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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Here's a look back at our area's happenings in 2006:

### January

Winds fanned a burrs' blaze at Parmer County Cotton Growers gin.

Bovina Schools learned that a parent had complained to the U.S. Office of Civil Rights about the sports program -- a baseball program for boys had been added, but no girls' program had been added. Later in the year, the feds ruled in the school's favor.

Taking top honors at the Farwell stock show were Roper Ledbetter, Hayden Hadley, Tyler Cullison, Ray White and Lincoln Devault.

Farwell okayed a burn ban due to the lingering drought.

Taking top awards at the Lazbuddie stock show were Ryan Mason, Austin Mason, Ashton Mason and Jarrod Jesko.

Parmer County stock show champions were Jennifer DeLeon, Jason Berend, Logan Mason and Ryan Mason.

### February

Parmer County's historical society schedules the county's 100th birthday gala for May 2007 in Farwell.

Former longtime Farwell attorney Hurshel Harding died.

Bovina football coach Kent Torbert says he is leaving to take a job at Lamesa High.

Chris Bass placed first in a nationwide crop contest for 2nd straight year.

Bovina city council agreed to a buy-out with former city engineering firm Oller & Associates for work done.

Caiden Thomas and Fallon Scanlan were Texico Science Fair grand champions.

Farwell High qualified four students for the state debate contest -- Jon Beaubien, Jourdan Kirkland, Lauren Beaubien and Blake O'Hare. The team of Beaubien and Kirkland took 3rd at state in March.

Parmer County was sued over the death of Phillip Griggs Jr., an inmate at the county jail. He was found hanging from his cell bars.

### March

Bovina Chamber of Commerce honors went to Leticia Martinez, Educator of Year; Michael Ortiz and Irma Rocha, Students of Year; Deanna Curtis, Woman of Year; Andy Garza, Man of Year; and Earl and Norma Whitten, Heritage Award winners.

Farwell Schools hired Mark Anglin as football coach.

Primary elections were held. A runoff was set for Pct. 2 county commissioner GOP nomination between Larry Hodnett and James Clayton. Clayton won it.

Hector Guevara was named Bovina football coach.

A local drive, spearheaded by Steve Meeks, raised funds and supplies to help ranchers devastated by Panhandle fires.

Parmer County Commissioners amended its burn ban, to allow some burning.

### April

Rob and Rebeca Pomper open State Line Photography in Farwell.

Farwell High took 2nd place in district UIL competition, its highest score ever.

Texico's FFA chapter took 2nd place in the state FFA production sweepstakes.

Farwell Chamber of Commerce' top honors went to: Patti O'Hare, Teacher of Year; Ricky Armstrong, Man of Year; Pam Norton, Woman of Year; Mike Ratke, Agriculturist of Year; and Yvonne Favila and Juan Carlos Vidaurri, Students of Year.

Matt Pruitt was hired as Farwell police chief.

James Brown was named Parmer County's Conservation Farmer of Year.

Texico Schools joined the ITV Network.

Lazbuddie football coach Don Jones resigned.

### May

Liz Kaltwasser was named Volunteer of the Year at the annual Farwell Convalescent Center volunteer appreciation dinner.

Winning top honors at the Texico High FFA chapter award banquet were Mikayla Cherry, chapter Star State FFA degree; Bryn Mayfield, Star Chapter FFA degree, and Braeden Hadley, Star Greenhand.

Top Bovina High scholars were Sandra Perez, valedictorian; Vanessa Garcia, salutatorian; and Karla Rivera, historian.

Lazbuddie High's top scholars were David Campos, valedictorian; and Mika Brandvik, salutatorian.

Named Texico High's top All-Around athletes were Lori Richardson and Aaron Vaughan.

Texico High's top scholars were Lori Richardson and Nicole Harris, co-valedictori-

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Southwest Ag Tire Center made their Christmas tree out of tires this year.

**Obituaries**



**Christian Drager**

Funeral services for Christian G. Drager, 96, of the Rhea Community were Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat, with Pastor David Symm officiating.

