

# Frioma Star

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TEN PAGES

St. Ann's Catholic Church to 2 p.m. at the St. Ann's nesses and residences." Bovina.

relish plate, homemade lights on vehicles. bread & desserts, tea or coffee. Donations will be \$8 for these acts," Chief Salinaz for adults and \$4 for children under 6-years-old. Takeout plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available to purchase at \$4 per pound the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann's member prior to the dinner.

#### **Book Shoppe** bag sale Wed

The Book Shoppe, operated by Friends of the Library volunteers, will have their monthly bag sale Wednesday, January 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All titles and all books qualify. New and old book titles available for \$1 per bag. The Book Shoppe is located in the former VFW building at 6th and Euclid.



#### **Nominations** needed for gifted and talented

Friona ISD students in Kindergarten-12th grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented program offered by Friona ISD for the 2009-2010 school year.

Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the principal or counselor in their child's building for the appropriate form.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2009. A certified Gifted and Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission into the program.

#### **Necesitamos** nombramientos para estudiantes

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD en los grados de K-12 tienen el derecho de ser nominados por padre o maestro para el programa que se ofrece en nuestro distrito de niños Talentosos por el'año escolar 2009-2010.

Los padres que desean de nombrar a su niño para este programa pueden hablar con consejero o el principal de la propia escuela para pedir las formas necesarias.

Las formas necesitaran ser completadas entregadas a la oficina del principal para el 31 de enero del 2009. Los estudiantes nominados seàan considerados y tomaran evaluaciones las cual determinaran admisión al programa.

#### St. Ann's sets its Reward offered

#### annual German Vandals cause damage across the city Friona Police Chief Tino said, "it's not just a prank. find out who is responsible block W. 11th, 400 block W. doors kicked in at a restaurant

will have its annual German Salinaz reports, that since With all the combined dam- for these crimes," Salinaz 7th, 1500 Block Elm, and 400 at 1500 W. 5th. sausage dinner Sunday, January 1 "we have been hit ages it is now a felony said. "The ones responsible Block W. 15th & 17th. January 25, from 11:30 a.m. hard with vandalism to busi- crime." He said if the total have no respect for other Vehicle vandalism reported responsible, or observes parish hall on 3rd St. in The chief said the crimes over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 to be held accountable for block of Woodland, taillight neighborhood, call the police

range from resident and busi- it is a state jail felony that their acts." The menu will be home- ness windows being shot out carries a punishment of 180 Vandalism acts reported in- car window shattered 700 remain anonymous call Crime green beans, homemade post, to slashing tires and than \$10,000. sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, breaking windows and tail-

En Espanol

Desde el primer del ano, nosotros hemos sido golpeados duramente con vandalismos a negocios y residencias. Los crimenes recorrer de ventanas de residente y negocios que son disparo fuera con un fusil de BB, y aplastar cajas de correo, postas de lampara de yarda, cortar llantas de vehiculos y quebrar ventanas de vehiculos y luces traseras de vehiculos.

Personas responsables de estos actos pueden pensar que es nomas una broma, pero con todos los danos combinados ahora ha llegado a ser un crimen de Felonia. Si la cantidad es mas de \$1500.00 y bajo de \$20,000.00 en danos a la propiedad el castigo puede ser un termino de no mas de dos anos y no menos de 180 dias en la carcel. Ademas la multa puede ser aste \$10,000.00.

Necesito la ayuda de los ciudadanos de Friona para averiguar quen es responsible por estos crimenes. Los responsables no tiene respeto para la propiedad de otras personas y es necesario que se agan responsables por sus actos. Si alguien sabe quien es responsible u observa alguien sospechoso en su vecindario por favor llame a la policia al 250-2711.

Si usted desea quedarse anonimo por favor llame a 800-744-TIPS/806-481-9178 recuerdan que usted no tiene que dar su nombre y si su información llegar a un arresto usted puede ganar una recompensa hasta \$1000.00.

Tino Salinaz Jefe de Policia de Friona

FRIONA, TEXAS

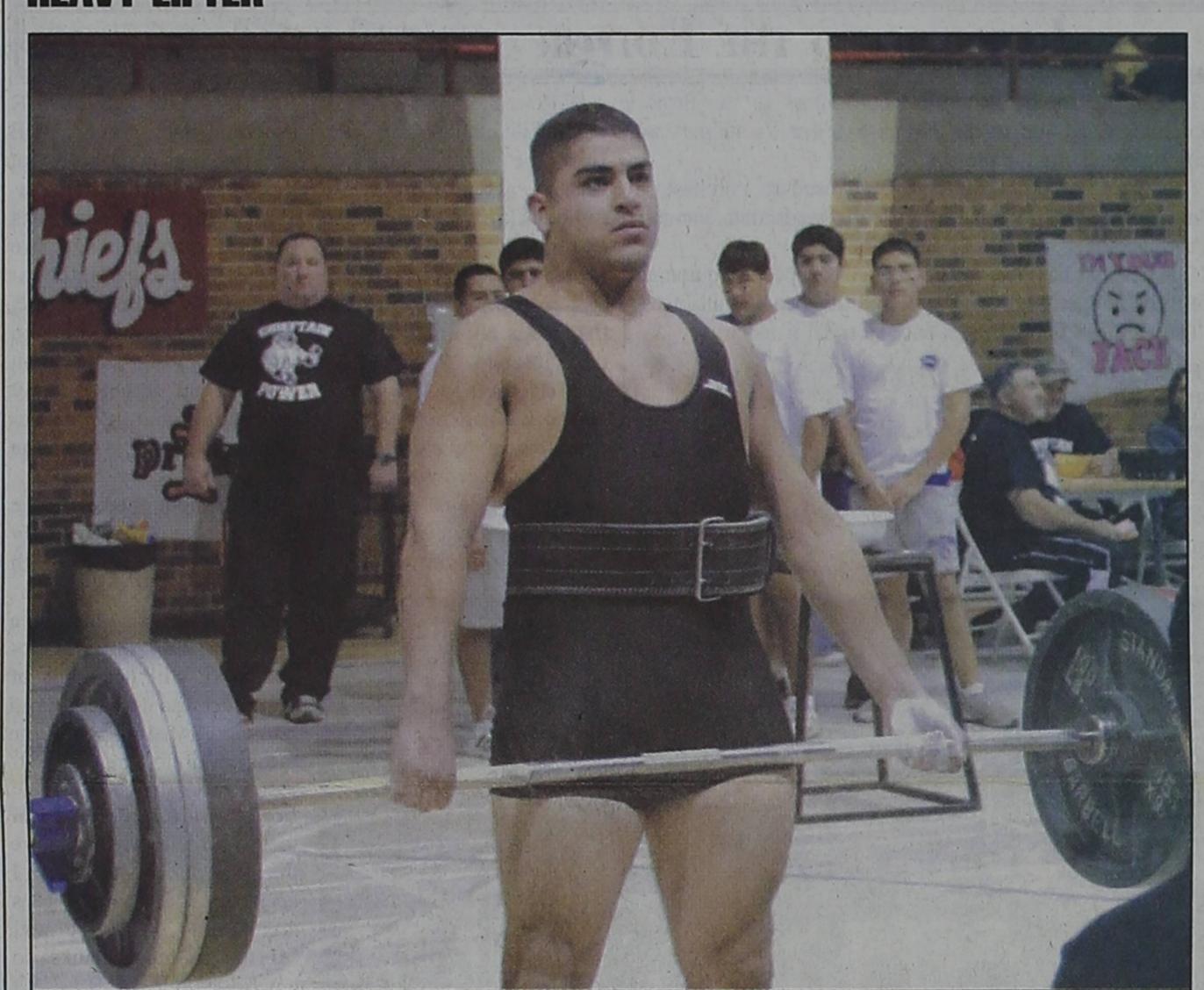
amount of the damage is people's property and need included tires slashed in 800 someone suspicious in their

made German sausage, with a BB gun, to smashing days to 2 years in state cluded: Windows damaged block Prospect, and in the Stoppers at 800-744-TIPS or creamed potatoes & gravy, mailboxes and a yard lamp- prison and a fine of not more with BB gun to three busi- 1500 block of Columbia ve- 806-481-9178. You do not "I need the help of the Main and a residence in the pole in yard knocked down, if your tip leads to an arrest citizens of Friona in assist- 300 block of W. 12th; and a tail light broken. There you may earn a cash reward "To whoever is responsible ing the police department to smashed mailboxes in 1600 was also a report of the back of up to \$1,000.

broken in 400 block W. 14th, department at 250-2711. To nesses in the 700 block of hicle window broken, light have to give your name and

If anyone knows who is

#### **HEAVY LIFTER**



ron carr photo

The Friona power lift meet had 14 schools and about 180 lifters at the Friona Gym Saturday. FHS senior Victor Guerrero completes a successful dead lift. He won first place in his heavyweight division. More lift meet photos at frionaonline.com.

