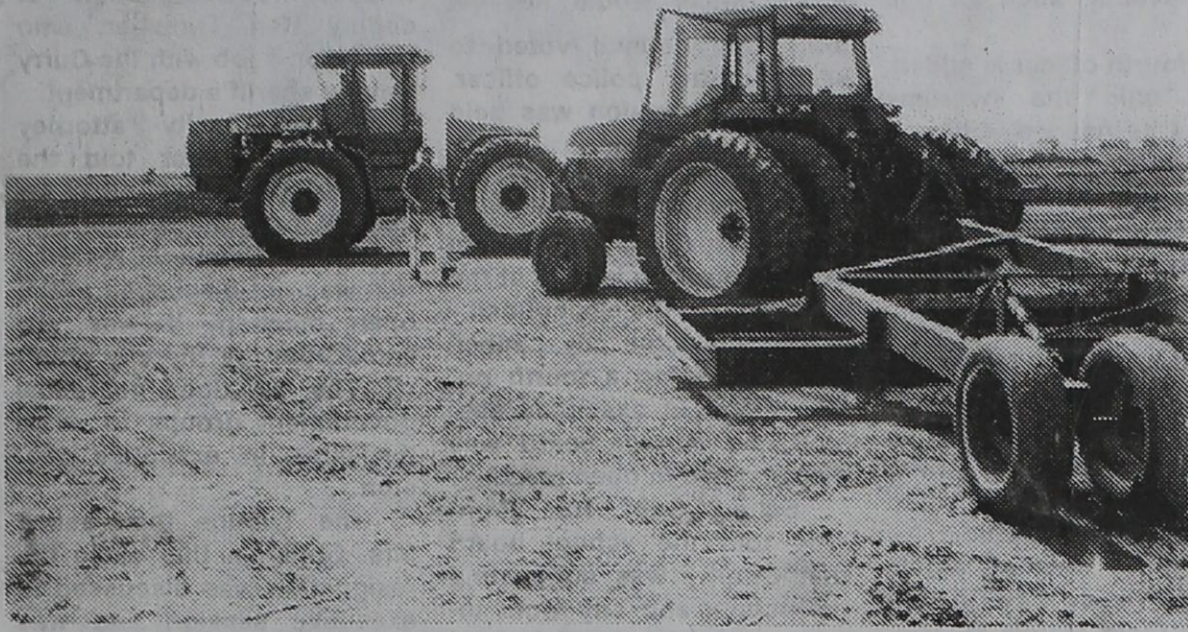


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Cotton gin work begins

Ground was leveled on Monday at the site of the new state-of-the-art cotton gin being built by Parmer County Cotton Growers along the highway just east of Farwell.

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

Secrets revealed!

I appreciate the need for executive sessions.

When complaints or charges are brought against a city employee, for example, they need to be discussed privately.

When a city is looking for more land for water rights, then it should be done discreetly.

When a lawsuit is threatened, then it must be handled in executive session.

But simply to call for an executive session for "personnel reasons" doesn't cut it.

Let me explain:

When the Tribune goes to a meeting, it does so as the representative of the citizens. We are there to protect your interests.

For me to criticize someone in this column means that that person will be angry as a hoot owl at me. I make another enemy.

I prefer that wouldn't happen. But my first allegiance is to our community. And when I see an affront to you folks,

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Turmoil in Texico

There is a lot of confusion regarding what occurred at the March 9 meeting of the Texico City Council.

The council was called into executive session by Marshal Kelley Brophy for "personnel" reasons.

An executive session is where no members of the press or public are allowed -- just the council, mayor, city attorney and person requesting the executive session. In this case, it was Brophy.

After the private meeting, the council reportedly went back into open session and voted to seek a fourth police officer.

On March 11, Brophy told the Tribune that a federal grant would be sought which would pay 75 percent of the officer's salary for three years.

The other 25 percent would be paid by Texico Schools, if the School Board agrees to pick up this tab.

The officer would be school-based.

Brophy said there is no problem in Texico Schools to warrant a fulltime officer, but an officer would help at extra-

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War on drugs continues

Parmer County's counter-attack on the druggies is continuing. Here are the latest developments:

-- Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger announced he has requested the District Attorney's office to research into the possibility of seizing the Farwell home of Kindell Ray Coates, 31, and his business, Farwell Farm Supply, 1017 Ave. A, and the lot it sits on.

Coates was arrested on Feb. 17 and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Yerger said drugs were found at both his home and his business.

Last December, the Tribune reported that the lot that Farwell Farm Supply sits on was transferred by warranty deed from Floyd Coates, Kindell's father, to Melrose CPA De'Aun Willoughby, who also has an office in Farwell.

-- On March 12, Thomas J. Capps, 35, who had a driver's license from Lubbock but told police he was living in Clovis (or moving there), was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of possession of a controlled substance and tampering with a witness. The cases are pending before the grand jury.

Yerger said Capps was stopped for a minor traffic violation in Farwell by sheriff's deputy Keith Payne. He was later assisted by Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa.

During the booking process, Yerger said over \$5,600 in cash was discovered on Capps.

But after Capps was placed in jail, he was rushed to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he told doctors that he had ingested about 5 to 7 grams of methamphetamines just prior to being stopped by police, said the sheriff.

Capps was treated, then returned to Parmer County Jail pending his arraignment.

Capps' vehicle and cash were seized.

-- On March 14, area police coordinated on the arrests of three persons about 10:20 p.m. at 3rd Street and Avenue A in Farwell after a sale of 7 grams of methamphetamines was made, said Yerger.

Joe Castillo, 39, of Clovis, was charged with possession with intent to sell and delivery of a controlled substance. The cases are pending before the grand jury.

Scott May, 37, of Farwell, was charged with delivery of a controlled substance. The case is pending before the grand jury.

The name of the third person, from Muleshoe, was not available at presstime.

Two vehicles, the drugs and a small amount of cash were seized by police.

The arrests were the result of a combined investigation by the Parmer County District Attorney's office, the Parmer County Sheriff's office, Farwell Police Department and Texico Marshal's office.

Participating in the arrests were Texico Marshal Kelley Brophy and deputy Larry Garrison, and Parmer County sheriff chief deputy Scotty Ward and deputies Gary Blair, Keith Payne and Jr. Lopez.

School Board races shape up

The filing period for local races ended on Wednesday. Here's a look at the races for the May election:

Lazbuddie School Board: Seeking the two open posts are five candidates: Kyle Kimbrough, Terry Jesko, Keith Hicks, Rick Black, Mike Nichols and LeShea Mason.

Neither incumbent, Robert Gallman and Steve Foster, sought re-election.

Farwell School Board: Four candidates have signed up for the two open posts: Greg Actkinson, Roberta Howard, Mark Schwertner and incumbent David Norton.

Charles Christian did not seek re-election.

Farwell City Council: Incumbent Mayor Jimmie Mace signed up for re-election.

Councilman Jerry Stover is seeking re-election but councilman John Carlson, who has served eight years on the council, is not.

Thus, one council seat is still not filled. Write-in candidates are accepted but they must file at Farwell City Hall by March 22. If a write-in candidate doesn't file, any votes at election time are not counted.

If no one files as a write-in candidate, the council will appoint a person to serve.

Farwell Hospital District Board: Five posts are on the ballot. Four incumbents have signed up -- Troy Christian, Mike Ratke, Jerry Monk and Jack Allen Kirkland.

Incumbent Joe Haseloff is not seeking re-election. Thus, there is one open seat on this board.

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AzTx withdraws expansion request

Robert Josserand, chairman of the AzTx Cattle Co., announced in an advertisement in today's Tribune (Page 3) that the company is withdrawing its application for expansion of its Farwell Feed Yard.

"We have notified the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of our request to withdraw the pending application," he said. "We are trying to be a good neighbor and hopefully a positive force in the community."

The announcement came on Monday, just a few days after the public hearing before the TNRCC officials at the Farwell High School Auditorium.

About 100 persons attended the March 11 hearing. AzTx had asked the state to approve air and water permits to allow expansion from 29,500 head to 50,000 head. The feed yard is directly south of Farwell.

A large number of TNRCC staffers attended, including three members of their legal staff, a regulations expert, the regional director from Amarillo and a member of their Office of Public Assistance. Also present were AzTx officials.

Most of the meeting involved Farwell area residents complaining of the air problem they feel was caused by the feed yard the past two summers, with a stress on health problems.

The purpose of the hearing was for TNRCC staff to hear first-hand from local folks about the AzTx permit request.

After the meeting, it appeared a lengthy legal process might get involved. There was a good chance the TNRCC commission would have an independent judge conduct a trial before the commission voted. Then the commission's decision could be appealed to a district court judge. Also, a civil suit could be filed.

During the meeting, one TNRCC staffer said state regulations don't allow feed yards to have "nuisance conditions." He also said that AzTx's requests satisfied all the technical and administrative rules.

At the start of the session, AzTx officials put much of the blame on last summer's problems on the drought. They then discussed the success they have had at a feed yard they own in Colorado which they said has had great success in keeping the dust down. They plan to use that Colorado plan in their feed yard in Farwell.

The proposed expansion was supported by others, also.

Ralph Franse pointed out that some of the equipment to help with the dust control was down for awhile last summer due to difficulty in getting replacement parts. He asked that AzTx be given a chance to control the situation.

Scotty Edwards, who works for AzTx, supported the expansion, noting how the company employs many folks, and that it benefits other local businesses, such as the grain elevator. It later was said that the expansion would create more jobs here.

But the majority of folks who took the microphone to speak were opposed to the permit request. Their comments included:

-- Tracy Devault presented photos showing large clouds coming from the feed yard area. A major problem with flies also was noted.

