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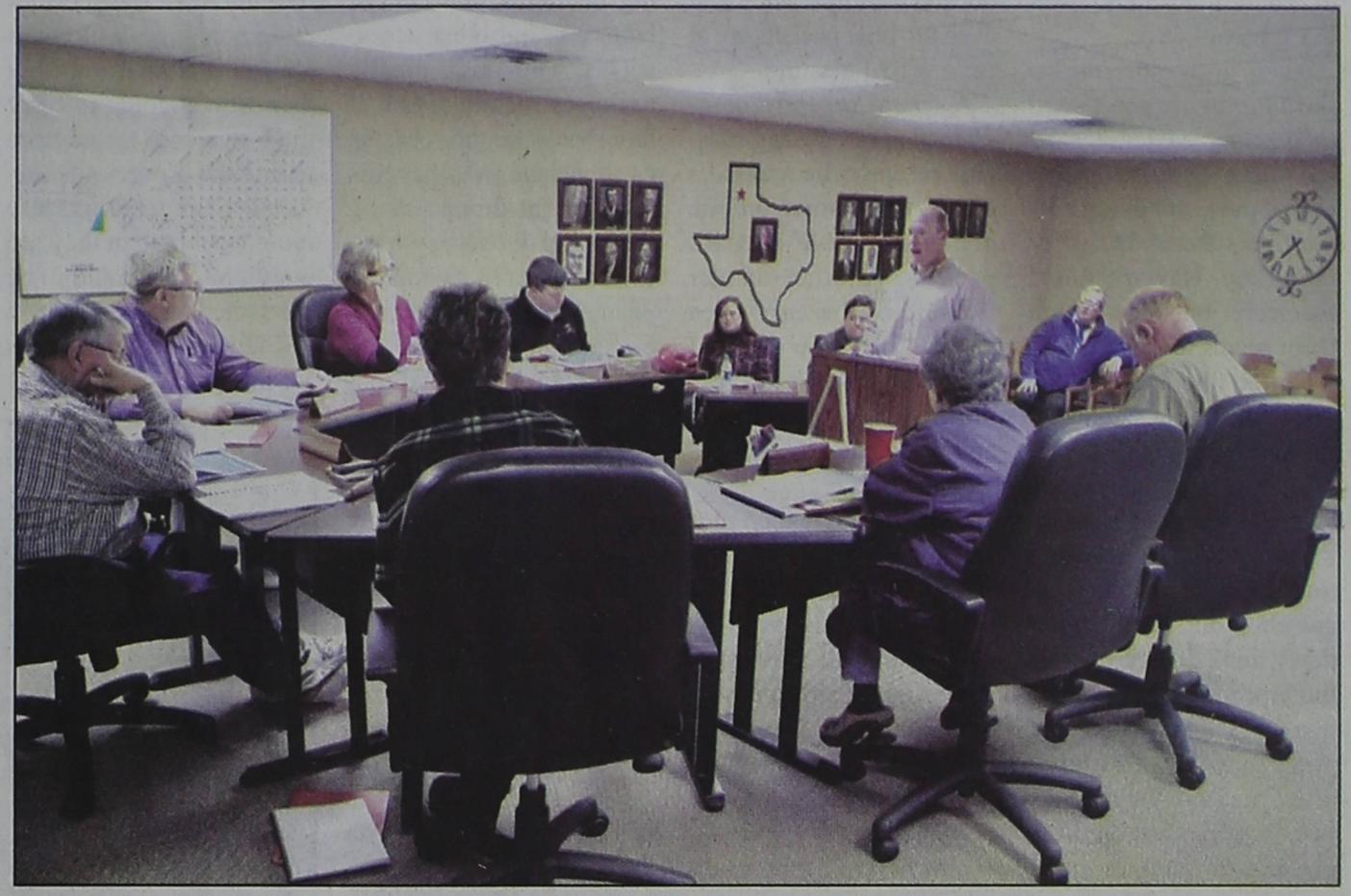
# Burn ban lifted until Feb 26

County commissioners have lifted the burn ban until midnight February 26. After that date the ban will again be in effect unless further notice is received from the commissioners. For more information contact the County Judge's office at 806-481-3383 or the Sheriff's office at 806-481-3303.

# **Great Texas Warrant Roundup**

Friona is one of more than 250 Texas cities that will be participating in the 2012 Great Texas Warrant Roundup February 25 to March 4.

During the roundup dates, police and law enforcement will be out looking for people with outstanding municipal warrants. Municipal Judge Deborah Campbell said, "The city/municipal judge will publish names of those with outstanding warrants in the February 23 issue of the Friona Star." In the meantime if you have an outstanding municipal warrant take care of it before the Great Texas Warrant Roundup and avoid additional fees. The Friona Municipal Judge's office, located on the north side of city hall, is open Wednesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



# St. Teresa's annual Mexican dinner set

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will hold its annual Mexican dinner Sunday March 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church parish hall. Menu will be meat enchiladas, taco, beans, rice, hot sauce & chips, coffee, tea, and dessert. Adults are \$9 and children under 10-years are \$4. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Josh Bates, regional director of the Prairie Acres management company, Transition Health Services, addresses the city council at the Monday night meeting. Bates reported on the current status of Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates, including financial, personnel, new items for the residents, and the hiring of an interim administrator. Current administrator Nikki Brister has resigned effective February 15.

# **Council hears audit and Prairie Acres reports**

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at 619 Main St. All council members were present.

A resolution was passed authorizing the city to be reimbursed the cost of improvement projects from proceeds of bonds passed after the project has begun. A city officers election the Friona ISD for May

12, 2012, were approved. Terms of council members Martha Barker and Cheryl Weatherly and Mayor J.B. Douglas are expiring.

An interlocal agreement with Bovina to accept sealcoating bids was approved. Brandt Engineering was approved as the contractor. A bid notice from Brandt is included in this issue of the ary 2012 were discussed and residents including a 73" TV has resigned effective Feb-. The next meeting of the Star. The joint Friona/Bovi- approved. A 4-foot variance and new serving tables for ruary 16. The council went city council will be Monday and joint election with na street sealcoating project is combined in order to get a

lower cost bid.

The audit report for the year ending September 30, 2011 was presented and discussed by Randall Field, PC. A three year contract for auditing services was also approved for the Randall Field, PC, firm.

The accounts payable and financial statement for Janu-

to suspend a March 13 Atmos Energy rate change request.

Josh Bates, regional director for Transition Health Services gave a report on Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates. Mr. Bates discussed the employee healthcare plan for Prairie Acres employees, new items purchased for buffet style meals.

dent census at the nursing home was currently 39 and 7 at Heritage Estates. Due to a reduction in revenue caused by fewer residents, the nursing home has reported a \$54,000 deficit for the first four months of fiscal 2012. (October-January).

Current Prairie Acres administrator Nikki Brister

Transition Health Services to discuss hiring an administrator. It was reported that the management company had an application from a replacement administrator with 11 years of experience. He will be hired as an interim administrator until further arrangements are completed.

ron carr photo The Chieftains finished 2nd in District 2-2A and will meet Highland Park in bi-district Tuesday, February 21 at Randall High School.

# **Tickets now available** for Chamber banquet

The 56th annual Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture banquet will be held Tuesday March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the community center. Tickets are \$25 in advance only and are now available at the Chamber office, 621 Main St.

### for a property on E. 9th was approved. The council voted

10-4 district record and sole posses-

sion of second place in the 8-team dis-

Hornets in a bi-district contest Tues-

day February 21 at the Randall High

School gym. Coach Woods said game

time would be either 7 p.m. or 7:30

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is scheduled before theirs. A win

over Highland Park would be the first

Chieftain basketball playoff victory

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Friona will meet the Highland Park

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into executive session at March 12. All council meet-He reported that the resi- 8:05 p.m. with officials of ings are open to the public.

