

For Bobby Winegeart, it's a time for waiting...

by Monica Cantu

I know we've been telling you a lot about Bobby Winegeart, the young man from the Twin Cities who flipped his welding truck back in April of 1998 and severed his spine. Well, now I would like to have you meet him personally.

Bobby is a 1994 graduate of Texico High School and a resident of our community. Until just recently, he has been wheelchair-bound and without hope of walking again. Now, surgery is scheduled to help him walk again -- but only if enough funds are raised to pay the hefty expense.

I have never met another individual like him. He's such a great person. I had the opportunity to meet with and converse with him on Monday and I am really glad I did.

We spoke on what his day is like and what his hopes for the future are among other things.

Bobby starts his day around 8 a.m. before his homecare nurse comes to change his bandages. When that is done, Bobby settles in for a long day of TV, playing his Sony Playstation, listening to music, playing with his Jack Russell terrier, Jake, and even shooting a cruise in his spiffy yellow Mustang.

"It's hard when you're young.. you just want to go." he says when I asked him how he managed from getting bored.

And it is hard. Bobby hardly ever gets visitors, and he can't go to friends' houses because they aren't equipped to accommodate a wheelchair. He does manage to get out some though; he likes going to Sonic, the movies and the mall.

But other than that, you can say that Bobby pretty much has his routine down when it comes to television.

His favorite shows consist of *Donnie and Marie*, *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, *Judge Judy*, *Wish Bone* (who is a cousin to Jake), *The Discovery Channel's Great Chefs*, *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*, and *The Discovery Channel's Behind Military Lines* (of which he likes the ones about the Navy Seals).

Bobby's hopes are to take a couple of classes in culinary art and maybe open up a restaurant in Clovis. "Get something good here in Clovis," he says.

Along with wanting to be a great chef, Bobby is also very interested in computers. He has thought about going into

computer technology. Wayne Harris, who works at Cannon Air Force Base, taught him how to install programs into computers.

All in all, Bobby is a very versatile individual. Just a couple of days ago he hooked up his swamp cooler. He says he likes doing things by himself, it gives him a sense of pride that he does something for himself while being in a wheelchair.

"Don't get me wrong, I like being helped but I'm self-sufficient. If I can do things by myself I will," he says.

About the surgery... Bobby says that he is ready. "I didn't think that things could happen so fast," he says. Considering all that (movie actor) Christopher Reeves is going through, he said he thought it would at least be 5 or 6 years until they could do something about it.

"I don't want everybody to expect a miracle - I won't be running down the street when I come home," he jokes, "I just don't want people to be disappointed if it doesn't happen right away... it's going to take some time."

He says it could take up to a year or two for him to be on his feet without the support of the crutches. But he says that once he has the surgery done he'll probably be on his feet for a month after sitting for two years.

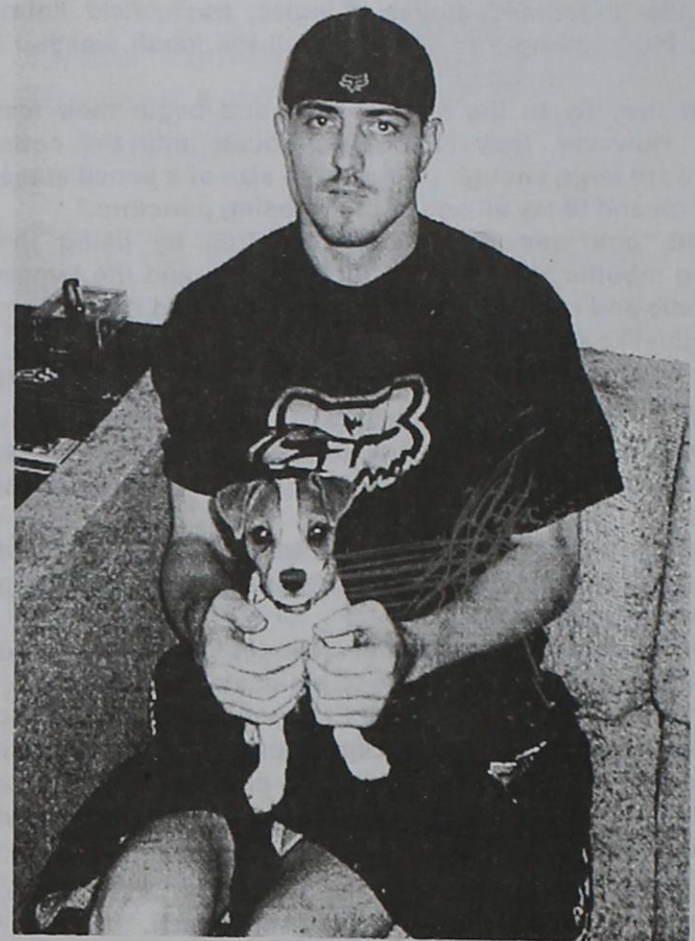
"I really want to thank the community for all the support they have shown to me," he says.

"We were thinking about getting the surgery done in July, but we knew we wouldn't have the funds for it. So I'm praying that everything will be ready to go by November, and just the thought of it not being ready is like 'what am I going to do now?'" he confessed.

The surgery will be performed in Ecuador by Dr. Carl Kao, of Washington. And Bobby is still pretty much in awe.

With his mother, Linda Thompson, is moving to Virginia this month, all of the necessary transactions will be done long distance. He says that his mother wanted him to go with them but he decided against it.

"I'm going to miss her. She's been there for me through everything," he says. Meanwhile, Bobby lives in his own



Bobby Winegeart and his Jack Russell terrier, Jake.

apartment next to his grandmother in Texico.

Bobby plans to marry, though he and his fiancée, Julie Franse, are waiting a while. He says that they've been going together for about a year and that they plan on getting married. But they are waiting because Bobby would like to stand at his wedding.

Bobby says the things he misses most would be playing basketball. "I miss cramming the ball in the hoop with both hands. Being only 6'1" that's hard to do." Bobby was named Texico High Outstanding Athlete of the Year in his senior year.

College is not out of the question. I believe the question is ... which one he plans to attend. He says that he has not yet decided where he would like to go to college, nor what he wants to do, but is wanting to return to school.

But for now, it's a waiting time ... until the surgery.

He needs your help

I realize that we continually get "hit" by fund-raisers.

But Texico-Farwell is a small community and folks have got to work together for it to succeed.

We really can't look for outside help for the things we want, but need to rely on our neighbors and friends for support. And folks who live here know how outstanding that support usually is.

Well, folks, we have an unusual fund-raiser really needed now. We need to raise funds to help finance the operation that, hopefully, will allow Bobby Winegeart, of Texico, to walk again.

It's easy for us to raise funds to send kids to Girls

An account for Bobby Winegeart has been set up at Citizens Bank in Texico.

His mother, Linda Thompson, said about \$10,000 has been saved so far toward the \$30,000 expense.

The family would sincerely appreciate the community's assistance in making the goal so Bobby can have the surgery to allow him to walk again.

and Boys State, to basketball camps, to cheerleader school, to Camp Ryla, to all sorts of fun things.

Well, how easy will it be to raise funds to help a young man walk again?

It will be harder. That's right. And why is that?

Each year, groups, businesses and individuals earmark funds for various activities. This is excellent. I know the Tribune does, too. When local kids come in for donations to their fund-raisers, we always say yes -- just like so many of our businesses here.

But now we have something that falls outside the usual parameters, so we have to re-adjust our thinking.

I cannot think of anything locally that should have a higher priority than to help Bobby walk again.

You know the story. Bobby had a vehicle accident and his spine was severed. There's a surgeon who believes his

procedure can have Bobby walk again.

Bobby is a 1994 Texico High graduate who graduated with honors, and was named Outstanding Athlete of the Year.

That means he gave of himself to bring honor to his community, to his school, to his family, to his friends and neighbors.

Now we are being asked to return the favor -- to give of ourselves to help him walk again.

What hurts when I write a column like this is knowing, deep inside, that most readers will just chuckle or shrug their shoulders and turn elsewhere in today's paper to see what else is going on.

I know that, and so do you. But I must appeal -- nay, beg -- for you to reconsider that decision. To take a moment and say to yourself, "One of ours -- that's right, ours -- needs help, real help."

And I doubt there is virtually anyone reading this paper who cannot help, who cannot donate just one dollar toward the very expensive operation.

Oh, I know, money is tight. But we sure have enough money to spend on cigarettes and alcohol every week, though, don't we?

We can fill up the gas tank regardless of the high prices so we can go on vacations or just away for the weekend, right?

But the question is: will we donate some money toward helping a local boy regain the use of his legs?

That's a question each and every one of us must answer. And the answer you give yourself will also tell you something about what you are made of.

It's not just every individual who lives in Texico-Farwell who is asked to help. We have groups here, too, with money in their budgets that could help if they so choose.

I sure hope every one of them does. I'm not going to name all the various youth and adults local groups (and, yes, that includes all our

church groups), but I would like to see every one of them bring this question up at their next meeting.

Because I already know what every answer will be: it will be to help Bobby. And that is why I love living in the Twin Cities -- when the chips are down, you can depend on your friends and neighbors.

