

# Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

## The legacy of Bill Clinton

The legacy of Bill Clinton. Ah, what is the legacy of Bill Clinton?

Some folks may feel he is a worthless scoundrel -- for a variety of good reasons.

But let us not underestimate the political acumen of the American public.

The last polls taken showed his popularity at a very, very high point.

I love it.... This explains why I have steered clear of national politics all my life. Because of our great American public.

Hey, it's okay to be a crook, an adulterer and a low-life -- as long as the economy is good!

It's okay to have taken the world's most important office and turned it into a dive -- as long as there are jobs available.

Shows what I know about politics. To me, morality is important. But the truth is that morality is very unimportant to most Americans.

If you don't believe me, just look at the polls.

So when I review the legacy of Bill Clifton, what stands out is that he has shown the American public for what it is. And that aint very pretty.

You know, there is an old saw that it's impossible to repair a problem until you accept that there is a problem.

There is a problem in this country, a serious one, that deals with the decay of our moral fiber.

That may be too broad a concept for many of us to understand and appreciate. But I hope you think about it.

Because if we don't think about it, and talk about it, and do something about it, then I don't have good feelings about the future course of our great nation.

As any historian knows, it's always good to look back on the rise and fall of the Roman Empire for lessons on what the future might bring.

And the moral decay of the Roman Republic (followed by the Empire) led to Rome's demise as the preeminent power in the world.

So moral decay is not a buzz word. It's not a joke. It's something that must be taken quite seriously.

But it isn't. And the last polls showing Bill Clinton's approval rating reflect that.

What does that mean for our future? Nothing, you say? An aberration, you say?

Nope. Children learn from adults. And a very loud message has been sounded to our younger generation from the adults:

Morality doesn't mean anything -- as long as you have money in your pocket.

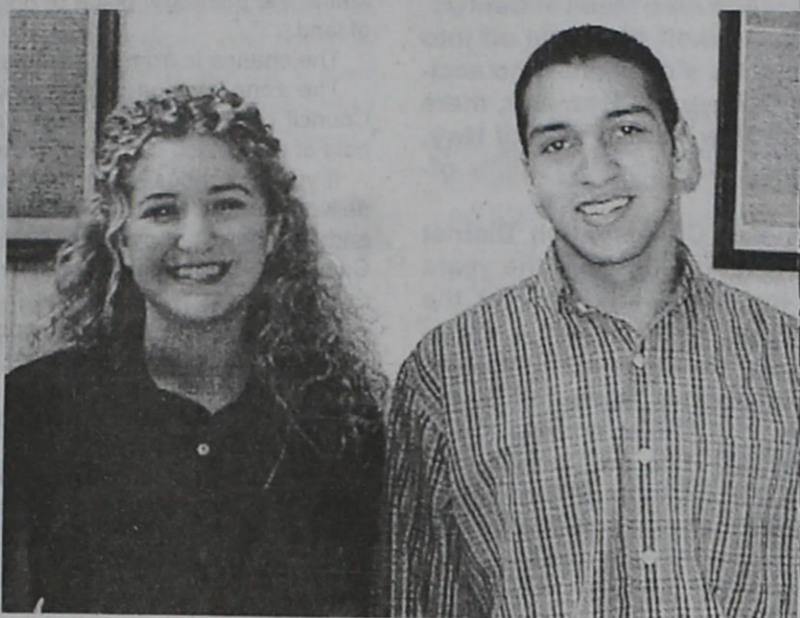
Not happy about that? What can I say? That means you and I are in the minority.

Yes, folks, Bill Clifton has left a long-ranging legacy. And most Americans are happy about it.

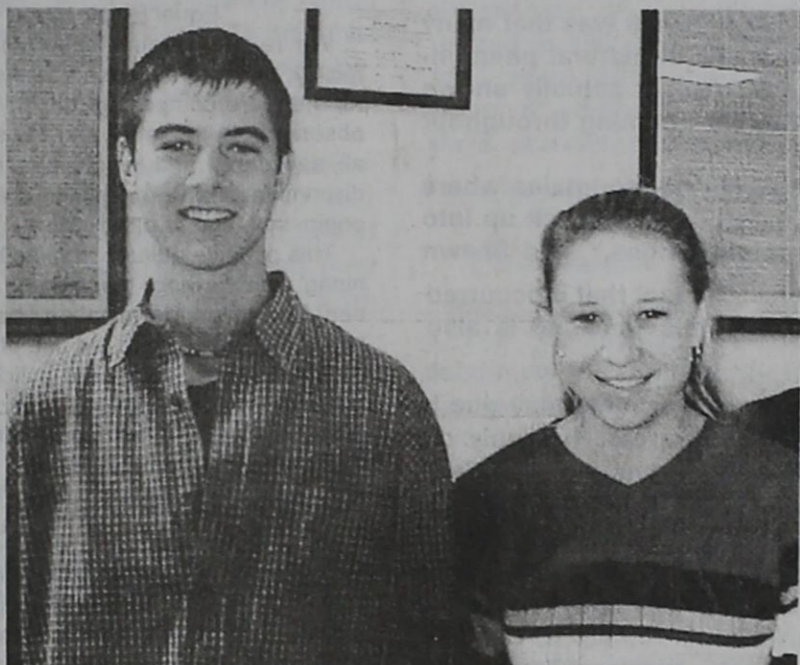
Donnie Coker, of Lazbuddie, was featured in the recent "Concord Connections" newsletter.

He talked about reducing cost and increasing yields with the Concord drill.

## Texico High Homecoming King & Queen candidates



Callie Rucker and Johnny Sena



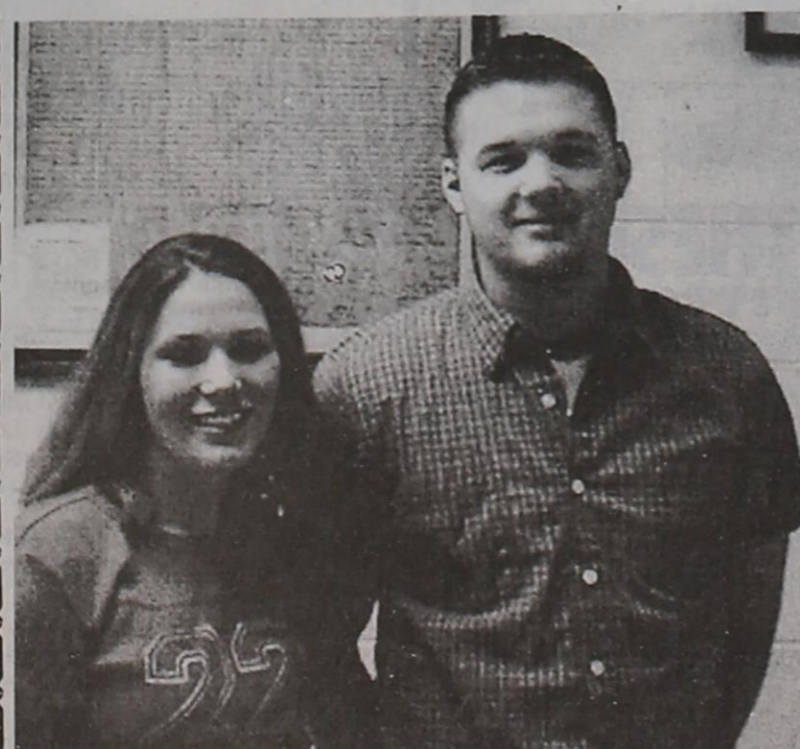
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## Area experiences a 'thundersnow'

by Teresa Mesman

"This is the most snow I've seen in years."

This is the common statement of area residents when discussing the weather these days. For Parmer County residents, it is, in fact, the most snow many residents have seen in the last 46 years.

According to statistics kept by the National Climate Data Center, Parmer County had a record setting snowfall in the winter of 1955-56 that covered a large part of Parmer County with 47 to 51 inches of snow. The snow totals for that winter were 55 inches. The following winter of 1956-57 another big snowfall came in December that measured in ranges of 14 to 18 inches and brought that winter's total snowfall depth to 43 inches.

But as for the last 46 years, Parmer County has had only one snowfall that began to take on a record setting appearance back in 1982-83 when 17 inches blanketed the entire South Plains region...until now.

The winter season came early to Parmer County and Eastern New Mexico on Oct. 8 with the earliest recorded snowfall in the recorded history of these regions. This was not the only unique thing about the snowfall. Oddly enough, this storm hit only five days after a record setting 100 degree temperature day for many towns across the South Plains. This was recorded by the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

This snowfall brought snowdepth ranges of 3 to 6 inches to Parmer County and eastern Curry County.

