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Parmer County's in 'High Cotton'

by Teresa Mesman

The area cotton harvest is well underway and, by all estimates, it may exceed harvest totals from 2004. Local gins are at mid-point in the season and have about one month left for ginning.

Randy Mitchell, manager of the Parmer County Cotton Growers Gin, proudly reported that their yields were looking to the best they've ever had.

"Our growers are very happy because their yields are outstanding," Mitchell stated. "They're saying they've never had crops this good." Grower yields are averaging 3.2 bales per acre for a total of 1,600 pounds per acre.

The gin's top 20 fields are getting close to 4 bales per acre.

"We've been fortunate too in our mic numbers too. We haven't seen the low mic numbers that some gins are seeing. In fact, our mic numbers are the best they have ever been," Mitchell commented.

The Bovina Gin reports that they have baled a little over 7,900 bales. The cotton going through this gin has been grading out in the low to mid 50's.

"The turnouts for this crop have been fantastic," Sharlet Wilks reported. "Some of the cotton has low micronair due to the hail storms that hit the region, but overall the crop is looking great."

Darwin Robertson, manager of the Muleshoe Co-op Gin, reported that about 20,000 bales have been ginned. This about one-half of the yearly total ginned at this location. The majority of their cotton has graded between 48 to 53, but some has graded at 56 to 58.

"The mics on the cotton have been a little low, but overall the cotton is very good. The weather has held so that's helped harvest go very well. The other good thing is that the markets have held fairly well too," Robertson commented.

According to the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. "Cotton News," the cotton quality reports through Dec. 1 from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service - Cotton Division show that the 2005 crop could possibly be one of the highest quality crops ever produced on the Texas High Plains when all production finally gets ginned and classed.

To date, the Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing offices have processed a combined 2,089,052 bales. This is nearly 40 percent of the USDA National Agricultural

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2005 cotton crop. a big delivery

by Monti Vandiver

Extension Agent-IPM

The 2005 U.S. Upland cotton crop is projected to total 22.5 million bales and the Texas crop is expected to set a new record high of 7.8 million bales according to the Texas Agriculture Statistics Service. The Texas average yield is predicted to reach 681 pounds per acre.

The Northwest Plains cotton crop as a whole is very good bordering on exceptional. Local irrigated yields have been reported as high as 5 bales per acre. There is a good chance that the average 2005 Northwest Plains irrigated cotton yield will exceed 2 bales per acre which would surpass the 2002 and 2004 average yields of 954 and 928 pounds per acre respectively. The area dryland cotton crop also looks good but is not expected to meet the 2004 average yield of 579 pounds per acre. Nonetheless, the total 2005 Northwest Plains cotton crop could reach 250,000 bales which would be the highest in 35 years. The 2002 and 2004 crop totals were 240,000 and 243,000 bales respectively. For the most part quality has been good with the exception of some low micronaire and most gin turnouts have been outstanding.

Cotton yield in the Northwest Plains is typically limited by environmental factors. With the exception of a few areas most cotton made it through the year with little environmental damage. Two thousand and four heat units were accumulated in the 2005 cotton season (May-October) which is 146 more than the long-term average. The crop got off to a good start, "Mother Nature" provided a good soil profile of moisture and adequate temperatures. Few cotton fields in the Northwest Plains experienced extended periods of moisture stress during most of the growing season with the exception of the first two weeks of September. Precipitation totals ranged from around 14 to 18 inches but came in a very timely fashion. Temperatures rarely exceeded the mid to upper nineties but consistently provided adequate average daily temperatures to push cotton into maximum production.

The 2005 pest pressure was overall moderate. Insects were responsible for a 4% reduction in overall yield potential in the Texas High Plains, 2.2% cotton bollworm and 1% thrips. Thrips and cotton bollworm were also the two primary insect pests infesting the Northwest Plains cotton crop. Thrips pressure was fairly heavy with most acres without a preventative treatment requiring two foliar insecticide treatments to

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Bovina commissioner's race to be hotly contested

The filing period opened Dec. 3 for next year's Texas elections. The deadline is Jan.

Parmer County Republican Chairman John Armstrong reports that even though no one has filed yet, he has received several calls from potential candidates about one race -- the Parmer County Commissioner's post for the Bovina area.

"It will be hotly contested," predicted Armstrong.

Last month, longtime Bovina area county commissioner Tom Ware announced he would not seek re-election.

All the other county office holders up for re-election at that time told the Tribune they would seek re-election except for Bovina area Justice of the Peace Vi Hutto, who said she was undecided.

Obituaries

Faye Magness

Ellen Faye Magness, 80, died at her Farwell home Nov. 30.

No services will be held.
Cremation has taken place. Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

She was born Feb. 11, 1925 in San Saba, Texas, to Earl and Vera Watkins. She was a longtime Farwell resident an member of the Farwell Church of Christ.

Surviving are 2 sons, Skippy, of Farwell, and James, of Fort Worth; a daughter, Pam Bonge, of Austin; a sisterr, Beverly Lunsford, of Farwell; a brother, Ken Watkins, of Belen, N.M., and 3 grand-children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George, in 1997, and 2 brothers -- James Watkins and J. Foster Watkins.

Herminia Jimenez

Services for Herminia Jimenez, 75, of Clovis, were held Tuesday at San Jose Catholic Church in Texico with Fr. David Contreras officiating. Burial was in Hereford.

She died Dec. 3 at Clovis hospital. She was born April 2, 1930, in Riviera, Texas, to Pablo and Leonicia Suarez.

She married Manuel Jimenez on Aug. 10, 1951, in Edinburgh, Texas. She was a homemaker and member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Pedro Suarez; and 2 grandchildren

Surviving are 4 sons, Juan, Roberto, Manuel Jr. and Oscar, all of Clovis; 3 daughters, Sofia Segura, of Hurst, Texas; Yolanda Vasquez, of Farwell, and Anna Jimenez, of Clovis; 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were
Nicholas Segura, Demesio
Mendoza, Roberto
Jimenez Jr., Manuel
Jimenez III, Jeremy
Jimenez and Juan Jimenez

Jane Kent

Funeral services for Jane Kent, 68, of Portales, were Wednesday at Blackwell Funeral Home Chapel in Friona with Rev. Steve Patterson, minister of Friona United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.

She died Sunday at Heartland Continuing Care Center in Portales. She had lived in Portales since

May 2005, moving from Logan, N.M.

