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Winds fan blaze at cotton gin

by Teresa Mesman

The year 2006 blew in with a vengeance Sunday morning and tested the patience of just about everyone that had to go outside. For some area residents, you might even say that their patience was "tested by fire."

The threat of wild fires became a reality for the owners and operators of the Parmer County Cotton Growers gin Sunday when a loader caught on fire and spread to a cotton burr pile that roared into a fiery blaze just before noon.

The burr pile sits east of the gin building and is the collection site for the burrs that are discarded in the cotton ginning process. Cotton burrs are used around the region for a variety of reasons in cattle feeding, farming and dairying.

The cause of the fire was unknown at this writing, but static electricity and spontaneous combustion fanned by wind gusts up to 70 miles per hour were being speculated by local volunteer firemen.

The fire took off very quickly. The burr pile is approximately 50 yards long and about 16 feet high. It was quickly consumed by a very intense "hot" fire. Several smaller piles of cotton burrs that were lying nearby also ignited. To make matters worse, the fire began "sweeping" across the ground and took off toward Highway 84.

Motorists who were driving along the highway were caught up in a very dangerous,

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Photo by Mary Kube

Cotton gin fire

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blinding wall of smoke. Parmer County Sheriff officials, Department of Public Safety troopers, city police and Bailey County Sheriff officials were very quick to shut down a large portion of Hwy. 84 both eastbound and westbound.

Traffic was diverted to FM 145, FM 1731 and the West Camp Community roads. The fire laid over Hwy. 84 and burned down the middle and north sides going east for approximately 4 miles. All train traffic was also diverted and stopped until the fire and smoke was contained.

The response by area volunteer fire departments was also very quick. Departments representing Farwell, Texico, Bovina, Muleshoe and two units from the Clovis Fire Department were called on scene.

Requests for local farmers and businesses with front-end loaders were also quickly responded to. The loaders, dirt movers and bull dozers were needed to move, dig and unload dirt onto the burr pile to help in controlling the fire.

"This is the type of fire that will simply have to burn itself out after a long period of smoldering," said Weldon Kube, Farwell Volunteer EMS and City of Clovis Firefighter/EMS employee. Kube was off duty Sunday from his job in Clovis, but was able to initiate and help man the Farwell ambulance during the fire.

SWCD sponsors contests again

The Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District is again sponsoring its annual Conservation Awards Program.

This year's contests include Absentee Conservation Farmer/Rancher, Water Quality Management Plan, and Conservation Homemaker.

Contests for kids include an essay contest for students ages 14 to 18 and one for students 13 and under, a poster con-

test for students 12 years and younger, and a coloring Contest for kindergartners, 1st and 2nd graders.

The theme is "Water Wise." Entries are welcome from each of the Parmer County school districts and must be received in the PCSWCD

office by Jan. 31.

Winners will receive awards and local winners will advance to area competition. All poster entries will be publicly displayed after judging.

Those with questions may call the office at (806) 481-3311, ext. 3.

It's a Boy

DeAnn and Ted Ogilvie announce the birth of a son, Grant Lee, on Dec. 20

He weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and was 19" long. Grant has a sister, Arden.

Grandparents are James and Sherry Curtis of Farwell, and the late Lee and Charlotte Ogilvie of Clovis; great grandmother is LaNell Stancell of Muleshoe.

Farwell Junior High basketball tourney moved

A change in the Farwell basketball schedule: Because of the Parmer County stock show, the Farwell Junior High basketball tourney has been moved from Jan. 21 to Jan. 28.

Obituary

Sara Goforth

Services for Sara Margaret Goforth, 85, of Texico, were held Saturday at the Farwell Church of Christ with Phillip Steyn officiating. Burial was in Texico Cemetery.

Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

She died Dec. 26 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Oct. 2, 1920, in Decatur, Texas, to George and Margaret Goforth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Charlie, Bill, Henry and Woody Goforth; and sisters Malvie Ham, Nannie Goforth, Annie Rose Jones, Cxatherine Cote, Mary Jones and Pollie Duncan.

Surviving are her brother, Joe Goforth, of Texico; and sisters Ollie Hannah and Lou Reese, both of Amarillo.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Children's Home in Portales.

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The decision was made to try to smother the burr piles with dirt to control the fire bursts because of the wind, height and depth of the pile.

It was a long and laborious effort but it was actually the only decision that could be made at the time due to the winds. It was a one-two punch for the firefighters, too. They soaked the burr piles down with tankers full of water, but it made for a dirty business with all the dirt being blown around by the wind, the smoke and the dirt being unloaded onto the burr piles.

The dedication and effort of the local fire departments was much appreciated by the owners of Parmer County Cotton Growers.

"It makes us proud to live in a community that pulls together like this," said Kendall Devault, of Parmer County Cotton Growers. "I'm really thankful for their hard work."

Another group that put in some hard work was some quick thinking volunteers from St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat and the St. John Lutheran Youth Group. They contacted an EMS official to find out how many firefighters and officials were on scene. They then went to work making sack lunches for everyone. They delivered at least 75 sacks with full sandwiches, chips and a dessert bag. These were also much appreciated by the firemen, police, gin employees and officials.

Farwell EMS and the Parmer County Cotton Growers provided bottled water for the firemen throughout the day. The Farwell ambulance also stayed on scene until about 6 p.m. to provide any medical assistance that might be needed. Thankfully, no one was injured or burned in this fire.

The gin buildings were not burned or damaged by the fire. For a brief moment, the wind turned and laid the fire over onto some metal gin parts that were stacked outside the main gin building, but firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and the wind turned back around.

As of approximately 8 p.m. Sunday, the fire was considered contained and to a low smolder. No reports of any other building or structural damage were given and gin employees and officials were going to be watching the piles very closely for any fire breakouts.

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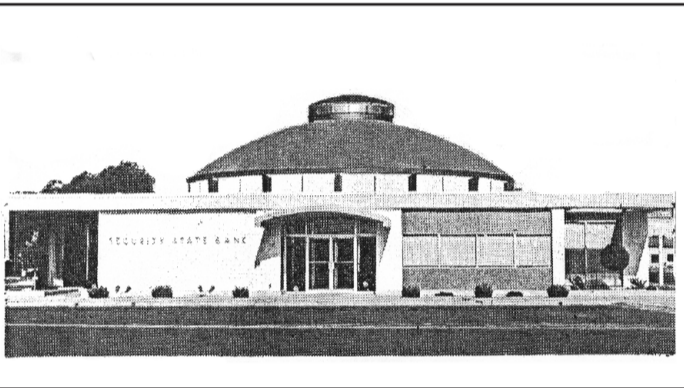
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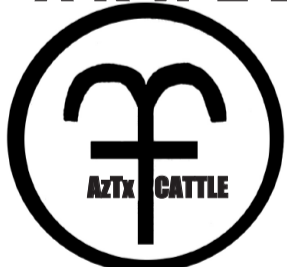


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“Dr. Teddy” learns from, about the people she helps

by Jim Steiert

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

In a season of hectic, even frantic activities surrounding celebrating the Christmas holiday, one of the greatest gifts anyone can give themselves is surely to look after their own good health.

