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## DeLeon, Billingsley, Foster show champions at Farwell stock show

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Farwell Junior Livestock Show was held Saturday at the Farwell Community Center. Top results were:

Barrows - Ryan DeLeon, grand champion; Josh Johnson, reserve champion; and Dan Patterson, showmanship.

Goats -- Matt Billingsley, grand champion; and Michelle Wauson, reserve champion and showmanship.

Sheep -- Khallie Foster, grand champion and showmanship; and Tyler Cullison, reserve champion.

There were no steers shown this year. Winners received buckles and ribbons. Here are the show's complete results:

### Goats

Class 1 - Matt Billingsley, 1<sup>st</sup>; Kamie Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Veronica Schmidt, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Class 2 - Michelle Wauson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Matt Billingsley, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Veronica Schmidt, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Alisah Wauson, 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Sheep

Class 1 - Kade Foster, 1<sup>st</sup>; Tyler Cullison, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kyle Jennings, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jake Ware, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Class 2 - Khallie Foster, 1<sup>st</sup>; Tyler Cullison, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Jake Ware, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Keila Jennings, 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Barrows

Chester Class 1 - Amberli Martin, 1<sup>st</sup>; Josh Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Nick Beekman, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chester Class 2 - Ashlie Martin, 1<sup>st</sup>; Ray White, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mark White, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chester breed champion - Ashlie Martin.

Chester breed reserve champion - Amberli Martin.

Duroc Class 1 - Abby Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Dan Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Kyle Jennings, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Curt Christian, 4<sup>th</sup>; Ray White, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Duroc Class 2 - Zac Stancell, 1<sup>st</sup>; Sarah Herington, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Brittany Gonser, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Michelle Wauson, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Duroc Class 3 - Kelsea Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Emilio Loera, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Nick Beekman, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Matt Martin, 4<sup>th</sup>; Shelby Teltschik, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Duroc Class 4 - Amanda Antwiler, 1<sup>st</sup>; Hayley Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Amanda Antwiler, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Duroc Breed champion - Abby Johnson.

Duroc breed reserve champion - Dan Patterson.

Hamp Class 1 - Emilio Loera, 1<sup>st</sup>; Curt Christian, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Brittany Gonser, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Hamp Class 2 - Drew Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Alisah Wauson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Michelle Wauson, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Hamp Class 3 - Jennifer DeLeon, 1<sup>st</sup>; Drake King, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Zac Stancell, 3<sup>rd</sup>; David Wolven, 4<sup>th</sup>; Jason Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hamp Class 4 - Dalton Cockerham, 1<sup>st</sup>; Hayley Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Danielle Cockerham, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Hamp breed champion - Jennifer DeLeon.

Hamp breed reserve champion - Drew Johnson.

Poland Class 1 - Matt Billingsley, 1<sup>st</sup>; Chip Bock, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Curt Christian, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Trey Laverty, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Poland Class 2 - Jason Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Matt Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Trevor Owen, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Chip Bock, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Poland breed champion - Matt Billingsley.

Poland breed reserve champion - Jason Johnson.

Spot Class 1 - Sarah Herington, 1<sup>st</sup>; Mark White, 2<sup>nd</sup>; David Wolven, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Spot Class 2 - Kelsea Johnson; Samuel Billingsley, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Curt Christian, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Spot breed champion - Kelsea Johnson.

Spot breed reserve champion - Samuel Billingsley.

York Class 1 - Ashlie Martin, 1<sup>st</sup>; Matt Billingsley, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Drake King, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Samuel Billingsley, 4<sup>th</sup>.

York Class 2 - Ryan DeLeon, 1<sup>st</sup>; Dan Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Abby Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Amberli Martin, 4<sup>th</sup>.

York breed champion - Ryan DeLeon.

York breed reserve champion - Dan Patterson.

Cross Class 1 - Josh Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Drew Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ryan DeLeon, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Ray White, 4<sup>th</sup>; Kory Jennings, 5<sup>th</sup>.

Cross Class 2 - Jennifer DeLeon, 1<sup>st</sup>; Abby Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Timmy Lane, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cross Class 3 - Caleb Christian, 1<sup>st</sup>; Colton Christian, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cross Class 4 - Kelsea Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Hayley Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Colton Christian, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cross breed champion - Josh Johnson.

Cross breed reserve champion - Drew Johnson.

## Contest winners announced

It was a very difficult State Line Tribune coloring contest to judge this year.

A record number of entries were turned in -- 26.

This was almost double last year's amount.

Prizes of \$15 for first place and \$10 for second place are given in three

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Scenes from the Farwell stock show



Stock judges

The Texico High team of Corey Bell, Brette Hadley, Daniel AlderseBaes and Kevin Burns are heading next week to the Western 4-H Roundup livestock judging contest in Denver, along with ag instructor Tod Pinnell.

**Obituaries**

**Richard Morris**

Services for Richard Morris, 63, of Muleshoe, were Monday at First Assembly of God Church with the Revs. Bob Burris and Linda Stanberry officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

He died Jan. 3.

He was born Nov. 5, 1939, in Gravelly, Ark. He married Evelyn Stanberry on July 20, 1962, in Bovina.

He worked for Sherley Anderson for 14 years and the state Department of Transportation, retiring as a supervisor after 30 years.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Texico.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Michael, of Farwell; a daughter, Darlan Jaynes, of Frisco; his mother, Lena Morris, of Ola, Ark.; 3 sisters, Rose York, of Belleville, Ark.; Lucille McAnally, of Ola, and Mary Williams, of Farwell; and a granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Assembly of God Church, PO Box 25, Texico, NM 88135

**Don Taylor**

Services were held Monday for Don Taylor, 67, of Muleshoe, at Richland Hills Baptist Church with Revs. Dan Dale and Jason Schwobe officiating. Burial was in Olton Cemetery.

He died Jan. 2 in Lubbock.

He was born Dec. 8, 1935, in Olton. He married Kay Burreson in Muleshoe on Feb. 7, 1987.

He owned and operated the Earth Texaco and Don's Automotive in Earth, Texas.

Surviving are his wife; 2 sons, Bryan, of Seminole; Loren, of Lubbock; a daughter, Doniece Taylor, of Seminole; 8 grandchildren; and 2 stepdaughters, Sherry Nichols, of Lazbuddie, and Barbie Meyer, of Cottonwood, Ariz.

Memorials may be

made to the Dale Seaton Scholarship Fund, in care of Jimmie Dale Seaton, Rte 3, Box 936, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

**Patricia Rose**

Graveside services have been held for Patricia Annette Rose, 64, a former Farwell resident.

She died Dec. 10.

She was born March 28, 1938, in Stillwater, Okla. She married Claude Rose Jr. on Nov. 26, 1959, in Arlington Heights.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edwin; a daughter, Teresa; and a granddaughter, Rebekah Gayle.

Surviving are her mother, Teresa Stephenson; 2 sons, Dr. John Rose and Charles Rose; 4 grandchildren; and a brother, Edwin Stephenson.

**Wayne Dunsworth**

Services for Wayne Dunsworth, 76, of Portales, were held Tuesday at Living Faith Church in Portales with Rev. Hugh Wallis and Kenneth Dunsworth officiating. Burial was in Portales Cemetery.

He died Jan. 4 at home. He was born Nov. 30, 1926, in Littlefield to Lydia and Ben Dunsworth. He married Oleta Rhodes on Dec. 19, 1945. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers who died as infants; and 2 sisters, Juanita Davis and Dorothy Hicks.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Bob, of Portales; a daughter, Mary Wade, of Portales; 4 brothers, B.E. and James, both of Fort Worth; Eddie, of Texico, and Ken of Portales; 4 sisters, Mary Jones, of Clovis; Joy Latarski, of El Paso; Marie Martin, of Amarillo, and Patsy Yarbrough, of Morton; and 5 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Willis Wade, Joey Dunsworth, Jason Dunsworth, Heath East, Shawn Gore and Kevin Parrish.

**Lillie Powell**

Services for Lillie L. Powell, 91, of Farwell, were held on Jan. 8 at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis with the Rev. Mickey Mounce officiating. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery.

She died Jan. 4 in Clovis. She was born July 2, 1911, in Coal Hill, Ark., to Charlie and Lillian McMinn. She married Almer Powell on Aug. 11, 1934, in Ozark, Ark.

She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Texico.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and 2 sons, Roger in 2002 and Rodney in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Larry, of Texico; 3 daughters, Willene Rogers, of Hobbs; Bennie Jean Hamilton, of Huntington, Ore.; and Gwen Kirkmeyer, of Hobbs; 5 sisters, Ruby Dickerson and Vivian Hudson, both of Clarksville, Ark.; Evelyn Cooper, of Concord, Calif.; Hazel Rose, of El Centro, Calif., and Charlene Tedford, of Monroe, La.; a brother, Lester McMinn, of San Jose, Calif., and 27 grandchildren.

Her grandchildren will be pallbearers.

**Texico project show cancelled**

Texico ag teacher Tod Pinnell reports there will be no school project show this spring.

He said the main reason is that repairs are needed at the ag farm. Also, it doesn't appear there would be enough right-size hogs.

