

Border Banter

— Mike Pomper

A look back at county champs

Here's a look at the Parmer county junior livestock show champions over the years.

In some years, there were no "grand champions" in the lambs category so the breed champions are listed.

1948 - Maurice Gaede, steers; Clyde Hays, barrows.

1949 - Weldon Massey, steers; Roy Miller, barrows.

1950 - Herbert Schueler, steers; Frankie Allen, barrows.

1951 - Don Jesko, steers; Friona FFA, barrows.

1952 - Ben Jordan, steers; Bob Gerles, barrows.

1953 - Mary Tatum, steers; Truman McKillip, barrows.

1954 - Jerry Henson, steers; Gerald Hardage, lambs; Jerry Gleason, barrows.

1955 - Frankie Spring, steers; Jackie Sheek, lambs; Robert Ivy, barrows.

1956 - Leon Massey, steers; Jackie Sheek, lambs; Don Bandy, barrows.

1957 - Glen Watkins, steers; Kent Glasscock, barrows.

1958 - Jim Roy Wells, steers; Jim Greeson, lambs; Calvin Mason, barrows.

1959 - Darrell Jennings, steers; Pat O'Brian, lambs; Dickie Gerles, barrows.

1960 - Bobby Redwine, steers; James Brown and Pat O'Brian, lambs; E.C. Wilson, barrows.

1961 - Craig Coon, steers; David Koelzer, Terry Parham and Jim Roy Wells, lambs; Jimmie Dale Seaton, barrows.

1962 - Risa Howell, steers; Steve Young, John Ward and Steve Foster, lambs; Theresa Seaton, barrows.

1963 - Dwain Phipps, steers; Mariana Gammon, Dwain Phipps and Darrell Mason, lambs; Bobby Gleason, barrows.

1964 - Rex Wells, steers; Mariana Gammon, Terry Parham and Darrell Mason, lambs; Theresa Seaton, barrows.

1965 - Mike Riethmayer, steers; Terry Parham, Royce Barnes and Jerry Roach, lambs; Bobby Gleason, barrows.

1966 - Gary Phipps, steers; David Nelson, Daryl Kirkpatrick and Royce Barnes, lambs; Rick Seaton, barrows.

1967 - Jacquelyn Langford, steers; David Nelson, Wesley Barnes Jr. and Carol Foster, lambs; Rick Seaton, barrows.

1968 - Mark Haseloff, steers; Monte Barnes and Pablo Mendoza, lambs; Rick Seaton, barrows.

1969 - Robert Haseloff, steers; Randy Waggoner, Jesse Mendoza, Charles Bentley and Stephen Sherrill, lambs; Stan Treider, barrows.

1970 - Gail Morris, steers; Pablo Mendoza, Mark Barnes, Karene Hart and Mike Windham, lambs; Randy Bush, barrows.

1971 - Carrie Haseloff, steers; Jesse Mendoza, Larry Johnson, Mark Barnes, Hugh Rogers and Mike Windham, lambs; Rick Seaton, barrows.

1972 - Mark Haseloff, steers; Jesse Mendoza, Tim Smith, Neal Moore and Mike Windham, lambs; David Gallman, barrows.

1973 - Annette Langford, steers; Mike Windham, Tim Smith, Dennis Willard, Karene Hart and Kevin McClaran, lambs; Rick Seaton, barrows.

1974 - Jacquelyn Langford, steers; Mike Windham, Tim Smith, Duane Mitchell, Dennis Johns and Russell Windham, lambs; Charleson Steinbock, barrows.

1975 - Mac Langford, steers; Mike Windham, Tim Smith, Mark Foster, Russell Windham, lambs; Mark Mimms, barrows.

1976 - Joan Carson, steers; William Martín, Donny Gustin, Sean Mason, Lezli Williams and Mark Clayton, lambs; Mike Windham, barrows.

1977 - David Lust, steers; Randy Smith, lambs; Brent Green, barrows.

1978 - Joan Carson, steers; Tim Garner, lambs; Joe Reeve, barrows.

1979 - Dean Church, steers; Charlie Trimble, lambs; Russell Windham, barrows.

1980 - Phillip Jesko, steers; Sean Mason, lambs; Vandi Tarter, barrows.

1981 - Roddy Berend, steers; Casey Riddle, lambs; Joe Dan tarter, barrows.

1982 - Jeff Lundy, steers; Bret Whitten, lambs; Danna Ralston, barrows; Corrie Lundy, heifers.

1983 - Corrie Lundy, steers; Terry Moore, lambs; Beth Johnson, barrows; Roddy Berend, heifers.

1984 - Dana Berend, steers; Terry Moore, lambs; Susan Redwine, barrows; Carl Hutchins, heifers; Greg Salyer, goats.

1985 - Dana Berend, steers; Tracy Moore, lambs; Chad Rhodes, barrows; Dana Berend, heifers; Shannon Cochran, goats.

1986 - Dana Berend, steers; Donell Garner, lambs; Vandi Tarter, barrows; Dana Berend, heifers; Blake Kelley, goats; turkeys, Mendy Rhodes, turkeys.

1987 - Michael Head, steers; Jennifer Smith, lambs; Clint Hurst, barrows; Michael Head, heifers.

1988 - Michael Head, steers; Guy Ellis, lambs; Clint Hurst, barrows; Michael Head, heifers.

1989 - Rusty Simmons, steers; Jessica Smith, lambs; Susan Redwine, barrows; Brett Thomas, heifers.

1990 - Rusty Simmons, steers; Cade Morris, lambs; Cammy Hancock, barrows; Shannon Cochran, heifers.

1991 - Clay Hurst, steers; Shana Foster, lambs; Casey Bradshaw, barrows; Amy Hartzog, heifers.

1992 - Lori Bradshaw, steers; Monty Schueler, lambs; Shane Roberts, barrows; Jarah Redwine, heifers.

1993 - Clay Hurst, steers; Monty Schueler, lambs; Dawn Weir, barrows; Jarah Redwine, heifers.

1994 - Jason Jesko, steers; Kevin Schueler, lambs; Kia Morris, barrows; Rusty Simmons, heifers.

1995 - Jill Hodges, steers; Cade Morris, lambs; Jessica Smith, barrows; Rusty Simmons, heifers.

1996 - Brice Redwine, steers; Staci Foster, lambs; Wade Schueler, barrows; Alicia Smith, heifers; Kolby Wilkerson, goats.

1997 - Jeffery Seaton, steers; Shana Foster, lambs; Clint Patterson, barrows; Alicia Smith, heifers.

1998 - M'Kell Jarecki, lambs; Alicia Smith, steers; J'Lond Jarecki, barrows; Candace Davis, goats; Tray Thorn, heifers.

1999 - Landon Parham, steers; Triston Thorn, heifers; Jeremy Campbell, barrows; Candace Davis, goats; and Cade Morris, lambs.

2000 - Landon Parham, steers; Cassie London, lambs; Devin Goettsch, goats; and D'Anna DeLeon, barrows.

2001 - Lambs - Suzanne Mason, grand champion; Logan Mason, reserve champion; barrows - Josh Kerby, grand champion; D'Anna DeLeon, reserve champion; goats - Kolby Wilkerson, grand champion; Waylon Bowery, reserve champion; steers - Landon Parham, grand champion and reserve champion.

2002 - barrows, D'Anna DeLeon, grand champion; Beau Barnett, reserve champion; goats: Lakota Goe, grand champion; Matt Billingsley, reserve champion; steers: Dalton Cockerham, grand champion; Logan Mason, reserve champion; and lambs: Kelby Monroe, grand champion; and Hayes Jones, reserve champion.

2003 - goats: Matt Billingsley, grand champion; Melanie

McDonald will be missed

The Twin Cities lost one of its most prominent citizens recently -- former Texico School Supt. A.D. McDonald.

As has been pointed out in the Tribune, he was an outstanding school superintendent.

When the Trib ran a special article in 2002, on the 100th anniversary of the City of Texico, one of our features was an article written by Mr. McDonald about the early days of Texico Schools.

As a very community minded individual, Mr. McDonald was a longtime member of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club, and that is where I first met him when I arrived here in 1984.

Here's my favorite story to tell:

The first year I was a Rotarian here, they made me the club sergeant at arms. It was one of my duties to fine members if they goofed up -- in a nice, humorous way, of course.

Anyway, one day, Mr. McDonald presented a speaker, saying the guest "had been reared" in a nearby community.

At the next meeting, I pipe up that I had to fine Mr. McDonald \$1 because I said "animals are reared, people are raised."

Well, I should have known better than to disagree about syntax with an educator.

Because at the very next meeting, Mr. McDonald stands up and corrects me, saying -- "people are reared, animals are raised."

So I got fined \$1!!!

We would like to welcome the many new Bovina area subscribers who have signed up the past several weeks.

The process of having Bovina news in our little paper is coming along. A key step is to add school news, which, hopefully, should start in February.

So, hang on, folks!

Politicians never cease to amaze me with their brilliance.

An article in the Amarillo paper last week said that Texas legislators plan to put a priority on the water issues.

Boy, they sure are on that like flies on honey.

I just have one minor question:

Why haven't they attacked this most important problem years ago? Why haven't they understood the crisis before now?

