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The fire/EMS challenge



Miss Texas

Miss Texas signs autographs for admiring fans at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet.

by Teresa Mesman

This article began as a long "letter to the editor." However, about nine paragraphs into the letter, I realized that I had much more to say than a letter could hold within the pages of the newspaper.

I discussed this issue with Mike Pomper and he agreed to allow me the space to discuss a subject that is very near and dear to my heart.

The subject is the Farwell Volunteer Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and the Farwell Volunteer Fire Department.

What spurred my reaction and need to express myself was the Farwell City Council report in last week's Tribune that led off with a councilman reporting that "on a regular basis when an ambulance is needed, they have to call on Texico because of the lack of Farwell ambulance crew personnel."

I'm not angry at this councilman at all for saying this, because for three times in a row, this was exactly the case. It just hurt to see the fact facing me in black and white.

But, I feel that I must explain and discuss the situation with our community.

First, let me state that the backup service that Texico provides to Farwell is exactly what is supposed to happen in the circumstance that Farwell cannot respond. Count your blessings, Farwell, because sitting across the state line is perhaps one of the finest and most highly trained Fire and EMS services in the state of New Mexico. Lewis Cooper and the entire volunteer crew for Texico do an outstanding job. Many years ago, the backup service between Farwell and Texico was put into place for those times that it is impossible for a Farwell team to respond. In the instances that Texico cannot respond, the city of Clovis Fire and EMS, Bailey County Fire and EMS, Lazbuddie Fire and EMS, and Bovina Fire and EMS are all on the roster to backup.

A fine system is in place and it works for the community.

But please do not lose faith in us. The members of the Farwell Volunteer Fire and EMS departments work very hard to serve our community and we take our service commitments very seriously.

I feel that people forget that we are all volunteers. Not one single person on either service is paid to respond to emergency calls. I don't believe that any of us feel that this is an issue and that payment is not needed to insure our service. We all enjoy volunteering and we do so with great passion.

One must remember that when a call goes off in the middle of a work day, as did the three EMS calls mentioned before, that we are all involved in our paying jobs that sometimes take us away from the city. This is where the effectiveness of the backup system takes place. The same is true for the Fire Department, who is perhaps hurting for volunteers more than the EMS.

I discussed the situation with the EMS volunteer status with Mayor Jimmie Mace right after the council meeting was held. He is fully aware of the circumstances and has given me the go ahead to do what needs to be done to gain volunteers.

This article is the beginning of that mission.

It's not enough to simply ask for your help. The circumstances of serving with the Volunteer Fire Department and the Volunteer EMS involve training, some class work and a commitment of at least one year in serving.

Do you have what it takes?

It begins with having the heart of a volunteer.

It's the giving of yourself and your time. Both are precious commodities, but they're the simple beginnings of a volunteer.

If you have the desire to be a part of something really wonderful, you need to join our services.

In the past the Farwell Fire and EMS services were one combined service. I am totally speaking from the EMS side when I state: we are in hopes of recombining our departments. The active members of the EMS were not part of the past and we all want to move forward with the service.

Talks have begun towards this issue and great strides have been made in repairing some damages from the past. In the words of Forest Gump - "that's all I have to say about that!"

But I have more to say about serving as a volunteer on the city fire department and ambulance service. And,

please bear with me; I'm going to only talk about myself in this case.

I had been approached for two years prior to signing up for the Emergency Medical Technician -Basic class that was held in Farwell in 2000. I had put it off and put it off, always stating that "I just didn't have the time."

In one way, I sort of signed up for the class never expecting to finish or to even enjoy it.

The very first class, our instructor, challenged each of us to stick with the class, learn everything we possibly could and to realize that, at the end, we will have accomplished something that could change your life forever.

He was exactly right.

My life has changed in ways that I could have never thought possible.

I've chosen to go forward with my medical training and to pursue the highest level of emergency care licensure. It's always something that I've been interested in, but this is not the change that I'm talking about.

I'm talking about helping others in time of need and realizing that I have what it takes within me to make a difference. And most of the time, it's not even about book knowledge or technique, it usually about holding a hand, looking into a patient's eyes and really listening to what they're saying. It's about being there when someone needs a hand and giving of yourself - selflessly and unashamedly.

I've never actually fought a fire, but I've been among firefighters at the scene of several fires. The men and women that have the knowledge of how to battle a blaze, no matter how big or small, amaze me.

I'm constantly in awe of our fire department volunteers that assist us at car wrecks. They're cool, calm and show that their training pays off in spades under pressure.

Training is the key word to our services. It's what keeps you grounded, keeps you going and keeps it interesting.

It's also what people resist the most in signing on as a volunteer.

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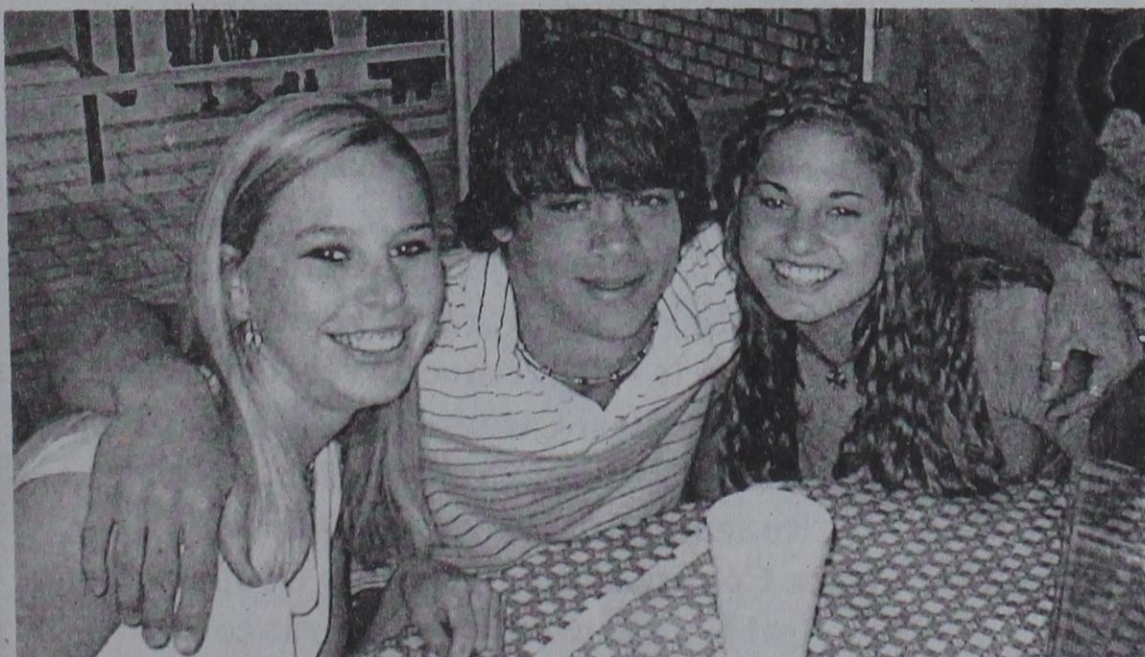
Grabbing some food were Tim and Kristen Kasel, and Robbi Fly.

Funds raised for mission trip

The youth group at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church held a fund-raising brisket dinner at the Farwell Community Center on Sunday. They are planning a mission trip to the Caribbean in July.



Enjoying the brisket were Linnie Mae Crook and Darrell Crook.



Taking tickets were, from left, Kyra Christian, Colby Norton and Micah Christian.



Serving food were, from left, Nikki Gober, Shelby Christian and Melissa Howard.

Teresa Mesman

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To become a certified volunteer with the Farwell EMS, a class must be taken that lasts about six weeks for the ECA level. This is an Emergency Certified Assistant. This is what is also often referred to as a First Responder. The next level is the EMT-Basic. This certification is the technician level that has more access to lifesaving drugs, and expanded knowledge of patient care, treatments and outcomes.

It was made a mandatory state requirement that all personnel serving on a Texas licensed service must be at least an ECA.

The rule on this may be changing to better accommodate rural EMS services in the state.

Our service just met with the licensing coordinator this week and we were told that we can now accept volunteers to drive the ambulance and assist with equipment that are not certified. This opens up a new opportunity for our service to attract more volunteers.

For those that would be willing to attend a class to become certified, I am in the midst of becoming a certified instructor to teach both levels of EMS. This means classes right here in Farwell. The excuse of having to go out of town for a class will no longer be valid!

The Fire Department has training opportunities for volunteers that wish to join them. Most are day long

sessions with other Fire Departments. There are many to choose from that can accommodate your schedules.

Your Farwell EMS just became licensed as a unit that offers all the levels of care from Basic Life Support to Mobile Intensive Care Unit. You are served by a variety of ECA's, EMT-Basics, EMT-Intermediate to EMT-Paramedic.

Your ambulance is outfitted with the most current equipment, all the supplies and medications required by law and to the levels we are licensed to provide. The service and the city are working very well together to address the futures of our services and what is needed by both departments.

For instance, the automatic external defibrillator that was on the ambulance had become extremely difficult to find parts for and it was malfunctioning more than it was working. The EMS made a presentation to the city and to the Farwell Hospital District Board of Directors to replace the unit with a new, all in one piece of equipment that provides state of the art monitoring.

These groups just recently purchased the LifePak 12 monitoring unit for our ambulance. This allows much more intensive patient monitoring, cardiac monitoring and defibrillation when needed.