-- Sherry Christian said the health of her children was a major concern. "If you can't keep a 29,000 head feedlot wet (to keep down the dust), you can't keep a 50,000 head feedlot wet."

-- Brenda Williams noted how bad the odor was last summer.

-- Margaret Aycock asked that AzTx fix the problem at its Farwell feed yard first, thus demonstrating to residents that it's fixable, and later proceed with the expansion plans. She noted how the dust clouds emerge in the evening, accompanied by a huge amount of flies.

-- Ryan Williams said he was "pro-feed lot" but when it affects a town like it did last summer here, he opposes the expansion due to its effects on residents.

-- Ken McDaniel said the dust problem has adversely affected elderly folks with respiratory problems, including the nursing home.

-- Bernice Pennington said her home has a swamp cooler, but the odor was so strong last summer she had to turn it off. "What is more important -- quantity (more jobs) or quality of life?"

-- Terry Lusk said that the air quality problem has caused him to seriously consider moving out of the community after his children graduate from Farwell High.

AzTx officials also were asked if they had considered other locations for its expansion. They responded that it was more economical to add on to a current feed yard than to construct a new one.

The meeting was conducted by Annie Tyrone, of the Texas Office of Public Assistance. If anyone has any questions concerning the situation, she can be called at 1-800-687-4040.

Texico wins quarter-final

The Texico Wolverines won their state quarter-final at Albuquerque on Wednesday night over the Pecos Panthers, 86-76.

Texico, 21-7, plays Hope at 7 p.m. mt on March 18 in the state Class 2A semi-final.

If Texico wins, they play in the state title game at 10:30 a.m. on March 20. If they lose, they play for 3rd place at 2 p.m. mt on March 19.

Texico had a huge height advantage over a quick and speedy Pecos team. By dominating the boards, they kept the Panthers at bay despite a tough-pressing defense.

Pecos opened with an 8-4 lead before Texico took the lead for good at 9-8 on a Johnny Sena 3 pointer -- one of three he made in the game.

The first quarter ended with Texico ahead, 13-12.

Texico moved out to a 10-point lead on a Ross Burford shot before Pecos started pressing, and it was effective.

The teams traded baskets as Pecos crept back and went into halftime trailing, 35-31.

Pecos was able to tie the game at 37-all, the first of four ties. But a Jake Boazman bucket put Texico ahead 45-43, and the Wolverines began to slowly pull away.

Michael Marlow hit a key 3 pointer increasing the lead to 5. Foul trouble put Jake

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County Club may expand to 18 holes

There is a good possibility that the Farwell Country Club will expand from its current 9 holes to 18 holes, country club board president Johnny Actkinson said on Tuesday.

He told the Tribune that Randy Ware, who bought Dr. Johnson's property adjacent to the country club, has suggested he might be willing to give a portion of that property to the club for expansion.

Most of Ware's property lies to the east of the country club, but smaller portions are owned to the north and south.

Actkinson reported that Ware is considering subdividing much of the property into lots for home sales.

A golf course planner has been hired by the country club board to plot out nine more holes.

If the country club was expanded into an 18-hole course, it would dramatically increase the value of adjacent properties.

Actkinson hopes the plans work out because he said the country club doesn't have enough money to buy land for expansion.

Secrets

you know what side you will find me on.

First, some background on this Texico City Council mess:

I've been covering the Texico City Council for 15 years. I have been to more of their meetings than anyone else, except for former long-time city clerk (and current mayor) Marie Christian.

Until a couple of years ago, for the council to go into executive session was almost unheard of. But recently, it's a regular theme.

In fact, it's almost become a joke as the call goes out for an executive session for personnel, litigation or land acquisition.

If the reason is legitimate, I have no problem with that. But when rumors reach me of situations being discussed in executive session for no real reasons, it bothers me. This hurts the community -- rumors start....

A couple of months ago, I raised my hand to speak at the end of a Texico council meeting. I told them I had some criticism to make and asked if they wanted to hear it from me personally or read it in the paper. They chose the former.

So I explained that executive sessions were being treated too lightly and they needed to understand that they were only to be called for important reasons, such as the ones mentioned at the top of this column.

I said that private meetings breed rumors, which can flourish in a small town. So the more done openly, the

better for all concerned.

I then turned to the city attorney and said he needed to understand that if the council was in executive session and began discussing topics not relevant, it was his responsibility -- acting on behalf of the citizens of Texico -- to halt those discussions, and explain they should be discussed in open meeting.

Well, folks, I guess I didn't succeed very well. Just read the Texico City Council story elsewhere in today's Tribune and tell me what you think.

Although confusion reigns over exactly what was discussed in the executive session, I "think" that a request for a federal grant for a fourth police officer and the resignation of police officer Ken Thrasher were discussed.

My question is simple: why was an executive session needed for these items?

What was so compelling that it was ultra-important for Texico residents to be kept in the dark about?

The city attorney said these are legitimate executive session items since they involve "personnel."

Folks, virtually EVERY thing discussed by city councils and school boards involve personnel.

The monthly financial report comes from a city employee -- call an executive session.

An animal control report from a city employee -- call an executive session.

A councilman gives a report -- call an executive session.

A proclamation is read --

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call an executive session.

Folks, I could go on and on. It's best to end it right here.

All I'm just trying to say is that all government units need to use executive sessions wisely, and for the right reasons. It's not a game.

And I strongly suggest that the Texico City Council reflect back on all those years and years when such sessions were not needed -- and ask themselves why they are a regular occurrence now.

All-District

Texico Lady Wolverines Coach Roy King was named Coach of the Year for District 7-AA.

Named to the first team All-District were Texico's Kristen Roberts, Jennifer Roberts, Elizabeth Richards and Krysta Morris.

Texico's Shayna Lewis was named honorable mention.

Pagers bought

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday approved buying 5 pagers, at \$540 apiece, for the Farwell EMS.

In other business, the council:

-- Okayed a building permit for Florine Coburn, a storage shed at 205 7th St.

-- Decided not to enter into a joint seal-coat project with a Lubbock engineering firm.

Turmoil

curricular activities.

He said the school system needs to pay overtime for police officers who work at school events, such as ball games.

If a fourth officer is added, Brophy said the overtime wouldn't be needed -- thus a savings to the school district.

He said he already has contacted some School Board members and they agree with his recommendation.

The officer could also help with the traffic flow in the mornings, Brophy added.

On Sunday, the Tribune contacted Mayor Marie Christian about the discussion over a fourth police officer.

In last week's article about the Texico City Council meeting (held March 9), Mrs. Christian said the city definitely will not be adding a police officer, citing financial restraints.

She made this announcement after council Rick Queener said during the open meeting that the city "was planning to hire another police officer."

Thus, as soon as the open meeting ended and before the executive session began, the Tribune asked Mrs. Christian about Queener's statement.

What apparently happened is that Brophy and at least some of the council members were aware of adding a police officer, but Mrs. Christian was not.

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There was another part to the executive session, reported Mrs. Christian.

She said the council received the resignation of deputy Ken Thrasher, who has taken a job with the Curry County sheriff's department.

However, city attorney Marion Ty Rutter told the Tribune on Monday that he doesn't recall that coming up.

Since Thrasher's resignation was not discussed at the open meeting, it was not acted upon by the city council. The law does not allow government groups to make decisions in executive session.

The Tribune then asked Mrs. Christian that since the resignation was discussed in executive session and was not accepted, does Thrasher work for both the Texico Marshal's Office and the Curry County sheriff's department.

Mrs. Christian said no.

Rutter was asked by the Tribune why the resignation and federal grant request had to be discussed in executive session. He said they involve "personnel."

Obituaries

Marjorie Meeks

Services for Marjorie A. Meeks, 78, of Surprise, Ariz., were held on March 15.

She died on March 12.

She was born in Albany, N.Y. She was a World War II Coast Guard veteran.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Jan Hughes and Carolyn Hardage; 2 sons, David and Eddie; a brother, Elmer Head Jr., and 5 grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to West Bell Church of Christ, 12213 W. Bell Road, Surprise, Ariz. 85347; Sun Health Hospice, P.O. Box 1115, Sun City, Ariz. 85372, or your favorite charity.

Rev. David Tewes officiated.

A memorial service was held March 16 in Sycamore, Ill. at Salem Lutheran Church.

He died March 9 in Calico Rock, Ark. He was born Sept. 16, 1918 in Rake, Iowa.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; 2 sons, Kerry of Sycamore, Ill., and Dale of Clovis; 2 daughters, Kathy Farris of DeKalb, Ill. and Donna Gibson of Englewood, Colo.; a sister, Sue Bowers of Bend, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, including Amy Kelley of Farwell.

Lane Severson

Memorial services for Lane Severson, 80, of Horseshoe Bend, Ark. were held March 12 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church there. The

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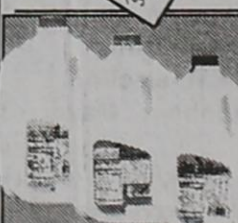
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Students honored

Students of the 4th Six Weeks at Farwell Junior High are, back row from left, Jeff Davis, Rowdy Mitchell, Trevor Thurman; front row, Anna Vidaurri, Melissa Howard, Hailey Grimes.

Top readers win pizza trip

On March 11, Farwell Junior High AR readers who were on the winning reading teams enjoyed a trip to a pizza restaurant in Clovis. They were:

8th grade - Chip Guinn, Jered Coleman, Rene Quezada, Sergio Vazquez, Chris James, Curt Christian, Meagan Norton, Nico Soto, Randy Armstrong, Liza Olivas, David Wolven.

7th grade - Jeremy Chandler, Stacy Roach, Candace Walker, Dulce Nicolas, Jamie Diaz, Kason Gabriel, Trenton Meeks, Marisela Rivera, Kyra Christian, Bryon Hardage, Tyler Myers, Mindi Roberts, Jose Cabello.

