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## Bennett captures contest opener

It was a great start for the annual Area Merchants Football Contest last week, although scores generally were on the low side due to the number of game upsets.

More than 300 persons entered the first week -- going for the Dallas Cowboys tickets and \$200 cash for the overall champion.

By the time the contest culminates in 12 weeks, usually between 400 and 500 folks play the fun contest.

Only two entrants last week managed to get 10 games picked correctly -- Eddy Segovia and Ruth Anne Bennett.

By virtue of being closest to the tie breaker



Ruth Anne Bennett, right, receives her check for winning last week's football contest from Steve Castillo, of Lowe's Farwell, one of the contest sponsors.

(Bovina 7, Texico 0), Mrs. Segovia received the 2nd place cash prize of \$7.

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Travis Prokop

## Travis Prokop's career flying high

When you think of culture out here, there are very few places that come to mind. Outside of Lubbock, Amarillo, and Albuquerque, the chances of finding a concert or play are pretty low. So when a local kid wants to break into the professional ranks, they have to be very good to catch the attention of those who can help.

Travis Prokop is just that good.

Travis, the son of Mike and Shirley Prokop, is starting his senior year at Texico High, but unlike most of the other students, he already has a great body of work to his name.

When he was 8 years old, he asked to take dance lessons, and his parents let him. Dance is about as challenging a sport as there is. It is physically demanding, and takes a mentally tough person to memorize the routines and get them right, every time, in front of audiences or judges.

In the last eight years, Travis has excelled. He earned 5 scholarships for Company

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## Texico, Farwell schools raise funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina

Texico and Farwell schools are involved in raising funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

They are having a friendly contest to see which school can raise the most funds. The contest runs from Sept. 6 to Sept. 13, with the final count to be made the morning of Sept. 14.

Heading the collection at Farwell Schools is the Farwell High School Student council.

In charge of the collections at Texico Schools is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter.

Funds raised will go to the Red Cross Disaster Relief. Persons desiring to write checks should make them out to the American Red Cross and note they are for "Hurricane Katrina Relief."

The two school groups stress that the fund-raiser doesn't only involve the students. They sincerely hope that adults and businesses in the community contribute, also.

Also, Farwell School Supt. Larry Gregory said 100 percent of the gate proceeds from Friday's Friona-Farwell football game will be donated to this fund-raiser.

## Hurricane Katrina aftermath: Lazbuddie woman awaits word from missing sister

Johnnie Jones, the wife of Lazbuddie head football coach Don Jones, is a native of New Orleans.

It has been a very difficult time for her in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina tragedy because much of her family still lives there. Or to use the past tense, lived there.

Slidell is just northeast of New Orleans and on the north shore of Lake Ponchartrain. The eye of the hurricane went over Slidell, pushing a surge of water into the community. Johnnie said it took the worst part of the storm.

The day the hurricane hit, one of Johnnie's sisters, a niece and a nephew (ages 13 and 17) went to another of her sister's homes. They barricaded themselves in a bedroom that Monday.

Katrina raged all day long. Finally, on Tuesday morning, water started entering the house. So the four relatives went into the attic.

When the water continued to rise, one sister broke out an attic window. They baled out and swam to dry land.

Alternatively walking or swimming (the water would be ankle high, or stomach high, or even higher than their heads depending on the specific location, the four got to a two-story apartment building -- they swam to a second floor balcony, which shows just how high the water was there.

Later, they again swam and walked from it, and found a boat which they paddled to higher ground. Then they walked four miles to a truck stop on the interstate.

They did manage to check on their properties later in the week. "Both houses are gone," said Johnnie. "Their cars were under water. There were about 8 feet of water in both homes."

The two sisters, and Johnnie's niece and nephew, went to a friend's house in Slidell. The house was on higher ground and is intact.

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# Go, Longhorns!

Watch for color pictures of the Texico Wolverines and Lady Spikers teams in upcoming issues of the Tribune

# Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

## Government reacts slowly

I'm writing this column last Friday when New Orleans is still in chaos. Hopefully, by the time this column appears in print, there will have been great improvement.

I know that many of those folks who were told to evacuate didn't, bringing calamity on themselves. Others, though, didn't have the means to get out before the hurricane struck. And many simply didn't know where to go.

But the bureaucrats did their usually disgusting job in their lack of an immediate response. No surprise here. I expect that.

How many times have I written "bureaucrats don't act, they react." By the time this article appears, I'm sure they will be doing a fine job.

You have to understand how bureaucrats work: when a problem occurs, the key is to do nothing. If you do something, you can get blamed and possibly lose your job. If you do nothing, you can say someone else is to blame. That is how the system works. The important thing for a bureaucrat is to "stay under the radar" and keep his job.

Yes, I know that you feel that the folks who run the government agencies are sharp and on the ball. And you probably believe in the tooth fairy, too.

Once the evacuation was ordered, with the obvious knowledge that the hurricane would do tremendous damage, our government agencies should have swung into action.

National Guard troops from several states should have been federalized immediately and flown into Baton Rouge or Houston. Or military units should have been dispatched.

They weren't. If I were President Bush, I would sack several of his top administrators at FEMA, including the director.

But he won't. If President Bush hasn't fired someone by the time this article appears, he will have lost a lot of the respect I have given him.

And Mr. Bush (remember Harry Truman's old saying -- "The Buck Stops Here") did a very poor job

of leadership in this situation.

For example: A top Army Corps of Engineers spokesman says that the levees were only built high enough to stop up to a Level 3 hurricane if it hit New Orleans.

Weathermen were hollering of a higher level hurricane, causing the city's mandatory evacuation.

What was our government doing?

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The gas situation has also gone down the toilet.

Some politicians have called for a freeze on gas prices. Nothing could be more stupid -- once again telling us something about the folks who run our nation.

History shows time and again that freezes in the long run force massive inflation with serious consequences.

They are a failure. Yet some of our so-called "leaders" suggest a freeze because they know it sounds great politically speaking.

They disgust me. What the high cost of gas is about is simply the Law of Supply and Demand.

Where are our refineries? Mostly in the Gulf of Mexico, easy prey for hurricanes.

And why are they there? And why haven't any new refineries been built in the

U.S. mainland for years? Our laws.

Our politicians have passed legislation that makes such construction too costly. Thus, we rely on refineries in other nations for the most part.

One more example of why we have seen the apex of the American Empire, and are now witnessing its downfall.

The bottom line is this: the rights of the individual now supercede the rights of society in the U.S.

If one person, for example, complains that a drug harmed him- whammo!! A class action suit, forcing the drug company to relocate overseas.

And refineries can damage the environment -- whammo!!! A lawsuit. So none are built here.

So you want to know who has caused the gas problem?

As Pogo so famously said, "We have met the enemy and it is us."

Since the gas shortage in the mid-1970's, we have realized we are too dependent on oil from other nations.

Have we worked hard to build up a better infrastructure here? No.

Have we pushed hard for vehicles that don't use oil? No.

Why? Because we have politicians heading our nation, not leaders.

## The Latest

There will be an informational meeting for parents of juniors at Farwell High School on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. It will be held in the cafeteria.

There will be discussions on the ACT and SAT tests, colleges, financial aid, and scholarships.

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The Parmer County Commissioners held a public hearing on Aug. 31 to receive public comment on the proposed Parmer County tax rate.

Nobody came. The new tax rate, up a cent over last year's, will be voted on when the budget is approved on Sept. 19.

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All Parmer County 4-H'ers and FFA'ers who plan to exhibit swine at the local, county or any major stock show must order validation tags by Sept. 9.

Tags cost \$7 each.

If you have any questions, call the county extension office at 481-3619.

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The Farwell School Board on Aug. 30 approved the new tax rate at \$1.42 per \$100 assessed

valuation, same as this year.

Nobody attended the public hearing.

In other business, the board accepted the offer of Jay Bowers of \$250 to buy a small sliver of property near Avenue A and 1st Street.



Three generations

Here's a three generation photo: Roger, Shawn and Tyler Menning.

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**Rules**

Pick the team you think will win each of the 12 games and circle the winner's name. Also, pick the score of the Game of the Week. Bring or mail your entry blank to the Tribune office by 5 p.m. Friday of this issue. Only one entry blank may be submitted per individual. Contestants must be 12 years old or older. The Game of the Week will be used as a tie breaker only.