It's already 2004 and areas are hurting. And now our elected leaders are going to look into it.

If I had been the governor of Texas, I would have called an emergency session years ago to see how the problem could be addressed.

But what do I know? I'm just a working stiff in the middle of nowhere. How stupid of me to believe that major problems should be addressed early -- and not after they have turned into a crisis.

As an old-timer, I get

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McCain Brothers to entertain at Chamber banquet

The famous McCain Brothers, nationally-recognized recording artists, have agreed to entertain at this year's Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The announcement was made at Tuesday's Chamber meeting by Chamber President Ronald Byrd.

The McCain Brothers -- Ben and Butch -- were reared in the area west of Bovina. They are the sons of Rose McCain, of Bovina.

Ben currently lives in Los Angeles, while Butch resides in Grand Junction, Colo.

The annual Chamber banquet will be held on Saturday, April 17, at the Farwell Community Center.

Linda Moss and the Farwell cafeteria ladies will again be asked to cater the affair.

Ticket prices will stay the same as last year.

At each year's banquet, folks are recognized in the following categories:

Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Agriculturalist of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Students of the Year.

Gloria Hutchins again will be in charge of picking this year's winners.

A ballot for recommending folks for these honors will appear in next week's Tribune. The deadline for suggesting someone will be April 1.

City council, school board filing times coming up

Local elections are coming up in Parmer County.

Feb. 16 marks the first day to file for a place on the ballot. The filing deadline is March 15.

Early voting will be conducted from April 28 through May 11.

Election Day is May 15. Here's a look at the persons on the local posts that will be on the ballots:

Farwell School Board: 2 positions -- Sam Billingsley and Gary Patterson (who has announced he is

not seeking re-election). Lazbuddie School Board: 2 positions -- Terry Parham and a vacancy (created when Robert Smith resigned).

Bovina School Board: 3 positions -- Justin Brozek, Joe Steelman and George Villarreal.

Farwell City Council: 3 council posts -- Ysleta Kitzell, Don Gerles and Wayne Gruben.

Bovina City Council: 3 positions -- Mayor Galen Hromas, and councilmen Jesse Stone and Stan Miller.

Accounting team takes 1st

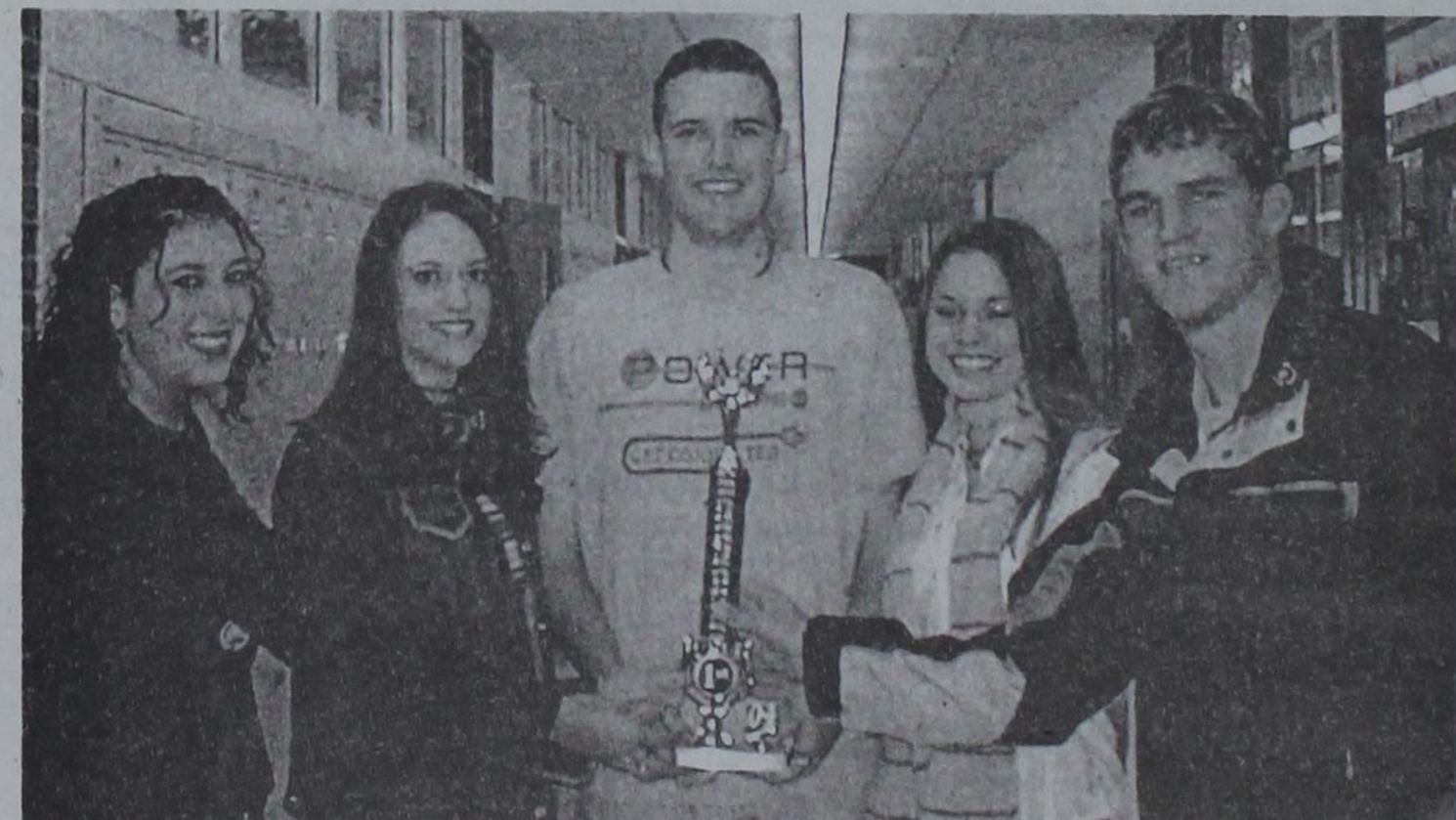
Farwell High's accounting team took 1st place at a UIL contest in Lubbock last weekend.

Placing were: Accounting (1st place team): Grant Gregory, 1st, Micah Christian, 3rd, Tyler Myers, 5th; Tara Sanchez, 7th; and Amanda Barnes.

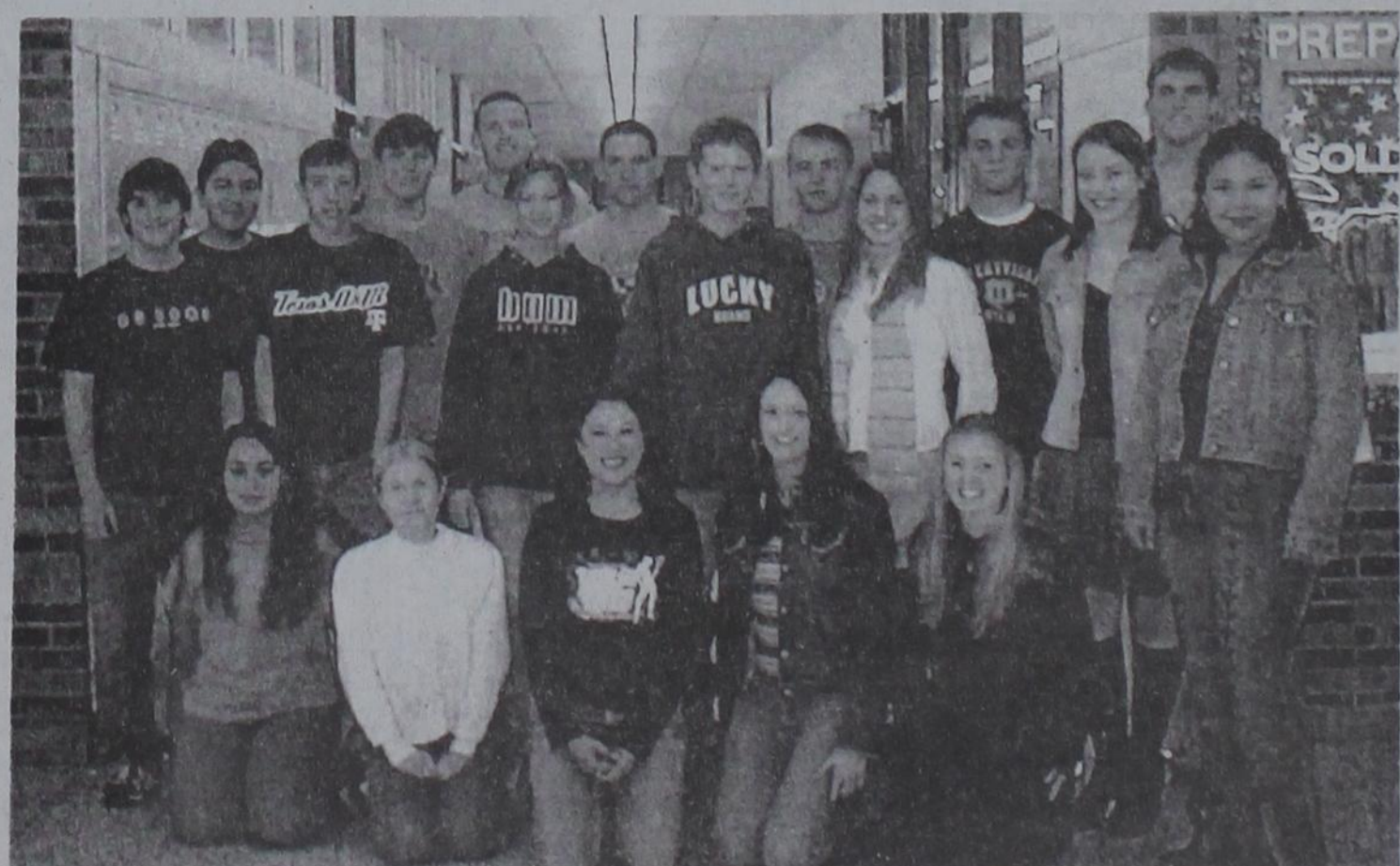
Computer applications: Danielle Cargile, 3rd; Jon Beaubien, 4th; Johnathan Vega, 5th. Current events: Tate Nichols, 4th. Social studies: Amanda Barnes, 4th.