Thus, he plans to skip this year, then hopefully have a show in 2004.

**Courthouse Notes**

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

Victor Banuelos - Jose Ortiz, L17, S/2 L18 B19 Bovina.

Doris Pate - Paco Feed Yard, N/2 of SE/4 S25 T6S R3E.

Edmund Bermea - Rejino Children Partnership, 10 ac S24 T6S R3E.

Walt Yerger - Maria Loya, L4 B4 Staley Friona.

William Woods Trust - William Woods, L21-24 B5 Farwell.

Laura Houston - Farwell Abstract Co., S/2 S1 Blk B.

**Lazbuddie lunch menus announced**

Lazbuddie's lunch menus for next week:

Monday - steak fingers (pk-1), pizza, subs.

Tuesday -- chicken wraps, hamburgers (pk-1).

Wednesday -- spaghetti (pk-1), burritos, tuna sandwiches.

Thursday - chicken nuggets (pk-1), pizza.

Friday - no school.

**Contest**

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age categories.

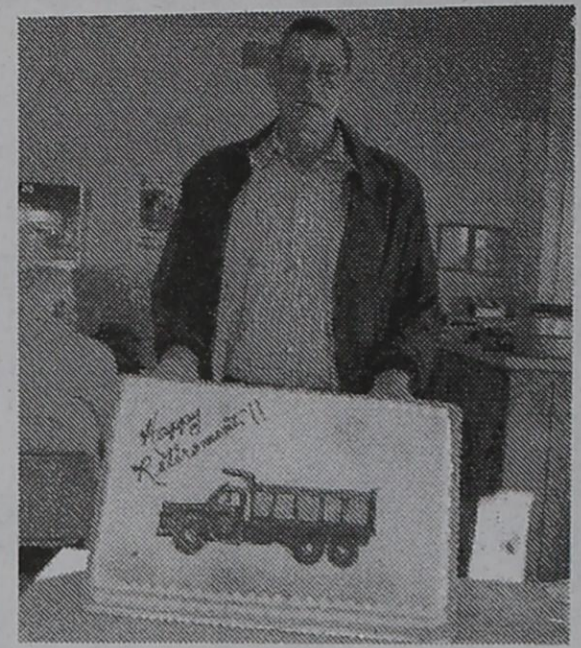
Because so many of the entries were outstanding this year, judges had to give extra awards, with youths tying for 2<sup>nd</sup> each receiving \$10.

The winners were:

Ages 4-6: Taylor Stephens, 1<sup>st</sup>; Vliana Favila and Tyler Bridges, tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ages 5-7: Cassidy Martin, 1<sup>st</sup>; Kristin Langford and Lauren Carpenter, tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ages 8-10: Keegan Langford, 1<sup>st</sup>; Brandy Perez, 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Allen honored**

One hundred folks turned out on Dec. 28 for the retirement reception for longtime grain elevator manager at Rhea, Joe Allen. Above, he is shown with the special celebration cake. Below, he is congratulated by Nancy Dunn. (Photos by Debbie Zaikowski)



**Texico Police Report**

Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy reports an

auto burglary (money taken) and vehicle damage in the 500 block of Hamlin Street on Jan. 2.

**Meet Farwell's Class of 2015**



Shairae Hernandez, a Farwell kindergartner, has Mark and Carol Litzelman as guardians.

Her birthday is Dec. 30. She likes Barbie dolls, washing dishes, dressing up and wearing dresses.

She likes to eat pizza, soup and scrambled eggs. She doesn't like to wear shoes and most play clothes, or pick up toys and put them away. Her favorite color is purple (pink).

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**NOTICE to Parmer County Taxpayers**

January 31, 2003, is the deadline to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County.

Checks must be postmarked by **January 31** or penalty and interest will occur.

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If you turned 65 years old as of Jan. 1, 2003, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption as if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

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If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to re-apply for this exemption.

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Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased agricultural property. If you purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

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Call, or drop by our office, for your application(s). They will be mailed to you upon request.

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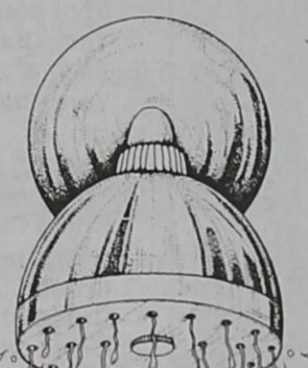
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January is School Board Recognition Month, with the goal of building awareness of the vital role an elected board of education plays in our society.

The Lazbuddie Independent School District is joining other districts throughout the state in recognize the important contributions trustees make to their schools and communities.

Our school and community have benefited by having a school board committed to excellence through a well-rounded program. We feel we have one of the finest programs in the state as a result of having had, consistently, a group of individuals who have only the highest expectations for students in all of their endeavors.

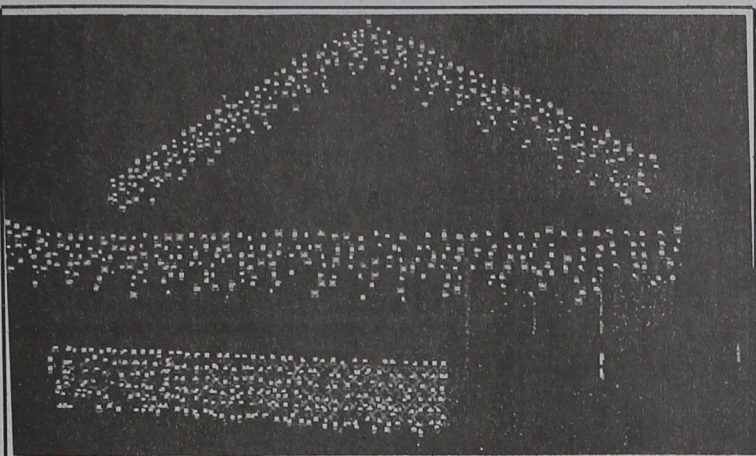
Our board gives considerable time and effort towards advancing our educational programs as well as making a strong commitment to local control and decision making in education.

Their efforts reflect a year-round commitment to our students, school and community. We are making a special effort this month to voice our appreciation for their services.

Please take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks" for a job well done towards the continuing success of our school and for caring about our students.

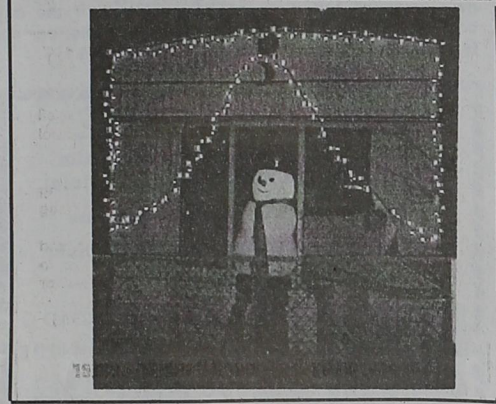
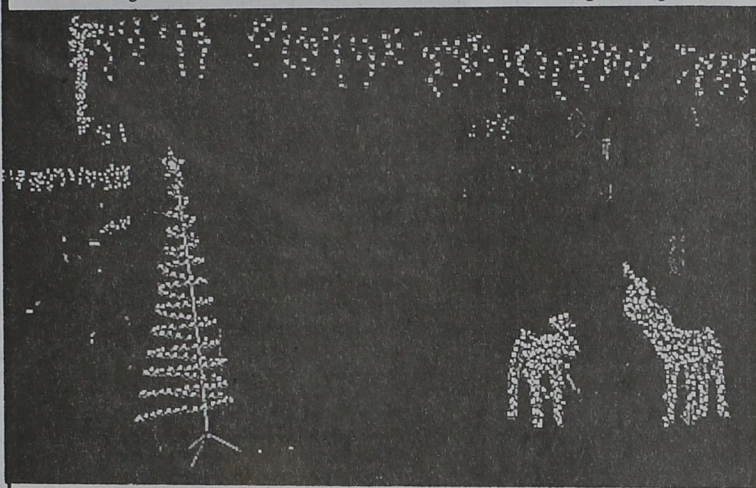
The school board members serving Lazbuddie I.S.D. and their years of service are:

Terry Jesko - president  
Daniel Schacher, vice president  
Terry Parham, secretary  
Tommy Martin, member  
Robert Smith, member  
Donnie Coker, member  
Dieter Isaacson, member



**Holiday highlights**

It was a lit-up holiday for the Twin Cities again this year. The Tribune ran some of these photos in our special Christmas issue, but here are some more to show the great work residents did to make the community look special.



**Upcoming Sports**

The Farwell JV teams will participate in the Whiteface JV Tournament Jan. 9-11. The Farwell varsity and JV teams play at Springlake-Earth on Jan. 10, then host Sudan on Jan. 14.

The Farwell Junior High boys play at Bovina on Jan. 13, while the JH girls host Bovina that day.

The Lazbuddie JV Tournament is set for Jan. 9-11. The varsity and JV teams host Amherst on Jan. 10, then play at Happy on Jan. 14.

The Texico varsity teams play in the EPAC Tournament Jan. 7-11. The JV teams play at Yucca on Jan. 13. The JV and varsity teams open district play on Jan. 14 by hosting Clayton. On Jan. 16, the JV and varsity girls teams host Dexter.