Burial was in Rhea Lutheran Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

He died Dec. 20 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

He was born July 15, 1910 in Copperas Cove, Texas, to John and Annie Drager. He moved to Parmer County in 1925 from Copperas Cove.

He married Ruth Durrenberger June 8, 1947 in Warda, Texas. He was a farmer. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Lariat, American Legion, VFW, Curry County Fiddlers Assn., and Friona Senior Citizens. He was Elder and President of

Immanuel Lutheran Church at Rhea and member of the church until its closing.

Surviving are his wife; 2 sons, Raymond, of Melissa, Texas, and Curtis of Rhea; 3 grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren, and 11 step great grandchildren.

**Tyler Sheets**

Services for Tyler Blake Sheets, 19, of Muleshoe, were held Saturday at First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Mike Cope, Steve Friskup, Stacy Conner and Curtis Shelburne officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

He died Dec. 21. He was born June 11, 1987, in Abilene, Texas.

A 2006 graduate of Muleshoe High, he was attending Abilene Christian University. He was a member of Highland Church of Abilene.

Surviving are his parents, Dr. Kyle and Bernita Shees, of Muleshoe; 6 sisters, Terah Ott, of Phoenix; Heather Sheets, of Galveston; Sarah Jo Sheets, of Abilene; Virginia, Shelley and Cory Sheets, all of Muleshoe; 3 brothers, Zachary and Landon, both of Abilene; and Ben, of Muleshoe; and

grandparents, Alta Burkhalter, of Amarillo; Harry and Mina Sheets, of Farwell; and Oles and Bernice Pinson, of Comanche, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad, PO Box 489, Muleshoe TX 79347.

**Stalker paces Texico JV girls**

**JV Girls**

Texico's JV girls participated in the Texico JV Tourney last week.

Texico scored 41 points but lost to Lovington. Scoring were Laiken Crist, Markita Askew and Holly Inman, 2 each; Braeden Hadley, 10; Sierra Stalker, 4; Shelby Queener, 1; Holly Harrison, 10; and Lisa Vidal and Shay Anderson, 5 each.

Texico scored 28 points in beating Farwell. Scoring were Jennifer Shirley, 3; Courtney Bell, 5; Vidal, 12; and Crist, Queener, Askew and Hadley, 2 each.

Texico scored 34 points in a win over Melrose. Scoring were Crist, Vidal and Shelby Cockerham, 1 each; Hadley, 3; Stalker, 14; Harrison, 4; Anderson and Queener, 5 each.

**JV Boys**

JV Boys results from the tourney will be in next week's Tribune.

**Border Banter**

--Mike Pomper

**Your help is needed**

There was a small item in last week's Tribune that you might have missed, and I feel it's important to stress.

Bovina EMS Director Larry Mitchell is planning to start an ECA class from Jan. 8 to Feb. 22. Cost will be about \$250.

Some cities, such as Farwell, are willing to pay the cost for residents to attend it as long as they agree to serve on the city's EMS Department for a period. You need to check with your local city officials for complete details.

Persons interested in signing up are asked to call Mitchell at (806) 251-1167.

Folks, I have stressed over the past couple of years that the diminishing amount of EMS personnel is having a negative impact on Parmer County.

Earlier this year, I urged the county commissioners

to get involved. They haven't.

All I can do is point out the problem and ask folks to get involved.

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It's the end of another year and I think a good time to thank folks who help the Tribune in so many ways.

Of course, any time you give credit, you always leave someone out inadvertently.

So let me preface my comments with an apology to those who I leave out. But "thanks" go to folks like:

The school secretaries, superintendents, principals and coaches (notice I placed secretaries first ... they are No. 1); the city clerks; the police department secretaries; and so

many school personnel who provide needed information, such as Denise Anderson, Angela Hall, Kye Thomas, Wayne Sales, Tod Pinnell, Sherrie Nichols; the extension service folks.

And I need to humbly thank all the businesses who advertise in our little paper. Without their support, the Tribune would be history.

So if you enjoy our little paper, be sure to thank the business folks who advertise in it and allow folks in Farwell, Texico, Lazbuddie and Bovina to have a local newspaper.

