



*Kade Foster, Brooke Hall, Tra Hall, Blake O'Hare, and Cameron Kirkland*

## Farwell CX debaters excel at state meet

It was another highly successful trip for the Farwell High School CX Debate contingent at the state UIL meet in Austin last week.

Fifty-four teams competed in Class 1A – 108 students.

Farwell's Kade Foster took Silver Gavel, meaning he finished 2nd as an individual debater. He thus qualified for many UIL academic scholarships.

Farwell sent two teams to the meet – Foster and Brooke Hall, and Cameron Kirkland and Blake O'Hare.

Both teams went undefeated in the preliminary rounds.

The team of Hall and Foster finished in 6th place, losing to a team from Lindsey, Texas.

The team of Kirkland and O'Hare finished in 3rd place, losing on a 2-1 decision to the Lindsey team.

Before the Kirkland-O'Hare match with Lindsey, Farwell folks went to the director and asked that one of the three judges be disqualified since he had voted against Farwell teams five straight times.

The director told that judge about the Farwell complaint, but he was still allowed to be one of the three judges. He voted against Farwell again.

"I thought our kids did exceptionally well," said Debate Coach Tra Hall. "Our teams qualified for many UIL academic scholarships."

During the past several years of success in CX Debate, no Farwell team has done better than 3rd place, although an individual, Ashleigh Mesman, finished 1st last year.

Among those attending the competition were: Angela Hall, Hunter Hall, Jack and Michele Kirkland, Ken and Kanetha Foster, Larry and Robin Gregory, Sherry Hall, Patty O'Hare and Michelle Martin.

### Johnson shows 1st place hamp at Houston

Parmer County 4-H'ers had a successful run at the Houston Livestock Show, with nine youths having animals that made the sale.

Making the sale were:

Lambs – Austin Mason, 4th, Southdown.

Barrows – Cambree Devault, 7th, spot; Bretton Stancell, 6th, spot; Cambry Haseloff, 8th, hamp; Drew Johnson, 1st, hamp; Cari Johnson, 9th, york; Kendall Stancell, 8th, duroc; Taylor Stancell, 11th, duroc; and Katlin Stancell, 6th, duroc.

Also participating at Houston were Abby Johnson, Jill Johnson, Ethan Stancell, Emily Stancell, Zac Stancell, Padyn Hadley, Heath Hadley and Ray White.

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*Texico Junior High track meet action*

*(see more photos on page 5)*



**The Texico Lady Wolverines**

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

# Zoning laws discussed for Texico

City Inspector Terry Martin told the Texico City Council Tuesday he is working on zoning regulations. He said Clovis has made laws that will control all of the zoning in the county unless other entities put laws in place to protect themselves.

Martin will work with the council to put together rules, set up a public hearing, and then push for an ordinance.

It will most likely feature a central business district along the highway, with other areas designated as residential.

Businesses not located on the highway will be grandfathered in, but will most likely have to appear in front of the council if they sell, or are passed to another person.

## Deaf Smith Electric Co-op elects Reeve, Olson, Wright

Three board directors were elected at the 71st annual meeting of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative in Hereford Tuesday:

Position 1 – Steve Olson beat incumbent Clark Andrews.

Position 2 – Incumbent Floyd Reeve beat Ricky Barnett.

Position 3 – Incumbent Donald Wright beat Donny Carpenter.

Attending were 533 registered members and a huge crowd was present.

General Manager Stever Louder said it has been a busy and successful year.

“We reached an all-time high peak load of 183 megawatts and kilowatt hour sales at 599 million. We installed 27 miles of underground wire and 33 miles of overhead distribution lines to serve 391 new services,” he said.

Irrigation load added included 345 new services totaling 13,002 horsepower. The co-op built 9 miles of transmission line for new substations and upgrade of existing ones.

Residential areas will be broken down into single family, dual family, such as duplexes, multi-family, including apartments and condos, and mobile home areas.

In other news, the council:

- Accepted bids on the new fire department 60'x100' storage building across from A-Me-D's restaurant.

Bids were awarded to American Electric for the electrical work, \$15,250; Jack's Plumbing, \$6,600; slab construction went to Ashley Construction, \$47,000; Rollo Gurss, of Lubbock, \$32,000 for building aprons; Southwest Welding will construct the building, \$32,000; and Overhead Doors will put on the rollup doors for \$13,600.

The co-op's margin, its equity level of 71 percent and its debt service coverage level indicate a very strong business, he said.

The operating margin was \$4.28 million. The co-op retired \$1.5 million in capital credits.

Louder reported there will be a gradual expansion of the system's infrastructure in the coming year.

During the drawings, Ken Howell, of Dimmitt, won the two airline tickets.

The co-op has completed the voltage conversion of the Hub substation and the transmission line to serve it. A new substation is planned southwest of Hereford.

A change has been made in voting procedures. Now, ballots will be mailed to members before the annual meeting and folks can vote without attending the meeting.

And Louder alerted folks to a carbon tax that may be imposed by the federal government on electric generating facilities. This would be imposed over a number of years.

Councilmen Oran Jay Autrey and Jerry Bradley abstained because of conflicts of interest. Autrey will be inspecting the work, and Bradley has a son who works with some of the companies.

- Joined the New Mexico Municipal League of Zoning Officials. The cost was \$35 per year, but the city will be able to get information about how to deal with the paperwork involved with zoning problems and issues.

- Heard Martin say several homeowners are working on cleaning up their properties. One trailer house will be torn down, and work has begun to fix up several others.

Councilman Doug Scioli said most of the trash will have to be taken to the Clovis land fill because Texico does not have the facilities to deal with the large amount of waste.

