

Another Bovina-Farwell cliffhanger Steers still in the chase

It's always the proverbial barn-burner when the Farwell and Bovina varsity football teams clash, and last Friday's game was no exception.

It seems the scores between the two county rivals are always 7 points or less, and that is what happened once again.

This time, the Steers prevailed over the Mustangs, 28-21 for the Regional championship at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon before more than 1,600 fans.

The ability by Farwell to connect on passes on long 3rd down plays was the key to its win.

Both crowds cheered like mad for their teams as the game was nip and tuck the whole way, going down to the last play.

The Mustangs ended a great season with a 7-6 mark. By winning the previous playoff game against White Deer, it marked the first time in

Steers of the Week

Coach Prokop named as Steers of the Week: offense -- whole team; defense -- whole team.

Mustangs of the Week

Coach Guevara named as Mustangs of the Week: offense -- Dorian Vela and Rolando Perez; defense -- Andrew Marrufo and Rosendo Lara; special teams -- Desmond Fox; and Big Hit -- Gael Vela and Irvin Vela.

the school's history (11-man football) that the Mustangs had captured a state playoff victory.

The Steers, now 11-1, advance to the Class 1A Division 2 state quarter-final against Springlake-Earth on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Lowrey Field is at Avenue P and 66th Street.

The Steers upset Springlake-Earth in district play earlier this season by 4 points. At the time, the Wolverines were ranked No. 3 in Texas.

This has been the best

Steers' season ever. They have never made it to the quarter-finals before.

Their last great year was in 1989 when the Steers played in the Area championship game.

The game opened with Bovina starting at its 30. Andrew Marrufo made 6, and Desmond Fox picked up the first down, on a good stop by Hunter Black. Marrufo ran for 4 more, and Rolando Perez for 9.

A penalty against Bovina, and a good stop on a Fox run by Landry Actkinson, created a 3rd and 11. Fox got 3 and Bovina punted to the Steers 11 where Collin Christian was tackled immediately.

Lincoln Devault gained 4 and Collin Christian ran for 9. An Actkinson pass to Koltin Morris was good for 22. Devault gained a 1st down on runs of 7 and 6 at the Mustangs 35. On 3rd and 3, Devault gained 11. The Farwell drive ended on an interception in the end zone by Dorian Vela.

Fox gained 6. Zac Stancell had a tackle for a 2-yard loss. Russell Schilling had a good tackle, forcing a Mustang punt to midfield.

The 2nd quarter began with Farwell 3rd and 1 at the Bovina 42. Actkinson ran a keeper for 3. Rosendo Lara had a TD-saving tackle on a Devault run. Caleb Christian gained 9. Lara had a QB sack for minus 5 yards. On 4th and 6 at the Bovina 25, Devault caught a 10-yard Actkinson pass.

Devault ran for 7, and Caleb Christian for 5. Devault then scored from 3 yards out at 8:58. The Devault kick made it 7-0.

Alexis Martinez returned the kick 14 yards to the Bovina 30. Marrufo ran for 5, and Perez gained 16 around end. On a busted play, QB Dorian Vela was sacked by Caleb Christian and Schilling, forcing a punt to the Farwell 13.

A tipped pass was intercepted by Marrufo, who returned it 22 yards to the Farwell 4. Perez ran for 2, followed by Fox's 2-yard TD run at 5:12. The Sergio Hernandez kick tied the game at 7-all.

Caleb Christian had a long kick return, but a penalty against Farwell, gave the Steers the ball at the Bovina 40. Devault ran for 6 and Actkinson for 3. On 4th and 2, Actkinson hit Devault with a 12-yard pass.

Penalties against Farwell put the ball at the Bovina 25. Gael Vela broke up a Farwell pass. On 4th and 16, the Actkinson to Devault combination worked

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Frances Lovelace with her children - Teddy, Jeanette, Imogene, and Larry, and grandson Stan who has returned to Lazbuddie to operate the Treider Hardware Store and electrician service with his brother, Brad.

Frances Lovelace celebrates 99th

Roald Amundsen leads the expedition that's first to reach the South Pole. Italy defeats Turkey in the war over Libya.

Those were the headlines in 1911, the year Frances Lovelace was born. She celebrated her 99th birthday on Sunday in Friona with friends and family from all across the nation.

Born Frances Menefee near Greenfield, Texas, she moved with her family in 1925 to a new community in Parmer County that is today called Lazbuddie.

Her first year of education was at the one-room Jesko School before it consolidated with the Crackerbox School to become the Midway School. When that school was later disestablished, students chose between attending classes in Oklahoma Lane or Lazbuddie.

The bus driver at Lazbuddie schools in 1926 was a young man named Juel Treider, whose family had moved in 1908 onto land nearby they had purchased from the old XIT ranch. With this chance acquaintance at the schoolhouse, Juel and Frances married in 1928.

Setting up their first home on the old Treider homestead, they raised six children there in the coming years, Billie Ray, Bobbie June, Teddy, Jeanette, Imogene, and Larry. All except Billie Ray and Bobbie June were present for their mother's 99th birthday.

The Treider two-story home remains there to this day, vacant for

years, but the grandchildren cherish memories of the old house and are taking turns returning to Lazbuddie to fix it up again, project by project. Ted Treider provides the materials on each visit.

"When my family settled this land it had a windmill and a water tank," Treider reflected. "The people called it 'Dead Horse Mill' because horse bones and skulls were scattered all over."

"That was left over from the old ranch days in this area when this part of the Plains still had herds of wild mustangs that could be a nuisance. The cowboys would drive them to a corral here and sort out the ones they wanted and then they'd shoot the rest and leave them for the coyotes."

"Whenever mom needed water, she was sure glad to have running

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Farwell JH one-act play

Farwell Junior High won the UIL tournament again this year. See more scenes from the one-act play on Page 2.



Schilling competes for Miss Teen

Olivia Schilling competed last weekend for Miss USA Texas Teen in Houston, but she didn't place.

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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 Texico or Farwell post offices. Postmasters Lynn Mahaney and Lonnie Pickel guarantee they will get to their destinations 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 greeting card issue on Dec. 23. Pictured mailing her letter is Rory Pomper, daughter of Rob and Becky Pomper.



Farwell JH performs 'The Happy Scarecrow'

Several Farwell Jr. High One Act Play cast members received honors at the recent UIL competition. The play did not advance.

Honorable Mention All-Star Cast honors went to Mark Woods as the Jester and Trevor Schilling as the Old Man.

All Star Cast honors went to Cade Box as the Scare Human, J.J. Herrera as the King and Tanner Mesman as the Scarecrow.

Other cast members were Cassidy Devault, Emily Stancell, A.J Bermea, Kianna Barrera, Federico Solis, and Taylor Presnell.



Lovelace

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water in that old house," he laughed. "One of us kids would run about 150 yards to the windmill with a couple of buckets and come running back with them full."

"My dad and mom were very loyal to Parmer County and only did business with their neighbors," Treider said. "They banked in Farwell, bought their gas and oil and took their grain harvests to Bovina, and got their tractors and other equipment in Friona."