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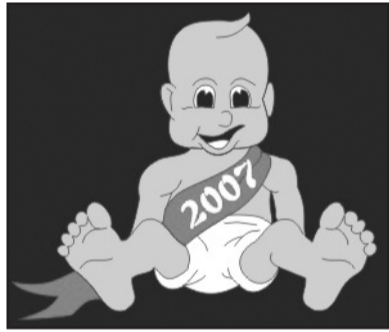
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The Parmer County clerk's office last week recorded these warranty deeds:  
 Clyde Redwine - Friona Land Holdings, 320 ac N/2 S1 T11S R3E.  
 Harold Redwine - Friona Land Holdings, 320 ac N/2 S26 T6S R3E.  
 Lesa Bermea - Triple G Farms, 2.4 ac of NW part S18 T5S R4E.  
 Jorge Roque - Triple G Farms, L1-2 B15 Bovina.  
 Bill Beran family ltd. partnership - Bill Beran, N/2 S29 Blk X WD & FW Johnson.  
 Bill Beran - John Visser, same as above.  
 HUD - Richard Bermea, L9-10 B2 Baxter.

**Marriage Licenses**

The Parmer County clerk's office issued a marriage license last week to:  
 Clint Tharp and Sheri Hardisty.

**Meet Texico's Class of 2019**



Ivan Gonzales is a Texico kindergarten pupil. His birthday is April 10.  
 His parents are Oscar & Daniella Gonzales. Siblings are Alyza & Belicia. Grandparents are Antonio & Lucia.  
 He likes to draw, color and ride bikes. His favorite food is oatmeal and his favorite color is blue.  
 He doesn't like taking the garbage out.

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**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,  
 Just a note to let the Twin Cities know about a real "Santa."  
 You may have heard of the theft of coins at a Clovis elementary school. The kids had been collecting money for new playground equipment.  
 When word got out, a bunch of folks responded, and nearly \$2,500 was given the kids.  
 Now comes "Santa." He had been collecting coins in a 5-gallon jug for five

years.  
 When he heard about the coin theft, he lugged the jug full of coins to the school. He knew his collection has a purpose.  
 This is the same "Santa" that has continually donated bicycles and his time over the years to Border Town Days. And he has always been there with a smile and a handshake.  
 A big thanks to our caring "Santa" -- Ted Lopez.  
 Hal Helton  
 Farwell



**Farwell JV Girls**

Megan Patrick, Lauren Beaubien, Lindsey Mullin, Melinda Castillo, Micky Cenicerros, Keegan Langford, Chanel Castillo, Laura Martinez, Amberli Martin, Adriana Gutierrez, Cambry Devault, Taylor Fillpot, Brenda Delgado, Gaby Vidaurri.

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 Joe Helton is building a Phillips 66 service station on Main Street, across from the Roth Grocery.  
 Jess Landrum designed plans for a Twin City swimming pool, to be built by volunteers.  
 Burglaries occurred at the Transport Trucking Co. in Texico, Kittrell's Texaco Station in Farwell and Cicero Smith Lumber Co. in Bovina.  
 Mrs. Sidney Windsor, of England, visited her sister here, Mrs. Walter Kaltwasser.

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**Year in Review**

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ans; and Brittany Anderson and Sarah Johnson, co-salutatorians.

Don Teague was elected Bovina School Board president.

Texico Wolverines took 2nd place in the state baseball tournament.

Receiving top Farwell High FFA honors were Haylee Fulcher, Star Chapter Farmer, and Amberli Martin, Star Greenhand.

Lazbuddie top FFA honors went to Logan Mason, Star Greenhand; and Brittany Sexton, Star Chapter Farmer.

A major bond issue to build a new Parmer County Community Hospital was approved.

Top Farwell High athletic awards went to Derrick Chandler and Salida Edwards.

Laura Rocha, Irma Rocha and Michael Ortiz were named Bovina High's top athletes.

Chelsee Nichols and Aaron Chavez were named Lazbuddie High's top athletes.

Bob Anderson retired from Security State Bank after 60 years with the firm.