- Got a Cemetery Association update: they have installed the gazebo, and found 40 unknown graves, 13 graves that will receive head markers, and 23 names of folks who have been buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves. Those 23 will be added to a new memorial; the older one has already been filled.

They are working on a display case for the cemetery as well as a bathroom, and they are researching a war memorial for the site.

- Heard from Police Chief Doug Bowman that vehicles were burglarized over the weekend; see Crime Stoppers article elsewhere in today's Tribune.

Bowman is also working on cleaning trash from several streets including the railroad property just south of the tracks on South College Street.

*You are cordially invited  
to a shower honoring  
Jake and Trisha Steelman*

**Saturday, March 28: 10 to 11:30 a.m.**  
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## Crime Stoppers

Last weekend, numerous cases of vehicle break-ins were reported in Farwell, Texico and Bovina.

Stolen were stereos and sound equipment.

Thefts occurred 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Pease makes sure you lock your vehicle and report any suspicious persons or activity to your local law enforcement, during the day or night time hours.

If you have any information at all about this crime, call Parmer County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.

Call 800-744-8477.

## Texico Police

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief Doug Bowman.

On March 20, a person reported that \$585 was taken from her coat while at the pre-school.

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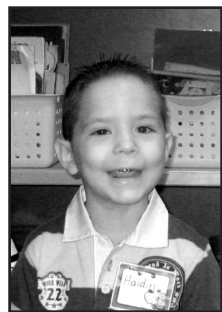
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Haiden LeClear is a Farwell kindergarten. His birthday is March 4. Parents are Michelle Cordova & Isaac Nicolas. Siblings are Lucas, Haija & Kya. Grandparents are Jolana Griego & Gabriel Cordova.

He likes to play video games, fish and eat candy. His favorite color is blue. Favorite foods are steak and pizza.

He doesn't like sharing with sister or taking out trash.

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# Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

## The war goes on

I read a short article in a recent Texas Baptist Standard newsletter that really jumped out at me.

You know how I have written several columns about the world war that has been started by Moslem extremists with the No. 1 target of killing all the Jews and Christians and any other "infidels" in the world.

And I'm sure I sound like an extremist in broaching such a far-out thought. Very few readers agree with me, I wouldn't doubt.

Anyway, the article said that Moslem extremists in India have placed a \$25 bounty on Christian ministers and priests. In other words, if you kill one of those folks, you get a \$25 reward.

And \$25 is good money among the impoverished in India.

And let's take a look at Sudan where Moslems have been slaughtering Christians in the Darfur region. The latest word is that the Moslem head of state has kicked out the peace-keeping forces.

You know what that means, don't you. The slaughter will continue.

It is true that Christianity is gaining converts in southern Africa and that is a plus.

We have such a divergent situation in our world. On one hand, the "industrialized world" is full of high tech. On the other, a rapidly growing group of fanatics is taking control of one area after another.

Have you noticed how the government of Pakistan has solved its problem with the Taliban-like extremists in its northern provinces? They basically ceded all authority to them as long "as they don't cause trouble."

Thus, girls are no longer allowed in school, and all the strict Taliban-like laws are being put in

place over millions of people. Either accept the Moslem faith ... or die.

What does this say about the future of Pakistan? In my opinion, it's only a matter of time when the extremists in the north take over the entire nation. And that will cause a radical problem throughout the world.

I can see Ben Laden in his cave now, laughing at the West. He sees the future and it looks like it's going his way. He probably can't wait until he returns to a Taliban-run Afghanistan. And the way things are going there, that could happen.

You might say, "Hey, Mike, this is a big world. A few Moslem extremists may cause some problems but there's no way they can take over the whole world."

Are you sure? Remember the Bolsheviks garnered 2 percent of the vote in the Russian elections in 1917, yet took over that huge nation, turning it into a Communist entity.

What the West needs is a unified policy to deal

with Moslem extremists. And that isn't going to happen. Our leaders don't have the wherewithal to deal with such a menace, especially in poor economic times. That problem comes first, and even if it didn't, our "leaders" would avoid tackling such a menace.

So what we get a chance to do is simply watch the news unfold. Watch the successes that the Moslem extremists roll up in the coming years. And ask yourself what it will lead to.

I trust area city officials, like in Texico, Farwell and Friona, are paying attention to the stories we have been running about the possibility of using windmills on city property in Bovina, which would generate big bucks for the city.

Bovina officials are optimistic this will work. If so, all area officials should check into doing similar projects.

Did you see the stat released last week on the

U.S. birth rate.

Forty percent of all babies are now being born out of wedlock.

Times are changing.

Naval Commander (Ret.) Will Anderson preached at the First Baptist Church of Farwell on Sunday about Islam.

Will's understanding of history is amazing. He doesn't try to be "politically correct" or say things to calm folks. He simply calls a spade a spade.

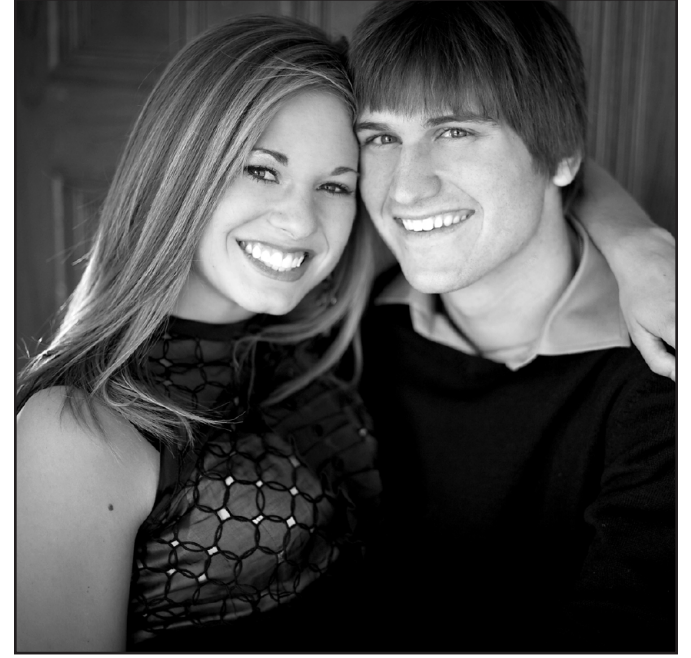
Suffice it to say he would never be elected to Congress.

