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## Painting heads to ENMU

The Farwell High School art department was recently asked to create a painting that will be hung in the newly renovated College of Education at Eastern New Mexico University.

The theme is to center around the aspect of education and learning.

Octavio Chavez, an Art II student, originated the idea of photographing the high school hallway at the beginning of a school day. He then generated an abstract of the photo using computer graphic design. Several art students recreated the photo onto the canvas using acrylic paint.

Artists pictured with the painting are Chavez, Manuel Servin, Tannah Slack, Adrian Reyes, Abby Johnson, Michelle Wauson, Emily Agee, Kristin Langford, Victoria Pollard, Ryder Ledbetter, Tyler Schilling, and Ray White.

Not pictured but who also helped were Danielle Cockerham, Jackie Meza, and Clara Reyes.

## Lady Wolverines state runner-up

The Texico Lady Wolverines fell to Navajo Pine, 45-41, despite a furious fourth quarter rally, in the Class 2A state championship game on Friday.

Scoring were: Jordyn Cooper, 15 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Shaylee Anderson, 17; Delanie Crist, 9.

Anderson led Texico in rebounds with 8. Jaylyn Cooper led in assists with 5.

The Lady Wolverines jumped out to a lead

when Cooper grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back in. Anderson fought underneath for 6 points

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Photo by Cary McFarden

## Signups to open for Farwell Little League

The Farwell Little League baseball signups for the 2011 season begin on March 22.

Signup days will be:

- March 22, 24, 29 and 31 at Farwell Elementary School until 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 26, at Southwest Ag Services.
- Saturday, April 2, at the baseball field until 10:30 a.m.

Team drafts and assignments will be held on April 2 and practice will begin the following week. The season opens in early May.

Aaron Woods is the new board president, replacing Mike Ratke. Robert Teachout also was elected to the board.

"I resigned because I felt we needed little new blood in the deal," said Ratke. "I have been president for five years and on the board for 10.

"I feel that the Farwell Little League is the premier sports program in the area with an emphasis on teaching teamwork, while allowing each child to shine on his (or hers) own."

## Proposed water restrictions draw negative response

Area agriculturalists met at the Farwell Community Center on March 9 to discuss the proposed rules that will be shortly enforced restricting the use of the Ogallala Aquifer waters they pump from under their own land.

Mark Howard, a Farwell resident on the Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB), started the meeting by noting the short time-line the High Plains Underground Water District No. 1 (HPWD) has mandated for these changes to take effect.

"A lot of us feel that this is going way too fast," he said. "The HPWD put out these draft rules on Feb. 25 and they are required to hear public responses prior to April. 1 but they will start swinging into action almost immediately after that."

These water use restrictions include:

- A limit of 15 acre-inches of water per contiguous control acre per year, beginning Jan. 1, 2012.
- Identification by May 31, 2011, of "high decline areas" in the aquifer's level. In these areas, meters are required to be installed on all wells by Jan. 1, 2012 and annual reports of water usage must be submitted beginning the 2012 growing season.
- A reduction in allowable water use by an additional 5 percent each year that an area of aquifer high decline exceeds an allowable decline.

The TCPB conducted meetings in Dimmitt, Olton, and Plainview, as well as Farwell, to provide a forum for the agricultural communities to get facts on the new regulations, to compare their perspectives, and to coordinate the responses they will make at the HPWD public meetings. Date, time, and location of these meetings are provided elsewhere in this week's Tribune.

"A restriction of 15 acre-inches of irrigation water is at the low side of the minimum that growers require unless Mother Nature wants to chip in some rain," Howard noted. "The impact on the reduced harvests is going to affect everyone in the region, not just the farmers."

"Bankers will have to factor in the restrictions in their consideration of ag loans. Well drilling companies and irrigation companies will clearly be hit. The tax base that support our schools and local services will be affected as will the amount of commerce in the region's stores for every kind of item."

"It goes beyond that," Howard added. "Somewhere between 80 to 90 percent of the world's sorghum seed is grown within 45 miles of here. Countries like Pakistan, India, and Sudan depend on how much we harvest every year, too."

Johnny Merritt, an attorney from Austin with experience in water law and adjudication, cautioned folks against dealing with the HPWD as if it were an enemy instead of a potential ally on this issue.

"The HPWD is responding to directives from Austin," he said. "All the water



Mark Williams took the podium at the end of the meeting to organize a committee of area agriculturalists to respond to the water conservation district board.

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## The Farwell Steers

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 Farwell Steers.



**Just Passing Through**  
WILL ANDERSON

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) has been a friend of this area's farmers and ranchers since 1951. As one farmer noted, at least they have kept Austin away.

However, the HPWD restrictions proposed on Feb. 24 to limit the amount of water that our farmers and ranchers can pump from the aquifer beneath their own lands have a lot of problems.

The first concern has to be the response that Jeff Actkinson received to his question as to whether the HPWD had considered conducting an economic impact study to forecast how these restrictions are going to hit the region's economy.

Yes, that study had been ordered, he was told, and yes, it had been received, but no, it is not available for citizens to read, at least, not yet.

Current planning is for the economic impact study to be released on May 31, more than two months after the HPWD's mandated hearings are closed to receive the response and counter-proposals of the people, and long after after the new restrictions are to be placed into effect.

That defies all logic. The study is a vital part of any response the region's citizens will submit to the HPWD but it is being withheld until

weeks after it is too late. That clearly invites the question of whether there might not be facts in that report that somebody doesn't want us to know until it's too late.

The second concern is the "damn the torpedoes" manner in which these restrictions are being enacted. When other Texas water districts have installed restrictions, they have done so over periods of two to three years, allowing residents time to study methods to achieve the same goals.

Restrictions for our region, in comparison, will go from proposal to closure in about six weeks. The falling level of the aquifer has been recognized for years and if other districts have dealt with it incrementally and rationally, why must our restrictions begin so severely, so immediately, and with so little public input?

The third concern is that other districts allow "banking" of water allowances. If Mother Nature blesses them one year with rains and agriculturalists pump only a fraction of their allowance, they can carry that surplus into the next year that may bring drought instead. Our district rules do not allow that.

A fourth and broader concern is the imprecise definitions in the proposed restrictions. When calculating whether water level decline is above or below allowable goals, is it for a one year period or a five year period? The restrictions currently define it both ways in its different clauses.

The county as a whole

is used to define water level areas but the difference between a great well and a not-so-great well can be only a matter of a few miles.

Could just one metered well that starts pumping considerably less water trigger penalties across the whole county administrative region? Could a section of contiguous land with good water be placed under more severe restrictions because one small corner of it might unfortunately lay over a band of the aquifer that is less generous?

Another concern is that municipalities are exempt and cities like Lubbock have wells

across the region. Could farmers in Bailey County be penalized for drops in their water level that could well be less due to their own irrigation than to the thirst of a city of 230,000 people?

Nobody is denying that the Ogallala Aquifer is diminishing and it is terrific that the HPWD board is taking action to preserve it, to some extent, for as many more years as possible. It's also good that the planning and actions originate locally.

That's just the point. The HPWD is a local board and there is no need to ramrod these rules through in just six weeks when the region's

citizens are eager to have their own input heard.

Above all else, the economic impact study has to be made public and analyzed by all before our new rules are enacted.

The best solution will come when the HPWD and the region's residents can collaborate and compromise.

We all need to support our Parmer County ag leaders.



Of the 115 attendees, the great majority were farmers and ranchers, but also included bankers, irrigation specialists, elected officials, and other citizens who recognize the impact the proposed water usage guidelines will have on all areas of the local economy.

**Water**

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districts have to rearrange their management to preserve more water and the HPWD has set a goal that 50 percent of the aquifer would still be preserved 50 years from now."

