



How do you express gratitude?

by Rev. Joe Whitley
Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church

*"Do you think this is just another day in your life? It's not just another day; it's the one day that is given to you. Today. It's given to you. It's a gift. It's the only gift that you have right now. And the only appropriate response is gratefulness."
~ Br. David Steindl-Rast*

We've all heard the question, if a tree falls in the forest, but no one hears it, does it really make a sound? How about this, then: If a person is grateful but does nothing to show it, was there ever true gratitude?

Both of these questions ask us to consider whether something is true without evidence of it. In the case of the tree, I suppose you could assume a sound was made at its falling; but to know a sound was made we must actually have to hear it. If this is the case, then wouldn't the same logic apply to my question about gratitude?

Here is my thesis: If we are grateful, then we must express that gratitude in some clear way. The celebration of Thanksgiving is a great way to do this: gathering with family and friends to enjoy a feast and watch football clearly shows our gratitude.

Or does it? If it clearly shows our gratitude, then to whom is it being shown? I guess you could say we are thankful for the cooks who make the feast, and we can give them a word and a hug to show it.

But what about the farmers, growers, pickers, packers, carriers, sellers, and other laborers who helped bring the food to our table? Sure, you say. I'm grateful to them. Unless we express our gratitude to these people, how can they know we are grateful?

And what about Mother Earth, which ultimately

provides all our food? If we don't have daily practices of good stewardship of our resources, how can it be said we are grateful? And, finally, since God created not only our earth but the plants and animals thereon, and our weather and the sun which accomplish the miracle of growth and nurture life, isn't it essential that we thank God as well?

Many of us have difficulty with gratitude, or if we are grateful, we know we are not as thankful as we ought to be. There is an old song that provides the solution to this problem: "Count Your Blessings."

To be appreciative means you have been intentional in acknowledging your blessings. And the more intentional you are in acknowledging your blessings, the greater will be your measurement of those blessings. We recognize not only the quantity of blessings, but the quality of blessings. And the greater your measurement of the good in your life, the greater becomes your ability to express gratitude.

To be thankful means you have an attitude of gratitude. What a good thing! For gratitude is the foundation of generosity. If you are thankful, therefore, you likely also possess the good trait of generosity. Now you're truly in a great state! For being grateful and appreciative of what you have frees you to be able to share, gladly.

Recognizing blessing leads to thankfulness; thankfulness leads to giving; and giving leads to blessing. It is a beautiful cycle, and it accounts for the movement of much good on our earth and in our existence.

Personally, I am thankful. Not because I have everything, but because I have everything I need. I am thankful not because I am perfect, but because I am loved despite my imperfections. I am thankful not because I am free, but because I am accountable. I am thankful not because I can choose to do nothing, but because I have the duty to do something. And I am thankful not merely because I live an abundant



life, but because I have the privilege of sharing my abundance with others. These are all gifts from God.

I have been taught that when I consider my blessings, I am never to do so by comparing my good fortune against the misfortunes of others in a proud way. I have also been taught that no matter how blessed I am, I must always consider the circumstance of those who are not as blessed -- and do something about that.

God teaches, through all faith traditions, that if we want to show our gratitude to God we do so by loving one another and ourselves. If we are grateful, then there will always be someone to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. And if we trace the course of gratitude (and we must), ultimately it is going to lead to a source greater than ourselves. It is this great source -- God, that must always

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Myers horse riding leads to full-ride at New Mexico State

Kyla Myers, a Texico High senior and daughter of Kevin and Lexie Myers, is feeling pretty blessed right now.

She has signed a letter of commitment to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces to be a part of their equestrian team. Kyla earned a full scholarship to be an equestrian athlete and compete in reining and showing events.

Kyla confirms, "I feel very fortunate to be part of an amazing equestrian team at New Mexico State. I am getting the opportunity to learn to be the best horsewoman as I can possibly be. I get to pursue my education and also learn as much as possible about horses."

Kyla views this scholarship opportunity as "my biggest accomplishment so far in my life." Although making the decision to attend New Mexico State was difficult, she is extremely excited about her future there. Kyla also was

recruited by other top universities including SMU, Baylor and Texas A&M.

She was one of only four candidates in the entire nation chosen to fly to Texas A&M for their recruitment weekend. Ultimately, Kyla claims the team at New Mexico State won her over.

"It was one of the toughest decisions up to this point in my life. There were strengths and weaknesses to all of the teams. New Mexico State's team was just the best mix of everything. They had good communication, a close group who even does community service projects together. I cannot wait to be part of the team."

Another factor is that New Mexico State has a smaller team with only 32-36 equestrian athletes compared to 75 or more with schools like Baylor. Kyla like the "home-like" atmosphere with the school and the fact that it is closer to her parents

and family than some of the other locations.

As part of the NMSU equestrian team, Kyla will have certain responsibilities at college. "We are treated just like any other athlete on scholarship."

Part of her schedule will include conditioning just like other athletes. She will participate in weight lifting, balance training, running and other athletic pursuits.

After classes, she will practice riding for 1-2 hours each day and perform certain chores at the campus barn. As a team, the riders are responsible for everything the barn needs to function.

Part of the perks associated with a scholarship such as this one are that the school provides everything needed by the athlete. This includes horses, tack, equipment and travel.

During her actual competitions with the NMSU team, Kyla will be

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matched up with an athlete from a competing school. They will go head to head to try and earn the most points for their school.

For example, Kyla and her competitor will have two horses to ride. Each girl rides each horse and competes to see who scores the most points during the event. All the points from athletes are totaled to determine a team winner.

Kyla's team will travel all over the U.S competing with universities like North Carolina, California, Oklahoma and even Delaware.

Kyla believes her last five years competing in equestrian events led up to earning her college scholarship. "Over the last five years, I have

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Texico High School senior Kyla Myers recently signed a letter of intention to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M., for their equestrian program. Also pictured are high school principal Elnabeth Grau and Kyla's parents, Kevin and Lexie.



Texico Lady Spikers

As is the Tribune's custom, we run "fun shots" of our varsity volleyball and basketball teams at season's end. Pictured are the Texico Lady Spikers.

Farwell FFA'ers advance to State

For the first time in many years, Farwell FFA chapter members are heading to State. The Area contest was held at West Texas A&M in Canyon on Saturday.

First and second place finishers advance to State. Twelve teams participated at Area. With six Area contests, it means there will be 12 entries in each category at State.

Qualifying were:
 -- Mallory Schilling in Greenhand Creed Speaking. She finished 1st.
 -- Senior Ag

Demonstration Skills Area contest were:
 team of Savanna -- Greenhand Skills Barksdale, Sidney Demonstration Team of Barksdale and Mallory Heath Hadley, Cameron Schilling. They finished Bass and Kenton Parish, 2nd. 3rd.

Other results from the -- Greenhand Quiz

Team No. 2 of Jayden Shearer, Dalton Kasel, Dakota Meeks and Kendal Stancell, 7th.
 -- Ag Issues Team of Megan Pierson, Cambree Haseloff and Jenna Kirkland, 7th.

-- Senior Creed Speaking, Savanna Barksdale, 8th.
 -- Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team of Lauren Isaacson, Kenlea Barnes, Edie White, Treylin Griswold, Cambree Glover, Meredith Raatke, Mallory Schilling and Gabriel Lopez, 7th.
 -- Public Relations Team of Cheyenne Patrick, Taylor Presnell, Emily Stancell and Cassidy Devault, 10th.
 Farwell's advisor is Sid Morris.

Cockerham files for Bovina area county commissioner

There will be at least one county race on next year's election ballots. Steve Cockerham has filed to run on the Republican ticket for Pct. 2 (the Bovina area) county commissioner.

Mitch Terry has also filed for that position on the GOP ticket.

Others filing with GOP Chairwoman Elizabeth McLellan have been:

Altha Herington, incumbent county treasurer.

Sandra Warren, incumbent district clerk.

Trey Ellis, incumbent county judge.

Sandra Clayton, incumbent Pct. 2 (the

Bovina area) Justice of the Peace.

Jo Beth Gipson, incumbent Pct. 1 (the Friona area) Justice of the Peace.

Gerri Bowers, for county clerk.

District Court Judge Gordon Green has announced he will seek re-election. He does not file with Mrs. McLellan, but at the state level.

The only post on the ballot that still has no fil-

ings is for Pct. 3 (the Farwell area) Justice of the Peace. Incumbent Pam Haseloff has announced she will seek re-election.

And in the GOP primary for U.S. Congressmen are incumbent Randy Neugebauer and Dr. Donald May.

Parmer County Democrat Chairman Robert White reports that so far no one has filed for the Democrat primary.

Sheriff's Report

On Nov. 11, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding;

Erica Peace, 28, of Friona, charged with DWI with a child passenger, was sentenced to 320 days State Jail Division (TDCJ), \$459 court costs.

