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Clean-up Saturday at Kids Inc fields

A call is being made for volunteers to help clean-up the Kids Inc. baseball fields this Saturday, April 14, beginning at 9 a.m. Lot of work to be done before the Kids Inc. season starts around the first of May.

Tracy Bunker says bring hoes, rakes, weed eaters, mowers, trash bags, or any other equipment you might have to help with the clean-up. Any and all help will be appreciated.

Prairie Acres seeks patio furniture and a washing machine

Some help is needed at our nursing home and assisted living facility. With spring and summer on the way, Prairie Acres is seeking patio furniture for the patio on the east end of the building. There is also a need for a nice washing machine for Heritage Estates.

These are difficult economic times for all nursing home and long term care facilities. Budgets are being trimmed. If you can help please contact Mr. Billy Ray Johnston, Prairie Acres administrator, at 806-250-3922.

Ladies spring luncheon Apr 28

The annual Chamber of Commerce Ladies spring luncheon and style show will be Saturday, April 28, at 11:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. Admission is bring a salad or dessert. A style show will be presented by Sylvia Ingram of Ingram's Department Store. The luncheon is open to all ladies in the community.



Free pre-natal classes at PMC

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County is having a sign-up for free pre-natal classes Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Registration will be at the conference room of Parmer Medical Center.

All expectant mothers are encouraged to register for the free classes. Mothers who participate in the classes earn points to use for free baby items for their newborn. Classes are available in both English and Spanish.

The coalition will also be accepting donations of new or gently used baby items at the same time. For more information about the coalition, see a HBC Board member or contact Heidi Eichenauer at 806-250-2754 or JoDonna Terry at 295-8291.



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Parmer County Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley presents a \$500 donation toward the Bovina community center building to Bovina city manger Jana Pitcock. The steel is up on the building, located next door to the Bovina city hall. The center will include a gym, kitchen, and space for meetings.

Council approves Prairie Acres administrator

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at 619 Main St. Mayor J.B. Douglas presided. Present were council members Jim Atwell, Martha Barker, Mark Osborn, and Cheryl Weatherly. Charlie Pope was not present.

There were no members present from the public. After approving previous minutes, the council approved a resolution canceling the May 12 city officials election. Three candidates filed for three positions making an election unnecessary. Appointed were incumbents Martha Barker and Mayor Douglas, and new

council member Greg Lewellen. Councilwoman Weatherly did not file for re-election.

In other city business, the investment policy was approved with no changes, Friona State Bank's depository contract was extended for

one year, until April 30, 2013, the accounts payable and financial statements for, March and the 2nd quarter, January through March, were discussed and approved.

It was noted during the discussion that the police department has acquired

a taser and both the city and police department now have animal control tranquilizer dart guns.

The council went into executive session about 6:45 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates. On returning to open session

they approved the appointment of Billy Ray Johnston as permanent administrator. He had been serving as interim administrator.

The next meeting of the city council will be Monday May 14 at 6:30 p.m. All council meetings are open to the public.

Library Friends baskets offer fun and value

The Friends of the Library annual meeting is Sunday April 22 at the Redeemer Center, 13th and Virginia. Raffle tickets are now on sale to win one of the library's 12 goodie baskets, all of which are on display at the library. Tickets are \$1 each. Here is a list of the baskets and their value:

Get the Job Done by Friends of the Library \$575; Family Time by Larry Johnston \$367; Wild About Writing by Primary School staff

\$320; Teens:Victory Over Life's Challenges by junior high 8th grade STAAR class \$125; The Gathering of Friends by Ingram's Department Store \$268; The Joys of Cooking by Ivy Cottage \$265.

Pure Country by Veterinary Industries \$140; Friends Garden Party by Farm House Designs Greenhouse and Catering \$300; Weekend Retreat by Julie and Stuart Davidson's Just Bee Soap Co. \$135; 99

Cent Solutions by Blackburn Hardware \$100; Let's Eat by Anonymous \$239; Birds of a Feather Read Books Together by Friona elementary school \$125.

Be sure to go by the library and check out how nice all these baskets are and purchase raffle tickets to one, two, or all. Everyone is invited to the April 22 Friends meeting but you do not have to be present to win a basket.

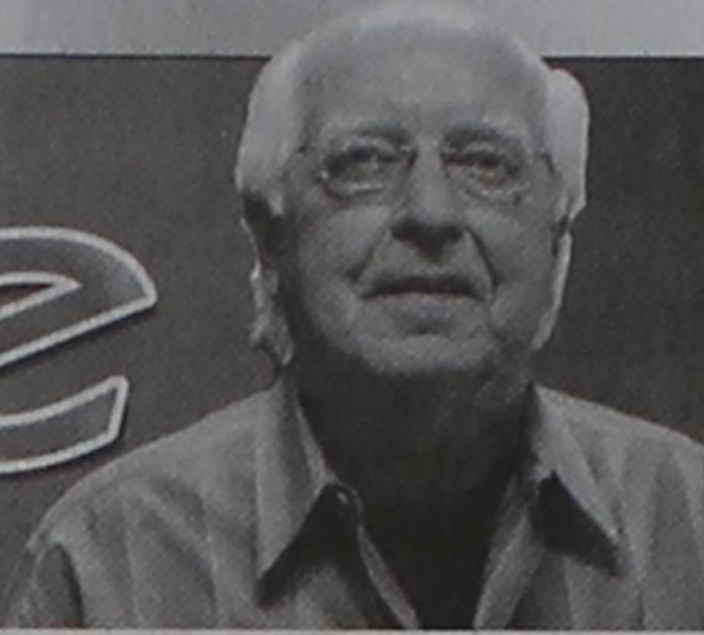


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Members of St. Teresa's Catholic Church observed Good Friday by walking from the Friona cemetery to the church. They paused along 14th Street for a brief skit commemorating Jesus' walk to the crucifixion.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



what'cha gonna do when they come for you

The health reform law will be tricky for taxpayers. According to a four-page report I found on the Fox News Business (FBN) website, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is planning to add 4,500 IRS workers and spend \$303.5 million on a system to enforce the new health care law.

Under Obama's really good health care program, the federal government will make everyone have "adequate" health care coverage. The government will determine what is adequate for you. Businesses of all sizes will be required to provide "affordable" coverage. (Unless, of course, you know a high powered politician like Nancy Pelosi who will grant you a waiver.)

This is the 'individual mandate' that was recently heard before the Supreme Court. Hopefully the Court will rule it unconstitutional.

If not, prepare to pay mandate penalties. "The IRS will need to determine a taxpayer's compliance with the individual mandate and assess a penalty if cov-

erage is inadequate." If the IRS finds you have fallen short of the law, it would hit you with a penalty tied to your household income, which may be that of an individual or several family members.

You following this so far? There is a lot more that will be required. I'll not bore you with this disaster in the making that will affect your personal life. Soon enough you will see for yourself.

The FBN report says that many taxpayers will simply lie about their health coverage on their tax return. This will mean a huge policing job for the IRS to catch you. Thus the 4,500 new IRS workers they will be hiring.

A bit of positive news. The health reform law exempts small businesses with fewer than 50 employees from the 'shared responsibility requirement.' Beginning in 2014 the government will slap businesses with a \$3,000 per employee penalty if the government finds they provide workers "unaffordable" health insurance.

Listen to this one final rule: "The government will assess the \$3,000 penalty if any worker has to take a tax credit or has to enroll in state health exchanges because his or her boss pays less than 60% of the full value of the coverage, or the premium the employee pays is more than 9.5% of household income."

I will have to read that paragraph about 10 more times to even begin to understand what it means. Suffice it to say your life as a private citizen and/or a small business owner will get a lot more complicated under Obamacare.

