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## citizen awards

# Ellis, Hurst named Woman and Man of the Year chamber names citizen awards at annual banquet

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet was held Tuesday evening at the community center amid leis, palm trees, and tropical dress. Over 300 people attended. The casual Hawaii theme was evident throughout

the room as the Chamber board and volunteers did a great job with decorations.

The meal was prepared by Cargill employees and served at the tables by Parmer County 4-H students and members

of the Hereford High School JROTC. The JROTC also posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. First Baptist Church pastor Brett Hoyle gave the invocation. Chamber board President Jeff Ray was the master

of ceremonies.

During the dinner the folks were entertained by Miss Friona Kalley Preston and magician Monte Holder from Lubbock.

The citizen award winners were Woman of the Year Carol Ellis, Man of

the Year Bob Hurst, Citizens of the Year Greg and Jamie Lewellen, Teacher of the Year Erika Montana, Employee of the Year Rocio Hernandez, and Students of the Year Tenna Montana and Miguel Soto. Information

on each is included elsewhere inside.

Citizen awards and more photos from the banquet are available on the Friona Star website, frionaonline.com. Congratulations to all on a job well done.



**Carol Ellis & Bob Hurst**  
2012 Woman & Man of the Year



**Tenna Montana & Miguel Soto**  
2012 Students of the Year

## Council faces brief agenda, no city election

The Friona city council regular monthly meeting will be Monday March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

The tentative agenda has only five business items, assuring a short meeting. One of those items is a resolution appointing election officials for the May 12 city officers' election, setting the pay rate, and designating an early voting ballot board.

The deadline for candidates to sign-up for the three expiring council seats was Monday March 5. Mayor J.B. Douglas and councilwoman Martha Barker signed up for re-election. Incumbent councilwoman Cheryl Weatherly did not sign-up for re-election. Newcomer Greg Lewellen added his name to the ballot last Thursday. Since

there are three seats and three candidates the council will pass a resolution later canceling the city election.

The May 12 school board election will be held in the city council chambers. Four candidates will vie for three seats on that board. They are Mitchell Smiley, Brent Loflin, Andy Montana, and Antonia Rocha. Smiley, Loflin, and Montana are the incumbents.

Other items Monday will be approval of the previous minutes, accounts payable, and February financial statement. Approval of a variance for a trailer house is the final item on the short agenda. These items are a tentative agenda and are subject to change. The final official agenda is posted on the city hall window on Friday, 72 hours prior to the meeting.



**Erika Montana**  
2012 Teacher of the Year



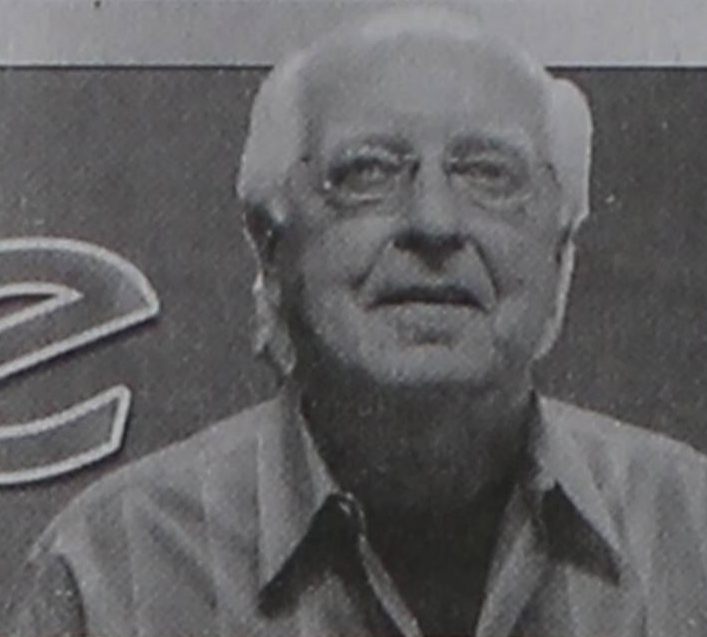
**Greg & Jamie Lewellen**  
2012 Citizens of the Year



**Rocio Hernandez**  
2012 Employee of the Year

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## a little family history

One sixteenth Choctaw.

Thanks to my cousin Charles Wilson Beavers of Fort Worth and his genealogy search, we may be eligible for some Native American benefits. He recently discovered that we are one-sixteenth Choctaw. Not sure what that qualifies us for but may be worth checking out.

Charles is a year older than me. We spent many days together in our youth. His mother and my dad were brother and sister. I lived in Hillsboro and they lived in Ft. Worth but I spent weeks in the summer with them.

As often happens, Charles and I and our families drifted apart over the years. He and I are now about the oldest and only living relatives on my dad's side of the family. Charles has spent many days and many miles trac-

ing our family tree all the way back to the 1700s. We reconnected a few years back and he shared his research with me. It is extensive.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side, Charles Fauntleroy Allen, was born in Virginia June 7, 1840, and served under Stonewall Jackson during the Civil War. Another great-great-grandfather on mom's side, Marcus Bozman, was born February 26, 1826 in Alabama. He also served in the Confederacy during the Civil War.

They came to Texas and settled in the Cottonwood community near Wylie, Texas. My great-grandparents, Walter and Mollie Allen, lived all their lives near Wylie. Marcus Bozman died in April, 1904 and is buried in the Wylie Cemetery. It is said great-

great-grandpa Marcus paid for his land and his cemetery lots with gold because he didn't trust paper money.

Genealogy can be confusing the farther one goes back and the bigger the family tree gets. Here is just one paragraph for example: Children of Marcus and Malissa Bozman were: W.E. Billy, who married Hattie Whitley; Bobbie, who married Charles Lovelace (parents of Mae Belle Lovelace Collins); Mattie, who married Joe Bowman; Marlin, who married Rosa Singleton; Mollie, who married Walter Lee Allen; and John F. Bozman. It is hard to keep it all sorted out.

My grandmother Bobbie Era Allen Brown, was named after her mother's sister Bobbie. And so it goes. My grandparents

lived in Hillsboro but we had many road trips to Wylie.

Then there is this, uncovered by my cousin Charles. On my dad's side of the family, my grandmother Mamie Sanders Carr's grandfather (my great-great-grandpa), William Harrison Sanders, was full blood Choctaw, which makes cousin Charles and me one-sixteenth.