Farwell was 3rd "Small School Sweepstakes." Attending the Texas Tech Debate contest were Dan Patterson, Matt Barnes, Ashley Hartzog and Justin Ware. Ashley and Justin won 2 rounds and returned on

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Farwell accounting team members with their 1st place trophy are, from left, Tara Sanchez, Amanda Barnes, Tyler Myers, Micah Christian and Grant Gregory.



Farwell High's UIL participants

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Obituaries

Glenn Hromas

Services were held Wednesday for Glenn "Tootsy" Hromas, 70, of Amarillo at South Georgia Baptist Church in Amarillo with Rev. Bob Miller officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

She was born Nov. 13, 1933, in Big Springs to J.K. Barfield and Thelma Burleson. She married Glenn Hromas on June 8, 1952, in Clovis. They lived in Bovina until moving to Amarillo in 1978.

Surviving are 3 sons, Greg, Rodney and Jeff; a sister, Lou Ann Cortese; a brother, J.K. Barfield III, of Texico; and 3 grandsons.

County to Robert and Anna Schueler.

A longtime Parmer County resident, he moved to Lubbock in 1995. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Raymond in 1990, and Norbert in 1997, and a sister, Elenor Meissner, in 1974.

Surviving are a sister, Irene Graham, of Lady Lake, Fla.; 2 brothers, Arnold, of Dallas, and Floyd, of Rhea.

Memorials are suggested to Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona or Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Tony Parham

Services for Eulan "Tony" Parham, 89, of Lazbuddie, were held on Monday at Lazbuddie Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff McCreight, of Lubbock, officiating.

He died Jan. 24 at Friona.

He was born March 25, 1914, in Comanche County, Texas. He married Minnie Mayfield on Dec. 26, 1935, in Anson, Texas. She died in 2001.

He moved to Lazbuddie in 1943 from Jones County, Texas.

He was active in the community for many years, and served on the Parmer County Appraisal District Board, the Lazbuddie School Board and the Parmer County ASCS Board.

He was preceded in death by an infant son in 1941 and a grandson, Seth Parham in 1985.

Surviving are a son, Terry, of Lazbuddie; a daughter, Sharon Agee, of Muleshoe; 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A.D. McDonald

Services for A.D. McDonald, 93, of Texico, were held on Tuesday at Central Christian Church in Clovis, with Pastor Larry Tedrow officiating.

Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

He died Saturday at Clovis hospital. He was born July 14, 1910, to Robert and Effie McDonald in Santa Anna, Texas.

He married Gladys Singleterry on Dec. 15, 1935, in Clovis.

He graduated from Eastern New Mexico University, in the first associates degree program, and also was on ENMU's first basketball team.

He taught and coached basketball at Pleasant Hill School, then went to Texico to teach and coach basketball before becoming Texico High School principal.

He served as Texico School superintendent from 1963 to 1975.

He was a member of Central Christian Church, where he taught Sunday School for 35 years, and was a life member of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Ruth Hooper; and 5 brothers, Ollie, Arthur, Hubert, Carl and Bill.

Surviving are 5 sisters, Pearl Woody, of Amarillo; Jewell Milne, of Tucson; Imogene Mangus, of Los Banos, Calif.; Johnnie

Brown, of Clovis, and Pauline Owen, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pallbearers were R.L. Richards, Don Leavell, Fred Chandler, Pete Davis, Carey Joe Magness and Joe Jones.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Children's Home in Portales, or the Cal Farley Boys Ranch in Amarillo.

Corridor to be topic

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting on Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. at the Farwell Community Center to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor and to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes.

Gov. Rick Perry introduced the Trans-Texas Corridor Plan several years ago to address Texas' pressing transportation problems. It is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.

It's an all-Texas transportation network of corridors up to 1,200 feet wide. The 4,000-mile corridor will include separate highway lanes for passenger vehicles and trucks, high-speed passenger rail, high-speed freight rail, commuter rail, and a dedicated utility zone.



100 days of school

Bovina School kindergarten and 1st graders celebrated 100 days of school on Jan. 26. Students counted to 100, wrote their numbers to 100, read, wrote and sang songs about 100 days of school, and ate snacks totaling 100 items. Some students also made necklaces, eyeglasses and headbands. Pictures are some of the Head Start pupils enjoying their "100 days" festivities.

UIL contest

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Saturday for more rounds. Dan and Matt won 1 round. Lori Haseloff and Patsy Camp accompanied them.

Attending the Coronado Invitational were: Kary Mathys, Amanda Almanza, Tara Sanchez, Jaimie Diaz, Ashlie Martin, Grant Gregory, Tyler Myers, Micah Christian, Amanda Barnes, Danielle Cargile, Johnathan Vega, Jon Beaubien, Tate Nichols, Robby Tabb, Yvonne Favila and Jordon Saylor.

Coaches attending the meets were Dorris White, Susan Johnson, Linda Riley, Ronnie Dyer, Lori Haseloff and Patsy Camp. Other UIL coaches are Joyce Williams, Doug Boyd, Jacob Thompson, Kirk Saul, Hailey Christian and Robin Gregory.

Participants were honored with a pizza party.

District competition will be March 30 and April 1. Mrs. Camp asked parents to encourage their children to work hard at their chosen events. "Thousands of dollars of scholarship money is given out each year to students who participate and win in these events," she added.

Teddy Gulley

Teddy Frank Gulley, 68, of Tokyo, Japan, formerly of Farwell, died Jan. 24.

Services have been held. Burial will be at the National Cemetery in Hawaii.

He retired from the Air Force, taught school in Japan, then retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents, O.G. and Berta Gulley; a brother, O.B. Gulley, and a sister, Jean Nix.

Survivors are his wife Eiko; a daughter Mari; a grandson; 4 brothers, Olan of Denver, O.D. of San Francisco, Johnny of Amarillo, and Buddy of Clovis; and 2 sisters, Oleta Carpenter of Bowie, Texas, and Beverly Swiss of Lake Wyley, N.C.

Robert Schueler

Services for Robert Schueler, 65, of the Rhea community, were held on Saturday at the Rhea-Hollene Community Center with David Symms, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial was in Rhea Lutheran Cemetery.

