



Rohrbach's job took him around the world designing cotton gins

Parmer County Cotton Growers Gin Manager Craig Rohrbach never set foot off his family farm outside of Hereford until he was 5 years old.

The youngest of seven children, he was often left with his grandparents at the farm while the rest of the family traveled to town. Working on the farm while attending Adrian High School, he learned a lot about farming, but his parents, Ed and Arline Rohrbach, probably never dreamed where he would take this knowledge.

While most of his brothers and sisters attended college at Lubbock or Canyon, Craig set his sights on Texas A&M -- a good 10 hours away from home. He remembers his mother being more than a little worried about the distance.

"She was very nervous about me going there until we visited A&M. Once she saw how welcoming Bryan / College Station could be, she felt better about my decision."

At A&M, Craig soon found a home in the Ag Engineering Department.

"Once you got through the basics, you started building relationships and getting to know your professors and classmates," he said. "Texas A&M helped me realize what opportunities were out in the world for me."

Evidently this took root because Craig would spend the next 10 years traveling the world.

After college, he took a job with a large cotton company in California. His responsibilities included designing, troubleshooting and repairing over 24 gins in the state.

When that company was bought out by a bigger corporation, Craig accepted a job in Alabama for one of the world's largest manufacturers of cotton gin equipment. This move sent him on his worldly trip.

Craig began designing and starting up cotton



Craig and Darcy Rohrbach stand on a suspended bridge in the rain forest in Brazil. The bridge was 70 feet above the jungle.



In Africa everything was delivered to the gin a little differently than it is here.

gins in countries like Greece and Brazil, and in West Africa. Each start-up would require at least 4-5 weeks in the country, so he was able to learn much about not only their cotton practices, but also their cultures.

Craig commented, "Each country presented different challenges. The

cotton gins were generally isolated from towns and parts were extremely hard to obtain. Thus, it really tested my ability to figure out a solution to a problem on my own.

"Many times we had no access to the right tools, electricity, or trained personnel.

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Hall, Barksdale crowned Texas debate champs

From Angela Teachout, Farwell High UIL coordinator and debate team coach:

Since Farwell began its debate program in 2004, the dream of a state title has lingered in our teams' minds. We have come close several times, making the semi-final rounds and receiving 3rd place medals.

It's been worked for by our students over those years -- Tra Hall, Jourdan Kirkland, Jon Beaubien, Blake O'Hare, Cameron Kirkland, Lauren Beaubien, Alicia Porter, Kade Foster, Brooke Hall and Kayla Cullison.

And now the breakthrough -- a state title for those who built the foundation of our CX debate program. This championship is for all of them as well.

Last week, sophomores Hunter Hall and Savanna Barksdale were crowned the 1A State Cross-Examination Debate State Champions with a perfect 8-0 record in two days of competition. They competed in the 102nd annual CX Debate State Tournament at Austin.

Hunter is the son of Robert and Angela Teachout, of Farwell, and Tra and Mary Hall of Munday, Texas. Savanna is the daughter of Joe and Christy Barksdale, of Bovina. Both Mrs.



State debate champions Savanna Barksdale and Hunter Hall.

Teachout and Mrs. Barksdale are teachers at Farwell High School.

In Class A, 54 teams met Munday, Iraan, West Texas Stinnett, and Itasca in preliminary rounds.

At the awards ceremony the first evening, Hunter was named 5th speaker in Texas with 116 speaker points. He came on stage to receive a framed certificate for this accomplishment.

Then the Sweet 16 were announced, based on win/loss record and total speaker points. Farwell advanced with a 4-0 record. They were top seed in the tourney going into the 2nd day.

Day 2 was an ominous, but exciting day. In the Octo-final round, Farwell

met Louise and won on a 3-0 ballot.

In out rounds, each debate has a panel of 3 judges that vote independently. The team with a 3-0 or a 2-1 decision wins and advances to the next level of competition.

Next were quarter-finals where the tension began to rise significantly as the contest director announced who Farwell would meet. This was none other than our district rivals from Sudan. We had beaten them in the District finals on a 3-0 decision and Hunter and Savanna were confident.

They won that state round also on a 3-0 decision. At this time, for the 1st time in debate tournament history, semi-

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The Texico Wolverines

As is the Tribune's custom each year, we run fun photos of our area varsity basketball teams when their seasons end. Because, after all, sports are meant to be fun. Here are the 2011-2012 Texico Wolverines.

Debate Domination



State Champions Savanna Barksdale and Hunter Hall

Thousands of hours of research

Hundreds of teams compete

54 made it to the State tournament

Two days of tough competition

Only one team had

a perfect record in CX debate

Congratulations to

Hunter Hall and Savanna Barksdale

our newest

State Champions

Farwell Schools



***Educating the future;
one student at a time***

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

It was quite a year for the Texico varsity basketball teams.

First, I want to congratulate Coach Ty Thatcher and his Wolverines. It seems this team "came together" as the season progressed, and ended with quite a flurry.

Yeah, I know that they lost in the State semifinals. But I view their huge victory over the heretofore undefeated Laguna Acoma team as almost as important as taking a state title.

When a No. 9 ranked team puts away the state's No. 1 team, that says something in the pressure-filled State tournament.

It showed the Wolverines rose to the challenge and gave their all in a victory the team will never forget.

What I have seen in sports over the years is that sometimes after a huge win, a team is defeated.

In this year's State tourney, both Texico and Clovis shocked No. 1-ranked teams, then lost their next games.

In the Wolverines' case, they ran into a human buzzsaw named Coleman, the outstanding guard for Tularosa. I give him credit for leading his team to a victory.

But it was a great season for the Wolverines, led by Miguel Reyna. A season to be cherished.

It was another state title for the Lady Wolverines, who plastered Navajo Pine for the championship.

Seems like almost every March we see the Texico girls take on Navajo Pine for the title.

I was happy to see Texico win the title as a fitting tribute to seniors Jaylyn and Jordyn Cooper, who contributed so much to the school's program the past several years.

And it was icing on the cake for Coach Richard Luscombe, who earlier had captured his 500th victory in an outstanding

career.

With a strong nucleus of players returning next season, headed by Shaylee Anderson, don't be surprised to see the Lady Wolverines seeking another state crown next year.

Congratulations, ladies. You make your school and community proud.

Believe it or not, April is almost here, and that means the Border Town Days Committee will have its first meeting of the year.

The Texico-Farwell folks take a lot of pride in putting on the best summer event in the whole area.

The organizational meeting will be April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Texas time at A-Me-De's Restaurant in Texico.

Folks who would like to participate in BTDD and have a lot of fun are asked to attend.

This is a people thing. Government does not run it. So it's up to folks like you to keep a good thing going.



Farwell to perform 'Dancing at Lughnasa'

"Dancing at Lughnasa" will be Farwell High's entry in the One-Act Play zone competition on Saturday, March 24 at Sudan High about 3:20 p.m.

Five plays will be presented, with Farwell's being 5th. The top two plays advance to District.