Courthouse Notes

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

Norma Mata – Arturo Campos, L 1-2 B71 Friona
 Michael Yeary – Tadd Young, L17-20 B48 N/2 Ave H B/T B48 and B57 Farwell

Scott Saylor – Justin Allen, NW/4 S49 Blk Z WD & FW Johnson

HUD – Manuel Flores, L6-10 B10 Bovina

Ronald Byrd – Cornelius Dyck, 10.336 AC N/2 NW/4 S21 Doud and Keefer

Taylor Harold – Juan Tafoya, L1-3 N/2 L4 B49 Friona

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Steers capture Area championship

The Farwell Steers won the Area championship at Amarillo on Nov. 21 over the Shamrock Irish, 31-12, on a cold, blustery night.

The Steers are now 7-4 on the year as they continue their state playoff run. Shamrock finished its year at 7-4.

The game opened with Shamrock at its 28. Dillon Kirkland and Ruben Gutierrez had good tackles. Then the Irish messed up a toss play and the fumble was recovered by Curt Langford at the Irish 30.

But on its first play, Farwell lost a fumble at the 34. On defense, Chase Mitchell, Alejandro Bermea and J.J. Herrera had good tackles. Then the Steers recovered another Shamrock fumble at the Farwell 43.

Kirkland ran for 5, and Adrian Aleman for 6. Farwell then lost a fumble with the ball rolling into the Shamrock end zone for a touchback.

On defense, Gerardo Martinez had a good tackle. And Jonathan Vega caused another Shamrock fumble that the Irish recovered but putting them at 3rd and 20. The Irish punted to its 39 (going against the strong wind).

Herrera then tossed a bomb to Langford, who made a spectacular diving catch at the Irish 10.

A.J. Bermea made a nifty cutback for a 7-yard gain. Then Kirkland ran for 2, and for the 1-yard TD. The kick by Andrew Michalski made it 7-0 with 14 seconds left in the first quarter.

Shamrock started the 2nd quarter at its 33. Angel Graxiola and Gutierrez had good tackles. On 4th and 3, Shamrock went for it, but lost a fumble at its 42.

Kirkland ran for 8. A pass from Herrera to Langford gained 6 more. On 4th and 3 at the Shamrock 22, Langford caught a pass good for 22.

After Kirkland ran for 6, Herrera ran the keeper for a 1-yard TD at 6:34. Farwell lined up for a kick for the extra point, but ran a trick play with Mitchell running in for 2 points and a 15-0 lead.

Shamrock started at midfield. The QB got loose and ran to the Farwell 11. Three runs into the line were stopped, but the Irish scored on a 4th and 4 play on an end run. The kick failed and it was 15-6.

Langford took the kickoff, made a big cutback in midfield and score on an 82-yard run. The Michalski kick made it 22-6.

On defense, Kirkland had a good tackle. But Shamrock broke off a pair of long runs getting to the Farwell 1. The Steers defensive line stiffened and 4 running plays ended with the Irish settling for a 1-yard loss as the first half ended.

Langford opened the 3rd quarter with a huge run-

Steers of the Week

Steers of the Week: offense -- Curt Langford and A.J. Bermea; defense -- the "d" line: Peyton Ledbetter, Gerardo Martinez, Ruben Gutierrez, Oscar Muniz, Lazaro Velasquez, Jonathan Vega and Trevor Schilling; and special teams - Curt Langford.

back to the Steers 45. Runs by Bermea and Kirkland gained a first down. Bermea then broke 2 tackles to gain 13 more.

The Steers running attack continued between Adrian Aleman, Kirkland and Bermea, getting a first down at the Irish 14.

On 4th and 11, Herrera hit Langford with a pass to the Irish 2. From there, Bermea punched in the TD at 6:15. A pass for extra points failed and it was 28-6.

Shamrock started at midfield. They hit a long pass to the Steers 22. On 4th and 4, a run fell a yard short and Farwell took over.

Bermea broke through the line when the "o" line opened a huge hole, and gained 36 yards. Langford ran for 19. On 4th and 4 at the Steers 35, Farwell showed a fake punt, and made a first down on a run by Pedro Ruiz as the 3rd quarter ended.

The Steers' next opponent in the state playoffs is an undefeated Wellington team on Friday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon, Texas. Farwell is the home team. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Farwell was held and punted to the Shamrock 22. A runner broke loose for 54 yards to the Farwell 15.

Aleman made a good tackle, making it 4th and 5, which Shamrock made. Vega also had a strong tackle.

Shamrock scored from 4 yards out at 6:08. A run for extra points was stopped short and it was 28-12.

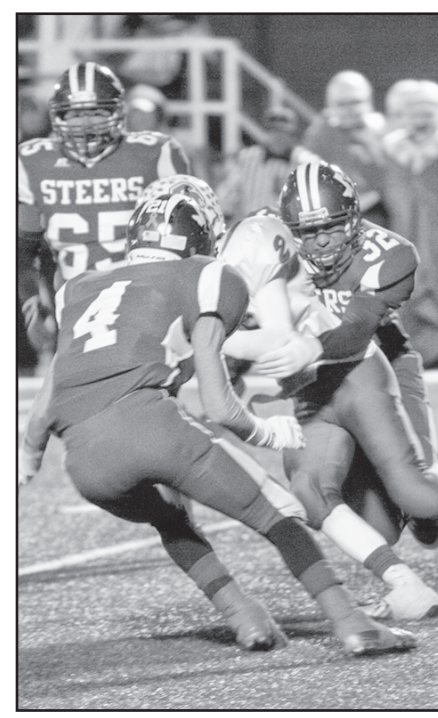
Shamrock recovered an onside kick at midfield. But four runs were stopped short of a first down. Shamrock then intercepted a long pass.

Oscar Muniz recovered a fumble at the Irish 33. Kirkland ran for 9, and Bermea gained a first down.

Michalski was good on a 35-yard field goal that just slithered over to end the scoring.

Team stats: first downs, Farwell 14, Shamrock 11; rushing yards, Farwell 154, Shamrock 248; passing yards, Farwell 85, Shamrock 34.

Individual stats: rushing - Kirkland, 64; Aleman, 20; Bermea, 67; receiving, Langford, 5 for 81.



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Chase Mitchell takes the fake extra point in for a score.



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Giving Thanks

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by Marrena Hunn

I am thankful for a warm house for my family, makes me feel they are safe; for Nathan, my brother -- it would be lonely without getting to share with someone; for having a church; and for Thanksgiving because we can all get together and it's nice to see everyone.

by Damian Juarez

I'm thankful for my dad because he buys me stuff and has given us a house to live in; for my mom because she makes me food and cleans my room; for my sister because she makes me laugh and she makes me mad; for my uncle Jesse because he takes me places and shows me how to play sports; for my Uncle Arthur because he is special to me and he takes me wherever I want to go and buys me games for my game systems if I want them.

by Shelton Gable

I'm thankful for mom because she cooks for me; for dad because he wants to watch me play sports but he knows he has to work; for my brother Jackson, and for my little sister Carlee -- she is the most energetic baby in the world.

by Josh Cox

I'm thankful for my friend Coby -- he is always there for me when I need someone; for my mom because she has to put up with me and my brothers; for my classmates -- they're always there for me get through tough times; for my dad -- I love him more

than anybody. He always lets me go with him. He answers all my questions and helps me out with everything.

Last, but not least, I am grateful for my grandparents because they always provide me with new clothes and get me new things when I need them. They come to my games and support us at stock shows.

by Anita Martens

I am thankful for my family because they make me feel at home and I just love them with all my heart; for my life because it is a really nice for God to give me; for the school and what they do for us; for my animals because they make us notice that they will eat anything as long as they get food.

by Gunner Russell

Thanksgiving is a day to remember things you're thankful for and because I love the food. I'm thankful for football because we play football and to hit, and make TDs -- the feeling when you win your first game is awesome.

I'm thankful for is my family. I love to play with my little brother Skout. We play football and basketball together and I always win. I like to play my Xbox with him - it's really fun. I am thankful for my new brother, Creed. He is brand new. My mom and dad are really nice. They play with us often. We all watch football together on TV.

The thing I'm most thankful for is God. He allows you to forgive yourself for all the bad things you've done. He

makes you happy when you're sad. He's better than everyone or thing.

by Avery Timms

I am thankful for my sister, because she is always there for me and my brothers because they take good care for me. I am thankful for my mom and dad because they love me and for my animals because they love me, too.

I am thankful for going to a great school and sleeping in a warm cozy bed and for the chance to live in a free country with people that can care.

by Michael Wales

I'm thankful for my mom, who is always there for me; for my dad, who works so hard to provide for my family; for my little sister because she brings so much happiness and creativity to the world, and for my 3 dogs -- they are amazing and probably the best pets in the world.

