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Parmer County, Farwell Schools lower tax rates

The Farwell School Board has some great news for district taxpayers -- they lowered your taxes.

At the Aug. 4 meeting, the board voted to propose a \$1.10 per \$100 assessed valuation tax rate, down from this year's \$1.1268.

This means the average homeowner likely will pay about \$15 less a year in school taxes.

The proposed rate will be voted on at an Aug. 30 board meeting. The budget is \$5,383,946.

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Lazbuddie folks step up

About 60 persons turned out for a Lazbuddie School cleanup last weekend to repair and/or paint the football bleacher stands, concession stand, goal posts, fences and trash barrels. Another workday is scheduled this Saturday (Aug. 13) to finish up. See more photos on Page 2. (Photos by Joanna Martinez)



Rohrbach joins Tribune staff

State Line Tribune Publisher Rob Pomper announces an addition to its staff.

Darcy Rohrbach, of Texico, will be the new editor. Will Anderson, who has served as editor the past year, will become the Tribune's senior editor.

Anderson will continue to write articles for the Tribune. But due to other responsibilities -- teaching classes at Wayland Baptist University and taking courses toward a master's degree -- won't be able to make the "rounds" in the community each week.

Mrs. Rohrbach and her husband, Craig, manager of Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative, have two children -- Cole, 10, and Riley, 8.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Ms. Rohrbach has had previous newspaper experience.



Darcy Rohrbach



The Tribune building in horse-and-buggy days.



Next week's issue of the State Line Tribune has added historical significance. It marks the beginning of the weekly newspaper's 100th year, quite a milestone for any business.

To be honest, it's impossible to pinpoint the exact date for the Tribune's first issue. But for the past many, many years, the masthead on Page 1 has cited the publication number. And next week's number will be No. 1, 100th year.

Due to an unfortunate circumstance, there is very little history of the Tribune before 1940. It seems a youngster was told to burn some papers back then and ended up burning almost every copy. That is the story handed down to us.

The Tribune was not the first publication for the Texico-Farwell area. Its predecessors included the Texico Democrat, 1906-07; Texico Times, 1908-09; and Texico Trumpet, 1904-08.

There also was the Texico Farwell News, 1916-1920. About 50 issues of the News were discovered several years ago in the basement of the Rip's Western Wear building in Texico and stories from those publications are periodically featured in the Tribune.

The Tribune's history began when Benjamin Franklin Fears became publisher. He added a second-hand flatbed press in 1913 to enable him to print a whole double page without folding it.

In 1922, a fire destroyed the building the Tribune was housed in. The same year Fears sold the paper to the "Autrey brothers" who housed it in the Haynes Grocery Building on Second Street at Avenue C.

The Autreys sold the paper in 1923 to R.B. Boyle, who, in turn, sold it in 1924 to Stanley Sigler.

In 1926, the paper was published by W.H. "Hop" Graham Sr. who with his family, ran the Tribune for nearly 40 years.

During this time, the paper was moved to its current location at 404 3rd St. because a new linotype machine was purchased (the first in Parmer County) and the floor at the grocery building could not support the heavy machine.

W. H. Graham Jr. took over the paper in 1953 shortly before his father died and the old flatbed press was laid to rest. For a time, the Tribune was printed at Friona, then at Hereford, and now at Clovis.

John and Joann Getz came to work for the Grahams in 1951. When the Grahams moved to Lovington, N.M., in 1965, the Getzes leased the paper from them, finally buying the Tribune in 1968.

The Getzes sold the paper to Mike and Judy Pomper in 1984, and son Rob Pomper and his wife, Rebecca, became owners in 2006.

Current employees are Will Anderson, Darcy Rohrbach and Bovina correspondent Deanna Curtis. Mike and DeeDee Pomper also assist as does photographer J.R. Ivins and many other folks in the area.

The Tribune covers a wide area. Originally, it was mostly for Texico-Farwell. The Lazbuddie School area was added in the late-1980s, and the Bovina School area came under the Tribune's umbrella in 2004 after the Bovina Blade ceased publication. And overall Parmer County news is a staple of today's Tribune.

To celebrate the Tribune's milestone anniversary:

- Stories and photos from the past will be featured throughout the year.
- Ads will present a roundup of major stories from 1939 through 1991.
- Bovina readers will enjoy tidbits from years past each week in the Bovina Banter.

3 WEEKS TO GO!



Giving the "3 sign" to indicate there are only 3 weeks until the ever-popular annual Area Merchants Football Contest is to begin are, pictured above, Farwell Hardware employees Cal Nieto and Steve and Cindy Meeks. Below is the gang from Leal's Restaurant on Mabry Drive -- Vita Hernandez, Alicia Viescas, Jessica Lusk, Stormi Barrows, Melissa Martinez, Lizabeth Lopez and Vladimir Draper. Leal's and Farwell Hardware are two of the contest sponsors



More Lazbuddie cleanup photos



The Latest

While it looked earlier that the Lazbuddie Post Office was safe from possible closings nationwide, things have changed.

Lazbuddie was placed on a list of possible closings.

A town hall meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Lazbuddie School cafeteria for folks to meet with postal officials.

The road going through Lazbuddie got a facelift last week. The road has been repaved with white stone.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 To say that it has been a bleak and trying year for Texas school districts would be an understatement.

Districts across the state have watched significant portions of their state funding disappear, have taken staggering cuts in the allotments to buy textbooks and instructional materials, and been forced to slash thousands of teachers and administrators to offset the financial fallout.

Meanwhile, the state raised accountability standards, removed key measurement pieces that helped to more accurately assess academic performance, and launched a more aggressive assessment system. In short, the state expects Texas educators to do much more with far less.

Our little school at Lazbuddie has also felt the impact of the legislature's insensitivity and disregard for schools, especially the small ones.

In Lazbuddie, as in many small towns, the school is the heart of the community. Our churches, businesses, and post office are the arteries that provide the lifeblood, in both physical and financial support, to our school.

I believe, despite these hostile economic times, Lazbuddie is going to not only survive, but thrive. A good example just happened.

Last month, we issued a call for help to our community. We needed to renovate our football stadium and rebuild our bleachers, and we needed to do it fast. We planned a community workday a little more than a week in advance of the actual day. We hoped for 40 volunteers, and had 60 turn out!

What a blessing. People turned out to work who had not had students in Lazbuddie's school in nearly 20 years, people who have never had children in Lazbuddie's school, and people who don't even live in Lazbuddie.

Our teachers, football players, parents, students, and even children who aren't in school yet picked up paint brushes and went to work. Those who were unable to help physically baked desserts and snacks, and even dropped by the field to show their support.

At any given time throughout the day, there were at least 25 men and four welding machines working to replace our old, rickety lumber bleachers with solid, sturdy steel.

Our concession stand now sports a fresh coat of cheerful orange paint. The signs of life in Lazbuddie were evident as people converged on Longhorn Stadium to toil, to fellowship, and to show support of the school we love.

It is almost impossible to describe how much we appreciate the efforts of all of those who gave so unselfishly of their time, money, and effort to support our school.

As I write this, we are now over halfway done, and plan one more work day this coming Saturday at 8 a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to come and help us finish our stadium.

But most importantly, I want the world to know that the best and brightest days for Lazbuddie are still ahead, not behind us. When 60 people give up a Saturday to pull together for a cause for our community, it is proof enough that we are alive and well.

