



Always - Patsy Cline

Tammy Hysmith Mercer, well known area singer will headline the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 8th. See details on page 7.

Parmer County excels at Houston show

It may have been the best year ever for Parmer County entrants at the Houston Livestock Show.

Take a look at these great placings:

Breed champion Duroc Barrow – Caitlyn Stancell.

Reserve Breed

Champion Limousine Steer – Hayden Hadley.

1st Place, Class 7 York - Jennifer DeLeon.

1st Place, Class 1 York - Lincoln Devault.

1st Place, Class 3 Hamp -- Jill Johnson.

3rd Place, Class 1 York - Bianca Terrones.

4th Place, Class 6 York - Abby Johnson.

6th Place, Class 12 Cross -- Dan Patterson.

6th Place, Class 2 Spot - Taylor Stancell.

6th Place, Class 7 Hamp -- Ray White.

7th Place, Class 10 Cross -- C a l e b Christian.

7th Place, Class 11 Cross -- C a m b r y Devault.

8th Place, Class 5 Cross -- Levi McCormick.

9th Place, Class 7 Duroc -- Zacarey Stancell.

10th Place, Class 4 Cross -- Audrie Terrones.

Also exhibiting were: Colton Christian, Ryan DeLeon, Cassidy Devault, Drew Johnson, Chase Mitchell, Russell Schilling, Tyler Schilling, Bretton Stancell, Emily Stancell, Abriel Terrones, Marco Terrones, K'Leigh Jo White.

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Farwell debaters take 3rd at state

The Farwell High School debate teams kicked butt at the state meet in Austin last week.

In their 2nd year appearance at the state cross-examination debate tourney, Jon Beaubien and Jourdan Kirkland placed 3rd in the state out of 58 Class A debate teams. Beaubien and Kirkland made Farwell school history as being the first CX debate team to ever place in the top 3 at the state level.

In doing so, they were also in the top 20 teams in Texas in Classes 1A through 5A. They lost to Borden County in the semi-final round, and posted a 5-2 record for the week. Thorndale was named state titlist.

Farwell's team of Lauren Beaubien and Blake O'Hare also did exceptionally well. They posted a 2-2 record on the first day of prelim rounds. You have to have had a 3-1 record to break to the 2nd day of competition. This was their first team appearance at the state meet and both students will be back next year.

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Local residents conduct drive to help ranchers devastated by Panhandle fires

With the fires in the Texas Panhandle consuming so many acres of range land and killing a large number of cattle, some area residents are planning a collection of fencing supplies to deliver to the affected areas up north.

The collection deadline is April 1.

An arrangement has been made with Steve Meeks at Farwell Hardware that will allow those who are interested to apply the amount a person would like to give toward the purchase of metal T-posts or other needs for fence rebuilding.

Meeks has agreed to match 20 percent of what is contributed, up to \$5,000, which will help contributions go further toward a beneficial amount to be provided to the ranchers in distress.

Some ranchers still have cattle who have survived the disastrous fires, but with fences gone, a bad situation is made worse in trying to find or keep their reduced stock.

Some ranchers have had their wood posts burned up, so going back with metal will be easier to acquire and more convenient for them to use. Some estimate the cost of rebuilding fence to be about \$3,000-plus per mile, with hundreds of miles needing to be rebuilt.

To give an idea of what is involved, the T-posts come in bundles of 5, at \$21.45 per bundle.

To participate, just stop by Farwell Hardware and tell an employee how many dollars' worth they want to apply toward the purchase of fencing materials, and the store will fill the order in time for delivery.

Or if anyone has supplies already on hand they would like to donate, those would be welcome too. Contact Brandon Embry at (806) 389-2002 or (505) 760-2989.

The phone number for Farwell Hardware is 481-3286.

Wilbur and me



Sittin' in the Corner

by Wade Cargile

(Editor's note: Over the course of the past several years, the Tribune has had the opportunity to run many columns written by Wade Cargile, of Farwell, who recently passed away. He will be missed. We still have a couple of columns that haven't seen print yet, and we are honored to run this one, on Page 1, in his honor.)

Every normal town has at least one haunted mansion, and with each haunted mansion, there has to be at least 200 haunted stories. How many of these stories are true depends on if you have visited one of these haunted mansions.