That is what makes this community so strong. Now the question is: will you be part of that?

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Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

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... I got a chance to play some golf at the Farwell Country Club last week.

Just wanted to say that I cannot remember any time during my 15-year membership that I have seen the entire course look so great.

From fairways, to greens to tee-boxes, the course is exceptional, despite the drought.

Hats off to Chris, Jeff and Jan Fontanilla.

Veteran teachers retire

Several personnel changes were approved by the Farwell School Board on Tuesday.

Resignations, due to retirements, were received from:

-- Marrion Hudson, school librarian, after 14 years at Farwell.

-- Pat Owen, junior high reading teacher, after 31 years at Farwell.

-- Kay Ray, junior high English teacher, after 21 years at Farwell.

Also, Mendy Warlick, of Bovina, who taught special

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BTD parade route changed

Border Town Days on July 29 will feature a new parade route this year, announced BTD Chairman Jeff Actkinson.

Instead of starting the parade on Anderson Street in Texico, the parade will start at the intersection of Avenue D and First Street in Farwell.

This change is due to a major safety problem: For the past two years, traffic was routed on one lane of the highway through Texico, while the parade was held in the other lane -- some near-accidents were caused by this.

So the BTD committee met June 5 with Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy. The consensus was that a change was necessary.

Here is how the new parade route will go:

It will start at the intersection of Avenue D and First Street in Farwell (just south of the Farwell fire station), go north on First Street to the highway, then east along the highway to Fifth Street, south just past the Farwell Convalescent Center, and ending at the Farwell City Park.

Thus, the route will stay the same except for this change: Instead of starting on Anderson Street in Texico, it

Parmer County attacks boll weevil problem

by Monica Cantu

Everyone is concerned about the boll weevil, and for good reason. This little critter is a terror to cotton farmers everywhere.

I'm not by any means an agriculturist, or even a farmer for that matter, but just the name of this little bug gives me the chills.

The boll weevil is a member of the beetle family. Originally from Central America and Mexico, this insect is a cotton crop killer.

It was in 1892 that the boll weevil made its way into the States, by way of Brownsville, Texas. Since then, it's been a battle to eradicate this little monster throughout the South.

Northern and western parts of Texas were colonized by the boll weevil during a range expansion that occurred between 1953 and 1966, which means that the boll weevil made its way through the northern and western parts of the state very rapidly.

In 1985 the damage caused by the boll weevil was very apparent and suggestions were made to even terminate cotton production along the Rio Grande River bordering Mexico.

Talk about extreme measures. Well, the physical description won't prove to be too frightening because the boll weevil is a small insect with a long snout, spurs on their front legs and wings that can carry them over 20 miles, but they can devastate a cotton crop.

Cotton is the only host in which the weevils reproduce, but they have been known to feed on the buds and blossoms of other plants when forced.

The boll weevil is destructive to cotton crops in this way: the eggs are laid in the squares or bolls (the bud or blossom) of the cotton plant. A female boll weevil is able to lay 100 to 300 eggs over a 30 day period.

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Boll weevil

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When this happens and the larvae hatch, they feed on the inside of the square or boll, thereby ruining the chance to produce cotton.

And you know what's weird? They hibernate. Like bears do during the winter months. The technical term is diapause. They hide underneath house shingles, trash, field debris, ground litter among other things until the harsh weather is over.

Then they fly to the nearest field and begin their feast anew. However, they cannot reproduce until the cotton squares are large enough (roughly the size of a pencil eraser) to feed on and to lay an egg in the "feeding puncture."

Adults boll weevils puncture the fruit by using their chewing mouths at the end of their snouts, and the females then come and lay their eggs in the opening and then cover it with a glue-like substance.

And when the larvae emerge... well you know what happens then. Buffet!

Anyway, a boll weevil eradication experiment was initiated in 1971 in southern Mississippi and in parts of Louisiana and Alabama.

The experiment was used as a control approach by including chemical treatments, release of sterile males, mass trapping, and cultural control.

Based on this experiment, the National Cotton Council of America said that it was feasible to eradicate the boll weevil.

In 1993, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. was established by the Texas Legislature. And the way this works is that the cotton producer-run, non-profit foundation governs and oversees the implementation of the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The foundation has divided the state into nine "zones," which is around 200,000 to 3.9 million acres each.

The Southern Rolling Plains were the first to start the program on 220,000 acres in the fall of 1994.

In the spring of 1995, the program was started in the South Texas/Winter Garden zone.

According to Terry Futch, the Northwest Plains Zone manager (which includes Parmer County), it will take approximately three years to completely eradicate this little critter from our area.

Futch, in a Tribune interview, also stated that in eradicating the boll weevil they will be using combined methods of trapping, mapping, and spraying.

Trapping consists of using a peculiar sort of bait and a kill strip. The traps use pheromones to attract the insects then the "kill strip" kills them.

They also use the traps to monitor where about the boll weevils are migrating or where they are stationed. So in fact, trapping is part of the mapping process.

Then when they trap a boll weevil they spray a chemical used to kill mosquitoes called malathion. According to Futch, malathion is the least toxic of any chemical used for eradicating the boll weevil.

Malathion doesn't last long either on the soil or in the air, but it does stay on the cotton plant for 5-7 days at the most. And it is also much cheaper than other chemicals. Little more than 12 oz. are used on one acre of land.

Futch says, "A lot is involved in eradicating this little pest, and even after a zone is declared eradicated we will still monitor the area just in case."

There have also been efforts to control the boll weevil in Mexico and set up a buffer zone between the U.S. and Mexico.

Right now, the boll weevil count in these parts is still low but the battle has just begun.

Sheets graduates from ACU

Brandon Sheets, son of Gene and Melody Sheets, of Hamilton, Texas, graduated from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor's degree.

He is the grandson of Harry and Mina Sheets, and Lynn Roberts, all of Farwell.

Also graduating from Hamilton High was their daughter, Hollie, and from the 8th grade, their son, Layne.

Hollie will be attending Lubbock Christian University.

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education at the junior high last year, resigned. She will be having a baby.

Hirings approved were:

-- Karen Barnes, of Oklahoma Lane, will be the special education teacher at the junior high.

-- Jan Billingsley, of Lariat, will teach reading or English at the junior high.

-- Alyson Atkinson, of Farwell, will teach 4th grade at the elementary school.

Also, Susan Johnson, who has been teaching 1st grade, will become the school librarian, taking Mrs. Hudson's vacated position.

And Fay Terry will be a 3rd grade teacher. Last year, she taught 4th grade.

In other business, the annual election of officers was held. All officers stayed the same:

Ronald Byrd, president; David Norton, vice president; and Teresa Ancira, secretary.

Marriage Licenses

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

Henry Boyd White and Susan Diann Meyer, and John Scott Schlenker and Karen Machell Saddler.

Texico Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy:

Willie Ronquillo, 66, of Texico, was arrested on June 12 on charges of DWI, leaving the scene of an accident, and having no insurance.

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Mike Pomper, president
Member, Texas Press Association

BTD parade

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begins on First Street in Farwell.

Interestingly, when the parade was first begun decades ago, this was the route used.

What the change also does is to remove the Santa Fe Railroad from the equation. In years past, arrangements were made with the railroad to stop train traffic for one hour during the parade. Now this will not be necessary and the parade will be able to start promptly at 11 a.m. each year.

The new route also was picked for a couple of key reasons:

-- The decorated bicycle contest will be able to be held in a shaded area, at the Farwell fire station.

-- The antique tractors that come from Clovis will be able to park at the intersection of Avenue D and First Street. Property owner Raymond Delgado has given permission to use the empty lot next to his home for that purpose (the northwest corner).

-- The animal units will be placed on the dirt road leading off State Line Road.

Since the parade participants will "back up" into Texico along Garwood Street, Brophy plans to block off this area for the parade. Traffic will be detoured around this.

The Texico City Council was informed of this change at its Tuesday meeting by Mike Pomper, BTD vice chairman.

So when the parade is held, the highway will be blocked off between the Santa Fe Railroad tracks and Ninth Street in Farwell. This will allow for an easy detour for trucks and cars, using the Amarillo highway.

The distance walked by parade participants will be just a bit shorter than the old route.

The new route also will be good for having a large area where folks can watch the parade. The area along the north end of First Street has a lot of room for vehicles and spectators.

Obituaries

Estella Arias

Services for Estella Arias, 52, of Bovina, were Saturday at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Michael Collwell officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery. She died June 7.

She was born Oct. 12, 1947, in Gomez Sarias, Chihuahua, Mexico. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She married Jesus Arias in 1965 in Mexico and they moved to Friona in 1971, then to Bovina in 1988.

She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by a son, Jesus Jr., in 1988.

Surviving are her husband; 2 daughters, Leonor Arias, of Bovina, and Martha Fuentes, of Texico; 2 sons, Christopher, of Canyon, and Joe, of Amarillo; a sister, Aurora Olivas, of Mexico, and 2 brothers, Ezequiel Olivas and Efrain Olivas, both of Mexico.

