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The 2002 Farwell Steers



The 2002 Texico Wolverines



The 2002 Lazbuddie Longhorns

One more week to go!

One week to go before the 44th annual Area Merchants Football Contest starts in the Tribune.

The top prize for the winner of the 12-week contest will again be two tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys, the team which dominated the 1990's pro football world, winning a trio of Super Bowls.

This year, the grand prize winner will get to watch the Cowboys take on a tough rival, the San Francisco 49'ers, who made last year's playoffs. The game is set for Sunday, Dec. 8th, at Texas Stadium.

The grand prizewinner will also receive a night's lodging for two at a top-notch Dallas hotel, the Radisson, and more goodies.

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The 2001 winner was Kirk Saul, who averaged 8.5 points a week, on a 12-point scale. That means he got 8 games out of each week's 12 picked correctly to take home the Big Prize.

Other past winners were Terry Craft, Becky Taylor,

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Border Banter

— Mike Pomper

What an experience!

by Leesa Patterson

Since I'm planning to try my hand at being a broke college student this upcoming semester, I decided that I needed to be paid in something more than "experience." (Don't get me wrong, experience is great, but so is money.)

At the beginning of the summer, in addition to my duties as a Tribune "reporter", I began to work as a waitress at a Clovis restaurant.

How hard could it be? You give the customer a drink, you carry their food out to them, and they pay you.

It all seems simple enough, and it pretty much is. But there is always that one difficult customer that can never be pleased.

Anyone who has ever served in a restaurant knows the type. They ask for water, but then there's not enough ice. They ask for a lemon in the water, but you put it on the wrong side of the glass. It never ends...

In extreme cases I've even seen this type make the less experienced waitresses cry. They ought to be whipped with a wet noodle.

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Parmer County 4-H awards presented

Photos from the 4-H Awards Banquet will appear in next week's Tribune

The annual Parmer County 4-H awards banquet was held at the Schilling farm on Tuesday evening.

Top awards went to:
 Outstanding Leader: Sean Mason.

Friend of 4-H: Debbie Harling, dog project volunteer.

"I Dare You": Alisha Wauson.

Gold Star: Suzanne Mason and Keith Hunt. Hunt also received an award for Outstanding Senior Record Book.

Outstanding Junior 2: Dan Patterson.

Outstanding Junior 2 Record Book: Sarah Herington.

Outstanding First Year 4-H Member: Emily Allen.

Outstanding Junior 1: Michelle Wauson.

Outstanding Junior 1 Record Book: Drew Johnson.

4-H Scholarship (worth \$300) -- Leesa Patterson.

Four-H Recognition Awards went to:

Outstanding Senior 4-H Promoter: Steven Hunt.

Recognition of a Job Well Done in Horse Project: Justin Ware.

Recognition of a Job Well Done in 1st Year Livestock Judging: Colton Christian.

Recognition of a Job Well Done in 1st Year Record Book: Matt Billingsley.

Recognition of a Job Well Done in Dog Project: Ashley Hartzog.

Leaders who received recognition were:

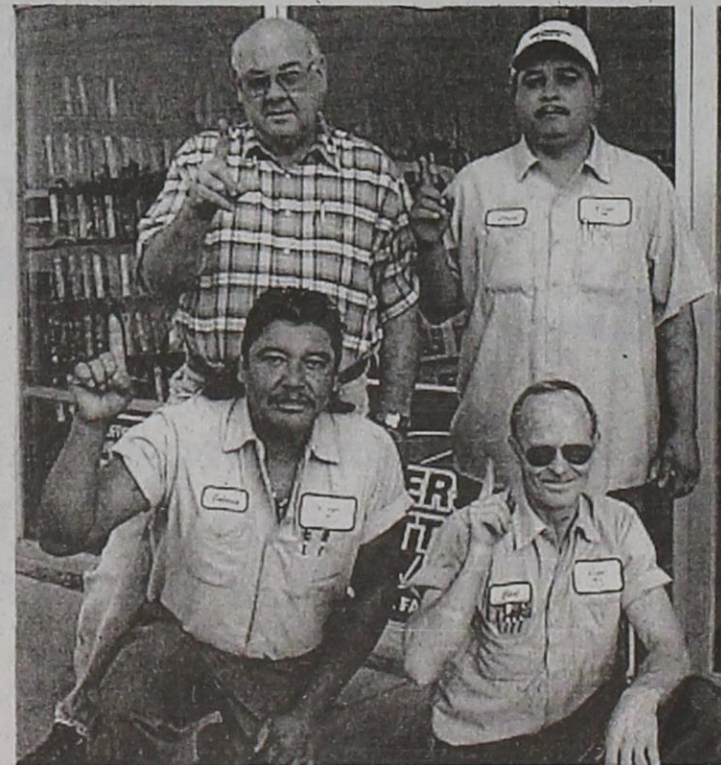
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Four-H Council of Officers for 2002-2003 will be: Suzanne Mason, president; Keith Hunt, 1st vice president; Steven Hunt, 2nd vice president; Samuel