Farwell's top scholars were Yvonne Favila, valedictorian; Jon Beaubien, salutatorian; and Ty Gast, historian.

Farwell Band's top honors went to Jourdan Kirkland and Kamerie Schmidt.

**June**

Winning Farwell High's most coveted honors were Juan Carlos Vidaurri, the Carlos Nicolas Award; and Trisha Robertson, the Loving Cup.

Parmer County lifted its burn ban.

Lazbuddie hired Bo Thompson as the new football coach.

Texico School Board started discussing adding a girls' sport.

**July**

Rev. Kyle Clayton was named First Baptist Church of Farwell minister.

Bovina officials work on developing wind farms.

Farwell added a third 3rd grade classroom.

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission received 911 complaints from Bovina.

AGP Grain Marketing in Farwell announced expansion of its operations.

Farwell High's Dan Patterson elected Texas 4-

H president.

There was another big turnout for the 40th annual Border Town Days.

**August**

Aaron Lockmiller showed the grand champion steer at the Curry County Fair.

Farwell hired Scott Burton as its new police chief.

**September**

Rural Parmer County was hit with a series on thefts and break-ins.

Steve Schmidt is named as the new Farwell Convalescent Center administrator.

A diesel truck overturned in Texico, causing a major fuel spill.

Named Lazbuddie Homecoming King and Queen were Bryce Haney and Brittney Schacher.

Derrick Chandler and Salida Edwards were named Farwell's Homecoming King and Queen.

**October**

Two Farwell High freshman boys were killed in a one-vehicle rollover just south of Farwell.

It was announced that the state planned to close the Bovina and Friona highway roadside parks. Bovina officials worked it out to keep its park open.

Ruby's Antiques in Texico closed.

AGP Grain Marketing announced expansion of its Lariat facility.

Plans were announce to expand water and sewer lines to two areas adjoining Bovina.

Named Bovina Homecoming King and Queen were Alfie Espinoza and Hilda Quintero.

**November**

Lazbuddie's robotics team took 1st place BEST Team honors at Lubbock in the regional competi-

tion.

Bovina Community Network closed.

Parmer County election winners in contested races were Bonnie Heald, county judge; James Clayton, Pct. 2 county commissioner; and Vi Hutto, Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace.

Texico's L.J. Jenkins won the Professional Bull Rider Association world finals event in Las Vegas - worth \$225,000.

Farwell began planning to expand its elementary school by four classrooms.

Texico Lady Spikers won the state championship.

Farwell Junior High won the UIL District contest, and Farwell Elementary School was runner-up in its UIL District contest.

Lazbuddie School Board agreed that senior trips would no longer be under the auspices of the school.

Farwell Lady Blue runners took 2nd place at the state cross country meet.

Bovina's Mustangs fell in the first round of the state football tourney to Quanah.

**December**

Bovina Chamber of Commerce initiated a "Bovina Lights Up Christmas" program in the city park.

An open house was held for the new Mennonite church in Oklahoma Lane.

A Muleshoe man was charged in the armed robbery at First Bank of Bovina in 2000.

Josh Scioli was named Texico's Firefighter of the Year.

**Retirement party set**

The city of Farwell is planning a retirement party honoring Dee Hammit on Jan. 27. He was employed by the city for 35 years before retiring on Dec. 31.

Watch for details later.

**Meet Farwell's Class of 2019**



Harlie Roach is a Farwell kindergarten. Her birthday is Aug. 3. Parents are Bryan & Amy Roach. Siblings are Coltin and Brinton. Grandparents are Michael & Pam Haseloff, C.L. Roach, Donna & Marty McGuire, and Steve & Sharon Miller. She likes to be outside and play with dogs. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is spaghetti. She doesn't like waking up in the morning.

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**Snow falls** About 2 to 3 inches of snow fell on the area last week, causing late school openings and power outages. But the icy tree branches sure looked pretty.