Our city council is willing to work with our services and assist us when we need help. The Fire Department has this same line of open communication and assistance. Our council members understand our services and have been a valuable source of input, suggestion and insight.

I enjoy the relationship that has developed with our city council and the expanding relationship with the existing Fire Department personnel. It's all part of the feeling of "being part of something greater" and it helps

our community when we all work together.

Now, I would like to challenge all of you that are reading this article. If, at one time, you were a volunteer with either of our city services and you dropped out: Get back in. Re-instate yourself. The services need you. Let bygones be bygones. Forget yourself and whatever issues you had. You are needed.

If you took classes for EMS and you let your certification drop. You can get it back and it won't take that long. If you signed the year long service commitment and didn't serve the year, that's not an issue any longer. You can still volunteer.

If you think that you don't have the time, think of it in terms of getting together with your friends. We all have a great time when we're together.

We laugh. We swap stories. We care about each other and we're sharing a common goal.

Isn't that what a sorority, fraternity or otherwise associated group of people do? We even have shirts, jumpsuits and jackets that look the same!

Do you live in the city/community of Farwell? Do you want to serve your fellow citizens in any way?

Not everyone can serve as a city councilman, on the school board or hospital board.

But you can serve as a volunteer on the Fire Department and EMS services.

In the coming weeks, watch for notices and ads about opportunities to sign up for these noble services. Efforts are being made to reshape the services to better accommodate our communities.

I challenge you to be a part of them. You'll never regret the challenge, the opportunity or the feeling that you get when you put yourself aside and help someone in need.



The fish were bitin'

Greg and Ryan McClaran, of Farwell, are shown with quite a string of black bass they caught at Lake Amistad in Del Rio, Texas. Ryan holds a black bass weighing 6 1/2 lbs, and Greg's weighs 5 lbs. The weather and fishing were excellent for the spring break. They were joined by Greg's parents, Wayne and Sue McClaran, and by his brother, Lance.

Church youths volunteer

During spring break, students from the First Baptist Church of Farwell volunteered a two-day period of 67 hours at the Light House Mission in Clovis.

They sorted out used toys and stuffed animals, hung clothes restocked racks, spread gravel, and cleaned out flower beds.

They also helped serve lunch to more than 30 people.

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It's a Boy

Kyle and Alicia Helton, of Minot, N.D., announce the birth of a son, Justin Kyle Helton.

He was born March 28 at 8:51 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz., and was 19 1/4"

long.

Grandparents are Hal and Gloria Helton, of Clovis, and Wes and Patty Eaton, formerly of Clovis.

A great-grandmother is Dardanella Helton, of Clovis.

Kyberly Helton is an aunt.



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<i>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</i> Rev. Jo Gay Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<i>Bovina Church of Christ</i> Mike Prather, minister Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Bible class - 7:30 p.m.	<i>Farwell Convalescent Center</i> Bill Bridwell -- chaplain Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday
<i>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</i> Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	<i>St. Ann's Catholic Church</i> Fr. David Contreras 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.	<i>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</i> 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
<i>First Baptist Church of Farwell</i> Rev. Randy G. Mullin 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.	<i>First Baptist Church of Bovina</i> Aaron Reed, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	<i>New Light Baptist Church</i> J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
<i>Lariat Church of Christ</i> 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	<i>Lazbuddie Church of Christ</i> Nathan Crawford - minister Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday -- 7 p.m.	<i>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</i> Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.
<i>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</i> James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	<i>Lazbuddie Methodist Church</i> Rev. Randy Thomas Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	<i>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</i> David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
<i>Bovina United Methodist Church</i> Rev. Quita Jones Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.	<i>Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina</i> Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.	<i>Farwell Church of Christ</i> 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.
<i>Assembly of God Church, Texico</i> Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	<i>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico</i> Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.	<i>First Baptist Church of Texico</i> Rob Hollis -- minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.

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Marriage announced

Dr. and Mrs. William Wood Lewis announce the marriage of their daughter, Meredith Anderson Lewis, to Brandon Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon, of Round Rock, Texas. They were married on March 13 at the Northrich Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas. A reception followed at Canyon Creek Country Club. The bride graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M University with a degree in biology. The groom, also a Texas A&M graduate, is completing work on his Ph.D. in biomedicine. They will reside in Bryan, Texas. Meredith is the granddaughter of Bob and Carrie Anderson, of Farwell.

Up-to-date stats given for Texico baseball team

Here are the stats for the Texico baseball team heading into April:
 Zane Anderson, 1 for 12; Bryce Bailey, 9 for 16; Sterling Bowers, 0 for 0; Logan Brown, 5 for 14; Justin Garrison, 1 for 5; Buddy Jorder, 0 for 1; William Klebold, 2 for 3; Justin Loven, 5 for 19; Zac Morgan, 2 for 4; Mark Peabody, 1 for 6; Bryan Reeser, 0 for 0; Michael Reid, 4 for 4; Zack Rhoades, 2 for 12; Aaron Vaughan, 8 for 19; Braden Vaughan, 12 for 15; Shaun Walters, 0 for 9; Wacey Williams, 0 for 2; and Isaac Zarate, 0 for 5.
 Bailey and Brown have home runs. Loven has a pair of triples. Braden Vaughan had 7 doubles, and Bailey has 4. Rhoades and Anderson lead in walks with 5 each. RBI leaders are Loven, 7; Bailey, 6; and Braden Vaughan, 5.
 Anderson has 7 stolen bases, and Braden Vaughan has 6. Runs scored leaders are Braden Vaughan, 11; Aaron Vaughan, 8; Bailey, 6; and Loven, 5. Top singles hitters are Aaron Vaughan, 7; and Braden Vaughan, 5.

Seniors sought

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Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerks office recorded the following warranty deed last week:
 Kirk Fly - Kevin Carter, SE/4 S23 Bk A.

Help!

It's time to think ahead, folks. It's time to think about...
 Yep, you guessed it: BORDER TOWN DAYS!!!!
 Okay, let's answer the question that continually crops up: When will LTD be?

It's always (and I stress always) the last Saturday in July.
 I'm not looking at a calendar right now, so I don't know the date. All I know is that whatever the last Saturday in July is, that's when LTD will be.
 So why am I writing about LTD in March?
 Because it's time for our committee's organizational meeting, always held the first Monday in April.
 Thus, this year's first LTD meeting (3 or 4 are held each year) will be on Monday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. ct at the Texico Fire Hall.

At this meeting, officers will be elected; a theme will be picked; and the Honorary Parade Marshal will be chosen.
 Folks, we always need some "new blood" on the committee. One of our committee members won't be rejoining us this year, so we have one key slot open (no, it doesn't entail much work). Plus, the more volunteers we get, the better.
 If you are reading this, and thinking about a way to get involved in a community enterprise for

Rev. Gay to leave for Santa Fe

Rev. Jo Gay, who has been the minister at Hamlin United Methodist Church in Farwell the past two years, will be leaving in June.
 She has accepted a ministerial post at Santa Fe Zia United Methodist Church.



Texico-Farwell, but one that does not entail a lot of work, then the LTD committee could be perfect for you.
 We really do need one or two folks to help "flesh

Farwell High One-Act Play advances

Farwell High's One-Act play, "Arsenic and Old Lace", has advanced to the District Meet at Lubbock Christian University on April 3.
 The district meet starts at 1 p.m., with the Farwell play set for 3 p.m. at the LCU theater.

Advancing from zone competition held last week in Farwell, were Sudan and Farwell. Hart was the alternate.
 Named All-Stars were Micah Christian and Haley Grimes.
 Named honorable mention All-Stars were Nikki Gober and Grant Gregory.

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out" the committee.
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Our crowds each year seem to get bigger and bigger. We have lots of activities that make LTD a premier family event for our area.
 Would you like to participate? I am asking YOU. If so, please come. It's fun - and it's vital for our community.

A sharp-eyed Ernest Terry called into attention an error made in last week's column:
 I said UTEP had upset Kentucky.
 Actually, it was Texas Western -- that later became UTEP -- that beat Kentucky for the NCAA basketball title.

One of the fascinating things that has emerged since we began our Bovina Page is that I am

quickly learning how good it is to find out what is happening in other communities - because it often can help you.

For example, one city may have a nifty program, or able to get a state or federal grant that another city may not have thought of.


The money apparently is available. The question is: Who is taking advantage of it ... and who isn't.

I also enjoyed reading about the nursing program at Bovina Schools, whereby high school students get certification as Certified Nurse Assistants, the start of what could be a very excellent career.

The more we learn about what our neighbors are doing, the more it benefits all of us.

As a longtime newspaperman, I found out eons ago that the best ideas I have come up with are the ones I "stole" from other newspapers...

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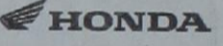
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Junior Division 1st high point team: Michelle Wauson, Russell Schilling, Colton Christian, Drew Johnson and extension agent Cody Hill.

County 4-H'ers compete in stock judging contest

Book fair winners listed

The Farwell Junior High Book Fair was again a big success. Winners were:

Seashell guessing contest -- Karina Loera, elementary, and Jayson Dixon, junior high.

Poster winners -- Victor Moreno, elementary, and Clemente Meza, junior high.

Coloring contest -- Jacqueline Vega, Armando Arevalo, Audrey Wren, Marisa Lopez, Shairae Allen, Kristyn Arce, Gabrielle Schilling, Clara Reyes, Estrella Meza, Shelby Saul, Kristin Langford, Brook Fowler, Sara Scott and Christian Meza.