And this was only the beginning. Since that first snowfall, snowfall depths and precipitation levels have literally been off the charts, according to Shawn Ellis of the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

"Our region records average snowdepth levels of 11.3 inches. The snowdepth levels to this point in January are already at 12.6 inches," Ellis stated. "And coupling this with the fact that December was the third coldest December ever recorded for the region makes me believe that winter is just settling in for us in the Texas Panhandle."

According to further data gathered from the National Climate Data Center, this region has set 17 record highs in the areas of precipitation, temperature and snowdepth and 3 record lows for temperatures throughout the year 2000.

Shawn Ellis of the National Weather Center also feels that the region the Lubbock center records is well on their way to breaking the snowfall records for this winter season. The documented record since 1955-56 is 41.2 inches of snow for the 1982-83 winter.

"Lubbock alone is already at 15 inches. Parmer County and eastern Curry County are already at approximately 31 inches," Ellis stated.

Cam Moore, a meteorologist at KVII-Channel 7 in Amarillo stated on the 10:00 weathercast this past Sunday night that the Amarillo recording region was at almost 43 inches of snow. The record for this region is 48 inches. He too believes that Parmer County is on its way to breaking a snowfall record.

This snowy season is also doing more than just breaking records. It's also breaking up farming schedules, work routines, electricity and causing heating bills to literally break the bank for most area residents.

Area farmers can't keep to their normal field work schedules due to the snow and ice and the muddy fields that are left when the melting takes place.

The electrical outages that took place throughout the Christmas holidays seem to have been handled pretty thoroughly from the reports of the rural customers of Southwest-

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## Texico gym construction delayed

A snag has developed in the building project for Texico School's new gymnasium.

Yes, the gym will be built. But the school board had planned to seek bids for the project later this month. Now, it appears that bids will not be sought until at least May.

School Supt. R.L. Richards explained the delay:

Early on, the architect had received oral permission from the state to put in wheelchair lifts in the gym, as a space- and cost-saving measure.

Last week, the architect traveled to Albuquerque to discuss building egress problems and when the plans were shown, he was told that wheelchair ramps were needed and that the lifts would not be permitted.

In other words, the code was now interpreted differently.

So structural changes must be made in the building plans to meet state specifications.

## Parmer County FSA loan team recognized

The Parmer County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Loan Team is one of five in Texas to receive a special USDA honor.

The state recently presented the Parmer County FSA with a plaque and certificate of appreciation for "outstanding service in making and servicing farm loans during the 2000 program year."

A. Wayland Shurley, state executive director for the FSA said, "FSA has sustained a 30 percent reduction in staffing over the past decade while at the same time, farm loan activity has increased by 30

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**Steers, Lady Blue clinch state playoff berths; Lazbuddie Longhorns making basketball history; Lady Longhorns close to gaining state playoff spot; Wolverines, Lady Wolverines destroy more opponents**

## Parmer County sheriff's office gets a surprise

In last week's Tribune, it was noted that the Parmer County Commissioners had approved a Parmer County sheriff's department request to buy two 4x4 2000 model Ford Explorers through a government contract.

Now here's the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would put it:

The Explorers arrived by truck this week and sheriff's deputies were surprised when four illegal aliens from Mexico

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Obituaries

**Leslie Bruns**

Services for Leslie Fay Bruns, 87, of Muleshoe, were Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Curtis Shelburne and Rev. Brad Reeves officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery. He died Jan. 25. He was born Oct. 6, 1913, in Snyder, Okla. He married Ruby Morris on July 5, 1937, in Clovis. In 1951, he moved to Parmer County where he drilled one of the first irrigation wells.

During the following decade he helped bring irrigation, natural gas lines and telephone service to the southwestern area of Parmer County.

He served as chairman of the Parmer County Republican Party and was director of the Parmer County Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife; 4 sons, Morris, Jerry and Bruce, all of Muleshoe, and Mark, of Littlefield; 3 daughters, Judy Watson, of Breckenridge; Toni Tucker, of Possum Kingdom, and Jane Stephens, of Shallowater; a sister, Ruth Briscoe; a brother, Don, of Muleshoe; 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Lubbock, PO Box 53276, Lubbock, TX 79453.

**Anna Fenn**

Services were held on Tuesday for Anna "Louise" Fenn, 85, of Texico, with the Rev. Dean Turville officiating at The Chapel in Clovis. Burial followed at Mission Garden of Memories.

She died Jan. 25 at Sun-Bridge Golden Age Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born April 25, 1915, in Paris, Texas, to John and Ella Newell. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Clovis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jasper; her parents, and a daughter, Sandra.

Surviving are a son, Mickey, of Clovis; 3 daughters, Carolynne Emery, of Livermore, Calif.; Sherry Bramhall, of Altus, Okla., and Kathy Campbell, of Clovis; a brother, Bill Newell, of Canyon Lake, Texas; a sister, Maryella Donham, of Las Vegas, Nev.; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Brian Fenn, Jason Fenn, Brant Campbell, Cody Campbell, Jamie Cook, John Cook and Paul Bramhall.

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Mike Pomper, president

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**FSA**

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percent since 1996. The farmers and ranchers of Parmer County are fortunate to have reliable, effective and efficient USDA loan process administered by a dedicated, professional staff."

He added, "The Parmer County FSA Loan Team is commended for their steadfast perseverance during a continued USDA trend of accomplishing more with less."

Staff members are Tom Taylor, farm loan manager; Esther Reyes, Farm Loan program tech; and Tammi Workman, farm loan program tech.

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Coker farms an 800-acre operation. He raises cotton, blackeye peas, wheat, milo and corn, plus runs about 1,400 head of cattle.

Coker said that the average irrigated silage production in his area is 20 to 28 tons of silage per acre but one of his fields yielded 30 tons per acre.



**Promoted**

*Jerry Koenig, of Hereford, is the new manager of engineering services for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. He previously was technical operations foreman.*

**Hoop stats listed**

The Lubbock newspaper keeps basketball stats for the area teams. In the Jan. 25 issue, they listed:

Class 1A Boys -- Gage Gregory, of Farwell, is 5th among the scorers, with 18.2 points per game. And Gregory is 7th among the rebounders, with 8.8 per game.

Class 1A Girls -- Lazbudie's Laura Jo Via is 6th among the scorers with 17.3 points per game and 5th among the rebounders, with 9.7 per game.

**Snow**

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ern Public Service (SPS) and the Rural Electric Association (REA). During this last ice and snow storm, no power outages were reported over the weekend.

No roads or highways were closed from Clovis to Texico and Hwy. 60 from Texico to Bovina was closed for only a short time on Sunday. Road crews began blading and sanding as soon as they could. Driving was pretty treacherous for those motorists that had to be out on the roads.

One group that had to be out on the roads was the Farwell Emergency Service. They had to transport a patient to the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Sunday afternoon and it took a little over 40 minutes to make the trip. The ambulance was called out again late Sunday evening and made a careful trip over to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

There were several motorists that slid off and spun off into the medians along Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 84. Fortunately, no accidents occurred that caused injury to anyone. However, there were two reported accidents on the New Mexico side of Hwy. 60 that had to have assistance from the Texico Marshall's office and Texico EMS.

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District office supplied a copy of the precipitation log from the years 1963 to 2000. According to this log, the yearly total for the year 2000 was only 15.7 inches. This, according to a representative of the National Climate Data Center is a bit misleading due to the fact that most precipitation is measured by actual water gathered in rain gauges, NCDC instrumentation at test sites and other gathering devices. The precipitation totals don't always take into account the actual depths of snowfalls before they melt. Evaporation takes a majority of the snowdepth out of the precipitation measurement picture.

This is the exact reason why the NCDC gathers information and snowdepth totals from major weather reporting stations and sites all across the U.S.

Another unique fact about the last snowfall was that many places in Parmer County reported a unique natural phenomena called "Thundersnow." This is when it actually snows and rains at the same time with thunder booming throughout the downpour.

"This phenomenon usually occurs in the mountains where a storm gets walled into a valley before moving back up into the atmosphere and over the mountain ranges," said Shawn Ellis of the National Weather Center. "The fact that it occurred with the extremely frigid temperatures this weekend is also very interesting.

Texico Schools dismissed classes early on Monday due to 3- and 4-foot snow drifts in the outlying areas. Not only did several school buses get stuck, but so did snow plows. Supt. R.L. Richards said a group of farmers in Pleasant Hill got together to help free some of the stranded vehicles and their help was much appreciated. Richards also thanked Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy for alerting him early about the snow drift problems in the rural areas.

A woman's car stalled on the tracks between Texico and Farwell on Sunday about 5 p.m. Fortunately, she jumped out of the vehicle before a train smashed into it.

