend 30 days in the "land down under" performing for audiences all across the country as part of the year-long birthday party.

Traveling is nothing new to the Hereford Chamber Singers. In

Memorial Scholarship Fund Set Up

Lazbuddie School administrators have announced that a memorial scholarship fund has been established in the name of Russell Redwine.

Contributions can be mailed to: Eighth Grade Sponsors, Lazbuddie I.S.D., Drawer A, Lazbuddie, Texas, 79053, or you may go by the high school principal's office during school hours.

their 13 year existence, the group has toured the Iron Curtain country of Romania, Europe and performed for at least three Texas governors in the capitol rotunda.

The Chamber Singers consist of Deaf Smith County residents from all walks of life, in all different professions. The 50-member group has a repertoire of music which includes contemporary and classical, gospel, country and Christmas cantatas. "By sharing our talents, we are able to succeed in our goal of developing human relations through music," said Bill Devers. "We are looking forward to representing our home and our country in this great celebration overseas."



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Town Talk

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It seems that at least four of Friona's "Snow Birds" chose a bad time to migrate north. Maybe coming home for Christmas caused them to ignore the weather.

Allen and Emma Lou Stewart arrived home Monday of last week and Lloyd and Betty Louise Rector came in the next day. Must have been quite a change from the 90 degree weather at Zapata, Texas, to the minus zero here.

The Rectors spent one extra night at Sweetwater, Texas, after hearing Panhandle weather reports. One evening they were browsing in a store there and visited with one of the salesmen.

They were somewhat surprised that he knew Friona's location. During their conversation, they learned that he was a nephew of the late Tom Jasper. He remembered his uncle's team of oxen, which were an oddity for local people many years ago.

Betty Louise reported that she planned to return to warmer climes as soon after Christmas as possible. She's teaching a folk dancing class to Senior Citizens at the Lake Front Lodge.

Monday the Rectors had five of their nine grandchildren visiting in their home. Their Amarillo granddaughters, Christi, Natasha and D'Wann, came down to spend some time during the holidays and Hailey and Riley Rector, who live near their grandparents, were there for the day.

Mrs. W.H. Evans had most of her children and grandchildren at home at the same time over the weekend. Saturday morning, Wilson H. Evans and his wife, Betty, flew from Dallas to Amarillo, where they were met by Dick and Crista Evans Archer and children, Arian, Matthew and Cody, who live in Borger.

These seven then drove to Friona for lunch. That evening, Brian, Linda, Cara and James Evans, who live here, joined the other family members for a Christmas gift exchange, which was followed by dinner.

Xmas Gifts Provided By County Board

The Parmer County Child Welfare Board was able to provide Christmas gifts for eleven foster children and nine needy children this year.

A special thank you goes out from the board for all the community support with this project. Because of the overwhelming support and help all the children received the clothes that were needed as well as Christmas gifts and toys. All the children were surprised and had a very "special" Christmas.

The Texas Department of Human Services, the foster families and the board deeply appreciate the care and concern shown these children this year.

All these family members had lunch together Sunday at the home of Brian, Linda and children. Then the Dallas and Borger family members returned to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines McFarland of Tucumcari, were accompanied to Friona Monday by one of their daughters, Mary Madera, who lives at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and her two daughters, Sonja and Rachonne.

The visitors from New Mexico first stopped at the home of Katie Osborn. Later they visited in the home of Granville and Irene McFarland.

While they were at Katie's home, Lora Mae McFarland, Ilene Osborn, Martha Clements and Geraldine Taylor, all sisters of Robert Hines, who is better known locally as "Shine," also came for a visit.

Christmas came a little bit early this year at 920 Euclid Avenue, which is the long time home of Ilene Osborn. That is, most of her family met at her house last weekend for a Christmas get together. All of her children and their spouses, along with all the grandchildren, except one and the only great-grandchild were here. Burt Osborn was the grandson who couldn't join the rest of the family.

Little Sarah Osborn came from Oklahoma City with her parents, Bill and Mary Ann. She's the granddaughter of Charles and Jane Osborn, who came down from Amarillo.

Joe and Carolyn Osborn, William and Donna Osborn and Claire Osborn came from Austin. So did Holly Whatley and Jon Osborn. Doug and Sally Osborn Whatley came up from Plainview.

Max and Shelly Osborn Moss came from Hereford. Robert and Jo Osborn, who live in Canyon, were here. David Whatley came from Fort Worth.

Local family members attending were Joy Osborn and sons, Matt and Ben, and Mark and Deirdre Osborn, who live out northwest of town.

Ilene said, "The weather didn't cooperate with us very well. The plane Joe and his family were on arrived over Amarillo on time from Austin, but the fog was so thick that it circled the city for awhile then returned to Dallas for an overnight stay, so they were one day late."

Rex and Marlys Nelson and daughter, Moriah, who live at Perry, Oklahoma, have been visiting in the homes of Iola Nelson and Rex and Lynn Nelson and Kristin.

The Oklahoma Nelsons plan to return home Wednesday.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thornton, Stephen and Stephanie, who live in the Black community, were Mr. and Mrs. Steve McCleery and daughters, Hollee, Lyndsee and

Brittance, of Hobbs, New Mexico. Also, Mr. and Mrs. David Hammett and children, Ryan, Eric and Christy of Lubbock.

Mrs. McCleery and Mrs. Hammett are Bill's sisters.

Hazel Baxter hosted a family Christmas party in her home Saturday evening.

Guests were Joy and Sterling Graham, Friona, and Pat and Don Stubbs, Littlefield, Texas.

Also, Ky, Lanis and Kyla Graham, Friona; Stan and Gale Dement and daughters, Ashley and Chelsey, Clovis, and Holly Stephenson, Lubbock.

Joy and Pat are Hazel's daughters and Ky, Gale and Holly

are her grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. G.R. LaMaster of Perryton, Texas, spent last weekend visiting in the home of Robert and Connie Neelley and family.

The LaMasters are Connie's parents.

Maybe all the festive occasions during the holiday season inspired a local resident, Hazel Baxter, to write a poem, which expresses the sentiments of a lot of folks--especially those who do not take as much exercise as they should.

I Need To Lose Some Weight
As I sit down to write this poem,
I'm feeling kind of blue.

I need to lose a lot of weight, but don't know what to do. I have tried all kinds of diet fads and exercised some, too. Then, here comes a dinner that I'm invited to.

A knock on the door--a neighbor with a great big piece of pie. Topped all with Kool Whip to please the drooling eye.

I guess I just don't have the nerve to resist such good food. I wish that I could lose some weight. I really think I should.

I may just wait until next week and let all the dinners go by. Then, I will have a better chance to give myself another try.

I'll just eat an apple and carrots and celery, too.

A lot of fruit, fish and chicken and not cook any stew.

Oh! I forgot, company is coming. They're going to spend the night. I'll just whip up a chocolate cake--it's one of their favorites.

I will also bake a turkey and fix some spice dressing. Then, I can have the casserole that is in the freezer, too.

Now, this time when the company's gone, I know just what I'll do.

I'm going to get out and walk and walk--each day a mile or two. Then, with my health improving, I wouldn't feel so drab and blue. And, I think I'll just keep walking until I'm ninety-two.

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