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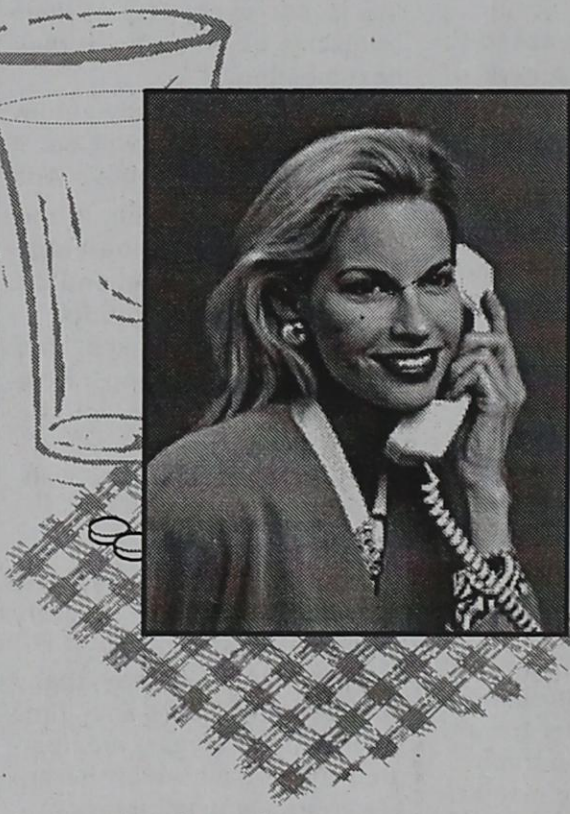
Notice of Hearing
Parmer County Appraisal District

The Review Board hearings will be held on June 28, 2000, starting at 9:00 a.m. until all appointments have been met. The hearings will be held at the Appraisal District board room at 305 Third St., Bovina, Texas.

In order to be entitled to a hearing, you must file a written protest by Friday, June 23, 2000.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Mike, I hope you print this letter. Although this is my own personal opinion, I hope I'm not the only one that feels this passionately about this subject -- MUSIC. As with everything else I do, this opinion is several days too late and according to the article I read in your paper a couple of weeks ago, \$400,000 too short.

Of course, I'm talking about the school board's decision to cut the band program. WOW. It's a shock just to write it. It's funny that we would choose to deprive our children from something that does and will affect them every day of their lives.

Music is a language that transcends all barriers. Every per-



'Thank you, Lord'

This sign at Hughes True Value in Farwell sort of sums up folks' feelings this week -- "It Rained! Thank you, Lord!"

Hoopster tourney on tap here

The Farwell Summer Boys Basketball Tournament will be held on June 16 and 17. It will benefit the Farwell Youth Commission. A concessions stand will be available, said Farwell Coach Kirk Saul.

Here is the schedule -- with the first listed games featuring the varsity teams in the new gym, and the second listed games involving the JV teams in the old gym:

Friday, June 16

- 2 p.m. - Nazareth vs. Whiteface, and Littlefield vs. Farwell White.
- 3:15 p.m. - Littlefield vs. Lazbuddie, and Nazareth vs. Farwell Blue.
- 4:30 p.m. - Nazareth vs. Farwell, and Whiteface vs. Littlefield.
- 5:45 p.m. - Whiteface vs. Littlefield, and Farwell White vs. Farwell Blue.
- 7 p.m. - Lazbuddie vs. Farwell, and Nazareth vs. Whiteface.

Saturday, June 17

- 2 p.m. - Nazareth vs. Littlefield, and Whiteface vs. Farwell White.
- 3:15 p.m. - Whiteface vs. Lazbuddie, and Littlefield vs. Farwell Blue.
- 4:30 p.m. - Littlefield vs. Farwell, and Nazareth vs. Farwell White.
- 5:45 p.m. - Nazareth vs. Lazbuddie, and Whiteface vs. Farwell Blue.
- 7 p.m. - Farwell vs. Whiteface, and Nazareth vs. Littlefield.

son in this world has their own little music. Knowing how to express and understand your inner music -- and understand and feel other's music is not a gift; it's a learned ability, the same as math and language used to communicate to your soul. If this is too deep for you to understand, I'm sorry to say that you have been deprived -- but it's never too late.

In the article, there were basically two problems: no money and no interest. I don't know enough about the politics to know about the money. But I know that interest is created. Think about this: make English literature an elective subject and poll who wants to take that. Let's not push off our responsibilities on our kids. We make our kids take four years of English not because they love it but because it makes them "smarter people." We all know that.

Think about this: research shows kids involved in music are "smarter people" than kids that are not involved in music. That is what school is for, isn't it? To make kids smarter! Let's not cheat our kids! VH1 says "save the music." I say, save our children -- please find a way to save the band program,

Ray M. Galvan, Farwell
Midnight Lovers Band

Dear Twin Cities,

I live in Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona and I have been subscribing to the State Line Tribune since September 1999, which is when I made my last trip into your area.

I fell in love with the Twin Cities/Clovis/Portales/Melrose area in June of 1998. I would like very much to relocate permanently to the area.

I will be coming through the area in mid-September on my next vacation and I hope to meet with some townsfolk and see if I can find employment and housing there.

I am 34 years old and single.

Robert Dennis
P.O. Box 1923
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Dear Editor,

As a music student and a fellow Panhandle resident, I am alarmed and dismayed at a recent rumor. I have been informed that the Farwell schools have cut their band program. This is a huge injustice to all of Farwell's young people.

According to Stanford's Elliot Eisner, the arts are unparalleled in developing seven different intellectual abilities, including being imaginative, to make judgments in the absence of a rule, to think metaphorically and to devise multiple solutions to a problem.

Furthermore, students actively engaged in the arts are better disciplined, more confident and score higher on standardized tests. In 1996, students who took four years of high school art or music classes scored an average of 32 points higher on the verbal section of the SAT, and 23 points higher on the math, than the students who took less art and music.

Band is the only "sport" where every individual is just as important as the next. How can we as humans allow real music to die? That is exactly what we are doing by allowing music to leave our schools. Yes, it costs money to continue a music program, but nothing else can benefit our students developmentally, intellectually, economically, and spiritually the way art, drama and music can. Please, as Farwell residents, do not allow your children's education to suffer!

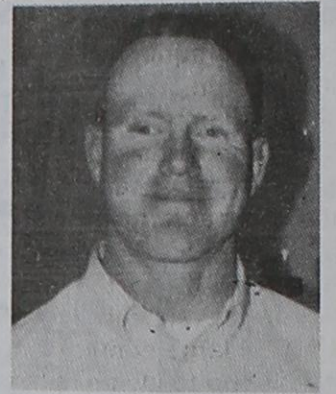
Until this situation is remedied, feel free to contact the Eastern New Mexico School of Music at (505) 562-2376 or myself at (806) 250-8030 to be put in touch with people willing to give your child private lessons. Eastern students have worked successfully with the Farwell bands in the past, and would be willing to help our now.

Thank you for your consideration

Melodee Lamb
Friona

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Four-H projects allow 4-H'ers to investigate areas that might be career opportunities for tomorrow. Project opportunities are limited only by a youngster's imagination. Projects allow 4-H'ers to develop skills, ideas, and knowledge to the fullest potential.

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From their first projects in family and consumer sciences and agriculture, youth develop as they progress to bigger and larger projects.

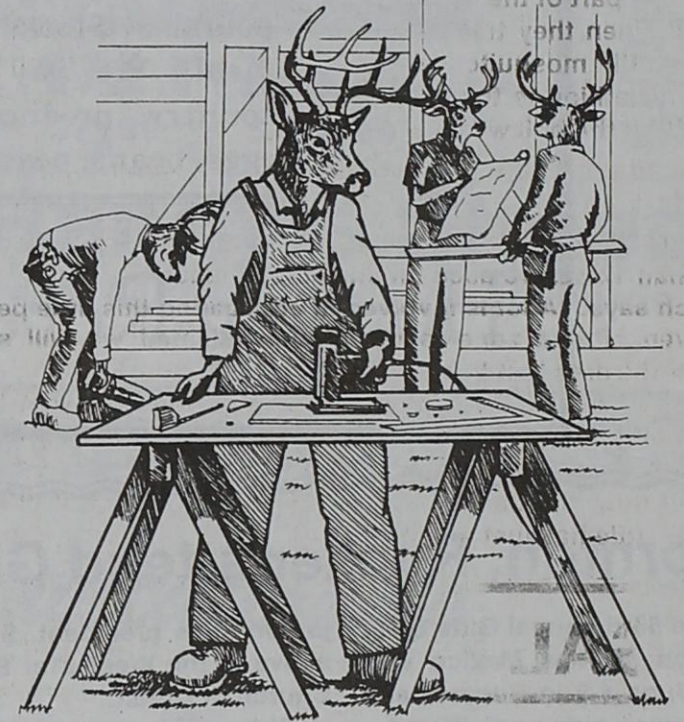
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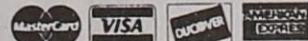
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The Lazbuddie Independent School District is currently seeking student/athletic insurance bids and health insurance bids for the 2000-2001 school year. Quotes must be received by July 21, 2000. Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the regular school board meeting on August 8, 2000.