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City of Texico  
Notice of Zone Change

Notice is hereby given that Jim and Carolyn Burrows have requested a zone change be granted concerning the following described property:

A tract of land being all of Lot 1, a portion of Lot 2 and Lot 21, Block 1 and a portion of undeveloped land to the north of Block 1, Warren Estates Addition Unit No. 1, City of Texico, Curry County, New Mexico.

Being described as follows:  
Beginning at a point 60.0 feet N. 0 degrees 38'55" and 148.0 feet N. 89 degrees 25' W. of southwest corner of Marshall Addition; thence N. 0 degrees 35' E., a distance of 264.0 feet; thence S. 0 degrees 35' W., a distance of 264.0 feet; thence S. 89 degrees 25' E., a distance of 264.0 feet to the point and place of beginning. Said tract contains 1.600 acres of land.

The change is from A -- Single Family zone to B -- multi-family. The zone change will be placed on the agenda of the Texico City Council on February 27, 2001, at 6:30 p.m., and said meeting will be held at the Texico City Hall, Texico, New Mexico.

If you are opposed to this zone change, you must either (1) mail or deliver your opposition in writing to the Texico City Clerk prior to the date and time herein above designated; or (2) appear before the Texico City Council to state your opposition on the date and time herein above designated.

No explanation for your opposition is necessary. You may print opposed on this letter, sign your name and return it to the Clerk's office prior to the deadline.

Failure to take action 1 or 2 above will be considered as agreement with the change.

The decision of the council is final and no written or verbal comments received after the date herein above designated will be accepted or heard.

Teresa Harth, City Clerk  
City of Texico, New Mexico

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Jerry Adams, administrator

Notice of Candidates and Precinct Boards  
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Board Member Positions Nos. 4 and 5

Curry County, New Mexico

Regular Election to be held on February 6, 2001

Noticia de candidatos y juntas de precinto

Escuela Municipal de Texico Distrito No. 2

Miembros de la Junta Posiciones Nos. 4 y 5

Condado de Curry, Nuevo Mexico

Eleccion Regular ocurrira el dia 6 de febrero de 2001

The names of the candidates for election to the Board of Education at the election to be held in the Texico Municipal School District No. 2, Board Member Positions Nos. 4 and 5, Curry County, New Mexico, on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, are as follows:

Los nombres de los candidatos para eleccion de la Junta de Educacion en la eleccion que ocurrira en la Escuela Municipal de Texico Distrito Numero 2, Miembros de la Junta Posiciones Nos. 4 y 5 condado de Curry, Nuevo Mexico el martes, dia 6 de febrero de 2001, sera como lo siguiente:

School Board Member Position Number Four  
Miembro de la Junta Escolar Posicion Numero Cuatro  
**Ted Richardson**

School Board Member Position Number Five  
Miembro de la Junta Escolar Posicion Numero Cinco  
**Randy O. Cain**

The names of the precinct board members of each polling place are as follows:

Los nombres de los miembros de la junta de precintos de cada sitio de votacion sera como lo siguiente:

Polling Place 1: Texico Community Center  
Sitio de Votar 1: Centre de Comunidad de Texico  
215 North Griffin  
Texico, New Mexico 88135

Precinct Board: PJ Marcia F. Leavell  
Junta de Precinto: J Peggy Loraine Holland  
J Margaret A. Lacy  
C Lydia E. Correa

Consolidated Precincts: Portions of Curry County General Election Polling Places Nos. 1, 1C, 2, 2A, 30 and 33 located within the District. Those portions of Roosevelt County General Election Precinct Nos. 1 and 3 located within the district.

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Absentee Polling Place: Curry County Courthouse  
Sitio de Votacion Ausencia: Casa de Corte Condado de Curry  
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PJ Jill M. Whitehead  
J Lois Thomas  
J Sylvia I. Shugart  
C Herbert E. Hartle

This Notice is given pursuant to 1-22-11, NMSA 1978.  
Esta noticia esta dada conforme al 1-22-11, NMSA 1978.

Witness my hand this January 26, 2001.  
En testimonio este dia 26 de enero de 2001.

Mario Trujillo  
Curry County Clerk -- Escribano de Condado de Curry  
Curry County, New Mexico -- Condado de Curry, Nuevo Mexico

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Mike,

I would like to explain ESA's goals for our City Park, but first a little history.

About 1981, we placed a drinking fountain in the park in memory of Judy Jones. It was a brick structure with a memorial plaque, which we assumed would be indestructible, permanent fixture. We were wrong. The fountain was abused from the start. The drain was choked with gravel, spigots were broken off and replaced more than once, and finally bricks were knocked off. Mr. Dee Hammitt worked very hard trying to keep the fountain in good repair but was finally defeated by the vandals. The fountain was removed last year, and the memorial plaque is in a member's flowerbed waiting for a new home. The question posed to the City Council was what could we do to replace a memorial gift which has been destroyed? We would like some ideas.

In 1987, the playground equipment on the southeast side of the park was donated to the city in honor of three charter members who were still active in ESA at that time. The playground has also suffered some vandalism over the years, but fortunately it has not been destroyed. However, it has suffered the effects of the weather and general wear and tear in the 14 years it has been in use. It needs repair and some replacement parts. We have no plans to replace the entire structure.

Although the equipment technically is the responsibility of the city, we realize the money for the entire project simply is not available. We are grateful for their pledge of \$1,000 to help us get started. There has been some interest expressed by other organizations in helping raise the funds needed for this expensive project.

We do not have an exact cost yet, but the equipment needs alone are expected to cost at least \$6,500. There will be other expenses such as for paint, for new resilient ground cover beneath the equipment, and possibly for new curbing surrounding it.

This playground has been enjoyed by many area children and is an important asset for our City Park. With proper repair and maintenance, it should serve another generation or two of kids. Donations to this project will be gratefully accepted. Any group or individual that is interested in helping with this project should contact any member of ESA.

Respectfully,

ESA Playground Committee  
Sheryl Christian  
Karen Schilling  
Margaret Aycock, chairman

## Banquet plans begun

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce on Monday began planning for the annual spring banquet, set for April.

A committee of Ronald Byrd, Gary Patterson and Anne Norton will seek a speaker for it.

The volunteer group to be honored will be past and present Farwell School Board members.

Steaks will be lead off the menu, and will be prepared by the folks who prepare the steaks at the annual Texico Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Last year, the banquet cost was upped to \$20 to provide more funds for the Community Center upgrade. This year, the cost will be reduced to \$15 for each meal.

Also, the Chamber voted to

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## Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly sheriff's report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries:

On Jan. 24, Hismael Salazar, 45, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police and turned over to the Border Patrol.

The sheriff's department was busy over the weekend due to the snow storm. Two accidents occurred near Hwys. 145 and 214 but there were no injuries.

The sheriff's office is now up to full par with the addition of deputy Jason Whitlow, 27, of Bovina. Whitlow is a recent graduate of the 81st class at the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy at Amarillo College.

The following cases were adjudicated in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- On Jan. 16, Garrett Lee Dockter, 17, of Farwell, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, received modification of probation, 1 year substance abuse treatment facility and \$350 attorney fees.

-- On Jan. 22, Saturnino Gamillo Rodriguez, 43, of Friona, charged with probation revoked on a charge of subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections. On a charge of subsequent DWI, he was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, \$1,000 fine and \$267 court costs.

-- On Jan. 22, Santiago Ruben Garcia, 40, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 18 months; \$267 court costs; \$700 fine; \$350 attorney fees; 80 hours of community service, and obtain substance counseling at own expense.

-- On Jan. 22, Hector Castillo, 32, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$292 court costs, \$750 fine, \$140 restitution, 120 hours of community service, loss of driver's license for 180 days, and obtain substance counseling at own expense.

## Courthouse Notes

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

Bobby Anson -- George Kiouis, B99 (except for tracts recorded in volume 142, page 328) Farwell.

Roscoe Parr Jr. - William Eddins, L5, B43, Friona.

O.H. Jones trust -- Carlene Jones, W/2 S10 T11S R3E and E/2 S9 T11S R3E.

O.H. Jones trust -- Leon Schilling, E/2 S9 T11S R3E.

Leon Schilling -- First Ag Credit, E/2 S9 T11S, R3E.

## 3 Farwell city posts to be on ballot

On the city of Farwell ballot this year will be the mayor and two aldermen positions. Incumbents are mayor Jimmie Mace and aldermen John Carlson and Joe Stanton.

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Filings open on Feb. 19 and close on March 21.