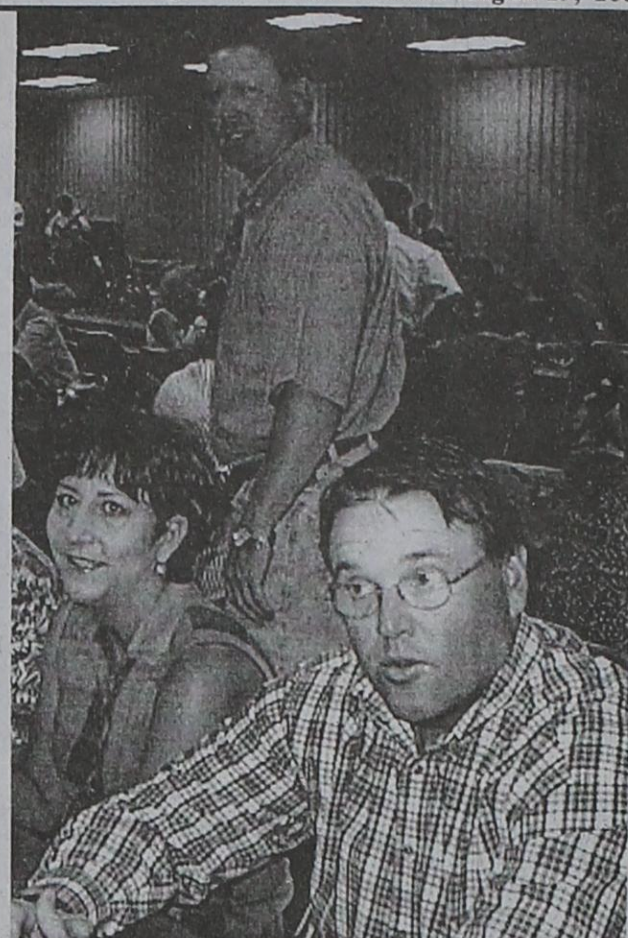
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The folks at Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative are giving "the 1 sign" to indicate there is just one week to go before the Area Merchants Football Contest begins. All the folks at the co-op participate in the contest. Parmer County Cotton Growers is one of the contest sponsors.



Tri County Tire, of Farwell, is one of the contest sponsors and the folks there never miss a week at playing the annual football contest. Pictured giving the "1 sign" to show there's just one week left before the contest starts are Robert White, Louis Germain, Johnny Micolos and Carl Dean Goettsch,



The annual Parmer County stock show dinner was held at the Farwell Country Club on Saturday.

It's designed to raise funds for youths who show animals at the county stock show in January.

Funds raised are divided among all county youths so that every exhibitor receives some

money, explained Gary Patterson, event honcho.

There was a big turnout for the fun event. Two hundred tickets (the maximum) were sold.

Drawings were held throughout the evening, with the top prize of \$1,000 going to Billy Johnson.

Joe Allen, of Abilene, catered the affair with his famous steaks.



Stock show dinner



Longhorns scrimmage

The Lazbuddie Longhorns scrimmaged last weekend with two teams.

Valley outscored the 'Horns, 2-0, while the 'Horns defeated Roswell, 1-0 (on a long pass from Lucas DeLeon to Sterling Via).

Coach Joe Brenham said that Lazbuddie used "tight I" formation against Valley, but then changed to a spread of offense against Roswell - which was much more effective.

"We went into the spread and moved the ball downfield well," said Brenham.

Offensively, the coach praised DeLeon, running back Tobin Redwine and the offensive line for blocking well. Defensively, he said Rob Martin and Brady Mimms played

well. Meanwhile, the Lazbuddie JV won 2-0, with scores by Tanner Gartin and Adrian Ruiz. Also, Roper Smith played very well.