I'm thankful for my best friend -- he and I have never ever gotten in a fight, and he is always by my side. I'm thankful for a school as great as Lazbuddie -- everyone helps out each other and no one is left behind.

by Miranda Salazar

Thanksgiving is special to me because we all can eat and dance

together. I am thankful for my sisters because they make me laugh so hard; for my mother, because she cooks and cleans my room; for my grandma because she makes me laugh and dances with me; for my dad because he bought the house we live in and he creates things for me; and for the freedom that I have.

by Nancy Fehr

I am thankful for my sisters, Anna, Lenn, Sara, Mariah, and Trudy - if it weren't for them I would not be the person I am today; for my mom because she takes care of me when I am hurt; for my dad because he puts food on the table and buys me nice things; for a home; and for my classmates -- If it weren't for them, I wouldn't laugh half as much as I do every day.

Texico

by Megan Farrell

Some of the things I am thankful are being able to eat every day ... a lot of people in other countries don't have a lot, or any at all, to eat; for having my family for the holidays ... some kids grow up in orphanages with no family; and for school, which gives you a better job which means a better life.'

by Jose Vasquez

I give thanks for having clothes, electricity,

friends and my family. For Thanksgiving, we invite my grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle and cousin over. My mom cooks the turkey. After we pass out the food, my mom and dad talk about funny stories.

by Dominik Salguero

On Thanksgiving, we gather up all our relatives that live in New Mexico, set up the table, lay out the food and pray. Then we start eating! I feel bad for people that can't celebrate Thanksgiving because they are homeless and don't live with their families. I always try to help by giving them a couple of dollars.

by Melanie Sotelo

I'm thankful for the food we make, usually turkey, ham and corn. I'm thankful for spending time with my family. We watch movies. I love spending time with my family. They always make me laugh.

by Sydney Waller

Thanksgiving means to me thanking God for all He has given us: our family, food, clothing, shelter and even our lives. On Thanksgiving

when we're with our family, shouldn't waste the time we have with them. You never know, it might be here one day and gone the next. So don't spend even one second of your life being greedy. Be thankful for everything.

by Christopher Harrison

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because I get to give thanks to those I love: my parents for protecting me and providing everything I have; my brothers and sisters for teaching me responsibilities and life lessons to succeed and be the best I can be; and for God for always being with me and for a wonderful family.

by Dataeja Byrd

I think Thanksgiving is about helping someone or something in need. My family and I help orphans. We give them food and clothes so they can have some food to eat for Thanksgiving. I also like to spend time with my family, playing outside, watching TV and telling stories. You only have your family for a short time and you should try to make it the

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Meet Texico's Class of 2026



Gavin Taschner is a Texico kindergartener. His birthday is Dec. 28. Parents are Daniel Taschner and Emily Bagley. Siblings are Noah and Adrianna. Grandparents are Mary and Jerry Martin. His favorite food is mac and cheese. Favorite colors are blue and green. He doesn't like avocados, ranch dressing and waking up early.

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Basketball has begun to go hot and heavy: Texico -- "C" teams opens their season on Dec. 2 at Dora. JV boys start on Dec. 5 at CHSFA. Bovina -- JV and varsity teams play at Lorenzo on Dec. 3. The varsity teams play in the Meadow Tournament Dec. 5-7, while the JV teams play in the Friona Tournament Dec. 5-7. On Dec. 2, the Middle School teams take on Morton -- boys at home and girls there. Farwell -- JV teams host Friona on Nov. 26, then play in Friona Tourney Dec. 5-7. Varsity teams play at Lubbock Christ the King Dec. 3m then play in Anton Tournament Dec. 5-7. JH teams play Springlake-Earth on Dec. 2 -- girls at home and boys there. Lazbuddie -- Varsity and JV girls host Springlake-Earth on Dec. 3. Varsity girls play in Nazareth Tournament Dec. 5-7. JH teams play at New Deal on Dec. 2..

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Angel Ontiveros is a Lazbuddie kindergartener. Her birthday is Aug. 7. Parents are Adam and Rachel Ontiveros. Siblings are Zackary Brown, Adian and Adan. Grandparents are Curtis Briscoe, Sheryl Clark, Abel and Soledad Ontiveros. She likes swimming, Barbies, jewelry, and swinging. Her favorite foods are ramen noodles and chicken noodle soup. Favorite colors are pink and purple. She dislikes snakes and spiders.




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- 2012 World Champion Appaloosa Youth World Reining
- 2011 Res. World Champion Appaloosa Youth World Reining
- 2013 1st Youth 14-18 NRHA Reining Graham show
- 2013 1st Gordyville NRHA Reining Limited Non-pro
- 2013 1st One Hot Reining Limited Non pro
- 2013 3rd One Hot Reining youth 14-18
- 2013 4th Ariat Finals Limited Non Pro
- 2013 5th Ariat finals 14-18 youth reining
- 2013 Appaloosa Nationals Reserve Champion Barrels
- 2013 Appaloosa Nationals Top 5 Poles
- 2013 Youth World Top 10 Novice Western Pleasure
- 2013 Youth World Champion Most Colorful at Halter
- 2013 Appaloosa Youth World Top 5 figure Eight Stake Race

Myers

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really dedicated my time to equestrian events – really invested in it.”

She has earned World Championship titles for the past two years in reining with Appaloosa horses, a Reserve World Championship in 2011, and a Reserve National Championship in barrels for 2013. She also earned a Youth World Top 5 designation in poles and figure eight stakes race as well as a Youth World Top 10 athlete in Western Pleasure.

She is proud that her horse helped her earn a 2013 Youth World Champion Most Colorful at Halter during her showing event. Kyla also participates in pageants with her horse. She earned the title of Miss Rodeo New Mexico and plans to compete in the Miss Rodeo America contest soon.

Kyla credits a lot of her success to her community, family and school. She believes she is blessed to be raised in a community that supports rodeos, ranches and horsemanship. “I am a first generation equestrian rider. It is great that these events are available here at home.”

She is very close to her family and appreciates their support. “At 5 years old, I was the little girl who loved ponies at the county fair. My parents thought it would be cheaper to just buy me one instead of paying for multiple rides at the fair. I don't think they realized at the time where that would lead.”

Kyla is also grateful to Texico High School for supporting her equestrian dreams. “The school and my teachers have been great. Without their flexibility, I would not have been able to compete like I have for the past few years.”

It was important to Kyla to share her good news with the school at her scholarship signing. “I am excited to share this with the school. I would like to give hope to those students who are not traditional athletes.”

Kyla believes that her experiences with FFA also contributed to her success. In addition to poultry, dairy and livestock judging, she was involved with horse judging, which helped her be a better rider.

“I learned that every motion for a horse has a certain reason. Every horse has a certain body type that helps with their job. By paying attention to these things in judging, it has helped me pay attention in my riding.”

Her FFA teacher, Tod Pinnell, is proud and excited about Kyla's accomplishments. “She is the first Texico graduate competing at a college level in equestrian.” Along with Principal Elnabeth Grau, Pinnell is glad that all of Kyla's hard work is paying off.

Kyla looks forward to her new experiences in college and horsemanship. She is not sure what exact course of study she will pursue, but knows it will be



Two time Youth World Appaloosa Reining Champion Kyla Myers riding Mr. Dual Gunsmoke.

in agriculture.

She thinks that Agricultural Communications might be a possibility that will lead to promotional opportunities with large ag companies such as Wrangler, Ariat, etc.

“I am not sure what I want to do yet, but I know I want to be involved with agriculture in general. It is just a big part of my life.”

She concludes, “Riding horses is beyond my favorite thing.”

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Giving Thanks

From page 5

best you can. I love my family and I never want it to end.

by Mariah Reyna

I love Thanksgiving because I get to give thanks for my family, for having a roof over my head, for having food on the table and for having a great family and great friends.

by Luke Phipps

Thanksgiving is one of the most wonderful times of the year. I get to go deer hunting and always try to get a bigger buck than my brother does. The best part is letting God provide the meat for us. One thing that is better than deer hunting is when family comes home for Thanksgiving. They always give thanks to the Lord. The joy and love they bring is almost unbearable.

by Julian Hernandez

I love the food, games and family. I love turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. We get to play "Shoot the rabbit" and my favorite game is "Racing with horses."

by Ashley Hill

I really love that all my family gets together because I get to hang out with cousins and family. I really do love our family dinner but my family is more important than food. I am thankful for a lot, including family, clothes, shelter, food every day and for God.

by Riley Thompson

Thanksgiving is a day when I really try to think about all the blessings God has given me. Who doesn't love having your family around and eating turkey, gravy and all that good stuff? I am exceedingly thankful for my relatives who came over on the Mayflower so that I can now live in the USA.

by Connor McDermid
Thanksgiving means to me,

What honey means to a bumblebee.

I get to see my family, I love them and they love me.

Most kids just say, "I love the turkey."

But you've got to think a little more deeply.