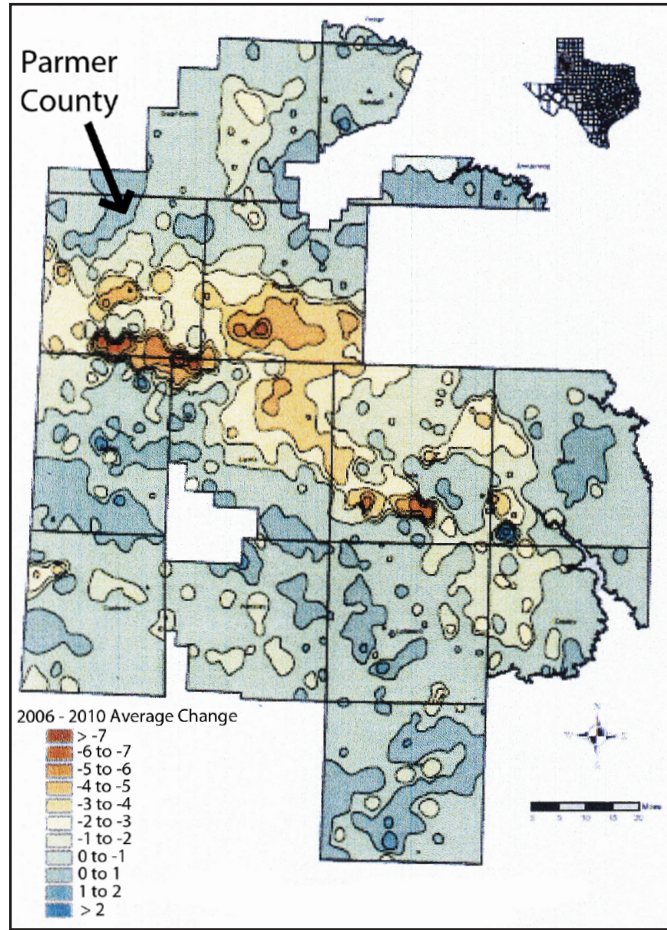
"When you go to the HPWD meetings this month, take a friend or two, the more voices the better. But don't be belligerent. Document how these restrictions will affect your and your community. Recommend measures that can be taken that will be less severe or can be phased in more gradually."

"Restrictions are going to come to this region and there's nothing you can do to stop that," he continued. "You would rather have the rules being made locally by the HPWD than by some bureaucrat in Austin and the HPWD can be on your side on these issues."

"Can you form your own committee in this region to prepare your case?" he asked. "Could you consider hiring a hydrologist to make his own, more detailed, analysis in response to the models the bureaucrats are using that may not be very accurate?"

Farwell's Mark Williams proposed that just such a committee be created with representatives from all the region's farming communities.

Names of volunteers for the committee included Jerry Don Glover, Scott Meeks, Don Opplinger, Tony Beauchamp, Kelly Ketner, Don McElroy, Mark Williams, Eric Haakma, Doug Harrison, Russell Williams, Steve Kaltwasser, Coleman Young, Robert Jones, Chris Ingram, Jeff Atkinson, Mark Howard, and Jimmy Wedel.



The areas above in shades of blue indicate areas in which the aquifer level is steady or slightly increasing. The areas of decline in aquifer level are indicated by other colors with the darker colors indicating greatest drops, as in the southern region of Parmer County. The average yearly change is measured in feet.

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Now it's time for track!  
Bovina -- Varsity at Pied Piper Relays at Hamlin on March 19. Middle School will vie on March 22 at the Hornet Relays at Sudan.

Lazbuddie -- Junior High will vie at Springlake-Earth on March 22. Varsity will vie at Loop on March 25.

Farwell -- Junior High will vie March 22 at the Hornet Relays at Sudan. Varsity will vie at the Hornet Relays in Sudan on March 25.

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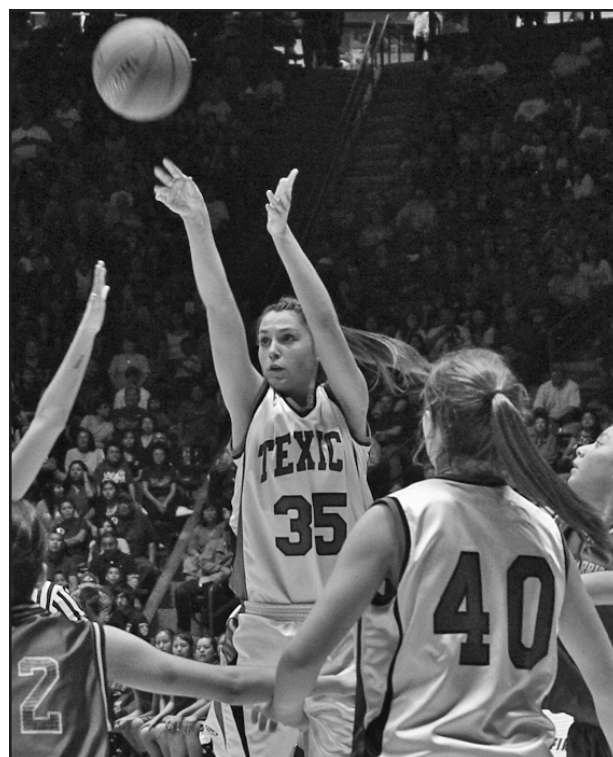
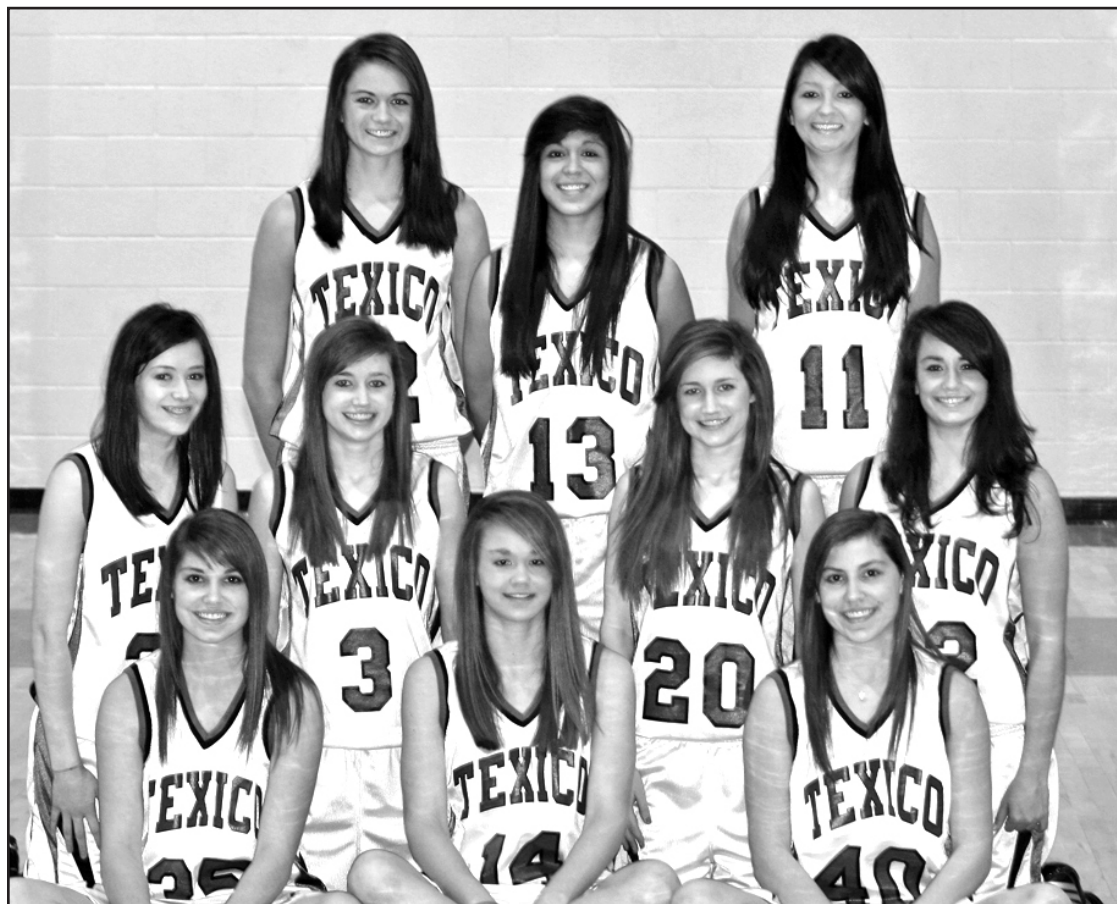