### Positions available for 2010 census takers

ernment conducts a census eryone is included. of the population. The re-

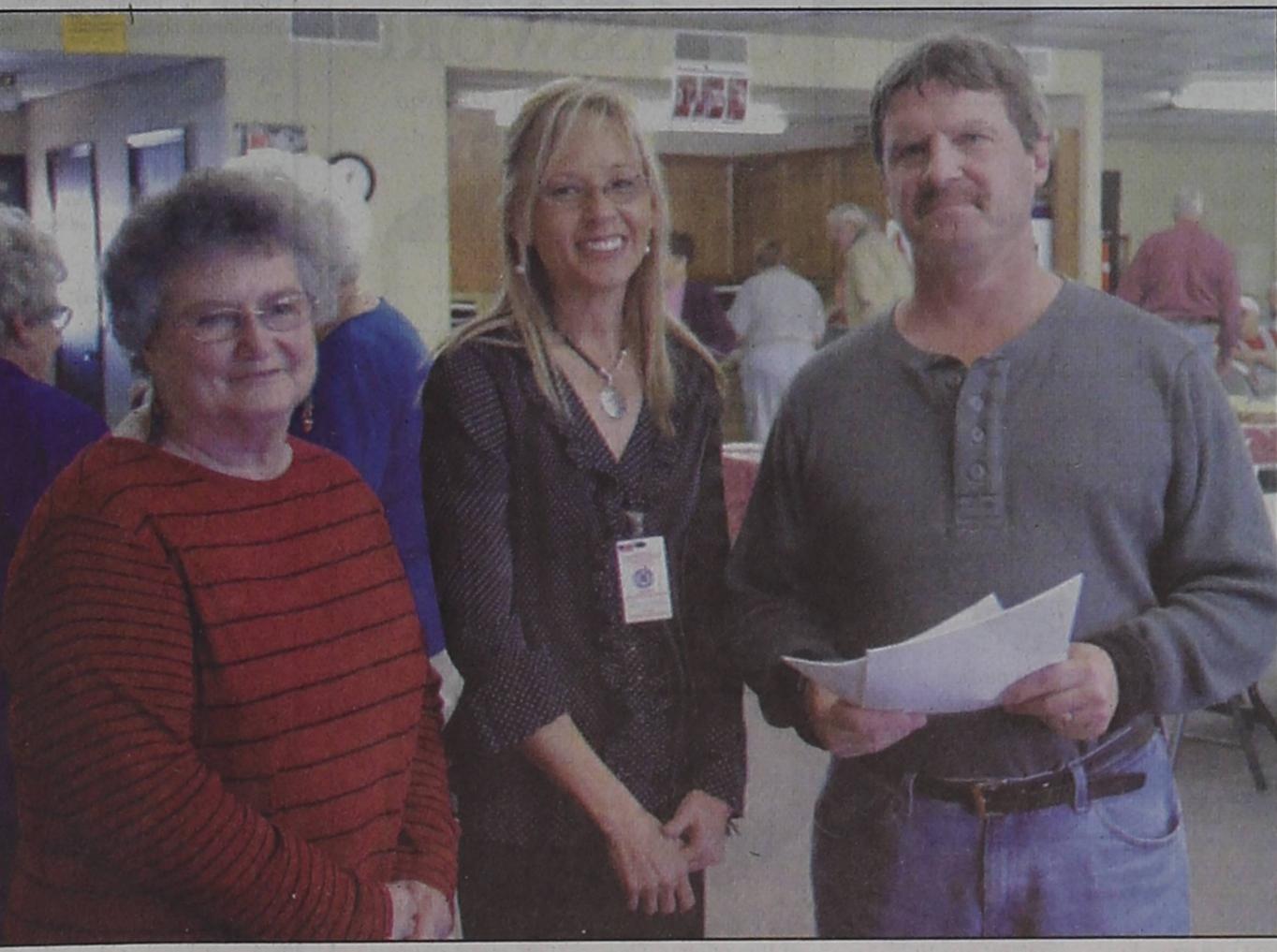
Census employees play a basis and are reimbursed for sition and location.

Every 10 years the gov- vital role in making sure ev- authorized mileage and re- She lives in the Canyon lated expenses, according to area and is recruiting across The Department of Com- area representative Kyda the Panhandle. She said sults determine our repre- merce Census Bureau is Riley who was recruiting in about 4,000 employees will sentation in government, now accepting applications Friona Monday. Information be needed in the Panhandle how federal funds are spent for local census employees. furnished says the pay rate with 75 employees needed on roads, parks, housing, Census employees receive can range from \$8 to \$19.25 in Parmer County. "It is a schools, and public safety. competitive pay on a weekly per hour depending on po- great opportunity for high school or college students (must be 18 or older) to earn extra money through flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work within your own community."

Ms. Riley says senior citizens are also a good source for employees. She attended the senior lunch in Friona Monday to discuss the program and plans to be back in the Friona area every two weeks for interviews. The program will run from now through May of 2010 and employees will be needed for different positions until then.

Testing is given to applicants. Ms. Riley says it is about a 30 minute test mostly designed to see if applicants can read or write and communicate. Interested applicants should call toll free 1-866-861-2010 to sign-up for a seat at a testing site and schedule an

interview. U.S. citizens are given preference. Applicants need to bring two forms of identification. All census employees must be able to speak English but bilingual skills are also needed. More information is also available at www.census.gov.



ron carr photo

U.S. Census Bureau representative Kyda Riley, center, visits with Donita Martin and Kip Kimbrough during the senior citizen lunch Monday at Friendship House. Ms. Riley was in Friona recruiting employees for the upcoming 2010 census. About 75 census employees will be needed in Parmer County. More information is available by calling 1-866-861-2010.

# By Ron Carr

#### i don't want to deal with it

Her name was Maggie.

had a \$50 charge on my son waiting and cut me off. Zac's phone for sending 1,600 on the bill.

the feeling. I just didn't want to about to draw my name. deal with it. At my age I like for thing I look forward to.

day afternoon I summoned the the account name. time and energy to dial them up.

The first two times I called I knew this wasn't going to be "Just a moment Mr. Carr while prompts I had to go through to umpteen digit account number the account for five years, etc, total due." discuss my Sprint billing. They so the recording got tired of yadda, yadda. She asked for Game, set, match. I suddenly

kilobits of data to who knows attempt when I finally beat the to her. Take that, I thought. somebody's daughter. She has where. That is supposed to system and heard those words Not going to catch me with- to work Sunday afternoons, be covered by a \$15 monthly from cyber-heaven, "to speak to out the information. unlimited fee which was also a customer service representa-It is one of those tasks I tons of information and ac- digits of the phone number you has to endure dealing with old dread so I left it laying on my count history to unload on gave me should be 4490 not kerfuffle guys like me who call desk for several days. You know the lucky agent who was 4990. Is that correct?" A big up looking for a fight.

life to be simple and uncompli- Maggie." She asked for the ten- ber then got irritated when she way out is to say, "I don't cated. Calling Sprint and trying digit phone number which I gave couldn't find my account info. want to deal with it." Wise to explain to a recording what I her with a rather terse attitude. am calling about is not some. She asked for the name on the grumpy old idiot I was ready to the tasks you dread the most I put it off until finally Sun- said the number didn't match charge but she took all the fun on the bottom of the pile.

tive press 0." I was armed with bad news. "Sir the last four money for her kids. Then she slice of humble pie. I gave We come across many situ-"Welcome to Sprint, this is Maggie the wrong phone num- ations in life when the easy

account. Gave her that too. She plead my case for the \$50 over- first instead of putting them out of that too. She pulled it That's good advice. What a bunch of morons. I up on her computer and said,

She was the human being at wasn't fast enough entering the easy. My tension level rose a I remove this from your acthe end of a series of telephone ten digit phone number and the notch as I explained that I had count and give you the new

> the account number. Aha! I realized that people like Maggie Determination spurred my third have that right here. I gave it have lives too. She is maybe to pay her way through Then Maggie gave me the school, or bring home extra

> > After apologizing for being a men suggest you complete

I'll try to remember it.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to the generous contributors to the Project Christmas Card and to the Friona Star for its support and help in publicizing the project.

This year the proceeds have been used to purchase an great. I actually moved to to schools, businesses, baadult and a pediatric crash cart used to resuscitate someone Lubbock a few months ago sically anywhere that asks in cardiac arrest.

Our hospital has been able to purchase special equipment Protective Services. We are provide educational informanot in its budget with your help, and this benefits all of us. a non-profit organization tion on domestic violence, The Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary

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names I don't know than those I do.

I'm sending this picture from my late sister's things that someone in the Friona Historical Society might be interested in.

She was Louise Euler Mangold and this picture was the 1924 first grade. I'm enjoying the Friona Star online even though I see more

Gertrude Euler Bigelow, Manteca, California

Hi Ron, How are you? I'm doing it! My department goes out and now work for Women's for our services and we that helps eliminate domes- the warning signs, how to tic violence. We have a get help, and how WPS can shelter facility, as well, help. It can be emotionally where we can house up to exhausting, but it's so re-206 women and children.

We also provide FREE everyday. counseling, legal services, and social services for both residents and non-residents.

I work mainly with the PR This is Felicia Lafuente, aspect of it all and I LOVE warding to help someone

> Like I mentioned, I do the PR and we are currently getting ready for our 4th Annual Dollar A Door Campaign which will take place on March 28, 2009 in Lubbock. We will need lots of volunteers so I was hoping you could help spread the message about the event.

If you could maybe mention it in the Friona Star that would be great! I love the Internet, that's how I keep up with Friona, plus my parents of course will fill me in too. Thanks so much for your help!

Felicia N. Lafuente Community Education & Volunteer Services Advocate Women's Protective Services P.O. Box 54089 Lubbock, Texas 79453 Office: 806-748-5292 ext. 215 Fax: 806-745-8739 Cell: 806-786-1755 www.wpslbk.org



This is the photo sent by Mrs. Euler of the first grade class in 1924. Louise Euler is fifth from the left in the front row. The teacher is Mrs. Buckner. Others in the front row are, numbered from the left, 1)Clyde Sherril, 2) Moy Turner, 4) Edna Reed 6) Laura Perry and 9) Franklin Lillard. Second row, numbered from left, 1) Mildred Hughes, 2) Sis Short, 3) Seva Welch, 5) Raymond Jasper, 9) A.B. Cole. Back row, 1) Lucy Robinson, 3) Connie Lockhart, 4) Pauline Parr. After publication this week this photo will be donated to the Friona Public Library.

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Mark Your Calendar

January 14-17 Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show is the 15th, sale is at 1 p.m. on the 17th.

January 16 Chiefs/Squaws vs. Childress here games at 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

January 18 Prairie Acres benefit Mexican dinner, Jr. High Cafeteria

January 19 City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Main Street.

January 23 FHS Baseball Pancake Supper at 5 p.m. before **Dimmitt Basketball games** 

January 24 Pick up Angel Food Ministry boxes at First Baptist Church from 10-11:30 a.m.

January 25

St. Ann's Catholic Church German Sausage dinner at the Parish Hall in Bovina from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost - Adults-\$8 & under six-\$4

> *January 26-30* Scholastic Book Fair at Primary School

> > January 27 Basketball here vs. Tulia

**January 27-29** Farm & Ranch Show at the Lubbock Civic Center

Basketball here vs. Floydada

January 30

January 31 Deadline for history stories in 3rd Parmer County History Book

February 3

Pens & Pages writer's group discussion with author Harry Haines 10-11:30 a.m. at the Depot in the City Park. Public is invited. Free admission.

February 10 Basketball here vs. Muleshoe End of district for girls - Final home game Senior parents night and Basketball King & Queen named

March 10 **Chamber of Commerce Banquet** at the Community Center

### Friona Star

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We reserve the right to limit the amount of space used for wedding

LETTERS to the EDITOR

announcements without extra charge.