It's a Boy

Cole Thomas Kirkpatrick was born on Aug. 23 in Irving, Texas, to Corey and Misty Kirkpatrick, of Flower Mound, Texas.

He has a sister, Taylor, 2.

He weighed 10 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20 1/2" long.

Grandparents are Daryl and Karen Kirkpatrick, of Bovina; Roene Stewart, of Lubbock; and Ricky Stewart, of Farwell.

Great-grandparents are Lily Behrendsen, of Clovis; Betty Stewart, of Farwell, and Tom and Elaine Hensley, of Tosten, Mont.

County retired teachers to meet

The Parmer County Retired Teachers will meet Tuesday at the Friona State Bank at 2 p.m.

"When a Band-Aid Won't Do" will address first aid and prevention of home accidents.

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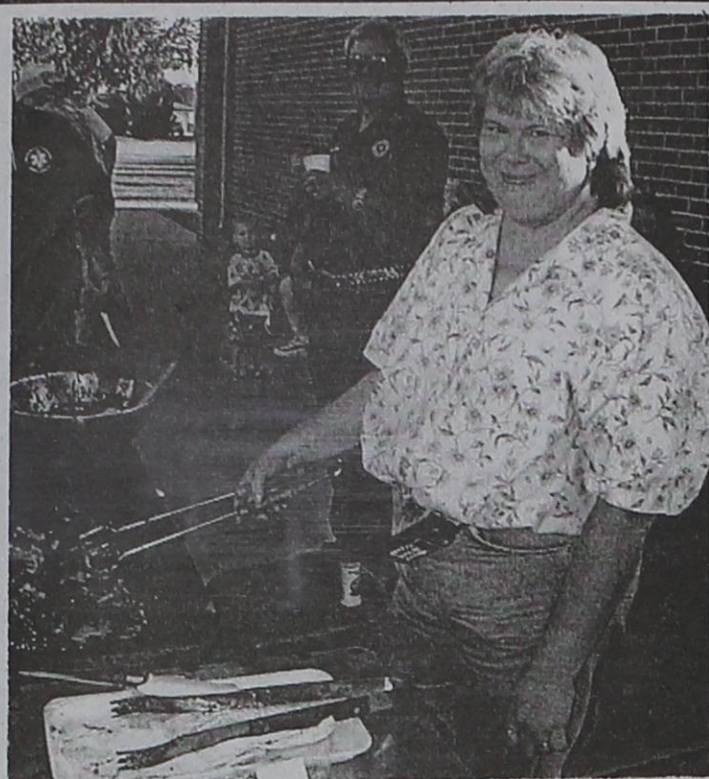


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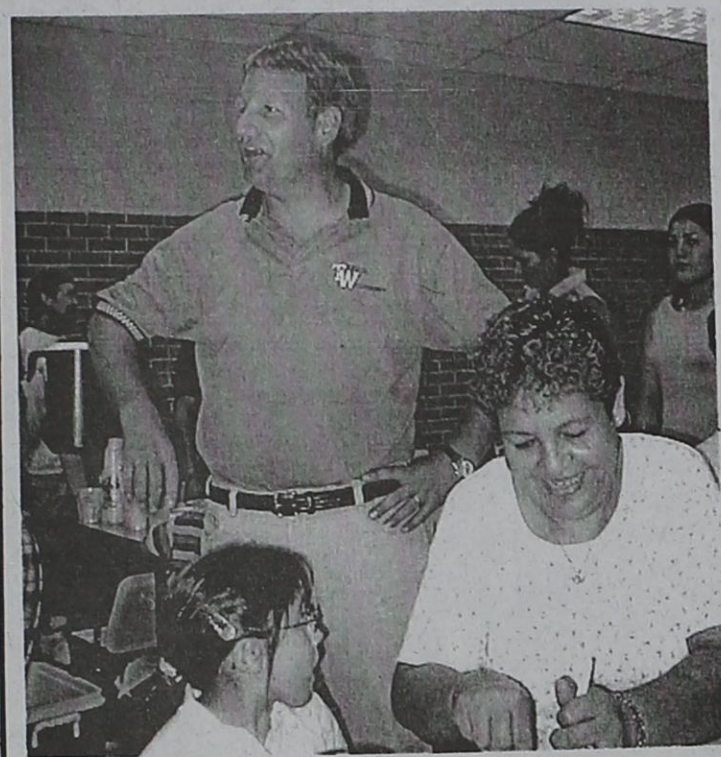


Texico cookout draws large crowd

The annual Texico community cookout on Monday night had a record crowd -- with more than 400 meals served.

