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'Dearly Departed'

The Farwell High School UIL One-Act Play students will compete at the Zone Contest on Saturday, March 25, at the Farwell School auditorium.

The contest will start at 1 p.m., with Farwell being the third play to compete, at about 2:45 p.m.

To help the students prepare, there will be a dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the Farwell School auditorium.

The public is invited to the rehearsal as well as the Zone Contest.

Encouragement from a Farwell audience means a lot to students who have worked since January on the play.

This year's play is a comedy entitled "Dearly Departed." In the backwoods of the Bible Belt, the Turpin family proves that living and dying are seldom tidy and always hilarious.

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The races are on

Lady Wolverines fall in state semi-final

See story inside

The filing deadline for Texas local elections was Monday, and here's the look at how the ballots shape up:

Bovina School Board -- Five persons have signed up to run for the two posi-

tions. Seeking election are Tony Neal, Bea Prather, Matt Hromas, Brian Cox and Vince Terrones.

Incumbents Mike Beauchamp and Kevin Hughes did not seek re-election.

Farwell School Board -- Four persons have signed up for three seats: Sammy Herrera, and Incumbents Randy Mitchell, Mike Woods and Roberta Howard.

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Texico Lady Wolverines

Each year, it's the Tribune's tradition to run fun photos of our local varsity basketball teams, because, after all, sports is meant to be fun! Here are the Texico Lady Wolverines.

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

Postal Service has spoken

Might as well start off with the bad news right up front.

The U.S. Postal Service is putting into effect shortly a change that will affect some of our readers.

They are mandating that there must be at least 24 newspapers in a mail sack.

That doesn't affect the vast majority of our readers, but it does some -- Lazbuddie and New Mexico.

Let's take Lazbuddie first.

Yes, we have a whole lot more readers in the Lazbuddie area than 24. But the problem is that they are split between three post offices -- Friona, Muleshoe and Lazbuddie.

Most of the Lazbuddie folks are on the Friona and Muleshoe rural routes. This change won't affect them.

But we have less than 24 readers who have Lazbuddie post office boxes.

This means that instead of a separate sack for the Lazbuddie post office as has been the practice all these years, subscribers who have the paper sent to that post office will now have their papers put into the Amarillo sack.

Since the Lazbuddie sack also has gone to Amarillo, I don't believe this will cause any problem. Lazbuddie post office subscribers should (and I emphasize "should") con-

tinue to get their papers on Thursday.

But the other problem -- is a problem.

All these years, we have been taking two sacks to the Texico post office:

1) Clovis and rural Curry County.

2) "New Mexico" (sent to Albuquerque) -- subscribers who live in the state in other areas.

We send about 21 papers in that New Mexico sack. And we are not allowed to put those papers in the Clovis - Curry County sack.

This means that we will have to send those New Mexico papers to the Fort Worth, Texas, distribution center.

And I expect that will mean that our New Mexico subscribers will be getting their papers much later than they have been.

So while our Clovis and Curry County readers will continue to get their papers on Thursday, those living elsewhere in New Mexico will be getting their papers later.

Sorry, folks. There's nothing we can do about this. The U.S. Postal Service has spoken.

Ah, spring is in the air. And that means our National Pastime is about to start.

I'm smiling as I say our "National Pastime." As a kid, that meant only one thing -- baseball.

To today's young people, it probably refers to alcohol and drugs.

Times change, I guess. And not for the better.

But since I am an old-timer, it still means that the Boys of Summer will be taking to the baseball diamonds, stretching singles into doubles, making the play at the plate, going for the fence, and stealing bases.

As always, I predict, with complete optimism, that the Chicago Cubs will be in the World Series this year.

I will always remember that when I became a Cubs fan in 1952, there were only eight teams in the National League. I assumed that one of these

years, the Cubs would be in the Fall Classic -- the odds were only 1 in 8.

Well, here it is, 54 years later, and the roulette wheel still hasn't landed on my beloved Cubbies. Sure, there are more teams, but isn't it odd that the odds are still so far off?

Just a pun...

I didn't realize as a kid that the Cubs were just a hobby for their owner, William Wrigley (the chewing gum magnate). He never put enough money into the organization to make it a winner.

But about 1980, he sold the team to the Chicago Tribune Co., which wanted a winner and was willing to back it up with bucks. Since that time, the Cubs have made the playoffs three times, but, alas, no appearance in the World Series.

So all these years I have suffered this cruel fate, of backing a perennial losing team. I have a friend who is a New York Yankees fanatic. I envy him.

Here's a story I think I once told years ago, but new readers may find fascinating:

When I lived in Virginia, before coming here, I was a member of the Emil Verban Society. This consisted of longtime Cubs'

fans and included celebrities, members of Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court, etc. (I was in the Washington, D.C. chapter). Each chapter met for dinner once a year, and received a periodic newsletter.

The Cubs' fan club was named after Verban, aka "The Antelope." He was an outfielder for the Cubs for a few years in the late 1940s and his claim to fame was that he never hit a home run in Wrigley

Field, "a band box."

Heck, my grandma could have hit a homer there...

Anyway, as the story goes, one of the club members was driving down a road in central Illinois when he spots a mail box with the name "Emil Verban."

Obviously, he wondered if this was the same fella who the society was named after. So he pulled into the driveway, knocked

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Obituaries

Jeanette Ford

Services for Jeanette Ford, 64, of Farwell, were Saturday at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Spitsburg, pastor, and Rev. Randy Mullin officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery. Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

She died March 8 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Oct. 22, 1941, in Clovis to Tom and Kate Lindop. She was raised in the Oklahoma Lane community and graduated from Farwell High.

She married Barthell Ford on Dec. 23, 1960. She helped her husband farm, then later was the office manager for Farwell Abstract Co.

She was a member of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father and husband; and a brother, Dave Lindop.

Surviving are her mother, Kate Lindop, of Farwell; a son, Kerry, of Farwell; a daughter, Darrisa Tunnell, of Lubbock; 6 grandchil-

dren; 1 great-grandson, and a brother, Dan Lindop, of Atmore, Ala.

Pallbearers will be Gaylen, Jason and Colton Sudderth, Shay Ford, and Travis and Rusty Tunnell.

Friends and co-workers will be honorary pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

Wanda Heald

Services were held on March 9 for Wanda Danette Heald, 72, of Anson, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Brown officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

She died March 6 at Anson General Hospital.

She was born Nov. 25, 1933, in Abilene to Sam and Juanita Perrien. She married Jack Heald May 16, 1958, in Anson. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2005.

Surviving are a daughter, Debbie Heald, of Anson; a son, Randy Heald, of Abilene; a brother-in-law, Mack Heald, of Farwell; and 3 grandchildren.

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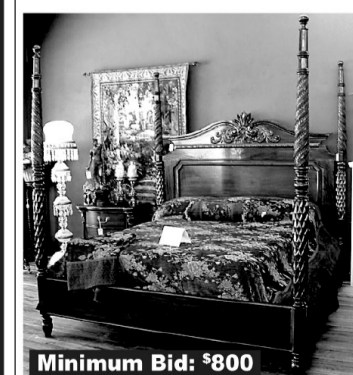
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Thankless jobs these people have for the responsibilities so great. Stop a moment at your next meal and remember who puts the food upon your plate!


Teresa J. Mesman · March 1995



Area FFA'ers on their way to becoming the agriculturalists of tomorrow.

