

'He had the Word; he didn't die alone.'

Ralph Franse read his Bible from cover to cover but there were some verses to which he more frequently turned.

He was very fond of the verses in the book of James proclaiming that a true faith should bear fruit, and he demonstrated that in the life he lived every day.

As a young man in

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Roosevelt County, duty called him to serve his country and he joined the Navy in the Korean War.



Ralph Franse

Parmer County burn ban lifted
The Parmer County Commissioners Court voted on Monday to lift the burn ban from Feb. 14 to Feb. 28.
The recent snows have provided enough moisture to allow burning to proceed. Deaf Smith and Bailey counties are lifting the burn bans there for a few days, also.
The lifting of the burn ban is only temporary as the drying effects of the forecasted high winds will quickly restore the danger that a planned burn could expand out of control to a wildfire.
County residents who take this opportunity for controlled burns are reminded that they must notify their police and fire departments in advance. The chance of wildfire, while reduced, is by no means eliminated.
Of Texas' 254 counties, 244 currently have burn bans in effect.

As a businessman back home, farmers across the region knew to turn to Franse Irrigation not only for its expertise in water management but also for his square-dealing and his insistence on a job well done.

Many men in this city grew up as his Sunday school students under his patient instruction. Each summer in the church camps, he would continue to dedicate himself to their spiritual awakening and growth.

For decades, he was among the most committed supporters of sports in the Farwell schools. His attendance at games along with Woody Lovelace, Joe Jones and Bob Anderson was almost legendary. It was rumored that coaches did not feel they could start the game until that faithful crew was seen in the stands.

A couple times a week, he would join the "philosophic society" made up of those men, Dwight Sheriff, Roland Lusk, Garvyn Chandler, his brother Roy, and a few others to drink coffee in one or another of the coffee shops along the highway.

Weary travelers that heaven steered in for a break from the road were surprised by the benevolence this motley crew offered to them not as strangers but as neighbors.

In 1995, Franse felt a calling to bring the gospel to those that may be forgotten in the Parmer County Jail and every Sunday morning of every year since, regardless of weather or other concerns, Franse was the faithful servant bringing forgiveness and hope

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Hunter Hall, Savannah Barksdale, Kayla Cullison, John Ryan Isaacson, Austin Ratke and Dillon Kirkland.

Farwell debaters qualify for State

Tradition is something that happens from year to year successfully.

Last week, Farwell High School CX Debaters kept tradition alive when they competed at the District 3-A Cross-Examination Debate District Tournament in Sudan.

After a long day of six rounds debating, Farwell found itself with two teams in the final round. They were debating for 1st and 2nd. They had already clinched state berths.

Sophomore Kayla Cullison and freshman John Ryan Isaacson won the District Championship with a perfect 6-0 record, not losing a single round or ballot.

Freshmen Hunter Hall and Savannah Barksdale placed 2nd overall, also

qualifying for the State meet.

Also doing very well were freshmen Austin Ratke and Dillon Kirkland. They were quarter-finalists.

Twelve teams competed at District -- Sudan, Farwell, Springlake-Earth, and Sundown.

Farwell Debate Teams Coach Angela Teachout said she was "very excited about Farwell's young teams qualifying for state. It will be a great opportunity for them to compete at the state level. This is the 7th year in a row Farwell has qualified either one or two teams to the state tournament. That is strong tradition!"

The state meet will be March 14-15 at the University of Texas in Austin. Last year,

Farwell's Brooke Hall and Kayla Cullison placed 3rd at state.

Jana Riggins, UIL Debate Director stated, "UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities. This year's debate topic has required students to research extensively how to reduce military and or police presence in one of six topical countries."

Both Farwell teams went to debate camp last summer in preparation for this year's competition. Mrs. Teachout thanked parents, administrators, and community members for their support.



The Lady Blue
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 Lady Blue.

County approves resolution criticizing unfunded mandates

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday voted to dispatch a resolution to the state legislature criticizing the proposed imposition by the state of unfunded mandates onto counties and their taxpayers. The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) has requested all the state's 254 counties join in this resolution in support of House Joint Resolution (HJR) 56 that, if passed, would restrict the Texas Legislature's power to shift requirements without the accompanying funding for them onto counties, cities, hospital dis-

tricts, community colleges, and other local levels of government.

Under current plans and anticipated needs, Texas comes about from \$18 to \$27 billion short of a balanced budget in the coming fiscal year.

For that reason, Austin is attempting to reduce its spending by shifting some costs of the state's programs from the state level down to the lower echelons of government, forcing the increase of taxes at the local level.

"Austin complains all the time about the federal government trying to shift unfunded mandates down to the state level," said Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis, "and then they turn around and talk about doing the same thing to their counties."

With this vote in Parmer County, it became the 56th of the state's 254 counties to have signed the TAC resolution.

The funding requirements currently proposed to be shifted from the state to county responsibility include mental health services, criminal justice programs, juvenile justice services, disaster relief, and a variety of other programs.

"One big concern is the proposed re-designation of a number of state jail felonies down to misdemeanors," noted Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris. "That would greatly increase county jail populations and costs and all it would mean is that the state could shift bills that it ought to be paying to our local taxpayers instead."

"There is a proposal to convene some courts for sentencing at local high schools," he added. "This sounds like a good idea because it would be for students who make the mistake of playing with drugs. Their classmates would see first-hand how bad choices can lead to bad results in criminal justice."

"However, there are no funds written into this proposal to pay for the relocation of a judge, jury, recorders, and everything else that goes into a court proceeding to a schoolhouse somewhere. That would be one more extra cost for the county."

HJR 56 has received widespread support since its submission and is being debated in the legislature now.

Rep. Warren Chisum could not respond prior to

Linda Riley to retire from Farwell Schools

The Farwell School Board last Friday heard that Linda Riley plans to retire at the end of the current school year.

She has taught high school math at Farwell for the past eight years.

In other business, the board:

- Set the next meeting for March 7.
- Held a board training session with an emphasis on goal setting for the school district for the next five years.
- Approved the 2011-2012 school calendar without any major changes from this year.
- Re-appointed LeAndra Byrd as school financial investment officer.
- Re-hired principals Brian Patterson, Jimmie Mace and Mark Barnes, plus counselor Hayley Christian.

press-time this week but Sen. Kel Seliger got the opportunity to make a call to the Tribune.

"Again, what appears to be a good idea in Travis County doesn't work at all in the rest of the state," he said. "The shifting of mandates without the accompanying funding from the state to the counties is just that."

"There are a lot of us here who understand that and I feel certain that HJR 56 will pass into the Senate and that we'll pass it when it gets to us, too.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Received the report of probation officer Bruce Gipson on the effect that state cutbacks will have on the county's monitoring and management of probation, substance abuse counseling, and other programs.

-- Received from Geris the county law enforcement's Asset Forfeiture Report. The county seizure of property such as vehicles used in the transportation of illegal drugs is used to generate funds in support of law enforcement.

Purchases in the current report include portable heart defibrillators, firearms, and bullet-proof vests.

-- Received from Geris the Racial Profiling Report. Of the 830 motor vehicle stops in the last year, the drivers have included 453 Caucasians, 348 Hispanics, 28 African-Americans, and 1 Middle Eastern.

Franse

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there.

Over the years, literally thousands of men and women had the chance to share the Bible with Franse and to be reassured that mistakes could be forgiven and lives could be repaired.

Franse purchased and personalized the hundreds of Bibles that were given to any inmates who would accept it.

As Franse delivered this gift, he would also remind them that bad days pass away and the Lord had better things prepared for the future.

He would invariably remind each one that once their sentence was completed, should they encounter each other anywhere in town, that he would buy the coffee they would share (a promise that he always enjoyed when the chance transpired.)

As Franse's ministry touched incarcerated men and women, it also touched their families.

One young man, completing his sentence, returning to his work, and getting his life back on track, was tragically killed in bad weather in a car accident.

His mother approached Franse after the funeral to say how grateful she was for the Sundays her son had spent in jail in those Sunday lessons.

"When they pulled my boy from the wreck, he was holding the Bible you had given him," she cried. "He had the Word; he didn't die alone."

Ever since Jesus proclaimed that each one should love his neighbor as himself, many people have tried to whittle down on the definition of "neighbor" as much as possible.

But not Ralph Franse, not ever.

His was a life of service to his country, to his community, and to every neighbor he might encounter, wherever they were, and whether he knew them or not.



Leah Turner and her mother, Tammie.

Bridal shower honors Leah Turner

Leah Turner, bride-elect of Josh Jones, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Marca Morris, of Lazbuddie.

Leah is a 2000 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. Leah and Josh are 2005 graduates of Texas A&M University.

Honored guests of Leah at her shower were her mother, Tammie Turner of Scottsdale, Ariz., and her grandmother, Betty Smith of Muleshoe.

The table, covered in a navy cloth, was adorned at one end with background of various yellow silks arranged in a crockery vase, and a cut crystal bowl and tall yellow tapers in crystal candlesticks wrapped in an ivory scarf which featured a Texas A&M emblem.

Guests were served an assortment of fresh fruit, red velvet cake balls, baby quiche and pineapple punch.

Hostesses in addition to Mrs. Morris were LaReta Barber, Kia Barr, Sarah Black, Claire Brown, Savannah Cornelius, Paulette Foster, Stephanie Foster, Desirae Gallman, Patti Kent, Terri Loudder, Debbie Magby, Linda Martin, Marca Morris, Vicki Morris, Mandi Seaton, Rickie Seaton, Jana St. Clair, Staci St. Clair and Debbie Weir.

The couple will exchange vows March 19, 2011 in Pasadena, Texas. They will reside in Pearland, Texas, near Houston where Leah is employed with Apache Corporation in the Capital Reporting Group. Josh is a Radiation Safety Consultant for Suntrac Services based out of League City.