The cast includes Kristin Langford, Savanna Barksdale, Olivia Schilling, Hunter Hall, Lauren Carpenter, John Ryan Isaacson and Trevor Schilling. The crew consists of Emily Agee, K'Leigh Jo White, Chandler Barnes, Kayla Cullison and Gabbie Schilling.

Director Robin Gregory is assisted by Hayley Christian and Angela Teachout.

The play is about five unmarried sisters eking out have a musician so Mrs. Blair accompanied the preacher and played the piano at the revival.

After they met, the Blairs began dating. They went around together for about a year and got married in 1911 at the preacher's house, with Rev. Sam Tipton performing the ceremony.

They had three children -- Doris, Joe and Helen. Joe and his wife lived in Farwell.

Asked about her impression of Texico when she first arrived there, Mrs. Blair said, "We arrived on March 4. About two days, a hard sandstorm, the first we had ever seen, hit."

their lives in a small village in Ireland in 1936. Lughnasa is a festival that celebrates the pagan god of the harvest with drunken revelry and dancing.

The action in the play is told through the memory of the illegitimate son of one of the sisters as he remembers the five women who raised him -- his mother and four maiden aunts.

This haunting play involves the small events that spring cracks that destroy the foundation of the family forever.

Baseball registration continues

Farwell Little League Baseball registration will be held March 22 and 28 from 3 to 4 p.m. and on March 27 and 29 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Farwell Elementary gym.

If you can't make it to the registration, you can leave your form with Megan Terry at Farwell Schools.

There will also be opportunity to sign up during the scheduled "field" work days at the ballpark on two Saturdays -- March 24 and 31 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Edie Kalbas said, "Anyone interested in helping out, come join us for the day to get our field ready for the kids!"

To participate in league play, you must live in Parmer or Bailey counties and be between the ages of 4 and 12.

The divisions are: T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Minors and Majors.

Cost of registration is \$40 for the first child and \$30 for every child (must be a sibling) after that.

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From the 1952 Tribune: Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Blair, who reside south of Texico, said they feel the impact of good old western hospitality now as much as they did in the frontier days.

Mr. Blair was born in 1881 in Johnson County, Texas. In 1903, he found his permanent home in Texico.

The Blairs had filed for land in New Mexico when it was open for homesteading. His dad and family filed on the other side of the road.

Mrs. Blair was born in Coryell County in 1892. She came to New Mexico with her parents in 1908.

Marriage License

The Parmer County clerk's office last week issued a marriage license to Armando Castillo and Susan Castillo.

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Rohrbach

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Basically, it made me a better troubleshooter and trainer. I had to figure out the problem and then train someone to maintain the equipment and run the gin after I left."

Craig said it was interesting how different cultures responded to his adverse conditions. He said Greek gin owners were very passionate – they tended to blow up over a small problem but get over it quickly. Their philosophy was not to be in a hurry – enjoy life and your problems would still be there tomorrow. On the contrary, Brazilians reacted more practically and would attack a problem head on. They would work until they found a solution to the problem.

There were also many differences in cotton throughout the countries.

In areas of West Africa, cotton gins are commissioned and owned by the government and people are given small, one-half acre plots to farm for subsidies. These farmers pick their cotton patch by hand and put the cotton on a small buggy. They bring their cotton to a central location where it is loaded onto a trailer to go to the gin. The farmer is paid a small amount of money for his cotton.

Since the gins are government entities, they assign people to work there. It was mostly political designations and the workers are not skilled or educated. All maintenance for the gin is contracted through outside organizations such as Craig's Alabama company.

Craig said, "Working in West Africa was very difficult. Gins were extremely isolated and the food and water was not really safe. We stayed in cinder block rooms, many times bathed out of buckets and shared our living quarters graciously with many lizards. The lizards ate the malaria-carrying mosquitos so we didn't mind at all.

"The people of West Africa were very friendly, but very poor. Since these areas are cash-

based, I had to be extremely cautious because I was carrying more cash with me than most people made in two years. I began bringing matchbox cars with me to give to people. They really liked the little gifts even more than money."

Craig said one of his clearest memories was the open-air meat markets in the little town. "Meat would just hang out there all day with flies all around and people would buy it for their families."

He only got food poisoning once because he was careful and learned to live on bread and hard boiled eggs for the most part.

In Greece, things were much different. The gin owners were more educated and conditions were easier. The country was building many gins and small landowners were planting a lot of cotton.

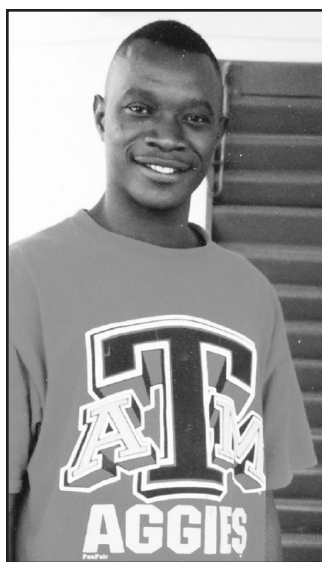
"These landowners were not big enough to have module builders or trucks to haul cotton. They still put the loose cotton into a dump truck and brought it to a big barn at the gin," he said. "The loose cotton was then sucked into the gin through a suction hose."

Many owners were U.S. educated and the technology was definitely better than in Africa. Craig said one of the most interesting things about Greece was their "enjoy life to the fullest" attitude.

"Most restaurants opened at 9 p.m. and people would eat late into the night and then sleep late. They definitely did not get to work early but they enjoyed their food and companionship."

Craig preferred Brazil to the other countries:

"In Brazil, one grower could support a gin. The landowners had huge farms and much better equipment. One landowner had a continuous 250,000-acre farm that produced enough cotton to keep the gin busy all season. They owned all their own equipment because the distances were so far. The had their own crop planes,



A gin worker in Africa surprised Rohrbach by wearing a Texas A&M t-shirt.

brand new cotton pickers, and everything needed to support their own farm. Owners would often send their sons to the U.S. to get their college education before returning to manage the farm."

Craig added that the Brazilian government charged 100% duty on all equipment coming into the country, so owners paid double the normal amount to build a gin.

Brazilians had the most welcoming culture. "They would invite you to their homes for dinner and make you feel part of the family. Since they were still connected to their farms, they took great pride in their families and country."

Craig has also been to

Bridal shower honors Scott

A bridal shower honored Crystal Scott at Jana St. Clair's home on Feb. 25.

Crystal is the daughter of LaDonna and Terry Scott. Her fiancé is Jason Kennell, son of Sue Snowdy and Doug Kennell.

Special guests were LaDonna Scott, mother of the bride, of Muleshoe; Michelle Young, sister, of Dallas; Adora Scott, grandmother, of Lazbuddie; Carolyn Sanders, aunt, of Portales; Mary Steelman, of Bovina; Karen Dwyer, aunt, of Plano, and Betty Smith, cousin, of Muleshoe.