For more information, contact Hardy Carlyle or Sheryl Morris at (806) 965-2156. The Lazbuddie ISD school board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Notice to Vendors

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If you would like to submit a competitive quote for any of the above categories, please contact Carolyn Scott, business manager, at P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053, or call (806) 965-2156. These quotes will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2000.

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

The page featured below comes from the Feb. 13, 1908, special issue of "The Farwell Times." The Tribune is publishing all 32 pages of that special

issue, which featured biographies of local leading citizens of the time, plus features and advertisements. We hope you enjoy this look back at our area's history

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Recipe of Week

Father's Day Golf Cake
Serves 12

For the cake

1 package (18 1/4 ounces) yellow cake mix

For the decorations

3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 can (16 ounces) plus 1 cup prepared vanilla frosting blue, green and yellow food coloring
1 can (16 ounces) prepared chocolate frosting

Special aids

large resealable plastic bag
ruler
large flat serving platter or 19- x 10-inch piece of cardboard covered with aluminum foil
pastry bags fitted with small plain tips

Making the cake

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 13- x 9-inch pan. Prepare cake mix and bake as package directs. Transfer pan to wire rack, cool for 10 minutes. Turn cake onto rack; cool completely.

Decorating the cake

Place chocolate chips in plastic bag; microwave on MEDIUM until melted, about 2 minutes. Snip off 1 corner of the bag. Pipe 4 golf clubs onto waxed paper; chill until set, about 5 minutes.

Cut a 2-inch strip of cake lengthwise. Cut the strip crosswise into one 3-inch piece and

High school alumni website established

Here's a neat tip from Frances Kube for Texico and Farwell high school graduates who would like to get in touch with each other:

You can log on to the website www.highschool-alumni.com.

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two 4 1/2-inch pieces. Transfer large portion of cake to a serving platter. Add blue and green food coloring to the can of vanilla frosting to make blue-green. Place one 4 1/2-inch piece on each side of the golf bag at the bottom edge. Cover golf bag with tinted frosting. Place the 3-inch cake piece on top of the cake for a pocket; frost with chocolate frosting.

Transfer 1/4 cup vanilla frosting to a small bowl; add yellow food coloring until desired color is reached. Spoon yellow frosting and remaining chocolate and vanilla frostings into separate pastry bags fitted with plain tips; pipe score card, trim and stitching on cake. Gently press chocolate golf clubs into the top of the cake, overlapping slightly. Pipe lines of white frosting on club heads.

Financial Focus

by Glen O'Rear

Just because a particular stock has slumped for a while, does that mean it's a "loser"? Not necessarily. Nonetheless, far too many people "bail out" on stocks that have fallen in value.

By selling when the stock price is down, these investors are doing the exact opposite of the classic "buy low, sell high" investment formula.

The key to making smart "sell" decisions depends on careful analysis of the depressed stock. Any number of factors may cause a stock's price to drop for an extended period of time.

An energy stock, for instance, will suffer when world oil prices are down.

Other stocks may flatten because, after their prices initially ran up on investor enthusiasm, it may take some time for earnings to climb enough to support higher stock prices.

This has happened in recent years with several well-known stocks, including Wal-Mart.

If investors had jumped ship while these stocks were stagnant, they would have missed out on tremendous future growth.

When, then, should you sell a stock that has performed sluggishly for some time?

You need to determine if the stock's fundamentals have changed.

Is a new management team in place?

Have the company's products fallen behind those of its competitors?

Or is the company in a fading industry?

If any of these fundamental factors have changed, then it may be time to consider selling your stock and using the money to invest in a better opportunity.

But if you determine that the fundamentals are still sound, and that the company still has good long-term prospects, then you should look beyond its current performance.

It's very costly to constantly buy and sell stocks, and most investors are not successful in chasing performance. That's why it's almost always a good idea to find good, solid companies - and hand on to them for the long term.

Today's "losers" may be down - but they might not be out.

And when they rebound, you'll be glad you stuck with them.



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Thornton, Rucker attend Girls' State

The 53rd annual Girls State session in New Mexico was held June 4-9 in Socorro and two Texico girls participated.

Callie Rucker, daughter of Rusty and Pam Rucker, is involved in varsity basketball, volleyball, prom committee, National Honor Society and is

junior class president. She is active in the West 21st Street Church of Christ.

Shilo Thornton, daughter of Robert and Beth Thornton, is involved in basketball, Bi-

ble club and is treasurer of the junior class. She attends Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

FJH honor rolls given

The sixth 6th weeks honor rolls at Farwell Junior High School have been announced.

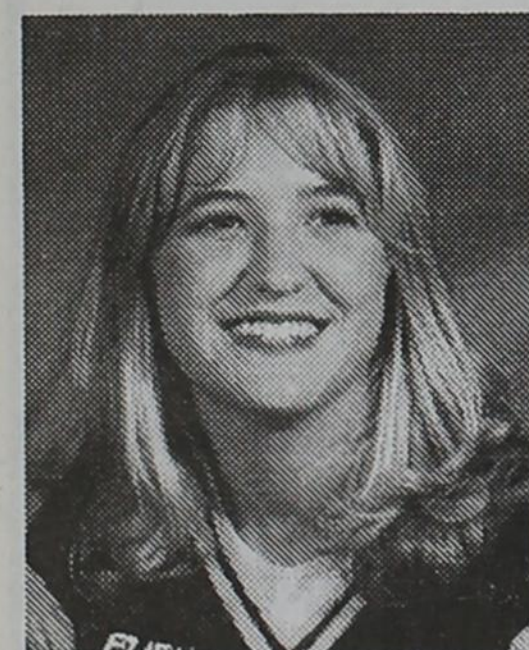
6th grade - Yvonne Favila, Michael McCarthy, Kari Schilling, Tanner Fickling, Zane Johnson, Logan McFarland, Alisha Wauson, Jennifer DeLeon, Bailey Warren, Sandra Saenz, Matthew Edwards, Justin Ware, Johnny Neudorf, Trevor Norton and David Rubio.

7th grade - Micah Christian, Danielle Cargile, Bill Terry, Robbie Tabb, Holly McIntosh, Dawson Embry, Melissa Howard, Ashlie Martin, Chad Bailey, Amanda Almanza, Sam Billingsley, Adam Pierce and Jarod Scott.

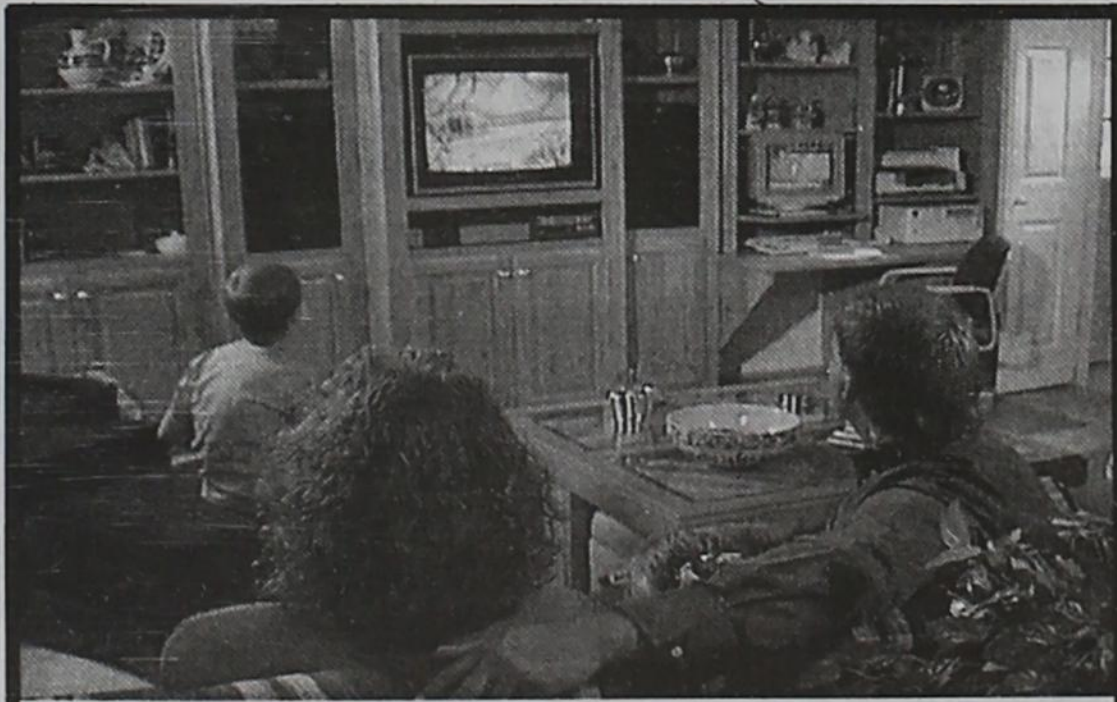
8th grade - Jaimie Diaz, Khallie Foster, Grant Gregory, Tara Sanchez, Ashley Hartzog, Mindi Roberts, Cale Stevenson, Chelsea Meyer, Nikki Gober, Kyra Christian, Hailey Grimes, Byron Hardage, Tyler Myers, Jason Johnson, Tasha Adams, Bobby Garcia, Jason Sudderth and Melinda Smith.