Teddy Jones of West Texas Rural Telephone's Hub exchange is well aware of the importance of taking care of yourself. She wears many hats while preaching that message.

Mrs. Jones is a Registered Nurse, Certified Specialist, Family Nurse Practitioner, and holds a Ph.D. in Education. She is professor emerita in the School of Nursing at Texas Tech University.

Teddy is also a columnist for The Farmer-Stockman magazine. Her column on rural health, called “In the Middle of it All,” appears monthly.

An author, her efforts include co-writing “A Stone for Every Journey,” an historical biography that she completed for her late colleague Edwina McConnell, and “100 Doses: Capsules of Advice and Wisdom for the Health and Well-Being of Farm and Ranch Women,” that she co-wrote with Sue Jane Sullivan. “Doses” was written to encourage farm and ranch women to stay healthy and to think of their well-being as an important concern.

Teddy had visited with her friend, McConnell about a book project she had underway. Ironically, McConnell asked Jones to finish the project should something happen to her.

McConnell later succumbed to ovarian cancer and Teddy took custody of 13 boxes of research material and roughly 10 completed chapters.

“Edwina left no outline — I guess she trusted that I would do the book right. I spent three months inventorying and reading and turned ‘A Stone for Every Journey’ into a biographical novel,” she explains.

In her “spare” time, Teddy is a Parmer County farm wife who's no stranger to tractor driving and livestock work. She and her husband Jim Bob have both been associated with Texas Tech. Jim worked with the Tech Health Science Center for 25 years. While they had been coming out on weekends, they decided to return to family farm land near Hub in 2001 to raise small grain, feeder calves, maybe a little “cain,” but no cotton.

“We find something to laugh about every day on the farm. In fact, we sometimes hand out caps with our farm philosophy/logo that says, Grain and Bear It,” Teddy laughs.

In her role as a Nurse Practitioner she works primarily with patients of all ages.

Teddy attended high school in Iowa Park and showed an interest in writing as a teenager that continues to this day. When the Wichita General Hospital School of Nursing announced an essay contest with a free semester of nursing school as a prize, she entered—and won.

During the summer between high school graduation and her first semester in nursing school, she worked as a nurse's aide.

“If you can do that, you've done the toughest part,” Teddy emphasizes.

A semester of nursing school convinced her that she could be good at nursing—and that she could write later.

Over time, Teddy earned two college degrees in nursing and a Ph.D. in education, became a teacher of nurses and the founding Dean of the School of Nursing at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She also became a Nurse Practitioner.

She wrote course materials, journal articles, a textbook that was named the “American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year,” reports and grant applications—and notebooks filled with notations on people.

A gregarious sort, Teddy says she's greatly interested in people's stories. Hearing them helps her to help patients.

“We all need to tell our story—a narrative, to someone. I can't help myself, I have to interact with people. I ask people questions to get simple answers.

“Listening to people is a skill. As a nurse you're licensed to touch people — to have an effect — part of it is physical and part of it is emotional. You don't tap into that unless you pay attention every day,” she says.

“People have to be encouraged to accept responsibility for their own health, especially in rural areas with limited health care options. We can influence what hap-

pens to us. You can want someone to take care of their health but ultimately, they're in charge of what they do — I'm in charge of me. The big trick is to make the most of every day and live the best life we can,” Jones says.

She says people have wisdom instilled in them that will let them heal themselves to a degree.

“A lot of your own self-care has a bearing on how you feel — that's not peculiar to a rural area — self-care and health promotion needs are just more evident in rural areas,” she says.

Mrs. Jones offers a few simple guidelines for good health that we might do well to remember amidst a holiday setting that can sometimes prove stressful.

- * Remember to laugh every day.
- * Breathe deeply — often.
- * Make a list of things to do every day — then take half of the items off of the list. Human energy is finite.
- * Put yourself on the list — include something on your daily to-do list that helps your well-being — a walk, a little hobby time — a stress reduction just for you.
- * When in doubt, take a nap.
- * At holiday time, people create distress that can create illness —piling on more than we can deal with spiritually, emotionally and physically. Don't overload your plate. Easy does it.
- * Appreciate what you have.
- * Don't create too many emotional expectations for the holidays. Everyone can't be expected to feel the same happiness at the same time.
- * Coming with fewer expectations is a way to reduce stress.
- * Something grander than us is in charge.
- * We effect the end by doing our best and getting out of the way.

Teddy says family and community have a bearing on a person's health. Those around you can encourage lifestyles and practices that lead to better help.

Physician's assistants and nurse practitioners have become important in traditionally underserved rural healthcare. Teddy helped to invent a Nurse Practitioner program while serving as an associate dean at Colorado University during a three-year stint there.

“There never seem to be enough doctors despite consistent efforts to encourage medical practice in rural areas, and there's always a cyclical shortage or nurses. Physician's assistants and Nurse Practitioners are more common now — most have a position lined up before they graduate.”

One of the things Teddy put on her own personal to-do list years ago was to write fiction — something she's



Teddy Jones

finally getting around to now that she lives on a farm. “Some people say they must write — I just thought it would be kind of interesting,” she says.

Years of listening to people's stories and making notes on the ways of people have likely primed the pump for her latest writing endeavor — “Half-Wide,” a coming-of-age-in-middle-age novel about a West Texas woman who lives in a half-wide trailer with her husband.

“I just get a kick out of writing dialogue. There's a special rhythm to the communication of the people in rural West Texas. They reduce complex thoughts to simple statements. In my medical career and in taking notes for my writing I ask people questions.

“I'm fortunate to have arrived at a point in life where I have had these experiences and heard these people. If you're strong enough to do it, there's no other occupation like working in nursing to get such experiences.

“Almost everything I am involved in delights me in some way and for me that's more than sufficient. To be able to continue to learn from and about people is the high point for me,” Teddy says.

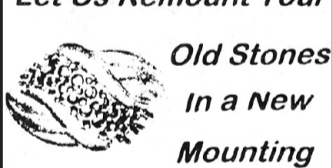
Free basketball camp to open Saturday

The Bovina Little League basketball camp starts Jan. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. at the Bovina School gym.

The camp is free to all -- just show up and you can participate.


The camp will be held on four consecutive Saturdays. They are (with what the emphasis will be on): Jan. 7, shooting; Jan. 14, passing and dribbling; Jan. 21, defense; and Feb. 4, basic offense.

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Here come the livestock shows

The 40th annual Farwell Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Farwell Community Center starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7.

The show starting time has been moved up 30 minutes from previous years.

Farwell staffers, 4-H and FFA students and their parents will set up pens and make arrangements for the show at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, said Farwell ag teacher Wayne Sales.

Weights on all animals must be turned in at the community center on Saturday morning before 10 a.m.

It used to be that signups took place at the extension service office the day before. But this was changed to the center a couple of years ago, and will continue this year.

The judge will be Kevin Kelly, from the Valley FFA.

Sales expects a good number of goats, pigs, lambs and steers to be entered again this year.

Ribbons will be awarded, plus belt buckles will be given to the champions and showmanship winners.