When Wilbur and me was about 12 years old, we began to wonder about the old house on Mulberry Hill -- whether or not it was really haunted. Sure we've heard all the ghost stories about the old mansion, but the only way to find out if it's haunted or not is to check it out for ghosts, goblins, ogres, and any other spooky things.

As we approached the front gate, which was halfway swinging on its hinges, and the wind blowing stronger here than out in the road, we thought we heard an eerie sound emitting from the house.

"I--I--I thinkkkk you'd better go first," stammered Wilbur.

"Not-not me-me," I answered as I was running and turning the corner.

I ran until I couldn't see the old haunted mansion anymore. All of a sudden, a super-sonic jet passed me. I was wondering how a super-sonic jet could fly so low, until I reached the old oak tree in the park and saw Wilbur sitting on the grass in front of the tree.

"Did you see that super-sonic jet flying low?" I asked Wilbur.

"Jet! Ha! That was me. I was just testing these new tennis shoes I got last year," exclaimed Wilbur.

We walked on towards home, plotting how we was going to be brave and visit the old haunted mansion the next day, when Wilbur suddenly came up with one of his brainstorms. I've got to tell you, when Wilbur comes up with a brainstorm, not only does it usually end in disaster, but he has to go home and let his brain rest for two or three days.

"What is it?" I foolishly inquired.

"Let's go back tonight and investigate that haunted mansion. It would be more realistic and we might even see some real ghosts. I'll meet you in front of the back gate at 5."

"But won't it still be daylight?" I again foolishly questioned.

"Yeah, but we'll have time to scope the place so's we'll be more familiar with the grounds, and we can see what the inside is supposed to look like in the light."

"Okay."

I arrived at the back gate of the haunted mansion at 4:30 so I could get an even better look at the place, before darkness came and disguised it. I looked around for about 90 minutes before Wilbur finally showed up.

"Where've you been?" I asked.

"Just fixin' some peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches, you know, just in case we get hungry, or we might even have to bribe some ghosts with them to let us alone."

"Sounds good to me!"

We carefully crept past the back gate and slowly, silently moved toward the house, when Wilbur suddenly went crashing to the ground, tripping over some overgrowth on the sidewalk path.

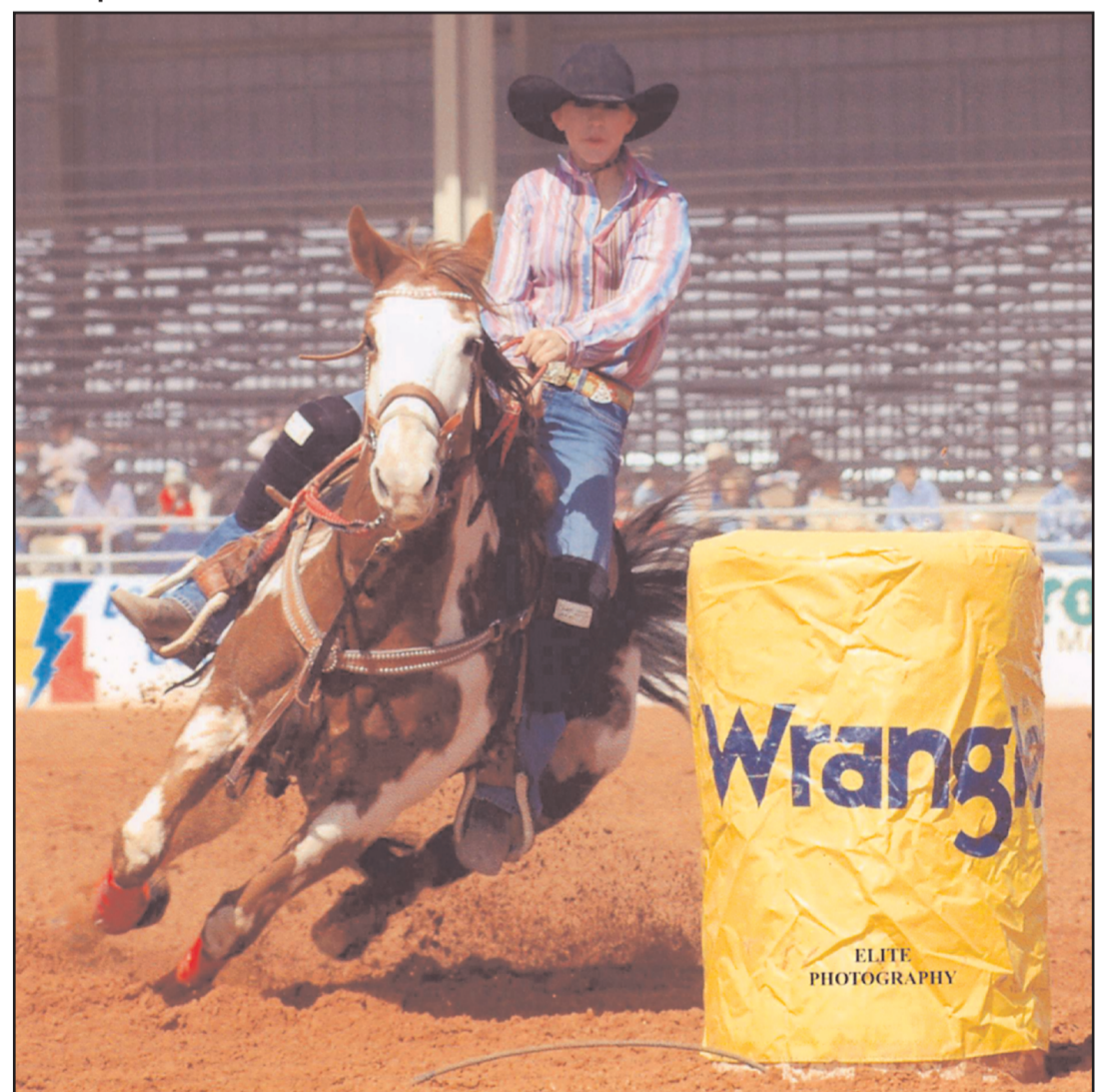
"Yowwwww!" he screamed.