6th grade - Tori Bain, Michael Johnson, Joel Owen, Hugo Vazquez, Bill Terry, Dawson Embry, Logan Clemmer, Sam Billingsley, Amanda Barnes, Chad Bailey, Holly McIntosh, Ryan Fillpot, Micah Christian, Chris Culver, Tate Nichols, Jonathan Vega.

Cargile named 'Outstanding Soloist'

Danielle Cargile, a Farwell Junior High 6th grader, was named "Outstanding Soloist" at the Clovis Desayuno Solo Contest on Saturday. She received two first division medals.

Other FJH students earning first division medals were Holly McIntosh, Giovanni Moreno, Crystal Morris, Candace Walker, Trenton Meeks, Ryan Fillpot, Carlos Saenz, Tyler Myers and Jenny Rodriguez.

Earning second division ratings were Logan Clemmer, Bobby Garcia, Tara Sanchez, Adam Pierce (two solos) and Chelsea Meyer.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger:

Isabel Ornelas Jr., 23, of Hereford, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- On March 4, Gabriel Banegas, 66, of Bovina, charged with possession of a controlled substance (tetrahydrocannabinol), was sentenced to 5 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated 5 years; \$266 court costs; \$2,000 fine; \$140 restitution, and 320 hours of community service.

-- On March 9, Ever Estrada Andrade, 19, of Denver, charged with theft, was sentenced to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred 2 years; \$286 court costs; \$3,000 fine, and 100 hours of community service.

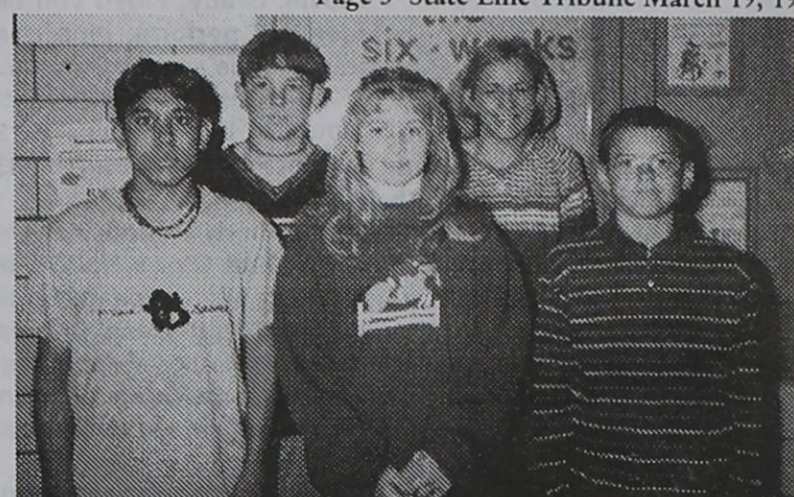
-- On March 12, Brian Ralph McKinley, 32, of Borger, Texas, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated 3 years; \$266 court costs; 200 hours of community service, and loss of driver's license for 18 months.

-- On March 12, Billy Joe Dye, 41, of Elk City, Okla., charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 5 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated 5 years; \$266 court costs, \$1,500 fine and 300 hours of community service.

-- On March 12, Daniel Aranda, 32, of Portales, charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated 2 years; \$166 court costs; \$750 fine, \$140 restitution and 200 hours of community service.

-- On March 12, Adam Lloyd Raymond, 24, of Friona, charged with injury to a child (reduced from sexual assault of a child), was sentenced to 6 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated 6 years; \$241 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and 240 hours of community service.

-- On March 12, Jimmy Leon Williams, 30, of Canyon, Texas, charged with assault of a public servant (reduced from aggravated assault of a peace officer), was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated 3 years; \$266 court costs, \$1,250 fine, and 320 hours of community service.



Students recognized

Students of the 5th Six Weeks at Farwell Junior High are, from left, Sergio Vasquez, Kason Gabriel, Ashlie Martin, Nikki Gober and Sam Billingsley. Not pictured is Carrie Stevenson.

Courthouse Notes

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

- Ken McClaron - Bill Read et al, W12, S21, Blk. B, Capital.
- Foster Fertilizer - Anita Foster and Trixie Wright, .19 acres of SE 14, S73, Blk. H, Kelly.
- Stephen Fowler et al - Herman Friesen, 239.50 acres of S16, T15;R2E.
- Stephen Fowler et al - Orië Nightingale, NE 166.72 acres, S17, T15S;R2E.
- Ray Magness et al - Parmer County Cotton Growers, 98.327 acres, S3T,6S, R1E.
- Gary Fly - Jeff Actkinson, lots 29-32, Blk. 46, Farwell.
- Stowers Family Trust - Manuel DeLeon, lot 3, Blk. 3, McMillen Add.
- P.H.P. Farms - Juan DeLeo, 1 tract of S31, T1N, R4E, Cap.
- Hamk Barbetti - John Gurley, lots 11-12, Blk. 49, Bovina.



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To The Citizens of the Farwell Vicinity

After hearing your concerns as expressed in a public meeting held recently in Farwell, AzTx Cattle Co. (Farwell Feed Yard) has decided the most Christian and compassionate response to those concerns is to withdraw its application for an addition to the size of the feed yard. Therefore, we have notified the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of our request to withdraw the pending application.

We are trying to be a good neighbor and hopefully a positive force in the community.

Robert D. Jossierand
Chairman

The Latest

At the San Angelo livestock show last weekend, Wayne Terry showed a 4th place cross pig. Suzanne Aragon showed a 10th place hamp pig.

The 49th annual Floyd (N.M.) Lions Country Jamboree will be at 7 p.m. mt March 25, 26 and 27 in the old gymnasium.

Tickets are \$4 each. Roxanne Ward, World Champion Hog Caller, will be featured on two nights. Musicians from Portales,

Clovis, Grady, Floyd and Melrose will perform, plus poets from House and Ft. Sumner.

For more information, call Houston Lee at 505/478-2271 or Tim Fuqua at 505/478-2830.

Kymerly Helton, daughter of Hal and Gloria Helton, is a member of a dance group that received 2nd place in a jazz dance ("Hanky Panky") and 2nd in a performance dance ("Grease") in Houston during competition last weekend.

About 70 dance groups from throughout the U.S. entered.

Texico Coach Roy King left for Kentucky this week, where

his father is in very poor health.

Here's Farwell's track schedule:

March 19, Friona, Junior High boys and girls.

March 20, Friona, high school boys and girls.

April 9-10, Dimmitt, high school boys and girls.

April 16, Sundown, district tourney.

April 30 and May 1, regionals.

May 14 and 15, state.

Farwell High's girls' golf schedule:

April 1, Olton; April 7 and 14, district at Clovis; April 26-29, regionals at Abilene; May 10-11, state.

Farwell High's boys' golf schedule:

March 29, Olton; April 7 and 14, district at Clovis; April 26-29, regionals at Abilene; May 10-11, state.

Berny and Teresa Mesman of Oklahoma Lane enjoyed a weekend visit from cousins Kenneth Fogle, Cindy, Cienna and Hansen Breen of Dallas.



From left are Lyndsey Rich, Dorothea Schulz, Leslie Cargile, Anna Quezada, Raquel Cabello, Tara Cargile and J.D. Jones.

Aaron Christian places 5th in CX debate at state

Farwell High's CX (cross examination) debate team of Ginger Sides and Aaron Christian, district champions, participated in the state meet in Austin this week.

They won 3 of 4 rounds and missed going to the finals by only 8 points, reports sponsor Sherry Christian.

Aaron placed 5th for "top speaker" out of 168 entrants. It was his first year in CX debate.

Sixty-four teams entered in Class 2A.

Farwell High soloists earn honors

Farwell High School students participated in the UIL Region 16 solo and ensemble contest Feb. 27 in Lubbock.

Schools from Classes 1 through 5 entered.

Leslie Cargile received an "Excellent" rating for her clarinet solo.

Lyndsey Rich received an "Excellent" rating for her flute

solo. J.D. Jones received an "Excellent" rating for her snare drum solo.

Dorothea Schulz, Tara Cargile, Anna Quezada and Raquel Cabello received first division "Superior" medals for their respective solo flute performances in their divisions.

Pre-school to be offered

The finishing touches to plans for a preschool program at St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat are being completed.

As of the Board of Education meeting March 16, "all systems are go" to open the doors this August to area three and four year old children for a comprehensive preschool.

"Life in Christ Academy" will begin pre-registration on Monday, April 5 in the church fellowship hall.

"We had tried over the last several years to start a preschool program but were not successful due to a variety of obstacles," said

Gary Haseloff, Board of Education chairman. "We are now full-steam ahead with the licensing, teaching staff and curriculum."

The preschool will be operated three half days a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with morning sessions. All area three and four year old children are eligible to attend regardless of race or religious affiliation.

For tuition and pre-registration information, please contact Edie Kalbas at (806) 825-3357 or Pastor Dave Symm at the St. John Lutheran Church office (806) 825-2409.

Deaf Smith Electric Co-op to meet

The 61st annual membership meeting of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will be March 30 at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

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Registration starts at 5 p.m., along with a fish, chicken and beef dinner. The business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

The Palmetto State Quartet will provide entertainment. There also will be a drawing for prizes valued at \$1,000, including a color TV.

Two board members will be elected. Candidates are: Position 1 -- Dwight Jesko and incumbent Gilbert (Nick) Yosten.

Position 2 -- Vincent Gerber and incumbent Anthony Acker.