Anyway, Will's talk on the spread of Moslems throughout Africa and Asia coincides completely with my take on history in the making.

Will talked about the Koran, which he has studied. And he points out that the Moslem's holy book says, basically, the goal should be for everyone in the world to be Moslem. And the infidels have a choice, either convert ... or die.

Thus, the Moslem's charge is simple. Use the sword.

And that is what the West is now facing.



## Micah Christian to wed Wally Dunn

Vick and Denise Christian, of Farwell, announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Micah Christian, to Wally Dunn, son of Tim and Terri Dunn, of Midland, Texas. The bride-elect, a 2005 graduate of Farwell High School, attends Texas Tech University and is on schedule to graduate in May with a degree in Nutritional Sciences. She plans to then pursue her Master's Degree. The bridegroom is on the Texas Tech basketball team and is pursuing a geology degree. The wedding will be June 27 at the First Baptist Church of Lubbock. Announcements have been sent out.

### Courthouse Notes

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

Elena Perez - Claudia Regalado, L10 B4 McMillen & Ferguson.

Gaylord Stowers estate - Jeff Stowers, E 23' L18 W52' L19 B1 Lakeside.

Ernest Ruthardt - Herman Rodriguez, NW/4 S27 T11S R3E.

Circle C Farms - Lance McClaran, NE/4 S18 T10S R2E.

George Frye - Kirk Frye, 5.48 ac S32 T1N R5E.

Elva Brandon estate - Victor Gonzalez, L3 N 14' L4 B33 Friona.

Jose Herrera - Araceli Chaparro, L1-2 B3 Drake, Friona.

George Cervantez - Jason Brito, NE 15' L18 of L19-20 B56 Bovina.

Elsie Black - Glen Black, 9 tracts in Rhea Bros.: Blk A, SW/4 S15 & 504 ac N/pt S6 & S7; and Blk C - W/2 SE/4 W/2 NE/4 S13; S14-18; S/2 S19; S/2 S20; S/2 S21; 335 ac S21; S22-23; and W/2 SW/4 S24.

### Farwell High scholars listed

The Farwell High School 3rd six weeks honor rolls:

All A's  
Freshmen - Emily Agee, Luis Delgado, Kory Jennings, Kristin Langford.

Sophomores - Landry Actkinson, Rane Carpenter, Laney Christian, Lincoln Devault, Matt Martin, Sarah Scott, Ray White.

Juniors - Brenda Delgado, Keegan Langford, Laura Martinez.

Seniors - Micky Cenicerros, Nathan Cuevas, Nina Galvan, Kayla Sanders.

Steer Honor Roll (90 average with no more than 3 B's)

Freshmen - Keila Jennings, Abby Johnson, Jacque Meza, Garrett Presnell, Jessica Reyes, Karen Sanchez, Michelle Vega.

Sophomores - Luke Carpenter, Julia Cuevas, Jose Garcia, Brooke Hall, Lauryn Meyer, Josh Olivas, Ashley Sandrs, Katlin Martinez.

Juniors - Matt Billingsley, Colton Christian, Kyle Jennings, Tiffani Jons, Casey Knight, Victor Rodriguez, Sarah Saenza, Jake Ware, Aaron Warren.

Seniors - Danny Brown, Adriana Gutierrez, Taylor Mesman, Josh Richards.

### Farwell JH honor rolls given

Farwell Jr. High's 4th Six Weeks Honor Rolls:  
6th Grade -- Stephanie Aericko, Andres Graxiola, Curt Langford, Taylor Presnell, Mitchell Ratke, Trevor Schilling, Federico Solis.

7th Grade -- Savanna Barksdale, Lauren Carpenter, Zachary Dale, Sammy Jo Hardisty, John Ryan Isaacson, Dillon Kirkland, Kelsey Knight, Austin Mason, Gabbie Schilling, Taylor Stancell, Hanna Sudderth, K'leigh Jo White.

8th Grade -- Chandler Barnes, Chelsea Bass, Collin Christian, Lydia Gomez, Hayden Hadley, Cassidy Martin, Kolten Morris, Clara Reyes, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Kathya Saenz, Olivia Schilling, Sanjuana Sotelo.

### Prokop auditions

Texico High School graduate Travis Prokop, son of Mike and Shirley Prokop, has auditioned for the "So You Think You Can Dance" TV show competition.

Prokop, who attends West Texas A&M University, was one of four WT students among more than 5,000 persons who auditioned in Memphis, Tenn.

Folks will have to watch the show to see if he passed the audition.

## Bailey County Health Fair and Bike Safety Rodeo

Saturday, April 4, 2009  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Bailey County Coliseum  
2206 W. American Blvd.  
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**Attention Kids: FREE Helmets will be given by the Texas Department of State Health Services to all who participate in the bike safety rodeo! Be sure to bring your bike!**

FREE Hotdog lunch provided by Atmos Energy.

Booths by local and area vendors with information and handouts showcasing their health services or products. The health fair promises to be exciting, as well as educational for youngsters, parents and senior citizens.