The Farwell 4-H will again preside over the concession stand.

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Friona Community Center.

Texico ag teacher Tod Pinnell will be the judge.

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show will be Jan. 20 and 21.

The Friona Junior Livestock Show will be Jan. 5.

No Bovina Junior Livestock Show is scheduled.

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 18-21 at the Friona Community Center.

Will Winter will be the judge for steers and barrows, and Richard Long will judge lambs and goats.

Here is the complete schedule:

Jan. 18 - 1 to 5 p.m., weigh-in of all animals; barrows will be classified as weighed; 5 p.m., classify steers; and 5:30 p.m., classify lambs.

Jan. 19 -- 8 a.m., lamb show begins followed by goat show; 11 a.m., steer show; and 1 p.m., barrow show.

Jan. 21 -- 1 p.m., premium sale.

The Parmer County Stock Show Board advisory committee consists of:

Farwell, Scott Johnson and Charles Christian; Lazbuddie, Ed Terry and Rick Seaton; and Friona, Chris Hunt.

Stock Show Board members are:

Farwell -- Wayne Sales, Samuel Billingsley, Keith Hadley and Mark Logan (alternate).

Bovina - Lawrence Widner, Vince Terrones and Buddy Prather.

Lazbuddie - Terry Jesko, Donald Gillit, Shane Mason and Doug Barnes (alternate).

Friona - Micah London, Alan Monroe, Paul J. Smith and Davy Carthel.

County 4-H -- Chad Rhodes, Michael DeLeon, Cody Hill, Sean Mason and Al Kerby Jr.

Stock Show officers are:

Mack Heald, general superintendent; JeDon Gallman, assistant general superintendent; Darren Haseloff, swine superintendent; Kevin Schueler, lamb and goat superintendent; and Ed Terry, cattle superintendent.

Also, Je Don Gallman, president; Lawrence Widner, vice president; Gary Patterson, secretary, and John Jarecki and Dale Schueler, treasurers.

General regulations include:

The show is open to all 4-H, FFA and FHA boys and girls under the supervision of the county agent or vocational ag teachers of the county.

Exhibitors must be enrolled in grades 3 through 12 in one of the county's four public schools or be a county resident attending a home/private school.

Entry fees are: \$15 for steers, lambs, goats and barrows.

Exhibitors may show four of any one species or a total combination of no more than seven animals.

Steers will have 3 classes -- British breeds, American and Crosses. Steers must weigh at least 900 pounds to show.

Barrows will have 9 classes -- Yorkshire, Chester White, Crossbreed, Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Polands, Spots and Landrace. Barrows must weigh between 170 and 265 lbs. A 5-lb. tolerance will be allowed. Barrows may be clipped.

Lambs will have 4 classes -- Fine Wool, Fine Wool Crossbreed, Medium Wool and Southdowns. Lambs must weigh at least 80 lbs. to show. Ewe lambs may be shown.

Goats -- only wether or doe goats are eligible to show. They must weight between 60 and 115 lbs. A 3-lb. tolerance will be allowed. Goats must have their milk teeth in place; any goat having lost one or both milk teeth will be disqualified. Horns must be tipped.

In showmanship, beef and goat will have two age categories - junior (8-14) and senior (15 and up). Lamb and barrow will have three age divisions, junior (8-11), intermediate (12-14; and senior (15 and up).

At the sale, 140 head will be sold, with an equal percentage of each species. Animals must be present at the

No word yet on whether Barb's Café will reopen

Barb Pearson, the owner of Barb's Café in Farwell which was hit hard by fire two weeks ago, is now working at K'Bob's Restaurant in Clovis as a waitress.

Asked if she plans to reopen her café, she says it's up to Virgil Reed, the building owner, and his insurance company.

Mrs. Pearson said she didn't have insurance on her equipment.

Reed told the Tribune on Tuesday that he is still waiting to hear from the insurance inspectors before he can determine how much money will be available to restore the restaurant.

He said he knows that Barb's Café is very popular in Farwell and he hopes things will work out.

premium sale to be eligible for premium auction.

One and one-half percent of the selling price of all animals will be retained by the stock show board for repair and improvement of stock show facilities.

Premiums on animals will be by the head.

Sale order will be barrow, lamb, steer and goat. Grand and reserve grands of each species will sell in the same order.

Ballots set for primary elections

The ballots are set for the Parmer County primary elections on March 7.

The filing deadline was Jan. 2.

Early voting will start Feb. 21.

There were two more filings on Monday.

Jody Lewellen has signed up to run in the Republican primary for Parmer County judge. He will face incumbent Bonnie Heald in the November election.

Lewellen has no opposition in the GOP primary.

And Houston Bartlett signed up to run in the Democrat primary for Pct. 2 county commissioner (Bovina area). He is unopposed in the primary, but will have a GOP opponent in the November election.

Here's the ballot:

Democrat Primary

Bonnie Heald is unopposed in the primary for Parmer County Judge.

Gordon Green is unopposed for re-election as 287th District Court Judge.

Gaylon Rhodes has filed for Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace. He will oppose Vi Hutto, a Republican, in the fall election.

Republican Primary

Altha Herington is unopposed for re-election as Parmer County Treasurer.

Elvis Powell is unopposed for re-election as Parmer County Commissioner for Pct. 4 (the Lazbuddie area).

Sandra Warren is unopposed for re-election as District Court Clerk.

Valton Howard is unopposed for re-election as Justice of the Peace for Pct. 1 (the Friona area).

Pam Haseloff is unopposed for re-election as Justice of the Peace for Pct. 3 (the Farwell area).

Colleen Stover is unopposed for re-election as Parmer County Clerk.

Vi Hutto has filed for Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace. She will face Rhodes in the November election.

Filing for the nomination for Parmer County Commissioner for Pct. 2 are Galen Carson, James Clayton, Larry Hodnett and Ben Osborn.



