



Team members are: Trevor Schilling, J.C. Marrufo, J.J. Herrera, John Dawson, Peyton Lott, Dakotah Yandell, Mitchell Ratke, Diego Licerio, Paco Martinez, Victor Moreno, Marco Terrones, Andrew Marrufo, Austin Ratke, Brody Ramirez, Justin Curtis, Daniel Kirkland, Dillon Kirkland, Shay Harrison, Seth Chilton and Bill Nolte.



Farm Radio: Bo Mitchell, Danielle Bentley, Dan Patterson.



Junior FFA Creed Speakers: Kyle Jennings, left; Torrey Davis.



Senior FFA Creed Speakers Blake O'Hare and Dan Patterson



Job Interview: Haylee Fulcher, left; Laramie Fulcher.

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## Tri City Red Raiders win national crown

by Mike Ratke  
The Tri-City Red Raiders returned home Sunday night from the National Youth Football Championships in Las Vegas, Nev. The team was crowned National Champions in the 11 year old age division on Saturday night in an awards ceremony at the Las Vegas Sports and Convention Center. Overall, the Red Raiders had a season record of 21 wins and 3 losses.



Dillon Kirkland signs the championship game ball while Justin Curtis, J.C. Marrufo and Mitchell Ratke look on.

The tournament used pools of teams to play the contest. The Red Raiders were undefeated, scoring 68 points and allowing 13 against teams from Denver, Colo. The 108 teams participating were ranked in the tournament by tournament win-loss record, points scored in the first quarter, defensive points allowed, defensive points scored and yard

penalized. "Bovina, Farwell and Texico football fans have a lot to look forward to in the future with the group of talent that is on this team," according to Head Coach Sammy Herrera. "e have these kids positioned with football skills and ability to compete against teams that are from huge schools, are much larger players and have good reputations in their respective leagues. They're just no match for our boys from the country. One message that all the

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## Patterson to compete at state FFA contest

On Nov. 8, the Farwell FFA participated in the Littlefield District FFA Leadership Development Events.

Placing were:  
Senior FFA Creed Speakers: Dan Patterson, 1st; Blake O'Hare, 5th.  
Junior FFA Creed Speakers: Torrey Davis, 5th; Kyle Jennings, 6th.

Job Interview: Haylee Fulcher, 8th; Laramie

Fulcher, 9th.  
Farm Radio: Team of Dan Patterson, Danielle Bentley and Bo Mitchell, 10th.

Patterson proceeded to the Area Leadership Competition for Senior FFA Creed Speaker at West Texas A&M University.

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On Nov. 18, the Area 1 FFA Leadership

Development Event was hosted at West Texas A&M University.

Area youths from almost 100 FFA chapters participated, competing in events ranging from public speaking to skills demonstration. The 1st and 2nd place winners from this contest advance to the state meet at Sam Houston University on Dec. 2. State winners then would advance to the national FFA convention in Indianapolis.

Farwell students competing at Area were Dan Patterson and Kyle Jennings.

Jennings placed 12th in the Junior FFA Creed Speaking event.

Patterson placed 2nd in the Senior FFA Creed Speaking event and will compete at state.

### Lady Spikers dominate All-State volleyball teams

The 2006 Class AA All-State Volleyball Teams have been announced and Texico's Lady Spikers dominated them.

1st team outside hitter -- Jaryste Harris and Victoria Richards.

2nd team outside hitter -- Leslie Vannatta.

1st team middle blocker -- Katlin Luscombe.

2nd team middle blocker -- Brooke Bailey.

1st team defensive specialist -- Faith Martin.

1st team setter -- Bryn Mayfield.



Clock designer

Lazbuddie 7th grade Industrial Arts student Jordan Mason holds a clock of her own design. She patterned the clock after a picture in a Raggedy Ann coloring book. With the help of teacher Mickey Chambliss, students are working on several projects such as clocks, checkerboards, a riding burro, a dining room table and a corner book shelf. Jordan is the daughter of Sheldon and Debbie Mason.



### LETTERS TO SANTA

Hey, kids, it's time to mail your Letters to Santa! Any letters to Santa Claus may be mailed at either the Farwell or Texico post offices. Postmasters Lynne Mahaney and Lonnie Pickel guarantee they will get to their destination because they have the North Pole addresses complete with 9-digit zip code. And the letters will appear in the annual State Line Tribune Christmas issue on Dec. 21. Pictured mailing her letter is Emma London, right, while mom Becky and baby sister Lilly look on.



**Obituaries**



**Ann Osborn**

Graveside services for Ann Whitley Osborn, 61, of Friona, were Saturday at Friona Cemetery.

She died Nov. 21. Blackwell Funeral Home handled arrangements.

She was born Oct. 31, 1935, in Hereford to Harry and Marye Whitley. She was a 1954 Farwell High graduate and attended Texas Women's University for three years.

She married McFarland Osborn on June 9, 1957, in Friona. He died July 7, 2003.

She was a member of Friona United Methodist Church; past president of the Friona Chieftains Club, Progressive Study Club and Friona Library Board; served on the West Texas Woman of the Year Board, and the girls' Little Dribblers Board.

She helped found the Meals on Wheels program in Friona, and served as treasurer. She was the 1984 Friona Woman of the Year.

Surviving are 5 daughters, Paige Krakoski, of Phoenix; Shawn Kennington, of Plano; and Nikki Ralstaon, Lacye Ratliff and Tiffany Barclay, all of Fort Worth; and 7 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Friona Friends of the Library or Friona United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.

**Theda Bloxom**

Services for Theda Bloxom, 86, of Friona, were Friday at Calvary Baptist Church with Wayne Proffitt, of Dimmitt, officiating. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.

She died Nov. 22. Blackwell Funeral Home handled arrangements.

She was born March 4, 1920, in Gainesville, to Eldred and Zella Emerson. She was a Parmer County resident since 1960, coming from Lubbock.

Surviving are a son, Larry Williams, of Friona; a daughter, Frances Johnson, of Bovina; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.



**Joyce Coffman**

Services for Joyce Coffman, 86, of Farwell, were Saturday at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church with burial in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled arrangements.

She was born July 16, 1920, in Lelia Lake to Fred and Dollie Barker. She married E.R. Coffman on Aug. 20, 1938. She was a housewife.

Preceding her in death were her husband; a son, Frank; a grandson, Justin Lee; 3 sisters, 2 brothers and her parents.

