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Santa arrived in West Texas-style aboard the "Little Ole Train" driven by Larry Rector during the Christmas in the Park celebration on Monday evening. Santa was accompanied by Little Miss Friona Amberly Madrid and Miss Friona Taylor Stallings. Those attending the celebration were treated to cotton candy, hot chocolate, kettle corn, tamales and many other delicious offerings from the vendors.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

December 10

-Elaina Procter and Maddie Tyler perform at Friona Heritage Estates

December 11

-Friona Heritage Estates Christmas Party

December 13

-FHS Choir Christmas Concert at FHS Auditorium-7 p.m.

-First Baptist Church of Friona children program at morning worship

- First Baptist Church of Friona Adult Choir perform at 6 p.m. followed by candlelight worship and a Birthday Party for Jesus.

December 14

-Deadline for Project Christmas Card

-Last day of FFA Toy Drive

-Deadline for gifts for Adopt-A-Resident at Prairie Acres

December 15

-Prairie Acres Christmas Party

-“Handling Holidays and Grief” at 3 p.m. at Friona Heritage Day Room (Refreshments will be provided)

December 17

-HO! HO! Home for the Holidays! ends

-Deadline for Bovina home lighting contest

City Council to consider unauthorized signs

The Friona city council will meet in regular session Monday December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

The tentative agenda seems to be brief and speedy. The agenda is subject to change and the official agenda will be posted at city hall 72 hours prior to the meeting.

After the invocation, pledge of allegiance, and approving prior minutes, the Friona police department will give their monthly report. Action will be taken on accounts payable and the financial statement for November. The mayor will be authorized to sign an interlocal agreement for sealcoating between the cities of Hart and Friona.

Confirmation of an estoppel certificate

and agreement for Mariah Del Norte LLC wind energy.

City employees Pam Mercado and Rosa Mendez will address the council regarding their duties and responsibilities. The final item on the tentative agenda and the one that may generate the longest discussion will be to consider and discuss unauthorized posters, signs, etc. on the public right-of-way.



courtesy photo

The Friona FFA is again sponsoring a Christmas Toy Drive. Toys can be donated to any Friona FFA member or Mr. Blount at the Ag Shop at Friona High School. Toys can be either for boys or girls. Clothing is also acceptable to bring. Toys and clothing items will also benefit the Women's Shelter in Clovis. This project is part of the chapter's community service and would greatly appreciate any help the community can give. The FFA is hoping this will become an annual event that benefits needy families of Friona. Pictured are FFA officers, l-r, Bryce Bunker, Chelsie Gomez, Courtney Bunker and Brandon Douglas.

Drug prevention program Dec. 14

Friona High School will be hosting a Drug Prevention program on Monday, December 14 at 5 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium. All FISH parents are invited to this program presented by the Prevention Resource Center in Lubbock, Texas. Parents will learn about drug usage in our area and to recognize the signs of use.

Free pre-natal classes at PMC

The Healthy Baby Coalition provides free education to expectant mothers in Parmer County. The classes are not only for first time moms but mothers who already have one or more children. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

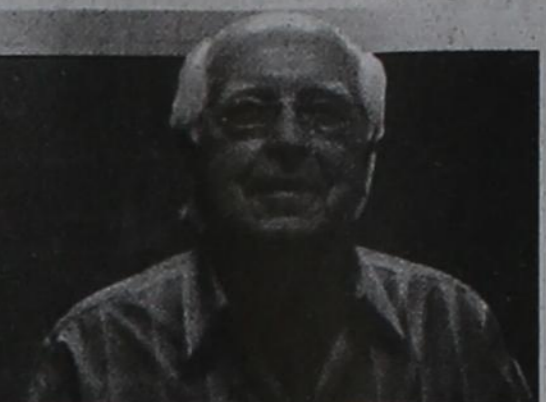
To sign-up for classes stop by the Parmer Medical Center conference room Saturday December 12 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Classes are typically held on Saturday mornings once a month but times can also be customized to meet special needs.

Mothers who participate in the classes earn points to use for free baby items for their newborn. The "Baby's Bin" has a great selection of items from car seats to diapers. Mothers who have been through the classes have a wide selection of items to choose from.

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

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- Dec. 10-FHS Choir carol around Friona
- Dec. 10- Elaina Procter and Mad-die Tyler perform at Heritage Estates at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10-FJHS Band Christmas Concert at JH Auditorium at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10-12-JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball at Farwell Tournament
- Dec. 11-Heritage Estates Christmas party-6 p.m.
- Dec. 11-13-Arts/Crafts Show at Sugarland Mall in Hereford
- Dec. 12-Gingerbread House Day
- Dec. 12-Bovina Annual Pancake Breakfast-8-11 a.m. at the XIT Center
- Dec. 12-Free Prenatal classes at Parmer Medical Center
- Dec. 13-FHS Choir Christmas Concert @ FHS Auditorium-3 p.m.
- Dec. 13-First Baptist Church of Friona children program at morning worship
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- Dec. 14-Deadline for Project Christmas Card
- Dec. 14-Immunization Clinic in Bovina
- Dec. 14-Last day of FFA Toy Drive
- Dec. 15-Prairie Acres Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15-"Handling Holidays and Grief" at 3 p.m. at Friona Heritage Day Room
- Dec. 15-JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball at Bovina 4/5/15/6:30/8
- Dec. 17-3rd Grade music program 10 a.m./6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17-Friona Star Christmas Edition featuring Santa Letters
- Dec. 17-HO! HO! Home for the Holidays! ends
- Dec. 17-Bovina deadline for home lighting contest
- Dec. 17-Early School Release
- Dec. 18-Early School Release
- Dec. 18-JVG/JVB/VG/VB basketball at River Road 5/5/6:30/8
- Dec. 18-9G/9B basketball at River Road 8/6:30
- Dec. 19-Look for an Evergreen Day
- Dec. 21-WINTER BEGINS!
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3-FISD Christmas Break
- Dec. 25-CHRISTMAS
- Dec. 28-30-VB basketball at Littlefield Invitational
- Dec. 28-30-VG basketball at Texico Invitational
- Dec. 31-NEW YEAR'S EVE