Folks got to visit, meet the school staff, and view the new gym's progress.

The fire department cooked, steaks, hot dogs and hamburgers.



AGP reports strong financial condition

The Tribune has received some background information from AGP Cooperative, of Omaha, Neb., which is scheduled to purchase the Sherley-Anderson grain elevators in September. Some highlights were:

At the area meetings last spring, it was noted that AminoPlus (a dairy high performance protein product) had sales up 30 percent; projected cash pay out of about \$16 million to members; and expansion of grain operations.

Chief Financial Officer Keith Spackler reported that the \$16 million figure is up about \$800,000 from a year ago. He projected earnings before taxes at \$33.7 million, up from \$31.8 million the previous year.

The AGP board has discussed increasing cash patronage from 20 percent to 30 percent and making a larger equity redemption for this year.

The following patronage rates are estimated for fiscal 2002: soybeans, 2.2 cents per bushel; soybean meal, 94 cents per ton; soy hulls, 47 cents per ton. AGP Grain Co-op patronage is projected at 2.7 cents per bushel.

Capitol expenditures for fiscal 2002 are expected to total nearly \$39 million.

Upcoming Sports

The Texico Wolverines open the 2002 campaign with a home game on Aug. 30 against Bovina at 7:30 p.m.

The Texico JH team scrimmages at Bovina on Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. mt.

The Texico JV game against Bovina was cancelled.

The Texico Lady Spikers will start their season on Sept. 3 when they host Floyd at 4:30 p.m. mt (along with the JV and junior high games).

The Texico JH and "C" teams play at Gattis on Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. mt.

The Farwell Steers have their first game on

Aug. 30 by hosting Plains at 7:30 p.m.

On Aug. 29, the Farwell JV team plays at Plains at 5 p.m.

The Lazbuddie Longhorns' first game comes on Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Groom against Follett. Preceding this game will be the JV tilt between Lazbuddie and Follett at Groom.



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Meet Texico's Class of 2015



Tyler Bridges, a Texico kindergarten, is the son of Michael & Shelley Bridges. Siblings are Trevor & Kyleigh. Grandparents are Jake & Luci Taylor, Clea Bridges, and Robert & Bern Bridges.

He likes to climb trees, swim and play outside. His favorite foods are potatoes and gravy and chicken. His favorite color is green. He doesn't like getting sick.
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Ribbon-cutting

The Texico Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 26 for Ruby's Antiques - Gifts - Collectibles.



Kara Underwood and Todd Daniel

Engagement told

Jim and Lorraine Sandoval, of Hereford, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kara Underwood, of Plainview, to Todd Daniel, of Lubbock, son of Jim and Paula Daniel, of Lazbuddie.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 12 at St. Paul Historical Church in Lubbock. A reception will follow.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing and is employed as a surgical nurse at Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Amarillo College and is employed at Zimmer-Baker Associates as a sales associate.

Wolverines scrimmage with Ft. Sumner

The Texico Wolverines started the 2002 campaign with a scrimmage against Ft. Sumner last weekend.

As for scoring, Ft. Sumner had 1 TD. Texico got as far as the Foxes 25 once.

In goal-line plays, Ft. Sumner tallied twice and Texico once (a run by Tony Clements).

Coach Mike Prokop said the team was working on different plays and the emphasis was on getting them down pat.

Playing extremely well were linebacker Logan Brown (whose hit on the QB caused an intercep-

tion); Bryce Bailey, tackle; Toby Thornton, lineman and linebacker; Landon Johnson, defensive end (with an interception); QB Braden Vaughan; running backs Adrian Loera and Johnny Serrano, and Jesse Serrano with a good catch.

Prokop also pointed out center Brian Vannatta for his good play.

Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued a marriage license last week to Joseph Olvera and Cynthia Leggett.

Steers scrimmage with Olton

The Farwell Steers scrimmaged against Olton last weekend.

Olton's 1st team had 2 scores, and Farwell had 1. Farwell's 2nd team scored twice.

The first team's score came on a pass from Lonnie McFarland to Grant Gregory. Tight end Gregory caught six passes.

The second team tallies came on a QB keeper by Jason Johnson, and a 70-yard run by Cale Stevenson.

Coach Jacob Thompson said his QBs threw well, completing about 12 or 13 of about 20 attempts. Running back Carlos Garcia ran well, also. And Robbie Tabb caught some passes.