Your tax return will have new places for you to fill in concerning your health care or lack of it. Then the IRS will go to work figuring out if your insurance is adequate, by their definition. It might be adequate for you, but not for them, so a penalty might be in your future.

Here are just a few of the items you will have to tell the IRS under Obamacare:

- Insurance plan information including who is covered and the dates of coverage.

- The costs of your family's health insurance plans.

- Whether you had an offer of employer sponsored health insurance.

- Whether you received a premium tax credit.

If you don't have adequate coverage, as defined by the federal government, you will have to pay a fine as part of your tax return.

I'm done now because I think you are about to fall asleep. There is a lot more. Suffice it to say, the Obamacare health reform that is supposed to help many millions of you have health insurance will be a boondoggle at best.

Believe it or not there are millions of (uninformed) Americans that think Mr. Obama is looking out for them and all of a sudden they will be able to run to the doctor anytime for almost free. Yikes!

JP Gipson attends seminar

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Beth Gipson was certified at the recent Twenty Four Hour Justice of the Peace seminar held March 25-28, 2012 in Galveston, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University in San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as judicial ethics, tenants' remedies, criminal procedure, civil procedure, social media, evictions, legal analysis, enforcement in juvenile cases, default judgments, pretrial motions, commercial motor vehicle offenses, inquests, Rule 12, technology fund, contract law, administrative hearings, evidence, traffic law, credit cards, personal injury and property damage, magistration and bond conditions, and traffic safety.

Letters to the Editor

U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued the following statement in response to the report released by the White House justifying their proposed Buffett Tax:

"Only in Washington will you see a partisan manifesto created to try and justify a campaign tax hike that will create zero jobs, do nothing to lower the price of gas, and has no chance of passing."

"This country deserves a President who will create, not shrink, opportunities for Americans and empower, not punish, them as they strive to reach the American Dream."

Senator John Cornyn

Dear Library Friends,

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve on the Friends Board for the last four years. We have an awesome library in Friona and we are so fortunate to have a staff that has the ability to plan for the current needs of the city, as well as those in the future, such as building an eBook collection.

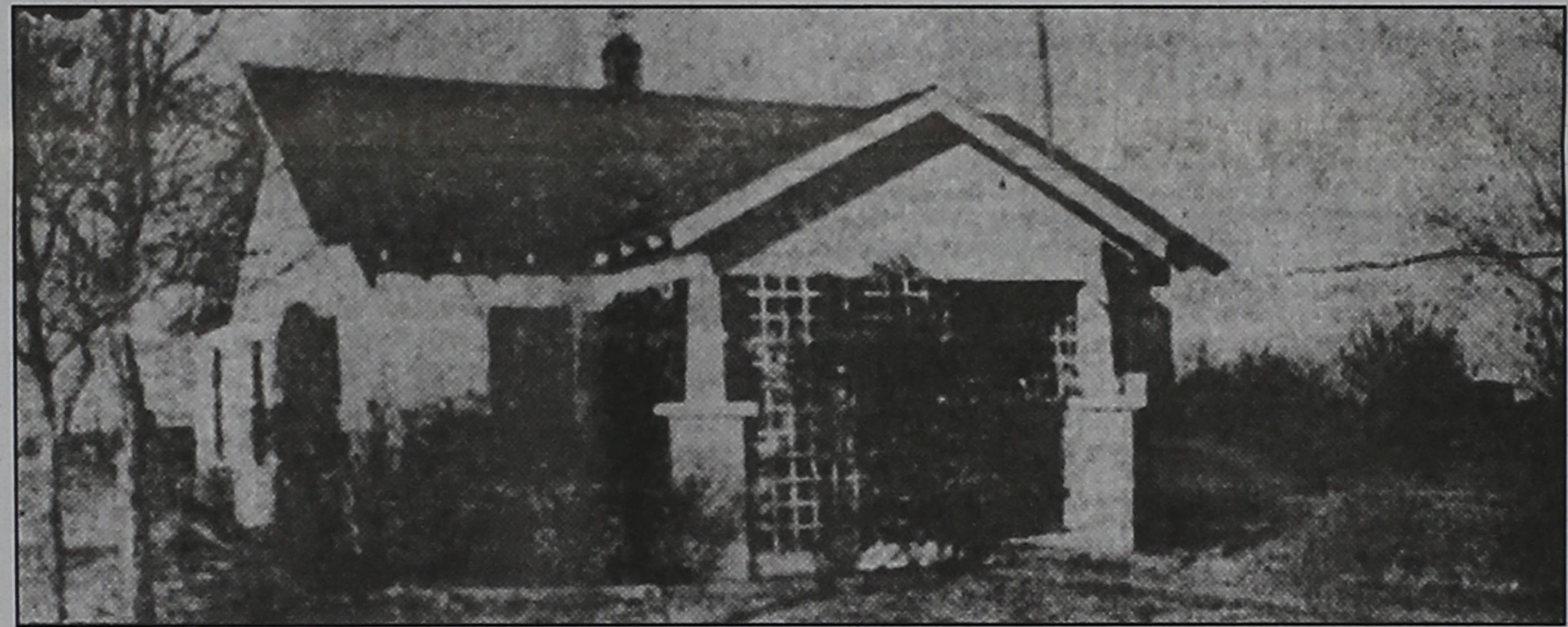
The community of Friona has been so supportive of our "Friends of the Library". The endowment fund has continued to grow and make new funds for us to use at the library. We have continued to support the summer reading program and have been able to bring really nice programs to the children. Through a partnership with the City of Friona, the Region XVI Service Center and the Friona Friends, we have been able to offer classes to help English Language Learners. In the future, we are planning to be able to offer classes for students who want to get their GED.

I want you to know that I have enjoyed these last few years and look forward to seeing all the exciting things that are on the horizon for the Friona Public Library.

Thank you,
Vickie Field

cogitations & aphorisms of jodok

By Uncle John White • 1868 - 1965



This photo was on the front page of the February 11, 1938 Friona Star.

Our picture this week is that of the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Osborn, located about five miles west of Friona where Mr. Osborn owns and operates a farm of about one section in size and where they live and grow crops of wheat, cotton, and the various sorghum grains and feed crops.

Mr. Osborn also has a good sized herd of spotted Poland China hogs and several milk cows and beef cattle which he feeds from his store of grain and a large pit silo which is said to be the largest pit silo in this part of the county.

Their home, which is not pretentious in size, is however, convenient in arrangement and attractive in appearance, and beautifully surrounded with fruit and shade trees, flowers, and shrubbery. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are two of our most progressive and prominent citizens.

ACROSS

1 TX Al Dexter wrote "Pistol Packin' "

5 TXism: "he's _____ bricks shy of a load"

6 rise/fall of the Gulf

7 this TX Speaker was one of best center fielders ever in MLB

8 seat of Parker Co.

16 TX country singer Ketchum

17 a member of TX Dixie Chicks (last name now Robison)

21 TX Kris sang "Help Me Make _____ Through the Night"

22 Oilers nicknamed the Astrodome the "House of _____"

23 in Sarita, "Lebh _____" (house of prayer)

24 someone who is seductively friendly (2 wds.)

29 Baskin-Robbins popular flavor: "Chocolate Chip"

30 TX Charley Pride sang "When I _____ Leavin' (I'll Be Gone)" (78)

31 TX _____ Hamlin created "Alley Oop"

32 TX Janis Joplin's last band: "Full Tilt _____"

34 TXism: "high tail it"

35 iced _____

36 TX melons are sold at _____ stands

37 burn or scorch

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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38 farm structure

39 TXism: "happy as a _____ store"

41 "_____ cause"

42 actor Beatty

43 carbonated beverages

44 TXism: "I'd rather _____ hog" (distasteful)

45 dir. to Austin from Boerne

46 TXism: "siesta"

47 "Old Hickory" Jackson

48 discharge or release

DOWN

1 Ranger bull pen pitcher from MO ('92-'97)

2 TXism: "exciting as _____ the _____"

3 IRS office"

3 opposite of "lateral"

4 Andrews is _____ Texas town

9 TX Paula Prentiss old TV series: "_____ She"

10 discharge or release

11 famous dog: "_____ Tin Tin"

12 state where Jimmy Johnson lives (abbr.)