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Farwell
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Tuesday - chicken fajitas, spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, milk.
Wednesday - sub sandwich, LTP, sun chips, goldfish graham, mixed fruit, milk.
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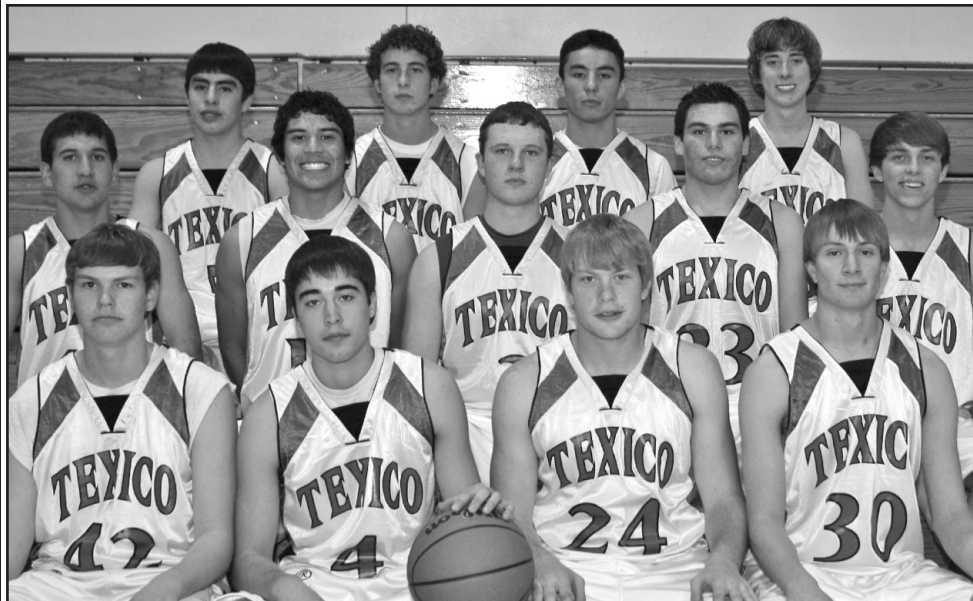
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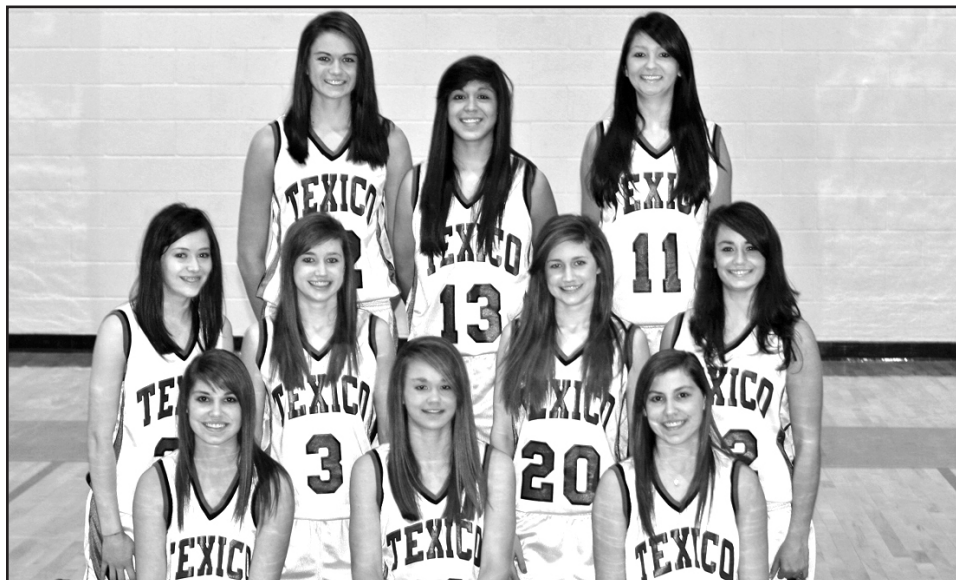
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Wolverines in the state playoffs!
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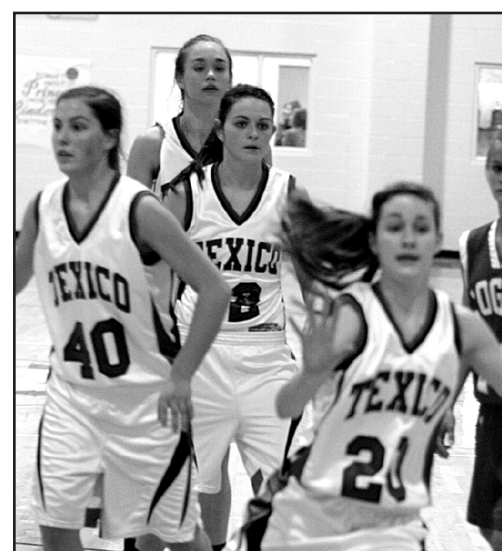
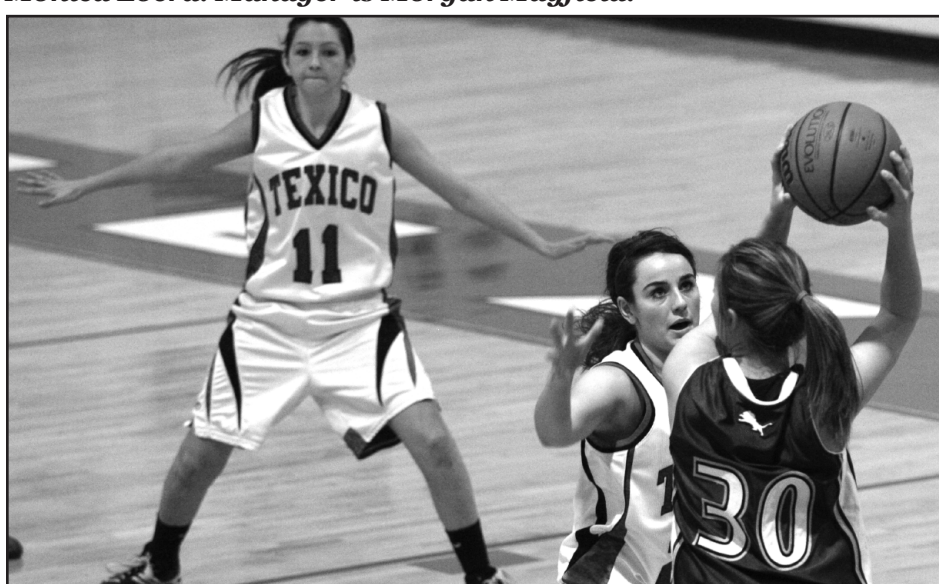
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Where is the accountability?

Today's column has a simple message.

One of the great changes we have seen in American society over the past several decades is that the lack of accountability has grown greatly.

That hit home when I read an Associated Press article last week

talking about mess-ups within the CIA ... with the culprits getting promoted anyway.

I also saw former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld hawking his new book on TV about his career.

I believe Rumsfeld was one of three civilians response for the worst

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

geopolitical decision in the history of the United States -- the disbanding of the Iraqi army after the fall of Hussein Saddam.

Yes, that was a worse error than Pearl Harbor.

After Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt set up a Board of Inquiry to determine what went wrong. Heads rolled.

But after the Iraqi screw-up? Nada.

I believe that if we had maintained the core of the Iraqi army and reformed it of its major Baathist elements, it would have resulted in a much more stable transition.

Instead, 400,000 Iraqi soldiers, many with families, were told they were out of work. Goodbye. Sayanara. Take your rifles and have a nice day.

Well, guess what, folks. Some of those guys took their weapons and joined the Al Qaeda folks.

I am not saying there would have been no American casualties in the transition to a new Iraqi government. But I believe the number of U.S. killed and wounded would have been dramatically smaller, and that American troops would have been withdrawn years ago from that nation.

Rumsfeld and the other civilians responsible for the decision to disband the army should



Brenna Burch

Baby shower held for Brenna Burch

A baby shower for Brenna Burch was held Jan. 29 at the home of Mara Morris.

Hostesses were La Reta Barber, Janice Bradshaw, Paulette Foster, Stephanie Foster, Debbie Gallman, Desirae Gallman, Ellen Gallman, Christie Miller, Marca Morris, Vicki Morris, Debbie Nickels, Kimberly Nickels, Jana St. Clair, and Debbie Weir.

Gifts given were a Graco Modular Stroller, blankets made by Debbie Gallman and Sandy Gregory, along with clothing.

Special guests attending were Janie Belew, Brenna's mother; Lisa Seigmann, her aunt; Vicki Burch, Keith's other; a sister, Jessica Partin; a niece, Annie Partin, grandmother Lillian Street and aunts Roxanne Winders, Janie Street, and Debbie Magby.

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have been called on the carpet.

They weren't. Accountability is a thing of the past when it comes to our government.

The least Rumsfeld could do is take all the profits from his book and donate them to the surviving spouses of those soldiers killed in Iraq.

That won't happen. When a nation-state starts on its downhill course, the folks in leadership pave the way.

You can see the lack of accountability every day in Washington, D.C., in the decisions being made by the incompetent folks who run this nation.

There should be one focus in our nation's capitol -- reducing the deficit that will economically destroy our children's and grandchildren's futures, and adding jobs.

So every time you hear

our leaders talk about other stuff, just ask yourself why they are not focused on what really needs their attention.

I can tell you why right now.

They are not accountable.

But very incompetent. ***

It was sad to see the passing of Gilbert Kaltwasser last week, following so closely to that

of Ralph Franse.

Gilbert was another longtime Farwell leader who did much good for this area.

I did not know Gilbert as well as I knew Ralph. But Gilbert also served in public and church capacities (his obituary in this week's paper carries the list) to the betterment of Farwell.

He will be missed.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2023



Kadyn Wade is a Farwell kindergarten. His birthday is Dec. 1.