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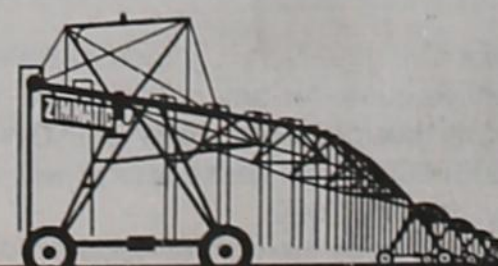
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Texico scholars listed

The Texico Junior High "A" honor roll and "A-B" honor roll for the fourth 9 weeks are:

"A" Honor Roll
 6th Grade - Ricky Burns, Skyla Cockerham, Sarah Johnson, Dorothy Ortiz, Lori Richardson, Aaron Vaughan.
 7th Grade - Joshua Franse, Tyler Marks, Braden Vaughan.
 8th Grade - Bryce Bailey, Corey Bell, Amber Dalton, Justin Loven.

"A-B" Honor Roll
 6th Grade - Briana Abernathy, Taryn Allen, Erika Autrey, Nicki Autrey, Kelli Dunnahoe, Diego Munoz, Baylee Ortiz, Mollie Peterson, Logan Potts, Lacy Price, Michael Sena, Cassie Smith, Rafael Vidal, Curtis Williams.

7th Grade - Megan Billingsley, Blanca Castillo, Trent Crow, Nathan Foust, Brette Hadley, Ashley Kidd, Ashley Littlejohn, Jason Manasco, Garrett Mayfield, Amber Parmer, Josh Pena, Trina Phillips, Melissa Roberts, Gabriel Sena, Blake Smith, Seneca Turner.

8th Grade - Crystal Abernathy, Kevin Burns, Heather Diaz, Ricky Fuentes, Olivia Garcia, Shane Hill, Bretni Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Kehley Merrill, Mark Peabody, Wade Richardson, Ashley Smith, Shelly Smith, Sherry Stone, Toby Thornton, Jazzi Walls, Trent Ward, John Nathan Williams.

The Texico Junior High "A" Honor roll and "A-B" Honor roll for the second semester were:

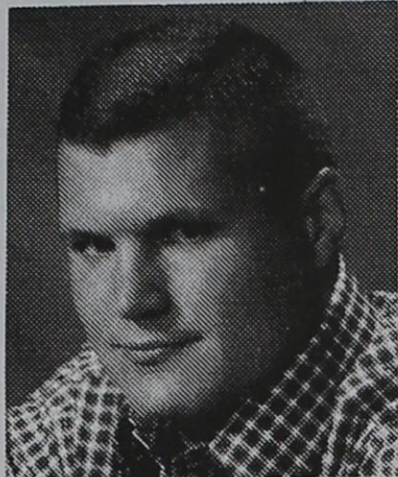
"A" Honor Roll



Mayfield receives scholarship

Kyle Mayfield, of Texico, is congratulated by Randol Gilbert, manager of the Forrest Tire Co. store, on receiving a \$1,000 Firestone Tire agricultural scholarship. Forrest Tire is a Firestone dealer. Mayfield attended West Texas A&M last year and is enrolled in the civil engineering department at Texas Tech this coming year. Mayfield is a Texico High School graduate and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mayfield.

An exceptional student



by Teresa Mesman

Hubert and Mary Helen Gohlke of Oklahoma Lane are your typical proud parents and grandparents, but these days, the buttons seem to be popping off a little more than usual at the accomplishments of their grandson Michael White... and rightfully so.

Michael was an exceptional high school student, both academically and athletically and because of his high moral character and accomplishments, he'll not only be going off to college soon, he'll be marching off to the cheers of "Go Navy!"

Michael was awarded an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and he'll be playing football on the Midshipman Defensive Line.

This appointment is a full academic and athletic scholarship to one of the most challenging and prestigious military academies in the United States. It is worth \$250,000 and was one of two that Michael had to choose from. Michael was also awarded an appointment to West Point Military Academy (Army) in New York.

After much deliberation and decision, Michael chose the Naval Academy. He plans to pursue a degree in either astronautical or aeronautical engineering. He also plans to achieve the goals of flying Navy Jets and of becoming a Navy Seal. He was also contacted by the Air Force Academy, but had already made his decision to attend the Naval Academy.

The son of Mike and Cheryl White of Orange, Texas, Michael worked hard throughout his early schooling and high school years to achieve his goals. He doesn't think of himself as a role model, but all his teachers, friends, fellow students and other parents think he is most definitely an outstanding role model.

To be awarded these opportunities, a student must have a Congressional nomination, have an SAT score of over 1200, a high GPA, exceptional character and athletic prowess.

Some of Michael's accomplishments are: graduated from Little Cyprus-Mauriceville High School magna cum laude with a 4.0 GPA; National Merit Scholar-2000; National Honor Society; Student Council; All District Football - '99,'00; All Orange County Football - '00; Academic All District Football - '97-'00; Academic All State Football - '00; Varsity Football and Captain '98-'00; Varsity Track - '97-'00; Varsity Powerlifting - '98,'99.

Michael is also a very active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Orange and has served as Vice President of the youth group. He is also active as a volunteer tutor and a member of the Little Cypress Volunteer Fire Department.

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More rain falls on area

The rains continued to fall on our area last weekend.

Fred Chandler, at the Shirley Anderson Pitman elevator in Farwell, said that Sunday saw an inch of rain, and that Friday and Saturday together totalled 40 hundredths.

So, for the month so far, the Twin Cities has gotten about 1 1/2 inches of rain.

Other areas such as Lazbuddie and Lariat weren't so lucky last weekend.

Yolanda McFarland of Shirley Anderson, Lariat, said they received .08 inches Sunday and that there has been virtually nothing to measure since the previous Tuesday.

Scott Brown of Shirley Anderson, Lazbuddie, says that there was nothing to measure from last weekend.

"It was just enough to wet the pavement," he says.


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- Audit Report
- Election of Directors
- Other Business As Needed
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Texico's Katie Peterson A natural talent for oil painting

Katie Peterson is the very talented daughter of Tim and Kim Peterson of Texico. Her grandparents are Bud and Aileen Pearce of Texico and Anna Marie Peterson of Longview, Texas.

Katie has been a student of Katie since her 1st grade year. And she has been a very apt pupil of Billie Cooper's art class since her 6th grade year in 1996.

Katie's medium is oil painting and she is very good at what she does. She has painted five pictures since December and is working on her sixth one.

Like most of Mrs. Cooper's students, Katie has worked with colored pencils, drawings, shadings, scratch boards and a number of other things. But Katie says that oil painting is the thing for her.

And she does that very well, considering that she just took Art 1 in her freshman year at Texico last semester.

Katie comes from a very artistic group of individuals. Her aunt, Linda McAllister is a professional artist and she says that when she was little she used to paint with her aunt.

So as you can imagine, painting comes very easily to Katie.

Besides art, she is a very accomplished young lady. She plays volleyball for Texico and is involved in FFA and her youth group at First Baptist Church in Texico.

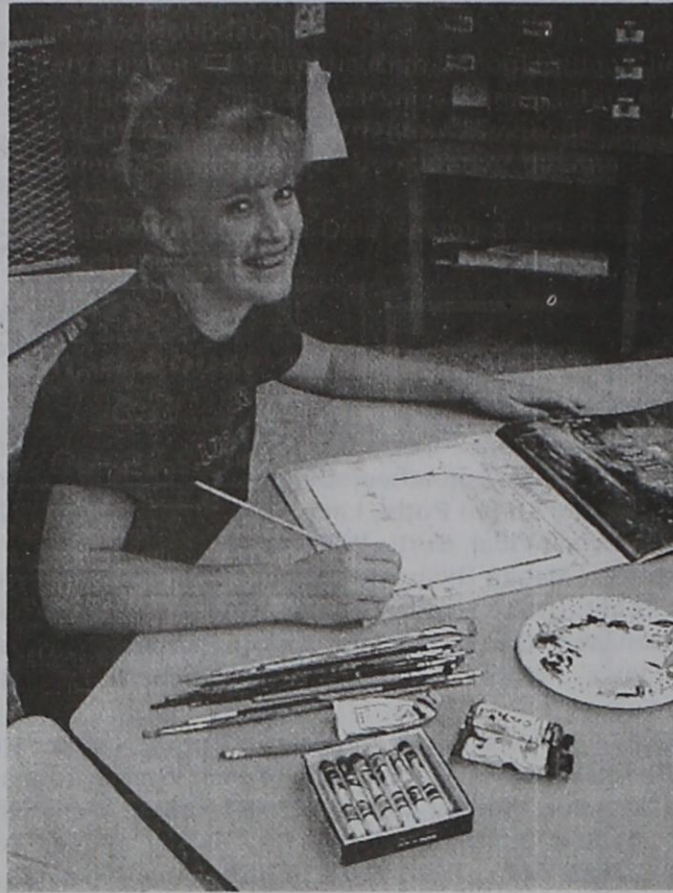
Katie's spare time consists of painting at home, growing her own garden, and riding horses English style. She has been in a number of jump meets, the last one being this summer in Roswell. And she has also shown children how to ride English style by showing them how to jump.