Hostesses were Jana St. Clair, Holly Hooten,

Argentina, Switzerland, Bolivia, Australia, Mexico, and Belgium for cotton-related trainings or meetings. These experiences had a profound effect on him, personally and professionally.

"I learned to really appreciate the U.S. Our country is definitely the best place in the world to work and live. I also learned to appreciate the differences in people. I often worked closely with people from Argentina, France, Israel and Australia as well as the countries I visited. I learned a lot from each person and carry that knowledge with me to this day. All of these experiences have made me a better manager and person in general."

Although he enjoyed all his travel, Craig is happy to stay closer to home now. "With a family, (wife Darcy, and children Cole, 11, and Riley, 8) all of the overseas travel gets to be very difficult. I want to be home to coach little league and go to my kids' games."

Craig hopes that his kids will someday have the opportunity to see other parts of the world. "Traveling to other countries is amazing. It broadens your viewpoints and makes you really understand what is important in life."



Crystal Scott

Linda Trussel, Paulette Foster, Celia Parham, Becky Jones, Linda Martin, Sarah Black, Debbie Weir, Rhonda Eagle, Deborah Nickels, Janette Thorn, Louvenia Garlington, Glenda Dale, Charlotte Field, Diane Saylor, Jan Morris and Reta Mimms.

The hostesses' gift was a 12-place setting of pottery and gift card.



Kay Behrends and Dr. Dustin Weir

Kay Behrends to wed Dr. Dustin Weir

Ron and Linda Behrends, of Southlake, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kay Behrends, to Dr. Dustin Weir, son of Doyle and Debbie Weir, of Lazbuddie.

Kay is a graduate of Southlake High School and Duvall's School of Cosmetology. She is employed as a professional hairstylist at Salons of Volterra in Keller, Texas.

Dustin is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and Parker College of Chiropractic in Irving, Texas. He is employed as a chiropractor at ChiroPlus Clinic in Fort Worth.

The wedding has been set for June 16 at 6 p.m. in White's Chapel United Methodist Church in the Founder's Chapel in Southlake.

The couple will live in Fort Worth.

Sheriff's Report

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

On March 14, Zau Lin, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of public intoxication. A fine of \$50 was paid.

On March 15, Manuel Gonzalez, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of delivery - manufacture of a controlled substance, pending before the grand jury.

On March 18, Joshua Trujillo, 18, of Texico, was arrested by Farwell police on charges of possession of marijuana, pending in county court, and possession of drug paraphernalia, pending in JP court.

On March 18, Geraldo Salazar, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of possession of controlled substance, pending before the grand jury.

On March 18, Joe A. Garcia, 22, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a Gregg County warrant. He posted bond and was released.

Courthouse Notes

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

Ronald Byrd – Tom Beekman, L5-8 B28.

Pablo Martinez – Ermelindo Gomez, L9-12 B2 Gardner Bovina.

Eric Chavez – Luz Sanchez, L13-16 B6 Farwell.

Donald Donovan – Larry Martin, L3 B5 Lakeside Add Friona.

Hemink Farms – Frank Cody, S435.6 Ac S20 T4 1/2S R5E.

Daniel Saiz – Patricia Arguelles, N/2 L11 L12 B42 Friona.



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Hi-Pro Feeds Inc. announces the following positions available at the Friona, Texas location.

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A minimum of High School degree or GED equivalent is required. Prefer previous experience or training in an Accounts Payable role is a plus, but not required. Regular office hours 8am – 5pm apply. Accepting Applications through 4/5/2012

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Debate

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final and final rounds were moved to the Texas State Capitol (earlier rounds were held at the University of Texas). Farwell was getting to debate in the capitol for the first time in history.

In the semi-finals, Farwell met Muenster. We had lost to this team last year in the state Octo-final rounds as freshmen. Hunter and Savanna were excited though and did not back down.

Farwell beat Muenster 3-0 and moved on to the finals. As our kids have always said about our teams, "the curse of the 3rd was finally broken." The final round would be against a team we had debated twice this year, Whitharral.

Farwell lost the flip and Whitharral chose negative. We would be affirmative in the final round of debate. Hunter and Savanna were on a mission and absolutely spoke and debated the best yet. According to the judge's ballots, they won every argument and upheld the framework of their affirmative plan the entire round.

Everyone assembled in the Executive Auditorium to find out who won each class. The judges began with 1A and announced, "Farwell defeats Whitharral on a 3-0 decision. The team of Savanna Barksdale and Hunter Hall from Farwell High School are your 2012 Class 1A State Champions in CX Debate."

Family members, friends, coaches, and team were so excited, many crying tears of joy. Hunter and Savanna

were draped by UIL State Debate Director Jana Riggins with their gold medals. They were also presented a plaque naming them the 2012 Class 1A State CX Debate Champions.

Mrs. Teachout was also draped with a gold medal.

A celebration dinner followed.

The road to Austin was paved with many hours of research, a lot of weekend debating, and incredible dedication and work by Hunter and Savanna.

They were also coached this year by Taylor Reeves, of Lubbock, who debated at Texas Tech, plus Hunter's sister, Brooke Hall, a former CX debater for Farwell.

Mrs. Teachout said, "We are still awestruck. We still can't believe it. Hunter and Savanna set this goal last July when they went to debate camp in Austin. They posted it everywhere that they wanted to win state. To actually do it is another story. But I never doubted them for one moment. They have inner motivation, internal desire, and a work ethic that is unprecedented."

"As a coach, I have never seen any students work harder than Hunter and Savanna. Hours upon hours at school, at home, and at tournaments....not because I was begging them to do it, but because they love debate. They set a goal, and worked for it until the very last 5-minute rebuttal speech Hunter gave in the final round. They never wavered, had

incredible confidence and just wow'ed everyone in Austin.

"So many coaches came up to me throughout both days and said they were extra-special. Several just knew they were going to go all the way. They wanted to go 8-0 in Austin and not lose a single round. Even more impressively, they did not lose a single ballot both days ... a perfect tournament!"

"Mrs. Riggins announced this as well and said it has only been done a few times in debate tournament history. She also announced that Hunter and Savanna were sophomores ... so beware."

"Hunter and Savanna are amazing, awesome, astounding, the best I've ever seen. For me, that is extra-special because I'm the mom of one of them. I thank God for the opportunity to work with both of them every single day. And the good news is we have two more years with this dynamic duo! What more could I ask for?"

Hunter and Savanna paved the road to a state crown with tournament wins at Borger, Dumas, Hereford, Canyon, Seminole, Friona, and finally UIL District in Sudan.

They had a total of 52 TFA points and competed at TFA State in Amarillo two weeks ago in preparation for state. They won two rounds and lost three against some of the best CX



Rotary Club has weighty challenge

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club had a two-month-long weight loss challenge that ended last week. The 34 members lost a total of 433 lbs. The winning team shown above lost 153 lbs. Team members were Mark Williams, Rob Pomper, David Norton, Ronald Byrd, Trey Ellis, Johnny Atkinson, Michele Kirkland, James Williams, Richard Hadley, Logan Nichols, and Harry Sheets. Pomper led the individual contest having lost 43 lbs.

teams in the state that travel and debate on the national circuit.