The junior high staff volunteered its time with Special Family Even on Wednesday morning, and the following parent volunteers helped during the week: Sheryl Christian, Tracy Devault, Kay Fowler, Roberta Howard, Robin Howard, Carol Dean Huggins, Patti Johnson, Susan Johnson, Coleta Langford, Kelly McClaren, Teresa Mesman, Ruth Owen, Donna Ware and Lydia White.

Special thanks were given Rick Hubble for her personal donation of materials to help carry out the Treasure Hunt theme, complete with pirate ship and treasure chests.

Farwell golfers in tourney

The Farwell High boys' golf invitational tourney was held at the Farwell Country Club on March 26.

The Farwell Blue team was 1st with 327; Sudan Black team 2nd, 346; Friona 3rd, 360; and Farwell White 4th, 373.

Tate Nichols was top individual, carding a 74.

Other Farwell Blue team scores were: Ty Gast, 82; Derrick Chan-

dlar, 83; Jason Sudderth, 88; and Colton Sudderth, 88.

Farwell White team scores were: Grant Gregory, 91; Jason Johnson, 95; Colby Norton, 92; Ryan McClaran, 95; and Cory Chadwick, 99.

Other Farwell entrants were Matt Barnes, 114; and Tyler Myers, 123.

Bovina entrants were Mike Ortiz, 90, and David Salazar, 110.

Parmer County 4-H'ers competed March 27 in the Clarendon 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

More than 250 4-H'ers competed, from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Parmer County had an outstanding day:

Junior Division: Individual -- Russell Schilling, 3rd high point individual; Caleb Christian, 4th high point individual; Colton Christian,



Senior Division 3rd high point team: Dan Patterson, Alisha Wauson, Suzanne Mason, Steven Hunt, Keith Hunt.

7th high point individual; Drew Johnson, 10th high point individual.

Junior team placing: Parmer County 4-H Team 1 was 1st, and Parmer County 4-h team 2 was 4th.

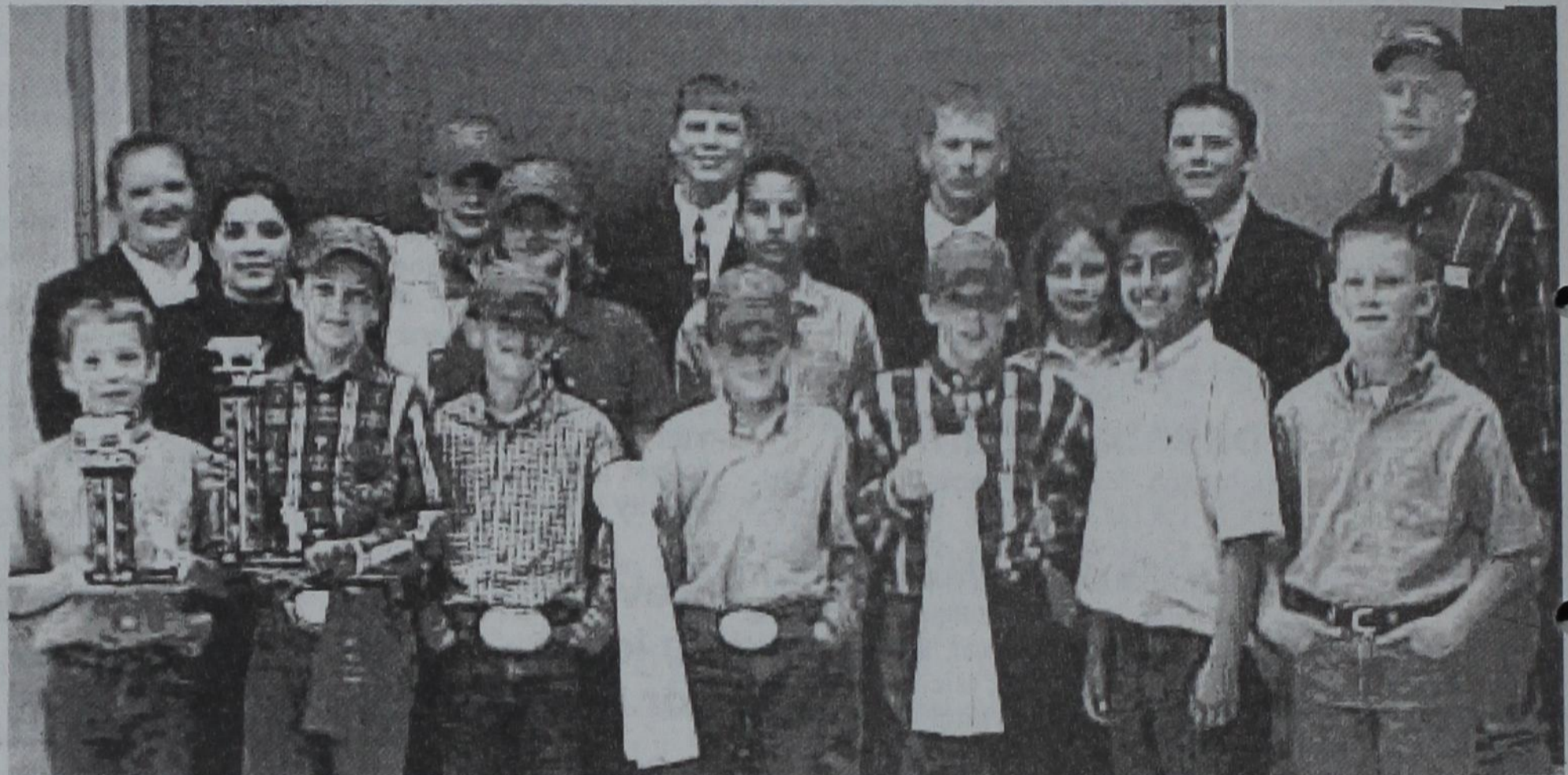
Senior Division:

Individual placing: Keith Hunt, 3rd high point individual; and Suzanne Mason, 7th high point individual.

Team placing: Parmer County 4-H, 3rd high point team.



Junior Division 4th high point team: Tyler Schilling, Caleb Christian, Matt Billingsley



In back, Alisha Wauson, Drew Johnson, Dan Patterson, Keith Hunt, extension agent Cody Hill; middle row, Suzanne Mason, Michelle Wauson, Matt Billingsley, Caitlyn Stancell; front row, Colin Christian, Colton Christian, Tyler Schilling, Caleb Christian, Russell Schilling, Ryan DeLeon and Ray White.

17-140 Notice of Election (2/92)
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, V.T.C.A., Election Code

NOTICE OF Trustee ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION para)

To the Registered Voters of Lazbuddie, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Lazbuddie, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 15, 2004, for voting in a Trustee election, to fill 2 expired terms.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Lazbuddie ISD Administration Office FM Road 1172
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 (date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 3:30 de la tarde empezando el miércoles el 28 de abril de 2004 (fecha)

and ending on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 (date)

(y terminando el martes el 11 de mayo 2004 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
N/A	

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Carolyn Scott
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

Lazbuddie ISD - P.O. Box 9
(Address) (Dirección)

Lazbuddie, TX 79033
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

Friday, May 7, 2004 viernes, 7 de mayo de 2004 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 25th day of March, 2004.

(Emitida este día 25 de marzo, 2004.)

[Signature]
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

17-140 Notice of Election (2/92)
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, V.T.C.A., Election Code

NOTICE OF Trustee ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION Regentes)

To the Registered Voters of Farwell, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Farwell, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 15, 2004, for voting in a Trustee election, to elect two (2) trustees.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 15 de Mayo de 2004 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos (2) regentes.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Farwell Community Center, 209 9th St, Farwell, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Parmer County Courthouse 401 3rd St, Farwell, TX
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 (date)

(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 28 de Abril de 2004 (fecha)

and ending on May 11, 2004 (date)

(y terminando el 11 de Mayo de 2004 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Colleen Stover - Parmer County Clerk
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

PO Box 356
(Address) (Dirección)

Farwell, TX 79325
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
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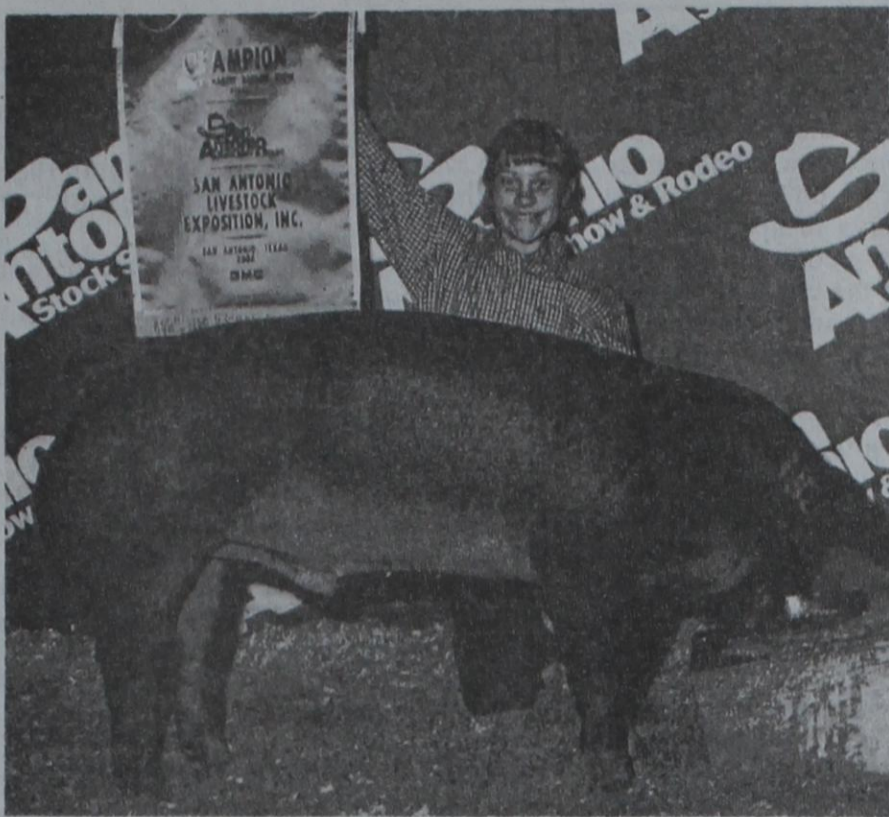
May 7, 2004 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 24th day of March, 2004.