the gun epidemic

That headline is from a New York Times editorial that appeared on the front page of their December 5 edition. It has caused a lot of controversy around the nation. It was the first editorial to appear on the front page of the New York Times since 1920.

I figure most Parmer County folks do not subscribe to the New York Times so I thought I would print the editorial here. I'm pretty sure I know how people out here feel about gun control. Here is how the New York Times feels. This is their editorial:

All decent people feel sorrow and righteous fury about the latest slaughter of innocents in California. Law enforcement and intelligence agencies are searching for motivations, including the vital question of how the murderers might have been connected to international terrorism. That is right and proper.

But motives do not matter to the dead in California, nor did they in Colorado, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut and far too many other places. The attention and anger of Americans should also be directed at the elected leaders whose job is to keep us safe but who place a higher premium on the money and political power of an industry dedicated to profiting from the unfettered spread of ever more powerful firearms.

It is moral outrage and a national disgrace that civilians can legally purchase weapons designed specifically to kill people with brutal speed and efficiency. These are weapons of war, barely modified and deliberately marketed as tools of macho vigilantism and even insurrection. America's elected leaders offer prayers for gun victims and then, callously and without fear of consequence, reject

the most basic restrictions on weapons of mass killing, as they did on Thursday. They distract us with arguments about the word terrorism. Let's be clear: These spree killings are all, in their own ways, acts of terrorism.

Opponents of gun control are saying, as they do after every killing, that no law can unfailingly forestall a specific criminal. That is true. They are talking, many with sincerity, about the constitutional challenges to effective gun regulation. Those challenges exist. They point out that determined killers obtained weapons illegally in places like France, England, and Norway that have strict gun laws. Yes, they did.

But at least those countries are trying. The United States is not. Worse, politicians abet would-be killers by creating gun markets for them, and voters allow those politicians to keep their jobs. It is past time to

stop talking about halting the spread of firearms and instead to reduce their number drastically--eliminating some large categories of weapons and ammunition.

It is not necessary to debate the peculiar wording of the Second Amendment. No right is unlimited and immune from reasonable regulation.

Certain kinds of weapons, like the slightly modified combat rifles used in California, and certain kinds of ammunition, must be outlawed for civilian ownership. It is possible to define those guns in a clear and effective way and, yes, it would require Americans who own those kinds of weapons to give them up for the good of their fellow citizens.

What better time than during a presidential election to show, at long last, that our nation has retained its sense of decency?

School Menu

- December 14-18**
- Monday**
Breakfast-Cereal, cinnamon roll, fruit punch juice, tropical fruit, milk
Lunch-Popcorn chicken, roll, mashed potatoes, mixed California veggies, apple DeLite, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast-Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk
Lunch-Roasted chicken, Doritos, corn, baked beans, oranges, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast-Cereal, Mexican egg burrito, grape juice, peaches, milk
Lunch-Chicken patty sandwich, cheese broccoli, fresh tomatoes, Mandarin oranges, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast-Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, pears, milk
Lunch-Hot Dog, French oven potatoes, carrots, tropical fruit, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast-Cereal, French toast sticks, orange pineapple juice, banana, milk
Lunch-Pepperoni pizza, mixed vegetables, green beans, ice cream, milk

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 1st woman mayor of El Paso, Suzy
- 5 TX picante co.
- 6 TXism: "got a bun in the ___" (pregnant)
- 7 TX McMurry's "The ___ Picture Show"
- 8 TXism: "good '___ boy"
- 9 "now, I see"
- 12 TXism: "noisy as ___ cryin' for mama"
- 17 TXism: "___ the bud" (stop)
- 20 TXism: "___ on" (study)
- 22 TX Ivory Joe's "___ Lost My Mind"
- 23 Tubb, the "Texas Troubadour"
- 24 arborist plea: "___ tree"
- 29 sweet potatoes
- 30 avg. scores at Fort Worth Colonial
- 31 Judge ___ Hughes swore in LBJ after JFK died
- 32 TXism: "noggins"
- 36 separate
- 37 TXism: "naked as ___"
- 43 TXism: "___ pot never boils"
- 45 cinnamon & dinner
- 47 TXism: "calaboose"
- 48 TXism: "happy as ___ with two tails"
- 50 cheerleader, usually
- 51 TX Shelley Duvall role: Olive