You've got to think what would I have done,

The Indians probably would have thought I was dumb.

But sure enough, they loved giving,

And that is why we call today "Thanksgiving."

Farwell

By Abi May

I am thankful for friends and everything I have now; for the food and shelter God has given me; and most of all, for who I am and what I have.

by Ainsley Actkinson

I'm thankful for my friends and family, a bed to sleep in, a roof over my head, food on my plate, and my amazing parents. And we have a great community in a safe town.

by Marcus Baca

I am thankful for the wonderful life I live; especially Andi Bradley's cupcakes.

by Brisa Solis

I am thankful for my parents. They support me in anything and everything that I do, from basketball games to school plays, they are there to cheer me on. I love you, mom and dad.

by Kynton Haseloff

I am thankful for my family, electricity, technology, school, friends, food, books, tress, nature, a bed to sleep in, church, God, Jesus, running water, renewable resources and clothes.

by Erica Williams

I'm thankful for all my family and friends; for my parents because they work hard every day to provide for me; and for everyone that works at the school to make it a great place.

by Truman Hough

I'm thankful for my life that God gave me, the medicine and hospitals we have, food I have to eat, education we have, a roof over my head, Jesus giving his life for us, and my family and friends who care for me.

by Angela Lechuga

I'm thankful for having my big brother because last year he wasn't here for anything. I'm thankful for my family and also for God for taking care of my family.

by Jonathan Sotelo

I'm thankful for my family and I being together this year; for letting my parents having money to feed my brothers, sisters and me, and for letting us have school and not having to pay.

by Brydon von Hoene

I'm thankful for the opportunity to go to public school and read; for the right of speech and the freedom that our brave military gives us; for my family because they put a roof over my hard and food on my plate; and for equality of the people.

by Giselle Fuentes

I am thankful for farmers because they grow crops which is food that we eat.

by Leonel Ruiz

I'm thankful for being in school, for our atmosphere, for trees, for our food, and for the freedom we have.

by Alexis Ruiz

I am thankful for freedom, for school and



Texico's poultry team receives Gold emblem

Above, Texico's FFA chapter was one of 38 teams participating in the National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event held in conjunction with the national FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky. The team, led by advisor Tod Pinnell, was awarded a Gold emblem. Members also competed for individual awards with 142 other participants. Kyla Myes, Mitchell Pinnell, Erin Lane and Cassidy Downing received Gold emblems, too. At right, Texico FFA'er Kassie Waller was one of 46 participants in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event at Louisville. She received a Bronze Emblem.



teachers we have, for my parents, for medicine, and for soldiers who fight for our freedom.

especially am thankful for everybody to support me and forgive.

by Coby Glover

I'm thankful for my doctor saying I can get my knee brace off on Thanksgiving. And that my family can all join at my house every year.

by Karson Barnes

I'm thankful for having a loving family, for being able to have a safe home, and being able to be connected with God.

by Sylvia Galvan
I'm thankful for everything that has made me happy in my life -- my family, my pets and all the people that love me. I'm also thankful for all the people who fight for our freedom.

by Elizabeth Torres
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Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, green beans, breadstick, fruit (or chicken nuggets).

Thursday - hot dog, sweet potato fries, tomato-cucumber cup, strawberries & bananas (or turkey wraps).

Friday - crispy tacos, garden salad, pinto beans, salsa, applesauce (or chicken sandwich).

Texico

Monday - chalupas with beans, cheese, salsa, LT, corn, applesauce.

Tuesday - ravioli, cheese stuffed breadsticks, carrots, mixed fruit.

Wednesday - country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, hot rolls, pears.

Thursday - chicken patty on bun, LP, ranch style beans, peaches.

Friday - pizza, garden salad, broccoli, oranges.

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From Farwell School GT coordinator Hayley Christian:

Farwell School will take nominations for the kindergarten Gifted and Talented program all next week.

You may pick up a parent packet at the elementary office during next week if you choose to nominate your child. Read the information included and fill out all forms.

All packets must be returned to elementary school principal Annie Crawford in the elementary school or Hayley Christian in the high school.

No nominations will be accepted after Dec. 6 at 3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Christian at 481-3351.

Two missing dogs: a female chocolate lab, with green and black collar and tags and a male English setter that is white and tan with a red collar. They were lost north of Clovis on Nov. 22. If found, call 575-714-3380. A reward is offered.

Farwell discusses property bill

The Farwell City Council on Nov. 19 discussed a bill for a property at 608 4th St.

The family received a bill for \$621, but had previously told Mayor Jimmie Mace that there were no leaks or other problems on their property.

The water meter has been removed and sent to a lab for testing, with no problems found.

The family did not attend the meeting so no action was taken.

In other news, the council:

- Approved building permits for Jimmie Mace to renovate a building; Robert Lucio for a roof; Ted Mesman for a roof; Eddie Romero for a foundation; and Security State Bank for adding two rooms to the bank.
- Changed the wording for the city ordinance that allows firefighters and EMS personnel to receive their water rates and sewer rates from the city for free.

It now reads that they will receive \$97.71 as a minimum rate as appreciation for their service. But they will only pay the overage on the water rates.

- Approved paying \$15,408 for the Hamm property across from the school.

The city bought the property to protect the water well next to it from septic tank problems, which are a risk to the well. As part of the deal, the city will clean up the property.

- Heard a presentation from Farwell High School FFA members Jenna Kirkland, Megan Pierson, and Cambree Haseloff. The three had placed 1st in FFA Ag Issues and were about to give the presentation at Area.

- Heard there was a leak at one of the wells outside of town. A compression fitting failed and the well was shut down, fixed and is working again.



Area firefighters learn about railroad safety

From Farwell firefighter Jason Crawford:

On Nov. 16, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway sent a team to talk with area firefighters about incident safety and management at the Farwell Community Center.

Area departments attending were Farwell, Bovina, Friona, Muleshoe, Sudan, Texico and Pleasant Hill.

The class was an insight for first responders that attended to gain working knowledge and understanding of what to expect in the event of an incident involving the railroad.

Students were instructed on pre-planning considerations, safe response to the scene, and an overview of hazardous materials on trains. Students also learned important factors involved in communication with railway employees, how to read and understand the shipping documents, and how scene management should be handled.

After lunch, firefighters convoyed to the rail yard

in Clovis to get a close look at train cars, locomotives, and safety features that the rail industry has installed on equipment to avoid major incidents, plus how the safety features work, how to operate them, and when they should be used.

Let's be Thankful

For family and friends, bountiful food on the table, love and laughter in our hearts, we are truly thankful. Let's cherish our good fortune in life all the year through, as we express our thoughts of Thanksgiving today.

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Lazbuddie students excel at District UIL

Lazbuddie Junior High and Elementary students excelled at the District UIL contest:

Grade 1
Story telling - Blankin Bransomb, 6th; Delynda Wium, 5th.
Oral reading - Lauren Weaver, 1st.

Grade 2
Story telling - Adian Ontiveros, 6th.
Creative writing - Mia Nickels, 2nd.

Grade 3
Story telling - Braeden Railsback, 5th.
Ready writing - Peyton Martinez, 1st.
Chess team -- 2nd: Peyton Martinez, 6th; Erin Martinez; Braeden Railsback, 2nd; Kambri Conner.

Grade 4
Ready writing - Maggie Vasquez, 1st; Halley Wales, 3rd.
Art team - 3rd: TJ Chavez, 5th; Marshall Holman, Wilhelm Martens, Carlos Perea, Wyatt Rainey.

Grade 5
Art team - 1st: Maribel Gomez, 4th; Emillee Howard; John Henry Schacher, 1st.
Calculator team - 2nd: Trudy Fehr, 6th; Emillee Howard; Jaegan Nichols, 4th; John Henry Schacher, 2nd.

Grade 6
Ready writing - Avery Timms, 2nd; Anita

Martens, 4th.
Art team - 3rd: Gunner Russell, Avery Timms, Damian Juarez, Miranda Salazar.

Grade 7
Modern oratory - Vanessa Marquez, 4th; Devon Pacheco, 3rd; Eduardo Pantoja, 6th.

Grade 8
Oral reading - Julie Chavez, 6th.
Modern oratory - Destiny Bernal, 5th; Alyssa Free, 6th.

Grade 9
Ready writing - Priscilla Salazar, 5th.
Editorial writing - TJ Ballard, 5th.

Grade 10
Art team -- 2nd: Keiaura Nelson, Georgia Taylor, Destiny Bernal.

Grade 11
Calculator team - 3rd: Thomas Ballard; Priscilla Salazar; Georgia Taylor, 6th.

Grade 12
Chess team - 1st: Thomas Ballard, 3rd; Alyssa Free; Bernardo Lopez; Keiaura Nelson, 1st.

Grade 13
Listening skills team - 3rd: Georgia Taylor, 1st; Thomas Ballard, 1st; Destiny Bernal.