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Cindy Patterson with Cari and Patty Johnson



Tammi Jones, Tami Mitchel and Hailey Christian

**Farwell FFA Ice Cream Social held**

On Aug. 30th, Farwell FFA held the first meeting of the new FFA Booster Club. Over 40 parents, students and interested community members attended. Officers were elected; see pictures on Page 6.



Kenzie and Jill Johnson sit in front of the Farwell FFA's ice cream making tractor.



Dan Patterson and Wayne Sales



**That's our Clay**

Farwell's Clayton Ryder, son of Ed and Gwen Corn, got to perform on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Clayton (originally Clay Corn) is a member of Phil Vassar's band. Leno is on the left, Phil Vassar is right, and Clayton is second from the right. You can also find this picture in the Sept. 12 Country Weekly magazine.



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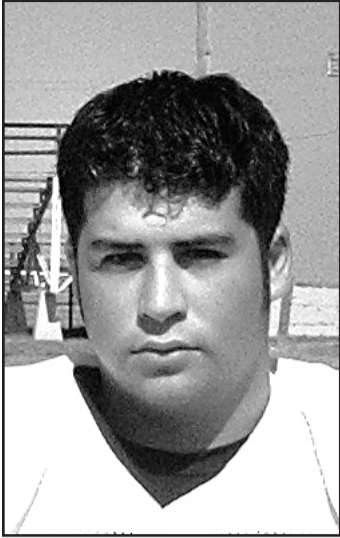
The Lazbuddie Longhorns are 0-2 after being shut out by Whiteface last week, 46-0.

The game ended at half-time due to the 45-point rule.

Longhorns Coach Don Jones said he "had nothing good to say. We didn't perform up to my expectations. It's back to the drawing board. There is a need for better focus."

The only positive comment he would make was "we will build on this experience."

*Longhorns  
of the Week*



*Jason Davis had an appendectomy recently and is missing the beginning of the season.*

**Contest**

From page 1

Mrs. Bennett was 14 off the tie breaker. Segovia was 42 off.

And only two entrants got 9 games picked correctly - Christy Gutierrez and Debbie Weir.

With 8 games right were:

Robbie Allred, Katrina Arce, Jorge Barron, Armando Bermea, Belva Bowers, Lucas DeLeon, Steve Foster, Steve Kittrell, T.J. Kittrell, Ysleta Kittrell, Randy Price.

Also, Adrian Smith, Silvino Silva Jr., Angela Hall, Brett Hancock, Darren Haseloff, Marcia Haseloff, Ray Haseloff, Rodney Herington.

Also, Tim Kasel, Robert Mathys, Melissa Nichols, Linda Porter, Scott Steelman, Cynthia Thigpen, and B.J. Vogler

Results of last week's games were:

Dimmitt over Farwell, Friona over Highland Park, Clovis over Pampa, Vega over Sudan, Colorado over Colorado State, Georgia over Boise State, Baylor over SMU, Notre Dame over Pittsburgh, Georgia Tech over Auburn, Boston College over BYU, Air Force over Washington, and Clemson over Texas A&M.

Rules for the contest are the same as in the past -- a person must be at least 12 years old to enter.

Even if you missed the first week, you can still enter the contest at any time. Cash prizes are given weekly winners. And the overall champion gets the Dallas Cowboys -- Kansas City Chief tickets and \$200 cash.

Each entrant must remember to pick a tie breaker score since many weekly winners -- and some overall champions, have been determined by this method.

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

Ballots are kept throughout the contest so that any entrant with a question can look back at them.

**Katrina**

From page 1

Johnnie also has a daughter and 3 grandchildren in Slidell. But they evacuated their home early enough to beat the hurricane. They are living at another of Johnnie's daughter's home in Katy, Texas.

But all are not safe. Johnnie has yet to hear from one more sister who had been living in Slidell.

Johnnie urges everyone to make donations to any group, such as the Red Cross and The Salvation Army, which is helping hurricane victims. New Orleans was her home and she cries for the hurricane's victims.

**Courthouse Notes**

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

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Alvin Gaines - Marcos Cruz, N15' L6 S4' L4 all L5 B5 Lakeview.

Mor-Shel Co. - Evergreen Farms, S/2 S94 Blk H Thomas Kelly.

Margaret Landrum - James Koehn, L13-16 B5 Farwell.

Juan Rojas - Dolores Barrios, W/2 L11-12 B86 Friona.

Jeff Jesko - Lynn Tate, 1.67 ac SE/pt S1 T11S R3E.

**Meet Farwell's Class of 2018**



Rodrigo Leyba is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is May 19.

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2 pm - Talent Competition: \$2.00 General Admission  
7 pm - Final Competition - Reserved Seating  
\$8.00 Adults - \$5.00 Students  
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Tickets & Info: Chamber of Commerce (250-3491)

Sunday, September 11th  
**CITY OF FRIONA'S FISHING EVENT**  
1 - 4 pm @ Reeve's Lake - No Charge  
**WOMEN'S FEDERATED CLUB HOUSE**  
Dedication: 4 pm @ Club House on 8th. Street

Tuesday, September 13th  
**LITTLE MISS CONTEST**  
FHS Auditorium - 7 pm  
Reserved Seating: \$8.00 Adults - \$5.00 Students  
Tickets & Info: Chamber of Commerce (250-3491)

Wednesday, September 14th  
**GOSPEL GATHERING**  
FHS Auditorium - 6:30 pm - Free to the public

Friday, September 16th  
**FRIONA CHIEFTAIN FOOTBALL HOMECOMING**  
Friona Chieftains vs Bovina Mustangs

Saturday, September 17th  
**DIXON SIX MILE RUN & TWO MILE RUN/WALK**  
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**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

I sadly look at the response of some of our U.S. citizens on the war against terrorists. From the woman who camped out by the President's ranch, to the liberals who claim we aren't doing any good overseas. I wonder just how much, if any, they have prayed to the Lord about the matter.

It is evident to me that they are not looking to Divine intervention, but to man for help and answers. These people remind me of the Pharisees, who were well known for their standing in public places and praying only to be seen of me. Th Lord Jesus Christ taught us to entire into our closets (private place, away from others) to pray.

I see no evidence of these exhibitionists and demonstrators praying. They aren't humbling themselves, asking for the good of their neighbor, nor are they encouraging others to look to the Divine healer for deliverance.

James 5:16 says, "Confess your faults once to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." If anyone is sincerely wanting to be rid of our problems, look first to God, wait on Him for guidance and continue to pray as one seeks to work out the problems. James 1:5-6 is a good place to start -- "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

Prayer can do wonders, if one looks to the Lord first. I can truthfully claim that if it hadn't been for the prayers offered up on my behalf, where God heard those prayers and answered them, I would not be alive today. My illness brought many people to look to God, the great physician and divine healer, and ask for His mercy and grace to prolong my life. I sincerely believe those prayers saved my life.

Let's not wait for a disaster to happen before we look to God for complete help. Let's do as the Scriptures teach us and look to Him every minute of each day. The next time you hear someone complain about the war in Iraq, Afghanistan or anywhere else, or about the weather, or anything, look them in the eye and say "let's pray about the matter and request that God's will be done (Daniel 4:35)."

Prayer certainly can't hurt anyone or anything; on the contrary, it will be an immense help for us in time of need. Continue to pray for our soldiers overseas, our leaders of this great nation, and most of all, pray for one another and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Prayer is the most important means of communication available for communing with God, so let's not waste precious time in complaining about things, let's take it to the Lord in prayer. After all, if we receive one blessing in our lifetime, it is one more blessing than we deserve.

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**New Farwell FFA booster club**

Farwell FFA has a new booster club this year. Almost 40 parents and students attended the first meeting. Officers of the club are (from left) Robert Wauson, vice president; Tami Mitchell, secretary/treasurer; Robert Smith, president. Secretary (not shown) is Rob Pomper.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Raymond McGehee, Deceased, were issued on August 29, 2005, in Cause No. 2650, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Kenneth McGehee.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Football is in full swing:  
The Farwell Steers host Friona on Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The JV Steers play at Friona on Sept. 8, as does the JH Steers.

The Texico JH-9th grade team hosts Tucumcari on Sept. 8. The varsity Wolverines have the weekend off.

The Bovina Mustangs have an open date this weekend. But the JV Mustangs host Tulia on Sept. 8.

The Lazbuddie Longhorns have an open date this weekend. The JH Longhorns host Whitharral on Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

And the Texico Lady Spikers play at Eunice on Sept. 8, host Tatum on Sept. 13, then play in the Mt. Top Tournament Sept. 16-17.