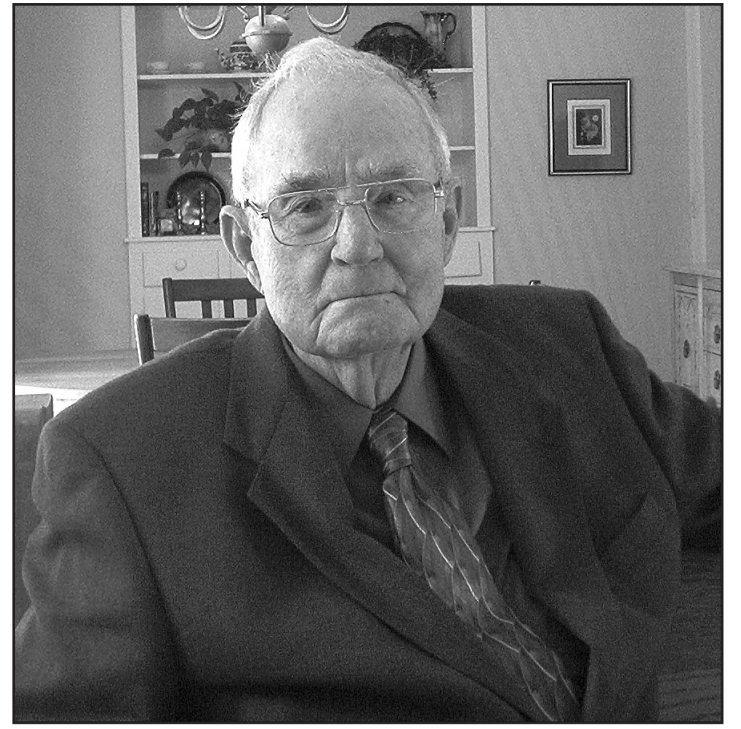


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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 It seems most of my life I have heard that the young people of today are all on the road to hell in a hand basket. But in this area, a lot of young people are on the road to honor and success, and each week they are from a different school and a different area.
 I just want to say thanks to some young ladies who will be graduating from Texico High School this spring - Lori, Skyla, Erika, Brittany, Stephanie, Krystal and Sara, for the great trip.
 What a great season in volleyball and basketball. Never did we see them without giving 110 percent in everything they did.
 Sixty-three years ago this spring, a 1-point game ended my dream, and I asked myself for years what could I have done to change the outcome. But life goes on. And these young ladies have taken us on a great trip. In all the games, they have stood head and shoulders above the other teams in sportsmanship and character. Not just in sports, but in clubs and academics.
 They are the go-to kids. We are so very, very proud of your record. Thanks and thanks again. We know you are going much farther in life. You have made the Green and White so very proud.
 Roy Lee Richardson
 Texico



Joe Jones

Joe Jones retires after 44-plus years with Security State Bank

Joe Jones retired as a vice president at Security State Bank on Feb. 28.
 Jones was born in Coryell, Texas.
 After serving as assistant county extension agent in Lubbock County, he came to Texico on March 1, 1950 as Parmer County Extension agent.
 He served in that capacity until joining Security State Bank as a vice president on Sept. 1, 1961. During his tenure, he specialized in farm loans.
 The biggest change he said he has seen over the years was the development of irrigation systems. It was just getting started when he came here.
 A longtime member of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club, Jones and his wife, Irene, have two sons -- Brad, of Eules, Texas, an accountant; and Russ, of Canadian, Texas, in the construction business. Joe and Irene have two granddaughters.
 Security State Bank President Bob Anderson said a reception will be held for Jones at a later date.



McKinzi Woods and David Hall

McKinzi Woods to wed David Hall

Mike and Leigh Ann Woods, of Farwell, and Audrey Hall, of Clarendon, announce the approaching marriage of their children, McKinzi Woods and David Hall, both of Canyon, Texas.
 The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Farwell High School and is employed at Wells Fargo Bank in Amarillo.
 The bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Clarendon High School and a 2005 graduate of West Texas A&M University. He is enrolled in the master's degree program at WTAMU and is employed at 4A Coney Island, in Canyon.
 The wedding will be June 17 in an evening ceremony at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Invitations have been sent.

Dear State Line Tribune,
 Thank you for supporting the Texico - Farwell Wilbur Ellis FFA Auction. Your continued support of the program in this community is greatly appreciated.
 Sincerely,
 Macy Martin

Amy Grant honored

Famed singer Amy Grant, who has graced the Twin Cities over the years by coming to Border Town Days with her family, is an honorary member of the Greeley, Colo., Lions Club.
 The club presented her with a bronze lion statuette for her participation in the annual Make a Difference Day and for her time and serve on behalf of Habitat for Humanity by thus far helping to construct a dozen houses for people with disabilities.
 The 5-time Grammy winner is currently starring in the "Three Wishes" TV show.
 During last year's Make a Difference Day, she and her husband, singer Vince Gill, and their five children, hosted a canned goods drive following one of her concerts, and in 2003 she led a walk-a-thon to raise money for scholarships. And through her associa-

tion with Compassion International, she inspired fans to sponsor 6,000 impoverished children around the world.

Firemen called to hay blaze

Some hay in a shed at the Oppliger Feed Yard along State Line Road just south of Farwell was fully engulfed by a fire Sunday morning.
 Texico fire department units responded but had to let the fire go out by itself later. A close watch was kept on it.
 Clouds of smoke poured eastward just south of Farwell for a long time.
 Winds gusted up to 60 miles per hour on Sunday.



Gary Bray and some of his equipment

Pick, Pan & Shovel opens here

Gary Bray has opened "Pick, Pan & Shovel" at 207 Ave. A in Farwell.
 The new store is where The New You beauty salon used to be.
 It will offer camping gear, canteens, propane stoves, shovels, gold prospecting supplies, and more.
 Bray said the store will be open seven days a week.

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Tammy Hysmith Mercer: 'Always - Patsy Cline'

Well-known singer to perform at banquet

Outstanding area singer Tammy Hysmith Mercer will be the featured entertainer at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 8.

The banquet will be at the Farwell Community Center on Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served by Beta Sigma Phi sorority at 6:30 p.m.

The meal will be roast beef and all the trimmings, served by the Farwell School lunchroom ladies, with help from the Student Council. Tickets will cost \$15.

Tickets are on sale at Franse Irrigation, Byrd Realty, City Hall, State Line Tribune, Aldridge law firm, Kirkland CPA, Security State Bank, Southwest Ag Services, Southwest Ag Tire Center, Farwell Hardware, county treasurer's office at the county courthouse, and Pansies, Posies & Potpourri.

Her repertoire is wide, ranging from classic and rock tunes to top 40 and show tunes.

She has performed in Amarillo as Patsy Cline in the theatrical production "Always ... Patsy Cline." She opened for Kitty Wells on her farewell tour and has toured 8 years with the Patsy Cline Show.

This Fritch native got her start by singing in about every opry and jamboree she could find in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

"When I first started, I would throw the kids in the car and travel hundreds of miles just to be able to perform," she said. "The jobs didn't pay much, but I think that is

3 vie for West Texas Rural

Telephone Cooperative board post

The 52nd annual meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be March 28 at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

Parmer director Floyd Schueler is not seeking re-election. He has served on the board since 1985.