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<b>Lazbuddie Methodist Church</b> Rev. Ken Peterson Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	<b>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</b> James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	<b>First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie</b>
<b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b> Rev. Kyle Clayton 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. www.fbcfarwell.org	<b>First Baptist Church of Texico</b> Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.	<b>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</b> David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
<b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b> Rev. Scott Spitsberg Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b> Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter 7:30 p.m. summer	<b>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico</b> Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.
<b>Lariat Church of Christ</b> Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer	<b>Church of Christ</b> 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	<b>Farwell Church of Christ</b> Phillip Steyn -- preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship ; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.
<b>Assembly of God Church, Texico</b> Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	<b>New Light Baptist Church</b> Rev. Briyan Phillips Sr. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Bovina United Methodist Church</b> Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.
<b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> Fr. Jose Luis Chavez Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. in English; Noon in Spanish. CCD -- 10:30 a.m. Evening Mass: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wed. - Fri.	<b>First Baptist Church Of Bovina</b> Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	<b>Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina</b> Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.
<b>Farwell Convalescent Center</b> Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday	<b>Lazbuddie Church of Christ</b> Mickey Chambiss - minister Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday -- 7 p.m.	<b>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</b> Rev. Mickey Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

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The Farwell Steers were 5-11 on the season after beating Melrose on Dec. 21, 63-53.

Scoring were Ramon Quezada, 2; Dalton Cockerham, 2; Finus Nolte, 11; Brett Howard, 5; Bo Mitchell, 9; Ross McClaran, 10; Alex Olmos, 12; Trace Stevenson, 2; Emanuel Pereda, 6; Logan Carpenter, 2; and Dan Patterson, 2.

**Varsity Girls**  
The Farwell Lady Blue were 7-10 on the season after rolling over Melrose, 40-27.

Scoring were Shelby Christian, 4; Laura Martinez, 10; Britton Barrett, 10; Tiffani Jones, 6; Salida Edwards, 6; Kaylyn Meyer, 2; and Hayley Fowler, 2.

**JV Boys**  
Farwell's JV Boys put away Melrose, 49-40.

Scoring were Rowdy Smith, 8; Jonathan Edwards, 17; Cameron Kirkland, 8; and Danny Brown, 16 (including a trio of 3-pointers).

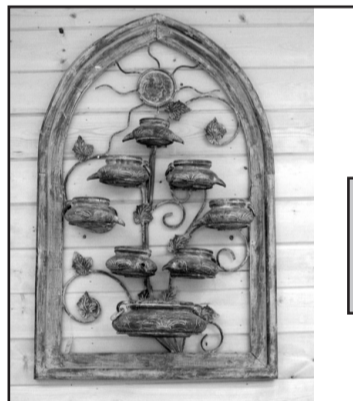
Farwell lost all of its three games in the Texico tournament.

Tatum won, 46-43. Scoring were Smith, 11; Brian Meeks, 3; Edwards, 6; Brown, 14; Emilio Loera, 2; and Kirkland, 7.

Texico won, 44-42. Scoring were Meeks, 7; Edwards, 11; Brown, 14 (including a pair of 3-pointers); Loera, 4; and Kirkland, 6.

Melrose won, 43-33. Scoring were Meeks, 3; Edwards, 12; Jaime Saenz, 4; Brown, 12; and Loera, 1.

**7th Girls**



Farwell's 7th grade girls cremated Hale Center, 45-12.

Scoring were Danielle Cockerham, 4; Naomi Maldonado, 1; Clarisa Garcia, 14; Abby Johnson, 14; Kristin Langford, 10; and Jackie Meza, 2.

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Sudan topped Farwell, 26-19.

Scoring were Maldonado, 2; Garcia, 4; Emily Agee, 2; Johnson, 1; Langford, 1; and Kella Jennings, 9.

**JV Girls**  
Farwell's JV Girls lost to Muleshoe, 40-36.

Scoring were Lauren Beaubien, 9; Micky Ceniceros, 5; Keegan Langford, 9; Chanel Castillo, 2; and Laura Martinez, 11.

Farwell lost all of its three games in the Texico tourney.

Melrose won, 37-33. Scoring were Megan Patrick, 7; Lauren Beaubien, 5; Ceniceros, 15; Langford, 4; and Castillo, 2.