We have heard that the postal service is planning a community hearing to discuss the possible closing of our post office. I encourage not only our community, but everyone who believes in the sanctity of small towns to come out and rally around our post office. It will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the Lazbuddie School cafeteria.

At Lazbuddie, we have always been about Christ, kids, and community. We may be a very small dot on the map, and they may try to take our name off a postmark, but as long as we continue to be all about those three things, our community will be here, united, for a very long time.

Joanna Martinez
 Lazbuddie School Interim Superintendent

You are cordially invited
 to a baby shower honoring
BROGAN GRAY MEEKS
 On Saturday, August 13th, at 2p.m.
 At 803 3rd Street in Farwell.
 The proud parents to be are
 Casey and Kristin (Butman) Meeks.
 Hosted by: Shawndee Meeks, Lacey Meeks,
 Cindy Meeks and April Gober

Powell, McDaniel win New Mexico Championship

From Jerry Whitney:

Two 42 Tournaments were held last week.

Eleven teams entered the first annual High Plains 42 Championship.

Winning were Lacye Comer, of Amarillo, and Dick Holland of Canyon, winning 7 games; 2nd, Dewey Pierce of Texico, and Bill Myers, of Melrose, winning 5 with 47 points; 3rd, Marjorie Watkins and Flo Wood both of Farwell, winning 5 with 41 points; 4th, Frank Glover, of Melrose, and Thomas Moody, of Roswell, winning 4 with 44 points; and 5th, Bill Huff of Roswell, and Jerry Whitney of Texico, winning 4 with 43 points.

Eleven teams also entered the 5th annual New Mexico State Championship.

Winning were Danny Powell and Roy McDaniel, both of Texico, winning 8 with 60 points; 2nd, Bill Huff of Roswell, and Jerry Whitney of Texico, winning 7 with 61 points; 3rd, Lynn McDaniel of Texico, and Tex Smith of Farwell, winning 6 with 62 points; 4th, Melody Reid and Fr. Doug Reid, of Clovis, winning 6 with 56 points; and 5th, Richie Reid of Clovis, and Nancy Barnes of Pleasant Hill, winning 6 games with 55 points.

Thanks to A-Me-D's Diner for allowing the tournaments to be played there and for the BBQ lunch and domino cake; Erin Hagler for the poster artwork and Rob Pomper for the posters.



Danny Powell and Roy McDaniel won the New Mexico State Championship.



Jerry Whitney and Bill Huff placed 2nd in the State championship.



Bill Meyers of Melrose and Dewey Pierce of Texico placed 2nd in the High Plains Tourney.

Don't Let "Downgrade" Deter You from Investing

Just when you thought you could take a break from financial drama, following the resolution of the debt ceiling issue, here comes Act 2: the downgrade of the U.S. long-term credit rating. As a citizen, you may be feeling frustrated. And as an investor, you might be getting worried. But is this concern really justified?

Certainly, it was news when Standard and Poors (S&P) lowered the U.S. long-term credit rating from AAA to AA+. This was, after all, the first time that the U.S. has lost its AAA status since its initial publication 70 years ago. Furthermore, S&P put a negative outlook on the rating, which means that further downgrades are possible. But despite these developments, there's no reason to think that the sky is falling in on the investment world. Consider the following:

- "Downgrade" doesn't mean default. Rating agencies such as S&P assign ratings to bonds to help investors measure credit risk — the chance that they won't receive timely payments. The downgrade to AA+ just means that investors would be slightly less likely to receive future payments than if the bond had an AAA rating. This is far different from a default, which would result in investors not receiving current payments.

- U.S. credit rating is still high quality. S&P didn't change the U.S. government's short-term credit rating, which applies to debt maturing in less than one year. Furthermore, even the long-term rating of AA+ is still considered high quality. Also, keep in mind that two other major rating agencies, Moody's and Fitch, both affirmed their AAA rating on the U.S., although Moody's has a negative outlook on its rating.

- Downgrade was not a surprise. Because the downgrade had been rumored for weeks, the financial markets may have already "priced in" some of the impact. While it's possible that interest rates may rise, it's also important to note that similar downgrades of other countries' debt in the past have not resulted in significant rate jumps. As for the stock market — which was already volatile, partially due to the debt ceiling issue — the negative reaction we've seen to the downgrade will likely be short-term.

- This downgrade should not be as calamitous as we've been led to believe. Corporate profits, always a key driver of stock prices, are still strong, and with the market correction we've seen in the past couple of weeks, many quality stocks now appear to be more attractively priced — which means it may actually be a good time to look for investment opportunities that make sense for you, rather than head to the "sidelines."

In any case, you never want to overreact to any one piece of news. If you were to make big changes to your investment strategy, you'd likely incur fees and expenses — and, even more importantly, your portfolio might no longer be positioned to meet your long-term goals. You're much better off by sticking with a strategy that's based on your individual needs, risk tolerance and time horizon. This can be challenging, especially in light of the screaming headlines. But remember, although past performance isn't indicative of future results, the U.S. financial markets have seen plenty of traumas in the past, and have always survived — and, usually, eventually prospered. As a smart, disciplined investor, you can do the same.

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Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

I know we should all be thrilled that Congress passed the measures necessary to avoid a debt limit debacle last week.

While it was great that something got passed, it did little, if anything, to ensure a brighter economic future for our children.

The situation is so sad that I cannot bear looking down the road. I am not going to attempt to go into all the "deal's" details except for these highlights:

-- The "trillions" to be cut are mostly clouds in the sky. In actuality, the debt we are passing on to future generations will grow.

-- Reforms of Medicare and Social Security were ignored. These are the two key components for any meaningful savings.

-- Setting up a special legislative committee to make the "hard choices" has never worked in the past, so....

Folks, I don't like being so negative. I wish I could praise the work of Congress, but that would not be truthful to you.

What happened with the debt limit crisis is just another "brick in the wall," as Pink Floyd would have put it. It's another part of the history of our American Empire's decline ... and eventual fall.

And who is to blame? All of them.

1. President Obama's economic philosophy (if he has one) simply has failed. But it's not good politics to admit it, so you will hear him blame it on the Bush administration during all of next year's campaign for his re-election.

What really cracks me up is hearing Mr. Obama continually call for more jobs while his liberal heads of government agencies do so much to hinder the growth of business.

In a nutshell, Mr. Obama's administration is anti-business regardless of what he says. And the results are evident.

2. The Democrats' bread-and-butter issue always has been to support Medicare and Social Security 100 percent. They can't deviate from that without costing themselves votes; they use their "protection" of these two programs to instill fear and get folks to vote against Republicans.

So how can Democrats back any reform of those two entitlement programs? They can't.

3. As for the Republicans, I simply abhor "drawing a line in the sand" by saying no new taxes. There are areas where reforms are needed in which certain groups or individuals should pay higher taxes. In a democracy, nobody should draw a line in the sand. Compromises are needed, whether we like it or not.

Thus, we have this to look forward to: the GOP with its line over taxes and the Democrats with their line over entitle-

ment programs.

The only way I foresee this stalemate broken is if one political party takes control of both houses of Congress and the presidency.

That could happen next year. I believe it is likely the GOP will take control of the Senate and House of Representatives.

As for the presidency, looking at the current field, I believe President Obama has the edge.

To all you folks who feel that Obama is in serious political trouble, just remember that he will automatically win California, New York, most of New England and part of the Midwest.

But if Texas Gov. Rick Perry enters the fray, the dynamics change.

Wait and see...