DOWN

- 1 woodland path in SE Grimes Co.
- 2 in Angelina Co. on hwy. 69
- 3 TXism: "he's holding all the ___"
- 4 monthly expense for many Texans
- 9 ___ smasher was never built in TX
- 10 TXism: "joined ___ dirt" (fell)
- 11 TX pest: fire ___
- 12 "Honest ___" Lincoln
- 13 Aggies portrayed the Marine ___ team in "A Few Good Men"
- 14 Santa ___, TX
- 15 desirous glance
- 16 "no muss, no ___"
- 18 layer of wood or toilet paper
- 19 Gov. Hogg's only daughter
- 21 JFK's "___ 109"
- 24 Gov. Smith who urged Texans to "Drive Friendly" (init.)
- 25 1st name of Rio Grande: Rio de ___ Palmas
- 26 TXism: "the bigger they ___, the harder they fall"
- 27 Indian tribe of neighbor state NM
- 28 TX-filmed "Finding ___ Home"
- 33 ___ Paso
- 34 TX Dexter singer of "Pistol Packin' Mama" (init.)
- 35 it flew over TX: fleur-___lis
- 37 car cooler (abbr.)
- 38 TXism: "lion's ___" (most)
- 39 aromatic evergreens
- 40 TXism: "___ clean row (good worker)"
- 41 in Lamb Co. on 70
- 42 "Galveston" singer Campbell
- 44 TX singer Trini (init.)
- 46 George H.W. to George W.
- 49 Jackie of TX-based "Smoky and the Bandit II"
- 50 Corpus Christi ship receiver
- 57 TXism: "___ as a bug's ear"

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"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
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Town Talk II

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We observed the 74th anniversary of the attack at Pearl Harbor on Monday. A 94-year-old veteran who was present during the attack was interviewed on TV Monday. He had a Japanese flag framed that he took from one of the Japanese planes that was shot down that day. During my travel agent career I visited Hawaii many times, including the Arizona Memorial. You can stand on the memorial and look down and see the USS Arizona where it sank. It is quite the experience.

Rex and Chuck Blackburn's grandson Clayton Blackburn has made the 40-man roster of the San Francisco Giants. He is a pitcher.

Monday December 14 at 5:00 p.m. there will be a drug prevention program in the FHS auditorium for parents. The program will be presented earlier in the day for the students.

Sandra Berend is offering her delicious fudge again. You can order up to December 23. Chocolate is \$12. With pecans or walnuts \$14. That is a pound of the best fudge you've ever tried. She has a Facebook page you can place an order on. Search Sandra Berend and 'like' her page. Or I guess you could just call her.

LeAnn Gallman has been named city manager in Mule-

shoe. She is the sister of Susan Kerby of Bovina. They grew up in the Lazbuddie/Muleshoe area. LeAnn is married to David Gallman, JeDon Gallman's brother. LeAnn has been employed by the city of Muleshoe for 35+ years and was most recently the city secretary.

My brother Rick, Clint Mears, our friend Rick Castenada of Hereford, and I went to Amarillo Saturday for the Canadian vs. Stratford playoff game at Dick Bivins stadium. We loaded up with coats and gloves but didn't need them as the day was sunny and about 60 degrees. Brother Rick is a salesman for Becknell and has friends and clients in both Stratford and Canadian. We mainly wanted to see Canadian play on their way to a second state championship. Canadian won 31-0 so it wasn't a real exciting game.

Afterwards we stopped off at Green Chile Willy's Restaurant on I-27 to try the chicken fried steak voted Best in Amarillo. Willy's is a lively noisy place in a not-so-good location but we enjoyed it once we finally got there. P.S. The chicken fried steak was good but not the best I have ever had. I like the one at Feldman's in Canyon better.

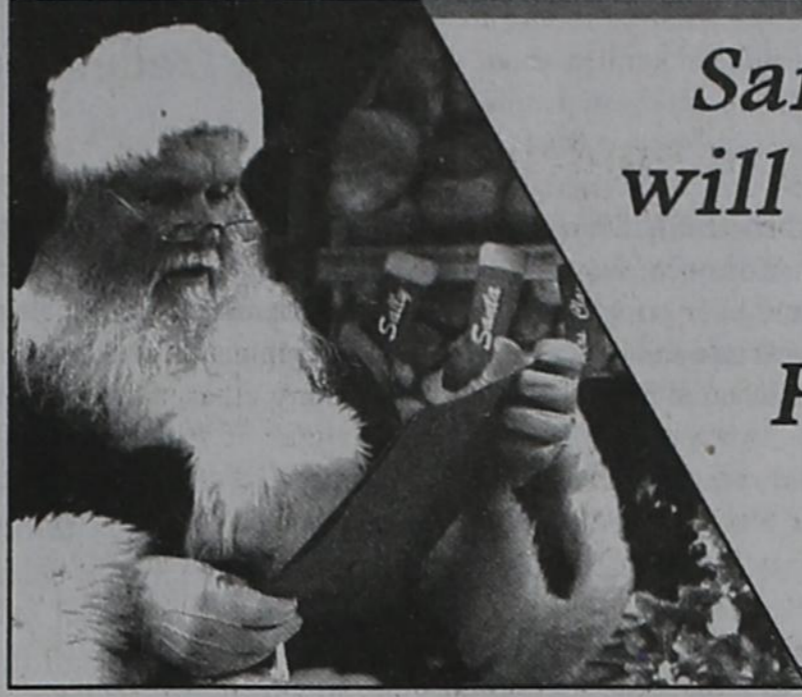
Monday was the deadline for Santa letters from the schools and we have a bunch of them. Dana has been typing them today (and probably tomorrow).