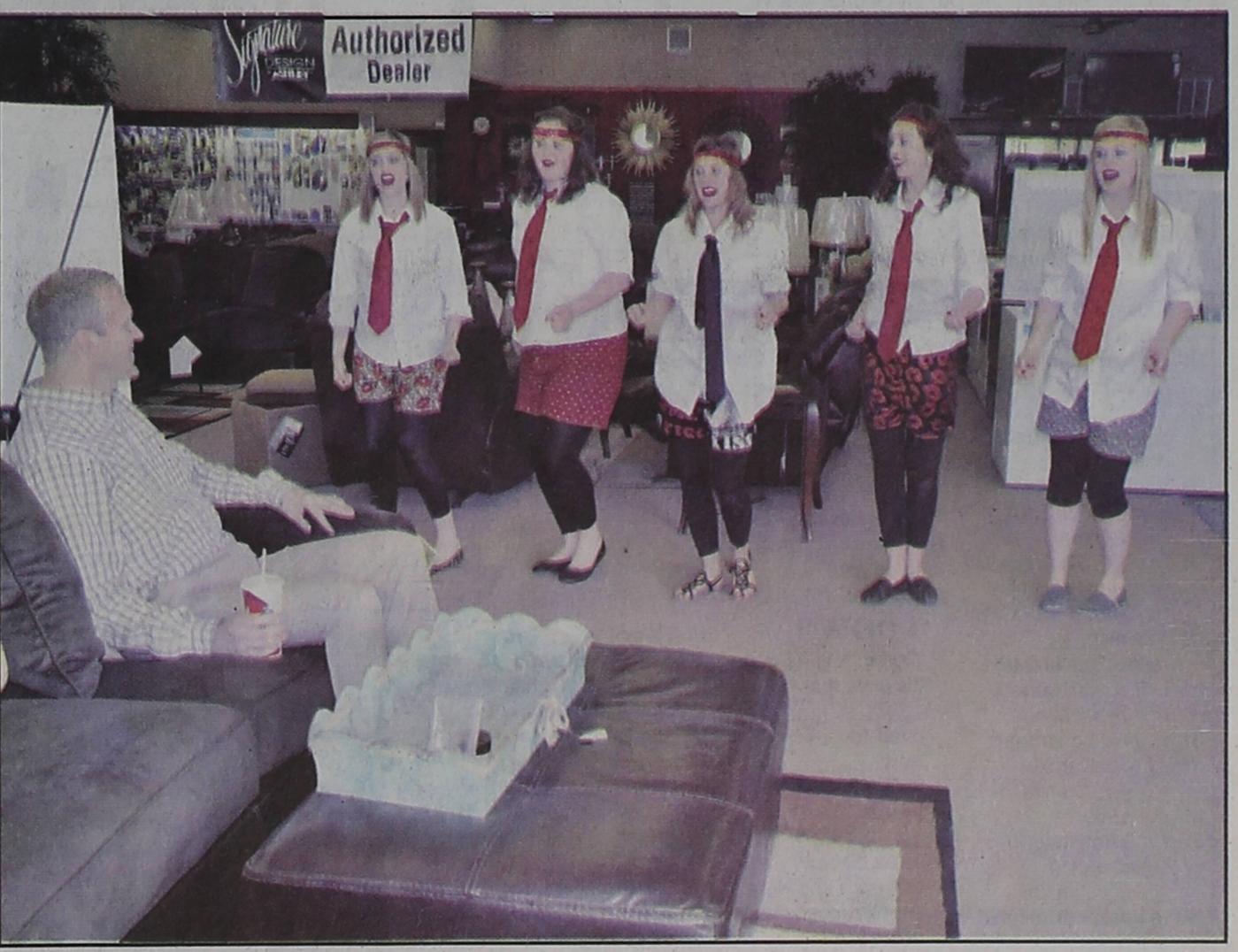
#### Chiefs beat Abernathy, head to playoffs The Friona Chieftains ended the reg-That year, 1974, the Chiefs advanced ular season schedule with a 63-58 disto the state tournament. They beat trict win at Abernathy Tuesday night. Bastrop in the semi-final game but lost to Bowie for the state championship. The Chiefs finish with an impressive

The next year they lost to Dimmitt in an infamous triple overtime game for the district title during a time when only one team advanced from the district. Dimmitt went on to win the state title. No Friona team has won a playoff game since although several have made it into the playoffs.

The Chiefs will play in the Randall Playoff Review, a series of practice games held Friday and Saturday at Randall High School. They will tip-off against Hale Center at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Booster Club has playoff t-shirts for sale. They are \$15. You can get one from Annette Loflin at the WT Services office or at see Leigh Monroe at the high school office.

At Abernathy, senior post Ryan De-Wit led the Chiefs with 26 points. Friona trailed at the half 32-29 but came out strong with a 34-26 second half run to seal the win. The Chiefs shot 21 of 50 (42%) from the field and 19 of 33 (57%) free throws. Other scoring: Weston Wyly 11, Caleb Monroe 10, Michael Ortiz 8, Kadyn Hicks 5, Dillon Kelley 2, Cole Stowers 1. Congratulations Chiefs. Beat Highland Park.



No tickets will be sold at the door.

At a recent Chamber board meeting, Jeff Ray was elected president, Julie Mason, vice-president, and Tricia Etue, treasurer. Other board members are Jon Surman, Britny Pope, LaDonna Grubbs, Brett Hoyle, Diane Orr, Anthony Ramirez, Autumn Sloan, Monia Ann Wilson, and Bryan Johnston.

The banquet menu will be prime rib and all the trimmings. Citizen awards will be announced and a silent auction will be conducted before and during the meal. Deadline for citizen award nominations is 3 p.m. Friday February 17 and deadline for silent auction donations is February 28.

Award-winning magician Monte Holder from Lubbock will present "The Magic of Montgomery." He has entertained audiences across the Southwest U.S. and performed for corporate events, fairs, festivals, and schools. He offers family entertainment that can be enjoyed by all ages.

Gold Sponsors for the banquet are Atmos Energy, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Cargill Meat Solutions, CHS, Inc., City of Friona, First National Bank-Friona Banking Center, Friona State Bank, Friona Wheat Growers, High Plains Dairy, Hi-Pro Feeds, Kendrick Oil Co., Parmer County Implement, Underwood Law Firm, and Xcel Energy.

For more banquet information contact the Chamber at 250-3491.

ron carr photo

More than 20 groups of high school choir members delivered almost 400 singing Valentines around the area Tuesday. These young ladies, I-r, M'Kelti Rhodes, Kailey Lucas, Megan Sharrock, Kendall Kimbrough, and Amy Osborn, stopped by Bi-Wize Pharmacy to serenade Joe DeBons.

# Page Two By Ron Carr

### if it says easy open it probably isn't

I had a battle with a stack of Bunn coffee filters. I won but it wasn't easy.

As we grow older, the little things in life don't seem to get any easier. I start most days trying to separate one of those annoying coffee filters from the rest of the group. Haven't found the secret but blowing on them seems to work best. Coffee filters are not the only packaging challenge in today's modern world. The tips of my fingers have tablemate. worn down over time so that turning the pages of a newspaper or magazine can elicit bursts of anger. I don't think I have enough fingerprints left to show up in a CSI database. When you are older it have one zip all the way often presents a challenge just to tear open those little packets of ketchup, mustard, or mayo. Getting a grip on the corner doesn't manufacturers.

always work. Add in a huge portion of impatience and even the little packets are in for a verbal blasting.

A friend recently complained about getting mustard on his office scissors cutting the corner on one of the evil little mustard packets. Another danger is some of the easy-open packets open too easily. I have been known to spray ranch dressing on my shirt and the nearest friend and

Then there is the packaging on items like DVDs, batteries, and other accessories. The thick plastic packages require a pair of industrial strength scissors, or a machete, whichever is handy at the time.

My grip not being what it used to be, even the tops on peanut butter, pickle jars, orange juice, and pull tab cans require a special tool to help twist off the tops. The frozen food that comes with easy open resealable instructions usually ends up with the top folded over and sealed with a bag clip at my house. Life is too short to try and line up those built-in plastic resealable zippers that seldom remain closed in the freezer. I think many companies probably spend more on packaging the products than the products themselves. In the end we don't have much

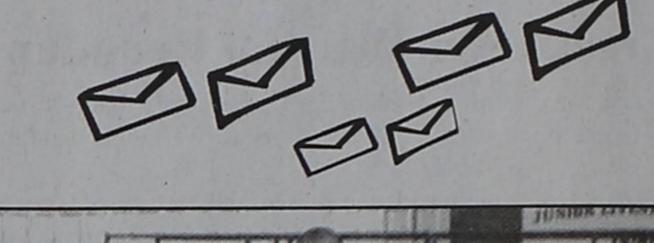
input. Some cities, most recently Austin, are considering banning plastic bags altogether. Sounds good but then who is going to carry their own bags to the store to tote the groceries home. Really! Some things are more trouble than they are worth, but life wouldn't be the same without them. Like Bunn coffee filters for instance.

#### Thursday, February 16, 2012



U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Budget and Finance Committees, joined his Republican colleagues at a press conference and spoke on the Senate floor responding to the President's FY2013 budget proposal:

"The President's plan fails to right the ship and will continue to lead us down a path of more debt, higher taxes, and runaway spending - a path that has brought the economies of many European countries to the brink. All we have to do is look across the Atlantic Ocean and see what will happen when governments overspend and debt is allowed to go unchecked. The warning sound has been heard, and the fiscal tsunami that many budget experts said in the past would not hit this nation is fast approaching."



So far as my experience dictates, there has never been an easy open box. On those boxes with the easy open pull tab that is supposed to zip open the end of the box? I've yet to across the box. It usually rips about halfway across, again eliciting some choice words of wisdom for the

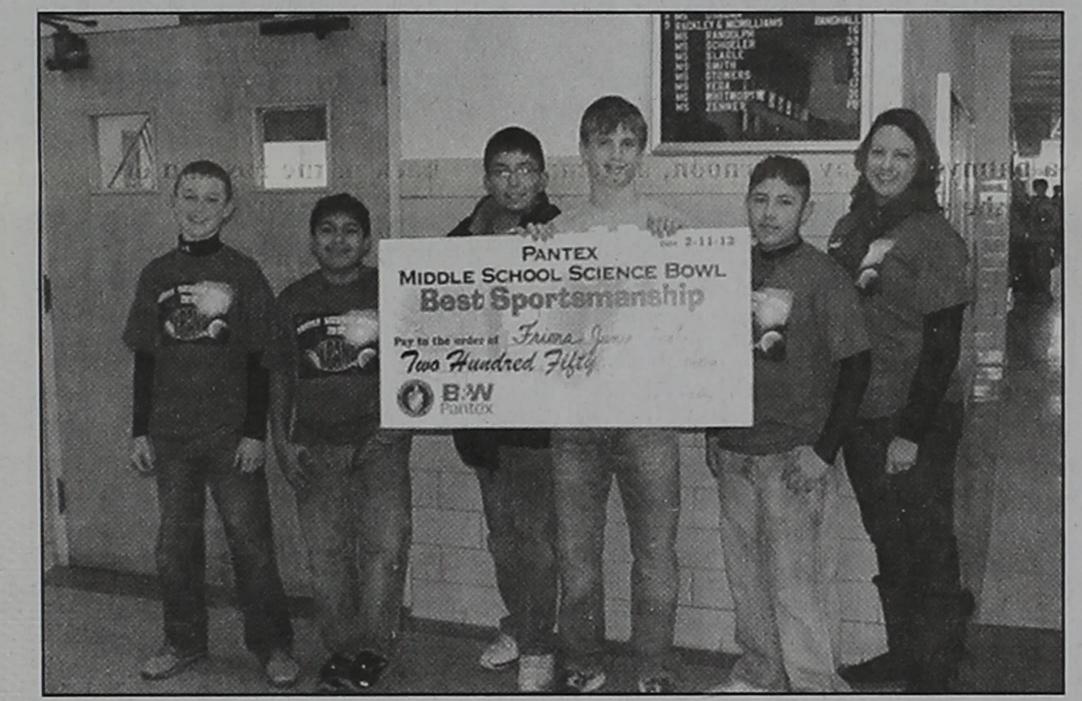
# **Knight receives CFP certification**

Kevin Knight of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Hereford, has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to use the certification mark CFP.