Surviving are children Sharon Gallon, of Stillwater, Okla.; Hobbie

Coffman, of Farwell; Alice Ewald, of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; Gaye Klump, of Cedaredge, Colo.; and April King, of Amarillo; a sister, Bobbi Wider, of Portales; 18 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Ora Johnson**

Services for Ora Lee Johnson, 92, of Farwell, were held Tuesday in Portales with Dr. Herbert Bergstrom officiating. Burial followed in Portales Cemetery. She died Nov. 23 in Clovis.

She was born Sept. 26, 1914, in Sulfur Springs, Texas, to Lou and William McIntire.

She married Charlie Vititow in Louisiana Aug. 26, 1944. He later died. On April 2, 1976, she married John Johnson. In 1982, the couple moved to Clovis where she lived until her health forced her to move to her sister's home in Farwell.

Surviving are 2 sisters, Bernice Pennington, of Farwell, and Sue Bertram, of Portales.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and 3 brothers, Harold, Allen and Earl McIntire.

**Speakers announced**

The Parmer County Historical Museum in Friona has two speakers on tap.

On Dec. 3 at 3 p.m., Helen Neal, of the Black Historical Cultural Center, Amarillo will discuss "Underground Railroad."

On Dec. 10 at 3 p.m., Allo Reeve will discuss "Brides of the White House." She researched brides who were married in the White House. Both programs are free. Due to limited seating, reservations are required --250-5212. Leave your name and the number attending on the answering machine.

**Border Banter**

--Mike Pomper

**Contest was fun**

Well, I hope you folks enjoyed the Tribune's annual football contest this fall.

We had about 450 persons play it, with 300-plus ballots coming in every week.

I don't know how large other contests are, but I would be willing to bet we have a bigger contest than any newspaper in the Texas Panhandle (or Eastern New Mexico) other than Amarillo and Lubbock.

And what I enjoy best is that so many families play. If you could hear the wives who come in to drop off ballots for themselves and their husbands and smile when they whisper that they were ahead "of their old man."

Quite a kick. And you would be surprised how well the ladies do. They more than hold their own when it comes to picking winners.

I have one friend who tried to talk his wife out of one of her picks in week 11 of the contest. He picked the opponent.

Well, he failed to convince her. And, yep, her team won. He had some egg on his face. His wife is probably reading this now, with a big smile...

This year's winning average of 8.1 was a bit on the low side. Normally, it takes from 8.3 to 8.6 to win.

But I like the lower averages. It keeps the competition close and gives more folks a shot at the overall title. And it means there are lots of upsets in the games we pick. More fun.

While a few folks this year had perfect "12's," such as Week 12 champion Gabriel Garcia, only one entrant this year had a "0", in week 2. And, no, we won't divulge his name. There were five "1's" during this year's contest.

I will always remember the contest's Week 11. That's where we had our only snafu on the contest this year.

Son Rob, who grades

the contest entries each Sunday night, called me for some advice:

Since that previous Saturday was Veterans Day, and there was no mail delivery that day, should he wait to grade the contest until Monday, after our mail entries arrive.

No, I responded, since only 2 or 3 entries come by mail. What are the odds that one of those would win, when we get well over 300 entries a week?

So he graded the entries and the "winner" was notified. Well, you already can figure out the rest of the story.

Two entries arrived on Monday (with Friday postmarks so they are counted), and one was the winner -- Debbie Weir!

Go figger.

**Texico High scholars listed**

Texico High School's 2nd six weeks honor rolls are:

All A's Seniors -- Mikayla Cherry, Melissa Freitas, Warren Jorde, Kyle Teitz.

Juniors -- Amber Johnson, Faith Martin, Bryn Mayfield.

Sophomores -- Brett Anderson, Jordan Broome, Braeden Hadley, Jaryse Harris, Holly Harrison, Shelby Queener, Levi Richards.

Freshmen -- Shay Anderson, Garrett Garrison, Holly Inman, Marques Pena, Monique Pena, Victoria Richards.

A-B Seniors -- Dominique Askew, Tyler Luce, Bryan Reeser, Leslie Vannatta.

Juniors -- Brooke Bailey, Josh Brown, Elvis Gaytan, Courtney Hall, Aaron Lockmiller, Courtland Luscombe, Noe Marquez, Micah Mayfield, Ryan Morgan, Josh Murray, Daniel Schueler, Jonathan Sullivan, Stephanie Vega.

Sophomores -- Markita Askew, Amanda Bass, Kristen Beltran, Laiken Crist, Amanda Graham, Laura Maldonado, Anette Monarrez, Mario Posada, Tabitha Wallin, Glen Wike, Zachary Zurzolo.

Freshmen -- Seth Bailey, Devanee Cherry, Shelby Cockerham, Yesenia Garcia, Roger Gomez, Christy Herrington, Jonathan Hill, Summer Price, Jennifer Shirley, Lisa Vidal.

<b>Please attend church services</b>	<b>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</b> Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.	<b>Bovina Church of Christ</b> Mike Prather, minister Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Bible class - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Lazbuddie Methodist Church</b> Rev. Ken Peterson Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	<b>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</b> James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	<b>First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie</b>
<b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b> Rev. Kyle Clayton Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m. www.fbcfarwell.org	<b>First Baptist Church of Texico</b> Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.	<b>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</b> David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
<b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b> Rev. Scott Spitsberg Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b> Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter 7:30 p.m. summer	<b>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico</b> Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.
<b>Lariat Church of Christ</b> Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer	<b>Church of Christ</b> 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	<b>Farwell Church of Christ</b> Phillip Steyn -- preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship ; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.
<b>Assembly of God Church, Texico</b> Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	<b>New Light Baptist Church</b> Rev. Bryan Phillips Sr. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Bovina United Methodist Church</b> Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.
<b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> Fr. Jose Luis Chavez Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. in English; Noon in Spanish. CCD -- 10:30 a.m. Evening Mass: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wed. - Fri.	<b>First Baptist Church Of Bovina</b> Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	<b>Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina</b> Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.
<b>Farwell Convalescent Center</b> Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday	<b>Lazbuddie Church of Christ</b> Mickey Chambiss - minister Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday -- 7 p.m.	<b>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</b> Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

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From left: Parmer County Extension Agent - Agriculture Cody Hill; Drew Johnson; Texas 4-H Council President Dan Patterson; Gary Patterson; Emily Allen, and County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences, Suzanne Reese.