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**LIVE CATTLE:** Although cattle prices pulled back this week, most of the negative news was coming from fears that higher energy costs would curtail the demand for beef. Energy prices look like a spike top is taking place, so good movement over the weekend should help to turn prices higher into next week and see a resumption of the current uptrend which should last into October.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** The market also came under pressure with all the uncertainty over Hurricane Katrina and the impact on energy prices. Although a top may have formed between the \$112-113 last week, prices should be in position to retest these highs going into October. Cash has remained very strong this week, but the market is becoming a little overpriced again when compared to losses cattle feeders have been seeing? We still expect the spreads to narrow over time.

**CORN:** The market took a hit when it was learned that barge traffic coming down the Mississippi was halted because of Hurricane Katrina. The move to new lows only lasted for a day before turning back higher. Overall, it is still a little too early in the season to see the market collapse. Technically, the market is poised to rally over the near term with resistance between \$2.30-2.40.

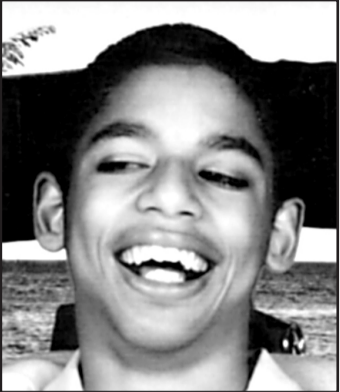
**SOYBEANS:** This market also took a hit this week when barge traffic in the Mississippi came to a halt. Prices seemed to have held up fairly well around the April/May lows between \$5.90-6.00 level basis the November contract. When left to private business, there will be a plan in place and traffic will begin soon. We don't expect the grain industry to wait for the government to come up with a plan before moving forward.

**WHEAT:** Again, barge traffic dropped prices for a one day down before turning back higher. Exports are expected to resume quickly as the grain industry works on ideas to start the movement once again. Grain elevators around New Orleans we in good shape, but there is a need for electricity to unload barges. Expect to see some ideas turning into action by early next week.

**COTTON:** There are crop tours taking place across the Southeast to determine damage if any. Prices took a jump higher once Hurricane Katrina passed, but very little news has been released. Odds are that world production is still expected to be very large which may keep pressure on prices? Technically, there is still room to the upside, but Dec will need to remain above 50 cents.

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**Obituaries**



**Tomas Fuentes III**

Rosary services were held Monday at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina for Tomas "Tommy" Fuentes III, 16, of Bovina, who died Saturday in Bovina.

A Mass was read on Tuesday at St. Ann's with Fr. John Valdez, of Hereford, officiating. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

He was a freshman at Bovina High School, and a member of St. Ann's.

Surviving are his father, Tomas Fuentes Jr. of Bovina; his mother, Nancy Fuentes of Bovina; a sister, Nicole, of Bovina; a brother, Raymond, of Bovina, and grandparents Tomas Fuentes Sr., Leonore Fuentes, and Josey DeLaCruz, all of Bovina

**Johnye Eubank**

Services for Johnye "Noni" Eubank, 92, of Farwell, were Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with Gary Patterson and Rev. Randy Mullin officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

She died Saturday in Paradise, Texas, at her daughter's home.

She was born April 29, 1913, to William Madison and Annie Berta Smith in Ratcliff, Texas. She married Horace Eubank in Vernon, Texas, on Jan. 22, 1934. He died Sept. 17, 1977.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Morris Smith, and a sister, Ruth Jones.

She was a longtime resi-

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dent of Meadow, Texas, where she taught Sunday School at the First Baptist Church before moving to Farwell. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Surviving are a son, J.W. "Sonny" and Lee Nell Eubank, of Farwell; a daughter, Betty Jean and Randy Kelley, of Paradise; a brother, Hal Smith, of Athens, Texas; 9 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Castleberry, Lance Castleberry, Alan Eubank, Scott Smith, John Hale, Tim Shannon, Blake Kelley, Clint Kelley and Ty Chandler.

Memorials may be made to Compass Hospice, 125 CR 3051, Decatur, Texas 76234.

Ellis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

**'Swine Time' scheduled**

"Swine Time" is set at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Farwell Community Center, announced extension service agent Cody Hill.

Topics include pig selection - live evaluations, proper management of newly bought pigs, feeding and fitting, and showmanship.

Guest speakers are Clark Straka and Galen McCune.

To RSVP, call 481-3619 by Sept. 15.

**Bailey County Electric Cooperative members elect Clawson, Craft**

Two board members were elected Tuesday night at the 66th annual meeting of Bailey County Electric Cooperative at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

For the District 3 post (Dodd - Synnyside), incumbent Jimmy Craft, who has been a director since 1995, was re-elected over Steve Edwards.

For the District 6 post (Enochs - Bula), Larry Clawson was chosen over incumbent Tommy Kirk, who has been a director since 1978 and was current board vice president.

David Marricle, co-op president/CEO, said 2004 saw continued growth due to the expansion of the dairy industry and that the co-op added over 7,250 horsepower of irrigation load.

Marricle noted that 2004 also brought record amounts of rainfall, with some of the service area getting more than 50 inches of moisture.

"However, this record rainfall level caused the co-op's sales to fall ... a 22 percent decrease in sales; while our overall sales were dropping, our peak demand increased slightly from 62.9 MW's in 2003 to 64 MW's this year.

"These two factors together caused our load factor to drop from 39.8 percent to 30.1 percent,

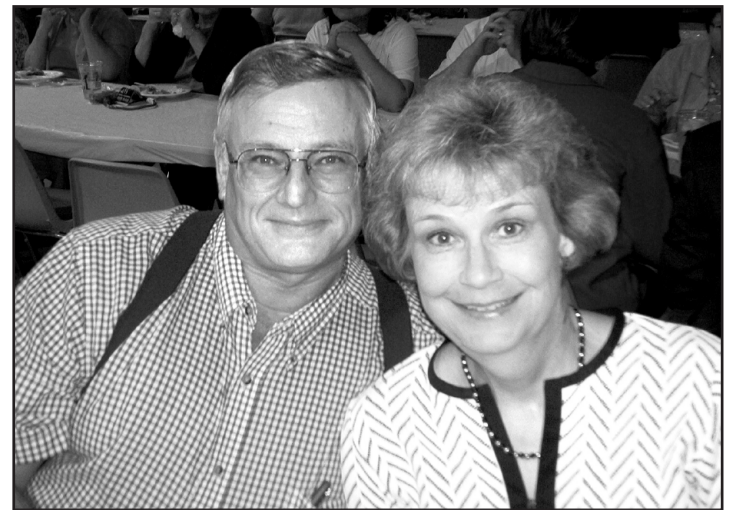
which causes the cost to increase. This, plus the fact that natural gas prices also increased in 2004 -- and will continue to increase, resulted in a slight overall increase in what you paid for electricity.

"We expect this trend to continue through 2005 and into 2006, because natural gas prices continued to be highly volatile and about 50 percent of our power is generated using natural gas. In spite of these facts, our co-op was still able to finish the year on a positive note."

The co-op's net margin for 2004 was \$1,761,576.

Board Chariman Darrell Stephens noted:

"The word 'cooperate' is often a word we take for granted; the meaning of it, the results of it, the consequences if it is not done, and the elements that make it happen. As I write this message, I continue to contemplate these aspects



Among the big crowd attending Bailey County Electric Cooperative's annual meeting were Richard and Rickie Warren. Rickie is the co-op's executive secretary and has been employed by the co-op for almost 19 years.

of our Cooperative.

"As I reflect on a speaker that I heard at the state meeting in Austin a few days ago, I am reminded that our Bailey County Cooperative is much more than lines and poles. It has been years of many people working together to improve lives.

"In the beginning of Bailey County Electric, 66 years ago, a group of unselfish, dedicated, hard working people pooled their efforts and resources and set out to bring electricity to the rural areas.

They had great obstacles to overcome, but the cooperation of these dedicated individuals persevered, and the lives of the great people of Bailey County were greatly enriched.