By the way, I wrote this column before the S&P downgrade of our financial structure, which came as no surprise.

Our nation is declining rapidly and there is nothing that can be done to stop that momentum.

As with Rome, it will be bread and circuses until the end.

Jenkins 6th in bull riding

Here's an update on how well Texico's L.J. Jenkins has done on the Professional Bull Riders Built Tough Series season standings, as of last weekend:

He ranks 6th having participated in 21 events, winning 2 and having 6 top 5 finishes. He has ridden 30 of 56 bulls so far.

His point total is 5,680.50.

He has earned \$153,882.

Jurors to report

The following are to report for jury duty at the Parmer County Courthouse at 9 a.m. on Aug. 24:

Tori Abeyta, Belinda Anthony, Olga Arias, Sadie Armendariz, Susan Baker, Connie Barnes, Davie Barnett, Delyeda Beavers, Benton Brandvik, Melanie Braun, Twila Brown, Yaneth Cano, Conner Carpenter, Kim Casas, Michael Chaney, Billy Charles, Alexandra Chavira.

Rosa Cigarroa, Sharolyn Cline, David Collins, Ronald Colwell, Irene Crume, Destiny Cruz, Santos Cuevas, Felipe Delacruz, Andrew Diaz, Rea Dollar, Anonio Dominguez, Maria Duran, Ed Echevarria, Lonie Ellis, J. Jesus Espinoza, Alfonso Espinoza,

Texico schools to buy cheer uniforms

The Texico School Board on Monday was told that the state inspections of the new vocational ag facilities were scheduled later this week and it's possible furniture and equipment can be placed in the buildings on Monday.

In other business, the board:

-- Discussed facility usage by outside groups. This will be looked into.

-- Agreed to buy uniforms for the cheerleaders per state instructions (Equity in Athletics Act). The school will keep the uniforms after they are used.

Previously, cheerleaders bought their own uniforms and kept them.

Richardo Fabela, Blanca Fierro.

Andrew Friesen, Melanie Friesen, Miguel Fuentes, Antonio Galaviz, Kristen Garcia, Lupe Garza, Jerry Gossett, Kaison Graham, Robin Gregory, Jose Guevara, Maria Guevara, Ronnie Guthrie, Victor Gutierrez, Ryan Hall, Linda Hardy, David Harris, Arlin Hartzog Jr., Marcia Haseloff.

Joann Hensley, Daisy Hernandez, Donna Hodnett, Sandra Houston, Staci Huggins, Sherry Hurley, Leonard Hurt, Jose Jaime, Maryalice Jaime, Billy Johnson, Cynthia Johnson, Cecilia Juarez, Kevin Kaltwasser, Amy Kerby, Natasha LaFuente, Ina Lane, Esequiel Lara, Alfredo Legarreta.

Dennis London, Henry Lopez, Jose Lopez-Moncada, Daniel Lozano, Maria Lucio, Cara Malone, Harvey Malone Jr., Audrey Martinez, Francisco Martinez, Luis Martinez, Becky Mays, Jose Mejia, Jose Mendoza, Christie Miller, John Miller, Sarah Morales, Kellen Morris, Mary Newton.

Chelsea Nichols,

Thomas Nichols Jr., Paula O'Brian, Maria Olmos, Adam Perez Jr., Monica Perez, Adam Perkins, Krita Potts, Buddy Prather, Yvonne Ramos, Clyde Redwine, Gary Reed, David Renfro, Juan Reyes, Rafael Reyes, Sylvia Rios, Daniel Rivera, Hugo Rivera.

Jose Rivera, Patricia Rocha, Eneida Rodriguez, Natalia Rodriguez, Eric Rushing, Marquese Saenz, Miranda Saiz, Joseph Salazar, Glen Salyer, Desiree Sandoval, Lori Sandoval, Maria Santos, Tamika Schmidt, Veronica Schmidt, Patricia Schwab, Mark Schwertner, Melissa Seratt, Maria Serna.


Jose Servin, Tyler Shields, Carlota Silva, Raul Silva, Kimberly Smiley, Jonathan Smith, Terrie Smith, Amber Smock, Tina Southward, Molly Stancell, Richard Steelman, Bobby Stewart, Frankie Torres, Esmeralda Vazquez, Jose Vera, Anna Vidaurri, Stephen Walters.

Jackie White, Sharon White, Judson Williamson, Briana Wright, Michael Yeary, Sherry Zehner.

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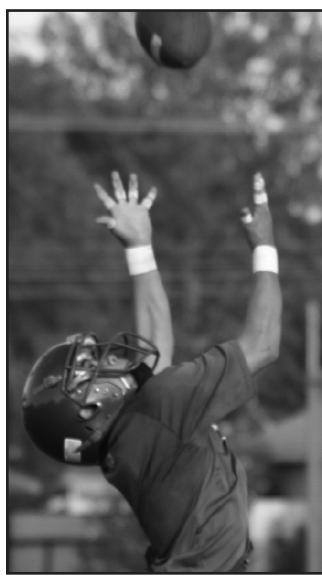
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Scenes from Farwell football practice



Parmer County Stock Show dinner set for Aug. 27

The 2011 Parmer County Stock Show dinner is scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Farwell Community Center.

Local volunteers will again prepare the meal, including rib-eye steaks, green beans, potatoes, salad and green chile corn.

This dinner is a major fund-raiser for the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show held in January each year.

At the last show, no matter what place youths got there, they received at least \$100 from the fund.

Each community in Parmer County sells tickets. However, a maximum of 200 tickets will be sold, and two persons may attend on one \$100 ticket.

To purchase tickets, contact Patti Johnson, Steve Schilling, Keith Hadley or Darren Haseloff in Farwell; Ed Terry in Lazbuddie and Friona; Al Kerby Jr. in Bovina, or any Farwell 4-H or FFA member.

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Pray for Rain!

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Please say a little prayer for agriculture in our area, and for the farmers who make tough decisions each season.



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2011 Property Tax Rates in Parmer County

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for Parmer County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm To Market Road
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,210,282	\$601,260
Last year's debt taxes	\$264,760	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,475,042	\$601,260
Last year's tax base	\$622,965,664	\$616,045,424
Last year's total tax rate	0.397300/\$100	0.097600/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,476,491	\$601,514
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$644,854,436	\$638,212,136
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.384000/\$100	0.094200/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.478200/\$100	

This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$2,211,731	\$601,514
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$644,854,436	\$638,212,136
= This year's effective operating rate	0.342900/\$100	0.094200/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.370300/\$100	0.101700/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.038000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.408300/\$100	0.101700/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.510000/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Parmer County adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.478200 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$ 48,939.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: General Fund

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	1,821,403

Schedule B: 2011 Debt Service: General Fund

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

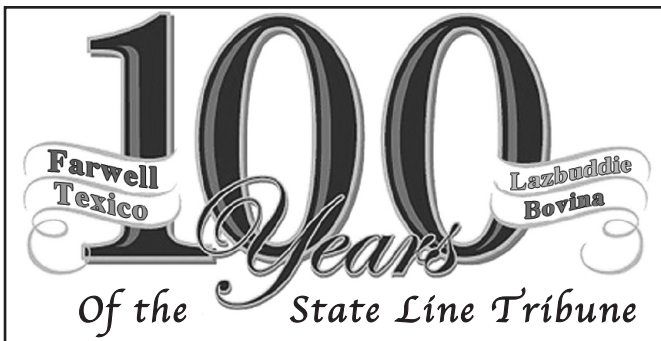
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Parmer County Law Enforcement Center	145,000	105,806	500	251,306
Total required for 2011 debt service				\$251,306
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$9,625
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011				\$241,681
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.000000% of its taxes in 2011				\$7,475
= Total Debt Levy				\$249,156

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: Farm To Market Road

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	797,589

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at PO Box 56305 3rd Street, Bovina, Tx 79009. Name of person preparing this notice: Curby Brantley Jr. Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: July 26, 2011



Remember Rip's?

by Allison Myers

We've all heard the saying, "If walls could talk..." But when it comes to the walls of the old Rip's Western Wear building in Texico, chances are you would hear some pretty exceptional stories.