## District 2 Gold Star banquet honors trio of Parmer County residents

The 49th Annual District 2 Gold Star Banquet was held at Texas Tech University sponsored by several panhandle Electric Cooperatives including Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Emily Allen of Friona and Drew Johnson of Farwell were awarded the Gold Star Certificates representing the highest honor achievable in the 4-H Program.

Gary Patterson was honored with the Distinguished Leader Award recognizing his contributions as a volunteer to the Parmer County 4-H Program.

Dan Patterson, Texas 4-H Council President served as the keynote speaker for the event and delivered an address entitled "What is your reaction to failure?"

Emily Allen, 16, is the daughter of Delwin and Patsy Allen and a junior at Friona High School.

When asked what 4-H and the Gold Star meant to her she replied, "4-H is keeping our family tradition, doing things I never thought I could, helping younger members with their first food show, working all night on my record book and realizing that the best rewards come from helping others. Receiving a Gold Star has been my goal since my first 4-H awards banquet. It is a symbol for all the projects, activities, friends, places and memories that are now a part of my 4-H Story. It has prepared me for the challenges of my future with the confidence to help others like my family, agents, and adult leaders have helped me."

Drew Johnson, the 15-year-old son of Scott and Patti Johnson, is a sophomore at Farwell High School. Drew says, "To me, 4-H means spending time with my family. We travel together across the state showing our animals and meeting new 4-H friends. Besides our church, 4-H and my family have defined my life. The Gold Star award on the wall of my dad's office has always been a source of motivation to me. When I see it, I think about all I've learned from him. Receiving the Gold Star would be a tribute to my dad and to his dedication - a legacy of 4-H that he has given to me and my family."

Gary Patterson was also awarded the distinguished leader award which recognizes the contributions of volunteers. He has generously donated many hours of service in organizing and raising funds for the Farwell and Parmer County stock shows. He has raised three Gold Star recipients and is now the father of the Texas 4-H Council president. This past year, he served as coach for the state qualifying livestock judging team.

## Lady Blue beats Dimmitt in overtime; Christian sparks 8th grade win

### 7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys lost last week to Olton, 36-3.

Scoring were Ryan DeLeon, 3, and Kory Jennings, 1.

### Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers lost to Dimmitt on Nov. 21, 69-34.

Top scorers were Emanuel Pereda and Ross McClaran, 9 each.

### Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue beat Dimmitt, 55-52, in overtime on Nov. 21. Farwell took the lead when Brianna Anglin grabbed a rebound, and put it back for 2 points in OT.

Scoring were Britton Barrett, 20; Hayley Fowler, 12; Tiffani Jones, 6; Brooke Lunsford and Shelby Christian, 2 each; Salida Edwards, Anglin and Amanda Martin, 4 each.

### 8th Girls

Farwell's 8th grade girls beat Olton, 20-13, last week.

Scoring were Laney Christian, 11; Brooke Hall, 4; Crystal Reyes, 1, and Lauryn Meyer, 2.

### 7th Girls

Farwell's 7th grade girls lost to Olton, 29-21, last week.

Scoring were Danielle Cockerham, 4; Clarisa Garcia, 5; Keila Jennings, 6; Kristen Langford, 4; and

Abby Johnson, 2.

### 'White' Girls

Farwell's "white" girls teams lost to the Shallowater freshmen, 40-16.

Scoring were Cambry Devault, 4; Adriana Gutierrez, 6; Brenda Delgado, 4; and Gaby Vidauri, 2.

## The Latest

Cassie Smith, who attended Texico elementary and junior high schools, has been named the new managing editor of the Olton Enterprise newspaper.

Cassie had been working at the Muleshoe Journal.

Word has been received of the death of Bill Yeary, 82, of Lubbock. He and Jean Bearden married in Progress.

He died Nov. 23.

Word has been received of the death of Glenna Warren, 88, of Farwell. Services were held Monday in Hobbs, N.M.

Blood donations will be taken at the Farwell Medical Clinic on Dec. 12 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the donor bus.

The state champion Farwell Lady Blue cross-

## Lazbuddie teams fall

### Varsity Girls

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns got nipped on Nov. 21 by Bovina, 48-46.

Scoring were Briana Sanchez, 6; Brittany Schacher, 5; Rochelle Smith, 4; Megan McGuire, 5; Brittany Smith, 11; and Chelsee Nichols, 15.

### Varsity Boys

The Longhorns lost to Bovina, 62-35, on Nov. 21.

### Champs

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team wanted to convey to everyone from Farwell, Texico and Bovina was gratitude. "There's no way we could have gone on the trip and competed without the money we had from everybody", said Austin Ratke.

The National Championship Trophy will be on display at Farwell, Texico and Bovina Elementary Schools.

Coach Herrera was assisted by assistant head coach Izzy Marrufo, plus Charles Lott, Dallas Yandell and Randy Harrison.



## Jenkins welcomed home

Texico champion bull rider L.J. Jenkins was honored on Nov. 21 at the Texico Community Center with a big welcome from local folks. That day was proclaimed "L.J. Jenkins Day" in New Mexico by Gov. Bill Richardson in honor of L.J.'s win in the Professional Bull Riders World Finals in Las Vegas. He is ranked 7th in the world PBR standings. He is pictured with Mike Ashley, left.

country team will be honored during halftime of the Farwell-Grady boys' basketball game during the Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament on Dec. 7.

There's been a man driving a 3-wheeler bicycle around Farwell the past couple of months who kids like to call "Santa Claus" because of his white bear.

The man is Don Pipho, and his wife has been the interim administrator at the Farwell Convalescent

Center. The Piphos leave our area on Saturday.

The Farwell National Honor Society is hosting a community-wide coat drive for families in the Farwell community and for the Lighthouse Mission in Clovis.

It will be Dec. 4-8. Drop-off boxes will be placed in every school building.

Please ensure that the coats you donate are clean and in good condition.

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**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of our Farwell elementary and junior high students and teachers for their performances and coaching in this year's District UIL academic meets.

As a parent, high school UIL coach and coordinator, I know first hand the kind of hard work, time and dedication it takes to be so successful in these academic meets. I had the privilege of attending this special day and seeing not only my children, but other Farwell students as well, perform in their speaking events. I was amazed at the talent we have right here in Farwell.

The results of these contests prove it to be so. If you have never been to a UIL academic meet, you must go. UIL academics are the best kept secret in Texas ... and contrary to what most believe, it is a spectator sport with a competitive spirit like no other.