She was born Dec. 22, 1936 in Henrietta, Texas, to Weldon and Willie Bea Fulgham. She was married to W.H. Kent for 23 years. He died Feb. 7, 1993.

She was a homemaker.
Survivors include 2
sons, Wade, of Portales,
and Kade, of Midland,
Texas; a sister, Jo Ann
Thomas of Clovis; and a
brother Jack Fulgham of
Bowling Green, Ky.; and 6
grandchildren.



Gil Patschke

Celebration services for Gil W. Patschke, 81, of Farwell, will be at 3 p.m. ct on Dec. 9 at Faith Christian Church in Clovis.

He died Dec. 6 in Farwell. A private family burial was held.

A native of Thorndale, Texas, he was born Dec. 1, 1924. He was a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran. He married Jean Marie Pasket in LaMarque, Texas, Aug. 31, 1950.

He worked at KLVT Radio in Levelland as engineer and salesman for 13 years, moving to Farwell in 1966 as owner of KZOL and then KIJN Christian Radio

He was a member of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club and was Farwell's mayor from 1973-1977. In 1975, he was named Farwell Man of the Year. He was a member of Faith Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife; 2 daughters, Nancy Blair, of Montrose, Colo.; and Susan McCloy, of Stinnett Texas; 7 grandchildren; and 2 brothers, Howard, of Gurnee, Ill., and Walter, of DeSoto, Texas.

Memorials are suggested to the Lighthouse Mission, PO Box 297, Clovis NM 88102.

Shower set

A baby shower honoring Becky McCoy will be held Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. mt at the home of Sam and Janice Jenkins. The baby girl's name is Tannah Ronet.

High cotton

From page 1

Statistics Service 5.3 million bale production estimate for the High Plains. A 5.3 million-bale crop would establish a new production record for the area, breaking the previous record of 4.9 million bales set in 2004.

Parmer County Cotton Growers also has about one month left to gin their production. As of Monday, the gin had processed 20,664 bales. This is also about one-half of their annual production.

The High Plains region will start to see more and more cotton produced if the current weather patterns continue. Water resources, irrigation methods and energy and natural gas prices are all playing a factor in the decision many wheat, milo and corn farmers are making for their futures

It is estimated by the National Agricultural Statistics Service that, by the end of the decade, the majority of crop farms in the High Plains will produce only corn and cotton and farmers will forego wheat and milo due to the expense of production and decreasing markets.



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Christmas

By now, I'm sure you have been hearing about the controversy involving whether to call our Dec. 25th holiday "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays."

Some folks feel it's politically correct to call Christmas by other names so as to not offend anyone. Big stores, like Wal Mart, are being ultra-careful

Well, I think it's pretty stupid to call our holiday anything but Christmas. Why? Because it is Christmas.

It's not a "Happy Holiday." It's "Christmas." And I don't care if someone's sensibility is hurt. Deal with it.

We celebrate Dec. 25 because it is Christmas, honoring the birth of Jesus Christ. It's not a "Winter Holiday."

And, yes, I know that Christ likely was born on another day. But that's not the point. The point is that we have a day to honor him, and Dec. 25th was picked hundreds of years ago by church leaders. So we go along with it out of respect and tradition.

And if you don't want to celebrate Christmas, that's fine. No hard feelings. But to use politically-correct terms to hide Christmas is disgusting.

And those big trees like in front of the White House are not "Holiday Trees" as some call them. They are "Christmas Trees."

I just can't take it some-

Scholarships to be awarded

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) will award 25 \$2,500 scholarships to qualified rural students in May 2006— one per geographic region of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association and one to a student sponsored by an NTCA associate member. The remaining 14 awards will be distributed proportionate to the number of applications received from each NTCA region.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 3. Applications are available at local high school guidance offices, any ENMR·Plateau retail store, on the web at http://www.enmr.com, or by contacting ENMR·Plateau, Public Relations Office, PO Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102; phone (505) 389-4241, toll free 1-800-432-2369, or email jrj@plateautel.com.

Those wishing to apply for the scholarship must meet the following requirements: be a graduating high school senior; receive their local landline telephone service from ENMR (wireless phone service alone does not qualify); be from a rural area; must plan to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or vocational-technical school; have at least a C grade point average.

FRS scholarships will be awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above-average range; express a strong desire to work in a rural community following graduation; be sponsored by a contributor to, or function attendee of, the FRS.

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Meet Texico's Class of 2018



Jordan Rose is a Texico kindergartener. His birthday is Sept. 2.

His mother is Tomasina Rose. Siblings are Daniel, Ryan & Adam. Grandparents are Edna Watkins and Peggy Guy.

He likes to draw and color and play Power Rangers.

His favorite food is chicken nuggets. His favorite color is orange. He doesn't like going to bed or turning off cartoons.

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y times. The stupidity.

It all goes back to what I have been saying for quite some time -- the opinion of the individual now supercedes the rights of the majority in our society -- thanks to our legal sys-

For 5,000 years, civilized law was based on what was best for society. But not in modern-day America. No way.

All it takes is for one person to complain and, whammo, the other 320 million of us must abide by a decision favoring that lone individual.

I sure wish I was exaggerating or kidding. Unfortunately, I'm not.

This change in culture has no precedent. And I doubt many of our "leaders" even understand that it has occurred.

And I guarantee you that

the legal system doesn't want you to know.

Maybe it's better if we all become robots and do as we are told. It seems it's getting to that point anyway.

Saw an interesting note in an Amarillo newspaper column on Sunday.

The columnist noted that Gen. Eisenhower, in case the D-Day landings at Normandy in 1944 failed, he had written a short message noting "if any blame or fault attaches to the attempt it is mine alone."

And the columnist noted, to this effect: can you imagine any American leader today who would take that responsibility?

Nope. None would. And that's because a lack of leadership prevails today. How very sad.

2005 cotton crop

From page 1

avoid undue losses. Many of the fields that did have a preventative treatment applied at planting had sufficient thrips pressure to justify a subsequent foliar insecticide application. Cotton fleahoppers were present in higher numbers than normal for this area but their overall impact was limited. Cotton bollworm pressure was, for the most part, average. Bollworm populations ranged from sub-threshold numbers to over 45,000 bollworms per acre. Approximately 80% of irrigated cotton justified an insecticide treatment for bollworms but very few required a follow-up treatment. Beneficial insects were abundant and when conserved by judicial use if insecticides prevented further pest outbreaks.