Since its construction in 1910, the landmark building has housed a bank, Red Cross Drug, Herring's Wholesale Liquor, post office, and one of the most widely known businesses in the area for many years -- the Electric Shoe Shop (later renamed Rip's Western Wear).

On the day World War II was declared in the U.S., Roy Snodgrass and his parents moved from Wellington, Texas, to Texico, and opened their store in this building.

Because of war rationing, clothes and shoes were extremely hard to come by. Also, when the store was able to get a new shipment of clothes and shoes, they sold extremely quickly.

"We would get shoes and hats and boxes of these cast-off colored shirts, like red or orange, from these market shows," Snodgrass said. "We wouldn't even have to unload them out of the boxes because people would buy them all up right off the sidewalk."

The shoes were mostly sandals that the family made themselves, and the hats came from Caxton Hats in Lubbock. They would crease the hats by soaking them in water and tying them with rags.

Because times were hard, the couple who looked



after the building -- the Hunters, lived upstairs, and the Snodgrass family lived behind the building. They put a bed outside and slept there in the summer because there was no air conditioning.

Snodgrass recalled, "We were poor, but we didn't know it; everybody was poor. That's just how it was."

Despite the difficult times, the store was never locked. Besides the fact that there was basically only one way to get into building, by using a skeleton key, Snodgrass said that they never thought twice about locking up the store because you just didn't steal from each other.

"We never locked it up; nobody was gonna steal from you, and you wouldn't cheat nobody else. My dad always told me, 'If your word wasn't no good, you wasn't either.'"

Electric Shoe Shop was a very successful business, and Snodgrass later renamed it "Rip's" in 1960 in honor of his father. Much like Electric Shoe Shop, Rip's carried western wear, boots, hats, and there was also a women's department.

If you needed any of these items, Rip's was definitely the place to go. There were many travelers who stopped here on their way through Texico, not to mention folks who made special trips into town from places like Hereford, Muleshoe, and Amarillo to buy clothes.

There is a whole generation which holds fond memories of shopping at Rip's.

Rip's was in business until 2000, and has since been Ruby's Antiques, and is currently GHC Labs.

This building has been, and will continue to be, a beautiful local treasure for many years to come.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

There has been a rise of burglaries and theft of property recently.

If you see a suspicious person or vehicle, report them to your local law enforcement agency. If you see a suspicious vehicle, get the following information if possible: year, make, model, and color plus the location.

Also, try to get a license plate or look for any other things that make the vehicle stick out ... such as decals, dents, and even names.

Try to get a description of the person(s) in the vehicle as well as how many people are in the vehicle.

If you see a suspicious person(s), give a clothing description, as well as a description such as race or ethnicity, height or weight and kind of haircut and location.

When getting this information, do it in a safe manner and do not put yourself in a dangerous position.

Janice Clement

President of Parmer - Bailey County Crime Stoppers

Dear Editor,

Texas is in the grip of a terrible drought and heat wave. Towns and cities across the state are frantically rationing water, begging the state's National Guard to start water delivery and forbidding the watering of lawns. We see evidence of this even in our own immediate area.

I think we need to take time to thank Mayor Jimmie Mace and the Farwell City Council for their foresight and long-range planning to assure that we residents have the necessary water to provide for our everyday needs without the drama witnessed in our sister communities. We are reaping the benefits every day.

This foresight and action shows city government at its finest. While others have waited at the federal trough for rescue, our local leaders seized the initiative and delivered for the taxpayers. Their initiative and can-do attitude is a welcome relief from federal inaction as witnesses these past few weeks as our country's fiscal health has eroded.

Mike McManigal

Farwell

FJH school supplies listed

Here is the Farwell Junior High supply list:
 General supplies
 Wide-ruled notebook paper
 1 pencil bag
 Markers
 Scissors
 6 red pens
 Blue or black pens
 Pencils
 Colored map pencils
 Ruler
 Erasers
 Highlighters
 2 large boxes of Kleenex
 Flashdrive
 2 glue sticks
 Individual teacher sup-

plies are:

Mrs. Read's reading -- 1 folder with pockets.
 Math -- 1 2-inch 3-ring binder; 1 package of 5 dividers for notebook.
 Science -- 1 2-inch 3-ring binder; 1 package of 5 dividers for notebook.
 Mrs. Steinbock's reading and social studies -- 1 2-inch, 3-ring binder; and 1 package of 5 dividers for notebook.
 Mrs. Cavett's English -- 1 2-inch 3-ring binder, and 1 package of 5 dividers for notebook.

Courthouse Notes

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

Willis Hoppingardner -- Mildred Watts, N/2 S36 T7S R3E.
 Maria Vys et al -- Julio Ruiz, L19-20 N/2 L18 B65 Bovina.
 Tommy V Kandrick Estate -- Dewit Family Limited Partnership High Plains Vision, E/2 S15 Blk H Kelly.
 Mitzelfelt Farms -- Ronald Byrd, L5-8 B28 Farwell.

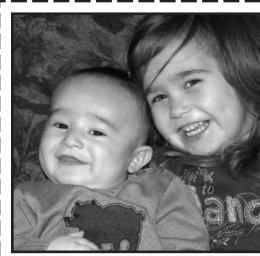
Obituary

Clara Harvey

Services were held Tuesday at the Farwell Church of Christ with Bill Clark officiating for Clara Lee Harvey, 85, of Clovis,

who died Friday. Burial was in Texico Cemetery by Muffley Funeral Home.

She was born May 5, 1926, to Francis and Yantie Casey. She married James Harvey in Farwell in 1974.



STATE LINE Photography

Our next photo class is set for Sat., August 20 at 7 p.m. at the Tribune office. The cost is \$10.

Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office last week issued the following marriage licenses:

Worley Harper and Kayla Coskey; and Juan Carlos Vidaurri and Annabel Loe.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Aug. 4, Maria Vidaurri, 35, of Amarillo, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of driving with an invalid license, pending in county court.

On Aug. 4, Christopher Aragon, 36, of Texico, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of assault, pending in county court.

On Aug. 4, Michael Galvan, 33, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of assault, pending in county court.

On Aug. 6, Oscar Vidaurri, 28, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of assault, pending in county court.

In 287th District Court, on June 28, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Joe Mitchell Sanchez, 45, of Farwell, charged with DWI 3rd or more, was sentenced to 7 years institutional division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for 4 years, \$518 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$450 attorney fees.

Juana Sebastian, 31, of Bovina, charged with tampering with governmental records, was sentenced to 90 days Parmer County Jail and \$333 court costs.

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50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Nelson Smith retires after 33 years as a Farwell rural mail carrier.

Bill Prince heads group to start a Farwell peewee football league.

David Dannheim has 6th birthday party.

Terry Scott falls from tree and breaks his arm.