Parents are Nathan & Krystal Wade. Siblings are Natalie & Alexis. Grandparents are Teresa Henry, Tom Wade, Jim Norwood, & Ron & Debbie Ward.

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Longhorns beat Hart

Varsity Boys
Lazbuddie's Longhorns put away Hart last week, 54-39.

Scoring were Colton Weaver, 16; Josh McIntosh and Jared Timms, 12 each; Jarrod Jesko, 6; Alex Lopez, 4; and Justin Schacher and Kenton Randolph, 2 each.

The Longhorns lost to Kress, 66-28,
Scoring were Jesko, 9;

Weaver, 8; McIntosh, 7; and Alex Lopez and Jared Timms, 2 each.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Longhorns lost to Hart, 57-32.

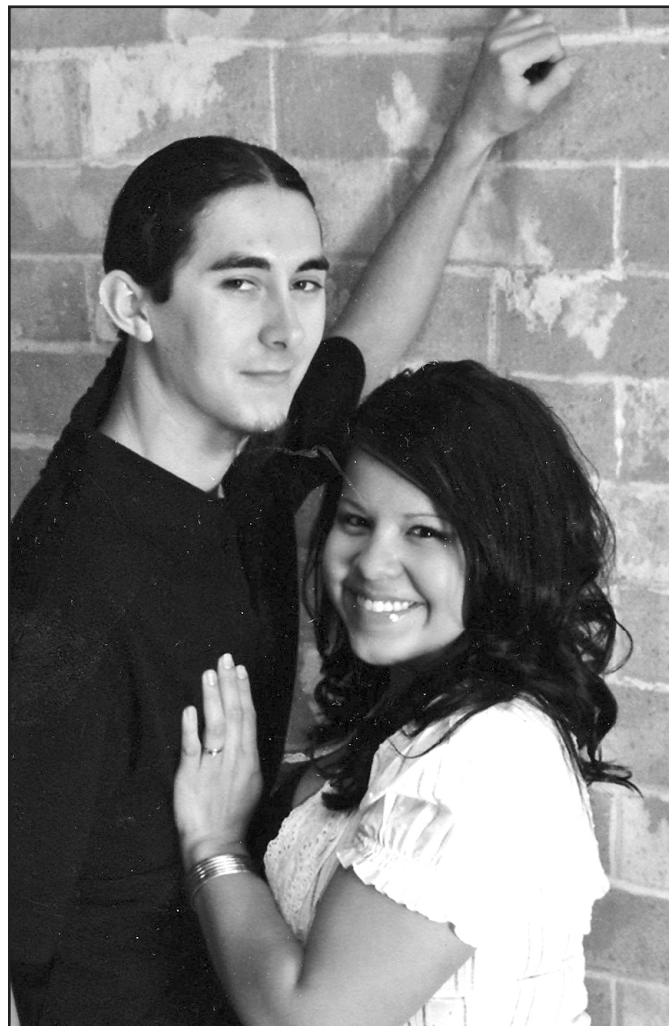
Scoring were Shyann Rainey and Ashton Mason, 7 each; Kylie McGehee, 5; Summer Lowe and Shea Scott, 4 each; Jessica Estrada and Autumn Townsend, 2 each, and Jordan Hernandez, 1.

Obituary

George Johnson
Services for George (Mike) Johnson, 67, of Texico, were held Feb. 11 in Portales with Dee Lancaster officiating. Burial was in Portales Cemetery.

He was born July 13, 1943, in Portales. In 1967,

he married Judy Clark. In the late 1990s, he moved to Texico. Surviving are 2 sons, Dale, of Texico, and David, of Farwell; and 6 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Harold and Terry.



Brandon Sanchez and Divina Pena

Brandon Sanchez to wed Divina Pena

Apolonio and Awyna Sanchez, of Farwell, announce the engagement of their son, Brandon Lee Sanchez, of Lubbock, to Divina Elisa Pena, of Lubbock, daughter of Will and Corina Gonzales, of Lubbock.

Grandparents are Evaristo and Juanita Sanchez, of Muleshoe; Elvina Cavazos, of Raymondville, Texas, and S.A. Herrera, of Seminole, Texas.

Brandon graduated from Farwell High School, then graduated in 2005 from Motorcycle Mechanic Institute in Phoenix. He works at Wild West Harley Davidson in Lubbock as a Master Technician.

Divina graduated from Frenship High School and is employed at Lubbock Eye Clinic as an Ophthalmic Technician.

Invitations will be sent.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2023



Zabry Haseloff is a Farwell kindergartener. Her birthday is July 9.

Parents are Derrick & Tia Haseloff. Siblings are Kynton & Mikaela. Grandparents are Richard & Pam Haseloff.

She likes to run on the playground and color.

Favorite color is pink. Favorite food is green apples.

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50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Carol White is crowned Texico's 1st Homecoming Queen. Jackie Hughes and Sharon Thompkins were runners-up. Hurshel Harding is named Farwell Chamber of Commerce president.

Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church builds area's first Spanish mission.

Dwight Turner leads Wolverines to district title. Steers win their district, too.

Former Farwell area farmer T.E. Levy dies.

Parmer County School trustees election set. Members with terms expiring were Joe Wilson, Clyde Magness and J.L. Shafer.

Farwell Abstract

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New Texico school building passes inspection

The Texico School Board on Monday gave a strong message to the architect and contractor for the new cafeteria - pre-kindergarten building -- it needs to be fixed!

The building was scheduled to open Jan. 1 but the fire marshal would not approve it without an upgrade in the alarm system.

The contractor has been working on alarm system improvements since the fire marshal first said Texico failed his inspection.

Supt. R.L. Richard will mediate with the architect and contractor to get an agreement on the extra costs that have been involved and who is to pay them.

On Tuesday morning, the fire marshal passed Texico's inspection. If all goes as planned now, the new building will be open by Feb. 21.

In other business, the board:

-- Discussed the new school calendar put into effect this year.

For next year, school officials have been instructed to do all they can to have more Friday's off and less Monday's off as they stay with the state-mandated four-day week schedule.

-- Last summer, school officials were told by the state to decrease their budget by \$153,000. Now, they have gotten word that they can put \$20,000 back into their budget (meaning the decrease will only total \$133,000).

-- Received information from Eastern New Mexico University about how Texico freshmen at ENMU are doing vis a vis students from other schools.

This quality report showed the Texico grad's scores were much better than the average of freshmen enrolled at ENMU from other schools.

Information sent by ENMU to the school board notes there are 11 freshmen from Texico enrolled there this school year.

The overall mean fall semester grade point average for these Texico students was 3.00.

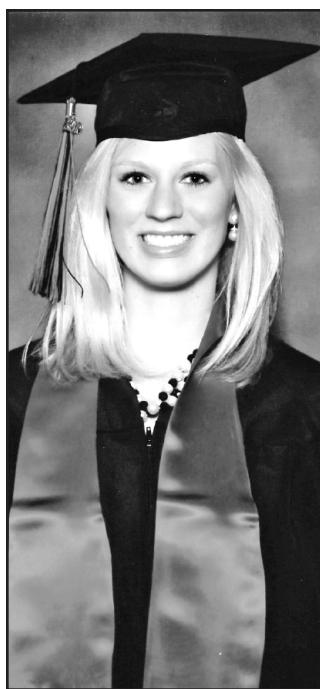
The overall mean fall semester grade point average for the 553 freshmen enrolled at ENMU was 2.86.

Barrett receives degree

Britton Barrett, a 2007 graduate of Farwell High, received a degree in Mass Communication from Texas Tech in December.

She is currently working as an intern at Plains Cotton Cooperative in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Jay Be and Jana Barrett, of Farwell.



Information needed

The Farwell Convalescent Center is updating its contact information for Board Members, Volunteers and Auxiliary Members.

If you are a board member, volunteer, auxiliary member... or would like to be one, please call Kimmie Lausten at (806) 481-3027 by March 5 at the latest so we can have everything ready for the Volunteer Banquet.

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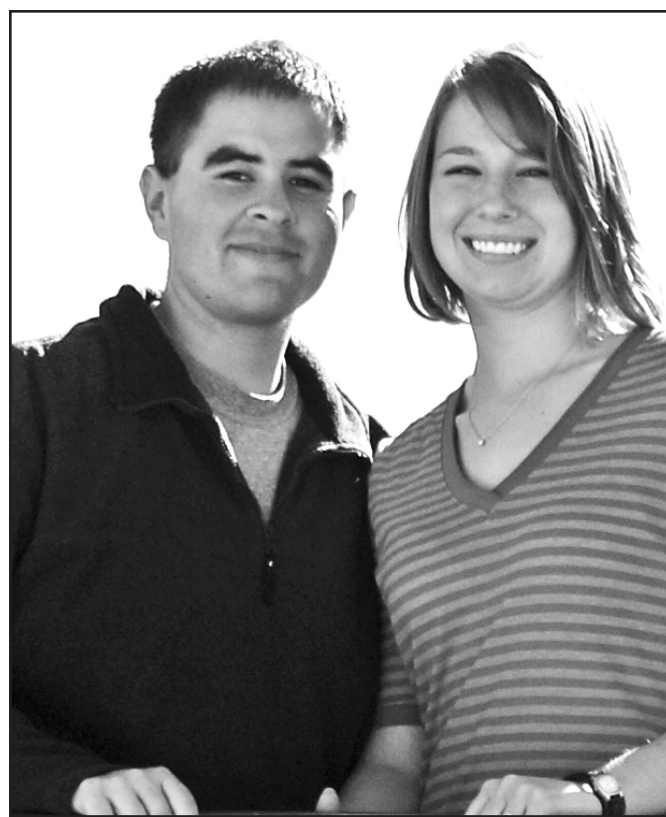
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Fernando Gomez and Sarah Johnson

Sarah Johnson to wed Fernando Gomez

Jerry and Cathi Johnson, of Texico, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, to Fernando Lawrence Gomez, son of Lawrence and Lorraine Chavez, of Belen, N.M., and Lawrence Gomez, of Albuquerque.