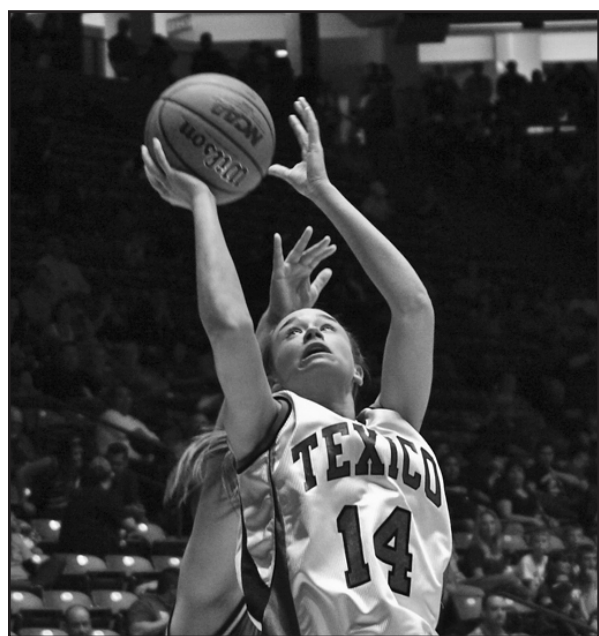
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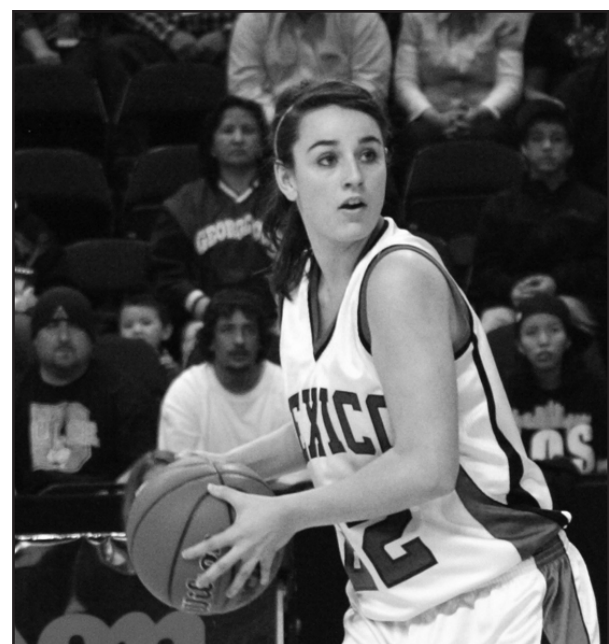
**Congratulations to the Texico Lady Wolverines on a great season and a great record!**



The 2010-2011 Lady Wolverines – Fallon Scanlan, Erin Scanlan, Jordyn Cooper, Jaylyn Cooper, Destanee Sena, Delanie Crist, Morgan Pinnell, Shaylee Anderson, Kayla Cox, Klynn Thomas, Taylor Lane, Mel Lucero, Karina Salazar, Monica Loera. Coached by Keith Durham.



Photos by Cary McFarden



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**Wolverines**

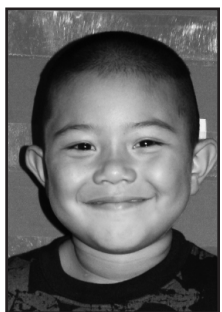
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and Jordyn Cooper also hit a 3-pointer. Texico had an early 11-2 lead, but Navajo Pine trimmed it to 11-7. To start the second quarter, Crist hit on a layup, but cold shooting and the Navajo Pine press pulled them to a 22-15 lead. Anderson made a late shot to bring the game to 22-17 at the half. Crist carried the load offensively in the 3rd quarter with 5 points, and Anderson added a jump shot. But Navajo Pine upped their lead to 10 points in a game where points were hard to come by. Texico rallied in the final period, as Crist grabbed an early offensive rebound and put it back in; Anderson hit a jump shot and made a couple of close baskets, and Cooper added a basket to bring Texico within 3 points with 4 minutes left. Navajo Pine extended their lead to 7 again, although Jordyn Cooper hit a couple of 3-pointers. With less than a minute left on the clock Texico got the ball, trailing by 2, and had shots under the basket, but couldn't convert. The Lady Wolverines finished the campaign with a sparkling 27-3 mark. Navajo Pine, which lost to Texico in last year's state title game, was 25-6.

**Lady Wolverines dominate Dulce**

The Texico Lady Wolverines beat the Dulce Hawks, 53-38, in the State Semifinal game on March 10. Scoring were Jordyn Cooper, 17; Jaylyn Cooper, 13; Shaylee Anderson, 14. Delanie Crist, 7; and Mel Lucero, 5. The Lady Wolverines started with a lead when Anderson hit a layup before the clock had time to start. Jordyn Cooper followed up with a 3-pointer. Texico went 1 for 6 from behind the arc as the Hawks came back and took a 3 point lead. Good defense by Lucero and Crist forced turnovers and the Cooper twins pulled Texico to a one point lead at the end of the first quarter. Dulce was outmatched in the second quarter, scoring only 3 points. Texico, meanwhile, went on a 17 point run to increase their lead to 27-12. Jaylyn Cooper and Lucero both hit 3-pointers and Anderson went to the free throw line twice after making buckets. Things were more even one-sided in Texico's favor in the 3rd quarter as Anderson blocked 3 shots and good rebounding led to shots under the basket. Dulce went on a run and closed the gap to 9 points in the 4th quarter. A timeout centered the team and Crist and the Cooper twins sparked Texico to a 9-point run. Anderson sealed the game by blocking another Dulce shot.

**Meet Farwell's Class of 2023**



Jorge Vazquez is a Farwell kindergarten. His birthday is Aug. 20. Parents are Jorge & Esmeralda Vazquez. Sibling is Melissa. Grandparents are Robert & Lupe Vidaurri, and Jorge & Lourdes Vasquez. He likes to play with motorcycles, to exercise and dance, and play instruments. Favorite color is red. Favorite foods are chicken nuggets, fries & Dr Pepper. He doesn't like to throw trash or for his sister to stay in his room.

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**Lazbuddie's Hester grabs 5 first places at Hart Relays**

Lazbuddie's Junior High girls took 3rd place with 81 points at the Hart Relays. Maysun Hester had 5 first places. Also placing were: 400 Relay - Lazbuddie 4th, Femke Crujisen, Katie Reyes, Josie Samarron, Sabra Torres. 100 Hurdles - Hester, 1st, 18.67. 800 Relay - Lazbuddie, 1st, Fernandez, Torres, Hester, Samarron, 2:08.38. 300 Hurdles - Hester, 1st, 57.01. 1600 Relay - Lazbud-

die, 3rd, Fernandez, Torres, Samarron, Reyes. Discus - Anais Andrade, 2nd, 70'6. High Jump - Hester, 1st, 4'10. Shot Put - Crujisen, 6th. Long jump-Hester, 1st. \*\*\* The JH boys had 25 points to finish 7th. 110 Hurdles - Haldon Ivy, 2nd, 20.68. 400 dash- Isaac Montes, 4th, 70.2. 300 Hurdles - Ivy, 3rd, 54.4. High Jump - Ivy, 2nd, 4'10.