The offensive line pass-blocked well, but more work needs to be done on run-blocking, said Coach Thompson.

Enrollment declines

Farwell Schools suffered another loss in its first-day enrollment statistics.

This year's total is 443 -- elementary, 199; junior high, 100, and high school, 144.

This compares to 479 last year.

Allen, Chandler to retire

Two longtime grain elevator managers are retiring.

Fred Chandler, who has managed the Sherley-Anderson grain elevator in Farwell for more than 20 years, said he will retire at the end of the current harvest season.

The sale of the Sherley-Anderson elevators to AGP Cooperative, of Omaha, Neb., is expected to take place in early September. AGP officials asked Chandler to stay on for the harvest.

Also, his wife, Dickie, will work for the new cooperative until the harvest is over.

The Chandlers plan to do a lot of traveling in their retirement years.

Also, Joe Allen will be retiring as the manager of the Sherley-Anderson elevator at Rhea Community.

Allen and his father built the elevator 40 years ago for another company. Shortly afterward, it was purchased by Penny Anderson.

Allen will be replaced by Debbie Zaikowski, his daughter. The lifelong Rhea resident is a veteran grain elevator employee.



Fred Chandler, longtime manager of the Sherley-Anderson grain elevator in Farwell, will be retiring after the harvest season, in about two months. Also, his wife, Dickie, who has worked at the grain elevator here, will retire with him.

Texico Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy:

The night of Aug. 23, the high school was broken into, with items stolen, criminal damage done and rooms were ransacked.

It was the second time in recent weeks that the school was hit -- the other time it included starting fires in the new gym.

On Aug. 23, two vehicles containing six youths collided at Eunice and Grand streets during the

lunch hour.

No transports to the hospital were made but some youths complained of injuries.

One driver, a Texico juvenile girl, was charged with careless driving.

The other driver, a Texico juvenile boy, was charged with careless driving, following too closely and possession of marijuana.

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- Friday - man & cheese subs, tater tots, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Farwell

- Monday - no school.
- Tuesday - BBQ on bun, french fries, dill spear, watermelon cubes, milk.
- Wednesday - chicken fajitas, LT. salad, pinto beans, fruited Jello, milk.
- Thursday - roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, diced peaches, milk.
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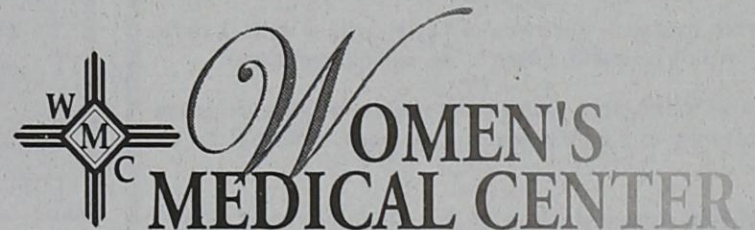
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160 ACRES, irrigated, with circle sprinkler and one irrigation well. Southwest of Clay's Corner. Lays good. OWNER SAYS SELL!!!

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BOVINA -- Nice, large 3 bedroom, 3 bath, brick home with fireplace, large 2-car garage and large screened porch. In good location.

PRICE REDUCED -- 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home, single car garage, fenced back yard, recently remodeled, near nursing home.

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BOVINA -- Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, approx. 2,100 sq. ft., with fireplace, covered patio in good location.

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307 acres north of Muleshoe, 3 sprinklers, 3 wells, very good water. On Pavement. **SOLD**

400 acres northwest of Muleshoe -- 3 sprinklers, large barn, other improvements. Near Pavement.

West Camp area -- 480 acres, 2 brick homes, 3 center pivot sprinklers, fenced, pavement on two sides. *A very nice operation!*

320 acres in Parmer County on pavement. 2 wells, 1 half miler sprinkler, lays level, excellent soil, on pavement.

Bailey County -- 320 acres, nice brick home, large barn, 2 sprinklers, near pavement.

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PRICE REDUCED!! -- Nice remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath, brick home, with den, living room, kitchen, built-ins, 2 car garage, fenced backyard -- all on corner lot in Farwell. It's a Must See! Call for details.

NEW LISTING -- Nice, large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, built-ins, utility, lots of space, nice fenced back yard. Priced to Sell!! Call for details.

NEW LISTING -- Nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath home with 3 extra lots, central heat, ref. air, freestanding fireplace, very nice fenced back yard with patio. Priced to Sell!! Call for details.

