



County officials discuss future of local ambulance services

Representatives from the four Parmer County communities attended a meeting Friday at the County Courthouse to discuss the future of local ambulance services.

The crux of the problem is simple: Would paying EMS workers help? And if it doesn't help, once you begin to pay folks, would you continue to pay them forever?

After that, the question is: Who pays and how much?

No decisions were made at the session except to ask folks for their views.

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Nichols said the cost of the EMS course is steep, either for the person taking the class or for the government entity which pays. And the cost is the same if you pass or not.

Ellis said in some cases there is free schooling available through the cities, but 50 people will start, 20 will make it to the end, 7 will pass the test, and only 1 will make an effort to show up when needed.

Mitchell said state rules are making it more difficult for a person who has a job to become a paramedic. To keep his certification he had to attend 45 hours of classes, many of them only offered in Austin.

Mitchell added that two certified people must be on an ambulance according to state law. Small EMS services can ask for variances, but there is no guarantee that they will be granted.

Mrs. Weir said Lazbuddie has six certified personnel and two medics. "Our ambulance is 10 years old. What happens when we need to replace it? Plus the fees are expensive, not

"The lack of volunteers is a major problem"

Jimmie Mace, Farwell Mayor

Public feedback can be given at the City Halls at Farwell, Bovina and Friona; and Lazbuddie residents may call Debbie Weir at 965-2302 or at the school, 965-2156.

Attending were: County officials -- Trey Ellis, judge; Altha Herington, treasurer; and James Clayton, Lloyd Bradshaw, Kirk Frye and Ronald Byrd, commissioners.

City of Farwell -- Jimmie Mace, mayor; and Craig Giesbrecht and Weldon Kube, EMS. Lazbuddie -- Mike Nichols and Debbie Weir, EMS.

Hospital Districts -- Dale Schueler, Bill Neely (interim administrator) and Brett Whitten, Parmer County; and Mike Ratke, Farwell.

City of Bovina -- Jana Pitcock, city manager; and Donna Mitchell, Dan Mayberry and Larry Mitchell, EMS.

City of Friona -- Patricia Phipps, city manager.

Ambulance calls for 2011 were: Lazbuddie, 30; Bovina, 69; Farwell,

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job and run. Some businesses won't let folks leave work, and some people have their pay docked if they leave. Kube said Farwell has five dedicated EMS workers and three part-time. All are employed outside the city.

Kube said last year the Farwell nursing home accounted for 15-20 percent of Farwell EMS calls. In the past it has been as high as 50 percent. The new Farwell

"How do we motivate folks? Contact businesses? If we don't have a viable EMS in the county, how will we talk new businesses into coming here?"

Trey Ellis, County Judge

Care and Rehabilitation management has been taking care of business, but in the past they would call us to transport folks for free to things like regularly scheduled doctor visits, he added.

Certification and schooling for EMS workers was a topic. Giesbrecht said certifi-

to mention replacing the drugs and other goods."

There were other questions that arose.

Would paying EMS personnel and not firefighters create a problem? It was noted that firefighters don't need the certification that can take EMS personnel several years to get.

Mrs. Pitcock said, "We

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need to encourage employers to get involved. We need them to understand that having EMS personnel on staff can lower their insurance."

Mrs. Phipps said

Friona has a paid staff with two paramedics, but "we have a lot of trouble getting folks to come to town, and we have a lot of trouble getting folks to volunteer."

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Sign-ups continue for local elections

It's time for signups for Texas city, school board and hospital district elections this spring.

The signup period ends on March 5. The elections are May 12.

Here's a look at the ballots as of Monday:

-- Parmer County Hospital District Board. Posts held by Dale Schueler, Bret Whitten and Dennis Anthony are on the ballot. All three have signed up. To sign up, call Heidi Eichenauer at 250-2754.

-- Farwell City. Posts held by councilpersons Ysleta Kittrell, Gary White and Mario Lara are on the ballot. All three have signed up. Sign up at City Hall.

-- Farwell School. Posts held by board members JayBe Barrett, Willie Martin and Scott Johnson are on the ballot. All three have signed up for re-election. Sign up at the administration building.

-- Farwell Hospital District. Posts held by Scott Terry, LuAnn Fillpot, Chad Byrd and Bert Williams are on the ballot. All four have signed up. To sign up, call Margie Watkins at 481-9097.



How high can you go?

Texico's Shaylee Anderson takes charge of a loose ball in the Lady Wolverines' win over Santa Rosa on Friday. Both the Lady Wolverines and the Wolverines advance to the State Tournament. See stories on Page 4. Photo by Cary McFarden.

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns

As is the Tribune's custom each year, we run fun photos of our area varsity basketball teams when their seasons end. Because, after all, sports are meant to be fun. Here are the 2011-2012 Lady Longhorns.



Local FFA's benefit from Wilbur-Ellis auction

Over 200 folks came out in support of Texico and Farwell FFA at the 19th annual Wilbur Ellis Auction. This year they set a new record at over \$38,000 with some donations still pending. The total proceeds will again be split between the two clubs.



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Cambree Haseloff, of Farwell, received Reserve Champion Chester White honors at the San Antonio Livestock Show on Feb. 22. Cambree is a member of Parmer County 4-H. "Wilber," her barrow, was bred by Darren Haseloff.

Haseloff shows Reserve Champion Chester White at San Antonio Show

Here's how Parmer County youths showed at the San Angelo Junior Livestock Show:

Preston Stewart, 3rd, hamp.
 Ashton Mason, 6th, white OPB.
 Jordan Carrasco, 11th, york.
 Other participants were Elisha Carrasco, Clay Brigham and Hannah Sudderth.

San Antonio Junior Livestock Show results were:

Sterling Henderson, 8th, Poland.
 Cambree Haseloff, Reserve Champion chester white.
 Cheyenne Patrick, 2nd, york.
 Aston Mason, 7th, goat.
 Cade Hurst, 7th, Charolais steer.
 Trey Hurst, 8th, Limousin steer.
 Other participants were Adaline White, Hadley White, Levi McCormick, Cade Box, Caitlynn Stancell, Emily Stancell, Ethan Stancell, Austin Mason, and Kylie Haseloff.

Plateau schedules annual meeting

Plateau Telephone will have its annual membership meeting on April 21 at Fort Sumner High School.

Member registration starts at 8 a.m. mt and the business meeting opens at 10 a.m. mt.

There will be two-way interactive TV locations in Clayton, Logan and Vaughn.

Board members whose terms will expire this year are:

Woods new church secretary

Leigh Ann Woods is the new secretary at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Position 1 - Held by Kenny Wilhite, of Pleasant Hill, representing Farwell, Ranchvale, South Clovis and Pleasant Hill exchanges.

Position 2 - Held by Frank Blackburn, of Ranchvale, representing Farwell, Ranchvale, South Clovis and Pleasant Hill exchanges.

Position 13 - Held by Larry Wallin, of Logan, representing Bellview,

Grady, Logan and San Jon exchanges.

Position 7 - Held by Patsy Perschbacher, of Amistad, representing Clayton, Nara Visa and Roy exchanges.

Position 11 - Held by James Cordova, of Santa Rosa, representing Anton Chico, Conchas Dam, El Valle, Mosquero, Santa Rosa, Trementina and White Lakes exchanges.

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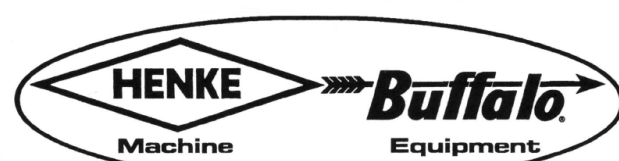
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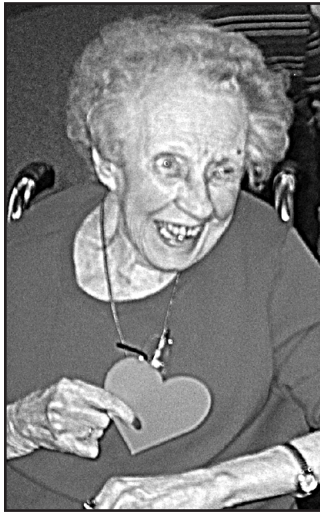
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Texico varsity girls, boys enter state tournament

Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines, ranked No. 1 in New Mexico, cruised to a lopsided win over Santa Rosa last Friday at home, 61-22, in the District Tourney championship game.

Scoring were Klynn Thomas, 10; Shelby Vannatta, 5; McKenzi Mayfield, 7; Mel Lucero, 3; Shaylee Anderson, 13; Jordyn Coper, 13, and Jaylyn Cooper, 10.