Sarah is a 2006 graduate of Texico High and a 2010 graduate of the University of the Southwest at Hobbs, N.M. She is employed by the University of the Southwest as a recruiting specialist.

Fernando is a 2006 graduate of Rio Grande High in Albuquerque, and a 2010 graduate of the University of the Southwest. He is employed at Jal High School and also does ministry work.

The wedding is scheduled for 3 p.m. mt on Feb. 26 at Forever Free Fellowship, 801 W. Grand, Artesia, N.M.

Janice Clement files to run for Farwell mayor

The filing period for local elections in Texas is under way.

The filing period ends March 14. The election will be May 14.

Here's a look at the early filings:

Farwell School Board -- Two posts are on the ballot. Incumbents are Keith Hadley and Darren Haseloff.

So far, there have been no filings.

Farwell City Council -- The mayor's post and those of two councilmen are on the ballot. Incumbents are Mayor Jimmie Mace and councilmen Ron Anderson and Joe Stanton.

As of Tuesday morning, there has been one filing -- Janice Clement for mayor.

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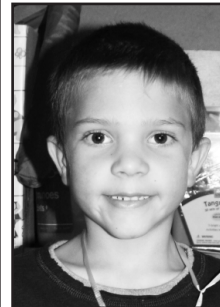
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Meet Texico's Class of 2023



Layton Mains is a Texico kindergartener. His birthday is March 19.

Parents are Diane & Hershel Mains. Siblings are Lane & Lacey. Grandparents are Kathy & David Frost, and Renee Mains and Al Jacobs.

He likes playing any kind of ball. Favorite foods are pizza and hot dogs.

His favorite color is blue.

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Thank you

A special thank you to everyone who was a part of the birth of our son, Rowan Alexander Pomper on Feb. 2.

To all the folks who dropped off gifts and diapers at our Diaper Dash, we really appreciate it. And it was nice to see you!

To the folks who dropped off food, there wasn't a meal we didn't like! I don't know that we've ever eaten so well.

It really warms the heart to have had so many people join us in such a special occasion.

Thank you again,
Rob, Rebecca,
Rory and Rowan Pomper

Lady Wolverines smash Santa Rosa

Varsity Boys

On Feb. 10, the Texico Wolverines lost a non-district game to Portales in overtime, 48-44.

Scoring were Jose Posada, 2; Connor Doolittle, 7; Garrett Foote, 4; Lucas Walthers, 10; Trent Barclay, 2; Mitchell Harrison, 6, and Wayne Skabelund, 13.

The Wolverines are 2-2 in district and 14-9 on the season after beating Santa Rosa, 54-52.

Scoring were Posada, 2; Doolittle, 10; Foote, 8; Walthers, 16; Barclay, 4; Skabelund, 10, and Harrison, 4.

Texico had lost its first game to Santa Rosa by a single point.

The Wolverines will have Parents Night on Friday against Tucumcari.

The game starts at 7 p.m. mt and the ceremony for parents will be held 15 minutes earlier.

After the game against Clayton on Saturday, seedings will be made for the district playoffs.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines beat Portales, 37-26.

Scoring were Destanee Sena, 2; Delanie Crist, 5; Jaylyn Cooper, 10; Shaylee Anderson, 6; Erin Scanlan, 2, and Jordyn Cooper, 7.

The Lady Wolverines improved to 4-0 in district and 20-2 overall with a 68-21 smashing of Santa Rosa on Saturday.

Scoring were Jordyn Cooper, 24; Anderson, 12; Mel Lucero, 10; Jaylyn Cooper, 6; Erin Scanlan, 6; Morgan Pinnell, 4; Kayla Cox, 3; Fallon Scanlan, 1; Sena, 1, and Crist, 1.

The Lady Wolverines will have Parents Night on Friday.

The game with Tucumcari will start at 5:30 p.m. mt and the ceremony for parents will be held 15 minutes earlier.

After the game against Clayton on Saturday, seedings will be made for the district playoffs.

JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls dropped Portales, 37-20, on Feb. 10.

Scoring were Kylynn Thomas, 8; McKenzi Mayfield, 14; Karina Salazar, 5; Bianca Davalos, 3; and Taylor Lane, Lindsey Foote and

Monica Loera, 2 each.

Texico wiped out Santa Rosa, 38-14.

Scoring were Thomas, Raelynn Prather and Bianca Davalos, 2 each; Mayfield, 11; Lane, Foote and Loera, 4 each; and Salazar, 9.

JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys rolled over Santa Rosa, 45-31.

Scoring were Donovan Johnson, 16; Jesus Rivera, 5; Sergio Posada and Wayne Skabelund, 2 each; Pal Herndon, 1; Rallin Harris and Colton Hollis, 6 each; Shay Harrison, 4; and D.J. Griego, 3.

Texico JV boys in action



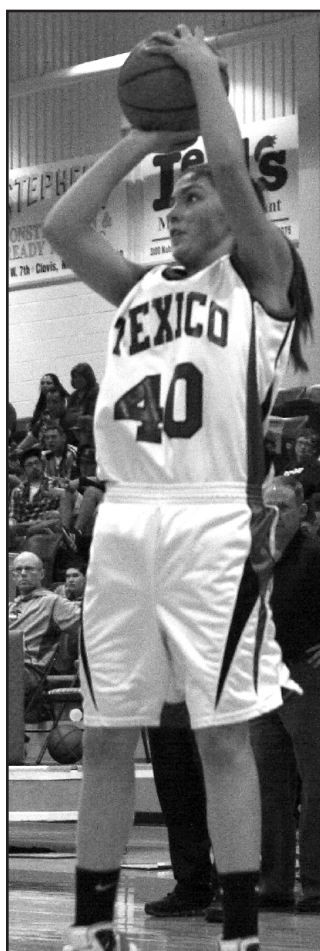
Photos by Cary McFarden



Local team wins Ft. Sumner tourney

The Texico Girls 3rd and 4th Grade Little Dribblers won the Ft. Sumner Tournament last weekend. From left are Jasmine Davalos, Abigail Defoor, MacAyla Spears, Mari Ferrel, Montana Thatcher, Katey White, Baylee Sours and Mariah Reyna. Coaches were Arnold and Christine Reyna.

Texico varsity teams in action



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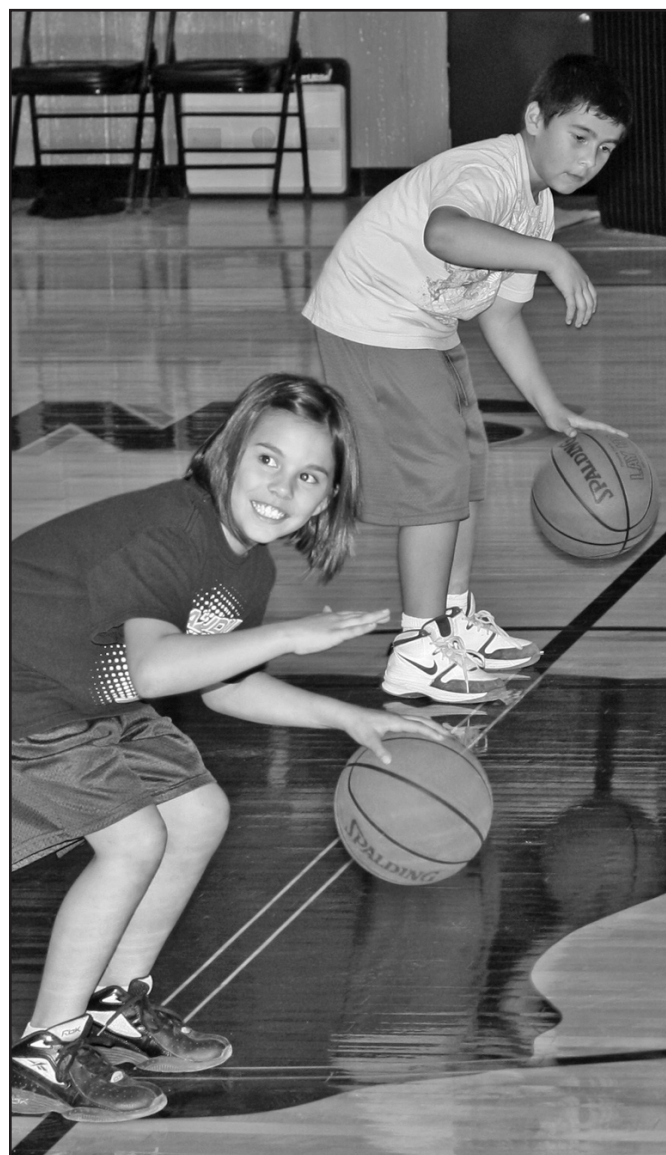
It's a Boy

Tak Hayze Miller was born Feb. 1 to Jason and Jaytha Miller.
He weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21" long.
Grandparents are Nancy and Rich Miller.

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Young Lazbuddie ball players

Some of the younger Lazbuddie basketball players got the chance to show off their skills in between varsity games. Photos by Jill Timms.



The Latest

Todd Christian was driving by Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church a couple of weeks back during a high-wind day.

He saw the carport there swaying in the wind, with the church van under it.

So he stopped and hurriedly got the van out, and shortly thereafter the wind collapsed the carport.

Xcel Energy and key customer groups in Texas have agreed to a two-step base rate hike for retail customers that will increase bills starting this month and again in January 2012, Xcel announced.

The rates will rise this month about \$7 a month for a typical residential bill, and another \$2.50 next January.

Plateau - ENMR will conduct free adult computer and internet workshops on Feb. 18 in the Farwell Junior High computer lab.

There will be two sessions -- 1 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There are spots for 23 persons at each session. There will be door prizes and snacks, plus you can register to win a mini computer.