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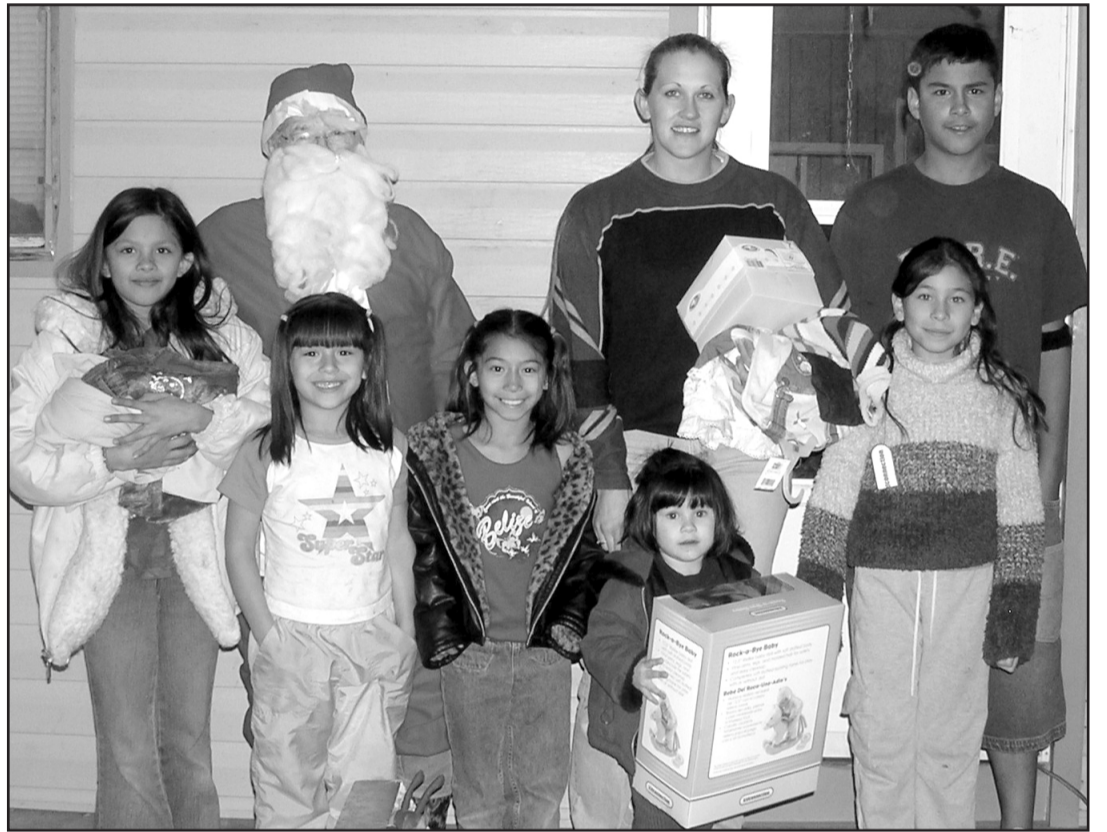
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Santa brings presents

Last month, A-Me-D's, the Texico Community Activities Organization, along with Barb's Café and The New Spur restaurants, collected money and gifts for underprivileged children in the area. On Dec. 17th, they gave out the gifts to four families from Farwell and Texico. The Texico Firefighters helped take the gifts out to the families. (Photos by Amy Amaral)



Pastor Rob Hollis of the First Baptist Church of Texico played Santa Claus



Kids are happy with their gifts.



Amy Amaral, Amy Peterson, and Texico Fire Chief Lewis Cooper

The Latest

A vehicle owned by a Clovis electrical firm had an electrical fire on Thursday afternoon while its employees were re-wiring the building housing Barb's Café in Farwell. ***

The state of Texas has raised pay for jurors. For the past 50 years, it's been \$6 a day.

Now, it's \$6 for the first day of service, and \$40 for each day thereafter. ***

The Parmer County Committee election has concluded, reports the Farm Service Agency.

Lazbuddie's Kirby Burch was elected to serve a 3-year term as the committee member representing Local Administrative Area 2.

Guy Brockman was elected to serve as 1st alternate, and Mark Gammon as 2nd alternate. ***

The Curry County extension service is sponsoring

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On taking responsibility

I saw a wire story last week where the president of a Japanese railroad was resigning to take responsibility for an April derailment that killed 107 people, the country's deadliest railway accidents in decades.

Now compare that to how U.S. leaders respond when a tragedy of such magnitude happens, like Hurricane Katrina.

Did the mayor of New Orleans take any responsibility and resign?

What about the governor of Louisiana?

And the U.S. president?

At least the head of FEMA was pushed aside -- and he didn't do it voluntarily.

That poor jerk only got the job due to political strings so I can't really blame him.

It's how our system works. And this is why I keep decrying our "leadership." Many of these people are very stupid -- but they have fat bank accounts or have friends in high places.

I want to know the name of the person who recommended "Brownie" to be head of FEMA.

Unlike Japan, our so-called leaders do everything but take blame when a tragedy occurs. It's always somebody else's fault -- just like when you are a small child.

Notice the similarities?

They may be great politicians, but leaders? No way. Not as long as they act like children.

I don't mean to be so negative about them. I realize that most are highly successful, millionaire attorneys.

If you put our leaders in a courtroom, they would beat the heck out of

lawyers from any other country. We have the best! Unfortunately, they also are expected to have some knowledge of mundane items such as economics and geopolitics.

Oops.

Well, you can't have everything.

Who knows? Maybe we will be able to take on Osama Bin Laden in a courtroom?

So I read that the Inspector General's office comes out with a report blasting the bureaucracy at FEMA for its poor handling of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Unfair!

I mean, did they really expect FEMA's bureaucracy to do a good job?

Well, that's dumb.

How many, many times have I written that a bureaucracy doesn't act, it can only react. Too bad somebody at the Inspector General's office doesn't understand that basic concept of how government operates.

Anytime a disaster occurs, the bureaucracy will react late. That's the way it is.

Here's what the Inspector General's report should have said:

"As expected, FEMA did a horrifying job dealing with immediate hurricane relief. But the good news is that more folks didn't die due to the ineptness of the city, state and federal governments."

"As for FEMA taking over the situation and moving out of the way other legitimate assistance agencies, what counts with a bureaucracy is territorial rights and power. We applaud FEMA for maintaining the high standards any bureaucracy should set, regardless of how badly it injures innocent people."

Now that's the way the report should have read.

I realize I've been rather harsh on President Bush's administration in recent weeks, but they deserve it.

The awful decision to disband the Iraqi army; the "Brownie, you're doing a heckuva job" quote during

the Hurricane Katrina disaster; the decision to use a guns and butter economic policy -- an invitation for high inflation, all enter into my thinking.

But his move into Iraq was brilliant and I still applaud it. The short- and long-term effects of boosting democracy in the region are just beautiful, causing all sorts of problems to the terrorists.

Those who say that the war caused terrorism to flourish simply don't see the full picture. Terrorism was already flourishing there. And with Saddam Hussein, they had the backing of a nation's government.

Our leaders don't want to acknowledge the obvious -- that the war on terrorism will last for decades and we have to get ready for the long haul.

But let's take an overview of these years where the GOP has been in power.

What has been done to help with the health care crisis?

Not a darned thing.

And what about the decline of the middle class, and its tax ramifications (a look at the Texas school-funding mess is a direct result, for example)?

In fact, what new ideas and programs is the Republican Congress promoting?

You tell me.

I wish I had something good to say about our Democrat and Republican

leaders in Congress.

But the truth is that it's all about "scoring points" with the voters now. Statesmanship is a thing of the past.

If the Democrats propose a plan, the Republicans are dead-set against it. And vice versa.

The days of leaders from both parties getting together and working on bi-partisan programs for the good of our nation are dead.

All that matters is winning re-election.

It reminds me of the companies that trade stock shares publicly. It's all about earnings each quarter. Forget long-range goals; if those short-term numbers aren't up, look for corporate types to lose their jobs.

Is that good for the company? Heck, no. But that's the reality of the situation.

The same thing shows up with our Congress. Our politicians do not put the long-term good for our nation as their top priority.

So when I call them "dumb" and "fools", I wish I were wrong.

But as long as they don't put the long-term good of the U.S. as their top priority, I have no respect for them.