"It's nothing," I said, "Just some old plants grabbed your leg as you was crawling. Are you hurt?"

Wilbur replied "Naw, just a little scrape. The pain fairies will go away in a minute." I watched him wipe some blood away from his pants as he got up. We crept closer and heard an eerie sound coming from one of the back windows.

"Wha-wha-what was that?" asked a nervous Wilbur. "Wha-wha-what is was, I don't know. It's stopped now. Boy, this is exciting. I can't wait until it gets dark, so we can really get spooked!" he exclaimed.

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Ashlee Howard

Howard competes in rodeos

Ashlee Howard, a 7th grader at Farwell Junior High, recently ran barrels at a two-day rodeo in Lovington, N.M., sanctioned by the New Mexico Wrangler Junior High Rodeo Association.

The rodeo drew about 250 youths from New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Arizona. Ashlee currently competes in four events: barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying and ribbon roping. She plans to start breakaway roping competitively this summer.

On her upcoming schedule are 25 rodeos, in two different rodeo associations, between March and the end of July.

Ashlee said, "My horses and rodeo have taught me a lot, including discipline, hard work and goal setting. Competing in rodeos has enabled me to be more self-confident in everything I do and I am thankful for the opportunity my parents have given me. I encourage more kids to get involved in this great sport."

Obituaries



**Elaine Abeyta
Candace Abeyta**

Services for Elaine Abeyta, 28, of Fort Sumner were Monday at the Church on the Hilld there with Anna Teeter officiating. Burial was in Fort Sumner Cemetery.

She died March 11 of injuries suffered in a vehicle accident near Encino.

She was born March 19, 1977, to Danny Bishop and Bea Northrup in Fort Sumner. She attended schools in Fort Sumner and Bovina, graduating from Bovina High in 1995.

She married Josh Abeyta on Feb. 14, 1998, in Fort Sumner.

Her daughter, Candace, also died in the March 11 accident.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Ashley Bishop, of Fort Sumner; 3 sons, Anthony, Abel and Terrance Abeyta, all of Fort Sumner; her mother, Bea Prather, of Bovina; her father, Danny Bishop, of Artesia; 5 brothers, John Nelson and Darrell Bishop, both of Portales; Pecos Prather and David Bishop, both of Bovina; and Jim Bob Prather, of Naples, Texas; her mother and father in law, Louis and Laura Abeyta, of Taiban; and a grandmother, Dorothy Northrup, of Melrose.