They will be printed in our big Christmas paper next week. Thanks to the teachers and staff at the primary and elementary for assisting in collecting them.

Christmas in the Park was fun Monday night. Lots of kids got to see Santa, some were not too happy about it. Since not many little kids read Town Talk I guess I can safely reveal that Santa was Danny Allen from the Rhea community. Several people asked me about it. He did a great job for an endless line of children. Thanks to the Methodist youth choir and the FHS choir for the carols and Clint Mears of Intheden Graphics for the sound system.

The tree sponsors in the park are Cargill (gazebo), FHS National English Honor Society, Parmer Medical Center, Friona Interbank (Depot), Bi-Wize, Andy Alexander family, FHS student council, Methodist Church, and Friona junior high. Enjoy the lights and Merry Christmas.

Raquel Trevino is the new administrative assistant at the Friona Chamber of Commerce. Longtime employee Betty Lamb will be retiring at the end of December. Betty, thanks for your service and assistance to us here at the Star over the years. All the best. We look forward to working with Raquel.



Santa Letters will be in next week's big Friona Star Christmas Edition

Graveside services were held Friday December 4 in Bovina for longtime Bovina resident Veda McKay. She was 93 and passed away in Huntsville, Alabama November 22.

Parmer County Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson was nominated for being the top tax assessor in the Amarillo District and is also nominated for the state contest. Mrs. Pierson has filed for re-election to the county tax assessor position. Also filing were Precinct 1 county commissioner Kenny White, Precinct 3 county commissioner Kirk Frye, and Sheriff Randy Ger-

quested that we remind you about the Republican debate December 15 on Fox. You have been reminded. I know you will want to tune in and watch Donald Trump and maybe even to other debaters.

Saturday morning December 12 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. free pancake breakfast at the Bovina XIT Recreation Center. It is worth the drive. Everyone is invited.

The Friona high school choir Christmas Concert is Sunday December 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Someone called and re-

Next week will be our annual Christmas edition of the Friona Star. We have been working on Santa photos and Santa letters and Merry Christmas greetings from our area businesses. We will not publish a Star during Christmas week but will be back in the office Monday December 28 to start a New Year. We hope you will continue with us. Thanks. Until then!

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



December 7

December 7, 1941, a day which has lived in infamy, is after 74 years not nearly as much in the forefront of American minds as it once was. Many years the anniversary passes unnoticed except for the historians and soldiers who were there and their families and still remember. More often these days we think of 9/11 and rightly so, as it was another attack on American soil, i.e. an act of war.

In comparison, 2,403 Americans were killed at Pearl Harbor and 2,753 in the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001. In addition, 188 aircraft, 19 ships (including 8 battleships) were destroyed at Pearl Harbor. Mercifully, 3 aircraft carriers were out on maneuvers that day. The USS Arizona sustained a directed hit by a Japanese torpedo bomb and sank to the bottom of the harbor killing all aboard.

Many films, documentaries and movies have been produced about this historic event. Film makers always try to be as accurate as possible, yet still mistakes are always made, as no photographs exist of this event. A doctor on a nearby hospital ship did take one snapshot of the Arizona after it was hit. Only recently was it discovered to have been printed in reverse. In a new documentary effort to try to piece together a more accurate description of the attack, they have corrected this and many other things.

First, they went up in a helicopter to 9,800 ft. to look at the harbor from the bombing altitude above the Arizona memorial. The Arizona would have been about the size of a dime from that height, but you could clearly see it. No Japanese Nakajima B5N1 or B5N2, Keiito or "KATE", as these aircraft were known, exist. They created a virtual full size design from photographs to get the correct picture there, to examine and recreate it. No battleship the same class as the Arizona exists, but the battleship USS Texas* is very similar though smaller, and is a museum near Houston. So, they went there to get a more realistic feel and actual footage of that ship inside and out. The torpedo bomb did not go into the smokestack of the Arizona as many had thought,

but rather through the deck and into the magazine chamber containing the ship's explosives, thus creating a devastating explosion and total destruction, sinking the Arizona and killing all aboard. The ship burned for more than 2 days...

As we pause and reflect now these 74 years later, we can still remember and appreciate the sacrifices made by our fellow Americans, then and now. Many are family and those WWII veterans who are still with us are even more precious than ever.

*The Battleship of Texas, since April 21, 1948, has been moored at La Porte, TX near Houston and is a museum. The USS Texas is the last of its class and one of the only battleships to serve in both WWI and WWII. Commissioned on March 12, 1914, she was 'modernized' rather than scrapped in 1925 and lived on to serve another day. The USS Texas was in Maine on December 7, 1941, but she fired on the Nazi defenses at Normandy on June 6, 1944, D-Day. She sustained a German attack that killed one and injured 12; one shell did not explode so the Navy deactivated it and returned it to the Texas as a good luck charm. Today, she still has battles to fight with rust and decay. The museum is open 10 to 5 ev-

eryday except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. \$12 is the admission for adults. I visited there when I was 5, and it was very impressive then; I have never forgotten it.

New on the bookshelf: Anything Goes by Richard Wheeler; Ashley Bell by Dean Koontz; Guilty by David Baldacci; Tricky Twenty Two by Janet Evanovich; All dressed in White by Mary Higgins Clark; Pharaoh's Secret by Clive Cussler. Non-fiction: American Military Aircraft; Quilts from the Civil War by Brackman; Destiny and Power by George H. W. Bush; Forgotten and Audacious by Beth Moore.