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not always reflect the views or opinions of the editor or staff of the Friona Star. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, style, or length. Letters must be signed and include name, address, and phone number of sender for verification. Anonymous letters are never considered for publication.

DEADLINES News articles and advertising are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday to guarantee publication. Articles and ads submitted after the deadline are accepted only on a space available basis. Deadlines may be

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Stopped Tuesday n at Fast Stop (my m routine) for an Amarillo paper, burrito, and a ta gas (\$1.69). Picked up chocolate milk and I brittle too. If you ha tried the peanut brittle by a church in Clovis try it. It is very good. big round patties for \$ Delicious.

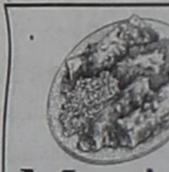
Thursday, January

The windshield cleane ter by the gas pump was zen solid so I still ha buggy windshield. The at the bank said 23 deg Aren't the bugs suppos die after a couple of fre We still have a fire d with the dry weather so what you burn. No me forecast in the immediate

Sorry about all you that ordered one of Snuggies blankets with s then found out the doesn't have a back in it is freaky. My daughter N said a boy in her annua class wore one to school it looked pretty funny. want to wear a belt aro if you wear it in public. Local veterinarian Dr.







Benefiting Tickets \$

Sunday, Ja

Drawings will be chair, and Amish Haile, and two §

Committee memb Grimsley. R Proceeds a



### Town Talk II

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

at Fast Stop (my morning Delicious.

buggy windshield. The sign active and out and about. at the bank said 23 degrees. Aren't the bugs supposed to what you burn. No moisture for only \$3. Area seniors are is fast and complete.

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Local veterinarian Dr. Gary Bailey suffered a stroke and is

big round patties for \$3.25. fashion. The deer photo on Amarillo, Tx 79106. this page was also caught with The windshield cleaner wa- his camera resting on the beanter by the gas pump was fro- bag in the truck passenger notes: Kirk Wright is finally zen solid so I still have a window. Good to see Gary still back in Friona after a couple

and Thursday.

then found out the thing west Texas Hospital in Ama- tracheotomy Tuesday. doesn't have a back in it. That rillo. She is under the care of

Also former Frionan Deloris stressful time.

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Sale Ends

January 30th

Stopped Tuesday morning Cash stopped by the office to in Northwest Rehab Hospital Haile family's graduation to all of our elected officials. share some of his outdoor pho- in Amarillo. She has difficulty photo is in today's Star too. routine) for an Amarillo news- tography. He suffered a stroke speaking and is in for a long paper, burrito, and a tank of several months ago and still has recovery according to friends It is time to think about High School arson fire Sunday sold the business to Charles Oil gas (\$1.69). Picked up some little use of his left arm but who have visited her. Eddie Valentine's Day and showing off night. The two-story building is & Gas, Inc. of Bovina. Helton chocolate milk and peanut with a homemade beanbag Mays gave me her address your kids, grandkids, spouses, a total loss and Lockney stu- Oil will now be operated as brittle too. If you haven't he can rest his camera or and asked that friends might and others in the special Febru- dents will now finish the year Farwell Fuels, a division of tried the peanut brittle made rifle in the window of his send her a card: Deloris ary 12 Friona Star Valentine is- with classrooms in churches, In- Charles Oil, Kenneth Waters of by a church in Clovis better truck and shoot. He said he Bailey, Room 2909, Northwest sue. Check out the bragging ad vestigators say the fire started Bovina is the owner of Charles try it. It is very good. Two recently killed a coyote in that Rehab Hospital, 7200 W. 9th, in today's Star for prices and in two places, they have called Oil & Gas. The change became

A couple of other welfare Deadline is February 3.

Sorry about all you folks It was said Olive Massie surgeries, pneumonia, and and housing issues. that ordered one of those had a heart attack last Friday eye infection. Doctors said Chief Salinaz says an of- to assist Lockney officials. Pho- quiet little weasel like the Snuggies blankets with sleeves and was recovering at North- they were going to put in a ficer has been hired and tos and stories about the fire people who did the damage.

is freaky. My daughter Megan Friona native Dr. Osborn and on Jerry's progress at http:// Oldham County Sheriff's Desaid a boy in her annual staff should be able to come home www.jdhinkle.blogspot.com. The partment and is a native of class were one to school and by today (Thursday). Keep the family posts updates and you Dimmitt so he will be closer it looked pretty funny. Might Massie family in your can leave comments at the to home. More details at a site. I'm sure they would like later date. to hear from you during this

> photo and write-up are else- swearees. You make us proud Andrea.

Haile, son of Homer & Patty been a Parmer County Deputy Haile. Marc graduated from Sheriff but was hired by Mrs. Texas A&M in December, Gurley for the position of Spealso a 3 1/2 year graduate. He cial Investigator for the 287th is off to pursue life in Aus- District Court and District tralia where the Hailes have Attorney's office.

email them. Don't be left out. of interest in the case.

die after a couple of freezes? tured chicken fried steak, mashed iceskating in Grapevine. Wel- of openings for many months. dents in the Class of 2009.

You can continue to check He comes here from the Avalanche-Journal website.

County officials were sworn in Friday January 2 at the Seems like yesterday she was courthouse in Farwell. Kathryn exciting Friona fans on the bas- Gurley takes over as District ketball court as a 4-year varsity Attorney and Jeff Actkinson Squaw starter. Today she is a 3 assumes her post as County 1/2 year Texas Tech graduate Attorney. Randy Geries (shersumma cum laude and off to iff), Bobbie Pierson (tax asseschallenge the world. Congratula- sor), and Kirk Frye (precinct 1 tions to Andrea Geries. Her commissioner) were among the

where in this issue of the Star. Also taking an oath was Friona grad Clint Cox, son of Congrats also to Marc Terri and Leroy Cox. Clint has

details, bring us your photos, or it arson, and identified a person effective January 1, 2009.

Lockney was a Friona 2A district opponent for several years front page about many acts After a long period of time before they dropped to 1A in of vandalism in and around of weeks and a couple of Friona Police Chief Tino Salinaz the last realignment. It is a sad our city. Several rural mailoperations. He broke his leg says he has hired an additional day for Lockney citizens, teach- boxes that were smashed a Monday's senior lunch fea- in four places while officer. The PD has had a couple ers, and students, especially stu- few weeks ago then replaced

We still have a fire danger potatoes, gravy, green beans come home to Kirk and Former officer Rachel Cummings Friona high school student end along with BB guns with the dry weather so watch and dessert. Nice batch of food Leslie. Hope your recovery has been filling in part time to council is tentatively consider- breaking windows, etc. Somehelp out. It is difficult for small ing several activities as body knows something so forecast in the immediate future. invited to lunch each Monday Jerry Hinkle continues the rural area towns to attract offic- fundraisers for the Lockney how about doing the right fight. He has had two brain ers mostly because of salary School. No doubt school dis- thing and calling Crime Stoptricts across the area stand ready pers. Or you can just be a should report by February 1. are available on the Lubbock Your choice. Hope you make

After 60 years of serving area communities, Hal Helton of Sad to hear of the Lockney Helton Oil Co. in Farwell, has

> There is a story on the were re-smashed last week-

the right one. Until then!



photo by gary cash

Local veterinarian Dr. Gary Cash caught this deer in mid-air leaping over a fence on land up north in Deaf Smith County. Due to a recent stroke he rests his Canon camera on a homemade beanbag out the passenger side window of family I believe. The happy Congratulations and thanks his truck. Nice job. Keep it up Doc.



Mark your calendar You are invited



Mexican enchilada dinner

Sunday, January 18, at the junior high cafeteria

Benefiting the Prairie Acres Donation Fund. Tickets \$8 adults \$5 children 10 and under

Raffle Tickets \$5



Drawings will be held the day of the dinner for a child's Amish rocking chair, and Amish cross, a 17" television, a Texas Star donated by Allan Haile, and two \$500 gas cards courtesy of Kendrick Oil Farm Store.

Committee members have raffle tickets. Contact Nancy Edelmon or Jyl Grimsley. Raffle tickets also available the day of the dinner. Proceeds assist with Prairie Acres February bond payment

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Our newest feature is, now you can look at your previous statements online. What a deal and it's all free at Friona State Bank.

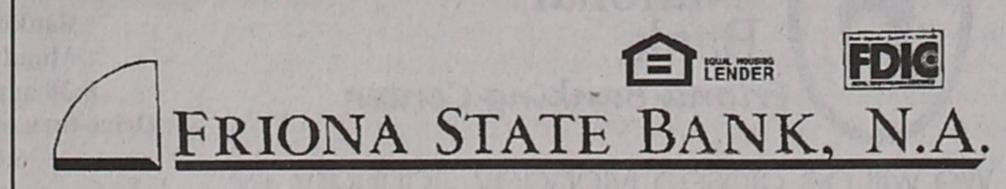
We are keeping up with new technology and are old-fashioned enough to value your banking relationship with us.

We at Friona State Bank want to be YOUR bank.

P.S. If you have changed any of your phone numbers or address during the past year please let us know so we can keep your records current. During our recent debit card fraud situation when we tried to call customers, we discovered many cell phone and home phone numbers had changed. If any of your account information has changed please let us know. Thank you.



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Thursday, January

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### January 18 - January 24, 2009

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wtrt.net.)

Jan. 18-Nola Fay Vestal, Curtis Drager, Jenifer Lynn Buchanan, Joshua Kent Rivera, Bret Whitten, Claire Bingham, Mayzie Faith Zinck

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Jan. 20-Brandon del Rosario, Dave Van Valkenburg, Darla Sue Procter, Arianna Pena, Fabian Flores, Devan Huddleston, Haden Walling, Irma Jo Englant, Sandra Ware, Peggy Alexander

Jan. 21-Karen Carter, Tommie Hamilton, Derrick Jamerson, Jim Roy Wells, Jacob Hoon, Elaine Carson

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Jan. 23-Lori S. Keyes, Marc Hamil, Stephine Sema, Emma Downs Jan. 24-Mark Edelmon, Karen Wright, Greg Venhaus, Connie Dodson, Christina Escobedo, Marivel Castaneda, Tolby Royce Wilcox, Harley Merritt, Holly Johnston, Lori Stockstill, Roy Lee Stowers

#### CASA volunteers needed

By SHARON WHITE, Great Plains CASA for Kids

News outlets throughout our area are full right now of stories about the legislative session that started this week. Many of those stories are about unmet needs and how best to fund programs to meet those needs. The amount of money being debated is staggering, but the number I can't get out of my head is 47,000. That's the number of children who passed through the Texas foster care system last year in search of a safe, permanent home.