Knight successfully completed CFP Board's initial certification requirements which includes completion of financial

planning coursework and passing a comprehensive examination.

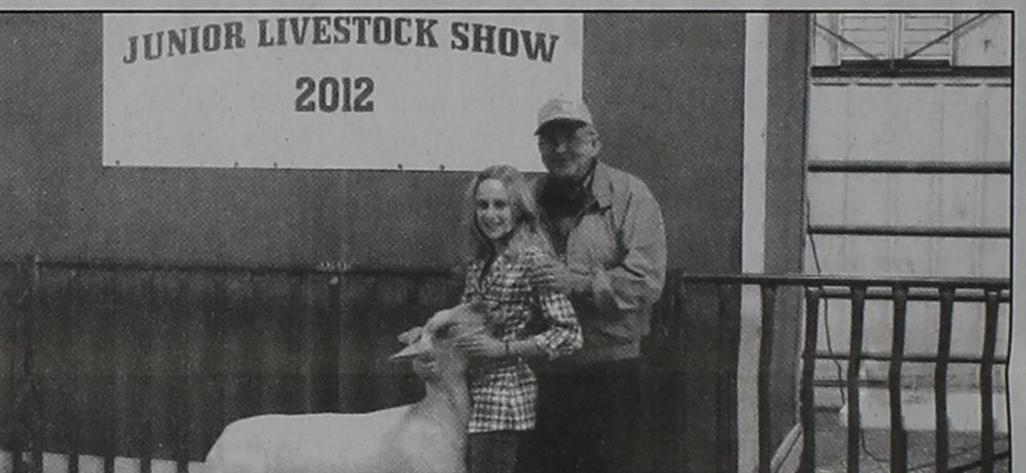
Individuals who hold CFP certification must agree to meet continuing education requirements and uphold CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility and Financial Planning Practice Standards.





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Regan Cochran's lamb placed third in its class at the Hemphill Junior Livestock Show in Canadian. Reagan is the son of Shannon and Vickie Cochran, formerly of Friona.



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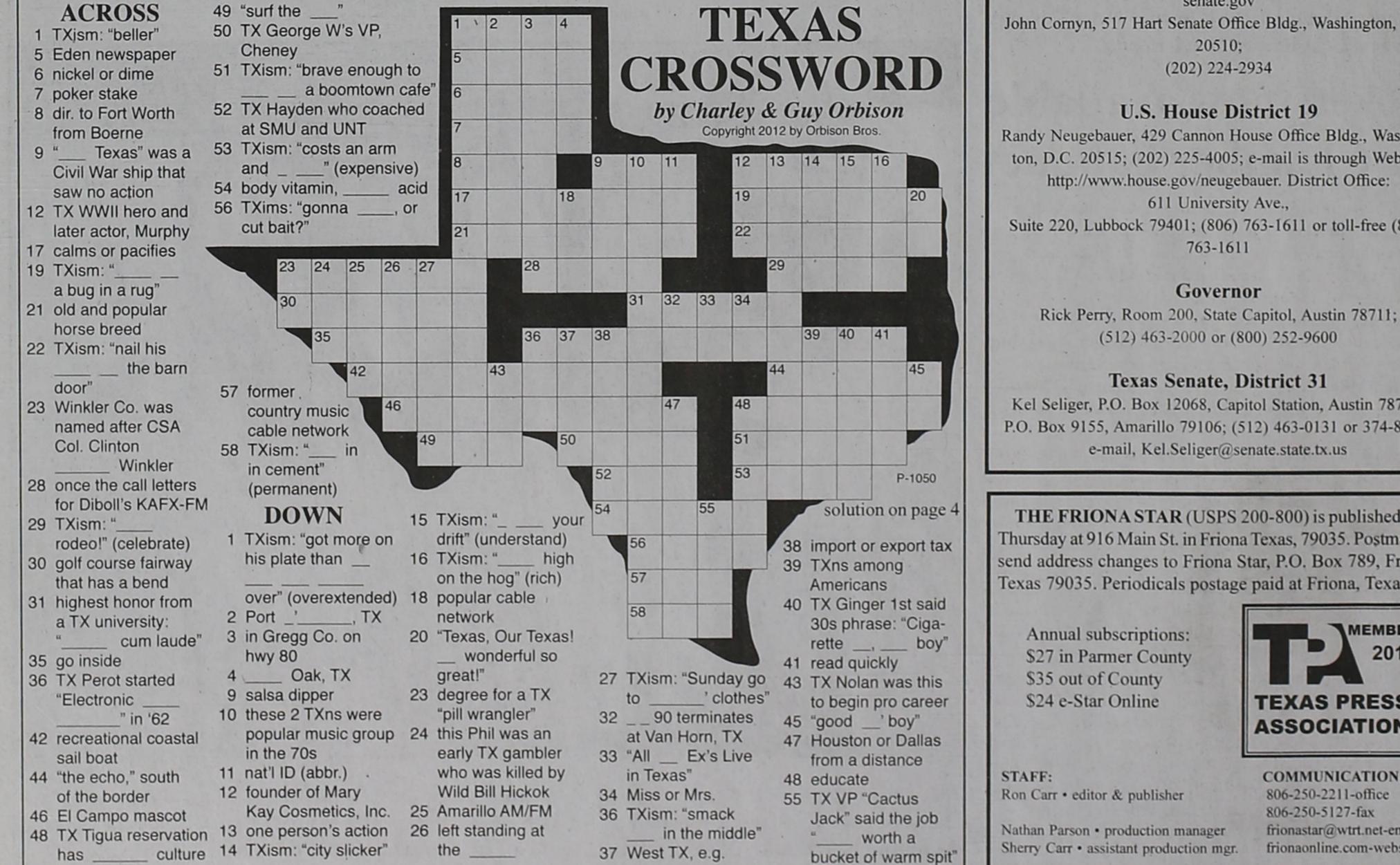
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#### courtesy photo.

The Friona junior high science bowl team participated in the Pantex Regional Middle School Science Bowl in Canyon February 11. They won 3, tied 1, and lost 1 in the morning round robin session. In the afternoon double elimination tournament they beat one Highland Park team and then lost to another Highland Park team. They won a sportsmanship award and got a check for \$250. Team members, I-r, Jacob Harrison, Austin Mercado, Jason Balli, Dallin Woods, Josue Ojeda, and coach Heather Stowers.





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Jordan Cochran exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Hemphill County Junior Livestock Show in Canadian. Her crossbred lamb won its class earlier in the show. Jerry Smith, shown with Jordan, purchased her lamb in the premium sale. Jordan is the daughter of Shannon and Vickie Cochran, former Friona residents.



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# **Town Talk II**

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#### \*\*\*\*\*

Friona official weather guy John Gurley reported the Sunday snowfall was 3" and amounted to 0.18" of moisture. A good snowstorm swept through most of the Panhandle on Sunday and moved off to the east Sunday night into Monday. Daily temps returned to the 50s and 60s the rest of the week. By noon Monday most all of the snow had melted away.

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The County burn ban has been lifted until midnight February 26. After that date the ban will be in effect again unless further notice is received from county commissioners. For more information contact the County

The Chiefs are headed to the basketball playoffs. was surprised (maybe shocked) to learn that the Chieftain varsity boys have not won a basketball playoff game since 1974. It was the year the Chiefs advanced to the state tournament. In February 1974, they beat Bastrop 73-71 in the semi-final game, then lost to Bowie 76-66 in the state final.

The win over Bastrop was the last time the Friona boys have won a playoff basketball game. I find that fact amazing, mainly because I hadn't really thought about it until Brent Loflin told me at the game Friday night. Two 80-passenger char-

#### class stamp increased from 8-cents to 10-cents. \*\*\*\*\*

If you need some old newspapers for packing stuff away for storage or if you are moving, or any other reason, come by the Star office. We will give you as many as you need for free. We have extra papers left over every week and keep them stacked in the back of the office. We are here Mon-Wed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Had a busy Tuesday. It was photo opportunity day with singing Valentines, a couple of meetings, and Valentine parties at Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates. The results are scattered pal Court but you haven't taken care of it, this would be a good time to get on over there and pay up. A list

of people with outstanding warrants will be published next week in the Friona Star. Will your name be on there? \*\*\*\*\*

I stopped in the water regulations meeting for a few minutes Tuesday. The High Plains Water District meeting attracted about 20 interested farmers. Local resident and farmer Fred Cook is on the water district board. Officials were here to explain the forthcoming irrigation/water rules and restrictions. It all sounded pretty complicated to this

infection problems. Keep Taylor and family in your thoughts and prayers.