As I sat there listening to Lincoln Devault and Russell Schilling give their modern oratory speeches, I was so blessed by seeing these kids excel at one of the most difficult contests. I found myself thinking, "Wow!" Traci Read and I were the only ones that got to see these two young men give a 6-minute researched, totally memorized speech with emphasis, conviction and meaning. They were awesome!

After that day, it dawned on me that these kids would be coming to high school and I got really excited. Why is this so important? The elementary and junior high coaches and administrators are instilling in all these students a love and desire for UIL academics. This is making my job easier as these "up and coming" youngsters come to high school with a love for UIL and a desire to carry on the traditions that we, at the high school level, are working so hard to establish.

On every level, UIL academics is a priority and that is what will breed academic champions for many years to come.

In the three years I have been here, every business in this community has generously contributed in one way or another to our UIL programs. We owe this great success to our businesses and community as well. The difference between an average school and a great school is community involvement and support. We are great because of you!

Another factor of success is having a superintendent that has placed a special emphasis on being successful in UIL academics. I will never forget when Mr. and Mrs. Gregory stayed and watched Jon and Jourdan debate last year all the way through the State semi-finals in CX Debate. Many of my colleagues from other schools were in AWE of the fact that my superintendent supported us so much to come, watch, support, encourage, stay and "endure" the state tournament. I knew after that, we at Farwell are special and different and destined for success simply because we have the support and recognition of one man.

As I look back on that day, I once again am speechless at our students' performances and behavior. They made all of us proud! I encourage each of you to be a part of the "Best Kept Secret in Texas" and come see your child in a UIL academic event. You will truly be rewarded as I was that day and every other day that I have the privilege to work with these kids in their UIL academic events. That makes my job no longer a job, but my life!

Angela Hall  
Farwell parent, teacher and FHS UIL coordinator

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Dear Editor,

I received my copy of the Tribune yesterday and was pleased to see the note that 50 years ago Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Billington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. I am a grandson of theirs and remember attending that celebration.

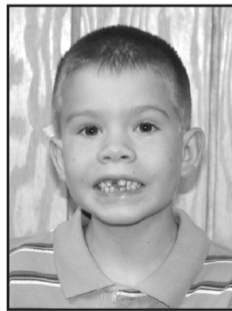
It is coincidental that this past weekend my wife and I hosted a family reunion here in Fort Worth honoring the 100th anniversary of that union. I had relatives from four generations attend, one from as far away as Hawaii. I would love to have a copy of the article that ran in the paper in 1956, if that is possible.

I look forward to hearing from you or someone on your staff.

Sincerely,  
Mike Billington

Editor's note: No problem, we took care of it.

**Meet Farwell's Class of 2019**



Clay Brigham is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is April 2. Parents are David Brigham and Mickie Romeo. His sister is Harlee. Grandparents are Bill & Terry Brigham. He likes to read and be with his dad. His favorite color is red. His favorite food is mac & cheese. He doesn't like cleaning his room and going to bed.

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**Lazbuddie Elementary School Students of the Week**



Peter Guenter, 8, is a 3rd grader. His birthday is July 7. His parents are David and Ava Guenter. His favorites: food, beans; subject, math; color, blue; friend, Juan; and most admired, his dad.



Joshua Cox, 4, is a pre-kindergarten pupil. His birthday is Oct. 29. His parents are Brandon and Valerie Cox. His favorites: food, apples and bananas; subject, coloring; color, yellow; friend, Christopher; and most admired, Spiderman.

**County wants railroad crossing to stay open**

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday held a lengthy discussion over plans by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to close a railroad crossing just east of Cargill Meat Solutions.

This would cause a problem for some local property owners and businesses that use the crossing -- Teddy King, the Whites and Jim Murphree.

The attorneys present, Boyd Brown and Cody Simmons, represent some of those folks.

The commissioners will seek a railroad representative

**Banquet options explored**

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce on Monday discussed ideas for a speaker or entertainment for next spring's annual banquet.

If anyone has suggestions, please all Chamber secretary Cynthia Trower at City Hall, 481-3620.

In other business, the Chamber:

-- Won't have a December meeting.

-- Thanked Ralph Franse for the outstanding job he did coordinating the Veterans Day program. And Farwell School was thanked, too, for allowing use of its facility on a Saturday.

-- Doesn't plan to have a Veterans Day program next year because the holiday falls on a Sunday. It was felt that having the program at 11 a.m. on a Sunday wasn't the best way to go.

-- Heard Rebecca Pomper report on meeting with Farwell art teacher Robin Gregory for a possible contest on creating a "Welcome to Farwell" sign.

It was noted that Chad Griswold is preparing a city seal. Once that is done, discussions will continue on creating a sign.

**Area 4-H'ers recognized**

Area youths were recognized at the annual Curry County 4-H affair last week. Project awards went to:

- Sheep, market -- Braeden Hadley.
- Outstanding record book, senior -- Kayla Hinrichs.
- Beef, market -- Kayla Hinrichs, Braeden Hadley.
- Cattle breeding -- Mikayla Cherry.
- Clothing -- Klyynn Thomas, Kayla Hinrichs.
- Fibercraft -- Braeden Hadley.
- Leadership -- Braeden Hadley.

**Texico Police Report**

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief John Mares:

On Nov. 25, Roy Goodwin, 51, of Texico, was charged with DWI and open container.

On Nov. 24, Jose Gutierrez, 34, of Clovis, was charged with open container, no driver's license and open warrants. On Nov. 22, Jose Cenicerros, 26, of Texico, was charged with DWI and reckless driving.

**They're No. 1**

Pre-season polls rank the Texico Lady Wolverines basketball team as No. 1 in its class in New Mexico.

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to attend its next meeting, along with officials from Cargill.

The county attorney is being asked to draw up a letter opposing the crossing closure, and recommending that crossing arms be placed there instead.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Rescheduled the final December meeting to Dec. 20.  
-- Received \$20,765 worth of state surplus materials (ground-up asphalt) which will go to Pcts. 1 (Frona area) and 2 (Bovina area).

When materials are received, they alternate between the county's four precincts.

-- Continued the legal process toward the County Road DD construction project.