Texico won, 28-27. Scoring were Patrick, 3; Beaubien, 7; Melinda Castillo, 2; Ceniceros, 10; Langford, 2; and Chanel Castillo, 3.

Lovington won, 41-23. Scoring were Patrick, 3; Beaubien, 2; Ceniceros, 2; Langford, 6; Amberli Martin, 2; and Cambry Devault, 6.

**8th Girls**  
Farwell's 8th grade girls got nipped by Hale Center, 34-33.

Scoring were Laney Christian, 7; Brooke Hall, 11; Lauryn Meyer, 3; Crystal Reyes, 4; and Michelle Wauson, 8.

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## Obituaries



### Mae Stone

Funeral services for Lena Mae Williams Stone, 94, a long-time Texico resident, will held Saturday at 10 a.m. cst at the Farwell Church of Christ. Burial will follow at the Texico Cemetery.

She died Dec. 25 at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She was born Jan. 4, 1912, in Wise County, Texas, to James Silas and Malinda Williams. She moved with her parents and family to a farm about five miles east of Texico in the 1920s; she attended Bovina and Farwell schools.

She was a member of the Farwell Church of Christ for almost 80 years.

In 1930, she married Lester Means, and for many years the couple farmed about three miles northwest of Texico. They bought an old livery stable

in Texico in 1944 and converted it to the Home Grocery and Locker Plant, operating it for about 17 years. Her husband died in 1962.

In 1964, she married Judge Stone, of Texico. He died in 1980.

She was also preceded in death by her 5 brothers and 5 sisters: Roy, J. B., John, Joe and Hamilton Williams; Cora Lunsford, Martha Boyd, America Crook, Nannie Simpson and Faye Jones; a step-daughter, Inez McReynolds; and a step-son Roy Stone.

Surviving are several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stone was proud of the Texico-Farwell community and worked in many of Texico's activities, including beautification projects, Border Town Days, the maintenance of the Texico Cemetery, and others.

She was honored by the Chamber of Commerce in 1985 as Texico's Woman of the Year. In 1991 the Chamber gave her a special Workhorse Award in recognition of her work and she was made an honorary member of the Chamber of Commerce in 1998.

Arrangements are by Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

## The Latest

The Texico varsity basketball teams participate in the EPAC Tournament starting next week.

The brackets were to be set up after this week's newspaper deadline so Principal Buddy Little suggest you check the Texico School website.

Alan Monroe of Friona recently traveled to Washington, D.C., and New York City as part of the Farm Credit Young Leaders Program, a week-long event sponsored by the 10th District Farm Credit Council.

Monroe is a stockholder of First Ag Credit, one of 20 rural financing cooperatives that make up the district.

Monroe serves on the Parmer County Farm Bureau Board and the Parmer County Stock Show Board. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in agricultural economics. He and his wife, Leigh, have three children.

Cargill, Inc. received an Employer of Excellence Award for 2006 at the 10th Annual Texas Workforce Conference in Grapevine, Texas, in December.

The Panhandle Workforce Development Board nominated the company for the honor.

The award recognizes those employers that have been actively involved with local workforce development boards, and that have had a positive impact

on their workers and community.

Cargill, Inc. operates one of its largest meat processing facilities in Friona, where it employs nearly 2,000 workers.

The company has hired over 70 percent of its personnel through the Board's Panhandle WorkSource office in Hereford, which provides recruitment and screening services for the company.

There were articles in the Clovis newspaper last week about school kids' coins being stolen at a Clovis elementary school.

The money was to be used toward new playground equipment.

After hearing this, over 20 business owners and individuals went to the school to deliver jars of coins and making money donations -- that raised 12 times the amount of money students had had stolen.

Among those helping was Ted Lopez, former owner of Tedson Trailers in Texico, who took a 5-gallon water jug full of coins (which he had been saving for five years) as part of this effort.

There was a cotton burr fire at Parmer County Cotton Growers Gin on Sunday night. Several area fire departments responded -- Texico, Farwell, Muleshoe, Bovina, Friona and Lazbuddie.

Texico Fire Chief Lewis Cooper said his firefighters were there for about four hours.

