Bear in review

Here's a look back at 2003 in the Twin Cities area:

January

Winners at the Farwell Junior Livestock Show included Matt Billingsley, Ryan DeLeon and Khallie Foster.

Robbie Williams became president of the Farwell Convalescent Center ladies Aux-

Gallery Fifteen opened in the Ruby's Antiques building in Texico.

Mexico state prison on sex charges involving a high school student.

The Texico City Council appointed a cemetery board, headed by Margie Crooks. The board worked hard during the year to upgrade the cemetery.

A jail construction manager was picked by the Parmer County Commissioners for

the proposed Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Former Farwell School teacher Bryan Goldsmith was sentenced to six years in New

The Texico FFA teams won the parliamentary procedure contests at state.

Farwell Boot, Shoe and Saddle Repair opened.

Winners at the Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show included Kayla Parham, Lakota Goe and Logan Mason.

The Farwell Lady Blue earned a state playoff spot.

The Texico City Council voted to build a new city hall. Winners at the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show included Matt Billingsley,

Keith Hunt, Brittany Berend and Kayla Parham. February

Jim Pena won a seat on the Texico School Board.

Fifty-five issues of the Texico-Farwell News, a newspaper that was published from 1916 to 1920, were found in the basement of the Ruby's Antiques building.

The Farwell Lady Blue lost in the state playoff first round to Whiteface, 45-41.

The Parmer County Commissioners moved on the new law enforcement project, setting a meeting to offer up to \$3.2 million in bonds.

New Texas regulations were announced, indicating that the dog pound in Farwell would be needed to be closed within two years unless very costly improvements were

Picked as Texico Homecoming King and Queen were Landon Johnson and Jayia Walls.

A fatal accident occurred on County Road 1, just south of Farwell. A car passenger, Raul Carmargo, died.

Clayton beat the Texico Lady Wolverines in the first round of the district tourney. The way Parmer County's 911 system handled the death of Skip Magby of Lazbud-

die was a source of controversy.

March

David Norton's farm took a 2nd place in the ridge till irrigated division of the National Corn Growers Association annual competition. Irene Jones was honored for more than 10 years of service to St. John Lutheran

Church at Lariat.

Levi Richards and Brittany Anderson showed the grand champions at the Texico

Nikki Gober set a Farwell School record in the triple jump.

The Texico Wolverines fell in the state basketball regional to Hope Christian.

The Parmer County Commissioners approved a new county jail and the method in which to finance it. A 49-bed facility was approved.

An outside agency was requested to investigate how the Parmer County 911 emergency response system worked regarding several Lazbuddie area complaints. Later, the agency asked to do this said it was unable to.

Lazbuddie High football coach Joe Branham resigned.

Suzanne Mason, of Lazbuddie, exhibited the champion spot at the junior market barrow show at Houston.

The First Baptist Church of Farwell celebrated its 50th anniversary, with several for-

mer pastors returning for the ceremony.

April

Singer Janet Denton would be the featured entertainer at the annual Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet, it was announced.

Due to money shortfalls, the Texico School Board made cutbacks, eliminating three teaching positions.

Lazbuddie High won its district UIL academic meet. The Texico Wolverines opened their baseball season. The program was begun this

year after being dormant for decades.

Piazza's Art Furniture opened in the Ruby's Antiques building in Texico. Texico's FFA chapter won the state Production Sweepstakes Award.

Farwell's boys' golf team won the district championship. They finished 5th at regionals.

The Farwell High Student Council collected items to send U.S. troops serving in

Farwell Chamber of Commerce honors went to: Meagan Norton and Lonnie McFar-

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Here come the livestock shows

The 38th annual Farwell Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Farwell Community Center starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Farwell staffers, 4-H and FFA students and their parents will set up pens and make arrangements for the show at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, said Farwell ag teacher Jon Cullison.

Weights on all animals must be turned in at the community center on Saturday morning before 10

It used to be that signups took place at the extension service office the day before. But this was changed to the center for signups last year, and will continue this year.

Judge for the event will be Robert Devin, a retired Randall County extension agent.

Cullison expects a good number of goats, pigs, lambs and steers to be entered again this

awarded, plus belt buckles will be given to the champions and showmanship winners.