Frances was widowed in 1978 shortly after she and her husband had moved to a house on the Menefee spread. She married Charlie Lovelace of Farwell in 1981 and threw her energies into her community and her paintings. Her works of art grace the homes of her family and friends across the country.

Widowed again, she remained active in the community, not giving up driving her car until she was 93. In 2006, she moved into the retirement center in Friona.

"My mom and dad were never rich," Treider said. "Farming is a tough business but they raised six children in a home filled with health and happiness though."

At the reception, Treider scanned the hall filled with the generations of Frances' family members, laughter, and warmth, and closed with "You can sure see it here today."

All-District

The Texico Wolverines were well represented on the state's All-District list of selections:

Offense 1st team -- Jose Posada, QB; Donovan Johnson, running back; Colton Miller, wide receiver; Lucas Walthers, tight end; Ali Valles, lineman.

Offense 2nd team -- Jesus Rivera, wide receiver; Shay Harrison, running back; D.J. Griego, lineman.

Offense Honorable Mention -- Zach Madrid, Elliott Pelfrey, Uriel Munoz, lineman.

Defense 1st team -- Brandon King, lineman; Donovan Johnson, inside linebacker; Shay

Harrison inside linebacker; Lucas Walthers, end; Jesus Rivera, end; Jose Posada, secondary; Sergio Posada, kicker. Defense 2nd team -- Colton Miller, secondary. Defense Honorable Mention -- D.J. Griego, lineman.

Branch wins Finals title

Farwell's Pete Branch was in the saddle of MS Peppy Cat, an Allsup-owned cutting horse, which won the open division title at the National Cutting Horse Association World Finals in Fort Worth.

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Ivy paces Lazbuddie JH boys

Varsity Boys

The Lazbuddie Longhorns got nipped by Lorenzo Nov. 23, 32-31. Scoring were Jared Timms, 6; Alex Lopez, 2; Colton Weaver, 12, and Josh McIntosh, 11.

Varsity Girls

The Lady 'Horns fell to

Lorenzo, 71-29. Scoring were Shyann Rainey, 6; Ashton Mason, 10; Kylie McGehee, 2; Keeley Burris, 7, and Allison Weaver, 4.

JH Boys

Lazbuddie's JH boys on Nov. 22 lost to Silverton. 23-13. Scoring were Haldon

is another sign of the times.

And let's not just pick on the EPA. Let's talk about the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA).

According to a guest column in the Amarillo newspaper on Sunday by an economist who specializes in legislative impact studies, the USDA has proposed regulating an "obscure bureaucratic regulation" that will do major harm to Texas producers.

He estimates that the rule, if enacted, would cost Texas highly in jobs and tax revenues and "it is difficult to see how anybody will actually benefit," the columnist wrote.

This is why I keep stressing how dangerous the federal bureaucracy is to our nation.

The bureaucrats don't care how harmful rules can be for our nation; they only care about getting more personnel in their departments so they can earn more money.

Sad but true. The bureaucracy is far more dangerous to our future than any politician.

Ivy, 11, and Albert Moran, 2.

The JH boys lost to Happy, 30-7. Ivy scored all 7 points.

JH Girls

Lazbuddie's JH girls on Nov. 22 wiped out Silverton, 52-16.

Scoring were Lacey Jesko, 21; Maysun Hester, 18; Lindsey Burris, 9; Haley Ivy, 2; and Josie Samarron, 2.

The JH Girls nipped Happy, 26-25.

Scoring were Hester, 14; Jesko, 6; Anais

Andrade, 4; and Samarron, 2.

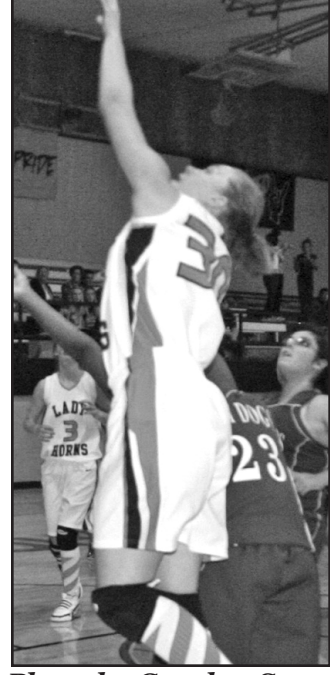


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Sheriff's Report

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

On Nov. 16, Abel Vega Jr., 28, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of evading arrest, pending in county court, and burglary of a habitation (2 times), pending in District Court.

On Nov. 16, Jodi Gonzales, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of driving with an invalid license, pending in county court.

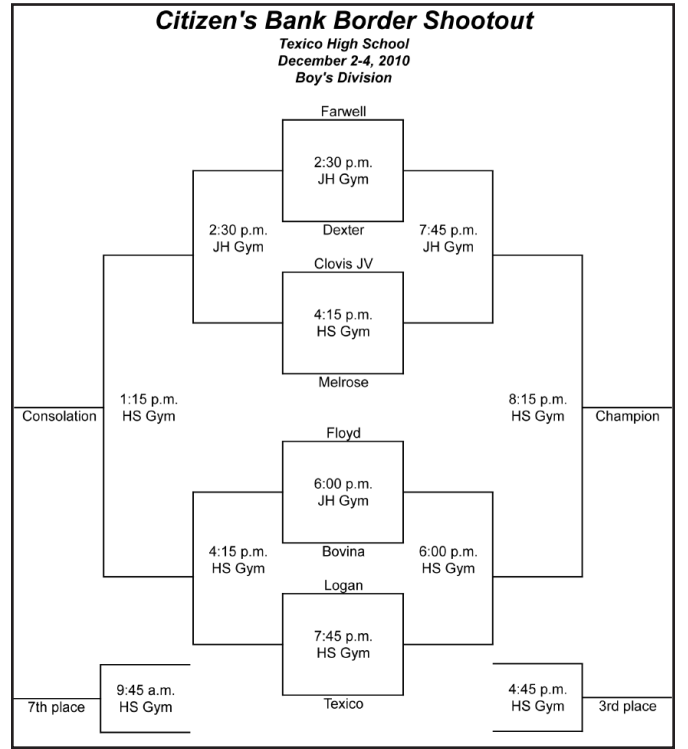
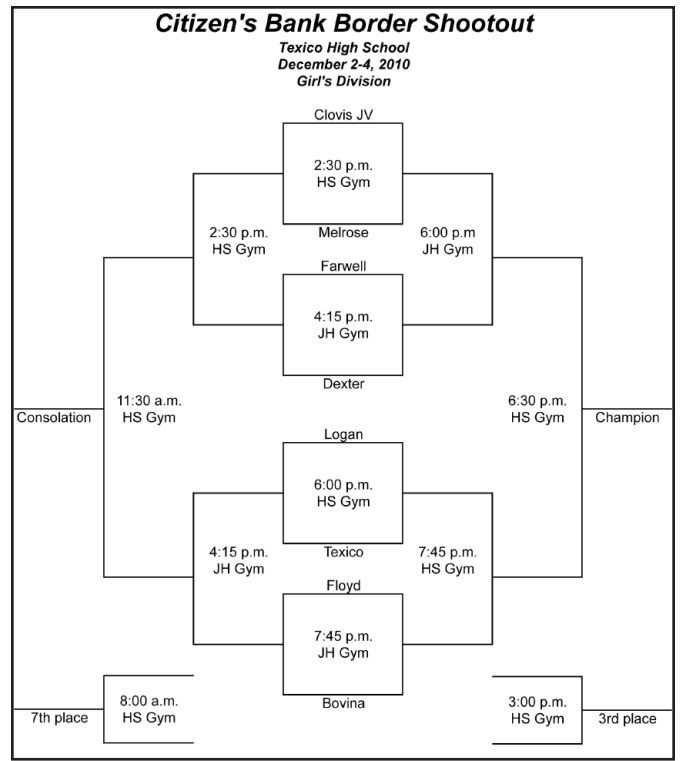
On Nov. 20, Jonnell Lewis, 25, of Cuervo, N.M., was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI, pending in county court.