13 _____ Creek, TX

14 cut the weeds again

15 TX Freddy Fender's "Before the Next Tear _____ Falls"

18 abbr. for world's largest retailer

19 TXism: "beats anything _____"

20 TXNs would never use this word for "swimmin"

22 woody fruit you'll see in East TX

24 this Blocker designed XIT brand

25 TXism: "got a hankerin' _____"

26 TXism: "never _____ a gift horse in the mouth"

27 TX Rodney Crowell wrote song "Til _____ Control Again"

28 TXism: "been _____ hard and put up wet"

29 TXism: "_____ a wet hornet"

30 kill someone

33 container

34 FBI agents, e.g.

35 gray with brown

37 TXism: "he's still got some _____ garters" (able)

38 tennis great, Borg

40 this Bud started the Houston Oilers

41 a 1910 auto

44 derogatory adjective

47 TXism: "fast _____ up a rafter"

49 "I'll _____ it"

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Town Talk II

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Don't forget the senior class steak dinner Sunday at the junior high cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$13/\$11. Proceeds go to the all-night drug free party after graduation May 25. Tickets in advance are \$12/\$10. Always a good steak opportunity. Takeouts are available. Deliveries to shut-ins are available by calling Alan Monroe at 806-346-5496.

At the city council meeting Monday, Billy Ray Johnston was approved as the permanent administrator for Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates. He has been the interim administrator for the past couple of months. He stopped by the Star office Tuesday morning and shared that Prairie Acres is in need of some patio furniture for the east side of the building and a nice washing machine for Heritage Estates. If anyone can help out with donations give Mr. Johnston a call at 806-250-3922. We welcome him to Friona.

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newsletter: Betty Mabry was the charter president of the Friends of the Library in 1968.

This is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. In other words it is police and sheriff dispatchers week. These men and women staff our dispatch offices around the clock. Sometimes they are not too busy and other times it gets hectic with firemen, EMS, and law enforcement being sent to an emergency. I salute our Parmer County dispatchers for their service to our community. Thanks all.

When the government meddles with food supply. European egg producers on Jan 1, 2012, were directed by the European Union (EU) to increase the size of laying hen cages. In response to the animal rights effort, European egg producers simply slaughtered more hens, one way to increase cage size. As a result, EU egg production is down about 10% to 15% and the wholesale price of eggs has more than doubled. (From the Pro Farmer March 31 newsletter.)

I attended the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union annual meeting Tuesday evening at the junior high cafeteria. Ensembles from the Friona high school band provided entertainment. The three ensembles qualified for state competition. (Photos in this week's Star.) Several of the band ensemble players also qualified for state choir competition. Ron McWilliams and Allison Johnston said they are taking two buses and 71 students to the state band and choir competition. We are calling it a

Friona High School record. Go Big Red!

Congratulations to the FHS girls golf team headed for regionals in Odessa. They are Kelsey Davis, Kendall Kimbrough, Abby Jones, Rachel Dickson, Kendall Morrow, and Breanna Campos. Gavin Douglas and Mason Loflin were individual regional golf qualifiers for the boys. Also to Brianna Miller and Miguel Soto. They placed 2nd at district in mixed doubles tennis and qualified for regionals. Holly Johnston was 1st place in district UIL feature writing. We have a bunch of great kids doing good things this year. Congrats to all of them. The district track meet is Thursday April 12 in Abernathy.

The senior class church banquet schedule: April 16 at Calvary Baptist; April 23 at the Methodist; and April 30 at 6th St. Church of Christ. All are on Monday and start at 6:30 p.m. The prom is May 5 and the All-Sports banquet is May 15. Graduation is May 25.

Next week brings the Chieftain baseball season to an end with a 5 p.m. Tuesday game here vs. Idalou and Saturday 4/21 at Floydada.

I made it to the Saturday morning Calvary Baptist Easter egg hunt at the park. Yes it was windy and pretty cold. Had planned to take a few photos but forgot how fast the kids pick up the eggs when it starts. They swept the entire park clean in less than two minutes. Maybe in one minute. As Pastor Rick Burton said, "It takes us a lot longer to put them out than it does for the kids to pick them up."

Got a report that vandals egged a car on 5th St. and broke some windows at a building at 5th and Main last week and weekend. Citizens are urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

I have been in several waiting rooms in Amarillo over the past few weeks taking my mother to doctor appointments. At the Cardiology Center and the Panhandle Eye Group all of the waiting room TVs were tuned to Fox News. That is not a big surprise.

Those big piles of stuff at 9th and Main behind the primary school are wood shavings. I'm told they come from New Mexico and will

be spread on the primary school playground when the new playground equipment is installed. Lot of kids will be going home with sawdust in their shoes I reckon. The old playground equipment will be installed at the city park.

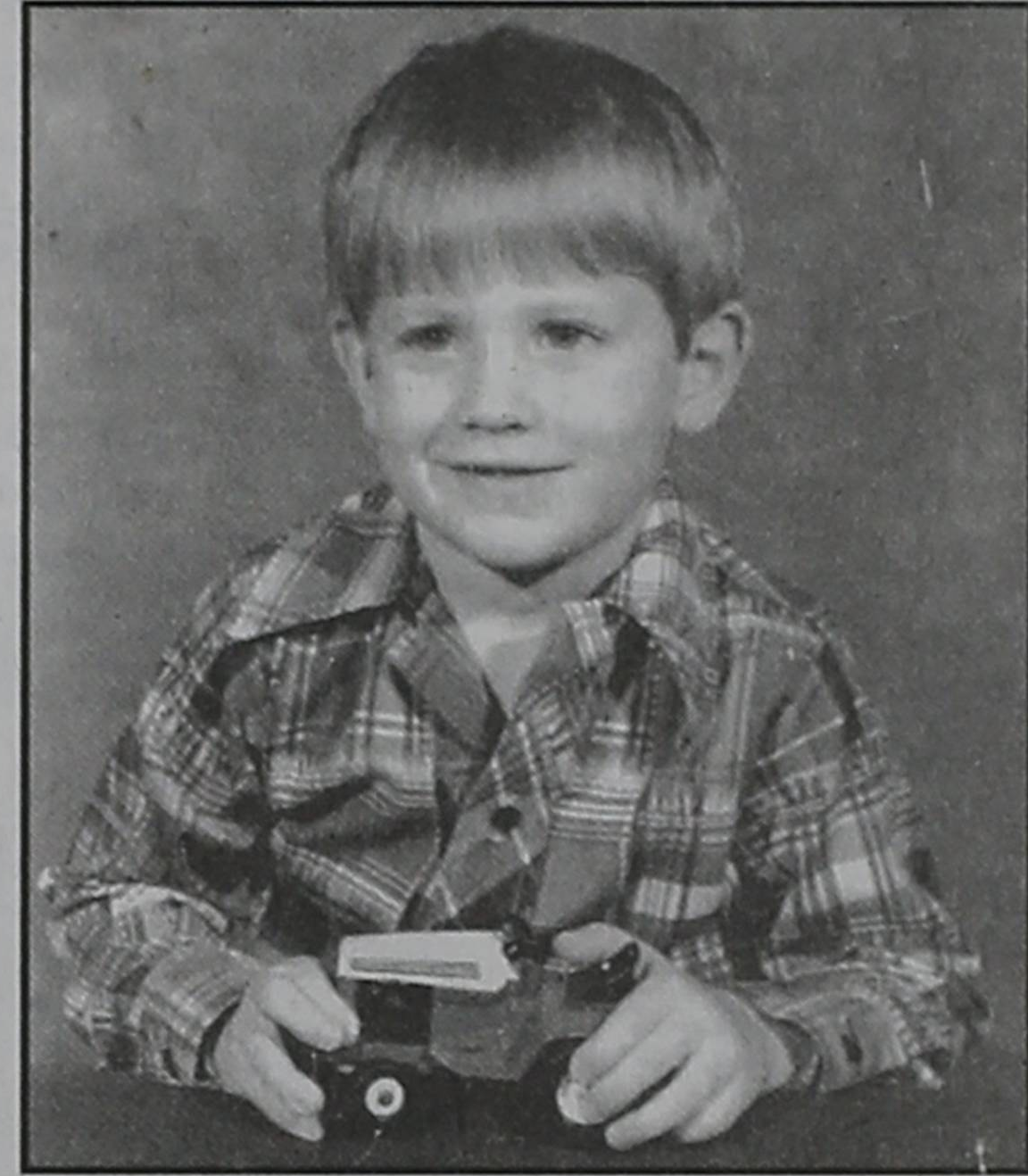
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Elementary students from Parmer County will be attending. Several agriculture exhibits will be available to the little ones along with a hamburger lunch and a milk cow.