Mrs. Cooper says that Katie has a natural talent for oil painting and that she thinks that Katie has definitely found her media. She also said that Katie supplies her own oil paints the only help she needs is with her brush strokes.

Mrs. Cooper says that there was a time when there was an oil painting class but due to class size they don't have space for all of the finished material.

Katie says that the best thing about Mrs. Cooper's class is that she helps you work at your own level and that Mrs. Cooper isn't one to hold you back.

"Mrs. Cooper has a way about her, and when you get to know her she's real nice." Katie states, "At first, I was really scared, but when I started drawing, she encouraged me."



Katie Peterson

Scholarships total over \$96,000

Lazbuddie High graduates who won scholarships have been announced. As of May 27, the total in scholarship money was over \$96,000. Winners were:

Amy Angeley -- SPC salutorian, Thompson scholar in business administration at SPC, and Bailey County Electric.

Desirae Brakebill -- David Edwin Schacher Memorial, Phillip Brian Jesko Memorial and Lesley Brian Barnes Memorial.

Scottie Brown -- Russell Scott Redwine Memorial and Western Drug-Something Special.

Staci Foster --Knights of Columbus, and Troy Lane McBroom Memorial.

Jason Jesko -- Robert and Nona Carr, Angelo State University, and Texas A&M Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Lacy Loudder -- West Texas A&M Music Department, and John Gilbreath First United Methodist Church, Dimmitt.

Garrett Magby -- Five Area Telephone.

Bobby Martha -- UT-Permian Basin Presidential Scholar.

Veronica Mata--Schreiner College academic scholar, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Panhandle chapter; T. Earle Hamilton scholarship by Texas Foreign Language Association; Howard Carlyle Memorial, Celebrate 2000- Amarillo Area Foundation, and Carr scholarship, Angelo State University.

Brandon Randolph -- Jake Jones Memorial Scholarship, Amarillo Area Foundation.

Jeffery Seaton -- Lazbuddie High School Rodeo Club.

Leah Turner -- Carr scholarship, Angelo State; valedictorian, state of Texas; Sybil Harrington; Panhandle Hall of Fame, and Golden Spread Electric Cooperative director's memorial scholarship.

Laramie Wood -- David Dale Seaton scholarship, and Five Area Telephone.

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Scholarship recipients

Two Lazbuddie High School seniors received Amarillo Globe-News scholarships on May 27 during graduation ceremonies. Leah Turner was presented the Panhandle-Plains Academic Hall of Honor scholarship, and Veronica Mata received the Celebrate 2000/Amarillo Area Foundation scholarship. Also pictured are Marsella Jennings, left, high school counselor, who nominated the recipients, and Leon Watson, Globe-News state district manager, who made the presentations.

Please Attend Church Services

All Times are CT unless specified

<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Loy Hardesty -- Preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. E-mail: tmh1@yucca.net</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Bob Brown - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church,</p> <p>Rev. Kevin Phillips Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico</p> <p>Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>High Plains Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday School - 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Menonite</p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

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Jose Vitolas - Antonia Vela, N60' of L1, B91, 1/2 of Ave. H, Bovina.

Lottie Boils - Larry Timms, N320 AC of N12, S1, T65, R3E.

Jerry Parker - Robert Ranches Inc., NW14 of SE14, S18, Blk H Kelly.

Rory Leon Brito - John Bacca, L4, B63, Bovina.

Mary Treinen - Charles Pump, 11.077 acres Blk1, Blk 13, Gardners Subdivision.

David Ortiz - Corrine Ortiz, L29-32, B29 Farwell.

Marilyn Dunn - 5 Star Cattle, approx. 1981.045 ac in Parmer Co.

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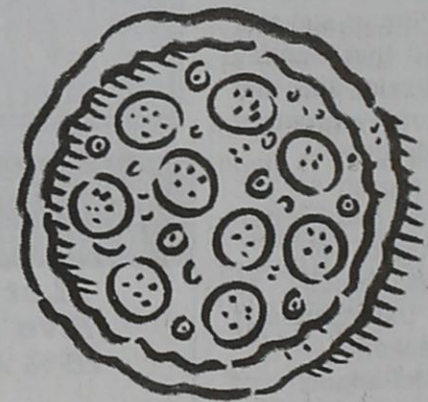
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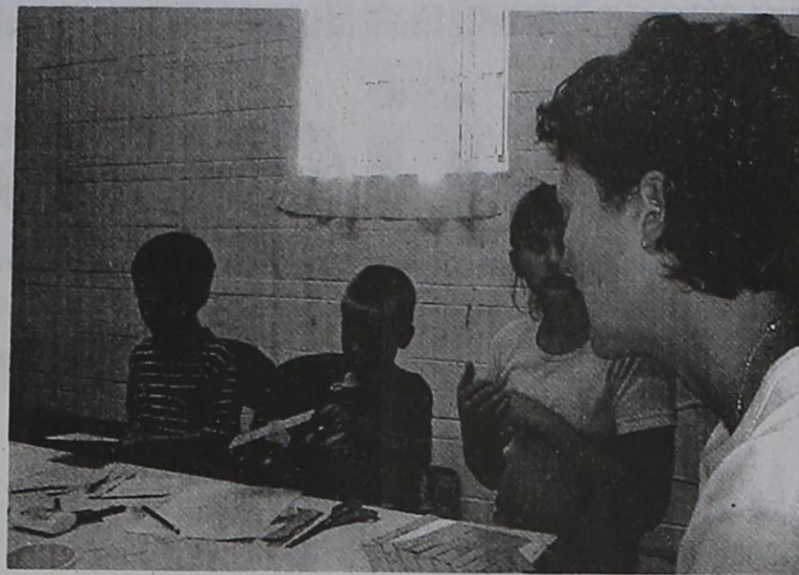
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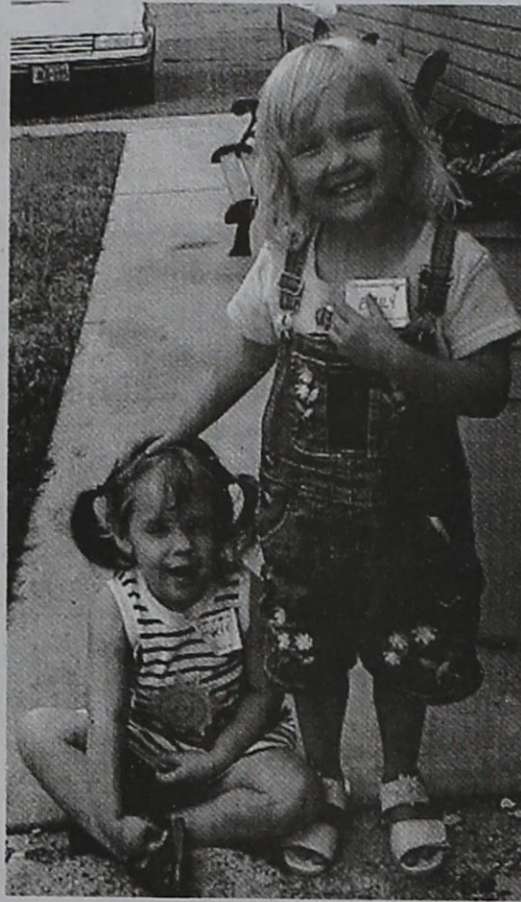
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Queen's contest cancelled

This year's Border Town Days queen's contest has been cancelled, due to lack of interest.

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On June 7, David Martinez, 22, of Dumas, Texas, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of probation. The case is pending in district court.

On June 8, Lorenzo Claudio Jr., 26, of Hereford, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving with a suspended license. The case is pending in county court.

On June 10, Joe Luna, 21, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

On June 11, Patricia Gallejos, 27, of Houston, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of forgery. The case is pending in district court.

On June 12, Wanda Montoya, 31, of Clovis, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of endangering a child recklessly. The case is pending before the grand jury.

Scholars announced

The 6th six weeks honor rolls at Farwell High School have been announced:

Principal's Honor Roll (straight A's) -- Tara Cargile, Jessica Chandler, Cade Christian, Ashley Crawford, Kacey Gast, Gage Gregory, Lisa Herington, Chelsi Kaltwasser, Lorisa Littlejohn, Lonnie McFarland, Casey Meeks, Leticia Merino, Lindsey Milloy, Jourdan Nichols, Erin Norton, Ben Oppliger, Leesa Patterson, Lindsey Rich, Cody Schilling, Luke Schwertner, Sandra Taylor and Chrystal Wolven.