Pallbearers were



Windell Bridges, Jim Franks, Gary Northrup, Bill Prather, and Larry and Bobby Williamson.

A memorial funds has been established for her children -- the "Abeyta Children Benefit Fund," in care of Citizens Bank, PO Bos 490, Fort Sumner, TX 88119.

Services were held at the same time and place for Candace M. Abeyta, 9.

She was born Sept. 21, 1996, in Fort Sumner to Josh and Elaine (Bishop) Abeyta.

She was a 2nd grader at Fort Sumner Elementary School, where she was on the A/B honor roll.

She was a member of The Church on the Hill and "Kids on the Move" children's church.

Pallbearers were Louis and Chad Abeyta, Franklin Gonzales and J.W. Daniels.

Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Gonzales, students and faculty from Fort Sumner Elementary School.

Cheeseburger cook-off coming

Friona's Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a cheeseburger cook-off on July 15 at the Friona City Park.

For more information, call (806) 250-3491.

Firefighters invited to propane training class

Charles Oil Co., of Bovina, and the Railroad Commission of Texas' alternative fuels division will put on a free propane (LP gas) training class for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department on March 27 at 7 p.m.

Bovina VFD Chief Cesar Marquez invites all area volunteer firefighters to participate in this training, and he encourages all to attend.

The class will be taught by Thomas Petru, the commission's director of propane training.

"Using and handling propane safety is very important to us," said Ken Waters, of Charles Oil and Gas. "The commission's propane safety training for local fire departments is designed to increase firefighters' knowledge or propane and help them respond effectively in any situation."

Charles Oil worked with the Railroad Commission to custom-design a 4-hour class to meet local needs. The class includes



Texico 4-H officers

The 2006 Texico 4-H officers: back row from left, Hayden Moore, council rep; Delanie Crist, reporter; Courtney Bell, historian; Braeden Hadley, president; Holly Harrison, vice president; and Caiden Thomas, treasurer; and in front, Klynn Thomas, chaplain; Shelby Queener, secretary, and Laiken Crist, council rep.

One-Act Play

The Farwell High School UIL One-Act Play students will compete at the zone contest on Saturday at the Farwell School auditorium.

The contest starts at 1 p.m., with Farwell being the third play to compete, at about 2:45 p.m.

The public is invited to a dress rehearsal as well as the zone contest. The dress rehearsal will be on March 23 at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.

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7:30 p.m. Wednesday : Bible Study

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Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Randy Thomas Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	Church of God in Christ, Mennonite James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie
First Baptist Church of Farwell 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	First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.	St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church Rev. Scott Spitsberg Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 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	San Jose Catholic Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.
Lariat Church of Christ Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer	Church of Christ 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	Farwell Church of Christ Phillip Steyn -- preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship ; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.
Assembly of God Church, Texico Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	New Light Baptist Church Rev. Briyan Phillips Sr. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.	Bovina United Methodist Church Rev. Quita Jones Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.
St. Ann's Catholic Church 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.	First Baptist Church Of Bovina Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.
Farwell Convalescent Center Bill Bridwell -- chaplain Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday	Lazbuddie Church of Christ Mickey Chambiss - minister Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday -- 7 p.m.	United Pentecostal Church of Texico Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

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Pictured are Aaron, Lane & Diane Mains, and ENMRSH Early Childhood Intervention staff - Shelly Ramage and Starlia Clayton Speech Therapists; Cayce Ridenour, Developmental Specialist, Angel Kirk, Occupational Therapist and Vikki Elmore, Family Behavior Counselor.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
My son (Lane) is a special needs child here in Curry County. During Texico Public Schools' pre-registration two years ago, my wife and I were registering our daughter for kindergarten. Dr. R.L. Richards, Superintendent of Texico Schools, suggested that we bring both of our children to registration because the Child Find Program (sponsored by ENMRSH) would be providing testing at this time. Lane was 18 months old at the time and after he was tested, ENMRSH determined he was eligible for their services. Since then, Lane has been working with Cayce Ridenour, case worker; Starla Clayton, speech therapist; Shelley Ramage, speech therapist; and Angel Laumbach, occupational therapist.