To reserve a spot, stop by the ENMR office in Farwell or call 481-3800.

The Parmer County Historical Commission will meet Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the First Bank of Bovina.



Meet Farwell's Class of 2023



Bryanna Olmos is a Farwell kindergartener. Her birthday is Sept. 5.

Parents are Guerrero & Leticia Olmos. Siblings are Alexis, Guerrero Jr., Yulissa & Andres. Grandparents are Lupe & Maria Olmos, Cristina Uribe, Felix Acuna.

She likes to play with her sisters, color and read books.

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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 backyard, domestic well, covered patio. All on 1.705 acres.
Just Listed south of Friona. 160 Ac, Quonset barn, highway frontage. Call for details. **SOLD**
Just Listed - 498 ac. grass SE of Friona, highway frontage. **In Contract**
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Just Listed - Spacious 4 bedroom brick home, central heat, refrig. Air. All electric. 2 3/4 bath, fenced backyard. Very nice home. Call for details! **Price Reduced**
7,000 sq.-ft. Commercial building located on Avenue A, Farwell. 1,400 sq. ft. of living area with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, utility, central heat, window ref. Air, new metal roof.
656 CRP acres, 2 years left. Both sections are 2 miles apart. Both sections are priced at \$400 per acre. Call for details. Located West Central Bailey County. **SOLD**
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For more information, please call Laurie at (806) 373-0986 or 1 (800) 800-0697, EOE.

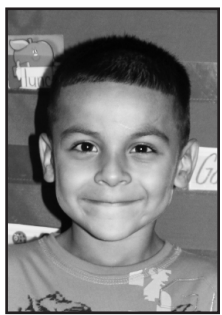
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Work schedule will include 1 and 1/2 days off on most weeks and hours will average 50-60 straight wage no overtime. Position includes full benefits package, including 401K and Health Insurance.

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Meet Farwell's Class of 2023



Irvin Torres is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is Nov. 3. Parents are Jesus & Rosa Torres. Sibling is Ricardo. Grandparents are Jesus J. & Silvia Torres, and Ramon & Juanita Ronquillo. He likes football. His favorite foods are pizza and hamburgers.

Sponsored by the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank

Gilbert Kaltwasser

Gilbert Kaltwasser, 84, of Farwell, died Feb. 11 at the Farwell Convalescent Center. He was born Sept. 25, 1926 to John and Bertha Haseloff Kaltwasser in Vernon, Texas.

Gilbert married Elizabeth (Liz) Kramer on Sept. 17, 1950 in Clovis. Together, they recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Gilbert was a lifetime farmer, and enjoyed hunting and RVing with the Good Sam Club. He was the past president of the Parmer County Farm Bureau and Farwell School Board. He was a very active member of St. John Lutheran Church, serving in all offices. Gilbert was named an FFA Honorary Farmer and Agriculturist of the Year. He was proud to give each of his children their high school diplomas.

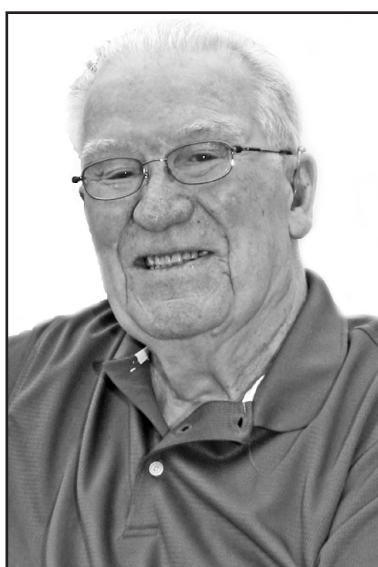
Gilbert is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of the home; daughter, Cheryl (Dale) McCleskey of Mt. Juliet, Tenn; 3 sons, Steven (Carla) Kaltwasser of Farwell; Rev. Bruce (Barbara) Kaltwasser of Osage, Iowa, and Craig (Kelley) Kaltwasser of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Walter Kaltwasser and Rev. Aurelius Kaltwasser; and 1 sister, Lillymae Murphy.

Services were held Feb. 15 at St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat with Rev. David Symm officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery in Farwell. Casket bearers were Gilbert's grandsons, Jason McCleskey, Jared Kaltwasser, Daniel Kaltwasser and Seth Kaltwasser. Honorary casket bearers were Gilbert's coffee buddies.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Life in Christ Academy or the Lutheran Brielle Workers, both in care of St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat.

Arrangements are under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home, 800 E. Manana Blvd., Clovis, N.M. 88101 (575)763-5541. Visit www.steedtodd.com to sign the online guestbook.



City of Farwell is looking to fill 2 full time positions

Will need a minimum of Class C Ground Water Treatment License, Class C Wastewater License, & Customer Service Inspection License.

Salary based on experience.

City is willing to provide travel & training needed for proper licensing.

Please pick up an application at Farwell City Hall at 9th St. and Ave. A.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Feb. 10, Laundra James, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana between 4 oz. and 5 lbs. in a drug free zone. Case is pending before the grand jury.

On Feb. 12, Nicole Steels, 39, of Clovis, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of DWI, pending in county court.

In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

On Feb. 1, Mario Luis Escalona, Jr., 30, of Friona, charged with assault family violence, previous conviction, was sentenced to 3 years institutional division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), probated for 3 years; to the Canyon Reef Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program (TAIP) as recommended by Community Supervision and Corrections Division (CSCD), \$358 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$400 attorney fees.

On Feb. 8, Abel Vega, Jr., 23, of Clovis, charged with burglary of a habitation, was sentenced to 10 years TDCJ, probated for 10 years; completion of any rehabilitation or restitution program recommended by CSCD, \$358 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$400 attorney fees, and \$300 restitution.

Farwell Girl Scout troop organized

A Girl Scout Troop has been organized in Farwell. Troop Leader Lori Haseloff, a former Farwell Junior High teacher, said 14 girls have signed up.

The range for the troop is kindergarten through 8th grade. But Mrs. Haseloff said that as more girls sign up, the troop will be divided into age groups.

Currently, the girls are selling the famous Girl Scout Cookies as a fund-raiser.

The new troop meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays right after school at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Mrs. Haseloff invites parents to bring their daughters to any meeting and join in.

"We have a whole lot of fun and learning activities planned," she added.

The Latest

At West Texas A&M University:

Kinzi Jo Schacher, a sophomore, made the Dean's List in pre-nursing.

Brittney Schacher, a junior, made the President's List in education.

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church will start a Bible study on Christianity and Islam starting on Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The church is also taking

ing donations to send junior high kids to church camp. It costs \$105 per kid, and they currently have 20 kids who wish to attend.

Over the last two years, the church had had more campers than any other participating church.

The Parmer County Historical Commission will meet Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the First Bank of Bovina.

Tonye Harrington Crooks

A memorial service will be held at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis at 4 p.m. mt on Saturday, Feb. 19, for Tonye Harrington Crooks, 49, of Albuquerque, with Paul Crooks officiating. Cremation has already taken place.

Tonye was born in Clovis on May 21, 1961, to Moreland and Jane Harrington. She attended Clovis schools until her family moved to the farm 30 miles north of Clovis, which put her into the Texico school district.

After graduation she attended ENMU on a basketball scholarship and graduated with a double major in business information systems and business administration. She married her childhood sweetheart, Britt, on June 17, 1984.

She was employed by PNM for 17 years starting a programmer analyst and worked up the career path to finishing as Aide to CEO and CFO. Lastly, she served as enterprise portfolio manager in Supply Chain.

She was briefly employed at Sandia National Labs, TriCore Reference Labs, and First Community Bank of Albuquerque.

One of her favorite jobs was working with United Way as a loaned executive for PNM for five months. She truly enjoyed speaking and encouraging people to support United Way and its programs; she enjoyed the Leadership Speaker's Bureau and Women in Philanthropy and Cancer Fighters Network.

Pavin' Ways, LLC, was her own private business for supporting companies on strategic development, business planning, project management and creating healthy organizations.

Surviving are her husband; a son, Taylor Crooks, of Denver; a daughter, Kendra Crooks, of Albuquerque; her parents, of Clovis; a brother, Dr. Stephen Harrington, of Albuquerque; a sister, Kim Harrington, of Golden, Colo.; a niece, Meredith Harrington; nephews, Jake, Josh, J.J. Dunafon, Mark Harrington and Chase Hardage, of Mexico; father-in-law, Arlye and Margie Crooks, of Texico; sister-in-law, Lisa Crooks Cortes and Gia Crooks Hardage and husband Gerald Hardage) and grandmother Zonah Crooks.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you give to your favorite cancer charity or to the charity of your choice.

Local arrangements are by Steed-Todd Funeral Home, 800 E. Manana Blvd., Clovis, NM 88101 (575)763-5541.



Farwell buys 8 acres for Sr. Citizen center

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday bought 8 acres of land on the east side of 9th Street to be used for building a senior citizens center.

The Kelm property in the 500 block cost \$46,000 and includes a house that will have to be sold, knocked down or moved.

The land is also being looked at as a place for trucks to park overnight to keep them off of city streets.

Mayor Jimmie Mace said this is finally becoming a reality for the seniors in the community.

In other news, the council:

- Accepted bids to connect two wells into the city water system. The bids included pumps, electrical, pipe and labor to get the water tied in as soon as possible.

- Approved a building permit for Jesse Ferreras. He had started building a shed across the street from the post office.

- Signed a 10 year lease for Keith Hadley to continue farming some city land. Hadley has held the lease for several years and plans to put up permanent fencing around the wells and improve the land.

- Heard from Dave Mitchell, who is filling in as city water supervisor, that 36 water meters have broken over the last two weeks of freezing weather.

He also said many of the meters in town are obsolete and parts are hard to find and he has been called out numerous times to shut off water after pipes have broken.