The overall 2005 Northwest Plains cotton season has been a huge success. It has been said that, "cotton is a crop which will promise more and deliver less and promise less and deliver more". The 2005 cotton crop has made a big delivery to cotton producers in the Northwest Plains.



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Schueler, Crist lead Texico JV boys past Dora

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Varsity Boys

The Steers are 5-4 on the season after losing to Nazareth, 78-31, Tuesday.

Scoring were Brett Howard, 6; Cory Chadwick, 3; Derrick Chandler, 4; Ty Gast, 14; and Logan McFarland and Colton Sudderth, 2 each.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue are 4-6 on the year after being defeated by Nazareth, 70-40, at home.

Scoring were Jennifer DeLeon, 6; Amanda Martin and Salida Edwards, 5 each; Britton Barrett, 8; Bea Garcia, 10; Dellani Jones, 2; and Brooke Lunsford, 4.

Lazbuddie

Varsity Girls

The Lady Longhorns lost to Silverton, 64-51, at home on Tuesday.

Once again, Chelsee Nichols had a huge game, scoring 35 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

Also scoring for Lazbuddie were Brianna Sanchez, 3;







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Victor Crume is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is Oct. 11.

Parents are Irene & Jason Crume. brother Joseph. is Grandparents are Bill & Gloria Fink, and Don & Judy Crume.

He likes soccer, fishing and swimming. His favorite foods are cheese burgers and mac & cheese. His favorite color is blue. He

doesn't like peanuts, soup, onions or green beans.

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Rochelle Smith, 4; and Brittany Sexton, 9.

Varsity Boys

The Lazbuddie boys fell to Silverton, 90-44.

Scoring were Steve Pacheco and Aaron Chavez, 6 each; Fili Derma, 8; Bryce Haney, Erik Estrada and Ryan Mason, 2 each; and Jesse Gomez. 14.

Texico

Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines are 4-1 after wiping out Dora, 51-13, on Tuesday at home.

Scoring were Bryn Mayfield, 4; Skyla Cockerham, 5; Erika Autrey, 6; Brooke Bailey, 2; Sarah Johnson, 2; Faith Martin, 9; Whitney Spinks, 2; Lori Richardson, 8; Stephani Vega, 2; Stephanie Bailey, 7; Zandi Queener, 2; and Krystal Williams, 2.

Coach Keith Durham said:

"I felt the team started a bit sluggish. As the game progressed, our intensity and execution increased. I want to commend our back-ups for working hard in practice and marking our first unit better. They are a real asset to our team's success. We have three games this weekend and we need to continue to improve each time we step on the

Lazbuddie teams in action



Jason Davis returned to play Tuesday night after recovering from two separate surgeries (appendix and leg) this year.



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Varsity Boys

The Wolverines, now 2-3, fell to Dora, 50-47, despite a big game from Aaron Vaughan, with 23 points.

Also scoring were Curtis Williams, 6; Andrew Schaap, 2; Josh Murray, 2; Courtland Luscombe, 10; Justin Garrison, 1; and Chance Bradley, 3.

JV Bovs

Texico's JV Boys slipped past Dora, 68-65.

Scoring were Ruben Lindley, 2; Courtland Luscombe, 4; Aaron Lockmiller, 2; Mario Posada, 6; Josh Murray, 1; Daniel Schueler, 21; Jordan Broome, 7; Casey Crist, 17, and Jesse Walthers, 8.

JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls opened the season with a 65-8 destruction of Faith Temple on Tuesday.

Scoring were Micah Mayfield, 4; Barbara Vidal, 6; Zandi Queener, 8; Holly Harrison, 2; Jaryse Harris, 6; Amanda Bass, 17; Brooke Bailey, 4; Leslie Vannatta, 2; Braeden Hadley, 8, and Marquita Askew, 8.

Bovina

Varsity Boys

The Mustangs lost Tuesday. No other details were available at presstime.

Varsity Girls

The Fillies won Tuesday. No other details were available at presstime.

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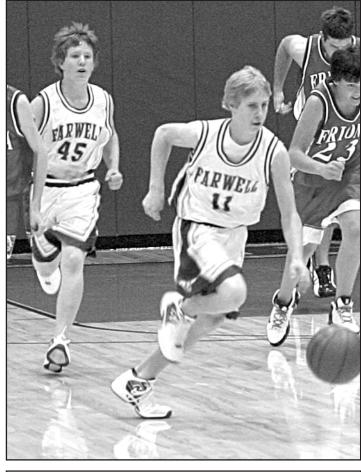
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shows and other national and regional events. Mustang Angus Ranch, of Bovina, is a new member of the American Angus Association.

Dr. Mindy Neal said that the Bovina Chamber of Commerce will be judging **Christmas lights again this**

Judging will start on Dec. 22nd at 7 p.m. and awards will be given out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place light displays.



Cold weather tips for pets given

by Rebecca Pomper

Farwell JV

boys, girls

in action

With the cold winter months upon us, it is important that we not forget our four-legged companions and their susceptibly to the dropping outdoor temperatures. It is true that some animals are more suited to living outdoors than others but that does not necessarily mean that they will be fine if left outside during bad weather. Here are a few helpful tips to keep your furry friends around for many years to come.

Pets, like humans, can suffer from frostbite and hypothermia. Young pets as well as senior pets are extremely vulnerable to this. Moving your pets indoors Continued on Page 7





From page 11 Saturday. They lost the first two games but won in Association sponsored

the last game. I am sure it helped with team spirit to have fans in the crowd on Saturday at their last game! There is another varsity basketball tournament in Monahans this coming Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. I know the players and managers are looking forward to that one!

The 5th grade will have their musical performance on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. The 7th grade is also having theirs that day also, so I am assuming that the 6th grade is also.

Dalton Cockerham, of Bovina, is a new junior member of the American **Angus** Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national organization.

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Tuesday - sack lunch Wednesday pizza, tossed salad, fruit salad, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Thursday - slice turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll. fruit.

Friday - sack lunch. **Texico**

Monday - soft tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomato, pinto beans, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - chalupas, with cheese, salsa, lettuce, corn. fruit, milk.

Wednesday - Christmas Dinner: pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed veggies, hot rolls, strawberry short cake, milk.

Thursday - cheeseburger, lettuce, pickle, french fries, fruit, milk.

Friday - Read Day, no lunches.

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The Latest

The Farwell Service League will host its annual pie supper at the Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament on Dec. 8.

Homemade pie slices will be sold for \$2. The fund-raiser will benefit "Christmas Community," which provides Texico - Farwell families and their children with gifts for the holidays.