Well I know it is spring because there are lots of activities and all of my weeds are getting yellow and purple flowers. Your tax return is due Tuesday April 17 unless you get an extension. I hope you are among the 50% of Americans that pay no taxes or at least you will get a big chunk of refund. And to all of our millionaire readers, the president would like to talk with you. Rich or poor, we'll see you next week. Until then!

Lordy Lordy Look Who's 40



The Big 40! Happy Birthday Christopher Alan Morrow April 11, 1972

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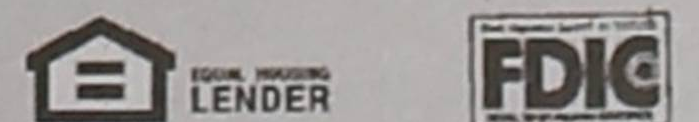
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A-1 Service Center, 1799 U.S. Highway 60, is owned by Mike and Reta Martin.

A-1 has been in business in Friona for 24 years offering vehicle and truck repair, NAPA auto parts, truck and trailer parts, state inspections, U-Haul Rental, and serves as the Greyhound bus station.

A-1 Service Center opened for business in June 1988 and today the staff consists of seven full-time and two part-time employees. The phone number is 806-250-2731.

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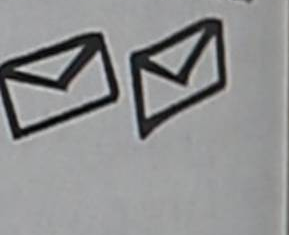
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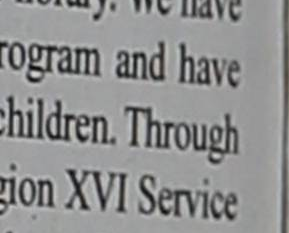
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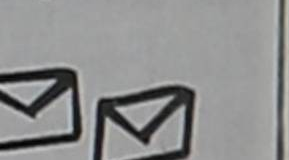


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Grief/bereavement group meeting

The monthly grief and bereavement support group will meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office, 304 E. 11th, in Friona. This is a community service open to the public. For more information, please call 806-247-0057.

Panhandle Parables

"Old and New"

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

It was left in an old barn for who knows how long. Old, wore out, dirty and slowly deteriorating. The old desk had seen plenty of good times and bad. Along with many other outdated items, the old desk found itself headed for the city dump. As the young man threw his stuff away, an older gentleman happened by, and said, "How much do you want for that old desk?" The young man replied "Take it; it's not worth much other than firewood."

The older gentleman, smiled and gave the young man a hundred dollar bill, saying "Its worth at least that much." With patience, care and years of experience the older gentleman took the old desk and brought it back to a new condition. The dirt was gone, a little sanding took off the old, a little glue brought back together what had been split, a little stain, a lot of oil and a very tender touch made this little desk, headed for the heap, into what it was before, a beautiful solid oak desk.

"One mans junk is another man's treasure." How true the statement becomes when you look around. God looks around and sees those souls that the world has defined as ready for the trash heap. He gently takes them, and through his Son does something only he can do. Restore them. Doing away with the old life and putting on the new. We are restored. We need to remember, Christ found us in such a state, and asked, "What do you want for that soul." Satan responded, "It's not worth much, but I am a greedy man, so what is it worth to you?"

Christ then humbles himself to death on a cross, bought for you for the high price of His own blood that He might one day take you unto himself and make you new. Remember not only this last weekend, the price that was paid for you, but live like it matters, every day in every way.

OBITUARIES

Erma LaMuriel Stowers

Erma LaMuriel Stowers, 89, of Hereford, formerly of Bovina, died Monday, April 9, 2012 in Hereford. Graveside Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 in the Friona Cemetery, with Leon Talley of Friona, officiating. Burial followed by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Erma Stowers

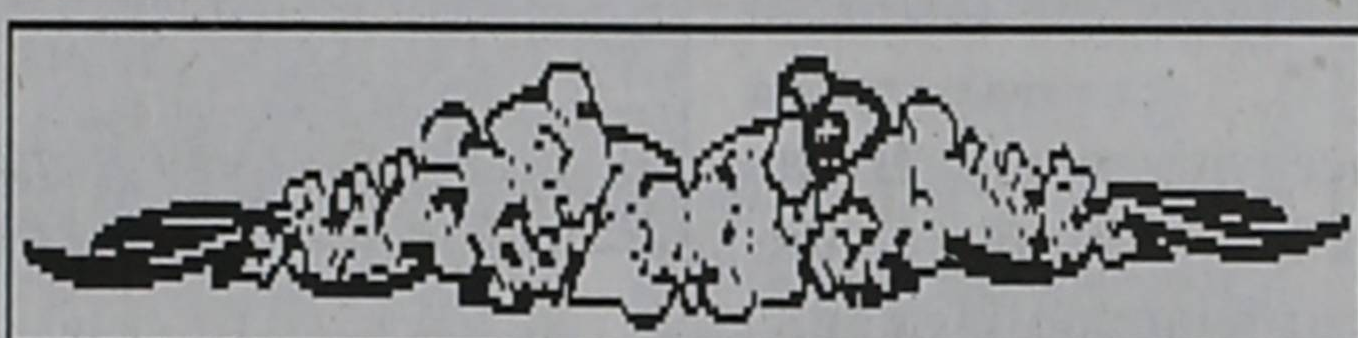
Mrs. Stowers was born March 13, 1923 in Faxon, Oklahoma, to Charles Lester and Roma Vista Hale Rury. She married Jesse Cleveland Stowers on May 7, 1942 in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include three sons, Jimmy Don Stowers and wife Janet of Hereford, Bobby Leroy Stowers of Hereford, and Roy Lee Stowers and wife Dorothy of Bovina; one daughter, Nina Jean "Sissy" Shanabarger and husband Steve of Dickinson, North Dakota; one brother, Jimmy Rury of San Diego, California; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Samaritan Hospice, 426 Main St #E, Hereford, TX 79045.

You can sign the online register at www.blackwellmullins.com.



Lena Irene Roberts

Funeral services for Lena Irene Roberts, 82, of Amarillo, formerly of Friona, have been scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2012, in the Memorial Park Chapel of Memories in Amarillo, with Rev. Max Beggs officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at Irene's home on Saturday, April 14, 2012 after the services. Irene passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2012 in Amarillo.