**The Latest**

The Farwell City Council held a special meeting on Monday to buy two pickups for the water department. The regular council meeting will be held on March 22. \*\*\*

Texico Lady Wolverine Delanie Crist had a 'cyst rupture' and went to the hospital the night before the State semi-final game, but returned in time to start. \*\*\*

Texico Supt. R.L. Richards said the New Mexico Athletic Association has a new policy. Previously, a student who transferred schools but didn't move had to sit out 180 days. The NMAA has shortened that to 90 days. Students who move their homes from

one district to another only sit out 10 days. \*\*\*

Parmer County Historical Commission will meet March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Parmer County Courthouse in the commissioners' room. \*\*\*

There was a fire Friday night at Farwell's AGP grain elevator across from Allsup's. Farwell Fire Department and EMS were at the scene. \*\*\*

Lazbuddie School's Shyann Rainey made 1st

**Sheriff's Report**

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris: On March 10, Russell Anaya, 47, of Lubbock, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of DWI (open container), pending in county court. On March 11, Juan Duran, 31, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of assault of family/house member and impede breath/circulation, pending before the Grand Jury. On March 12, Mario Reyes, 27, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending in county court. On March 12, Leslie Hernandez, 17, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending in county court. On March 12, Vanessa Barrientos, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a Potter County warrant, pending transport. On March 13, Manuel Bermea, 18, of Hereford, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., pending in county court. On March 13, Bruce Ramos, Jr., 26, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of no driver's license, pending in JP court.

team All-District. Kylie McGehee made 2nd team All-District. \*\*\*

Great Plains Ag Credit is working with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to provide assistance to rural fire departments and volunteer firefighters in several Panhandle counties. The PRPC created the Panhandle Rural VFD Equipment Repair Fund with the Great Plains donation for rural fire departments to use in

repairing equipment needed to maintain readiness during fire season.

Great Plains organized the volunteer relief effort to show its support for the volunteers. Great Plains directors and staff contributed \$6,855 toward the fund.

Texico Monday -- ravioli, green beans, fruit, milk. Tuesday - burritos, salsa, corn, fruit, milk, salad bar. Wednesday - Asian chicken, rice, mixed veggies, fruit, milk. Thursday - sloppy joes, ranch style beans, pickles, fruit, milk, salad bar. Friday - no school

Farwell Monday - Beef & bean burrito w/chili, corn, taco salad, sliced oranges, milk. Tuesday - Chicken enchiladas, tostitos, pinto beans, LT, apple, milk. Wednesday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, peaches, milk. Thursday - Sloppy joe, spicy fries, baked beans, pickle spears, pears, milk. Friday - Cheese pizza, tossed salad, carrot and celery sticks, ranch dip, mixed fruit, milk.

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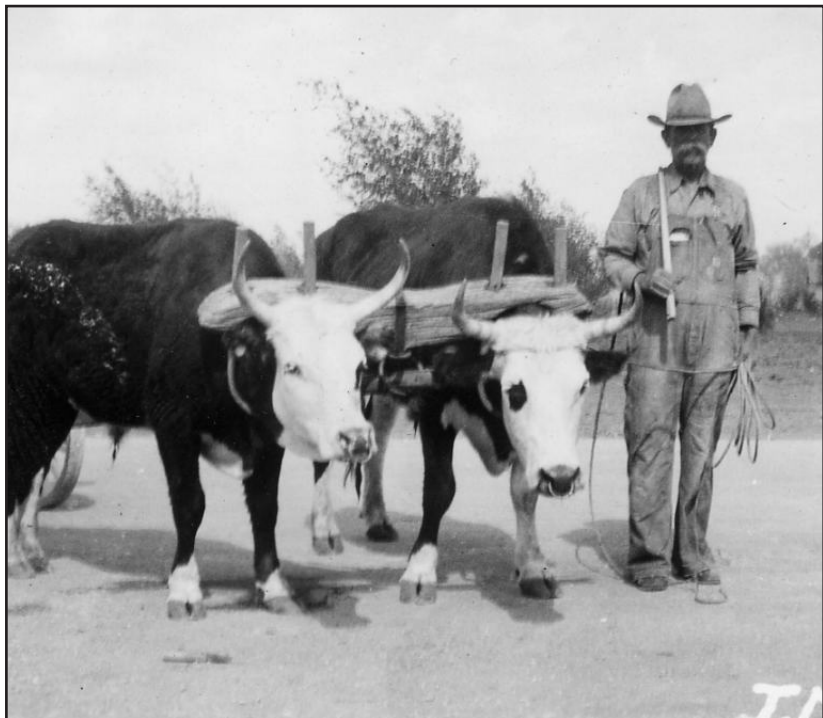
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Above, a look back at early agriculture in Parmer County. Before tractors roamed the plains, pioneers helped build the great ag tradition that is still important today.



Few will debate the impact that farming and ranching has had on Parmer County over the last 100 years. Above left, we have a look at the past, and at left is the future of farming in our area. Below are photos of local farmers at work.



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*The Agriculturalists*

National Ag Week gives us all a chance to say "Thank You" for a job well done, To all the agriculturalists in the land - perhaps you even know one.

An agriculturist is, in fact, a scientist, well taught and with the proper tools at hand. You see an agriculturist is a specialist at living off the land.

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Another branch of the industry provides milk, so fresh and white. It's the dairy farmer, whose job goes on through morning, noon and night.

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Teresa J. Mesman - March 1995

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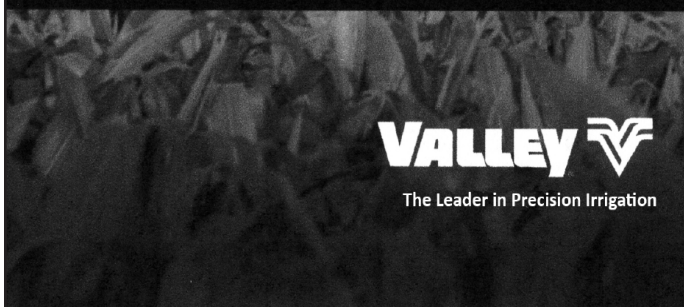
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Just listed - nice 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home with central heat, refrig. air with 2 car garage. Priced right. Across the street from the city park.

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5 acres near Bovina.

Just Listed - 2 bedroom, bath home on 5 acres across from grain elevators.

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By the Farwell Country Club: 3 bedroom, 2 1/2-bath, central air and heat, built-ins, wood burning stove, finished basement, 2 car garage, fenced back-yard, domestic well, covered patio. All on 1.705 acres

Just Listed - 3 Bedroom 1 3/4 bath home, single car garage, fenced back yard, priced for quick sale. Approx. 1900 sq. ft. - \$85,000.

Just Listed - Spacious 4 bedroom brick home, central heat, refrig. air, All electric 2 3/4 bath, fenced back yard. Well located. Priced for quick sale! Call for details!

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**Farwell actors to present 'Picnic'**

A public performance of the play, "Picnic", will be presented by the Farwell High School One Act play cast and crew on Thursday, March 24, at the High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Emily Agee is the light technician, Collin Christian the sound technician, and K'Leigh Jo White, Lauren Carpenter, and Kelsey Knight are also part of the crew.