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<b>Lazbuddie Methodist Church</b> Rev. Randy Thomas Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	<b>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</b> James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	<b>First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie</b>
<b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b> Rev. 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. www.fbcfarwell.org	<b>First Baptist Church of Texico</b> Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.	<b>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</b> David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
<b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b> Rev. Scott Spitsberg Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	<b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b> Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter 7:30 p.m. summer	<b>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico</b> Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal - 1:15 p.m.
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<b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> 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.	<b>First Baptist Church Of Bovina</b> Aaron Reed, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	<b>Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina</b> Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.
<b>Farwell Convalescent Center</b> Bill Bridwell -- chaplain Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday	<b>Lazbuddie Church of Christ</b> Mickey Chambiss - minister Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday -- 7 p.m.	<b>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</b> Rev. Mickey Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

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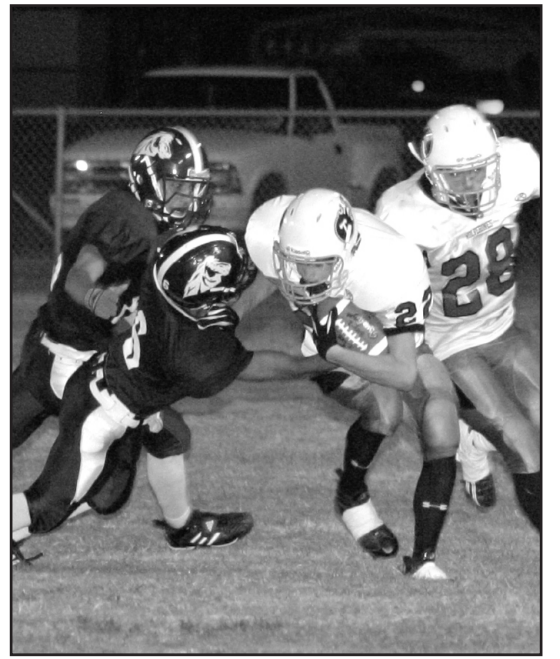
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# Mustangs end Wolverines' win streak

The Bovina Mustangs topped the Texico Wolverines, 7-0, last Friday at Bovina.

Both teams are now 1-1. The loss ended Texico's win streak at 25 games.

As the score shows, it was a defensive battle with both teams having difficulty moving the ball with consistency.

Bovina was putting 9 or 10 men within a yard of the line of scrimmage, which helped keep in check the Texico running attack.

The Mustangs started at their 20. On the 3rd play, Texico's Billy Scott intercepted, returning it to the Bovina 27.

For Texico, Justin Garrison ran for 6, and Eddy Segovia for 4. Bovina's Trent Quintana and Corny Ortiz had good tackles. Texico had 4th and 2 at the Bovina 5, but Segovia was stopped a yard short.

Bovina then lost a fumble at its 8. Corny Ortiz had a good tackle, then a holding penalty pushed Texico back to the Bovina 18. Michael Ortiz had a strong tackle, and the Texico QB Zane Anderson was tackled for a 5-yard loss. A 28-yard field goal try by Segovia missed.

Bovina's Jacob Torbert gained 5. Then Texico recovered a Bovina fumble at the Mustangs 25. Corny Ortiz had another good tackle, and Frank Martinez had a QB sack. On 4th and 14, a 45-yard field goal try by Segovia was short.

Texico's Carlos Meza and Michael Johnson had good tackles, forcing a Bovina punt to its 43 by Michael Ortiz. Bovina's Mauricio Garcia stripped the ball from a runner, and also recovered the fumble at the Texico 47. Johnson had another good tackle as the first quarter ended.

Bovina was stopped at the Texico 40 and punted, with Josh Guevara tackling the punt returner Segovia at the Texico 11. Garrison ran for 7, but Texico had to punt, this time to its 42. Texico's Dustin McDaniel had a big tackle for a 1-yard loss, and Bovina punted into the Texico end zone.

So far, the game was featuring a lot of gang tackles, as both teams used off-tackle running attack.

Bovina's Quintana and Martinez combined on a QB sack for minus 3 yards. Corny Ortiz then had a QB pressure, forcing Texico to punt to its 46. Bovina gained its 1st first down on runs by Martinez and Guevara. Texico's Ethan McDaniel then recovered a fumble at the Wolverine 28.

Bovina's Alfie Espinoza and Guevara both had QB sacks for losses, and Texico punted. McDaniel recovered a fumble at midfield by the Bovina return man.

## Wolverines of the Week

*Coach Prokop named as Wolverines of the Week for their work against Bovina: defense -- Kyle Tietz, Billy Scott, Aaron Vaughn, Weston Casey, Dustin McDaniel and Carlos Meza.*

Bovina's James Lara sacked the QB for a 5-yard loss, and Garcia had a good tackle. Chris Heinzman broke up a long pass as the half ended.

Texico opened the 3rd quarter with a good kick return by Scott to the Wolverine 35. Texico was held, as a gang tackle led by Espinoza caused a 5-yard loss. Michael Ortiz had an excellent return to the Texico 35 before being tackled by Meza.

Texico's Aaron Vaughn had a good tackle. On 4th and 3, Mustang QB Michael Ortiz kept for 10 to the Texico 16. Texico's Kyle Tietz had a strong tackle. Mustangs James Lara tried a 27-yard field goal but a roughing penalty was called, giving Bovina a first down on the Texico 3.

Garrison had a good tackle for the Wolverines, who held. A 24-yard field goal try by Lara was blocked, with Texico's Michael Reid returning it to the Texico 22.

Bovina's Quintana and Espinoza tackled a Texico runner for a 3-yard loss. Texico punted to its 38, with Meza tackling the punt returner. McDaniel recovered a fumble at the Texico 32. Bovina's Isaac Tavera had a good tackle and Michael Ortiz broke up a pass, forcing a Texico punt to the Bovina 30.

The 4th quarter began with Bovina having a 4th and 1 at its 43. A QB sneak by Ortiz worked. Guevara ran for 8, and a pass interference call put the ball at the Texico 36. Two runs by Torbert gained a first down.

Guevara gained 4, and on 4th and 4, a 36-yard field goal try by Lara came up a tad short.

Texico tried a long pass, broken up by Corny Ortiz, and had to punt. But the ball went over the punter's head, and Bovina took over at the Wolverine 13.

Johnson tackled the Bovina QB for a 2-yard loss. Ortiz then threw a 15-yard TD strike to Lara at 4:28. The Lara kick made it 7-0.

## Mustangs of the Week

*Coach Torbert picked as Mustangs of the Week: defense, the whole team; offense, Luis Munoz; special teams and Big Stick, Michael Ortiz*

Texico's Garrison had a huge kickoff return to midfield, with Lara making a TD-saving tackle.

With 2:29 left, and 4th and 10 at midfield, a Texico pass went incomplete. Bovina went 3 and out and the Wolverines got the ball back with 1:17 left in the game at its 26.

Anderson then hit two passes to Garrison, for 11 and 9 yards. Corny Ortiz had a QB pressure. A person foul penalty against Bovina put the ball on the Mustangs 40. Quintana intercepted at the Bovina 20 to end the Texico drive.

Team stats were: 1st downs, Texico 2, Bovina 9; rushing yards, Texico 0, Bovina 110; passing yards, Texico 30, Bovina 19; penalties, Texico 3 for 40, Bovina 2 for 10.



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**Steers of the Week**

Coach Thompson named as Steers of the Week for their work against Dimmitt: on defense -- Zac Bickel, Jon Beaubien and Derrick Chandler.

# Steers 1-1 after loss to Dimmitt

by Greg Howard:

The Farwell Steers' record fell to 1-1 after losing to the Dimmitt Bobcats there, 6-0, on Friday.

Dimmitt won the toss and elected to receive. Colton Sudderth and Jon Beaubien tackled the ball carrier for little gain. Roper Smith and Zack Bickel then brought the Dimmitt back down to set up third and long. Derrick Chandler intercepted a pass to set up Farwell's offense.

Logan McFarland had a nice run for a 1st down. Then tailback Matthew Edwards had a big run down to the 20. Farwell could not move it any farther as Dimmitt held on 4th down to stop the drive.

It was Farwell's turn for good defense as it forced a punt after three and out. The first quarter ended with Edwards gaining nice yardage up the middle. Dimmitt got the ball back on a punt but did not keep it long as Cory Chadwick intercepted on a tipped ball to set Farwell up with great field position.

The Steers kept the drive alive on a 4th down pass from Chandler to the fullback McFarland. But Farwell lost a fumble in the red zone.

The Steers defense again held and forced Dimmitt to line up in punt formation deep in their end of the field but instead passed the ball for a 1st down. Chandler was ready for the next pass attempt as he made his second interception of the first half.

The teams traded fumbles on their next drives with Chandler picking up the Bobcat fumble caused by the Steer defensive line. After a punt Dimmitt came up empty again as Smith sacked the QB and the defense held on a 4th down try.