Thomas and Jaylyn Cooper both had a pair of 3-pointers, and Texico had 8 total.

Texico broke open the game early, charging out to a 26-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. It was then 45-12 at halftime.

Santa Rosa finished its year at 14-14. The Lady Wolverines were 21-6 after this matchup.

Lazbuddie scholars listed

Here are the Lazbuddie School 4th six weeks honor rolls:

Elementary "A"

Lluvia Alba, Kinley Coker, Illiana Lopez, Erin Martinez, Peyton Martinez, Bianca Morales, Jayden Morris, TJ Chavez, Aidan McDonald, Trail Townsend, John Henry Schacher, Sidney Urbantke, Devon Pacheco, Andres Solano.

Elementary "A-B"

Noemi Garcia, Jacy Carpenter, Julia Ibarra, Ethan Martinez, Wyatt Rainey, Maggie Vasquez, Stephanie Villasenor, Renske Crujisen, Maribel Gomez, Jerry Reyes, Jr Vallejo, Miranda Salazar, Avery Timms, Guus Crujisen, Marisol Gomez.

Junior High "A"

TJ Ballard, Bernanrdo Lopez, Ginsyn McGehee, Mattisun Hester, Ashley Scott.

Junior High "A-B"

Triston Bomer, Julie Chavez, Georgia Taylor, Kenton Parish, Tamera Anderson, Iridian Fernandez, Ronni Hawkins, Juan Samarron, Micah Vera.

High School "A"

Lacey Jesko, Shyann Rainey, Jessica Estrada, Karina Galaviz, Denise Sanchez, Shea Scott, Jarrod Jesko, Summer Lowe, Kylie McGehee.

High School "A-B"

Haley Beasley, Keena Diaz, Ashton Mason, Autumn Townsend, Allison Weaver, Alex Lopex, Ross Steinbock, Jared Timms, Paola Estrada, Trevor Hill, Jordan Mason, Todd Nichols, Justin Schacher.

Courthouse Notes

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

- Laura Salazar – Edgar Morales, L4 B91 Bovina.
Erra Jamerson Estate – Ken Jamerson, L2 B115 Bovina.
Jamerson Lawrence – SD Farms, SW/4 S8 T6S R3E.
Kevin Cooper – Chance Lewellen, L1-3 B4 Staley Add 1 L1 B15 Staley Add 2
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Lesley Curtis – Lonnie McFarland, L 21-23 B58 Farwell .
Dolores Ruiz – Romualdo Ruiz, L4 B17 Bovina.
Bearl Broyles – Larry Broyles, 160 AC SE/4 S47 Bik Y WD & FW Johnson.
TJ Kittrell – Yselta Kittrell, L1-3 B43 Farwell.
John McCuan et al – Mario Lara, E100' L17-20 B28 Farwell.
Epifanio Soltero – Roque Soltero, L12 B91 Frona.

Texico has won three of the last five Class 2A basketball titles.

The Lady Spikers advance to the first round of the state play-offs.

They will host Pecos on Friday at 5 p.m. mt. Only the winner of this game will advance.

Varsity Boys

The Wolverines started District tournament play on Feb. 23 with a 60-48 win over Tucumcari at home.

Scoring were Miguel Reyna, 16; John Myers, 8; Donovan Johnson, 5; Gentry Doolittle, 4; Sergio Posada, 5; Jesus Rivera, 16; and Rallin Harris, 6.

It was a close game (Texico led by 6 at halftime), until the

Wolverines broke it open in the 3rd quarter when they outscored the Rattlers, 20-5.

Tucumcari finished its season with a 12-14 record. Texico was 17-10 after this game.

Texico lost to Clayton, 59-51, for the District tournament title on Feb. 25 there.

Scoring were Posada, 11; Rivera, 7; Harris, 6; Reyna, 19; Myers, 1; and Wayne Skabelund, 7.

Texico knocked down nine 3-pointers -- 4 by Reyna; 2 by both Harris and Posada, and 1 by Skabelund.

Clayton, now 19-7 on the year, opened the game with a 16-9 lead at the first top. The Wolverines struck back and were barely behind at halftime, 27-25.

Texico then had a strong 3rd quarter, outscoring Clayton, 18-13 and thus took a 43-40 lead into the final period.

But Clayton took the 4th quarter, 19-8, and the win.

The Wolverines were picked by the state's athletic association seeding committee to enter the state tournament in an at-large berth.

Thus, Texico will play in the first round of the state tournament at Albuquerque Bosque at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Only the winner of this game will advance.

JV Boys

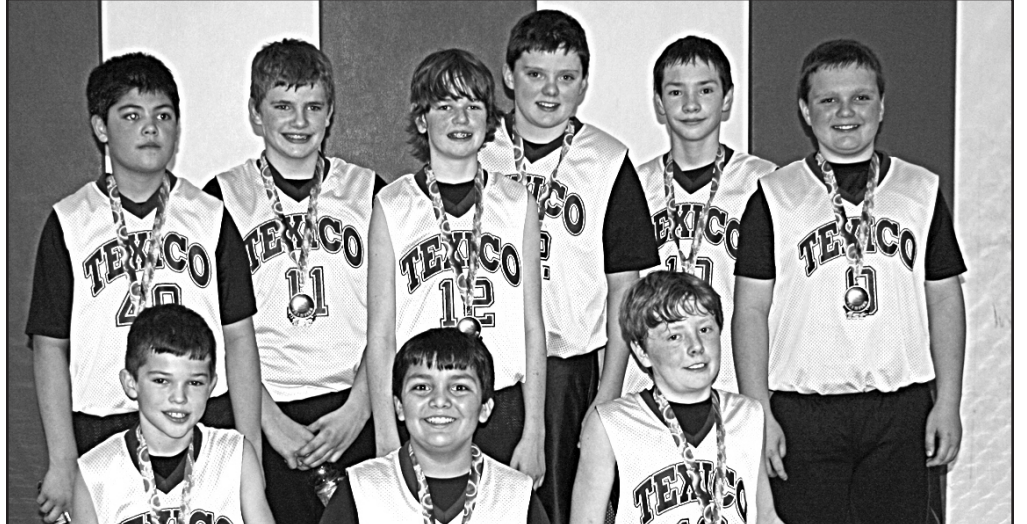
Texico's JV Boys finished their season with a 53-41 win over Tucumcari.

Scoring were Justin Rucker and Jonah Walls, 6 each; Gentry Doolittle, 4; Lorenzo Colmenero, 8; DJ Griego, 9; JJ Tuls, 13; Kyler Miller, 2; Mitchell Pinnell, 5.



Texico teams win Logan tourney

Both the 3-4th grade and 5-6th grade Texico boys teams won first place recently in the Logan Tournament. Above, the 3rd - 4th grade pictured are Coach John Paul Heavyside, Hatcher Heavyside, Luke Phipps, Manuel Loera, Chris Harrison Coach James Phipps, Anton Goins, Conner McDermid, Ben Loewen, and Alex Loera. The 5th - 6th grade pictured below are Christian Fontanilla, Paden McDermid, Ben Crist, Nathan Phipps, Brock Thompson, Cole Rohrbach, Skyler Davis, Colter Figg and Dalton Thatcher.



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EMS

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Ellis asked, "How can you afford to pay someone to work full-time in Lazbuddie with one or two calls per month?"

He also said, "How do we motivate folks? Contact businesses? If we don't have a viable EMS in the county, how will we talk new businesses into coming here? ... We have a moral obligation to provide this service to Parmer County."

Ratke suggested, "We have a staff working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the Farwell Care and Rehab Center. Maybe some of them can be talked into doing double duty?"

Mayberry said folks don't want to pay for an

increase how much they are giving.

Bradshaw said a 1 cent increase in taxes is equal to 2 percent of the total county commissioners budget. "I just don't think it will help."

Byrd added that the funds for the EMS and fire departments come from the county's right-of-way fund. But those funds could be shut off at any time. With fuel prices going up, there is less to pull out for the EMS and fire departments.

Schueler said it would be difficult for the Parmer County Hospital District to directly support a county EMS. Part of Parmer County is in the Muleshoe Hospital

The future also was looked at.

Mitchell said the days of the volunteer are over; the state is going paid. He said on average it costs \$600 to \$700 per ambulance run. A new truck costs over \$100,000. It is expensive on the cities to maintain their own EMS.

Kube suggested paying EMS workers if they help cover another town, such as a Farwell EMS worker covering in Bovina if Bovina needed help.