To be honest I wasn't too interested in my family history until I got older. I'm preserving as much as I can for my kids to ponder when they grow older. It is interesting that I have a connection to the Civil War and beyond. There are a lot of branches on every family tree. Do some research. You might be surprised.

Thanks to my ancestors for giving me a twig on the big tree.

## Election Calendar

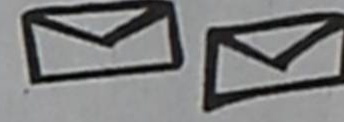
- May 12 - Local elections for city, school board, hospital district board.
- May 29 - Democrat and Republican primary election.
- May 14-25 - Early voting for primary election.
- July 31 - Runoff election if necessary.
- November 6 - National election

## Letters to the Editor

"It is time for the Obama administration to stop playing politics with women's health and approve the Texas women's health waiver. This specialized Medicaid program, which provides preventative health services to women, saves lives and money. The waiver also allows Texas leaders to design cost-effective health delivery strategies rather than being forced to accept the Obama administration's approach to healthcare."

"As Comptroller, I have consistently opposed using taxpayer dollars to fund abortion services and Texas should be able to provide important, basic care without being compelled to provide money to organizations like Planned Parenthood. Women's health is too important to be used as a political pawn by Washington politicians. I urge President Obama to do the right thing, ending this intrusion on our state sovereignty while allowing our state to provide healthcare for women with limited economic means."

Susan Combs  
Texas Comptroller



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By Uncle John White • 1868 - 1965

News from the Friday, January 7, 1938 Friona Star. Words of wisdom: A silver dollar may be brighter than a penny and a hundred times as great but seldom goes to church as often. This was from a column that appeared in the Star called, "Taint Narry Bitta Use" by Cavishem. Not sure who 'Cavishem' might have been. If anyone remembers let me know. He is a new name that has appeared in the early Stars.

The basketball report mentions playing at Lakeview. Apparently the Lakeview school had a gym or did they play somewhere else? I thought Lakeview was a small country school and didn't realize they had a basketball court and/or gym.

The paper mentions a recreation hall, "Bek's Place". Anyone know where it might have been located? Just curious. Imagine Friona in 1938.

and Massie, two valuable men, failed to make this trip.

On Tuesday of this week both the Chiefs and the Squaws visited Farwell and entered combat with the Farwell Steers and the girls' team there. The Squaws played a very exciting and good game, which they won over the Farwell girls by a score of 29 to 31. Taylor was high point girl with 14 points to her favor for the Squaws while Anderson was in the lead for Farwell with 12 points.

The Chiefs were slow about getting started and in the earlier part of the game Farwell was ahead; but when the final whistle blew the score was 41 to 21 in favor of the home boys. Brookfield was high point man with 17 points. Crume was high point man for the Steers with 8 points.

### MAN SEVERELY INJURED IN EXPLOSION

On Saturday afternoon, while R.C. Gowers, one of the employees of the highway construction contractors, was doing some work with an acetelyne outfit, the tank exploded, doing him severe bodily injury.

It appears that Mr. Gowers was not a professional at this kind of work, and had merely lighted the torch to heat some iron so that it could be bent, which he had done but on undertaking to clean out the tank, had not made arrangement for accumulating gas to escape as rap-

idly as it formed, which resulted in the explosion.

An eye witness to the affair stated that parts of the tank were thrown over a hundred feet up in the air and lighted within a few feet of where the explosion occurred.

One of Mr. Gowers' eyes was so badly injured that it was necessary to remove it. He was rushed to a hospital in Amarillo, and is reported as somewhat improved.

### SOLD RECREATION HALL

Bethel Hicks, who for the past two or three years has been proprietor of the recreation hall, known as "Bek's Place," has recently sold the business to a Mr. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks departed Tuesday for Seagraves, where he hopes to secure employment, failing in this he stated that he will likely return to Friona after a month or two.

Finally, these words of wisdom were in the 'Cavishem' column on the front page. Seems as though they are still pertinent 74 years later:

To make a better living a man must either get higher wages with no change in the prices he pays for a living, or must get the same wages and pay lower prices for his living.

In either case, his purchasing power is enlarged only by increasing the difference between his wages and the price a man pays, improving the efficiency of production. There never has been any other way.

### FRIONA SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday of the holidays the Friona Chiefs played the Rangers of Hollene. The score was 26 to 49 in favor of the Chiefs. Captain Brookfield was high-point man for the home lads with 23 points, and Harrison was high-point man for the visitors with 10 points.

On Thursday of last week the boys left for a series of two games with Lakeview. The first game resulted in favor of Lakeview, with a score of 21 to 25. In the second game the Chiefs won by a score of 27 to 23. Hughes

### ACROSS

- 1 "box" south of the border
- 5 "stuck in \_\_\_\_\_" (boring life)
- 6 famous 19th century TX gambler, Lottie
- 7 redneck tool kit: \_\_\_\_\_ tape
- 8 "\_\_\_\_-out"
- 9 one of many combat medals awarded to TX Audie (abbr.)
- 12 more sagacious
- 17 more clamorous
- 19 "Little Boy": \_\_\_\_\_ bomb
- 21 oddity
- 22 The Alamo, today
- 23 enthralled
- 28 "\_\_\_\_ and void"
- 29 1st smart phone by TX-based Dell
- 30 Cowboy OT Mark ('83-'97)
- 31 TX Eddie Chiles bumper sticker: "\_\_\_\_ Too, Eddie!"
- 35 DFW \_\_\_\_\_plex
- 36 TXism: "high \_\_\_\_\_" (costly)
- 42 some say a blind Spaniard on a \_\_\_\_\_ laid out the city of San Antonio
- 44 "\_\_\_\_ Gay" dropped 19-across
- 46 Highland Park Village: "Oldest Shopping Center \_\_\_\_\_"
- 48 B.A. or B.S., e.g.
- 49 TX-born Olympic runner Whitfield