Memorials have been received in memory of Billy Joe Mercer by Bill Stovells; Jimmy Grimsley by Bill Stovells, FHS Class of 1967, Dave Thompsons, Margie Herring and Lydia Delvanthal; Pat Tannahill Pleasants by FHS Class of 1967, Joy Morton, Lydia Delvanthal, and Wanda Robison by Pens & Pages and Friends of the Library.

Our poinsettias are beautiful! Thanks Kitty Gallman. Remember our Book Shoppe is open on Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 119 W. 6th Street and the Pioneer Heritage Museum at 218 W. 6th Street is open on Mondays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Country Thoughts
dana jameson

Merry, Schmerry!

Tis the season to be merry!
What if you don't feel merry? What if you can't seem to find the joy? What if everywhere you look there is darkness and loneliness?
There are so many people out there that find no joy or happiness in this season of giving. They see the excess spending that they can't afford. They see the laughing crowds and only want to retreat to their sanctuary where there are no red and green lights and Christmas carols about happy snowmen and jolly, fat men with packs on their backs filled with toys and goodies.
These people see the Christmas season as another reason to turn inwards and believe they are all alone and no one loves or cares about them. It is just another day filled with the incessant loneliness and self-loathing.
They try their best to believe in God but have a hard time believing that God would let them be so miserable without a single light at the end of the tunnel. They believe that light is just one more train coming to run them over again and again.
Although statistics show that there are fewer suicides during the holidays there is also the thought that the holiday blues or depression are increased.
The holiday blues can take the joy from any situation. That new grandbaby can bring some light into your life but as soon as he/she goes home you are left with the blues. That perfect gift that you have wanted for so long can bring a little light but it fades after a

while when the gift begins to lose its luster.
If you are one of those people that just cannot muster up joy and happiness this season, I understand. You can put a smile on your face and fake people out but you know that the smile is glued on and will come off when you get away from people because you believe there is nothing to smile about.
Remember that everyone has someone that loves them even if it is your pet that meets you at your door at the end of the day.
Keep in mind the reason for Christmas. It is not to spend our way into a hole that will take all of next year to dig out of. The reason for the season is to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The presents should not be for us.
Enjoy your family and your memories of Christmases past that brought you happiness. If you don't have any family just remember anyone can be 'family' they don't have to be blood relatives.
I am blessed to have a family but I also have a work family and church family. When the blues strike and I miss my mom more than I should they all seem to be so far away. I have to remind myself they are just a phone call away or a short drive down the road.
One website suggested to begin a new tradition this year, volunteer, or go for a walk in the park. If it comes down to it and the holiday pressures are getting to be too much you can simply say, "I am not up for this right now."
Do what is best for you. You are not alone.

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- Flowers and Gifts
- Kendrick Oil/Farm Store
- Lowe's Supermarket
- Malouf's Fabrics
- Milk House Market
- Subway of Friona
- Tasty Cream
- Veterinary Industries

Jesus: Special Guest or Friend?

By TEENA HUGHS

If Jesus came to your house, how would you treat Him, as a special guest or a friend?

A few weeks ago in Community Bible Study, we were to, "Consider picking one day...when you will intentionally do life with Him...ask Him to help you be aware of Him; then talk to Him, consider His feelings and thoughts, and look for His smile as you go throughout your day."

When I tried this, I did fair in the morning, but as the day wore on, I got farther away from the assignment. But, I did learn one thing: how I think of Jesus determines how I relate to Him and how I treat Him.

Treating Him as a special guest means that I would want to change many things. I would apologize for how things look. I probably wouldn't say too much, because I would be in awe of Him and trying to please Him. For sure, I would fear saying the wrong thing to Him. It wouldn't be an enjoyable experience. Panic, stress, fearful, and awkward would describe me having Jesus as my special guest.

Having Jesus as my friend is totally different. I don't have any problem talking to Jesus as my friend. A true friend accepts you for who you are, and you don't have to pretend for a friend. Jesus knows the real me better than I know myself, and I don't think He would like me pretending to be someone I am not; for example, being the perfect housekeeper and host. You shouldn't have to feel stress or fear or dread being awkward around a friend.

Jesus is, without a doubt, my best friend! I express feelings and emotions that I don't even share with my earthly best friend, my husband.

I need to spend more time with my friend Jesus; I need to include Him in more of my decision-making; I certainly need to depend on Him more.

I need to be more thankful for my best friend; He does far more for me than I do for Him. Take care and enjoy your best friend!

Already Here?!?!

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Maybe I'm just getting older, or maybe time really is flying by, but I found myself thinking "Is Christmas already here?!?!?" It just seems like a couple of weeks ago that we were singing Joy to the World and Away in a Manger, and now it is time to sing the wonderful carols again.

Jesus' birth took place in God's perfect timing, but I wonder if Mary and Joseph found themselves saying, "He's Already Here?!?!?" as they were in Bethlehem. They knew God's plan as revealed by angels to them, but time can surely fly, and seemingly catch us unprepared.