I am a Court Appointed Special Advocate, or better known as a CASA. This is a way of saying I am a volunteer, appointed by a judge, to represent the best interest of a child in CPS custody. That means I talk to everyone involved in the child's life teachers, therapists, foster parents, relatives, caseworkers, attorneys - then give the judge my recommendation on how to best help that child through the system to a safe, permanent home. I have personally been involved in a case since 2004. The children in this case have been through numerous case workers. I have been the only consistent person on the case. The information I have learned through the years has been valuable in communicating what is best.

The steady presence of a committed volunteer advocate dedicated to a child can be the difference between a life bouncing from foster home to foster home and the permanence of a loving home. That's why I'm hopeful lawmakers will find a way to give CASA programs additional funds to maintain the level of service they've achieved - over 20,000 children represented last year - and to recruit and train enough volunteers to serve another 4,000 children. If they don't, many of our State's most vulnerable citizens will go without that one adult devoted to their best interest and their future.

#### Fatal wreck near Hereford

The DPS Public Information Office in Amarillo identified Mariano Teratol Jimenez of Mexico as the driver who was killed in a traffic accident January 9 about 5.1 miles west of Hereford on U.S. 60. The crash occurred about 6:45 a.m.

Jiminez was driving a 1994 Saturn passenger car eastbound in the westbound lanes of U.S. 60. The vehicle collided headon with a 1993 Cadillac traveling westbound and driven by Daniel Sosa of Hereford. The Cadillac slid into a 1991 Chevrolet pickup also westbound driven by Jose Quezada of Hereford. Jimenez was pronounced dead at the scene at 8:10 a.m.

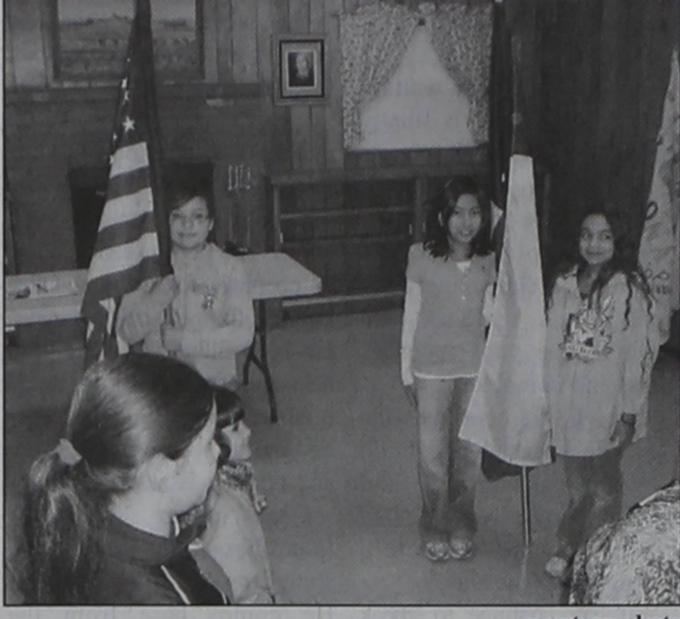
Sosa was transported by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital with a broken leg. Quezada was uninjured. DPS Troopers said all subjects were wearing their seatbelts.

#### More marijuana seized on I-40

January 7 at 9:35 a.m. near Groom troopers working patrol on I-40 in Carson County stopped a Chrysler passenger car for failing to indicate a lane change. During the stop troopers observed signs of criminal activity from the driver and the passenger.

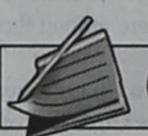
The driver was Bianka S. Sanchez of Albuquerque who was traveling to Chicago. Consent to search the vehicle was denied so a DPS K-9 conducted a free air sniff of the vehicle and alerted to a controlled substance.

The troopers subsequently searched the vehicle and located 128 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$52,961, located in a vacuum sealed bag in the trunk. Sanchez and passenger Moses Ackbar of Albuquerque were booked into the Carson County jail for possession of marijuana. (Editor's note: transporting large amounts of illegal controlled substances long distances in one's vehicle is a risk and not recommended.)



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Darla Bracken, Friona Library Director, educated the girls from the Friona Girl Scout Troop 5364, on the history of the American flag, how to properly fold the American flag and how to do a Girl Scout Flag Ceremony. Yodeli Castillo, Lorena Soto, and Desiree Aragon from Friona Girl Scout Troop 5364 demonstrate a Girl Scout flag ceremony. Don't forget Girl Scouts have started selling Girl Scout Cookies. For more information on the cookie sales or if you would like to become a Girl Scout volunteer please call Alba Austin at 1-800-687-4475.



### Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 31, 2008 to January 07, 2009: Dardanella Helton Estate - Helton Oil Inc., L15-16 S31 T9S R1E. Texico Farms Inc. - Helton Oil, Inc., 2.5 AC SW/PT S49 BLK A. Helton Oil Inc. - Calvin Goodin, 2.5 AC SE/PT S31 T9S R1E; L15-16 S31 T9S R1E.

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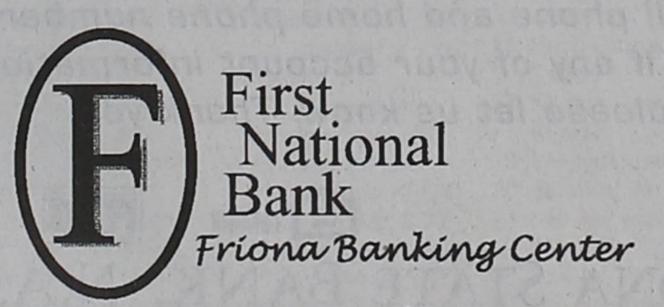
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### 3 Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

January 6, 2009, Jose Lucero, 34, of Texico, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for duty upon striking a parked vehicle, pending County Court.

January 8, 2009, Bobby Barnell, 37, of Tucson, Arizona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

January 10, 2009, Cipriano Villalobos, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for public intoxication, paid fine.

January 10, 2009, Marco Guevara, 24, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for public intoxication, paid fine.

January 10, 2009, Alfredo Alonzo, 47, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for assault on a public servant, pending Grand Jury; resisting arrest, pending County Court; and public intoxication, pending JP Court.

January 11, 2009, Perfecto Cordova, 35, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for driving while intoxicated (3rd or more), pending Grand Jury.

January 11, 2009, Jay Widner, 45, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for theft by check, pending County Court.

#### First 2009 sales tax sent

Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the state collected \$1.86 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 2 percent compared to December 2007.

"State sales tax collections have grown 3.9 percent for the first four months of state fiscal year 2009," Combs said. "Growth in overall collections has slowed compared to recent years, while remittances from key sectors such as construction and retail trade have declined."

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

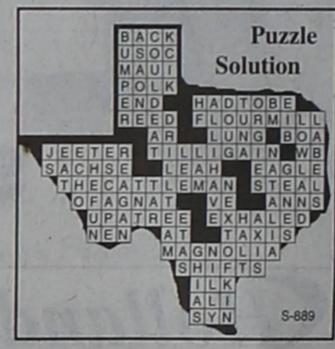
Parmer County's January 2009 payment totaled \$34,416.65 broken down as Bovina \$5,754.35; Farwell \$6,292.85; and Friona \$22,369.45. In January 2008 the tax payment total was \$32,535.87.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were up 5.78%, broken down as Bovina -0.02%; Farwell 9.45%; and Friona 6.36%.

For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$34,416.65 as compared to \$32,535.87 for the same period last year, a 5.78% change.

For details of January sales tax payments for Parmer County, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/ allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, February 13, 2009.







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and Reed all posted a 3-

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Tuesday night, for the

third time this season, the

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It was a tough night for

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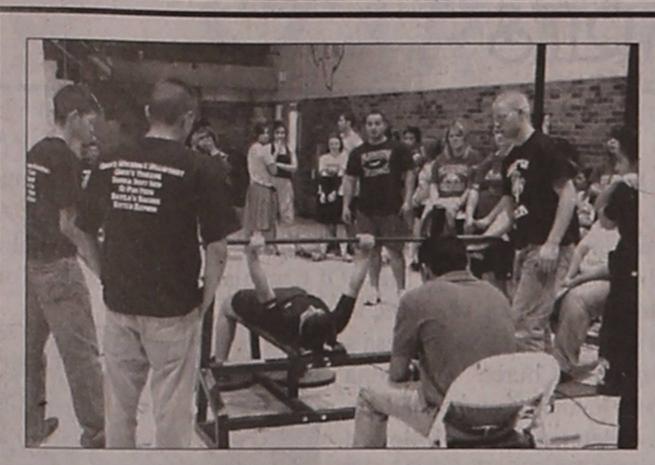
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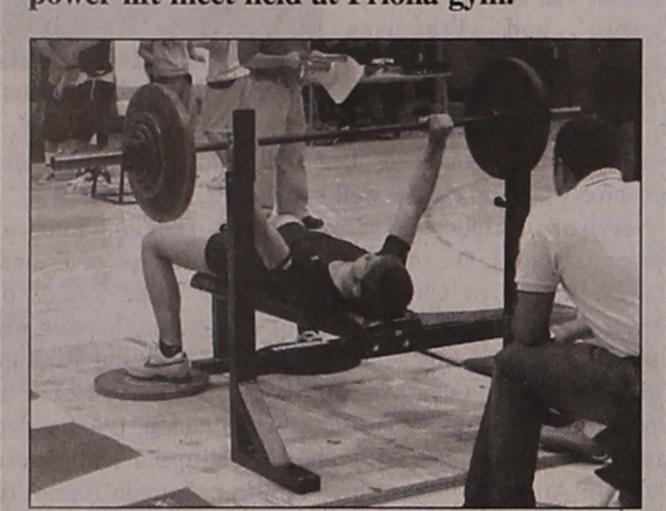
Stanberry scored 25 of

the team's 35 points, in-

away with the win.



ron carr photos Tori Abeyta, above, and Kirby Frye, below, compete in the bench press at Saturday's power lift meet held at Friona gym.