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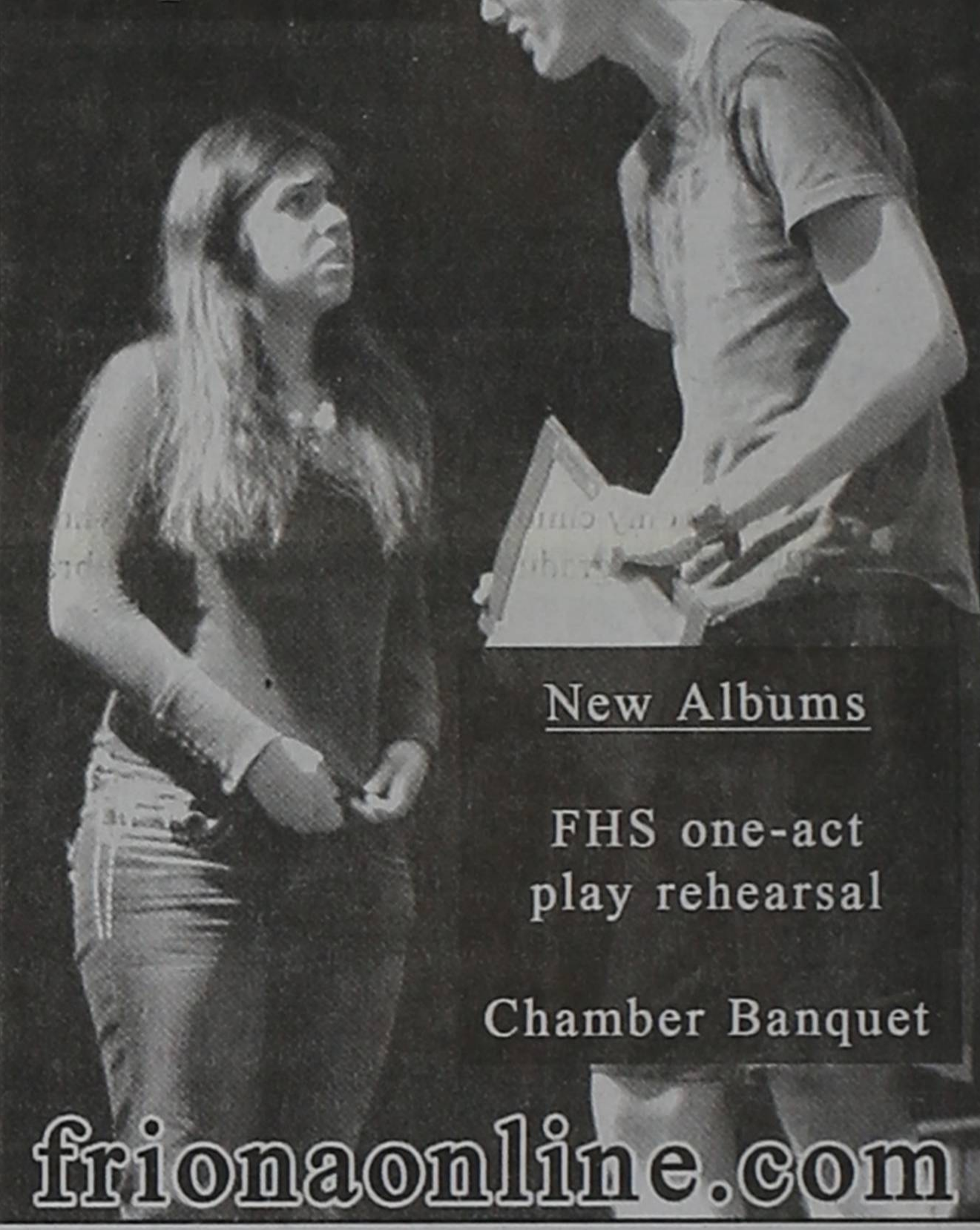
- 1 in Fannin Co.: "\_\_\_\_ Grasslands"
- 2 "The eyes of Texas \_\_\_\_\_ you"
- 3 seat of Kimble Co.
- 4 young child (2 wds.)
- 9 clock face
- 10 TXism: "she could \_\_\_\_\_ Eskimos" (good saleswoman)
- 11 TXism: "don't \_\_\_\_\_ over spilt milk"
- 12 TX Kristofferson's "Lovin' Her \_\_\_\_\_ Easier"
- 13 TXism: "if \_\_\_\_\_ snake it would have bit you"
- 14 saddle \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Muslim leader
- 16 acronym for a too moderate Republican
- 18 private Dallas university (abbr.)
- 20 "Dirty Harry" Eastwood (init.)
- 23 star actress in TX epic "Giant" (init.)
- 24 OT's "Book of Numbers" (abbr.)
- 25 with an "F" in front, most TX food
- 26 this Richard won Medal of Honor in WWII, like TX Audie
- 27 mascot name for 18-down

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# Town Talk II

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This Sunday, March 11, you lose an hour and won't get it back until November 4. Spring forward. Daylight Saving Time starts at 2 a.m. Sunday. Set all of your clocks and watches ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

City manager Patricia Phipps emailed that she received notification that Parmer County has reported two rabid skunks already in 2012. Might pay attention and take precautions with your outdoor pets.

Several days recently the temperature and wind speed have been about the same. Temps have been generally nice, in the 50s to 70s. And the wind has been 30-50mph with some higher gusts. Guess winter is about over. First day of spring is Tuesday March 20.

I went by the junior high and high school track meets Thursday and Friday evening last week. It was cold. The meets went until 9-10 p.m. but I gave up by 7 p.m. and went inside to take photos of the one-act play rehearsal. It was way too cold for this old guy, especially Friday. Felt sorry for the kids in their track shorts.

I asked for info about Slim Ashcraft last week. Heard from a couple of folks. Bill Hardin emailed: Frank Reed was Slim's son-in-law and was married to Betty. Now lives in Amarillo. Grandson Ronnie Reed lives in McPherson, KS. Granddaughter Zonya Reed lives in Amarillo. Also, Luellen Wittenbach sent along this email: Slim and wife Jewel were friends of our family but I was a teenager and only remember he was custodian in the schools, had only one arm, and was a very nice fellow. Their only child, daughter Betty Zon, graduated around 1954. There must be several classmates of hers still living in the Friona area.

Later Monday I got a phone call from Slim's granddaughter Zonya Reed. She said Slim's family is included in the first Parmer County history book. He was a hard worker in spite of losing his arm in a cotton gin accident when he was 17-years-old. Zonya said Slim was a custodian at FHS for 22 years. He moved to Borger in 1982 to live with her. He passed away in 1984. Mrs. Reed also said her dad, Frank Reed, Jr., who will turn 79 in May, is in an Amarillo hospital suffering with bone and foot infections and neuropathy. He is expected to be hospitalized for a couple of weeks.