Donations for Farwell High School's Fine Arts scholarships will be accepted at the door.

"Picnic" by William Inge, won the 1953 Pulitzer Prize. The play takes place in the 1950's in a small Kansas town on Labor Day weekend in the joint backyards of two middle-age widows.

Cast members are Gabbie Schilling, Lincoln Devault, Savanna Barksdale, Hunter Hall, Laney Christian, Kristin Langford, Olivia Schilling, Koltan Morris, Kayla Cullison, Chandler Barnes, and John Ryan Isaacson.

One house belongs to Flo Owens, who lives there with her two young daughters, Madge and Millie, and a boarder who is a spinster school teacher. The other house

belongs to Helen Potts, who lives with her elderly mother. Into this atmosphere comes a young man, Hal Carter, whose presence distracts the entire group, each in different ways. The play will be held Saturday, March 26, at Sudan High School. Farwell will performing second about 2:30 p.m. From the zone, two plays will advance to the District competition in Zone competition for Sundown on April 2.

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**Courthouse Notes**

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

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- Ricky Coleman - Norma Aleman, L7-8 Blk 42 Farwell
- Ray Sanchez - Lazaro Munoz, L5 B6 Ironwood Estates
- Derrell Jennings - Josh Morris, 6.80 AC W/P of SW/4 S21 Doud and Keefer
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**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**

- Jess Landrum appointed Farwell postmaster.
- State Line Food Mill is burglarized, reports owner John Porter.
- Texico to vote on \$165,000 bond issue to build a new high school.
- Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Hopper have 60th anniversary.
- Allen Lockhart receives Naval commission.
- Carroll Huggins signs with ENMU; Benjy Dial signs with West Texas State. Huggins was honorable mention on a national All-American football team.
- Henderson Grain sponsors a sesame meeting.

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**Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.**

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

**Who must file a rendition?**

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

**Are there any advantages to you?**

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2009. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2010.

**What's the deadline?**

The last day for filing 2010 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

**Where do you file?**

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

**Parmer County Appraisal District**  
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If you have any questions, please call (806) 251-1405; e-mail parmer@amaonline.com

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 Deanna Curtis - Business Personal Property Administrator

**Water conservation meetings scheduled**

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) has proposed a regime of severe restrictions on the amount of water used for irrigation in its jurisdiction, including Parmer and Bailey counties.

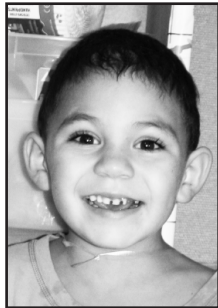
The HPWD is required by law to hear the people's response to these mandates and it has scheduled five meetings for that purpose:

- March 23, 9 a.m., Hereford Schools banquet room.
- March 23, 3 p.m., Lamb County Electric Co-op in Littlefield.
- March 24, 9 a.m., Dimmitt Middle School auditorium.
- March 24, 3 p.m., Plains Cotton Co-op Association in Lubbock.
- March 25, 9 a.m., Plainview Country Club and Conference Center.

Details of the proposed restrictions are at its website: <http://hpwd.com>.

Various concerns regarding the negative impact of these restrictions are provided at the website of the Texas Corn Producers, <http://texascorn.org>.

**Meet Texico's Class of 2023**



Aiden Coronado is a Texico kindergartener. His birthday is June 8.

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# Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

One of the great privileges in my life has been the opportunity for me to call J.R. Ivins a good friend.

I met him early on when I arrived in the Twin Cities, not only as my dentist (he's the best in the area!) but also as a photographer who delighted in following the fortunes of the Farwell football and basketball teams.

We have traveled together to many a ball game, with much discussion on religious matters, for we both have a common interest in learning more about our relationship to God.

I will easily admit that he is far more knowledgeable than I am when it comes to these matters. He would have made a great minister for his in-depth understanding of the Bible. This is an area where I still am a novice.

Why bring this up at this time? Because I wanted to praise a man whose photography has meant so much to young people over the years. I always like to joke that a State Line Tribune issue without "Photos by J.R. Ivins" isn't a real newspaper.

And does he charge for this? Nope. This is a hobby which brings good to many. I believe that the Tribune's emphasis on crediting young people is good for their maturation process as it helps bring self-confidence.

And that "credit" includes photos of our student athletes as they proudly wear the banner of their school, whether

it be Farwell, Texico, Bovina or Lazbuddie.

A prime example of his work has been the photos of the Steers basketball team in recent Tribune issues during their state playoff action.

Before I forget, J.R. is not the only excellent photographer to present their work in the Tribune. The past couple of years have seen the emergence of Cary McFarden. His emphasis has been on the Texico teams but he also has 'shot' Farwell kids in action.

I would stack up J.R. and Cary against any pair of professional photographers anywhere on the globe. The Tribune is so blessed to carry their work.

And let's not forget other folks who contribute photos on a regular basis -- Carolyn Scott and Jill Timms, for Lazbuddie, and Deanna Curtis, for Bovina.

But I digress. The individual I have known here the longest is Dr. Ivins. He has done so much good for folks here at his dentist office. He never seeks credit for himself; just goes about his business.

I could point out several instances of his helping folks, but I know he doesn't like public credit and would give me a dirty look if I got too personal. The man is truly humble.

That's the type of Christian I want to be. A person who helps others without wanting anything in return.

Thank you, Dr. Ivins, not for just being my friend but also being a true Christian.

Mike Ratke has stepped down as president of the Farwell Little League after serving in that job for the past five years.

Talk about a job well done!

There's not enough I can say about how well he and other volunteers honcho'd this enterprise, not only getting it off the ground and building a great baseball complex, but turning the league into a successful summer outlet for our area youth.

The Twin Cities owe Mike and all the league's volunteers a debt of gratitude.

I know the Texico Lady Wolverines are disappointed that they didn't win State this year.

## Courthouse security to be upgraded

The Parmer County Commissioners' Court on Monday determined that there would be no rental fee required for using its voting machines in the elections conducted by municipalities, school boards, and other subordinate levels of government.

While there are to be no rental fees, the Automark voting machines do not come at no costs whatsoever to the subordinate government entities.

The machines will be provided on the agreement that the county shall bear no expense for their pickup, programming for the election ballots, return, or the possibility of repair costs for any damage in their use.

Also approved was the proposal from Guardian Security Systems for upgrading the courthouse security.

These additions will protect tax, court, and other records, facilities, and office equipment like computers through a greatly enhanced network of security devices.

External and internal doors will be protected by magnetic locks on a timer that require access cards and codes to activate after hours. There will also be additional intrusion alarms and cameras.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved hiring Kirkland CPA firm for the 2010 audit of Parmer County's finances.
- Approved the purchase of a road grader for Pct. 3 (the Farwell area).
- Learned from county Sheriff Randy Geries that there have been a series of thefts of trailers in the county, with two hay trailers and a flatbed being stolen recently near Friona.

But being State runner-up is still a remarkable achievement. A record of 27-3 speaks for itself.

And I know that the girls are avidly looking forward to next year's campaign and another opportunity to take the State title.

Congratulations to Coach Durham and the Lady Wolverines -- you make our community proud.

## Ute Water Project to begin construction

The Texico City Council discussed the current plans of the Ute Water Project at their meeting on March 8.

The project was dealt a setback earlier this year as funding was cut from the federal budget, but plans for construction are still set to begin this summer.

In 2009, the planned cost of water per household was \$2.80 per 1,000 gallons, and they still believe this will be true.

They also looked at different options for connecting the water systems of Clovis and Texico, but they are still working on cost evaluations.

In other news, the council:

- Met with Raul Esparza. The council decided to give him 30 days to get the trash off of his property and they will re-evaluate his progress on April 10.