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**Lazbuddie Elementary School Students of the Week**

**Johnny Guenter, 5**, son of David and Eva Guenter, is a kindergartener. His birthday is Feb. 14. Favorites: food, beans, pizza, taco, rice, cereal; color, blue; subject, writing and coloring; friend, David Sawatzky; most admired, dad.

**Anais Andrade, 9**, daughter of Lucy Andrade, is a 4th grader. Her birthday is Oct. 7. Favorites: subject, science; color, green; friend, Andrea and Micah; most admired, grandpa because he is funny and nice.

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## County Commissioners receive 2006 rural fire department reports

The Parmer County Commissioners on Dec. 20 approved the 2006 rural fire reports from the county's volunteer fire departments.

Total calls were: Bovina, 28; Farwell, 23; Friona, 61; Lazbuddie, 30; and Rhea Hollene, 11.

A complete list of the calls will be in next week's Tribune.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Approved purchasing NetData software for the Justices of the Peace and County Attorney as long as the JP's agree.

Only Farwell area JP Pam Haseloff was present at the meeting, and she supported the purchase.

-- Tabled an agenda item because members of the county's Industrial Development Corp. were not present.

The item said the corporation wanted a county resolution okaying issuance of revenue bonds to finance a project for Angus Energy.

## Christmas Traditions

From page 8

Bells because I always used to listen to it when I was a little kid and it reminds me of the good times I had when I was little. Also, because it's the song we used to listen to when opening our presents. My favorite Christmas movie is "Elf" because it's funny and it was also the first movie I had ever seen at a theater.

Jesus Guevara

My favorite Christmas traditions are just spending the holidays with my family and friends. My favorite of all is reading the Christmas stories to all my little nieces and nephews. My favorite story is Twas the Night Before Christmas. I read it to all my little kids. It is the most beautiful thing to see all the little faces with a smile. I also have other traditions like we make certain foods that my mom learned from her mother. We also sing Christmas carols in Spanish. We do a thing called a posada, we pray and afterwards, we drink hot chocolate and eat donuts or cookies or whatever you prefer. The point to this is because they are our traditions and I enjoy what we do. My favorite part is when we get all the presents and open them. That is the greatest thing besides being with my loving family.

Zulema Garcia

My Christmas tradition is always the same every year. We stay at our house or sometimes go to our rel-

## Bovina Banter

From page 8

played Santa for the kiddies last week.

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One more family has been added to the First Bank of Bovina's Christmas Card Fund, with funds raised for the city's fire and EMS departments -- James and Sandra Clayton.

## Muleshoe teen killed in accident

Tyler Sheets, 19, of Muleshoe, died as a result of injuries suffered in a one-vehicle accident on U.S. 70 about three miles east of Farwell about 4 p.m. on Dec. 21.

Police said his pickup ran onto the center medium, and he over-corrected, with the vehicle sliding sideways and hitting a tree.

atives' house and celebrate. When I went to Mexico, it was our favorite year because I got to spend Christmas with all my cousins. Everybody went to grandpa's house and celebrated Christmas. We eat tamales, chicharones, menudo, ponche, etc. When it's time to open the presents, we all open them in the living room. We also exchange presents with our cousins. My favorite movie is "Home Alone" because it's funny how he sets traps so people won't take him or try to take his stuff. My favorite song is Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer.

Jose Gutierrez



## Underwater welder

Chad Scroggins used to live in Bovina. Recently, he visited his aunt, Pam Lockmiller who teaches at Bovina High School. Chad has an unusual occupation -- he is an underwater welder. He attended school in Houston for 9 months to learn a variety of jobs that are done underwater. When Wayne Richardson heard about Chad's job, he asked that Chad, when he came here to visit, to bring his diving mask, pictures of him working, and any stories he wanted to tell. And Chad did just that. He talked to several Bovina School classes. Interestingly, a female student said she was interested in maybe pursuing a career in diving. Chad said females make excellent divers. (Photo by Denise Anderson)

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**LIVE CATTLE:** The market has held together fairly well this week in anticipation of a higher cash trade. Cash beef prices have remained under pressure, but weather concerns may help to support a stronger market this week? The seasonal tendency is normally to see higher prices into the February time frame. Most trends are all pointing higher from this point.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** The market held up well until the last minute on the last day of this week. Very light volume dropped the market almost \$1 lower on Friday going into the close. The blame will go towards higher corn prices which also saw a very light trade, but closed about 5 cents higher on Friday. Cash cattle seem to be holding their own, but the futures prices are very close to major support. A break below this support could possibly add pressure to the market.

