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WINTER IN FRISCO

January is a month of transitions and change—a transition from one year to the next as we turn the calendar page or simply a transition in our attitudes as we dive into resolutions and new commitments. Regardless of whether you are a big believer in resolutions or not, January is usually a great month to pause, reflect, and reset for the new year to come.

This month we will focus on the theme of ***Winter in Frisco***, which may seem like an oxymoron because, in all honesty, Frisco and North Texas aren't really known for wintry weather. But that doesn't mean we are completely immune from the occasional Arctic blast and everything that comes with it. This month we will highlight some Frisco winter weather memories, a couple favorite ideas for staying warm, and what's coming up for us this year for the Heritage Association of Frisco.



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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

One change you may have noticed already is that the newsletter looks and reads a little differently from last year's editions. We are transitioning the responsibilities from our dear



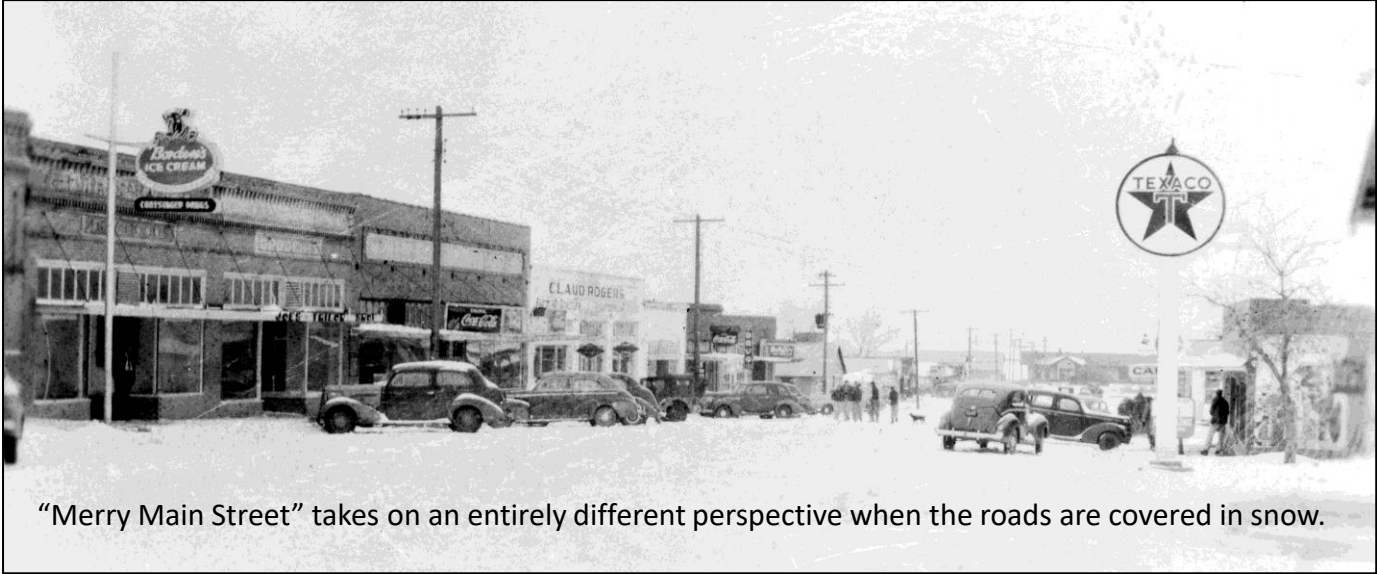
former editor, writer, and researcher extraordinaire Donna Anderson to newly recruited Tracie Reveal Shipman. Donna's contributions at the helm of the 2020 Frisco Heritage Times have been remarkable and provided us all with an invaluable look back over Frisco's rich history—one decade at a time. Her love of research, history, and Frisco gifted all of us with a deeper reflection and understanding of what makes Frisco so special.

Thank you Donna! Thank you for sharing your special gifts with us.

Fortunately, Donna will continue to support the Frisco Heritage Times with research expertise and serves as an advisor to Tracie as we shift. Tracie is also working with and will be reaching out to other Heritage Association of Frisco members to collect stories for future editions. If you have an idea, story, or images that you think would be good for the newsletter, please feel free to submit them to secretary@friscoheritage.org.

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MIDWINTER DAYS THROUGH THE DECADES



"Merry Main Street" takes on an entirely different perspective when the roads are covered in snow.