- Received a report from Police Chief Larry Kelsay on the racial profiling statistics over the last year. He said that every stop they make is documented even if no citation is given out.

Last year there were 1,117 vehicle stops and 510 citations given.

According to the statistics, 582 folks were identified as white, 490 hispanic, and 30 black with 15 falling outside of those categories.

- Voted to keep Joe Servin on as needed to help out the city.

Servin has resigned as city water superintendent. He has bought a semi, and plans to be a trucker.

The city so far has been unable to find a new water superintendent.

Dorothy Donaldson



Funeral services were held Feb. 14 at the First Baptist Church of Farwell for Dorothy Ione Donaldson, 93. She died Feb. 10 at the Farwell Convalescent Center.

Dorothy and her twin brother, Dean, were born on July 15, 1917, in Plainview, to Virgil and Esther Harman. The doctor who delivered them, Dr. James Henry Wayland, was the founder of Wayland Baptist University.

The family moved to Swisher County and she attended elementary school at

Union Hill, graduating from Tulia High School. She obtained a degree in music and elementary education from West Texas State Teachers' College. Her first teaching position was in Farwell, where she met Sterling Donaldson. They married in June of 1939 in Clovis and farmed in the Oklahoma Lane community.

Dorothy was a longtime member of Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and was a member of the Women's Missionary Union. Over the years, she and Sterling opened their home to many pastors and visiting preachers. Dorothy was considered an accomplished artist and is remembered for painting baptistries in the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church. After the Oklahoma Lane church closed in 1986, they became members of the the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

She taught elementary school in Farwell, Progress, Oklahoma Lane, and Bovina schools, where she retired after 20 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional teachers' organization.

When her children were young, Dorothy devoted herself to being a full-time mother and homemaker. Her days were filled with cooking for her family, making weekly trips to town to do laundry, doing lots of ironing (and saying "Glory Hallelujah" when the ironing was finally done.) She kept an orderly house and spent hours tending the garden and canning.

Her children remember hearing the hum of the sewing machine in the background as they played. In all her busyness, she still found time to read to her children and to play with them. In her retirement years, she enjoyed making quilts, doing crossword puzzles, and entertaining her grandchildren. All her life, she was known for her delicious country cooking.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandchild, Julie Decker; 5 brothers, Vernon, Victor, Foster, Otis, and Dean Harman, and a sister, Mary Elliff.

Survivors include 2 sons, Roy Donaldson and wife Charlotte of Paducah and Larry Donaldson and wife Betty of Anna; 3 daughters, Jolene Julian and husband Bruce of Perryton, Dorris White and husband Robert of Farwell, and Zelda Ellison and husband Terry of Lockney; 2 sisters-in law, Avis Carpenter and husband Harold of Oklahoma Lane and Ruth Boone and husband Jay of Clovis; 12 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to be made to First Baptist Church of Farwell Building Fund or First Baptist Church of Farwell Scholarship Fund, PO Box 112, Farwell TX 79325..

Actkinson, Olivas shoot Steers over Olton

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue ended their season on Feb 8 with a loss to Sudan, 57-26.

Scoring were Kristin Langford, 8; Clara Reyes, 1; K'Leigh Jo White, 4; Chandler Barnes, 1; and Keila Jennings, 12.

Varsity Boys

The Steers knocked out Sudan on Feb. 8, 67-36.

Scoring were Luke Carpenter, 16; Landry Actkinson, 13; Josh Olivas, 10; Octavio Chavez, 10; Collin Christian, 6; Ray White, 5; Rane Carpenter, 5; and Lincoln Devault, 2.

On Friday, the Steers did away with Olton, 69-33.

Scoring were Rane Carpenter, 21; Actkinson, 14; Olivas, 13; Luke Carpenter, 9; Devault, 4; Mason Coburn, 2; Kolten Morris, 2; Zac Stancell, 2; and Chavez, 2.

Actkinson had four 3-pointers and Olivas had three.

7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys closed out an undefeated season of 16-0 as they rolled over Sudan 49-5.

"I can't say enough about these players' hard work and dedication," said Coach Chris Hanks. "Farwell can be proud of the heart they put into this season and can look forward to seeing them win in the 5 years ahead of them."

Scoring were Andrew Michalski, 4; Angel Graxiola, 16; Adrian Aleman, 2; Gerado Martinez, 10; Danny Reyes, 13; and Armando Arevolo, 6.

8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys and their coach Ross Prokop finished a 13-3 season with a 51-31 victory over Sudan.

Practice game set

The Farwell Steers will have a practice game on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Randall High School gym in Canyon against the Idalou Wildcats.

To get to Randall High, take I-27 toward Amarillo and exit Hollywood Road. It is about 1 mile east of the interstate.

Idalou, 24-1, a Class 2A powerhouse, played in the state's championship game last year and is currently ranked in the top 10.

By winning District, the Steers have a first-round bye and will not open their state playoff run until Feb. 24-26.

Scoring were Pedro Ruiz, 13; A.J. Bermea, 4; J.J. Herrera, 8; Curt Langford, 4; and Chase Mitchell, 22.

JV Boys

Farwell's JV boys on Feb. 8 defeated Sudan 33-19.

Scoring were Austin Mason with a trio of 3-pointers, 9; Bretton Stancell, 6; Seth Meeks, 2; Tyler Schilling, 3; Kory Jennings, 4; Cutter Glover, 2; and Edgar Cuevas, 7.

Farwell beat Olton on Feb. 11, 50-31.

Scoring were Stancell, 4; Luis Galvan, 17; Meeks, 2; Schilling, 8; Jennings, 3; Glover, 2; and Cuevas, 14.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV girls closed out their 21-5 season with a 23-16 loss to Sudan.

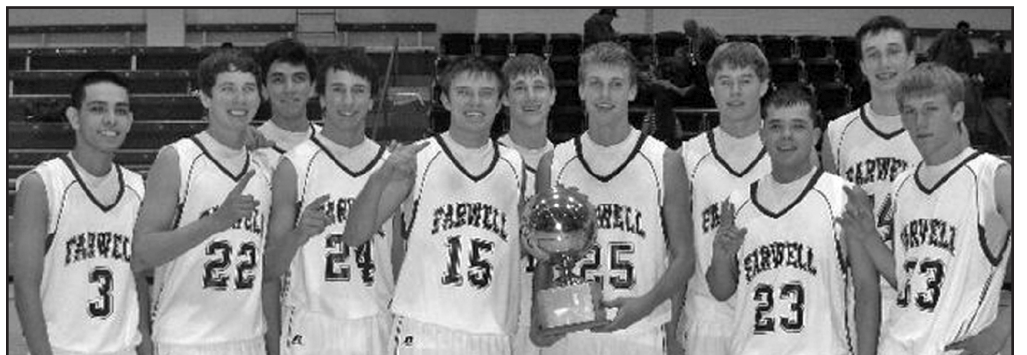
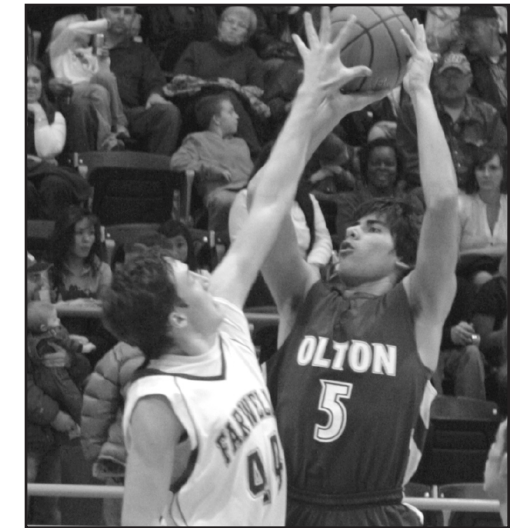
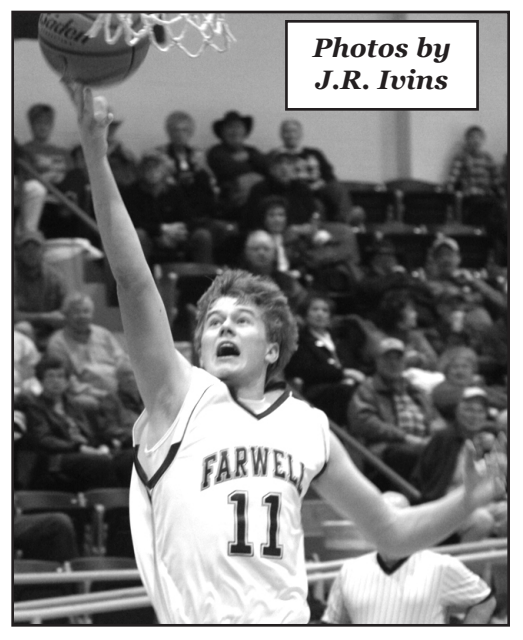
Scoring were Taylor Stancell, 1; Lauren Carpenter, 8; Sasha Lara, 4; and Jill Johnson, 3.



Farwell 7th graders go undefeated

The undefeated Farwell 7th grade team was made up of Leo Cervantes, Oscar Muniz, Keith Kalbas, Andrew Michalski, Erick Tovar, Angel Graxiola, Adan Velazquez, Danny Reyes, Adrian Aleman, Jose Sotello, Gerardo Martinez, Armando Arevolo, Ricardo Parra, Keith Kalbas.

Photos by J.R. Ivins



The Steers received the District Championship trophy after the Olton game. (Photo by Melissa Carpenter)

The Latest

The Parmer County extension office will have its first 4-H poultry meeting of the year on Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bovina EMS building.

All county students, grades kindergarten through 12, are invited to participate.

Extension agent Benji Henderson will host the meeting.

Texico Police Chief Doug Bowman reports all quiet last week.

He thanked folks for driving cautiously during the snow days.