#### Friona power lift results

The second annual Friona to the meet's success. Power · Lift Meet was held Saturday at Friona gym with placements were:

Friona lifters and their Halftime score was Texico

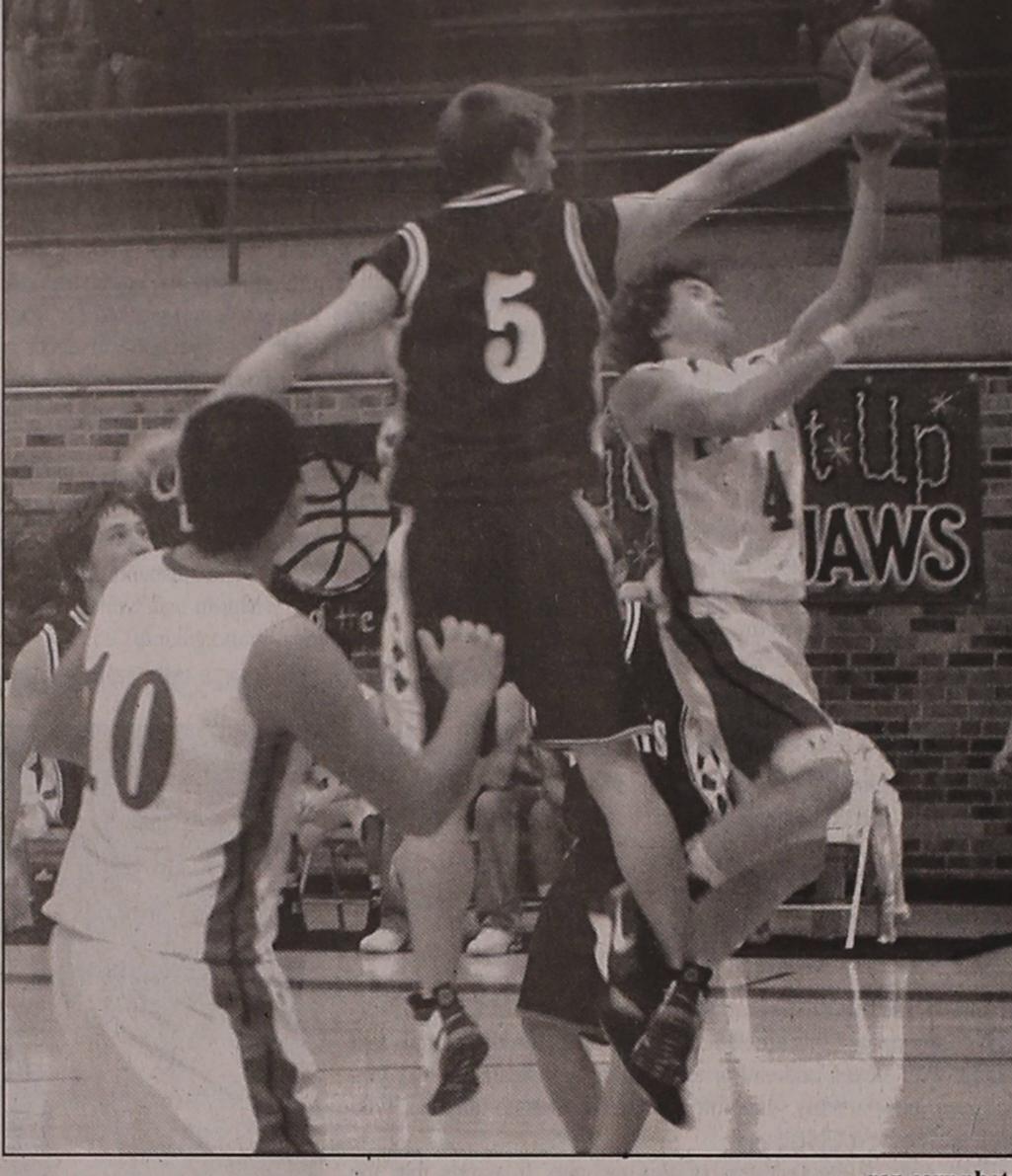
14 schools and about 180 1st place: Victor Guerrero, post Matthew Stanberry lifters entered. The meet was Ricardo Monreal, Jesus scored all 12 first half coordinated by Coaches Sanchez, Tori Abeyta; 2nd points. The Chiefs came Jimmy Arias and Rex Cumpton place, Bryan Flores; 3rd place, back in the 2nd half with a and a lot of local volunteers Alex Dunnam; 4th place, Chris 23-16 run but fell short as who judged the lifters, kept Garcia, Gilberto Torres; 5th Texico won 45-35. scores, cooked and served place, Alex Vega, Alex hamburgers, and contributed Gonzales, Gerardo Torres.

In non-district action, cluding 9 free throws, as 3-point goal for the Childress Bobcats at the Chiefs gave River Texico's defense took Chiefs. Justin Dominguez Friona gym Friday night Road a 26-19 halftime lead away the outside shoot- scored 4, Ortiz 3, and to open district competibut came back to put up ing of Dickson, Reed, and Dickson 3. 35 second half points and Ortiz. Ortiz had the only The Chiefs host the p.m. and Chiefs at 8 p.m. drove to a 54-44 win over

Chiefs down River Road lose

to Texico, district opens Fri.

tion. Squaws game at 6:30



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Joey Dickson (4) drives to the basket through a couple of River Road Wildcats as teammate Justin Dominguez (10) looks on. The Chiefs beat the 'Cats 54-44. More basketball photos available at frionaonline.com.

ron carr photo

Matthew Stanberry (33) and Caleb Monroe (3) watch the basket for a rebound vs. River Road. The Chiefs won 54-44. More photos from the River Road and Texico games available for viewing and reprints at frionaonline.com.

#### Three named to Academic All-State football

for 2008-09.

points for GPA, class rank, over 2,000 applicants. and SAT or ACT score. The have earned.

The Texas High School GPA of 92 or above including said, "Friona High School is Coaches Association and grades 9-12 and the first six very proud of these outstand-State Farm Insurance have weeks of grade 12; be a mem- ing young men." announced the THSCA Aca- ber of the team in good standdemic All-State football teams ing at the time of the nomina- its second year as sponsor tion; and be of good moral of the THSCA Academic All-The teams are selected by character. The program is in State football teams. "State Dominque Kellum 2, Michael a point system that awards its 8th year and has grown to Farm is pleased to partner Ortiz 2, Duncan Welch 2, and

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with the Texas High School Gabriel Avalos 2. Three Friona students were Coaches Association," said



fhs yearbook staff photo

Chieftains named to the Academic All-State 2nd Team are, l-r, Justin Echevarria, John O'Brian, and Alex Vega.

#### JV Chiefs 52 **River Road 39**

Brenner Barnett put up four 3s and 14 points to lead the JV Chiefs to a 52-39 win over River Road.

Also scoring were Ernesto Monreal 10, Duncan Welch 8, Jeremy Alaniz 6, J Gurley 6, Roy Burns 4, Gabriel Avalos 2, and Dominque Kellum 2.

#### JV Chiefs 33 JV Texico 49

Coach David Towner may have his JV boys practicing free throws this week. They played host to Texico's JV Tuesday and lost 49-33. The guys were 9 of 22 in free throws.

Jeremy Alaniz had the Chiefs only two 3s and led State Farm Insurance is in scoring with 9 points. Other points were Ernesto Monreal 6, J Gurley 6, Dillon Kelley 4,

### placed on teams according named to the Academic All- Manager for State Farm. "The JV Squaws 24

Liz Trevino had a 3-pointer, Tenna Montana led scoring with 7 points as the JV Squaws lost to Floydada 51-24.

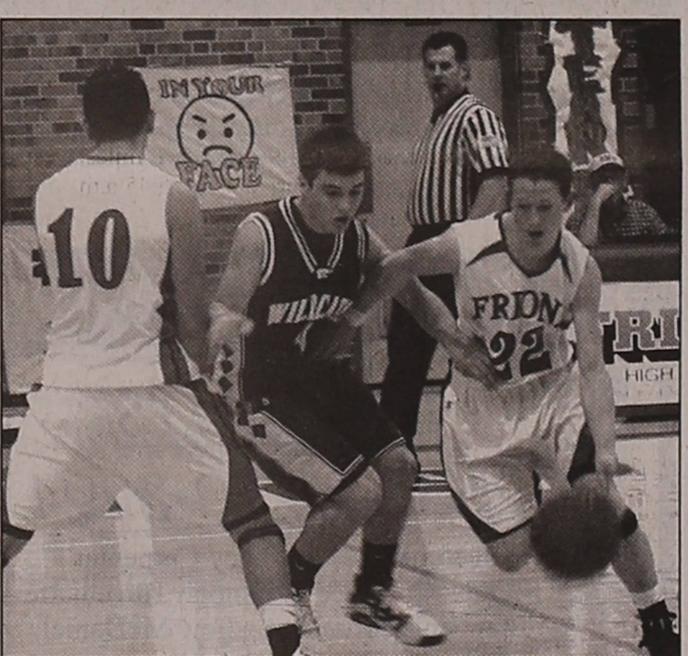
Trevino ended with 6 points, Ester Sarabia 3, Shayla Parker 2, Kelsey White 2, Brittny Herbert 2, and Lisann Davila 2.

#### JV Squaws 41 JV Tulia 44

Tenna Montana had a hot hand and contributed 18 Tuesday at Tulia. She was the game's high scorer but Kelsey had Friona's only 3point goal.

Herbert 9, Kelsey White 5, Es-

day with game time at 5 p.m.



ron carr photo

Justin Dominguez (10) sets a screen for Stetson Reed (22) in the River Road game.

### Squaws 0-2 in district, hosts Childress Friday

Squaws sophomore playmaker Regan Anthony scored a career high 19 points at Floydada last week, including three 3s, but it wasn't quite enough as the Lady Winds edged the Squaws 58-51.

Floydada received generous treatment from the officials as they scored 23 free throws out of 34 attempts. The Squaws were 4 of 13. Anthony had three 3s, Stephanie Aguirre had 2, and Anna Murphree had 2.

Aguirre had 12 points, Murphree 7, Taryn Jamerson 4, Brittany Berend 4, Paige Herbert 2, and Heather Sandoval

The ladies lost an even closer battle with the Tulia Lady Hornets at Tulia Tuesday night. Down 41-34 at the end of the third quarter, the Squaws outscored Tulia 17-12 in the 4th but came up two points shy to give Tulia a 53-51 district win.