If it is snowing and cold it must be high school baseball season in the Panhandle. The Chieftain baseball team has had a couple of scrimmages. The season schedule is printed in this week's Star. Brent Loflin has rebuilt the bull pen area and we'll get down to the field soon to provide some photos. Good luck to Coach Styler Haddock and Coach Kamron Linger and the baseball Chiefs. \*\*\*\*\*

Have a look at the front of the junior high and the junior high gym. The con- news of interest send it

Hamilton of Hamilton Steel and Concrete, both former students at the junior high, are doing the work.

State Farm is the Chamber's Business of the Month. Agent Allan Haile also has a group of self-storage buildings and sells Lone Star metal art. He said he is currently taking a welding class at Amarillo College Hereford campus. Allan is a busy guy and soon to be a grandpa. Son Nathan and wife April are expecting. Congratulations on your Business of the Month selection. \*\*\*\*\*

Always good to hear from our readers. If you have

Judge's office at 806-481-3383 or the Sheriff's office at 806-481-3303.

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Friona high school assistant principal Ben Kirton is an accomplished musician. He has sung the National Anthem at the last two home basketball games. He sang acapella and did a very nice rendition of a difficult song. Nice job Ben.

During halftime of the Chiefs game with Floydada Friday night, a whole bunch of elementary school kids did their Jump Rope for Heart routine for the fans. This year they raised \$4361 for the American Heart Association. You might say the gym was jumping. A couple of photos included this week and others at frionaonline.com.

tered buses took Friona fans to Austin for the state tournament in 1974. Some will

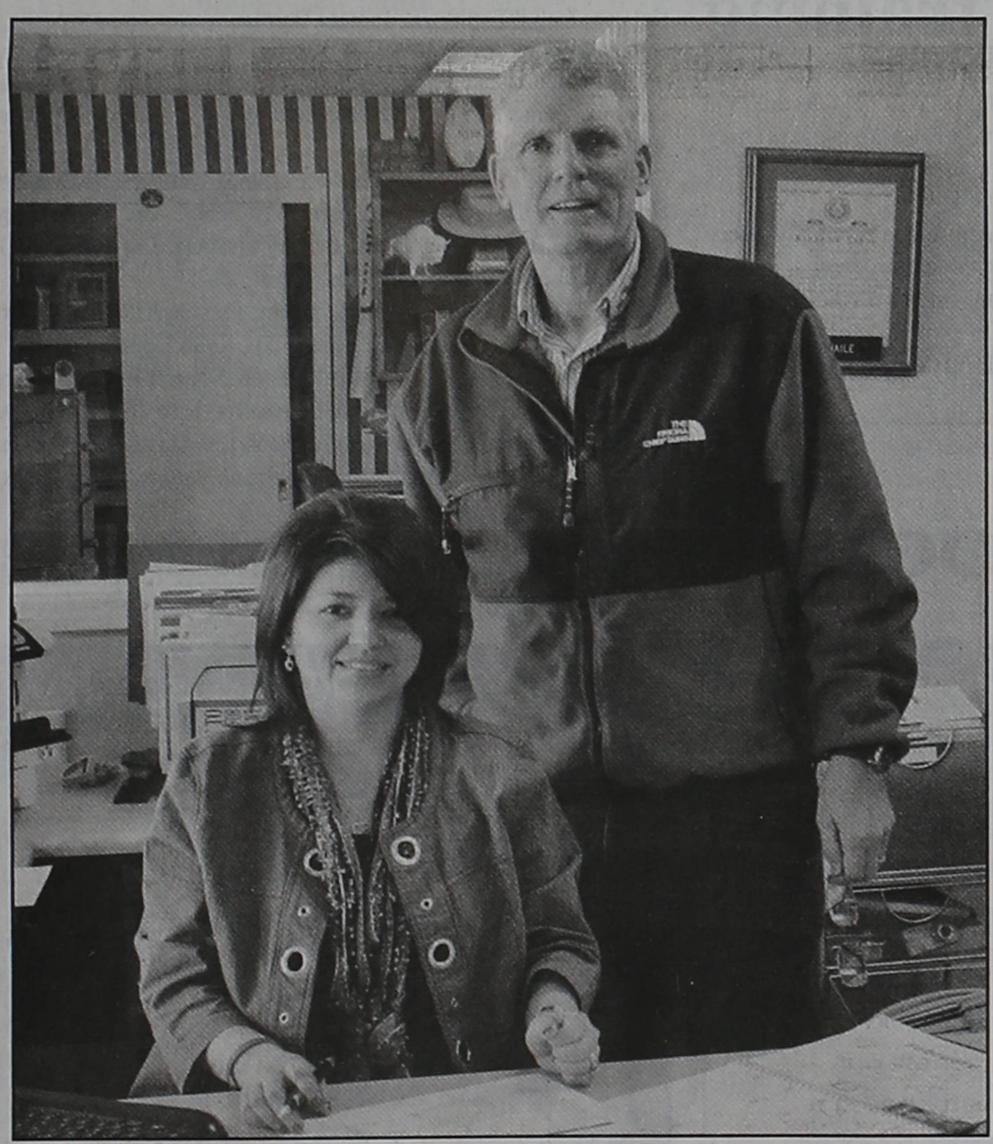
remember 1974 as the year of gas shortages when stations closed early or just ran out of gas, which prompted the bus charters. Fans were reluctant to drive their own vehicles to Austin because of the gas shortage situation. The Chiefs will play Highland Park Tuesday February 21 at Randall High School in a bi-district match. Game time will be 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Booster Club is selling playoff t-shirts. See Annette Loflin at the WT Services office or Leigh Monroe at the high school office. They

are \$15. Go Big Red. \*\*\*\*\*

And from the front page of the Friona Star in March 1974, the cost of a first through this week's pages. The new interim administrator of Prairie Acres/Heritage is Paul Chaisson who comes to Friona from Brownfield. Haven't met the gentleman yet but he was in town this week. And a final farewell to administrator Nikki Brister whose last day at Prairie Acres was Wednesday. Good luck Nikki. \*\*\*\*\*

There is a notice this week of the Great Texas Warrant Roundup. Starting February 25 through March 3, local law enforcement will be searching for folks with outstanding municipal warrants. They will be arresting people at home, work, or wherever found. If you have a ticket or other violations that was to be handled with Judge Campbell at Munici-

# **Friona Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month**



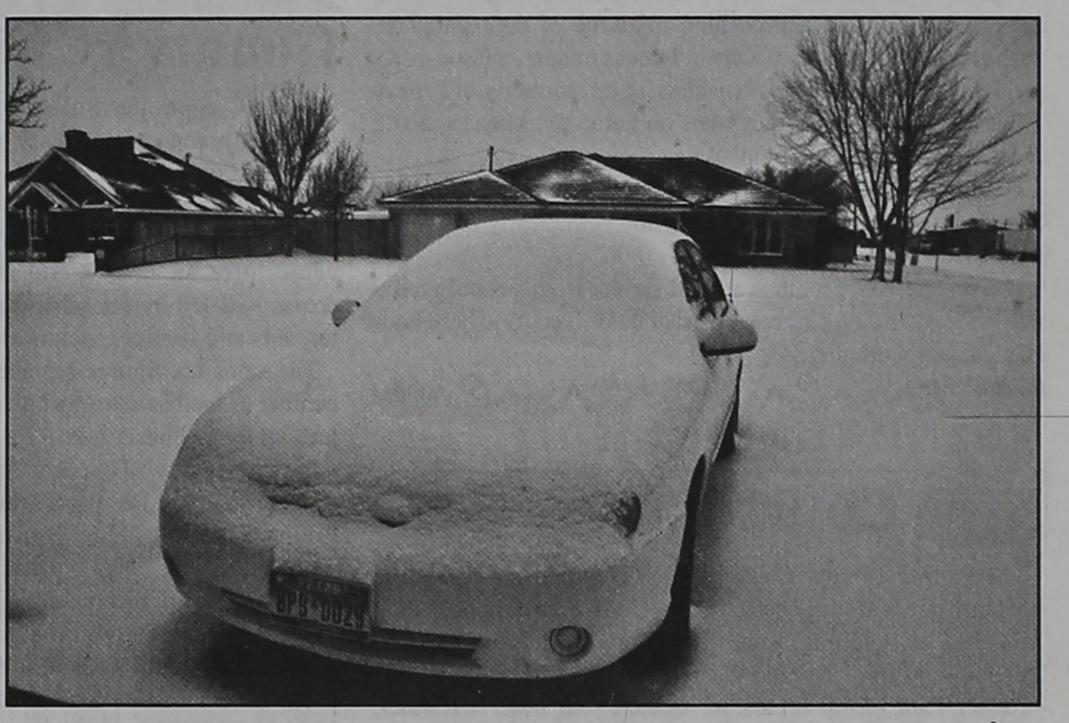
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old city boy.