Texas UIL holds the largest debate tournament in the nation. To win, debaters have to adjust their approaches depending on the preferences of each particular judge. Mrs. Riggins said, "You have to think on your feet, analyze instantly, articulate your thoughts clearly, and be ready for any argument

your opponent throws your way ... that can be physically exhausting."

Competitors must have plenty of endurance to succeed in the tournament, she added. "The tournament is so rigorous. Each debate lasts 90 minutes and debaters have to do eight rounds to win the championship. Just like an athlete is exhausted after a race, a debater is mentally exhausted because

debate is such a cerebral game."

Through competition, policy debate develops life skills and equips students to be successful in the real world, Mrs. Riggins said. Debaters become more educated individuals, intellectual voters who promote true democracy and acutely understand the value of discourse in a free society.

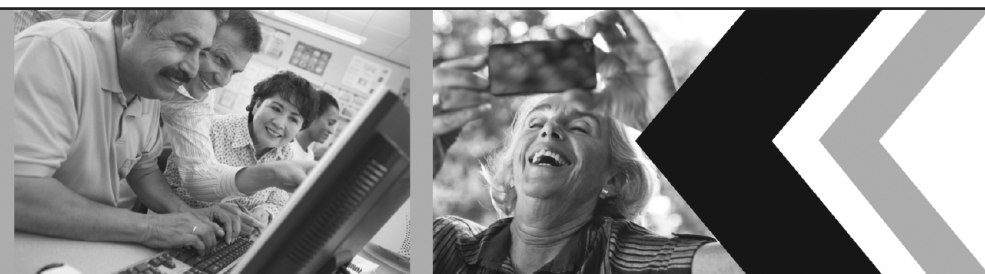


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Wolverines hold Clayton hitless

The Texico Wolverines opened their baseball season last week by participating in the Tucumcari Tournament.

In the first round, they lost to East Mountain, 8-2.

Gentry Doolittle and Jonah Walls both had a single and a double.

Then Texico beat Monte del Sol, 10-6.

Miguel Reyna was the winning pitcher.

Top hitters were Jarron Hill, with a pair of singles; Doolittle, with a single, triple and 2 RBIs; Sergio Posada, a single and 3 runs scored, and Walls, a 2-run double.

Texico took 5th place in the tourney with a 14-1 smashing of Clayton that ended after 4 innings due to 2-hour time limit.

John Myers and Doolittle held Clayton to no hits.

Top hitters were Reyna and Lorenzo Colmenero, both with a single, double and 2 RBIs; and Justin Lopez, a single, triple and 3 RBIs.

So the Wolverines have opened their season with a 2-1 record.



Braile Bible workers honored

St. John Lutheran Church in Lariat will host a luncheon on March 24 at 11 a.m. to honor the braile Bible program.

The program has been going for 40 years.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2024



Keilana Woznick is a Farwell kindergarten. Her birthday is July 27.

Parents are Michael & Rikki Woznick. Siblings are Milliani, Cameron, William, Glen & Mikaela. Grandparents are Ricky & Deby Marcucci, & Bill & Cindy Woznick.

Favorite color is purple. Favorite foods are mac & cheese, and corn.

She likes to play "duck, duck, goose" and ride his bike.

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Texico's Beverly Cassady and James Watts are Miss and Mr. FBLA.

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Preston Martin heads Farwell PTA.

Filing for two Texico city council posts are Bob Lebow, Perry Winkles, Bud Peyton and Buck Doran.

Longtime resident Felix Monroe dies.

Jeanie Winkles seriously injured in car accident.

Joe Hughes pledges a fraternity.

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The spring school sports schedule is in full bloom: Lazbuddie -- The varsity tracksters will compete at Springlake-Earth on March 23 and at Sudan on March 30.

Farwell -- The varsity tracksters will compete at Springlake-Earth on March 23, and at Sudan on March 30. The JH tracksters will vie at Muleshoe on March 22, then finish their season on March 31 at District at Springlake-Earth. The golf teams will host meets on March 28 (girls) and March 29 (boys).

Texico -- The varsity golfers play at Artesia on March 26. The JH tracksters vie at Yucca on March 24 and at Tatum on March 27. The baseball team will compete in the Colt Classic at Roswell on March 22-24, then take on Clovis there on March 27. On March 29, Eunice will play a double-header at Texico.

Bovina -- The MS tracksters will end their season on March 31 at the District 3-A meet at Springlake-Earth. The varsity tracksters will compete in the Angelo Relays at San Angelo on March 23-24. The tracksters will also compete on March 23 in the Wolverines Relays at Earth.

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Scenes from the Little Dribblers Regional Tourney

Farwell hosted the Little Dribblers Region 1 Tournament. There are 12 regions in Texas and the top two teams from each division will qualify for Nationals in Nacona, Texas. Farwell teams that qualified were the 3rd and 4th grade boys, the 5th and 6th grade boys and girls, and the 7th and 8th grade boys. Sammy Herrera reports that Farwell has been asked to host the National tournament next year.



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Area pioneers who died during the year were Wesley Engram, Hazel Petree, W.J. Matthews, H.P. Winkles, Henry Helms, ida Landrum and E.V. Rushing.
 Dean Stovall named to 1st Team All-State as a football end.
 Celebrating their 50th anniversaries were Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Jarrell and Mr. and Mrs. T.T. Doolittle.
 Homemakers of Tomorrow were Joann Chappell, Texico, and Cheryl Boling, Farwell.
 Benjy Dial named Outstanding Player of Atlantic Coast Football League and signs with Washington Redskins.
 Texico Homecoming royalty are Jan Chumley and Johnny Autrey. Carnival royalty are Dwayne Kelley and Pat Smith. Football royalty are Wesley Clark and Vickie Richardson. Betty Potts voted Miss Beautiful and Wesley Clark Most Handsome.
 Farwell goes 10-0 in district basketball and loses in Regional to Clarendon.
 Perry Winkles elected Texico mayor.
 Farwell School begins offering kindergarten.
 Don Williams named Farwell Chamber president.
 Tami Haseloff is county spelling bee champion.
 Susan Murrell named national Office Education Assn. officer.
 Archie Tarter elected county judge over "Preach" Edelson.
 Valedictorians are Greg Hargrove, Farwell, and George Ortiz, Texico.
 Marcella Jennings is new teacher at Lazbuddie. Farwell Restaurant opens.
 After a 3-decade layoff, Texico agains offers a football program, wins opener over Portales "B".