Kube suggested paying folks to cover other towns. For instance, schedule a Farwell person to help out with the Bovina EMS, or a Friona person to help in Lazbuddie.

Mrs. Pitcock said, "We need to educate the people so they know how big a problem this is." She noted that Bovina runs its EMS service at a financial loss, "but we are okay with that. We need the money just for the workers."

Nichols said, "Almost everything on the ambulance has to be replaced. They have expiration dates on most items and the State will fine you heavily if they catch something past the date."

Mrs. Pitcock said she doesn't want the county to take over the local ambulance services, but more volunteers are needed. "If an older person is on a fixed income and they are afraid that they can't afford the ambulance bill, they might not call in order to save money. Could we live with saving money if someone dies over this?"



Farwell 7th graders go undefeated

The Farwell 7th grade boys basketball team finished the year with a perfect 18-0 record. Shown are Dalton Kasel, Adrian Vara, Isiah Benoit, Heath Hadley, Cameron Bass, Jace Perkins, Ty London, and Dakota Meeks. Photo by Annetta Hadley.

"We need to educate the people so they know how big a problem this is."

Jana Pitcock, Bovina City Manager

ambulance service until they need it ... If a person is injured at a business, the business is liable for their safety until the EMS can respond. Having an employee EMS certified is worth it.

Then there's the major question on how to pay personnel.

Mrs. Pitcock suggested that a Basic EMS worker receive \$25 per run; an Intermediate get \$50; and a Paramedic get \$75, to see if this pay incentive gets more folks to participate. She estimated this would cost about \$100,000 more and if the county taxes paid for all of it, it would add about 1.5 cents to the tax rate.

Ellis said if Friona is doing a good job so far in keeping up their EMS, should they have their tax money going to other communities across the county?

He also said that the county commissioners give \$59,000 annually to the four EMS departments. He said it appears county taxes will increase this year, especially with higher fuel prices. Adding an additional 1.5 cents would raise taxes quite a bit.

Ellis said if the county increases its funding, the cities will also have to

District and part is in the Farwell Hospital District.

Mrs. Phipps gave Friona's stats. She said their EMS costs \$249,000 of which \$198,000 is for salaries. They collect \$9,600 from the county. They bill and collect around \$100,000. That leaves \$135,000 for the city to pay.

Ellis said one possibility is to start an Emergency Services District for each EMS. That would allow each entity to tax up to 10 cents each.

Mrs. Pitcock said that if that happens there would have to be administrators, and that would push up costs more than necessary. Ratke added that it would add another level of bureaucracy.

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

I was glad to see that meeting take place last week regarding the future of Parmer County's ambulance services.

I believe that when there's a serious problem coming down the road, it's better to seek a solution early.

Who does the opposite? Congress. And we all know how that works.

There were many positive ideas thrown out at the meeting. Reading Rob Pomper's account in the Tribune (see Page 1 story), I especially liked what County Judge Trey Ellis, Farwell Hospital District board member Mike Ratke and Bovina City Manager Jana

Pitcock had to say.

All put out ideas that need further discussion.

The bottom line is funding. And following up on my column about this situation in January, here's what I suggest:

As I wrote, the lead should be taken by the Parmer County Commissioners. But they need to think "outside the box."

We have to look at funding as something everyone needs to participate in so every part of Parmer County continues to have excellent ambulance service.

If we ask the county commissioners to do all the funding, then forget it. It won't work. And I don't think they should, anyway.

Funding should come from different sources:

1. The county
2. The cities
3. The hospital districts
4. Fund-raisers
5. Donations
6. Grants

7. Ambulance users Does this mean that taxes will go up? Absolutely.

But it's worth it. And if the extra money needed is spread out, it won't be too bad.

Let's not forget our state representative and state senator. Let's contact them about how Austin is setting up such strict guidelines that are causing such grief to rural areas? Maybe they can help.

This will take a lot of teamwork, but I think it's possible. We all know each other and work with each other. And there's a common goal.

Sure, it will mean give and take. Sure, not everyone will be happy with the final result.

But I believe in people. I believe when folks attack a serious problem, it can lead to the best coming out in them.

Together, we can achieve much.

If we step up.

Thank you!

The Life In Christ Academy Preschool expresses a sincere thank-you to members of the local communities for making the fundraiser dinner on Feb. 12th a huge success!

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Farwell 8th Girls take 1st in Olton track meet

Here are the Farwell Junior High girls' results from the Olton track meet on Feb. 23:

7th Girls
800 run – Cambree Glover, 5th, 3.33.
100 run – Amarai Foster, 5th, 16.21.
800 relay – Mallory Schilling, Rachel Hromes, Ariana Cabello, and Edie White, 2nd, 2.23.

400 run – Lindsay Coburn, 1st, 76.12.
Long jump – Coburn, 3rd, 11' 2 1/2"; Schilling, 5th, 10' 11".

Triple jump – Glover, 2nd, 22' 6".
Shot – Kenlea Barnes, 3rd, 19' 10"; Hromes, 4th, 19' 8"; Lauren Isaacson, 5th, 19' 7".

Discus – Meredith Ratke, 4th, 42' 9"; Barnes, 5th, 42' 8"; Isaacson, 6th, 41; 10".

The 8th girls 1st with 162 points.
2400 run – Sidney

Barksdale, 2nd, 12:13.

400 relay – Carina Reyes, Ami Favila, Skylar Chadwick, and Brayden Johnson, 1st, 60.60.

800 run – Cari Johnson, 2nd, 3:15.
100 hurdles – Chadwick, 2nd, 20.18; Johnson, 4th, 21.06.

100 run – Reyes, 2nd, 13.96

800 relay – Katy Carpenter, Brenna Jarman, Regan Agee, and Jenna Kirkland, 1st, 2:00

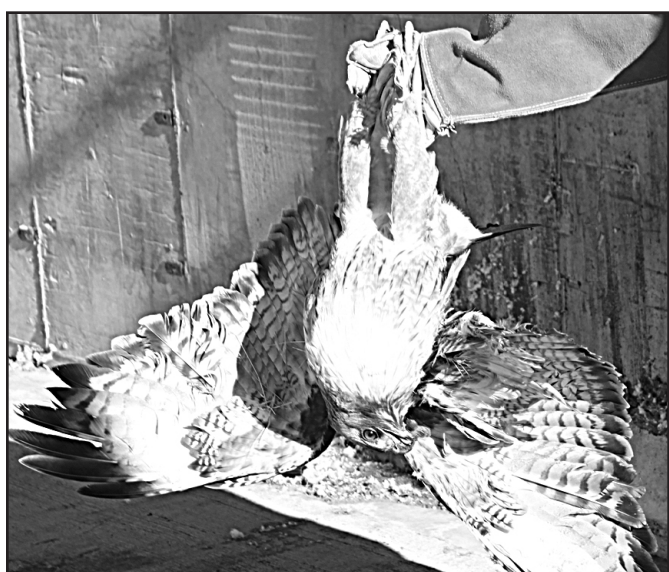
400 run – Johnson, 2nd, 81.11

High jump – Chadwick, 1st, 4' 4"; Jarman, 2nd, 4' 2"; Kirkland, 3rd, 4' 0".

Long jump – Carpenter, 1st, 11' 9 1/2"; Reyes, 2nd, 11' 9 1/2"; Johnson, 4th, 11' 2 1/4".

Triple jump – Carpenter, 1st, 28' 10"; Reyes, 2nd, 26' 7"; Johnson, 3rd, 24' 10 1/2".

Discus – Favila, 2nd, 52' 3".



Raptor gets rehabilitated

Parmer County Cotton Growers employees recently found this raptor at the gin. It had been injured, so they called the Clovis Zoo to come help. The Clovis Zoo no longer maintains a rehabilitation license so they normally transport animals like this one to a rehabilitation specialist in southern New Mexico.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

CLIA Notice to the Public
Sanction against
Layne Barnes, Laboratory Director
Farwell Medical Clinic (Melinda Burney)
CLIA Certificate Number 45D0989764

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) imposed the following sanction against the above laboratory located at 301 3rd Street, Ste A, Farwell, TX 79325, revocation of its CLIA certificate effective January 4, 2012. The sanction was due to failure to provide information as requested under the CLIA Regulations.

Kindergarten, Pre-K and Head Start Registration
Thursday, March 22, 2012, is the day to register children for next year's Farwell School kindergarten, pre-K and Head Start classes.

Registration will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Kindergarteners will register in the elementary office. Pre-K and Head Start pupils will register in the Head Start room.