The Texico JH girls teams play at Yucca on Jan. 9, while the boys host Yucca that day. On Jan. 16, the girls play at Portales, while the boys host Portales.

**Secretaries on the move**

Esmeralda Estrada is the new secretary at the Parmer County extension service office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the county courthouse in Farwell.

She moves up one floor at the courthouse -- she had been the secretary in the district clerk's

office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Mrs. Estrada replaces Valerie DiPillo, who has taken a job with the county treasurer's office - on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Adrian Ancira will be the new secretary in the District Clerk's office.

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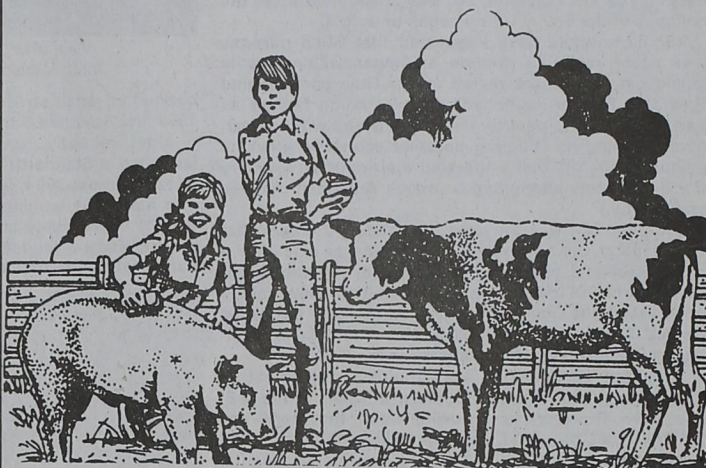
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Gilt & Barrow Show begins at 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 18**

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# 'Using a bullet to hit a bullet'

(Editor's note: Naval Commander Will Anderson, son of Carrie and Bob Anderson of Farwell, periodically writes for the Tribune from his Ports of Call. He currently is stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.)

by Will Anderson

In the "good old days" of the Cold War against the Soviet Union, there were virtually no defenses that could be conceived against a massive nuclear strike by either the U.S. or the Soviet Union. Neither nation made any serious attempts to build this defense.

Then in the 1980's, President Ronald Reagan's "Strategic Defense Initiative" (SDI) was launched. Its detractors referred to SDI as "Star Wars" to deride what they viewed as an impossible dream of the military-industrial complex, an extremely technological and expensive system that would not work when it was needed most. No one will ever know if that was the case or not because despite years of research, SDI was abandoned when the collapse of the Soviet Union began to unfold.

(Some sources have suggested that SDI's purpose was never really to provide an impenetrable missile shield over the entire nation at all. They contend that President Reagan launched SDI with much fanfare as part of his plan to destroy the Soviet Union without war, overwhelming its tottering socialist economy when its military "took the bait", and bled their national treasury dry desperately attempting to match American defense technology.)

Whether SDI was an expensive defense dream that was beyond the technology of the day or one of the most diabolical ploys in the history of nations, a descendant of SDI is stepping back onto the national stage now. President George W. Bush announced its arrival on Dec. 17 when he said that the U.S. would have a first-generation missile defense operating by 2004.

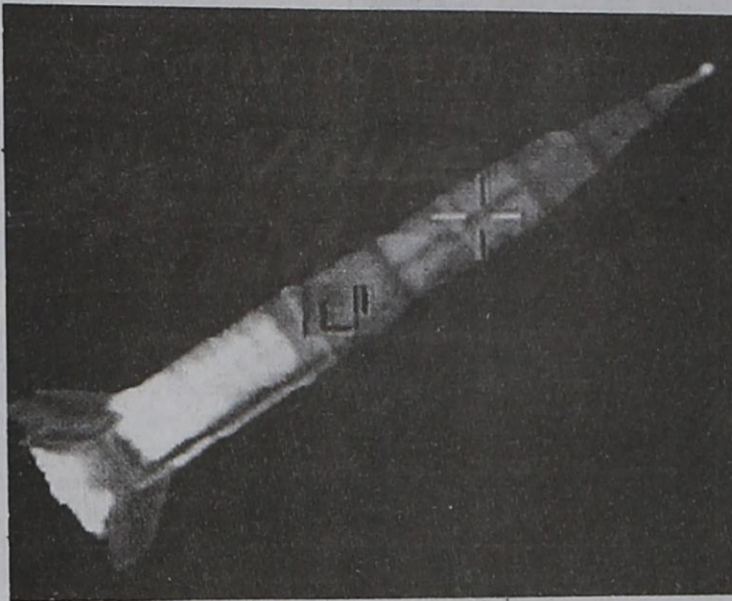
With the evolution of world politics, the threat of Russia launching scores of nuclear missiles at the U.S. has faded. But there is a growing threat that North Korea, Iraq, Iran, or one of the other "rogue nations" in the world might soon be able to build a few intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) capable of reaching the U.S. Armed with a nuclear, biological or chemical weapon of mass destruction (WMD), the damage would be horrific even if only one of these warheads managed to impact inside the borders of our nation, making it a weapon of terror.

That is the danger that the "son of Star Wars" is being designed to block, and the Armed Forces are all working different parts of the challenge. The Army's "Patriot" missile made a name for itself during Operation Desert Storm, destroying "air breathing missiles" as they flew through the atmosphere toward Israel and Saudi Arabia. The Patriot Advanced Capability - 3 missiles (PAC-3) are designed to go one step beyond that. They can exit the atmosphere to intercept ICBMs and destroy them as they transit through space toward their targets.

The Air Force is experimenting with a high-energy laser that is carried by aircraft flying at the upper limit of the atmosphere to be able to destroy ICBMs in space.

And the Navy's portion of this critical mission is based on the Ticonderoga-class cruiser and the Standard Missile.

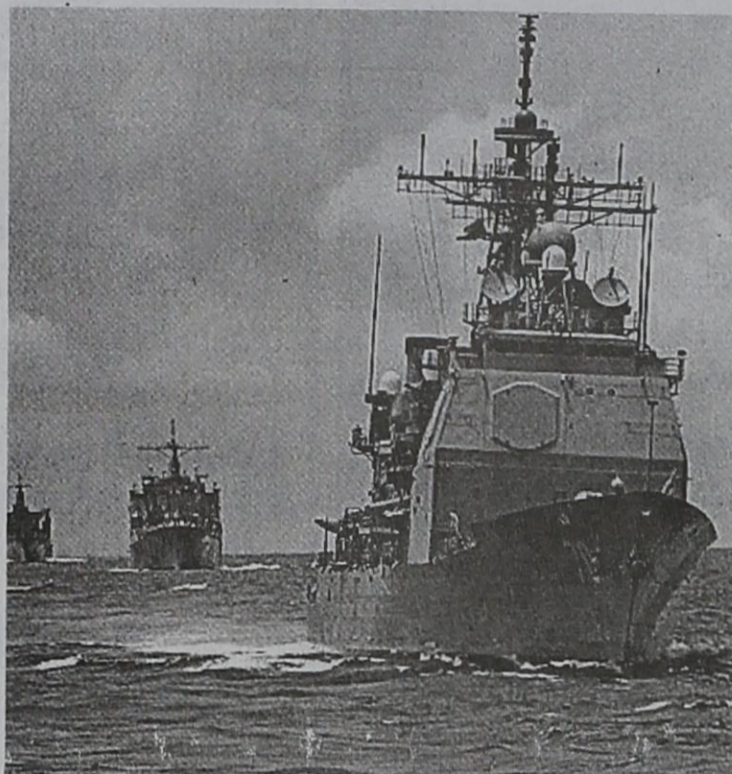
The SPY-1 radar on the Ticonderoga cruisers are being upgraded to facilitate the launch of the Standard-3, which, like the PAC-3, is capable of exiting the earth's atmosphere to destroy ICBMs in space. In the eight tests



View of target just prior to impact. Photo is seen from interceptor missile

conducted against Aires ballistic target missiles since 1999, the Standard-3 has achieved five kills.

Most recently, on Nov. 21, the USS Lake Erie launched a Standard-3 that destroyed an Aires ballistic missile almost 300 miles above the surface of the earth. The Aires was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility in the Hawaiian Islands and only minutes later, the Standard-3 launched by the Lake Erie directly impacted on it, the first kill of a ballistic missile in its "as-



U.S. Navy Ships at Sea



A developmental Standard Missile-3 (SM-3), designed to intercept short to medium-ranged ballistic missile threats

cent" phase.

The first line of defense against terrorist missiles from rogue nations is being fielded in 2004, and it will be strengthened and improved in the years that follow. The various ICBM-killing defenses will all work together to fulfill that mission.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has commented that hitting an ICBM in space is similar to "using a bullet to hit a bullet". To do that, the shooter has to know the parameters of the threat missile, the profile and velocity dynamics of its flight, its radar cross-sections at various stages, and a host of other details.