On Nov. 23, Michelle Garcia, 37, of Roswell, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of driving with an invalid license, pending JP court.

On Nov. 23, Tyler Phillips, 25, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a motion to revoke (possession of marijuana under 2 oz.), pending in county court.

On Nov. 23, Ramon Silva, 30, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on a motion to revoke (DWI 2nd out of Deaf Smith County). He posted bond and was released.

On Nov. 24, Sharlet Espach, 41, of Farwell, was arrested on charges of assault of a public servant, pending before the grand jury; and disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, pending in county court.



Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

I don't know if you caught the "small story" that was reported early last month about the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA announced that it has begun to try to regulate greenhouse gases, which contribute to global warming, because Congress hasn't acted.

Now, I'm not saying whether or not I favor this regulation, but what I am questioning is the bureaucracy making laws -- which should be up to Congress.

This is why over the years I have written that the bureaucracy is much stronger than Congress.

Just based on this one decision, you tell me who is in charge -- Congress or the bureaucrats.

And do you think that's right?

After the EPA made its decision, I haven't seen one criticism or, indeed, any statement about its law-making ability. This

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Texico -- Texico hosts the Citizens Bank Tourney Dec. 2-4. The varsity boys host Lovington Dec. 7, then the varsity teams play in the Dimmitt Tourney Dec. 9-11. The JH teams take on Marshall Dec. 6 -- girls there, boys here, and Tucumcari on Dec. 7 -- girls there, boys here.
Bovina -- The varsity teams play in the Texico tourney Dec. 2-4, then play at Clovis Christian Dec. 7, then play in the Elida Tourney Dec. 9-11. The JH teams host Sudan Dec. 6.
Lazbuddie -- The varsity teams play in the Whiteface Tourney Dec. 2-4, then play at Dora Dec. 7, and vie in the Whitharral Tourney Dec. 9-11. The JH teams play at Happy Dec. 6.
Farwell -- The varsity teams play in the Texico Tourney Dec. 2-4; the same days the JV teams are in the Friona JV Tourney. On Dec. 7, the JV & varsity girls host Whiteface while the JV & varsity teams play at Lorenzo. The varsity teams play in the Dimmitt Tourney Dec. 9-11. The JH teams host Springlake-Earth Dec. 6.

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8th Girls
Farwell's 8th grade girls on Nov. 22 beat Bovina, 36-17.
Scoring were Cassidy Devault, 15; Taylor Presnell, 8; Kianna Barrera, 6; Christina Green, 4; Marissa Lopez, 2, and Emily Stancell, 1.

Farwell beat New Deal, 38-22.
Scoring were Devault, 10; Lopez, 8; Stancell, 6; and Presnell, 4.

Varsity Boys
The Steers opened their season on Nov. 23 by beating Grady, 67-41.
Scoring were Josh Olivas, 5; Levi McCormick, 8; Luke Carpenter, 22; Rane Carpenter 10; and Octavio Chavez, 22.

Varsity Girls
The Lady Blue on Nov. 23 beat, Grady 43-20.
Scoring were Laney Christian, 3; Lauryn Meyer, 6; Kristin Langford, 4; Caitlyn Stancell, 7; Abby Johnson, 4; Lauren Carpenter, 4; Chandler Barnes, 8;

Clarisa Garcia, 3; and Keila Jennings, 4.

JV Girls
Farwell's JV Girls fell to Littlefield, 37-16.
Scoring were Taylor Stancell, Stephanie Tercero and Sasha Lara, 2 each; Jill Johnson, 6, and Kayla Cullison, 4.

7th Girls
Farwell's 7th Girls defeated Yucca, 35-7.
Scoring were Brayden Johnson, 3; Katy Carpenter, Skylar Chadwick and Madison Griswold, 4 each; Jenna Kirkland, 6; Regan Agee, 11; Carina Reyes, 5.

Farwell beat New Deal 38-13.
Scoring were Brenna Jarman, 12; Chadwick, 8; Kirkland, 6; Agee, 6; Ami Favila, 4; and Griswold, 2.

Farwell "White" beat New Deal 8-3.
Scoring were Cari Johnson, 4; Cheyenne Patrick, 2; and Brayden Johnson, 2.

8th Boys
Farwell's 8th Boys topped Bovina, 44-33.
Scoring were JJ Herrera, 14; Mark Woods, 2; Jacob Gallegos, 10; Curt Langford, 12; Pedro Ruiz, 6.

7th Boys
Farwell's 7th Boys beat Bovina, 36-8.
Scoring were Angel Graxiola, Leo Cervantes and Armando Arexalo, 6 each; Gerardo Martinez, 8; Danny Reyes, 10.

Deadline nears for chest bids

The deadline for sealed bids for the cedar chest created by Texico School students is Dec. 4.
The minimum bid is \$175 -- cost of materials used to make it. This is a fund-raiser for the Texico FFA chapter.
Bids are to be sent to: Cedar Chest Sale, % Texico School, PO Box 237, Texico NM 88135.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2023



Makenna Byrd is a Farwell kindergarten. Her birthday is July 30.
Parents are Chad & Holly Byrd. She has a brother, Mason. Grandparents are Ronald & LeAndra Byrd, Bob & Phyllis Gruner, and Joyce Byrd.
She likes playing with friends and gymnastics.
Her favorite color is yellow.
Favorite food is mandarin oranges.
She doesn't like it when her friends have to go home.

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Texico City Council approves house placement

The Texico City Council on Nov. 23 heard a request by Rafael Colmenero to place a trailer house along the highway between Master Tech Auto Service and Borderline Cuts.
Building inspector Terry Martin said he met setback requirements but must talk with the state highway personnel about the driveway. Once that is taken care of, he's good to go.

In other business, the council:
-- Received a complaint from a homeowner living west of the Port of Entry about low water pressure. He is tied in to the city line.
Since the house is outside the city limits, the council took no action.
-- Got the test results back on the new water well on the south side of town. It was sent to the engineer for reading.
-- Passed a fair housing resolution per state requirements. This allows the city to apply for CDBG grants.



Jesko qualifies for State

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Sunday School - 9 a.m.
Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Keith Niehaus
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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.

First Baptist Church Of Bovina
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.

Farwell Convalescent Center
Sunday services -- 9 a.m.
Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday

St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat
David Symm - minister
Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Jim Peabody - minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter
7:30 p.m. summer

Lariat Church of Christ
Wesley Roach - minister
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter
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Rafael Marin, pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.