All children who will be four and five years of age by Sept. 1 and live in the Farwell School District need to register for next year's classes. To register, a child must have immunization records, state copy of birth certificate and Social Security card.

Requirements to be eligible for pre-K and Head Start, a child must be four years old prior to Sept. 1, is unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or is from a family whose income, according to standards set by the State Board of Education, is at or below subsistence level (eligible for free or reduced price lunches) and is a resident of the Farwell School District.

Head Start requires income verification (check stub), Medicare/TANF.

Texas school districts are required to provide pre-K if 15 or more students are identified.

Sheriff's Report

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries reports his office received a call at 6 p.m. Saturday saying several vehicles were parked along a county road.

The Sheriff's office discovered people involved in a rooster fighting event. Fourteen were arrested on charges of cockfighting.

One vehicle was seized. Police recovered dead roosters, 8 live roosters, rooster fighting paraphernalia and drugs.

Six of those arrested were illegal aliens and subject to deportation. The remainder of those arrested posted bond.

Assisting were Texas Highway Patrol, Friona police and Farwell police.

Sheriff Geries reports Texas has enhanced animal cruelty laws and there may be more charges filed.

Charged with cockfighting, pending county court, were:

-- Rodrigo Nunez, 23, of Bovina.

-- The following all are from Friona: Jesus Torres, 22; Bo Bobby Gonzalez, 25; Jose Avalos, 46; Jose Godoy, 17; Rigaberto Ayala, 21; Pamela Sanchez, 24; Javier Sanchez, 21; Jesus Dorame, 31; Clemente Jaramillo, 33; Christobal Bolanos, 34; Jesus Leocadio, 30; Gregorio Jaramillo, 39; and Lazaro Bolanos, 36.

In other police news:

On Feb. 21, Steve Lara, 43, of Farwell, was arrested by the Farwell police on a charge of criminal trespass, pending county court.

On Feb. 21, Colton Capps, 19, of Clovis, was

arrested by the Sheriff's office on a charge of Motion to Revoke (Criminal Mischief/ Assault), pending county court.

On Feb. 21, Dustin Ward, 28, of Farwell, was arrested by the Sheriff's office on a charge of theft of property by check greater than \$20 but less than \$500. He paid fine, court costs, restitution and received 9 months probation.

On Feb. 23, Eric Moreno, 32, of Hereford, was arrested by the Sheriff's office on a charge of Motion to Revoke (possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.), pending county court.

On Feb. 24, Luciano Vital, 42, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's office charged with theft of property greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500, pending county court.

On Feb. 24, Raquel

Vital, 45, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police, charged with theft of property greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500, pending county court.

On Feb. 26, Sergio Lopez, 30, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI, pending county court.

On Feb. 26, Christopher Ramirez, 32, of Friona, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of driving while license invalid, pending county court.

On Feb. 26, Alberto Martinez, 42, of Bovina, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI, pending county court.

In 287th District Court on Feb. 16, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Emmanuel Mariscal-Hernandez, 34, of Bovina, charged with violation of community supervision (indecenty

with a child), was sentenced to community supervision revoked, 4 years Institutional Division, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice.

Parmer/Bailey County Crime Stoppers
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On Feb. 21, someone stole a 605 Minneapolis Moline well motor in the 1300 block of FM 2013.

If you have any information about this crime, call the Parmer County sheriff's office at 481-3303 or Crime Stoppers at 481-9178.

You can also post a tip on our website at www.pbcstips.com. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

Farwell Community Meal Site

Monday - cheeseburger, LTOP, french fries, ice cream sandwich.

Tuesday - filet mignon, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli, garden salad, yeast roll, apricot cobbler.

Wednesday - grilled chicken nachos, LT salad, corn, cinnamon chips, Jello with fruit.

Thursday - beef stew, cornbread, veggie sticks, cinnamon rolls.

Friday - grilled tilapia, steamed veggies, garden salad, yeast roll, root beer cake.

Seniors over 55, \$4.00; all take-outs, 50 cents extra; guests under 55, \$6.50. Delivery is 50¢.

Public Notice

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 12 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom on the first floor of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas.

This hearing is on a plan to create an Archive Fee for recording public documents in Parmer County. The proposed fee is \$5.00 which is in addition to the fees already collected for recording public documents.

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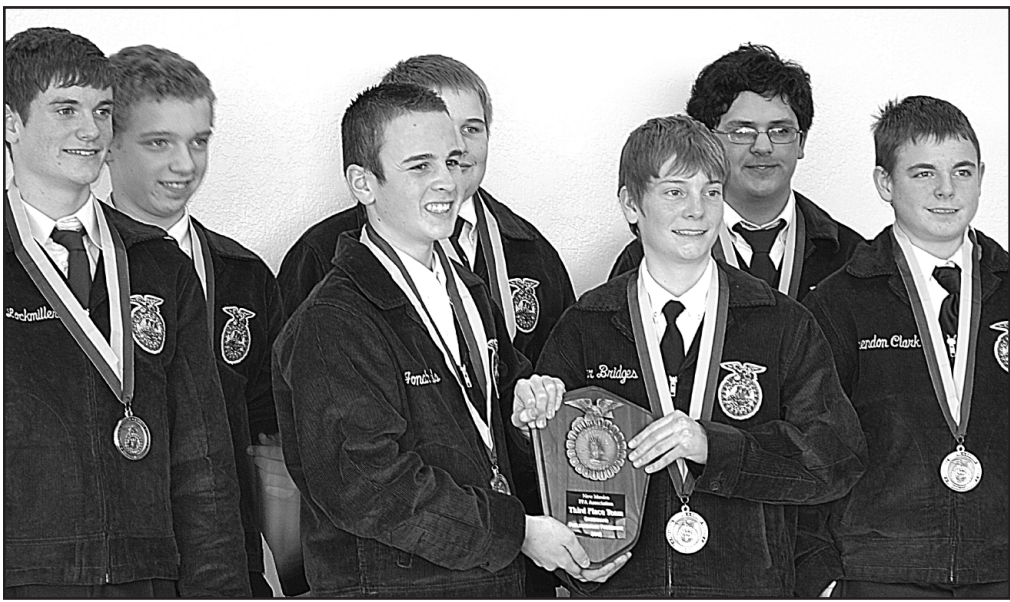
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Texico FFA teams succeed at State meets

At right, Texico High School's FFA Chapter Team took 1st place in state: Sabra Barnett, Lindsey Foote, Rae Lynn Prather, McKenzie Mayfield, Rallin Harris, Elliott Pelfrey, and Uriel Munoz. Above is the Texico FFA Greenhand Team which placed 3rd in the State contest: Tristan Lockmiller, Justin Rucker, Tyler Bridges, Tanner Pelfrey, Brendon Clark, Matthew McWhorter, Jonah Tuls, and Dalton Wren.



State 2012 Chapter CHAMPIONS
Parliamentary Procedure

Parmer County burn ban back on

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday put the county's burn ban into effect immediately. It now runs through the end of April.

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis emphasizes that he has the discretion to lift the burn ban at any time.

If a person has an important need to do some burning, he should call Ellis at the county judge's office, 481-3383, or the sheriff's office, 481-3303.

There's the possibility that Ellis would then lift the burn ban for a day or two, depending on circumstances.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Approved a resolution to retain the Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado and Acosta for special needs. There is no fee unless they are used.

-- Will have a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. March 12 in the county courtroom for a proposal to charge a \$5 archive fee for persons seeking some recordings and filings from the county clerk's office.

County clerk Colleen Stover wants to scan all the court records filed in her office since 2004. The archive fee would help pay for this permanent preservation of records.

Soon, the office also will begin to electronically store all the records filed after 2012, a necessary step due to space.

The clerk's office has over 800 books dealing with real estate records, liens, court minutes, military discharges, marriage licenses, and birth and death records.

HPU okay's moratorium

The High Plains Underground Water District board voted on Feb. 21 to adopt an enforcement policy and civil penalty schedule concerning the violation of water production caps, and included a two-year moratorium on implementation.

The district includes Parmer County.

The policy and penalties also involves failure to install meters on new wells or well systems and reporting on production. That enforcement is also delayed two years.

The amendments the district adopted last July are still in effect. The decisions last week set up the two-year moratorium on enforcement and penalties in the specific areas.

The directors also agreed to have a study made of where the Ogallala Aquifer is incapable of producing 1.25 acre feet of water annually and to determine the effectiveness and reliability of using means other than meters to measure water production.