Jesus came the first time about 2,000 years ago, but Jesus is coming back. I don't know exactly when, but it could be any day. I wonder if Jesus came back today, how many people would be saying "He's already here?!?!," because they didn't turn from their sin and trust Christ to save them. How scary to stand before God and be haunted by one's apathy and sloth in spiritual things, condemning one's soul to hell. Wherever you are, whatever you think, know that Jesus came to save us from our sins (Matthew 1:21), so don't delay any longer, because one day it will be too late.

Attention all Churches in the

Friona and Bovina area:

If your church is having special Christmas services or programs, call the Star office at (806) 250-2211.

We will publish the list in the

December 17, 2015 paper.

OBITUARY

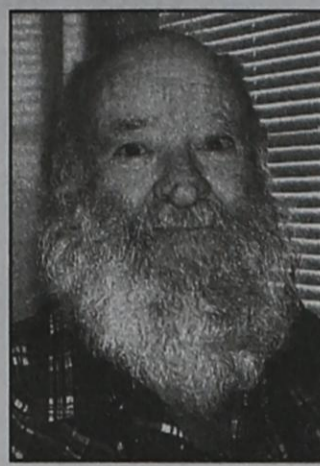
Willis J. Hopingardner

Willis J. Hopingardner, 79, of Clovis, NM, died Thursday, December 3, 2015. Graveside services were held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 in the Bovina Cemetery in Bovina, Texas with Reverend Amy Jordon, of Trinity Methodist Church in Clovis, New Mexico. Arrangements were under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona, TX.

Willis was born September 1, 1936 in Clovis, New Mexico to T. J. and Sadie Mae (Shafer) Hopingardner. He was a master welder in building the plane attached to the space shuttle Apollo. Willis was raised in Bovina and was of Methodist faith. Willis had farmed in Bovina. His hobbies included: fishing, flying model airplanes, planting flowers, vegetables, or anything that would grow, sewing his own western shirts. He was a scout master for Boy Scouts of America.

He was preceded in death by his parents, T. J. and Sadie Mae Hopingardner; a son, Douglas Hopingardner; one brother; and four sisters.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of the Retirement Ranch and



Gentiva Hospice Care of Clovis, New Mexico.

Willis is survived by two sons, Clarence Hopingardner and wife, Sandy, of Magnum, OK, Donald Hopingardner and wife, Junelle, of Clovis, NM; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials to: American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell Street, Amarillo, TX 79109; Relay for Life; or Bovina Schools, 400 Halsell, Bovina, TX 79009.

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Sunday, December 13 will be an awesome day at First Baptist Church Friona and you won't want to miss out!!! In the morning worship service at 10:40am the children will present their program entitled, "Christmas Around the World." This program focuses on the reality that Jesus came to save the world from our sins, and looks at how so many different Christmas traditions are from many places around the globe.

Then at 6:00pm that evening our adult choir will perform their musical "Breath of Heaven." After their program we will have a time of gathering in our Christmas Missions Offering, and dedicating that to the Lord. Finally we will close with a time of candlelight worship in the Auditorium. To end the evening we will have a Birthday Party for Jesus, complete with delicious cakes, goodies and fellowship. We hope you can join us, and for more information call 806-250-3933 or visit www.fbcfriona.com.

God blessed us early last November by sending area fire departments when a grass fire threatened our home and pasture.

Thank you to the firemen who volunteer and put their lives on the line each time they are called out. Thank you to the Bootleg, Bovina, Farwell, Friona, Lazbuddie, Pleasant Hill, and Rhea fire departments. Thank you also to the law enforcement and other emergency personnel and our neighbors. We are so grateful to everyone involved.

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Christmas Church Services & Programs

December 13

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December 20

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December 24

**Friona United Methodist Church Come & Go Communion-4-5 p.m.
Kid Friendly Christmas Eve Service-5:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service-7 p.m.**

Thanks to the wonderful community of Friona for all of your kindness shown to our family following Billy Joe's accident and illnesses. He appreciated all of you and loved this community. Thanks for your prayers, visits, cards, telephone calls and food during his continuing difficulties and death.

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It takes a village to stage Nazareth Christmas Pageant December 20-21

By Jim Steiert

Given that it takes a village to raise a child, small wonder most all of the tiny Texas Panhandle village of Nazareth, 76 miles southwest of Amarillo, is involved in telling of the story of the birth of the holiest child.

The 20th anniversary presentation of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant will be staged at Holy Family Catholic Church December 20 and 21 with performances at 7 p.m. each evening. In honor of the 20th anniversary, the young guitar students of Lydia Schacher will sing carols immediately to the east of the church beginning about 6:30 p.m. and shepherds are tentatively scheduled to tend their live flock in the street fronting the church to greet patrons as they arrive in Nazareth. Church seating is on a first-come basis. There is no charge for admission, although love offerings will be accepted.

With life in Nazareth revolving around the Holy Family Church, it's not surprising that multiple generations in this community named for Jesus Christ's Galilean hometown have, for decades, poured themselves into presenting a Christmas Pageant depicting the birth and childhood of Christ. The locally written Pageant, first produced in 1972, and filled with home-crafted music and props, was performed intermittently 16 times from 1972 to 1994, then languished in prolonged hiatus until 2009.

Staging of this lavish telling of the real story of Christmas in 14 scenes and 14 songs was revived in 2009. Bringing it back involved residents of all ages. Such commitment of time and talent was required that those preserving this heirloom chose to continue presenting

the Pageant only every other year. This Christmas season is an "on" year for the production.