Little 5-year-old Taylor Campos, daughter of Pablo and Dawn (Widner) Campos, continues to struggle for life in an Amarillo Hospital as she battles serious

school building has been enlarged and extended to the north end. The entire area in front of the gym is soon to be concrete when the work is completed. Davy and Jeff

crete patio in front of the along. Our email address is at the top of the page. You can also connect with Friona on our Friona Star Fan Page on Facebook. Look us up and like us. Until then! \*\*\*\*\*



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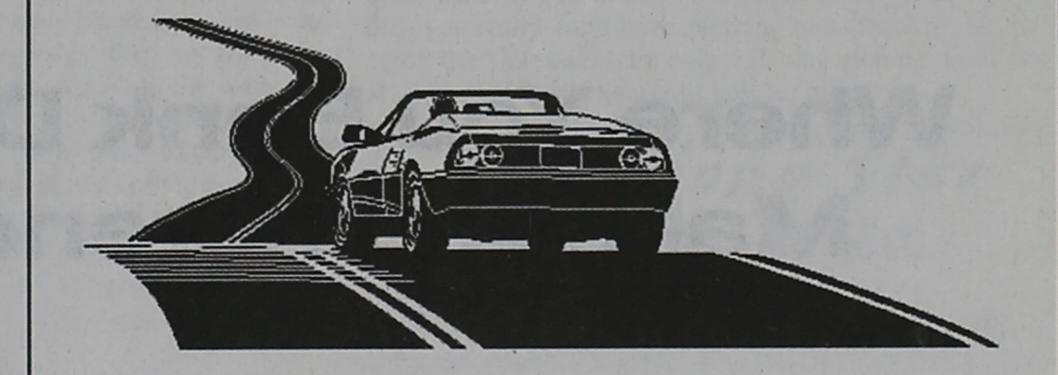
Friona received 3" of snow during the day on Sunday, which equates to 0.18" of moisture. The much needed precipitation was mostly all gone by a balmy Monday afternoon, as temps were back in the 50s and 60s during the week.

**Elsa Galaviz and Allan Haile** 

State Farm Insurance is the Chamber's Business of the Month for February. Allan and Patty Haile were appointed in January 1986 to be the State Farm Agent in Friona serving the Parmer County area. They started the agency from scratch and have served the area now for 26 years.

In addition to building a successful agency, Allan and Patty have raised four boys, three

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of which are graduates of Texas A&M and one is a freshman at Friona High School (a future Aggie, Class of 2019).

The Hailes are also owners of Chieftain Self-Storage units adjacent to their office building on Highway 60 and another location in the 600 block of Main St.

Allan says, "Friona has been a great place to serve as a State Farm agent and I thank all of you whom I have been able to serve."

# Special Call Acceptance

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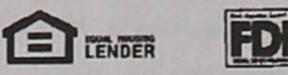
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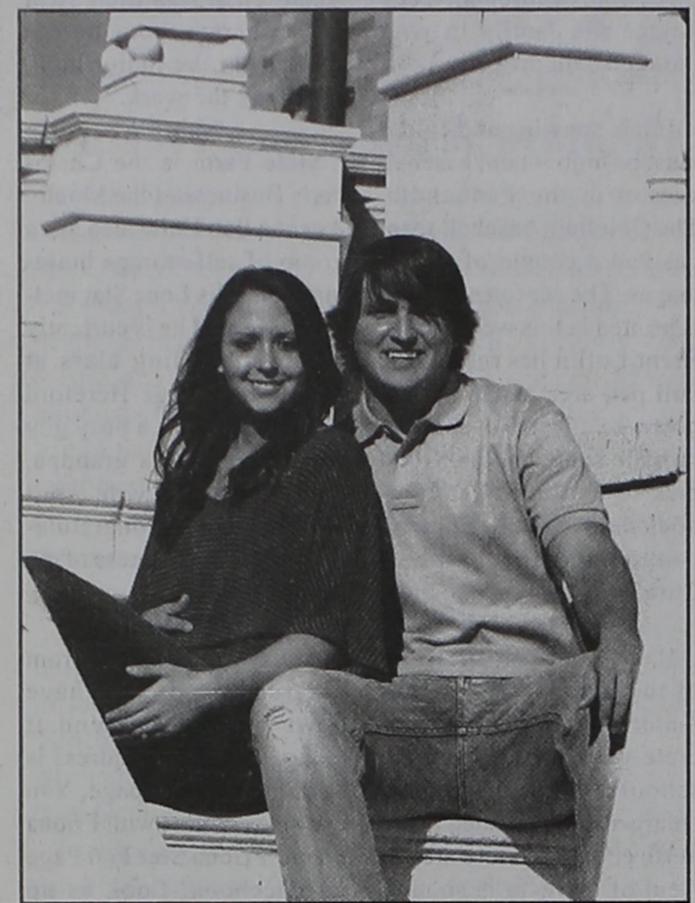
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#### Estrada & Graham



### Friona WT student is selected for readership trip to Honduras

Marisol Benavides, a preveterinary medicine major, is one of 15 freshmen at West Texas A&M University selected to participate in a spring break field trip to Honduras in March 2012.

More than 270 WTAMU freshmen wrote essays about this year's Readership WT book selection, Where Am Wearing. Fifteen students were named winners and will travel to Honduras to work in a variety of service projects related to the book. The announcement of the winners

**Marisol Benavides** 

was made via video by the book's author Kelsey Timmerman who also will be traveling with them.

The book is Timmerman's account of his quest to discover the places where his favorite clothes-underwear, jeans, and flip flops-were made. The quest took him on an eightmonth journey to garment factories around the world, including Honduras, where he discovered the human element and cost of globalization. During the trip the group will visit clothing factories, stay with families in a remote rural community, help finish out a new school, and visit a banana plantation. Of the 270 essays submitted, 46 students were interviewed, and from that pool the selection committee had to narrow the list to only 15 students. This is the 5th year for the international trips in the Readership WT program.

# Sheriff's Report

Thursday, February 16, 2012

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

February 6, 2012, Abel Rodriguez, 30, of Earth, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department charged with assault, pending County Court.

February 6, 2012, Tomas Quinocuen, 28, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with public intoxication, fined \$250.00.

February 6, 2012, Manuel Triquez, 38, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to notify of damage, pending County Court.

February 7, 2012, Jorge Castillo, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department charged with making a terroristic threat, pending County Court.

February 7, 2012, Felipe Cruz, 38, of Pitt sburg, Texas, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pending Grand Jury.

February 7, 2012, Janette Caballero, 22, of Hereford, was arrested by the Friona Police Department charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

February 8, 2012, Eloy Trevino, 32, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with theft of property (more than \$20, less than \$1,500) by check, pending County Court.

Sasha Estrada & Kaison Graham

Ricardo and Caroline Estrada, of Friona, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sasha Caroline Estrada, to Kaison James Graham, the son of Ky and Lanis Graham, of Breckenridge, Texas, formerly of Friona.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in Summerfield, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2010 Friona High School graduate and is attending South Plains College. She is currently employed with Victoria's Secret in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a 2008 Friona High School graduate and is attending Lubbock Christian University where he is also currently employed.

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**Courthouse Notes** 

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from February 02, 2012 to February 08, 2012: Stephen A. Schilling, Karen Schilling, Jason Schilling, and Tamara Schilling - Bonnie Warren, L8 B2 HILLCREST.

Celia T. Lara, Eliasar T. Lara, Jr., Amelida Soto, Israel Hernandez, and Jesus Manuel Gonzales - Eleasar S. Lara, Sr., L2 B52 BOVINA.

# Last chance pesticide applicator training

A "Last Chance Pesticide Applicator Training" will be offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The event will be held February 24 at the Bailey County Extension office, 118

# **County receives sales tax**

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the state sales tax revenue in January was \$2 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to January 2011.

"Sales tax revenue continues to grow in almost all major economic categories and revenue has now increased for 22 consecutive months," Combs said. "The recent monthly increase was led by the oil and natural gas-related sector. Restaurants and services sectors also showed significant gains."

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in December as well as sales by businesses that report tax on a quarterly or annual basis.

Parmer County's February 2012 payment totaled \$57,632.59 broken down as Bovina \$9,605.36; Farwell \$11,497.16; and Friona \$36,530.07. In February 2011 the tax payment total was \$57,114.64.

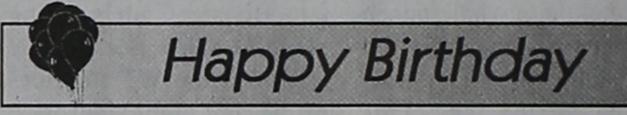
Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were up 0.90%, broken down as Bovina -7.17%; Farwell 16.25%; and Friona -0.94%. For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$103,898.00 as compared to \$100,945.56 for the same period last year, a 2.92% change.

Extension agent Monti Vandiver saud, "This is truly a last chance option to earn CEUs. The courses will be delivered via video. Participants will need to attend the entire block(s) they

February 10, 2012, Jeanette Varela, 20, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department charged with possession of alcohol by a minor, fined \$364.00.

February 11, 2012, Mike Quinones, 19, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Friona Police Department charged with possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

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# Feb. 19 - Feb. 25, 2012

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Feb. 19-Rex Nelson, Marty Gonzales, Minnie Knight, Kathy Stone, Joyce Miller Marshall, Jill Brown, Heath Gammon, Kristina Anthony, Callie Hefner, Shyla Sossaman, Arline Elliot, Roger Shull, Aubrey Easley, Ashley Rocha, Jared Turner, John Allen, Kaysen Stanberry

Feb. 20-Larry Potts, John Edd Duke, Jr., Clint Hurst, Cody Bracken, Tina Cole, Gretchen Edelmon, Carol Smith, Averi McLellan, Luis Martinez, Hollee L. Ratliff, Herb Howell, Elena Salazar, Isabel Espinoza, Tamela Bandy

Feb. 21-Kyle Barnett, Sunni Graves, Joe A. Guerra, LaFawnda Mays Kubacak, Lacy Venhaus, Hector Baldwon, Derek Jamerson, Genie Moyer, Judy Hodnett, Allee Gee, Brooke Dier-



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The training will be in two hour blocks; pesticide applicators will be able to attend any or all blocks in order to earn continuing education units (CEUs) they may need to renew their pesticide applicator license.