Each and very ENMRSH team member has been invaluable to Lane's development. They are all sincere, hardworking, daring and, most importantly, know their jobs. They follow through with what they say they are going to do, ranging from site visits to setting up appointments or contacts with Pediatric Specialists or special needs organizations. Lane's ENMRSH file was so complete and organized in one instance, we were able to have a child psychologist and a linguistics specialist see him during a visit to a special needs organization in Albuquerque. If his file had not been prepared in this manner, we would have had to make several trips

from Texico to Albuquerque for Lane to see these specialists. On March 6, 2006, I made a phone call to Ms. Erin Wood, Director of Early Childhood Intervention at ENMRSH, to thank her and her staff for their professionalism and services. We both agreed that it was a blessing that Lane received services for the duration of time he did. Ms. Wood expressed a concern that many parents do not find their services at all or at least not until their children are older, and ENMRSH is only able to help them for a short time. Their services are only for children 3 and under. It is my hope that any parent concerned about the development of their child will be able to find

Wolverines go 1 and 2

From Coach Ryan Autrey:
The Texico Wolverines opened their baseball season last week with three games in the Dexter Tournament, winning one and losing two. In the Thursday opener, Texico defeated Loving, 10-6. Aaron Vaughan pitched well in relief. The Wolverines broke open the game with a 7-run 3rd inning. On Friday, Texico lost to Santa Rosa, 13-10, in extra innings. And on Saturday, Texico fell to Elida, 16-10. Vaughan hit a double that was a bit controversial. Some thought it cleared the fence.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries:
On March 15, Ronald Ortega, 45, of Portales, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft. Case pending in county court.
On March 13, Debbie Norwood, 44, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.
On March 15, Jose Rodriguez, 24, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.
On March 17, Alverto Cortz, 21, of Hereford, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving on a suspended license. Case pending in county court.

On March 18, Bernardo Nunes, 25, of Dimmitt, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of failure to ID. Case pending in county court.
On March 15, Servando Garcia, 30, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear (DWI). Cases pending in county court.
On March 15, Maria E. Gonzalez, 23, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance with intent). Case pending in district court.

In 287th District Court on March 14, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:
-- Jessie Suniga, 19, of Farwell, charged with forgery of a financial instrument, was sentenced to 1 year in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$308 court costs, \$500 fine, \$350 attorney fees, and \$502 restitution.
-- Adrian Rivas, 19, of Friona, charged with assault that caused bodily injury (enhanced), was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 3 years; \$316 court costs, \$500 fine and \$350 attorney fees.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Reasonable Notice of Open Meeting Law
The Texico Board of Education met in a regular session on March 14, 2006, and decided that reasonable notice to the public as required in Open Meetings Act (NMSAZ 1978, Section 10-15-1 to 4) would be as follows:
Notice of a regular meeting will be a written notice published in the State Line Tribune and Clovis News Journal at least seven days prior to the regular meeting or by annual notice since the Board meets at 7:00 p.m. (MT) September through May and 8:00 p.m. (MDT) June, July and August, on the second Tuesday of each month. A notice of special meeting shall be given by posting a notice on the window of the Administrative Office in the Texico Educational Complex at least one day prior to the meeting. A notice of any emergency meeting will be posted on the window of the Administrative Office in the Texico Educational Complex as soon after an emergency arises as possible.
Bryce Mayfield
President

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CITY OF TEXICO
The City of Texico, New Mexico, is accepting bids from qualified Contractors to Crown Flex (rubberized non-skid coating) the city swimming pool.
Complete plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Darrell Stanton, 219 Griffin Street, Texico, New Mexico 88135, phone: (505) 482-3314. Bids will be accepted through March 31, 2006, at 3 p.m.
Passed and approved by the City Council of Texico, New Mexico, on March 14, 2006.
Jerry Cunningham
Mayor



Lightning strike

Lightning struck a window air conditioning unit at the Doug Dillon home in Farwell on Sunday night. Texico and Farwell firemen responded. Pictured are Texico firefighters Jeff Queener and Josh Scioli. There were electrical problems reported on Monday at Farwell High School, too. And the town experienced a short power outage.