PRICE REDUCED -- Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home with vinyl siding, ref. air, central heat, nice patio, storage building, and fenced backyard. Call for more details.

NEW LISTING: Nice large 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, brick home, built-ins, refrig. air & central heat, 2 car garage -- all in nice location. Call for more details!

JUST LISTED 160 acres, 7 tower Valley sprinkler, north of Farwell, 75 hsp. electric motor. Priced for immediate sale.

West Camp Area, 470 acres, 82 acres CRP, 6 wells, highway frontage. Lays excellent. **IN CONTRACT**

Bailey County, 134 total acres, sprinkler system, 2 irrigation wells, 2-50'x100' metal barns, 1-40'x50' insulated barn and 1-24'x30' barn. Also, a very nice large 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with basement, built-ins, fireplace, ref. air, central heat, office, utility room, lots of storage, 2 car garage, highway frontage, plus a lot more. Show by appointment only. Call for more details!

JUST LISTED -- Bailey County, 158 acres 1-7 tower electric sprinkler, 2-wells, electric motors, lays well. Priced for immediate sell.

320 acres, CRP grass, lays well, north of Bovina. Some depreciable assets -- 7 years left at \$39 per acre.

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House for Sale: Completely remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home with attached 2-car garage. Central heat/AC, built-ins, sprinkler system. Very nice neighborhood in Farwell. Call 481-6805

FOR SALE - 2 houses - 1 in Clovis and 1 2 miles north of Clovis. \$119,000 each. Call Glen Shot at 762-0060.

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LOST PUPPY -- a black lab named "Rip" was lost last Friday on Sandia Street in Farwell. If found, please call 481-3535.

Garage Sale on Saturday, Aug. 31, at 400 Sixth St., Farwell, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lots of stuff and homemade burritos!

High Definition Big Screen TV for sale. Take on small payments. 1-800-398-3970.

Contest

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 Willie Roberts, Jerry Rodam, Dale Sikes, Erlene Porter, Rusty McFarland, Larry Gregory, Sam Gonzales, T.J. Kittell, Rex Cumption, Pam Carpenter, Kirk Saul, Steve Foster, Jerry Dee Owen, Gay Goettsch, and Gage Gregory.

Also, Brett Curtis, Hal Helton, Robin Gregory, Joannah Gartin, Charles Dannheim, Bunk Phillips, Maxine Williams, Ken Horn, Thelma Alexander, A.D. Kirk, Dodie Actkinson, Greg Hargorve, Dee Owen, Doris Herington, Ruth Scott, C.L. Mahaney, Mrs. Roy Everett, Cheryl Scott, and Roy King.

Rules for the 2002 contest will be the same as in the past. A person must be at least 12 years old to enter. Entrants must choose 12 teams they think will win in the selected games.

Games will be divided by high school, college and professional ranks. In case of a tie game, unless the tie was predicted by the entrant, the game will not be counted.

Each entrant must remember to pick a tiebreaker score, a very important feature of the contest since many weekly winners (and some grand prizewinners) have been determined by tiebreakers.

Each week's scoring is tabulated and kept on record at the Tribune office. The standings are posted each Monday and may be seen during regular business hours.

All entry blanks must be turned into the Tribune office, 404 Third Street, Farwell, by 5 p.m. on Fridays. If the entries are mailed, they must bear a Thursday or Friday postmark or they will not be accepted.

Folks who mail their ballots to the Tribune can use either of these addresses: If you live in Texas, mail it to State Line Tribune, P.O. Box 255, Farwell, TX 79325. If you live in New Mexico, mail it to State Line Tribune, P.O. Box 222, Texico, NM 88135.

Again, it is stressed that you enter each week's contest to have a strong shot at the grand prize. Even if you never pick 11 or 12 right to take the weekly prize, you can win the Dallas Cowboy tickets with a consistent 8-plus weekly tally.

And don't forget to fill out the tiebreaker each week. Entry blanks for the first contest will be in the Sept. 5th issue of the Tribune. Entry blanks also are available at the tribune office starting at 1 p.m. each Thursday.

Texico raises water, sewer rates; hires city inspector; hears about major mold problem

The Texico City Council on Tuesday raised its water and sewer rates.