(Emitida este día 24 de March, 2004.)

[Signature]
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.



'Rojo' is Grand Champion

Abby Johnson, 10, of Farwell, had the Grand Champion Duroc, "Rojo", at the San Antonio Stock Show.

Robertson, Mitchell, Olmos, Cabello capture 1sts at Hart Invitational Track Meet

The Farwell Lady Blue finished 4th at the Hart Track Invitational last week. Placing were:
 1600 relay - Ashlie Martin, Micah Christian, Salida Edwards, Talethia Nelte, 3rd, 4:42.13.
 1600 run - Selene Delgado, 6th, 6:21.
 300 hurdles - Trisha Robertson, 1st, 56.99; Britten Barrett, 4th, 59.11.
 400 dash - Jennifer DeLeon, 2nd, 66.85.
 800 relay - Sandra Saenz, Micah Christian, Melissa Howard, Salida Edwards, 3rd, 2:01.8.
 100 dash - Rebyn Teltschik, 7th, 14.84.
 800 dash - Nolte, 2nd, 2:48; Howard, 6th, 2:59; Amanda Martin, 7th, 3:03.
 3200 run - Delgado, 4th, 15.58; Kristen Garcia, 6th, 17.14.

The Farwell Steers were 3rd at Hart. Placing were:
 400 relay - Hugo Vaquez, Rowdy Mitchell, Matthew Edwards, Cale Stevenson, 2nd, 48.02.
 100 dash - Logan McFarland, 5th, 12.57.
 800 relay - Vasquez, Mitchell, Edwards, Stevenson, 2nd, 1:41.58.
 200 dash - McFarland, 6th, 28.97.
 Shot put - Jose Cabello, 1st, 43'8"; Joel Chavez, 2nd, 41'7".
 Discus - Cabello, 2nd, 115'9"; Chavez, 5th, 105'1"; Tyler Myers, 7th, 102'9".
 High jump - Mitchell, 1st.
 Long jump - Edwards, 3rd, 19'3"; Vasquez, 5th, 17'10".
 Triple jump - Edwards, 2nd, 35'8"; Vasquez, 5th, 29'8"; Mitchell, 4th, 31'6 1/2".

The Farwell JV Boys finished 2nd at Hart. Scoring were:
 400 relay - Colby Norton, Justin Ware, Joel Owen, Robert Williams, 2nd, 50.04.
 800 run - Alex Olmos, 1st, 2:24.51.
 100 dash - Ware, 4th, 13.00.
 800 relay - Norton, Ware, Owen, Williams, 2nd, 1:47.19.
 400 dash - Emmanuel Pereda, 3rd, 60:14.
 200 dash - Norton, 3rd, 25.80.
 1600 relay - Olmos, Pereda, Williams, Owen, 2nd, 4:10.78.
 Triple jump - Owen, 5th, 30'1".
 Long jump - Williams, 3rd, 16'4".
 Discus - Ware, 3rd, 97'9"; Jon Beaubien, 5th, 79'4".
 Shot put - Ware, 2nd, 35'3"; Beaubien, 6th, 30' 1/2".

The Texico Community Activities Organization has reprinted the Texico Woman's Club cookbook, Volume 1.

They cost \$8 and are available from TCAO members, the Texico Fire Department, former members of the Texico Woman's Club, the New Spur Restaurant, the Beauty Box, the Citizens Bank branch in Texico, or by calling Ann Cooper at 482-9174.

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Lazbuddie One-Act Play advances to district contest

The Lazbuddie High One-Act cast and crew advanced to District competition for their performance of "The Boys Next Door" at the zone contest in Hereford on March 24.

The play centers around the lives of four mentally-challenged men who live in a group apartment supervised by a kind, but frustrated, social worker, played by Kayla Parham.

Katy Loudder was named Best Actress for her portrayal of Barry Klemper, a paranoid schizophrenic who imagines he is a golf pro.

Michelle Scott, who plays Lucien, a mentally retarded man who faces his obstacles with the help of Spiderman, made the All-Star Cast.

Honorable mention All-star Cast honors went to Shonnah Black, as Arnold Wiggins, a manic depressive who nervously handles the stresses of marketing and community dances, and Kelli Harris, as Norman Bulan-ski, a mentally retarded man who loves doughnuts, his keys and Sheila, in that order.



"The Boys Next Door" react to the impending departure of their caregiver, Jack. Pictured from left, Kelli Harris, Kayla Parham, Shonnah Black (couch), and Michelle Scott (under table).



The Lazbuddie cast and crew take a break - from left, Kayla Parham, Kelli Harris, Mandy Haney, Michelle Scott, Kyra Kimbrough, Shonnah Black, Melanie Winders, Luzana Chavez, Katy Loudder and Ana Hernandez. Not pictured are Bailey Warren and Amanda Schaeffer.

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Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.

- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.

- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2002. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2003.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2004 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions at the following address:

Parmer County Appraisal District
 P.O. Box 56, Bovina, TX 79009
 (806) 251-1405

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Comptroller's Property Tax Division
 P.O. Box 13528
 Austin, TX 78711-3528

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Pre-Registration April 6th: 6-8 p.m. at the school

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For more information, contact

Tina Symm: (806) 825-3074
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mike,

There was an event that occurred in Farwell in 2003 that I feel was sadly overlooked in the Tribune. The only way you would have known about it from reading the paper was if you saw the ad that state city hall would be closed for moving on Dec. 4 and 5, 2003, or happened to see the story regarding the council meeting in January of 2004.

The City of Farwell has a fresh, new city hall. The building at 100 Ninth St. was purchased in January 2003 and plans for the renovation were initiated. Local contractors were used where possible and work was completed on the building in early December and city employees, gas company employees and a couple of Franse Irrigation employees (donated by Ralph Franse) moved furniture and files to the new location on Dec. 4 and 5 and opened for regular business on Dec. 8, 2003.



Farwell City Clerk Cynthia Thigpen in the reception area at the new city hall.

My office in this new facility is very functional for all the tasks that must be done by the city secretary. There is a payment drop box, located on the north side of the building, for those who cannot pay their bills during regular hours. The building also includes office space for the municipal judge, the chief of police and West Texas Gas. Our council meeting area is spacious and one wall is graced by the painting depicting the six flags over Texas, painted and donated to the city by Elizabeth Range during the 1986 Sesquicentennial celebration. There is also a wall honoring our former and current mayors and council members.

Our mayor and council members are to be commended for taking on this project. It was long overdue. The old city hall served the city well for about 30 years (graciously donated to the city by the Andersons), but it was badly in need of repairs and the council was faced with investing more money in a very old building or looking ahead to relocating. There was no state funding or tax increase to fund this project, the money was all budgeted in the city's various funds.

I am very proud of this new facility and I know our other employees are as well. We have not conducted a formal open house because so many of the people in town come through our doors at some time every month. If you are not one of those and wish to look over the city's new home, please feel free to come by at any time. It is your city hall and you should be proud as well.

Cynthia Thigpen
City secretary

Gurley to run as write-in candidate

Friona attorney Kathryn Gurley has filed a petition to be a write-in candidate for Parmer County Attorney in the November general election.

The only person whose name will be listed on the November ballot is Jeff

Actkinson, a Republican, for the post.

He won the GOP primary after longtime incumbent Charles Aycock withdrew due to accepting a state prison board post.

Last week, the county commissioners voted 3-1 to appoint Actkinson, who has been serving as assistant county attorney, to the county attorney's post for the remainder of this

ENMR-Plateau co-op to meet

The 55th annual ENMR • Plateau membership meeting will be on April 17 at the Grady High School gym, with remote interactive sites in the Clayton High School cafeteria, the Santa Rosa High School ITV Center and Vaughn High School.

Member registration is at 8 a.m. mt, and the meeting begins two hours later.

Board positions to be elected are:
Position 7 - Clayton, Nara Visa and Roy exchanges. The incumbent is Dee Perschbacher.

Position 8 -- Clayton, Nara Visa and Roy exchanges. The incumbent is Shirley Carter.

Position 9 - Anton Chico, Conchas Dam, El Valle, Mosquero, Santa Rosa, Trementina and White Lakes exchanges. The incumbent is Paul Costa.

Position 10 - Anton Chico, Conchas Dam, El Valle, Mosquero, Santa Rosa, Trementina and White Lakes exchanges. The incumbent is Gilbert Ortiz.