**Courthouse Notes**

The following warranty deeds were recorded by the Parmer County clerk's office last week:

- Allo Reeve -- Kinton Johnson, L7-8 B12 Friona.
- Carolina Alvarado - Gerald Barnett, SW/4 S3 Blk A Rhea Bros.
- Jaime Robles - Dan Padilla, L9 B29 Friona.
- Roscoe Parr Jr. - Mark Anthony, L7 B43 Friona.
- C.B. Eddins - Salvador Gonzales, L10 B39 Friona.
- Wilson-Welch family partnership - Eric Rushing, W/2 S32 Charles Harding.
- John Dixon et al - Leon Schilling, L1 & 3-4 B98 Bovina.
- Edward White - Carol Gilley, L22 E19 1/2" L21 B34 Friona.
- HUD - Morley & Arrant, W 75' L7-8 W 75' S/2 L9 B29 Bovina.
- Joe Haseloff - Scott Johnson, W/2 S32 T9S R1E.
- Neff Preston - John Visser trust, W/2 S11 S of RR right of way; L1-2 & 8-9 E/2 of L7 & 10 S10; L16 E/2 L15 S10 T16S R1E.
- Charlie Eubank estate - Jessica Gonzalez, L3 B98 Bovina.
- Eric Rushing - Wilson Welch family partnership, NE/4 S4 Blk C.
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**Meet Texico's Class of 2019**



Destiny Molina is a Texico kindergartener. Her birthday is July 25. Her mother is Joanne Molina. Her brothers are Hector & Joseph. Grandparnts are Carlos & Josefina Gaytan. She loves ponies. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. She likes to eat mashed potatoes.

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It's time for more basketball:  
Texico -- The varsity teams will play in the Idalou, Texas, Tourney Nov. 30-Dec. 2, then play in the Farwell Tourney Dec. 7-9. The JV boys will play in the Clovis Tourney Nov. 30-Dec. 2. The JH teams play on Dec. 7 -- the girls host Gattis and the boys play at Gattis.  
Lazbuddie -- The varsity teams play in the Hale Center Tourney Nov. 30-Dec. 2. The varsity teams (and JV boys) play at Clovis Christian Dec. 5, then the varsity teams enter the Whitharral Tourney Dec. 7-9.  
Farwell -- The varsity teams play in the Shallowater Tourney Nov. 30-Dec. 2. The varsity and JV teams host Muleshoe Dec. 5. Then the varsity teams host the Farwell Tourney Dec. 7-9. The JH tames play Springlake-Earth Dec. 4 -- the girls there and the boys at home.  
Bovina -- The varsity teams play at Kress on Dec. 5, then in the Farwell tourney Dec. 7-9. The JH teams play Hale Center on Dec. 4 -- the boys there and the girls at home.

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### Sheriff's Report

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

On Nov. 22, Jose Gonzales, 29, of Earth, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of driving with a suspended license and failure to ID. Both cases are pending in county court.

On Nov. 24, Ricardo Buenrostro, 33, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of assault. Case pending in county court.

On Nov. 24, Piero Buenrostro, 32, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of assault. Case pending in county court.

On Nov. 24, Julio Jimenez, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On Nov. 26, Juan Contreras, 21, of Bovina, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On Nov. 24, Dustin Ward, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

On Nov. 13, Joshua B. Dunigan, 19, of Amarillo, charged with violation of community supervision (evading arrest), had the supervision revoked and was sent to state jail division for 9 months; \$1,128 court costs, and \$750 fine.

On Nov. 21, Irene M. Garcia, 36, of Portales, charged with forgery, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$316 court costs; \$500 attorney fees; \$1,231 restitution.

On Nov. 21, Ernesto Garcia Ramos, 22, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$316 court costs; \$750 fine; \$2350 attorney fees; \$140 restitution.

On Nov. 21, Serafin Garcia Vasquez, 30, of Friona, charged with DWI 3rd or more, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 4 years; 10 days in county jail; loss of driver's license for 18 months; \$416 court costs; \$750 fine.

On Nov. 21, David Cardanus Esparza, 30, of Friona, charged with DWI 3rd or more, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated for 4 years; 10 days in county jail; loss of driver's license for 18 months; \$416 court costs; \$350 attorney fees; \$1,000 fine.

On Nov. 20, Larry Lee Guerra, 41, of Friona, charged with indecency with a child (Case No. 1), was sentenced to 8 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$541 court costs; \$2,500 fine; \$225 attorney fees; \$326 restitution; for indecency with a child (Case No. 2), he got the same judgement as with case No. 1; and for aggravated assault (Case No. 3), he was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$541 court costs; \$5,000 fine; \$225 attorney fees; \$326 restitution.

### Texico JH teams destroy Portales

#### 7th Girls

Texico's 7th grade girls beat up on Portales, 30-20, on Nov. 21.

Scoring were Megan Long and Monica Loera, 4 each; Jordyn Cooper, 15; Jaylynn Cooper, 5; and Taylor Lane, 2.

#### 7th Boys

Texico's 7th grade boys knocked off Portales, 33-31.

Scoring were Tre Orozco, 20; Jesus Rivera, 6; Justin Graham, 4; and Sergio Posada, 3.

#### 8th Girls

Texico's 8th grade girls toppled Portales, 29-26.

Scoring were Khiara Loera, 16; Diana Corona, 6; Morgan Pinnell, 4; Fallon Scanlan, 2, and Mogan Mayfield, 1.

#### 8th Boys

Texico's 8th grade boys put away Portales, 45-39.

Scoring were Lucas Walthers, 15; Jose Posada, 6; Juan Rivas, 9; Connor Doolittle, 5; and Garrett Foote and T.J. Serna, 4 each.