Veteran Robert White will again serve as ring steward, and Fred Chandler will again serve as master of ceremonies. The Farwell 4-H will

preside over the concession stand.

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Friona Community Center.

Danny Underwood, of Dimmitt, will be the judge, just as he was last year.

Parmer County Extension Agent said the Friona Junior Livestock Show will begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Friona Community Center.

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 28-31 at the Friona Community Center.

Judges will be: Steve Bradshaw, barrows; Billy Labrier, lambs and goats; and Mike Mimms, cattle.

Hill said he expects about 30 goats, 75 sheep, 10 steers and 200 barrows to be shown at the county show this year.

Here is the complete schedule:

Wednesday, Jan. 28: 1 to 5 p.m., weight-in of all animals - barrows to be classified as weighed; 5 p.m., classify steers; 5:30 p.m., classify lambs.

Thursday, Jan. 29: 8 a.m., lamb show starts, followed by goat show; 11 a.m., steer show; and 1 p.m., barrow show.

Saturday, Jan. 31: 1 p.m., premium sale.

The Parmer County Stock Show Board Advisory Committee includes Michael DeLeon, Ken Foster, Farwell; Don Bandy, Rick Jamerson, Bovina; Jimmy Dale Seaton, Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie; and Clay Hurst, Johnny Tannahill, Friona.

Stock show board members are:

Farwell - Jon Cullison, Samuel Billingsley, Keith Hadley, Mark Logan.

Bovina - Lawrence Widner, Brandt Delaney, Joe Steelman.

Lazbuddie Terry Jesko, Donald Gillit, Ed Terry, Shane Mason. Friona - Davy Carthel,

Paul Smith, Chris Hunt, Jody Luellen. County 4-H: Terry Copley, Lesley Curtis, Cody

Hill, Sean Mason, Al Kerby Jr. Stock show officials are:

Mack Heald, general superintendent.

JeDon Gallman, assistant general superintendent. Darren Haseloff, swine

superintendent. Kevin Schueler, lamb

and goat superintendent.

Mac Langford, cattle superintendent.

Officers: JeDon Gallman, president; John Jarecki, vice president; Gary Patterson, secretary; and Alan Monroe and Dale Schueler, treasurers.

Forty percent of each class will sell up to a total of about 140 head.

The stock show board will keep 1 1/2 percent of the selling price of all animals for repair and improvement of stock show facilities.

Premium on animals will be by the head.

Animals must be present at the premium sale to be eligible for the premium auction.

Me a businessman? That's a laugh

I trust you and your families had a Merry Christmas, and are looking forward to a Happy New Year.

I fall into that category and trust you do, also. I have a tendency to re-

flect back on things as a year draws to a close. In a word, I'm a "busi-

nessman." That always cracks me

up since folks who know me well know that I really am not. If it weren't for the

bankrupt years ago. You see, I view myself as a reporter, a newspaperman. I don't see myself

good Lord taking care of

me, I would have gone

as a business "owner." Money has always been a major weakness for me since I've never "gotten into it." Just ask my CPA, Jack Kirkland, and he can testify to my dumbness. Fortunately, I have a wonderful CPA I can trust.

Anyway, I still see myself as a simple reporter, trying to put news in the Tribune each week.

As a "businessman" I



admit to being soft as a bowl of Jello. As I like to say, I'm the "President, CEO and the ... Janitor" of the Tribune. You pick the right order.

I've been in the Twin Cities going on 20 years coming up soon. My sincere hope is that I have treated folks I do business with well.

Having dealt with lots of businesses (and exbusinesses) over years, I have found out that some "businessmen" are not ethical. And some have done stuff that I just' shake my head at. It's beyond my comprehension.

I always wonder how folks can be mean, be deceitful, be the type that has been for the Dallas cheats folks.

How are these folks going to answer to God's judgment when their time comes? What are they thinking?

But does that make me perfect? Ha! Not in a heartbeat. I mess up all the time, so I cannot ever cast the first stone.

I get passionate about some things. I hate it when I see someone doing something wrong to a friend, for example. It bugs the heck out of me.