He died Jan. 22 in Lubbock. He was born Aug. 27, 1938, in Parmer

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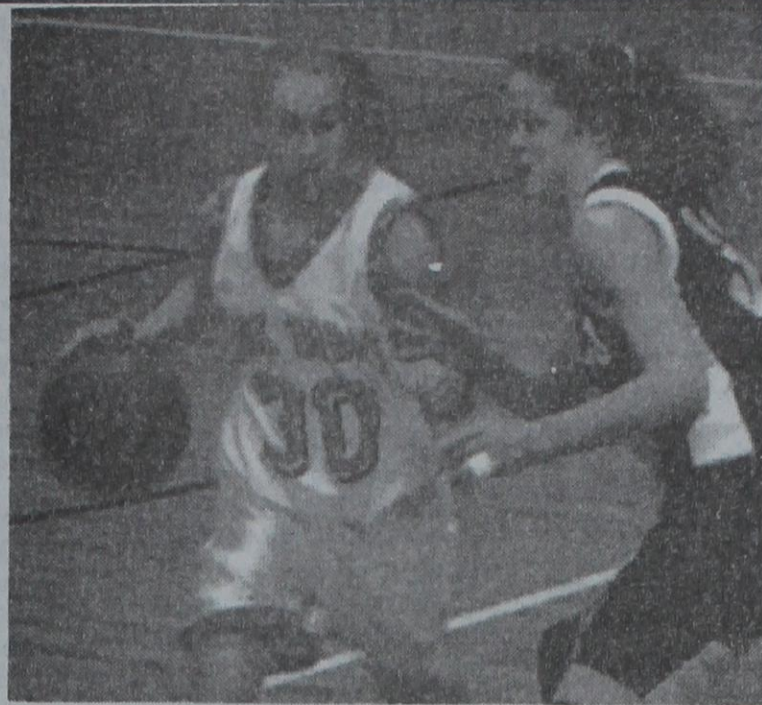
- Sarah Black
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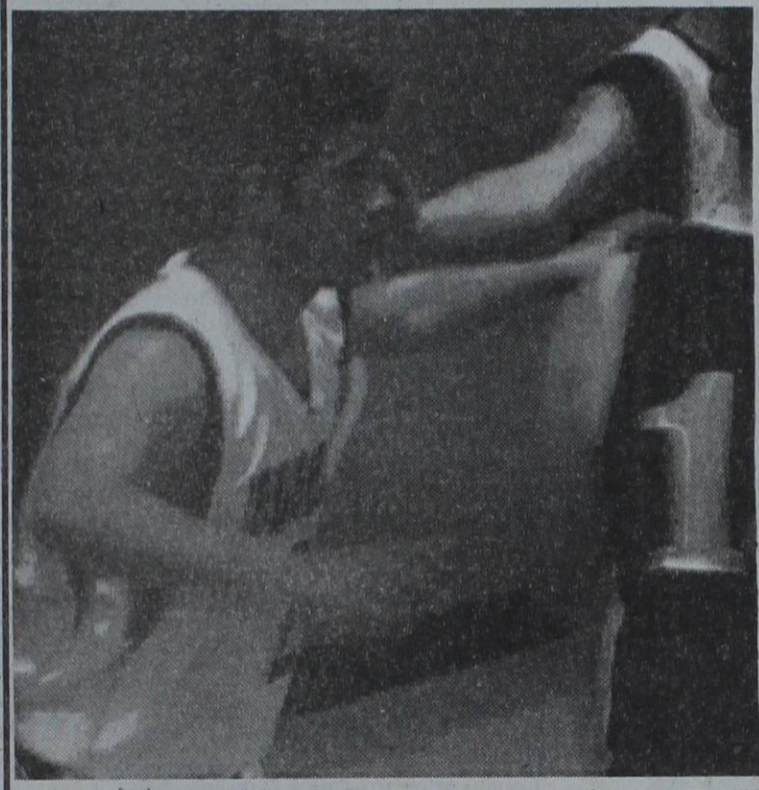
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David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.		James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.		Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.	
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church		United Pentecostal Church of Texico		Farwell Convalescent Center	
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		Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.		Bill Bridwell -- chaplain Sunday service -- 9 a.m. Bible study -- 2 p.m. Wednesday.	
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Rob Hollis -- minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt		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		Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	
First Baptist Church of Farwell		Bovina United Methodist Church		Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church	
Rev. Randy Mullin 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.		Rev. Quita Jones Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study group - 7 p.m.		Rev. Jo Gay Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.	
New Light Baptist Church		Assembly of God Church, Texico		San Jose Catholic Church, Texico	
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.		Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt		Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.	
				Farwell Church of Christ	
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The Lazbuddie Longhorns and Lady 'Horns in action - including shots from the girls' big upset of state-ranked Happy Cowgirls!



Stock show

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Winders, reserve champion; lambs: Keith Hunt, grand champion; Suzanne Mason, reserve champion; steers: Britany Berend, grand champion; Jason Berend, reserve champion; and swine: Kayla Parham, grand champion; and Drew Johnson, reserve champion.

Farwell High top academicians listed

Here are the third 6 weeks honor rolls for Farwell High School:

All A's:
Danielle Cargile, Yvonne Favila, Foster, Ashley Howard, Kirkland, Chelsea Meyer, Tara San-

chez, and Johnathan Vega.

A-B:
Matthew Barnes, Jon Beaubien, Micah Christian, Selene Delgado, Miriam Delgado, Byron Hardage, Sarah Herington, Daniel Kaltwasser, Dan Patterson, Jason Sudderth and Juan Carlos Vidaurri.

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The Farwell varsity and JV teams host Bovina on Jan. 3, then play at Springlake-Earth on Feb. 3. The Farwell JH girls play at Sudan on Feb. 2, while the JH boys host Sudan that day.

The Lazbuddie varsity teams play at Spade on Jan. 30, then host Amherst on Feb. 3. The Lazbuddie JH teams play at Happy on Feb. 2.

The Texico varsity and JV teams host Clayton on Jan. 29, play at Estancia on Jan. 31. Then the Texico JV teams play at Gattis on Feb. 2, while the varsity teams play at Tatum on Feb. 3.

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Santa Rosa defeats Texico varsity squads

Varsity Girls
The Texico Lady Wolverines were 1-1 in district and 12-4 overall after falling to Santa Rosa on Friday, 68-35.
Scoring were Lauren Boazman, 8; Mindi Roberts, 6; Amber Parmer, 6; Jazzi Walls, 6; Brette Hadley, 2; Lori Richardson, 4; Sissy

Loper, 3; and Ashley Smith, 3.
Varsity Boys
The Texico Wolverines were 1-1 in district and 12-4 overall after losing to Santa Rosa, 52-48.
Scoring were Bryce Bailey, 17; Johnny Rivera, 6; Braden Vaughan, 7; Mark Peabody, 7; Garrett Mayfield, 6; Logan Brown, 4

JV Girls
Texico's JV Girls nipped Santa Rosa, 37-36.
Scoring were Erika Autrey, 6; Lori Richardson, 7; Brittany Anderson, 5; Sarah Johnson, 6; Lacy Price, 7; Jessica Harris, 2; and Krystal Williams, 4.

14; Jason Roberts, 13; Casey Crist, 4; and Courtland Luscombe, 8.
7th Boys
Texico's 7th grade boys lost to Marshall, 47-36.
Scoring were Levi Richards, 3; Mario Posada, 20; Jordan Broome, 5; Tanner Allen and Brett Anderson, 4 each.

Vidal, 17.
7th Girls
Texico's 7th grade girls lost to Marshall, 40-25.
Scoring were Markita Askew, 1; Jaryse Harris and Jerrica Reid, 2 each; Amanda Bass, 14;

Braeden Hadley, 4; Laura Maldonado, 2.

Texico whipped Gattis, 55-11. Scoring were Askew, 6; Harris, 10; Bass, 19; Shelby Queener, 2; Hadley, 15; and Maldonado, 3.

Lady 'Horns stay in playoff hunt

Varsity Girls
The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns are staying in the fight for a state playoff spot by beating Cotton Center on Tuesday, 59-25.
Lazbuddie is now 5-1 in district and 12-7 overall.

70-28.
Scoring were Kirby Kimbrough, 7; Bryce Haney, 2; Jesse Gomez, 12; Sergio Cuevas, 3, and Jose Beliz, 4.

The Lady 'Horns are vying with Happy and Nazareth for the two state playoff spots.

The Longhorns fell to Nazareth Friday, 71-12.
Scoring were Jose Beliz, 2; Kirby Kimbrough, 3; Jesse Cuevas, 3; and Cory Puckett, 4.

Scoring against Cotton Center were:

Kayla Parham, 9; Ana Hernandez, 1; Katy Louder, 2; Kyra Kimbrough, 9; Melanie Winders, 11; Shonah Black, 14; and Shawndee Nichols, 13.

The Lady 'Horns fell to Nazareth Friday, 61-33.

Scoring were Kayla Parham, Melanie Winders and Shonah Black, 7 each; Bethenie Sanchez, 3; Katy Louder, 2; and Shawndee Nichols, 5.

The Latest

Lazbuddie's lunch menus for next week are:
Monday - steak fingers (pk-1), subs, pizza.
Tuesday - fiesta pile-on, burritos (pk-1), tuna sandwiches.
Wednesday - chicken spaghetti, hamburgers (pk-1), hot pockets.
Thursday - nuggets, okra gumbo, mac & cheese.
Friday - special.

Varsity Boys
The Lazbuddie Longhorns are still winless in district after falling to Cotton Center on Tuesday,

The Methodist Youth Group is selling breakfast burritos on Fridays at the Farwell High School gym foyer for \$1 apiece.

JV Boys
Texico's JV Boys lost a close one to Santa Rosa, 61-60.
Scoring were Isaac Zarate, 8; Justin Garrison and Gabriel Sena, 2 each; Josh Pena, 7; Ricky Burns and Chance Bradley, 15 each; Aaron Vaughan, 11.

Texico's 7th grade boys beat Gattis, 41-38.
Scoring were Tanner Allen, 8; Brett Anderson, 4; Jordan Broome, 12; and Mario Posada, 17.

8th Boys
Texico's 8th grade boys lost to Marshall, 48-42.
Scoring were Jesse Walthers, 2; Courtland Luscombe, 10; Casey Crist, 7; Jason Roberts, 11; Billy Scott, 12.

Texico's 8th grade girls lost to Marshall, 38-33.
Scoring were Stephanie Vega and Micah Mayfield, 2 each; Bryn Mayfield, 9; Faith Martin, 12; Barbara Vidal, 4; Amanda Bass, 1; and Braeden Hadley, 4.