Irene Roberts

Irene was born in Friona to Ed and Fern White on March 12, 1930. During her life, she held many jobs, such as baby-sitting for her eight siblings and worked in the garden to help feed them. Irene also worked in the grocery store her father owned, washed dishes at a café in Friona as a teenager, and packed parachutes at the parachute plant.

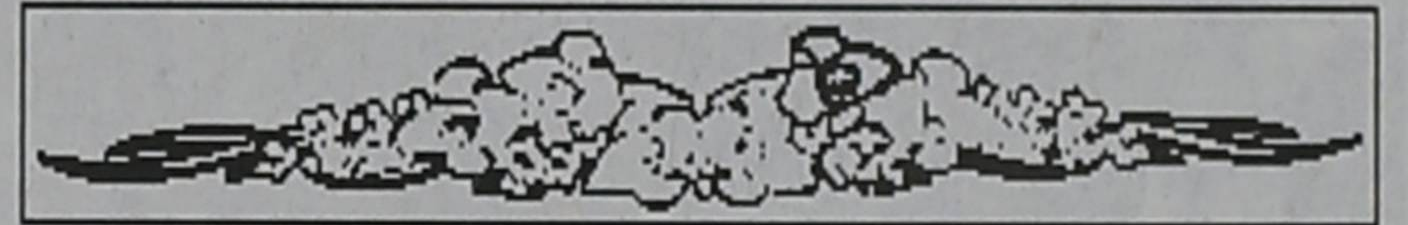
She was an elevator operator in the Fisk Building and served as an LVN at St. Anthony's, but most of all, she was a loving wife and mother. Irene was led to the Lord through the Al-Anon program. She was loved for leaving the tuna out of tuna casserole, and loved by her grandchildren for not letting them get away with anything. She was especially loved for taking on the responsibility for raising her grandchildren for about three years. Irene was a very special woman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Fern White; husband, Vernie H. Roberts; son, Gordon Steven Roberts; and two sisters, Ann Campbell and Mae Holder.

Survivors include her daughter, Vickie Osenbaugh and husband Todd of Amarillo; grandchildren, Jennifer Martin of San Antonio, Tony Martin of Amarillo, Michael Roberts of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and Erin Osenbaugh of Austin; great-grandchildren, Jayden and Jayla Martin of Amarillo, and Leah and Mia Roberts of Lake Havasu City, Arizona; brothers, Richard White of Friona, Ed White and wife Doris of Friona, and Raymond White and wife Nancy of Terry, Mississippi; sisters, Sue Hinds and husband Wayland of Canyon, June Cannon and Lois Gaile Nolte, both of Amarillo; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Harrington Cancer Center, Wounded Warriors, or BSA Hospice.

Online condolences can be made at www.memorialparkamarillo.com.



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BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What if a man said to you, "The other night my wife and I were awakened by a strange crash in the backyard. We were terrified, so I sent her out to check on what the crash may have been. She begged me to go, but I was stricken by fear and so cozy in my covers that I just couldn't go." Do you see anything wrong with this picture? Of course you do! It goes against common sense in understanding what it means to be a man. A man would get the gun, bat or whatever else, go see what the noise was and protect his family.

Men are to be protectors. Godly men are disciples of Jesus who love, lead, provide and protect for the glory of God and the good of others. In Nehemiah 4 the men of Judah were under attack and discouragement, and needed to man up and do what God had called them to do. Nehemiah 4:14 charged the men by saying, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