Yes, I know the old caveat, "let the buyer beware." But in this day and age, it's easy for scams to happen. You have to keep on your toes all the time not to be taken advantage of by unscrupulous folks.

So when I look back on the folks I have had dealings with since I arrived here in 1984, I hope you feel that I have been fair and square with you. I'll never be a rich man,

nor do I wish to be. I just want to continue to be the simple man I am, a reporter, who can say that he tries to treat others as he would have them treat

What a great season it Cowboys.

By the way, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Crawford were given the tickets by T.J. Kittrell to attend the Cowboys-New York Giants

game at Texas Stadium, and reported having a great time.

Kittrell won the Cowboys package in the an-Merchants nual Area Football Contest.

Anyway, I really have enjoyed seeing the Cowboys' success -- and all due to Coach Bill Parcells.

He took an average team, which has been 5-11 for three straight years, and gotten them into the playoffs.

Wow! And he did it with a

team that really lacks a (Continued on Page 4)

Coloring contest conducted

It was another tough State Line Tribune coloring contest to judge with many excellent entries.

Winners in each age category got \$15, with the runnerup getting \$10.

Cash recipients were:

10-12 ages: 1st, Ashlee Howard; 2nd, Victor Parra. 7-9 ages: 1st, Lauren Carpenter; 2nd, Kristin

4-6 ages: 1st, Madison Griswold; tie for 2nd, Katy Carpenter and Edie White.

Texico Council okays employee drug-test policy

The Texico City Council on Dec. 23 approved a drugtesting policy for city employees.

Initially, all employees will be tested. After that, "safety sensitive position" employees will be tested at

City Clerk Teresa Harth asked if this will include lifeguards, and city attorney Marion Ty Rutter replied affirmatively.

In other business, the council:

-- Heard Mrs. Harth report on state co-op funds for street projects and that she has designated Hereford Street from Highway 108 to Garwood for curbs and gutters. The council approved this.

-- Discussed the proposed ordinance prohibiting heavy trucks in the city's residential areas. The Tribune has been publicizing this so that all residents would be aware of it, including being the top story on Page 1 two issues ago.

A public hearing was held in November on the proposal, but no residents attended.

Mrs. Harth said she has received no comments about the proposed ordinance, and that city building inspector Terry Martin has not received any, either.

Councilman Oran Jay Autrey noted a problem with folks who park more than one truck on their private property (this is allowed if a permit is received). He estimated about 7 or 8 trucks are kept in the city, but this number rises to 15 to 25 during harvest seasons.

Martin was not at the meeting so the proposed ordinance was tabled until he can make some wording

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land, Students of the Year; Gretchen Montgomery, Teacher of the Year; Mark in July. Schwertner, Agriculturalist of the Year; Cindy Patterson, Woman of the Year; and Mack Heald, Man of the Year.

Texico's Christina Clark set EPAC records in the discus and javelin throws.

A suspected meth lab was raided by police in Texico.

Brette Hadley and Lori Richardson won the top honors at the annual Texico FFA tion District. banquet.

In school board elections, Paulette Foster joined the Lazbuddie School Board and Randy Mitchell joined the Farwell School Board.

Valedictorians at area schools were Andy Martin, Lazbuddie; Cherry Mayfield, Texico, and Lonnie McFarland, Farwell.

First grade teacher Reta Dunsworth retired from Texico School.

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club gave Paul Harris Fellowships to Ronald Byrd, Tom Nichols and Jerry Monk.

Named Farwell High's top athletes were Nikki Gober and Cale Stevenson.

Terry Jesko was elected Lazbuddie School Board president. Dru Mayfield and Bryce Bailey were named Texico High's top athletes.

John Mares was appointed Texico police chief, following the resignation of Kelley

Brophy, who took a job with a California computer company. Weldon Killough resigned as Farwell High principal, and was replaced by Gary

After a meeting between Parmer County EMS agencies and the Panhandle Regional

Planning Commission's Pam Nielsen, improvements were made in the county's 911 emergency response system.

A capital murder charge was placed against a Dumas, Texas, man, in the death of a Friona police officer who was run down by a vehicle. Jourdan Kirkland was named Farwell Junior High valedictorian, and Buddy Jorde

was named Texico Junior High valedictorian.