The snowy streets didn't seem to scare away customers from Frisco businesses like Curtsinger Drug and Claud Rogers' International Harvester dealership. Pedestrians also took to the streets as a group of young men (and someone's dog) congregated to explore the wintry conditions.



An ice storm slammed Frisco in January 1949.

Mike Cates shares a story from his dad, Bill, who recalls almost all the power lines being down for weeks around Foncine (Bill lived near the corner of Independence and Eldorado today.)

Photos courtesy of Heritage Association of Frisco

The storm knocked out power and telephone service all over Frisco. "There was not a single span of wire between Frisco and Dallas. The entire system had to be rebuilt."

(History of Frisco, 1902-1976)

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company published a heartfelt "Thanks" to the people of North Texas for the generous hospitality shown to the "more than 1,500 telephone men who poured in.... to repair the damage left by the worst ice storm in telephone history..." The ad reads: "They appreciate the way you took them in...lodged them, fed them, and did so many things to make their stay here more pleasant." (McKinney Courier Gazette, Tuesday, March 8, 1949)

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One theme remained constant through the decades... kids LOVE snow!

January 1949



The Crowder brothers couldn't wait to dig out coats before they ran outside to play in the snow.

Shown in photo (front to back):
Richard, Freddie, and Jimmie
Crowder

Mom, Dorothy, took the time to find her full winter gear before heading out to 'play.'



Photos courtesy of the Crowder Family

January 1977



The Short family snuggled together on their sled, taking advantage of the 2nd big snow in as many years.

The back of the photo reads:

Ice storm-everything covered in ice for a week or more. We slid from road to trash barrels on sled.

Shown in photo: Tammy Short Benton, Jennifer Short Cody, and John Short.

Location: Then Rt. 2, now 8982 Taft Powell Road. Box Ranch (aka Brinkman Ranch) in the background.

*Photo courtesy of
Tammy Short Benton*

February 2004



Zach Reveal bundled up to tackle the welcome snow-day with his trusty sled. First assignment of the day was building a life-sized snowman with a buddy.

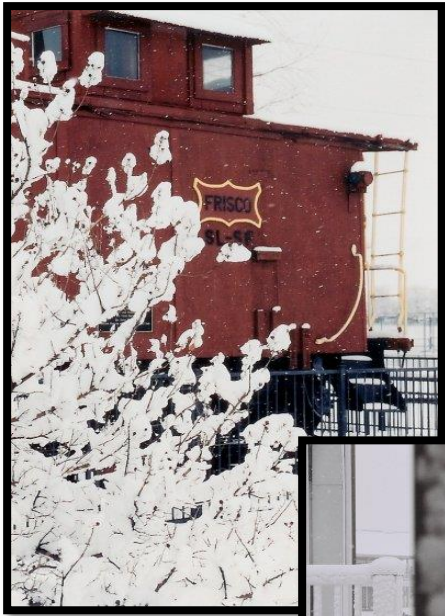
*Photo courtesy of
Tracie Reveal Shipman*



1950's Sears' Roebuck ad
for Winter Boots... in case
you're curious

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Snow Day, February 2004

Like the beloved Frisco Water Tower, the Caboose is another favorite icon for long-time residents. Before it was relocated, the Caboose served as the anchor for Bicentennial Park at the corner of McKinney Road and Sunset Drive. The park itself was established in 1976 in honor of our nation's 200th birthday.

RoughRider Stadium (pictured below) was stilled by a blanket of snow that February day as well.



Photos courtesy of
Tracie Reveal Shipman



Silos in Winter, February 2010

Frisco's famous grain silos on Main Street stand silhouetted against the surrounding snow cover. After the greatest snowfall on record in the DFW area, Frisco residents experienced over 12.5 inches which fell over the 24-hour period between February 11-12, 2010. Photo courtesy of *Frisco Style Magazine*.