Alex Olmos hauled in a long pass deep in Bobcat territory, but the clock ran out before Farwell could score.

In the 3rd quarter, Dimmitt recovered a turnover deep in Farwell territory. The defense held as Bryce Howard had a tackle behind the line of scrimmage, Chandler and Chadwick had good pass coverage in the secondary and McFarland tipped a pass away on 4th down.

Farwell lost another fumble. But the defense again rose to the occasion as Bickel made a nice tackle followed by a big hit from Edwards for no gain. Norton and Smith stopped the Bobcat runner at the 1 yard line to kill the drive.

Farwell took over and attempted a pass only to have it intercepted and returned for the game's only score. The kick failed.

The defense played very well in the 4th quarter.



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McFarland recovered another fumble and Farwell's offense drove the ball well but were denied when Dimmitt intercepted in their end zone.

Bickel and Howard sacked the QB to force a punt. Farwell's last chance came up short when they could not connect on a 4th down pass.

Team stats: 1st downs, Farwell 8, Dimmitt 7; rushing yards, Farwell 121, Dimmitt 83; passing yards, Farwell 50, Dimmitt 56; penalties, Farwell 10 for 55, Dimmitt 4 for 20.

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**The Latest**

The Farwell JV football team was scheduled to host Dimmitt last week, but ended up playing there because of more work being done on the new Farwell track.

An article in the Aug. 27 issue of the Dallas Morning News mentioned Top of Texas Apples in Farwell.

The story, by Mary Ramos, said: "Top of Texas Apples is an apple-growers cooperative in Farwell, Texas. Before you ask, Farwell is about halfway down the west side of the Panhandle, up against the New Mexico state line.

"The co-op also sells apples from its Apple Shack retail store in Farwell during the shipping season."

The article noted that Top of Texas apples are shipped to supermarkets elsewhere in Texas.

About a half inch of rain fell on the Twin Cities the night of Sept. 1. And another quarter-inch came down in the afternoon on Labor Day.

The Farwell School annuals have arrived. They cost \$30.

So if you have ordered one, just stop by the office and pick it up.

The school ordered extras, so if you want to

buy one, go by the office, too.

In June, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) held a public meeting in Farwell on an application for a dairy. The applicant was Mark Williams.

The TCEQ approved the permit in August.

On Tuesday, the Tribune received a Letter to the Editor that was unsigned.

It is the Tribune's policy that only letters signed by a person are printed. So if "A Band Fan" comes by the Tribune to sign the let-

ter, it will be printed.

The Farwell Band Boosters will have a meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Farwell Band Hall. Anyone interested in helping support the Farwell band program is encouraged to attend.

Farwell High School is having a blood drive on Sept. 28. To sign up contact the school office at 481-3351.

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## Be aware of regulations before moving cattle

Summer heat continues across Texas, and recent rainfall across much of the state has boosted forage production and pastures. Even so, the days are getting shorter and fall is just around the corner - a time when livestock producers contemplate a change of pasture for their stock.

Cattle producers who are contemplating moving their livestock into or out of Texas in the coming months, for grazing or other purposes, should be mindful of state livestock health regulations, said a veterinarian speaking at a recent regional beef and forage conference.

The conference was sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Hockley and Parmer counties.

"Tuberculosis regulations are a good example," said Dr. Brad Williams, veterinarian and Panhandle area director of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "Most states in the U.S. were tuberculosis free in November 2000. Texas and California lost their TB 'free' status in 2002, and New Mexico followed suit in 2003.

"California regained its TB 'free' status this year, and New Mexico is now operating under split status," he said. "New Mexico does require a TB test for all Texas livestock. All breeding stock in Texas and other known-TB states have to be tested before they can leave the state."

The Texas Animal Health Commission provides tuberculosis tests on a fee basis for some 850 dairies and more than 2,000 beef herds in the state, Williams said.

Producers who wish to bring New Mexico livestock into Texas should remember these caveats, he said.

\* Sexually intact dairy cattle from New Mexico's accredited TB free area (all counties except Curry and Roosevelt) have to originate from an accredited TB free herd or be TB tested negative within 60 days of entry. Neutered dairy stock is exempt.

\* Beef cattle and bison from New Mexico's accredited free area do not require a TB test.

\* Only Curry and Roosevelt counties comprise New Mexico's modified accredited advanced TB free area.

\* Dairy cattle from an accredited TB free herd and animals destined for slaughter from Curry and Roosevelt counties require no TB test to enter Texas.

\* Sexually intact and neutered dairy cattle from these two counties that are not from an accredited TB free herd must be officially identified, accompanied by a certificate and show a negative TB test within 60 days of entering Texas.

\* Sexually intact dairy heifers less than 6 months old from Curry and Roosevelt counties may enter Texas under a permit that places them under a hold order, and requires that they be TB tested upon reaching 6 months of age.

\* Beef cattle and bison from an accredited TB free herd in these two counties or moving directly to slaughter do not need a TB test.

\* Sexually intact beef cattle or bison that are not from an accredited TB free herd in these two counties must be identified, accompanied by a certificate and show a negative TB test within 60 days of entering Texas.

"Another consideration if you are moving cattle from Texas or Wyoming is brucellosis status," Williams said. "These are the only two states in the U.S. that are not currently classified as brucellosis free.

"In most cases, breeding cattle older than 18 months have to be tested for brucellosis before they can leave Texas. Before you move any livestock out of Texas, be sure and call the state veterinarian in the destination state to make sure you make that contact."

More information on Texas Animal Health Commission livestock regulations that can affect interstate travel is available on the Internet at: <http://www.taahc.state.tx.us/>

## Vandiver: 'There is an abundance of rats in the Northwest Plains of Texas'

From Monti Vandiver, Parmer County extension agent - IPM:

Where is the Pied Piper when you need him? There has been an abundance of rats in the Northwest Plains of Texas. The good news is that the rat in question is the hispid cotton rat which does not invade homes or buildings. This outbreak is due to environmental conditions favorable to the cotton rat (i.e. an abundance of grass and weed growth which provide food and shelter).

The cotton rat is a stocky, medium-sized rat with a sparsely haired tail which is shorter than the head and body. They are 10-11 inches long and weigh 3-5 ounces. The hispid cotton rat occurs over most of the southern U.S.

The Hispid Cotton Rat inhabits a broad variety of habitats where suitable cover is present, such as dense grassy fields, weedy fields, roadside ditches, marshy areas, brushy or weedy fence rows; pretty much anywhere there is dense grass or weed growth. Beneath this protective canopy of grasses or weeds, cotton rats develop interconnected runways.

The Hispid Cotton Rat's principal diet is the stems, shoots, and leaves of grasses and sedges, but occasionally it will eat insects, the eggs and young of ground-nesting birds, and even other small rodents. Since they will eat quail eggs, a high cotton rat population may have a detrimental impact on quail nesting success. These rats are active during both night and day throughout the year, but are more nocturnal in the hottest months. They build spherical nests of shredded plant material under logs or rocks, in burrows, or beneath densely matted vegetation.

They may damage a variety of crops, including alfalfa, grains, grasses, vegetables, peanuts, fruit crops, sweet potatoes, and sugar beets but are especially troublesome in sugarcane and melons. The last serious outbreak in Texas occurred in 1958 when millions of these rodents seemed to appear from nowhere and caused serious losses to farm crops, particularly peas, peanuts, watermelons, and cauliflower — as much as 90% loss in some instances.



## Dimmitt edges Farwell JV

The Farwell JV Steers lost to Dimmitt, 16-14, on Sept. 1.

In the first quarter, Finus Nolte scored on a 38-yard run.

In the 2nd quarter, after intercepting a pass, Dimmitt scored from 12 yards out and added a 2-point conversion to take a 8-6 lead at the half.

With 3:50 left in the 3rd quarter, Jaimie Saenz picked off a pass. Less than a minute later, Roper Ledbetter threw a 12-yard TD pass to Ross McClaran. Ledbetter ran in for the 2-point conversion and Farwell regained the lead, 14-8.

But with 4:15 left in the game, Dimmitt scored

from the 2 and added a 2-point for the victory.

Farwell plays at Friona on Sept. 8.

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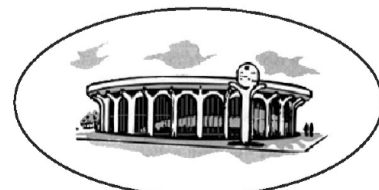
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**The Latest**

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Back by popular demand is seasoned pork loin. Tickets are \$7.50 each and are available at the door. Take-out plates and home delivery is also available.