News from Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates; Tricia Rocha, RN, Director of Nursing at Prairie Acres has been named the acting administrator while the management team searches for a new administrator. Eileen Gomez and Leticia Salas, dietary staff members, were thanked for their 15 years of service at P.A. The Family Council will meet March 15 at 7 p.m. in the boardroom. All are welcome, input appreciated. The resident-of-the-month is Iona Cook and employee-of-the-month is Mario Carrasco.

Andy Carthel is officially a Friona resident again. His last day at the bank in Floydada was Wednesday Feb 29. He made it back in time to be a guest at our Noon Lions meeting last Thursday along with his dad Davy. Andy has returned to the land and we are glad to have him.

Happy birthday to Friona pioneer lady Clydie Black who celebrated her 91st birthday on March 1. D'Lynn and Rick Jamerson celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary last week. I celebrated another week and happy to

have it. If ya'll are having any special anniversaries or birthdays let me know and we'll mention it.

I noted on Facebook that our Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office passed their state inspection with no deficiencies. The home health folks have been very nice and caring the past few months coming by and checking on my mother after her illness last year. She is doing much better now. Took her to the St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Sunday and she enjoyed seeing many friends. Way to go Bluebonnet. Thanks and congratulations. P.S. Went home with a quart of Catholic Church ladies' great salsa, the best ever.

The next Friona blood drive is in two weeks, March 22 from 12-7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Every eligible donor will get a Hoops Madness t-shirt and a chance to win a flat screen TV and a fajita party for 20 at Jorge's Mexican Bar & Grill in Amarillo. More details next week. Mark your calendar.

As noted in a photo in this week's paper, Matilda Caballero has been cooking for the St. Teresa's Catholic Church annual Mexican dinner for 43 years. Sunday was her final day as she is retiring from the Catholic ladies cooking crew. The ladies had a nice small tribute to Stella Shirley in a corner of the parish hall Sunday. Stella passed away last week and was also a long time member of the church and the cooking crew.

Have heard a rumor more than one time that Sweet Bran is planning to build a feed mill facility on land west of Bovina near where the roadside park was. Haven't called anybody

to confirm it. Anyone have any more info let me know.

There was a big meeting last week in Farwell to discuss the future of EMS service in the county. Lack of volunteers is a problem for most EMS groups. EMS certification requires many hours of classes and the cost is steep. Some volunteers cannot leave work or risk losing pay. Ambulances are getting older and are costly to replace. Friona has two paramedics and a paid staff but they still have trouble getting folks to volunteer and join EMS. Public feedback on the future of local ambulance services can be given by calling city hall.

Parmer/Bailey County Crime Stoppers is organizing a garage sale, flea market, crafters mall for Saturday, March 31 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Friona community center. Booth space rental is \$15 for one table, \$25 for two tables. Admission will be \$1 for 12-years and over. Proceeds from booth rental and admission will go to Crime Stoppers. Any business, individual, or group is invited to participate. I believe the event is being sponsored by Cargill. Drawing at 12 noon for an iPad. For information call Dee Lewellen 806-295-8348, or Carol Ortiz 806-295-8319.

On May 12 there will be a school board election. Candidates for the three seats will be Mitch Smiley, Brent Loflin, Andy Montana, and Antonio Rocha. No city council election will be held. There were three openings and three candidates signed up. Mayor J.B. Douglas, Martha Barker and newcomer Greg Lewellen will be elected. Incumbent Cheryl Weatherly did not run for re-election.

Next week is spring break. March 19 is the senior class banquet at St Teresa's Catholic Church. The Senior Class of 2012 steak dinner is being planned for Sunday April 15. After spring break each year it seems the rest of the school year flies by. Graduation is Friday May 25.

While you are marking your calendar, The Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op annual meeting is March 20 and the West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op annual meeting is March 27. Both are on a Tuesday at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The 6th Street Church of Christ hotline (250-3495) reports that Eugene Bandy had knee surgery and William Gromowsky had a couple of stents this week. Both are home recovering. Taylor

Campos is still in Northwest in Amarillo showing some improvement. Marilyn Stovell was having surgery in Dallas this week. We also learned that Lana Bracken had gall bladder surgery at Northwest in Amarillo. Keep all of these folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to all of the citizen award winners at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night. Thanks to Chris and Betty and the Chamber board for all the hard work producing the banquet and to the Cargill guys and ladies for another super cooking job. Thanks to Shana Fleming and the 4-H kids and the Hereford High School JROTC for their service at the banquet. And special thanks to all who attended for your support of our community. See you next week. Until then!



A tribute to Stella Shirley was displayed by her fellow Catholic Church ladies during the annual Mexican dinner Sunday. Stella passed away last week. She was active for many years as a cook during the church's annual Mexican dinner and other church events. Her apron, a photo, flowers and a candle paid tribute to their memories of Stella.

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- Quarterly Newsletter
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# Chieftain Relays track results

The Friona Fighting Chieftain Relays were held Friday March 2 on a blustery cold evening at Chieftain Field. Twelve schools participated in the meet: Bushland, Muleshoe, Happy, Dimmitt, Springlake-Earth, Amherst, Lazbuddie, Levelland, Abernathy, Bovina, Hart, and Friona.

In the women's team rankings Bushland was 1st place. Friona girls were 2nd place with 95 points. In the boys' meet, Levelland was 1st. Friona was 4th with 59 points. In junior varsity boys, Bushland was 1st, Friona 6th with 64 points.

**Varsity girls results:** 100m dash Yari Avilez 11th, Brianna Miller 22nd; 200m dash Dakotah Hicks 7th, Brianna Miller 12th; 400m dash Katie Osborn 9th, Dakotah Hicks 13th; 800m run Katie Osborn 3rd; 100m hurdles Tamra Stormes 4th, Kendall Kimbrough 11th; 300m hurdles Tamra Stormes 8th, Ashli Smith 10th.

400m relay 2nd Yari Avilez, Arianna Moreno, Kalley Preston, Rachel Dickson; 800m relay, 1st place Yari Avilez, Arianna Moreno, Kalley Preston, Rachel Dickson; 1600m relay 3rd Kalley Preston, Arianna Moreno, Katie Osborn, Rachel Dickson.