Tobin Redwine and Shonnah Black were named Lazbuddie High's top athletes. Bryn Mayfield and Justin Garrison were named Texico Junior High's top athletes.

Zane Johnson received the top Farwell High FFA honor at its annual banquet. Tobin Redwine Bryce Haney, Kelli Harris and Melanie Winders received the top Lazbuddie High FFA awards.

The Farwell City Council hired a part-time animal control officer.

Homemaker, and her son, Landon, won 1st place in the SWCD poster contest. Amberlee Steinbock and Chase Timms were named Lazbuddie Junior High Stu-

dents of the Year. The owners of George's Gold Strike, an 8-liner business in Farwell, accepted a plea

agreement in Parmer County Court.

Lonnie McFarland won Farwell High's Loving Cup; Meagan Norton received the

Carlos Nicolas award. Lorre Haseloff was named Girl of the Year by ESA Sorority.

The "Jane Doe" lawsuit filed against Farwell School, involving former teacher Bryan Goldsmith, was settled out of court. The plaintiffs received \$500,000.

Robert Smith resigned as a Lazbuddie School Board member.

A reception was held for new Lazbuddie School Supt. Roy Baker and his wife, Oleta. The cost for the new Parmer County law enforcement center came in at \$3.1 million. It was announced that famous vocalist Suzy Gayle would perform at Border Town

Statistics showed that Parmer County ground water levels continued to decline.

A proposal to turn the former Westerner Motel into apartment units was opposed by residents attending a Texico City Council meeting. The variance proposal was rejected

State senate race is on

Parmer County will crat. have a special election on

Gov. Rick Perry has set the date to fill the Senate District 31 post recently vacated by state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Bivins was named by President Bush to be U.S. ambassador to Sweden.

Seven candidates filed for Bivins' post by the deadline. Six are Republicans and one is a Demo-

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Parmer and Bailey counties are in District 31. The Democrat filing is

Elaine Miller. Republicans are Bob

Barnes, Kirk Edwards, Gibson, Jesse Quackenbush, Kel Seliger and Don Sparks.

The five polling places in Parmer County will be:

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church; Calvary Baptist Church, Friona; Farwell Community Center; Lazbuddie School; and EMS building, Bovina.

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Lazbuddie School cutbacks were made to keep the budget in the black.

July

Farwell Schools addressed its shortfalls with various cutbacks being made. Preparations for Border Town Days included a Farwell Band Camp.

Dale Gober resigned from the board of High Plains Underground Water Conserva-

Lazbuddie's Tobin Redwine was named Texico FFA president.

Former teachers Lucille Franse, Farwell, and Ann Liethen, Texico, were honorary parade marshals at the 37th annual Border Town Days. The celebration was highlighted by the appearance of country music stars Amy Grant and Vince Gill, who later performed a special show to raise money for Farwell High scholarships.

August

A novel, "Liar", was published based on Parmer County's most heinous murders in the 1920s of the Hassell family.

Texico and Farwell Schools reported higher first-day enrollments, but Lazbuddie's

The Texico City Council approved a water rake hike.

Sarah Herington won the "I Dare You" award at the Parmer County 4-H honors ban-

September

Lazbuddie Schools changed their lunchroom policies for high school and junior high students to eat at the same time.

The Farwell City Council kept its tax rate unchanged.

Remodeling of some Texico classrooms was announced thanks to a \$200,000 state

Named Farwell Homecoming King and Queen were Cale Stevenson and Nikki Go-

Curtis Williams showed the grand champion swine at the New Mexico State Fair. Parmer County's tax rate went up, partially to help pay for the new county jail. Rob Martin and Katy Loudder were named Homecoming King and Queen at

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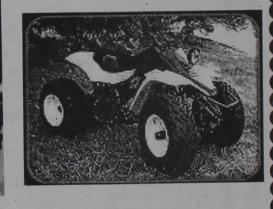
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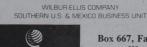
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Banter-(Continued from Page 1) good running back. And Parcells' history has been to build teams around a strong running game.

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Yes, the Cowboys have some strengths -- excel-

Obituaries

Gladys Hardage

Services for Gladys Hardage, 88, of Farwell, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Farwell, with Rev. Randy Mullin officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Terrace Cemetery.