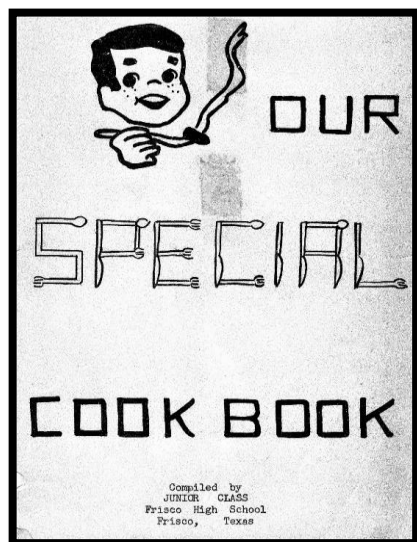
COVER PHOTO ~

Donna Anderson shares this beautiful photo of Frisco's iconic water tower after the unexpected snowfall on February 11, 2010. This photo ended up being featured on the cover of the Texas Water Journal magazine.

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WARM AND COZY IN FRISCO

This month's highlighted recipe is inspired by our *Winter in Frisco* theme—another wonderful idea for how to stay warm through the blustery days of January. The recipe comes to us from the 1959-60 FHS Junior Class Cookbook.



What is your favorite warm beverage to help stave off the chills of winter?

BOHEMIAN TEA

Mrs. Wilma Fischer

- 24 C water
- 1 teaspoon each of cloves, cinnamon, and bay leaf
- 5 teaspoons orange pekoe tea
- 6 oranges
- 3 lemons
- 4 C sugar



Bring water to boil then put in tea and boil with lid on for 1 minute. Tea may be tied in cheesecloth bag, otherwise, strain.

Add spices (in cheesecloth bag) and let set on stove. Add the juice of 6 oranges, 3 lemons, and 2 lb sugar (4 cups).

Serves hot. Serves 36.

In case you weren't aware, the Junior Class would raise the funds each year for the senior banquet, which was held before they themselves transitioned to their senior year—an act of “paying it forward” long before the phrase became famous.

The class sponsor and the woman who put together the cookbook each year was Mrs. Wilma Fisher—who also submitted this recipe. Given the quantity of tea this recipe made, she must have made it for both classes!



Mrs. Wilma Fisher

HERITAGE COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT:

Mamie Crozier Covington

Teacups and saucers



Photos courtesy of Heritage Association of Frisco

“Miss Wilma” not only sponsored the Junior Class, she served as the FHS Yearbook Sponsor for nearly 26 years!

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HERITAGE COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT:

Quilts:

**Mamie Crozier Covington (above)
"Friendship" Quilt (below)**

Friendship quilts were made to be cherished remembrances of friends and family. The 55 names embroidered on this quilt were members of a Home Demonstration Club in Denton County.

The quilt measures 77" wide and 87" long and was completed on January 26, 1935.

The quilt belonged to Alice Grace Smith who lived in the Smith-Muse House, located in Heritage Village. It was donated to the Heritage Association of Frisco by Betty Smith Muse, a niece of Alice Smith.



Symptoms of the "Flu"

The Frisco Journal, January 25, 1929

If you ever find on waking that your every bone seems breaking, and your measely head is aching and liver's on the rack, and you have that tired feeling, while your dizzy brain is reeling and a chill is softly stealing up the region of your back; and you have bad dreams while sleeping, while the germs within your keeping here and there are gently creeping rib, shoulder, knee and shank; and you merely wheeze when speaking and your eyes with tears are reeking, and your blamed old nose is leaking like a railroad water tank; while your ever fever levels, but within you roars and revels, and a million fiendish devils gaily scamper over you; though the silence is unbroken and no mortal word is spoken, these to you will be the token that you've got the cussed flu!

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A WINTER WEDDING: MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

It was a wintery Wednesday on January 31, 1951 when Jo Blazer and Dayton Duncan shared their vows before the family and friends who braved the storm to stand by their sides. The mid-week wedding was strategically selected, according to Jo..

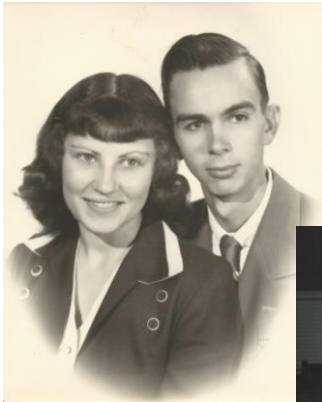
"We picked Wednesday night because we knew the church would be warm since it was open."

Dayton had recently been drafted into the Army to serve in Korea and was set to be inducted on February 5, the following week.

Jo quipped that, even after 70 years together, it was nice to know that their relationship was strong enough to survive being quarantined together virtually 24/7 for a year.