Attest:
Carolyn Johnson
Interim City Clerk

Notice to Bidders
The Farwell Independent School District is accepting bids for a 29-passenger school bus.
Bids will be accepted until noon on April 10, 2006. If you are interested in placing a bid, please contact Supt. Larry Gregory, Farwell I.S.D., Box F, Farwell, Texas 79325.
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The high school sports calendar continues to be busy, with baseball, track and golf competitions.
The Bovina Mustangs' baseball team play at Kress on March 24, then hosts Ralls on March 27. Both are district games.
The Bovina tracksters run and jump at Dimmitt on March 24.
The Texico Wolverines' baseball teams play the Portales JV on March 24, then the varsity has a double-header at San Jon on March 27. The Texico varsity track teams will participate in the Ft. Sumner Invitational March 28. The Farwell track teams will compete at the Sundown Invitational on March 24.
The Farwell girl golfers hit the tee boxes at Sundown on March 27, while the boy golfers vie at Sundown on March 29.

Have you gotten your tickets yet for the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet? Tammy Hysmith Mercer will be giving a great performance, and you sure don't want to miss it! The banquet is April 8th.

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Biodiesel plant may come to area

A meeting about canola production will start at 9 a.m. on March 29 at 619 Main Street (next door to the Chamber of Commerce) in Friona.

Canola is considered as a possible raw material for a potential biodiesel plant to be located in the Friona area.

Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources, i.e., canola oil. Biodiesel contains no petroleum, but it can be blended with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend.

Biodiesel is available nationwide. It can be purchased directly from biodiesel producers and marketers, petroleum distributors, or at a handful of public pumps throughout the nation. There are currently 13 distributors and 21 retailers in Texas.

This informative meeting will address general production issues, methods and will give producers some indication if canola might be an alternative crop suitable for their operation.

Dr. Brent Bean of Texas Cooperative Extension will be the featured speaker. For more information, call Friona Chamber of Commerce Manager Chris Alexander, (806) 250-3491, or the Parmer County Extension Service, (806) 481-3300.

Keep your fingers crossed that machines will work

The Parmer County elections in May for cities, schools and hospital districts may not prove as easy as you might think.

It all deals with those new electronic voting machines that were purchased for handicapped folks, although all voters can use them. As with the last election, one machine will be placed in each polling place.

Parmer County Clerk Colleen Stover is coordinating the printing of the ballots. The company that makes the machines only will deal with a county official which means city and school officials are not allowed to deal

ENMR•Plateau membership meeting slated

The 57th Annual ENMR-Plateau membership meeting will be April 22 at the Yellow Jacket Gymnasium in Clayton, N.M., with remote interactive television sites in the Santa Rosa High School ITV Center, the Clovis Community College ITV Center, and the Logan High School ITV Center.

Member registration will be from 8 to 10 a.m. mt. Members must complete registration by 10:00 a.m. to participate in the business meeting.

Board positions to be elected at the meeting are:
 Position 1 – represents the Ranchvale, South Clovis, Pleasant Hill, and Farwell exchanges – currently held by Kenny Wilhite of Pleasant Hill.

Position 2 – represents the Ranchvale, South Clovis, Pleasant Hill, and Farwell exchanges – currently held by Frank Blackburn of Ranchvale.

Position 13– represents the Bellview, San Jon, Logan and Grady exchanges- currently held by Larry Wallin of Logan.

Position 7 – represents the Roy, Clayton, and Nara Visa exchanges- currently held by Patsy Perschbacher of Amistad.

Position 11 – represents the White Lakes, El Valle, with them.

So Mrs. Stover is preparing a ballot format for all of the county's elections.

The polling places in Friona, Bovina and Farwell will each get their own formatted cards.

But the Lazbuddie polling place will get two cards. Depending in which hospital district Lazbuddie folks reside in (some live in the Muleshoe hospital district, others in the Parmer County Community hospital district) will determine which voting ballot they will get.

Anton Chico, Trementina, Mosquero, Conchas Dam and Santa Rosa exchanges- currently held by Walt Eastland of Santa Rosa.

At the meeting's close, a door prize drawing will be held at all meeting locations. Lunch will be provided to the members in attendance at the Clayton location only. All participating members will receive registration gift items.