Police Chief Doug Bowman was instructed to take pictures of the property to see if change has been made.

- Heard that officer Rick Petersen has passed his physical assessment and will go to the State police academy for three weeks to get his certification.

- Agreed to get a sign made for the Senior Citizens Center in Texico.

- Sold the animal control truck to American Auto for \$625. They believed the problems with the truck were not worth fixing.

- Hired Kubiak & Melton CPA firm, of Albuquerque, to do the city audit.

## Farwell senior meal site raises funds for building

The Farwell senior meal site is raising funds for the planned senior citizens Center in Farwell.

They are selling tickets for a variety of prizes, including a large screen TV, a laptop computer, E-reader notebook, I-Pad and I-Pod Nano.

Chances are \$5 each and may be bought at the meal site at the Farwell Community Center weekdays between 1 and 2 p.m.

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## Farwell Junior High track meet results given

Farwell Junior High results from the Farwell JH Meet were:

**7th Grade Girls**  
 100 dash - Carina Reyes, 2nd, 14.89; Ami Favila, 4th, 15.14.  
 200 dash - Jenna Kirkland, 1st, 28.97; Katy Carpenter, 2nd, 29.39; Cambree Haseloff, 3rd, 32.06.  
 400 dash - Regan Agee, 1st, 1:13.65; Brenna Jarman, 2nd, 1:15.69; Cari Johnson, 3rd, 1:18.11.  
 800 dash - Agee, 1st, 3:01.62; Johnson, 2nd, 3:08.38; Jarman, 3rd, 3:09.27.  
 1600 run - Sidney Barksdale, 1st, 7:47.82; Alyssa Merrifield, 2nd, 7:58.17.  
 2400 run - Barksdale, 2nd, 11:57.15; Merrifield, 4th, 12:25.16.  
 100 hurdles - Skylar Chadwick, 1st, 21.35.  
 300 hurdles - Chadwick, 1st, 1:00.54.  
 High jump - Jarman, 1st, 4'0; Kirkland, 2nd, 3'10.  
 Long jump - Carpenter, 1st, 13'4; Madison Griswold, 2nd, 13'2; Reyes, 4th, 12'3.  
 Triple jump - Reyes, 1st, 26'11.5; Chadwick, 2nd, 24'6.5.  
 Discus - Favila, 4th, 36'2.5.  
 Pole vault - Kirkland, 1st, 5'0.  
 Shot put - Johnson, 1st, 21'8; Favila, 4th, 19'10.

**8th Grade Girls**  
 100 dash - Marisa Lopez, 2nd, 15.13.  
 200 dash - Adriana Martinez, 3rd, 35.24.  
 400 dash - Kianna Barrera, 1st, 1:14.32.  
 100 hurdles - Christina Green, 1st, 18:13.  
 300 hurdles - Green, 1st, 53.96.  
 High jump - Green, 1st, 4'6.  
 Long jump - Barrera, 2nd, 13'8.  
 Triple jump - Barrera, 2nd, 25'5.5.  
 Discus - Taylor Presnell, 1st, 72'6.  
 Shot put - Presnell, 1st, 25'5.25.

**7th Grade Boys**  
 200 dash - Danny Reyes, 1st, 30.09.  
 400 dash - Andrew Michalski, 4th, 1:21.65.  
 800 dash - Angel Graxiola, 2nd, 2:56.47; Michalski,

4th, 3:05.62.  
 200 hurdles - Oscar Muniz, 1st, 52.13; Adrian Aleman, 2nd, 52.57.  
 High jump - Muniz, 1st, 4'8; Graxiola, 3rd, 4'4; Reyes, 4th, 4'2.  
 Long jump - Muniz, 1st, 15'11; Reyes, 3rd, 13'9.  
 Discus - Keith Kalbas, 1st, 79'2; Alfonso Parra, 2nd, 65'8.5.  
 Shot put - Kalbas, 1st, 26'8.25; Aleman, 2nd, 25'11; Gerardo Martinez, 3rd, 25'8.75.  
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**8th Grade Boys**  
 200 dash - A.J. Bermea, 1st, 28.09; Ryon Smith, 4th, 31.28.  
 800 dash - J.J. Herrera, 2nd, 2:38.47; Federico Solis, 3rd, 2:49.68; Mark Woods, 4th, 2:50.50.  
 1600 run - Woods, 1st, 6:22.69; Andres Graxiola, 3rd, 7:41.90; Smith, 4th, 7:51.37.  
 110 hurdles - Pedro Ruiz, 1st, 21.69.  
 High jump - Solis, 2nd, 4'8; Herrera, 3rd, 4'6.  
 Triple jump - Ruiz, 4th, 30'7.  
 Discus - Jonathan Vega, 1st, 87'4; Trevor Schilling, 2nd, 87.7.  
 Shot put - Vega, 4th, 31'4.25.



## 3 run for Farwell mayor

The filing period for local elections in Texas is over.

The election will be May 14. Here's a look at the contests:  
 Farwell School Board -- Only the two incumbents, Keith Hadley and Darren Haseloff, filed. Thus there will be no election.

Farwell City Council -- The mayor's post and those of two councilmen are on the ballot.

Filing for mayor are incumbent Jimmie Mace, Ruben Marquez Jr. and Janice Clement.

The incumbent councilmen, Ron Anderson and Joe Stanton, are unopposed for re-election.

Farwell Hospital District Board -- Only the five incumbents signed up for re-election: Ryan Williams, Greg Actkinson, Mike Ratke, Tom Nichols and Jack Kirkland.

Thus there will be no election.

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**Manuel Alfaro**

A church service for Manuel Alfaro, 54, of Muleshoe, was held March 17 at the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe with Rev. Richard Rodriguez officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Alfaro died March 13 in Lubbock. He was born May 7, 1956, to Manuel Alfaro Sr. and Antonia (Salazar) in Colonia Esperanza, Mexico, moving to the Amherst area in 1971, where he farmed. He worked for the Cargill Xcel plant in Friona for 15 years, for James Crane Tire for 10 years, and was currently employed at Tire Country in Farwell.

He married Rosemary Bryan in Muleshoe on Feb. 12, 2010.

A dedicated Christian, Mr. Alfaro was amiable, likeable, and was known as a jokester. He also enjoyed gardening and fishing.

Survivors include wife Rosemary; 3 sons, Harvey Alfaro and Marco Carrasco, both of Muleshoe and Andy Alfaro, of Clovis; 4 daughters, Emily Alfaro, Yasmine Sandoval, Anahi Sandoval, and Erica Bryan, all of Muleshoe; 10 sisters, Irene Alfaro, Maria Torres, and Angelina Rodriguez all of Oklahoma, Esperanza Baltazar of Anthony, N.M., Oralia Sotelo, Olivia Barrera, Lydia Alfaro, Sonia Rejino, and Nora Cruz, all of Muleshoe, Irma Marquez, of Denton; 3 brothers, Ponceano Alfaro, of Friona, Juan Alfaro and Oscar Alfaro, both of Muleshoe, and 13 grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe TX 79347.

## WTRT board members to be re-elected

The 57th annual meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be held on March 29 at the Hereford Bull Barn starting at 6 p.m.

Three-year terms of directors Pat Robbins, of Frio; Charles Charles Christian, of Oklahoma Lane, and Charles Ray, of Summerfield, are expiring.

All three are unopposed for re-election. After dinner catered by Rafter G of Umbarger, the business meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Christian serves as board president. He joined the board in 1995 to fill the unexpired term of Billy Mayfield.

The 1976 Farwell High graduate, he received a bachelor's degree in ag economics at Texas Tech in 1981. After working in the lending department of First National Bank of Lubbock, he returned to the farm at Oklahoma Lane in 1984.