### Prairie Acres

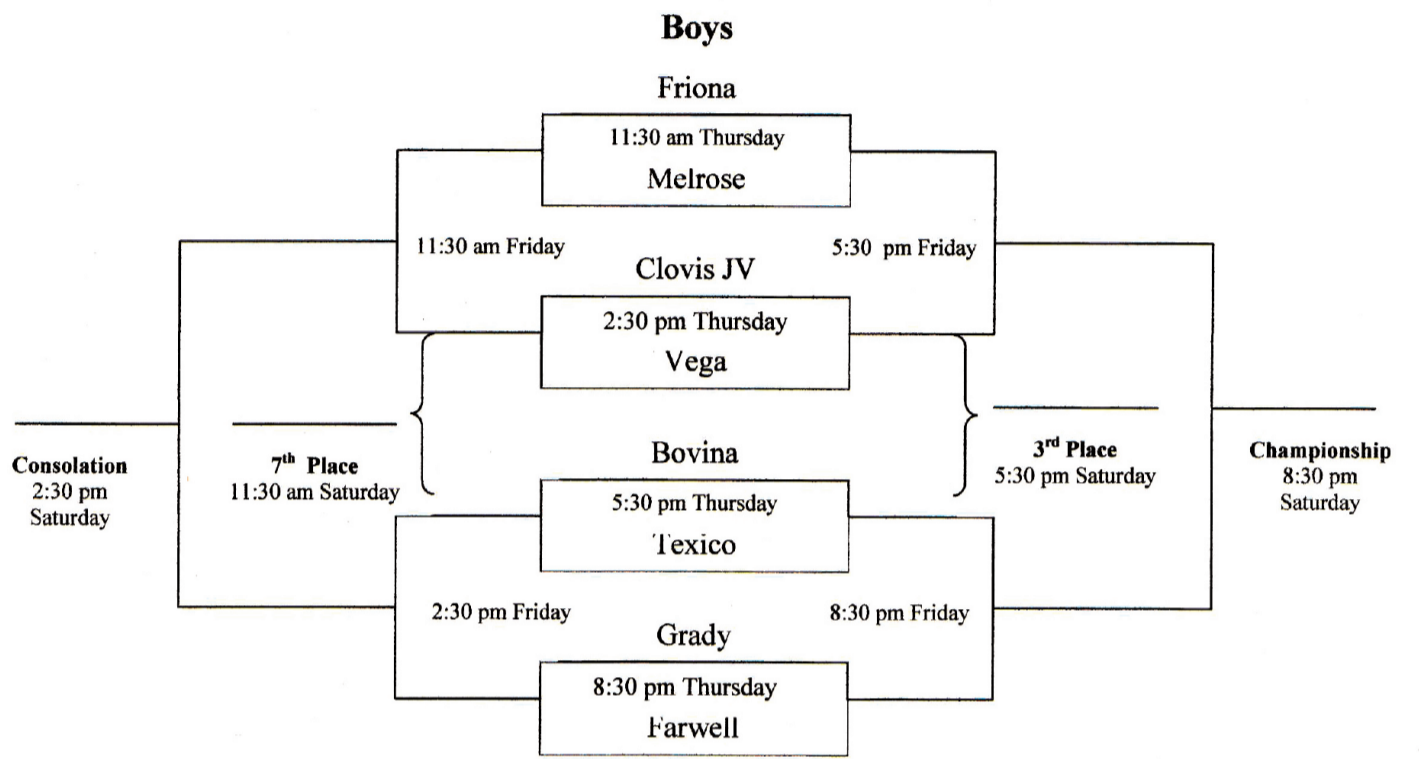
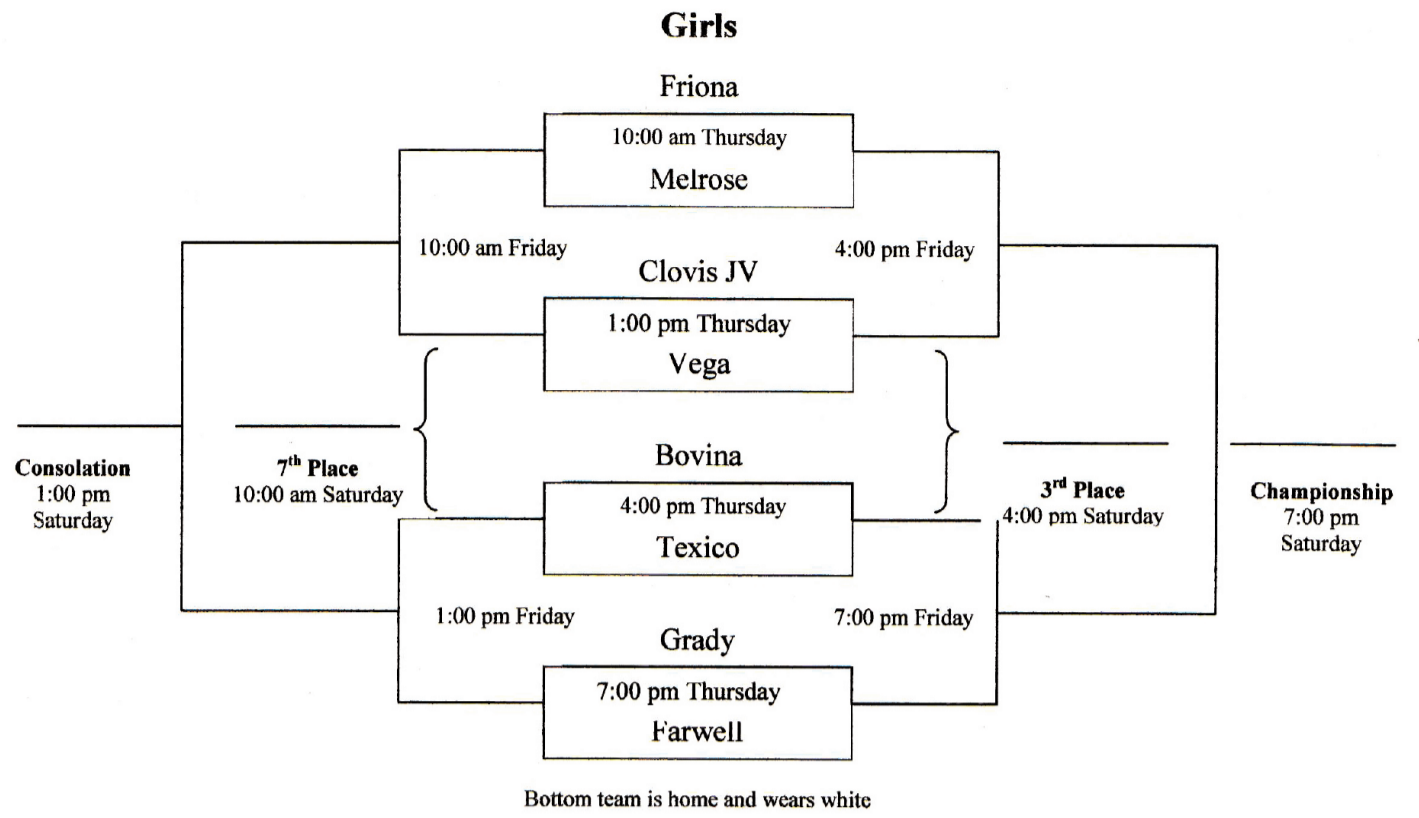
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# Here are late basketball scores

**Farwell Varsity Girls**  
The Farwell Lady Blue lost to Friona on Tuesday, 46-31.

Scoring were Brianna Anglin and Salida Edwards, 3 each; Britton Barrett, 4; Tiffani Jones, 7; Kalyn Meyer, 5, and Hayley Fowler, 9.