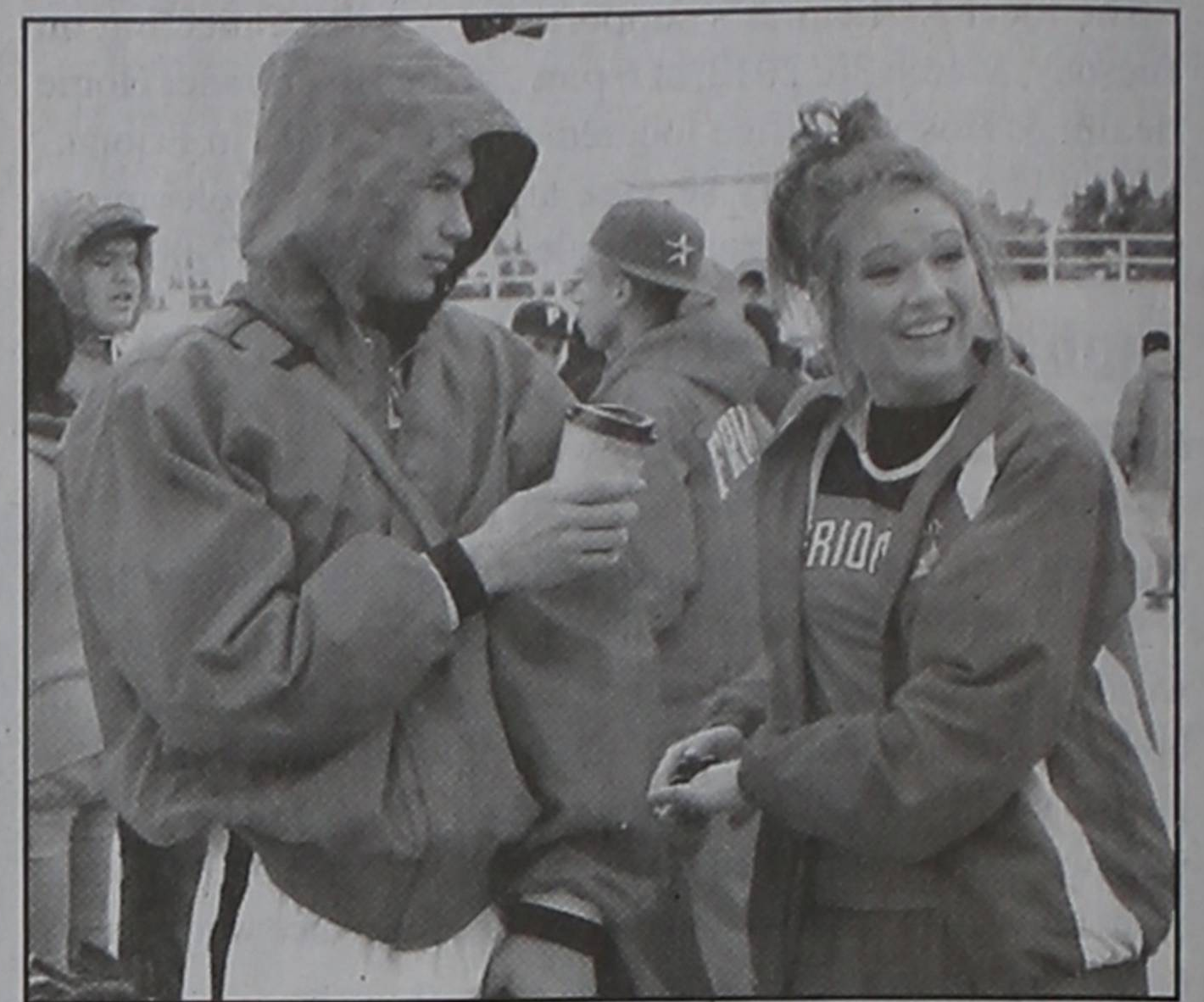
Triple jump 3rd Rachel Dickson; Shot put 1st place Kayley Lucas; Discus 1st place Nohely Juarez, 3rd Kayley Lucas.

**Varsity boys results:** 1600m run 2nd Connor Woods; 3200m run 1st place Connor Woods, 6th Jose Flores; 110m hurdles 2nd Ryan DeWit; 300m hurdles 4th Ryan DeWit, 9th Michael Ortiz; 400m relay 4th Jesus Sanchez, Justin Rocha, Valentin Rocha, Richard Rodriguez; 800m relay 6th Justin Rocha, Jesus Sanchez, Ryan DeWit, Lorenzo Garcia.

High jump 1st place Ryan DeWit; pole vault 2nd Dillon Kelley.

**Junior varsity boys:** 100m dash 7th Adan Hernandez, 8th Michael Garcia; 200m dash 3rd Jose Zamudio; 3200m run 2nd Esdras Rodriguez; 400m relay 2nd Cole Stowers, Kady Hicks, Adan Hernandez, Brad Stowers; 800m relay 3rd Saul Delgadillo, Timothy Trevino, Adan Hernandez, Brad Stowers.

High jump 1st place Kady Hicks, 4th Brad Stowers; pole vault 2nd Jacob Dickson.



ron carr photo

The Chieftain Relays track meet was Friday March 2 at Chieftain Field. It started at 4 p.m. and ended about 9 p.m. with cold weather that got even colder as the sun went down. Yes there were even a few light snow flurries and the customary wind chill. Brad Stowers and Tamra Stormes try to stay warm between events. Results elsewhere inside.



ron carr photo

In spite of the cold weather, Katie Osborn warmed up the track for a 3rd place finish in the varsity girls 800m run at the Friona track meet Friday March 2.



ron carr photo

Rachel Dickson runs the anchor leg of the 400m relay as she edges a Muleshoe runner for 2nd place. The girls relay team also won 1st place in the 800m relay and 3rd place in the 1600m relay at the Fighting Chieftain Relays track meet Friday February 2 at Chieftain Field.