He serves on the Parmer County stock show board and is a past member of the Farwell school board and Parmer County appraisal board.

Charles and his wife, Sheryl, a secretary at Farwell High, have three sons and are members of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

## Peterson featured in teaching story

A column in last Friday's Amarillo newspaper was about teaching jobs to be scarce for graduates due to upcoming Texas budget cutbacks.

As is normal for an article about a large topic, it starts off with an individual story.

This one featured Texico High grad Mollie Peterson who is scheduled to graduate from West Texas A&M this summer and is doing her student teaching at an Amarillo middle school.

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## Pet of the Week



The Farwell Animal Shelter is filled up with great dogs that are looking for families. Many of the dogs and cats would be great for a family. If you can help, contact Farwell Officer Tim Martin at (575) 309-9941 to give this puppy a chance.

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## LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

**Notice of Estray**  
 The Parmer County Sheriff's Office has recently come in possession of 2 Jersey cross Steers weighing approximately 700 to 800 pounds. Both Steers were found at CR 13 and FM 145 in a pasture. We ask that if you are the owner of the 2 Jersey cross Steers please contact the Parmer County Sheriff's Office. If no owner is located within 15 days from the first posting, both Jersey cross Steers will be sold at a Sheriff's Sale/Auction on March 31, 2011.

**Reasonable Notice of Open Meeting Law**  
 The Texico Board of Education met in a regular session on March 14, 2011 and decided that reasonable notice to the public as required in Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 to 4), would be as follows:  
 Notice of a regular meeting will be a written notice published in the State Line Tribune and the Clovis News Journal at least seven days prior to the regular meeting or by annual notice since the Board meets at 7:00 p.m. (MT) on the second Monday of each month. A notice of special meeting shall be given by posting a notice on the window of the Administrative Office in the Texico Educational Complex at least one day prior to the meeting. A notice of any emergency meeting will be posted on the window of the Administrative Office in the Texico Educational Complex as soon after an emergency arises as possible.

Cary Crist  
President

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE**

The State of Texas  
 County of Parmer

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Parmer County in the following cases on the 1st day of March, 2011, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 1:30 p.m. on the 5th day of April, 2011, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse of said Parmer County, in the City of Farwell, Texas, the following described property located in Parmer County, to-wit:

Cause No. 10079 City of Bovina vs. Trinidad Antonio  
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## Texico FCCLA'ers to head to Nationals

In back are FCCLA chapter advisor Kye Thomas, Vanessa Maldonado, Adriana Garcia, Karina Salazar, Teresa Teune (a parent); in front: Mirna Reynoso, Laura McFarden, Sarah Teune, Krista Martinez, and Alondra Posada. Reynoso, Martinez and Salazar received a silver medal for their Advocacy Project. Posada received a bronze medal for her Focus on Children Project.



Sarah Teune and Laura McFarden received gold medals in National Programs, State Creed and National Programs in Action, and advance to Nationals.

### Scanlans awarded for 'honor'

Texico High sisters Erin and Fallon Scanlan were honored during the State championship game with \$1,000 scholarships from the New Mexico Athletic Association.

The scholarships are awarded for "victory with honor."



Texico FCCLA chapter students had a very successful state contest in Albuquerque last week. Pictured are Vanessa Maldonado and Adriana Garcia who received the gold medal in Chapter Showman Manual and also advance to Nationals.

## Texico honored for having top science scores in the state

The Texico School Board on Monday heard that Texico high school seniors attended a special ceremony in Santa Fe last Friday to honor them for having the highest science scores last year (as juniors) in the state.

This was for all schools in New Mexico.

In other business, the board:

-- Approved the new school calendar for next year as presented by Beth Thornton and Deanna Richardson.

School officials tried to eliminate all Friday classes but were unable to do so. But the calendar was set up so that all Fridays were eliminated except for the first Friday of each month.

-- Hired two substitute teachers.

-- Re-elected board officers: Cary Crist, president; Tim Foote, vice president, and Duwain Hill, secretary.

-- Heard that the pre-schoolers would move into the new building on March 21.

-- Heard that the old cafeteria building is having work done to renovate it into a vocational ag facility.

-- Heard that the regional school board association (13 schools) would have its regional meeting on March 16 at the new Texico cafeteria.

## Joe Jones

Joe "Paw-Paw Joe"

Weldon Jones, 67 of Bovina died March 13 in Amarillo. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, at the First Baptist Church of Bovina with Rev. Brian Mullins, pastor, officiating.

Burial follows in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Jones was born Dec. 20, 1943, in Clovis to J.T. and Tessie Martin Jones.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne, serving in Vietnam and was awarded many medals including the Purple Heart and 2 Bronze Stars for his service.

He was a retired auctioneer, farmer, and active with the Future Farmers of America, Bovina Chamber Of Commerce, Jaycees, Bovina Little League, past master of ceremonies for the Bull Town Days rodeos, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Dorothy Luttrell, and beloved partner Francis Johnson.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Carol D'Anne Baker of Portales; and J.D. Clemmer and husband Logan, of Bovina; a son, Montana Jones and wife Amanda of Bovina, and 4 grandchildren, Kaleb and Kyleigh Baker, Trivian and Kenzi Clemmer.



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# Need Money For College?

Applications for at least four \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded this spring by BAILEY COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP are due at the Muleshoe office by April 4th.

Applicants must be a high school senior who will graduate this spring or have received their GED.

Seniors graduating in May and will be attending an accredited College, University, Junior/Community College, Trade/Technical School, or Business School and live in the area and have received electric service from Bailey County Electric for at least one year are eligible to apply.

Application forms have been supplied to high school counselor's offices. Full rules of the scholarship program are provided with application forms.

If you need further information, call Rickie Warren at Bailey County Electric, (806) 272-4504.

These scholarships are being made available through Bailey County Electric Co-op and the Muleshoe State Bank.



### Bovina artists at work



Marielena Flores' sculpture, "Almas Destrosadas", is particularly evocative.



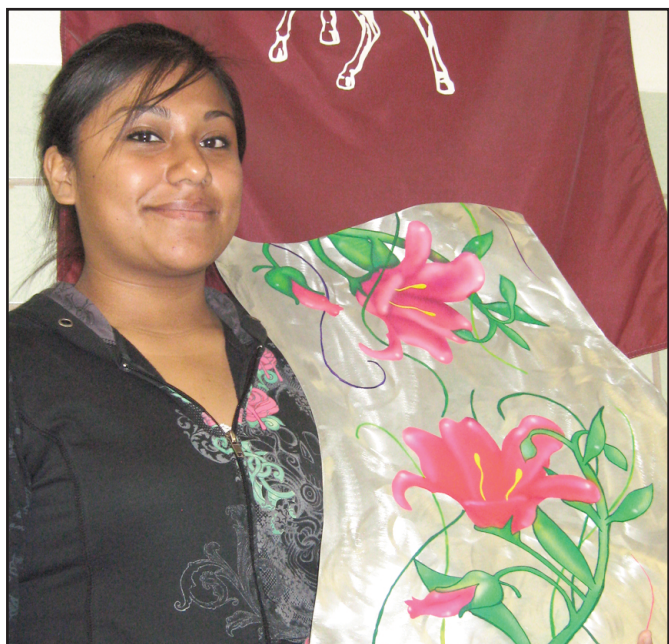
Heather Miller captured her love for Mexican guitars in this painting, "Me, Myself, and Ibez."



Mayra Gomez used pastel to draw "Making Emotions."



Jake Brozek used pastels and colored pencils in "Rose Colored Reflections."



Delia Banuelos painted "Metal Lillies" on sheet metal so she could use 3 dimensions.