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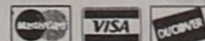
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# Steers, Lady Blue beat S-E to earn state playoff berths

The Farwell Steers and Lady Blue beat a pair of tough Springlake-Earth teams in district battles on Tuesday to earn state playoff berths.

While the regular season won't end until next Tuesday, the victors put both Farwell teams in the playoffs since the top two teams in districts move forward.

Here's the playoff schedule:

The Lady Blue will play in a Bi-District game either Feb. 12 or 13, depending on their final standings in district. Currently, the Lady Blue are second, behind Sudan.

To win district, the Lady Blue must beat Sudan on Friday to create a tie. If tied at the end of district play, Sudan and Farwell would have a playoff to determine the top

seeding in the playoffs.

If the Lady Blue win their Bi-District game, they move on to the sectional the following weekend in Levelland.

After that, they would play the following weekend at Odessa Junior College in the sectional semi-final.

And then would come state....

The boys' games come a week later than the girls.

The Steers would play in Bi-District either Feb. 19 or 20. Currently, the Steers lead their district. But if Farwell loses to Sudan on Friday, and the teams end district in a tie for first, they would have a playoff to determine the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs.

And the Steers would have the same schedule as the girls.

## Longhorns have one of the most unusual seasons in basketball history

### Varsity Boys

It's remarkable that Coach Marks' heart is still beating after one of the most unusual district seasons in the history of basketball.

It's not just that the Lazbuddie Longhorns, dead in last place after their first three games, are now tied for 1st in district.

But it's how they have done it -- winning heart-stopper after heart-stopper.

Tuesday night was no exception. The Longhorns "rolled over" Amherst in an away game, 424-41.

Sterling Via hit the winning basket with a 10-foot baseline shot with 5 seconds left as the Lazbuddie crowd went plum wild.

In fact, the Lazbuddie faithful outnumbered the Amherst fans despite the game being at Amherst.

This was not the first time that a Longhorn made a crucial bucket for a win.

Against Cotton Center, Aaron Marks canned a 3-pointer from the corner as time ran out ... for a win.

Moi Garcia hit a key free throw to offset a Three Way 3-pointer at the buzzer ... for a win.

And Jake Loudder scored the shot at game's end to whip Whitharral ... for a win.

In Lazbuddie's first three district games, they lost by a total of 8 points -- by 1, by 2 and by 5 points.

Now take a look at their last five games: they won by two, one, one, one ... and one!

Unbelievable.

The win over Amherst put Lazbuddie at 5-3 in district and 10-12 on the season. The 'Horns are tied with Whitharral for first place.

If Lazbuddie wins its final two games (against Whitharral and Cotton Center), the 'Horns are district champs.

But a worst-case scenario is for Lazbuddie to lose both games -- and miss out on the playoffs.

In other words, what happens next will determine Lazbuddie's fate. Stay tuned!

It was same ol', same ol' for the Longhorns as they had yet another close game.

And for the 4th straight time, it turned out well, as they put away Three Way, 53-52, last Friday.

Against Three Way, the Longhorns were sparked by Jake Loudder, with 18 points, and Moi Garcia, with 15.

### Varsity Girls

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns are in the driver's seat to make the state playoffs after whipping Amherst, 61-32, in an away game on Tuesday.

Coach Sudduth's charges are in 2nd place in district with a fine 7-1 record and 14-10 overall. Whitharral is undefeated and 1st in district.

The victory over Amherst was sparked by Laura Jo Via, with 22 points, and Shawndee Nichols, with 12.

Basically, the Lady 'Horns need one victory in their last two games in order to make the state playoffs. Their final game is against Cotton Center, which they beat handily earlier in the season.

The Lady Longhorns defeated Three Way, 51-28, to put themselves into a strong position for a state playoff berth.

The victory put Lazbuddie at 6-1 in district and 13-10 overall.

Laura Jo Via led Lazbuddie with 18 counters.

If the Steers win Bi-District, they play in the sectional the following weekend at Levelland. Then would come the sectional semi-final at Odessa Junior College, followed by state....

### Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue, a young team that matured during the season (watch for a special column on the team in next week's Tribune), earned a berth in the state playoffs by defeating Springlake-Earth, 55-49, on Tuesday at home.

The victory put the Lady Blue at 7-1 in district and 17-9 overall. They are 2nd in district, behind Sudan, which they face on Friday.

Scoring were Kacey Gast, 16; Jessica Chandler, 18; Mindi Roberts, Leesa Patterson and Cassie Street, 2 each; Brandi Bailey, 6, and Lacey Actkinson, 9.

### JV Boys

The Lady Blue beat Bovina last Friday 58-31 to improve to 6-1 in district and 16-9 overall.

Scoring were Mindo Roberts, 9; Jessica Chandler, 19; Leesa Patterson, 11; Tara Cargile, 1; Brandi Bailey and Kacey Gast, 5 each, and Lacey Actkinson, 8.

### Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers, a team

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Lindsay Manufacturing Co., makers of Zimmatic Irrigation equipment, has presented Albert's Irrigation, of Clovis, and Irrigation Pumps & Power, of Muleshoe, with the company's Circle of Excellence awards at the annual convention in San Antonio.

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### Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued a marriage license last week to Elizabeth Jiminez and Raudel Martinez.

which came together during the season (watch for a special column on the team in next week's Tribune), earned a berth in the state playoffs by beating a tough Springlake-Earth squad, 61-53, at home on Tuesday.

The Steers still lead district with a 7-1 mark, and are 20-6 on the season.

Scoring were Fidel Ruiz and Taylor Nichols, 4 each; Tucker Crawford, 22; Derek Goetsch, 9; Thomas Ortiz, 8, and Gage Gregory, 14.

### 8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys fell to 11-2 on the season after losing to Sudan, 47-43.

Scoring were Rowdy Mitchell, 17; Jarod Scott, 2; Michael Johnson, 10; Chris Culver, 3, and Tate Nichols, 11.

### 8th Girls

Farwell's 8th grade boys destroyed Springlake-Earth, 64-33, on Tuesday at home.

All the Steers scored: Juan Sanchez, 12; Jason Johnson, 6; Carlos Garcia, 10; Lonnie McFarland, 4; Cale Stevenson, 5; Zac Schilling, 22; and Josh Curtis, 5.

### JV Boys

Farwell's JV Boys overwhelmed Bovina, 57-21.

Scoring were Randy Armstrong and Tyler Myers, 4 each; Jason Johnson and Josh Curtis, 5 each; Carlos Garcia, 13; Lonnie McFarland and Juan Sanchez, 2 each; Cale Stevenson, 7; Zac Schilling, 14; and Daniel Kaltwasser, 1.

### JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls put away Springlake-Earth, 45-35.

Scoring were Khallie Foster, 12; Chelsea Meyer, 6; Tara Schilling, 2; Nikki Gober, 4; and Kyra Christian, Hailey Grimes and Jaimie Diaz, 7 each.

Farwell's JV Girls had last Friday off because Bovina did not field a JV girls team this season.

### "C" Boys

Farwell's "C" Boys beat the Friona freshmen on Monday, 53-28.

Scoring were Jason Sud-

derth, 5; Randy Armstrong, 8; Daniel Kaltwasser, 6; Jose Cabello, 17; Nico Soto, 3; and Jeremie Chandler and Tyler Myers, 7 each.

### 7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys updated their record to 7-1 with a 31-25 win over Sudan.

Scoring were Logan McFarland, 6; Ty Gast, 13; Juan Carlos Vidaurri and Justin Ware, 2 each; Luis Olmos, 1, and Fabian Reyes, 7.

### 7th Girls

Farwell's 7th grade girls were nipped by Sudan, 24-22.

Scoring were Kari Schilling and Jennifer DeLeon, 8 each; and Cindy Quezada, 6.

Farwell's 8th grade girls lost to Sudan, 30-12.

Scoring were Micah Christian, 5; Danielle Cargile, 3; and Lindsay Vandiver, 4.

### 8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys were nipped by Sudan, 24-22.

Scoring were Kari Schilling and Jennifer DeLeon, 8 each; and Cindy Quezada, 6.

## Financial Focus

by Glen O'Rear

If you've ever thought about retiring early, then you know there's one major concern you'll need to address: money. Will you have enough? And where will it come from?

Barring a disability, you can't start collecting Social Security until you're 62. When you retire early, it would be extremely helpful if you had a source of income to tide you over until you reach that age. But if you tap into your IRA or 401(k) before you're 59 1/2, won't you have to pay a 10 percent penalty on the distributions you take out?

Not necessarily. According to Section 72(t) of the Internal Revenue Code, you may be able to tap into your IRA or 401(k) before age 59-1/2 and still avoid the penalty. How? By taking the funds in a series of "substantially equal periodic payments."