Texico's 8th grade boys lost to Gattis, 46-43.
Scoring were Jesse Walthers, 7; Billy Scott,

Texico killed Gattis, 49-17. Scoring were Vega and Micah Mayfield, 4 each; Bryn Mayfield, 12; Martin, 10; Bass, 2; and

Legal Notices

Notice to Contractors of Proposed Texas Highway Improvement Contracts
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 0905-00-0034 for MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION in LUBBOCK County, etc. will be opened on February 11, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 12079

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
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Phone: 512-416-2540

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6110-30-001 for INSTALL SINGLE GUARDRAIL TERMINALS in BAILEY County, etc. will be opened on March 17, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$75,725.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Texas Department of Transportation
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Trans-Texas Corridor
The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.
Date: Friday, January 30, 2004
Place: Farwell Community Center
207 9th Street in Farwell
Time: 10 a.m.

Purpose: To provide the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes of the Trans-Texas Corridor.
Project Description: A new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.
For more information on the public hearing, contact Penny Mason at (806) 748-4337.

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from September 30, 2003, to December 31, 2003, inclusive:

Jury Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	76,725.92
Amount received since last report.....	3,620.33
Amount paid out since last report.....	11,592.57
12/31/03 Balance.....	68,753.68
General Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	1,046,415.33
Amount received since last report.....	500,035.75
Amount paid out since last report.....	468,922.43
12/31/03 Balance.....	1,077,528.65
Farm to Market Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	1,218,890.82
Amount received since last report.....	175,709.32
Amount paid out since last report.....	180,248.25
12/31/03 Balance.....	1,214,351.89
Right of Way Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	238,683.18
Amount received since last report.....	43,301.40
Amount paid out since last report.....	180,000.00
12/31/03 Balance.....	101,984.58
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	124,753.45
Amount received since last report.....	997.98
Amount paid out since last report.....	337.43
12/31/03 Balance.....	125,414.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	30,754.17
Amount received since last report.....	3,083.40
Amount paid out since last report.....	10,000.00
12/31/03 Balance.....	23,837.57
Revenue Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	153,625.82
Amount received since last report.....	41,283.27
Amount paid out since last report.....	43,443.71
12/31/03 Balance.....	151,465.38
Juvenile Probation Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	5,151.05
Amount received since last report.....	706.74
Amount paid out since last report.....	3,257.49
12/31/03 Balance.....	2,600.30
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	5,292.31
Amount received since last report.....	3,516.95
Amount paid out since last report.....	3,913.29
12/31/03 Balance.....	4,895.97
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	1,742.86
Amount received since last report.....	1,134.31
Amount paid out since last report.....	2,055.00
12/31/03 Balance.....	822.17
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	11,431.87
Amount received since last report.....	300,837.31
Amount paid out since last report.....	27,613.74
12/31/03 Balance.....	284,655.44
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	50,903.90
Amount received since last report.....	161.60
Amount paid out since last report.....	156.38
12/31/03 Balance.....	50,909.12
Parmer County Law Enforcement Center Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	314,351.63
Amount received since last report.....	108,074.52
Amount paid out since last report.....	61,110.49
12/31/03 Balance.....	361,315.66
Parmer County Jail Construction Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	2,058,065.67
Amount received since last report.....	4,727.81
Amount paid out since last report.....	1,484,613.84
12/31/03 Balance.....	578,179.64
Interest & Sinking Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	0
Amount received since last report.....	25,242.48
Amount paid out since last report.....	0
12/31/03 Balance.....	25,242.48
Lateral Fund	
Balance last report, filed September 30, 2003.....	0
Amount received since last report.....	31,550.07
Amount paid out since last report.....	27,608.46
12/31/03 Balance.....	3,941.61
Recapitulation	
Jury Fund.....	68,753.68
General Fund.....	1,077,528.65
Farm to Market Fund.....	1,214,351.89
Right of Way Fund.....	101,984.58
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	125,414.00
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	23,837.57
Revenue Fund.....	151,465.38
Juvenile Probation Fund.....	2,600.30
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....	4,895.97
District Check Collection - 287th Fund.....	822.17
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	284,655.44
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	50,909.12
Parmer County Law Enforcement Center Fund.....	361,315.66
Parmer County Jail Construction Fund.....	578,179.64
Interest & Sinking Fund.....	25,242.48
Lateral Fund.....	3,941.61
TOTAL.....	4,075,898.14
List of Bonds and other Securities on Hand	
Certificate of Deposit	
General Fund.....	0
Farm to Market.....	0
Investments	
General Fund.....	2,334.70
Farm to Market Fund.....	95,756.71
Jury Fund.....	745.60
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	1,022.98
Right Of Way Fund.....	93.54
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	646.94
TOTAL.....	100,600.47

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th day of January 2004.
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The Latest

Linda Broughton, a Farwell High graduate at Eastern New Mexico University is on the 2003 fall semester dean" list.

She is majoring in accounting.

Four Farwell students were honored at Texas Tech University on Dec. 20:

On the President's List (a perfect 4.0 grade point average) was Kacey Gast, a junior majoring in accounting.

On the Dean's List (3.5 to 3.9 grade point average) were Casey Meeks, a sophomore majoring in

geo-science; Rachelle Stevens, a sophomore majoring in pre-occupational therapy; and Cristen Tabb, a senior majoring in human development and family standards.

Ryan Fillpot, son of Bryon and LuAnn Fillpot of Farwell, got to see President Bush in Roswell last week.

Ryan's a student at New Mexico Military Institute, which was invited to hear the president's speech at the Roswell Convention Center.

"It was awesome! Everyone was so pumped to have the opportunity to see the president. It was interesting to see his Secret Service men, too," said Ryan.

Ryan has started his third semester at NMMI and was recently promoted to "Cadet Private."

Bovina School's lunch menus for next week:

Monday - steak fingers, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, peas, salad, carrot sticks, toast, peaches.

Tuesday - chicken & rice wrap, hamburgers, french fries, corn, apple sauce.

Wednesday - ham, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, bread, mixed veggies, carrot sticks, salad, apple sauce cake.

Thursday - beef stew, hamburgers, french fries, cornbread, crackers, sugar cookies, salad.

Friday - BBQ on bun, pepperoni pizza, potato chips, carrot sticks, salad, chili beans, pears.

Farwell's Jose Cabello and Grant Gregory were named to the honorable mention list of the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 1A All-State football team.

Eighteen Farwell Band students were named to

the All-Region Band. Twelve middle school and six high school students will perform with their respective All-Region bands this weekend in Lubbock.

The bands will rehearse Friday and Saturday at the Lubbock Civic Center.

The bands will then hold performances Saturday. The middle-school band will perform at 1 p.m. and the High School will perform at 3 p.m.

The Lubbock Civic Center is located on Ave. Q. Admission is \$2.

Farwell Band director William Shelly urges everyone to come out and support these young people and enjoy several good band concerts.

County stock show under way in Friona

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 28-31 at the Friona Community Center.

Judges will be: Steve Bradshaw, barrows; Billy Labrier, lambs and goats; and Mike Mimms, cattle.

Hill said he expects about 30 goats, 75 sheep, 10 steers and 200 barrows to be shown at the county show this year.

Here is the complete schedule:

Wednesday, Jan. 28: 1 to 5 p.m., weight-in of all animals - barrows to be classified as weighed; 5 p.m., classify steers; 5:30

p.m., classify lambs. Thursday, Jan. 29: 8 a.m., lamb show starts, followed by goat show; 11 a.m., steer show; and 1 p.m., barrow show. Saturday, Jan. 31: 1 p.m., premium sale.



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Helton explains uses for propane gas this winter

Clean-burning propane gas is Texas' No. 1 alternative fuel, and Hal Helton, of Helton Oil Co. in Farwell, suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local supplier about having their residential delivery accounts put on "automatic."

With an "automatic" or "keep full" account, a homeowner never has to worry about having enough propane, no matter how cold the weather or how treacherous the road conditions.

Too many last-minute calls to propane suppliers during sudden storms can cause a backlog of emergency deliveries that not only inconvenience the customer, but also can endanger the delivery truck drivers. Also, keeping propane tanks full helps ensure not only an adequate supply of gas, but also a fair market price.

According to the Department of Energy, a main cause of propane winter price spikes appears to lie in the logistical differences obtaining resupply during the peak heating season.

Helton also reminded those who rely on electricity to heat and light their homes that propane-powered appliances like fireplaces and space heaters can come in rather handy during winter power outages. A propane-powered generator can provide temporary power to pre-designated equipment, such as a furnace, sump pump or even lights.

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Thursday - sloppy joes, pickles, french fries, fruit, milk.
Friday - pizza, salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

Farwell

Monday - corn dogs, french fries, baked beans, pickles, fruit salad, milk.
Tuesday - chalupas, taco salad, corn, sugar cookie, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - pizza, tossed salad, green beans, apple sauce cake, milk.
Thursday - nachos, veggie sticks, pinto beans, fruit, cookie, milk.
Friday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, pudding cup, milk.

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Texico City Council gets update on cemetery improvements

Cemetery improvements dominated the Texico City Council meeting on Tuesday.

Cemetery board officers Margie Crooks and Marcia Leavell presented an update, pointing out what has been done lately, and what needs to be done to improve the current situation.

Here's a wrap-up:
1. The cemetery sign has been installed, with Tedson Trailers donating the work.

2. A cemetery bench, also donated by Tedson, has been placed near the old well.

3. Tedson has donated several unmarked grave signs, and is placing just the name of the person on them. Howard and Marcia Leavell have installed six of these markers, so far.