That is the area of the challenge in which my offices in Naval Intelligence are involved. And in research labs, test facilities and government offices across the nation, thousands of people are dedicating themselves in their own areas of expertise to guarantee that if the day comes when America faces an attack like this, our defenders will be able to "hit a bullet with a bullet."

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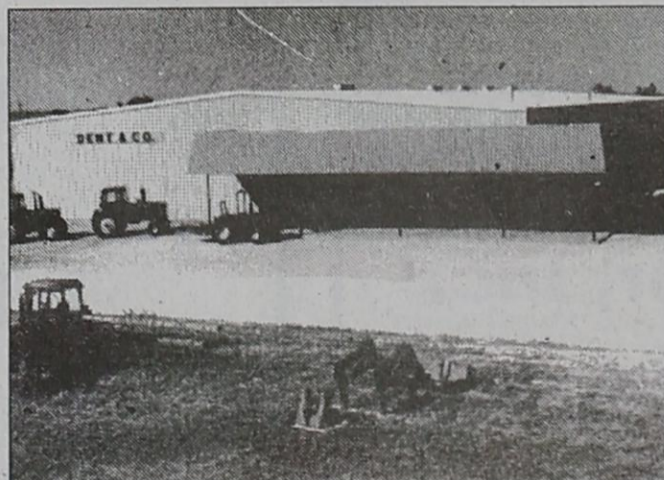
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# Here's a look at our area's moisture totals in 2002

## Rain & Snow Amounts For 2002

AGP Grain Cooperative  
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MONTH	INCHES
January	1.08
February	0.05
March	1.60
April	0.90
May	0.05
June	0.69
July	0.93
August	4.25
September	2.73
October	5.49
November	0.46
December	0.77
<b>Total For Year</b>	<b>19.00</b>

## Rain & Snow Amounts For 2002

704 Second Street  
Farwell, Texas

MONTH	INCHES
January	0.97
February	0.01
March	0.79
April	0.60
May	0.18
June	0.34
July	1.99
August	4.39
September	1.73
October	4.53
November	0.55
December	0.78
<b>Total For Year</b>	<b>16.86</b>

## Average High & Low Temperatures For 2002

AGP Grain Cooperative  
Lariat, Texas

MONTH	LOW	HIGH
January	27.1	52.8
February	25.9	54.3
March	30.7	61.4
April	46.3	73.6
May	52.1	83.4
June	63.9	92.0
July	65.7	90.7
August	64.9	90.3
September	57.0	81.1
October	45.6	64.1
November	33.4	55.6
December	27.3	48.6
<b>Averages</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>70.7</b>

A special thanks to Lonnie McFarland for keeping these important statistics

## Yearly Rain Totals At AGP Grain Cooperative

Lariat, Texas

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly Total
1984	0.15	0.10	0.13	0.50	0.42	3.50	1.60	7.20	0.30	4.80	1.50	0.80	21.00
1985	0.60	0.20	2.27	1.51	3.63	4.48	1.05	1.98	4.55	2.69	0.08	0.16	23.20
1986	0.00	0.83	0.15	0.15	6.02	3.65	1.74	2.24	2.57	2.22	1.60	1.51	22.68
1987	0.21	0.84	0.25	0.17	3.59	2.48	1.89	6.78	2.79	0.50	0.23	1.90	21.63
1988	0.07	0.16	0.14	1.54	3.62	3.67	1.40	1.19	6.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.14
1989	0.19	0.54	0.00	0.00	1.23	4.14	2.75	4.90	1.20	0.02	0.00	0.39	15.36
1990	0.54	1.31	0.35	1.18	0.20	0.05	1.86	1.76	2.82	0.47	0.51	0.11	11.16
1991	0.79	0.11	0.70	0.00	1.63	3.41	2.86	4.18	4.93	0.57	1.31	2.81	23.30
1992	0.94	0.43	0.71	1.30	5.73	6.56	2.42	2.98	0.42	0.02	0.56	0.58	22.65
1993	1.14	0.30	0.16	0.20	1.16	2.41	3.00	2.40	1.48	0.85	0.74	0.19	14.03
1994	0.02	0.31	0.49	1.49	6.05	2.22	3.27	3.16	0.24	1.76	0.28	0.27	19.56
1995	0.33	0.06	0.27	0.28	4.84	0.54	1.19	5.24	2.81	1.03	0.00	0.75	17.34
1996	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	2.16	3.66	2.44	0.78	0.51	0.39	0.00	10.16
1997	0.20	0.51	0.02	3.91	1.25	1.52	2.22	1.79	2.48	1.20	0.38	1.71	17.19
1998	0.00	0.57	0.86	0.84	0.13	0.00	0.29	1.21	0.00	5.65	0.50	0.11	10.16
1999	0.64	0.00	1.45	1.05	2.24	1.35	1.94	3.00	1.59	0.07	0.00	0.29	13.62
2000	0.00	0.20	1.50	0.59	0.12	1.17	2.08	0.13	0.00	3.32	0.90	1.00	11.01
2001	1.61	0.52	2.85	0.05	3.87	0.84	1.01	3.15	1.27	0.52	2.60	0.30	18.59
2002	1.08	0.05	1.60	0.90	0.05	0.69	0.93	4.25	2.73	5.49	0.46	0.77	19.00
Month Average	0.45	0.37	0.73	0.82	2.42	2.36	1.96	3.16	2.07	1.67	0.63	0.72	
<b>Yearly Average</b>													<b>17.36</b>

### Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 26, Isacc Lucero, 24, of Portales, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of burglary of a habitation. The case is pending in district court.

On Dec. 26, Scott Fullerton, 29, of Hereford, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 27, Carolyn Watson, 27, of Lubbock, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on outstanding DPS warrants. She posted bond and was released.

On Dec. 27, Maria Rios, 46, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. She paid fine, court costs and restitution in county court.

On Dec. 26, Mariano Lujan, 23, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 24, Manuel Alonso, 32, of Friona, was arrested on a charge of assault. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 22, Corbin Neill, 17, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 22, Aaron Stevens, 21, of Portales, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. The

cas is pending in county court.

On Dec. 20, Michael Dominguez, 22, of Hereford, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 19, Ignacio Gill, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of failure to identify. The case is pending in county court.

On Dec. 31, Jose Zamudio, 37, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

On Jan. 4, Joshua Curtis, 18, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

### Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued marriage licenses last week to: Manuel Segovia and Katherine Moreno, and Tobiaz Diaz and Ramsey Bennett.

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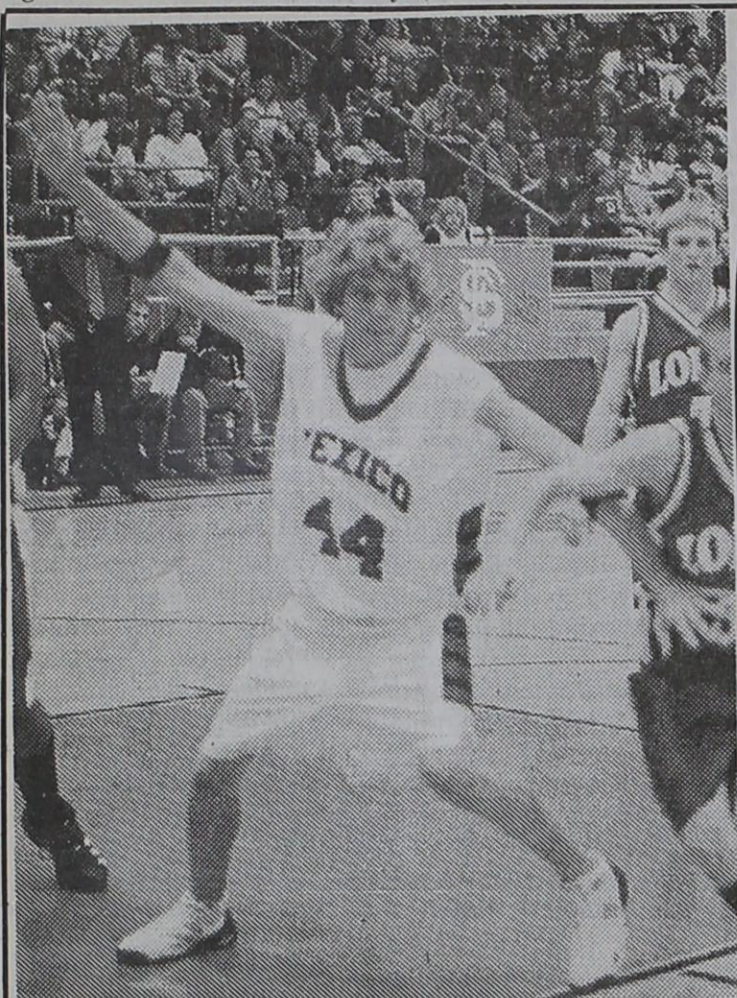
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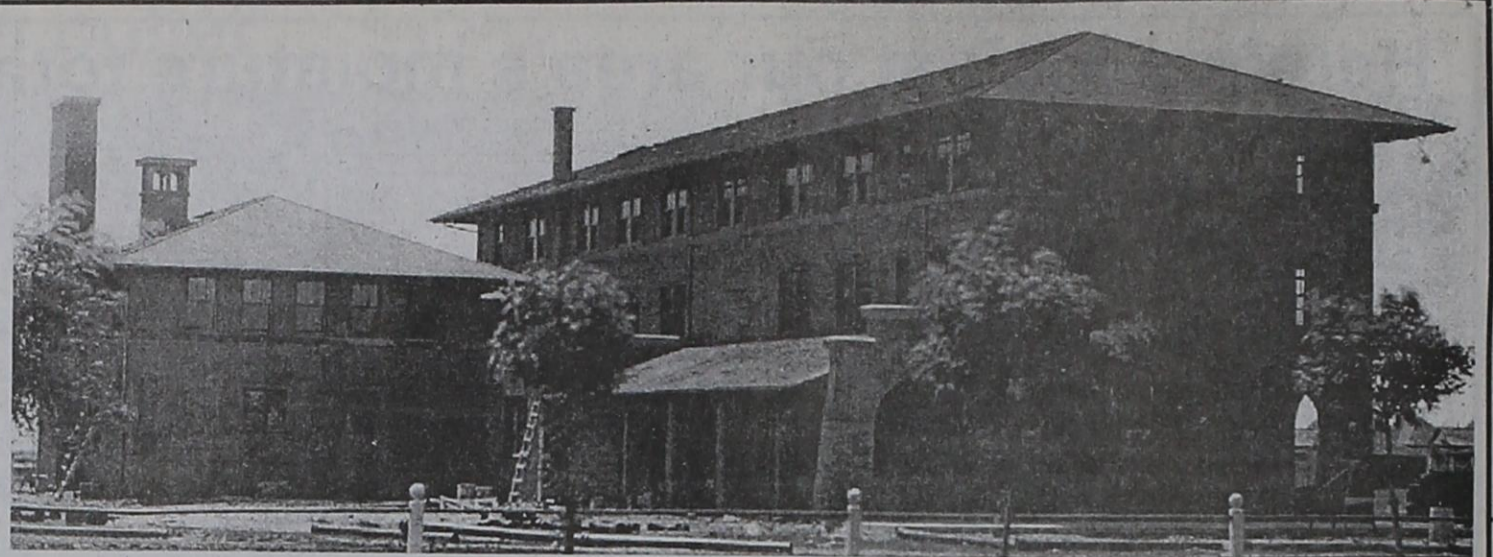
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**Wolverines in action**