Postage hike coming

There will be an increase for postage on Jan. 8.

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Meet Texico's Class of 2018



Adrianna Garcia is a Texico kindergartener. Her birthday is Aug. 25.

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Teams will be picked on Feb. 13 by blind draw. Children will be contacted by their coaches. All games are played in Bovina.

If you are interested in coaching, please call The Bone Joint in Bovina -- (806) 251-1300 -- and tell Honey Sue.

All-Stars will be chosen at the end of the season for the Summer All-Star Leagues in May and June.

Folks needing more applications (besides the one elsewhere in today's Tribune) can pick them up at the State Line Tribune in Farwell.

Emergency loans offered

Parmer, Curry and Roosevelt Counties were declared contiguous counties and eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on Nov. 23, 2005.

The designation was the result of losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, lightning, hail and high winds that occurred on Aug. 27, 2005.

This means that farmers who have suffered physical and production losses are eligible for emergency assistance, provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to contact the FSA office as soon as possible.

The application deadline is July 24.

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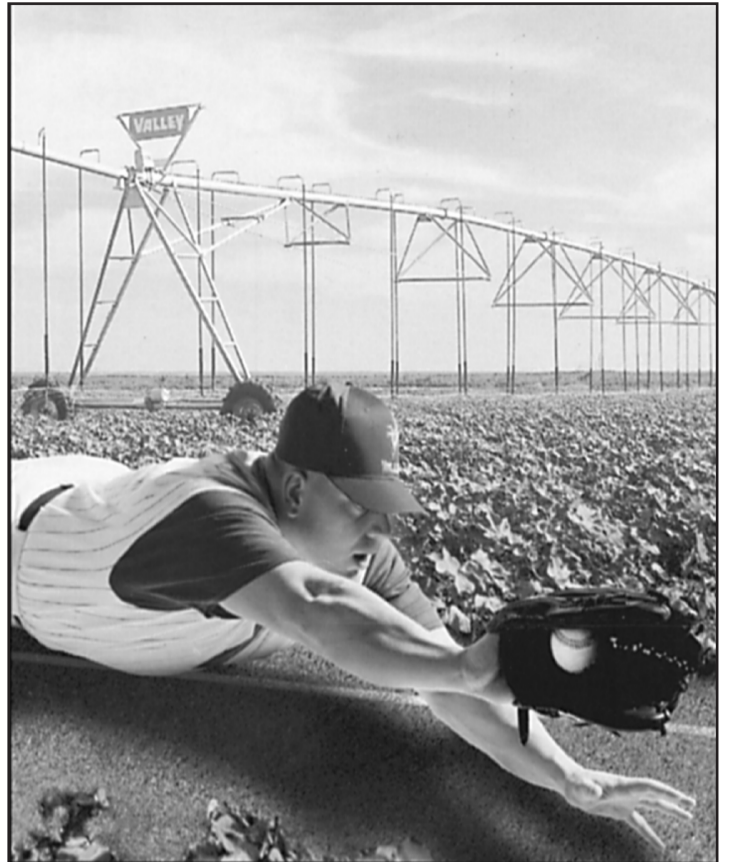
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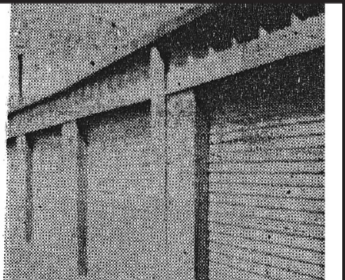
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Ban mandated

Parmer County Judge Bonnie Heald issued an executive order on Tuesday dealing with the threat of wildfires here due to the drought and high winds.

It includes prohibiting the sale of "restricted fireworks" and the use of combustible materials outdoors.

Fines up to \$500 are mandated for violations.

The prohibitions are in effect for 7 days, unless the county commissioners, who meet on Monday, extend it. For the full report on the prohibitions, see the legal ads elsewhere on this page.

Tuesday basketball scores

Farwell

Varsity Boys

The Steers are 8-11 after falling to Tulia there on Tuesday, 41-35.

Scoring were Brett Howard, 5; Matthew Edwards, 5; Ty Gast, 17 (including four 3-pointers); Alex Olmos, 5; and Roper Smith, 3.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue are 7-11 after losing to Tulia, 72-65, on Tuesday.

Scoring were Shelby Christian, 6; Amanda Martin, 2; Britton Barrett, 19; Julie Castillo, 11; Bea Garcia, 10; Dellani Jones, 6; Salida Edwards, 6; and Brooke Lunsford, 5.

Texico

Varsity Boys

The Wolverines are 7-5 after beating Elida, 62-52, on Tuesday in the EPAC Tournament.

Scoring were Isaac Zarate, 2; Curtis Williams, 11; Zane Anderson, 4; Josh Murray, 8; Aaron

Vaughan, 10; Ricky Burns, 2; Justin Garrison, 2; Daniel Schueler, 20, and Chance Bradley, 5.

The Wolverines next play at 6 p.m. mt on Friday at ENMU in Portales in the tourney.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines open EPAC play on Jan. 4 vs. Logan at 6:30 p.m. mt. in the new gym.

Lazbuddie

Varsity Girls

The Lady Longhorns lost to Springlake-Earth, 65-26, on Tuesday.

Scoring were Haley Sexton, Brittney Schacher and Rochelle Smith, 2 each; Brianna Sanchez, 4; Brittany Sexton, 5, and Chelsee Nichols, 13.

Varsity Boys

The Longhorns fell to Springlake-Searth, 51-41, Tuesday.

Scoring were Bryce Haney, 1; Aaron Chavez, 13; Jesse Gomez, 18; Jason Davis, 3, and Arturo

Lucio, 4.

Bovina

Varsity Girls

The Fillies, 11-8 on the season, lost to Whiteface there on Tuesday, 73-58.

Scoring were Hilda Quintero, 9; Ruby Vela, 2; Irma Rocha, 12; Lucero Saucedo, 2; Dorothy Martinez, 15; and Jessica Bachicha, 18.

Varsity Boys

The Mustangs beat Whiteface, 55-45.

Scoring were Mike Ortiz, 21 (including 11 points in the final quarter); Trent Quintana, Oscar Rodriguez and Jeremy Vasquez, 3 each; James Lara, 6; Jesus Rocha, 15; and Robert Knoll, 2 each.

JV Boys

The JV Mustangs lost to Whiteface, 49-10.

Scoring were Josh Ramirez, 6; and Joseph Bermea and Brett Hancock, 2 each.

Texico
Monday - corn dogs, pork & beans, pickle spear, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - chalupas with salsa, cheese, lettuce, corn, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed veggies, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday - hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday - pizza, garden salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Farwell

Monday - fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot biscuits, peach half, milk.

Tuesday - nachos, taco salad, corn, orange half, milk.

Wednesday - cheeseburgers, LTOP, french fries, fruit salad, milk.

Thursday - steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, hot rolls, apple, milk.

Friday - tacos with cheese, LT salad, pinto beans, peach cobbler, milk.