Position 12 - Corona, Bingham and Vaughn exchanges. The incumbent is Shafie Hindi.

Farwell FFA'sers participate

Farwell FFA'sers participated in a meet at West Texas A&M University.

The Farwell FFA horse judging team was 39th. Members were Veronica

Schmidt, Trenton Meeks and Jordan Saylor.

Alisha Wauson was 18th high individual in the entomology category.

Texico
Monday -- Fresh burritos, salsa and cheese, corn, fruit and milk.
Tuesday -- Pigs in a blanket, pork'n beans, pickle spear, fruit and milk.
Wednesday - Pork roast, gravy mashed potatoes, hot rolls, green beans, fruit and milk.
Thursday -- Tuna sandwiches, Fritos, pickle spears, oranges, cookie, and milk.
Friday -- Good Friday, No School.

Farwell
Monday - pizza sticks, garden salad, corn, apricot crisp, milk.
Tuesday - chicken fajita, salad, spanish rice, fruit salad, milk.
Wednesday - sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
Thursday - tamales, pinto beans, taco salad, cornbread, fruit, milk.
Friday - no school.

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NOTICE OF FARWELL HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF FARWELL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004 for voting in a Farwell Hospital District election to:

Elect four directors to the Farwell Hospital District Board of Directors

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE

Farwell Community Center, 9th Street, Farwell, TX 79325

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

The Parmer County Clerk's Office, Parmer County Courthouse, Farwell, Texas

Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

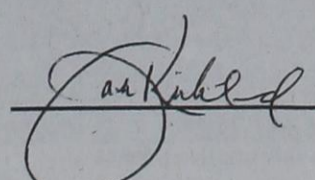
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Colleen Stover
PO Box 356
Farwell, Tx 79325

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business

On May 7, 20004.

Issued this the 12 day of February 2004.

 Signature of Presiding Officer

17-4140 Notice of Election (2/92)
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, V.T.C.A., Election Code

City of Bovina
(Ciudad de Bovina)

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voter of the City of Bovina, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Bovina, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on 15 May 2004, for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor and two (2) City Councilmen (two year term). (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. alas 7: p.m. el 153 de Mayo de 2004 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Mayor y dos (2) El Consejo de la Ciudad.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE
(DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Bovina EMS Building
109 3rd Street
Bovina, Texas 79009

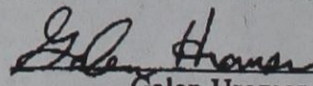
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm beginning on 28 April 2004 and ending on 11 May 2004. (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunas a viernes en City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, entre las 8:00 de la mañana y 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 28 de Abril 2004 y terminando el 11 de Mayo 2004.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Bonnie Scaff
Early Voting Clerk
Secretaria de Votación Adelantada
PO Drawer KK
Bovina, TX 79009

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than close of business on 7 May 2004. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el 7 May 2004.)

Issued this 12th day of February 2004
(Emitida este 12^o día de Febrero 2004)


Galen Hromas
Mayor, City of Bovina
(Alcade, Cuidad de Bovina)

The Latest

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday purchased Caterpillar motor graders from Warren Caterpillar for the Friona, Bovina and Lazbuddie area precincts. The commissioners also approved the move of the sheriff's department into the new jail. The old jail office likely will be used for other county officers, such as the county treasurer. Also, the commissioners recently met in executive session with attorney Charlotte Bingham to discuss the lawsuit that involved the area drug task force, which has been disbanded in the aftermath of the Tulia contro-

versy. It's likely that Parmer County will pay \$10,000 to \$15,000 toward the overall settlement. It's taking a bit more paperwork for Parmer County since the lawsuit involved the former insurance carrier, not the county's current one. *** The annual Texas A&M Muster of the Panhandle A&M Club will be held on April 21 at the Friona Community Center at 6:30 p.m. For \$5, it includes a BBQ dinner, the Muster ceremony and roll call. If you didn't receive an invitation and want to attend, call Kevin or April

Lazbuddie School library receives book grant

Lazbuddie Schools' library has been awarded a book grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). NEH has awarded free copies of 15 classic books from the first "We the People Bookshelf" to 500 school and local libraries throughout the U.S. The bookshelf's theme is "courage." The bookshelf includes: -- Grades Kindergarten through 3: "The Cabin Faced West", "Anansi the Spider" and "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble." -- Grades 4-6: "The Matchlock Gun", "The Dream Keeper and Other Poems", "My Side of the Mountain" and "Little House on the Prairie." -- Grades 7-8: "Johnny Tremain", "The Hobbit", and "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass." -- Grades 9-12: "The Red Badge of Courage", "Invisible Man", "Profiles in Courage", "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and "To Kill a Mockingbird." Sharon Bills said the school will use "courage" as a theme for kindergarten through 12th grade, incorporating this concept as a teaching tool into the curriculum. This will culminate in "Celebrate Courage and Freedom Week" May 17-21. She said the theme will be used in all curriculum areas, correlated to the Texas Essential Knowledge objectives.

The objectives will tie the theme to daily lessons in all grades. Use of the books in the required curriculum will ensure long-term use of the Bookshelf. The Bookshelf will be housed in the school library, giving all students and the community access to the literature. The library will permanently display the books in a special area dedicated to the theme. Other books and related media dealing with courage also will be displayed. All types of related resources, such as audiotapes, videos and on-line information, will be accessible. Ms. Bills said "books of such excellent quality will be a treasured addition to the library, enhancing the literacy opportunities of students and the community. "Continued efforts will be made to place the Bookshelf in the forefront of the community" literacy program."

Meet Texico's Class of 2016



Carla Quiroz is a Texico kindergartener. Her birthday is Oct. 19. Parents are Michelle and Carlos Quiroz. Siblings are Carlos, Daniel, Angel and Alberto. Grandparents are Carmen Quiroz, Rosalio Quiroz and Gregoria Villarreal. Her hobbies are swimming and riding her bike. Her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite color is blue. She doesn't like broccoli and sausage.

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Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church of Farwell

would like to invite everyone to a Good Friday Service April 9th 12:00 - 1:00p.m. central time. This special service will portray the Seven Last Words of Christ presented by several local pastors.

1. "Father, Forgive them, for they know not what they do" Jo Gay, Hamlin Memorial UMC Farwell
2. "Most assuredly, today you will be with me in paradise" Amanda Garrison, Grady UMC
3. "Woman behold your son...Behold your mother" Quita Jones, Bovina UMC
4. "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?" Mary Sue Hull, Elida UMC
5. "I am thirsty" Danny Sanders, Melrose UMC
6. "It is finished" Brad Reeves, Kingswood UMC Clovis
7. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" Rick Jones, Trinity UMC Clovis

Everyone is invited!!
Why noon? That is the time Jesus died
12:00 - 3:00 on Good Friday

Hope To See You There

Eschberger at (806) 238-2095, or e-mail them at 2agggies@wtrt.net.

A baby shower is planned for 2:30 p.m. on April 4 at the First Baptist Church of Farwell parlor for Samantha (Bowery) McCrorey.

The New Spur Restaurant in Texico held its grand opening on Saturday.

Sign-ups for play in Farwell Little League Baseball will be held on Thursday, April 1 at two different locations and times.

The first sign-up will be at the Farwell Elementary lobby from 2 p.m to 3:30 p.m. The next will be at the Farwell Jr. High Gym lobby from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Immediately following the evening sign-up, all coaches and board members need to attend a meeting to place teams and players. This meeting will be held in the Jr. High Gym lobby at 8 p.m. All children that live in or attend Farwell ISD from Kindergarten up are eligible to play. Children must be age five at time of registration to play in the league.

The Farwell EMS ambulance is now licensed as a Basic Life Support with Mobile Intensive Care Unit capabilities.

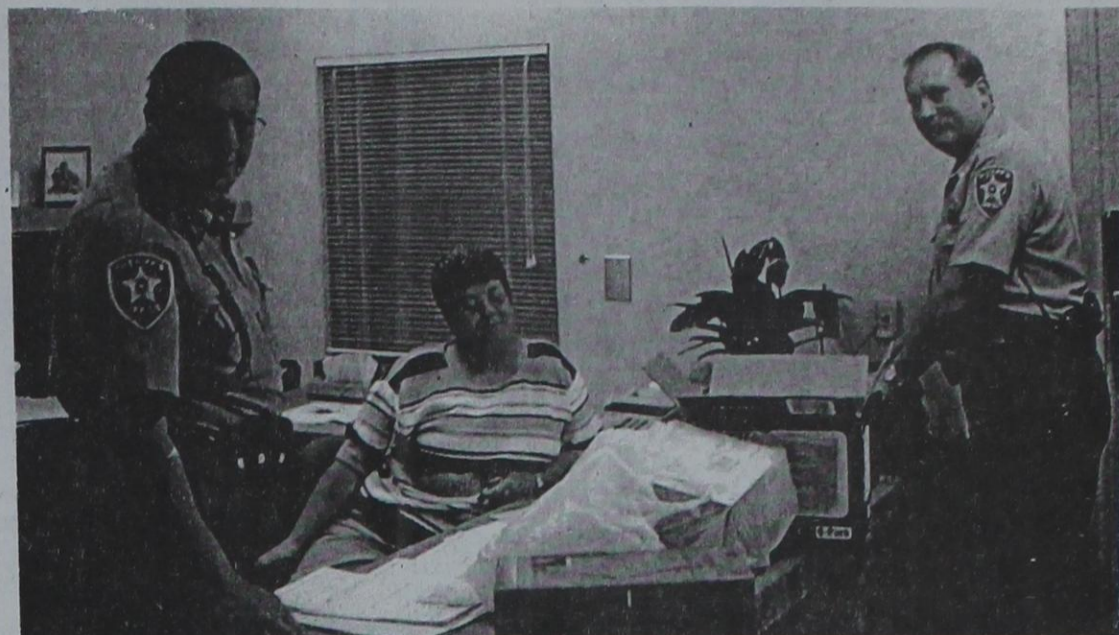
The Texas Department of Health performed a licensing and service survey on Monday and granted the service their new license.