Know someone, or a family, who is in need of a food basket **Christmas?**

If so, please contact the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Farwell School Supt. Larry Gregory has opened the school track for public use.

The entrance to the track is on the north side, to the right of the main entrance. There is a swinging gate that will allow pedestrians in, but is designed to keep out bikes and other things that might hurt the track surface.

An accident occurred on Monday morning Highway 108 involving a Texico school bus and a Texico High student.

School officials said the student's pickup truck collided with a school bus.

The pickup truck driver, who was wearing a seat belt, was not injured. His pickup was totaled.

One student passenger aboard the bus, Josh Barrera, was taken to Clovis hospital.

Ruth Owen, Trevor Owen, Taylor Mesman and Teresa Mesman attended "Glorybound," Nov. 25-27 in San Antonio.

Speakers included Doug Hermann, Ryan Dobson and Susie Schloessinger, and the Christian band "Caedmon's Call" provided the music for the Friday and Saturday sessions.

The Country Christmas Jubilee was held last weekend in Friona at the Parmer County Community Center. The arts and crafts show featured over 50 artisans.

craftsmen and vendors.

"We appreciate everyone that came to the show and shopped with our vendors," said Fran Barclay and Carrie Drager, Jubilee planning coordinators. "We hope to continue the show and that participation only increases."

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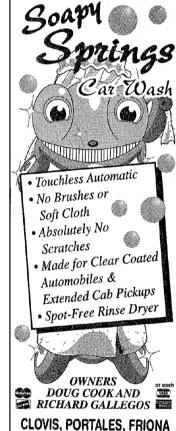
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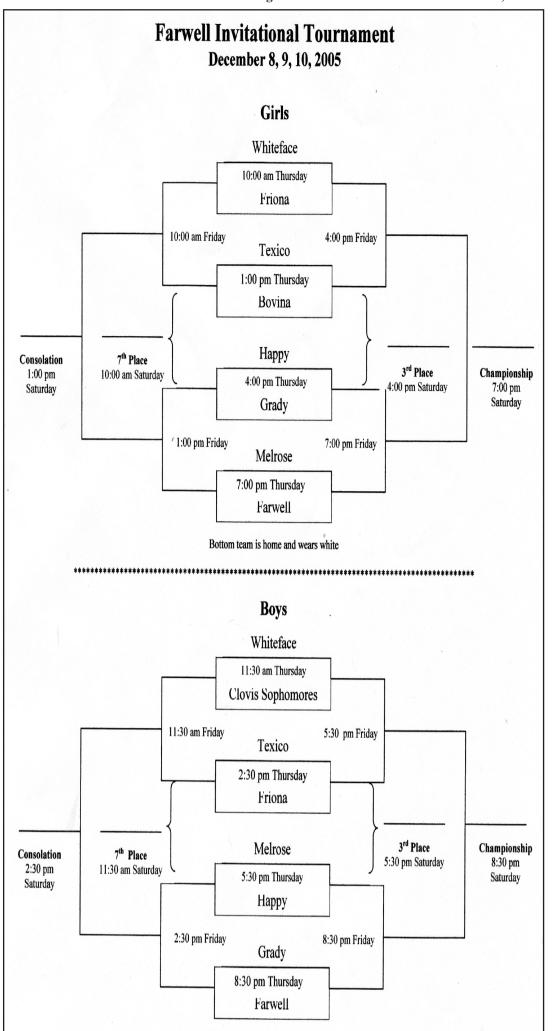
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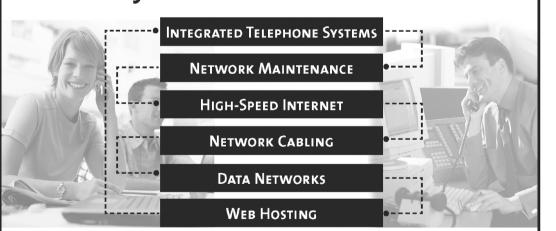
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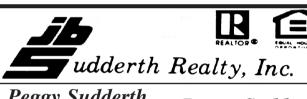
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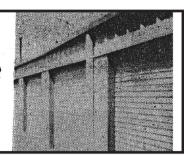
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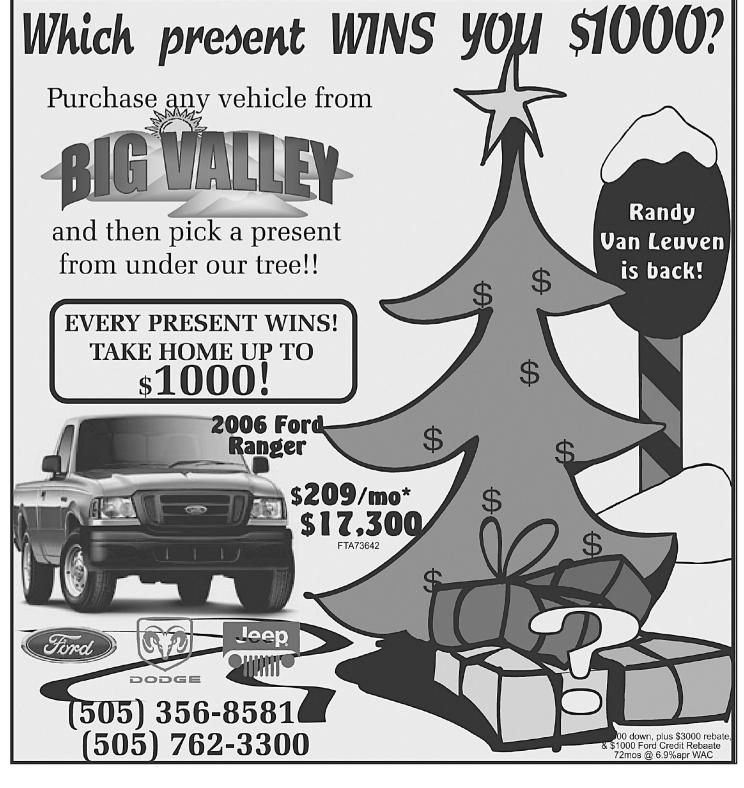
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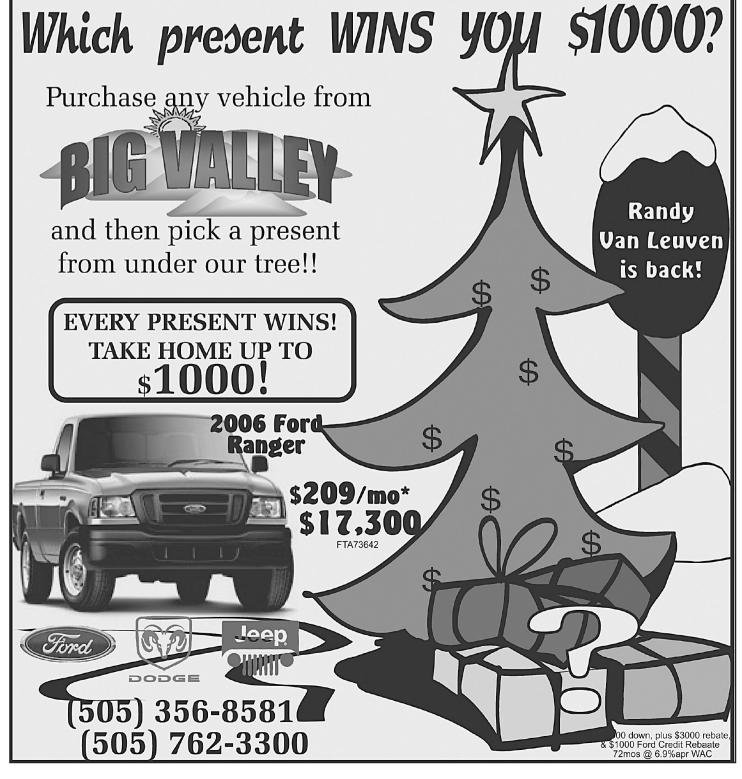
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The Flying J Wranglers, headed by Farwell High grad James Hobbs, will give a benefit concert on Dec. 17 with all proceeds going to the Farwell High School Debate Team and the New Mexico Rodeo Queens. The concert is set at 8 p.m. ct at the Lyceum Theater in Clovis. Admission is \$15, You can order tickets from Jack and Michele Kirkland at the Kirkland CPA office, 481-3321; Farwell High School, 481-3351; Angela Hall, 693-8268, or Tra Hall, 693-8297.