The cemetery board is seeking contact persons to help improve the markers. The Tribune will soon be running lists of persons who the cemetery board is seeking information about.

4. Both wells are working, with Vane Doshier donating supplies and time to repair the old well.

5. A dumpster has been installed, and was really needed. Just one good-sized funeral will cause a dumpster to be filled out with flowers, etc.

6. Folks who place flowers at gravesites are asked to secure them in a better fashion, because high winds scatter the flowers around.

7. Car stops have been installed in the new cemetery, keeping vehicles off the last line of graves.

8. Howard and Marcia Leavell have repaired the fence in the old cemetery.

9. The cemetery board members asked the council to probe certain areas, which, if no graves are found, more plots can be added. These are areas where dirt has been stored.

10. A tentative date in mid-May has been set for a community workday at the cemetery. Some Clovis organizations have youths who should be able to help, too.

11. Glaze Monuments, of Clovis, has some old stock of markers, and they are willing to put the named, birthday and death date, for \$50 each, on markers at gravesites where no such markers now exist.

12. Some signs are

needed to keep vehicles off the grass. At one funeral, Mrs. Leavell said she saw vehicles leave the roadways and drive over the grass.

13. Mrs. Crooks and Mrs. Leavell asked the council to have requirements placed on gravediggers.

What has happened in some cases, they said, is that the gravediggers leave big rocks, which the cemetery board members have to remove. In other cases, mounds of caliche are left.

Mrs. Crooks and Mrs. Leavell suggested patrolling the rules after

those that Steed-Todd Funeral Home have.

This was placed on the next agenda for action.

14. The cemetery board collected \$4,169 in 2003, including a donation of 5 lots from a Fort Sumner lady -- and 3 of these lots were sold for \$900 total.

15. The cemetery board members said they want all graves to have markers, and asked that this be placed on the next council agenda, also.

They said no such language is currently in the city's ordinance.

16. The cemetery board members said they want purchasing payment pro-

cedures set up to keep track of payments for lots.

City Clerk Teresa Harth said, for example, that some folks put down \$50 on a gravesite, then disappear.

In other business, the council:

-- Approved four persons to serve on the precinct board for the March 2 city election.

-- Didn't discuss the proposed heavy vehicle restriction ordinance; city building inspector Terry Martin is still working on it.

-- Approved seeking a loan increase from the New Mexico Finance Authority for the new city hall project.

Councilman Oran Jay

Autrey reported that the entire parking lot doesn't need to be resurfaced, as was indicated at the last meeting, due to extra building work.

Just a portion of the lot will be re-sealed, saving about \$10,000. This extra money will be used to help prepare the current city hall for demolition (must meet environmental abatement regulations costing about \$7,000).

-- Gave Fire Chief Lewis Cooper the go-ahead to send Texico firemen to the annual Region 3 EMS conference in Ruidoso April 29-May 1, at a cost of about \$90 per participant.

-- Gave Cooper approval to purchase a burn

trailer, used for firemen's training. It costs about \$77,000, plus \$2,500 delivery cost.

Texico has received a \$77,000 FEMA grant, said Cooper, and the city must match the remainder of the cost (using fire department funds).

Dogs missing

Two dogs, one Chocolate Lab, one bird dog, white with black spots, have been lost.

They answer to Amos and Cash. One has a shock collar.

They were last seen near the Farwell Country Club. If found, please call 806-481-9513 or 505-760-3673.

2003-crop Average Price Received by Growers Through November 2003

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on cumulative marketings through each month.

The 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers will be used to calculate the final Counter-cyclical program payment rate.

For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2003 marketing year. The 2003 cotton marketing year began in August 2003 and ends in July 2004.

Average Price Received For 2003-crop Upland Cotton (Weighted by Marketing)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	420	420	46.30	46.30
September	769	1,189	55.70	52.39
October	1,783	2,972	68.00	61.75
November	1,912	4,884	63.40	62.40
December	na	na	63.10*	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

	Early	Friona	Bovina	Farwell	Oklahoma Lane	Lazbuddle	Totals
Kirk Edwards	12	49	22	10	12	12	117
Elaine King Miller	1	10	8	5	1	2	27
Lee Gibson	6	71	12	8	3	7	107
Jesse Quackenbush	3	12	4	2	1	5	27
Bob Barnes	0	7	11	7	4	2	31
Kel Seliger	39	116	31	35	12	9	242
Don Sparks	0	18	10	11	3	3	45
Totals	61	283	98	78	36	40	596

How Parmer County voted

Here's an in-depth look at how Parmer County voted in the Jan. 20 special election for state senator. There will be a runoff between the two top vote-getters, Kel Seliger and Kirk Edwards, who also finished 1-2 in Parmer County.

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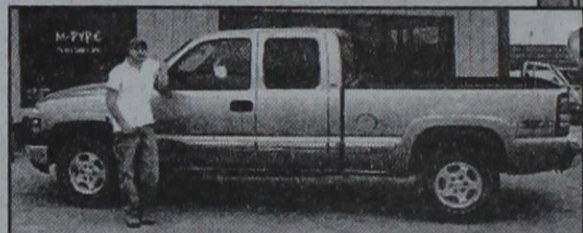
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the AARP bulletins each month.

I forget what AARP stands for, but I know it's something "old."

Anyway, I just smile when I read some of the articles because I have been harping on these subjects for so many, many years.

How long has it been since I had that conversation with former U.S. Rep. Larry Combest about (a) the decline of the middle class, and (2) the upcoming health insurance crisis.

I guess it's been about 12-13 years ago. And those predictions have come true.

But the problem is that politicians cannot act on problems until they occur. IN a democracy, you cannot plan ahead accordingly.

So there was the big article in AARP's January bulletin talking about how the Democrat candidates

for president are offering up varied plans for overhauling the health care system.

Why didn't they start on this 12 years ago when the obvious was happening? Why did they have to wait until millions of Americans lost their health insurance, with so many families devastated financially?

I just shrug my shoulders. Heck, what do I know, anyway?

I should be happy. At least the politicians have figured out there is a problem. And one may be the next president. Makes me sleep better at night.

There was another AARP article that caught my eye. It noted that AARP had backed the Medicare Bill although a lot of folks were not happy with everything that the bill contained.

I support AARP on this one. No bill passed by Congress is perfect (in fact, some are pretty lousy). You can't get everything you want in a bill, when there are two political parties with their own separate agendas.

So you hope for compromises that give you something. The Medicare bill, overall, is a definite plus for our senior citizens. And it's great that Congress passed it. This is a big thumbs-up for the Republicans to get it through.

Yes, you can always point out that something was missing from the bill. And you will be right. But you try passing a bill in Congress. It aint the easiest thing in the world. The legislation isn't perfect. But you can build on it. And in ensuing years, it will be added to in a positive way. At least a start has been made.

Looking back on the Clinton years, you can see how few major bills were passed as the two parties were at odds. But in the past couple of Bush years, this impasse has been broken to some degree.

Finally....

The rain ... the snow ... & Teresa!

From Teresa Mesman: As I write this column the weather is a crisp 52 degrees, the sun is shining and the wind is blowing, as usual.

I was rejoicing on Jan. 17 when the rain started falling. I was almost giddy when it started snowing. It was so wonderful to see the ground getting wet.

But to see the weather now, the snow and rain seem like a distant memory.

My youngest son woke up at about 7 a.m. Saturday when my husband shouted out "It's snowing!"

Tanner never touched the floor as he shot out of his bedroom hooting and hollering about the snow. He immediately began ordering me to gather his snow clothes together and assist him in bundling him up to "go play in the snow."

"Honey, there's hardly any snow sticking to the ground yet," I explained. "Just wait for a little while to go outside."

"Mom, are you kidding? It's snowing and I'm going out to play in the snow!" he firmly stated.

That kid cracks me up sometimes!

Bundled to the hilt, Tanner hopped off the back porch onto the ground. He immediately turned his face up to the sky and stuck out his

tongue to catch snowflakes.

He then took off in search of a pile of snow big enough to make a snowball. It is a tradition with my children that they must throw the first snowball at their mother as she stands trying to snap the traditional "first snowfall of the season photo."

Tanner gathered enough snow from the trampoline mats to make a sizeable snowball.

He came towards me and hurled it at me. I turned my back and grimaced as the wet mass soaked my nightshirt. (Yes, mother, I was standing out in the cold morning air in nothing but my nightshirt. I did have my snow boots on though. It was attractive.)

He then took off in search for a pile of snow thick enough to make a snow angel. He saw that he needed to wait for little while longer. Tanner became quite content to just stand out in and walk around in the snow, patiently waiting for an adequate amount of snow to accumulate.

I couldn't convince him to come back inside while he waited.

Cartoons, hot chocolate, a new box of cereal, even hot, cinnamon rolls couldn't bring him back inside.

I remember being that excited about snow. I must admit that I still love a good snowfall and playing out in the snow. But watching my children romp and play is even better.

I hoped that the snow would continue throughout the day and that we'd get at least four or five inches of accumulation.

It snows in our area

A nice dusting of snow covered parts of the area when residents awoke on Monday morning.