New ministers are Robert Roberts, Oklahoma Lane Baptist; and W.T. Perry, Farwell Methodist.
 Farwell Homecoming royalty are Trumi Christian and Gary Erwin. Outstanding Band honors go to Travis Everett and Ginger Herington. Mr. and Miss FHA are Doug Harriman and Melody Roberts.
 Bobby Westfall replaces Gene Deeds as Farwell Country Club pro.
 Texico voters pass \$350,000 by a133-27 for a new auditorium - gym complex.
 Mack Heald replaces Ronny McNutt as county extension agent.
 Bovina Feeders opens.
 LaDonna Cross opens beauty shop.
 Sue Kirkland named ESA "Outstanding Girl."
 Sam Aldridged named Texas "General Practitioner of the Year."
 State Lone Star Degrees go to Michael Haseloff, Larry Jones and Edward Terry.
 Border Town Days queen is Sheila Garner.
 Diana Luce is Miss Congeniality.
 Heading the Booster Clubs are Ralph Franse, Farwell, and Bill Christian, Texico.
 Texico resolution regulates livestock in town.
 James Craig named Texico-Farwell Lions Club's Outstanding Lion.
 Crystal Moss resigns as Tribune news editor.
 Gail Morris shows grand champion steer at county fair.
 Bobby Actkinson named Spur head football coach.
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 Lazbuddie's Derrell Matthews named to 2nd team football All-State.

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Jose Silva is a Texico kindergarten. His birthday is June 10.
 Parents are Jose Silva Sr. and Jennifer Jackson. He has a brother, Ismael. Grandparents are Bobby & Shirley Steward.
 He likes to place golf, soccer and baseball.
 His favorite color is blue.
 His favorite foods are cheesy enchiladas and cheese pizza.
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nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath with central heat, ref. air, large den with fire place, living room, kitchen, utility, 2 car detached garage, with 2 car carport. Lots of attractive updates, and modernization completed in recent months. Large fenced backyard with garden area and storage building.

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Lacey Jesko placed 2nd in the triple jump, 29'1"; 3rd in the long jump, 13', and 2nd in the 300 hurdles, 59.1.

Haley Ivy was 4th in the 100 dash in 16.8m and 6th in the 200 dash.

Shea Scott placed 1st in the discus 83'11", and 2nd in the shot put, 28'10".

On the boys' side, Justin Schacher placed 1st in the 3200 run in 12:17 and 1st in the 1600 run in 5:46.

Alex Lopez was 1st in the 800 run, 2:27.50; 3rd in the 400 dash, 64.5, and 4th in the 1600 run, 6:33.



Maysun Hester (Photos by Carolyn Scott)



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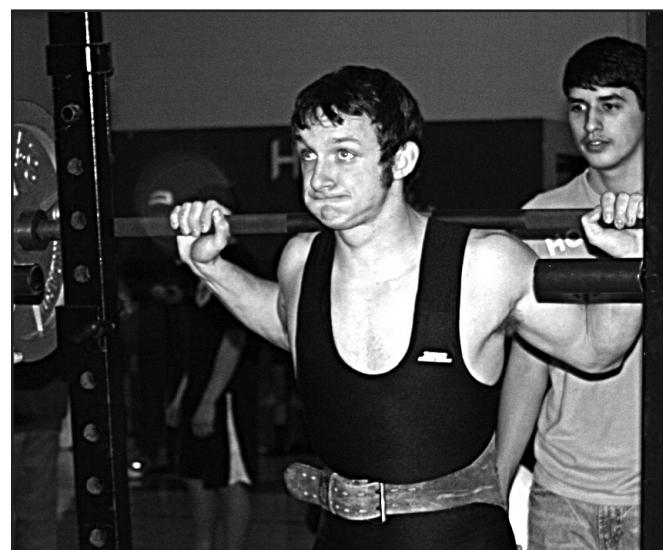
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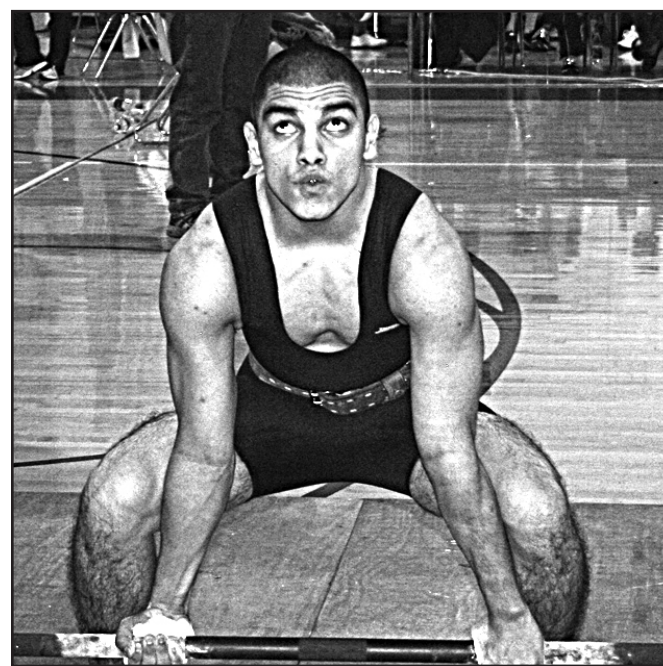
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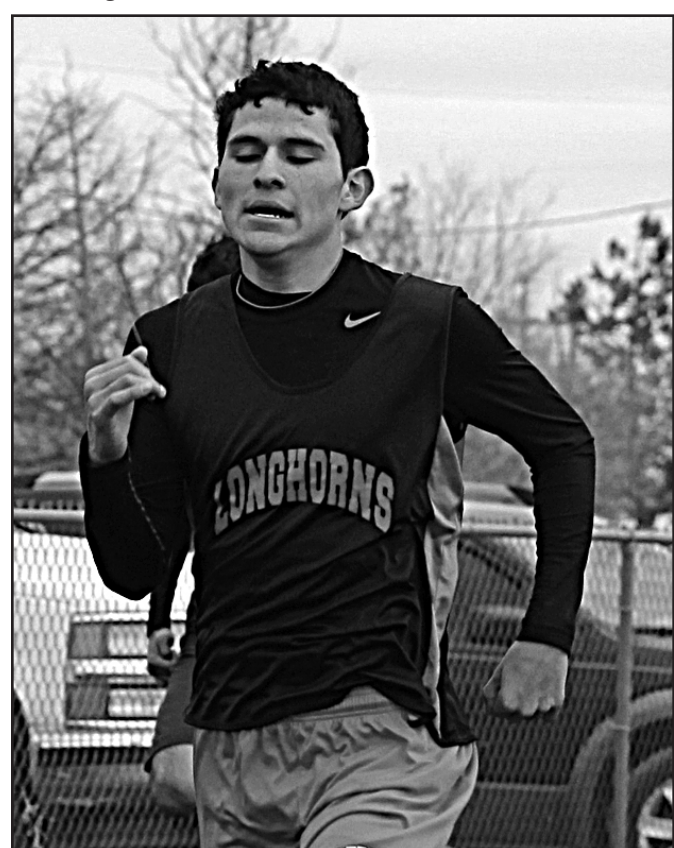
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Live Cattle prices traded down last week with cash trade coming in around \$126. The nearby April contract actually moved down into a new for the week on Friday, but was able to see some recovery into the close. There seems to be fairly strong support around the \$125 level and this is also about a two-thirds retracement measured from the December low into the most recent high. A close below this level would project another test of the December low made around the \$121 level?