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR PARMER COUNTY
Whereas the County of Parmer on the 3rd day of January 2006 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from:

The threat of wildfires due to drought and other weather related conditions; and

Whereas the County Judge of Parmer County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property, Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the County Judge of Parmer County:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Parmer County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Parmer County.

3. Pursuant to 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Parmer County.

4. Pursuant to 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Parmer County Emergency Management Plan.

This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance,

Ordered this the 3rd day of January 2006.

Bonnie J. Heald
County Judge

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF PARMER COUNTY JUDGE

Executive Order CJ06-01

Whereas, by proclamation issued January 3, 2006, the County Judge of Parmer County declared a state of disaster for Parmer County, resulting from:

The potential threat of wildfires due to drought and adverse weather conditions.

Whereas, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management;

Now, therefore, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated;

1. The sale of "restricted fireworks" is prohibited. Restricted fireworks include "skyrockets with sticks" and missiles with "fins" as provided in 352.051, Texas Local Government Code.

a. A person selling any type of fireworks including restricted fireworks in the county, provide reasonable notice of the order.

2. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited.

a. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, materials used in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.

3. This order shall not apply to an officially authorized public display.

In accordance with Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions by curtailing the use of all combustible materials.

Bonnie J. Heald
County Judge

Wolverines in action



Vaughan sparks Texico win

Varsity Girls

The Texico Lady Wolverines are 8-3 after beating Jal, 45-30, last Thursday there.

Scoring were Bryn Mayfield, 2; Erika Autrey, 1; Brooke Bailey, 2; Faith Martin, 1; Brittany Anderson, 5; Lori Richardson, 15; Stephanie Vega, 2; Stephanie Bailey, 14; and Krystal Williams, 3.

Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines are 6-5 after topping Jal, 59-52, last Thursday.

Scoring were Curtis Williams, 6; Ruben Lindley, 1; Zane Anderson, 2; Josh Murray, 3; Aaron Vaughan, 14; Courtland Luscombe, 16; Justin Garrison, 8; Daniel Schueler, 1, and Chance Bradley, 8.

Vaughan also contributed big-time with 16 rebounds.

JV Girls

The Texico JV Girls whipped Jal, 53-10.

Scoring were Micah Mayfield, 7; Barbara Vidal and Marquita Askew, 2 each; Amanda Bass, 10; Zandi Queener, 15; Holly Harrison, 6; Jaryse Harris, 7; and Brooke Bailey, 6.

JV Boys

The Texico JV Boys won over Jal, 55-50.

Scoring were Tanner Allen, 5; Michael Reid and Daniel Schueler, 4 each; Sterling Bowers, Ruben Lindley and Aaron Lockmiller, 2 each; Mario Posada, 12; Jordan Broome, 8; Casey Crist, 10, and Jesse Walthers, 6.

Obituary

Zelfa Younger

Services for Zelfa Goad Younger, 99, of Melrose and formerly of Texico, will be held at 2 p.m. mt on Jan. 5 at the Steed-Todd Funeral Home, with Revs. E.G. Lambright and Durward Wofford officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery in Farwell.

She died Sunday in a Clovis nursing home.

She was born Oct. 15, 1906, in Pecan Gap, Texas, to Emily and Charles Goad. The final 9 years of her 36 years in public education was spent as Texico elementary school principal.

Surviving are a son, Dan, of Melrose; 2 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions

may be made to the Younger Scholarship Fund, Texico Schools, PO Box 237, Texico NM, 88135.

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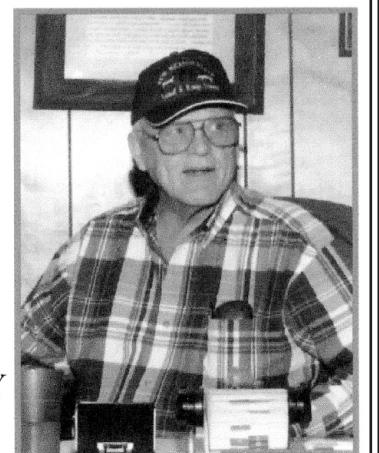
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Jones sinks 5 3-pointers in loss to Abernathy

Varsity Girls
The Farwell Lady Blue lost three games in the Littlefield Tournament last week.
In the opener, they lost to Snyder, 66-31.
Scoring were Brooke Lunsford, 7; Shelby Christian, 1; Amanda Martin, 3; Britton Barrett, 4; Julie Castillo, 3; Dellani Jones, 7, and Salida

Edwards, 6.
Then the Lady Blue lost to Spearman, 66-41.
Scoring were Christian, 3; Barrett, 7; Garcia, 8; Jones, 15 -- all on five 3-pointers; Edwards, 2; and Lunsford, 6.
In the finale, Farwell fell to Abernathy, 54-43
Scoring were Garcia, Barrett and Christian, 10 each; Jones and Edwards,

4 each, and DeLeon, 5.

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers won 2 and lost 2 in the Littlefield Tournament last week.
In the 1st round, they fell to Littlefield, 57-41.
Scoring were Brett Howard, 9; Cory Chadwick, 2; Derrick Chandler, 12; Ty Gast, 6; Matthew Edwards, 4; Colton Sudderth, 1, and Roper Smith, 7.

Then Farwell beat Friona, 49-46.
Scoring were Howard, 2; Chadwick, 1; Chandler, 16; Gast, 18; Smith, 2; and Sudderth, 10.

Then Farwell topped Tulia, 56-50.
Scoring were Howard, 14; Chandler, 17; Gast, 9; Edwards, 10; Sudderth, 2; and Smith, 4.

And Farwell fell to Smyer, 49-34.
Scoring were Sudderth, 5; Smith, 4; Ryan McClaran, 7; Gast, 8; Chandler, 3; Chadwick, 1, and Howard, 6.



Too windy

Wind gusts up to 70 miles per hours struck the Texas Panhandle on Sunday. Many homes lost shingles. And this tree at Farwell City Park got upturned.

The Latest

A question arose recently over whether banners are allowed over the highway in Parmer County.

The highway department allows banners up for special events -- up to 60 days.

But not on permanent banners.

Eloy Aleman, a Farwell fireman, was admitted to Clovis hospital suffering from smoke inhalation after fighting the fire at Barb's Café.

Word has been received of the death of Lillian Mullin, grandmother of Rev. Randy Mullin of Farwell's First Baptist Church.

Friends and relatives of the Ortega family that lost their home just east of Farwell in a fire several weeks ago are asking for your help.

If you have or know of anyone who has a home that needs to be moved off of a farm or land area, please contact Michael or Jovita Anzaldua at (806) 481-9914.

They would appreciate talking with you about the house because the Ortega

family needs another home.

Besides the cotton gin fire, Farwell firemen were very busy last weekend.

On Sunday night and again on Monday morning, they had to put out cross tie fires along the railroad tracks east of Farwell.

And they spent another seven hours at the cotton gin to help end the burr pile problem.

Texico police report all

quiet last week.

Farwell School buses will run at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, due to parent-teacher conferences that day.

Greg Hanks, of Clovis, made his 2nd hole-in-one at the Farwell Country Club on Dec. 31.

He used a 5 iron on the 216-yard No. 11 hole.