She died Sunday at Muleshoe Area Medical

She was born May 18, 1915, in Alba Wood County, Texas. She married Hardy Hardage in Clovis on Dec. 16, 1933. He died in October 1977.

She also was preceded in death by her parents

and a brother. She moved to Parmer County from Claunch, N.M., in 1929. She was a homemaker, member of the First Baptist Church of Farwell, past member of the Farwell Convales-Center Auxiliary, past president of the Farwell Study Club, past president of the Oklahoma Lane Home Demonstration Club, and member of the senior adult board of Lanos Altos Camp in Floydada.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Elva Warren

Services for Elva Marie Warren, 89, of Texico, were held on Saturday at High Plains **Baptist** Church in Clovis. Burial was in the City Lubbock Cemetery.

She died Dec. 24 at the Ranch Retirement Clovis.

She was born Aug. 23, 1914, in Indianola, Okla., to G.W. and Cordia Mays.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Drew; a brother, Carl Mays; a sister, Flossie Pierce; and a son, Drew Larry Warren.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn, of Texico; 6 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons Dane Warren, Chet Burrows, Bret Burrows and great-grandsons Spencer Kube, Tanner Kube and Hoyt Burrows.

Memorial contributions may be made to the High Plains Baptist Church missionary fund.

lent linebackers, strong against the run, good defensive secondary.

a lot to be desired, although Greg Ellis came on strong toward the end of the season. And on offense, they went with an inexperi-

enced quarterback who had no running game to augment him.

Next year, when the Cowboys have a good running back (either through trade, agency or the draft), you will see a much-improved Quincy Carter at QB. A lot of the pressure will be

Lady Blue, Steers lose

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers opened play on Monday in the Littlefield Tourney with a 48-38 loss to Abernathy.

The cold-shooting Steers were led by Jason Johnson, 9: Robbie Tabb and Cale Stevenson, 2 each; Tyler Myers, 5; Grant Gregory, 3; Jeremie Chandler and Tate Nichols, 8 each, and Daniel Kaltwasser, 1.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue lost in the tourney opener to River Road, 58-38.

Scoring were Bea Garcia and Nikki Gober, 2 each; Kyra Christian, 3; **Britton Barrett and Khallie** Foster, 4 each; Micah Christian, 6; Chelsea Meyer, 10; and Hailey Grimes, 7.

Farwell

Monday - chicken nuggets with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Tuesday cheeseburger, LTOP, french fries, chocolate pudding with topping, milk. Wednesday - tamales

with salsa, pinto beans, taco salad, cornbread, fruit, milk. pizza, Tharsday.

tossed salad, corn on cob, cake with chocolate icing, peaches, milk.

Friday - BBQ on bun, french fries, dill pickles, apple cobbler, milk.

Texico

Wednesday - chalupas with cheese, corn, fruit, Thursday - hamburg-

ers, french fries, pickle, fruit, milk. Friday - pizza, tater

tots, fruit, cake, milk.

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Texico Branch

Meet Texico's Class of 2016



Rafael Maldonado, a Texico kindergartener, has a July 16 birthday. His mother is Sanjuana Maldonado.

Siblings are Emanuel, Nora and Diana. Grandparents are Antonio Landin and Ma. Luisa Govea. He likes to help him mom. His fa-

vorite color is white. His favorite food

He doesn't like play.

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taken off him.

Against New Orleans last Sunday, he had to throw 47 passes. That's But their pass rush left too many and gives the

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County

sheriff Randy Geries: On Dec. 24, Susana Lopez, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a Dallas County warrant. She posted bond and was released.

On Dec. 25, Carlos Reyes, 25, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on charges of tampering with government records and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Both charges are pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 25, Claudio Trujillo, 17, of Amarillo, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Case pending in county

On Dec. 26, Katy Loudder, 18, of Dimmitt, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

Texico Police Report

Texico Police Chief John Mares reports a home burglary occurred on Dec. 22 in the 800 block of Avenue F.

Taken were jewelry, video items, watches, etc.

Also, on Dec. 21, a shed in the 200 block of Anderson Street was broken into, and tires were stolen.

team a one-dimensional attack. That doesn't work in the NFL.