**JV Boys**  
Farwell's JV Boys fell to Friona, 59-36.

Scoring were Rowdy Smith, 6; Cameron Kirkland, 8; Brian Meeks, 7; Johnathan Edwards, 13, and Aaron Warren, 2.

**Varsity Boys**  
The Steers lost to Friona, 98-31.

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## Bovina adopts hazard plan

The Bovina City Council held a special meeting on Nov. 21 to adopt the Parmer County Hazard Analysis Plan.

In a nutshell, this means that in case of a disaster, the city might get FEMA emergency help.

It's only for causes identified in advance, such as tornadoes.

Nolte, 3; Brett Howard, 8; Bo Mitchell, 1; Ross McClaran, 2; Alex Olmos and Dan Patterson, 6 each; and Emanuel Pereda, 5.

**8th Girls**  
Farwell's 8th grade girls lost to Bovina, 27-18.

Scoring were Laney Christian and Crystal Reyes, 6 each; Michelle Wauson, Pamela Lara and Lauryn Meyer, 2 each; and Brooke Hall, 9.

**JV Girls**  
Farwell's JV girls fell to Friona, 74-31.

Scoring were Megan Patrick, 8 (with a pair of 3-pointers); Lauren Beaubien, 7; Lindsey Mullin, 3; Micky Cenicerros, 8; Keegan Langford, 1; and Laura Martinez, 5.

**7th Girls**  
Farwell's 7th grade girls beat Bovina, 28-8.

Scoring were Kella Jennings, 10; Danielle Cockerham, 4; Kristen Langford, 6; and Clarisa Garcia, Emily Agee, Abby Johnson and Jackie Meza, 2 each.

**Bovina Varsity Boys**  
The Bovina Mustangs lost to Vega on Tuesday, 56-39.

Scoring were Jeremy Vasquez, 4; Trent Quintana, 6; Ivan Solis, 11; James Lara, 2; Jesus Rocha, 14; Oscar Rodriguez, 3.

**Varsity Girls**  
The Fillies fell to Vega, 56-37.

Scoring were Hilda Quintero, 3; Ruby Vela, 6; Audrie Terrones, 4; Lucero Saucedo, 3; Haylee Hughes, 4; and Jessica Bachicha, 17.

**Texico Varsity Boys**  
The Texico Wolverines opened their season on Tuesday with a 61-49 win over Dora there.

Scoring were Jesse Walthers, 2; Jordan Broome, 5; Ruben Lindley, 14; Josh Murray, 6;

### The Latest

Farwell officials have been in contact with Burlington Northern Santa Fe folks about repairing the tracks between Texico and Farwell.

The BNSF plans to do it ... sometime.

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No trash pickup in Farwell last week? The truck was down.

# Here is a great way to say Merry Christmas

To continue an important tradition, the First Bank of Bovina will sponsor a large ad in the Tribune's Christmas issue giving credit to Bovina area friends and neighbors who contribute to the annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Ambulance Service.

This fund-raiser benefits the Bovina Ambulance Service and the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

All you need to do is stop by the First Bank of Bovina and drop off a donation, of any amount, in the name of the Bovina Ambulance Service. It will keep strong this very important volunteer group. And your name will appear in the Christmas issue ad in the Tribune on Dec. 21st.



Bovina, Farwell 7th graders play

Courtland Luscombe, 15; The Lazbuddie Seth Bailey, 2; Mario Longhorns beat Plainview Posada, 2; and Daniel Christian, 46-34, on Tuesday. Schacher, 15.

Scoring were Steve Pacheco, 11; Jacob Schacher and Devlin Thompson, 8 each; Bryce Haney and Joaquin Campos, 2 each; Jason Davis, 9; and Kayle Jesko, 6.

**Varsity Girls**  
The state's No. 1 ranked Texico Lady Wolverines opener their season with a 50-20 pasting of Lovington at home on Tuesday.

Scoring were Katlin Luscombe, 11; Bryn Mayfield, 9; Brooke Bailey, 8; Faith Martin, 5; Jaryse Harris, 4; Micah Mayfield, 3; Stephanie Vega, 4; Leslie Vannatta, 2; Amanda Bass, 2; Victoria Richards, 2.

**Lazbuddie Varsity Boys**

*I am proud to say that we really do live in a town of good friends and neighbors.*

*I would like to thank my friends and neighbors for all the prayers, food, cards, flowers, and visits following the sudden loss of our daddy.*

*I would especially like to thank John Blackwell along with Dusty and the rest of Blackwell Funeral Home for the professional arrangements made.*

*We will keep all of you in our hearts. God bless all of you and your families,*

*The Bachicha children  
Max, Dolores, Percilla,  
Gabby, Raymond, Lisa and Alex.*

# Texico looks at new sewer system

The Texico City Council on Tuesday discussed plans for the city sewer system.

As a first step in getting grant money, the city had requested a preliminary engineering report from an engineering company to look at the sewer system and to get estimates on repair work. The engineers pointed out that the sewer system is badly in need of repair or outright replacement, and according to their report, parts of the lagoon system were designed pre-World War II.

Optimal lagoon systems have about 6 percent solid waste, but right now Texico is looking at about 60 percent solid material which makes it much more difficult to dispose of waste. The report further pointed out that the lagoon is not lined with concrete, which the state requires, and if Texico grows in the future, the facility will quickly become too small.

Plans ranged from \$900,000 up to \$3.1 million for a complete replacement of the entire system and building a modern wastewater facility that would reclaim water to help supplement ground water. The cost of a \$900,000 project, if the city does not receive any grants or other help, would mean a sewer bill increase of \$8 per month per household for the next 20 years

to pay off.

The council voted to look into grant money from the state to cut the cost of the project. Councilman Oran Jay Autrey also pointed out that there might be some ways to cut the costs before they finalize the deal.

In other business the council:

- Discussed the Phase 1 water project problems that were reported on five weeks ago.

At the time, completion of the water pipe from the north side of town to the south side came up several hundred feet short, and the engineering company had asked the city to pay more money to complete the project. After some negotiations, the council feels that the engineering company is going to pay for the mistake.