Tobey Booth becomes head football coach at Wesleco High.

Harold Carpenter named to FHA county committee.

Roy Huddleston becomes Rhea 4-H Club president.

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Tax rates

From page 1

In other business, the board: -- Heard that Jamie Cabett, junior high English teacher has resigned because her husband has taken a job at Dimmitt.

She was replaced by Shana Glover.

Mrs. Glover taught 5th grade at Farwell last year but had to quit midway during the year because her mother had taken ill.

*** The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday voted unanimously to lower the 2012 tax rate to the effective rate that will bring Parmer County the same amount of money as last year's tax rate.

The proposed rate is .4782 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, is down from the current

.4949 cents. This was largely made possible by two things: 1) the county is in outstanding financial shape with a large fund balance; and 2) the total county valuation has increased from \$623,234 in 2009 to \$654,209 in 2010.

Parmer County Tax Appraiser Curby Brantley reported that new improvements in the county added more than \$9 million to the valuation.

The proposed tax rate will be voted on at the commissioners' meeting on Aug. 22.

Included in the proposed budget are 3 percent across-the-board pay raises for all county employees, including elected officials.

In other important

financial news, the commissioners voted to amend its contract with a Midland, Texas, company that leases Permanent School Fund lands for oil and gas rights.

Many years ago, Texas counties leased oil and gas rights in certain counties to bring in money for its schools. Only a few counties have maintained those leases, including Parmer County.

Parmer County still has oil and gas rights in Andrews and Gaines counties. In 1998, Parmer County leased those rights to a Midland firm for more than \$2.6 million.

After a discussion of what was best for Parmer County, the commissioners agreed to amend its lease at the Midland company's request for 180 days (it was set to expire in October) to allow it to drill a new well.

Parmer County receives royalties from each new well drilled. As long as more wells are drilled, it is likely Parmer County will continue its leasing arrangement with the firm.

The topic came up because it is believed that Friona Schools would like to tap into this

2011 Texico Jr. High Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Team	Where	When
8/30	Marshall (7 Red, 8B)	7/8	Home	4:30
9/1	Portales (7B, 8B)	7/8	Away	4:00
9/6	Yucca (7 white, 8A)	7/8	Home	4:30
9/12	Elida (7, 8)	7/8	Away	4:00
9/15	Marshall (7 white, 8B)	7/8	Away	4:15
9/22	Portales (7A, 8A)	7/8	Home	4:30
9/26	Elida (7, 8)	7/8	Home	4:30
9/29	Lovington (9)	8	Away	5:00
10/3	Melrose	8	Home	4:30
10/3	House	7	Home	5:30
10/6	Yucca (7 red, 8B)	7/8	Away	4:30
10/10	Melrose	7	Away	4:30
10/11	Tucumcari (9)	8	Home	4:30
10/12	Yucca Tournament	7	Away	TBA
10/15	Marshall Tournament	8	Away	TBA

Fall Stampede brings back old Farwell tradition

Farwell school nurse LuAnn Fillpot is reviving an old Farwell tradition.

On Aug. 18 there will be a meet and greet for elementary students from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All the teachers will be there and it will be a good chance to bring in school supplies, meet the teachers and get settled in the classrooms.

Afterwards will be the return of the Steer and Lady Blue Fall Stampede.

There will be a one mile run/walk with the cheerleaders and cross country runners followed by a small snack back at the school.

fund for planned improvements.

According to state law, Permanent School funds can only be used for 1) capital outlays, and 2) reducing bond indebtedness.

Right now, the \$2.6-plus million is in a Certificate of Deposit that doesn't mature until December.

At that time, the commissioners will allow the four county schools (Friona, Bovina,

Lazbuddie and Farwell) to seek funds from it. The \$2.6-plus million will be divided based on average daily attendance.

And once the four schools have opined whether they want any of the current funds, the commissioners will then set up new CD's. There will be five of them -- one for each school district plus a general fund to allow more money from its leases to enter.

In other business, the

commissioners:

-- Reappointed Farwell's Robert White to a 2-year term representing Parmer County on the Central Plains Mental Health Board.

-- Tabled appointing a veteran's officer (someone who helps veterans learn about their benefits and helps if they can with problems). Kenneth Neal, of Friona, has resigned. Several names of possible replacements were cited.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Farwell ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM 08/30/2011 in Farwell ISD Boardroom Farwell, Tx.. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.060000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

	% (increase) or	-1.000000% (decrease)
Maintenance and operations	0.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase) or	-1.000000% (decrease)
Total expenditures		

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$156,496,574	\$158,131,333
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$2,052,196	\$2,806,853
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$137,349,643	\$150,028,505
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$2,052,196	\$2,776,853

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$250,000

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.086800*	\$1.126800	\$2.810	\$6.036
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.055370	\$0.059740*	\$1.115110	\$3.055	\$5.736
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.060000*	\$1.100000	\$3.077	\$5.394

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$64,194	\$64,194
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$45,879	\$45,879
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.126800	\$1.100000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$516.96	\$504.66
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$-12.30

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.100000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.100000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,480,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Farwell schedules

Attention Farwell High School students; Schedules will be available to pick up on the following schedule: freshmen and sophomores, Aug. 15; junior and seniors, Aug. 16.

Students must be accompanied by a parent and are asked to meet at the school cafeteria on your designated night at 6:30 p.m.

Please make it a priority to attend this short meeting as schedules will NOT be mailed out this year. We are attempting to lessen the first week overload so please come and get your schedules. Your cooperation is appreciated.

AHERA PUBLIC NOTICE

August 5, 2011

The Texico Municipal School District has completed an inspection of all buildings under the school district authority, and prepared a Management Plan for all asbestos containing materials, and suspected asbestos containing materials, identified in the inspection process.

All documentation is available upon five (5) days written notice and a fee of .25 cents per page to cover copying and staff expenses.

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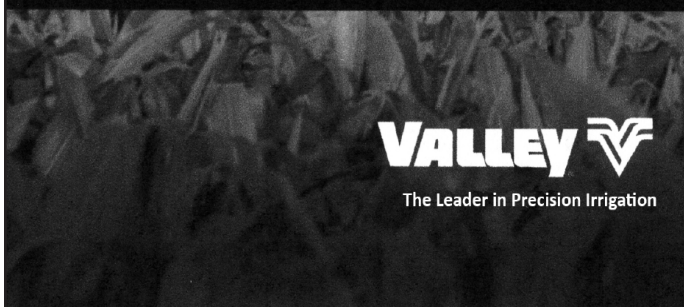
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New Listing-3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath brick home, central air and heat, single car garage, fenced backyard, all on corner lot.

New Country Listing-2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, sunroom, built-ins, 2 living areas, utility, central air and heat, 2 car garage, 2 large barns, all on 3 acres.

New Country Listing- 3 or 4 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, central air and heat, utility, garage, barn, all on 1.5 acres.

New Listing - 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, built-ins, ref. air and central heat, fireplace, sprinkler system, fenced backyard. Located near school.

Just Listed - Very nice home with 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard, storage yard, many extras on a corner lot.

Very nice 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, single car garage, fenced back yard, stone building on corner lot.

PRICE REDUCED - 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home, built-ins, central air/heat, fireplace, 2 living areas, utility room, patio, fenced back yard and carport. All on corner lot.

PRICE REDUCED - By the Farwell Country Club: 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, central air and heat, built-ins, wood burning stove, finished basement, 2 car garage, fenced backyard, domestic well, covered patio. All on 1.705 acres

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Nice 3-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with central heat and refrigerated air conditioning in Farwell. New carpet and paint.