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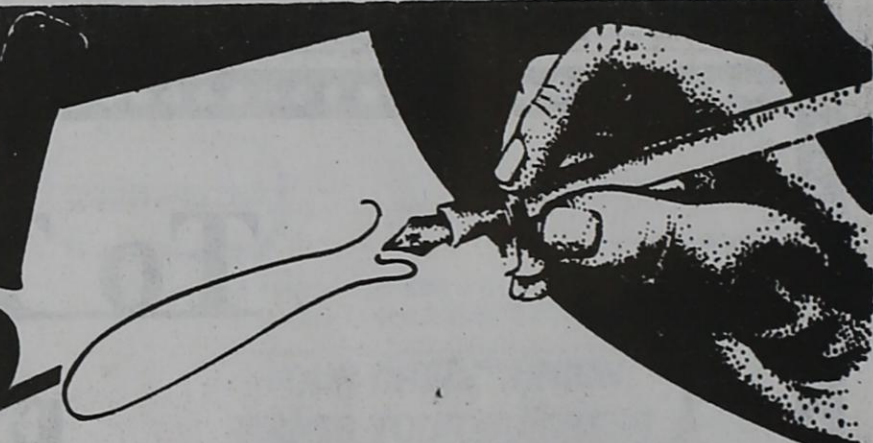
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Auction fun

The Farwell Community Center was packed on March 8 for the annual Wilbur-Ellis fund-raising auction and BBQ for the Farwell and Texico ag student groups.



Texico High, Junior High track schedules announced

Here's Texico High School's track schedule:
 April 1, Melrose Relays; April 10, Texico Invitational; April 16, at Tatum; April 17, Ft. Sumner Relays; April 23, Clovis Relays; April 24, EPAC at Ft. Sumner; May 1, district; May 6-8, state.
 Dave Lynn is the boys' track coach. Buddy Little coaches the girls' team, assisted by Roy King.
 And the Texico Junior High schedule is:
 April 8, Texico Invitational; April 15, Melrose Junior High meet; April 22, at Santa Rosa; April 24, EPAC at Ft. Sumner; and April 29, Ft. Sumner Junior High meet.
 Michael Littlejohn coaches the boys and Glynne Martin coaches the girls.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Mike,
 As your State Representative in District 66, I work hard at keeping current on the issues that most affect our communities.

I know that schools are a central part of our communities. They educate our children and provide a gathering place for our towns. I have therefor made several capital outlay requests in the legislature on behalf of our schools. We need sound school buildings, no two ways about it. I hope to convince the House Appropriations Committee to help us.

I have also been working for a more effective overall education budget. The rural areas of New Mexico have different education needs than urban areas. So I introduced and supported legislation, such as background checks for school volunteers and the charter schools bill, that will help us eliminate our problems.

And attracting the finest teachers, providing them with the support they need to be effective in the classroom, has also been a priority of mine.

But I want to hear the community's ideas and concerns on these and other issues as well.

I can be contacted in Santa Fe at: State Capitol, Room 125, Santa Fe, NM 87503.

Earlene Roberts
 Lovington, N.M.

Dear Mike,
 We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Robert Josserand, of Farwell Feed Yard, for listening to the people who attended the feedlot meeting last Thursday night.

It is not easy to sit and listen to people express their protests, when a lot of time and money has gone into planning the feedlot expansion. Mr. Josserand did just that.

We realize it was a big disappointment for him to hear the opposition that was expressed, but we are thankful he was able to listen with an open heart.

It takes a man of high moral Christian standards to put a community and its people first before his own business interests.

Thank you, Mr. Josserand.
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Grimes to headline Texico Chamber banquet

The Texico Chamber of Commerce on Monday discussed plans for the annual banquet.

It will be held at 7 p.m. mt on April 20 at the Texico Community Center. Tickets, costing \$10, are available at the Texico branch of Citizens Bank or other Chamber members.


Ron Grimes will do a "Chataqua Presentation" of famed Sheriff Pat Garrett, who gunned down Billy the Kid.

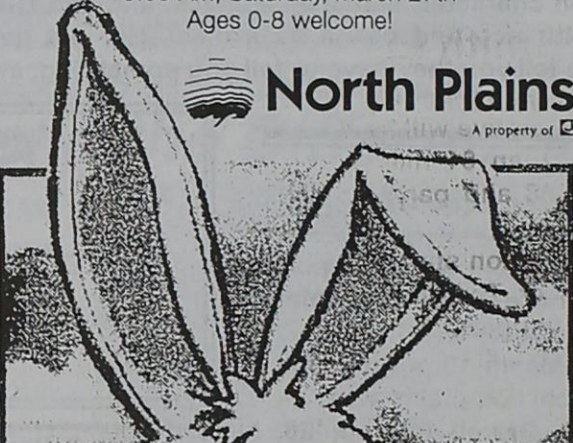
In other business, officers were elected: Freda Neie, president; Lewis Cooper, vice president; Juanita Hadley, secretary, and Fern Tharp, treasurer.

The Chamber voted to seek county funds for items for the Texico community center -- 50 more chairs, a sound system, and flags and stands to hold them. Mrs. Neie will present the request.

Members participated in a fund-raiser for the public broadcast TV station in Portales. Besides answering phones, some were interviewed about Texico and its tourist attractions.

The next Chamber meeting will be April 12. Scholarship applicants will be interviewed.

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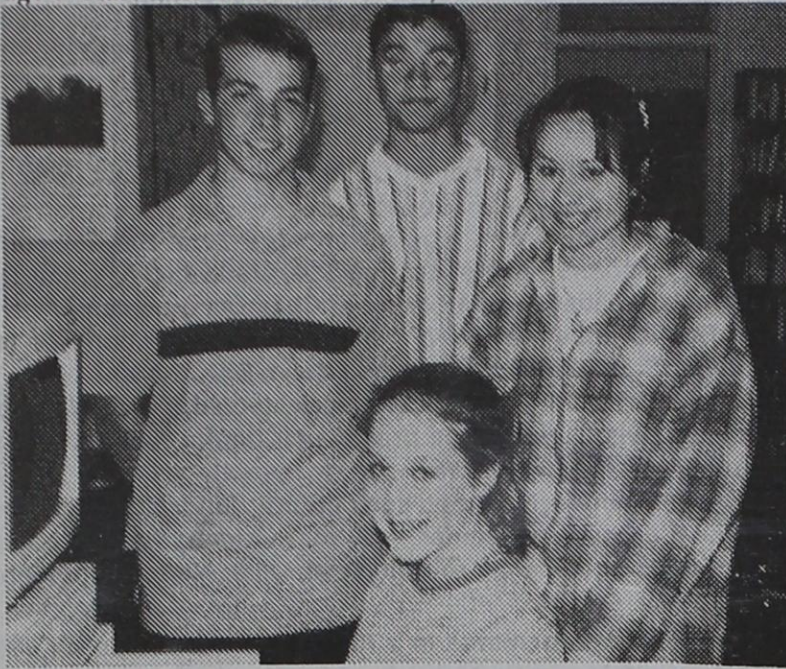
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Katy Loudder, Landon Parham, Lucas DeLeon and Veronica Mata.

Lazbuddie students recognized

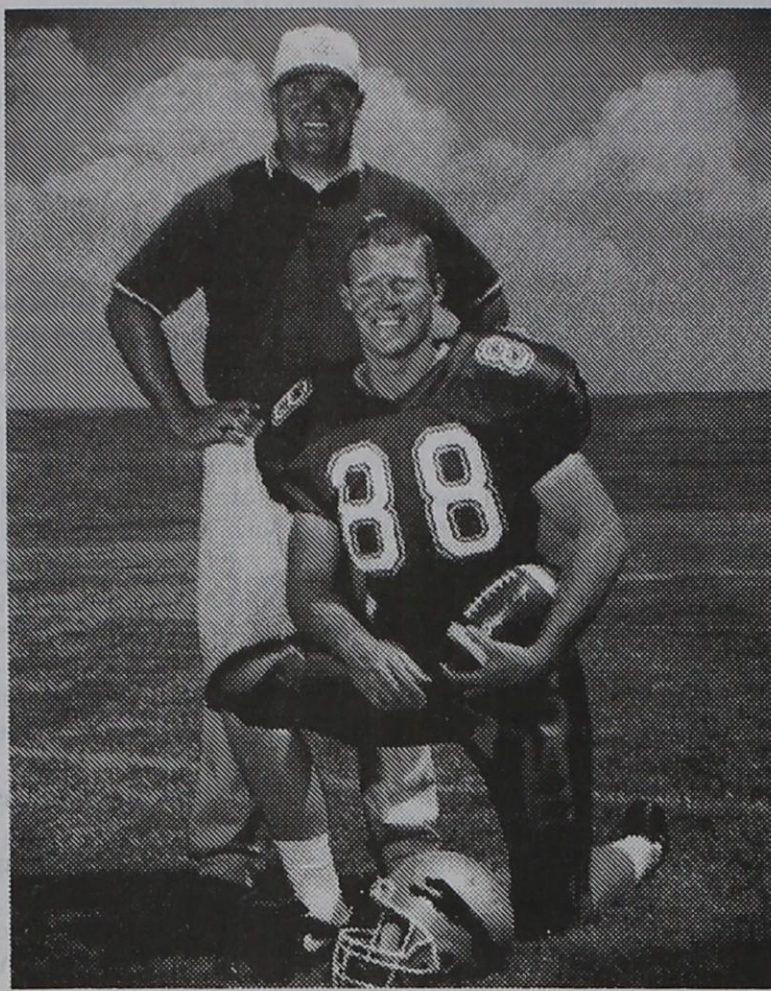
Lazbuddie Junior High and High School Students of the Month for March have been announced.