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.

Bovina Church of Christ
Mike Prather, minister
Sun. - Bible study - 9:45 a.m.
Sun. - Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Wed. - Bible class - 7 p.m.

Lazbuddie Methodist Church
Rev. Ken Peterson
Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.
Worship -- 10:30 a.m.

San Jose Catholic Church, Texico
Sunday Mass - Noon
Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.

Church of Christ
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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer
8 p.m. winter

Bovina United Methodist Church
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday study, 7 p.m.

Apostolic Truth United Pentecostal Church of Texico
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt
Worship - 11:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt
Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt

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CCD -- 9:30 a.m.
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6 p.m. Wednesday & Friday

First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie

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Worship Service - 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Farwell
Sunday School -- 9:45 a.m.
Worship -- 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
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Wed. Prayer meeting -- 6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.

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America has had its share of "interesting times" with wars, economic downturns, social unrest, and political conflagrations at various points in its history.

In the election of 1844, for instance, President John Tyler was savaged by his own party.

Inter-party disputes over his efforts to bring Texas into the Union as a slave-state had made him the target of a vicious newspaper campaign, his cabinet was torn by resignations, and John Quincy Adams in Congress had initiated the first impeachment effort in American history. Adams and his allied congressmen failed, however, to win the House votes to force the Senate trial of a president of their own party.

With a history like that, it was no surprise when Tyler's party ran Henry Clay instead.

In the election of 1952, President Harry Truman also suffered from the darts thrown by his own party. Joseph Stalin's Soviet Communism after World War Two had enslaved more than 87 million people in Eastern Europe and in 1949 Mao Tse Tung's Communism in China had enslaved one-fifth of the world's population.

The Korean War that in its three years would ultimately kill more than 3 million people, including almost 37,000 U.S. soldiers, had bogged down

to a very unpopular war of attrition. Truman had fired Douglas MacArthur, the World War II Medal of Honor recipient and the most successful general in American military history. With that record, Truman had an approval rating of just under 22 percent by 1952, making him America's most unpopular president ever.

Truman withdrew from the fight to win his party's renomination after humiliating results in the New Hampshire primary and Adlai Stevenson instead ran.

In the election of 1968, President Lyndon Johnson had fallen from the pinnacle of triumph in the previous election to the dog-house in his own party's eyes. Walter Cronkite on CBS news had declared Vietnam an "unwinnable" war after the Tet Offensive, American cities were racked by race riots, and anti-military protests swept colleges across the country.

Faced with that turmoil, Johnson was a danger to the party in its other races so he withdrew and it ran instead his vice president, Hubert Humphrey.

In the previous examples, president who had become the proverbial "millstone around the neck" for other candidates in their own party were pushed aside. Looking ahead to the election of 2012, fewer than one-fourth of

Americans polled believe Obama will be re-elected. His approval rating has fallen to 39 percent, almost half of where it stood on his inauguration.

Might not America find itself in a similar situation?

With the results of the 2012 defeat still stinging, a Democratic rebound will have to be based on major improvements in the economy, major victories in the war against Islamic terrorism, and a major turnaround in the world's perception of weakness from our leadership.

A weekend is an eternity in politics, of course, and with two years until the next election, things could turn around dramatically. Successes in those areas will propel Obama again to the heights of popularity and optimism that he enjoyed before his inauguration.

Alternatively, if failure in those areas make him a liability to his party, the next two years will be very interesting times.

Will major success in these three areas before 2012 turn the tables of political fortune yet again?

If not, will a party be faced with a decision to throw its president under the bus?

And if that happens, how will Obama and his committed followers respond?

Very interesting times indeed.

Farwell Chamber starts planning 40th Banquet

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 30 is looking for ideas for the Chamber Banquet that will be held in April.

That will be the 40th anniversary of this event and the Chamber requests ideas for themes, entertainment, or anything else that will mark it as a significant occasion.

In other business, the council:

Heard from Heidi Eichenauer of the Parmer County Medical Center about facilities and services that are now provided in its recent expansion. She emphasized the "swing bed" rehabilitation program.

These services and treatments are designed for the individual who has completed the acute care of their hospitalization but are still not completely ready to return to their home. Swing bed enables them to gain strength through long-term IV requirements and therapies involving weight training and aquatic conditioning.

Speech therapy and occupational therapy are provided to enable patients to regain the functions of everyday life that may have been impaired by their illness or injury. The clinic's staff boasts 84 years of combined experience in these types of rehabilitative therapies.

Eichenauer noted that these state of the art services are provided in-county, close to family and friends and the individual's primary care doctor. The upgraded facility provides its own



Christian honored

Each week, the Amarillo newspaper features two Athletes of the Week on Page 1 of their sports section. Last week, one of the athletes chosen was Farwell Steers' Caleb Christian, for his work during the Area title win over Wheeler. In that game, Christian had a 61-yard TD run, plus an interception. Above, Caleb Christian follows a block from Collin Christian.

pharmaceutical services and a helicopter pad for emergency air evacuations.

Accommodations are also available to support family members who wish to remain overnight close to patients, with a variety of amenities to diminish the "hospital feel" for patients and guests.

Applauded the success of the Veterans' Day program at Farwell schools again this year and thanked Will Anderson and Vernon Luce for their presentations.

Discussed a billboard will soon be erected at the north end of 3rd Street indicating the direction to the city park, veterans' memorial, and the Ozark Trail obelisk.

Heard an update on that obelisk. The stencils have been completed and Robin Gregory is coordinating now with Steve Meeks for the fork lift services necessary for the hand-lettering of the marker precisely as it appeared when the original was erected almost 90 years ago.

Set the next Chamber meeting in January.

Arts and Crafts Show coming

The Country Christmas Jubilee Arts and Crafts Show will be held at the Farwell Community Center.

Hours are Friday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It features breakfast, lunch and dinner items, snacks, and drinks.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office last week recorded these warranty deeds:

Joe Schilling - Schilling living trust, 30 ac S15 T9S R1E.

Jimmy Robinson - Margaret Robinson, SW/pt of NW/4 S21 Doud & Keefer and others.

Regina Mormimo - Federico Alvidrez et al, 1 ac SE/4 S12 T6S R3E.

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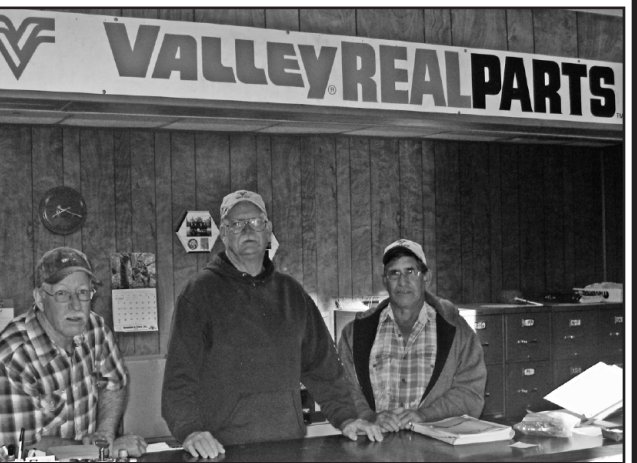
Franse Irrigation

Franse Irrigation has been in business since 1979.