Pork loin by the pound will also be sold following the dinner for those interested. Contact Patty Johnson at (806) 225-6657 or Teresa Mesman at (806) 825-3830 to make arrangements for deliveries and to request pork loin by the pound.

Another feature of this dinner will be an opportunity to make a donation to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund at the door. For each donation made, you'll receive a "Catch that Farwell Pride" window cling to show your school spirit in your car or home windows.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League at St.

John Lutheran Church of Lariat will host their annual Salad Supper on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the church fellowship hall. All ladies of the community are invited to attend this fun evening of great food and fellowship.

Teresa Mesman is leading a dynamic and in-depth Bible study each Sunday morning at St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat. The class is called "Bad Girls of the Bible," and is based on the Liz Curtis Higgs' book by the same name.

Women of all ages are invited to attend this casual, thought provoking class. Worship services at St. John begin are at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday with fellowship coffee and Sunday school immediately following.

Carla Kaltwasser, of Farwell, will be leaving this weekend for Louisiana to volunteer with a relief group that will be cooking meals out of mobile

kitchen units for people around the New Orleans area.

She attended a training session in Plains, Texas recently that prepared her for this demanding effort. She stated that the first group that was in "residence" outside of New Orleans had been preparing over 7,500 lunches a day.

She will be with this group for seven days before returning home.

Gary Schueler, of Waxahachie, was among the first group of relief volunteers to be sent into the New Orleans and Gulfport, Miss., areas by his employer, Home Depot.

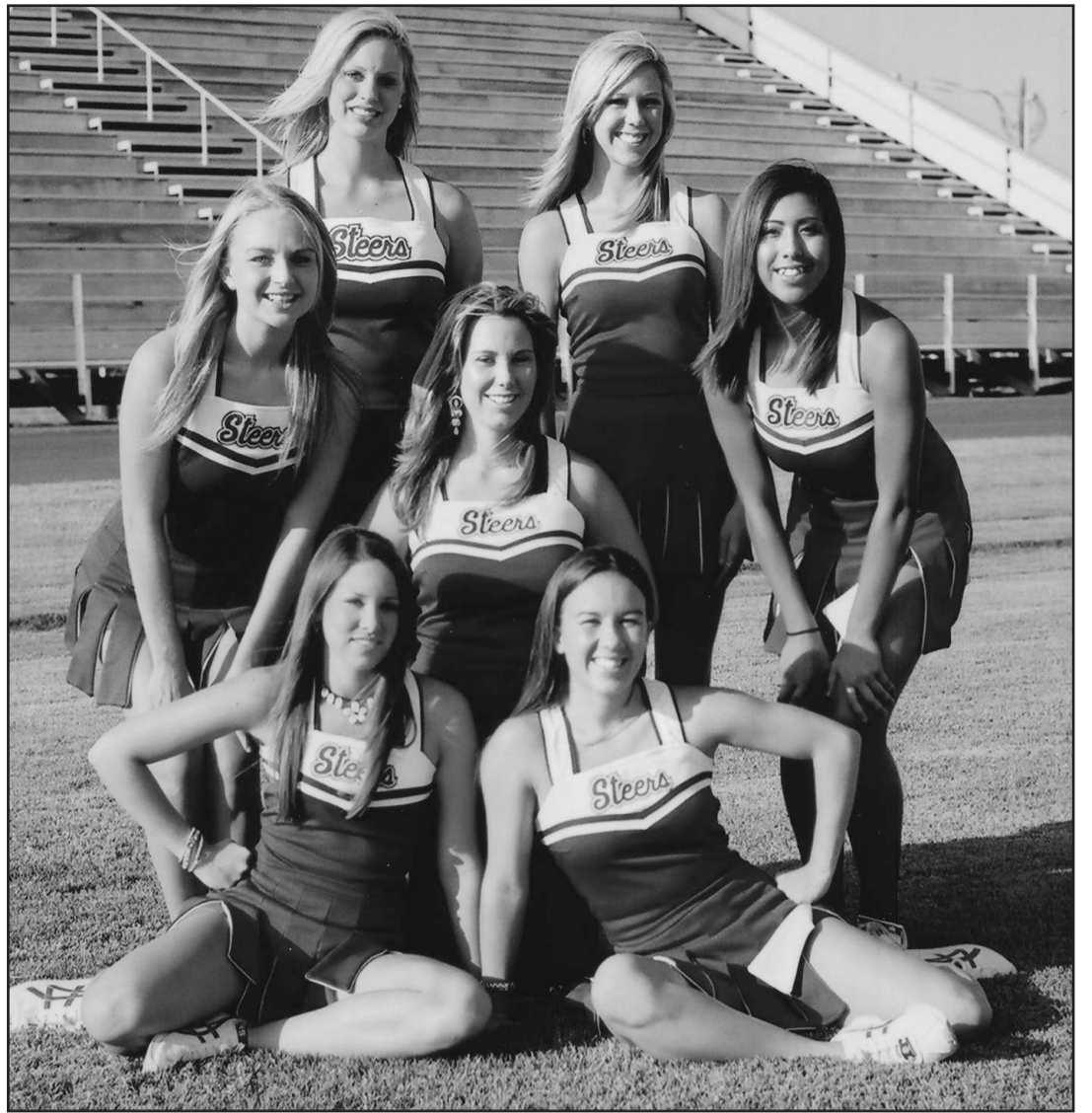
Gary is the son of Walter and Martha Schueler of Farwell. Home Depot was among the first major corporations that sent workers, supplies and stores for the rescue and relief efforts.

Clovis officials announced they will not be taking any evacuees from the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

The folks at the First Baptist Church of Farwell want others to know that they have a whole bunch of extra dishes that folks have dropped off for various social functions over the years, and never taken back.

So if you feel you have left a dish or kitchen item at the church, please come by to pick it up.

Friona's Nathan Haile was on TV during the Texas A&M - Clemson football game. He was on the kick off team wearing the 12th man jersey, an honor at A&M.



**Farwell varsity cheerleaders**

Farwell's varsity cheerleaders are, back row, Britton Barrett and Shelby Christian; middle row, Lauren Beaubien, Dellani Jones and Jennifer DeLeon; front row, Morgan Bickel and Trish Robertson.

**TJH Lady Spikers beat Floyd**

The Texico Junior High Lady Spikers beat Floyd, 25-17, 27-25. Stats were:

Kaitlin Luscombe, 5 service points, 4 kills; Victoria Richards, 8 service points, 2 kills, 7 assists; Jennifer Shirley, 6 service points, 6 assists; Lisa Vidal, 2 kills; Shay Anderson, 3 blocks, 7 kills, 11 service points; Kambrie Reid, 1 kill, 3 service points; Monique Pena, 2 service points; Christy Herrington, 1 service point.

**Texico Police Report**

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief John Mares:

Last weekend, Texico police participated in a saturation patrol and DWI roadblock.

On Saturday, Tracy Tunnell, 38, of Muleshoe, was charged with DWI, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and open container. A passenger, Michelle Gerome, 35, of Muleshoe, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

**Vannatta comes off the bench to help spark Lady Spikers' win**

The Texico Lady Spikers are 3-0 after beating Lovington on Sept. 1, 25-23, 21-25, 28-30, 25-14, 15-10.

Coach Michael Littlejohn said the team "struggled most of the match, although we played pretty well in the last two games. We have to cut down on our errors! Too many missed serves and passes. Leslie Vannatta came off the bench and served extremely well -- 94 percent and 6 aces."

Stat leaders were: Service points - Stephanie Bailey, 13; Vannatta, 11; Whitney Spinks, Sarah Johnson and Bryn Mayfield, 7 each.

Kills -- Bailey, 18; Erika Autrey, 10, and Spinks, 7.

Blocks - Brittany Anderson, 9; Autrey, 7; and Mayfield, 6.

Aces -- Vannatta, 6; Mayfield, 5; Bailey, 4. Assists -- Mayfield, 38.

Saves -- Mayfield, 11; Bailey, 4.

On Aug. 30, Texico blasted Floyd, 25-23, 25-12, 25-13.

Stat leaders were: Service points -- Autrey, 11; Bailey, 10; Johnson, 9.

Kills - Bailey, 13; Autrey, 6; Johnson, 5.

Blocks - Anderson, 9; Autrey, 5. Aces -- Autrey and Bailey, 4 each.

Assists - Mayfield, 21.

Saves -- Mayfield, 7.