Feeder prices have their strongest level of support around the \$154.20 level basis the May contract. This is about a fifty percent retracement measured from the December low into the contract high. This level usually will attract some buying interest, but like the Live Cattle price, a close below this level could set up a test of the December low at some point. Otherwise, prices could trade back up and hold inside a range.

Soybean prices moved above their long term resistance level at the \$13.34 level basis the May contract. This opened the door to test their old high made back in September. Much of the strength in the grain may come from the USDA Planting Intention's report due out towards the end of this month. Planted bean acres are expected to come in substantially below year ago levels.

Corn prices have continued to ease up into major long term resistance which lies between the October/November highs and also the January high which has been tested on several occasions over the last few days. It would take a strong close above the \$6.85 level basis the May contract in order to turn and long term trends back higher, but a close above that level would also project a move above the \$7.00 area. Otherwise, prices have remained inside a sideways trading range for almost six months.

Wheat prices are also trading inside a long term sideways range which goes all the way back into last November. The \$7.00 level is basically in the middle of this range basis the July KC Wheat contract. Prices seem to find sellers above this level and buyers below. Until the rest of the grain complex begins to move, wheat seems content to just hang around current levels for now.

Cotton prices trade sideways for most of last week, but were able to rally back up into short resistance on Monday. The market seems to working back and forth inside a narrow channel which began back in January. The market made a strong attempt to break out above this channel just a couple of weeks ago, but failed to close strong enough to turn trends. For now, good support around \$87 basis the May contract.

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The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified Dec. 15, 1791. It was repealed on March 7, 2012.

It is horrifying that the five great rights of American freedom, enshrined by the Founding Fathers in the very first amendment in the Bill of Rights, have been repealed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama without so much as a whisper from the American people.

House Resolution 347 makes it a federal crime, punishable by non-specified fines and up to 10 years in federal prison, to engage in "disorderly or disruptive conduct" within proximity to the buildings or grounds of government or of all official functions any place where an elected official is present with his Secret Service protection.

Both parties signed on for this outrage. It passed the House of Representatives, 388-3, with the Senate then passing it unanimously, and the President signing it into law on March 7.

The Founders were very clear in saying that the Bill of Rights was required to protect the American people from government.

The Founders recognized that the greatest danger to our freedom would not come from foreign tyrants but from a government under the control of despots inside our own country.

For 223 years, Americans have maintained that elected officials work for the people, not the other way around, confident of their rights to assemble together, to voice or print their opposition or support, and to petition the government for any valid reason.

For example:

-- During the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s to right against the Jim Crow laws, non-violent protest saw Freedom Riders claiming seats on buses in defiance of the segregation laws or refusing to leave the counters of segregated restaurants. Those protestors for human rights were arrested by the thousands, fined a few dollars for their act of civil disobedience, and let go.

-- Protestors against the wars launched by both parties over the years invariably compel Americans of both parties to express their anger in front of the White House or Congress, often with the same result.

-- More recently, when Congress passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (more commonly known as Obamacare) without even one of them reading through the 2,000-plus pages, many Americans were justifiably angry and very vocal in the "town-hall meetings" politicians held with the constituents from coast to coast.

-- In the current Republican primaries, many Americans go where the candidates are campaigning to voice their opinions, exercising their right to communicate their opinions directly.

With the March 7 act, those days of Americans exercising their First Amendment rights are gone for good.

The language of HR347 is vague in its selection of the words, "disorderly or disruptive conduct" and it is the government that will define which conduct is or is not "disorderly or disruptive."

Any act of protest or civil disobedience now can become a federal crime entirely at the whim of the government.

Americans in the years to come may discover that all protests against the party in power will magically fall into the category of being "disorderly or disruptive" while protests against the opposition party do not.

It's not a question of if something like this could really happen here. It just did and it's just the beginning.

Bass places 1st three times for Lady blue track

Farwell's varsity girls track team took 2nd at the Plains Track Meet on March 9. Placing were:

400 relay – Alexa Mora, Jill Johnson, Abby Johnson, and Kayla Cullison, 2nd, 54.93.

800 run – Chelsea Bass, 1st, 2:28.05.

100 hurdles – K'Leigh Jo White, 2nd, 17.95; Christina Green, 4th, 21.77.

100 run – Lauren Carpenter, 5th, 14.81.

800 relay – Mora, J. Johnson, Green, Cullison, 1st, 1:56.32.

400 run – Cassidy Devault, 6th, 79.85.

300 hurdles – White, 5th, 56.91.

200 run – Carpenter, 3rd, 30.68; Chelsea Foster, 6th, 31.63.

1600 relay – Mora, J. Johnson, Cullison, Bass, 1st, 4:22.86.

The Lady Blue placed 9th at the Hamlin Track Meet on March 17. Placing were:

800 run – Bass, 1st, 2:27.60.

400 run – Bass, 2nd, 62.35; Mora, 5th, 64.04.

300 hurdles – Green, 7th, 52.97.

200 run – Mora, 5th, 28.68.

WTRT to honor Hyer at annual meeting

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will have its 58th annual meeting March 27 at the Hereford Bull Barn with a catered BBQ dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m.

Incumbent directors Roger Gist, Dawn exchange; Corbin Riethmayer, Hub exchange, and Ben Osborn, Parmer exchange, are unopposed for re-election for 3-year terms.

Retiring WTRT General Manager Thomas Hyer will give an address, and new GM Amy Linzey will be introduced. Service awards will be given, and there will be drawings for door prizes.

Also, a come and go reception for Hyer will be held from 3-5 p.m. March 27 at the Hereford Country Club.

Farwell golfers take 1st at Sundown tournament

The Farwell High golf team took 1st place at the Sundown Golf Tournament on March 1h.

The team only played 9 holes because the tournament was called due to rain and cold temperatures.

Farwell A team: Cade Box, 40, 3rd medalist – lost in playoff for 3 way tie for first; Tristan Owens, 47; Trevor Schilling, 48; Hayden Hadley, 42; and Mitch Ratke, 43. The team score was 172.

Farwell B team: Kolten Morris, 44; Collin Christian, 42; Andres Graxiola, 59; Daniel Sanchez, 53; Garrett Presnell, 47. The team score was 186.



Jared Timms, Justin Schacher, Todd Nichols. Photo by Chelsee Nichols.

Lazbuddie girl golfers take 2nd at District

At the District golf tournament, the Lazbuddie girl golfers took 2nd, and Todd Nichols turned in the lowest score for the tournament.

Results were:

Lacey Jesko, 6th medalist, 123; Shyann Rainey, 5th medalist, 120; Karina Galaviz, 140; Jessica Estrada, 160, and Allison Weaver, 132.

Three boys competed individually in their division:

Todd Nichols, 1st medalist, 85; Justin Schacher, 4th medalist, 91, and Jared Timms, 146.