Grade 14
Maps, graphs, charts team - 3rd: Georgia Taylor; Alyssa Free; Priscilla Salazar; Thomas Ballard, 1st.

Grade 15
Math team - 3rd: Thomas Ballard; Bernardo Lopez, 5th; Georgia Taylor.

Grade 16
Number sense team - 3rd: Georgia Taylor;

Grade 17
Social studies team - 1st: Gatlin Copley, 1st; Jaegan Nichols; Emillee Howard, 2nd; John Henry Schacher, 5th.

Grade 18
Spelling team - 2nd: Trudy Fehr, 6th; Maribel Gomez; Jaegan Nichols; John Henry Schacher, 5th.

Grade 19
Ready writing - Priscilla Salazar, 5th.

Grade 20
Editorial writing - TJ Ballard, 5th.

Grade 21
Art team -- 2nd: Keiaura Nelson, Georgia Taylor, Destiny Bernal.

Grade 22
Calculator team - 3rd: Thomas Ballard; Priscilla Salazar; Georgia Taylor, 6th.

Grade 23
Chess team - 1st: Thomas Ballard, 3rd; Alyssa Free; Bernardo Lopez; Keiaura Nelson, 1st.

Grade 24
Listening skills team - 3rd: Georgia Taylor, 1st; Thomas Ballard, 1st; Destiny Bernal.

Grade 25
Maps, graphs, charts team - 3rd: Georgia Taylor; Alyssa Free; Priscilla Salazar; Thomas Ballard, 1st.

Grade 26
Math team - 3rd: Thomas Ballard; Bernardo Lopez, 5th; Georgia Taylor.

Grade 27
Number sense team - 3rd: Georgia Taylor;

Grade 28
Social studies team - 1st: Gatlin Copley, 1st; Jaegan Nichols; Emillee Howard, 2nd; John Henry Schacher, 5th.

Grade 29
Spelling team - 2nd: Trudy Fehr, 6th; Maribel Gomez; Jaegan Nichols; John Henry Schacher, 5th.

Grade 30
Ready writing - Priscilla Salazar, 5th.



Above, the elementary school team, and below is the junior high team.



Thomas Ballard, 5th; Bernardo Lopez, 3rd; Science II team - 3rd:

Bernardo Lopez; Thomas Ballard, 3rd; Alyssa Free; Georgia Taylor. Spelling team - 2nd: Bernal; Bernardo Lopez, 3rd; Thomas Ballard; Destiny

County okays state help for Lazbuddie Schools

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday approved two agreements with state agencies to allow Lazbuddie School to seek a \$350,000 emergency grant for a new water well and storage units.

No matching funds will be required if the school receives the grant.

In other business, the commissioners: -- Received the annual update on the county's watershed structures from Earl Behrends.

-- Turned down a request from the Farwell Chamber of Commerce to place a glass case featuring Farwell area musicians who became famous.

The commissioners felt that if they approved this for one community, then where could they draw the line if other county cities requested wall space featuring its own citizens in areas like sports, for example.

Thus, the Chamber will look for another site to present a Hall of Fame honoring area musicians.

-- Agreed to have the Democrats and Republicans have their primary elections at the same voting places.

-- Tabled putting into effect a county burn ban. Thus, the policy of no burn ban will continue.

-- Transferred a used vehicle from the sheriff's office to Pct. 3 (the Farwell area).

Injuries hit Lazbuddie girls' teams

Injuries have hit the Lazbuddie girls' basketball teams. The JV currently is not playing.

Whitney Provence has had a concussion. Autumn Townsend is out with a strained hip muscle. Lacey Jesko is scheduled to have surgery on her knees this week.

So due to low numbers, the healthy JV girls have been moved up to varsity. With the holiday break coming up, it's hoped that Provence and Townsend will be back on the court soon. Jesko will be out 2 1/2 to 3 weeks.

Last week, the varsity girls lost to Valley, 58-40. Scoring were Townsend, 3; Shyann Rainey, 14; Ashton Mason, 7; Maysun Hester, 4; Jesko, 8, and Allison Weaver, 4.

Then Lazbuddie fell to Littlefield, 46-14. Scoring were Mason, 2; Maysun Hester, 7; Ashley Scott, 3; Mattisun Hester, 1; and Sabra Torres, 1.

EVALUATE Your Medicare Options CAREFULLY Before You Decide

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The Texas Department of Insurance cautions consumers to consider carefully before making any changes to their Medicare coverage. While these plans may be a good deal for some people, they are not right for everyone.

To obtain a copy of "Consumer Tips for the Medicare Enrollment Period" from the Texas Department of Insurance and "10 Questions to Ask About Medicare Advantage Plans," please call or stop by Parmer Medical Center or Friona Rural Health Clinic.

Parmer Medical Center and Friona Rural Health Clinic are committed to meeting the needs of community members covered by Medicare. We encourage you to carefully evaluate any Medicare Advantage Plan before you decide to give up traditional Medicare, and to check with the hospital business office at 806.250.2754 to see if the plan includes your local hospital and providers.



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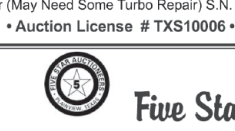
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More scenes from the Farwell Elementary marshmallow catapult event



Jarman leads Lady Blue in win over Anton

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers put back Anton, 62-41, on Nov. 19.

Scoring were Austin Mason, 33 (with 4 3-pointers); Cameron Bass, 13; Jace Perkins, 8 (with a pair of 3-pointers); Izaiah Benoit, 4; Lee Roy Cervantes, 4.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue are 3-2 on the year after beating Anton, 63-35.

Scoring were Jenna Kirkland, 5; Brenna Jarman, 18; Jill Johnson, 13; K'Leigh Jo White, 6; Skylar Chadwick, Reagan Agee and Lindsy Coburn, 4 each; Taylor Stancell, 9.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV girls dominated Anton on Nov. 19, 43-15.

Scoring were Ariana Cabello, Cari Johnson

and Brayden Johnson, 4 each; Cambree Glover and Madison Griswold, 6 each; Kendal Stancell, 9; Edie White, 3; Emily Stancell, 7.

8th Girls

The 8th grade girls put away Morton, 59-10.

Scoring were Andrea Chavez and Alexis Olmos, 8 each; Carley Johnson and Leslie Mora, 4 each; Marisol Reyes, 14; Hope Herrera, 11; Talor Gonzales, 10.

7th Girls

The 7th grade girls knocked off Morton, 48-9.

All the girls scored: Maria Maldonado, 10; Kylie Haseloff, Sidney Urbantke and Jordan Carrasco, 2 each; Katey White, Elisa Carrasco, Sage Klein and Jordan Villarreal, 4 each; Sydney McClaran and Brianna Wallace, 8 each.

The Latest

When the Tribune ran its final leader board for the Area Merchants Football Contest, one name was inadvertently left out: Michelle Agee finished with 96 points -- only 2 behind the winner.

About 5 to 7 inches of snow blanketed Parmer County by Sunday morning. Some churches cancelled their services. Texico School were closed Monday. Lazbuddie and Farwell schools started late on Monday and Tuesday.

Thatcher, Phipps lead Texico JH teams past Marshall

7th Boys

The 7th grade boys marched by Marshall, 34-24.

Scoring were Dalton Thatcher, 19; Cole Rohrbach and Skyler Davis, 4 each; Kendahl Workheiser, 3; and Colter Figg and Shad Mayfield, 2 each.

8th Boys

The Texico 8th grade boys mauled Marshall, 55-27.

Scoring were Nathan Phipps, 28; Kaleb Naceanceno, 12; Brock Thompson, 6; Paden McDermid, 5; Ben Crist, 4.

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Parmer County is giving notice of the county's intent to submit a Disaster Relief Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program on behalf of Lazbuddie I.S.D.

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Jorge Campos, Joel Cardoza, Pedro Carranzo, Leonardo Castaneda, Marco Castaneda, Jose Claros, Nick Collier, Eda Cones, Valerie Cox, Beth Davila, Sarah Dean, Josefa DeLaCruz, Jessica Delgadillo, Lincoln Devault, Margret Dewit, Jessica Dominguez, Jorge Dominguez, Nancy Dunn.

Nancy Edelmon, Amanda Embry, Yvonne Espinoza, Alan Fairweather, Tomas Fuentes, Desirae Gallman, Armando Garcia, Ronaldo Garcia, Michelle Gonzales, Gerardo Gonzalez, Martha Gonzalez, James Gowing, Grado, John Gurley, Styler Haddock, Danny Hand, Laurie Haseloff, Buel Heckathorn.

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Jesusa Maes, Sharon Marshall, Alexis Martinez, Jocelyn Martinez, Monica McDonald, John McQuigg, Rosa Medina, Bertha Mendoza, Sarah Morales, Jesus Moreno, Elaine Morrow, Diane Mowery, Joanna Mowery, Anna Murphree, Erasmo Navarrete, Ramiro Navarro, Catherine Nichols, Angelica Nicolas.