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**A look back**

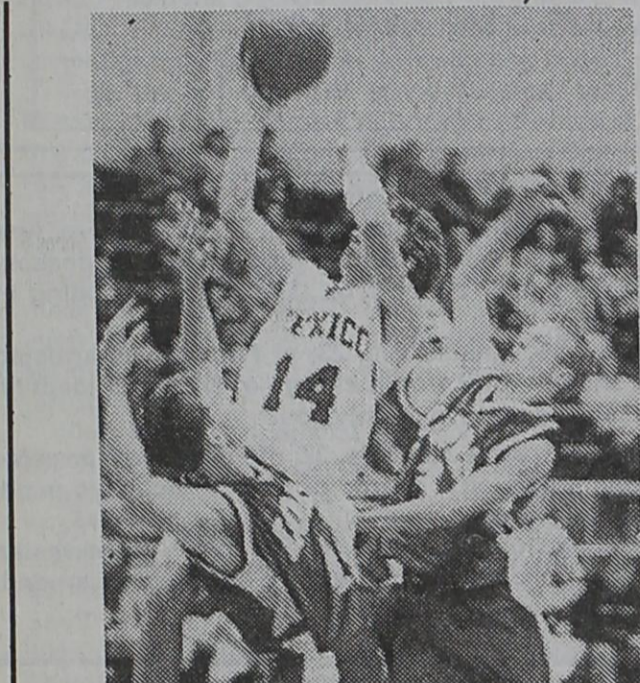
Here's a look at the past: Above is a photo of Farwell's "new hotel" in 1909 (which burned down). Below is a photo of a Bovina home in 1910.



**Underwood to judge Lazbuddie stock show**

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will begin at 1 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Friona community center. Donald Gillit said that Danny Underwood will again be the judge. He is

the Dimmitt High School ag teacher. The categories will be goats, sheep, steers and barrows. Set-ups will be held the morning of Jan. 18, said Gillit.



**Schraeder to host free program featuring Sidey**

Katherine Schraeder, the Edward Jones investment rep in Muleshoe, will host a free program on Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. featuring Time magazine political writer Hugh Sidey.

about the program, or to reserve a seat, call Heather Foley at (806) 272-4102 or (888) 282-4102. If you are unable to attend at the above times, more viewing opportunities are available.

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<b>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</b> Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	<b>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</b> Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.	<b>First Baptist Church of Texico</b> Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt
<b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b> Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.	<b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b> 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	<b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b> Rev. Jonette Gay Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.
<b>Lariat Church of Christ</b> 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	<b>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico</b> Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal - 1:15 p.m.	<b>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</b> David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
<b>New Light Baptist Church</b> Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Farwell Church of Christ</b> Loy Hardesty - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search - 7:30 - Ch. 4 Sun.	<b>Assembly of God Church, Texico</b> Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt

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## I'm picking Tampa Bay

Odds and ends today, folks.

One thing I have been most curious about is the great number of new homes being built in Clovis, although I don't see any vast numbers of folks moving there.

I talked with a real estate agent in Clovis the other day who explained it this way:

Folks who own \$30,000 homes are moving up to the \$100,000 bracket.

Those with \$100,000 homes are buying the new homes being built.

And where does that leave the \$30,000 homes? They are becoming rental properties.

It's prediction time for the NFL. Here's what I see in my slightly-cracked crystal ball:

The Tampa Bay Bucs to take it all.

Seeing the Dallas Cowboys pick Bill Parcells as head coach is the best thing to happen to the team since the Herschel Walker trade.

He won't take any nonsense from owner Jones.

And, hopefully, he will send some of those offensive linemen to other venues, like a tiddly winks league.

The more I hear from President Bush, the better I like him.

He said last week that his primary goal was to protect our nation and its people.

Well stated.

You would think that all our top political leaders would think likewise. Alas, they don't.

And that is why I get so exasperated by our so-called "leaders."



Speaking of the president, he also said that terrorists have the ability to "cripple our economy."

That's the point I've been trying to get across for months, and the need to take the offensive against terrorists and their protectors, like Iraq.

This is World War III. It will last for decades and decades. The sooner we get organized to understand that fact, the better off we will be.

Yet most Americans don't have a clue.

I'm always "glad" to see our congressmen give themselves a raise.

That happened about the same time that unemployment benefits ran out for 800,000 Americans. Enough said...

One of the reasons I love our political leaders:

Democrat Rep. Dick Gephardt announces he is running for U.S. President and denounces President Bush for his poor leadership.

Gephardt is quoted as saying that "on nearly every issue of importance to the country -- national security, the economy, health care, education, energy policy -- President Bush is leading the country either down the wrong path of not leading at all."

So what does Gephardt suggest as alternatives?

Nothing. He said he plans to do that later.

A prediction: The Farwell Steers are coming on.

When I watched them take on Hart last Friday, two changes jumped out at me:

1. Tyler Myers, the junior center, is coming on strong and will be an important part of the district run.

2. Sophomore Tate Nichols showed what a guard has to do to help power a victory -- take it to the basket.

Add to that the other strengths of the team, Garcia, Gregory, Schilling, Stevenson, McFarland,

and the others, and this is going to be a fun time for the Steers.

Rumor of the Week: Ask Pam Monk about her Monday night fireplace visitor.

From Teresa Mesman: My youngest son, Tanner was recently the ring bearer in a wedding.

I was quite flattered that the young couple wanted my little guy to be a part of their big day.

Tanner, however, was mortified at the very thought of having to walk down the aisle and stand in front of a bunch of people.

The bride was a smart one, though, and resorted to bribery.

Legos® was the key to unlock the ceremonial performance in my five-year-old architect. A good dose of tickling and wrestling also helped win the match.

I talked about the

wedding with Tanner during the month before the wedding day and kept mentioning how handsome he was going to look wearing his "monkey suit."

I never dreamed my son was such a literalist.

One afternoon, he completely melted down when I brought up the wedding.

"I don't want to do it," he hollered. "I don't want to look funny."

I consoled him and told him how handsome he was going to look. I didn't understand his worry.

"But, Mommy, I don't want to look like a monkey ... I'll look all hairy and stupid," he stammered.

Oh my! I had gone too far into the details of a tuxedo without ever calling it a "tuxedo." Thank God, I didn't ever talk about some tuxedos having "tails!"

I then sat down with him and described his

wedding attire in full. The only way that he truly began to grasp how stunning he was going to look was to compare him to "007" -- James Bond.

More bribery began, except this time Tanner was calling the shots.

"I'll wear it if I can wear sunshades and a cool watch," he teased.

He also wanted to know if he could buy that new James Bond kind of car.

I said "sure!" I could see me driving the kids to school and ball practice in a new Jaguar, Thunderbird, BMW or whatever model 007 was driving at the time. I even thought about how nice it would be to have any of those 007 guys driving the car for me...you know, Pierce Brosnan, Sean Connery, Roger Moore. A chauffeur that looked like those guys was okay by me.