But a blow of cold air from the north unfortunately accompanied it.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2016



Katy Carpenter, a Farwell kindergarten, has an April 4 birthday. Parents are Rod and Melissa Carpenter. She has 2 brothers, Logan and Luke. Grandparents are Ronnie and Jackie Carpenter, and Jerry and Edna Kittrell.

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"So that's why all the wives are asking for Udder Butter?" was all that he could manage to say. He dabbed at his forehead

with his handkerchief as I walked away, rubbing my thumbs with the rich emollient.

Tanner walked back into the house after about 45 minutes of being in the snow. He was cold and

was rubbing his face to warm it up.

I noticed his face, mittens, coat and snow pants were filthy dirty with mud and dirty snow.

"Where have you been?" I asked him.

"I made a snow angel out in the backyard, Mom!" he excitedly replied.

"Did we finally get enough snow built up to make a good one?" I queried.

"Nope, but I made one anyway. I'm sorry I'm so dirty, but thought I'd better do it now because it's starting to rain," he calmly explained.

I looked out past the back porch and, sure enough, there was a definite outline and depression of a wet, muddy "snow angel."

That snow angel stayed throughout the day and was still there the next day.

I laughed to myself when I stood over the creation. One day later, the angel was dry and cracking. It even had little bits of dried grass flaking off and blowing in the wind.

Maybe this angel needs a little winter moisturizing treatment too.

Lord knows I've got plenty of lotion to share and a brand new tube of Udder Butter ... but I'm praying for another big

rain. But then a big snowfall would really crack me up!

The Latest

Jourdan Nichols, of Farwell, graduated in December with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting/Finance from Texas Christian University.

He graduated Cum Laude and in only 3 1/2 years.

He is the son of Tom and Terri Nichols, of Farwell.

Officials have been named for 2004 at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church:

Doug Boyd, charge lay leader; Tim Kasel, lay member to annual conference; Boyd White, alternate lay member; and Greg Howard, administrative council chairman.

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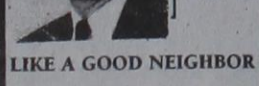


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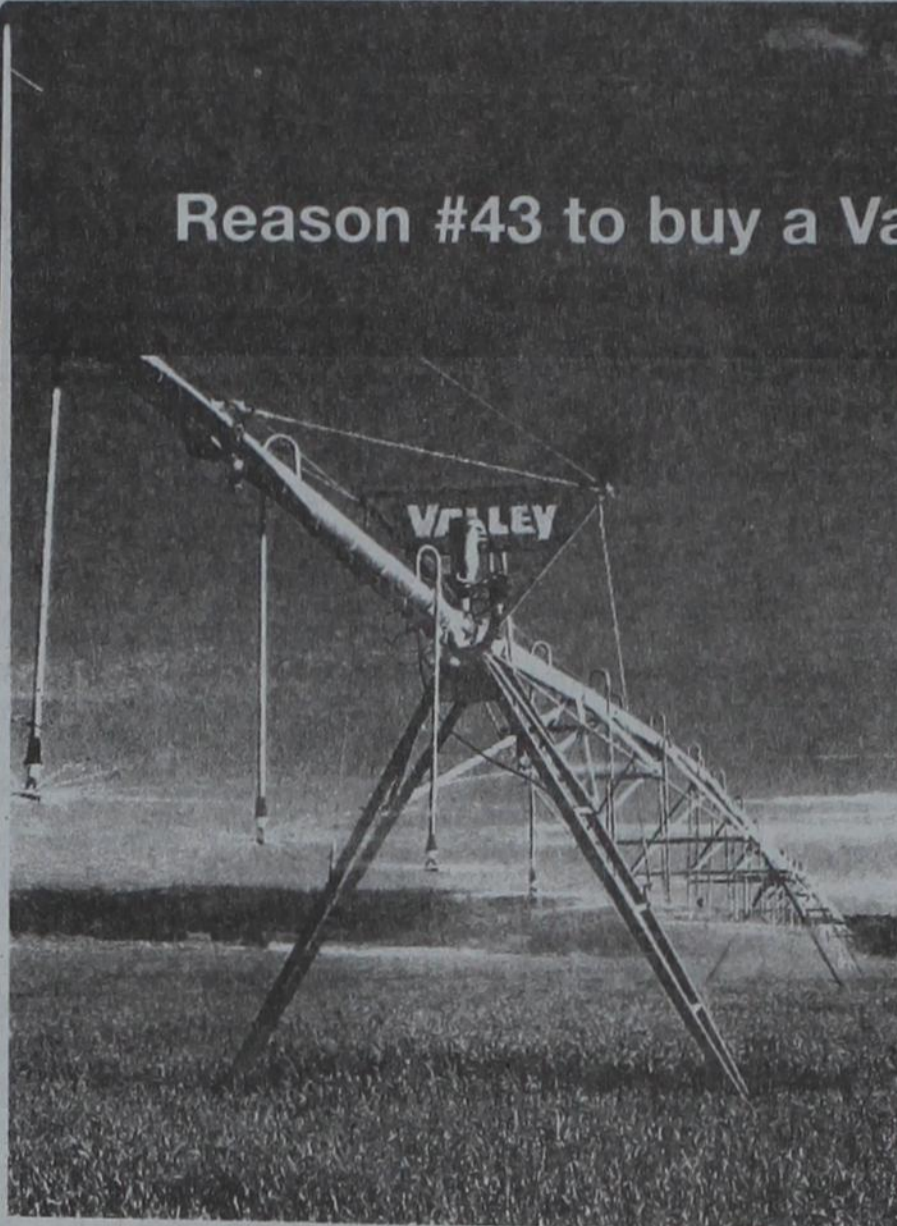
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Sheriff's Report

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On Jan. 21, Daniella Coby, 19, of Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle. Case pending before the grand jury.

On Jan. 23, Ruby Sanchez, 31, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check in Potter County. She is pending transport.

On Jan. 25, Miguel Rosado, 31, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of assault. Case pending in county court

In 287th District Court on Jan. 13, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Miguel Santiago Lopez, 20, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 12 months in a state jail facility, \$278 court costs, \$500 fine, loss of driver's license, and obtain substance abuse counseling.

-- Pedro Ramirez Muniz, 34, of Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated for 3 years; 10 days in Parmer County Jail as a condition of community supervision; \$303 court costs, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours of community service, loss of driver's license for 18 months, and obtain counseling at own expense.

-- Alonso Manuel Alvarez, 33, of Friona, charged with possession of less than one gram (cocaine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$303 court costs, \$750 fine, \$140 restitution, 120 hours of community service, loss of driver's license for 180 days, and obtain substance counseling at own expense.

-- Martin Martinez Mata, 35, of Bovina, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, deferred for 2 years; \$278 court costs, \$500 fine, \$140 restitution, 120 hours of community service, and obtain counseling at own expense.

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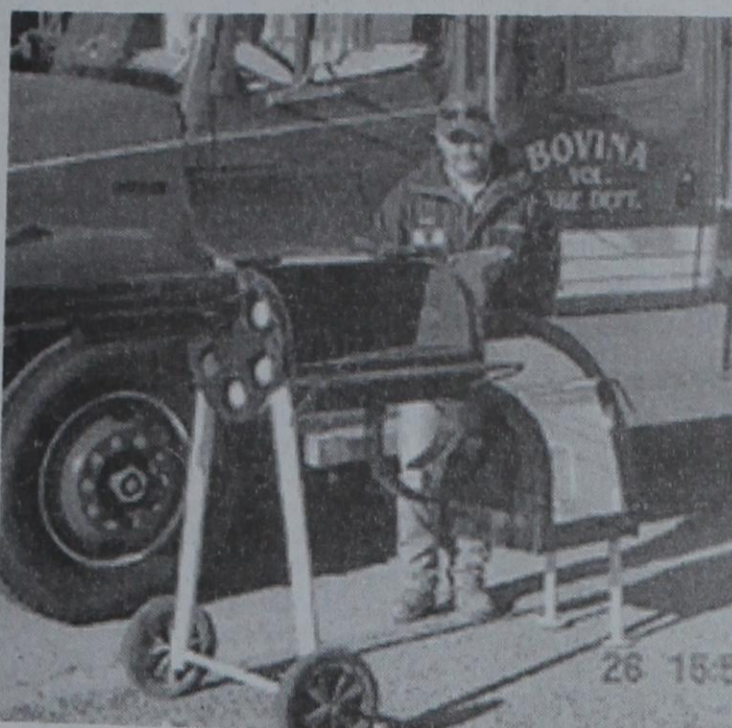
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Marquez re-elected chief; grill to be raffled

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The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department will

be raffling off a barbecue grill for \$5 a ticket, on April 11.

To purchase a ticket, see any member of the department.

First Prize will be the grill, valued at \$1,500. Second and 3rd prizes are four tubes of hamburger meat each.

All proceeds will be to purchase new pagers for the members of the fire department.

St. Ann's plans annual German sausage dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina will have its annual German sausage dinner on Feb. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parish hall on 3rd Street.

Donations are \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children 6 and under. Take-out plates are available.

Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner or by calling any St. Ann's member.

The meal includes German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread, desserts and tea or coffee.

Commissioners review new jail progress

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday reviewed the construction on the new county law enforcement center.

The state inspection is set for Feb. 11. If all goes well, Sheriff Randy Geris said he hopes to have the open house soon afterward.