Owned by Ralph Franse, its employees include Ralph, Jimmy, Wanda and Steve Franse; Henry Garcia; Paul Salguero, and David Jimenez.

The business is located at 711 FM 292 (also known as North 9th Street) in Farwell. It's between Kelly Green Seeds and the Apple Shack. The telephone number is 481-3316.

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The Latest

Dr. Bob Dana began work this week with Bone Joint Chiropractic in Bovina.

Dr. Dana has 18 years of experience and works with Dr. Mindy Neal.

He is working Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Appointments are taken at (806) 241-1300. Walk-ins are welcome, too.

The Amarillo newspaper included Farwell's Landry Actkinson on its Athlete of the Week honor roll for his play against Bovina.

Actkinson passed for 261 yards and rushed for 24 more.

Casen Wright Williams was born to Ryan and Annie Williams, of Farwell, on Tuesday morning. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21" long.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charlene Grissom, Deceased, were issued on November 23, 2010, in Cause No. 2869, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Pamela Grissom Sparks.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Founded by Clovis resident Dub Hayes in 2005, the Holy Cross Movie Ministry's primary goal is to show the movie, "The Passion of The Christ."

The ministry also meets the physical needs of the Liberian people. Over 1,600 large plastic bags of clothing, 4,000 pairs of shoes, 6,000 small stuffed animals and toys, thousands of used Bibles (along with New and Old Testaments and Bible story coloring books) are currently sitting at the Liberian ports awaiting distribution, but due to increased shipping costs, funds are not currently available.

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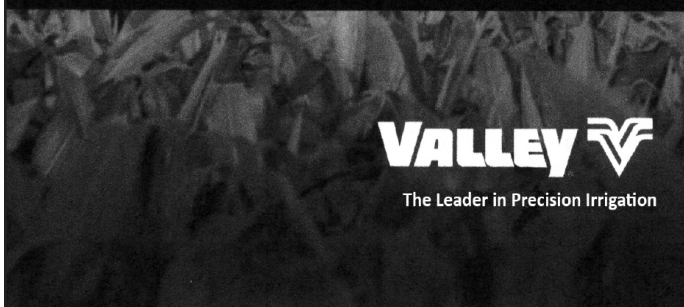
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Tuesday - frito pie, pinto beans, jalapenos, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot rolls, Jello with fruit, milk.
Thursday - hot dog or chili dog, french fries, pickle spear, fruit, milk.
Friday - no school.

Farwell
Monday -- BBQ glazed chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
Tuesday - sub sandwich, lettuce, pickles, carrot sticks, pineapple, oatmeal cookie, milk.
Wednesday - taco with cheese, LT, corn, peaches, milk.
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Friday - sausage wrap with cheese, pinto beans, corn bread, taco salad, apple, milk.

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Gustin wins legal title

Farwell High grad Charlie Gustin is part of a legal team that won a national title in legal advocacy at Southern Illinois University last month.

He is in his final year at law school at South Texas School of Law in Houston after graduating from the University of Texas.

He is the son of Donnie and Mary Gustin.

Obituary

Beulah McWilliams

Services were held Nov. 24 for Beulah Donaldson McWilliams, 92, of Farwell, at First Baptist Church of Farwell with the Rev Rick Sullivan officiating.

Burial was in Farwell Cemetery. Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

She died Nov. 20. She was born Jan. 7, 1918, to Joe and Pearl Donaldson in Whiteflat. On June 4, 1938, she married Joe McWilliams in Texico.

Surviving are 2 sisters, Avis Carpenter, of Oklahoma Lane, and Ruth Boone, of Clovis.

Tuesday's basketball scores

Lazbuddie
The Lazbuddie varsity girls defeated Amherst by a score of 53 to 27. Scoring were Syann Rainey, 13; Shea Scott, 9; Ashton Mason, 10; Autumn Townsend, 7; Jessica Estrada, 6; Allison Weaver, 4; Kylie McGehee, 2; Keeley Burris, 2.

Texico
Texico varsity boys beat Vega 42-32. Scoring were Jose Posada, 3; Conner Doolittle, 8; Garrett Foote, 4; Sergio Posada, 2; Jesus Rivera, 2; Lucas Walthers, 9; Trent Barclay, 2; Wayne Skabelund, 10; and Mitchell Harrison, 2.

Bovina
Bovina varsity boys basketball lost to Morton 43-30. Scoring were Jose Lara, 4; Alexis Martinez, 2; Dorian Vela, 6; Gael Vela, 4; Eric Reza, 2; Andrew Maruffo, 8; Aaron Castaneda, 2; and Matt Knoll, 4.

Bovina varsity girls basketball fell to Morton 62-29. Scoring were Ruby Ramirez, 5; Edith Gomez, 4; Liz Chavez, 7; Sam Villarreal, 9; and Lynda Rodriguez, 4.

Farwell

Farwell varsity boys basketball knocked out Friona 68-53.

Scoring were Luke Carpenter, 25; Rane Carpenter, 19; Octavio Chavez, 14; and Josh Olivas, 10.

Farwell varsity girls basketball lost to Friona 31-26.

Scoring were Laney Christian, 3; Caitlyn Stancell, 5; Chandler Barnes, 3; Lauryn Meyer, 3; Keila Jennings, 10; and Clarisa Garcia, 2.

The Latest

The Texico Volunteer Fire Department will have its annual Christmas party on Dec. 11.

Bernice Norton was stricken on Nov. 24 with a heart attack and is in a hospital in Lubbock.

About 33 families in Texico and Farwell benefited from Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church's annual Thanksgiving Boxes Program.

The Tribune was told that Mel Lucero and Klynn Thomas were added to the Texico Lady Spikers for post-season play. Congratulations to these girls, too, for being part of the state championship squad.

An interesting side-note to the Farwell Steers football team this year: The Steers, quarterbacked by Landry

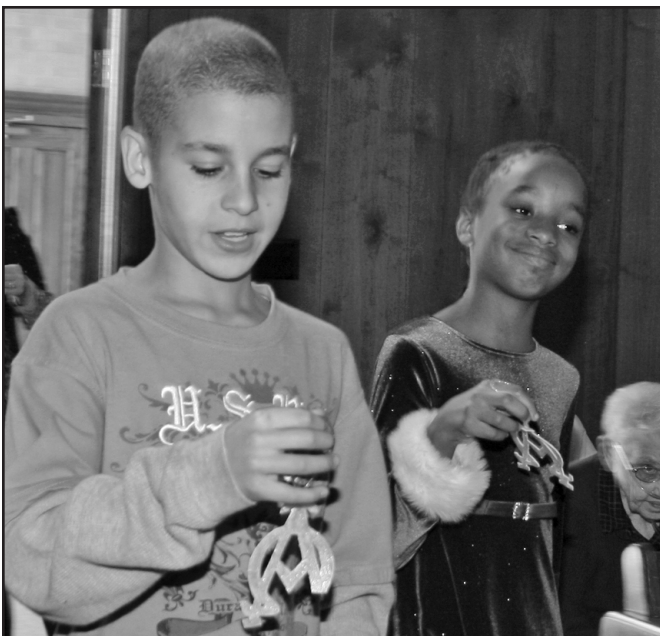
Atkinson, are having their best year since 1989, when they were quarterbacked by Landry's dad -- Greg Atkinson.