Landon Parham, 16, is the son of Terry and Celie Parham, and grandson of E.A. and Mini Parham, and Rocky and Kay Mayfield. He like the book "The Hobbit", the celebrity Jim Carey, milk as a snack, and pizza as a meal His pet peeve is bad table manners.

Veronica Mata, 17, is the daughter of Eraul and Valentina Mata, and grand-daughter of Benjamin and Juana Mata, and Felipe and Maria Zavala. She likes the book "The Good Earth", the celebrity Selma Hayek, the snacks Doritos and Dr Pepper and quesadillas a meal. Her pet peeve is show-offs.

Lucas DeLeon, 14, is the son of Tommy and Elva DeLeon, and grandson of Gil and Lupe DeLeon. He likes "The Rifle", Chris Tucker, his mom's homemade tortillas, enchiladas, beans, rice and tortillas. His pet peeve is teachers talking while students are trying to work.

Katy Loudder, 13, is the daughter of Lance and Terri Loudder, and grand-daughter of Roxie Loudder, and Bill and Idalo Fleming. She likes the book "Hatchet", tweety bird as her top cartoon character, cereal as a snack, and two cheese enchiladas with rice and beans as a meal. Her pet peeve is when people tell you they have to tell you something, and then don't tell you what it is.



David "Jeff" Lynn, left, and David "Joshua" Lynn

Lynn brothers honored

Twenty football players at Eastern New Mexico University, plus their head coach and six assistant coaches have received the Betty Scharff Memorial Award for their involvement with HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) mentoring program.

The award is the highest given by HOSTS.

The ENMU group has helped students at Portales Junior High develop reading

and language arts skills.

Among the ENMU personnel honored were assistant coach Jeff Lynn and player Josh Lynn.

They are the sons of Vicky and David Lynn of Texico.



Back row from left are Logan Mason and Zack Ballanger. Front row are Cassie Steinbock, Joselina Garcia, Audrey Daniel and Brianna Sanchez.

Lazbuddie Students of the Month cited

Students of the Month for March at Lazbuddie Elementary School are:

Pre-kindergarten: Audrey Daniel, daughter of Mark and Michelle Daniel.

Kindergarten: Joselina Garcia, daughter of Jose and Cruz Marquez.

1st grade: Logan Mason, son of Shane and LaShea Mason. 2nd grade: Cassie Steinbock, daughter of Terry and Judy Steinbock.

3rd grade: Brianna Sanchez, daughter of Jr. and Chandra Sanchez.

4th grade: Erica Derma, daughter of Carmen Galaviz.

5th grade: Zack Ballanger, son of Steve and Lisa Ballanger.

Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa:

On March 10, a domestic violence complaint was received. Darrell Bishop, 25, of Farwell, was arrested and charged with assault by Farwell Police. The case is pending in county court.

On March 11, an assault complaint was received, occurring in the 600 block of Avenue A. It's under investigation.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued by the Parmer County clerk's office last week to Lourdes Rojas and Prisciliano Rodriguez.

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Kevin S. Hogan was promoted to staff sergeant on Feb. 1, 1999. He was a 1986 Farwell High graduate. Kevin and his wife, Jenny, have two children, Samantha and Dusty. His parents are Connie and David Burnett. Grandparents are Leon and Virginia Gregory, all of Clovis.

His current assignment is with the Oklahoma City Recruiting Battalion, Little Rock Company, with duty in Conway, AR, with date assigned April 15, 1998.

He joined the Army in March 1991 and received basic and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Ky., for 19D Cavalry Scout. His units of assignment were: 1-12 Cavalry, Ft. Knox, KY, 1-1 Cavalry, Budingen German; 4-8 Infantry, Mannheim Germany; 1-23 Infantry, Ft. Lewis, WA; 1-10 Cavalry, Ft. Hood, TX.

His military education has been primary leadership development course, basic non-commissioned officer course, U.S. Army recruiting school, hazardous materials handling course.

Kevin has received awards and decorations: Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), Good Conduct Medal (2nd award), National Defense Ribbon, Drivers Ribbon, Driver's Badge (track, 3rd award), Expert Marksmanship Badge (rifle, pistol), Basic Recruiter's Badge.

Please Attend Church Services

All Times are CT unless specified

<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Terry Hightower - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship ; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. E-mail: tmh1@yucca.net</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Bob Brown - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Friday (youth) - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Beth Harrington - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico</p> <p>Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>High Plains Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday School - 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

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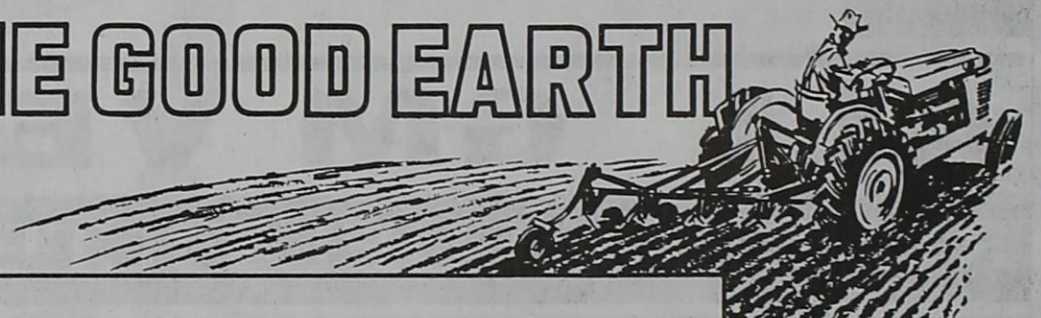
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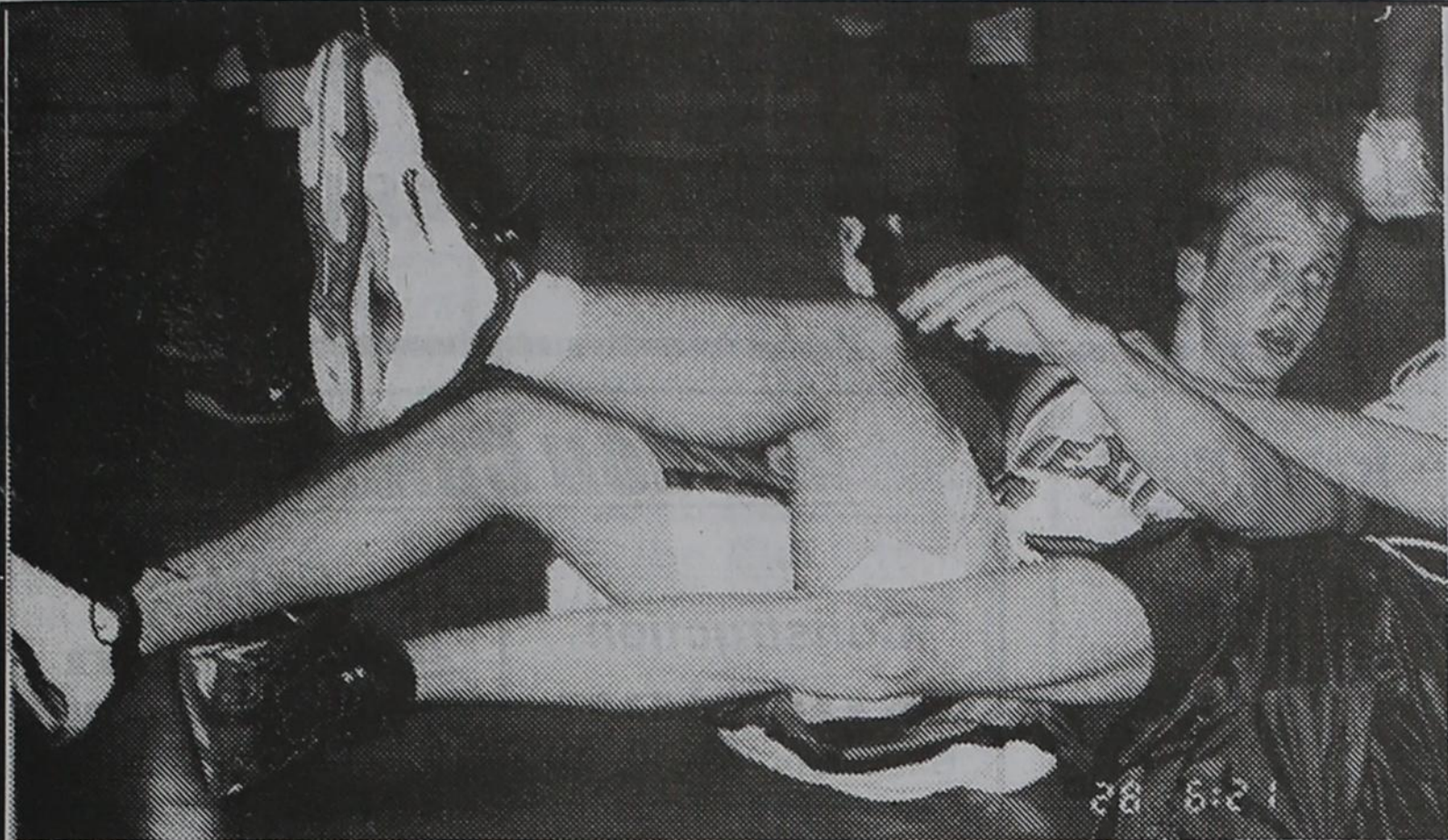
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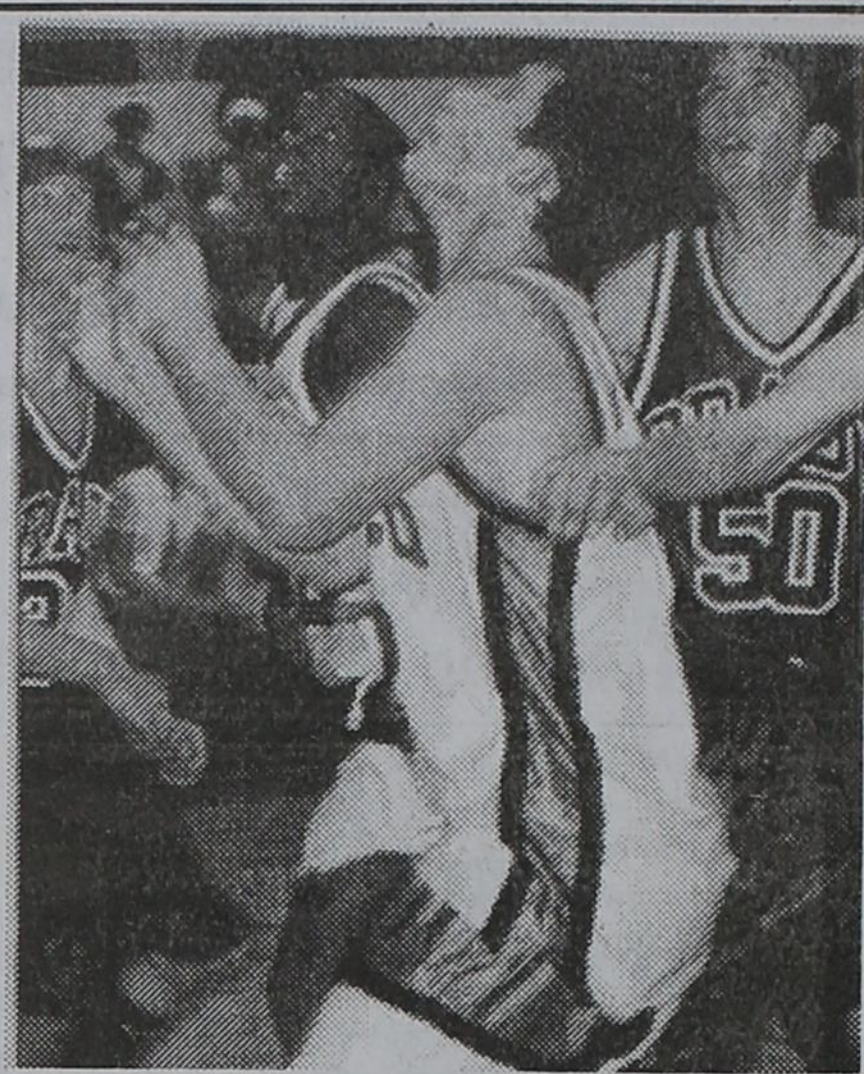