Farwell EMS receives software to track patients

From Farwell EMS Director Teresa Mesman:
 Farwell EMS is very excited to be working with an Austin-based computer software firm that specializes in Emergency Medicine computer programs and billing.

In about a week or so, the ambulance service will be online with ESO Solutions. This will enable medics and technicians to fully track, enter and coordinate patient information, treatments and procedures and hospital reports through a computer and Internet system.

It will completely cut out the paperwork involved with each run and will free the medics and technicians from over two hours of paperwork registries and reporting.

The members of the Farwell Volunteer EMS thank the Farwell City Council for their support and approval of the program and contract. It means very much to each of them that the city supports the efforts of the volunteer Fire and EMS departments.

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- DAWN -- Dick Fellers
- HUB -- Charles Myers
- PARMER -- Danny Allen, Ben Osborn & Jason Wright



Your Board of Directors has provided for a meal to be served to all present, and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the business session beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

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A look back at the Lady Wolverines' season

Texico Lady Wolverines' basketball coach Keith Durham gave this perspective on the recent successful campaign:

"I want to thank the administration, parents and all of our supporters throughout the year. It really makes things fun when you know that you have the support from so many people. Texico is truly a family atmosphere and everyone pulls together for the betterment of the team.

"I want to especially thank my staff. Coach Autrey was put in a very difficult situation. With the help of his wife, Elizabeth, we did not lose a beat. Both were exceptional assets to the program.

"All the credit has to go to the team. This team bonded together through thick and thin and played as a team. No one individual put themselves in front of the goals of the team. It was very hard to finish the season with a loss, but it was more difficult for me to know that this was the last time this team would be together. This team will always be close to my heart.

"They made the statement 'be a part of something greater than yourself' become real for me. I will always be grateful to them for that. Thanks for a great year!"

The team finished with a 24-7 record, were EPAC

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I recently read in the March 9 edition of the State Line Tribune of the resignation of Doug Boyd, the varsity girls basketball coach. I personally do not know Coach Boyd, nor do I know all the facts that led him to make the decision to step down. But this incident could have repercussions in the future to hire any qualified coaches in our athletic program.

Our school board recently hired Mark Anglin as the varsity football coach and athletic director. I wish him luck as he has his work cut out for him. Being successful in high school athletics not only takes a competent coach, but also parents, kids and a community who believe in that person. You can have the best coach money can afford, but if the town and the parents do not support him, the program is doomed to fail.

At the same time, a coach in a small town school is required to encourage all kids to get involved in the program, no matter their talent level. Some kids are natural athletes. Some develop at a slower pace. And some have opportunities to develop those skills in other programs outside of our athletic program. Coaches, parents, kids and the community need to look beyond the attitude of winning at all costs, especially if it is detrimental to our student athletes.

I close with two points for all to consider:

The small town of Nazareth, Texas, did not develop their winning basketball tradition overnight, nor did the quarterbacks who started for the Texas Tech University Red Raiders the last three years play every down of their collegiate careers.

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EPAC All-Tourney Team - Stephanie Bailey.
All South AA New Mexico -- Lori Richardson and Bailey.

All-District -- Richardson, Bailey, Erika Autrey, Bryn Mayfield, Krystal Williams and Brittany Anderson.

Basketball camp to be held

Texico Lady Wolverines' Coach Keith Durham is initiating a "parents night out basketball camp." It will be March 31 from 5 to 9 p.m. mt at Texico's Middle Gym.

The clinic is for boys and girls from kindergarten through 6th grade and costs \$30 per youth, with a \$10 charge for siblings. The clinic includes t-shirts and pizza. Fundamentals will be stressed -- shooting, passing, dribbling, and 1 on 1 moves.

Registration will be held in the gym lobby at 5 p.m., and parents can pick up their children there at 9 p.m.

Sittin' in the Corner

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A minute later he added, "I think I hear my mother calling me."

"You can't hear your mother from here. You're just a 'fraidy-cat!'"

"Am not."

"Are too."

Wilbur looked at me with a nervous look and said "I think we should go away and come back at noon tomorrow."

"Well, we're here already, so let's just go on in and snoop around. Maybe we'll find some buried treasure in there," I said.

Wilbur's face suddenly changed as he said "You really think so?"