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The Latest

The repairs to the rail-handicap ramps at each road tracks between intersection.

Texico and Farwell has ended, but the Texas Highway Department has a new project in Farwell. They are putting in

The Farwell Steers are ranked No. 22 in the state in its basketball class by TABC.

Didn't see a Sheriff's Report in last week's Tribune?

For the first time in quite awhile, there were no arrests made during that week.

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

Ever since 9/11, long-time readers know that I have written many times about our current World War III -- Christians vs. extremist Moslems.

Yes, I know I am not politically correct. That is why the topic is hushed up by our stupid leaders, who want it to go away. But I believe I am right.

There is a lady who sits in the British cabinet named Lady Warsi. Last week, she warned that Christianity is in danger of becoming extinct in its ancient homelands because of a rising tide of sectarian attacks.

She said that violence against Christian worshippers and other religious minorities by fanatics has become a "global crisis" and is the gravest challenge facing the world this century.

"A mass exodus is taking place, on a Biblical scale. In some places, there is a real danger that Christianity will become extinct," she said in a speech at Georgetown University in Washington.

She plans to host an international summit to draw up a plan to end the violence against Christians.

Fat chance that will do much good. It's like sending an email to the Taliban asking them to play nice.

For a dozen years, I have written time and time again about what is happening on the global scene, where the annihilation of Christians at the hands of Moslem extremists has been going on.

And Lady Warsi just found it out?

At least she is smarter than the White House folks who consider the War on Terrorism as over.

I like that -- close your eyes and pretend something awful is gone. True leadership.

Oh, well, it doesn't matter. We will lose this war.

I shouldn't sound so negative today, it's Thanksgiving time.

I really enjoy reading the themes by our youths about Thanksgiving. They tell of love and hope, what is needed in today's world.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, because I thank God so much for what He has done for me and my family.

I know a lot of folks reading this are going through tough times. I'm not kidding myself.

All I can say is that God is with each one of you, and you have to stay true to your faith.

When I reflect back on some of the darkest times of my life, I now realize that He was there, helping me along although I didn't recognize it at the time.

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Holiday Store opens under new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Billingsley, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Westfall.

R.W. Randolph opens hydraulic shop. Ralph Humble sells implement company he ran for 32 years to John Dempster.

Bill Campbell sparks Texico basketball team. Mrs. Davis Gulley named Homemaker of Year. Farwell FFA officers are Johnny Atkinson, president; Doyle Johnson, VP; Mike Camp, secretary; Dale Gober, sentinel; Delton Wilhite, treasurer.

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Thanksgiving

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ultimately receive our thanks. And in order for our gratitude to make a sound in God's ears, we must actively love and care for each other just as much as we value and care for our own lives.

Thanksgiving is an American tradition and I am a big fan of tradition. Through traditions, we affirm what is true, what is right, what is healthy, and in what we believe. Tradition is the glue that binds each generation to the other so that we have a continuity of good. But I know we, as Americans, are capable not just of good but of GREAT. A new practice that we begin with this Thanksgiving -- active kindness to another, will thus establish a tradition of which we can all be proud.

What if Thanksgiving became a day of fasting instead of a day of feasting? I am not talking about a hunger strike here; I am advocating that each of us -- regardless of age, wealth, religious credo, or ability, daily do some act for another that represents a sacrifice to us and that brings us closer to God.

Imagine the positive impact if all Americans celebrated their blessings by being a blessing to another person in need? All it takes is a bit of sacrifice -- a bit of fasting, on everyone's part to affect a tsunamized movement of good. Truly, if we're aiming to express our gratitude to God, then this is the way to do it.

I recently came across a great definition of gratefulness: the full response to a given moment and all it contains. Wow -- that's powerful! This affirms my belief that gratitude requires a response from us, and takes it even farther.

We're not only to be grateful for past blessings, but those we are experiencing right now. And if we really are thankful for all that is contained in this moment, we will be thankful for our unseen future as well, because every moment we experience now is the seed for the next moment. And this means that we are the recipients of an amazing, benevolent, loving power that creates not only precious life now, but guarantees a marvelous future as well.

Now that's something for which we should be thankful. And to show our gratitude in the only true way possible, like the tree that falls in the forest, let us make a sound.

From the Old Geezer
Butch Tharp

Here's the final column on my view of how we change from generation to generation:

When I was young, I often heard older folks talk to one another about pains they were feeling and I felt empathy for them. But there was no way I could relate to their situation.

Boy, can I now relate to it now!

In our youth, we talked of dreams and aspirations. Referral to aches and pains were confined to broken bones, a scar or two from accidental cuts (most of which which were considered as rights of passage), thumbs whacked with a hammer, or some short-term illness.

These days there aren't any rights of passage for folks.

Now we relay to one

another what procedure a doctor has just put us through. We talk about bone joints, swelling of arthritic joints, high blood pressure or so many other medical problems.

Most of us laughingly tell of going somewhere to either get an item or to do a chore. And once there, have to return to our starting point where the thought lazily entered our minds to regain the original thought and then redo the trip.

Then, there are those pesky items which we know where we placed them but they have secretly crawled off and are mysteriously hiding in weird places. Hiding so well that they could not be found with a federal search warrant.

Now my age group can have DVDs, smart phones, I pads, I pods, I phones, lap top computers, X boxes and who knows what all is electronically available.

Only problem for most

of us is that we need 5- and 6-year-old grandchildren to show us how to work the contraptions.

Oh well, these are our times. See you in a few miles.

Community Holiday Festival will collect toys for needy kids

Texico Police Chief Doug Bowman is again spearheading a "POP for Kids Community Holiday Festival (Pursuing Outstanding Possibility for Kids) along with the Texico Fire and Police departments and the Texico FCCLA chapter.

It collects toys for needy children in Texico-Farwell.

It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Texico School elementary gym.

For admission, each family will need to bring a NEW toy costing at lease \$5 or the cost will be \$5. There will be games, a 50-50 raffle, free food, and a special appearance by Santa Clause.

Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or five for \$20 for entrance into the raffle. Tickets for games will be \$1 each or 20 for \$15.

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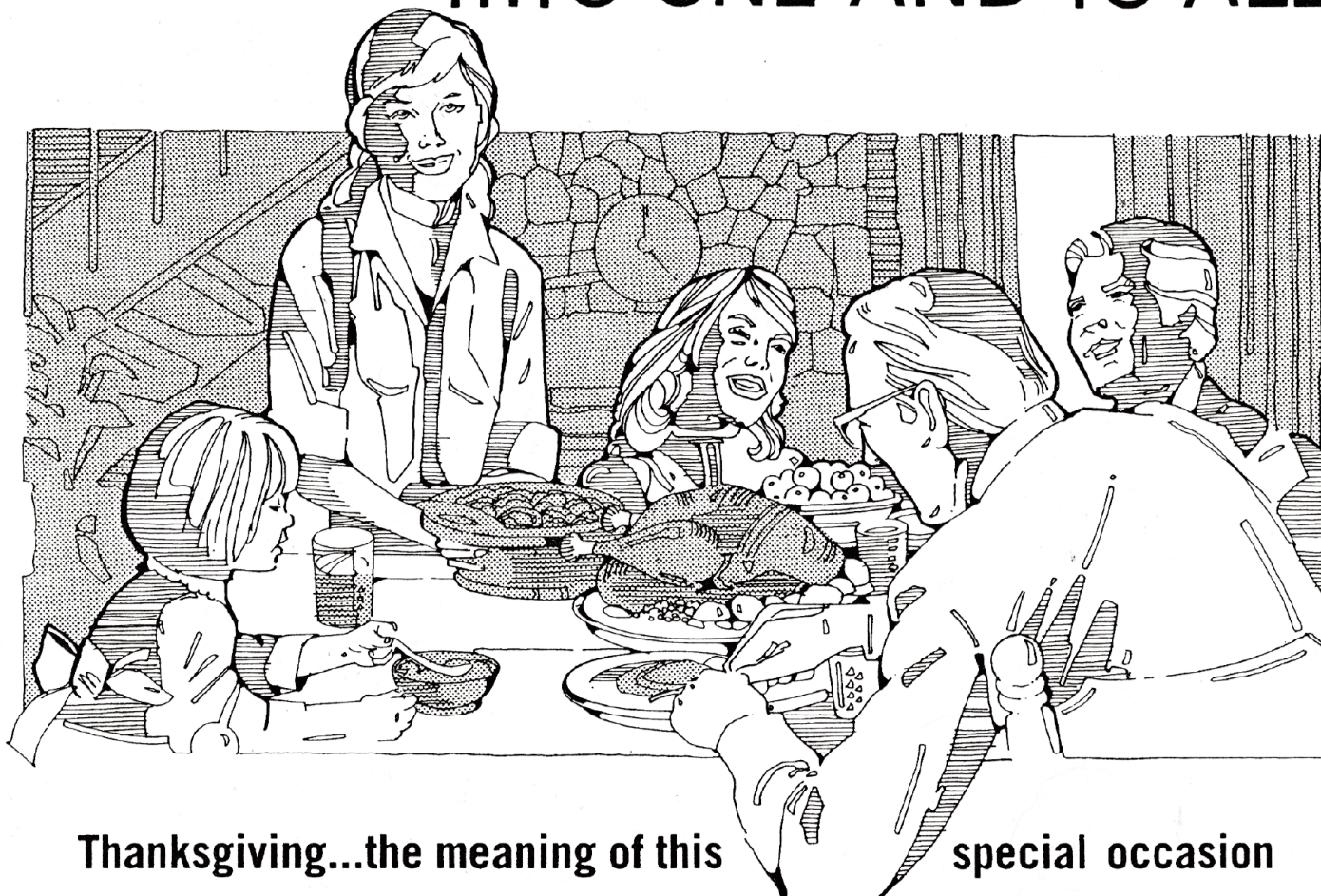
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The Bovina Colts in action