Nominated for that post are Ben Osborn, Danny Allen and Jason Wright.

Wright is a farmer near the Rhea community. He is a member of the board of Friona Wheat Growers and serves on the credit committee of the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union.

Osborn served in Iraq in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a livestock and wheat producer in the Rhea area. He is a member of the VFW in Clovis and American Legion in Friona.

Allen farms near the Rhea community and has been feeding dairy calves for replacement heifers for 10 years.

Dinner (BBQ brisket and sausage and the trimmings) will be served at 6 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 7 p.m. Door prizes will be given, including a \$200 beef gift certificate.

Seeking re-election are Dick Fellers, Dawn exchange, and Charles Myers, Hub exchange. They have no opposition.

Nominations from the floor are accepted.

where I really fell in love with entertaining. It was more about the music than the money."

While she traveled from show to show, she learned her craft and formed a style that launched her into becoming a well-known artist.

With a range that is rarely heard today, Tammy's trademark is the ability to perfectly dip her hauntingly pure voice lower than most female artists in today's music world, to achieve that soft, husky, sexy sound, made famous by artists like Patsy Cline and Sammy Smith, and mold each note into a mournful, soulful cry that was so distinctive in classic country music.

Others of her most cherished experiences was singing for Gov. George W. Bush in Austin, and her live broadcast across the U.S. and into several foreign nations. She has released two albums.



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New Farwell football coach

Mark Anglin is the new athletic director and head football coach at Farwell High School.

Farwell boys teams finish 1-2 at Farwell golf invitational

Farwell High's boys teams finished 1-2 at the Farwell Golf Invitational at the Farwell County Club on March 8. Farwell's "A" team was 1st with 318: Ty Gast, 77 (2nd); Ross McClaran, 79 (3rd); Derrick Chandler, 80; Colby Norton, 82, and Ryan McClaran, 89.

Finishing 2nd with 334 was Farwell's "B" team: Dan Patterson, 86; Colton Sudderth, 84; Cameron Kirkland, 83; Logan McFarland, 106, and Cory Chadwick, 81. Farwell medalist Kade Foster had 128.

Friona won the Farwell High girls' golf invitational at the Farwell Country Club last week with 416. Clovis JV was 2nd with 429 and Floydada was 3rd with 435.

Farwell medalists were Dellani Jones, 99; Britton Barrett, 104, and Kristen Garcia, 115.

Sheriff's Report

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

On March 11, Jody Barnes, 28, of Burley, Idaho, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On March 10, Imelda Ortiz, 29, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check (from Castro County). She posted bond and was released.

On March 11, Kelley Wilburn, 37, of Hereford, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On March 9, Jody Bowman, 30, of Friona, was arrested

Lazbuddie schedules basketball shoot-out

The annual Lazbuddie 3-on-3 basketball shoot-out will be April 21 and 22 at the school gym.

The fee is \$50 for each team.

A full concession stand will be provided.

Contests in 3-point shooting and free throw shots will be available for all age divisions for \$2 entry fees.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each division.

Checks or money orders should be sent to: Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride, Lazbuddie School, PO Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

Or you may enter by calling: Lazbuddie School, (806) 965-2152; John Jones, (806) 965-2869; Debbie Weir, (806) 965-2302, or Sarah Black, (806) 265-3861.

The entry deadline is April 15. All team captains will be called immediately afterward with their game times.

Team divisions will be:

Elementary girls, grades 3 and 4; elementary girls, grades 5 and 6; elementary boys, grades 3 and 4; elementary boys, grades 5 and 6; junior high girls, grades 7 and 8; junior high boys, grades 7 and 8.

High school girls, grades 9-12; high school boys, grades 9-12; women's; men's; junior high coed, 2 boys and 2 girls; coed, 2 men and women; men, 40 years of age and older; women, 40 years of age and older; coed, 40 years of age and older.

Further age divisions will be made if number of team entries is ample -- at least 4 teams per age level.

Texico Police

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

On March 11, Krishnasai Vaddi-Gayathri, 24, of Las Cruces, N.M., was charged with DWI, reckless driving, and failure to maintain lane.

ed by Friona police on a charge of deadly conduct. Case pending in county court.

On March 12, Rainbo Snyder, 17, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of accident involving damage to a vehicle. Case pending in county court.

On March 12, Sabino Soltero, 43, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On March 12, Efren Rodriguez, 21, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

In 287th District Court on March 7, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- David Craig Hughes, 43, of Texico, charged with theft under \$20,000, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$316 court costs, \$500 fine, \$350 attorney fees, \$300 collection fee, and \$3,367.65 restitution.

The Latest

Registration for the preschool program at Life In Christ Academy will be April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the preschool building located across the driveway from St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat just off Hwy. 84.

Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate and current immunization record. Slots will fill up quickly, so mark your calendars for the registration.

For more information, contact Tina Symm, director of LICA, at (806) 825-2410 or 825-3074.

*** Trevor Owen and Teresa Mesman were surprised last Sunday with a special two-in-one birthday cake during coffee and fellowship at St. John Lutheran Church. ***

Berny Mesman was one of a group of participants involved in a research project for a market research firm recently.

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Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Randy Thomas Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	Church of God in Christ, Mennonite James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie
First Baptist Church of Farwell Rev. Randy G. Mullin 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	First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.	St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church Rev. Scott Spitsberg Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 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	San Jose Catholic Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.
Lariat Church of Christ 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	Church of Christ 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	Farwell Church of Christ 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.
Assembly of God Church, Texico Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	New Light Baptist Church Rev. Briyan 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.	Bovina United Methodist Church Rev. Quita Jones Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.
St. Ann's Catholic Church Fr. David Contreras 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.	First Baptist Church Of Bovina Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.
Farwell Convalescent Center Bill Bridwell -- chaplain Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday	Lazbuddie Church of Christ Mickey Chambiss - minister Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday -- 7 p.m.	United Pentecostal Church of Texico Rev. Mickey Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

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C.J. Armstrong

Armstrong opens family pool hall

C.J. Armstrong, a 1994 Farwell graduate and son of John and Sharon Armstrong of Farwell, is opening a family friendly pool hall in Clovis this week in the 1200 block of 21st Street, across from Clovis High School, and behind the Pizza Hut.

Break and Run Billiards will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 2 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The phone number is 762-3400.

C.J., the youngest recognized BCA instructor, will be offering private lessons, as well as open tables in a smoke-free and alcohol-free environment.

C.J. started playing pool at 12 years old in LaMoin Williams' basement. He

Cafe repairs under way

Virgil Reed, owner of the Farwell building on Avenue A which was the scene of the first that closed Barb's Café last year, is working on building repairs.

A new ceiling is being put in, and the walls will be plastered inside and outside. The building will be more fire resistant, and the electrical part is being redone.

He hopes the work will be completed in 3-4 months and that a restaurant can be reopened there.

And Barb hopes to reopen the restaurant.

had trouble hitting the ball, so started holding the stick backward in order to hit the ball well.

When his family moved to the Cayman Islands in 1989, he played at a local club that was near his house. Luckily, tourists coming through gave him tips and pointers that set him on a better path.

After serving in the military, he entered several tournaments and went to school to become a pool instructor. He has played against many of the best pool players in the nation, and has had some success.