This somewhat "jargony" phrase simply means you've got to withdraw about the same amount of money at least once a year. You have to make these withdrawals for at least five years, or until you've reached age 59-1/2, whichever is longer. So, for example, if you start taking these payments at age 50, you'll need to continue them until you're 59-1/2. If you don't start taking the payments until you're 57, you have to keep going until you're 62.

How much can you withdraw? Unfortunately, you can't just choose the amount you think you'll need. Typically, IRS regulations require that the size of the payments be based on your life expectancy -- or on the joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary -- and a given interest rate.

Clearly, it's a good thing to avoid the 10 percent penalty, which could amount to thousands of dollars over time. Nonetheless, just because you can access your IRA or 401(k) without paying a penalty doesn't mean you should. Why? For one thing, even though your withdrawals may not incur any penalties, they will trigger income taxes. This could be especially costly if your tax bracket doesn't drop in retirement.

Even more importantly, your IRA or 401(k) provides tax deferred growth for your retirement savings. The longer you leave these funds alone, the greater your accumulation will be. That added growth will be very helpful later on in your retirement, when you really do need the money.

One more point to consider: When you have a 401(k), you still have to separate from employment before you can take money out, even using the Section 72(t) provision. With an IRA, you can start making 72(t) withdrawals at any time.

In any case, weigh your decision carefully. You worked long and hard to build up your IRA or 401(k). Don't be in a hurry to dismantle them.



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He likes soccer, baseball, football, riding his scooter and drawing. He likes milk shakes, and salad with ranch dressing. His favorite color is black.

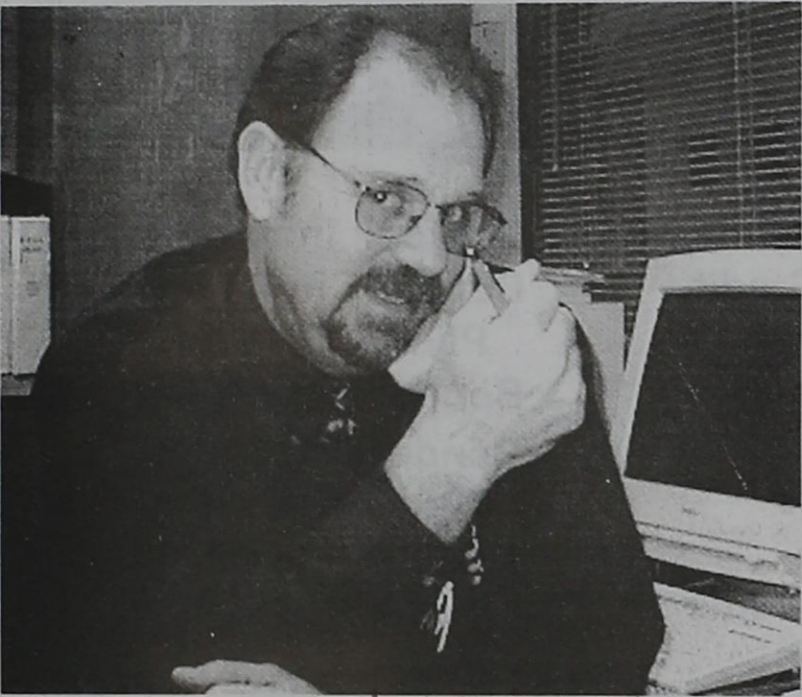
He doesn't like cleaning up, going to bed at night or feeding his dog, Dakota.

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**Approaching marriage**

Melvin and Vicki Morris, of Lazbuddie, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Holley Morris, to John David Agee, son of John Neil and Sharon Agee, of Lazbuddie. The wedding will be Feb. 17 at the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church, with a reception following. A dance will follow the reception and will be held at the Clovis Holiday Inn.



**Hi, Rick!**

A familiar sight around Texico Junior High School is .... principal Rick Stanley.

**Hoop play continues**

Basketball action is getting close to the end of the regular season, but it appears that most of our local teams will be in the state playoffs.

Both Texico varsity squads are favored to win state championships -- the girls for the second straight year en route to three state titles come next year.

Both Farwell varsity teams appear to have the inside lock of making the state playoffs.

And the Lazbuddie varsity teams have a strong chance at making the state playoffs.

Here's a look at the upcoming schedule:

**Lazbuddie**

The Lazbuddie varsity teams end district play by

hosting Whitharral on Feb. 2, then playing at Cotton Center on Feb. 6.

The junior high teams play at Cotton Center on Feb. 5.

**Farwell**

The Farwell varsity and JV teams play at Sudan on Feb. 2, then host Kress on Feb. 6 in their final district matches.

Farwell's junior high tourney will be held for 7th graders on Feb. 3. Then the 7th grade boys and both 8th grade teams will host Kress on Feb. 5. This ends their season.

**Texico**

The junior high 7th grade boys and girls teams will play in the Farwell tourney on Feb. 3. Then the 7th and 8th grade

boys and girls teams will play at Tatum on Feb. 6 as their seasons end.

The varsity "C" boys and girls teams will play at Clovis Christian on Feb. 1, then host Faith Temple on Feb. 5.

The JV and varsity teams will host Loving on Feb. 2 for

Homecoming, then play at Eunice on Feb. 6, and host Dexter on Feb. 9.

The varsity girls district tournament begins Feb. 12.

The JV and varsity boys have a final game at Loving on Feb. 16. The varsity boys district tourney starts Feb. 19.

**Parmer County youths plan to attend Houston Stock Show**

Twenty-seven 4-H'ers from Parmer County will attend the Houston Livestock Show:

Suzanne Mason, Matt Billingsley, Sam Billingsley, Dalton Cockerham, Josh Curtis, D'Anna DeLeon, Jennifer DeLeon, Kade Foster, Karissa Foster, Khallie Foster, Devin Goettsch, Brittany Gosner, Ty Gosner, Kyle Jennings, Drew Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Josh Kerby, Ty Kerby, Logan Mason, Dan Patterson, Leesa Patterson, Kari Schilling, Karli Schilling, Luke Schwertner, Lindsay Vandiver and Ty Vandiver.

And the following FFA members from Parmer County also will be at the show:

Farwell -- Shelby Aycocock, Angela Billingsley, Waylon Bowery, Curt Christian, Ty Cullison, Brenton Hager, Robyn Teltchik, Wesley Teltchik.

Bovina -- Cameron Charles, Matt Downs, Yancy Graves, Cody Jamerson, Courtney Jamerson, John Nelson, Juan Solorio, Jake Steelman, Claude Tamez.

Friona -- Alice Allen, Zach Barrett, Jeremy Campbell, Andrew Carthel, Hannah Carthel, Molly Carthel, Ashlee Hunt, Keith Hunt, Steve Hunt, Trent Hunt, J'Lond Jarecki, Jordon Monroe, Kelby Monroe, J'Mae Randolph, T.J. Randolph, Christine Widner.

Lazbuddie -- Suzanne Mason, Savannah Black, Shonnah Black, Jason Davis, Bryce Haney, Dylan Haney, Mandy Haney, Clifton Harris, Kelli Harris, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Chelsea Nichols, Shawndee Nichols, Trey Nickels, Kayla Parham, Landon Parham, Jeffrey Phillips, Shannon Redwine, Tobin Redwine, Amanda Schaeffer, Garrett Scisson, Shayla Scisson, Jay Seaton, Roper Smith, Rowdy Smith, Cole St. Clair, Brock Steinbock, Montana Steinbock, Wayne Terry, Elisabeth Thomas.

*The Latest*

Farwell's Cody Schilling, Lindsey Milloy, Curt Christian, Shelby Teltchik, Casey Meeks and Ben Oppliger competed in UIL speaking events on Saturday.

No results were available because the meet was cut short due to the weather.

Farwell placed 7th out of 12 teams in the Roughneck Powerlifting Meet held on Saturday.

Top placers were:

Brice Hunt was 3rd overall in all divisions from 181 lbs. and up. He placed 1st in the 198-lb. class with a lift of 1,075 lbs.

Sergio Vasquez was 1st in the 114 lb. class with 645 lbs.

Fermin Reyes was 10th in the 165 lb. class with 715 lbs.

Devin Goettsch was 7th in

the 198-lb. class with 645 lbs.

The team's next meet will be Feb. 10 in Petersburg.

Three Farwell students are on the dean's list at Eastern New Mexico University for the fall 2000 semester:

Alyson Actkinson, elementary education; Jan Billingsley, elementary education, and Gary White, computer information systems.