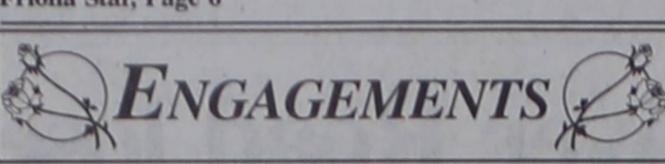
Sasha Estrada posted three 3s and was high point with 13. Anthony had 8, Heather Sandoval 7, Jamerson 6, Kami Kerby 6, Aguirre 4, Herbert 4, and Murphree 3.

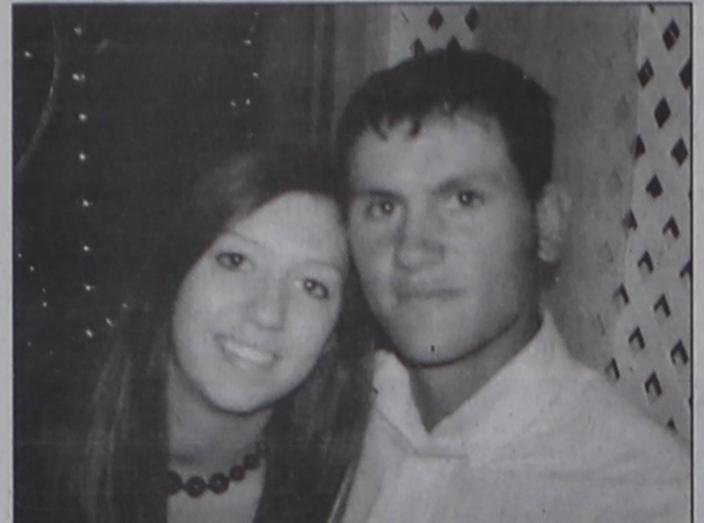
The Squaws will play their first home district game Friday hosting the Childress Lady Bobcats. Game time is 6:30 p.m. The game video will be shown Saturday morning at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76.

#### District home opener Friday points in a district match ruesday at Tulia. She was

The Friona Squaws have an 0-2 district record with the junior Squaws fell three out-of-town losses to Floydada and Tulia. The Chiefs points short and lost 44-41. will begin district play Friday January 16 as both the Chiefs and Squaws host Childress in what will be the home opener for district play. (District games for girls Other scoring was Brittny begin one week before the boys district games.)

District home games and any playoff games will be ter Sarabia 3, Shayla Parker 2, videoed for replay by Clint Mears and Danny Campbell Liz Trevino 2, Lisann Davila 2. for FHS-TV. The games are broadcast Saturday morn-The JV girls are 0-2 in dis- ings at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76. The trict and host Childress JV Fri- balance of home district games will be shown on consecutive Saturdays.





Brittanie Worley & Ty Williams

#### Worley & Williams

Larry and Debbie Williams of Friona, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Ty Williams, to Brittanie Worley, the daughter of Angela Worley of Canyon, Texas.

The future groom is a 2004 graduate of Friona High School and is currently a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Canyon High School and is a student at Amarillo College.

Ty and Brittanie will exchange vows on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the J.A. Hill Chapel at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas.



#### Students on AC dean list

Elizabeth Anne Mowery of Friona and Mickaela Olivia Munoz of Bovina were named to the Amarillo College Fall 2008 Dean's List."

Think about this

### The Tongue

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Before you read this article read James 3:1-12. Although this text begins with James addressing teachers, as you read the text you will see how readily this information applies to anyone who professes to be a Christian.

Take note of the boldness of this passage. It asserts that the person who can control his tongue, the most unruly part of the whole body, can control their entire being.

The ability of one's tongue is able to control their whole life and destiny. The comparison is made to bits in horses' mouths and to ships and their rudder. The tongue is really powerful!

So if we want our lives to turn out right, we must control our tongue. We must bring it, along with every other part of our body into subjection to the will of God, (Note: Romans 6:12-13).

Nothing is more inconsistent with true religion than for us to sing praises to God on Sunday and then curse and gossip about someone the other days of the week.

Think about it!



#### OBITUARIES

#### Rufus Floyd Melton

Rufus Floyd Melton, 91, of Friona, formerly of Clarksville, Texas, died Sunday, January 11, 2009 in Friona. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with the Rev. Rick Burton, Pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Melton was born September 3, 1917, in Quanah, Texas to Elbert and Sally Porterfield Melton.

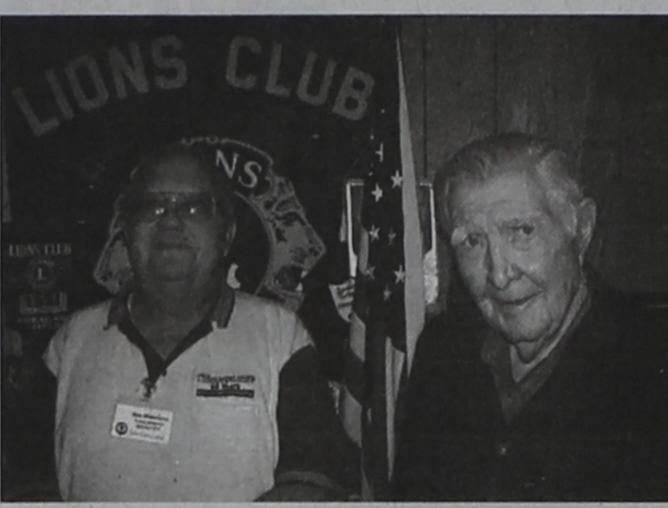
He served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1943. He married Annie Myrtle Nunn on September 11, 1943 in Clarksville, Texas. At Clarksville, he worked at the Red River Arsenal and the Texas Department of Highways, working there

until moving to Friona in 1963. In Friona, he farmed for Dale his three-wheel bike were well known around Friona. Westbrook and worked for Porter's and Sons.

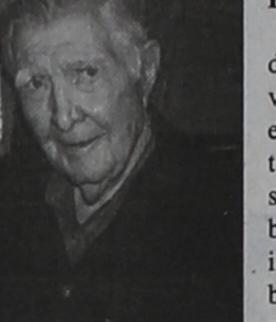
**Rufus Floyd Melton** 

"Tuffy" Dement.

Blouch and husband Jim of Catoosa, Oklahoma; one son-in-law, Larry Martin and wife Debbie of Friona; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.



Ken Hammons of Canyon, left, gave the program at the Evening Lions meeting last week. He spoke about the Lions Children's Camp at Kerrville. Lion R.J. Renner is at right.



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These Lions Club members represent over 200 years of service to Friona Evening Lions Club. They are all also past presidents of the evening club. satisfy me out there, is re-Front, 1-r, Bill Ellis, Von Edelmon; back, 1-r, Ron Davenport, R.J. Renner, Sam Mears, Katherine Woodard, Clarence Martin, Gary Brown.

#### Jesus "Jessie" Ramos

Jesus "Jessie" Ramos, 83, of Friona, died Saturday, January 10, 2009 in Hereford. Rosary services were held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona with Mass Of Christian Burial Services on

Monday, January 12, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father George William as Celebrant. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Jesus was born April 5, 1926 in San Benito, Texas to Eusbio and Francisca Hernandez Ramos.

He married Noberta Garcia in June of 1953. Mr. Ramos

was a longtime Friona resident and custom farmer. He and

Survivors include his wife, Norberta Garcia Ramos of He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Elvin Friona; six sons, David, Joel and Ernesto Ramos of Friona, and Truitt; three sisters, Oma McDowell, Irene McDowell and Ramon Ramos of Clovis, New Mexico, Mike Ramos of Essie Batchelor; a daughter, Judy Martin; and a son-in-law, H.T. Hereford, Texas, and Ray Ramos of Remington, Indiana; six daughters, Santos Machado, Frances Delapaz and Erminia Survivors include his wife of Friona; two sons, Ronald Melton Guerra of Friona; Olga Arias of Mexico, Melinda Jacquez of of Bandera, Texas and Doyle Melton and wife Patricia of Tulsa, Spearman, Texas, and Olga Baltzel of O'Fallon, Illinois; two Oklahoma; two daughters, Carolyn Dement of Friona and Gail sisters, Gloria Salinas of Pomona, California and Teresa Perez of Amarillo, Texas; three brothers, Antonio Ramos of Pomona, California, Ramon Ramos of Friona and Eucebio Ramos, Jr. of Clovis, New Mexico; 30 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren.

#### Fear

BY REV. BUCK MALONE, Congregational Church

We all have them: fear of words are very, very, differdeath, dying (yes, they are ent in scope)? cepted in culture.

ponder this: have your yourself. thoughts been found out to

Jesus "Jessie" Ramos

very different fears), pov- I've been reading Neale' erty, punishment, loss of es- Donald Walsch, and even if teem, property, etc. Why I disagree with some of his so? It's natural, and if it's concepts, I still have learned based on thought, it can be a great deal from him. irrational and even insane, Haven't you had someone but that's life as it is ac- you disagree with and yet, you still learned from them, Think over your life and but more importantly, from

It seems that fear is have been over 90% wrong, mostly based on death in not true, not real, and false all it's aspects of loss, from (and yes, each one of those other's to ourselves, from things to items as they deteriorate and decay, and from those delicate relationships we all have in all their various forms. We fear that we will lose something we think we have, and/or, we fear we won't get what we think we need. Is it that simple? I wonder.

What I've been wondering is this: Could it be that what I fear, and what I am afraid of losing were never really mine to begin with? What do I own, and what owns me? Could it be that what I really need, what I am searching for, is already here within me. Could it be that what I strive, what I search, and what I think will ally in there (mind and heart). I wonder. Do you?