Witnesses were Brian Echols, Terry Mulligan and Ray Baize.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris:

On Dec. 27, Eric Mendoza, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. in a school zone. Case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 29, Matthew Rangel, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of forgery by passing. Case pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 29, Refugio Quirino, 37, of San Antonio, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On Jan. 1, Julian Faudoa, 39, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI with child. Case pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 30, Rebecca Andrade, 34, of Clovis, was arrested on a probation violation (out of Randall County). She posted bond and was released.



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A look ahead into 2006:

There was very little action or change as we moved into the end of 2005. Next year will require some planning for hedgers as the volatility is expected to remain very high. Keep in mind there is a huge difference between a "Hedger" and "Speculator". A hedger can only make a market decision based on today's price. A speculator does no care if prices are higher or lower nor do they attempt to "predict" where the market is going. A speculator only works to stay in step with the market meaning, the same direction that prices are moving. Successful speculators may change direction in the market daily, weekly or monthly as the market changes. A hedger has several tools in their arsenal as well, but they have to focus primarily on "risk management" since they are basically "long the market" all the time. There are some strategies which will allow them to cover their topside until marketing is complete.

Funds have become a major factor in futures markets this year. This trend has continued to grow while adding cash into the markets and this is not expected to change in 2006. Funds can be a hedgers "best friend" (with higher prices) or "worst enemy" (with lower prices). In either case, markets may have a tendency to move much further in either direction than what we would call the "norm" when comparing markets of the past? Price trends will change more quickly and volatility will remain high.

Live Cattle & Feeder Cattle: Long term trends remained up into the last quarter, but the market has failed to move substantially higher during this time frame. The USDA indicated that cattle on feed continued to rise and consumer demand continued to fall during the last quarter. The first quarter will need to see a resumption of consumer demand to support a steady/higher market.

Corn & Beans: Funds held "huge short positions" into the end of December. Most of the rally seen late in the year was related to "shorts getting out". Export demand will need a boost early next year in order to turn trends higher which is normally what takes place. Don't expect to see a large swing in acres this year, maybe more in line with a 50/50 corn and beans?

Wheat: Demand is strong, crop conditions are poor which has taken the market back up into contract highs. Prices normally rally into mid January before selling off. No doubt, this year will depend heavily on weather and any improvement in crop conditions world wide.

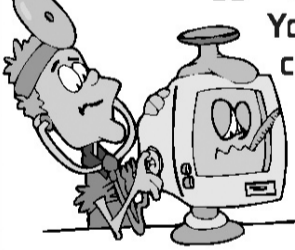
Cotton: Chinese demand is expected to absorb one of the largest world crops in history this year? Prices normally rally up into the Spring which is expected to be the case next year. Trends are basically neutral at this time. Expect to see another record year of planted acres around the world. There has been a call from the WTO for the elimination of all US cotton subsidies in 2006?

Dairy: The dairy markets close out 2005 with the 22nd straight month of above-average milk prices. The Class III price for December is \$13.37, up 2 cents from a month ago and up \$1.09 from the 9 year average. Class III futures for 2006 average \$12.97, 35 cents above the 1996-2005 average. Though the cheese and butter market have slumped into the end of the year, 2005 was one of the highest price years ever. CME blocks averaged 94 cents and NASS survey whey averaged over 27 cents and Class III averaged \$14.05.

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Bovina City Manager takes a look back at 2005

From the Desk of City Manager Ernest Terry:
Looking back on the year 2005, Bovina has accomplished a commendable amount of progress. Each year it appears that the town has stretched its finite resources to the limit, and we can't possibly do more. But the citizens of Bovina come through better each year. What have we done? Let's review the year.
In January, the City received a on "Outstanding, Clean" audit from McGinty & Associates in Hereford. Every dollar taken in by the City was accounted for and recorded properly. The aging Report for 2004 indicated a loss rate of only 0.44%. And the Medicare reimbursement rate for the Ambulance Service was increased.
In February, two brand new and much needed maintenance trucks were purchased for the City's Public Works.
In March, 63 junk vehicles within the City were removed voluntarily by the citizens of Bovina. This helped to clean up the City and made it a better place to live. An interlocal agreement was signed for the EMS

service. And the Bovina Police Department completed and presented to the City Council the 3rd Annual Racial Profiling Report.
In April, the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department purchased an Expedition for use as a Rescue Vehicle from the Parmer County Sheriff's Department.
In May, Bovina successfully completed the first Cemetery Cleanup Day.
In June, the City Council passed an ordinance establishing a Utility Customer Service Policy to set guideline to provide better customer service to the citizens of Bovina. This was also the month that Bovina joined with Clovis in public support of the "Keep Cannon" project.
In July, in support of the Bovina Economic Development Corporation, the City participated and helped establish a Mission, Short, and Long Term Goals for Bovina. Started surveying the property for the new Waste Water and Sewer Plant East of Bovina.
In August, the City Council reviewed and revised the Zoning Ordinance to bring it within the scope of the

City's plans. Several City Officers and Alderman took steps to make Bovina NIMS compliant.
In September, the City Council passed the 5th balanced budget for Bovina that expected expenses of \$2,864,286 with \$227,128 going into savings. The City Council raised taxes, to \$0.58 per \$100 of property value, for the first time in 6 years.
In October, the City Council heard an appeal by Atmos Energy to raise the utility rates and passed a Resolution to suspend action.
In November, the City Council, with the City Engineer, reviewed the plans for the Waste Water and Sewer Plant. The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department purchased a cascade air compressor with FEMA grant funds. And the Municipal Court purchased new court software.
In December, Bovina completed the public review for the new sewer's environmental impact, accepted the City Engineer's resignation, and dismissed Atmos Energy's GRIP rate increase.

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approval first.

Bovina's scheduled varsity basketball games on Dec. 30 against Adrian were cancelled because Adrian didn't have enough players.

There will be an informational meeting for the Bovina Little Dribblers program on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Bone Joint Clinic.
Officers and board members will be elected.
All are welcome.

Estee Lee Lide called last week to tell me her family's news - a new great grandson was born!
He was born on Dec. 26th at Northwest Hospital in Amarillo, and weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz.
Amber and Dustin Ward welcomed him home. He was also welcomed home by 2-year-old Payton.
Grandparents are Eddie Don Lide and Shantel Lucero, and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ward, and Estee Lee Lide - all from Bovina.

School started back up on Tuesday. Please continue to be careful of kids walking across streets/highways. It doesn't really matter who has the right-of-way, life is precious.