The Lazbuddie senior class will sponsor a Valentine's supper on Feb. 18 at the school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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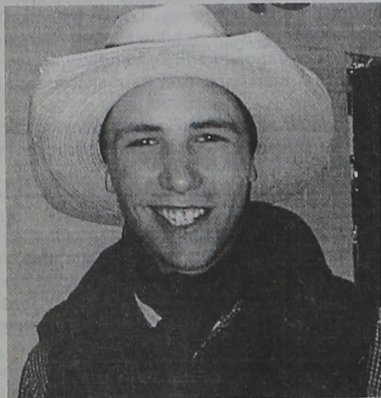
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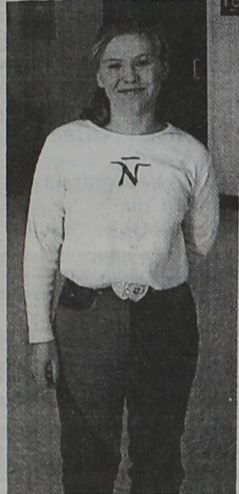
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- Citizens Bank of Texico
- Sherley-Anderson-Pitman
- Flat Beds of New Mexico
- Kirkland & Kirkland CPA
- Wilbur Ellis
- Bovina Feeders
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- Sherley-Anderson, Lariat
- Farwell Feed Supply
- Bovina Pump

51 Animals Sold from Farwell & Oklahoma Lane 4-H & FFA



Pictured are Kati Mimms, Brady Mimms and Mandy Haney. Not shown is Jerry Medrano.

## Students recognized

The Lazbuddie high school and junior high Students of the Month for December are Kati Mimms, Brady Mimms, Mandy Haney and Jerry Medrano.

Kati, 17, is the daughter of Clay and Reta Mimms. Her motto is "to be a first rate version of yourself, then a second rate version of somebody else." Her tip for surviving high school is to be yourself. She likes the Creed song "Arms Wide Open", Lubbock Christian University, "Little Women", Julia Roberts, M&M candies and the color yellow. Her pet peeve is when people try to act like someone else just to be "cool".

Brady, 16, is the son of Clay and Reta Mimms. His motto is "no one ever drowned in their own sweat." His survival tip is don't act up, and do all your work. He likes Lubbock Christian University, "Smokey the Cowhorse", hamburgers and french fries and the color green. His pet peeve is people who complain all the time.

Mandy, 13, is the daughter of Greg and Netta Haney. Her motto is to be yourself and don't be afraid to do anything. Her survival tip is not to be rude or obnoxious. She likes the song "With Arms Wide Open", Texas Tech, "Seventeen", Julia Stiles, cherries and popcorn, and the colors blue and green. Her pet peeve is when other people tell her she said something that she knows she didn't say.

Jerry, 13, is the son of Jerry and Kathy Medrano. His motto is "Go Fish." His survival tip is to do your work and pass your classes. He likes Dracula, "Bass Master", Nicholas Cage, Nestle's crunch bars and the color navy blue. His pet peeve is spiders.

## Here's where precinct \$\$ stands

At the beginning of each year, the Tribune publishes financial information for the four Parmer County precincts so folks will know the shape they are in.

The funds that each precinct has can be used for any precinct business, such as employee salaries, equipment, machinery, fuel, supplies, etc. All funds are maintained by county treasurer Anne Norton.

The precincts, and their commissioners, are: Pct. 1, Kirk Frye, Friona area; Pct. 2, Tom Ware, Bovina area; Pct. 3, Ed Corn, Farwell area; and Pct. 4, Raymond McGehee, Lazbuddie area.

Frye and Corn are new commissioners, replacing Johnny Tannahill and Flo Davis, respectively.

Cash on hand is maintained in the Farm to Market Fund

and the Lateral Fund. The Lateral Fund consists of money that comes from the state each October, based on the number of road miles in each precinct.

Here's a look at the cash on hand (as of Dec. 31, 2000) for each precinct:

Farm to Market Fund -- Pct. 1, \$17,756; Pct. 2, \$9,754; Pct. 3, \$15,179; and Pct. 4, \$15,053.

Lateral Fund -- Pct. 1, \$7,619; Pct. 2, \$7,039; Pct. 3, \$9,610; and Pct. 4, \$7,744.

In addition to cash on hand, some precincts have Certificates of Deposit and/or Tex Pool Investments. Tex Pool is a statewide investment group that many governmental entities, including Parmer County, are members of.

Pct. 1 has a \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit and \$114,000 in investments. A year ago, they had the \$100,000 CD and \$80,000 in investments. Thus, they are "up" \$34,000.

Pct. 2 has a \$180,000 Certificate of Deposit and \$90,000 in investments. A year ago, they had a \$150,000 CD and \$100,000 in investments. Thus, they are "up" \$20,000.

Pct. 3 has no CD but does have \$83,000 in investments. A year ago, they had \$55,500 worth of investments. Thus, they are "up" \$28,000.

Pct. 4 has no investments but does have four Certificates of Deposit -- totalling \$438,920. A year ago, this precinct had two Cds, totalling \$288,367. Thus, they are "up" \$150,553.

### The Latest

The children of Benna Felts Tarter are planning an open house reception for her 90th birthday at the Farwell Community Center on Feb. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m.

If you live in Farwell and heard a lengthy fire siren go off on Jan. 25 -- it was a test.

An inquiry was noted in "The Latest" in last week's Tribune asking about Charles P. Thompson.

Harold Carpenter called to say that Thompson is deceased and he will call the Illinois man who had asked about him.

A Valentine's Dinner benefiting the Life In Christ Academy Preschool will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Muleshoe Civic Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Children 3 and under eat for free.

The meal includes brisket, beans, cole slaw, potato

salad, dessert and drinks.

Takeouts are available.

A silent auction will be held during the dinner, sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat.



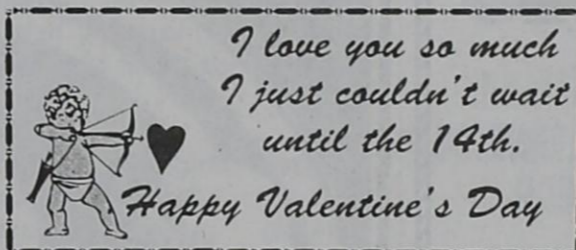
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### Fire Calls

The Farwell ambulance made 3 runs recently.

On Jan. 24, they took a person from Muleshoe hospital to the Farwell Convalescent Center.

On Jan. 26 and 29, they took persons from the Farwell Convalescent Center to Clovis hospital and Muleshoe clinic, respectively.

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## The Latest

A Farwell fan lost a ladies'  
black denim vest at the  
Bovina gym after last Friday's  
game. If found, please call  
481-9426.

The Farwell Chamber of  
Commerce, with Willie Rob-  
erts providing the funds, have  
donated \$200 to allow eight  
Farwell pages to serve during  
the legislative session.

The election day for the  
Texico School Board is Feb.  
6.

Polls will be open from 7  
a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Texico  
Community Center.

Unopposed for re-election  
are Randy Cain and Red  
Richardson.

Veronica Almanza, of Far-  
well, has received a bache-  
lor's degree in management  
from West Texas A&M Uni-  
versity.

On the dean's list for the  
fall 2000 semester at West  
Texas A&M University from  
Farwell were Ashley Crawford  
and Eva Sanchez, sopho-  
mores, and Billie Pierson, a  
junior.

Texico's FFA parliamentary  
procedure team took 1st in  
district, then 3rd in the state  
contest in Portales on Jan. 22.

Members are Cherry May-  
field, Nicole Richards, Carrie  
Phipps, Barbara Quener, Dru  
Mayfield, Megan Brown, Car-  
rie Rucker and Travis Busey.

Word has been received of  
the death of Gaye Lane, '62, of  
Clovis.

She was the legal secretary  
for Marion Ty Rutter of the  
Aldridge, Aycock, Actkinson  
and Rutter law office in  
Clovis.

## Texico teams crush Jal

## Varsity Girls

Tuesday's game against  
Clayton was cancelled due to  
the weather.

The Lady Wolverines im-  
proved to 5-0 in district and  
18-1 overall, including 13  
straight wins, with a 92-55  
blowout of Jal in an away  
game on Friday.

Texico has won 40 of its  
last 41 games, reports coach  
Roy King.

Scoring were: Jennifer  
Roberts, 24; Elizabeth Rich-  
ardds, 21; Callie Rucker, 7;  
Krysta Morris, 9; Carrie  
Phipps, 3; Carrie Rucker, 5;  
Kara Jenkins, 19; and Dru  
Mayfield, 4.