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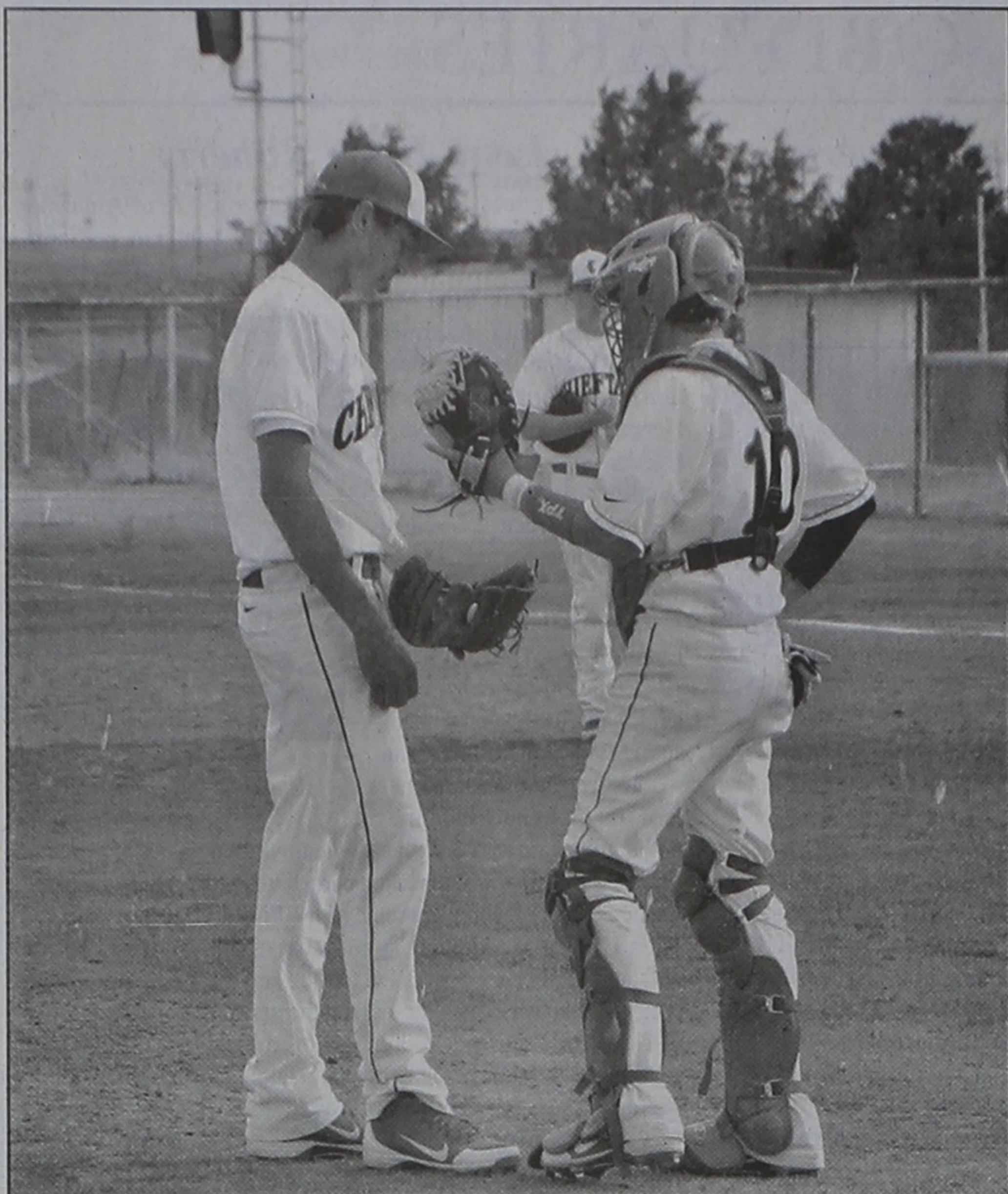
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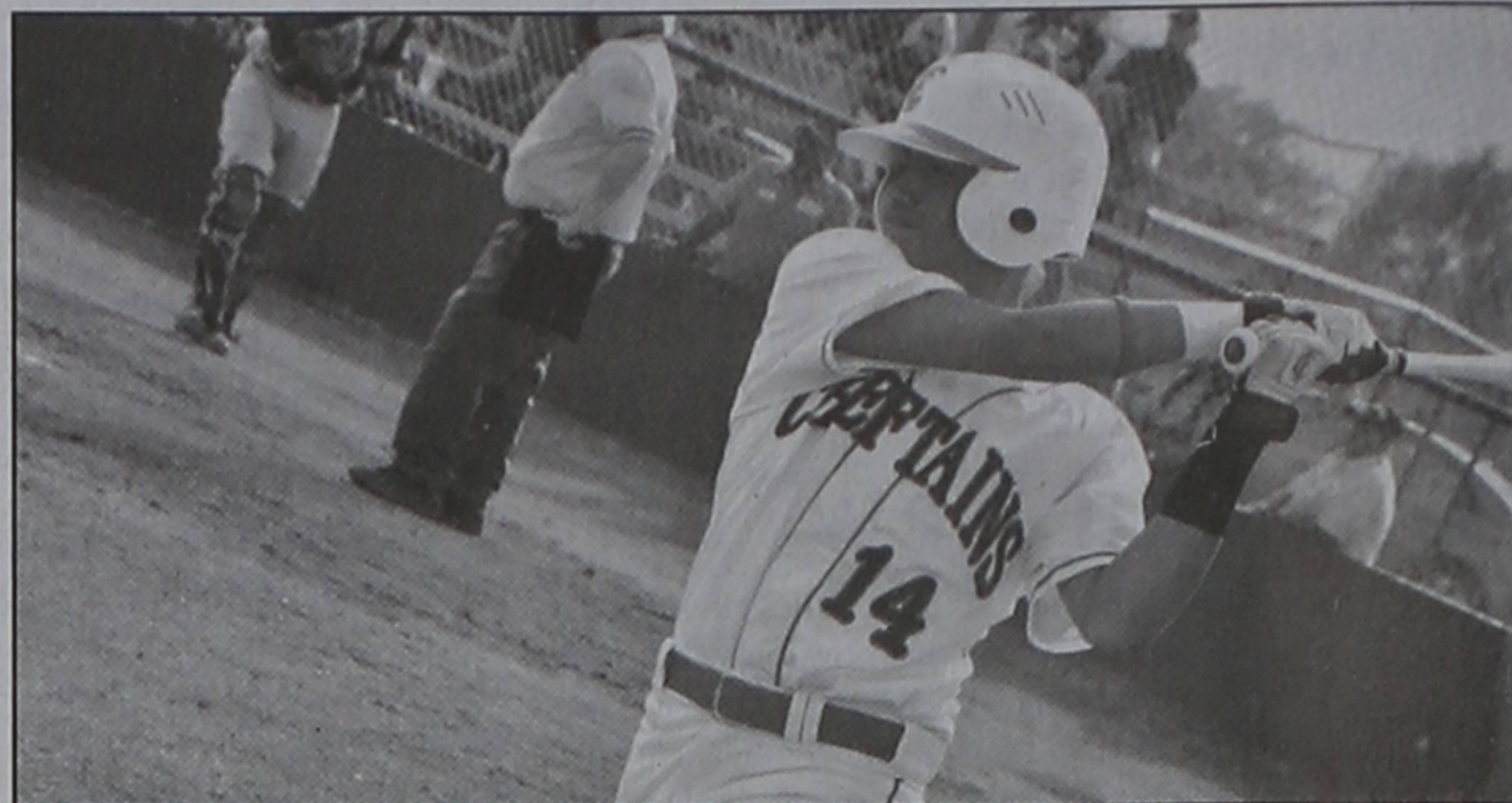
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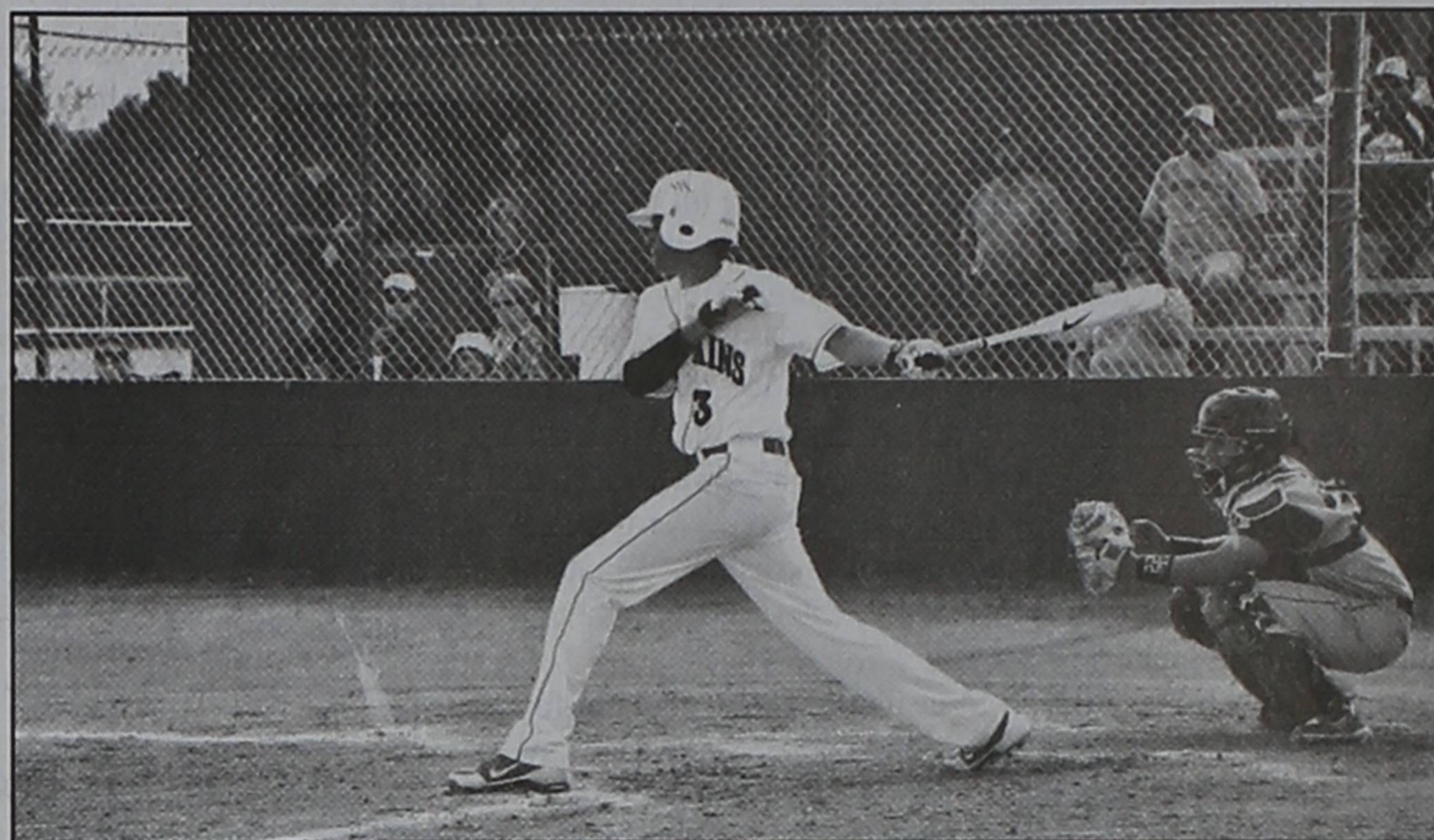
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Chieftain senior pitcher Jason Berend has a conference with catcher Hunter Sundre during Tuesday's game with Abernathy. First baseman Collin Thompson is in the background. A few more photos at frionaonline.com.



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Nathaniel Gonzales takes a few on deck swings while waiting for his at bat in the Abernathy game Tuesday. The Chiefs travel to Muleshoe Saturday for a 12 p.m. game.



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Chieftain Mason Loflin swings away during the Tuesday game with Abernathy. The Chiefs lost and will play at Muleshoe Saturday at 12 p.m. The Chiefs beat the Mules in their first district game earlier this year. A few more baseball photos at frionaonline.com.