So I give Carter a lot of credit for doing as well as he did, knowing the defenses were stacked against the pass.

Yes, I hope the Cow-

boys have success in the

playoffs, but they are not

strong enough to make it

created a strong founda-

the helm, a Super Bowl

That's okay. They have

And with Parcells at

to the Super Bowl.

tion for the future.

could be down the road...

Parmer County is now down to two newspapers. For the past many years, the Friona Star has also been publishing the Bovina Blade.

Friona Star publisher Ron Carr announced last week that the Blade would be dropped.

Rumor of the Week: Ask Hal Helton about the rumor that he has "gone to the dogs."

Lady 'Horns fall to Vega

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns fell to Vega on Monday, 41-35.

Scoring were Shawndee Nichols, 12; Kayla Parham, 8; Melanie Winders, 5; Shonnah Black, 4; Bethenie Sanchez, Susie Juarez, 1; and Kyra Kimbrough, 3.

The varsity boys team did not play.

***** AUCTION CALENDAR

Saturday---January 10, 2004-- Sale Time: 10:00 A.M. Jay Vaughn Farms—Owners Located: Lubbock, Texas -Selling: Farm Equipment & Real Estate

Thursday - January 15, 2004-Sale Time: 10:00 A.M. Ramming Farms—Owners Located: White Deer, Texas -Selling: Farm & Livestock Equipment

Saturday-January 17, 2004-Sale Time: 10:00 A.M.

Sheriff of Parmer Co. & Area Farmers Located: Friona, Texas—Selling: Farm & Livestock Equipment Tuesday-January 20, 2004-Sale Time: 10:00 A.M.

Melvin Lloyd-Owner

Located: Floydada, Texas-Selling: Farm & Livestock Equipment Thursday- January 22, 2004—Sale Time: 10:00 A.M. O.C. Campbell, Inc. & Neighbors—Owner

Located: From Hart, Texas-Selling: Farm Equipment Saturday-January 31, 2004-Sale Time: 10:00 A.M. Mark Welch & Rick Bagwell & Neighbors—Owners Located: Dimmitt, Texas-Selling: Farm & Livestock Equipment

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The Texico JV and varsity teams head to Jal on Jan. 3, then the varsity teams enter the EPAC Tourney, which Texico hosts this year Jan. 6-10.

The Farwell varsity and JV teams host Whiteface on Jan. 2. The JV Boys then enter the Nazareth tourney on Jan. 3. And then the Steers and Lady Blue play at Tulia on Jan. 6. And the JV Boys and Girls play in the Whiteface JV Tourney Jan. 8-10.

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Lazbuddie School.

Daniel Otero, employed at the Farwell Medical Clinic, was named Physician's Assistant of the Year in New Mexico.

Higher taxes in New Mexico on cigarettes began bringing lots of folks across the state line to buy their smokes in Farwell.

The Farwell City Council okayed a sprinkler system for the city park.

The Texico City Council approved funding electrical lines to the new cemetery well. 21-6. It was Texico's fourth state title. Farwell High graduate Cody Monk penned a biography of baseball player Alfonso

Lazbuddie's robotics team advanced to the state contest after receiving a 1st place Best Tam honor at the regionals.

November

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce sponsored its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Farwell City Park, with a record crowd present.

Farwell Hardware announced its 50th anniversary.

Farwell's Ralph Franse went on a mission trip to South America.

Texico's FFA teams excelled at the nationals in Louisville, Ky.

Texico's City Council voted to put a hike in the gross receipts tax on next year's and the Texico Wolverines. election ballot.

The Latest

Jan. 6 is the date for candidates for the Texico City Council to file at the city clerk's office in Texico.

The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. mt.

Two council posts will be on the ballot. Incumbents are Sharon Askew and Doug Scioli.

The terms are for four years.

The election will be

held on March 2.

Dolly Villarreal, the Farwell High former School secretary living in Edinburg, Texas, stopped by the Tribune last week to renew her newspaper subscription.

With her were her two children, Eddie Jr., a high school junior, and Sarah, a college sophomore.

Dolly works in a law office in Edinburg. She said "hi" to all her friends

here.