Former Farwell football coach Rex Cumpton was spotted at the Farwell-Bovina game in Canyon on Friday night. He drove in from Hobbs to watch his old team.

Cumpton was on crutches due to a football accident from earlier this year.

Ralph Franse remains in the Intensive Care Unit in Lubbock. Doctors removed the breathing apparatus on Nov. 29, replacing it with a tracheotomy which will enable him to resume breathing on his own more quickly.

Texico's Marlene Anderson won an Apple Ipad from a Clovis giveaway this week. Just in time for Christmas.



Hanging of the greens

Dalton and Kerigan Kasel, above, and the youth of Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church in Farwell participated this weekend in the yearly 'hanging of the greens' as part of the celebration leading up to Christmas.

Reyna, Meza lead Texico 7th girls

8th Boys
Texico's 8th Boys beat Floyd, 35-13.

Scoring were Justin Rucker and Matthew Suniga, 4 each; Tyler Bridges, 1; Tristan Lockmiller, 8; Jonah Tuls and Tanner Pelfrey, 2 each; Dalton Wren, 14.

Texico lost to Clayton 30-14.

Scoring were Rucker, 8; Lockmiller, 5; and Wren, 1.

8th Girls
Texico's 8th Girls lost to Elida, 37-21.

Scoring were Chyanne Scarborough, 4; Tacia Beavers, Madison Haakman and Kaleigh Autrey, 2 each; Taylor Stephens, 8; Emily Logan, 3.

Texico beat Floyd, 37-19.

Scoring were Autrey and Scarborough, 8 each; Beavers and McKenzie Thatcher, 4 each; Haakman, 2; Stephens, 11.

Texico lost to Clayton, 49-13.

Scoring were Stephens, 7; Scarborough, 4; and Beavers, 2.

7th Boys
Texico's 7th boys lost to Clayton, 27-8.

Scoring were Rafael Maldonado, 4; Trevor Burke, 2; Joseph Sena, 1; and Matthew Odegaard, 1.

7th Girls
Texico's 7th girls beat Clayton, 30-22.

Scoring were Brianna Reyna, 12; Arianna Meza, 11; Emily Hodnett, 5; and Audrey Wren 2.

Dr. Bob Dana has joined Bone Joint Chiropractic Bovina, Texas -- (806) 251-1300

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Dr. Dana, CCSP, CAC, is a graduate of the Logan College of Chiropractic. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in human biology and a doctorate in chiropractic.

He has been practicing chiropractic for 18 years and is licensed in six states. He is board certified as a Chiropractic Sports Practitioner through the American Board of Chiropractic Sports Physicians.

He has served school sports programs as well as industrial firms. He has taught as an Associate Professor in the orthopedic sciences division of Logan College as well as the Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas.

Dr. Dana is the founder of "The Rider's Edge," the official Chiropractic provider of the National Reining Horse Association from 2005-2007.

He comes to Bovina from Crossroads, Texas.



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Giving Thanks

Every year my mom and her sisters have a little competition to see who makes the best stuffing. My family already knows not to choose a winner. The little kids are the ones who usually pick a winner but, of course, they pick their mom's stuffing so no one wins.

While the girls cook, the guys play street football. All my cousins, uncle, even little kids play. We even match up the teams and have a lot of fun.

Andy Duarte

We usually gather at one of my aun't's houses. We all take something so we can have surplus food. We usually watch football games after we all eat. Sometimes, we even go outside and play football for awhile.

Alexis Martinez

Thanksgiving isn't just about food and football, it's about tightening bonds with your family because in the end, all you really have is family.

Fernando Banuelos

All my aunts, uncles, cousins and family and friends get together. Everyone sits down and eats. After we eat, we usually talk (a lot) and watch the football games. Constantly, there is a lot of noise, especially on my mom's side of the family. They have the loudest laughs I've ever heard. This year, it will probably be even louder because my sister's boy friend's family will probably come, too.

Pretty much, Thanksgiving at my house is loud and crazy, but I love it because I get to see people I haven't seen all year long. So I give thanks for being able to see them, talk, and laugh with them.

Mariana Guevara

We never really celebrated Thanksgiving until we moved to the U.S. Since my parents and my sisters

work at Cargill, they usually get turkey at work. But now we gather at my sister Amparo's house and do all the cooking for the family. It's something that brings us together and that is what is important.

Mayra Gomez

Our family tradition is to make two turkeys - one by my grandmother and one by my mom. I love how my grandma makes the stuffing. She makes it so delicious. Every year I make the fruit cocktail and we just pitch in for every thing else like the pies. We take turns on spending Thanksgiving either at my grandma's or my house. Every time before we eat, we pray and give thanks to everybody that has been there for us.

Cynthia Lara

On Thanksgiving night, we invite a few friends and family over. We do our prayer, have dinner and hang out. My mom makes her delicious turkey and regular Thanksgiving dinner. My dad usually helps her prepare it. My little brothers and I help make mashed potatoes and gravy. I usually make the cheesecake. I know it's supposed to be pumpkin pie or something, but that is the only kind of pie I know how to make, plus they enjoy it.

In our family, Thanksgiving Day is a day to thank God for all the blessings we have had in our lives. Not mattering whether good or bad, a blessing is a blessing and we always get something out of it.

Yadira G.

When all the food is ready, we gather around and enjoy our delicious meal. It's usually really scrumptious. I thank the Lord for giving everyone a day to value and appreciate what we have in life, Thanksgiving Day.

Jadira Pacheco

My family has Thanksgiving at my grandparents' house. We gather in the kitchen and one person will pray and thank God for everything he gives us. Then, the kids will go first and everyone has to get at least a little bit of the green jello my grandma makes. My grandmother and I are the only ones who enjoy the green jello, but it's a tradition for her to make it.

After we eat, we enjoy some games and our company. Then come the goodbyes and we go home very happy.

Padyn Hughes

Thanksgiving is a day for the family to get together. The brothers who have graduated from college come home to play some "Call of Duty." The sister who got married comes home with her husband and son to play some "Rock Band." The turkey's not ready yet so pop in a movie.

The weather is cold outside but the house is warm and toasty. Time to play Texas Hold-em. We start making plans for Christmas. We'll have it at my sister's house.

All the sides and rolls are done, and the turkey's almost there. We sit at the table and reminisce about holidays past. After awhile, the turkey's done and we dig in. No more chatter, only chewing. With our bellies full, we see if the game is on. Tomorrow, we'll go to the movies.

Can't wait til Christmas.
David Martinez

Thanksgiving is all about family and being thankful for everything the Lord gives us. I can't be more thankful for what I already have.

Gael Vela

My mother makes the best pumpkin roll ever. She only makes it once a year. I love helping her cook. All

the guys in the house are anxious all day just waiting for dinner. Around 7 o'clock, we all sit down and enjoy a nice Thanksgiving Day feast.