The blocks will be arranged as follows: 8-10 a.m. laws and regulations; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. integrated pest management; 1:30-3:30 p.m. pesticide safety.

need and complete a survey in order to earn CEUs." There is a \$10 registration fee.

Licensed private applicators are required to re-certify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education credits, including two credits in laws and regulations and two credits in integrated pest management (IPM) prior to expiration of the license. For more information contact Monti Vandiver, Extension agent-IPM, at 806-272-4583.

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Feb. 23-April Pope, Gayle O'Brian, Dexter Allen, Matthew Kendrick, Doyce Barnett, Leticia Duke, Ryan Lopez

Feb. 24-Mike Smith, Joe Bob Johnson, Sharon Rector, Janice Auburg, Della Patterson, Michelle Morris, Lisa Ann Edelmon, Joey Dominguez, Robin Rushing Stolzfus, Carmella Hernandez, Carlene Jones, Ginger Quinn, Sabrina Vargas, Lacey Lookingbill

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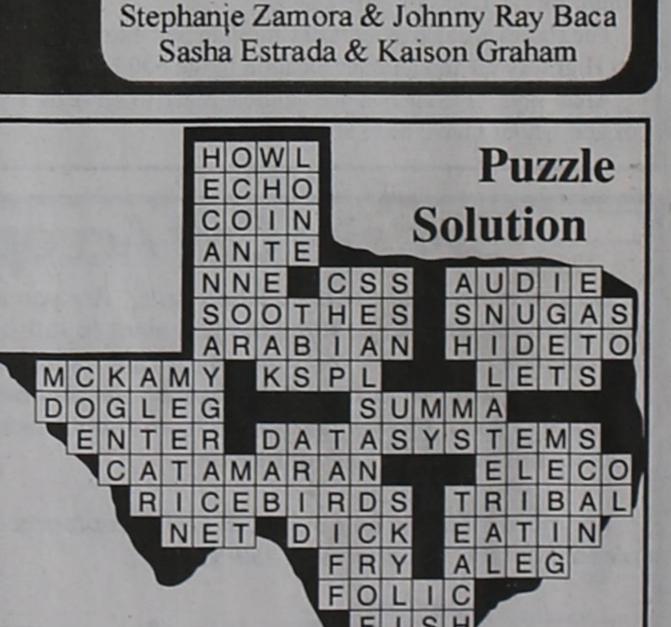
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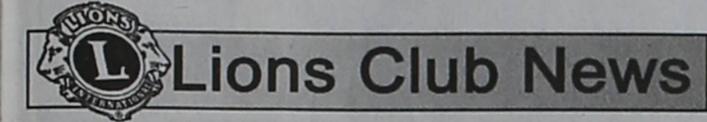
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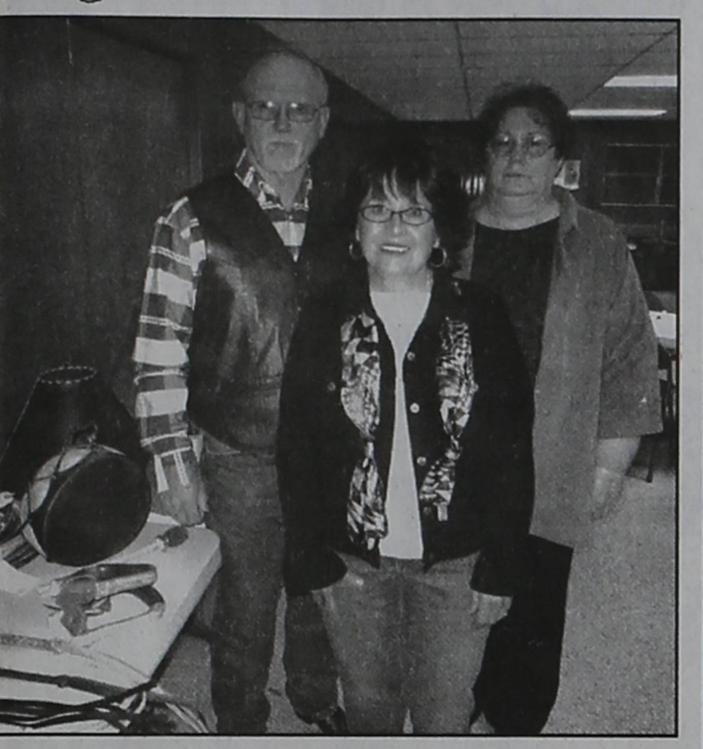
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# **Grief support group meeting**

The monthly grief and bereavement support group will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 6 p.m., at the Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office, 304 E. 11th, in Friona.

The Special Care Series by Doug Manning will be covered including topics entitled: Permission to Grieve, Discovering Significance, Discovering Understanding, and Discovering Comfort. This is a community service and anyone experiencing grief and/or loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. For more information, please call 806-247-0057.





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# **OBITUARY**

### **Pearlie Chisom**

Pearlie "Nana" Chisom, 67, of Bovina, passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2012 in Muleshoe. Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at the First Baptist Church of Bovina at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Brian Mullins officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Pearlie was born April 23, 1944, in Texarkana, Texas, to A.D. and Annie Mae Atkins. She has been a resident of Bovina since 1960. She married Junior Earl Chisom on August 16, 1963. She was a nurse's aide in Muleshoe and Farwell, but most recently, she was a Customer Service Manager at Wal-Mart in Clovis, New Mexico, for eight years. Most importantly she was a wonderful mother, wife and Nana. She enjoyed playing music, cleaning and cooking and she loved Wal-Mart. Pearlie is survived by her husband, Junior Earl "Tiny" Chisom of Bovina; three daughters, Devilan Chisom, Melissa Walker, and Tonia Robinson all of Bovina; one sister, Ola Chisom of Green-



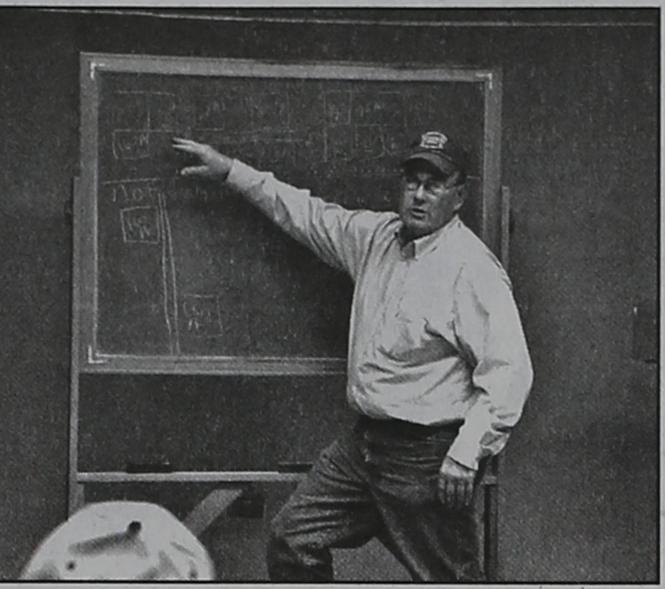
**Pearlie Chisom** 

ville, Texas; two brothers, Ollie Atkins of Odessa, and Felton Atkins of Farmersville, Texas; four grandchildren, Raymond Chisom of Clovis, Jonathan Chisom, Desmond Fox, and Darien Walker all of Bovina;



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Gerald Grenwelge, left, and Mike McGregor from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, held a meeting in Friona this week to explain current and future water regulations in the Panhandle. The event was sponsored by Parmer **County Farm Bureau.** 



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courtesy photo Friona Evening Lions met Thursday February 9. Lion Kristina Anthony with guests Bill and Pat Confer of Hereford who gave a program on rawhide and its production at the Tejas plant in Hereford. Starting with doggie treats, the rawhide is used in items from snowshoes to lampshades. Distribution has grown to worldwide status and sales in every state.

### **SCHOOL MENU** February 20 – February 24

#### Monday, February 20 **NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, February 21** B) Cereal, cinnamon rolls, applesauce, orange juice, milk L) Corndog, carrots, chips, pineapple, milk

Wednesday, February 22

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Friona resident Fred Cook serves on the High Plains Water District board. He answered questions at the water district regulations meeting held at the Friona State Bank community room Tuesday. The meeting was sponsored by Parmer **County Farm Bureau.** 

#### Panhandle Parables

Water, Water

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." An old seaman said this in the early days of ship travel as he looked out over the open seas. You can imagine his plight with the realization that there was plenty of water, but none that he could drink. The seaman, ironically, is in the same boat as the fellow in the desert. We are quick to have sympathy for the man in such dire straights, but what about the person who is spiritually thirsty?

We live in a world that is spiritually dying of thirst for the real "Water". They live in our communities. We see them driving down the highway, in our churches and even bathroom mirrors. God saw them too and God offered them a drink: His son Jesus Christ. Why then are there so many still thirsty? To this there is another old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Whether a Christian in an ocean of religious stuff, yet unyielding to the cup, or an unbeliever, in a spiritual desert ignoring the life saving drink, either way death is your choosing. Pride is in the heart of both and the only answer is Jesus Christ. If you are a Christian and have chosen to only accept what God offers on a Sunday basis, then my friend you might have missed the best part of having the water, you know, the drinking it part. If you leave the fellowship of believers each week being in the presence of God and you are still thirsty, then you forgot to drink! Step out in faith, God will not disappoint, go ahead drink. Life comes from the "Water", so go ahead LIVE!If you are an unbeliever then you may not know that God has provided for you, as well. God knew the world would be dying of thirst and He provided. It will never run out.