A funny game occurred once against Charlie Williams, a long time pro. Charlie offered to rack and break to start the game. C.J. didn't get a chance to play as the pro put in all of balls. He then proceeded to run the table several times before C.J. even got a chance to take his first shot. C.J. said he didn't win that day.

Another long time pro, Loree Jon Jones, will be there for the official grand opening of the pool hall.

The Latest

Two Lazbuddie High students participated in the Farwell High boys' golf invitational at the Farwell Country Club on March 8.

Trevor Coker shot 129, and Jacob Schacher shot 130.

Hal Helton will be in "jail" as a fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on March 18 about 11 a.m. mst.

If you want to help "bail" him out, stop by Applebee's Restaurant in Clovis.

Members of the 1981 Texico Lady Wolverines team which won the state championship were honored last week during this year's state tournament.

Correction: The Parmer County election runoff between James Clayton and Larry Hodnett will be April 11.

Texico bull rider L.J. Jenkins had the 9th best average at the rodeo event in Kansas City last weekend.

His world ranking improved from 35th to 24th.

He has signed with two major sponsors, Rocky Boots and B&W Trailer Hitch.

And there's an excellent chance he also will sign soon with a potato chip manufacturer.

Hobbie Coffman stopped by the Tribune on Monday to say that some folks have been stealing fencing wire from the Farwell Arena.

If someone really needs some wire, please let him know. But they are trying to keep up the arena for local kids to use and the missing wire is a serious problem.

Alan Winner, of Lubbock, the great-grandson of Frances Lovelace, of Farwell, attends the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, Wales.

On March 1, he got a special treat. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Charles were in town to dedicate a new auditorium and Alan got to chat with the prince.

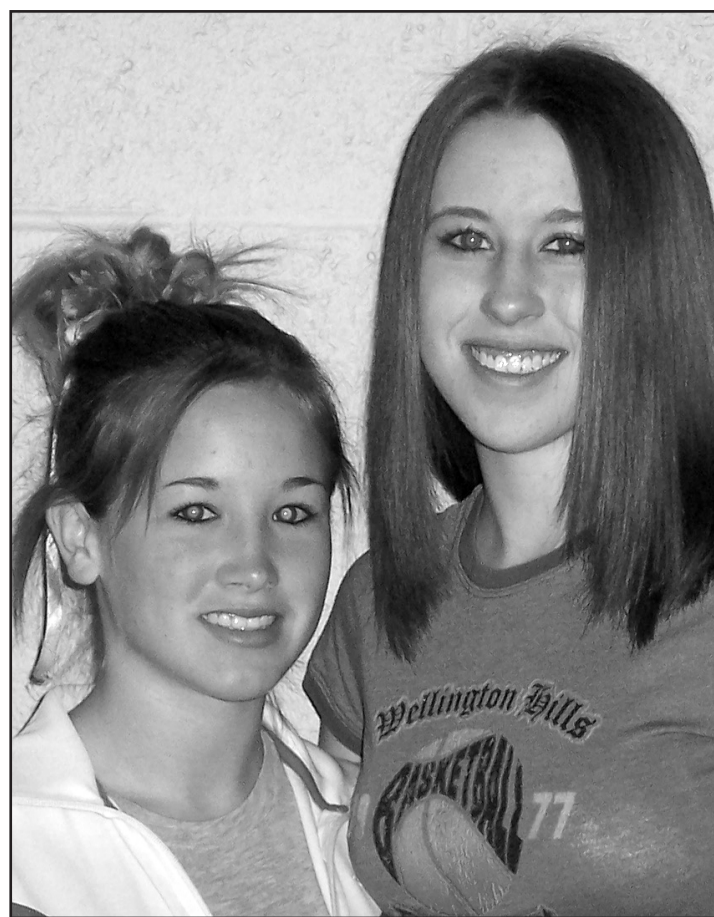
Alan wrote home that the prince "was actually really sweet and less plastic than he thought he would be." Alan said Prince Charles seemed to be the type of person who would prefer to chat with young students rather than rub shoulders with rich old folks.

Parmer County youths are showing their animals at the Houston Livestock Show this week.

One early report: Caitlyn Stancell had a breed champion with her duroc.

And Hayden Hadley showed a reserve breed champion limousin.

More results will be reported next week.



All District

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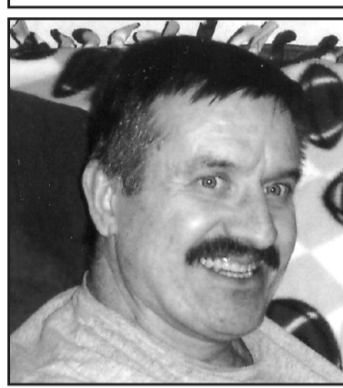
Texico question: athletics vs. academics

The Texico School Board on Tuesday held a lengthy discussion involving academics vs. athletics. At the last meeting, some parents had asked that a fast-pitch softball program for girls be added. This follows the Bovina School situation where a parent asked for a girls' sport to be added after Bovina added baseball. It is believed that under federal guidelines, when a school adds a boys' sport, it must equalize it with a girls' sport. Two years ago, Texico added baseball for boys -- but nothing for girls. The school surveyed parents and students about adding a sports program for girls and results were (in this ranking): 1) golf; 2) tennis; 3) soccer; and 4) fast-pitch softball. Some parents supporting softball attended the meeting. Thus, the board may be looking at adding a girls' sport, or dropping baseball. Before deciding, they have to look at the school budget; whether the federal government will get involved; and the basic question or academics vs. athletics. For example, there are already lots of spring activities, such as FFA, baseball, track, and cheerleading. High school principal Buddy Little noted that in one 2-week period, many students were only at school 2 days -- due to extra-curricular activities. The topic will be discussed further at the May board meeting. In other business, the board: -- Put Linda Servatius on the substitutes' list. -- Re-hired all three principals. -- Heard that the state legislature has okayed \$87,000 for playground equipment for Texico. -- Okayed baseball field bids: grounds work, Stephens Construction; sprinkler, Fox's Green Thumb; and fencing, Sam Sanders Materials. -- Okayed Stephens Construction to clean up the 708 Lamar site. -- Agreed to rent the school building on weekends to Lesley University, which offers master's degree programs. -- Discussed the Quality of Education survey questions with counselor Robbie Allred. The annual survey will be sent to parents in April. -- Accepted two donations: dirt for the baseball field from the Richard Luscombe family, and weight equipment from Portales Coach Glen Johnson.

Community center rent increased

The Texico City Council on Tuesday voted to raise the cost of renting the community center. The current cost is \$100 for a deposit and \$100 for a full day, or \$50 for a half day. The city will now only offer full days for \$125. Cited among the reasons were people would rent the center for half a day and then start setting up early, holding the center for the whole day. Cleanup costs and maintenance were among the reasons for the increase in costs. The new rates will go into effect in May. Folks who have already put down deposits will not be affected. In other news, the council: - Approved a resolution to use possible highway cooperative funds from the state to widen several of the city streets. Before this can happen, the state must grant the funds as a first step. - Heard that two of the four skimmers in the city pool have been fixed, but when a pressure test was performed, they found that the other two skimmers are also not functioning. They will be replaced as well. When the concrete in the pool is replaced, the city is looking into a rubberized coating to prevent leaks. - Signed letters to be sent to the State Representatives asking why Texico has not received more grant money, and also what they can do to increase the amount they have received. - Voted to cut down the trees in front of the community center. One of the trees is dying and the other tree is cracking the pavement in the parking lot. The city has also had to pay for replacing the water faucets several times as people hit them while parking. - Heard that police officer Daniel Freeman has resigned. Texico is back to three officers for now. - Heard from Street Supt. Darryl Stanton that one of the city wells, the 4" well, is pumping air. The pump will need to be lowered, but cannot be done at this time. City Attorney Ty Rutter pointed out that this could be a sign of things to come, and just buying water rights for the city might not cut it if the aquifer under Texico continues to drop. He suggested the Ute Water Project as the best solution. - Approved sending Texico Building Inspector Terry Martin to a Vector Control Course to learn about mosquito control.