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Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6212-54-001 for Squeegee and Fog Seal on Asphaltic Pavement in Lubbock County, etc will be opened on March 23, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$132,075.30.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Dist/Div Office(s)
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District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

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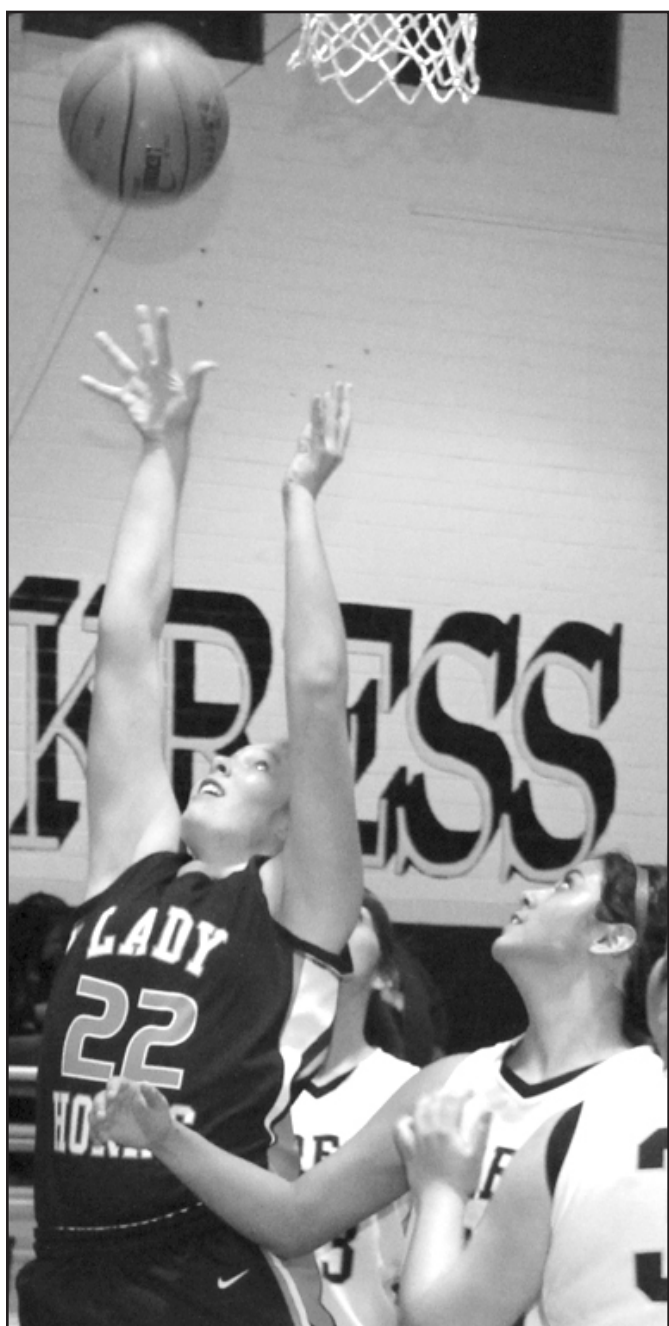
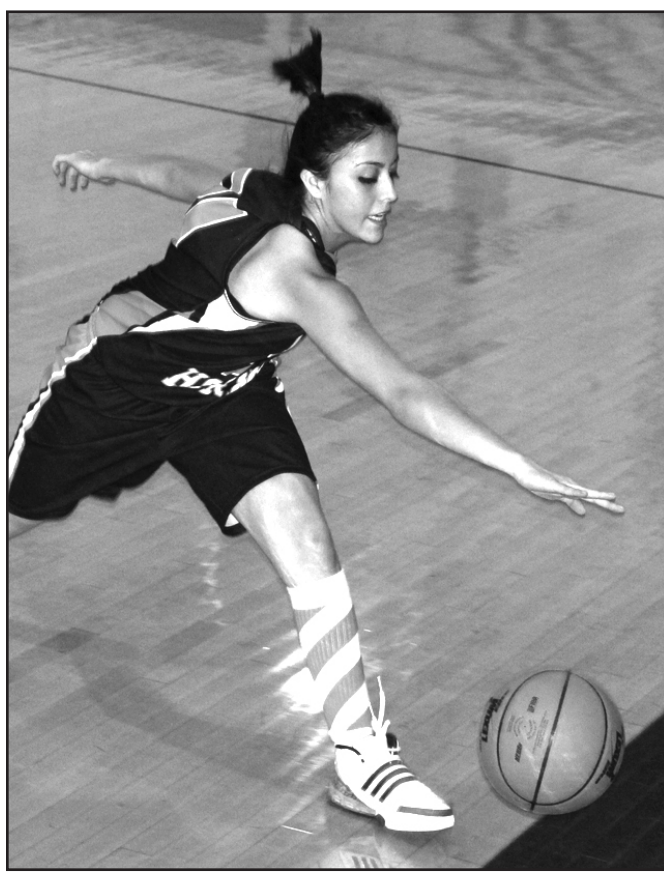
This business is liquidating a very nice collection of high end top quality saddlery, including:

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A last look at the Lady 'Horns
 Special thanks to Carolyn Scott and Jill Timms for the great photography this year.



Pres. Obama puts hold on Ute Lake Water project

Reports are that President Obama has no funds in the budget he announced for 2011 for the Ute Lake Water Project.

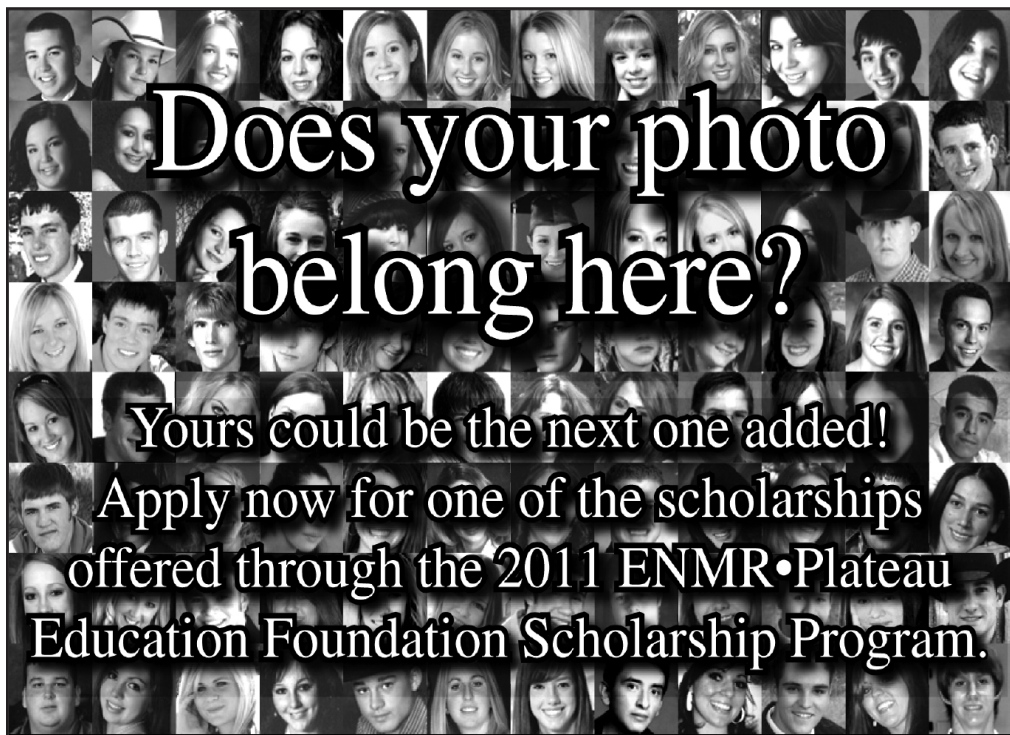
Since about 75 percent of the project was to be federally-funded, this likely means the project will be on hold until the feds come up with some money.

Hopefully, that would be in the 2012 budget.

The budget can be amended by individual congressmen who could add funds to that president's budget, called "earmarks."

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The Texico Cheerleaders in action
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Thus, we would like to congratulate:

- The debate and UIL teams at Farwell for their recent successes, including winning Sweepstakes at the Post UIL Tourney.
- The FFA teams at Texico for their success at state in the parliamentary law contests.
- The growth in power lifting as a sport at Bovina, which will host an area meet on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Please mark it on your calendars: the annual banquet to honor deserving Bovina citizens will be March 26.

The city will put on this special dinner. Nominations for deserving folks should be turned in at City Hall this month.

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Lunch after meeting
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 Prizes and Door Prizes
 "Please come"

Only members of Five Area Telephone Cooperative are included in this membership.

Filing period opens for local elections

The filing period for local elections is under way.

The filing period ends March 14. The election will be May 14.

Here's a look at the first week:

Bovina School Board - Two posts are on the ballot. Incumbents are Larry Mitchell and Deena Leuea.

Mitchell has filed.

Bovina City Council -- Three council posts are on the ballot. Incumbents are Richard Villarreal, Celia Tienda and Gaylon

The City of Bovina is now taking nominations for:

Man of the Year _____

Woman of the Year _____

Heritage Award _____

Male Student of the Year _____

Female Student of the Year _____

Send to: Bovina City Hall, PO Box 720, Bovina, TX 79009

Have you nominated anyone yet to be honored by the City of Bovina this year? You can use the nomination ballot -- the deadline is Feb. 25. The annual banquet, formerly put on by the now defunct Chamber of Commerce, will be held March 26 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. It is important to continue the tradition of honoring local deserving folks so please send in your suggestions to City Hall.

Rhodes.

So far no one has signed up.

Cotton workshop set

The Parmer County extension service will conduct a free cotton variety workshop at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Farwell Community Center.

"This cold weather has cotton growers looking forward to warmer temperatures and spring planting," said extension agent Benji Henderson. "Now is also the time to book seed for the coming season, so we've planned this workshop to let growers know what is available for our area this year."

For more information, call 481-3619.