This year, over 150 parishioners from multiple generations will herald the real story of Christmas, depicting a progression of events from the annunciation to Mary by the Angel Gabriel in the Galilean village of Nazareth through the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt, and their eventual return to Nazareth, where Jesus spent his boyhood.

Music, pantomime and narration relate the story with lighting, and handmade costuming and scenes created by gifted hometown artists and craftsmen moving the story along.

The script and part of the music for the Pageant were written and arranged by community members, and special staging to enhance the viewing experience for those in attendance was crafted by parishioners.

Many veterans of pageants past are involved in this year's production. As always, this year's presentation is faithful to the original productions in 1972 and 1973 that were crafted by the late Father Stanley Crocchiola, who fostered the idea of the pageant and wrote the narrative, the late Donna Benke Birkenfeld, who coordinated music and wrote two original pieces of music, including the haunting "Soldier Search" and "Magnificat," and the late Ernie and Florine Brockman, who between them coordinated participants, costuming, seamstresses, electricians, lighting, funding, and advertising for the original pageants.

Noreen Kleman Carson,



PAGEANT UPCOMING—The 20th anniversary production of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant will include performances at 7 p.m. on December 20 and 21 in the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. In honor of the 20th anniversary, guitar music and caroling will be presented by Lydia Schacher's students immediately east of the church entrance beginning at 6:30 and shepherds are tentatively scheduled to tend a live flock on the approach to the church to greet those arriving in the village. The Pageant, presented every other year, is a point of community pride and includes talent from across generations in its staging.

directed the fifth through eighth pageants and wrote the music "Chosen by God."

The Pageant is a source of community pride and common purpose with community members constituting cast, choir, stage crew, directorial and technical staff that includes talents from electronics and carpentry to art, mechanics and makeup.

Director of this year's Pageant is Nicole Schulte and co-director is Lisa Schulte. Patti Kern serves as an assistant director. Choir director is Sharon Brockman.

Sharon Brockman, Jim Hoelting, Delores Heiman, and Kathy Birkenfeld, who are all involved in this year's production, are veterans of all 20 stagings of the Pageant.



TUNING UP FOR PAGEANT—Veteran choir director Sharon Brockman puts the choir through a number from the Nazareth Christmas Pageant while long time organist Mary Lynn Olvera accompanies as voice and musical events prepare for the 20th presentation of the Pageant Dec. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. each evening at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. The Pageant is presented in 14 scenes and 14 songs that include original numbers written for the Pageant.



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Joel Duffield of Xcel Energy took advantage of the nice weather Monday and put up the Christmas lights along Main St. Christmas was officially welcomed Monday with the Christmas in the Park celebration and the lighting of the park and Main St. Many thanks to Joel and Xcel Energy, the Chamber of Commerce, and our city employees.

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Jacob Harrison (5) heads to the basket past a Sudan defender.

Squaws 2-1 at Melrose

It is tournament time for high school basketball. The Squaws won 3rd place in the Melrose tournament and the Chiefs were consolation winners in the Nazareth tournament. Both teams begin play in the Farwell tournament this weekend.

At Melrose the Squaws beat Floyd in the first game 67-33. Kim DeWit lead the way with 22 points. Kendall Barnett scored 16 and Evelyn Lozoya had 8 points.

On Friday the girls lost to Elida 44-32. Kim DeWit had 12 points and Paige Upton and Kendall Barnett had 4 points each. In a Saturday game vs. Dexter the Squaws won 41-35. Kendall Barnett led the way with 10 points, Kim DeWit had 8 points and M'Kenzie Hurst scored 6 points.

Next week the teams travel to Bovina Tuesday December 15 and River Road December 18. On December 28 the Squaws are in the Texico tournament and the Chiefs participate in the Littlefield tournament.

Chiefs win consolation at Nazareth

The varsity boys went 4-1 in the Nazareth tournament to win the consolation bracket.

Chiefs 71 Highland Park 37

The Chiefs had four 3s and 21 for 24 free throws. Scoring: Kaegan Kerby 12, Cris Alvarez 12, Dallin Woods 10, Josh Barnett 9, Adrian Munoz 8, Seth Murphree 6, Jacob Harrison 5, Cody Stowers 3, Josue Ojeda 2.

Chiefs 38 Panhandle 68

Scoring: Kaegsan Kerby 12, Dallin Woods 9, Adrian Munoz 5, Cris Alvarez 5, Cody Stowers 3, Seth Murphree 2.

Friona 57 Muleshoe 50

The Chiefs beat district rival Muleshoe with a perfect 17 of 17 from the free throw line and five 3s. Scoring: Kaegan Kerby 24 including 12 of 12 free throws, Dallin Woods 13, Adrian Munoz 12, Cody Stowers 5, Josue Ojeda 4.

Chiefs 49 Hale Center 47

The Chiefs finished with a 21 point fourth quarter. Scoring: Kaegan Kerby 16, Dallin Woods 10, Adrian Munoz 7, Jacob Harrison 6, Cris Alvarez 6, Seth Murphree 2, Josh Barnett 2.

Chiefs 66 Texline 62

The Chiefs got revenge from an earlier loss by defeating #3 state ranked Texline at Nazareth. Scoring: Kaegan Kerby 20, Kaegan Kerby 19, Josh Barnett 7, Adrian Munoz 6, Cris Alvarez 5, Seth Murphree 4, Jacob Harrison 3.