Photos by Charlotte Marrufo



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POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY STATUS

The City of Bovina does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its program or activities. Buster Poling, City Manager, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, the City of Bovina encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The City of Bovina does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

*The City of Bovina has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed TxCDBG activities. The City will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the City Manager at 806-251-1116

Proclamation of December 2013 as Fair Housing Month

WHEREAS Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS The National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Bovina, do proclaim December 2013 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Bovina and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

Section 504 Grievance Procedure

The City of Bovina has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt an equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations (24 CFR Subpart A Sec. 8.4(a) implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended (29 USC 794). Section 504 states, in part that "No otherwise qualified handicapped individual shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance..."

Complaints should be addressed to: **Buster Poling, City Manager, PO Box 720, Bovina, TX, 79009**, who has been designated to coordinate Section 504 compliance efforts.

A complaint should be filed in writing or verbally, contain the name and address of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the regulations.

A complaint should be filed within ten (10) working days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation. (Processing of allegations of discrimination occurring before this grievance procedure was in place will be considered on a case-by-case basis).

An investigation, as may be appropriate, shall follow a filing of a complaint. The investigation will be conducted by **Buster Poling**. These rules contemplate informal but thorough investigations, affording all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to a complaint.

A written determination as to the validity of the complaint and description of resolution, if any, shall be issued by and a copy forwarded to the complainant no later than ten (10) working days after its filing

The Section 504 coordinator shall maintain the files and records of the City of Bovina relating to the complaints files.

The complainant can request a reconsideration of the case in instances where he or she is dissatisfied with the resolution. The request for reconsideration should be made within ten working days to the City of Bovina.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a Section 504 complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Utilization of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

These rules shall be construed to protect the substantive rights of interested persons, to meet appropriate due process standards and assure that the City of Bovina complies with Section 504 and HUD regulations.

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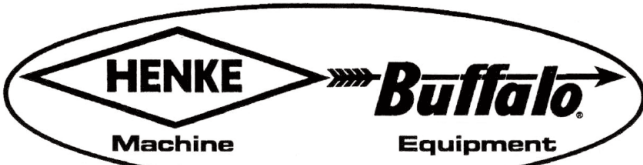
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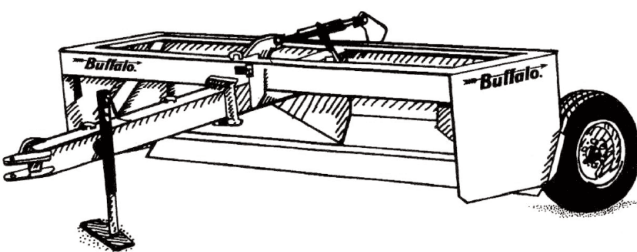
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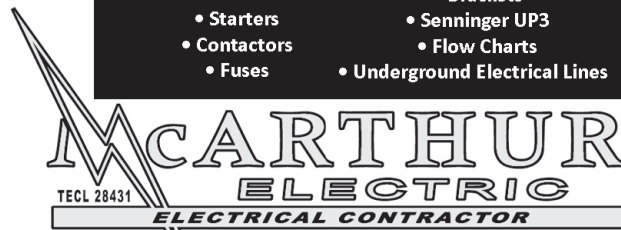
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Legal maneuvering continues in Bovina civil rights lawsuit

It's been a busy November involving the civil rights lawsuit filed by several Bovina residents in December 2012 against several current and past Bovina city officials and police officers.

Mediation effort on Sept. 5 failed. On Nov. 6, court-appointed mediator Tad Fowler filed his expense report -- \$1,900 for his service. At its end, he reported "parties unable to reach a settlement."

Also on Nov. 6, the attorneys for the defendants filed responses to amended complaints by the plaintiffs. The defendants again denied the plaintiffs' allegations and again asked that the lawsuit be dismissed with prejudice. And they told the judge that if the case goes to trial, they want a jury trial.

And also on Nov. 6, the attorney for the plaintiffs filed a request to amend the complaints so it could add more information in support of the plaintiffs. Two days later, the defendants' attorneys filed opposition to that request.

On Nov. 8, District Court Judge Mary Lou Robinson denied the plaintiffs' motions from Nov. 6, but said they could file another motion properly; then she would rule on that motion.

On Nov. 7, attorneys for both sides alerted Judge Robinson that they would be ready for trial by March 24, 2014. And they asked that the deadline for a summary judgment be set for Jan. 7, 2014. Judge Robinson okayed these requests.

Lastly, on Nov. 19, former Bovina Police Chief Gary Sinclair filed a request seeking more information from the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs are Eliseo Castaneda, Federico Vela, Jose Garcia, Sandra Moreno, Jose Gonzales, Carlos Moreno, Martha Jaramillo and Rogelio Martinez. Briselda Rodriguez was also an original plaintiff, but contact has been lost with her and she no longer is a plaintiff.

Defendants are former City Manager Jana Pitcock, former Police Chief Gary Sinclair, current Municipal Judge Donna Mitchell and former city police officers Owen Foster, Manny Jimenez and Jonathan Jimenez.

Nguyen, Olvera spark 7th Colts past Sudan

Varsity Girls

Bovina's Fillies lost to Meadow, 48-45, on Nov. 19.

Scoring were Gabby Flores, 3; Samantha Villarreal, 8; Edith Gomez, 14; Brittany Perez, 1; Annabel Lara, 13; Andrea Villarreal, 6.

A. Villarreal led in assists with 6.

Lara led in rebounds with 6.

Last Friday, the Fillies lost to Muleshoe, 67-41.

Scoring were A. Villarreal, 6; Lara, 12; Perez, 5; Cynthia Jasso, 2; Gomez, 9; Paloma Rivera, 2; S. Villarreal, 5. Gomez led in rebounds with 9.

Varsity Boys

The Mustangs fell to Meadow, 43-35.

Scoring were Alex Lucero, 4; Bernie DeLaCruz, 6; Daniel Lara, 1; David Velo, 3; Efrain Martinez, 2; Enrique Marez, 13; Joe Casas, 6.

Last Friday, Muleshoe topped the Mustangs, 41-23.

Scoring were Alejandro Guevara, 2; Lucero, 3; Lara, 3; Darius Armijo, 2; Velo, 2; Marez, 7; Casas, 4.

Lucero led in rebounds with 6.

8th Boys

The 8th grade Colts blasted Sudan, 49-16.

Scoring were Bryan DeLaTorre, 10; Fernando Martinez, 14; Andres Loera, 9; Tony Lara and Manuel Sanchez, 8 each.

7th Boys

The 7th grade Colts put away Sudan, 41-24.

Scoring were Jaden Nguyen, 16; Joshua DeLaCruz, 8; Edgar Olvera, 17 (including a pair of 3-pointers).

7th Girls

The 7th grade girls lost a close one to Sudan, 29-25.

Scoring were Vidi Guevara, 16; Aidally Calderon, 3; Gabby Perez, 2;

Ashley Rocha, 1.

8th Girls

The 8th grade girls fell to Sudan, 44-2.

Scoring were Anabel Ramirez and Gabby Villarreal, 1 each.

JV Boys

The JV Boys lost to Meadow, 47-37.

Scoring were Emilio Espinoza and Carlos Vaquero, 13 each; I Espinoza, 5; Adriel Vela, 4; Ivan Ramirez, 2.

JV Girls

The JV girls team were topped by Meadow 25-11.

Scoring were Jessi Roman, 4; Nayely Hernandez, 3; and Mayra Bernal and Malory De La Rosa, 2 each.

Bovina Banter

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Jobs are open at Food Express. See ad elsewhere in today's paper.