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Please contact either Farwell High Principal Gary Cates or Texico High Principal Buddy Little to schedule your appointment if you can.

On April 17, the Farwell Chamber of Commerce will have its annual banquet, and the nationally-known McCain Brothers, Ben and Butch, will entertain.
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New county jail opens

The Parmer County sheriff's office and the inmates from the old jail moved into the new facility last week. Pictured in the reception area are, from left, Deputy Sheriff Wayne Gruben, secretary Rhonda Webb and Sheriff Randy Geries. To visit, use the entrance on 4th Street. There are still many "glitches" to work out, and one concerns the window in the reception area. It's one-way and likely will be changed to two-way.

Good Friday service planned

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church of Farwell is planning a Good Friday Service on April 9 from noon to 1 p.m.

This special service, which is open to the community, will portray the "Seven Last-Words of Christ", presented by several local pastor.

The program includes:

1. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do", Jo Gay, Hamlin Memorial UMC, Farwell.
2. "Most assuredly, today you will be with me in paradise," Amanda Garrison, Grady UMC.
3. "Woman, behold your son...behold your mother," Quinta Jones, Bovina UMC.
4. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", Mary Sue Hull, Elida UMC.
5. "I am thirsty," Danny Sanders, Melrose UMC.
6. "It is finished," Brad Reeves, Kingswood UMC, Clovis.
7. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit," Rick Jones, Trinity UMC, Clovis.

St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat held their monthly family night dinner last Sunday. The congregation will hold a Passover Sedar dinner this weekend.

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Lunch: 12 p.m. MDT (Grady Location Only)

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All-District were, from left, Shawndee Nichols, Cory Puckett and Shonnah Black.



Honorable Mention All-District were, from left, Melanie Winders, Kyra Kimbrough, Jesse Gomez and Kayla Parham.



Shawndee Nichols, left, and Shonnah Black were named to the Six-Man 2nd Team All-Region Team. Shawndee also was picked for the Six Man Coaches All-Star game, and Shonnah was named an alternate to this game.

Basketball honors given

These basketball honors were given to the Lazbuddie varsity players this year.

Chamber continues plans for annual banquet

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday continued planning for the annual banquet on April 17.

It will feature the nationally-known McCain Brothers, Ben and Butch, who were reared in the Bevina area.

They are the sons of Rose and Les McCain.

The banquet is set for 7 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center, with appetizers at 6 p.m. A brisket dinner will be offered, with the Farwell luncheon ladies in charge.

Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets are available at the following businesses:

Farwell Hardware, Security State Bank, Farwell Banking Center of -Muleshoe State Bank, State Line Tribune, Hughes True Value, Farwell City Hall, Franse Irrigation and The Beauty Box salon.

At Tuesday's meeting, Fred Chandler reported that the nominating committee has met and chosen folks to be honored: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Educator of the Year, and Agriculturalist of the Year.

Mike Pomper reported he had attended the Bevina Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday and said he was very impressed with the patriotic speech given by Les McCain.

Chamber President Ronald Byrd suggested that McCain be asked to speak at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Parmer County Veterans Memorial in Farwell City Park on Nov. 11.

The Chamber sponsors **Grimes, Walls selected**

Farwell's Hailey Grimes and Texico's Jazzie Walls have been picked to play on the Golden Spread All-Star basketball teams.

this annual tribute to veterans.

In other business, the Chamber:

-- Noted that the annual golf scramble will be held on June 12.

-- Discussed the Ozark Trail lighting project. It

was suggested by the project organizers that cities which participate help out by having live people in the windows of stores along the route.

Farwell's Chamber doesn't plan to participate.



Heather Engelking

Bridal shower held for Heather Engelking

A bridal shower for Heather Engelking, daughter of Dave and Sheryl Engelking, of Lazbuddie, was held on March 27 at the home of Bill and Marca Morris, of Lazbuddie.

She will wed Brian Schmucker, of Lubbock, son of Dan and Ethel Schmucker, of Nazareth, on May 1 at the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church.

Hostesses were Marca Morris, Vicki Morris, Stephanie Foster, Rayan Doshier, Claire Brown, Vickie Burch, Judy Brockman, Patti Kent, Terri Hahn, Debbie Nickels, Marsella Jennings, Paulette Foster, Jana St. Clair, Sandy Gregory, Rickie Seaton, Cheryl Morris, Jonessa Brockman, Debbie Gallman, Janice Bradshaw and Linda Martin. The hostess gift was bed linen for the master bedroom.

Special guests who attended were Sheryl Engelking, mother of the bride; Holly Engelking, sister of the bride; Marilyn Engelking, grandmother of the bride; Ethel Schmucker, mother of the groom; and Danelle Barber and Annette Loflin, sisters of the groom.



Academic All-District were, back row from left, Robby Martin, Shawndee Nichols, Cory Puckett, Kayla Parham, Jose Beliz; middle row, Violet Aguilar, Ana Hernandez, Katy Louder, Bethene Sanchez, Melanie Winders; front row, Miriam Hernandez and Shonnah Black.



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The "Got Rick" conference objective is simple - make beef producers aware of the cadre of products and/or strategies that can assist them in developing an effective risk management plan for their operation.

Cattle producers have one of the lowest profit margins in the agricultural sector. This combined with a potential production or marketing disaster, can put producers' profitability or even survivability in doubt.

No, there is not any attendance obligations! We want you to come, sit back and learn. You will identify some tools that can help manage risk and improve your future profitability.

Registration to attend is \$20 per person and is used to offset a small portion of the cost associated with conducting the conference and providing conference proceeding. You may register at the door. There will also be two quality credits given for the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program at the conference.

Scheduled speakers are professionals from Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Beef Cattle Industry. These professionals will present an unbiased evaluation of risk management tools, products and strategies available to cattle producers.

Some Presenters are as follows:

Dr. Steve Amosson - Regents Fellow, Professor and Extension Economist - Management, Texas Cooperative Extension, Amarillo

Dr. Jason Cleere - Assistant Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension, Overton.

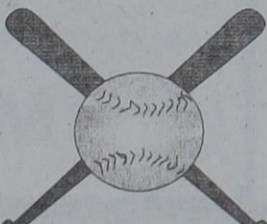
Dr. Ernie Davis - Regent Fellow - Professor and Extension Economist - Livestock Marketing, Department of Agricultural Economists, College Station.

Dr. Ted McCollum - Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension, Amarillo.

Robert Wood - Assistant Commissioner for Rural Economic Development, Texas Department of Agriculture.

For more information on the conference contact Cody G. Hill, CEA-AG Parmer County, 806-48-3619 or Visit www.master.marketer/tamu/edu.

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Each player must bring a copy of their birth certificate for registration or have one on record with the Farwell Little League from last season. We also need parent volunteers for each team!

The deadline for registering is APRIL 2, 2004.

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AGES 5-7 T-BALL (players must be age 5 at time of registration)

AGES 7-10: MINOR LEAGUE

AGES 10-12: MAJOR LEAGUE

AGES 12 & Up: BABE RUTH LEAGUE

Division/League determined by age as of Aug. 1, 2003

Banter

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need: peanut butter log candy, peas and carrots candy mix, vanilla ice cream, and caramel or butterscotch topping.

Step 1: On each dinner plate, arrange four of five butter logs (to look like chicken nuggets) and a small handful of the candy mix (for vegetables).

Step 2: Right before serving, add a scoop of vanilla ice cream of frozen yogurt to each plate for "mashed potatoes." Top with gravy -- a spoonful of caramel sauce or butterscotch topping.

Time change is this Sunday so don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. It's also a really good time to change those batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors too.

Easter is only three Sundays away so don't forget to get your children and grandchildren ready for the annual Bovina Lions Club egg hunt in the City Park that afternoon.

Bovina should be getting a new millwright business (machinery builder) later this spring. A Plainview man is moving his business here, since he has contracts with AGP Grain Marketing. Right now, he is awaiting a bank loan to buy a building.

Wilma Whitener, of Texico, a member of the Bovina First Baptist Church, was hospitalized Monday at Clovis hospital. Many people know that Wilma has battled cancer for sometime now, and Monday she experienced kidney failure. She will begin dialysis this week.

Former Bovinians Sam and Shirley Garrison were in town this week, visiting friends on their way home to Pampa. The Garrisons had been in Yuma, Ariz., since February and said temperatures had reached 102 one day there. They are really nice people and we sure miss them since they moved to Pampa.

Here is the Holy Week schedule for St. Ann's Catholic Church:

Tuesday, April 6, Chrism Mass in Amarillo, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Mass, regular time; Holy Thursday, 7 p.m. English, 8:30 p.m. Spanish; Good Friday, 7 p.m. English, 8:30 p.m. Spanish; Holy Saturday, 9 p.m. bilingual; and Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. English, noon Spanish.