Obituary



Farwell EMS and member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Clovis. Surviving are his wife; 3 daughters, Leslie, of Canyon; and Tara and Danielle, both of Abilene; a grandson; his parents, Preston and Charlene Cargile, of Farwell; a grandmother, Annie Elder, of Farwell; and 3 sisters, Cassandra Baker, of Lockhart, Texas; Karen Barnes, of Farwell, and Donna Stevenson, of Hayden, N.M. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock TX 79423.

Wade Cargile
Services for Wade Cargile, 47, of Farwell, will be at 2 p.m. March 16 at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with Elders Steve Baldock and Vernon Venable officiating. Burial will be in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

He died March 14 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He was born Dec. 26, 1958, in Muleshoe. He married Cindy Harris in Muleshoe on Feb. 17, 1979. He was a Lazbuddie High graduate and lifelong area resident. He was an ambulance driver with

The Latest
Added to the Texico High School All A's honor roll was Skyla Cockerham. *** Robert Thornton was one of the \$25 gift certificate winners in the monthly ENMR • Plateau survey drawings.

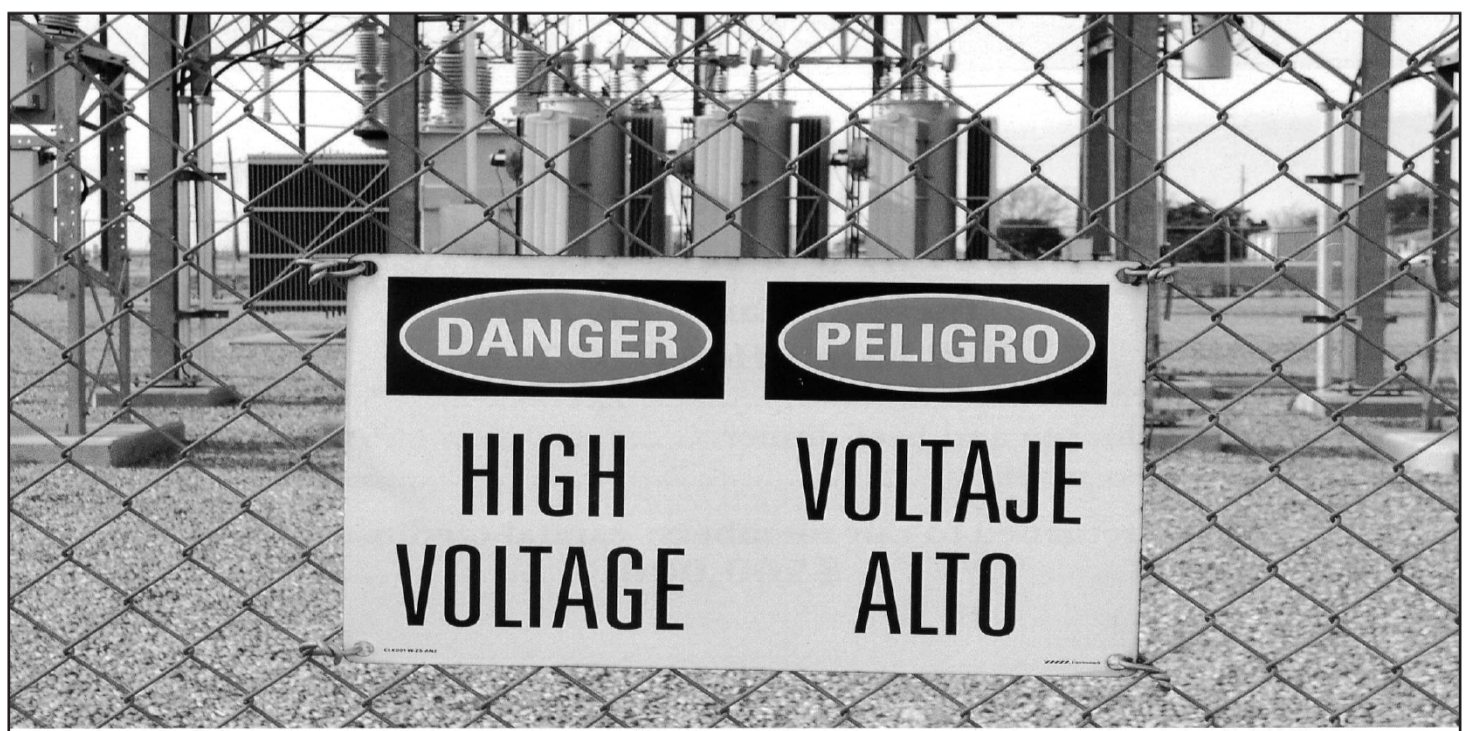
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on the door of the house, and when an old gent answered, he asked if this was "The Antelope" of days gone by. Turns out it was!

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Hope Christian defeats Lady Wolverines

The Texico Lady Wolverines fell in the state semi-finals at Albuquerque Cibola High School on March 9 to the Hope Christian Huskies, 57-39.

Texico finished a highly successful season with a 24-7 record, making its first state appearance since 2002.

Scoring were Zandi Queener, 2; Stephanie Vega, 3; Krystal Williams, 2; Lori Richardson, 6; Faith Martin, 10; Stephanie Bailey, 6; Bryn Mayfield, 2; Erika Autrey, 4, and Brittany Anderson, 2.

The key statistic in the game was free throws. The Huskies knocked down 33 of 38 from the charity stripe - 14 of 17 in the first half, and 19 of 21 in the second half.

Meanwhile, Texico canned 17 of 33 charity tosses -- 6 of 13 in the first half, and 11 of 20 in the second half.

The game opened with Martin scoring on two lay-ups in the first 2 1/2 minutes to give Texico a 4-1 lead. But the Huskies answered with a pair of 3-pointers to take a 9-4 lead.

The only Texico score the rest of the first quarter came on an Anderson jumper with a minute to go. Meanwhile, Hope Christian built up a 14-6 lead at quarter's end.

The 2nd quarter was a battle of free throws. First, the Huskies hit 2. Then Texico missed 1. And the Huskies hit 2 more. Then Texico hit 2. A lay-up and a free throw by Martin closed the gap to 6 points, 20-14, and the Lady Wolverines could never get closer.