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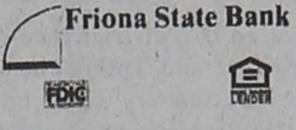
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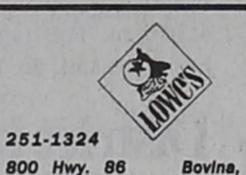
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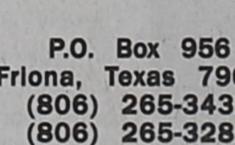
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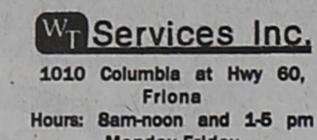
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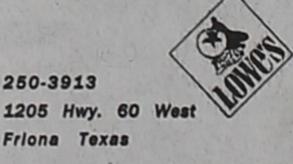
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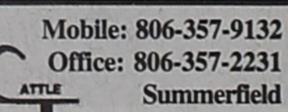


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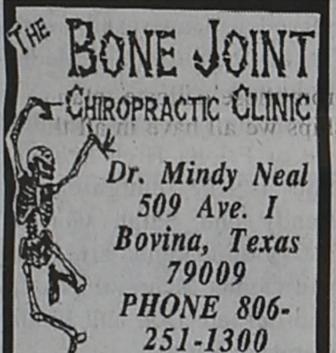
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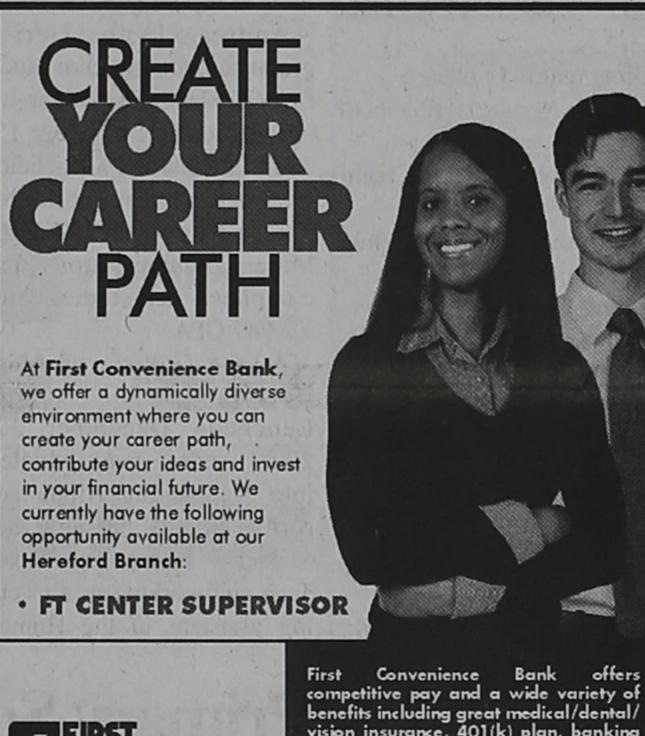
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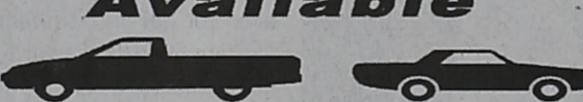
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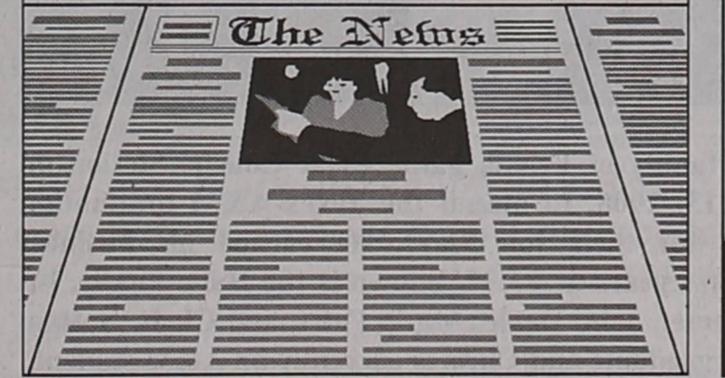
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### Elementary students UIL results

Submitted by CHRISTINA WOODS, Assistant Principal

This past December 71 students traveled to Muleshoe to represent Friona Elementary School in the 2008 Academic University Interscholastic League (UIL) competition. The Bunker, Salma Estrada, Jonathan Hernandez, students selected for this honor put in many Kaegan Kerby, Cesar Lopez, Austin Mejia, hours of their personal time in order to Blayke Mills, Adrian Munoz, Ashlynn prepare for this competition.

tionary Skills; Oral Reading; Story Telling; Writing; Number Sense; Music Memory; Art Rodriguez, and Makayla Pierce. Smart; Maps, Graphs and Charts; and Spelling. This was an awesome experience for the students. They all exhibited model behavior.

The students went into each of their contest rooms and tried their very best. We many students who participated, several Stephanie Corralez- 6th place Spelling. placed in their events.

In order to celebrate the success of these outstanding students, there will be a brief Claudia Alexander-1st place Art (Perfect assembly in the elementary gym on January Score); Renee Nelson-1st place Art (Perfect 21, at 8:00 am. Awards will be handed out and Score); Mikaela Merino-3rd place Spelling; each participant will be recognized at this time. Parents are encouraged to attend this event. The list of participants is as follows:

Second grade:

Josselyn Castillo, Rickie Castillo, Omar Estrada, Natali Godinez, Peyton Hofferichter, Angelica Martinez, Maddison Milloy, Bailey Pope, Jordan Cochran, Bree DeLaCruz, Brenda Jaramillo, and Kessley Salinas.

Third grade:

Lydia Alexander, Drew Bonds, Bryce Bunker, Mesa Capshaw, Stephanie Corralez, Matthew Dickson, Brooklynne Johnston, Marco Maldonado, Verenice Mendoza, Maddie Morrow, Desiree Perez, Franky Summerlin, Saidi Soliz, and Hadley White.

Fourth grade:

Claudia Alexander, Lizet Annett, Jason Balli, Kendall Barnett, Kory Caywood, Kim DeWit, Brandon Douglas, Cason Drake, Mason Fleming, Chelsie Gomez, Mikaela Merino, Renee Nelson, Daniel Pena, Ramon Perez, Andrea Salas, Ashley Soltero, Aaron Tafoya, Luis Trejo, Aspen Fleming, Daniella Flores, Sydney Frye, and Kayleigh Hardin.

### FHS financial aid meeting

Friona High School invites all senior parents' to a Financial Aid Night. Representatives from the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon will be on hand to give parents information on applying for financial aid for college. This information will be generic and may be used by parents and students needing financial assistance for college.

The meeting will be held on January 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Refreshments will be served at the beginning of the meeting. If you have questions you may email or call Stephanie Barrett at the high school. The email address is sbarrett@frionaisd.com and the phone number is 250-3951.

En Espanol

La high school de Friona invita cordialmente a todos los padres/guardians que tengan hijos las en el grado 12 a una noche de recursos economicos para el colegio. Representantes de Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center en Canyon estaran presentes para darles cualquier clase de información necesaria sobre los recursos economicos que existen para que su hijo la asista al colegio.

Está junta se llevara acabo el 26 de Enero 2009 a las 6:30 p.m. en la cafeteria de la high school. Se serviran refrescos al comienzo de la junta. Si tiene alguna pregunta puede mandar su mensaje o llamarle a Stephanie Barrett a la high school. Su correo electronico es: sbarrett@frionaisd.com o a su numero de telefono: 250-3951.

#### ESL/LEP meeting on January 29

Friona High School invites the parents of high school ESL/LEP students to a meeting on January 29, 2009. This meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend and learn more about

the TAKS testing required of their students. Dinner will be served and translators will be available. If you have questions you may email or call Stephanie Barrett at the high school. The email address is sbarrett@frionaisd.com and the phone number is 250-3951

En Espanol

La high school de Friona invita cordialmente a los padres/guardians de los estudiantes que estan en el programa de ESL/LEP. Esta junta se llevara acabo el 29 de Enero 2009 a las 6:30 p.m. en la cafeteria de la high school. Se les recomienda su presencia para que obtenga mas conocimiento sobre los requisitos de los examenes de TAKS.

Se le ofrecera una cena y ademas tendremos asistentes bilingues para si tiene preguntas sobre el tema. Si tiene alguna pregunto puede mandar su mensaje o llamarle a Stephanie Barrett a la high school. Su correo electronico es: sbarrett@frionaisd.com o a su numero de telefono: 250-3951.

Fifth grade:

Eva Alvidrez, Brayan Ayala, Josh Barnett, Esmeralda Barrandey, Zulma Borjas, Courtney Kilpatrick, Josue Ojeda, Elizabeth Rocha, Tyler Students participated in events such as Dic- Smith, Lorena Soto, and Johnna Thompson, Jacob Harrison-Rejino, Trey Hurst, Jasmine

> The following individuals placed in their events: Third grade:

Brooklynne Johnston-2<sup>nd</sup> place Storytelling; 5th place Music Memory; 6th place Ready Writing; Lydia Alexander-2nd place Ready couldn't have asked for a better group of Writing; Saidi Soliz-4th place Ready Writing; kids to represent our school. Out of the Bryce Bunker-4th place Music Memory;

Fourth grade:

Kendall Barnett-1st place Music Memory; Jason Balli-4th place Number Sense; Luis Trejo-4th place Art; Brandon Douglas-5th place Art; Aspen Fleming-6th place Ready Writing.

Fifth grade:

Eva Alvidrez-1st place Spelling; Adrian Munoz-1st place Maps, Graphs and Charts; Esmeralda Barrandey-1st place Art (Perfect Score); Courtney Bunker-1st place Art (Perfect Score); 2nd place Ready Writing; Zulma Borjas- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Art; Johnna Thompson- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Art; Josue Ojeda-3rd place Maps, Graphs and Charts; Makayla Pierce- 4th place Spelling; Ashlynn Kilpatrick-4th place Number Sense; Blayke Mills-5th place Dictionary Skills; Joshua Barnett-5th place Maps, Graphs and Charts; 5th place Number Sense; Jacob Harrison-Rejino- 6th place Ready Writing.

The following teams placed in their events: Fourth grade Art Smart team (1st place): Claudia Alexander, Renee Nelson, Brandon Douglas, Luis Trejo, and Andrea Salas.

Fifth grade Art Smart team (1st place): Courtney Bunker, Johnna Thompson, Zulma Borjas, Salma Estrada, and Esmeralda Barrandey.

Fifth grade Spelling team (1st place): Makayla Pierce, Eva Alvidrez, Elizabeth

Rocha, and Lorena Soto. Fifth grade Maps, Graphs & Charts team

(1st place):

Josue Ojeda, Adrian Munoz, Joshua Barnett, and Austin Mejia.

Third grade Spelling team (2<sup>nd</sup> place): Brooklynne Johnston, Verenice Mendoza, Stephanie Corralez, and Matthew Dickson.

Third grade Music Memory team (2nd place): Brooklyn Johnston, Bryce Bunker, Franky Summerlin, Hadley White, and Matthew Dickson.

Fifth grade Number Sense team (2<sup>nd</sup> place): Brayan Ayala, Joshua Barnett, Kaegan Kerby, and Ashlynn Kilpatrick.