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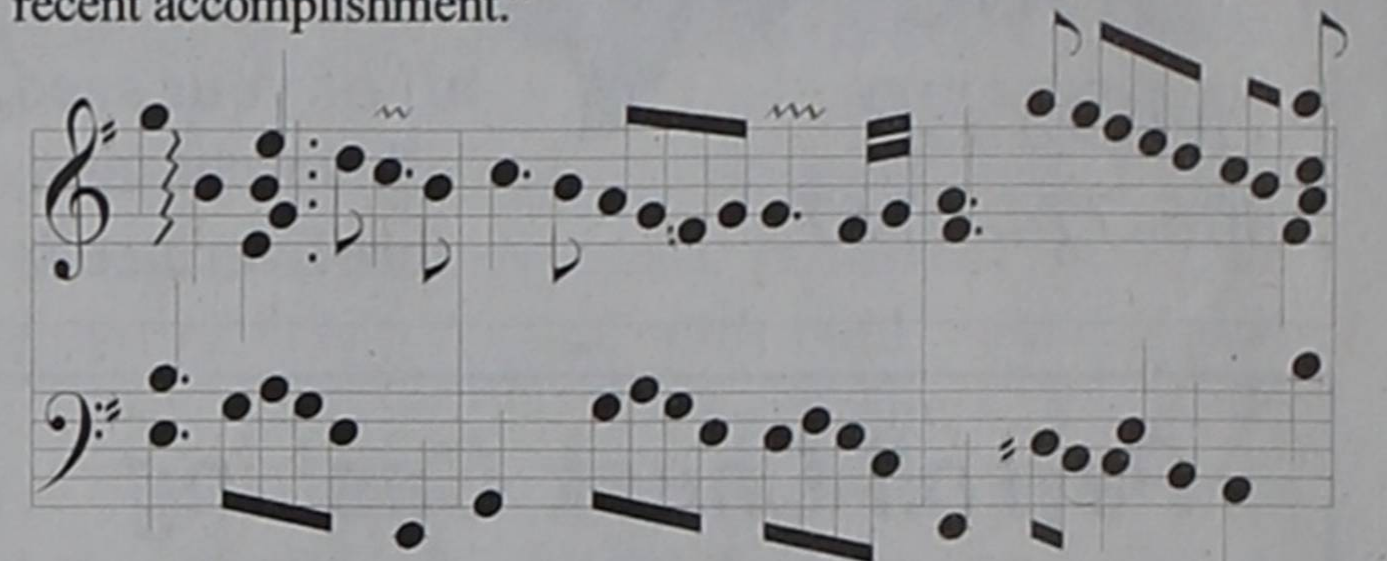
Chieftain band seniors with the sweepstakes trophy, l-r, Alberto Nicolas, Alex Torres, Connor Woods, Katie Osborn, Miguel Soto, Christian Rangel, and Dakota Hernandez.

## Chieftain band success at UIL contest Feb. 29

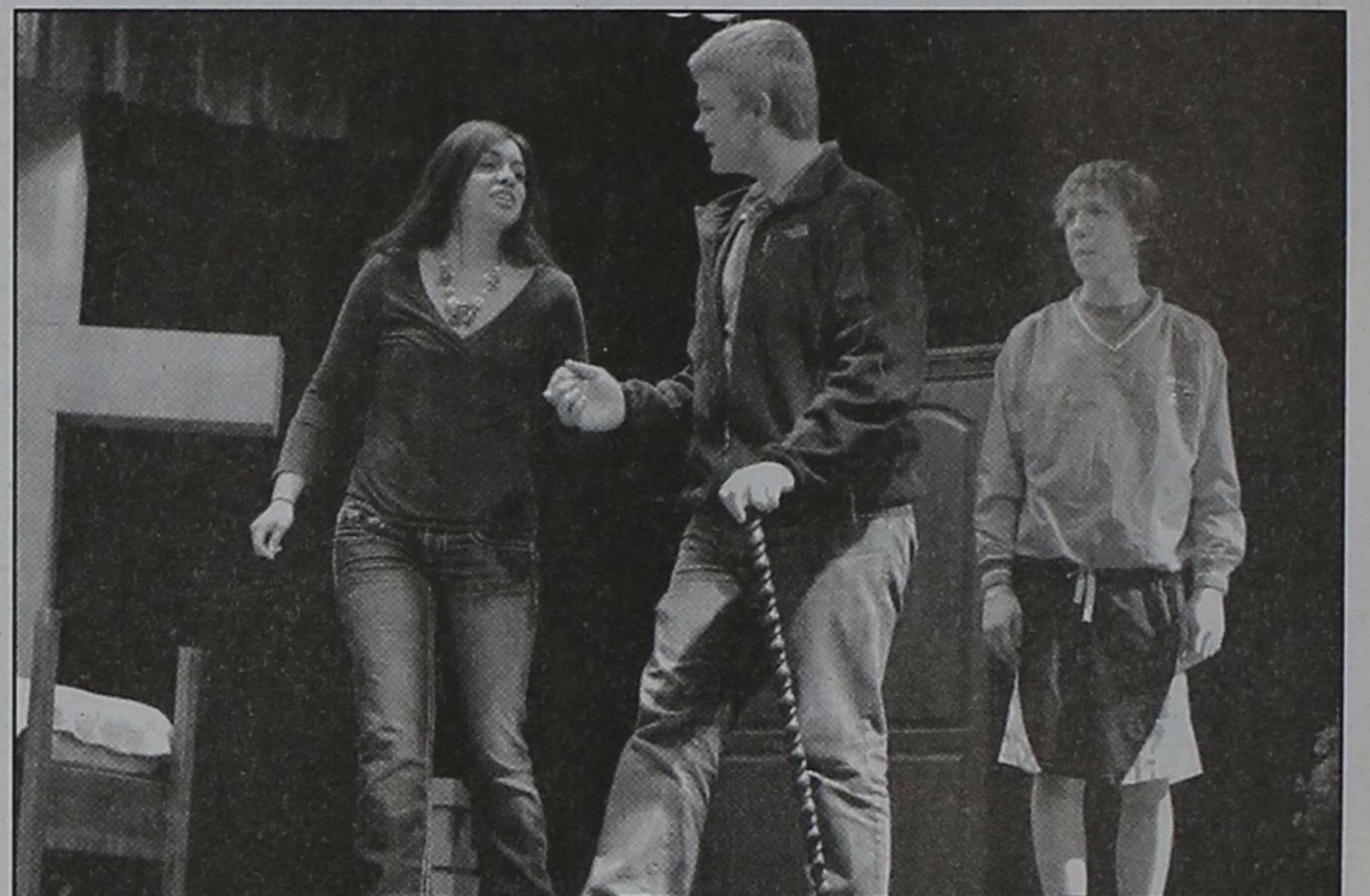
The Chieftain Band traveled to Panhandle High School Wednesday February 29 to participate in the annual Region 1 UIL Concert/Sight Reading contest. The band received first division ratings from all three judges in both concert and sight reading and returned home with a UIL Class B Sweepstakes trophy.