Meet Texico's Class of 2024



Hannah Helmer is a Texico kindergarten. Her birthday is Aug. 12. Parents are Chad & Jaci Helmer. She has a brother, Lane. Grandparents are Donnie & Barbara Helmer, & Dave & Debi Sant. She likes to play outside, go to the lake, color, and play with babies. Her favorite color is pink. She likes to eat steak, corn, and mac & cheese. She doesn't like cleaning her room.

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Douglas Tucker

Douglas R. Tucker passed away at the age of 72 on Feb. 6, 2012, in Moorpark, Calif., after a twoyear battle with cancer.

Doug was born on Jan. 5, 1940, to R.B. and Alice Jay Tucker in Hollis, Okla. Doug and his dad farmed land around Hollis.

Doug graduated from Farwell High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Okla.

Doug became a teacher and taught from 1968 to 2000 at Malibu Park Junior High School. He resided in Malibu for 37 years.

Surviving are a son, Jack Daniel Tucker; a sister, Emalee Ann King and husband, Keith King; his past wife and lifelong friend, Mary Schaller; his grandchildren, Reef, Coral and Brody Tucker; and his nephews, Timothy Rademaker, Kurt Anderson and Kent Anderson.



The Latest

There have been changes made at the Farwell meal site for senior citizens.

The new managers are Lisa Sanders and Linda Moss Hardy. And the new name is "Farwell Community Meal Site."

The cost for seniors (55 and older) is now \$4; while the cost for folks under 55 remains at \$6.50. It includes drink and dessert.

A Texas private pesticide applicator training and testing program will be held March 9 at the Bailey County extension office in Muleshoe.

Training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and testing should conclude by 2 p.m. The cost is \$50.

For more information, call 272-4584.

Here's Texico Junior High's track schedule:

March 24, at Yucca; March 27, at Tatum; March 30, at Portales; April 14, at Tucumcari; April 17, at Ft. Sumner; April 19 (EPAC), at Ft. Sumner; and April 21, at Marshall.

Tammy Jones was doing some research at the Tribune last week. She found her birth announcement and noticed a small error.

The Tribune listed her name as Pamela Joy.

She said that was a name her father had liked, but they went with Tammy instead.

Farwell Schools will have an early release on Monday, March 5 at 1:45 p.m.

Buses will run at 2 p.m.

A staff meeting will be held at 2:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Farwell JV Steers ended their season with a 42-27 win over Bovina. Scoring were Chase Mitchell, 8; Curt Langford, 12; Federico Solis, 6; Tristan Owings, 5; AJ Bermea, 2; and Christian Pena, 9.

A heavy fog covered the area on Monday night, but high winds on Tuesday led to dust storms and likely took most of the moisture right back.

Farwell council OK's building permits

The Farwell City Council on Feb. 21 approved several building permits:

-- Felix Loera at 204 4th St., an accessory building. It has already passed inspection.

-- Bonnie Warren at 106 San Andreas, a new shingled roof.

-- Vickie Jones at 202 7th St., a new fence.

-- Jimmy Meeks at 804 5th St., a carport.

In other news, the council:

-- Noted that the Farwell Animal Shelter is doing a good job of getting animals placed through outside agencies like the Amarillo Humane Society. They are not euthanizing as many animals by transporting them to other areas.

-- Heard a report from the Water Department that the city will soon repair the sewer cleaning equipment. The parts have already been ordered.

This department also hired a new employee, Kevin Agart.

They noted that new signs will be placed around city wells telling residents that it is a federal offense to tamper with wells. The signs will also say "No Trespassing."

The city hopes to inform residents that it is a serious offense to tamper with any type of city water equipment.

-- Decided to not continue to run racial profiling reports in the newspaper on a yearly basis. They commented that the reports are public knowledge and can be accessed by residents at any time.

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Mary Margaret White
Graveside services for Mary Margaret White, 88, of Lubbock, formerly of Texico, were held Feb. 25, 2012 at the Farwell Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.
Memorial services followed at the First Baptist Church of Texico.
She died Feb. 22, 2012, in Lubbock.
She was born in Curry County, N.M., on Sept. 10, 1923, to William F. and Edna Martin. She married James Murray White Oct. 10, 1942, in Clovis.
She and her husband farmed north of Texico. Later in life, she finished nursing school and worked as a nurse for 15 years before retiring. Margaret was a talented seamstress and enjoyed needle work and painting.
Margaret loved her family, neighbors, friends and church; serving as a Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church of Texico. Her grandchildren have the fondest memories of spending summers with Granny and Grandpa on the farm.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Murray, the love of her life, who died on Nov 23, 2011.
Survivors include 3 daughters, Carol (Dwight) Turner of Canyon, Texas; Kathy (Jim) Devine of Grand Junction, Colo., and Susan (Doyle) Johnson, of Lubbock; a son, Martin (Terri) White of Amarillo; grandchildren, Kevin (Marsha) Turner of Spring, Texas; Anna Devine of Denver; Megan (Mark) Winnett, of Lubbock; Jason Johnson, of Lubbock; Stuart White, of Amarillo, and Marcus White, of Canyon; great-grandchildren, Paige, Regan and Macie Winnett and Aubrey and Presley Turner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Glenn Mimms
Services for Glenn Wheeler "Pete" Mimms, 93, of Shallowater, were held Feb. 27, 2012, at the 12th Street Church of Christ in Shallowater with Rev. Otho Rogers, of Melrose, N.M., officiating.
Burial was held at Lazbuddie Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.
Glenn died Feb. 23, 2012, in Lubbock. He was born June 1, 1918, in Dickens County, Texas. He married Bobby Bratton in Crosbyton, Texas, on Jan. 24, 1945.
Pete graduated from Ralls High School in 1936 and moved to Lazbuddie in 1953. He served his country on the home front during World War II as a farmer. He was a longtime Elder of the Lazbuddie Church of Christ. He enjoyed gardening, farming and being a stockman. He was a member of the 12th Street Church of Christ in Shallowater.
Surviving are his wife, of Shallowater; 3 sons, Kelley Mimms and wife Judy, of Clovis; Clay Mimms and wife Reta, of lma, N.M.; and Tracy Mimms and wife Andrea, of Weed, N.M.; a daughter, Jill Moudy and husband Alvin, of Lubbock; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Jerrine Parks, of Ralls, and Doris Moorman, of Clovis.
He was preceded in death by 5 sisters, Gladys Gilstrap, Jewel Taylor, Claudia Porter, Leona Blanton and Merle McFarland, and 4 brothers, LeRoy Mimms, Darrell Mimms, Dalton Mimms and Marvin Mimms.
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nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath with central heat, ref. air, large den with fire place, living room, kitchen, utility, 2 car detached garage, with 2 car carport. Lots of attractive updates, and modernization completed in recent months. Large fenced backyard with garden area and storage building.

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- * Knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate.

Valentine's day party held at Farwell Care and Rehab

The Farwell Care and Rehab Center had a party for residents on Valentine's day. Many spouses and loved ones attended. There was live music and the menu was prime rib, chicken coron blue, salad, green beans, twice baked potatoes and cheese cake. Photos by Melva Davenport.



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Texico Elementary scholars

Here are the Texico Elementary Honor Rolls for the 4th Six Weeks:

2nd Grade - Alek Bali, Truman Belcher, Brennan Cooper, Braylin Golden, Jaden Hall, Grace Heavyside, Matthew Hill, Esmerlada Ladezma, David Lopez, Cindy Marin, Makaidyn Osburn, Jackie Posada, Chantre Ramirez, Clarissa Ramirez, Kirah Salguero, Ezekiel Soliz.

3rd Grade - Janice Aranda, Gabriel Bailey, Scarlett Buendia, Jazmin Colmenero, Alfredo Davalos, David Davalos, Ethan Drager, Skeeter Frazier, Alexis Fuentes, Anton Goins, Grace McDaniel, Joshua Myers, Anders Nelson, Isaac Nieto, Rachel Phipps, Riley Rohrbach, Justus Tuls.

4th Grade - Nick Andrews, Jillian Barnes, Brooklyn Beck, Elias Cardenas, Shayla Edwards, Hatcher Heavyside, Ashley Hill, Manuel Loera, Ben Loewen, Alejandro Martinez, Connor McDermid, Haidyn Mount, Luke Phipps, Analis Ramirez, Javier Ramirez, Mariah Reyna, Dominik Salguero, AJ Sanders, Nevaeh Sawyer, Samantha Sites, MacAyla Spears, Riley Thompson.