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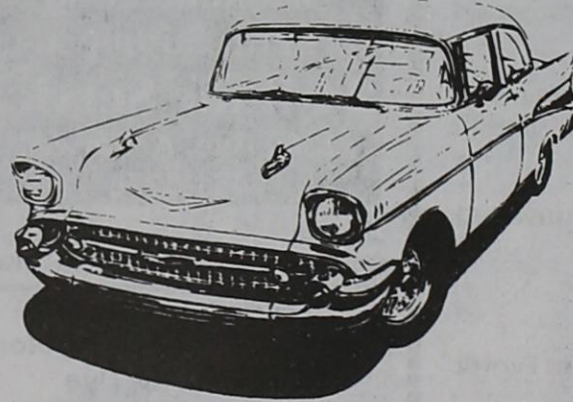
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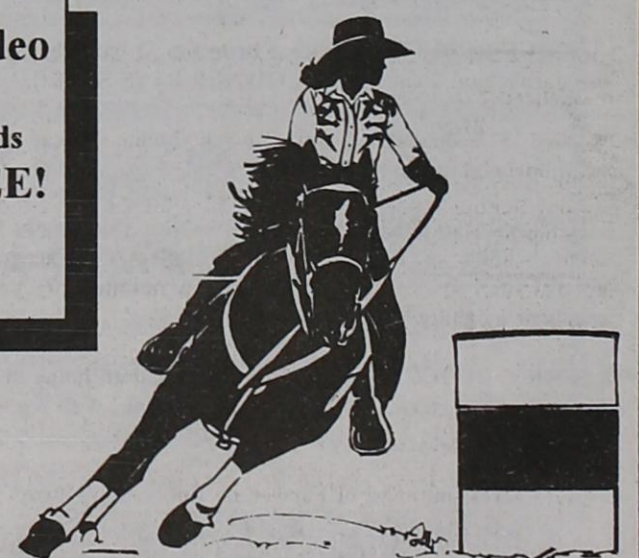
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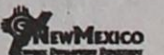
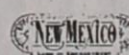
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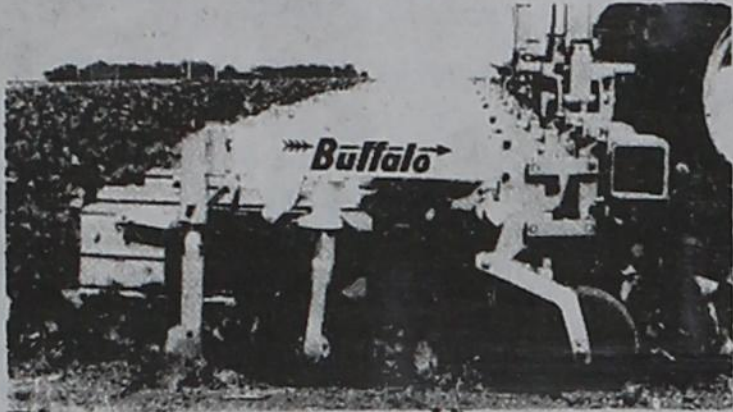
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Texico approves fireworks ban

The Texico City Council on Tuesday approved the ordinance to ban the sale and use of fireworks within the city limits.

They commented that the county commissioners also placed a ban on the sale and use of fireworks in Curry County due to the extremely dry weather we've been experiencing.

However, the city has the option to lift its ban within three hours.

This means that the council will be watching the weather very closely for the next couple of weeks to determine whether they will be able to lift the ban by the 4th of July.

In other business the council:

-- Discussed in length changes in the personnel policy and amended the new changes.

-- Heard Councilman Jeff Queener state that they needed the city employees to go over the new city hall blueprints to discuss the building further.

Producers welcome the rain

From Plains Cotton Growers Inc.:

The rains should allow many growers to conserve some of their irrigation capacity for later in the summer when cotton begins setting bolls and reaches its peak water demand.

Dryland producers were also looking to the sky to either get or keep their crops going. Many thousands of acres had already been dry planted prior to federal crop insurance final planting dates of June 5 and June 10 in hopes that rains would come and crops could be started. Dryland growers in a few areas that have the later June 10 final planting date will now get into their fields as quickly as possible in order to utilize any moisture they received.

Rains fell over a majority of the area although there are still isolated pockets that received less than an inch of rain during the period and are still marginal at best in terms of being able to establish a viable crop in 2000 without additional rainfall in the next week or two.

Final tallies indicate most areas received between 2 and 4 inches of rain in the days preceding June 5. The end result should be some 3.75-4 million acres of cotton planted on the High Plains with less than 10 percent currently in any real danger of abandonment as a result of inadequate subsoil moisture.

3-FAMILY yard sale -- Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 105 Second St., Farwell. Furniture, baby items, and much more!

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The Texico School Board on Tuesday hired several personnel:

-- Todd Tinnell as vocational ag teacher, replacing Bill Morrison, who retired. Tinnell comes from House, N.M.

-- Red Lonsdale, as Chapter 1 teacher. Last year, he was an instructional assistant.

-- Traci Vaughan, as half-day pre-school teacher. She has been teaching in Clovis and her children attend Texico Schools. Mrs. Vaughan replaces Christy Richards, who has accepted the post as Melrose Elementary School principal.

-- LaWana Stone and Leah Thorn, as elementary school instructional assistants.

-- Tana Duncan, to assist with the Chapter 1 program.

In other business, the board:

-- Discussed the importance of keeping an adminis-

trator on campus during a time when the school teams are in the state playoffs.

-- Discussed the county sheriff's suggestion to place a police officer in the school. The board decided this was not needed at this time.

-- Approved next year's budget. Teachers will receive raises averaging 5.9 percent, and non-certified employees will receive raises averaging 4.5 percent. The state provides these extra funds.

-- The school board will meet in Santa Rosa on June 15 with insurance company representatives and attorneys to discuss the Randy Ragland case.

The state Court of Appeals ruled in April that former teacher Ragland must be reinstated. Ragland was fired in 1998 and taught at Dimmitt last year.

The board has voted to appeal that decision.

-- Approved a request to

buy new high school cheerleading uniforms. There will be eight cheerleaders next year, up from six last year.

-- Approved giving Cherry Mayfield \$350 toward her expenses to attend a leadership conference in Washington, D.C. She has received a \$600 scholarship for it. The extra money will help with transportation.

-- Heard that one post is still unfilled, that of an English/Spanish teacher.

-- Approved some coaching assignment changes:

1. Michael Littlejohn will coach boys' junior high basketball. David Lynn, who has resigned, was the coach last year.

2. New head football coach Michael Prokop, who replaced Lynn, will also coach the

boys' and girls' field events in track.

-- Heard a report that the coaches (Roy King, Richard Luscombe, Amy Kelley, Steve Doolittle and Buddy Little) attended a conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

-- Discussed the level of respect needed at commencement exercises. Compliments were paid for the decorum at the Farwell High graduation. At next year's graduation, folks will be asked to show more decorum.

-- Is looking at several areas where improvements may be made, including the dress code, test exemptions, family members as employees, out-of-state students, and activity conflicts (where students are in two different events).

Fire Calls

The Farwell ambulance was called on June 11 to 906 4th St., and also on June 12 to the Farwell Clinic, making a transport to Clovis.

Doug Scioli reports that the Texico Volunteer Fire Department has received 92 calls since January.

On June 7, they transported a person from 109 S. Griffin to Clovis hospital. The same day, firemen assisted at a hay fire, and the ambulance transported a person from 319 Garwood to Clovis hospital.

On June 8, they took a person from 310 Craig St. to Clovis hospital.

On June 11, they assisted Farwell with an ambulance, taking a person from 906 4th St. to Clovis hospital.

The same day, they were called to 820 Craig St. for downed electrical wires.

On June 12, they took persons to Clovis hospital from 619 Rose and from 307 Lamar streets. The same day, they were called to 502 Eunice St. where a gas meter was run over.

The Latest

Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg reports all quiet last week.

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday approved the use of the courthouse lawn for the arts and crafts show at Border Town Days on July 29.

It was a great year for Farwell High scholarships.

The grand total was more than \$133,000, and the total over a period of four years was more than \$500,000.

Clint Patterson of Farwell, received a State 4-H Foundation Scholarship of \$10,000.

Also, a correction needs to be made regarding Patterson's scholarship information. The scholarship that he received from Muleshoe State Bank/Farwell Banking Center was for \$4,000 over a period of 4 years, not \$1,000.

The showers continued on Monday night, as the area got a light sprinkle.

It's a Girl

Allen and Kristi Carson, of Haile Center, are the parents of a new baby girl.

Brittany Kate was born May 22, weighing in at 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 19 long.