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## St. John's youth group buying survivor relief kits

The youth of St. John Lutheran Church will hold their annual new member night-out on Sunday, Sept. 11. The youth group will have dinner at Leal's Restaurant and then will go shopping for items to include in Hurricane Katrina survivor relief kits that will be taken to various shelter locations in Texas.

Boxes to collect items needed for hygiene kits, food, toys and other goods have been set up at the church.

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## 50-year mason

Jay Sherrill, right, received his 50-year pin from the Masonic Lodge on July 9, while his son, Steven, of Tahoka Kan., made the presentation.

## Bovina Banter

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Club. There are drop-off cans at City Hall and at Lowe's as well as many of the classrooms and the cafeteria at school.

The band thanks you in advance!

The Bovina JV Mustangs and Morton Indians tied 6-6 in double overtime to open their seasons.

Bovina got their score when QB Jesus Rocha ran to pay dirt from 55 yards out.

Coach Shannon Shorter said Brett Hancock led the defense with 4 sacks and 8 tackles.

The Bovina Mustangs have an open date this weekend. But the JV Mustangs host Tulia on Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

The city has been spraying for mosquitoes heavily lately.

They worked along the highway (the worst part) last week, said City Manager Ernest Terry, and residents will be billed for their property which the city had to mow weeds.

Bovina Schools has alerted parents that traffic is becoming congested and dangerous to students when parents are picking up their children after school from behind the building in the football stadium parking lot.

So parents of children at the main campus are asked to pick up their children on the north side of the building by the Mustang gates -- you may park on the sides of the street while waiting for your child. You may also pick up your child at the east entrance by the office.

Fire Chief Cesar Marquez got the black balloon treatment when he turned 30 recently.



## Engagement announced

Billy Jay and Barbara Charles, of Bovina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Charles, of Lubbock, to Eric Pittman, of Lubbock, son of Roy and Diane Pittman, of Lubbock. The couple will wed at 6 p.m. Oct. 29 at the historic Baker building, with a reception to follow there. The bride-elect is a 1995 Bovina High graduate who attended Texas Tech University and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is employed at Stella's as a manager. The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Coronado High School and Texas Tech, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is a manager at Café J's.

Bovina's scheduled JV game with Sudan last week was cancelled, due to "sickness" called in by the Hornets.

Bovina Elementary School has scheduled parent conferences for Oct. 5. School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. so teachers can meet with parents.

The purpose of these conferences is to meet your child's teacher, hand out report cards, and discuss any concerns there may be regarding your child.

Conferences will be every 15 minutes starting at 1 p.m.

The Migrant Building Bridges program will have a parent meeting at 2 p.m. on Oct. 5 in the Building Bridges classroom.



## 'Exhibition of acceleration' accident

A one-vehicle accident occurred on Avenue A in Farwell on Friday across from Allsup's convenience store. The driver was a 15-year-old Texico boy. No one was injured; the residents were away on vacation. Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg said the boy was charged with "exhibition of acceleration."

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**Travis Prokop**

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and Jump dance groups, and has competed in competitions with the Dance Academy of Clovis in Dallas and Houston.

His training has taken him to Los Angeles and recently he was honored to take classes from a Russian professional, where he learned the parts to Texas Legacies that is performed before thousands at Palo Duro State Park.

He studied under the choreographers for Britany Spears and Janet Jackson, as well as some of the choreographers from the popular dance show, "So you think you can dance."

Earlier this year, he had just finished a solo performance during a competition when a man named Mike Marriott introduced himself. Marriott is a recruiter for West Texas A&M and he was impressed with what he saw.

Every year WT holds a dance camp and they wanted Travis to come teach. This honor is spectacular when you realize that they have never asked a non-former student to teach before offering the position to Travis.

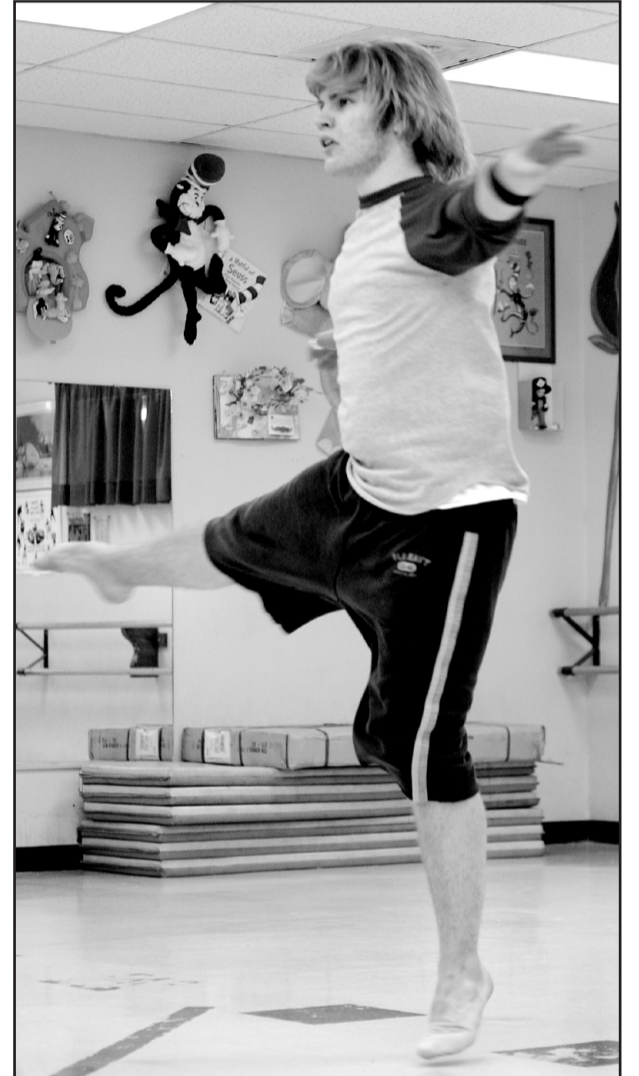
The first day, they had him teach a beginning hip-hop class. By the end of the week, he was teaching the advanced students.

By the end of the camp, they even offered him the opportunity to return, and they even offered him more classes to teach. Both Hip-Hop and Lyrical dance are his to take.

Until he graduates from high school, Travis is teaching and taking lessons from Jeffie Hamars at the Clovis Dance Academy in the Hilltop Shopping Center in Clovis. Travis attributes much of his success to Mrs. Hamars and her program.

His dad, Mike Prokop said, "I've always told my sons; whatever they do, do it to the best of their ability. Travis has worked very hard and has made me a very proud dad for the commitment he makes to this profession and the passion he shows for it. Watching Travis dance makes me feel tremendously proud that I am his father."

Travis plans to pursue a career in dance, and he has his parents blessing to follow his dream as far as he can.



# Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

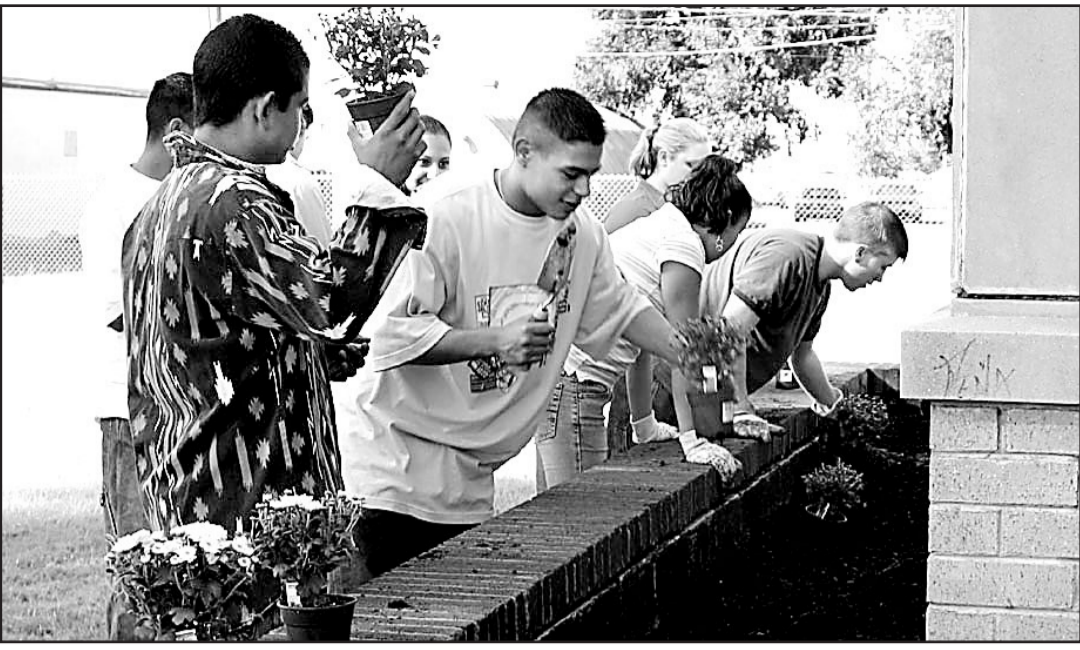
The **PARMER COUNTY** conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **PARMER COUNTY** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.431910 percent on August 22, 2005 at 2:00 PM and August 31, 2005 at 11:00 AM.