Just a couple of hours after we eat, my oldest brother Josh is already going back for more. It's always a good thing we make a lot of food. So all our friends and everybody else can come and enjoy dinner with us.

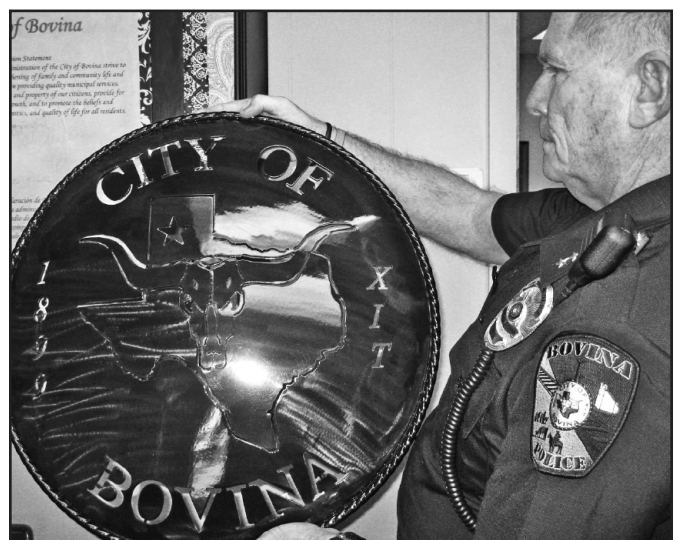
Sirina Ramirez

Thanksgiving is a time to be together, no fights, no hate, just you and the people you can't stand to be apart from. For me and my family, it's been tough. But one thing for sure, we still have each other. This is a day we should all look back and just be thankful we've made it this far. I love my mom. I'm grateful for my dad and for all he's done. I'm thankful for my sisters and brother, too. I'm so glad to have my family and my best friend, Alicia, by my side.

So next time you think "Thanksgiving," think "love", "family" and, yeah, some "food."

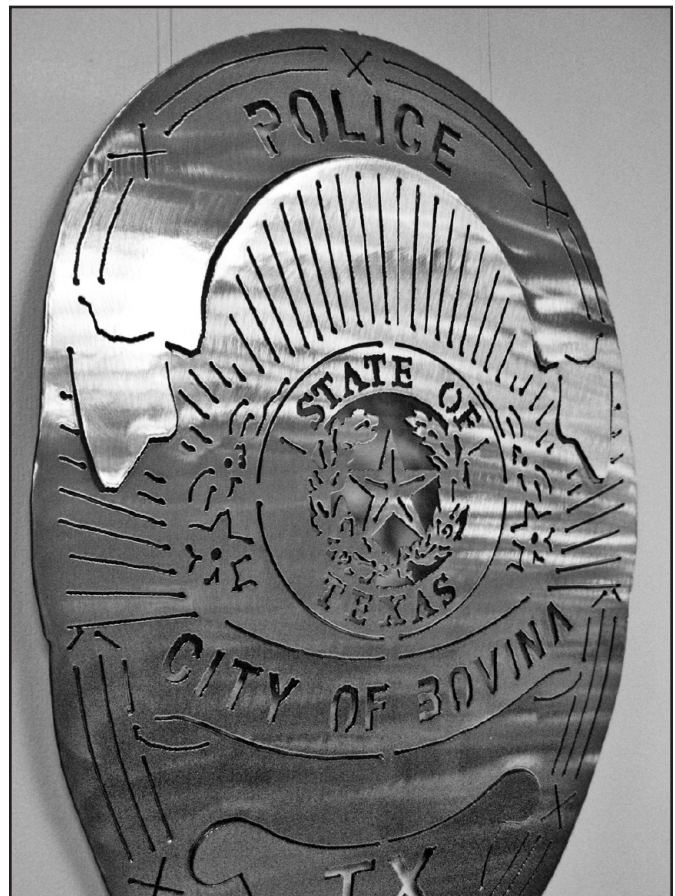
Happy Thanksgiving to all the families out there and to mine. I love you guys and never forget it.

Brenda Martinez



New city hall artwork

Chief Gary Sinclair, above, shows off Bovina's official seal as a part of the Bovina city hall improvements. This lighted plaque will be hung above the new entry facade. His shoulder patch is also new for the Police force. Below, Bovina's police badge has been recreated to hang in the office, too.



Henderson: Harvest beginning to wind down

From Parmer County few still finishing up in extension agent Benji the next week or so.

Henderson: The rain/snow of 2 weeks ago was a great benefit for the wheat crop.

Harvest is finally beginning to wind down across the county. There is very little corn left standing. Cattle are getting turned out all across the county and the dry land wheat crop was in great need of a drink before cattle were on it.

The year has been a good one with all of the rain that came last summer. There were some fields of dry land corn around that made a yield and irrigated yields were good for the most part. The hot dry August was hard on our corn crop.

Much of the grain sorghum was late planted behind hailed out crops and yields have been fair. September, with its warm temperatures, were good for the late planted grain sorghum and our cotton crop.

This year's cotton crop has been good across most of the county. Yields and grades are coming back on the positive side. Many producers are finished harvesting cotton while there are

Fillies fall to Hart

Varsity Girls The Fillies on Nov. 23 lost to Hart, 47-36.

Scoring were Mari Flores, 6; Edith Gomez, 6; Liz Chavez, 14; Sam Villarreal, 4; Regina Quintero, 2; and Lynda Rodriguez, 4.

Ingram to join FSA committee

Cris Ingram, of the Friona area, has agreed to serve on the FSA's Parmer County Committee if elected.

He would replace Raymond Hamilton who is serving his last year of eligibility.

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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 Banter

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Mustangs Coach Hector Guevara wanted the community to know how much the team appreciated the outstanding support of its fans and the school Booster Club as it participated in the state play-offs.

A hearty "thank you" comes from the coaching staff, folks.

Our varsity basketball teams play in the Texico tourney Dec. 2-4. Then they play at Clovis Christian Dec. 7. And they are entered in the Elida Tourney Dec. 9-11.

Our Middle School teams host Sudan Dec. 6.

Each week, the Amarillo newspaper runs an honor roll for Athletes of the Week.

Last week's group recognized Rolando Perez for his work in helping lead the Mustangs to the Area championship over White Deer.

In that game, Perez rushed for 151 yards and a TD.

Word has been received of the death of Arnold Young, 78, of Borger, Texas.

He was born July 18, 1932, on a farm near Bovina to Epraham and Urah Young. He was a 1951 Bovina High graduate.

He is survived by a son, daughter, 3 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and 3 siblings - George Young, of Sitka, Alaska; Lillion Allen, of Burrell, Fla., and Donnie Young, of Aledo.

Bovina Elementary reports that the folks at Caprock Cattle Feeders donated 25 new winter coats.

A big thanks go out to Pat Schwab and the gang at Caprock.

Student Council is busy with a food and winter clothing drive. They are accepting non-perishable items through Dec. 12.

If you would like to donate any new or gently used winter clothes, it would be appreciated. Items maybe dropped off at any of the school offices.