Center pivots increase

Approximately 12,238 center pivot systems are currently in operation within the 15-county High Plains **Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service** area, according to a 2005 inventory just completed by the district. This represents an additional 1,349 center pivots in operation since the previous 1998 inventory.

Center pivot totals by county are as follows: Parmer, 1,788; Lamb, 1,737; Hale, 1,631; Castro, 1,378; Hockley, 931; Deaf Smith, 845; Bailey, 768; Lubbock, 743; Cochran, 615; Crosby, 551; Floyd, 541; Lynn, 497; Randall, 131; Armstrong, 51; and Potter, 31.

Hale County had the largest increase in center pivots since the 1998 inventory with 319 pivots added. Other increases by county during the seven-year period include: Floyd, 183; Castro, 174; Deaf Smith, 162; Parmer, 153; Hockley, 103; Crosby, 84; Cochran, 47; Bailey, 33: Armstrong, 27; Randall, 24; Lamb, 12; Potter, 12: Lubbock, 10; and Lynn, six.

Courthouse Notes

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Christmas party held

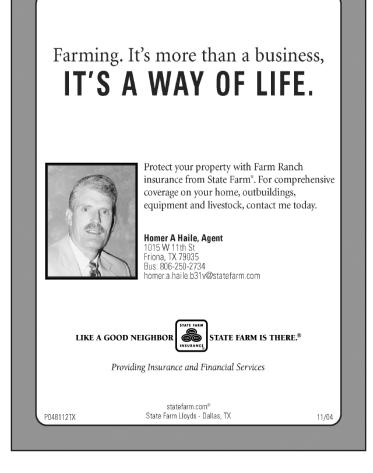
The ladies of the St. Ann's Altar Society held their annual Christmas party Sunday at the home of Judy Brockman.

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The 2005 inventory shows 1,623,566 acres under center pivot irrigation within the district. This is 187,372 acres more than the 1,436,194 indicated by the 1998 inventory.

Hale County leads the district with 221,739 acres of center pivot irrigation. Other total acres of center pivot irrigation by county include: Castro, 218,174; Parmer, 217,754; Lamb, 207,064; Deaf Smith, 134,741; Hockley, 109,440; Lubbock, 94,691; Bailey, 92,598; Cochran, 81,849; Floyd, 79,587; Crosby, 74,712; Lynn, 61,053; Randall, 17,361; Armstrong, 8,299; and Potter, 4,504.

Given an average cost of \$45,000 per system, the 12,238 pivots in operation within the district represent a \$366 to \$375 per acre investment in water conservation by area agricultural producers.

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More basketball is on tap in the coming

The Lazbuddie varsity teams are in the Whitharral Tourney Dec. 8-10, then the varsity girls play at Cotton Center on Dec. 13. The Junior High Longhorns play at Springlake-Earth on Dec. 12.

The Bovina varsity boys will be in the Monahans Tourney Dec. 8-10 while the varsity girls will be in the Farwell Tourney. On Dec. 8, the varsity teams host Hale Center. The middle school teams play at Farwell on Dec. 12.

Farwell hosts its annual tourney Dec. 8-10. The Farwell Junior High teams take on Bovina on Dec. 12. The 7th graders play in the Grady Tourney Dec. 15 and 17.

The Texico varsity teams are in the Farwell **Tourney Dec. 8-10, then host Hagerman Dec.** 13. The Junior High teams take on Tucumcari on Dec. 12.





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Sheriff's Report

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

On Nov. 28, Billie Jean Weigel, 36, of Tucumcari, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of criminal mischief. Case pending in county court.

On Nov. 28, James Poole, 50, of Amarillo, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI open container. Case pending in county court.

On Nov. 28, Reyes Valdez, 71, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of DWI 2nd and unlawfully carrying a weapon. He paid court costs and got 120 days in jail, probated for 2 years.

On Nov. 30, Randy Ramos, 36, of Hereford, was charged with driving on a suspended license. Case pending in county court.

On Nov. 30, Jim Heard, 71, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle. Case pending before the grand jury. On Dec. 4, Humberto Cervantez, 35, of Friona, was

arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI open container. Case pending in county court. On Dec. 2, Jonni Cain, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by

the sheriff's office on a charge of motion to revoke (possession of a controlled substance and forgery). Case pending in district court. On Dec. 5, Alejandro Trevizo, 54, of Friona, was arrest-

ed by Friona police on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On Dec. 3, Gerhard Friessen, 19, of Muleshoe, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge or racing on highway. Case pending in county court.