Water: The base rates (4,000 gallons or less) remain the same at \$14.75 for in-city and \$19.05 for out-of-city customers. But the rate for the next 2,000 gallons goes from \$1.65 per 1,000 to \$175. And the rate over 6,000 gallons a month goes from \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.35. Councilman Doug Scioli urged the rate hikes, saying it was better to increase a little now rather than a lot later. Results of the annual audit indicated that more funds were needed to cover expenses. The rates will be re-evaluated next year. Also, deposits for new users were raised from \$60 to \$80, to make up for lost revenues from folks who leave town without paying their last bills. The new rates go into effect Nov. 1.

Sewer: The current rate is \$5 per user, plus 15 cents for each additional outlet. This was changed to set rates: \$10 for residences and \$12.50 for businesses, effective Nov. 1. This compares closely with Farwell -- \$10 for residences and \$12 for businesses.

In other business, the council:
 -- Heard Police Chief Kelley Brophy tell of a severe mold problem at City Hall. The office next to his has had its ceiling cave in and water accumulate. "It's covered with mold," he said. Brophy said some folks are complaining of headaches and he is looking to move his office to the other side of City Hall and board up the current area.

-- Hired Terry Martin, of Clovis, to be the city inspector at a salary of \$6,000 a year plus benefits. Part of the police insurance fund will help pay this; Martin will be in Brophy's department. "It will take a big load off our department," said Brophy, in urging Martin's hiring.

Martin was the only applicant for the post when it was announced. Councilman Oran Jay Autrey, who has

pushed for this new city post, said Martin is licensed and certified. He will handle things like plumbing, framing, footing, ordinances, and trailers being moved in. But "electrical" work still needs a state inspector.

-- Evaluated architectural bids for a new City Hall.
 -- Received three bids for a cemetery well, at \$47,900, \$31,600 and \$19,100. The low bid, from D.C. Drilling, of Clovis, was accepted. The council budgeted \$22,000 for this project.

-- Heard water supt. Clarence Smith say he received no bids for the tower repair, and he will telephone firms to see if he can get someone for the job.

-- Gave Fire Chief Lewis Cooper the go-ahead to draw up specifications for a new Class A pumper truck to replace one the city has that's 33 years old. The state will pay the estimated cost of \$230,000.

-- Plans to change the business registration ordinance to note that it's illegal for folks to consume alcohol at local businesses.

-- Heard councilwoman Sharon Askew say that some yards in the city look pretty bad due to high weeds.

-- Gave Brophy an okay to buy software, at \$1,500; a uniform jacket for the new office, for \$279; and to attend a training conference in California, at an estimated \$700 cost. The police department pays for these items.

-- Called an executive session to discuss personnel, at Autrey's request.

-- Received two bids for radios for the fire department, from Yucca, at \$2,846, and from Key Communications, at \$2,430. If Cooper favors the lower bids, which needs to have bigger batteries, than he will choose Key.

-- Heard Cooper say that drainage was a real problem along Craig Street after the heavy rain last week. Autrey said culverts are not funneling the water correctly. He said some (especially on Turner Street) need to be raised and enlarged. The city will get estimates on what it takes to solve the problem.

3% pay hikes included in county budget talks

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday held another budget workshop.

It contains proposed 3 percent pay raises for county employees.

In other business, the commissioners:
 -- Reviewed its contract with the architectural firm planning the new jail.

A problem has emerged: the cost is much higher than expected -- around \$2.3 million.

So options include renovating the current

jail; building a 48-bed new jail; or building a smaller new jail.

The reason the "48" number keeps getting used is that the commissioners are being told that the same staff is needed for that number or any smaller number.