5th Grade - Brianna Barnes, Sydney Cook, Jasmine Davalos, Skyler Davis, Matti Doshier, Mari Ferrel, Pacen Hartley, Colton Lane, Aspyn Osburn, Avery Petroski, Nallely Ramirez, Jessa Reid, Cole Rohrbach, Baylee Sours, Macey Sharp, Dalton Thatcher, Montana Thatcher, Kendahl Workheiser.

Poultry project meeting set

Parmer County extension agent Benji Henderson reports there will be a meeting on March 1 about the poultry project at the Bovina EMS in Bovina at 6 p.m.

This meeting is open to anyone interested in the poultry project in Parmer County. Discussion will include the facilities needed to house the birds and give some notice of what the project is designed around and what we will be doing with the project.

Anyone interested in the project is welcome to attend. For more information call Henderson at (806) 481-3619.

Obituary

Daniel Rodriguez 1945, in Dinero, Texas, to Daniel Rodriguez, 66, Julian and Lorenza of Bovina died Feb. 25 in Camacho Rodriguez. Lubbock.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Cynthia and Priscilla Rodriguez; 3 sons, J.D. "Julian", Daniel Rodriguez and Anthony Chavez; 2 brothers, Rodolfo and Jaime of Clovis, 10 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 29 at the Pentecostal Church in Bovina with Pastor Armando Socedo officiating. Arrangements by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona. He was born July 21, 1945.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice of Sheriff Sale

The State of Texas County of Parmer By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Parmer County in the following cases on the 2nd day of February 2012 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered. I will proceed to sell at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th day of March 2012, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse of said Parmer County, in the City of Farwell, Texas, the following described property located in Parmer County, to-wit:

Cause No. 10115 Farwell Independent School District vs Bernier Pamela A.

All of Lots 1, 2 and 3, of Block 35, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas.

Cause No. 10117 Farwell Independent School District vs Bray Gary D.

The East 25' of Lots 1 - 6, Block 2, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas.

Cause No. 10121 Bovina Independent School District vs Corral Flabio.

All of Lot 3 and the Easterly 10 feet of Lot 4, of Block 4, of the Original Town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, such portion of Lot 4 being described by metes and bounds, as follows:

Beginning at a point on North Street of said Town of Bovina at the common corner of Lots 3 and 4;

Thence South 50° 43' West, 10 feet to a point;

Thence South 39° 17' East, 140 feet to a point on the alleyway through said block;

Thence North 50° 43' East, 10 feet to a point;

Thence North 39° 17' West, 140 feet to the Place of Beginning.

Cause No. 10124 Friona Independent School District vs Duron Mario.

All of Lot Four (4) and the North Half of Lot Five (5), Block Eleven (11) of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas.

Cause No. 10128 Friona Independent School District vs Gausin Luis.

The West 100' of Lots 13 - 16, Block 63, Original Townsite, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of February 2012 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction.

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On to the sports schedule:

Texico -- The Lady Wolverines will host the first round of the State playoffs on Friday at 5 p.m. mt against Pecos. The Wolverines will play at Albuquerque Bosque on Saturday at 5 p.m. mt.

The girls' varsity golf team hosts the Texico Invitational on March 1, then the JV team vies at Spring River on March 6.

Bovina -- The varsity and Middle School track teams compete at Friona on March 2. The varsity team vies at New Deal on March 9, while the MS team is at Sudan on March 8.

Lazbuddie -- The JH track team opens its season March 8 at Sudan.

Farwell -- The golf teams compete at Plains on March 8. The varsity track team views at Friona on March 2, then at Plains on March 9. The JH track team competes at Sudan on March 8.

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'Trash sculptures'

Mrs. Fontanilla's 5th grade class at Texico School has been studying renewable resources and recycling. They recently constructed "trash sculptures" out of recyclable materials. Dalton Thatcher, Cole Rohrbach, Skyler Davis and Colter Figg made a wind turbine and water trough with their trash.



This trash tank was built by Pacen Hartley, Brianna Barnes and Siara Bundia.



This project takes recyclable trash and transforms it into oil. Jaden Guss, Taryn Allen, Alex Bundia and Aspyn Osburn invented this machine.

Farwell Elementary honor rolls listed

Farwell Elementary School announces its 4th six week honor rolls:
 Barnes - honor roll, Austin Hester, Slade Perkins; achievement list, Jory Barrera, Bailey Chadwick, Adal Garcia, Conner Johnson, Cynthia Maldonado, Valeria Ruiz, Spencer Schilling.
 McFarland - honor roll, Leefe Actkinson, Presley Agee, Carli Lunsford, Macie Mullin; achievement list, Garison Bohler, Ashley Carrillo, Aldo Galvan, Kassidy Nelson, Emma Smallwood, Lane Terry.
 Cooper -- honor roll, Deborah hromas, Mililani Woznick, Jaedyn Ortiz; achievement list, Kevin Avila, Hector Cecena, Guerrero Olmos, Bethany Young.
 Lavender - honor roll, Kynton Haseloff, Brisa Solis, Erica Williams; achievement list, Marcus Baca, Ivonne Gonzales, Brenda Vasquez.
 O'Neill - honor roll, Karson Barnes, Ian Beverage, Adriana Chavez; achievement list, Ainsley Actkinson, Sylvia Galvan, Eduardo Graxiola, Emma London, Abi May, Trivious Ortiz, Alexis Ruiz.
 Mrs. Arnold - honor roll, Coby Glover; achievement list, Daniel Dzul, Angel Germain, Victoria Gutierrez, Jaclyn Klein, Baylee Lavender, Paulina Rodriguez.
 O'Hare - honor roll, Wendy Garjiola, Kinley Kalbas, Trace Stancell, Katey White; achievement list, Clay Brigham, Jaisen Hall, Jack Isaacson, Jackson Jarman, Patrick Pena, Brianna Reyes, Jessica Reyes, Thomas Smallwood, Jorden Villarreal.

Texico announces baseball schedule

Texico School's baseball schedule has been announced, opening with a scrimmage against Melrose on March 13 at home.
 Then Texico will participate in the Rattler Invitational at Tucumcari March 15-17, and the Colt Classic in Roswell March 22-24.
 The next games are:
 March 27, at Clovis;
 March 29, a double-header with Eunice at Texico;

April 3, a double-header with NMMI at Texico;
 April 6, a double-header at Santa Rosa (this may change).
 April 9, a double-header with Portales at Texico;
 April 14, a double-header with Tucumcari at Texico;
 April 17, a game at Clayton;
 April 20, a double-header with Clayton at Texico.
 April 24, JV and varsity games at Tucumcari;

Texico Junior High scholars given

Here are the Texico Junior High honor rolls for the 4th six weeks:
 All A's
 6th grade - Matthew Barriga, Madison Belcher, Mackenzie Haakma, Kaylee Miller, Hannah Myers, Danika Nelson, Nathan Phipps, Brock Thompson.
 7th grade - Zachary Andrews, Efrain Bali, Cooper Davis, Lance Myers, Kira Olguin, Hannah Rucker, Madalynn Sealey, Whitney Skabelund.
 8th grade - Halee Prather, Halle Reid, Joseph Sena, Shaylee Sours, Dylan Weems, Audrey Wren.
 A-B
 6th grade - Mackenzie Clark, Benjamin Crist, Sarah Harrison, Kambri Loewen, Perla Marin, Paden McDermid, Craig Ray, Charity Wilson, Brayden Wines.
 7th grade - Emily Autrey, Melissa Davalos, Jasmine Gannon, Hayden Hughes, Tristyn McDaniel, Amanda Meeks, Micah Pinnell, Morgan Wade.
 8th grade - A'lexis Askew, Jake Barnett, Brooks Hagler, Zachary Harrison, Emily Kube, Matthew Odegaard, Kalley Tharp.