I never did like Timothy Dalton as James Bond, though.

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Bonds & Warrants.....	93,883,461.15
Federal Funds Sold.....	12,000,000.00
Loans & Discounts.....	7,142,543.84
Building, Furniture & Fixtures.....	1.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$116,158,637.45</b>

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$500,000.00
Certified Surplus.....	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	100,000.00
Reserves.....	12,984,440.91
Deposits.....	101,574,196.54
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>\$116,158,637.45</b>

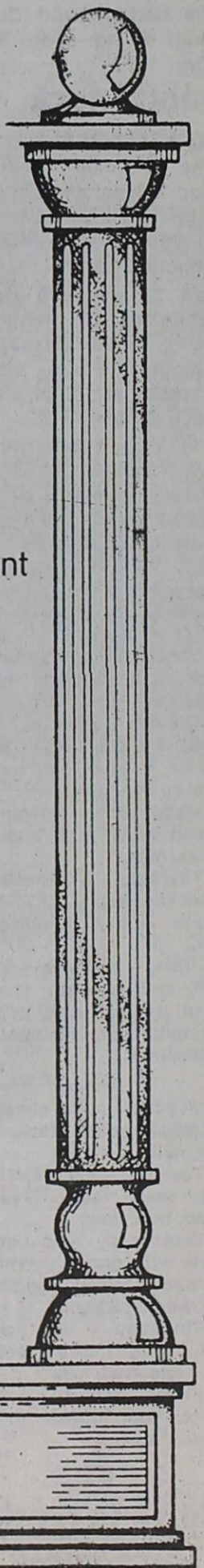
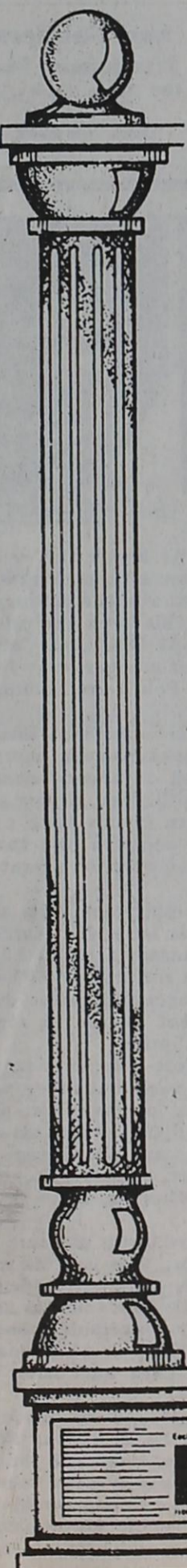
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## Wolverines capture EPAC opener

The EPAC Tournament began Tuesday in Melrose and the Texico Wolverines won their opener over Fort Sumner, 81-55.

The Wolverines are now 7-2 on the year.

Scoring were Adrian Loera, 10; Johnny Serano, 4; Braden Vaughan, 21; Johnny Rivera and Toby Thornton, 2 each; Mark Peabody, 13; Tony Clements, 6; Garrett Mayfield, 7; Bryce Bailey, 5, and Landon Johnson, 11.

The Lady Wolverines were set to have their EPAC opener on Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. mt against Melrose in the Melrose new gym.

## Lazbuddie teams go 2-0 in district

### Varsity Girls

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns are 2-0 in district and 9-8 overall after murdering Spade on Tuesday, 82-14.

Top scorers were Melanie Winders, 20; Shawndee Nichols, 16; Kayla Parham, 14, and Katy Louder, 11.

Last Friday, the Lady 'Horns won their district opener over Cotton Center, 45-31.

Shannah Black had 17 for Lazbuddie.

### Varsity Boys

The Lazbuddie Longhorns are 2-0 in district and 7-10 overall after beating Spade, 77-58, on Tuesday.

Top scorers were Sterling Via, 29; Lucas DeLeon, 11; and Martin, 11.

Last Friday, the Longhorns tipped Cotton Center in their district opener, 57-55.

Via had 18 and Cory Puckett 15 to spark the victory.

## County stock show nears

The Farmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 22, 23 and 25 at the Friona Community Center.

Jan. 22 -- 1 to 6 p.m., weigh-in of all animals; barrows to be classified as weighed. 6 p.m., classify steers, and 6:30 p.m., classify lambs.

Jan. 23 -- 8 a.m., lamb show, followed by goat show. The steer show starts at 11 a.m., with the barrow show at 1 p.m.

Jan. 25 -- 1 p.m., premium sale.

## The Latest

Changes in the Farwell basketball schedule:

-- The Farwell 7<sup>th</sup> grade invitational tourney for girls and boys has been moved to Jan. 18.

-- The Friona tourney for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls has been moved to Jan. 25.

Farwell Schools will have an "early out" for report cards and parent teacher conferences on Friday, Jan. 10.

Buses will run at 12:45 p.m.

Plains Cotton Growers Inc., officials, including group president Mark Williams, of Farwell, will travel to Washington, D.C., this month to talk with politicians and USDA personnel to further encourage the development of crop loss disaster assistance for the 2001 and 2002 growing seasons.

They also will discuss issues related to crop insurance, conservation programs, farm bill implementation and trade.

The National Grain Sorghum Producers has announced winners of its 2002 contests.

They include from Curry County:

-- Joe Burford, 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in the reduced-till, irrigated division -- with 161.3 bushels per acre.

-- Michael Willmon, 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in the conventional-till, irrigated division, with 159.87 bushels per acre.

Some property owners are not very happy with the results of road grading down around the loop in Farwell by state crews.

Beta Sigma Phi sorority had a member "kidnapping" early, early Saturday morning.

Auditions for the Floyd Lions Club Jamboree are set for Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. mt at the school's old gym.

The jamboree will be held March 27-29.

Word has been received of the death on Nov. 22 of Beulah Ramsey, 88, of Clovis.

A young dog was found near the Farwell Clinic. Call to describe it at 481-9636 or 481-3493.

She was the mother of Gloria Helton.



More photos from the Farwell stock show



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**LIVE CATTLE:** Cash traded \$1 higher this week and future prices are still moving up. After trading within a sideways range over the last month, the February contract broke out to the upside this week and prices are now projected to reach the \$81-\$82 level. Cattle are current over the near term, but numbers may increase as we get into the New Year. Funds are holding large long positions.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** This market has made several attempts over the last few weeks to turn short term trends higher, but have failed on several occasions. The March Feeder contract will need to see a close above \$83.10 in order to turn trends back up. The spread between the January contract and the June Live Cattle contract are still too wide to generate large buying interest.

**CORN:** Prices have been holding long term support levels around the \$2.35 levels basis the March contract, but long term targets between \$2.30-2.32 may be reached before a bottom is confirmed? Either way, the seasonal picture should begin to improve over the new few weeks as the market begins to focus on weather and planting into the Spring.

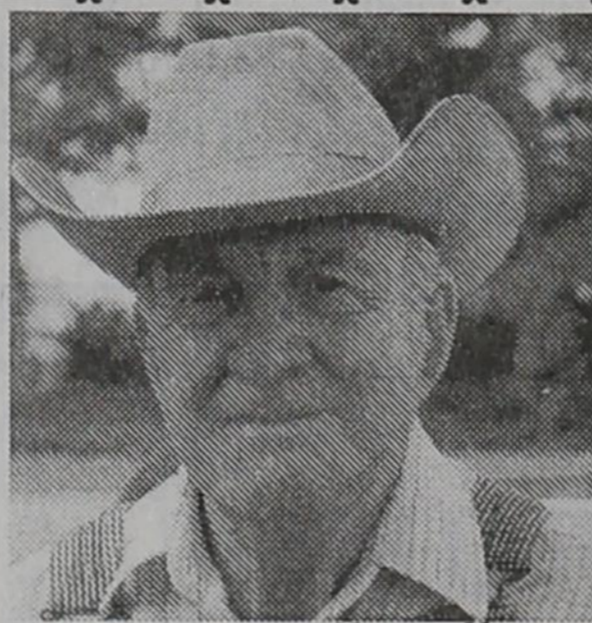
**SOYBEANS:** March Beans were able to re-test early December highs at \$5.83 this week, but were unable to penetrate these levels. News of favorable growing weather in South America did little to hold this market down. Demand remains strong and short term trends are once again turning higher. A move above resistance levels could set up another leg up in this market?

**WHEAT:** Prices have remained under pressure during the entire month of December. This is a bit unusual when compared to the 15-year seasonal tendency. At this time, there has been little fundamental news to support a rally, but the extreme "oversold" conditions made it favorable to see a rally over the new few weeks. Support from higher corn and beans would help?

**COTTON:** Prices have continued to move in a choppy, sideways range over the Christmas Holidays with little direction. A move above \$52.25 should set up a shot for another leg up while a move below support at \$50.50 basis the March contract would do just the opposite. Seasonals are usually lower into early January and then higher into March? Export demand is needed for this support.

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**Banter**

Oh, forgive me...I've gotten off the subject here. Back to the tuxedo.