The **Parmer County** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on **September 19, 2005 at 11:00 AM** at **Parmer County Courtroom**.

# Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The **PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL** conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.913669 percent on August 23, 2005 at 7:00 PM and September 6, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

The **Parmer County Hospital** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on **September 15, 2005 at 5:30 PM** at **Parmer County Hospital Boardroom**.



**Gardening project**

The Bovina High School student council started the year off with a project. The front of the school was in dire need of some beautification, so the members, along with teachers Pam Lockmiller and Celia Quintana, started to work. In order to plant white and maroon mums in the flower bed, they first had to weed, cultivate, and fertilize the soil. Students will take turns watering the flowers. This group plans to be very active again this year. (Photos courtesy of Denise Anderson)



**Senior citizens receive donation**

Xcel Energy Foundation donated \$1,500 to the Bovina Senior Citizens house on Aug. 31. On hand to present the check is Jon Hendrickson, center, from Xcel Energy. Receiving the check are Esta Lee Lide, right, and Elton Venable.

**'Survivors'**

Every year Mrs. Lockmiller's AP English class at Bovina High is assigned an activity to be done every day for the first week of school. Such activities include: several ideas for organizing their lockers; finding nutritional values on a box of cereal and writing a paragraph on what they learned; designing a thank you card and giving it to someone special in their life, and finally, they had to plan a meal, cook it, and serve it to their family. The following students were the "Survivors" -- Back row: Bacilio Viernes, Irma Rocha, Saul Martinez, Diana De La Rosa, Laura Rocha, Karla Rivera; front row: Sandra Perez, Vanessa Garcia, Michael Ortiz, Elizabeth Ortiz, Johanna Knoll.

**Bovina Banter**

Tammy Knoll - 251-5253

Reminder: Fiesta Con Christo is on Sept. 18 from 4 - 8 p.m. at city park. There will be music, booths, free food and drinks, and lots of fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the fellowship.

The varsity football game last Friday evening was spectacular! Yes, the Mustangs won against Texico -- see story on Page 8. Our guys and coaches were ecstatic, as was the crowd. The Mustangs made it onto the local wrap-up of sports on both

channels 7 and 10 p.m., also.

I have been told that the 7th grade team has a game against Morton there this coming Thursday at 5 p.m.

Friona Boy Scouts Troop #56 is selling raffle tickets for 70 pounds of sirloin steak. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be on Sept. 17 in Friona. You will not need to be present to win. You can contact any one of the local scouts or call into the scout office in Friona for a list of names

selling them.

The high school will be conducting a survey to see if there is any interest in using the ITV room. If you have an interest for your high school student, be sure to let them know so they can sign the survey.

Parmer County Community Hospital is collecting donations for the hurricane victims that are expected to be coming to Amarillo and Hereford.

You can take your donated items to the hospital and they will see that the items get to where they need to go. They are especially asking for toiletry items - i.e. toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels, soap, razors, shampoo, and conditioner; as well as clothing and blankets. They are also in need of any stuffed animals for the many children that have been displaced.

A bridal shower honoring Brooke Charles, bride-elect of Eric Pittman, will be on Sept. 24 at the home of Karen Kirkpatrick from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

They are registered at Dillard's, Gourmet Pantry, Target and Roden Smith.

Remember to collect those box tops for education for the Bovina Mustangs Band Booster



**New bank sign**

The First Bank of Bovina boasts this new sign.

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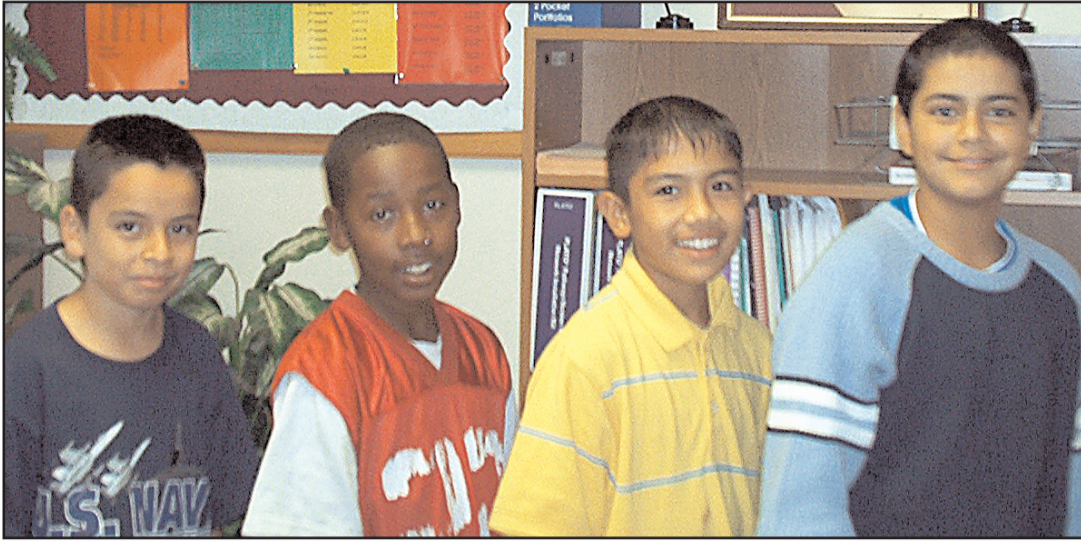
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## Bovina Middle School class officers



Bovina 6th grade class officers are, from left, Erli Rueda, president; Shaq Walker, vice president; Jose Lara, secretary, and Gael Vela, student council rep.



Bovina 7th grade class officers are, from left, Dorian Vela, president; Zackery Ward, vice president; Andy Duarte, secretary - treasurer; and Blanca Vidana, student council rep.

## Bovina students participate in 'A Walk Along the Brazos River'

Bovina 7th graders under the tutelage of social studies teacher Bob Horton are participating in "A Walk Along the Brazos River."

This is a social studies video conferencing project that involves schools in the Brazos River watershed from Bovina to south of Houston.

Bovina was picked to represent this area because the watershed starts in nearby Running Water Draw.

Each school involved will make about a 4- or 5-minute presentation, showing photos and talking about their section of the river.

To kick off the event, the National Air & Space Administration (NASA) will use satellite technology to show students what the Brazos River watershed looks like from space.

Student presentations then will start with Bovina and conclude at the mouth of the Brazos River as it enters the Gulf of Mexico. Up to 11 schools are participating.



Bovina 8th grade class officers are, from left, Francisco "Paco" Garcia, president; Ivonne Mejia, vice president; Michelle Lara, secretary; Daniella Flores, treasurer; and Yoshi Rueda, student council rep.



## Student Council fund-raiser

Bovina High Student Council members periodically sell pickles as a fund-raiser. Pictured are, in front, Marisela Garcia and Hortencia Lara; in back, Sonia Garcia, Ruby Vela, Crystal Amparan, Yvette Amparan, Sandra Perez and teacher Pam Lockmiller. The other council adviser is Celia Quintana.

More pictures and stories on pages 13 and 15



Johanna Knoll

Bovina High senior Johanna Knoll wrote a poem her junior year in Mrs. Burch's class. She sent it to the International Library of Poetry and it was certified as a semi-finalist in their contest. She is waiting word from the committee on whether she will win a prize. The poem follows:

## Chris

Your Pain shows the hate,  
A cover for the true you.  
Your eyes show the sorrow,  
Brown, tear streaked with blue.

\*\*\*  
I close my eyes and see your face,  
I open them and my world seems out of place.  
My dear friend, I miss you  
But I will love you until the end days.

\*\*\*  
I want to help you my dear friend,  
But you pushed me away.  
I won't give up on you dear one,  
Never, not for a single day.

\*\*\*  
I will pray for you my dear,  
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And my dear friend, I will stand back,  
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