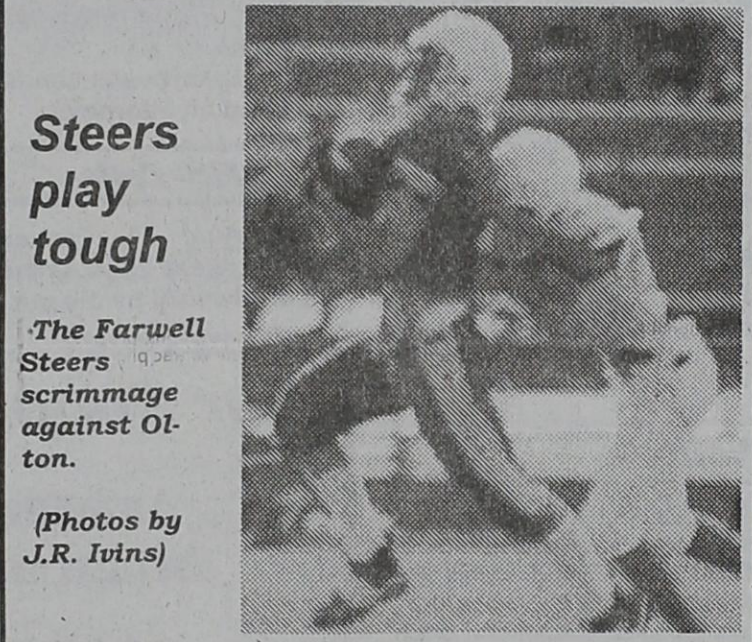
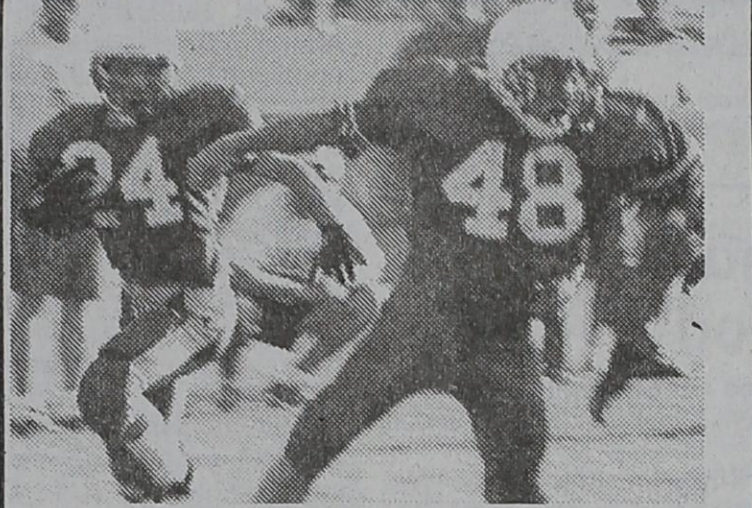
-- Approved a request from Con Agra to lower the speed limit on County Road 15 (about 1 1/2 miles long) connecting Con Agra with Hwy. 2013.

The speed limit was lowered from 60 to 45 miles per hour and will be posted.

4-H Deputy resigns

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 Billingsley, 3rd vice president; Alisha Wauson, secretary; Justin Ware, treasurer; Dan Patterson, reporter; Sarah Herington, parliamentarian; and Veronica Schmidt, recreation.

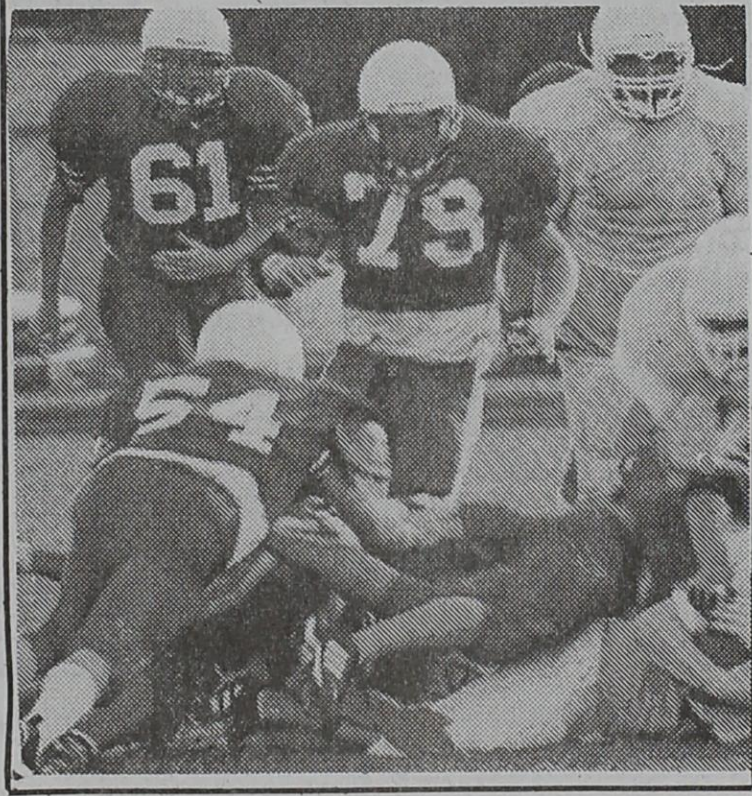
Jeff Merriman, who became a Parmer County deputy sheriff about a month ago, has resigned to move back to his hometown of Lubbock.



Steers play tough

The Farwell Steers scrimmage against Olton.

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