The Mustangs finished 5th with 42 points at the Longhorn Relays at Hart on Saturday. Results were: Discus - H. Martinez, 1st, 121'4"; Munoz, 3rd, 112'1". Shot put - R. Martinez, 3rd, 39'8 3/4". 3200 run - E. Ortiz, 1st, 10:52.53. 1600 run - E. Ortiz, 1st, 5:00.58. The Fillies finished 5th with 76 points. Results were: Discus - Bachicha, 2nd, 78'9". Shot put - Bachicha, 2nd, 28'7". 3200 run - Maldonado, 3rd, 15:58.72. 100 hurdles - Sanchez, 1st, 19.45. 300 hurdles - Sanchez, 2nd, 57.21; Rocha, 3rd, 58.55.

Mark your calendar now: A fund-raiser car wash and bake sale for the Bovina All-Star Basketball Team will be held starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, at the Lowe's Supermarket in Bovina.

Propane assistance

If you are planning to add a propane appliance to your home, Helton Oil Co., of Farwell, reminds consumers to make sure to contact your propane supplier prior to any modification, installation or repair to your propane appliances or piping system.

This will help your supplier determine such requirements as proper venting, connections, combustion air supply, pipe sizing for proper flow, or regulator setting.

All these items play key roles in ensuring that your propane appliances operate safely and efficiently.

Chamber

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and inspirational CD. He has appeared on his boys' TV show in Oklahoma City, and at their concerts. Our Heritage Award winner for 2004 is Leslie McCain.

Arlene Brozek

This year's Woman of the Year was born a long time ago, in fact she's be 280 in dog years, at least according to her children. Shortly after she was born, her parents moved to Bovina, where she attended and graduated from our schools.

She then attended Texas Tech and graduated so long ago that she was in the first class of her chosen profession. After graduation, she moved away for awhile, and married the man of her dreams. She then brought him to Bovina to raise their two children and work.

She is an active member of the First Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday School, Team Kids and has served as Vacation Bible School director. She also has served on the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Believe it or not, she was one of a pair of 4 sets of twins in her class in school. She has an identical twin sister, but you can tell them apart, because she is the "mean one." Her husband says he married her for her looks, BUT not the kind he's getting right now!

This year's Woman of the Year is Arlene Brozek.

Billy Smith

Our Man of the Year has lived in Parmer County most of his life. He worked for Wilson Supermarket. He joined the Air Force, married a local girl in 1961 and they moved to Wichita Falls, where he was stationed.

In 1965, he moved back to Bovina and worked at Wilson's again. He was active in many Bovina organizations. He was one of the Charter members of the JCs; he coached teams for the Little League, and was a director of the Chamber of Commerce for four different terms while living in Bovina.

He was on the school board, has served as president of the Chamber, and has worked on various committees, including being in charge of the parade for the 4th of July and for Bulltown Days. During many of those years, he helped with the Bulltown Days celebration, cooking BBQ for many celebrations. He was the one in charge of cutting the meat for Bulltown Days since he was a butcher. He still helps cook the steaks for the Chamber banquet.

He has been a member of the fire department and the EMS, too.

In 1972, he and a partner opened a new supermarket. Then later a new building was built and the Bovina Supermarket had a new home; it's now the location of Lowe's Supermarket.

He is a deacon in the Baptist church, and has taught various Sunday School classes. He has been Sunday School director, Church Training Director and has served on almost every church committee. You can see him around town every summer pulling a cotton trailer, picking up kids for Bible School. He's always around just in case any help is needed.

He has twin daughters who live in Bovina and a son living in Hereford. His children are very special to him but the six children that are the apple of his eye are the grandchildren.

Our Man of the Year for 2004 is Billy Smith.

Yuri Vela

Our Girl of the Year has lived in Bovina for 8 years and has attended Bovina School since she was in 4th grade. She has been involved in Student Council and

National Honor Society for 4 years, class officer for 3 years, and a member of FCCLA for 1 year.

She has also participated in basketball and golf for three years. As busy as she is, she has managed to stay on the A/B honor roll for the past 4 years. She says that an education should come before anything else and never be put aside. She is the daughter of Fermin and Leonor Vela and is currently a senior at Bovina High. This year's Girl of the Year is Yuri Vela.

Christopher Ortiz

Our Boy of the Year is an outstanding student at Bovina High. He has been involved in National Honor Society and Student Council for the past 3 years, as well as football and track. He says he wants to set a good example for his sister and be the first to attend college and receive a great education in his family. He is willing to try hard to accomplish his educational goals.

He is the son of Noemi S. Ortiz and a senior at Bovina High. This year's Boy of the Year is Christopher Ortiz.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles:

On March 28, Javier Mendoza Jr., 19, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. Case pending in county court.

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

On March 22, Alfredo Saenz, 28, of East Chicago, Ind., charged with attempted sexual assault, was sentenced to 5 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 5 years; \$553 court costs, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours of community service, sex offender registration, sex offender counseling, and 90 days confinement in Parmer County Jail.

On March 22, Josefina Elizabeth Flores, 33, of Bovina, charged with prohibited substance in a correctional facility, was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 2 years; \$303 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$140 restitution, 160 hours of community service, loss of driver's license, and obtain substance abuse counseling.

On March 22, Adrian Santos Rubalcava, 22, of Bovina, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 4 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, deferred for 4 years, \$278 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$140 restitution, 320 hours of community service, loss of driver's license, and obtain substance abuse counseling.

-- On March 24, Bryan Mason, 36, of Bovina, was found guilty in a jury trial of indecency with a child. He is awaiting sentencing from Judge Green.

-- On March 25, a jury found Corey Sexton, 17, of Lazbuddie, innocent of the charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The family of P.J. Griggs would like to say thank you for your acts of kindness, food, flowers and prayers, Words can never express how grateful we all are.
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Ordinance No. 162
An ordinance declaring the city election ordered for May 15, 2004, and declaring each candidate who has filed for office the winner.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Farwell, Texas: Whereas, only three candidates have filed for the three positions, and as they will be running unopposed in said election, it is the decision of the council to cancel said election as allowed by law.

The council therefore declares Ysleta Kittrell, Don Gerles, and Wayne Gruben elected as aldermen.

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Jimmie Mace, Mayor
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JUST LISTED -- 3 bedroom, 2 bath nice home in Farwell. Recently remodeled. **SOLD**

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The Latest

The Lazbuddie One-Act Play was named alternate at the district competition in Amarillo on Tuesday.

Katy Louder, Shonah Black and Kelli Harris were named to the All-Star Cast.

Michelle Scott was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

A fund-raiser car wash and bake sale for the Bovina All-Star Basketball Team will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, at the Lowe's Supermarket in Bovina.

Rev. Randy Thomas has moved from Lazbuddie to Canyon.

Jody Mahaney, of Farwell, suffered a serious accident while roping on Tuesday.

He was taken for surgery on his thumb at a Lubbock hospital.

The Border Town Days Committee will have its organizational meeting of the year on Monday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Texico Fire Hall.

Officers will be elected, a theme picked for this year's BT and the Honorary Parade Marshal chosen.

All are invited to participate. And folks are needed to help serve on the committee.

WTRT Co-op re-elects 3 directors

There was another good turnout at the 50th annual meeting of the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative on Tuesday night at the Herford Bull Barn.

Three directors' posts were on the ballot.

Two were unopposed - Carl Strafuss, Milo Center, and Jimmie Cockerham, Tharp.

Ernest Flood, board vice president, won his race over Jim McGowan

for the Westway post.

In his manager's report Thomas Hyer reported on better Internet connections, and fiber optic up-grades - with the area south of Bovina next up on the agenda for this im-

provement. WTRT's net margin for the period ending Sept. 30, 2003, was \$221,622.

The Latest

"Beat Farwell."
That's the word at Texico School this week concerning the blood drive contest with Farwell School on April 5.

Of course, the word at Farwell School is "Beat Texico."

The two school principals, Buddy Little and Gary Cates, are having a friendly contest to see which school can have more blood donors to help the American Red Cross.

So folks are asked to contribute blood at either the Texico Educational Complex or in front of the Farwell Junior High gym.

Texico School Supt. R.L. Richards will meet with his staff at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, to get their input on the proposed school budget.

Dr. Richards also has invited the community to meet with school officials to give their ideas on the budget at 7 p.m. that day (April 6) at the educational complex.

Texico police ran a DWI checkpoint on Saturday night.

No DWI arrests were made but lots of tickets were given out for the usuals - expired registrations and no insurance.