Claire and Scott Gober had many of their family home for the holidays. They took advantage of the nice weather and were seen outside a lot. It looked like a good time

Mustangs in action



Bovina yearbooks on sale

Bovina's Mustang yearbook is now on sale.
Only a limited number will be printed, so place your order today to reserve a copy.
Yearbook orders will be taken at the school cafeteria each morning from 7:50 until 8:15 and then again from 9:10 until 9:25 beginning Jan. 9 and ending Jan. 27. You may also purchase a copy in Ms. Anderson's Room (129) at the high school and from Ms. Kay Venable in the office at Ridgelea.
The price again this year is only \$15, which is a great bargain compared to most area school's prices.
You will also be able to personalize your yearbook again this year. You may add one line of personalization (example -- your name) for \$5, or two lines for \$8. Icons may be added for \$3 each, up to four. Additional information and a list of available icons will be available when ordering.
The Mustang yearbook will cover the highlights of 2005-2006 with hundreds of photos and stories about academic accomplishments, club activities, school sports, special events and class histories. A yearbook is always special because it captures the life and times of the school, the class and the achievements of the students.
This may be your only opportunity to purchase a yearbook, so place your order now!
The Mustang yearbook is being produced by the yearbook staff under the direction of adviser Denise Anderson and edited by Co-Editors-in-Chief Karla Rivera and Vanessa Garcia.
For more information, contact Ms. Anderson at the high school at 806-251-1317, ext. 312.

The case involving the death of Johnny Ray Torres on March 4, 2005, was settled. May he rest in peace.

was had by all.

Toya DeLeon visited her grandbaby over the school break - I am sure she had a blast!

Along with the kids returning to school, both Mike and I are returning to work - I took off the two weeks from work to be with our kids and Mike took five days vacation (which with the holidays and weekends turned out to be about 10 days) to be with us.
We didn't do anything but sleep in, play games, and watch movies the entire time! It was great! But, reality does always find you when you have escaped and so, we both return to the working world on Tuesday. No, I am not looking forward to it and neither is Mike. But, the bills need to be paid and so it's off to work we go!

There is a basketball game on Tuesday at Whiteface. Come on out and support the teams.

Bovina School's lunch menus for next week:
Monday - steak fingers, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, wheat rolls, peas, tossed salad, carrot sticks, peaches.
Tuesday - chicken and noodles, toasted cheese, hamburgers, mixed veggies, potato chips, tossed salad, Jello with fruit.
Wednesday - beef taco, pepperoni pizza, corn, salad, cottage cheese, carrot sticks, pears.
Thursday - chicken ala king, rice, hamburgers, carrots, cottage cheese, sherbet.
Friday - sloppy joes, pepperoni pizza, french fries, chili beans, salad, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail.


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School is back in session and that means more basketball is on top.
The Farwell varsity and JV teams host Lubbock Christian on Jan. 6, then start district play at Sudan on Jan. 10.
The Farwell 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys play in the Lazbuddie Tourney Jan. 5-7. On Jan. 9, Texico and Farwell JH teams battle -- girls at Farwell and boys at Texico.
The Lazbuddie JV and JH Tourneys are set for Jan. 5-7. The varsity teams host Spade on Jan. 6, then play at Amherst on Jan. 10. The JH teams host Amherst on Jan. 9.
The Texico varsity teams play in the EPAC Tourney Jan. 3-6, then play at Ft. Sumner Jan. 10 (with JV teams). Besides the Farwell games noted above, the Texico JH teams take on Portales on Jan. 12 -- boys there and girls at home.
The Bovina varsity and JV girls host Sudan on Jan. 6, then all the varsity and JV teams play at Morton on Jan. 10. On Jan. 9, the Bovina JH teams play at Sudan.


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Last call for motto

Jan. 6 is the deadline for entering the city's motto contest, sponsored by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.
The Chamber plans to put up signs at each end of the city that says, "Welcome to Bovina, the
All you need to do is fill in the blank. The winner will have their name printed on all the signs.
The winner will be announced at the Chamber banquet in March.
Send your suggestions to Chamber President Mindy Neal, P.O. Box 718, Bovina TX 79009, or just drop them off at The Bone Joint.
Mrs. Neal reported last week that there have been a good number of entries turned in so far.

It's a Boy

Andrew Victor Garcia was born on Dec. 17 at Clovis hospital at 12:38 a.m. to Andrea Ortiz and Victor Garcia, of Bovina.
He weighed 5 lbs., 9 oz. and was 12 1/2" long.
Maternal grandparents are Carol Ortiz, Cesar Marquez and the late Andrew Ortiz.
Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Angelica Garcia.

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If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2006, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to re-apply for this exemption.

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

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

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Bovina Jr. Basketball League

The Bovina Jr. Basketball League is underway. This program will be open to all boys/girls that are in 1st thru 6th grades. The league has a local board. All games are played in Bovina. With the exception of the All Star program, Which is a traveling team.

Entry fees are \$20.00 for the first child, and \$15.00 for any other child in the same family. The fees pay for trophies, insurance, referees, scorekeepers, gym cleaning, and replacing basketballs.

Please fill out this form and return it with your money to your PE Teacher, or to the elementary office no later than February 10, 2006.

Child's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Age _____ Girl/Boy _____ Grade _____ Birthday _____

Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

Address _____

Tee Shirt Size

Youth: Small (8-10) _____ Medium (12-14) _____ Large (16-18) _____

Adult: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____

If you are interested in coaching or helping a coach, please sign here _____.

Yes my child, has my permission to play basketball. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from activities. I do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the Bovina Jr. Basketball League, the organization, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and person transporting my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

In case of accident and parents can't be reached, please contact:
Name _____ Phone# _____

Basketball league sign-ups begin

The Bovina Junior Basketball League is open to area boys and girls, 1st through 6th grades.

The entry fee is \$20 per child. If a family signs up more than one child, additional children will cost \$15 each. The fees must be paid by Feb. 10 -- there will be no exceptions.

Teams will be picked on Feb. 13 by blind draw. Children will be contacted by their coaches. All games are played in Bovina.

If you are interested in coaching, please call The Bone Joint in Bovina -- (806) 251-1300 -- and tell Honey Sue.

All-Stars will be chosen at the end of the season for the Summer All-Star Leagues in May and June.

Folks needing more applications (besides the one adjoining this article) can pick them up at the State Line Tribune.

Free basketball camp open to everybody

The Bovina Little League basketball camp starts Jan. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The camp is free to all -- just show up and you can participate..

The camp will be held on four consecutive Saturdays. They are (with what the emphasis will be on): Jan. 7, shooting; Jan. 14, passing and dribbling; Jan. 21, defense; and Feb. 4, basic offense.

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Tammy Knoll - 251-5253

Decorating contest winners announced

Winners of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorations contest were:

1st, Randy Davidson, \$50; 2nd, Dot Shephard, \$35; and 3rd, Peggy Hargrove, \$20.

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Engineer Rick Oller has resigned from the upcoming sanitary sewer project so the city is looking quickly to find another project engineer.

At its December meeting, the Bovina City Council voted to send Oller & Associates a letter "of direction." This, in effect, told the engineering firm not to obligate the city for any expenditures without getting council

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Bovina Community Network
251-1333

Bovina art work

This is part of a Tribune series of art by Bovina students. Pictured are high school freshmen Robert Knoll and Isaias Castillo with their painting.

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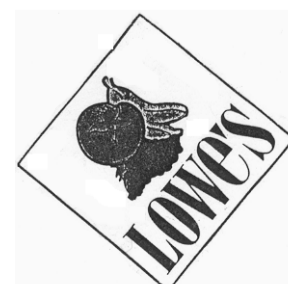
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