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The FHS varsity girls golf team placed 2nd in district and qualified for the regional tournament in Odessa next weekend. From left are Kelsey Davis, Kendall Kimbrough, Abby Jones, Rachel Dickson, Kendall Morrow, and Breanna Campos.



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At the district tennis competition in Plainview last Thursday Kreisun Dominguez and John David Haile were third in JV mixed doubles.



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These youngsters from the 2nd to 6th grade participated in an 8-week basketball camp. They attended each Monday night from 5:30-8 p.m. at the high school gym. The camp was organized by Sharon Rector and Jason Rector served as the coach, along with volunteer assistance from several parents. Each youngster received a t-shirt and a basketball.

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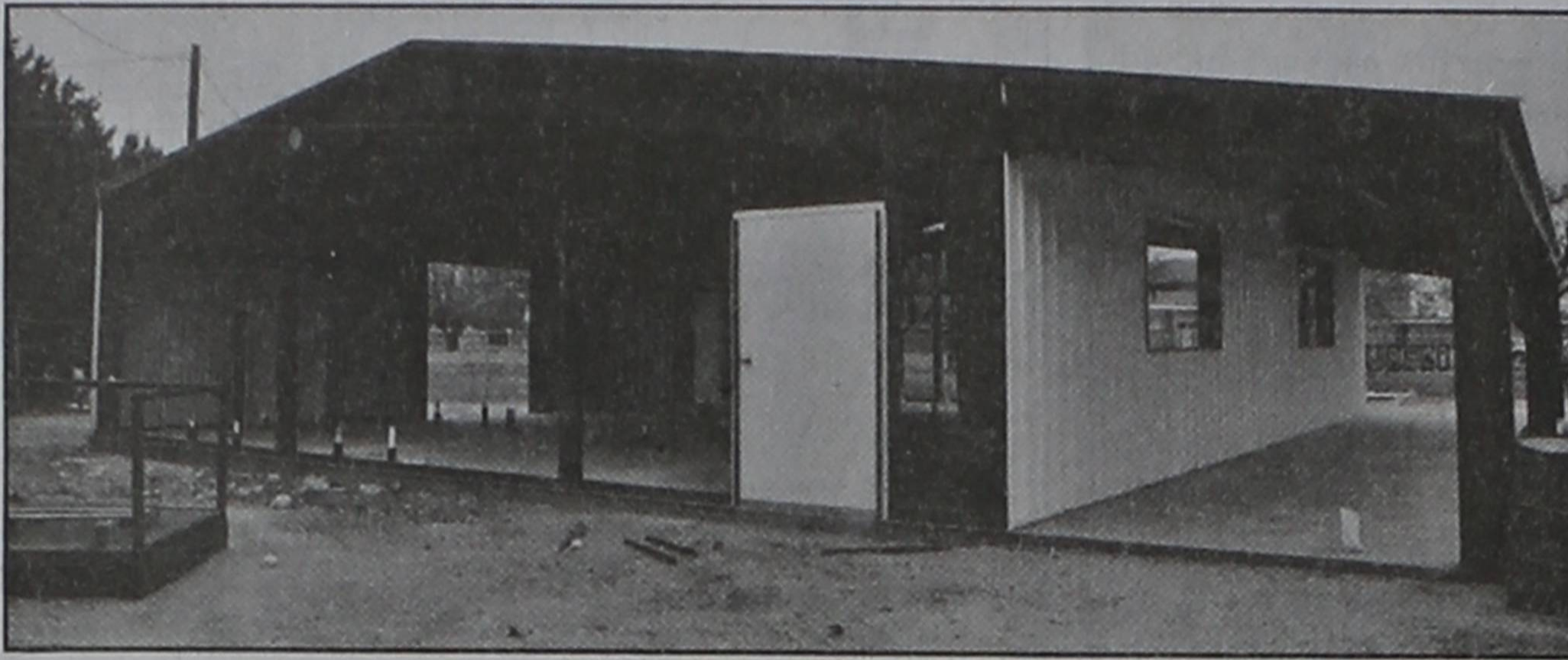
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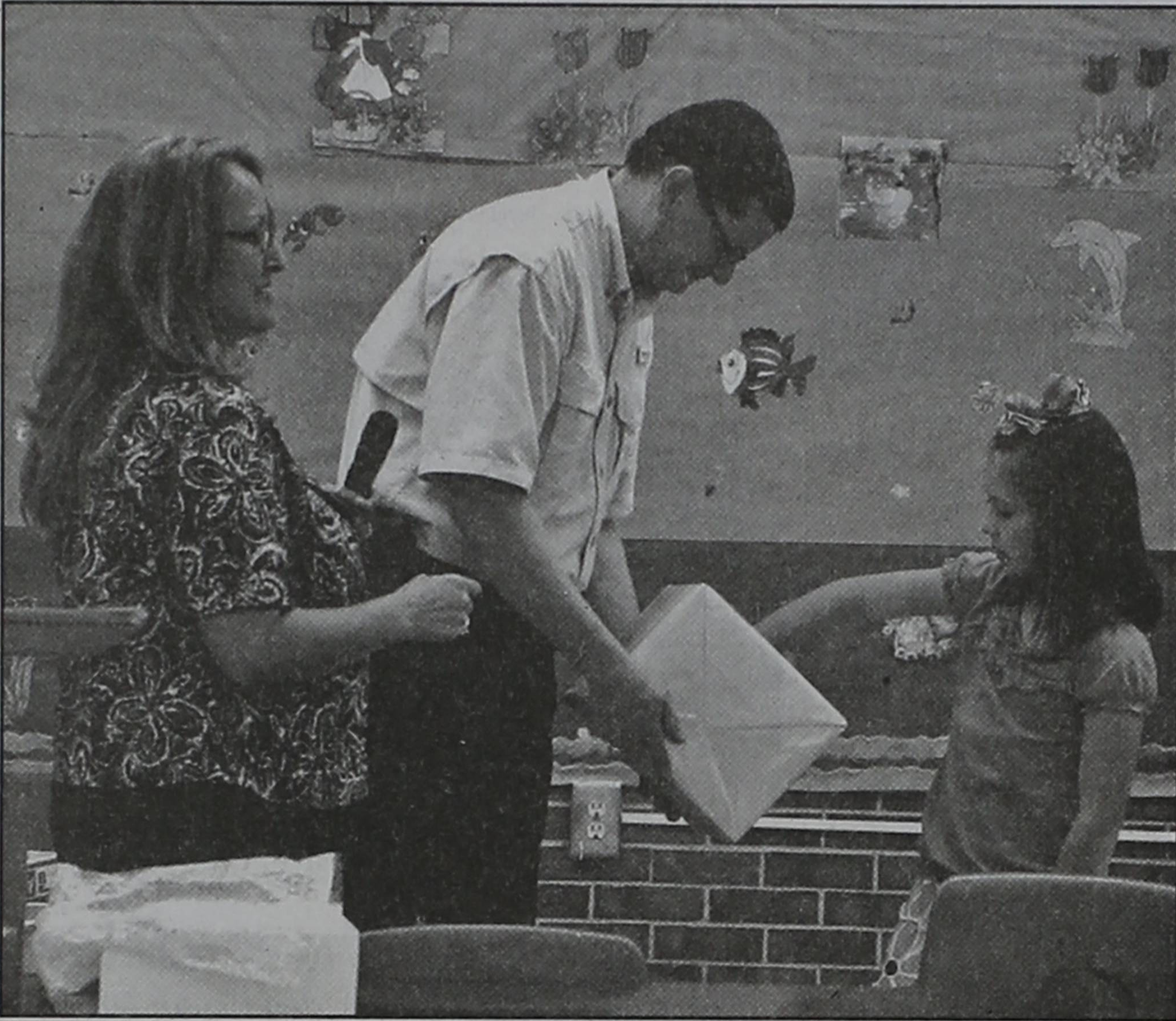
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Credit Union president Nancy Davis and board chairman Bruce Fleming gave away a few coin set door prizes at the annual meeting with the help of Emma Schueler drawing the lucky winners.