Top rebounders were  
Richards, with 10, and Rob-  
erts, with 6. Morris led in  
steals with 7 and Richards  
added 5. Morris also led in  
assists with 11, and Richards  
had 7.

Roberts canned 4 of 8 3-  
pointers, and Morris added 2.

The note of Texico's 62-37  
victory over Dexter was in last  
week's Tribune, but here are  
the statistics:

Scoring were Roberts, 18;  
Richards, 27; Callie Rucker  
and Mayfield, 2 each; Jenkins,

## Aliens

(Continued from Page 1)

jumped out of the transport  
truck.

The four had been living in  
the two vehicles, apparently  
getting aboard at El Paso. There  
was only minor damage to  
the vehicles.

The four took off running  
but were rounded up within  
30 minutes and turned over to  
the Border Patrol.

One of the four told the  
sheriff's deputies that if they  
had known the transport truck  
would take them to a jail, they  
would have boarded a differ-  
ent vehicle!

Plains Cotton Growers Inc.  
reports that Risk Management  
Agency has announced that  
80 to 85 percent coverage will  
be offered to Texas cotton  
growers in 2001.

PCG said it appears that  
last year's crop insurance re-  
form bill will move many  
growers up the ladder in  
terms of their insurance cov-  
erage needs.

The Oklahoma Lane Meth-  
odist Church will celebrate its  
75th anniversary on March 4.

Worship service will be at  
10 a.m. Donations will be ac-  
cepted for a catered noon  
meal. There will be guest  
speakers and special music at  
1:30 and 4 p.m.

By an unofficial vote of 379  
to 272, Swisher County resi-  
dents chose not to join the  
15-county High Plains Under-  
ground Water Conservation  
District No. 1.

Opponents cited more  
property taxes, participation  
in the cloud-seeding program  
and water district rules.

10; and Morris, 3.

Richards had 17 boards  
and Jenkins 6. Richards led in  
steals with 5. Morris had 10  
assists and Richards 6.

## Varsity Boys

Tuesday's game against  
Clayton was cancelled due to  
the weather.

Jal found the Wolverines  
way too much to deal with as  
Texico crushed the Panthers,  
66-49, in an away game on  
Friday.

Texico is now 5-0 in district  
and 18-0 overall.

Scoring were Johnny Sena,  
10; Josh Boazman, 17; Jake  
Williams, Marcos Loera, Ryan  
Autrey and Mike Marlow, 3  
each; Kyle Duncan, 7; Ross  
Burford, 6; Chris Hall, 14.

Top rebounders were  
Boazman and Duncan, 8 each.  
Marlow led in assists with 7.  
Hall had 3 steals.

## 8th Girls

Yucca topped Texico's 8th  
grade girls, 30-24, for the con-  
ference championship, re-  
ports coach Amy Kelley.

Scoring were Amber  
Parmer, 6; Lauren Boazman,  
2; Brette Hadley, 2; Ashley  
Kidd, 7 (including a pair of 3-  
pointers); and Melissa Rob-  
erts, 7.

## 7th Girls

Texico's 7th grade girls fell  
to Yucca, 28-14.

Scoring were Erika Autrey,  
5; Sarah Johnson, 4; Krystal  
Williams, 2; and Lacey Price,  
3.

Texico's 7B girls lost to  
Yucca, 22-10.

Scoring were Cassie  
Smith, 6; Krystal Williams, 2;  
and Nicki Autrey, 2.

## JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys won a

whopper on Friday, coming  
back from an 18-point deficit  
in the first half to trip up Jal,  
72-70.

Scoring were Tanner Wil-  
liams, 30; Adrian Loera, 20;  
Johnny Rivera and Shane  
Mayfield, 2 each; Mark Pe-  
abody, 8; and Anthony Askew  
and Bryce Bailey, 5 apiece.

Top rebounders were Wil-  
liams, 15; Loera, 8, and  
Askew, 5. Loera led in steals  
with 5. Kody Vaughan led in  
assists with 4.

## JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls whipped  
Jal, 51-28.

Scoring were Nicole Rich-  
ards, 3; Ashley Smith and  
Carrie Rucker, 4 each; Bar-  
bara Queener, 2; Jazzi Walls,

8; Kelsi Cain, 5; Tara Lock-  
miller, 6; Megan Brown, 7; Dru  
Mayfield, 11, and Kehley  
Merrill, 1.

On Jan. 23, the Texico JV  
Girls wiped out Dexter, 57-25.

Scoring were Christina  
Clark and Kelsi Cain, 8 each;  
Nicole Richards, 6; Barbara  
Queener, 2; Jazzi Walls and  
Tori Bradley, 4 each; Carrie  
Rucker, 5; Megan Brown and  
Dru Mayfield, 10 apiece.

## JH teams

Texico's Junior High  
matches on Monday against  
Melrose were cancelled due to  
the weather.

## Meet Farwell's Class of 2013



Kayla Cullison is a Farwell kinder-  
gartener. Her birthday is May 24.

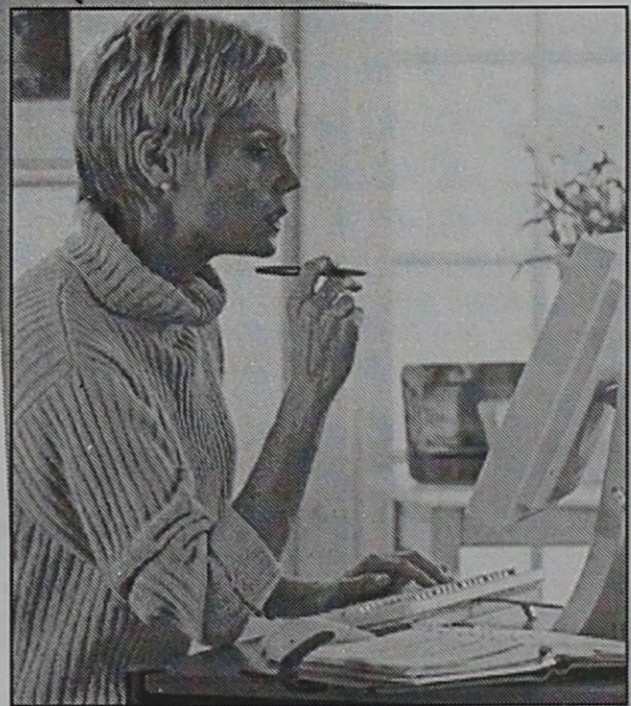
Parents are Jon & Stephanie Culli-  
son. She has a brother, Tyler. Grand-  
parents are Bob & Sharron Cullison,  
and Bill & Joy Wrye.

She likes to play with her brother  
and friends, swing, color and play with  
Barbies. She likes bean burritos,  
chicken and pizza. Her favorite color  
is yellow.

She doesn't like to clean her room.