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one great-grandchild, Malayha Rayburn of Clovis; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a grandson, Quinton Walker.

You may go online and sign the guestbook at www.blackwellmullins.com.





# **Intentionally thankful**

#### **BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church**

Are you intentionally thankful...even if it's not Thanksgiving? Are you intentionally thankful when difficulties arise and life is a troublesome tempest? You can be, and Christians are commanded to be, because no matter how terrible or sickly life gets, you still hatve Jesus. In 2 Samuel 22, we see what it looks like to be intentionally thankful.

This song is almost exactly the same as Psalm 18, was written by King David, and is filled with thankfulness for God's character and His rich blessings upon David's life and reign. David takes us to the doldrums of despair, then sweeps us up by the winds of God's deliverance and mercy. Over and over again you are reminded that much of David's life was really crummy, yet God sustained, provided and

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#### **Thursday, February 23**

B) Cereal, breakfast pizza, scooby treats, orange juice, milk L) Taco salad, Mexican rice, carrot sticks, oranges, milk

#### Friday, February 24

B) Cereal, pancakes, sausage, fruit punch, milk L) Chicken nuggets, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, mousse, milk

**B)** Breakfast

L) Lunch

protected His anointed King.

Many times we are intentionally pessimistic instead of being intentionally thankful, because we overlook the bountiful blessings God gives us. David had tons of reasons to be bitter and mad, but he chose to see God's provision and work even in difficult times. No matter how horrible your life is, if you have Jesus your troubles are only temporary, and a glorious eternity awaits you in His presence. On the other hand, if you do not have Jesus as Savior and Lord, then you really don't have anything to be thankful for, because life's pleasures are only a fleeing glimmer until you are engulfed in the flames of hell for eternity.

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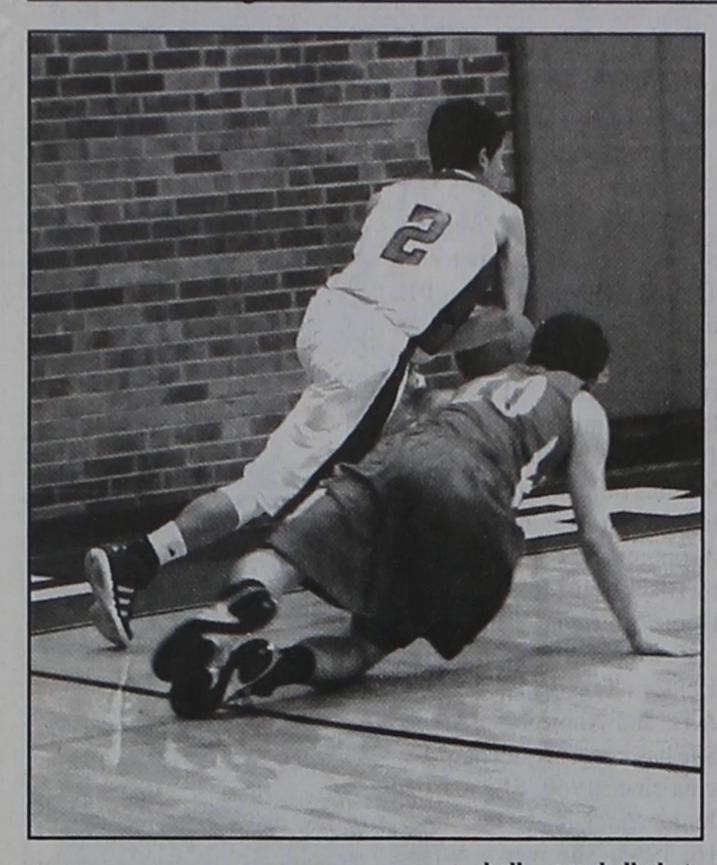
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#### holly campbell photo Gabriel Avalos drives around a Whirlwind.

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# Chiefs lose to Floydada, but advance to playoffs

The Friona Chieftains played their final home game of the season Friday night, hosting the Floydada Whirlwinds. The Chiefs suffered only their 4th district loss as the Winds won 57-52.

The game was close for three quarters. The Chiefs led at the half 27-24 and at the end of the 3rd quarter 40-38. But Floydada put up a 19-12 run in the 4th quarter to win the district match. Friona led by as much as 7 points in the game but shot only 29% (17 of 57) from the field and 54% (13 of 24) from the free throw line. Several Chieftain players

battled a stomach virus during the week, which may have been a factor in the game.

Gabriel Avalos led scoring with 17 points including three 3s. Ryan DeWit had 14, Caleb Monroe 8, Michael Ortiz 7, Kadyn Hicks 4, Weston Wyly 2.

The Chiefs closed out the season at Abernathy Tuesday night and will meet Highland Park or Spearman in a bi-district match at Randall High School Tuesday February 21. They will be in a quest for Friona's first basketball playoff victory since February 1974.

#### Thursday, February 16, 2012



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Chieftain senior post Ryan DeWit battles for the tipoff to open the game with Floydada Friday night. The Chiefs lost a close game 57-52 but are headed to the playoffs.



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Avalos led scoring with 17 points in the loss to Floydada Friday night.



holly campbell photo Kadyn Hicks grabs a loose ball as Gabriel Avalos (2) blocks a couple of Winds. More game photos at frionaonline.com.

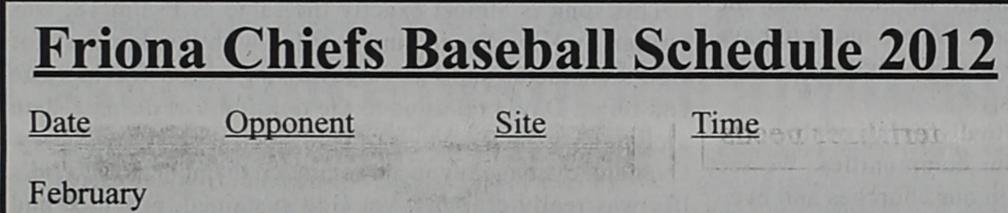


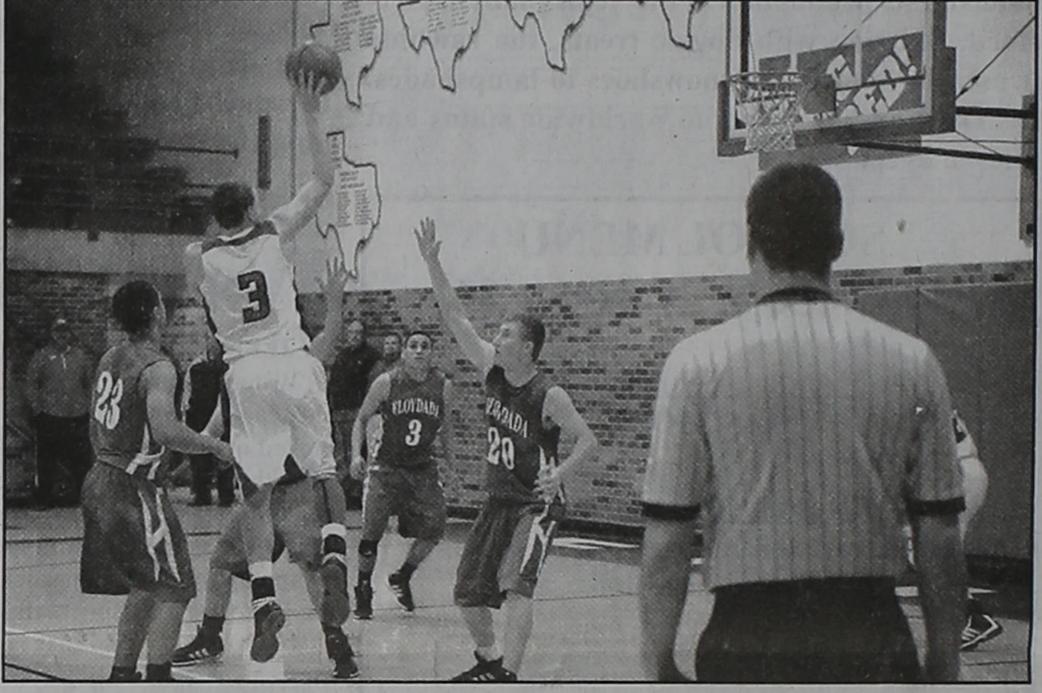
holly campbell photo Seniors playing their final home game against the visiting Floydada Whirlwinds are, I-r, Ryan DeWit (31), Gabriel Avalos (2), Caleb Monroe (3), Weston Wyly (10), and Michael Ortiz (12).

### **Powerlift results** at Dalhart meet

The Friona high school powerlifters participated in a Dalhart meet.

For the boys: Michael Garcia 1st, Edgar Guerrero 2nd, Daniel Meza 3rd, Esdras Rodriguez 5th. For the girls: Estibali Hernandez 1st, Yari Avilez 2nd, Elda Castanon 4th, Promise Tapia 6th.





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Caleb Monroe (3) pulls up for a jump shot in a group of Floydada Whirlwinds.