Mustang band trip approved

The Bovina School Board on Monday approved the band's spring trip to Padre Island May 13-16.

In other business, the board:

-- Appointed Amy Montemayor and Darlene Miller as early voting clerks and set the general election for May 14.

-- Re-hired the three building principals, counselor and athletic director.

-- Tabled the superintendent's evaluation until the March 21 meeting since only four board members were present.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It has been no small task for the Bovina City Council, Staff, and Bovina Committee to finally succeed in bringing a Community Center to our town.

For years, this has been the most mentioned item needed from Bovina citizens.

Building it and maintaining/operating it are two separate things. Without maintenance and proper supervision the facility will fall into a state of disrepair and thus eventually be of no use to anyone.

I encourage the residents of Bovina to pitch in and support this Community Center. Not everyone can give big donations, I understand that, but everyone will be able to donate their part if only by paying a small usage fee.

We at Scandia Wind Southwest have supported this project with previous donations and will do so again. To the Bovina Citizen Committee that put this together, I want to thank you and a job well done.

Jim Bob Swafford
Bovina

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pitalized in Lubbock. He has had a battle with illness for quite sometime. If you know Jessie, though, you know how tough he is.

Andy Garza underwent surgery this week. He is recovering well.

God Bless and have a great week

Interesting fact of the week: Females learn to talk earlier, use sentences, and learn to read earlier than males. Like we didn't know that one!

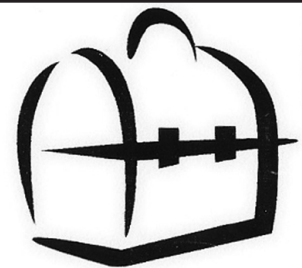
Basketball

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Varsity Girls

The Fillies fell to Olton on Feb. 8, 59-20.

Scoring were Myra Gomez, 3; Mari Flores, 2; Edith Gomez, 1; Samantha Villarreal, 4; and Lynda Rodriguez, 10.



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Pet of the Week



The Farwell Animal Shelter is filled up with great dogs that are looking for a family.

If you can help, contact Farwell Officer Tim Martin at (575) 309-9941 to give this puppy a chance.

Sponsored by the Farwell Senior Citizen Meal Site

Lara to lead worship in Bovina

A special celebration worship service will be held at the Bovina United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Pastor Eliza Lara and his Praise Team from Lubbock will lead the worship.

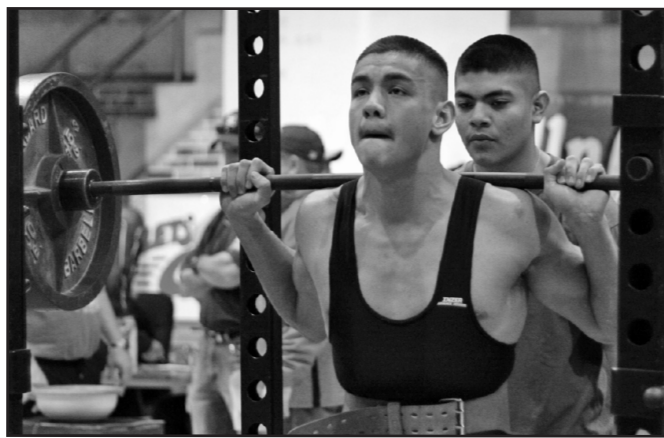
All are invited. Food and drinks will be provided after the service.



Anthony Ortiz



Jason Olvera



Rolando Perez

Celebration Worship Service

Sunday, Feb. 20 -- 4 p.m.

Come and worship with
Pastor Elizar Lara

and his Praise Team from Lubbock.

Everyone is invited to bring your family and friends. Food and drinks will be provided following the service.

Bovina United Methodist Church
204 4th St., Bovina

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Carol Allen Litzelman, Deceased, were issued on February 10, 2011, in Cause No. 2881, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Michael E. Allen.

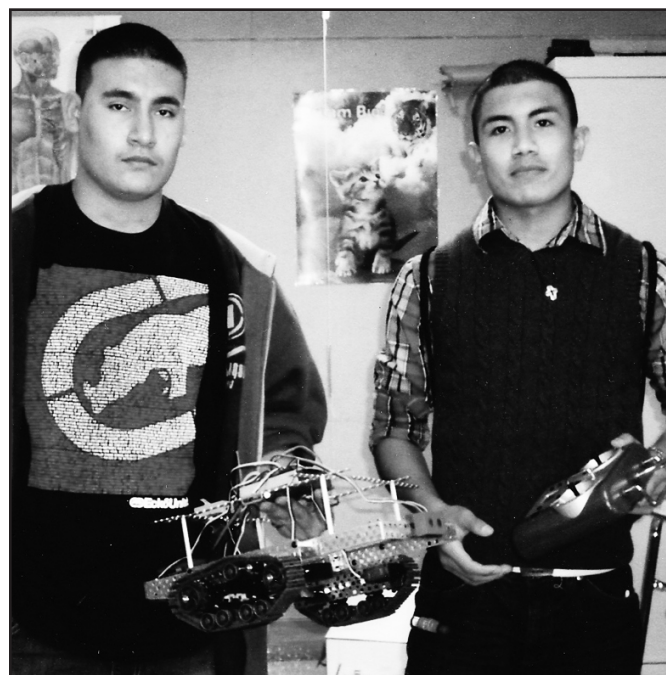
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Dated the 10th day of February, 2011.

Jeff W. Actkinson

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Bryan Llamas and Jose Lara with their robot.

Bovina youth complete robotic project

Bovina High students Bryan Llamas and Jose Lara have designed a robotic land rover.

The students built the fully functional robot from scratch and experienced a lot of science along the journey, said science teacher Wayne Anderson.

"They actually went up and beyond science as the entire project was constructed after completing their regular science labs and assignments. Using every minute they could get, Bryan and Jose spent most of the first semester to complete the robotic project," said Anderson.

Once completed, the students shared their engineering feat with many of the elementary science classes, thus benefiting them as well.

Bovina takes 2nd at Dalhart Meet

Bovina participated in the Dalhart and Levelland powerlifting meets on Saturday.

At Dalhart, Bovina High took 2nd place. Individual placings were:

Gabriel Hancock, 1st; Elri Rueda, 2nd; Arturo Aguillon, 3rd; Andy Duarte, 1st; Juan Pinela, 4th; Jorge Luna, 3rd; Ramiro Nicolas, 5th; Gerardo Ortiz, 6th; Oscar Jasso, 12th; Miguel Dominguez, 17th; Abdiel Ramos, 9th; Anthony Ortiz, 5th.

Also, Rolando Perez, 8th; Alex Mejia, 13th; Luis Tafoya, 14th; Jesus Castaneda, 15th; Justin Curtis, 18th; Matt Knoll, 3rd; Aaron Castaneda, 4th; and Edwin Carillo, 5th.

Varsity girls results were:

Ruby Ramirez, 8th; Krystin Gonzales, 9th; Anabel Lara, 10th; Samantha Villarreal, 9th; Gaby Flores, 15th; Lynda Rodriguez, 4th; Sarah Morales, 9th; Yvette Gomez, 5th; Vanessa Rodriguez, 5th, and Rosa Duarte, 6th.

Bovina Junior High took 21st at the Levelland Meet. Individual placings were:

Ramiro Carmona, 7th; David Velo, 23rd; Stefon Knoll, 30th; Bryan Garcia, 31st; Alejandro Guevara, 25th; Hector Lopez, 36th; Alexis Oliva, 37th; and Julian Martinez, 17th.

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Sweethearts



Marie and Elton Venable have been Valentine Sweethearts for 65 years -- and they still are! Elton is 93 and Marie is 90.

Their home is in Bovina but they both are currently residents at the Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.



BOVINA



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Mustangs earn State playoff berth



The Mustangs open their run in the state playoffs against Plains on Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. at Levelland High School. Coach Gonzales said the practice game will be held at Randall High in Canyon against Happy at

11:30 a.m. on Feb. 19. To get to Randall High, take I-27 toward Amarillo and exit Hollywood Road. It is about 1 mile east of the interstate. **Varsity Boys** The Mustangs secured a state playoff spot by

beating Olton on Feb. 8, 44-38. Scoring were Desmond Fox, 4; Alexis Martinez, 4; Andy Duarte, 16; Dorian Vela, 8; Andrew Marrufo, 8; and Matt Knoll, 4. ***

The Mustangs lost a non-district game Friday to Hale Center, 87-39. Scoring were Martinez, 5; Duarte, 8; Dorian Vela, 12; Gael Vela, 3; Eric Reza, 4; Marrufo, 3, and Knoll, 4. ***

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Bovina Banter

Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

The Bovina Booster Club has been selling basketball playoff shirts as the Mustangs prepare for its playoff opener next week. ***

School lunch menus for next week (tossed salad and cottage cheese every day):

- Monday - no school.
- Tuesday - BBQ chicken, pepperoni pizza, potato salad, green beans, corn bread, cucumber, oranges.
- Wednesday - chicken & noddles, toasted cheese sandwich, hamburger, pickle spears, carrot, celery, yogurt.
- Thursday - pig in blanket, pepperoni pizza, chili beans, cucumber, apples.
- Friday - hamburger,

fish sticks, fries, carrots, apple sauce. ***

Kathy Ayers, Bovina's reading intervention - dyslexia teacher, won the 3rd grade's fund-raiser giveaway, an afghan. ***

The high school will have an early release on Feb. 18 at 11:54 a.m. There will be no school on Feb. 21 -- President's Day. ***

Bovina School will host its 2nd annual powerlifting meet on Feb. 26 at 9 a.m.

If you would like to help the Booster Club work at this meet, please contact Celia Quintana. ***

Jessie Ramon is hos- Continued on Page 13

100 days of learning

Bovina Elementary School celebrated 100 days of learning with some fun activities. Photos by Deanna Curtis.



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