Nice brick 3-bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with 1-car garage and large fenced yard in Farwell. **SOLD**

Large 2 story barn-house on 20 acres west of Texico. Lots of steel pipe corrals, livestock sheds and domestic well.

Just Listed - 2 bed, 1 bath home with 1 car garage and fenced yard. **In Contract**

Just Listed - Fixer upper, 2 bed, 2 bath home with 2 car garage in good neighborhood near Farwell schools. **SOLD**

Commercial building at 1305 Ave. A in Farwell. 60' x 120' metal building with office and 5 ton overhead crane. On 3.1 acres with perimeter fence.

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480 acres irrigated. Southeast of Cooks truck stop. 3 circles, 5 wells.

1685 +/- acres irr. near Lazbuddie. 10 circles, 12 wells, on highway.

160 acres South of Lariat on highway. 1 sprinkler, 3 irr. wells. Owner says sell.

Bovina Area Listings

Approx 2000 sq. ft. brick home. 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, on 20 acres south of Bovina on Highway. **SOLD**

Large 3,500 sq. ft. brick home on 5 acres. South of Bovina. Has potential of having up to 100 acres of grass and dryland.

Just Listed - 2 bedroom, bath home on 5 acres across from grain elevators.

Price Reduced - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with large 2 car garage and storage area with storm cellar. Central heat/ refrig. air and large lot.

Bovina - nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home with 2-car garage, central heat, refrig. air, fenced yard. Good location.

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The Latest

Our area schools all start classes on Aug. 22.

Some folks like to give newspaper gift subscriptions to their children heading off to college.

The cost is \$29 for 9 months. If interested, call the State Line Tribune at 481-3681.

Lazbuddie's pre-kindergarten program will be a full day program this year.

School registration for the 2011/12 school year will be held Aug. 18-19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Folks are invited to attend the annual Lazbuddie School community-wide cook-out on Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria, followed by "Meet The Horns" at Longhorn Stadium.

Farwell High counselor Hayley Christian passes on this info for students LACT test dates; Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Dec. 10, Feb. 11, April 14 and June 9.

Go to www.actstudent.org to register. SAT test dates: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 28, March 19, May 5 and June 2.

Go to www.collegeboard.com to register.

Farwell Senior Meal Site

Salad Bar every day
Monday - fried chicken, potatoes with gravy carrots, salad, rolls.
Tuesday - chicken livers, fried potatoes, veggies, corn bread, salad.
Wednesday - sausage potato casserole, broccoli with cheese, salad, rolls.
Thursday - red beans & ham, potato chunks, veggie blend, corn bread, salad.
Friday - salmon patties, mac & cheese, English peas, salad, rolls.

Seniors over 60, \$3.50; all take-outs, 50 cents extra; guests under 60, \$6.50. Delivery is 50¢.

Monti Vandiver, county extension agent IPM, reports that area cotton for the most part is racing toward, if not already reached, cutout.

In general, pest pressure in cotton remains very light.

Texico School will not have any volleyball "B" teams at the junior high level due to budget restraints. There will be 7th and 8th grade teams.

Lazbuddie's Josh Morris won \$5,000 when he won the U.S. State Team Roping Championship Southwest Regions at Clovis.

He and Brandon Gonzales, of Bosque, N.M., posted a total time of 36.63 on five head.

Former Lazbuddie area county commissioner Elvis Powell has moved to McKinney, Texas.

The Twin Cities just got a sprinkle of rain over the weekend.

Linda Porter reported 4 tenths of an inch of moisture at her place



Stadium seats for sale

Jody Ketcherside, son of Sam and Rhonda Webb, of Farwell, is selling stadium seats featuring any school you want and in any color you want. They cost \$40 each. If interested, call Mrs. Webb at (575) 693-1636 to order. Mrs. Webb is shown with two types of Farwell Steers seats.

between Farwell and Muleshoe.

Vanessa Ramirez is undergoing rehab.

She is the wife of Farwell police officer Frank Ramirez.

A fund has been set up at Security State Bank for her.

On July 3-4, the 2011 Ancira family reunion

was held at the Texico Community Center.

About 150 persons attended.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. David Ancira, Teresa Cabral and JoAnna and Karen Yruegas.

Alex Hernandez came from the farthest away -- India. His grandmother, Mary Hernandez, was the oldest family member present.

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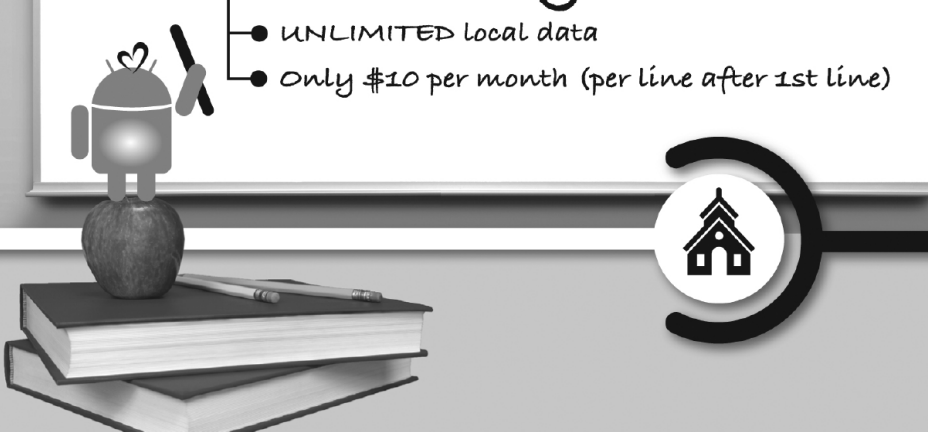
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	2011	2012
County Judge	46,761.48	48,164.28
County Clerk	38,054.64	39,196.32
District Clerk	38,054.64	39,196.32
Justice of the Peace Pct #1	23,656.08	24,365.76
Justice of the Peace Pct #2	23,656.08	24,365.76
Justice of the Peace Pct #3	23,656.08	24,365.76
County Attorney	32,605.20	33,583.32
Treasurer	38,054.64	39,196.32
Tax Assessor	38,054.64	39,196.32
Sheriff	49,204.80	50,680.92
County Commissioner Pct #1	25,801.92	26,575.92
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Scenes from the Memorial Day trail ride from Friona to Bovina

Photos courtesy of Buddy Prather.



Bovina School Board compliments custodial staff

The Bovina School Board on Monday held a walk-around of the main campus and saw the great shape the buildings and grounds are in thanks to the hard work of the custodial staff.

There were no personnel actions needed, and most of the business was normal for this time of year -- accepting bids for fuel (Charles Oil) and milk

(Gandy's), the audit contract, setting up board training, etc.

The board also followed the state legislative changes mandated for student and employee handbooks and student code of conduct, mostly dealing with testing.



Fence installed

The gazebo in Bovina's city park received another addition with the fencing installed around it.

NOTICE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Bovina will hold a final public hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, at 5:05 p.m.

The hearing will be held at the City Hall in Bovina, Texas, in regard to the Water Facility Improvement Project that was recently completed with a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TxCDBG and the City of Bovina.

Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Jana Pitcock, City Manager, at (806) 251-1116.