I took Tanner to the first fitting of his tuxedo and it went fine. When the tux arrived, we went back for the last fitting.

Tanner got a kick out of the starch in the shirt. He kept asking if the shirt was made out of cardboard. It was so stiff, I began to wonder if it really was.

He slipped on the rest of the outfit and, after a few adjustments were made and a last minute change out of pants, Tanner was ready for the wedding.

He did have a few questions before the rehearsal though.

He wanted to know what kind of flower the flower girl was. The literalist crept out again.

I explained to him the theory of the flower girl and all he had to say on the subject was "when I throw down stuff in church, you call me a litterbug and I have to pick it back up."

The rehearsal went off without a hitch and Tanner knew his part and said it was going to be no big deal.

The next day, as we arrived at the church to

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get him dressed he saw the flower girl in her beautiful dress. She was the most stunning six year old girl he had ever seen.

He looked up at me and said, "Mom, get me dressed!"

We dressed him and he took the time to explain to me all about Tuxedo Penguins. (Man, we love "Ranger Rick" and "Highlights for Children" magazines!) I was secretly hoping that Tanner wouldn't choose to imitate their walk as he made his way down the aisle.

I think that the very thought of the little flower girl made Tanner grow up about nine years. He was proud and he performed his job with no problems.

He didn't fidget, didn't pick or pull anything and even smiled. I was very proud of him.

As I made my way to him after the wedding, I hugged him and told him how wonderful he was and how proud I was of him. My little boy was so grown up.

The "five year old" in him came rushing back with a teasing hug as he said, "Thanks, Mommy, it was fun being a trained monkey! Hey, Mackenzie, wanna see me walk like a penguin?"



**County officials sworn in**

Parmer County officials were sworn in by 287<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Gordon Green on Dec. 31 in his courtroom in Farwell. Sworn in were, back row from left, Tom Ware, Bovina area county commissioner; Elvis Powell, Lazbuddie area county commissioner; Valton Howard, Friona area Justice of the Peace; Sandra Warren, District Clerk; front row, Altha Herington, county treasurer; Colleen Stover, county clerk; Bonnie Clayton, county judge; Pam Haseloff, Farwell area Justice of the Peace; and Vi Hutto, Bovina area Justice of the Peace.

**Scholarships to be awarded**

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Applications must be received no later than March 14, 2003. Awards will be announced within sixty days of this date.

**Willis receives probation without jail time**

James Willis, 24, formerly of Texico, who had been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the shooting death of his cousin-in-law, Michael Johnson, 17, of Clovis, received probation with no jail time on Dec. 31 from District Judge Robert Brack.

Willis pled guilty to the charge. He had thought the gun was unloaded.

If Willis successfully

completes 18 months on probation, his attorney can petition to have the charges removed from his record. He also was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The accident occurred in Texico on Aug. 10 at Willis' home on Avenue F.

The families had asked for mercy.

Willis has moved to Georgia.

**Cotton harvest continues**

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.:

With USDA Classing office receipts from Lubbock and Lamesa showing a little more than 2.5 million bales either classed or "in the house" you would expect the High Plains harvest season was coming to a close.

Unfortunately, that is not the case as the delaying effect of October and November weather continues to be felt. Add the fact that there's no accurate way to gauge how much cotton is still in the field and estimating how much longer producers and ginners will be working becomes almost impossible.

In many instances early estimates have proven to be below final production levels. The best evidence of this is the continued delivery of cotton samples to USDA from gins that were thought to be essentially done with their season a couple of weeks ago.

How much cotton is still out there? Nobody is ready to predict what the final outcome will be, although the way cotton continues to move through the Classing office indicates that the total High Plains production figure could move above 3 million bales.

Quality-wise the crop reflects the significant impact that weather has had so far. Compared to years past overall crop Color grades are down from predominately 11 & 21 to a majority of 31 & 41 Color grades in 2002.

Bark levels are also higher with 15.9 percent of the 1.9 million bales classed at Lubbock being called "barky".

Micronaire levels have also been somewhat higher than usual with the both offices averaging 4.3 - 4.4 readings.

Wendell Wilbanks, director of the USDA Classing office in Lubbock, noted that the weather conditions we have experienced thus far have definitely impacted grades for the crop but, interestingly, have not translated into a significant drop in production overall.

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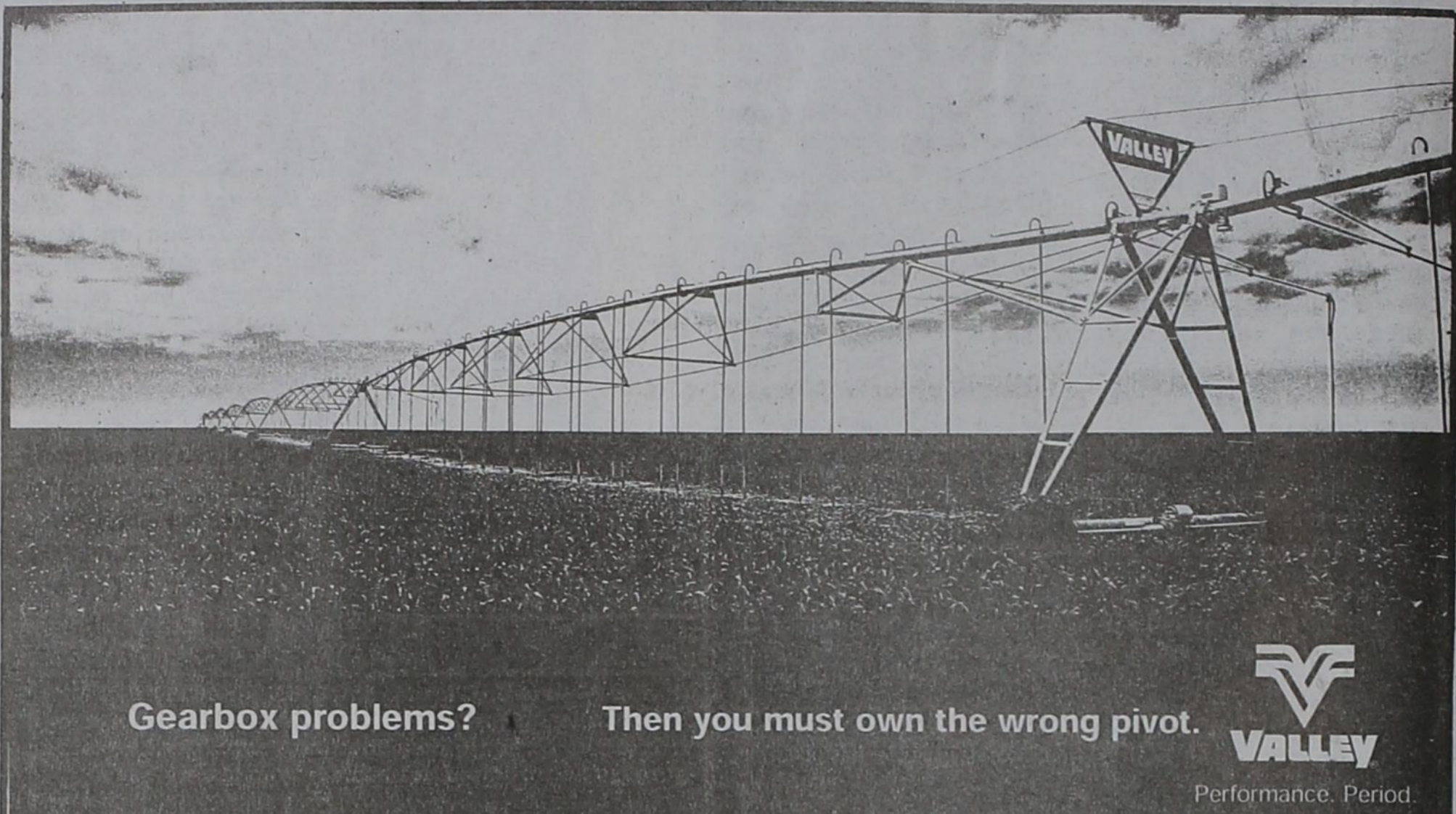
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**SPECIAL PRICE REDUCED** Residential lots on Loop in Farwell, 175' x 150'. **IN CONTRACT**

JUST LISTED -- Nice 3 bedroom, brick home on 2 acres with horse barns and corrals. Good location on highway. Near Oklahoma Lane.

JUST LISTED -- 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, brick home in South Farwell. Has large finished basement, central heat, refrigerated air, fireplace, large fenced back yard.

BOVINA -- Nice, large 3 bedroom, 3 bath, brick home with fireplace, large 2-car garage and large screened porch. In good location.