**CORN:** The market moved back up towards contract highs late in the week on very thin volume and a lack of news. This sometimes happens during long Holiday weekends, but new contract highs would begin to paint a completely different picture of where the market is headed over the next 30 days. Odds still favor a sideways, choppy market until late January followed by what some call the biggest bull market seen in years? The floor seems to think \$5.00-5.50 will be tested?

**SOYBEANS:** Short and long term trends turned down over the last couple of weeks, but higher corn prices tried to drag the beans higher be the end of the week. The grain complex should continue to remain in a sideways, choppy trend until late January? If corn prices begin to break out to new contract highs, expect the beans to be close behind. Expect the market to trade higher into planting.

**WHEAT:** The July KC Wheat was able to turn short term trends back higher this week even though the nearby contracts remained down. Thin volume was attributed to some up the rise in prices seen late in the week. Corn remains the leader in the grain complex and higher corn will eventually translate into higher wheat prices. Market should remain fairly stable until corn begins to move above the \$4.00 level.

**COTTON:** With very little positive news to move the market back up, the fact that there could be a serious loss of cotton acres if prices don't begin to compete has started to become a reality. Long term trends turned up when cotton prices closed above the \$54.50 level basis the March contract last week. The market did see a little setback, but have resumed their trend up and this should last until March and possibly longer if grains really begin to move?

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## Santa visits

Santa Claus visited kids at Bovina Elementary and Ridgelea schools on Dec. 21. Pictured with Santa are, from left, Joseline Flores, Jose Rodriguez and Austin Schlenker.



## Bank open house

First Bank of Bovina held its annual Christmas Open House on Dec. 21. Among those partaking were Randy and Marta Davidson (above), and Linda Marshall and her mother, Ellen Estes.



## Students tell of Christmas traditions

More stories will be in next week's Tribune.

I always enjoy getting together with my family at

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Mike,  
Recently, my family has gone through some tough times. My wife is suffering from renal failure and is on a waiting list for a transplant. As the bills stacked up and I felt down, many people stepped up to help us through this difficult time.

I want to thank all of the students of Bovina ISD, the staff and in particular Supt. Bill Bizzell and my supervisor Stan Miller for all that they have done. Don Teague also helped pull me through when I thought I couldn't make it any more.

I can't put into words how wonderful you all have been, and a piece of my heart goes out to all of you who have showed me every day that we can make it. With all of these people behind us, I know we will pull through.

Lupe and Jackie Avalos

Christmas. Half of my family is scattered all over the U.S., the other half in Mexico. My family tradition is getting together with my family in Mexico and making a lot of food (ex.: tamales). The one Christmas song I really love has got to be Jingle Bells. I just love the entire words to is. I have a lot of

favorite Christmas stories but the one I can't stop reading and rad every Christmas Eve is Frosty the Snowman.

Tatiana Melendez

My Christmas tradition is that we go to Mexico and get together with the whole family. They make a lot food, such as rice,

mole, tamales, tortillas, agua de orchata, beans, ponche and menudo. Sometimes, one of our uncles brings a pig to kill to make chicharrones, so we always have a lot of food to eat. While we are there, we always had a good time. My favorite Christmas song is Jingle

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## Bovina Banter

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From Coach Hector Guevara:

Frank Martinez was named to 1st Team Academic All-State; and Jessie Reyna, Honorable Mention Academic All-State.

A review of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department's calls in 2006 will be listed in next week's Tribune.

A big "thank you" to David Newhouse who

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## Helping learn math

This holiday door to Ms. Johnson's classroom at Bovina Elementary features all sorts of math equations.

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