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Texico Health Fair

Kaylee Trillo, 3, above, demonstrates her motor skills and coordination at the Texico Health Fair last week. Alexander Fuentes, 4, below, proceeds through the hearing screening being provided by, from left, Reagan Egan, Madison Eldridge, and Sofia Sena.



Free pre-natal classes offered

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County is having sign up for free pre-natal classes Aug. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the conference room of Parmer Medical Center.

Expectant mothers are encouraged to register. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

The coalition is taking donations of new or gently used baby items at the same time. Contact Heidi Eichenauer at (806) 250-2754 for more information.

2011 Property Tax Rates in Parmer County Hospital

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for Parmer County Hospital. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$371,383
Last year's debt taxes	\$971,843
Last year's total taxes	\$1,343,226
Last year's tax base	\$433,858,524
Last year's total tax rate	0.309600/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,343,406
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$445,845,676
= This year's effective tax rate	0.301300/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$371,563
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$445,845,676
= This year's effective operating rate	0.083300/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.089900/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.200600/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.290500/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Parmer County Hospital adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.301300 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$ 17,988.

Schedule B: 2011 Debt Service:

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Hospital Bond	325,000	596,469	0	921,469
Total required for 2011 debt service				\$921,469
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$50,143
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011				\$871,326
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.000000% of its taxes in 2011				\$36,305
= Total Debt Levy				\$907,631

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at PO Box 56305 3rd Street, Bovina, TX 79009.
Name of person preparing this notice: Curby Brantley Jr.
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: July 26, 2011

More photos from St. Ann's Jamaica



LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Bidders

The Lazbuddie Independent School District is accepting bids for the following: gasoline, athletic supplies, milk, cafeteria supplies, janitorial supplies and school supplies.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, and will be presented to the Board of Trustees at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011.

If you are interested in placing a bid for any of the above items, contact Carolyn Scott, business manager, Lazbuddie ISD, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie TX 79053. You may call (806) 986-2156 for a specification list on the items on which you wish to bid.

The Lazbuddie ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Joanna Martinez
Interim Superintendent

The State of Texas
Cause No. 10244

To: Jesus Noel Faudoa and to all whom it may concern,
Respondents: Greeting

Notice to Respondent: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Magdaelena Legarreta, Petitioner, was filed in the 287th Court of Parmer, Texas, on the 27th day of July 2011 against Jesus Noel Faudoa, Respondent(s) numbered 10244 and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of Magdaelena Legarreta and Jesus Noel Faudoa" and in the interest of Katia Maria Legarreta, a child (or children).

The suits requests: The Court grant a divorce and all other relief as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the child/children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are September 18, 2008, Hereford Texas 79045.

"{The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property that will be binding on you.} The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's/children's interest that will be binding on you, including the term of the Parent-child Relationship, the term of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's/children's adoption."

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Farwell, Texas this the 2nd day of August 2011.

Atty for Petitioner or Petitioner
Jeffrey Actkinson
P.O. Box 286
Farwell Texas 79325-0286

Clerk of the Court
Sandra Warren
P.O. Box 195, Farwell Texas 79325-0195
Parmer County Texas

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Football fans, here's your lineup for coaches this season:

Varsity - Hector Guevara, JV - Christopher Antillon, JH - Armando Minjarez.

School opens on Aug. 22.

The Bovina roll-off box site is now open to Parmer County residents who live outside Bovina's city limits for a charge of \$20 per pickup truck-load, said city manager Jana Pitcock.

"There are rural families who only need a place to drop two or three bags of household-type garbage and we want to help them, too," she continued. "The city council is going to consider what would be a fair price per month for smaller drop-offs like that."

Don't forget -- the big Parmer County Stock Show dinner is almost here.

Al Kerby Jr. has tickets available.

For full details, see story elsewhere in today's Tribune.

Jody Balch, who was Bovina High principal

last year, is the new director of operations at Clovis Schools.

Cliff Rocha, who grew up in Bovina and recently moved back, is the new cook for the Farwell Senior Meal Site.

Free English as a Second Language classes sponsored by Clovis Community College will have registration is Aug. 16 and 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fireman's Training hall, 804 Boyce St. in Bovina. C

Classes are available at different levels. Take advantage of this opportunity.

Army retiree Bill Dannheim will host a follow up meeting for local veterans interested in starting a American Legion in our area. They will meet on Monday the 15th at 7 p.m. at A-Me-De's in Texico.

Richard Bonham passed away this week. Our sympathies and prayers go out to the Bonham family.

Meet the Mustangs will be held Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

God Bless and have a great week.

Interesting Fact of the Week: 70% of all freight is moved by trucks. Trucks really do move the world.



Benefit rodeo set for Dakota Williams

A benefit rodeo for Dakota Williams will be held Aug. 26-28 at the Bovina roping arena, announced Buddy Prather.

Dakota's parents live in the Rhea Community and his father has worked in the Bovina area. Dakota has been diagnosed with a serious blood disorder.

Here is the rodeo schedule and fees:
Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. -- 15 and under, \$30; open ranch, \$100.

Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. -- double mugging, \$100 a team; open ranch bronco, \$100 a man.

Aug. 28 -- 7 a.m., breakfast; 8 a.m., cowboy church; 9 a.m., ranch cutting, \$100 a horse (Jared Lee, (210) 913-3884; open ranch team roping, \$100 a team up and back; 1 p.m., roping.

Registration deadline is 6 p.m. Aug. 24 by calling Chris Burrus, (806) 346-3732, Curtis Allen (806) 265-7417 or Buddy Prather, (806) 265-7417.

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Richard Bonham

Richard Ray Bonham 66, of Bovina, died Aug. 7 in Clovis.

Rosary prayer services were held Aug. 10 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Mass Of Christian Burial Services will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 11 at St. Ann's with Fr. Haider Quintero, of Hereford, as Celebrant. Burial with military honors will follow in Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Pallbearers will be Miguel Ramon Sr., Miguel Ramon Jr., Luis Serna Jr., Luis Serna III, Andres Serna and Terry Timms.

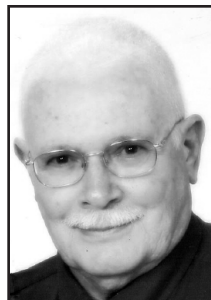
Richard was born Jan. 6, 1945 in Newark, Ohio, to Richard R. and Viola Albert Bonham. He was raised by his grandparents, Walter and Ressa Bonham. On Oct. 20, 1990, he married Anita Serna in Bovina.

Richard graduated from Newark (Ohio) High School and attended two years of college before enlisting in the U.S. Army where he served two tours in Vietnam, was stationed in Hawaii 11 years, Texas 3 years, and Germany for 2 years before retiring in 1982.

He worked in law enforcement from 1983-1999 and served with the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department for 5 years. At the time of his death, he was employed with Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis as an O.R. Department supply tech.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents; father and mother-in-law, Luis and Felicitas Serna, and a nephew, Andy Serna Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Anita; 2 sons, James R. Bonham, of Florida, and Kolby R. Bonham, of Bovina; 1 daughter, Makenze Bonham, of Bovina, and a cousin Lindy Ricketts and husband Eric of Newark.



Pictured are Bruce Campbell, center; Ben McCain, right, and cameraman Mark Doddy.

McCain meets up with Burn Notice star

Actor Bruce Campbell of the hit TV show "Burn Notice" recently appeared on a TV show hosted by Bovina's Ben McCain.

McCain hosts a show called "Behind the Scenes" for Time Warner Cable in Los Angeles. McCain, who was raised in Bovina, got his broadcasting start at KZOL in Farwell in 1973.