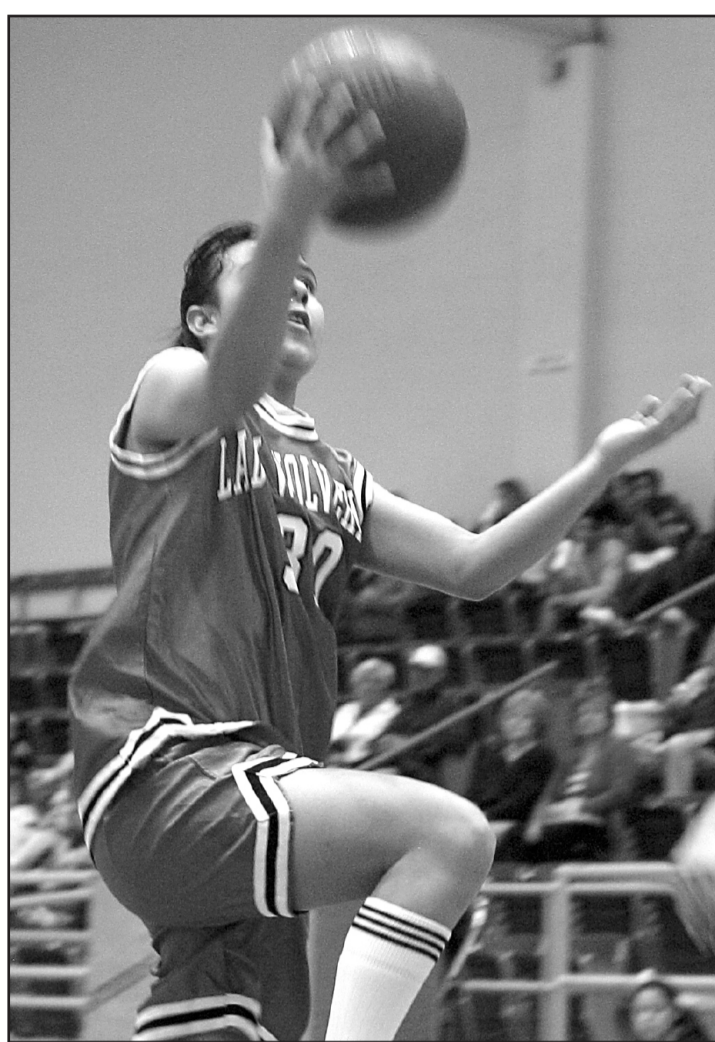
Hope Christian stalled the last 2 1/2 minutes of the 2nd quarter and went into halftime with a 26-14 margin. In the 2nd quarter, Texico only had one basket (Martin's) and Hope Christian only had two, one that just beat the buzzer.

Bailey led a charge at the start of the 3rd quarter as Texico fought back. She hit a pair of baskets, but, again, Hope Christian answered with two free throws and a pair of jump shots. A free throw by Bailey closed the gap to nine points with 1:15 to go, but the Huskies hit a pair of buckets and two free throws to have a 39-25 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The 4th quarter started with Richardson making a 3-point play, a bucket and free throw. But Hope Christian continued to parade to the line, using free throws to keep Texico at bay.

Hope Christian scored 16 points in the final quarter -- and only had one 2-point basket. The rest came at the free throw line.

The amount of penalties called in the game took a toll on Texico as Mayfield and Bailey fouled out in the final quarter.



Meet Texico's Class of 2018



Unique Tevino is a Texico kindergartener. Her birthday is Feb. 2.

Parents are Edward and Lisa Trevino. Siblings are Miranda and Cisco. Grandparents are Daniel and Estella Aldaba.

She likes to play video games and ride her bike. Her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite color is blue.

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The Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector office will be closed March 21, 2006. The staff will be attending classes at the Department of Transportation in Amarillo.

Just as a reminder please be sure and include your proof of insurance with all mail in registration renewals.

The Department of Transportation is requiring us to return all renewals that proof of insurance isn't included.



First of all, a big congratulations to the Texico Lady Wolverines on a superb season. They were not ranked high when the season began, but they showed themselves to be a powerhouse, with great teamwork and a tenacious defense.

And congratulations to first-year Texico coach Keith Durham for a job well done.

Spring seems to have arrived early, and that means baseball, track and golf are under way. Bovina's Mustangs host Friona on March 17, then host Nazareth on March 20 in a district game.

Texico's Wolverines play in the Dexter Tournament March 16-18, then host Clovis JV in a double header at Brady Field on March 21.

Farwell's tracksters next run at Merton on March 24.

Farwell's girl golfers play at Abernathy on March 20, and the boy golfers at Abernathy on March 21.

Firefighters offered propane training

Charles Oil Co., of Bovina, and the Railroad Commission of Texas' alternative fuels division will put on a free propane (LP gas) training class for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department on March 27.

Bovina VFD Chief Cesar Marquez invites volunteer firefighters to participate in this training, and he encourages all to attend.

The class will be taught by Thomas Petru, the commission's director of propane training.

"Using and handling propane safety is very important to us," said Ken Waters, of Charles Oil and Gas. "The commission's propane safety training for local fire departments is designed to increase firefighters' knowledge or propane and help them respond effectively in any situation."

Charles Oil worked with the Railroad Commission to custom-design a 4-hour class to meet local needs. The class includes propane safety topics ranging from BBQ cylinders to residential tanks and commercial bulk installations. Participating firefighters will receive hands-on experience with propane equipment as well as classroom instruction.

"These volunteer firefighters play a vital role in propane safety in our community. That's why our company is committed to building a strong relationship with them," said Waters.

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LIVE CATTLE: Cattle prices have come under the greatest amount of pressure seen since the BSE problem in late 2003. The total collapse in prices have been amazing. There have been several factors which have brought this about. Increased total numbers inside feed yards because of drought and cheap corn, weights are highest ever recorded and moving up rather than down because of the warm winter, an abundance of cheap competing meats and packers forcing margins back into their favor. Everything hit at once and it may take a while before we find a bottom?

FEEDER CATTLE: Same thing here. Feed yards are near record capacity and there is little incentive to move more cattle into the yard as the June/August Live Cattle prices continue to trade \$5-7 below the cash market. May possibly test the \$96 level before we find a bottom?

CORN: Funds continue to support corn prices for no other fact than as an inflationary hedge. The December contract may stop between \$2.65-2.75 if it hasn't already. Early April usually catches a seasonal top. There will most likely be very little shift in planted acres this year and with trend line yields, weather will be the only factor supporting prices throughout the Summer. Keep in mind that ending stocks are substantial higher than year ago levels and prices were only trading around \$1.98 just one year ago. The market has built in a substantial premium at this time.

SOYBEANS: Beans are still trading inside a tight range as South American harvest pressure has kept a lid on rallies. Market could see more pressure ahead, but we'll see how planting intentions go towards the end of this month. Don't expect anything major over the short term.

WHEAT: The July KC Wheat made a last ditch move on Friday to close at new contract highs of \$4.59 1/2. Although it all depends on weather, the next technical resistance level is around \$5.00. There have been some changes. Funds are holding record long positions which can work in both directions, i.e.: Cattle. Forecast for rain in the most needed areas will change the picture quickly. Higher prices will only mean imports into the US of foreign wheat as world wheat prices are much cheaper at this time. Things can and probably will happen fast. Hedgers should be pricing?

COTTON: Long term trends turned down. There was a little bump back up late in the week, but market may become stagnant over the short term. Exports are okay, but aside from planting or weather problems, there just isn't much to say about the market at this point.

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Condolences to the Bea & Buddy Prather family for their recent loss.

This coming Friday the high school baseball team is hosting Friona. Come on out and support our winning Mustangs!

Little Dribblers is winding down - a great big thank you to all of the coaches, refs, book keepers, time keepers, board members, and parents for their support of this worthwhile youth activity.