We agree Jo. That IS a testament to life-long love! Happy Anniversary Jo and Dayton!

*Photos courtesy
of Jo Duncan*



*Jo and Dayton,
Jan 31, 1951*



Blazer Family



Mr. and Mrs. Duncan



*Wedding Party: Eula Dean, Jo,
Brother Rogers, Dayton, Paul*



The Bride and Groom

FRISCO The First 100 Years, Frisco's second comprehensive history book, is available for purchase at the deep discount price of \$20. You can pick one up in the welcome center of the Frisco Heritage Museum, but staff can only accept cash, or a check made payable to *Heritage Association of Frisco*.

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CELEBRATIONS AND COMING ATTRACTIONS...



100 CANDLES STRONG!!!

February marks a significant milestone for our very own **Bob Warren** as he celebrates his 100th birthday!

We are honoring Bob throughout the year. First, we will host a “socially-distant” birthday party for him at The Grove (8300 McKinney Rd, Frisco, TX 75034) on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00pm. We hope you can join us that day.

For more details on this and other planned events, please log on to friscoheritage.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Another way we can all celebrate Bob’s big day is by sending him a “Virtual Hug.” It’s really quite simple. We’re asking you to send a quick video, which will be combined with all the others we receive, to create a montage for Bob. All you have to do is copy and paste the URL below to access Bob’s Video Hug page. You have the option to upload a video you create with your phone or, if you have a camera and microphone on your computer, you can go to the page and record your video directly. Either way, we ask that you keep it simple and short. The link to the page is here:

<https://app.vidhug.com/bob-warrens-100th-birthday/Syt-GlbRw/record>

The DEADLINE for Video HUG submissions is MONDAY, January 25th!

From the Heritage Association of Frisco Board of Directors

Be on the lookout for details regarding February Events on our Facebook Page and Website. The Board is closely monitoring conditions that may allow us to resume special events—especially outdoor programming.

If you have not paid your annual dues, or you would like to support the work of HAF by becoming a member, please visit our website at www.friscoheritage.org. There are two ways to complete and submit your membership application.

1. Fill out and submit an [online application](#) at www.friscoheritage.org and pay through PayPal.
2. [Download](#), print it, fill it out and mail it along with your check to:

Heritage Association of Frisco,
PO Box 263
Frisco, TX 75034

SEND BOB A
VIRTUAL HUG

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Heritage Association of Frisco members and friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and are doing well. I am so thankful to be a member of the Heritage Association during this tough time in our history. You have been great members supporting our virtual programs and meetings. Hopefully, with vaccines on the horizon, we will be able to resume many of the programs and events that we have done in the past. The HAF Board has been meeting regularly on Zoom to work through this year and thinking about the future.

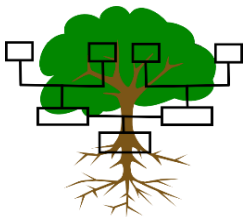
Mr. and Mrs. Claus stopped by the Museum on December 23rd. Santa was able to check out our "Letters to Santa" box. He chose one letter to receive Frisky, the Frisco Raccoon Puppet. The lucky recipient was Mason McIver from McKinney. Santa then read a letter from a Frisco boy from 1927. It was a letter that our Former Mayor Bob Warren sent to Santa that year. Santa and Mrs. Claus spoke about the meaning of Christmas and reminded everyone to be kind to one another.

Plans are under way to celebrate Bob Warren's 100th Birthday. We are also planning to celebrate the 119th Birthday of Frisco on Sunday, February 21st between 1-4:00pm at the Frisco Heritage Center.

As always, I would like to encourage you all to renew your membership and help us to continue to research, preserve and share Frisco's rich heritage. If any of you have a desire to join us on the Board or would be interested in becoming our Membership Chair, please let us know. We are always looking for members to help us explore the past and imagine the future together. Please take care and be safe. Best wishes to you all for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Historically yours,

Donna Schmittler, President, Heritage Association of Frisco



RESEARCHING YOUR ROOTS

This month's Genealogy Site is <https://deadfred.com/>

I did not name it and I am not making it up.



This site has thousands of photos uploaded by volunteers and does ask for donations to keep it going. You can search for photos by surname or location. Personally, I have not found any photos of my family yet. That does not mean that you won't be able to find something.

Happy Hunting!

Vickie Burns

Chairman, Genealogy Committee