The deadline to order a yearbook is Dec. 20. If you would like to purchase one, see Mrs. Kron at the high school.

School will resume on Dec. 2 from the Thanksgiving break. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Cargill held an Appreciation Dinner on Nov. 20 for our local EMS and Fire Department. Watch for photos in next week's Tribune.

Interesting fact of the week:

Women's hair is around half the diameter of men's hair.

Yet woman are considered to have voluptuous hair.

Giving Thanks

From page 16

by Aylin Reveles

It's a time to give thanks for the things you have and to be happy to have them. It's a time to be with your family. There is always something to be thankful for, even when you think that you have nothing to be thankful for. It's also a time to contribute to those who can't afford it, so others can also be thankful.

by Jamy Aguilar

My favorite part about Thanksgiving is when I can see all my family members I haven't seen in awhile. My favorite part about the feast is when we gather up and say our prayers. I also love the part when I help my mom and aunts cook the food.

by Gabby Perez

It means spending time with your family and also thanking God for what you have and for taking care of your family no matter if your family

has good times or bad times. It's also an opportunity to remember the memories your family had together.

by Aidally Calderon

Thanksgiving is giving thanks to God for everything he has given me and for a home. I would thank Him for letting my mom still live. She is sick but she is still alive and I thank every day of my life.

by Yessenia Avila

You give thanks to God and all the stuff He has given you, like life, food, shelter ... and so on. Especially you can give thanks to your mom and dad for all the things they have given you.

by Ashley Rocha

It's a special time of year when we can binge and lounge around. And the moms are lucky .. they won't have to cook for the next few days. It's also the perfect time of year to have Thanks-giv-

ing. Turkey and stuffing is the best when it starts getting cool. Oh, and the colors are beautiful, too. It's a great time of year to see all your far-away relatives if they can't make it for Christmas.

by Jasmine Perez

It means my family coming together at my grandmother's house every year. When all the food is ready, we get together at the table, join hands and say grace. We go around the table and say what we are grateful for ... family, friends, the roof he presented to us to live under, and finally for all the people in the world who have cancer, adn the soldiers who fight for our freedom.

by Maria Ixparpuac

Thanksgiving is an important opportunity to meet your family members you never get to see because you will miss them when they are gone. Thanksgiving is enjoying the holiday you will never forget for your life.

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Giving Thanks

by Edgar Olvera
Thanksgiving means our family comes together to celebrate and thank God for having our family and for the food. It's when everyone meets somewhere to have fun, eat and see a lot of friends and family. It's where you have fun with your family and watch the Raiders beat the Cowboys on Thanksgiving night.

by Gerardo Delacruz
Thanksgiving means a lot to me because I get to see my family bonding and having a good time. I'm grateful for God letting my family and I have a good time, having a wonderful meal and letting us have health to reach the day of Thanksgiving.

by Artemio Cruz
I celebrate Thanksgiving by eating turkey, cornbread, mashed potatoes, gravy and drinking water. When we finish we watch TV for a couple of hours, then go out for a walk and go caroling for two hours, and go back home.

by Joshua DeLaCruz
It's when you eat lots of food. My cousins come over and sometimes watch the football game. Then we play Xbox. Then I go home and eat more turkey and some more dessert.

by Gabriel Vargas
Thanksgiving means giving thanks to God for all He's done. He has given us life, food and, most importantly, family.

by Eric Rodriguez
We get to be with our families and eat until our stomachs are full. We play games like tag, football, and hide and go seek. We watch movies or go to the movie theater. We also play video games. We sometimes try to tell jokes. What I like most about Thanksgiving is the pies!

by Armando Ramirez
Thanksgiving for me means eating turkey and many Mexican recipes. I have lots of family come over and we bake foods like tamales, burritos, enchiladas, chile relleno and gurtas. I'm always playing with my cousins, then chill with my uncle and tia.

by Jose Garcia
It's a reunion for my family. We fry a turkey, give thanks, watch a football game, talk about what we're thankful, and go to Wal-Mart for black Friday. Sometimes my family says they are thankful for their cars and TVs. My brother and I have to remind them they should be thankful for being together. Then we draw names from a cup. You are not supposed to say who you got, then on Christmas you give them a present.

by Miguel Rodriguez
On Thanksgiving, we celebrate the lives of all the people who have lived and who we lost along life. When we eat the meal, we pray for food, family, a house and other families. When we finish eating, we go to a party and meet up with our friends we haven't seen in a long time. When the party is over, we go home to sleep. When I'm going to bed, I sometimes think I am

lucky for what I have.

by Jonathan Marruffo
Thanksgiving means to me is my family gets together and eats, and watches football. After we eat, we play football outside. After we finish, we go inside to eat cake and pies. Then we clean all the mess up, and then watch more football.

by Manuel Ramos
Thanksgiving is a very special time of the year because I get to celebrate with my family. When we celebrate, all our family comes and they all bring different kinds of food.

by Elide Alarcon
Thanksgiving means to me being with family having fun, and eating turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and cornbread. Also, sometimes we go to church and enjoy it with family and friends.

by Mireya Rodriguez
Thanksgiving is when I give thanks to my parents for taking care of me, feeding me and giving me a roof to live under. It's a day where all my family gets together and gives thanks.

by Jasmine Reyna
Thanksgiving is a joyful and wonderful day to celebrate. It means giving thanks and spending time with family.

by Viridiana Guevara
We get together and tell each person in our family to prepare something. We have a turkey, strawberry cheesecake, pig in a blanket, fruit cocktails, rice, spaghetti and beverages. We always pray to God for giving us the opportunity to bring my family together and enjoy the feast that we prepared. And my dad thanks God for helping him in his throat surgery which he had May 4, 2012, in Mexico. And I'm grateful that he came out ok.

by Rosa Zamora
Thanksgiving is a really important day that I realize I should give thanks for everything that I have but sometimes don't realize it. Sometimes I want more stuff, but really I have everything I need. Spending time with my family is really important to me.

by Julissa Serrano
Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because we get the opportunity to give

Here is a great way to say Merry Christmas

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

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

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

Meet Bovina's Class of 2026



Armando Sanchez is a Bovina Kindergartener. His birthday is Nov. 2.

His mother is Fidelfa Sanchez, and his siblings are Rodrigo and Sanchez and Iris Saucedo. Grandparents are Armando and Fidelfa Saucedo.

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The Bovina Chamber of Commerce will again spearhead the "Toys for Tots" program.

Donations of toys and money are asked in order to provide toys for needy children at Christmas time.

The Chamber works with Bovina School on this annual project.

Folks who would like to contribute toys or money are asked to drop them off either at First Bank of Bovina or McArthur Electric.

The deadline for donating is Dec. 13.

From Jan. 4, 1951: Mrs. Aubrey Tucker heads Half Century Club. Mrs. Vernon Estes is reporter.

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home hosts a Christmas party for the Dorcas Club.

Mrs. Earl Derrick becomes a school cafeteria worker.

The small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hromas have the chicken pox.

Our JV and varsity basketball teams play at Lorenzo on Dec. 3. The varsity teams play in the Meadow Tournament Dec. 5-7, while the JV teams play in the Friona Tournament Dec. 5-7.

On Dec. 2, the Middle School teams take on Morton -- boys at home and girls there.

School opened at 10 a.m. Monday and Tuesday due to the snow.

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Bovina seeks grant to upgrade groundwater storage tank

The Bovina City Council on Nov. 19 took the legal steps to apply for a community development block grant for painting, repairing and refurbishing the groundwater storage tank.

Resolutions and authorizations were approved in order to meet the guidelines for seeking this grant. In other business, the council:

-- Scheduled holiday hours for City Hall: Thanksgiving -- closed at noon on Nov. 27; closed all day Nov. 28 and 29.

Christmas -- closed at noon on Dec. 24; closed all day Dec. 25, 26 and 27.

-- Set the next meeting for 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 17.

-- Heard that the EMS building roof will be replaced soon.

-- Plans to work more closely with XIT Rec Center Committee members.

-- Tabled any appointments to the Bovina Economic Development Corporation. Three or four board posts are open. If interested in serving on it, call City Hall.

-- Approved a request by Atmos Energy to turn down the utility company's proposed effective date for a rate change. The utility firm is expected to seek a different rate increase.

-- Agreed to close out the city's account at Citizens Bank of Clovis' Texico branch. It's been inactive for some time and contains about \$2,000.

-- Took no action on a possible need to transfer some funds from the Edward Jones account to meet cash flow needs before property tax begins to flow into the city's account.

It turned out that the extra money wasn't needed from the Edward Jones account.

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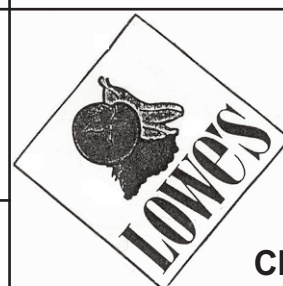
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