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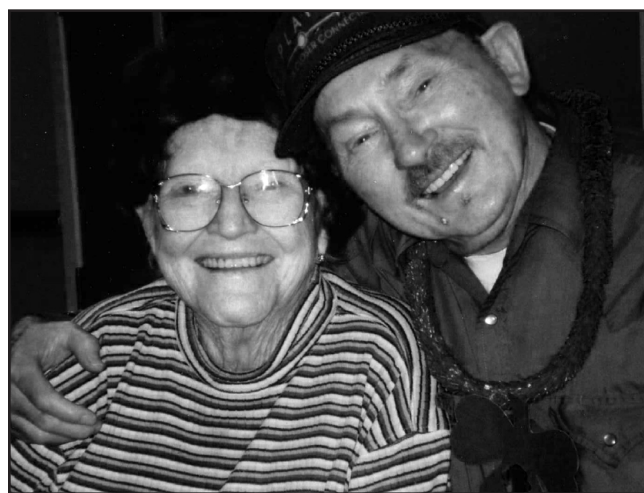
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Resident Anthony Peter Paul with his wife, Sherry.



Residents Hazel Eshleman and Billy Cooper.



Resident Jimmy Gordon.

## St. Patrick's Day party

The Farwell Convalescent Center had a St. Patrick's party on March 19, along with a birthday party. Fred Chandler and his band played, and the Auxiliary members also helped with the party.

# It's time to play ball! Deadline set for county book

It's time to get those baseball bats and gloves out of the closet and get ready to play ball! Baseball season is fast approaching.

Farwell Little League will hold sign-ups for all area children ages 4 1/2 - 18 for play in the 2009 season.

The first sign-up will be at Farwell Elementary on Thursday, March 26, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. cst. The second sign-up will be held at Texico Elementary on Thursday, April 2, 3:45 to 5 p.m. mst.

The final sign-up will be held at the Farwell Little League ball fields on Saturday, April 4, at 9 until 11 a.m. cst.

The age for playing t-ball has caused some confusion in the past. To be eligible for play in the 2009 season, the child must turn 5 by Sept. 1, 2009.

The divisions for play in the Farwell Little League are T-Ball, Coach (Machine) Pitch, Minors, Majors and Babe Ruth.

The cost is \$40 for one child.

There is also a family discount for families with more children playing. This discount is \$25 per child after the initial \$40 registration. This discount is only eligible for immediate family. Nieces, nephews, cousins, etc. do not qualify for the family discount.

## Walthers' grand slam sparks Wolverine win

The Texico Wolverines opened the 2000 baseball season with an 18-11 win over Santa Rosa there on March 17.

Seth Bailey went 3 for 5, with 2 singles and a double. Lucas Walthers was 4 for 5 with a grand slam homer.

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On Friday, the Wolverines and Portales played to a 3-3 tie.

The Wolverines had 3 hits: Bailey had 2 singles and 2 stolen bases while Brett Anderson had a single and an RBI.

The game was called after 7 innings due to the time limit.

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On Monday, the Wolverines hosted its first game of the baseball season by blasting Elida, 20-0 in five innings.

Texico had 10 hits, led by Brett Anderson with a single, double and 2 RBIs; T.J. Serna, with a single, double and 3 runs scored; and Matt Vazquez, with a triple bringing home 3 runs.

Combining on a one-hitter were Connor Doolittle and Trent Barclay.

At the time of signup, you must provide a copy of the birth certificate for each child you are registering. Please do not bring originals ... copies only are accepted. The registration cost must also be paid by cash or check at the time of signup.

If you have any questions prior to these registration times, please contact: Edie Kalbas at 825-3357 or Teresa Mesman at 825-3830.

## New Mexico teacher retirement dates changed

Texico School Supt. Dr. R.L. Richards attended a legislative session in Santa Fe last week and gave this report:

-- Teacher retirement dates have been changed from 25/75 years to 30/80 years.

-- The "sunset clause: for teachers who retire, then return to work, has been increased to 2022.

-- A proclamation was passed honoring the state champion Texico Wolverines basketball team. It was introduced by state Sen. Dennis Roch, current Tucumari School superintendent and past Texico High teacher.

On hand were team players Keegan Hollis, Kyle Boatman and Mark Rivera.

## 3 tracksters qualify for state

The Texico varsity track team went to Dexter on Friday for the meet there, but rains forced an early cancellation.

However, some athletes got a throw in the field events, and three Texico youths qualified for state competition already, even though it was their first track meet.

They were: Mario Posada, javelin; Nathan McWhorter, shot put, and Kayla Cox, discus throw.



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From Don Spring: The Parmer County Historical Commission has set the absolute final deadline for all entries in the second edition of Prairie Progress as May 31.

This will allow time to do corrections, type handwritten stories and set up the format for the publication in time to get it to the printers by early June and then have the book available by Thanksgiving.

Family histories seem to be shaping up just fine although there is still time to get yours in. The rest of the pages are coming in too slowly. We need the military pages very soon.

There has not been a booming response from our military families and that is surprising due to the number of our folk who have served with honor to protect our country. Please get those memorials and salutes to our military members in as soon as possible.

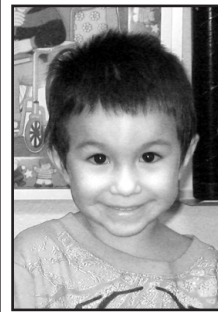
Also, business histories are not filing in as well as we would like. This is a very good opportunity to brag a little about your family business or new business starts. It also gives the county folk a look at the service you provide.

Other matters that need to be gotten in are the ads for the businesses and the memorials to family and loved ones. Both of these entries go for \$200 a full page, \$125 for a half page and \$88 for a quarter page.

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Bovina's Chamber banquet was a huge success with a large crowd, and great food and entertainment. Congrats to its organizers!

Next up is the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 18 at the Farwell Community Center. Charla Corn will headline the entertainment. Please mark this important event on your calendar!