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Texico Wolverines



Photos by Judy Pomper



Wolverines

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Boazman and Justin Steward on the bench for awhile, and Pecos stayed up with Texico.

But a 3-pointer by Burford and a Josh Boazman basket at the buzzer boosted the Wolverines into a 59-51 lead to start the final period.

A game Pecos team cut the lead to 7 before Sena busted a 3-pointer. With 3 minutes to go, Texico was up by 8, 74-66.

Baskets by Chris Hall and Burford kept Pecos at bay, but with 1:45 left, the Pan-

thers were only down, 78-73. That was the best they could do.

The parade to the free throw line began as Pecos fouled to try to get the ball back. While Texico made some of its charity tosses, Pecos missed almost all their long-range shots as the Texico margin lengthened.

Scoring were Hall, 4; Steward, 4; Marlow, 9; Burford, 26; Sena, 9; Josh Boazman, 18, and Jake Boazman, 16.

Roberts to retire

The Farwell School Board on March 11 reluctantly accepted the resignation of longtime teacher Lynn Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts, who taught English as a Second Language classes in the elementary school, is retiring.

She was named Farwell Teacher of the Year in 1988.

In other business, the board:

-- Received two bids for a new bus barn, from Sheets & Sheets, Farwell, and Terry Copley, Friona.

Sheets' bid was lowest and was accepted.

The new barn will be built east of the current facility.

A use for the current barn is yet to be determined but will partially be used for storage.

-- Heard Supt. Larry Gregory note that attendance has been down recently due to various illnesses.

State funds are based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA), which is taken every six weeks.

Due to lower enrollments lately, Farwell School has lost a lot of money.

It's important for parents to understand that they need to get their children to school each day if possible.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2011



Zacarey Stancell is a Farwell Kindergartener. His birthday is Nov. 12.

Parents are Carey and Kathy. Also in the family are Bretton, Taylor and Kendal. Grandparents are John and Jody Thomas, Bernie and Carolyn Stancell.

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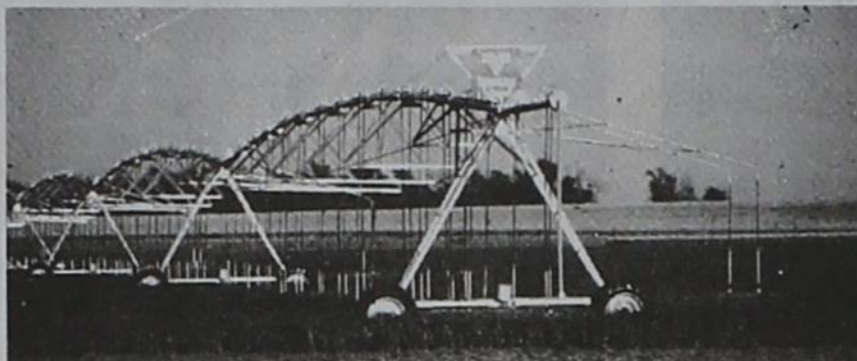
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PRICED REDUCED -- 856 acres irrigated southeast of Lazbuddie, 6 irrigation wells, 6 circle sprinklers, 2,500-head feedlot. OWNER SAYS SELL!

FOR SALE -- Commercial lots south of car wash.

PRICED REDUCED -- Country living two miles south of Farwell, on highway. Nice 1995 model, 4 bedroom, double-wide with nine acres -- all fenced and priced to sell!

BOVINA -- Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick home with 2-car garage, new kitchen cabinets and appliances. Owner says sell!

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home with 2 car garage in south Farwell. Motivated seller. Possible lease purchase.

160 acres dryland with 2-year-old double-wide mobile home, some cattle pens, on highway. Priced to Sell!

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath with single car garage. Good neighborhood in south Farwell.

PRICE GREATLY REDUCED -- Texico, 28'x75' double wide, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, large garage/shop. VERY NICE!

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Bailey County -- 160 acres, grassland, one 6" well. Lays well, highway frontage. Call for details.

98 acres 3 miles east of Farwell on Lubbock highway. One 8" irrigation well. Highway frontage. Strong water!

Just Listed -- 469 acres, West Camp area, 6 irrigation wells, 85 acres CRP - 9 years left, highway frontage, lays well! Set up for 2 sprinkler systems. Call for details. Owner will give possession for '99 crop year!

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Oklahoma Lane, approximately 2030 sq. ft. doublewide home, 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, built-ins, refrigerated air, central heat, 50x75 metal barn, plus a lot more, all highway frontage. In Farwell School District. Call for more details.

Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with basement and fenced yard. All on large corner lot. Call for more details.

Nice 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home, single car garage, nice fenced backyard, all in great location. Call for more details! Priced to Sell!

Super nice 3 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath, brick home. Has central heat, refig. air, central air, 2 car garage, double car garage, nice fenced backyard, all in great location!

South of Clays Corner - 160 acres, 2 - 8" wells, electric wells, electric sprinkler system, lays well. Reasonably Priced. Call for more details.

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The Latest

Farwell High entered the UIL write-in meet at Clarendon.

The current events team of Aaron Christian, Grant Opliger and Jourdan Nichols won 1st place.

Christian won 2nd in individual current events.

Lorisa Littlejohn was 2nd in feature writing.

Megan Meeks was 5th in accounting.

Twelve schools, Classes 1A, 2A and 3A, participated.

Four Farwell High School students earned first division medals Saturday at the Clovis Desayuno Solo Contest -- Linda Armstrong, Raquel Cabello, J.D. Jones and Anna Quezada.

Lindsey Rich earned a second division rating on a class 1 solo.

Texico Marshal's Office reports all quiet last week.

A lost dog has been found at the Farwell city park. For more information, call 481-9636.

The following Farwell High students made the Academic All-District varsity basketball team:

Boys - Paul Franse, Kelsey Monk, Clint Corn, and Jourdan Nichols.

Girls - Kinzi Woods, Kacey Gast, Ashley Crawford, Megan Miller, Marni Lunsford, Chelsi Kaltwasser, Lisa Herington, Ramsey Bennett, and Britney Hunt.

Texico and Farwell schools are on spring break next week.

The Farwell Class of 1974 will have its 25th anniversary bash at Border Town Days this year.

BTD is always the last Saturday in July.

Organizers of the 1974 reunion need classmates' current addresses to get all the information.

Please contact Jaquetta (Crook) Walterscheid, PO Box 1043, Farwell, TX 79325.

The phone is (806) 481-9319. The e-mail address is: Plantspeculair@hotmail.com.

Mrs. Walterscheid said Kevin Hardage and his band will entertain.

The Texico-Farwell Lions Club elected officers on Tuesday. They are:

Hal Helton, president; Mike Pomper, vice president; Dr. Nancy Chasteen, secretary-treasurer; Donna Ratke, Lion tamer; John McGimpsey, Tail Twister; and Becky Landrum, membership chairperson.

Board members are Dutch

Quickel, Bill Whitesides and Willie Roberts.

The club discussed fundraisers.

Lions Whitesides and Pat Howard will plan a trap shoot for April.

Mrs. Ratke is in charge of a committee to plan a combined broom and garage sale for May.

Signups for Muleshoe Little League will be held March 25 at the junior high gym from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$25 per player.