On Dec. 2, Bruce Ramos, 40, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces; case pending in county court, and possession of a controlled substance, case pending before the grand jury.

On Nov. 30, Randy Ramos, 36, of Hereford, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving on a suspended license. Case pending in county court.

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

-- Darrell Jerome Holt, 43, of The Colony, Texas, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 8 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$423 court costs; \$5,000 fine; \$1,590 attorney fees, and \$236 transport fees.

-- Ruben Silva Castillo, 64, of Muleshoe, charged with possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility (meth), was sentenced to 2 years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice, \$307 court costs, \$10,000 fine, and \$900 attorney fees.



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Nichols, Schacher named All-Tournament

Lady Longhorns take 2nd in the Hale Center Tourney

Varsity Girls

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns took 2nd place in the Hale Center Tournament last weekend.

And Brittney Schacher and Chelsee Nichols were named to the Tourney All-Star Team.

Lazbuddie put away Bushland, 41-34.

Scoring were Nichols,

Duane Haseloff and Mindy Maxwell

to wed Duane Haseloff

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haseloff, of Farwell, announce

Duane is a Farwell High 1996 graduate and is

The couple plans to marry Feb. 18, 2005 at 5 p.m. at St.

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the engagement of their son, Duane, to Mindy Maxwell,

employed at Southwest Cheese in Clovis. Mindy is a

John Lutheran Church at Lariat. They will reside in

of Dimmitt, daughter of Leroy and Linda Maxwell.

Mindy Maxwell

2004 graduate of Dimmitt High.

28 (with a trio of 3-pointers); Schacher, 3; Brianna Sanchez, 1; Rochelle Smith, 2; Mica Brandvik, 2; and Brittany Sexton, 5.

Then Lazbuddie dominated Southland, 44-9.

Scoring were Haley Sexton, 3; Schacher, 8; Smith, 4; Megan McGuire, 4; Brandvik, 4; Brittany Sexton, 2, and Nichols, 19. In the title game, Hale Center topped Lazbuddie, 55-35.

Scoring were Sanchez, 3; Schacher, 4; Smith, 3; McGuire, 3; Brandvik, 1; Brittany Sexton, 4; and Nichols, 17.

Varsity Boys

The Lazuddie Longhorns pulled out of the Hale Center Tourney

The Latest

Members of the Farwell EMS are passing out ribbons to tie on your car antennae for the holidays.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving and the Panhandle Emergency Medical Services sponsor these ribbons. They are to remind everyone not to drink and drive over the holidays.

Fatalities and car wrecks that cause permanent disabilities increase over 65% percent from Thanksgiving to New Years' Day because of drunk driving.

The Lazbuddie robotics team had a lot of success at the state meet last weekend.

Even though their robot didn't do that well, because of Lazbuddie's excellent display and presentation, they were invited in as a "wild card" in the robotics tournament finals.

About 16 teams are included in the finals.

Also, Lazbuddie took 2nd place in the t-shirt category.

because some of its members were on the robotics team that was at the state contest last weekend.

Farwell Police

Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg reports a two-car collision occurred at Aldridge and State Line Road on Dec. 1.

Enrique Gonzales, 53, of Farwell, was charged with failure to yield, no proof of insurance and expired registration.

Bridget Romero, 22, of Texico, was charged with no insurance and no driver's license.

Texico Police

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

On Dec. 4, Tiffany Jenkins, 27, of Clovis, and Billy Joe Black, 41, of Bovina, were both charged with battery on a household member.

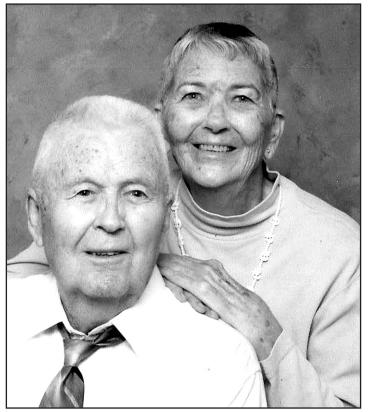
Letter to the Editor

Dear Mike,

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the food drive for Thanksgiving boxes.

Seventy boxes were delivered in the Farwell-Texico area.

Karan Stout Coordinator



Laurence and Marie Ham

50th anniversary to be celebrated

Laurence and Marie Ham, of Roswell, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

their buth wedding anniversary this year.

They were raised in Farwell and were married in 1945

in Texico. They are retired.
Children are Laurence Ham II, of Silver City, N.M.; and Chris Ham, of Las Cruces, N.M. They have three grand-children.

They moved to Roswell in the late 1940s.

It's a Boy

Clint and Amy Kelley of Kennedale, Texas, are the parents of a baby boy, Cannon Lane, born Dec. 2 at 12:50 p.m. at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz., and was 18" long.

Grandparents are Dale and Susie Severson, of Weatherford, Texas; Randy and Betty Jean Kelley, of Paradise, Texas; and LaCretia and John DeFoor of Hermitage, Tenn.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy Washington, of Cisco, Helen DeFoor of Texico, Paul and Hylah Joly, of Santa Fe, and Dorothy Severson, of DeKalb, III.

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Basketball

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Bovina's A team beat Morton A. 25-1.

Scoring were Kim Casas and Yoshi Rueda, 4 each; Alicia Lopez, 2; Jeanette Varela, 9, and Daniela Flores, 6.

Bovina's A team lost to Sudan, 62-7.

Scoring were Gabby Castro, 2; Jeanette Varela, 2; and Kim Casas, 3.

Bovina's B team lost to Sudan, 28-16.

Scoring were Alex Lara, 2; Maribeth Salazar, 2; Kyla Salinas, 2; Blanca Vidana, 3; and Cheyenne Dutton, 7 (including a 3-pointer).

JV Girls

The Bovina JV Girls lost to Vega, 55-17.

Scoring were Audrie Terrones, 4; Yesenia Guevara, 1; Yaniree Martinez, 8; Marisela Cortina, 2; and Haylee Hughes, 2.

Varsity Girls

In the Anton Tourney, the Fillies went 2 and 2.

They put away the host team, 64-40.

Scoring were Hila Quintero, 3; Ruby Vela, 3; Irma Rocha, 23; Laura Rocha, 10; Lucero Saucedo, 8; Dorothy Martinez, 4; and Jessica Bachicha, 13.

Bovina lost to Meadow, 48-37.