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Area sports continue: Texico - Baseball is under way. Next up the varsity and JV host Tucumcari on March 30.

Farwell - The varsity tracksters will be in the Hornet Relays on March 27 at Sudan, while the JH tracksters will host the Steer Relays on March 26 in Farwell. The varsity boys golfers vie at Vega on April 1.

Bovina - the JH tracksters will be in the Steer Relays on March 26 in Farwell, while the varsity team enters the Hornet Relays on March 27 in Sudan.

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## Harrison, Hollis take 1st at Texico JH track meet

Here are the results of the Texico Junior High School track invitational on March 19:

7th Girls – 4th with 22.5 points.  
400 dash – Kimber Harrison, 2nd, 1:13.56; Cassidy Downing, 6th, 1:17.65.

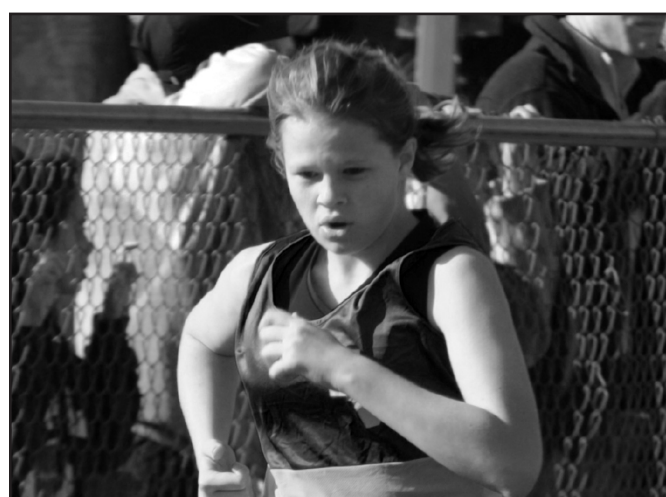
110 hurdles – Erin Lane, 6th, 21.68.  
1600 run – Darby Tharp, 5th, 7:40:53.  
800 run – Brooklyn Wooten, 2nd, 2:45.72.  
200 dash – Harrison, 5th, 32.68.  
400 relay – Texico, 3rd, 1:02.75, Krista Martinez, Shelby Vannatta, Downing, Harrison.

8th Girls – 4th with 55 points.  
Long jump – Shaylee Anderson, 2nd, 14'7."  
High jump – McKenzi Mayfield, 3rd, 4'4."  
Discus – Diana Maldonado, 2nd, 76'; Megan Duffy, 5th, 65'10."

100 dash – Mel Lucero, 2nd, 14.15; Mayfield, 3rd, 14.26.  
1600 run – Miranda Loera, 5th, 7:19.40.  
400 relay – Texico, 5th, 1:04.25, Loera, Sarah Teune, Lindsey Foote, Rae Lynn Prather.  
800 relay – Texico, 2nd, 1:59.93, Lucero, Kaylee Crawford, Mayfield, Anderson.  
800 run – Loera, 6th, 3:17.30.  
300 hurdles – Anderson, 4th, 59.15.  
200 dash – Mayfield, 3rd, 29.46; Lucero, 4th, 29.52.

7th Boys – 5th place with 1 point (most of the 7th boys participated on the 8th grade team).  
Long jump – Jarron Hill, 6th, 13'1."

8th Boys – 3rd with 71 points.  
Long jump – Shay Harrison, 3rd, 16'11.5."  
High jump – Mitchell Pinnell, 3rd, 4'8."  
Discus – D.J. Griego, 4th, 93'2."  
Shot put – Griego, 4th, 33'8."  
110 hurdles – Harrison, 1st, 17.9."  
400 dash – Colton Hollis, 1st, 56.93."  
1600 run – Miguel Reyna, 3rd, 5:50.18."  
400 relay – Texico, 2nd, 49.15, Hollis, Harrison, Valles, Pinnell.  
800 relay – Texico 3rd, 1:51.02, Valles, Pinnell, J.J. Tuls, Harris.  
800 run – Hollis, 1st, 2:16.25."  
300 hurdles – Adrian Gomez, 4th, 52.84."  
1600 medley – Texico, 4th, 4:55.18, Walls, Tuls, Gomez, Miguel Reyna.  
1600 relay – Texico, 3rd, 4:26:98, Jonah Walls, Pinnell, Alan Valles, Harris.



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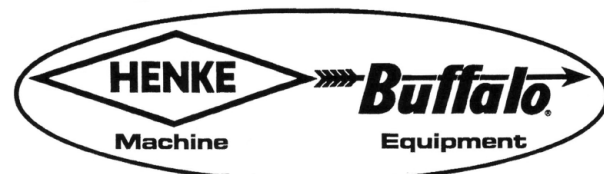


### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Ben Christian died at age 81. He came to this area in 1909 and lived between Texico and Pleasant Hill.  
Henry Reynolds, a county resident since 1916, died. He lived northwest of Bovina.  
A shower fetes Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rolland.  
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Just Listed - 320 irrigated acres east of Hub. 2 circles, 3 wells.

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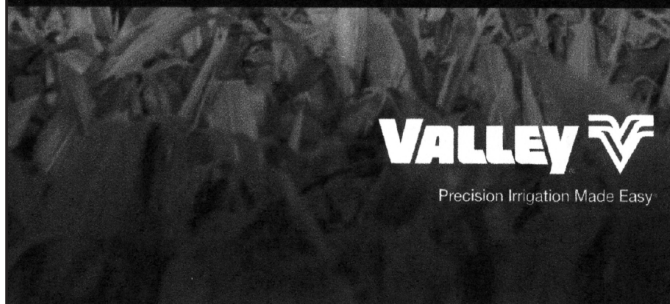
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## Farwell High to present 'OPAL', a one-act play

Farwell High School will begin UIL One-Act Play competition on March 28, by hosting the zone contest in the auditorium.