The David Romero family had an adventurous trip home from Oklahoma City on Sunday - they were caught in the grass fire mayhem. They made it home safely via a long wait.

Bovina will be soon losing short-term residents Nick & Rachel Biagini -- they will be moving to Austin.

Remember the fire danger and the no-burn ban. This includes not burning your lawns, bbq grills, or your trash.

First Baptist Church youth groups are currently practicing for a spring play. They will perform at church on a Sunday soon.

Keep praying for rain - especially if you want to have a fireworks display!

Bovina School's lunch menus for next week: Monday - chicken fried steak, pepperoni pizza, wheat rolls, cream potatoes, carrot, celery, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, cream gravy, peaches.

Tuesday - beef stew, hamburgers, carrot, celery, cottage cheese, potato chips, corn bread, vanilla pudding.

Wednesday - nachos, pepperoni pizza, refried beans, carrot, celery, tossed salad, Jello with fruit.

Thursday - chicken on bun, hamburgers, LTOP, cucumbers, french fries, juice bars.

Friday - fish sticks, pepperoni pizza, peas, cottage cheese, carrot, celery, french fries, pears.

One Bovina High student participated in the Farwell High boys golf invitational at the Farwell County Club on March 8.

Trent Quintana shot 93.

Coach Shorter reports that he took about six varsity students and 30 junior high students to the Friona Track Meet but none placed.

Next up is a track meet for both schools on March 24 at Dimmitt.

Award winners

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Denver Redwine and Rebecca Hodnett, 1984; Tommy Hutto and Misti Boozer, 1985; Terry Moore and Marie Pesch, 1986; Jonathan Gauntt and Anna Villarreal, 1987; Steve Gauntt and Tandra Turner, 1988; Scott Sudderth and Marci Dale, 1989; Randy Stone and Libby Marshall, 1990.

Genero Rubalcava and Belinda Dale, 1991; Jamie Graves and Ashley Zehner, 1992; Darren Hromas and Teresa Stone, 1993; Matt Hromas and Darla Stormes, 1994; Benji Mitard and Brooke Charles, 1995; Jay Grisham and Angie Uriegas, 1996; Jason Kerby and Lori Beauchamp, 1997; Tony Beauchamp and Jamie Stanberry, 1998.

J.T. Roach and Ashley Zehner, 1999; Marisol Antillon and Alvaro Martinez, 2000; Yancy Graves and K'Leigh Scroggins, 2001; Christen Stowers and David Garcia, 2002; Courtney Jamerson and Nemecio Rodriguez, 2003; Christopher Ortiz and Yuri Vela, 2004; Jeff Casas and Victoria Carrillo.

Citizenship Awards

Gaylon Rhodes and Jane Kasahn, 1980; Billy Whitecotton and Mary Richards, 1981; Don Spring and Ola Lee Jones, 1982; Joe Jones and Frances Willard, 1983; Bob Owen and Sarah Owen, 1984; J.L. Bass and Terry Thomas, 1985; Mark Lanham and Tammy Willard, 1986; Vernon Willard and Debra Beauchamp, 1987; Charlie Teague and Barbara Lowe, 1988; Larry Mitchell and Esther Steelman, 1989.

Mike Beauchamp and Pam Bell, 1999; Keith Knight and Carolyn Pruitt, 1991; Grady Sorley and Dorothy Sorley, 1992; Terri Sorley and Dennis Willard, 1993; Dennis Willard and Donna Mitchell, 1994; Steve Venable and Phyllis Steelman, 1995; Gene Hutto and Sue Nuttall, 1996; Bobby Ortiz and Darlene Miller, 1997; Leon Ware and Dorothy Stowers, 1998.

Earl Whitten and Suzanne Hughes, 1999; Jessie Stone and Juanda Murphy, 2000; Jack Rains and Rose McCain, 2001; Stan Miller and Suezey Smith, 2002; Mike Prather and Vi Hutto, 2003; Arlene Brozek and Billy Smith, 2004; Justin Brozek and Linda Marshall, 2005.

Special Awards

Lawrence Widner, 1977; Dick Richards, 1979; Grady and Dorothy Sorley, 1981; Paul and Ola Lee Jones, 1993; Cathy Riley, 1994; Jay and Patsy Sherrill, 1995; Mike Beauchamp, 2000; Jack Rains, 2001.

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The Farwell I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Larry Gregory
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Guevara named head football coach

The Bovina School Board on Monday announced that Hector Guevara would be the new head football coach. High School Principal Dale Fullerton will continue as athletic director.

Guevara replaces Kent Torbert, who took the football job at Lamesa High School.

Mustangs roll

It sure is a turn-around for the Bovina Mustangs baseball team.

They had a very difficult first season in 2005. But this year has started like a house afire. Bovina hosted its first baseball invitational tournament last weekend, and won three games:

- Bovina 7, Whiteface 5.
- Bovina 13, Cotton Center 0.
- Bovina 4, Dimmitt JV, 3.

Here are some of the highlights:

Against Whiteface: Mike Ortiz, 1 for 3 and 2 runs scored; Isaac Tavera, 3 for 3 and 1 run scored; Trent Quintana, 2 for 2 and 2 runs scored; and Luis Munoz, 2 for 3. In the 4-inning game, Pitching for Bovina were Ortiz and Rodrigo Nunez -- 2 innings apiece.

Against Cotton Center: Quintana went 3 for 3 with 3 runs scored, and James Lara also was 3 for 3 (including a home run) with 2 runs scored. Pitching for Bovina were Jose Gutierrez, with relief from David Gonzalez.

Against Dimmitt: Ortiz went 4 for 4 with 1 run scored; Tavera was 3 for 4; and Frank Martinez was 2 for 4 (including a home run) with 1 run scored. Pitching for Bovina were Rodrigo Nunez, with relief from Quintana.

Bovina's Mustangs host Friona on March 17, then host Nazareth on March 20 in a district game.

The Mustang varsity and JV teams lost to Dimmitt on March 4. The scores were one-sided as the Mustangs made too many errors, reported Coach Hector Guevara. On Wednesday, Bovina fell to New Deal, 7-2.

Trent Quintana and Frank Martinez had doubles for Bovina in the two games.

Courthouse Notes

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

Robert Lepard et al - John Visser family trust, SW/4 S15 T14S R3E.

Anna McDonald - Harrol Redwine, N/2 of SE/4 S10 T11S SR3E.

Tony Arnold - Riley Holmes, W 30 ac of N 60 ac SE/4 Survey 7 League 2.

Wilson Welch partnership - Dale Schueler, S 39 Blk C Rhea Brothers.

Jerry Childs - Christie Friesen, SW/4 S1 Blk X WD

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Dennis Anthony - Lowell Sasser, 8.66 ac E/pt S31 T3N R3SE.

Friona State Bank - B&B Construction, L1-4 B7 Lakeview.

Danny Black - Mike Hanes, L13 B2 Western Addition.

Kristi Leatherwood - Robert Koehn, N/5' L20-22 B30 Farwell.

Ag Marketing & Management - Byron Fillpot, W 70' L17-19 B18 Farwell.

Griggs' lawsuit is topic

The Parmer County Commissioners talked with their attorneys in executive session on Monday concerning the lawsuit filed in the death of Phillip Griggs Jr.