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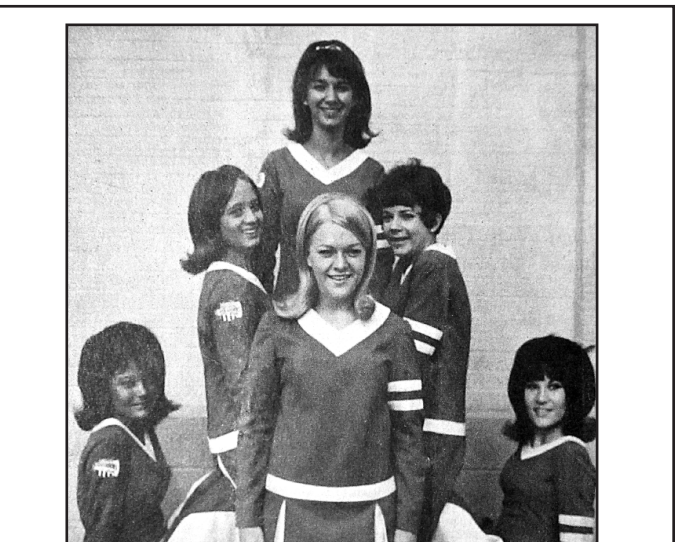
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Pioneers who died during the year were Iva Riggins, Donel Roland, Dollie Barker, Eurah Young, Ernest Hillock and G.W. Magness.
 A plane crash six miles north of Farwell takes the lives of James Norton, his son James Jr., and Russ Langford.
 Fire destroys a Texico home occupied by Doris Brand and 4 children.
 Betty Crocker Homemaker awards go to Carolyn Miller, Marquita Seaton and Susan Patrick.
 Texico Homecoming royalty are Pam Roberts and Roy McDaniel. Voted Most Beautiful is Debbie Doolittle.
 Mr. and Mrs. N.L. Tharp have 60th anniversary.
 Lt. Col. Carthon Phillips retires from Air Force.
 Industrial Development Committee of Farwell organized.
 Truman McKillip buys State Line Motor Exchange.
 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church has 60th anniversary, with 260 attending.
 New ministers are Barry Jones, Lazbuddie Church of Christ; Pat Burk, Farwell Church of Christ; Floyd Leverton, United Pentecostal; C. Woodrow Williams, Oklahoma Lane Methodist; and Charles Vick, Oklahoma Lane Baptist.
 Truman Kittrell and Roy Richardson elected to Texico School Board.
 Bobby Field signs to play football at Arkansas.
 Steers win basketball district for 7th time in 9 years.
 Texico's \$140,000 bond issue for a vocational ag and cafeteria building passes 103-12.
 Jan Jameson wins county 4-H food show.
 Brett Hargrove wins county spelling bee.
 Charlie Phillips signs recording contract with Warner Bros.

Gil Kaltwasser and Harold Travis elected to Farwell School Board.
 C.L. Mahaney wins Tribune football contest.
 County Judge Loyde Brewer dies.
 Connie Phillips is Farwell Homecoming queen.
 Johnny Weaver buys 3-D Drive In.
 Farwell Country Club opens with Gene Deeds as pro manager.
 Plans announced to build new Farwell post office.
 Texico City Park dedicates (now called KKR Park).
 Valedictorians are Susan White, Texico, and Sherri Robinson, Lazbuddie.
 Missouri Beef announces plans to build a packing plant near Friona.
 Lazbuddie's David Nelson is Class B champion in the mile run at the state track meet for 4th straight year.
 Teddy Spears sets New Mexico bowling record in novice division.
 James Gain becomes Texico School band director.
 AJRA rodeo held in Farwell.
 Texico joins Eastern New Mexico water group.
 Ronald Mayfield shows grand champion barrow a Hereford show.
 Joe Jones gets Honorary Farmer award from Farwell FFA.
 Texico Mr. and Miss FBLA are Bob Spearman and Sharon Peyton.
 A.L. Black is new president of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District.

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A last look at the Mustangs



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Bovina ISD will be accepting bids for sale of a 1990 Chevrolet Ward Bus, actual miles 89,755. Starting bid is \$900.00. Bids should be submitted to Dale Fullerton at the Bovina ISD Administration office by 4:00 p.m. March 22, 2012. Bids will be opened at the Bovina ISD School Board meeting on April 9, 2012. Bovina ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Point of contact for viewing vehicle: Richard Villarreal, Bovina ISD Director of Transportation & Grounds Maintenance, Office: 806-251-1317 ext 235; Cell: 806-225-7276



Edwina Owen: 'I used to feel like Santa Claus'

From Edwina Owen in 1986:
In 1955 there was little interest in taking a civil service exam or employment at the post office. It was a 7 day a week job, holidays included. Mrs. Brown at the Texico post office had obtained about 10 to 12 people to apply for the test. I was not interested but out of curiosity took the test in Clovis. Before becoming employed by the Farwell postal service, I worked part-time at Rip's Western Wear, then two years in the Farwell lunch room. When Reva Bradshaw quit at the Farwell post office, I transferred my rating from Texico to Farwell and went to work there in 1959. The pay was \$2 an hour and I worked a few hours every day, seven days a week. On Saturdays, we were open until noon. We waited for the rural carrier to return before we could go home. During the winter on bad roads, you never knew when the carrier would get back. The main part of our mail came in about 10:30 a.m. on a train from Lubbock. We also had night highway post office boxes that left mail on their way from Lubbock and Amarillo. We had a swinging leather reinforced pouch that we hung on an arm. The train had a hook and would catch the pouch, and throw one off.

You could mail a letter and it would arrive in Friona or Bovina the same day. On Sundays and holidays, you went down twice to put up the mail, at 8 a.m. and at 1 p.m. On Christmas Day, I would go in the morning, put up the mail, then deliver the packages that arrived later for the folks in town. I used to feel like Santa Claus.

We still do this but now have a phone and can call patrons to come to the post office for their packages. This is a service I doubt you would find in many towns.

Charlie Crume carried our mail to and from the trains daily. John Zahn was the postmaster and Carrie Hamrick was the regular clerk. Nelson Smith and Lee Meeks were rural carriers at that time.

I fondly recall some of our patrons from those days. Judge A.D. Smith would come roaring in. Mr. R.B. Ham came every Sunday and waited in the lobby until I got all the mail put up.

The post office at that time was on Main Street, which meant there was very little parking area. The area included Sikes Motor Co., Pulliam Service Station, Kurt Crume Cleaners, McDorman Laundry, Sprowls Electric, a drug store, bank, grocery store and, at one time, Floyd Trantham's cafe.

To me, it seems like we had more mail when we were in the old post office building but I'm sure it was due to the crowded facilities. We had a hand-operated canceling machine and about 350 boxes. We had a waiting list for boxes since we had no more room to expand. Many of our people had to use general delivery service since boxes were unavailable.

Because postage was cheap, we had lots of Christmas card but not as much political mail as we do now. Politics played a big part in the selection of our postmasters. When the administration changed, sometimes so did the postmasters.

I have worked with John Zahn, Jesse Landrum, Albert Smith, and Jim Bob Smart. Postmasters are selected at the present time by the postal system. Otis McMillen became our postmaster in 1975.

When we moved to the new office in 1968, the greatest change for us was the electric canceling machine. Our box sections have about doubled. We now have postage meters for our large mailers.

Mail used to be cased and tied out to individual towns. Now, it is all sorted on machines in Lubbock. Mail now comes in once a day from Lubbock.

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lems. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Xavier and Moses Torres, sons of Joe and Paulene Torres, formerly of Bovina, and grandsons of Anthony and Judy Ramon, of Bovina, competed in the Texas USA Wrestling State Championships in Katy, Texas.

Xavier won the Division 3 - 100 pound state title. He also won the Rookie State Championship in 2008 and the Novice State Championship in 2009. Moses took 2nd place. He also won the Novice State Championship in 2010.

Both boys wrestle for the Maverick Boys and Girls Club of Amarillo. ***
School lunch menus for next week:
Monday - steak fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - quesadilla,

pinto beans, con, apricot cobbler, milk.

Wednesday - pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, oranges, gingerbread, milk.

Thursday - popcorn chicken, broccoli cheese, rice, tossed salad, pears, cornbread, milk.

Friday - lasagna, tossed salad, garlic toast, pineapple, milk.

The High Plains Food Bank will be at the Bovina First Baptist Church on Mar. 7 at 11 a.m. to help folks apply for food stamps.

Dina Garcia is the new secretary at the Parmer County Appraisal District.

God Bless and have a great week.

Interesting Fact of the Week: Meryl Streep now has more Best Actress nominations than any other actress -- 13.

5 Area re-elects Burch, Watson

Keith Burch, of the West Lazbuddie district, and Board Vice President Tom Watson, of the Needmore district, were re-elected to the board of Five Area Telephone Cooperative at its 55th annual meeting Saturday in Muleshoe.

General Manager Sandy Vandevender, who was recently re-elected as President of the NTSA, spoke about the health of the co-op.

He said Five Area has worked on paying off loans and now has their total debt under \$150,000.

Most new construction, including over 20 miles of new copper lines and 50 miles of fiber optic lines, have come from general funds.