## Six folks file for Bovina City Council

The filing period for Bovina elections is over. The election will be May 14. Here's a look at the ballots:  
 Bovina School Board -- Only the two incumbents, Larry Mitchell and Deena Leuea, filed. Thus both will be re-elected.  
 Bovina City Council -- Three council posts are on the ballot. Incumbents are Richard Villarreal, Celia Tienda and Gaylon Rhodes.  
 The three incumbents filed plus Radford Venable, Josue Gonzales and Mike Knoll.

### Bovina Banter

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potatoes, green beans, apples, rolls, carrot, celery, Friday - tuna salad, hamburger, baked potato, carrot, celery, tossed salad, cottage cheese, juice bars.  
 Tuesday - ham & cheese, croissant, pepperoni pizza, potato chips, carrots, pickle spears, cucumbers, oranges.  
 Wednesday - meat & cheese nachos, hamburger, pinto beans, tossed salad, carrot, celery, yogurt.  
 Thursday - toasted cheese sandwich, chicken & noodles, pepperoni pizza, pickle spears, tossed salad, cucumbers, cottage cheese.

The Bovina City Council on March 8 approved a variance request to allow a trailer home to move into the subdivision off Gardner Street as long as the neighbors sign off on it first.  
 City Manager Jana Pitcock said it was a very quiet meeting.

### Thank you

The Ramon Family would like to express their gratitude to all who visited Jesse at home and while in the hospital and stayed by his side till the very end.  
 We are very appreciative for all the food that was brought to our homes and phone calls by such wonderful people. And most of all for keeping us all in your prayers, thank you.  
 Also, a big thank you goes out to the Guadalupanas for the great meal they prepared for the family and friends, you are all great. And to the Agape funeral directors, thank you for taking such good care of our loved one and your professionalism.  
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The Ramon Family

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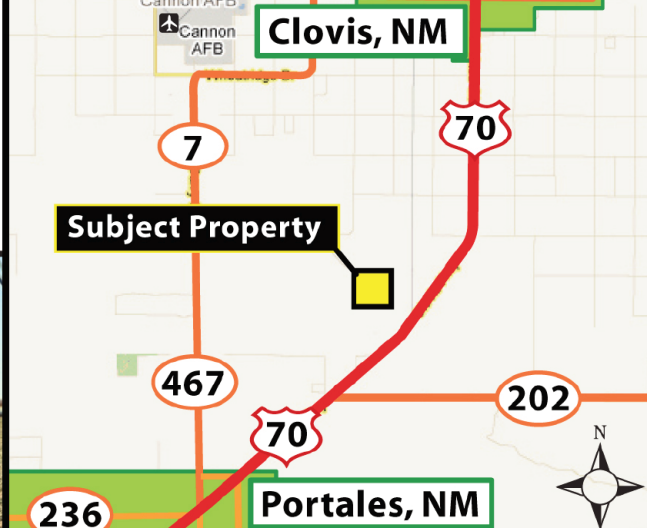
# LAND AUCTION

Tuesday, March 22, 2011 - 11:00 a.m. (MT)

This property includes 637 Acres with 492.1 acres of excellent irrigated cropland and four pivots. Located in the heart of dairy country between Clovis and Portales, New Mexico. This is the perfect opportunity to expand your dairy, cattle or cotton farm operations. Irrigation equipment is in great condition, with 6 wells connected together in one system. Irrigation equipment and water rights will transfer to the new owner. Available for 2011 crop year!!!

AUCTION LOCATION: The Days Inn - Clovis, New Mexico

ACRES: 637.40 +/-  
 LEGAL: All (LESS TRK BEG SE COR W 1132.8' NE 350.3' E 803.6' S 120' TO BEG) 26-01N-35E 637.40 Acres  
 TAXES (2010): \$471.00



CALL: Bob Pifer - 877.477.3105

OWNERS: Jay Nicholas & Mitch Jorde

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# We salute our area farmers and ranchers on a job well done!

## What Is Ag Week All About?

Ag Week is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. National Ag Week encourages every American to:

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# BOVINA



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## Bovina city banquet nears

The Bovina city banquet will be addressed by a declared candidate for the 2012 Republican nomination for President of the United States -- Jared Blankenship, a farmer in Hereford. The banquet will be March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Bovina school cafeteria. The menu will be steak,

potatoes, green beans, rolls and desserts. Tickets are \$15 apiece or \$25 for a couple and are available at City Hall, the 1st Bank branch in Bovina, and the Bone Joint. The program will center on patriotism and the service that American men and women have

given in the armed forces of this country. Speaking on the sacrifices of World War II will be Jack Patterson, with Bob Sparks and Richard Villarreal relating stories of the conflicts from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan today. The program will close with a performance by the Mighty Mustang Band and a dance routine by the Bovina cheerleaders.



Bovina art teacher Chad Taylor reports that these girls built a 6-ft. jet plane sculpture made from recycled materials: cardboard, duct tape, coat hangers and a plastic bottle. It will be displayed at the Bovina city awards dinner on March 26. From left are Gracie Meza, Cynthia Lara, Cynthia Jasso, and Blanca Herrera.

### Bovina Banter

Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

Our varsity tracksters head to the Pied Piper Relays at Hamlin on March 19.

Middle School tracksters will vie on March 22 at the Son Qualls Relays at Sudan.

School lunch menus for next week:

Monday - chicken nuggets, hamburger, cream

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Dale Fullerton

### Fullerton makes Hall of Fame

Bovina School Supt. Dale Fullerton was inducted into the New Mexico Athletic Association Hall of Fame last Thursday in Albuquerque.

The honor is given to those persons for service over 25 years in education and involvement in athletics and/or extra-curricular activities.

In 2008, Fullerton was inducted into the New Mexico Officials Hall of Fame. He served as a basketball referee for many years.

## Our scholars

Here are the Bovina High honor rolls for the 4th six weeks:

All A's  
 Jake Brozek, Aaron Castaneda, Justin Curtis, Gabriel DeLaRosa, Sarah Gallegos, Bryan Garcia, Mayra Gomez, Mariana Guevera, Stefon Knoll, David Martinez, Heather Miller, Juan Pinela, Ivan Ramiro, Abel Rocha, Dorian Vela.

A-B  
 Delian Banuelos, Fernando Banuelos, Ramiro Carmona, Justin Carrillo, Yesenia Castaneda, Zachary Castillo, Alejandra Chavez, Juan Chavez, Liz Chavez, Jose Cruz, Miguel Dominguez, Marielena Flores, Pable Galvan, Bianca Garcia, Luis Garcia, Jadira Garcia, Edith Gomez, Gabriella Gonzales, Yajayra Herrera.

Padyn Hughes, Cynthia Jasso, Hector Lopez, Navil Marinelarena, Andrew Marrufo, Julian Martinez, Briana Montes, Bricelda Munoz, Cristol Nicolas, Gustavo Ortiz, Vanessa Ortiz, Brittany Perez, Regina Quintero, Sirina Ramirez, Abdiel Ramos, Christopher Rodriguez, Karen Rodriguez, Yesenia Rodriguez, Briselda Salas, Luis Sanchez, Gael Vela, Irvin Vela, Blanca Vidana.



Samantha Villarreal helps Luis Garcia display his patriotic work.



Cristol Nicolas, Yesenia Castaneda, and Lucy Martinez proudly display their own creation.



The art classes at the Bovina schools are preparing works with a patriotic theme for display at the banquet the city will celebrate on March 26. Pictured is Karen Rocha with the sailor-girl costume she sewed for her to wear as a server at the banquet.



Raymond Fuentes displays his impression of the American fighting spirit with these soldiers' silhouettes and the American eagle.



Justin Carrillo displays his work in progress, "Never Forget 9/11."

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