JC Maruffo and Joseph Casas, of Bovina, played on the Tri City Steers football team. The team played at the National Football Tournament in Las Vegas during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Every year there is usually a team or two that goes down to participate in the competition. This year they won 1st place in their division. Congratulations boys.

The Bovina Lions Club is in charge of the Bovina Empty Stocking Fund.

Anyone interested in donating to the fund, please drop off your donation with Shelby Rhodes at the First Bank of Bovina or mail it to: Lions Club, PO Box 629, Bovina TX 79009.

The money will be

used to buy presents for needy children in our community.

School lunch menus for next week (all with tossed salad and cottage cheese):

Monday - beef & macaroni, hamburger, corn bread, peas, potato chips, cucumbers, cottage cheese, peaches.

Tuesday - hot dogs with chili, pepperoni pizza, chili, fritos, baked beans, carrot, celery, fresh apples.

Wednesday - chulupas, hamburger, corn, fries, cucumbers, fruit cocktail.

Thursday - fish nuggets, pepperoni pizza, mixed veggies, carrot, celery, oranges.

Friday - turkey, dressing, hamburger, rolls, cream potatoes, green beans, cucumber, Jello cake.

Phones at City Hall were not working early Monday morning. Phones at Bovina Schools were out Tuesday.

Winner of the TV giveaway by the city was Maria Colunga, who has



Vanessa Herrera



Joseph Casas



Carlos Vaquera (Photos by Denise Anderson)



Joel Salas

recently moved from Bovina to Edinburg, Texas.

We had a brief power failure across town Nov. 21 around 5:30 pm. If you were thinking it was your house or a fuse, you weren't the only ones.

Our Mustangs are out of state contention with the loss to Farwell Saturday night.

I went to the game and our boys played phenomenal. They played like the true champions they are.

Just when I thought the game could not get

more exciting another awesome hit, great play, or drive occurred. Time and again, the Mustangs made it happen out there.

Bovina is so proud of how far this team has gone. We are truly a home of Champions!

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I hope everyone remembers the true meaning of

Christmas -- the amazing gift of salvation we received with the sacrifice of our savior.

God Bless you all.

Interesting Fact of the Week: It is illegal to leave a running vehicle unattended in the State of Texas.

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Mustangs-Steers

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again for an 18-yard pass to the Mustang 8. From there, Caleb Christian scored at 1:54. The Devault kick made it 14-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Mustangs used a reverse to Fox, who raced 80 yards for a TD. The Hernandez kick tied the game at 14-14 at 1:40.

Bovina then kicked off. The ball was touched by a Steer within the 5 yard line, and it was covered by the Mustangs' Gerardo Ortiz in the end zone for a TD. The Hernandez kick made it 21-14 at 1:30.

The last 90 seconds of the first half were wild as Farwell took to the air to try and get some points on the board.

Starting at their 20, Actkinson completed consecutive passes to Devault, for 22; to Caleb Christian, for 7; to Collin Christian, for 13, and to Caleb Christian, for 12.

A pair of incomplete passes made it 4th and 8 for the Steers at the Bovina 25. Actkinson then tossed a TD pass to Devault. The extra point kick missed and Bovina led, 21-20, with 29 seconds left.

Farwell tried an inside kick but Irvin Vela recovered it. The Mustangs got 2 first downs with running plays as time ran out in the half.

Collin Christian opened the 3rd quarter with a 26-yard kick return to the Steer 33. A penalty against Bovina put the ball near midfield. A big hit by Gael Vela caused a pass incompleteness. On 3rd and 15, Actkinson hit Caleb Christian with a pass good for 30.

On 3rd and 8 at the Mustang 24, Actkinson hit Morris with a pass for 23 yards. A 5-yard penalty against Farwell, plus a strong tackle by Jose Lara, put the Steers in a 4th and 3 situation. The 25-yard field goal try was wide.

The Mustangs started at their 20. Fox gained 8, then a Collin Christian tackle was good for a 1-yard loss. Fox ran for 5 more and a first down.

On a 3rd and 6, it was against Fox Time, as the speedy back gained another first down.

Then on 3rd and 7, you guessed it, the ball was given to Fox, who ran for 8 and a 3rd consecutive first down.

But a penalty put the Mustangs back 10 yards and they were unable to keep their drive going, punting to the Farwell 22.

Actkinson ran for 19. But a penalty set back the Steers as the 3rd quarter ended.

On 3rd and 18, Morris caught a 37-yard pass from Actkinson in heavy traffic at the Bovina 28.

Lara had a QB sack for minus 5 yards. On 3rd and 15, Actkinson passed to Collin Christian for 13. But a pass on 4th and 2 fell incomplete.

So the Mustangs got the ball back at 9:26. Fox ran for 6 out of the Mustangs potent wishbone attack, then for 5 more, with a good tackle by Hunter Black. Marrufo gained 3, then Farwell's Matt Martin recovered a fumble at the Bovina 40.

Caleb Christian gained 7. On 4th and 3 at the Bovina 33, Devault took in a short pass from Actkinson, and broke tackles for a first down at the Bovina 20.

Collin Christian ran for 12, then 5 more. Caleb Christian scored from the 3 at 5:16. A run by Caleb Christian added 2 extra points and Farwell led, 28-21.

Martinez had a great 35-yard kick return to the Farwell 45. Fox ran for 6, stopped by Black, then for 12 more. Marrufo broke 2 tackles to gain 19 to the Steer 10.

Schilling had a good tackle, keeping Perez to a 2-yard gain. A pass into the end zone was incomplete. Then a pass, on a reverse play, was caught, but out of the end zone. On 4th and 8, the Bovina pass was knocked down.

The Bovina defense rose up, forcing a 3 and out by Farwell. Bovina got the ball back near midfield with 1:47 left, but out of timeouts.

Stancell broke up a pass. A penalty made it 2nd and 15 for Bovina. Caleb Christian broke up a pass. It was 4th and 15 when Dorian Vela hit Gael Vela with a 16-yard pass.

Perrez ran for 8. A pass was incomplete, then Black knocked down a pass. It was 4th and 2, and Dorian Vela ran for 10 to the Farwell 17.

Perez gained 5, but a penalty against Bovina made it 2nd and 10 with 8 seconds left. Black intercepted in the end zone as the game ended.

Team stats:

First downs, Farwell 24, Bovina 14; rushing yards, Farwell 169, Bovina 186; passing yards, Farwell 261, Bovina 16; and penalties, Farwell 8 for 60 yards, Bovina 7 for 50. Both teams lost one fumble.

Individual stats:

Bovina -- rushers, Fox, 79 yards; Perez, 58; Marrufo, 42; receivers -- Gael Vela, 1 for 16.

Farwell -- rushers, Devault, 71 yards; Caleb Christian, 39; Collin Christian, 35; receivers -- Devault, 8 for 103; Caleb Christian, 4 for 63; Kolten Morris, 3 for 83; Collin Christian, 1 for 12.



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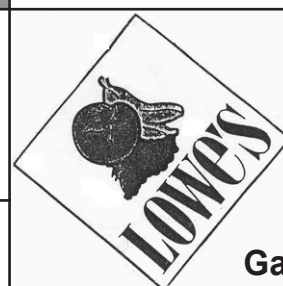
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