Judges in the area competition were Matt Knight, band director at Abernathy High School; Barry Hurt, retired, formerly at Plainview High School; Dale Stelzer, Lubbock Cooper Middle School. Judges for sight reading were Mack Bibb, Lubbock Coronado High School; Robbie Edwards, Plainview; and Ray Lashaway, retired, formerly Lubbock.

Ron McWilliams, Chieftain band director said, "We are extremely proud of our students' hard work and their dedication to strive for excellence. Our kids deserve a lot of credit for their success but without the contributions of Allison Johnston and Chris Rackley our preparation would not have been complete. Once again I am proud for both our kids and our staff for this most recent accomplishment."



The Friona High School Science Bowl team advanced to the finals competition on February 25, 2012, at the annual Pantex Science Bowl and were eliminated in the third round of the finals. The team was made up entirely of freshman students. Pictured, l-r, Coach Tammy Gammon, and members, Dan O'Brian, Candice Malone, Hayden Smiley, and Cassidy Malone.



The Friona High School one-act play, *The Sins of Sor Juana*, will present a dress rehearsal public performance at the high school auditorium Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m. Three of the main performers, shown during a recent rehearsal, are, l-r, Tenna Montana, Haden Smiley, and Weston Wyly. More photos from the rehearsal photo shoot at frionaonline.com.



The St. Teresa's Catholic Church ladies served their annual Mexican dinner Sunday. Matilda Caballero was preparing tacos in the kitchen for the last time. Mrs. Caballero is retiring after 43 years of kitchen duty at the church. Her friends and fellow cooks say thanks and wish her well.



Lazbuddie powerlifters, l-r, Mercedes Morin, Dallas Cox, and Angel Samaron. Mercedes placed 2nd in the Sudan meet. She will compete in the 198 weight class at regionals in Monahans. Angel and Dallas competed in the Bovina meet. Angel will compete in the 123 weight class at regionals in Sundown.



The Dr. Seuss birthday party was a big hit at story time at the Friona Library. Mrs. Arias' FHS class helped with planning and furnishing snacks. "Thing 1", a character from a Dr. Seuss book, made an appearance to the delight of all the children.

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# Congratulations to these 2012 Chamber of Commerce award winners

## Citizen Awards biographical information

Here are biographical sketches of each citizen award winner as presented by Chamber board president Jeff Ray at the Chamber of Commerce banquet:

### Bob Hurst

#### Man of the Year

Our 2012 Man of the Year has lived in Friona for the past 37 years. He has been described as a behind the scenes person and that's the way he would prefer it. His employees say that he makes them feel more like family rather than employees.

Even at a young age, being the second oldest of six boys, the great commandment of love of God and neighbor has always been strong in his heart.

He was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. The family later moved to Lorenzo, Texas where he attended school and graduated in 1962. He went to Texas Tech to sign up for classes to become a coach. The line for becoming a coach was longer than the agriculture line so he got in the shortest line and was glad he did.

He graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1966. He taught vocational agriculture for seven years in Lorenzo before moving to Dalhart, Texas where he again dedicated himself to teaching and helping his students develop themselves into respectful adults.

He would often use his personal money to help students buy animals for a project and then helped buy the feed for them.

Our Man of the Year is a major supporter of Friona's FFA program. He often buys so many boxes of fruit that he ends up sharing with customers that come into his store. For the past several years he has been the major buyer at the Parmer County Livestock Show and was noted to go and buy his animals at the Hereford Livestock Show also.

He donates time, money, and support to any youth who is in need of extra help. Not only does he look out for and love the youth in our city, he is just as kind-hearted to our farmers in the area. When our farmers are in need of help, he is always there to lend a helping hand. Please congratulate along with his wife Roxanne and sons Clint and Clay, the 2012 Man of the Year, Bob Hurst.

### Carol Ellis

#### Woman of the Year

Our 2012 Woman of the Year met the man of her dreams at journalism school while attending Texas Tech University in the late 1950s. Her civic accomplishments are numerous. During the 60s and 70s she helped with the Queen Pageants for Maize Days and was a member of the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial committee, headed by Friona's Modern Study Club.

She aided in the project to move the old Santa Fe Depot building into the city park. This committee evolved into the Depot Heritage Society. In 1987 along with fellow artists Bobby Wied and Judy Cummings started Friona Art Association. They held meetings and art shows in the Depot during Maize Days every year.

Her most recent civic project was the securing of a fiberglass longhorn statue for the corner of the city park to commemorate Friona's Centennial in 2006. She involved her artist friends in painting local scenes on the longhorn statue.

Our Woman of the Year assisted her husband in publishing the weekly Friona Star and Bovina Blade newspapers for over forty years. Her popular "My Turn" column was established in 1985 and ran on the front page every other week until they retired in 2003. She was inducted into the Panhandle Press As-

sociation Hall of Fame in 2004. Please help me congratulate the 2012 Woman of the Year, Carol Ellis.

### Greg and Jamie Lewellen

#### Citizens of the Year

This year the Chamber of Commerce is privileged to honor two recipients of the Citizen of the Year award. They are team players. They both go out of their way to make Friona a better place in which to raise a family.

There is an old saying that goes, "If you want something done, ask the busiest person you know." That statement is so very true of these great citizens of Friona. Their fingerprints are all over Parmer County. They both possess a fire and a passion for life. If they are in charge of a project they perform with their whole heart.

He has served on the Chamber Board of Directors and she has been on the Women's Division. He has been described as very diplomatic and polite to everyone he meets.

She is described as one of our best and brightest. Some of you will remember her as a very small child playing the part of the door mouse in the Summer Drama production of "Alice in Wonderland."

They work tirelessly giving to our community, such as the Channel 10 Celebration in the Park, the Cheeseburger Festival, and Maize Days. Their days are spent looking around them and meeting the needs of so many.

They were instrumental in founding the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. Friona and the entire area are truly blessed to have Jamie and Greg Lewellen as the 2012 Citizens of the Year.

### Rocio Hernandez

#### Employee of the Year

This year's Employee of the Year has been described as "busy as a hunting dog." However she always takes the time to greet each customer. She is equally pleasant and helpful to her employees.