The Tribune will run two full pages of photos on the new center before the open house.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Passed a resolution to allow both primaries (Democrat and Republican) to be held in the same buildings.

-- Decided to continue with the janitorial service of David Ancira on a month-to-month basis.

The commissioners want to see how this works out when the new jail is included.

If necessary, they would add a maintenance/janitorial employee to the county staff.

-- Canvassed the vote of the special election for

state senate.

-- Received one bid for a tractor for the Lazbuddie area precinct, from Copley Tractor & Equipment, of Muleshoe. It was accepted.



Peabody cited

Mark Peabody was named a Texico High School Teen of the Week.

Parents are Jim and Libby Peabody, and grandparents are Ted Peabody, and Leon and Marilyn Coats.

He is active in basketball, football, track, 4-H and church.

He is the 1st-4th grades teacher at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

His career choice is landscaping.

Courthouse Notes

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

Robert Blackwell estate - Robert Blackwell Jr. et al, 440 ac S5 T1N R4E.

Paul Barker estate - Esther Barker, 10 ac SW/4 S17 Blk C.

Robert Rule trust - Bertha Rule, NW/4 S11 T6S R3E.

Ernestina Rivera - Homero Soltero, L5-6 B85 Old Town Friona.

Henry Reid - Raymond Cantu, L4 N5' E 65' L5 B24 Original Town Friona.

Curry Farms - Joe Ward, S 1-2 Blk V Oliver Subdivision (near the Castro County line)

Joe Ward - Osterkamp Dairy, same as above.

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Farwell teams solidify chances at making state playoffs

Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue are 5-1 in district and 13-12 after destroying Hart on Tuesday, 63-24.

Scoring were Micah Christian, Kyra Christian and Khallie Foster, 4 each; Hailey Grimes and Britton Barrett, 8 each; Nikki Gober, 12; Bea Garcia, 6; Danielle Cargile, 2; and Chelsea Meyer, 15.

The Lady Blue, with the victory, have an excellent shot at a playoff spot, vying with Springlake-Earth and Sudan for the playoffs.

The Farwell Lady Blue were 4-1 in district and 12-12 overall after wiping out Kress, 65-22, on Friday.

Scoring were Micah Christian, 5; Kyra Christian, 7; Hailey Grimes, 6; Britton Barrett, 2; Nikki Gober, 4; Bea Garcia, 9; Tara Schilling, 10; Chelsea Meyer, 9; and Khallie Foster, 13.

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers are 5-1 in district and 18-8 overall after whipping Hart, 85-40, on Tuesday.

Scoring were Tyler Myers, 24; Jason Johnson, 7; Robbie Tabb, 2; Grant Gregory and Tate Nichols, 12 each; Rowdy Mitchell, 5; Jeremie Chandler, 10; Jose Cabello, 8; and Cale Stevenson, 5.

The Steers and Sudan are both in a position to

Mobile congressional office to visit Farwell

U.S. Cong. Randy Neugebauer's "Mobile Congressional Office" will be in Farwell next week.

Parmer County residents needing federal assistance or experiencing problems involving federal agencies are invited to meet his district aide, Mary Whistler.

She will be available from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the courtroom of the Parmer County courthouse.

Inquiries about Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, other federal programs and comments on issues before Congress are welcome.

Neugebauer said he started this mobile office to make it easier for folks in the 19th Congressional District to get help they need in dealing with federal agencies.

Constituents may also contact Neugebauer's Lubbock district office at (806) 763-1611 or toll free at 1-888-763-1611 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or e-mail the congressman at www.house.gov/neugebauer.

make the state playoffs since none of the other teams in district have winning records.

The Farwell Steers went to 17-6 overall and 4-1 in district on Friday with an 89-40 walk over Kress.

Scoring were Jason Johnson, 9; Robbie Tabb, 3; Grant Gregory, 19; Tate Nichols, 18; Rowdy Mitchell, 4; Jeremie Chandler, 6; Cale Stevenson, 5; Jason Sudderth, 8; Jose Cabello, 6; and Tyler Myers, 11.

JV Boys

Farwell's JB Boys crushed Hart, 69-41, on Tuesday.

All the Steers scored: Chris Culver, 7; Brett Howard and Matthew Edwards, 2 each; Zach

Bickel, 6; Roper Smith and Ty Gast, 4 each; Derrick Chandler, 8; Carlos Saenz, 11; and Fabian Reyes and Luis Olmos, 14 apiece.

Farwell's JV Boys beat Sudan, 58-39, on Friday.

Scoring were Zach Bickel, 3; Roper Smith, 4; Matthew Edwards, 6; Chris Culver, 10; Brett Howard, 3; Derrick Chandler, 16; Carlos Saenz, 8; and Fabian Reyes, 9.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls put away Hart on Tuesday, 72-13.

Hart only scored 2 points in the first half.

Scoring were Julie Castillo, 9; Jennifer DeLeon, 4; Salida Edwards, Jordan Carpenter,

Melissa Howard and Cindy Quezada, 6 each; Dellani Jones, 15; Trish Robertson, 5; Hayley Fowler, 2; and Amanda Martin, 8.

Farwell's JV Girls lost to Nazareth, 40-32, Friday.

Scoring were Julie Castillo, Jennifer DeLeon and Jordan Carpenter, 4 each; Melissa Howard, 1; Ashlie Martin and Hayley Fowler, 2 each; Dellani Jones, 8; and Amanda Martin, 7.

"C" Boys

Farwell's "C" Boys lost to Olton, 60-42.

Scoring were Colton Sudderth, 17; Dan Patterson, 6; Juan Carlos Vidaurri, Cory Chadwick and Alex Olmos, 4 each; Robert Williams, 3; and Hugo Vasquez and Ryan McClaran, 2 apiece.

"A" Girls

Farwell's "A" Girls won 1 and lost 2 last week.

They fell to Springlake-Earth, 23-19. Scoring were Shelby Christian, 2; Morgan Saul, 14; and Kaylyn Meyer, 3.

They lost to Friona, 53-33. Scoring were Christian and Saul, 6 each; and Meyer, 21.

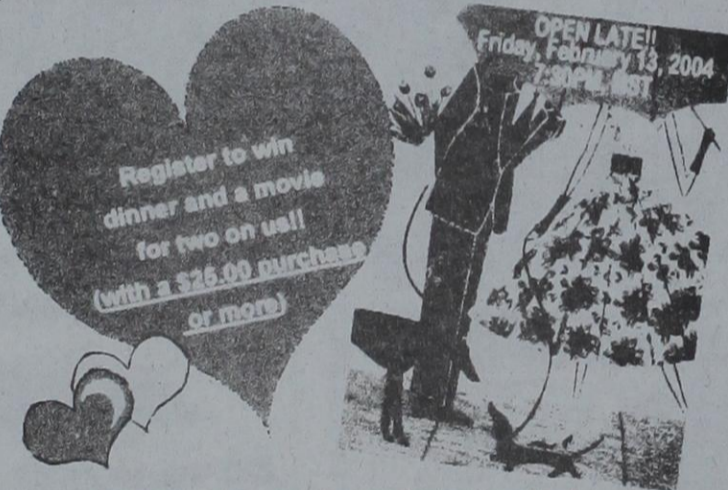
And Farwell beat Tulia, 38-32. Scoring were Christian, 7; Lauren Beaubien, 2; Saul, 24; and Meyer, 5.

"B" Girls

Farwell's "B" Girls won 1 and lost 2 last week.



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They beat Springlake-Earth, 21-15. Scoring were Micky Cenicerros, 5; Robin Scott, 4; and Nina Galvan and Adriana Gutierrez, 6 apiece.

They fell to Friona, 23-8. Scoring were Melinda Castillo, Scott and Galvan, 2 each; Gutierrez, 1; and Cenicerros, 1.

And Tulia topped Farwell, 29-3. Scoring were Cenicerros, 2; and Martha Rosas, 1.

8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys won 2 of 3 last week.

They wiped out Springlake-Earth, 50-18. Scoring were Bryce Howard, 5; Finus Nolte, 4; Roper Ledbetter and Trace Stevenson, 8 each; Ramon Quezada, 12; and Dalton Cockerham, Brian Meeks and Jorge Vasquez, 2 each.

Farwell lost to Friona, 65-31. Scoring were Nolte

and Ross McClaran, 1 each; Ledbetter, Vasquez and Logan Carpenter, 2 each; and Quezada, 23.

And Farwell beat Tulia, 37-33. Scoring were McClaran, 2; Vasquez and Carpenter, 10 each; and Quezada, 14.

7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys won 2 of 3 last week.

They kayoed Springlake-Earth, 39-13. Scoring were Bo Mitchell, 8; John Edwards, 10; Cameron Kirkland, 12; Blake O'Hare, 7; and Nathan Cuevas, 2.

Farwell beat Friona, 34-23. Scoring were Mitchell, 8; Edwards, 17; Kirkland, 4; Kade Foster and O'Hare, 2 each; and Cuevas, 1.

Tulia beat Farwell, 44-30. Scoring were Mitchell, 6; Edwards, 13; Kirkland and Cuevas, 2 each; and O'Hare, 7.

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