In the interview, Campbell talked about his recent trip to Iraq, filming in Columbia and the joy of being on a hit series.

Ben and his brother, Butch, first met Campbell when he appeared on their morning show in Oklahoma City in 1986.

Four years ago the McCain Brothers co-starred in "My Name is Bruce," a film Campbell directed and played himself. The brothers also wrote and performed the theme song called "The Legend of Guan Di."

Campbell has appeared in more than 100 films including the Spiderman franchise and the Evil Dead trilogy.



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Fortenberry offers something for everybody

"It won't hurt my feelings," Don Fortenberry said, "to call this junk."

Fortenberry, who runs Bovina Compress just east of town, has more than junk in his building ... he has a bit of local history.

The building itself is a relic of earlier years. Bovina Compress built three warehouses in the 1950s but never opened a gin.

Two warehouses were torn down over the years, but Fortenberry set up in the third one.

The building is impressive -- 60,000 sq. ft. that once held tons of cotton. It now holds hardware and wonders from over the years.

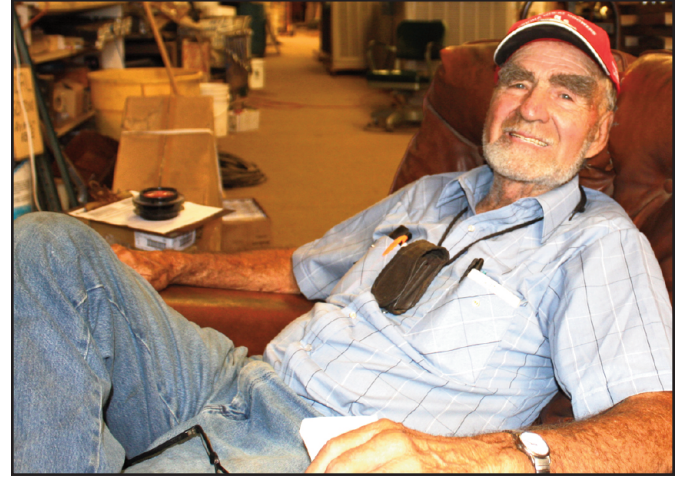
Fortenberry said he used to be a farmer who liked going to auctions and looking for bargains. Over the years his bargains accumulated until his little store in Friona was overfilled.

He bought the old Compress building in Bovina in 1996.

During the interview, folks came in looking for garden faucets, used galvanized fittings, bolts, and folks left happy. It might have been 100 degrees outside, but there were enough interesting things stacked around to make a shopper keep looking.

There are also piles of belts, filing cabinets, books, and even three Linotype machines made early in the last century.

Pretty interesting stuff for a building squirreled away without a sign.



Don Fortenberry



A linotype machine that was once used for printing in Friona.



Used and new items can be found in all conditions.

Arias named Junior High principal

Bovina Schools welcome Steve Arias as the newest member of the administration as he prepares to begin his first year as the principal of its Middle School.

"This will be my first

time as a principal," Arias related. He will be coming from an elementary school in Hereford where he has been the assistant principal.

"I graduated from Friona in 1997 and

attended West Texas A&M University," he continued. "I majored in history."

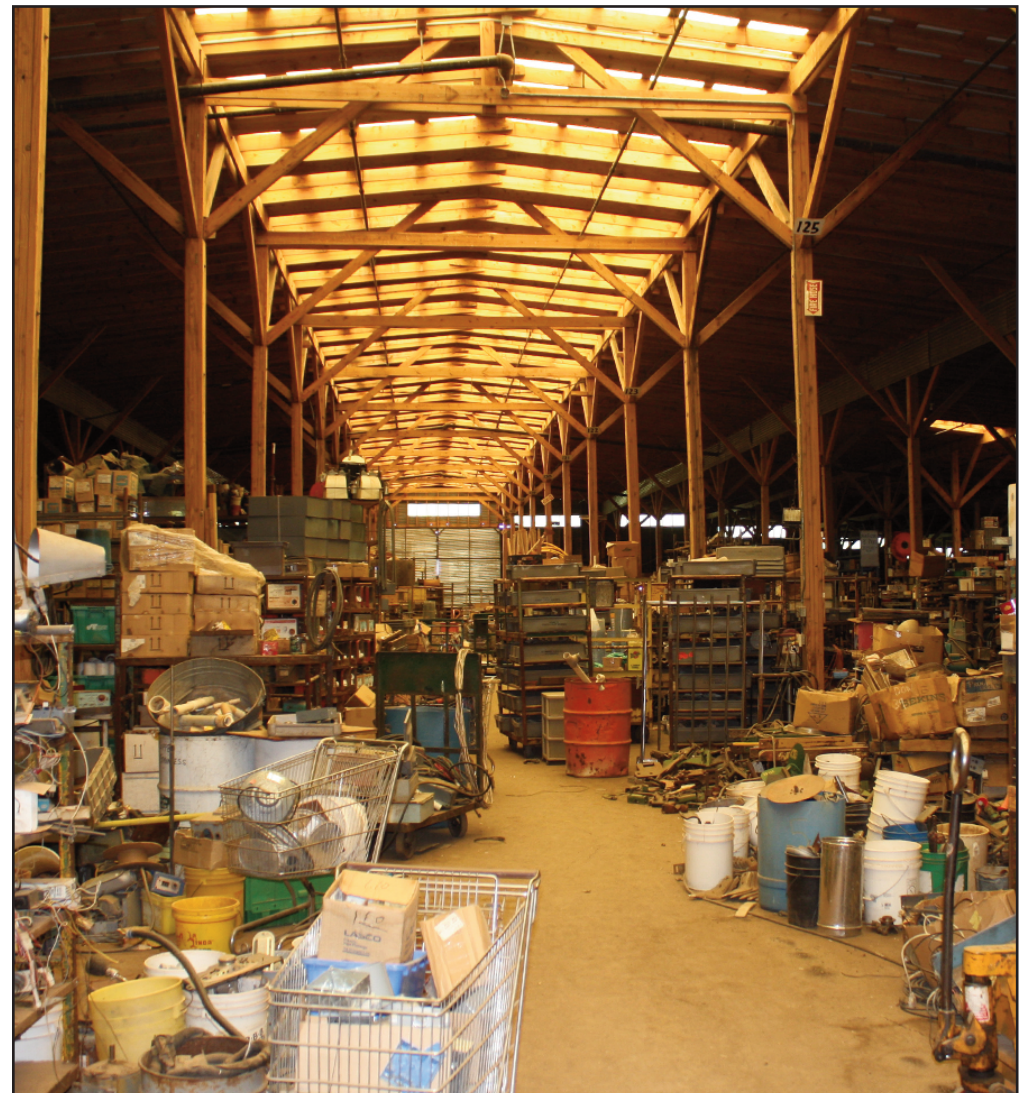
After he completed his degree at WTAMU, Arias' teaching career and his command of both the English and Spanish languages took him to Vega, Corpus Christi, Laredo, El Paso, and Bovina before he was offered the position in Hereford.

"I am really looking forward to this first year," Arias said. "My wife, Patricia, our little girl, Adali, and I live in Hereford but it's only a short commute."

"My focus will be on the challenges that education faces with the requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation and the demands of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills," he concluded. "Bovina has been recognized for the excellent education it provides our youth and we are all dedicated to make it even better this year."



Steve Arias settles into his new desk as Bovina's middle school principal.



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