He said Five Area will put in over 30 miles of copper lines this year and also plans to put in almost 60 miles of new fiber optics.

Vandevender said that bank CD rates are so low right now, in some cases under 1 percent, that it is better to invest the money in infrastructure rather than put it in the bank for the co-op.

He said some co-ops have used RUS loans from the federal government that have turned out to be a problem. He credited the Five Area Board of Directors for keeping the cooperative from falling into the same situation.

Vandevender also discussed the initiative by President Obama to push broadband internet to rural areas. He said the plan was actually stifling growth as the RUS loans made to co-ops left the cooperatives with no way to get their money back.



Marlene Martin and Sharon Agee.



Christa, Cameron and Chelsea Bass.



Five Area board members from Lazbuddie are Terry Parham and Keith Burch.



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Hancock, Rueda advance to Regionals

Bovina hosted a powerlifting meet on Saturday. 179 lifters competed.

Placing were:
 Erli Rueda, 4th; Gabriel Hancock, 3rd; Pedro Dominguez, 9th; Antonio Rocha, 10th;
 Juan Pinela, 6th; Ramiro Carmona, 8th; Abel Martinez, 21st; David Velo, 13th; Jacob Reyna 14th; Victor Sanchez, 17th; Abdiel Ramos, 4th.

Also, Anthony Ortiz, 6th; Alejandro Guevara, 13th; Hector Lopez, 22nd; Alex Mejia, 9th; Leonell Carrillo, 16th; Justin Curtis, 9th; Joel Salas, 10th.

Also, Jason Olvera, 6th; Edwin Carrillo, 8th; Diego Perez, 9th; and Jose Robledo, 10th.

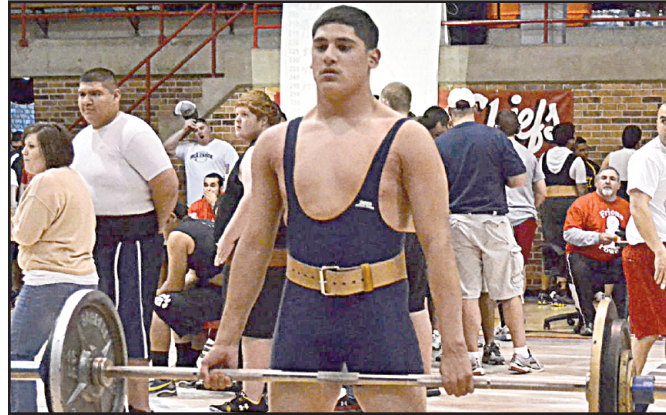
Advancing to Regionals were Hancock and Rueda.



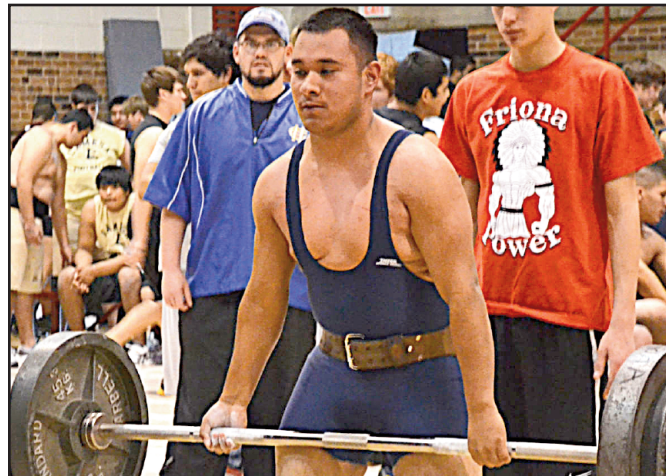
Abdiel Ramos (Photos by Lisa Guevara)



Abel Martinez



Alejandro Guevara



Anthony Ortiz



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Bovina Banter

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The Catholic Youth Organization at St. Ann's Catholic Church will host a pancake breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

The cost is \$6 a plate. Menudo is \$3.50 a bowl.

From June 22, 1944: Rev. and Mrs. C.R. Howard are attending at meeting at Big Spring, Texas.

Mrs. French Crook and son left to live in El Paso. Lyndon, small son of Mrs. A.G. White, is home from Clovis Hospital where he received treatment.

Mrs. Travis Brown visited Wichita Falls and Fort Worth.

Our varsity and Middle School track teams compete at Friona on March 2.

The varsity team vies at New Deal on March 9, while the MS team is at Sudan on March 8.

From coach Hector

Guevara: I would like to thank the coaching staff, all of the volunteers and the booster club for another successful powerlifting meet.

Nellie Ramon, of the High Plains Food Bank, will be at the First Baptist Church of Bovina on March 7 at 1 p.m.

They provide help in filling out forms for food stamps, Medicaid, CHIP, TANF, Medicaid for the elderly and disabled, or Medicaid Women's Healthcare Program.

She also can be called at 1 (800) 774-8564. Assistance is available in English and Spanish.

The junior class is selling beef sticks for \$1 each.

Senior parents it is time to get your senior ready for college. Financial Aid night is scheduled for March 1 at the MS lab from 3:30-4:30

p.m.

 The Mustang Band will compete at Lubbock Copper for a UIL concert and sight reading contest on March 1.

The school board meets on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the administration building.

Cheerleader tryouts finished and the results are in.

The new cheerleaders are Heather Miller, Edith

Gomez, Brittney Perez, Cynthia Jasso, Samatha Villarreal, Krystin Gonzales, Arlene Ortiz, Yajaira Hererra, Andrea Villarreal and Mallory DeLaRosa.

Congratulations to the 2012-2013 Cheerleading Squad!

Gene Hutto had ankle surgery and it turned out more troublesome than expected. He is also ran into some other prob-

lem. (Continued on Page 11)



Vivyan Mesza

Mesza to compete at State art tourney

Bovina art students competed in VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) Regionals last weekend.

Vivyan Mesza is Bovina's first art student who will compete at the state level in April at Bryan, Texas.

Others scoring (with 4 equalling "high") were Justus Brozek and Gabriel DeLaRosa, 3 each; and Navil Marielarena, Heather Miller, Jake Brozek and Marielena Flores, 4 each. The art teacher is Chad Taylor.

No one has signed up yet for school board election

It's time for signups for Texas city, school board and hospital district elections this spring.

The signup period ends on March 5. The elections are May 12.

As of Monday:

-- Bovina City. Posts held by Mayor Stan Miller and councilpersons Brenda Riddle and David Curtis are on the ballot. Sign up at City Hall.

Two persons have signed up for council -- Mike Olvera and Mrs. Riddle, and two have signed up for mayor -- Miller and Frank Gonzalez Jr.

-- Bovina School. Posts held by board members Justin Brozek and Josh Quintana are on the ballot. So far, no one has signed up. Sign up at the administration building.



Phenoms go undefeated

The Bovina Phenoms went undefeated in their division in the Clovis Basketball League. They are Jaci Olvera, Natalie Olvera, Kelsey Marquez, Nailia Garcia, Ireydi Vela, Krista Saenz, and Laura Perez. Coaches are Herman Marquez and, not shown, Isabel Maruffo and Mike Olvera.

Venable issues challenge to residents

(Editor's note: This is part of a series of articles by Bovina officials and city employees on their jobs or giving updates on city workings.)

by Radford Venable
 City Councilman

I have lived in Bovina all my life. My family came in the 1920s and farmed south of town so I have a very big interest in Bovina.

I have served three terms on the City Council. I belonged to the Bovina Fire Department for 21 years. I, also, was in the Bovina JC's for 10 years.

I married my football coach's daughter in 1970. Kay and I have three children born and raised in Bovina. All three graduated from Bovina High School.

My mother and father have lived in Bovina all or most of their lives. They have had many different businesses from a grocery store, cleaners, western wear and antique stores known as, Marie and Elton Used Values. So I have a great interest in Bovina.

I want to say a big "thank you" to the city employees as they have worked hard and saved Bovina many dollars. I, also, want to thank city manager Jana Pitcock for all the extra hours she has spent working for the betterment of Bovina.



Radford Venable

To the people of Bovina:

I would challenge you to come and voice your opinions. We need to know how you feel about our city. We need your voice in letting us know your needs and concerns. I would like to see the citizens join the newly-established Chamber of Commerce and help our city grow.

I have a vested interest in Bovina and want to see it grow. There are plans in motion for new exciting things and we the people of Bovina need to step up and join in.

The City Council had done a lot for Bovina -- new sewer, new water tank, improving roads and streets, also a new Community Center is going up. Talk of new business coming up so Bovina is on the move.

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