The contest is open to the public. Presenting plays will be Farwell, Sudan, Olton and Springlake-Earth. Farwell will be performing second about 1:45 p.m.

"OPAL," this year's play, is based on the childhood diary of Opral Whiteley, set in 1904 in an Oregon lumber camp. She lived in the home of a lumberman and his wife, where she wrote her childhood diary on scraps of paper.

## The Latest

The Curry County Commissioners last week enacted a burn ban for 45 days due to the high risk of fire.

Violators are subject to a \$50 fine for a first offense, \$100 for a second and \$300 for subsequent offenses.

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The Farwell Senior Meal Site reports a donation of \$300 from the Farwell Service League and wants the ladies to know how much it was appreciated.

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Country music superstar Keith Urban's bus was parked across the street from Allsup's in Farwell on March 19.

They were on their way to San Francisco and one of the support crew had to stop and pick up a burrito.

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A new administrator for the Farwell Convalescent Center will be coming in April.

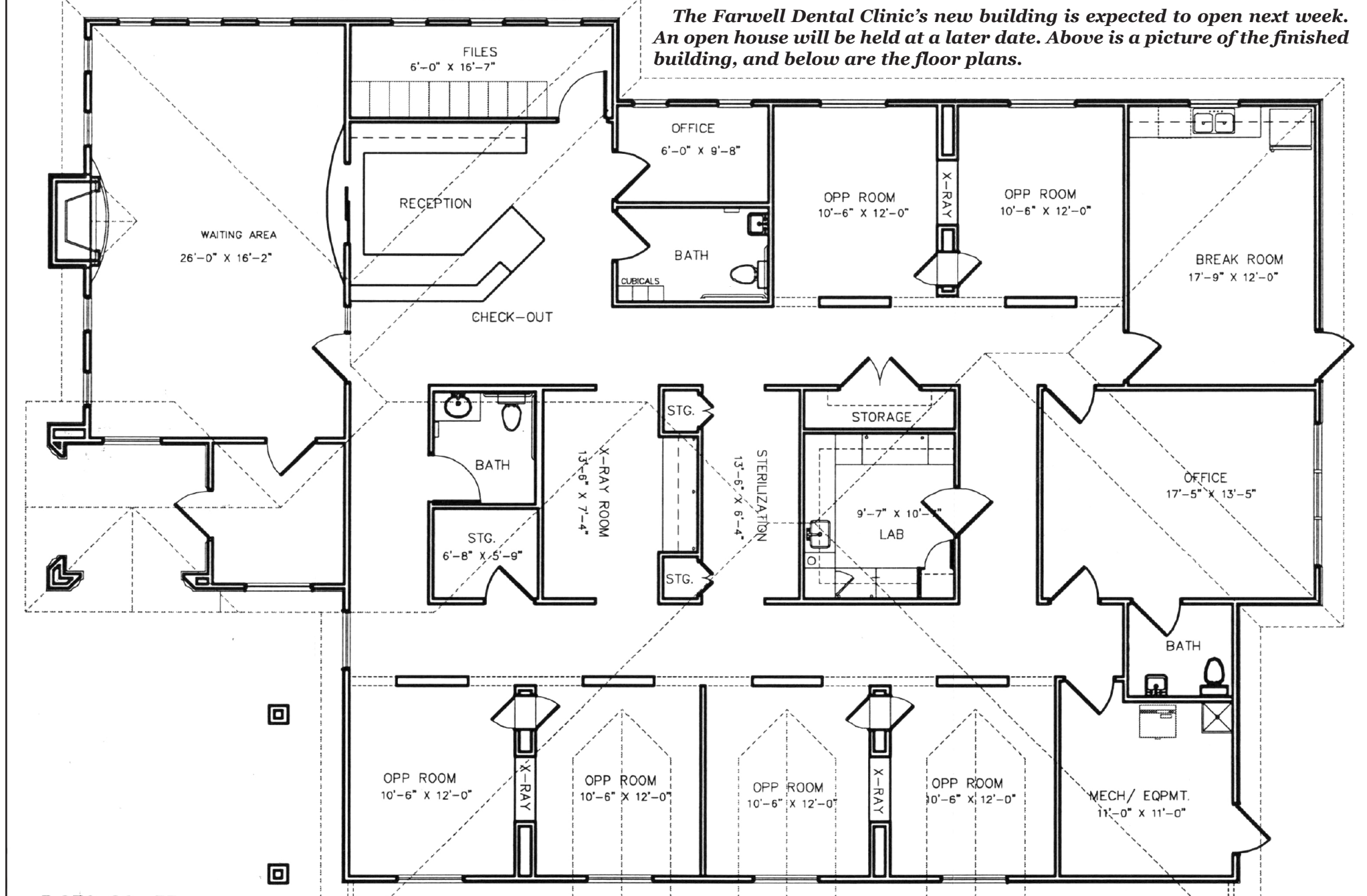
The center has had an interim administrator for the past couple of months.

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Former Farwell resident Anthony Chisom was an honorary event chairman of the No Tie Dinner and Dessert Party benefiting AIDS Services of Dallas.

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A wedding shower honoring Micah Christian and Wally Dunn will be held April 5, at 2 p.m. at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church.





**Killer tumbleweeds spotted**

These "killer tumbleweed" were spotted in a Bovina alley on March 19. Whether they will be seen in the upcoming McCain Bros. movie that debuts on April 4 at 7 p.m. mt in Clovis, remains to be seen. They may simply be relatives of the main characters in the movie spoof.