Griggs, 22, of Bovina, was found hung to death in his cell in the Parmer County Jail two years ago. A lawsuit seeks \$5 million in compensatory damages and \$3 million in punitive damages.

The suit was filed by Rosemary Monson, as next friend of Zachary Monson, a minor child, and Phillip's parents, Phillip Griggs Sr. and Brenda Griggs.

In other business, the commissioners received three proposals for engineering services for paving a four-mile road leading to the new Lariat Dairy.

The commissioners ranked the engineers and this goes to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for the project to move along.

Their rankings were: 1st, OJD Engineers, Amarillo; 2nd, T&I Consultants, Amarillo; and Brandt Engineering, Amarillo.

Letter to the Editor

To the members of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce:

Thank you so much for an amazing evening. The banquet was organized with such class and care. The steaks were delicious and the fellowship was second to non. My husband and I enjoyed every aspect of the banquet and all its activities.

Thank you also for the honor of being chosen Educator of the Year. I have told anybody who will listen how needed and

appreciated I feel here at Bovina High School, and than to receive an award to boot. Wow!

I feel blessed to be a part of the Bovina experience. Thanks again for the opportunity to teach your respectful, talented young people and for the award.

Con Carino
Leticia Martinez

- In other business, the board:
- Received the resignation of elementary school teacher Corrie Gilley.
 - Held the public hearing on the early school start waiver. Nobody showed up.
 - Approved the summer school program.
 - Changed the May meeting date to May 16.
 - Heard that the Office of Civil Rights inquiry into the sports program hasn't been made yet, so it's on hold.

After Bovina put in the baseball program for boys, a parent complained that under federal guidelines the school must put in a sports program for girls. The OCR will determine whether this must be done.

-- Approved new service awards. Previously, staffers received pins for every five years of service.

Under the new system, staffers will be able to pick their own awards out of a booklet. For 5 years, they can pick a \$50 item; for 10 years, a \$100 item, and so forth.

Next year, tech teacher Janie Sudderth will be celebrating her 45th year at Bovina Schools and can pick out a \$450 item.

-- School Supt. Bill Bizzell had invited folks signing up for the school board race to attend the meeting. Attending were Tony Neal and Brian Cox.

Crackdown

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filing report. This is a report mandated by the state for all counties and cities.

-- Approved allowing retired city employees (those who retire after 20 years or more of continuous service and who qualify for Social Security) to stay on the city's insurance policy, although they have to pay for it themselves.

Also, the medical benefits packages offered city employees was changes to give them more options. These changes go into effect in July.

-- Discussed the dump truck that the city plans to buy this year. It will be multi-tasked - carting tree limbs, abandoned appliances, trash in alley, small loads of dirt and caliche, etc.

The cost is estimated about \$90,000, and the city has received a grant of \$30,200 toward it. The city will have the rest of the funds for it this year.

Councilman Radford Venable proposed changes in the specs for the truck.

-- Set the cemetery cleanup day for May 6, starting at 9 a.m. A free barbeque will follow. Bring your lawn mowers and tools!

-- Set the next meeting for April 13.

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Out at home

A look back at award recipients

Here's a look at the past award recipients at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet:

Heritage Award
 R.L. Hopingardner, 1990; Sid Lloyd, 1991; Jack Patterson and Maggie Terry, 1992; Bedford Caldwell, 1993; Jo Looney, 1994; Amos Steelman, 1995; Jerry Ware, 1996; Aletha Wilson, 1997; Dean and Juanita Hastings, 1998; Ethel Johnson, 1999; Virgie Cary, 2000; Sue Fowler, 2001; Arnold Hromas, 2002; Roul Barron, 2003; Leslie McCain, 2004; Marie and Elton Venable, 2005.

Educator of the Year
 Phyllis Steelman, 1980; Frances Willard, 1981; Janie Sudderth, 1982; Margaret Durben, 1983; Barbara Charles, 1984; Phyllis Steelman, 1985; Brenda Wilson, 1986; Carol Scott, 1987; Gladys Spring, 1988; Sue Nuttall, 1989; Bob Owen, 1990; Pattie Johnson, 1991; Chris Cupit, 1992; Kathy Rundell, 1993; Carolyn Beauchamp, 1994; Carolyn Widner, 1995; Lawrence Widner, 1996; Bobby Ortiz, 1997; Norma Villarreal, 1998; William Shelly, 1999; Darla Sealey, 2000; Kathy Graves, 2001; Jan Thieman, 2002; Denise Anderson, 2003; Christie Barksdale, 2004; Hector Guevara, 2005.

Boy and Girl of the Year
 Jimmy Rhodes and Kara Mills, 1980; Dale Turner and Kathy Williams, 1981; Charlie Trimble and Wendy Sherrill, 1982; Bret Whitten and Patti Sherrill, 1983;

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Junk crackdown report given

The Bovina City Council on March 10 received a report on the status of the junk crackdown.

City Manager Ernest Terry reported he had sent out about 20 letters to property owners (he is hitting the bigger piles first).

He said about two-thirds of the list has been cleaned up so far, terming this a very good response.

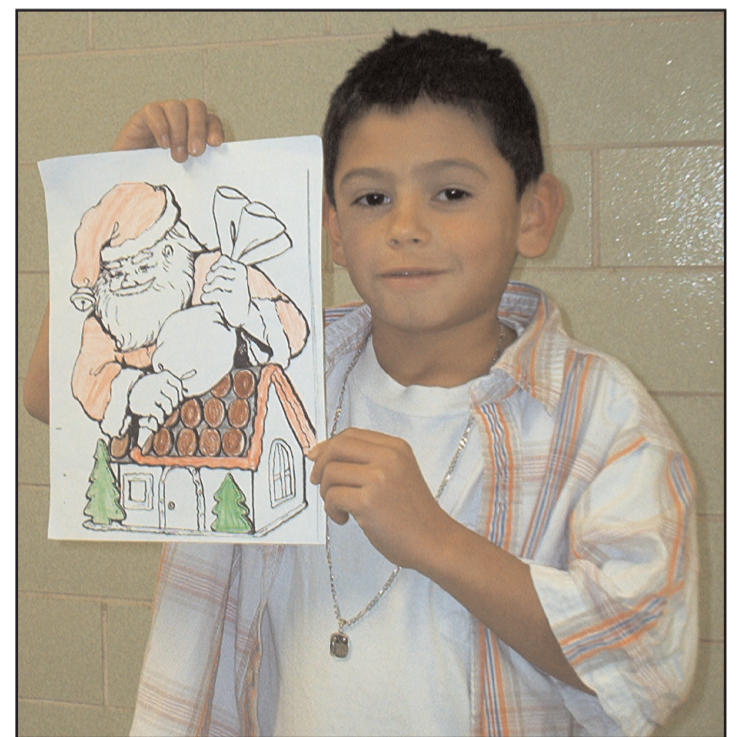
In other business, the council:

- Heard Terry report that election day went well, with no problems with the electronic machines at the Bovina polling places.

- Heard that the sewer project is back on track, with the \$164,000 payment made to original project engineer Rich Oller in return for paperwork on work done so far. The new project engineer is OJD Engineers, of Amarillo.

- Received the Bovina police department's racial pro-

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Artwork series

This is part of a Tribune series of art work by Bovina students. Pictured is 2nd grader Ari Roldan with his artwork.

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