Congratulations to each one of these students. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments!

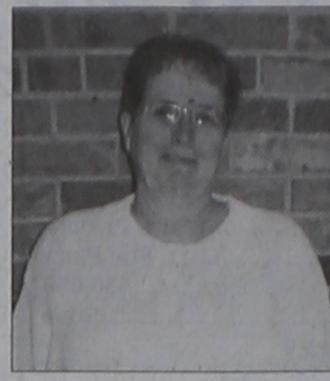


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Lazbuddie cheerleader Katlyn Hicks performed in the Walt Disney World parade Christmas morning. The parade was televised on ABC hosted by Regis and Kelly. She qualified by being selected All-American Cheerleader during January 29, from 5-7 p.m. a cheer camp last summer.



Catalina Ortega



Mrs. Donna Black



Caleb Monroe

#### FHS Students & Staff of the month

its Students and Staff member of the Month ers, makes every effort to help her kids be for December 2008.

described by Mrs. Berend as an "Excellent recently taken on an extra workload. Mrs. student who takes his classes seriously and Berend says, "She has a positive attitude." helps others in class." Mrs. Gammon de- Mrs. Gammon says that, "Mrs. Black continscribes him as a student who is "Well liked ues to put students first despite struggles by his peers and often 'peer' tutors his of her own. She always has the best interest friends. He is a bright and caring student." of the student in mind and will do every-Mrs. Johnston describes Caleb as "A posi- thing in her power to help all of our stutive leader in his class. He is polite, hard dents." working, dedicated to doing his best and "Mrs. Black has a heart of gold and has being a good friend to others. He is a such a desire to help our students. She has strong athlete, a strong student, and one of overcome many personal obstacles in order our best and brightest." Caleb is a basket- to be here each and every day. She works to ball player, Choir member and a Freshman make sure her students are successful and member of the Student Council.

the month. She is a sophomore and is de- students with dignity and respect. Having scribed as a "wonderfully sweet young lady taught in that position before, I can tell you with much talent" by Mrs. Johnston. "She is that it is not always an easy task. Friona is a leader in band and is always willing to do very fortunate to have someone like Donna whatever is asked of her. She has a great Black." - Mrs. Johnston attitude and a strong work ethic. She is not We are proud to have Caleb and Catalina afraid to be seen as intelligent. She is kind in our school, and have staff members like to everyone." Mr. McWilliams says that Mrs. Black. These students and all who Catalina made All-Region Band on the clari- have been recognized by this award during net.

Mrs. Black is our Staff member of the lunch for them next week.

Friona High School is proud to announce month. She is "cheerful, willing to help othsuccessful and also always greets others", Caleb Monroe is one student of the month as noted by Mr. McManigal. Mrs. Black has

seeks new and different ways to help them Catalina Ortega is our other student of succeed every day. She treats all of her

the Fall semester will be honored during a

### Geries graduates from Texas Tech

Andrea Lynn Geries graduated summa cum laude from Texas Tech University in ceremonies December 13, 2008. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations from the College of Mass Communications and completed her studies with a 3.949 GPA.

At the College of Mass Communications Honors Luncheon December 12, 2008, Andrea was inducted into Kappa Tau Alpha sorority. She is pursuing her Master's Degree at Texas Sciences Department. Tech and working as a teaching assistant in the Human years she was in the Phi Geries of Farwell.



**Andrea Lynn Geries** 

Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Golden Key Honor Society, was a public relations student in Society of America, a member of the Society of Professional Journalism, worked part time at Hillcrest Country Club, and served an internship with Texas Tech Athletic Media Relations. 10, 28 , 1994

Andrea is a 2005 graduate of Friona High School. She is the daughter of Randy and Sarah Geries. Her grandparents are Sam and Donna Mears of Friona During her undergraduate and the late Don and Linda

### Primary School Book Fair Jan 26-31

January 26-31. The fun-filled books and software. book sale and literacy event One of the book fair's pri- communicate with parents,

150 publishers. Parents, community children.

dren to visit the book fair,

Wednesday January 28 from 4-6 p.m. and Thursday, This will be a great op-

Friona Primary School will portunity for the entire fam- and some basketballs, the host a Scholastic Book Fair ily to come and purchase nice big shade in the back-

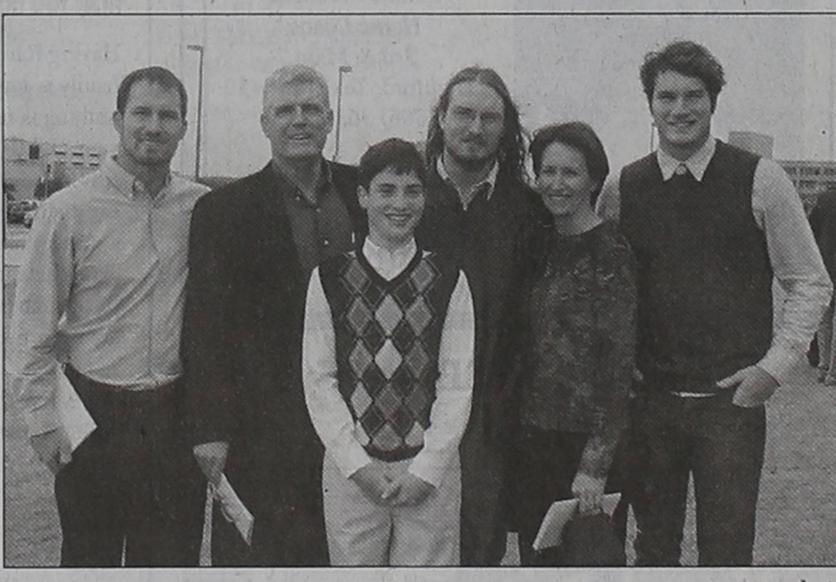
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The book fair will be open ground equipment. In years enjoy the benefits.

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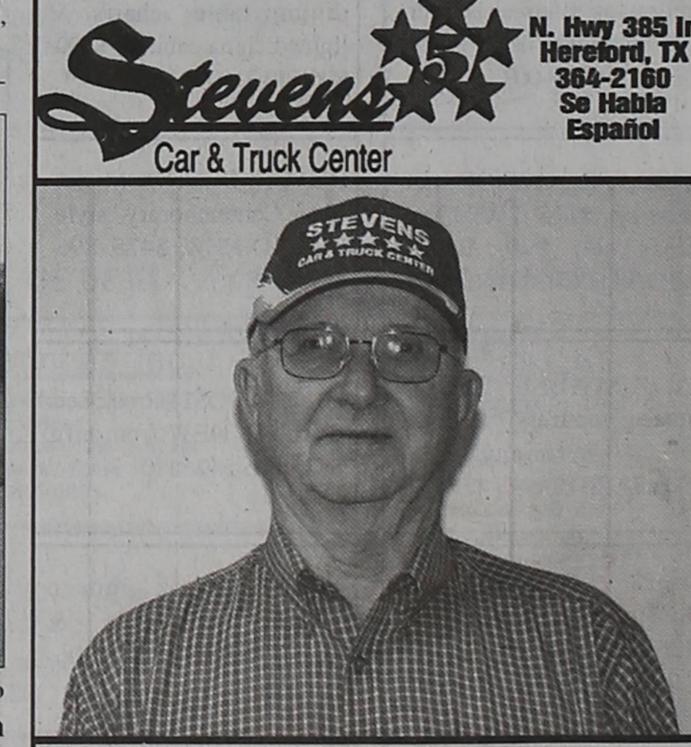
will offer the most popular can check each teacher's port the school has been books and educational prod- classroom wish list, then able to purchase books for ucts for all ages, including purchase and donate a re- teachers to use in their own the newest titles, award-win- quested book, helping classrooms as well as books ners, classics, and interac- teachers develop a rich ar- for the children. The profits tive products from more than ray of learning resources for that have been made from the book fair are always grandparents, children, teach- Last year Friona Primary used as soon as possible ers and the entire community School used the money so that the children who are invited to the book fair. earned to pay for play- help make the money get to

each day from 8 a.m. to 4 past the book fair proceeds Primary School principal p.m. This year the school is were used to purchase a Tracy Ellis says, "Please hosting two different family cement slab for the play- come and support the nights for parents and chil- ground, a basketball goal Friona Primary Book Fair."



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The Haile family of Friona gathered at College Station on December 13, 2008, to attend the Texas A&M graduation ceremonies for their son Marc. He earned his business degree in 3 1/2 years at A&M. Shown is the Haile family, 1-r, Nathan, Homer, John David, Marc, Patty, and Chris. Nathan is an A&M graduate and Chris is currently an A&M student.



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"It is important for the public to be aware that our staff will be visiting observation well sites from early January until completion of this work effort," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright.

The depth-to-water level measurement is made by lowering a steel tape to a predetermined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well is coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water.

The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

Water District personnel measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long as the individual wells are accessible

one well per nine square each county within the dis- the mailing list.

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"We urge every community to acknowledge the commitment that school board service requires of the more than 7,000 locally elected school board members in Texas and support them as they tackle the enormous task of governing school districts. We applaud their dedication as they offer vision and leadership and work to empower every child to succeed."

James B. Crow Executive Director Texas Association of School Boards



The Friona ISD teachers, staff, and students salute the Board of Trustees for their service to the district and the community. School board members are, back row, I-r, Ricky Barnett, Brent Loflin, Loraine Anthony; front, I-r, Mitchell Smiley, Danny Hand, Tracy Bunker. Not shown is FISD board member Lisa Alaniz.

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#### NOTICE

### To Parmer County Taxpayers

February 2, 2009, is the deadline to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County. Checks must be postmarked by February 2, 2009, or penalty and interest will occur.

If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2009, you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you have already signed up for it you do not have to reapply.

If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption you need to reapply for the exemption.

Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased agricultural property. If you purchased ag property during the past year you need to apply for the exemption.

Call or drop by our office for your application(s). They will be mailed to you on request.

Curby Brantley
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Parmer County Appraisal District
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Bovina, TX 79009
806-251-1405

### Everyone is invited

Parmer County Livestock Show Premium Sale Saturday, January 17, 2009

Meal served at: 12:00pm Menu: Brisket, beans, potato salad and cobbler for dessert (\$7.00/plate)

Sale starts at: 1:00pm

Please come and help support the youth of Parmer County.

The Parmer Adult Leaders would like to thank the following for sponsoring the buyer's meal:

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