**Lazbuddie All-District**

Lazbuddie varsity basketball players who made All-District were:

Boys – Devlin Thompson, 1st team; Tyler Steinbock and Jacob Schacher, 2nd team.

Girls – Kinzi Jo Schacher, 1st team; Carrie Beth Gilly and Lydia Campos, 2nd team; and Keeley Burris, honorable mention.

**Hicks resigns from Lazbuddie school board**

Chris Timms is the new Lazbuddie School Board president.

He had been vice president but moved up to his new post according to board rules when a president

resigns.

Scott Hicks resigned from the board on Feb. 12. He had been president.

The board discussed possible candidates for the vacancy and will continue this discussion at its next meeting on April 6.

The next board election is in November and the board prefers to fill the post now.

In other business, the board:

-- Gave 4 percent pay raises to its two administrators, Supt. Karl Vaughn and high school Principal John Jones.

-- Approved 21 teachers for re-hire.

-- Heard Vaughn report on the school's new "Alert Now" website-based program.

This will allow school officials to contact all parents for general announcements or in case of an emergency.

Vaughn can record what he wants folks to know, and the program dials all parents within two to three minutes.

**Changeover postponed**

The changeover of the Texico Town & Country convenience store into a Stripes convenience store has been postponed from April to late summer.

The company will be working on its Clovis stores first.

**Sheriff's Report**

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

On March 19, Jesus Montiel, 50, of Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of interfering with an emergency call, pending in county court.

On March 19, Jose Garza, 26, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving with an invalid license, pending in county court.

On March 21, Michael Davila, 36, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on charges of DWI open container and duty on striking an unattended vehicle, pending in county court.

On March 21, Juan Mendoza, 20, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of assault, pending in county court.

On March 23, Sue Haye Ramos, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of motion to revoke (forgery), pending in district court, and theft by check, pending in county court.

On March 16, Daniel Lozano, 17, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving with an invalid license with previous conviction, pending in county court.

On March 17, Ismael Gutierrez, 28, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of motion to revoke (failure to appear), pending in county court; and violation of community supervision (criminal non support), pending in district court.

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Monday – sweet & sour chicken with veggies, tossed salad, apple crisp.

Tuesday – meat loaf, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, bread, mixed fruit.

Wednesday – lasagna, corn on cob, tossed salad, bread sticks, peach crisp.

Thursday – chicken alfredo, green beans casserole, roll, banana cake.

Friday – French dip sandwiches, tomatoes, cucumber, onion, peppers, tater tots, orange, Jello with orange.

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 Monday – beef & bean burrito, corn, salsa, fruit, milk.  
 Tuesday – frito pie with cheese, pinto beans, fruit, milk.  
 Wednesday – beef stew with mixed veggies, corn bread, fruit, milk.  
 Thursday – hot dog or chili dog, French fries, pickle spear, fruit, milk.  
 Friday – pizza, garden salad, chocolate cake, fruit, milk.

**Farwell**  
 Monday – steak fingers, scalloped potatoes, corn on cob, strawberry short-cake, milk.  
 Tuesday – meatball subs, green beans, LT, fruit, cookie milk.  
 Wednesday – spicy breaded chicken on bun, California blend veggies, tropical fruit, Rice Krispy, milk.  
 Thursday – corn dog, pinto beans, corn bread, apple, cookie, milk.  
 Friday – cheese pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit Jello, milk.

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**Hey, folks!**

**It's time for the annual meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Hereford Bull Barn**

**There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:**

- DAWN – Roger Gist and Wayne Betzen**
- PARMER – Ben Osborn**
- HUB – Corbin Riethmayer**

**Your Board of Directors has provided for a meal to be served to all present, and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the business session beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.**

**West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**



# BOVINA TRACKSTERS COMPETE



Yesenia Guevara (Photos by Deanna Curtis)



Yadira Garcia



Fernando Banuelos



Oscar Rodriguez



Yoslein Rueda



Robert Knoll



Mayra Gomez

## Master chef gives his secrets

Master chef Jessie Stone got lots of "great job" notes from folks who attended the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet on March 14.

He was assisted by son Randy, daughter Teresa, grandson Brandon and Billy Smith. Jessie reported the crew cooked 310 steaks. Of that, about 225 were

eaten at the banquet, with the rest (plus all the trimmings) sold to folks immediately afterward to take home.

What was the secret to his success? He agreed to share some family tips:

After each steak was cooked, he dipped them in hot butter, then placed them in tin foil and put

back into the oven on a low setting.

Thus, the steaks were served to banquet-goers still wrapped in the tin foil, which retained heat and moisture, and made for delicious eating.

Jessie also cooks his steaks with applewood on one end, and mesquite wood on the other.

## Bovina Banter

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whose parents come and visit with the teachers.

Reminder: school cheerleader tryouts will be held on March 31.

A wedding shower is planned for Mikayla Cherry and Justin Ware on March 29 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell.

All are invited. Please mark it on your calendars:

The McCain Brothers movie spoof on killer tumbleweeds will debut on April 4 at 7 p.m. mt at the Clovis movie theaters.

Let's all get there for a good turnout!

Reminder: there is no school on April 13.

City Manager Jana Pitcock said the idea of using windmills on city property to generate more income for the city is looking good. So

watch for details.

Looks like we have a new employee at Bovina School.

Arturo Mata joined the maintenance crew about three weeks ago. He comes to us from Hereford.

Our school has been needing additional help up there we are really glad to have him join us.

A note from the high school: Due to Parent Teacher

conferences, progress reports will be given out to parents on Friday instead of sending them home on Wednesday.

Interesting Fact of the Week: April Fools' Day, sometimes called All Fools' Day, is one of the most light hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. (I looked hard, let me tell you).

Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.

