



Christmas in Elk City

The Christmas Holiday Season in Elk City was interesting this year. There was lovely weather most of the first part of December. The night of the Toys for Kids Supper and Parade was a different story. The temperature dropped and it started to snow. By the next morning it was 4 degrees compared to the day before of around 50 degrees. A surprising number of people attended the Toys for Kids supper which served monterreys. Quite a few people came in for the parade following the supper and sat in their cars out of the weather. Several floats were unable to come because of the weather. The parade ended with Santa in his sleigh. Instead of sitting under the tree, Santa talked with the children in the warmth of the Masonic Lodge.

Santa made another trip to Elk City later in the week to deliver gifts. The weather had improved considerably by then. Santa had gifts for the country kids and greeted them in the fire station where he gave them a gift, also hat and mittens. Then he rode his sleigh along with a couple of elves all around town delivering wrapped gifts to all the kids in town.

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Around Town

- BINGO was held at the community building in October 15th, November 5th and December 10th, sponsored by Community U.

- Coterie held their Thanksgiving luncheon; roll call was what are your plans for Thanksgiving.
 - Elk Valley High School honored area Veterans on Nov. 11th with a program of songs, salutes, recognition and handshakes. The Legion of Elk County demonstrated how to fold the flag and what each fold means and presented it to the school. They were treated to wonderful lunch after the program. Several Elk City Citizens attended.
 - Tyler Worcester graduated from Kansas State University in December with a B.S. Degree in Milling Science and Management.
 - In her 32 years as coach at Independence High School, Kristi Speicher was winner of the Area Coach of the Year honor for a second straight season.
 - Barbara Ames, FACS agent, gave the lesson to the Gingham Aprons FCE entitled "Keys to Embracing Aging"
 - The Christmas tree in the center of town looked very festive
 - A lot of Christmas Activities were going on in town
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Remembering the Past, Part 1

Marilyn Marr Adams shared some of the old Elk City Alumni Banquet minutes and I thought it might bring back some memories from the past. The minutes were handed down from one alumni banquet to another through the years until they ended up with Marilyn Adams to keep.

On Monday evening, May 23, 1938 the Elk City High School Alumni members gave a banquet at the high school auditorium, in honor of Miss Anna Easley, who had been an instructor in the Elk City Schools for 29 years. The tables were arranged to form a...

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History of Elk City High School

This history was found with the Alumni Minutes. Unknown Author

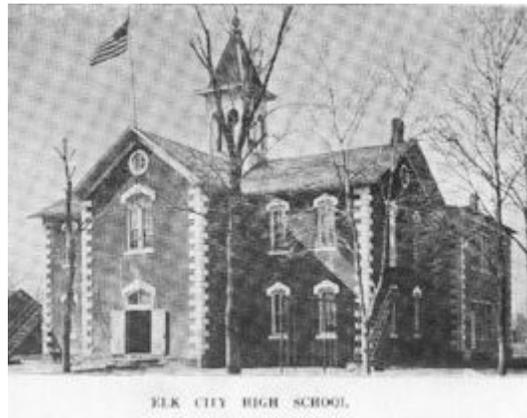
The town of Elk City was started in 1869 when a saw mill and a grist mill were built on the east side of Elk River.

School was held in different buildings including a church and a billiard hall. When the Indians came to town they would peek in the windows and watch the students. In the fall

of 1873 the school enrollment was 42 and one teacher received \$40.00 per month.

In January 1882 a more permanent brick school building was completed. It was two stories containing four rooms and measured 33 x 63 feet. It was the first part of the...

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Tidbits by Jane

October - 'Ol Elk River threatened to slow traffic from all the recent rains, even though there was some water to drive through, the Annual Osburn Hog Roast was a success. The weather made for a beautiful evening of good food and fellowship. We enjoyed having Bryan Knowles from Hale community entertain...

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Keli Mart Sold

Keli Mart was auctioned back in October and bought by a local family. The Bridges family is remodeling and doing a lot of work getting it ready to open to the public. As of this newsletter Keli Mart is planning on opening in January.



Church News

Church of the Nazarene showed Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors" in November for Movie Night.

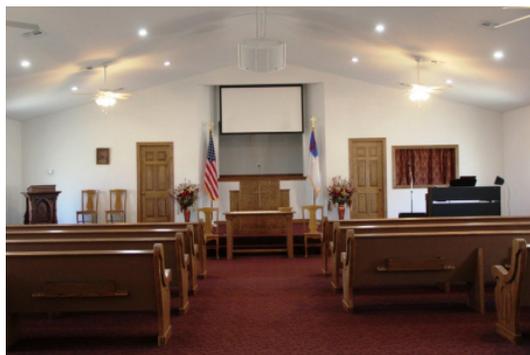
Everyone was invited to the annual Christmas Banquet. The Marta's invited all to the parsonage to see the lights, enjoy snacks, see the train and visit awhile. They also presented a children's Christmas Program.

The Community Christmas Candlelight program was at the Nazarene Church, as was the Christmas Eve Worship service.

The United Methodist Church Ladies served a fantastic Turkey with-all-the-trimmings Fall Supper in October. UMW Members will deliver 6 Christmas bags to members of our community.

The First Christian Church held their first public worship and dedication of the building service on November 20, 2016. Rev. Gene Benefiel, interim pastor and is also the Buxton Christian Church pastor, led the worship/dedication service. We appreciated all the guests that attended. A Soup and Chili lunch was served after services. The time for church services has changed. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. until further notice. God Bless everyone .

The Ministerial Alliance which consisted of all the churches in Elk City gave holiday boxes to several of its citizens.



Obituaries

DePonte, Joseph age 88 passed away September 23

Daniels, Jack F age 79, of Elk City, passed away Friday, October 28

Simmons, Joyce 73, of Independence, passed away October 29, burial in Oak Hill Cemetery

Hall, Tom D. age 70 passed away December 2nd, a graduate of Elk City High School

Rice, James Allen passed away November 30 at age 63, burial in Oak Hill Cemetery

The Good Old Days

This is from the I Remember When Series and was written by Alva Marr, owner of the Elk City Drug Store shared by his family.



Christmas was always a special time of year at the Marr Drug Store. The girls always decorated the big windows with lights and snow. For many years it was tradition to put up a full size tree in the middle of the intersection with many lights. It was always a beautiful sight on winter evenings before Christmas that added to the magic and intrigue of...

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