Scoring were Quintero, 10; Irma Rocha, 10; Laura Rocha, 2; Martinez, 8; Haylee Hughes, 2; and Bachicha, Bovina beat Kress, 53-32.

Scoring were Quintero, 3; Vela, 9; Irma Rocha, 10; Laura Rocha, 10; Saucedo, 4; Martinez, 9; Hughes, 2; and Bachicha, 6.

And Bovina lost to Elida, 36-32.

Scoring were Vela, 2; Irma Rocha, 10; Laura Rocha, 7; Saucedo, 2; Martinez, 6, and Bachicha, 5.

What's a 'motto' with you?

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is having a city motto contest -- and asks that you participate.

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All you need to do is fill in the blank.

When you send your suggestion in, add your name, address and phone number.

The entry deadline is Jan. 1.

The winner will be announced at the Chamber banquet in March. And the winner will have his/her name on the signs, too.

Send in your suggestions to: Dr. Mindy Neal, P.O. Box 718, Bovina TX 79009, or just drop them off at The Bone Joint.

Chadwick hits six 3-pointers to spark overtime win over Tulia

Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue lost to Tulia, 75-59, in the opening round of the Shallowater Tourney.

Scoring were Shelby Christian, 3; Amanda Martin, 6; Britton Barrett, 14; Bea Garcia, 9; Dellani Jones, 13; Salida Edwards, 8; Brooke Lunsford, 6.

Edwards had a pair of 3-pointers.

Farwell then beat the Shallowater JV, 57-43.

Scoring were Christian, 5; Jennifer DeLeon, 4; Martin, 1; Barrett, 11; Julie Castillo, 2; Garcia, 8; Jones, 15; Edwards, 9; and Lunsford, 2.

And the Lady Blue fell to Littlefield, 50-44.

Scoring were DeLeon, 2; Martin, 1; Barrett, 12; Garcia, 4; Jones, 17; and Edwards, 8.

JV Bovs

Farwell's JV Boys got tipped by Friona, 38-37.

Scoring were Dalton Cockerham, Johnathan Edwards and Jaime Saenz, 2 each; Dan Patterson, 1; Bo Mitchell, 10; Ross McClaran, 8; Emanuel Pereda, Trace Stevenson and Robert Williams, 4 each.

In the Muleshoe Tourney, Farwell lost to Friona again,

Scoring were Cockerham, 8; Mitchell, 10; McClaran, 12; Edwards, 1; Pereda, 4; Logan Carpenter, 5; and Hernandez. 4.

Against Muleshoe, the JV Steers scored 26 points: Cockerham, McClaran and Pereda, 4 each; Mitchell, Stevenson and Saenz, 2 each; Edwards, 8.

Farwell then defeated River Road, 52-34.

Scoring were Cockerham, Mitchell and Hernandez, 8 each; McClaran and Edwards, 10 each; Carpenter, 4; and

Kirkland-Beaubien team gets closer to state

Farwell High debaters participated in the Seminole Speech Tournament on Saturday.

In LD Debate, Ashleigh Mesman took 9th place out of 31 by posting a 2-1 record.

Kami Schmidt participated in LD debate for the first

Alicia Porter went 1-2 in LD Debate.

In CX Debate, two Farwell teams posted 3-0 records in the pre-lims and were quarter-finalists -- the team of Jon Beaubien and Jourdan Kirkland, and the team of Blake O'Hare and Lauren Beaubien.

Both teams earned 2 TFA state qualifier points.

The team of Kirkland and Beaubien now have 4 TFA points total -- they need 8 to qualify for state.

Also in CX Debate, the team of Cameron Kirkland and Kade Foster went 2 and 1.

Stevenson and Williams. 2 each.

Varsity Boys

In the Shallowater tourney, the Steers opened with a 47-39 loss to Lubbock Cooper.

Scoring were Brett Howard, 4; Cory Chadwick, 2; Derrick Chandler, 5; Ty Gast, 12; Matthew Edwards, 3; Alex Olmos, 5; Roper Smith, 4; and Colton Sudderth, 4.

Then, Farwell beat Olton, 58-52.

Scoring were Howard, 2; Chandler, 11; Gast, 28 (including four 3-pointers); Edwards, 5; Olmos, 4; McFarland, 4, and Sudderth, 4.

Then Farwell fell to Portales, 50-39.

Scoring were Howard, 4; Chandler, 19; Gast, 4; McFarland, 6; Roper Smith, 2; and Sudderth, 4.

And the Steers improved their season record to 5-3 with a double overtime win over Tulia, 67-66.

Scoring were Howard, 5; Chadwick, 19 (with six 3pointers); Chandler, 19 (including 6 points in OT from the charity stripe); Gast, 7; McFarland, 2; and Smith, 4.

8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys lost to Hart, 38-6. Scoring were Matt Billingsley and Adam Mullin, 2 each; and Kyle Jennings and Landon Lusk, 1 apiece.





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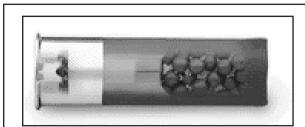
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Varsity Boys

The Bovina Mustangs went 1 and 2 in the Anton Tournament.

They fell to Elida, 56-39.

Scoring were Chris Heinzman, 6; Mike Ortiz, 14; Jeremy Vasquez, 4; Jesus Rocha, 13: and Saul Martinez. 2.

Bovina also lost to Anton, 66-62.

Scoring were Heinzman, 4; Ortiz, 17 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Vasquez, 14; Trent Quintana, 3; James Lara, 11; Rocha, 11; and Isaac Tavera, 2.

And the Mustangs beat Hart, 71-64.

Scoring were Ortiz, 31; Heinzman, 1; Corn Ortiz, 1; Quintana, 8; Lara, 9; Rocha, 23 (including six 3-pointers, of which 4 were crucial in the 4th quarter); Martinez, 2: Robert Knoll, 4; and Tavera, 2.

MS Girls

Bovina's Middle School B team lost to Morton B, 26-13.

Scoring were Lynda Rodriguez and Maribel Salazar, 4 each: Chevenne Dutton, 3: and Mayra Gomez, 2. Continued on Page 10

Brozek, Anaya take 1st places at U.I.L.

UIL academic contest winners at Bovina Elementary School were:

3rd grade

Ready writing -- Federica Solis, 3rd; Justus Brozek, 6th.

Spelling - Brozek, 5th; Solis, 6th.