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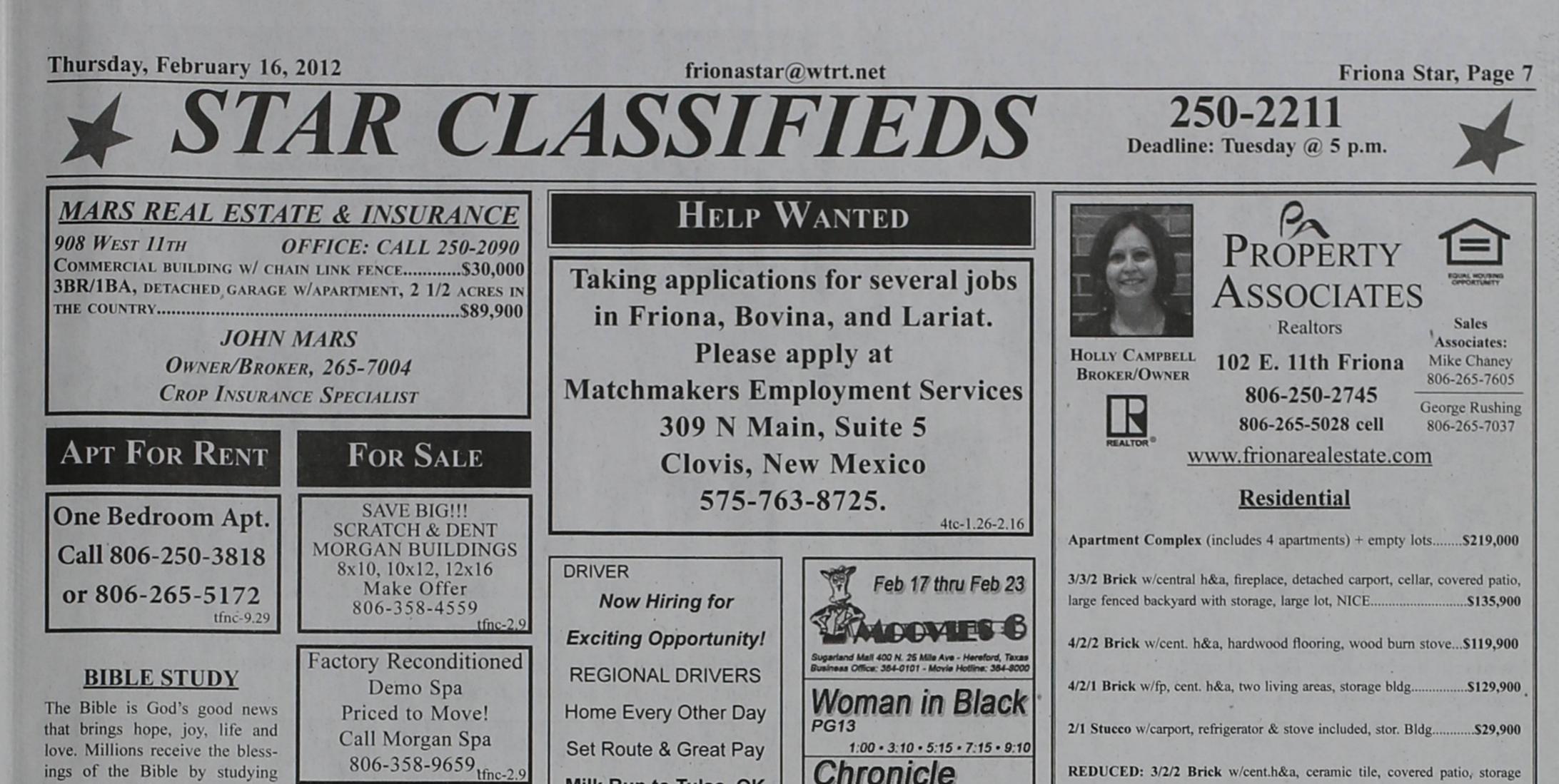
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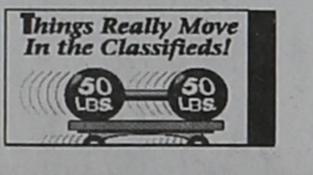
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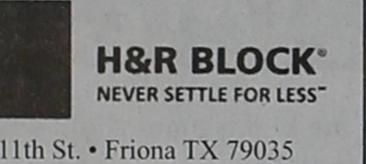
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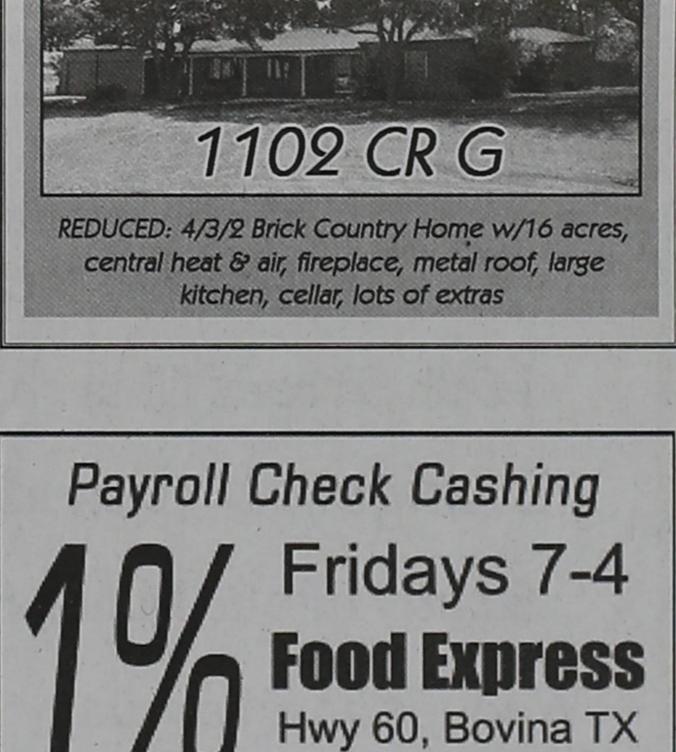


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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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DATED the 9th day of February, 2012.

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#### Thursday, February 16, 2012





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The Valentine King and Queen of Prairie Acres were announced at a party Tuesday. They are King Bearl Dean Broyles and Queen Opal Strickland. The Prairie Acres auxiliary served sandwiches, cookies and punch to the residents. Heritage Estates royalty, Valentine Queen Duggan Butler and Valentine King Kenneth Neill. The assisted living residents were crowned during a Valentine party Tuesday afternoon.



courtesy photo

Congratulations to the Friona High School CX Debaters for taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in district debate competition. Back row, l-r, Jake De-Wit, Ryan DeWit, Weston Wyly; front row, Tenna Montana, Coach Erika Montana, Haden Smiley, and Holly Johnston.

# Friona sweeps CX debate

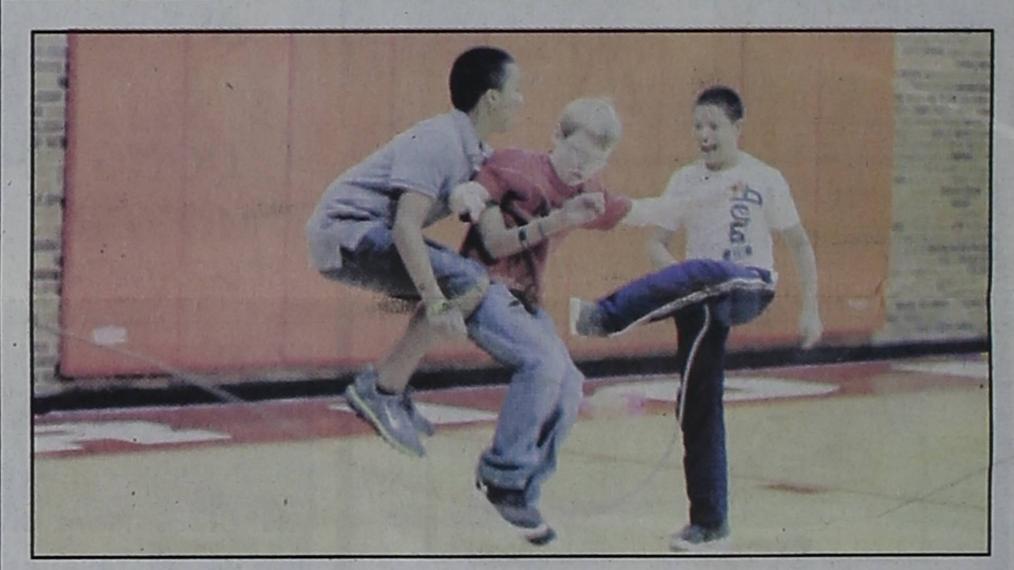
The Friona High School debate team The first and second place winners adswept the district debate meet, which was vance to the state meet in Austin in March.

The first and second place winners advance to the state meet in Austin in March. The third place team is an alternate. Coach Erika Montana said, "I am so proud of them. This is the first time we have taken the top 3 places in a long time."



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These young ladies from the high school choir delivered a singing Valentine to the residents of Friona Heritage Estates on Tuesday. The residents had a Valentine party with plenty of snacks, candy, and punch.



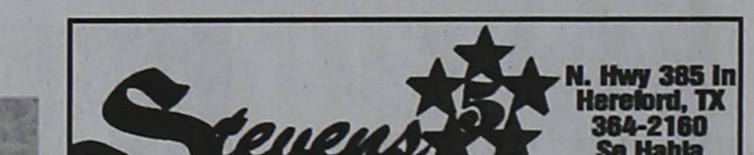
held in Friona. Tenna Montana and Weston Wyly were district champs. Holly Johnston and Haden Smiley won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Ryan and Jake DeWit were 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

> Gospel Meeting 10th Street Church of Christ Evangelist - David Minson Study of the Minor Prophets Wednesday, February 15th thru Sunday, February 19th Evening Services 7:30 PM Sunday Services 10:30 AM & 2:00 PM Everyone is invited!

ron carr photos

Students from the elementary school raised over \$4,300 in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The kids performed with jump ropes and some lively dancing during the half time of the Chiefs vs. Floydada basketball game. See more jump rope photos at frionaonline.com.





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