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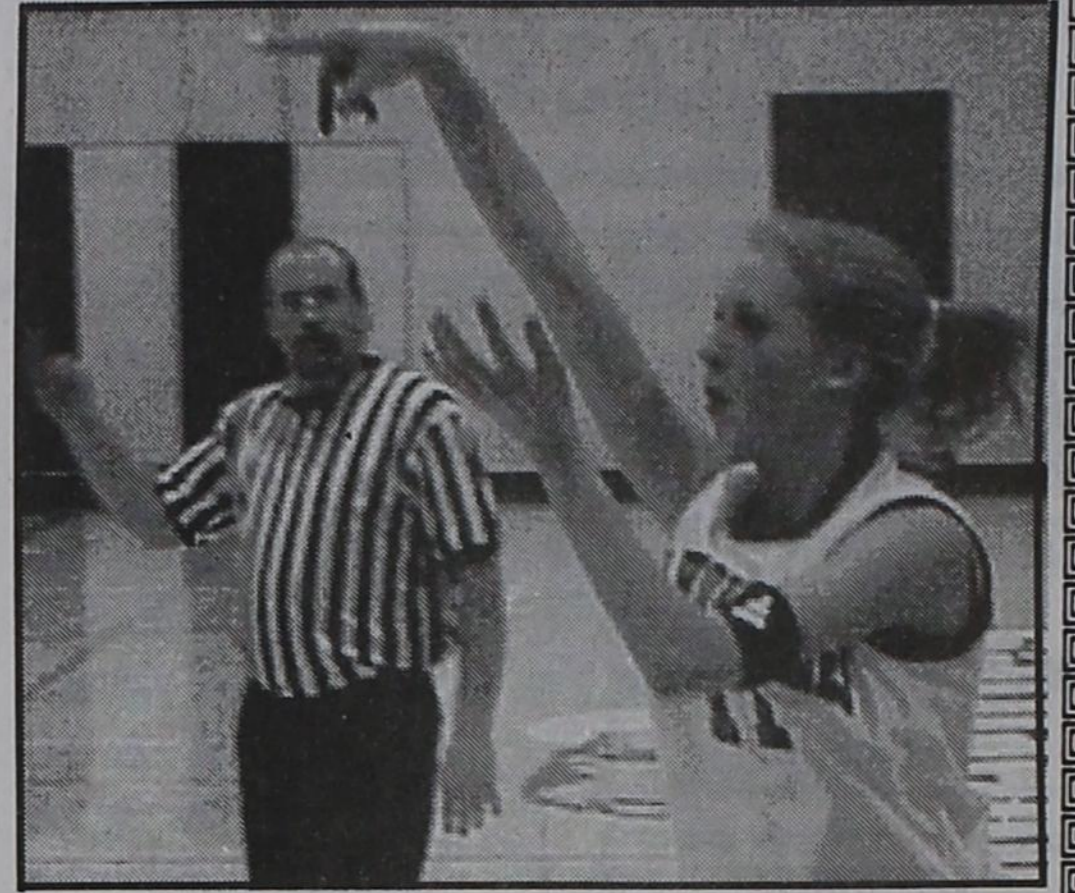
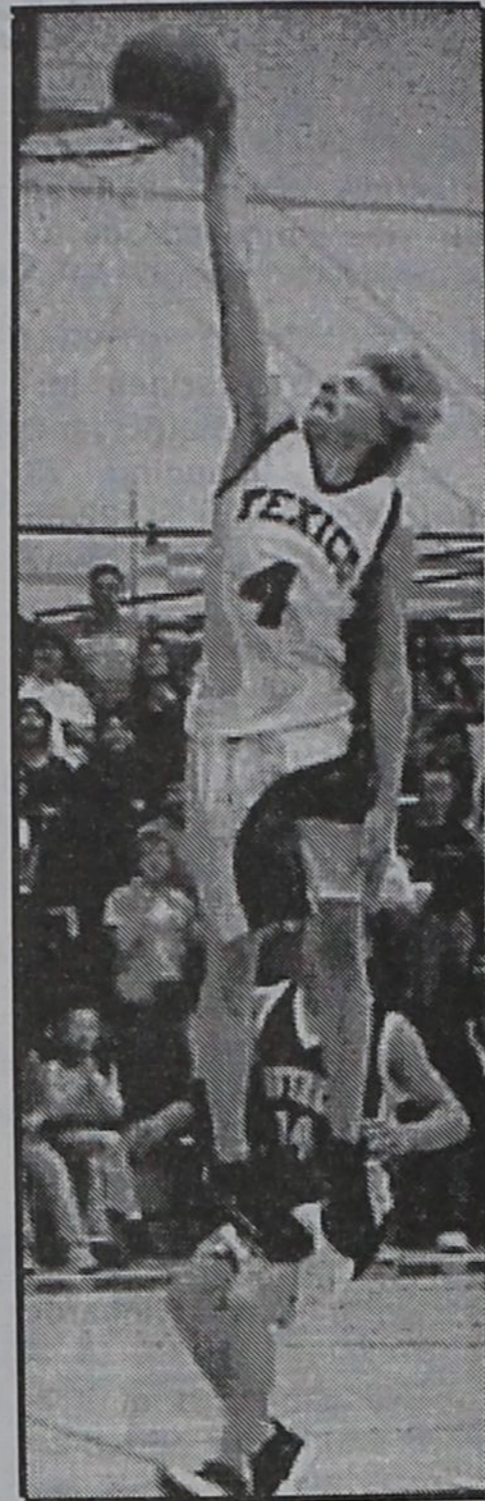
The vast amount of snow that fell over the weekend  
helped make the Farmer County Veterans Memorial at  
Farwell City Park stand out like a beacon.

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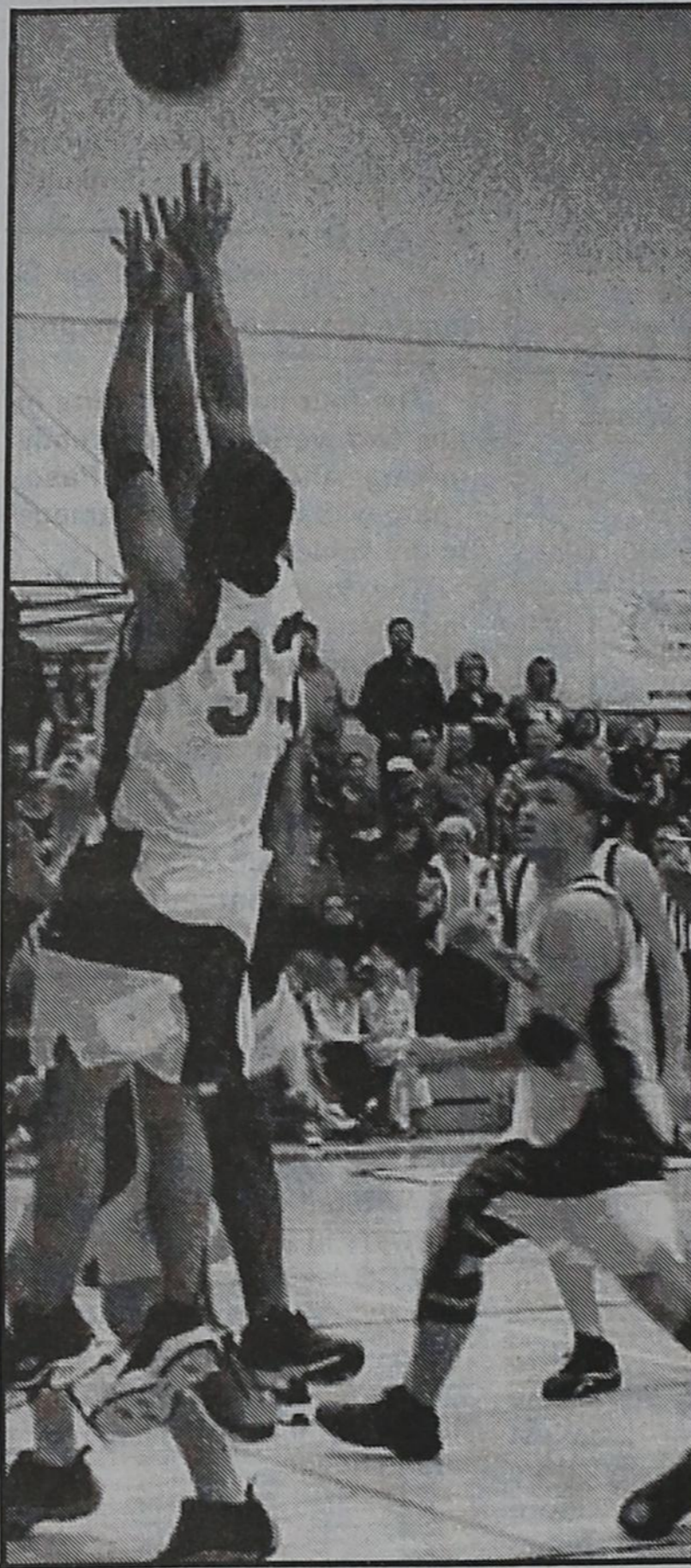
TEXICO HOSTS LOVING  
**Friday, Feb. 2**  
**4 p.m. mt**



**Texico Varsity Boys**  
 In back, from left, are Head Coach Richard Luscombe, Kyle Duncan, Jake Williams, Jacob AlderseBaes and Coach Steve Doolittle; middle row, Ross Burford, Marcos Loera, Justin Foust, Tanner Williams, Josh Bozman; front row, Chris Hall, Johnny Sena, Chris Maxwell, Adrian Loera, Ryan Autrey.



Action photos by Janice Jenkins



**Texico Varsity Girls**

In back from left, Asst. Coach Buddy Little, Elizabeth Richards, Jennifer Roberts, Callie Rucker, Head Coach Roy King; middle row, Kelsi Cain, Carrie Rucker, Tara Lockmiller, Megan Brown, Dru Mayfield, Kara Jenkins; front row, Nicole Richards, Tori Bradley, Carrie Phipps, Shea Smith, Shilo Thornton. Not pictured is Krysta Morris.

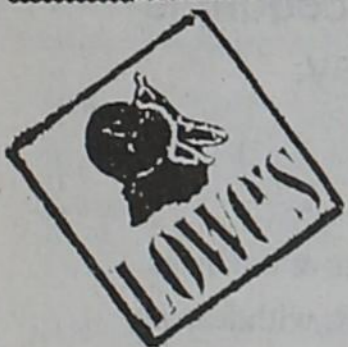
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