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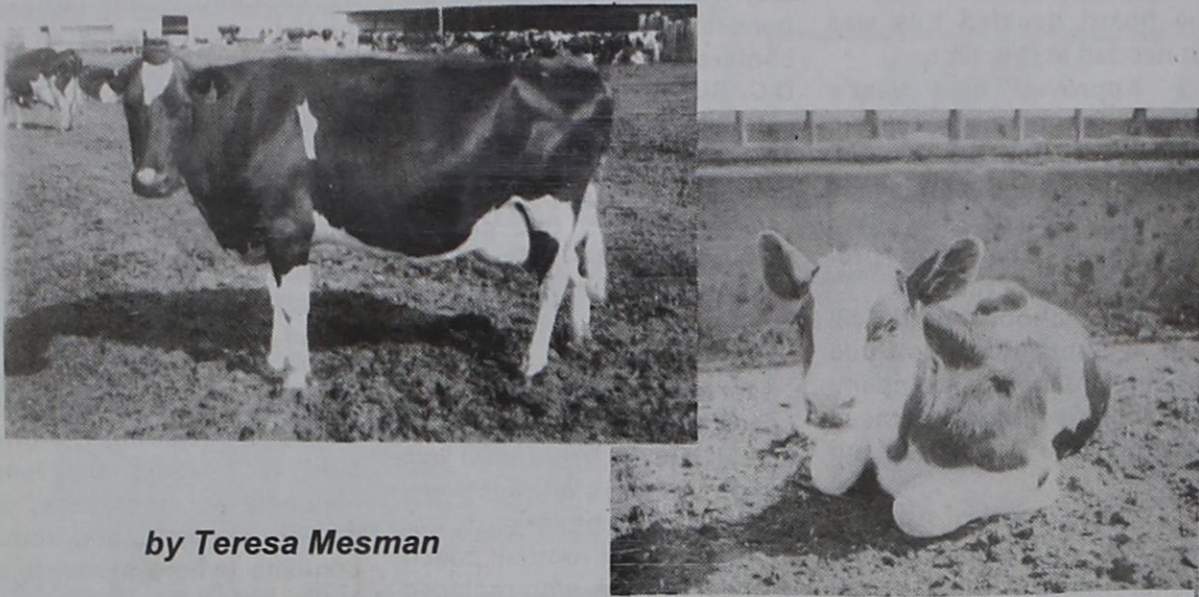
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Saluting the DAIRY INDUSTRY

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH



by Teresa Mesman

June celebrates National Dairy Month and it is fitting that an entire month be tagged to commemorate the many facets of this thriving and growing agri-business.

In the days of yesteryear, people would hardly call milking cows a "big business." Milking the cow (or cows) twice a day was often times the most begrudgingly done chore on the family farm. Milking cows often evokes vivid memories of cold mornings, spilled milk buckets and sore hands and knees from when "Bessie" would kick.

Milk cows were a necessity and rarely looked at as a prime source of income. They provided milk to drink and cook with and cream to churn for butter.

Through the years, however, milking cows has taken on quite a dramatic change. Automation and high technology have replaced the milk stool and bucket. Herringbone milk parlors equipped with automatic milking machines have since become the standard. Sixteen to twenty cows milked at a time have become the minimum numbers, while 32 or 48 cows at a time have become the standard. The milking barns of today are gleaming examples of concrete, stainless steel and hydraulic engineering.

Marketing milk and other dairy products has also become a science of sorts. Milk cooperatives aggressively seek processing opportunities and selling points to distribute dairy products. Milk, cheese and ice cream have become three of the most competitively marketed products in the food business. Each product has had to find its own niche in the particular markets they are sold in. Milk is no longer just "milk." It must compete as a drink, a staple in the food pyramid and as a wholesome, healthy product that is multi-marketed as whole, low-fat and skim milk. Cheese enters into these arenas as well.

And what about the people who choose to earn their living by dairy farming? Some may call them crazy for choosing the long, arduous hours that are required to operate a dairy, but most dairy farmers have willingly and earnestly chosen the profession.

The majority of American Dairy Farms are owned and operated by families that have generations of experience in the field. The dairy farms in this area are a prime example of this fact. However, there are some farms that are operated as privately and publicly owned corporations.

This region has seen a growth "boom" in the last several years that is in a word: "phenomenal." It has gone from a handful of medium-sized dairies located in the area, to a virtual dairy capitol. The largest influx of new dairies has been from California dairymen leaving the tight confines of a growing and somewhat overpopulated state to an area of vast land and opportunity to grow.

And grow they have. The standard size of most of the new dairy facilities being built in the area is of the size to milk 1200 to 2400 cows; not to mention including the space to pen and house calves and heifers. The small family farm has become a major industry in itself.

The dairy industry has had to go with the flow of change in recent years. The government has put many restrictions and requests on dairies in the areas of waste management, usage of medications and antibiotics, importing and exporting policies and participation in the commodity programs.

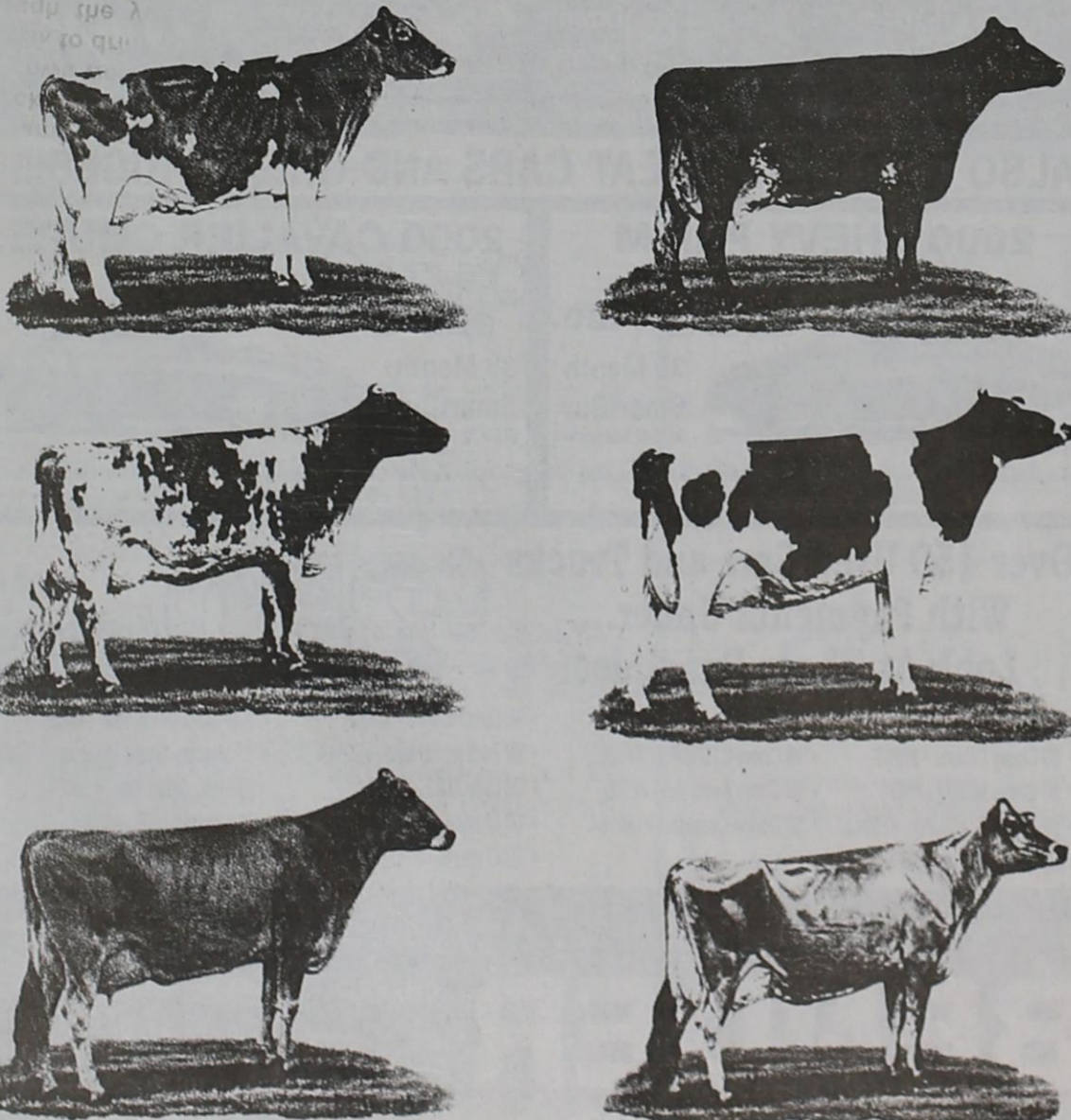
The industry was at one time more competitive among the milk cooperatives than it is at the present. The cooperatives have had to band and work together in order to have fair and profitable marketing of dairy products and government cooperation. The formation of the National Milk Producers Federation has been a huge step in the advancement of milk regulating and marketing. Individual coop's have also stepped up their efforts to deal with the federal and state governments on an individual basis.

Many area businesses have been given new opportunities and growth due to the dairy industry. Sales of feed products, heavy-duty trucks and feed wagons, and much more have been at an all time high. The area dairymen have found solid, friendly foundations in the area businesses that support the dairy industry.

The area dairies work hard at their industry and are proud of their accomplishments. A typical day for many is up at sunrise and down at "some time after everything is done" - that's if no calves have to be pulled or milk pumps go out! The rewards are not just financial in this industry.

It is a fitting time to salute this industry and the hard-working people that keep it going. In a day and age of getting something for nothing, it is refreshing to commend such a fine group of farmers and businesses for proving that hard work and determination can pay off and be rewarding to all those involved.

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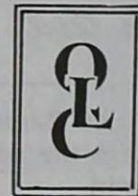
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