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Rob Hollis - - minister

Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt

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Church of Farwell Jim Peabody - minister Rev. Randy Mullin -- pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. mt

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Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer San Jose Catholic

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Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon mt

Religious Education - 1:15 --

David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.

New Light Baptist Church

Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.

Phillip Steyn -- minister Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.

2:15 p.m.

Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m. Assembly of God Church, Farwell Church of Christ Texico

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(Continued from Page 2) Texico's Lady Spikers won their district and regional titles but fell in the state quar-

The Farwell Steers football team won the Bi-District title over Wheeler but lost in the Area game to Sunray. Farwell city councilman Tim Kasel suggested a baseball facility be built for the

community. The Texico Wolverines, with a 12-0 perfect record, won the state title over Loving,

T.J. Kittrell won the Area Merchants Football Contest by a single point over runner-

sup Gary Patterson and Hal Helton.

Ron Proctor resigned as Parmer County Chief Appraiser.

December

The Texico City Council okayed a drug-testing program. New U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, who replaced Larry Combest after his retirement, came to Farwell to hold a town hall meeting. Health topics were discussed.

The Texico City Council received a proposed ordinance prohibiting heavy vehicles from the city's residential areas.

Winners of the Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament were the Happy Cowgirls

Farwell's R.C. Davis was reunited with his sister, June Cochran, after more than 58



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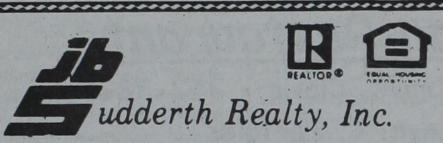
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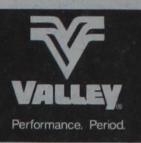
sprinkler, with 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, and quonset barn.

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Gilbreath selected

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A freshman there, she will be part of a 13member Latin American tour team that will go to Puerto Rico and the West Coast of the U.S. for two months of non-stop evangelism.

Cost is \$3,000. If you want to donate money for her, write to: ORU Music Ministries (Melissa Gilbreath), CPO Box 71-3323, 7777 S. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74171.

Melissa is the daughter of Joyce and David Kube, of Texico, and Chuck Gilbreath, of Farwell.

Preparation for the Music Ministries began in October with rehearsals, itineraries, contacts, fundministry raising and training.



Melissa Gilbreath

Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office last week issued marriage licenses

Robert Escalante and Nelida Ramos, Jose Rivera and Christy Reyes, and Santiago Ramirez and Yesica Cortina.

Fire Calls

Farwell firefighters were called out on Dec. 23 to a small fire at Lunsford's Auto Parts at 7:17

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My dad always said we live in the best place in the world and I agree. I love Farwell. I have gone a million miles telling people about Jesus. And I think my family has lived here 70 years.

But I think the worst place I have ever driven is between Lowe's Supermarket in Farwell and those trailer houses. They have wiped me out once in my car. Twice today, they did not stop at stop signs and came through to the highway, and I almost hit them.

The second problem where I live is that I have been broken into several times and had a few other times when they tried to come in at night through a window or door. They just took priceless items dad and mom gave me that can't be replaced.

Sheriff Randy Geries and his staff do an excellent job. My parents liked his parents a lot.

If I go through Texico any night, they have policemen patrolled the streets all the time. I wish we had addi-

Byrd, Haseloff file for county commissioner; **Actkinson switches to GOP**

Politics is going strong in Parmer County, with the filing dealing for this year's local elections coming up -- on Jan. 2.

Johnny Actkinson, longtime District Attorney, said, as expected, he would seek re-election. But what's news is that he will run as a Republican.

He explained this simply, noting that the Democrat Party has moved away from his point of

Four years ago, Parmer County Attorney Charles Aycock switched from the Democrats to the GOP.

On the Democrat slate, Michael Haseloff filed for the Farwell area county commissioner's post held by Ed Corn, also a Demo-

Corn has filed for reelection to a second term as expected.

The winner of the Corn-Haseloff primary race will take on Ronald Byrd in Also on the Democrat

side, Bobbie Pierson had filed for re-election as county tax assessorcollector. So far, she is unopposed.

On the GOP side, county chairman John Armstrong said Byrd filed last week.