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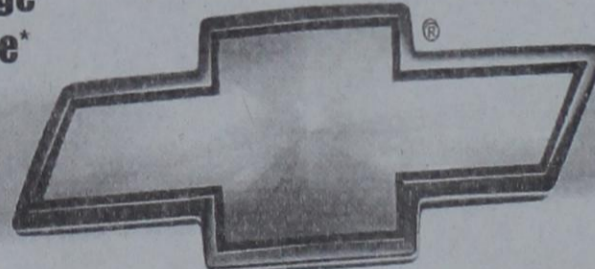
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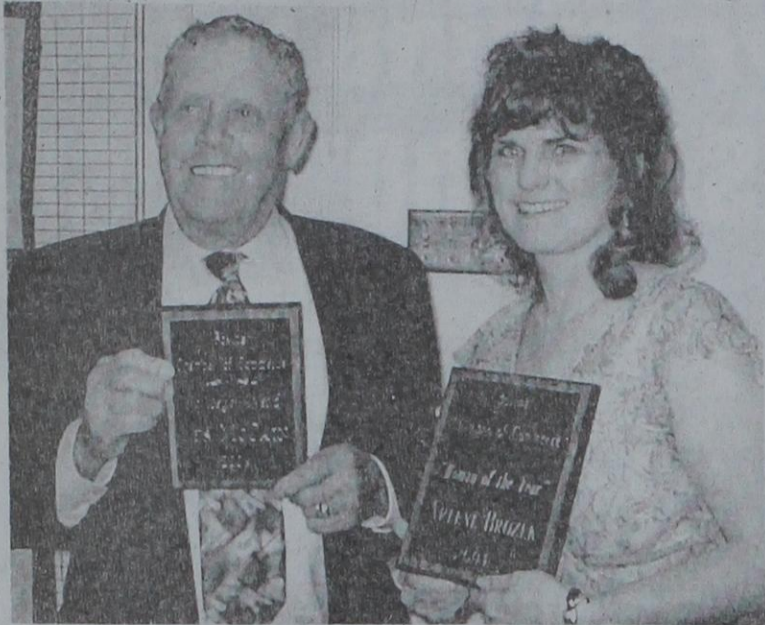
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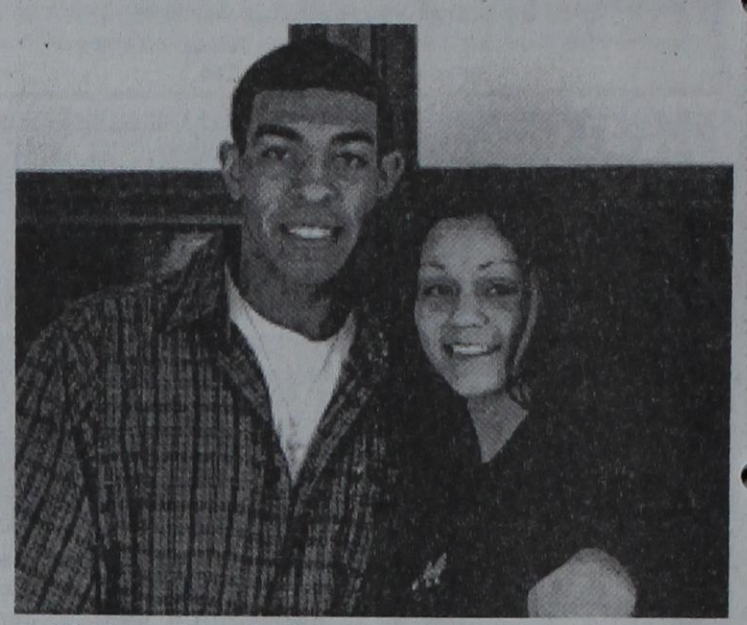
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Leslie McCain, with his Heritage Award, and Arlene Brozek, Woman of the Year.



Billy Smith, Man of the Year, and Christie Barksdale, Educator of the Year.



Christopher Ortiz and Yuri Vela were named Youths of the Year.

Bovina Chamber awards handed out

Bovina outdid itself Saturday night by putting on a Chamber of Commerce banquet that could hardly be outdone.

From start to finish, it was a very special affair, as all who attended could testify.

The dinner consisted of succulent steak, salad, baked potatoes, cobbler, tea and Bovina's famed hot rolls.

Then emcee Aaron Reed introduced the 2004 Chamber officers: Toya DeLeon, president; Mindy Widner, vice president; Lisa Villarreal, secretary, and Deanna Curtis, treasurer.

Chamber directors are Laura and Valentine Grado, Dee DeLeon, Carol Ortiz, Jim and Kay Swafford, Diane Cervantes and Aaron Reed.

A special guest was U.S. Cong. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, and his wife.

The guest speaker and entertainer was Sunni Cranfill, Miss Texas.

She sang two songs, one about Easter and the other about taking a stand.

During her talk, Ms. Cranfill said, "If you remember one thing about my talk, remember not to be afraid to stand up for Jesus Christ."

She urged folks to "stay focused on your goals and stand for something. And train your kids to have good morals."

Miss Texas explained that "God has put me into this position in order to witness ... I am a strong Christian."

A special tribute was made to the Armed Forces. Persons who had served in the Armed Forces were honored, and folks who had relatives serving received special U.S. flags. A video was played of Toby Keith's "American Soldier." And Les McCain gave a stirring patriotic talk.

Top awards went to: Les McCain, Heritage Award;

Billy Smith, Man of the Year; Arlene Brozek, Woman of the Year; Yuri Vela and Christopher Ortiz, Outstanding Youths; and Christie Barksdale, Educator of the Year.

Two special thanks were given:

1. To Caprock Cattle Feeders for donating the steaks.
2. To Jim Swafford for use of art work for the decorations.

Here are the speeches given in honor of the award recipients:

Christie Barksdale

This year's Educator of the Year received her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in 1990. She has been teaching for 11 years and is currently our high school and middle school English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor.

She enjoys working in her garden in the summer and her husband brags that she is a great cook. She is a wonderful fulltime mom and will go the extra mile for her girls. She has even been seen wearing an old prom dress with high heels while throwing a "Tea Party" for her daughters and their friends.

She is an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Bovina, where she has started an ESL class on Thursday evenings for adults as an outreach program.

She is the wife to Joe and mother to Savannah and Sydney. And our 2004 Educator of the Year is Christie Barksdale.

Leslie McCain

Our Heritage Award winner was born on a farm near the little community of Finney, Texas, not far from Paducah. He graduated from Paducah High in 1942. He played football and basketball. Because of his speed, he was nicknamed "Airplane."

He was a member of the award-winning high school crop judging team. His dad, grandfather and great-grandfather were cotton farmers.

He attended Texas Tech and later served 18 months in the U.S. Navy. As a Navy Sea Bee, he spent time on a ship in the Pacific Ocean, working in Hawaii and the little Bikini Atoll.

His dad bought land in Lamb County a few miles from Littlefield, where they started raising cotton together. He met his wife, Rose Sanders, on a blind date. She was a nurse in Amherst. They married three months later in 1951. The couple moved west in 1952 to Parmer County, where they bought a farm five miles west of Bovina.

He was one of the first cotton farmers in Parmer County. They have lived on that farm 52 years. They reared two sons, Ben and Butch. Both sons are actors, broadcasters and entertainers.

Ever since he was a young boy, his goal was to farm and raise cattle. His boys call him the "Happy Farmer" because even when prices are low and expenses high, he still enjoys going to work.

Our Heritage Award winner is a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina. He and his wife joined the church in 1952.

He served three consecutive terms on the Bovina School Board and for the past 26 years, he's been the election judge for the Bovina School Board elections. He's a member of the Masonic Lodge and was recently given the Golden Trowell Award for exceptional service in the Grand Lodge of Texas.

For more than 40 years, he has recited patriotic material at special events across the country.

Five years ago, his sons produced his first patriotic

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Cheerleaders serve

The Bovina Middle School cheerleaders were the servers at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet. Above, from left, Angelica Andrade, Daniela Flores, Sessly Gallegos, Niomi Ovido; and bottom from left, Esmeralda Saucedo, Hannah Miller, Cinthia Munoz, Kimberly Tamez and Maria Jaramillo.



All-Stars

The Bovina Little League Basketball All-Stars have been announced.

Girls: (coaches Mindy Widner and Tony Neal): Yoselin Rueda, Karen Nieto, Jannett Varela, Kimberly Casas, Cheyenne Dutton, Amanda Cervantes, Alicia Lopez, Lynda Rodriguez, Daniela Flores, Michelle Lara, Sessly Gallegos and Bianca Terrones.

Boys (coach Abraham Gomez): Marty Puga, Jonathan Roldan, Eric Reza, Andy Duarte, Francisco Guevara, Sergio Hernandez, Dorian Vela, Eerick Vazquez, Daniel Rivera, Alexis Martinez, Rodrigo Zapata and Richard Fabela.

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Becky's Bovina Banter

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The Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet was all that it promised to be and much more. Miss Texas, Sunni Cranfill was a very lovely speaker and wonderful singer. Following the evening's events, she signed 8x10 black and white glossy photos that my son now has on his wall. Ty also had his picture taken with Miss Cranfill and I'm sure that will also be on the wall soon.

The highlight of the evening had to be when Les McCain was presented the Heritage Award and then a video was played that his sons, Ben and Butch, had sent for the occasion.

Both and Les and Rose were surprised by the video greeting and everyone there was touched by the sentiment from the brothers. I can't wait to see them in person at the Farwell Chamber banquet on April 17.

There were lots of old and new faces in the crowd who came in support of those honored during the evening. Family members of Billy Smith, man of the year; Arlene Brozek, woman of the year; Christy Barksdale, educator of the year; were some of the special guests.

It was a nice surprise to see former Bovina postmaster Lenore Falcon and her husband, of Earth. Lenore is now the postmaster at Springlake. They sat near the new Bovina postmaster, Randa Hodges, and her husband John.

April Fool's day is Thursday and I read an article in Family Fun Magazine recently about a trick you can play on your family. You can use as much of or as little of their "Fool's Dinner" depending on how mean you want to be.

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