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Dallin Woods (1) fast breaks the Sudan Hornets. The Chiefs beat Sudan and head to the Farwell tournament this weekend.



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Sydney Frye (5) takes a shot over the Sudan Lady Hornets during Tuesday night action at Friona gym. The Squaws lost 51-26 and head to the Farwell tournament this weekend.



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Paige Upton drives to the basket in the Tuesday game vs. Sudan. The Squaws lost to the Lady Hornets 51-26. They play in the Farwell tournament this weekend.



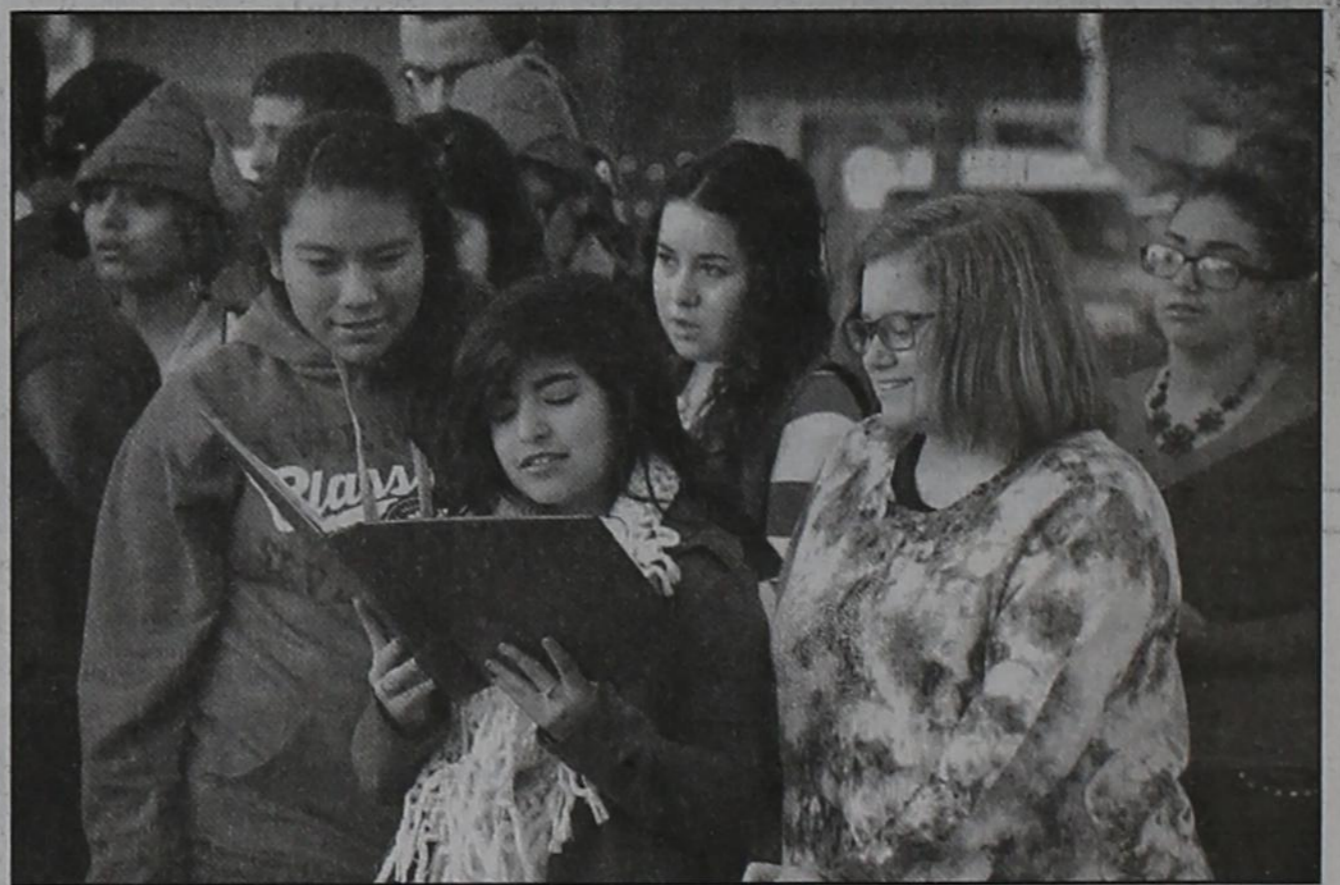
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The First Baptist Church booth at Monday's Christmas in the Park celebration dispensed cotton candy and other goodies.



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Josh Barnett (12) drives past a Sudan Hornet.



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The Friona high school choir provided Christmas music for the crowds waiting to see Santa at Monday's Christmas in the Park celebration.



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The Methodist Church youth choir sang Christmas carols in the park.

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Bovina Christmas in the Park



JBerry Accounting Services

Father - Daughters TEAM



Janene Jesko C.P.A. has joined her sister Jana Pitcock and Father Jim Berry. Pictured (Our Staff) Rosie Buchan, Anna Symm, Sue Gossett, Tommie Fulcher, Jana Pitcock, Jim Berry, Janene Jesko

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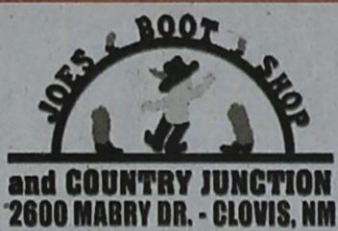
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