Spacious 3,000+- sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home with 2-car garage. All-new kitchen appliances, electrical, plumbing, central heat & refrigerated air. Great location in Farwell! **IN CONTRACT**

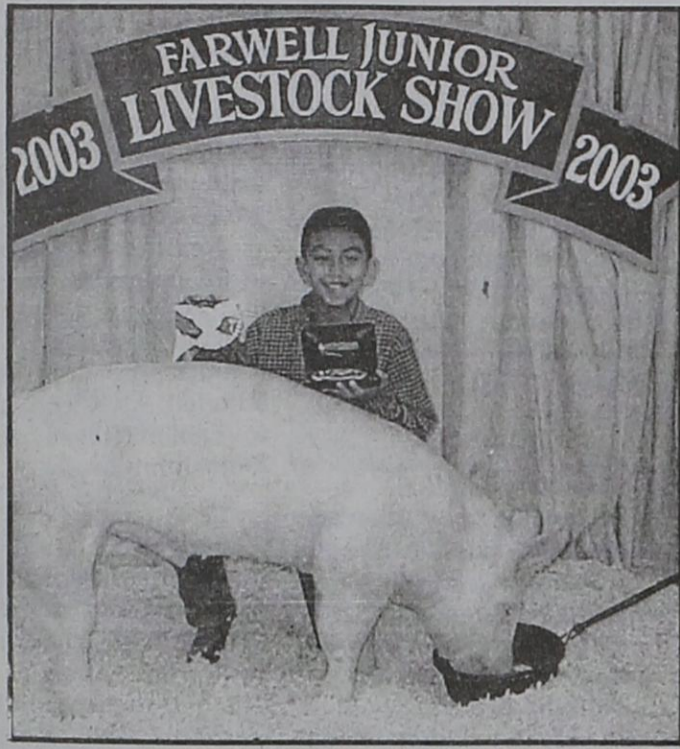
ONLY 3 YEARS OLD -- Very nice 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, brick home on approximately 4 acres, east of Farwell on highway.

Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,800-plus sq. ft., brick home on 1.2 acres south of Bovina. Beautiful view overlooking draw. Has city water.

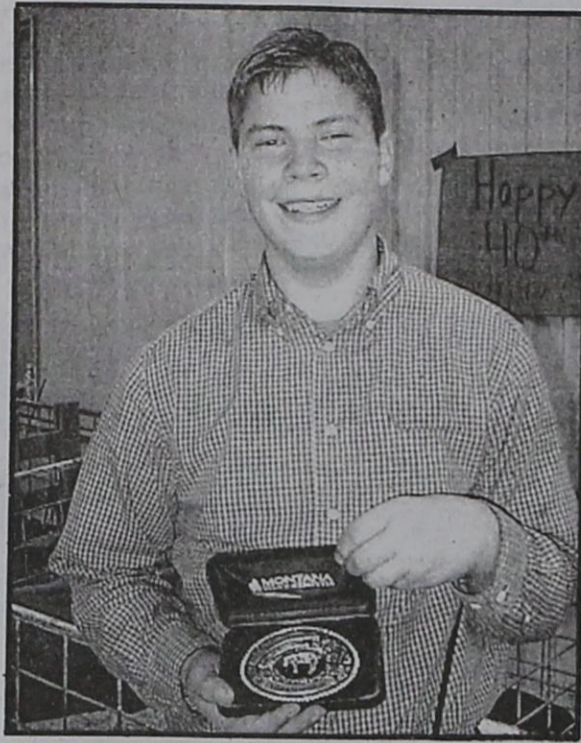
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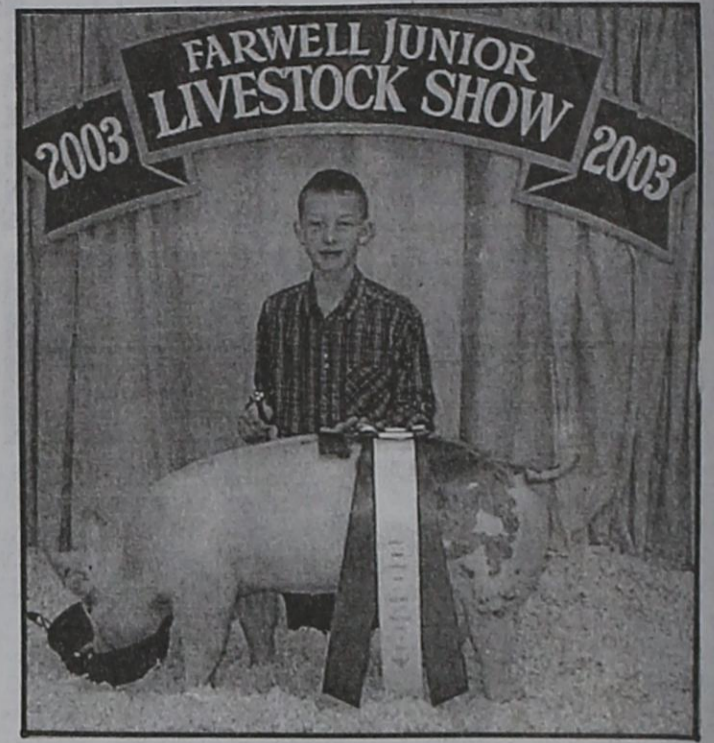
# 2003 Farwell Junior Livestock Show Champions



**Ryan DeLeon**  
*Barrow Grand Champion*



**Dan Patterson**  
*Barrow Showmanship*



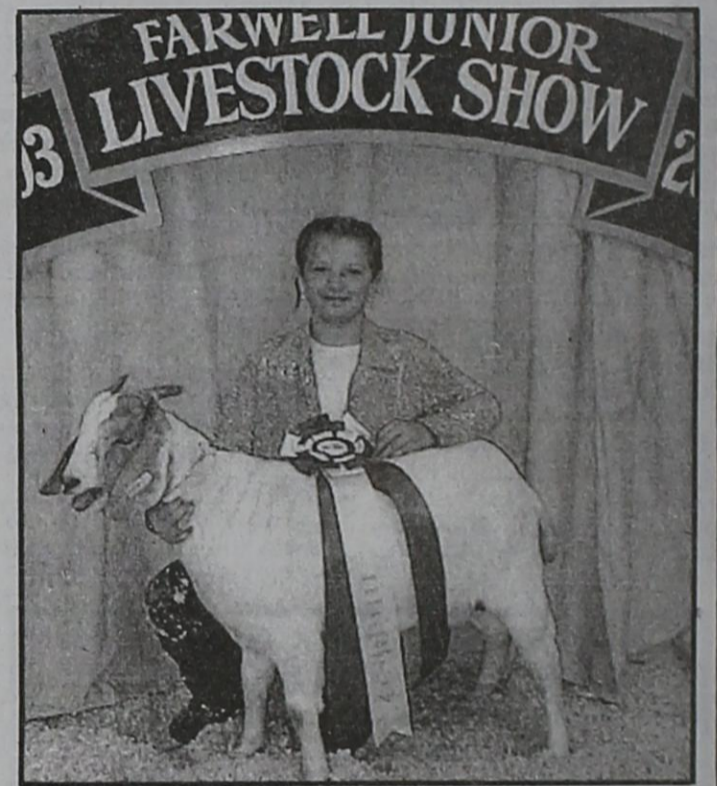
**Josh Johnson**  
*Barrow Reserve Champion*



**Matt Billingsley**  
*Goat Grand Champion*



**Michelle Wauson**  
*Goat Showmanship*



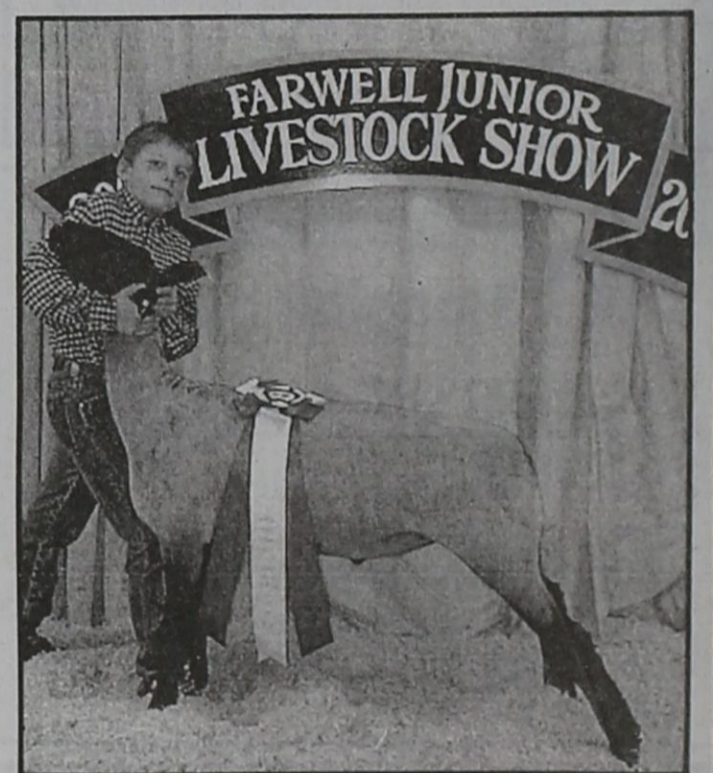
**Michelle Wauson**  
*Goat Reserve Champion*



**Khallie Foster**  
*Sheep Grand Champion*



**Khallie Foster**  
*Sheep Showmanship*



**Tyler Cullison**  
*Sheep Reserve Champion*

*Congratulations champions!*

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