It's for kids in kindergarten through 12 years of age.

There have been several changes so please contact Cliff Black, league president, at 262-5352 days or 272-5109 evenings.

A major change is that out of town teams no longer

can play in the Minor and Major League Divisions, but kids from other communities can play as part of the league's local teams.

The Twin Cities and surrounding region received about two-tenths of an inch of rain last weekend.

Small pea-size hail fell late Friday night along with the rain and stayed on the ground late into the day Saturday.

The results of the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication vote will be tabulated and announced about March 22 according to officials at the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

March 12 was the deadline for area cotton farmers to place their ballot for or against the Boll Weevil Eradication program that has been proposed zone that includes Parmer County.

The murder trial for Michael Treadway, 20, of Farwell has been rescheduled.

According to the Curry County District Attorney's office, the tentative date for the month long trial will now be in October in Portales.

Treadway is charged with first degree murder and other charges in connection with the shooting death in December 1997 of Texico Play-orama owner Red Prather, of Farwell.

Prather was killed during a robbery at the Play-orama according to area police.

Mayor Jimmie Mace has spent a great deal of volunteer time recently on the upgrading at the Farwell Community Center.

His carpentry skills are very much appreciated.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Bidders

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) new Motor Grader for use in Precinct #2. Bids must be bought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 12, 1999, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's office.

The equipment to be considered on trade-in is one (1) 1996 Caterpillar 140H Serial Number 0887.

Bids must reflect the total cost of the equipment.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.
Bonnie J. Clayton
County Judge

Notice of Sale of Surplus Property

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently offering for sale one (1) 1990 Dodge Mini-Van and one (1) IBM 425 SX computer.

Sealed offers may be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 12, 1999, at which time all offers will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your offer packet.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edna Joyce White, Deceased, were issued on February 25, 1999, in Cause No. 2351, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Sandra Hudson.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is Lazbuddie, Parmer County, Texas. The post office address is:

c/o Kathryn H. Gurley
Attorney at Law
701 Main Street
P.O. Box 729
Friona, Texas 79035

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

Dated the 26th day of February 1999.

Kathryn H. Gurley
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By Kathryn H. Gurley
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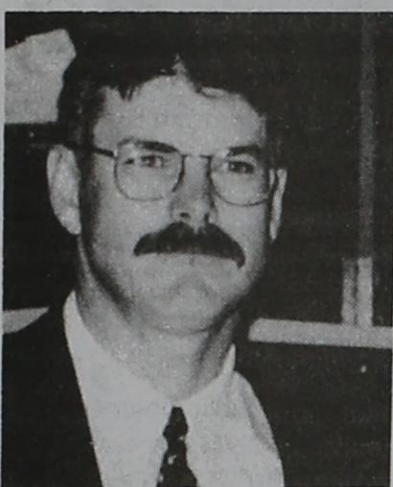
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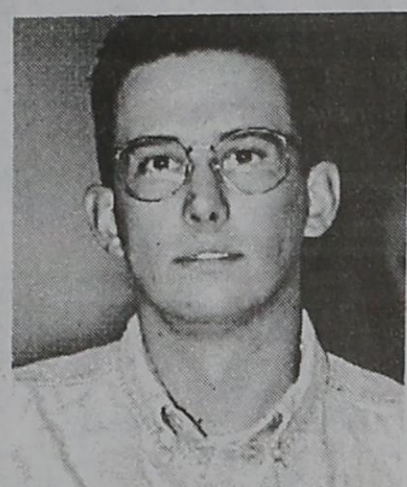
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Wayne Pierson

WTRT Cooperative to elect directors

The 45th annual meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be on March 23 at the Hereford Bull Barn, with registration and a catered dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m.

Three directors will be elected. Candidates are:

Oklahoma Lane exchange -- Wayne Pierson and incumbent Charles Christian.

Summerfield exchange -- David Euler and incumbent J.B. Noland.

Frio exchange -- Tommy Sparkman and incumbent Pat Robbins.

Christian was first appointed to the board in 1995 to serve out the term of the late Billy Mayfield. He was elected to his first full term on the board in 1996.

Christian is a Farwell High graduate and received a bachelor's degree in ag economics from Texas Tech University. He returned to Oklahoma Lane in 1984 to enter into a farming partnership. He was named the Farwell Chamber of Commerce's Agriculturalist of the Year in 1995.

He is a member of the Farwell School and past president of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club. He has served on the Parmer County Stock Show Board and the Parmer County Appraisal Board.

He and his wife, Sheryl, have three children and are members of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

Pierson is the son of Steve and Bobbie Pierson. He is a Farwell High graduate and received a bachelor's degree in entomology from Texas A&M University. He received a master's degree in agronomy from West Texas A&M and is employed as a sales representative with Wilbur Ellis at Clay's Corner.

Pierson is a certified crop advisor, and is a youth leader at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. He and his wife, Jo, have a daughter.

Farwell, Lazbuddie golfers compete

Farwell and Lazbuddie girls' golfers entered the Farwell Golf Invitational on Tuesday.

The Farwell Blue team was 3rd with 447: Lisa Herington, 100; Jessica Lusk, 125; Jade Mahaney, 120; Chelsi Kaltwasser, 111, and Jessica Chandler, 116.

The Farwell White team was 5th with 487: Nicole Stout, 118; Marni Lunsford, 112; Cassie Street, 143, and Leesa Patterson, 114.

Lazbuddie was 7th with 500: Desirae Brakebill, 124; Jill Hodges, 126; Holly

Engelking, 127; Rachel Rodriguez, 127, and Savannah Black, 123.

Fire Calls

Texico firemen were called to 520 Turner St. on March 11 for a gas leak. They took care of the problem.

On the 16th, they had two calls.

They assisted Pleasant Hill firement with a grass fire 29 miles north of town.

They were called to a vehicle rollover at Highway 108 and County Road 523, and took a person to Clovis hospital.

On the 17th, they transported a person to Clovis hospital from 517 S. Florence.