Our Employee of the Year is a long time resident of Friona. She has had opportunities to transfer to other cities with her company, but has chosen to remain here as an employee for 28 years and has been manager for 8 years.

She has been recognized as one of the top bosses of her business and trains employees of that business who will then be transferred to other locations.

Please help me congratulate, along with her husband Jessie and daughter Brandi, our 2012 Employee of the Year, manager of the Dairy Queen, Rocio Hernandez.

### Erika Montana

#### Teacher of the Year

Our 2012 Teacher of the Year is one of those teachers that get under your skin. She is passionate about her work, her students, and is very professional. She possesses talents and character traits that most of us wish we could have.

She is a true and loyal friend, trustworthy and will go to battle for anyone who needs it. She has changed the lives of so many students. Our award winner has taken them to heights that they never dreamed they could reach. She pushes them to be the best they can be. She gives them the tools that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives.

Our Teacher of the Year's speech team has made trips to both the regional and state meets. She spends countless hours with her students outside of the school day helping them to prepare. She does the same with her theatrical productions.

Our winner is a winner. She had huge shoes to fill when she replaced Joy Morton. It could have been intimidating for her but she jumped into the job and took off where Joy left off. Teaching kids to speak in front of judges and/or audiences is a life-changing experience for some of them. That is what our Teacher of the Year does, teach and change lives.

Please congratulate along with her husband Andy and children Tenna, Drew, and Amy our 2012 Teacher of the Year Erika Montana.

### Tenna Montana

#### Girl Student of the Year

Our 2012 Girl Student of the Year has given her time freely to represent FHS in academic and extra-curricular activities as well as helping to clean up Friona, and to help stop the age-old problem of bullying.

She has helped raise money for the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. She has been an awesome ambassador for FHS. She is a worker, a leader, a doer, not someone who is out for herself. She has been active in her four years at FHS. Cheerleading, basketball, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society. Fall musical, UIL one-act play, UIL informative speaking, UIL prose, Lifesmarts, speech club and thespian troupe, just to name a few.

She makes good grades and has worked to make Friona a better place to live. She is the oldest of three children and is a good example for her younger siblings. She inspires others to exceed beyond their expectations. She is presently serving as the Noon Lions Club sweetheart.

Please join me, along with her parents Erika and Andy Montana, in congratulating our 2012 Girl Student of the Year, Tenna Montana.

### Miguel Soto

#### Boy Student of the Year

The 2012 Boy Student of the Year has been a member of the band since he was in sixth grade. He has been a section leader for the bass clarinet section since he was a freshman in high school. He is a valuable leader for the band.

His leadership skills and musical contribution are a large reason for the FHS band's success.

He is also a member of the choir. He advanced to the state solo and ensemble contest his junior year with his solo receiving a gold medal at regional and a silver medal at state. He was also a member of the one-act play his junior and senior years and is a member of the thespian troupe.

He has shown himself to be a leader in all organizations. He is a role model for all who know him. He is a diligent worker with a work ethic not often seen in students. He will be one of those students who will positively impact our world.

Our Boy Student of the Year has been a member of the yearbook staff for two years, serving as the junior high campus editor last year and co-editor of the entire book this year. He was instrumental in planning the Migrant Leadership Retreat this year and was an attendee as a junior.

He volunteers his time around our community willingly, specifically in the "Clean Up Friona" campaign and served as a mock accident victim for our emergency services training session. He does all this while maintaining a spot on the honor roll consistently throughout his high school career.

Please help me in congratulating, along with his parents Mario and Rebecca Soto, our 2012 Boy Student of the Year, Miguel Soto.



## Scenes from the 2012 Chamber Banquet

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Success Feb. 29... We are excited... Bridges Kimmell... 291... 073... Bridges Kimmell... 073... Bridges Kimmell...

# Cargill Service Awards Banquet

The Cargill Friona plant held their annual Service Awards banquet Saturday March 3 at the Hereford Country Club. The annual event honors employees for 25-, 30-, 35- and 40- years of service.

Training manager Rick White organizes the event. Employees receive gifts from the company. A contest to guess the total number of years represented at the banquet is held and a beef tenderloin is given away. This year the correct guess was 1125 years and the winners were Ramiro and Lisa Alaniz.

Cargill general manager Jon Surman welcomed everyone and introduced the various department heads who in turn recognized their employees for their service. Not all employees eligible for the awards were able to attend the banquet. A complete list of employees follows, by department and years of service.

Harvest: 25 years, Juan Tijerina, Jr., Don Donovan, Burl

Francis, Robert Tapia, Francisco Garcia, Victor Lira, Alberto Soto, Juan Sanchez; 30 years, Joe Perez, Jesus Mendoza; 35 years, Jaime Villarreal; 40 years, Jerry Landrum.

Fabrication: 25 years, Ramiro Alaniz, Eufemia Cardenas, George Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Jose Rocha, Aaron Salinas; 30 years, George Guillen, Bacilio Viernes, Rodney Shelby; 35 years, Wilbert Ransom, Lorenzo Claudio.

Maintenance: 25 years, Michael Williams; 30 years, Jose Ortega; 35 years, Lupe Garza, Victor Arzola, Sam McIntosh, Andres Garza, Jr.

Accounting: 25 years, Pat Scott; 35 years, Walter Hudson. Human Resources: 30 years, Diamond Perez; 35 years, Pablo Martinez, Rick White.

Sales Cooler: 25 years, Valente Casas; 30 years, Manuel Arellano; 40 years, John Ortiz.



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Cargill employees receiving 40 year awards, l-r, Jerry Landrum, John Ortiz.



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Cargill employees receiving 35 year awards, standing, l-r, Rick White, Wilbert Ransom, Pablo Martinez, Sam McIntosh, Lupe Garza; front, l-r, Victor Arzola, Walter Hudson, Lorenzo Claudio, Andy Garza.



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Cargill employees receiving 30-year awards, back, l-r, Jose Ortega, Joe Perez; front, l-r, Bacilio Viernes, Diamond Perez.



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Cargill employees receiving 25-year awards, standing, l-r, George Richardson, Gerardo Rivera, Janie Cardenas, Mike Williams, Valente Casas, Albert Soto, Juan Sanchez; front, l-r, Jose Rocha, Ramiro Alaniz, Don Donovan, Juan Tijerina, Pat Scott, Aaron Salinas, Francisco Garcia.

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