Fuentes, Bishop resign at Farwell Schools

The Farwell School Board on Monday received the resignations of ESL teacher Sandy Fuentes and high school math teacher DeWitt Bishop.

In other business, the board:

-- Approved Muleshoe CPA Randy Field as the school's auditor for the next three years.

-- Cancelled the school board election since the incumbents seeking re-election had no opposition.

-- Heard that school enrollment had reached 587, a high point in the last many years.

-- In the public forum, heard Robbi Actkinson question the decision to cut down some trees due to sewer problems.

Supt. Mike Read said new trees will be planted and the school will be getting grass for the areas from Seagraves School.

-- Heard Junior High Principal Jimmie Mace propose that his school not participate in junior high UIL academic competition for 2012-2013 so that teachers can work more on getting ready for the STAAR mandated tests.

This request will be voted on at the board's April meeting.

-- Also attending the meeting were state debate champions Savanna Barksdale and Hunter Hall, with their coach Angela Teachout. They were thanked and commended by Read.

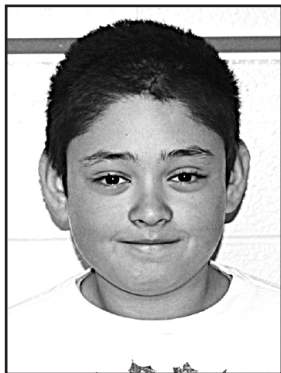
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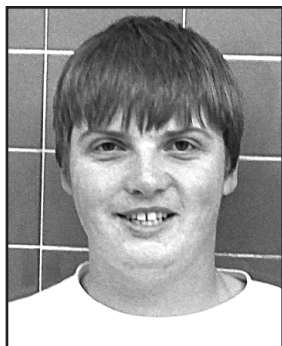


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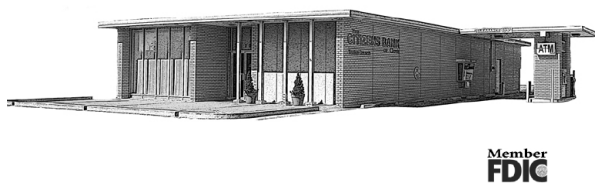
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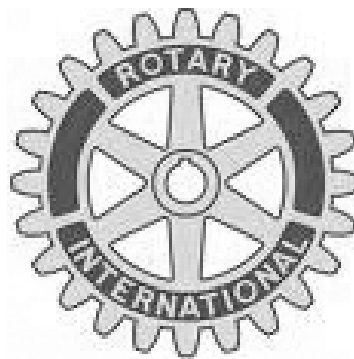
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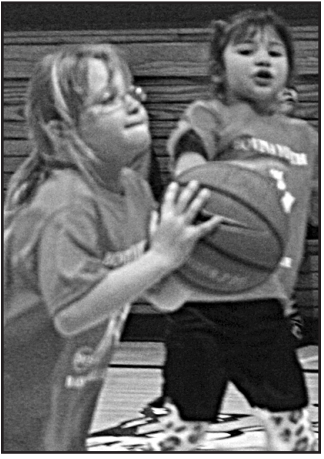
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Bovina youth basketball in action



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Alex Lide, Enrique Marez, Carlos Vaquera, Jose Rodriguez, JC Marrufo Gabriel Gonzales, Steven Saenz, Daniel Lara, Adriel Vela, Fernando Castaneda. Coaches: Izzy Marrufo and Josh Quintana.

Photos by Deanna Curtis



Farwell Community Meal Site

Monday - chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed veggies, hot rolls, apple crisp.
 Tuesday - closed.
 Wednesday - closed.
 Thursday - meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed veggies, hot rolls, cherry cobbler.
 Friday - fish, tartar sauce, coleslaw, blackeye peas, cornbread, spice cake.
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Prior to the annual meeting, a come and go reception in honor of Mr. Hyer and Ms. Linzey, hosted by the board of directors, will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the Hereford Country Club, 726 Country Club Drive, Hereford.

58th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is March 27, at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Barbecued beef and sausage meal with all the trimmings catered by Rafter G of Umbarger.

Registration and dinner at 6 p.m. Business meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Election of three directors from the following candidates:

Mr. Roger Gist-Dawn exchange
 Mr. Ben Osborn-Parmer exchange
 Mr. Corbin Riethmayer-Hub exchange

Farewell report by retiring General Manager Thomas A. Hyer

Introduction of new General Manager Amy Linzey

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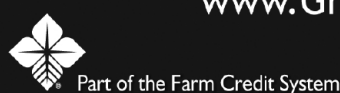
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More scenes from the Bovina youth basketball



Bovina's Prather leads production of 'Millie'

Several Parmer County homeschooled teens will participate in a musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. ct and on March 31 at 3 p.m. ct at the Lyceum Theater in Clovis.

Admission is free; donations are welcome. Participants include Taylor Prather, Davin Waters, Brennan Waters, Cason Waters, Rachel Watson, Aaron Torres and Brooke Ryan. For more information, call Gina Prather at (806) 251-1334.



Bovina's Brennan Waters offers a flower.



Taylor Prather, of Bovina, plays Millie.



Rachel Watson, of Farwell, plays Mrs. Meers presenting a posion apple to another cast member.

Bovina Banter

From page 14

*** Someone burglarized a home in the 1500 block of CR T, Bovina, on March 10, taking a white electric stove and a dinner table with chairs.

If you have information about this crime, please call the Bovina Police Department or the County Crime Stoppers at (806) 481-9178.

You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.

*** Little Dribblers is in full swing. You need to stop by and watch a game. They play Mondays through Saturdays starting at 5 with the youngest teams going first.

*** Senior Citizens are having their luncheon on March 28 at the Center on Main Street if you want to drop by and have a homemade lunch. Lunch cost is by donation.

*** Just got back from San Antonio and the bluebonnets are starting to bloom. Had a great time with my oldest son down there but I'm always happy to be home, sweet home.

*** God Bless and have a great week everyone.

*** Interesting Fact of the Week: A government official said in 2009 that there were over 270 million cell phone subscribers in the U.S. That is 87.4% of our population. Imagine what the number must be now!

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Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Keith Niehaus
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Assembly of God Church, Texico
Cathy Bullington - minister
Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Of Bovina
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.

Farwell Convalescent Center
Sunday services -- 9 a.m.
Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church
Worship Service -- 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat
David Symm - minister
Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Jim Peabody - minister
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter
7:30 p.m. summer

Lariat Church of Christ
Wesley Roach - minister
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter
8 p.m. summer

Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina
Rafael Marin, pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.

Lazbuddie Church of Christ
Mickey Chambiss - minister
Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Wednesday -- 7 p.m.

Bovina Church of Christ
Mike Prather, minister
Sun. - Bible study - 9:45 a.m.
Sun. - Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Wed. - Bible class - 7 p.m.

Lazbuddie Methodist Church
Rev. Ken Peterson
Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.
Worship -- 10:30 a.m.

San Jose Catholic Church, Texico
Sunday Mass - Noon
Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.