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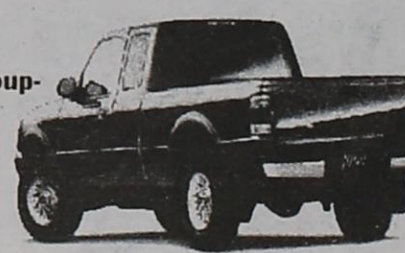
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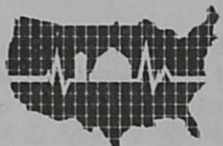
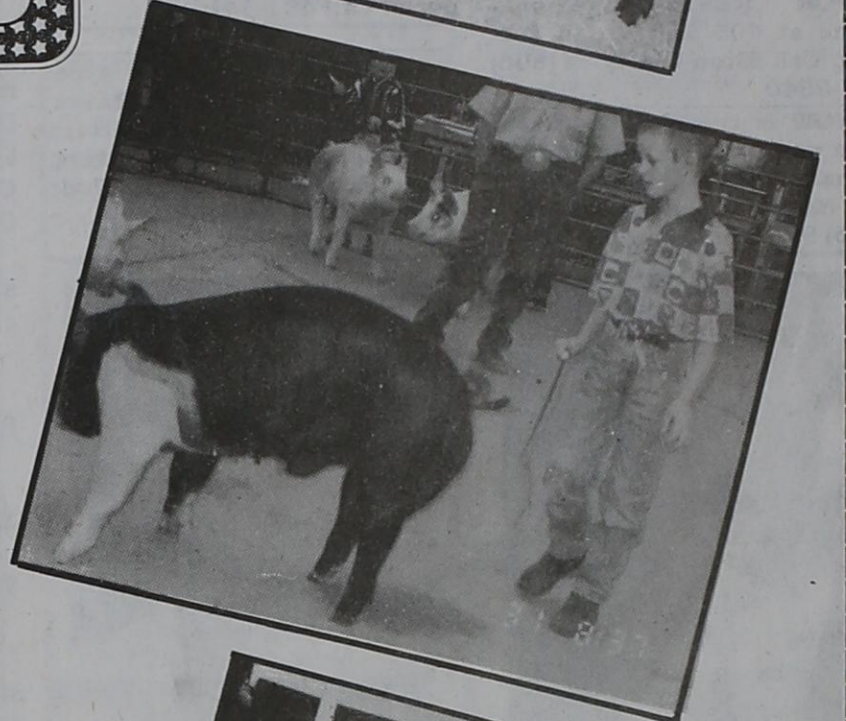
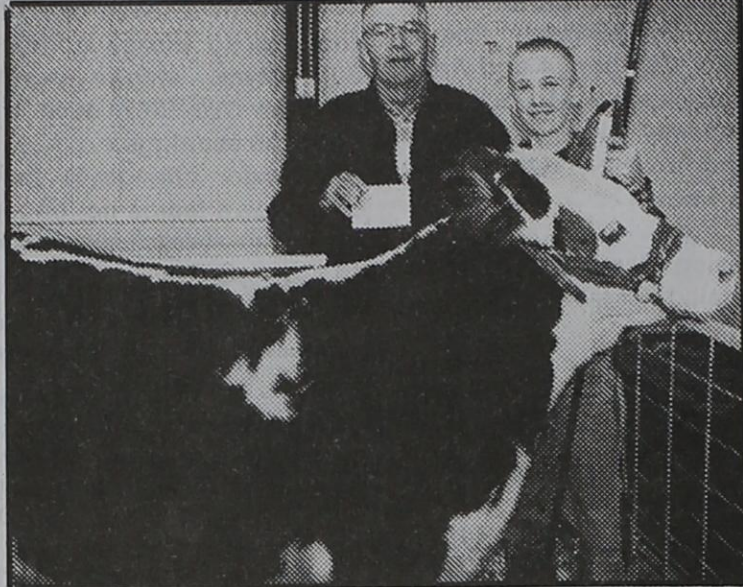
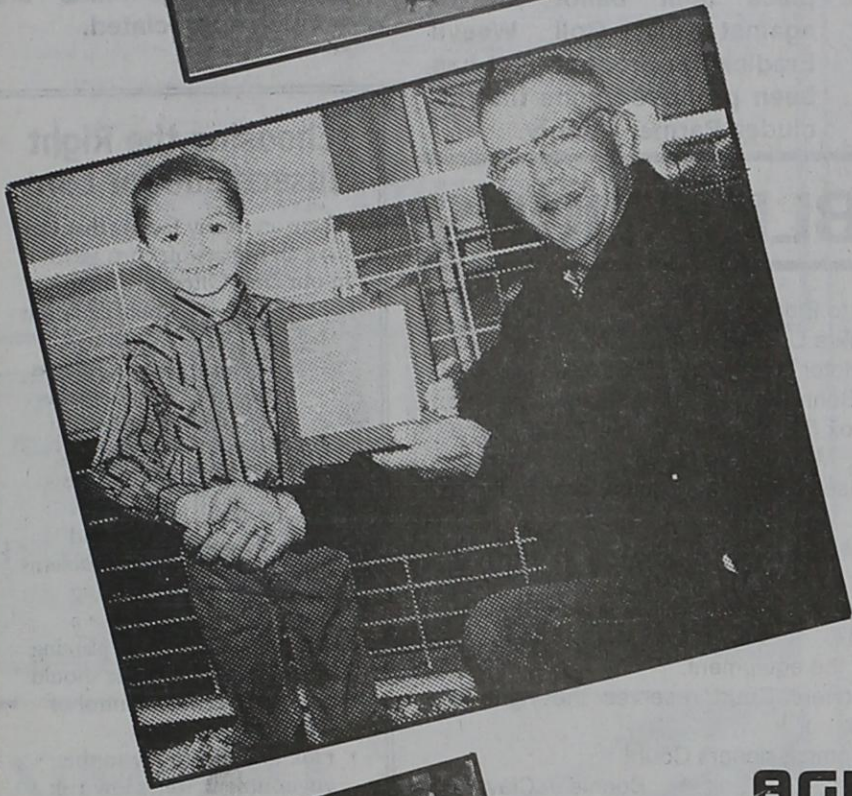
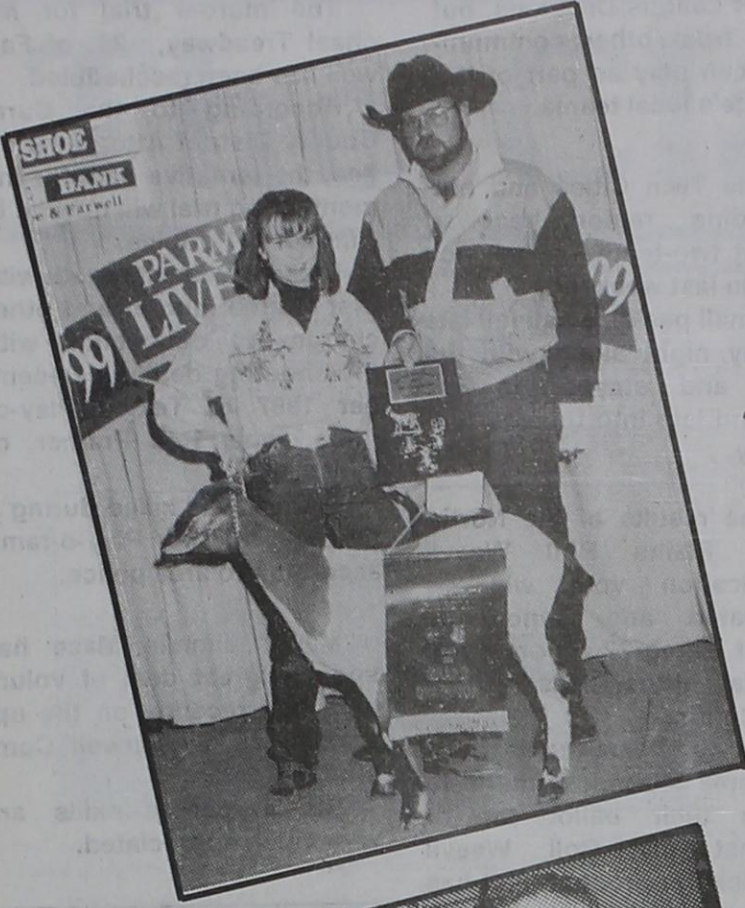


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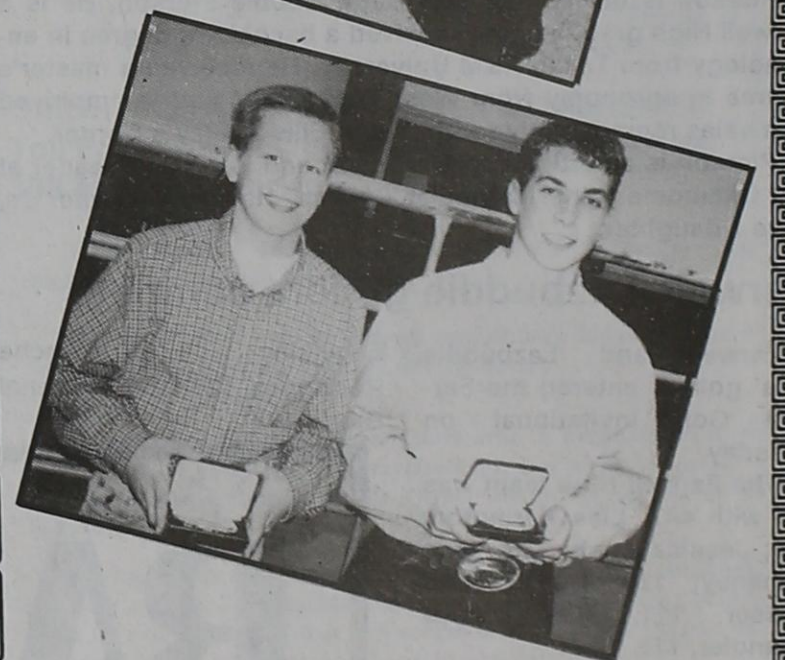
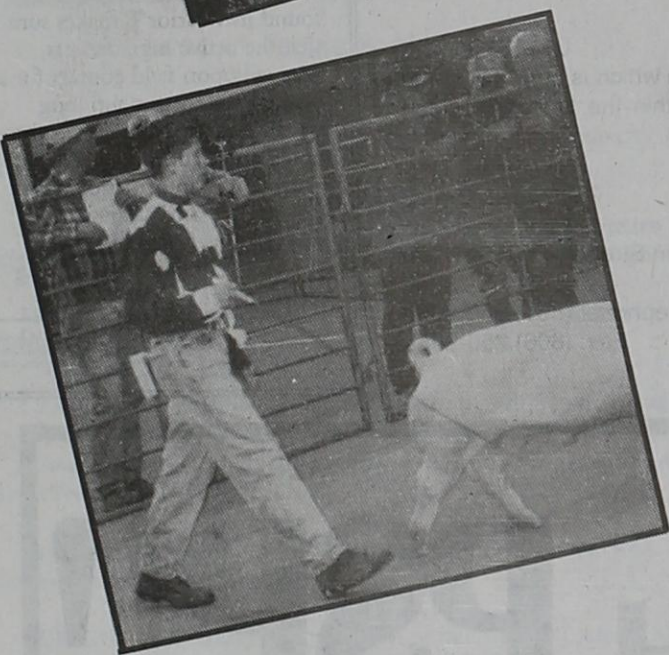
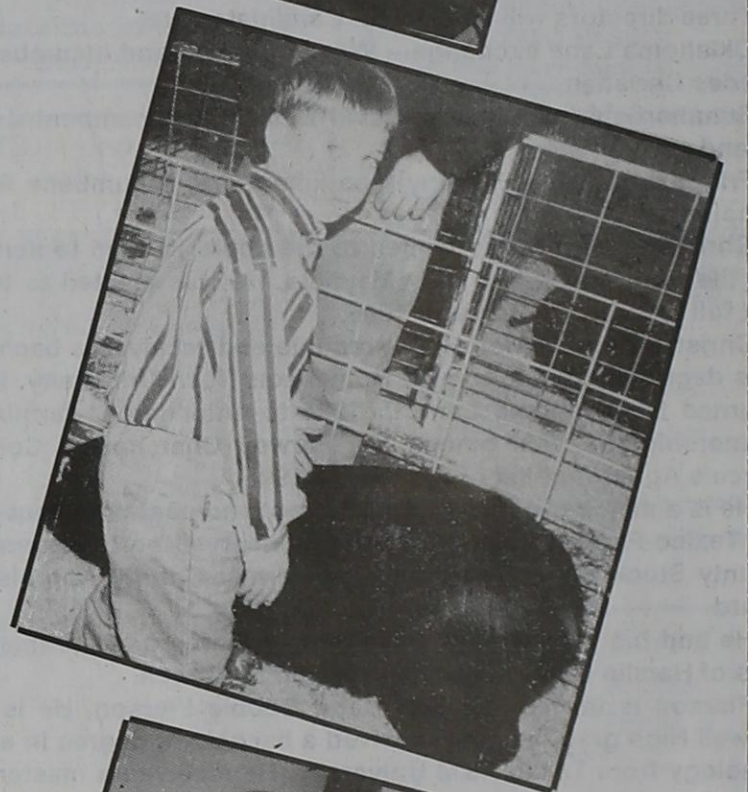
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