4th grade

Ready writing - Yajayra Herrera, 4th; Bryan Garcia, 6th.

Spelling - Yukari Vela, 3rd.

Picture memory - Ruby Ramirez, Herrera, Alexis Oliva, Aaron Adams, Samantha Villarreal, 3rd.

5th grade

Listening - Justin Curtis, 2nd; Zachary Castillo, 5th.

Ready writing - Castillo, 3rd; Heather Miller, 4th; Abdiel Ramos, 6th.

Picture memory - Miller, Stefon Knoll, Curtis, Carmen Sanchez and Aaron Castaneda, 3rd.

Contestants from Bovina Middle School were:

6th grade - Jake Brozek, Jalen Allred, David Martinez, Regina Quintero, Navil Marinelarena, Jennifer Garza, Rika Bermea, Gael Vela, Judy Rodriguez, Gonzalo Reyna, Padyn Hughes, Sirina Ramirez.

7th grade -- Dorian Vela, Andy Duarte, Yesenia Rodriguez, Miguel Guerrero, Ashkon Covalt, Matthew Knoll, Zachery Ward, Irvin Vela, Mariana Guevara, Alexis Martinez, Christopher Rodriguez, Fernando Banuelos.

8th grade - Michelle Lara,a Yoselin Rueda, Kim Casas, Angelica Gallagher, Daniel Silva, Juan Navarro, Jesus Anaya, Edwin Velo, Alicia Lopez, Jeanette Varela, Jonathon Roldon.

Placing were:

Jake Brozek, 1st place, and Angelica Gallagher, 5th place, in ready writing.

Padyn Hughes, 6th place, in math.

Fernando Banuelos, 3rd place, in science 1.

Jesus Anaya, 1st place, in science 2.

Mariana Guevara, 6th place, in maps, graphs and charts.

Matthew Knoll, 4th place; Irvin Vela, 6th place, and Jake Brozek, 3rd place, in listening skills.

LAST LOOK Mustang football







Bovina Banter

Marin, Diego Perez, Daisy Marquez, Jesus Sanchez, Xavier Vargas, Carmen Sanchez, Juan Pinela, Daynah Tijerina, Abigahy Garcia, Melissa Garcia, Daniel Perez, Casressa McClure and Eduardo Salas.

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Bovina Elementary received Gold Performance acknowledgments on the Academic Excellence Indicator System from the Texas Education Agency in TAKS 4th grade writing and TAKS reading for grades 3-5.

The Fillies' Irma Rocha received the MVP award at the Bovina Tournament.

Members of the First Baptist Church went caroling on Dec. 5.

Among those considering running for the county commissioner's post for the Bovina area in next year's election is Tony Neal.

Remember that note in last week's Banter about a state grant for the police department: It was for an automatic defibrillator.

City Manager Ernest Terry reports that Atmos Energy contacted the cities that are opposing their rate hike case and asked them to bypass the courts and just have a sitdown meeting to hash things out -- with no attorneys present.

But Terry said the last time a sit-down like this with Atmos happened, the Atmos attorneys showed up.

So the cities' group, which Bovina is part of, asked Atmos to allow attorneys to be present at the proposed sit-down, and Atmos said no, reported Terry.

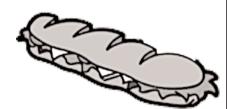
The varsity basketball team attended a tournament in Anton last Thursday through Continued on Page 4

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City of Bovina festive Christmas lights are up.



Guevara, Roldan spark Middle School boys' efforts

MS Boys

Bovina's Middle School B boys team lost to Sudan B,

Eric Reza was high point scorer for Bovina.

Bovina A boys team lost to Sudan A, 68-22. Tops scorers were Jonathan Roldan, 13; and Frankie

Bovina's B team fell to Morton B, 47-14. High scorer was Jesus Reyes with 10.

Bovina's A team lost to Morton, 40-24. Guevara had 14 to lead the Colts.

Bovina lost to Hart. 39-21. Guevara had 9 and Roldan 8 to lead Bovina.

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Bovina Banter

Tammy Knoll - 251-5253

Want to go **Christmas caroling?**

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce will be Christmas caroling with the community's youths on Dec. 15.

All are asked to meet at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building on 3rd Street.

Hot dogs and soda pop will be provided.

Bring your singing voices and warm clothing.

The Bovina varsity boys will be in the Monahans Tourney Dec. 8-10 while the varsity girls will be in the Farwell Tourney. On Dec. 8, the varsity teams host Hale Center. The middle school teams play at Farwell on Dec. 12.

The Bovina City Council will meet Dec. 8. On the agenda will be discussion of a contract and expenses for the Bovina Economic Development Commission with Luis Munoz putting in a new restaurant.

Also on the agenda will be the city's opposition to the Atmos Energy rate hike, that was outlined in last week's Tribune; buying a dump truck with an articulating grappling arm; and the status of the planned sewer project.

On Dec. 2, Bovina elementary pupils joined other students for "Read for 2006". During the day, pupils read for 2006 seconds (33 minutes).

Christmas break at Bovina Schools will be Dec. 19 through Jan. 2. School resumes on Jan. 3.

As part of the Character Counts at Bovina Elementary, caring students of the month were:

Astrid DeLaCruz, Luis Solis, Gabriela Ortiz, Joshua DeLaCruz, Darily Carrillo, Angel



And the winner is ...

Vernie Schacher won the quilt that St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina gave away at their annual turkey dinner on Nov. 6.



Angel Tree beckons

There is an Angel Tree at First Bank of Bovina to benefit needy kids; parents must be unemployed or underemployed. Folks are asked to stop by the bank lobby and take one of the 30 angels off the tree and return with a gift by Dec. 16. If you have any questions, call Becky London at 225-7478 or Celia Quintana at 251-1336. Pictured with the Angel Tree are bank employees Christy Harris, left, and Celia Perez.

Here is a great way

To continue an important tradition, the First Bank of Bovina will sponsor a large ad in the Tribune's Christmas issue giving credit to Bovina area friends and neighbors who contribute to the annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Ambulance Service.

This fund-raiser benefits the Bovina Ambulance Service and the **Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.**

All you need to do is stop by the First Bank of Bovina and drop off a donation, of any amount, in the name of the Bovina Ambulance Service. It will keep strong this very important volunteer group. And your name will appear in the Christmas issue ad in the Tribune on Dec. 22nd.

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Music concert slated

The Bovina School Christmas music concert will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 13 in the auditorium for grades 5-12. Everyone is invited.

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