However, the engineering firm is asking for an additional \$2,300 to finish the project. The reason for the additional money is for part of the work that they could not foresee when they began, as a valve that they believed to be underground was not where they expected it to be. The council felt that they was a legitimate reason to ask for more money, but they wanted the engineering company to put in writing that they would finish the

rest of the work before beginning on this part.

- Heard from Mike Hannagan that the plans for the second phase of the water project are beginning, and the city will start work on the \$200,000 project to clean up wells and connect them to the municipal system.

- Discussed a citizen's request for the city to put up a sign honoring Texico's L.J. Jenkins, who recently won the PBR national finals for bull riding. City Attorney Ty Rutter pointed out that the city cannot endorse a person, but an organization in the city can put up a sign. The council unanimously voted in support of anyone who is interested in doing this.

- Was notified by Fire Chief Lewis Cooper that the company responsible for cleaning up after the fuel truck accident in front of the Spur Restaurant will be back on Dec. 4 to look at fixing the road, sidewalks, and other parts damaged from the accident. They didn't have a timetable for an end to the repairs until they had a chance to look at what they needed to do.

**Texico**  
Monday -- grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, mixed veggies, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - chalupas, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk.  
Wednesday - country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday - chicken patty on bun, tater tots, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday - pizza, garden salad, fruit, milk.

**Farwell**  
Monday -- chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, salad, hot rolls, pear, milk.

Tuesday - beefy nachos, taco salad, ranch style beans, apple, milk.

Wednesday - turkey & cheese sub, lettuce leaf, pickles, carrots, chips, peach crisp, milk.

Thursday - BBQ on bun, potato salad, ranch style beans, orange wedges, milk.

Friday - corn dogs, baked beans, chips, fruit salad, milk.

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# BOVINA



Proud Home of the Mustangs & Fillies

## Bovina Banter

Toya DeLeon  
251-1496

They are home!!!  
Task Force Cobra returned home to Rio Rancho on Nov. 18 and brought home two area men -- SPC Cuitlahuac DeLeon, of Bovina (my husband), and Sgt. Jason Meeks, of Farwell.

We were glad to have them home and they are happy to be here. They had been on active duty for 15 months supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Middle East. The guys were in a parade on Sunday followed by a ceremony.

We had a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Rita Mast had lots of company for Thanksgiving: Cathy Bowers, of Carlsbad, Calif.; Broox, Anita, Art, Jana, from San Marcos; Stuart Bailey, of Boise, Idaho; and Buzz, Robin, Colin, Cory and Shannon.

The varsity teams play at Kress on Dec. 5, then in the Farwell tourney Dec. 7-9. The junior high teams play Hale Center on Dec. 4 -- the boys there and the girls at home.



SPC Cuitlahuac DeLeon and Sgt. Jason Meeks

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The Quanah Indians, who beat the Mustangs in the state playoff opener, lost last weekend despite over 150 rushing yards by their star tailback.

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Brady Heaslett is home in Bakersfield, Calif., and recovering, reports Pernie Free, his great-grandmother.

\*\*\*  
At the First Baptist Church's last "Girl Thing" get-together, door prizes were won by Sandra Clayton, Denise Anderson and LaTrelle Meier.

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On Dec. 1, the Church of Christ will have its Senior

Citizen's Night at 6:30 p.m. and this month's movie will either be "Miracle on 34th Street" or "Christmas in Connecticut."

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I was saddened to hear that Margaret Durban passed away. She was a wonderful English teacher who taught in Bovina for many years.

One of my fondest memories is her telling our football boys that if they won district we would not have to write our Junior term theme. When we beat Vega that was a sweet victory and she was on the sidelines cheering on those boys the entire game.

## Special ceremony to highlight Christmas lighting program at the city park on Friday

On Friday, Dec. 1, the Bovina Chamber of Commerce will have a special ceremony at the city park at 6 p.m. to light the Christmas trees for the holiday season.

At this ceremony, they will recite the names of deceased loved ones that you would like honored. They would say "in memory of" and the name of that person or persons.

The cost would be just \$1 or any donation that you would like to give (a small fund-raiser for the Chamber).

If you would like someone to be included in this holiday remembrance, just stop by the Bone Joint and see Honey Sue Gist.

This ceremony has been designated "Bovina Lights Up Christmas" and will include several features.

-- More than 6,000 lights will be lit.

-- Christmas carols will be sung.

-- A chili and cornbread supper, costing \$3 a plate, will be served at the school cafeteria following the ceremony.

-- "Santa Claus" may come and pass out candy

is being worked on.

-- Two bicycles will be given away as door prizes, plus a \$50 gas gift card. Each person buying a dinner will get a ticket. You

must be present to win.

The gas card is donated by Sherley-Anderson and must be used at any gas station in town.

## Vela paces Colt offense; Fillies tip Lady 'Horns

### JH Boys

The Bovina Colt basketball team saw their first action in Sudan, Monday night. The Colts played well considering limited practice time due to the Bovina Mustang football team being in the playoffs.

Starting the game for the colts were Andy Durate, Dorian Vela, Gael Vela, Rosendo Lara, and Alexis Martinez. The Colts played a strong first half playing tight, pressure defense and out rebounding Sudan. The Colts trailed by only one at the half, 13-12.

During the second half, Sudan pulled in front and maintained the lead throughout the rest of the game. Dorian Vela paced the Colt offense with 10 points, but Sudan proved too much defeating the

Colts, 37-26.

### Varsity Girls

The Fillies won a close one on Nov. 21 over Lazbuddie, 48-46.

Scoring were Hilda Quintero, 8 (with a pair of 3-pointers); Ruby Vela, 5; Audrie Terrones, 8; Lucero Saucedo, 2; Jessica Bachicha, 19; Haylee Hughes, 6.

### Varsity Boys

The Mustangs opened their season on Saturday with an 80-35 loss to Friona.

Scoring were Jeremy Vasquez, 6; Trent Quintana, 1; James Lara, 5; Jesus Rocha, 16; Oscar Rodriguez, 3; Robert Knoll, 4.

Other team members are Jesse Reyna and Jaime Chavira.



Bovina Mustangs Band

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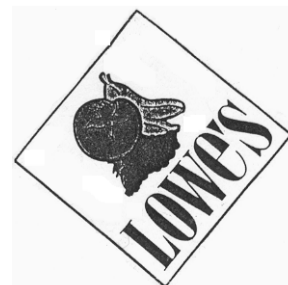
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