And three candidates have filed for the GOP nomination for Friona area county commissioner -- incumbent Kirk Frye and past county commissioners Johnny Tannahill and John Mars.

Randy Geries, a Republican, is expected to file for county sheriff also. He would be unopposed for re-election.

Courthouse Notes

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

Muleshoe State Bank -Ronald Ashford, 313.48 ac tr W/2 S69 Blk H Kelly.

Alicia Camarillo - Jose Clarus, L3 B87 Original Town of Friona.

Dan Hammonds - Mike Ratke, NE/4 S27 T9S R1E.

EMS Report

The Farwell ambulance was called to 807 4th St. on Dec. 25 to make a transport to Clovis hospi-

The Farwell ambulance was also called on Dec. 23 by the Farwell Convalescent Center to make a run to the Muleshoe clinic, but no one was available, so the Texico ambulance handled it.



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Craig Hunt (former state trooper assigned to this area) would stop a lot of people on that stretch of road.

We used to tell hundreds of churches and thousands of people we were from Farwell when we testified about Jesus. Dad was mayor here for a number of years. He always said the same thing as I have written about.

Texico-

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changes in the ordinance dealing with parking on pri-

-- Called an executive session at the request of Autrey, dealing with personnel matters.

-- Heard Texico School Supt. R.L. Richards explain that with the EPAC basketball tournament being hosted here Jan. 6, 7 and 8, it will mean that some fans will have to park their vehicles on city streets. He wanted to alert the council to that. This is the first time Texico is hosting the first three

days of the EPAC Tourney, with the final two days to be held at ENMU in Portales. On Tuesday, there will be 8 games; on Wednesday, 6, and on Thursday, 8 more. Overall, 20 teams are participating. Autrey asked that school officials remind fans not to

block residents' driveways. Also, he said he spotted three cars belonging to students at a recent game that were parked in handicapped areas. Police Chief John Mares said he will be watching for this illegal activity.

-- Heard Mares withdraw his request for office furniture, citing a lack of funds.

-- Appointed city street Supt. Clarence Smith as the city's representative on the Southeast Regional Planning Organization. -- Heard Fire Chief Lewis Cooper and councilman

Doug Scioli say the fire department is considering building an administration building on the south side of the fire house (the northern one). Scioli said state funds will pay for a new building for

administration and training. This would be done instead of remodeling the firehouse. The fire department will talk with Roy and Ruby Robinson, owners of the Ruby's Antiques building, about trading some property so this will

-- Heard Mayor Jerry Cunningham ask about progress of the basketball court to be built at KKR Park, which the council had approved early last year. Mrs. Harth said former Police Chief Kelley Brophy said he would handle this, but didn't do it.

The city has \$8,100 in its recreation budget, reported Mrs. Harth. The money is not currently budgeted for the basketball court but could be transferred for it, she added.

Autrey estimated that a half-court could be built for under \$6,000. Also, lighting would be needed. Plans call for the court to be built at the park near the new city hall facility.

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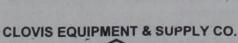


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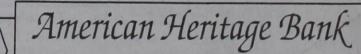
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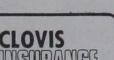




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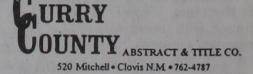
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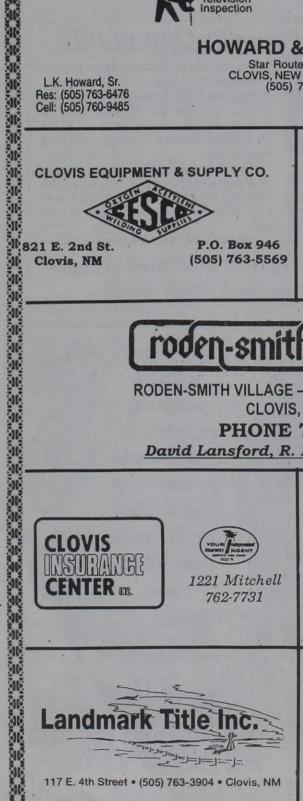
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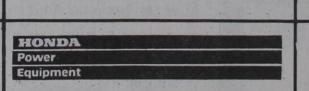








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