Church of Christ
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8 p.m. winter

Bovina United Methodist Church
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Wednesday study, 7 p.m.

Apostolic Truth United Pentecostal Church of Texico
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt
Worship - 11:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt
Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt

First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie

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Worship Service - 11 a.m.

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Bovina teams qualify for Nationals

Six Bovina teams played last weekend in Farwell at the Little Dribblers Regional Tournament. Two Bovina teams qualified for the National Tourney in Nocona, Texas, April 4-7. Here and on Page 12 are all six teams that competed. Bovina Little Dribblers' Kelsey Marquez and Natalie Olvera got outstanding player honors at the tournament. Kelsey also set a high scoring record of 41 points in a game.



Qualifying for Nationals were Herman Marquez, Kaitlynn Gonzales, Samantha Dominguez, Kelsey Marquez, Nailea Garcia, Natalie Olvera, Mike Olvera Krista Saenz, Kate Saenz, Laura Perez, Kayla Lara, and Ireydi Vela.



Qualifying for Nationals were Andres Loera, JJ Marrufo, Osvaldo Snyder, David Lara, Fernando Martinez, Josh Delacruz, Edgar Olvera, Jose Hernandez, Jadon Quintana, Manuel Sanchez. Coaches: Izzy Marrufo and Josh Quintana.



Miriam Rocha, Laura Perez, Lizett Anett, Itzell Anett, Coach Zeke Lara Denise Gomez, Jasmine Lara, Monique Pena, Abby Diaz, and Alma Hernandez.



Jesus Munoz, Israel Loera, Ismael Dominguez, Dylilian Martinez, Jose Mata Troy Teague, Jacob Vazquez, Marco Ortiz, and Jorge Faudoa. Coaches: Trent Quintana and Jeremy Vazquez.

Curtis: 'The best thing about a small town is getting to know your neighbors'

(Editor's note: This is part of a series of articles by Bovina officials and city employees on their jobs or giving updates on city workings.)

Hi, I'm David Curtis, and I am serving my third term as City Councilman.

I moved to Bovina soon after my discharge from the U.S. Air Force. It was while I was stationed at Cannon AFB that I meet my wife Deanna. We have been married over 21 years now and have two great sons.

Our oldest son is Jeremy, who attends the University of Texas at San Antonio and is studying finance. Justin is a Bovina High junior and active in extra curricular activities.

I have always believed that volunteering in our community is very important. I would like to



David Curtis

encourage everyone to get more involved in our school, city, chamber, church, or whatever is important to you.

The best thing about living in a small town is getting to know your neighbors and everyone around. It is a great feeling knowing there is always someone there to help out. Bovina has some of the best people I

have ever had the honor of knowing.

I know with all of us working on anything together we can make it a great success.

I would like to challenge you to attend our city council meetings. It is your right to know what is in store for your community and voice your opinion. We all live here and should let our voices be heard.

Great things are happening to Bovina and we would love to have your input on the future of our city. A wise man once said "the only dumb question is the one you don't ask."

If you have any questions then contact us. We may not have the answer right away but we will get one for you. Remember it is your town too, stay involved.



For over two centuries, the United States has been a place of wealth and prosperity.

However, in light of the current economy, America - home of the brave, land of the free - seems to be falling.

As of March 11, according to Rasmussen Reports, only 32 percent of people thought the U.S. was headed in the right direction.

Here's an example:

Bovina Banter

Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

The Bovina school One-Act Play will compete at Sudan at 5 p.m. on March 24.

They are performing "Goodbye to the Clown," which is about a little girl who has lost her dad and substitutes an imaginary friend, a clown, for her dad.

She finally comes to the realization that her dad is dead and is able to dismiss the clown.

You might want to check out the upcoming Bovina auction.

See the Five Star Auctioneers ad elsewhere in today's Tribune.

The national debt, as of last week, is: \$15,523,109,436,647.

Each day, it is estimated the national debt will increase by another \$4 billion, according to the U.S. Debt clock on www.brillig.com.

The idea of having to pay this off is daunting at best. Which is the kicker: it will be your children and your grandchildren who will have to take on the task of paying this off. It will be our taxpayer dollars going toward debt.

There is no simple way to fix the money prob-

lems that plague the United States, but the first step is always to raise awareness. By becoming informed the people of American can begin making better decisions on the matters of the country.

The upcoming election is a prime place to begin making the steps toward a better America ... the America our founding fathers envisioned when they created our government.

Have a good week. God bless you and God bless America.

From Oct. 19, 1944: Mrs. H.L. Tidenberg visited Farwell.

Mrs. Ezra Englant and daughter visited Friona.

Mrs. W.H. McKinney was called to Pilot Point, Texas, where her mother died.

Ernest Woefel returned with an honorable discharge from the Army.

*** School lunch menus for next week:

Monday - hamburgers, LTP, tater tots, horns, Rice Krispy treats.

Tuesday - fish sticks, mac and cheese, tossed salad, fruit, yeast rolls.

Wednesday - beef burrito, spanish rice, corn, apples.

Thursday - chicken alfredo, green beans, peaches, yeast rolls.

Friday - BBQ on bun, quick baked potato, pick-

le spears, pineapple cherry delight.

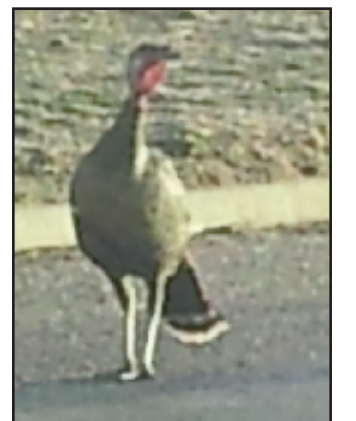
*** The Middle School tracksters will compete in the Wolverine Relays on March 23.

The varsity tracksters will compete March 23 and 24 at San Angelo and on March 23 at Earth (split squad)

*** Progress reports go out on Thursday so be on the lookout, parents.

*** Lots of local kids went to Padre Island for spring break. I am glad to report they all made it safely back home.

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Gobbler

This turkey wandered into town last week. Good thing Thanksgiving wasn't near. Photo by Deanna Curtis.

Our Scholars

Here are the 4th six weeks honor rolls at Bovina Middle School.

All A's

Alma Hernandez, Itzel Anett.

A-B

Enrique Carrillo, Astrid DeLaCruz, Lucy DeLaCruz, Ariana Flores, Brenda Flores, Abigail Hernandez, Paulina Mena, Moises Perez, Anabel Ramirez, Miguel Rochel, Lizet Anett, Abigahy Garcia, Gabriel Gonzales, Daniel Lara, Monique Pena, Esmerelda, Hernandez, Cruz Herrera, Jesus Sanchez.

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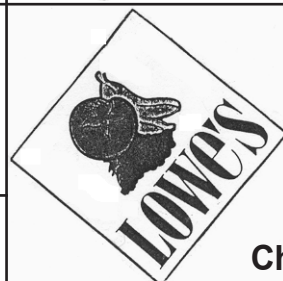
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