What's for "Dinner Tonight" mini-cooking classes scheduled

BY SHANA FLEMING, County Extension Agent

Spring is here and Summer is quickly approaching. With the time change, it gets dark later and later. For many of us that means that we have time in the evening to do a few of our favorite outdoor hobbies. First though, most of us have to decide what we are having for "Dinner Tonight".

If you want more time to do your favorite things and less time in the kitchen, come join me for a mini cooking class. I will be offering three classes on meals that will help you spend less time in the kitchen and more time doing what you want to do.

The first class will be at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. The class will be held on April 17 at 6 p.m. This class will demonstrate cooking on the grill. You will learn about the best techniques for cleaning the grill, preparing the food to be grilled and how to grill. You will be able to taste the recipes that are demonstrated.

The second class is at the EMS building in Bovina. The class will be held on April 24 at 6 p.m. This class will focus on Freezer Meals. You will find out how to prepare food to be

stored in the freezer, how long to keep food frozen, and the best items to freeze. Each recipe will be demonstrated and sampled.

The last class will be at the County Extension Office in Farwell, located in the Courthouse on the third floor. The class will be held on May 3 at 6 p.m. This class will be Slow Cooker recipes and Salads. Many of us use our Slow Cookers in the winter, but they are wonderful to use in the summer as well. They use less energy and do not heat up your kitchen like a stove.

The classes can be attended individually or as a group. The price of an individual class is \$15, but for \$30 you can attend all three classes. I will demonstrate all of the recipes and you will be able to sample them as well. This is a great opportunity to try out a few new recipes. You will receive copies of all of the recipes demonstrated so you will be ready to go home and start cooking. You can contact the County Extension Office at 481-3619 to reserve your place. Now you can spend more time on things you want to do and less time worrying about what's for "Dinner Tonight".

HPWD launches on-line water meter reporting site

Commercial installers and water well owners/operators may now use an on-line site to report new water meter installations within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

A link to the new module is located on the front page of the High Plains Water District web site at www.hpwd.com.

"Persons may now use the site to create a user account, associate owners/properties with the user account, plot the location of the meter or alternative measuring method on National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) aerial images, and update information about the meter installation," said Field Data Collection Supervisor Gerald Crenwelge.

He encourages persons to use the new site for several reasons. "There are several benefits in using the site: (1) Persons may review information about their property/properties as it is shown in the HPWD database; (2) it allows access to maps of the property/properties with the latest NAIP imagery; (3) it allows easier identification and processing of meters for

EQUIP approval; and (4) it will ultimately replace paper forms to be completed and forwarded to the district's Lubbock office," Crenwelge said. In addition, a later module will allow persons to review the status of their banked water.

Assistance is available to guide persons through the new water meter reporting method. "A video tutorial on the new site offers instruction on how to complete the meter reporting process. Plus, persons can always stop by the HPWD office or call (806) 762-0181. Several staff

members are available to assist persons in setting up their on-line account," said General Manager Jim Conkwright.

Other modules will be added in the near future to allow users to verify contact/property information, draw boundaries of contiguous acres and associate them with meters, associate meters with wells, and report water use for the 2012 crop year.

The on-line site is provided to assist meter installers, owners, and operators in performing activities associated with groundwater use/reporting within the water district.

Notification: HeadStart and Pre-K Registration

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 HeadStart and Pre-K classes will be April 16-20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Primary School office. Your child must be 4-years-old on or before September 1, 2012 to be eligible for enrollment. Please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records, social security card and parents' proof of income, proof of federal/state assistance, and social security cards.

We are planning on having a large number of students registering for Pre-K and HeadStart this year. Availability and A.M. or P.M. class preference will be on a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions please call the office at 250-3935.

SCHOOL MENU April 16 - April 20

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- L) Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, tropical fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 17

- B) Cereal, donuts, string cheese, orange juice, milk
- L) Picadillo, hot rolls, green beans, Mexican rice, pears, milk

Wednesday, April 18

- B) Cereal, sausage/biscuit, applesauce, grape juice, milk
- L) Chicken nuggets, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, carrots, cookie sandwich, milk

Thursday, April 19

- B) Cereal, breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk
- L) Hot ham & cheese, fresh veggie dippers, mixed vegetables, oranges, milk

Friday, April 20

- B) Cereal, breakfast fruit cup, scooby treats, yogurt, grape juice, milk
- L) Steak fingers, hot rolls, broccoli & cheese, corn, applesauce, milk

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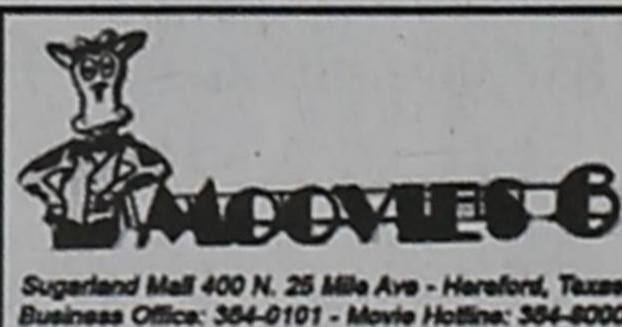
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Friona Library Story Time children had an Easter egg hunt at Prairie Acres Thursday, April 5. In addition to candy eggs, residents color eggs for the children to find. Cody Eichenauer shares his 'finds' with Prairie Acres resident Elthie Hand.



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Friona Library Story Time children pause for an Oreo break after their Easter egg hunt at Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates last Thursday.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Friona, Texas for the construction of approximately 3,000 linear feet of four-inch, six-inch, eight-inch and, ten-inch water main and all associated appurtenances entitled:

**WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
2011 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT
FRIONA, TEXAS**

will be received at the office of the City Manager at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas until:

2:00 P.M.
May 3, 2012

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Friona in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contact Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Friona and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas, telephone (806) 250-2761.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

J. B. DOUGLAS, MAYOR
CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

Notice to Bidders

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) ¾ ton pickup for use by the county extension agent. Bids must be brought or mailed to Benji Henderson, County Extension Agent at 401 Third Street, third floor, PO Box 285, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 20th, 2012, bids will be considered at the next commissioners court meeting. Please include an original and four copies in your bid packet.

A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's Office. To be considered for trade-in is one (1) 2009 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD diesel pickup. All questions concerning the trade-in should be addressed to Benji Henderson, County Extension Agent, at 806/481-3619.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Trey Ellis, County Judge.



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This Friona high school band brass ensemble has advanced to state competition. The group performed at the Credit Union annual meeting. They are, l-r, Connor Woods, Eduardo Rojas, Meagan Davis, Ben Anthony, Diego Licerio, and Christian Rangel.



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This FHS flute quartet is headed to the state band competition. They performed for the Credit Union annual meeting this week. From left are Jessyca Rivas, Katie Osborn, Sajal Patel, and Holly Johnston.



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This clarinet quartet, l-r, Miguel Soto, Bianca Romero, Cesia Boyzo, and Nohely Juarez, has qualified for the state band competition. They performed Tuesday evening at the Credit Union annual meeting.



Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park



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These young ladies were in costume to participate in the St. Teresa's Catholic Church Good Friday procession from the cemetery to the church.



courtesy photo

Miguel Soto and Briana Miller won 2nd in district tennis mixed doubles and qualified for regional competition

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New albums this week:

- Chiefs baseball vs Abernathy
- St. Teresa's Catholic Church Good Friday

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