## Public Service Announcement:

### Fair Housing, It's the Law

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

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

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

## PROCLAMATION

By Executive Order of the Honorable Bonnie Heald, County Judge of Parmer County, it is proclaimed:

WHEREAS, July 2008 marks the fortieth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included Title VIII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizen; and

WHEREAS, Fair housing is consistent with the principle of equality and justice for all, providing the challenge to combat discrimination, and to broaden the protection of the beliefs upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, This month provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles of free choice and to reacquire themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bonnie Heald, County Judge of Parmer County, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as:

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN PARMER COUNTY

and urge my fellow citizens to join me in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all people.

## Water reconnection

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seek a resolution.

Recently the decision was made to increase the fees for those that are disconnected and reconnected for non-payment on utilities in the City of Bovina. Those fees have been raised to \$50 from \$25. The time involved in pulling our resources from jobs that are necessary to adjust to responding to turning meters off forces necessary tasks to being secondary.

A survey was done with comparable municipalities and our rates were far behind the fees charged in other communities. The amount of increase places our fees at the bottom of the scale.

Toward the effort to meet the financial obligations for the City of Bovina and to relieve the burden to the citizens in carrying delinquent bills, it became necessary to address the demands of those that habitually neglect to pay their bills timely.

The increase was not placed on those that merely pay their bills late but placed on those that are disconnected. It is not the intent of the City to not work with the citizens that fall on hard times. In fact, every effort has been extended to those that are in a temporary crisis.

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# BOVINA



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## Bovina Banter

Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

I spoke with Police Chief Gary Sinclair and he said we have not had much luck on getting a new police officer as of yet.

He said there was nothing to report with the exception of an incident that went to Crime Stoppers (see story elsewhere in today's paper).

Every time I check to see what is going on there is not much; we may not need another officer. That would be great news. Things are going good.

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I don't know if you have heard about the e-mail and text going around that there will be a gang killing at the Wal-Mart for the purpose of initiation. I have contacted different police departments and checked news -- apparently this is a hoax.

This scare has been going on since 1995 and comes and goes. Shop confidently as this is just one of those things that got blown out of proportion.

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Be on the look out for our Lowe's grocery store to add a new product line to their already great selection of hardware. Manager Gabe Medrano says sales have been great.

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Our Chamber of Commerce is electing new officers for the 2009-2010 year. I will report the new officers in next week's paper.

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Bovina School will have an early release on March 27 at 12:07 p.m., with parent-teacher conferences scheduled from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

A pizza party will be given for those students

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### Grass fire threatens building

Bovina firefighters handled a grass fire the night of March 18 at the corner of First Street and Avenue B. Fire Chief Cesar Marquez said the response time was three minutes. The fire,

that might have been started by a cigarette according to Fire Chief Cesar Marquez, was held in check before harming a vacant building owned by Julia Garza.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Mayor and City Council Members of Bovina: After I read the article in the paper stating the city will increase the cost from \$25.00 to \$50.00 or \$100.00 for your reconnection of water depending on the circumstance upset me tremendously.

Our world is in a financial crisis and instead of lowering late fees or disconnection fees, Bovina "Home of Good Neighbors" is going to kick you when your down. The person whose water is disconnected the majority of the time is because they cannot afford to pay their bill in the first place.

Our city workers have to go and disconnect and reconnect once the customer pays their bill, but the original \$25.00 fee should be sufficient pay for their time. Bovina is a very small community and it would not take more than 5 minutes to drive to the resident's home and turn on or off the water no matter where you live in our city.

Thank the good Lord I have never had my water disconnected, but there was a time last year when I had no job and was waiting for my unemployment benefits to commence. If it were not for friends in our wonderful community, I would have been one of those people who had their water disconnected. This would have been an even bigger blow to my budget to have to pay the new fees that the city of Bovina is requiring.

Our water bill in Bovina is already so high, because of the sewer project, this additional cost

could cause people and their children to go hungry for the month.

Most people are struggling to pay their bills and feed their families during this financial crisis our world is facing. The additional cost our city has implemented is ridiculous.

Our motto is "Home of Good Neighbors" well I believe the city needs to be an example of that motto and return to the original price of \$25.00 for disconnection fees. The city needs to be the first during these crucial times to help support our citizens.

Sincerely  
Deena Ramirez

### City manager explains water reconnect fees

(Editor's note: In response to the Letter to the Editor, Bovina City Manager Jana Pitcock sent this article.)

The City of Bovina carries the utilities for three services. Unlike many other communities, the citizens receive water, sewer, and garbage all on one bill.

Basic service for water currently is \$16.00, sewer \$32.00, and \$20.50 for garbage. These fees are considered low. The council had the foresight to address the looming crisis with the sewer plant before the city was out of compliance and forced to

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### Sewer plant project progresses

Work is going rapidly on the \$1.2 million sewer plant project. Soil tests were taken last week and all looked good. The project is scheduled for completion in October.



### Bovina art work

Pictured are Lorena Newton and Esmeraldo Saucedo, and Yaniree Martinez. They are doing practice artwork for the Art Contest held during the Chamber Banquet on March 14. All Chad Taylor's art students displayed their individual artwork at the banquet. Kindergarten and 1st graders painted individual flowers; 2nd and 3rd graders painted small birdhouses for table decorations; middle school students made and decorated kites. Parents who attended the Banquet were able to take their child's artwork home with them at the end of the Banquet, except for high school students; they will be sent home at a later date.

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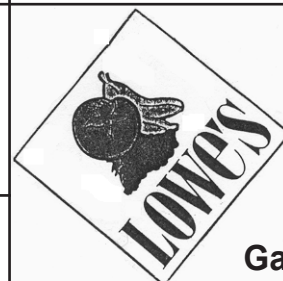
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