"Sure! You remember all those stories we heard 'bout old man Wilson living here. Remember, he was suspected of robbing the Last National Bank 50 years ago. They never did find all that money. Maybe we can find it and be rich."

"Okay, I'll go in a little way with you," replied Wilbur.

We approached the back door, and opened it. It opened with a loud screech. "Wah-wah-what was that?" asked a nervous Wilbur. I ignored him and slowly made my way inside the house. It appeared we were in the kitchen. As we slowly made our way out of the kitchen into the dining area, another groaning and creaking noise arose.

"Wah-wah--" was all I heard from Wilbur before he fell backward, fainting from the sound. I hovered over him, trying to revive him, with no luck.

I shrugged my shoulders and continued through the dining area, into a dark, long hallway. I peeked around the corner, into the living area and could have sworn I saw several ghosts floating around the room.

I quickly scampered back the way I came, when all of a sudden the door that separated the dining area and the kitchen swung shut, hitting my nose and sending me sprawling backwards, landing on the floor in the dining area.

About the time I hit the door, a loud, eerie scream



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Farwell JV Boys win 1st at Morton track meet

Farwell Junior High 7th grade boys took 2nd at the Morton Track Meet.

Taking 1st places were:

-- Rane Carpenter, in the high jump and long jump.
-- The 400 meter relay team of Landry Actkinson, Carpenter, Zac Stancell and Russell Schilling.
-- Jeremy Woodard in the shot and discuss.

The Farwell 8th grade boys were 3rd in their division at Morton. Notable placings were:

-- Jake Ware, 1st in the high jump.
-- Clemente Meza took 1st in the 1600 meter run.
-- Christian Meza was 2nd in the 1600 meter run.
-- The 1600 meter relay team of Christian Meza, Clemente Meza, Landon Lusk and Matt Billingsley took 3rd.

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echoed throughout the house. I jumped and ran out the back door, my feet not touching the ground until I was out the back gate and a half mile from the house.

I nervously glanced back and saw a ghost chasing me, screaming. I screamed, too, and tried to outrun the ghost, but it was gaining on me. I finally gave out and collapsed in the grass on the side of the road, thinking this was the end.

The ghost got closer ... when it ran into a tree. I thought "Gee! Ghosts sure don't have very good eyesight."

The ghost lay still in front of the tree. I cautiously moved closer to the ghost, wanting to see how a ghost really felt. I nervously was about to touch the ghost, when it rose.

I screamed. The ghost screamed.

Then I heard Wilbur screaming "It's got me. It swallowed me!"

"Wait a minute," I said. "That scream sounds familiar."

I went back to the ghost and lifted up the sheet. Sure enough, there was Wilbur. My first thought was that the ghost must have eaten Wilbur, until I realized that it was just a sheet covering Wilbur.

"That's not funny," I said angrily at Wilbur.

He explained that when he came to on the kitchen floor and didn't see me, he panicked and was going to look for me. As he crept towards the dining area, he became entangled in a sheet covering the table, enabling it to swallow him.

We both began to laugh at the whole matter, when we realized we weren't laughing alone. We slowly turned around and saw a ghost hovering above us, peanut butter and jelly smeared all over it, laughing at us.

We turned heels and ran the rest of the way home. I don't know if you believe in ghosts or not, but based on my experience, I'm not completely ruling them out.

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Have you gotten your Farwell chamber banquet tickets yet?

Outstanding area singer Tammy Hysmith Mercer will be the featured entertainer at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 8.

The banquet will be at the Farwell Community Center on Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served by Beta Sigma Phi sorority at 6:30 p.m.

The meal will be roast beef and all the trimmings, served by the Farwell School lunchroom ladies, with help from the Student Council. Tickets will cost \$15.

Tickets are on sale at Franse Irrigation, Byrd Realty, City Hall, State Line Tribune, Aldridge law firm, Kirkland CPA, Security State Bank, Southwest Ag Services, Southwest Ag Tire Center, Farwell Hardware, county treasurer's office at the county courthouse, and Pansies, Posies & Potpourri.

Her repertoire is wide, ranging from classic and rock tunes to top 40 and show tunes.

She has performed in Amarillo as Patsy Cline in the theatrical production "Always ... Patsy Cline." She opened for Kitty Wells on her farewell tour and has toured 8 years with the Patsy Cline Show.

This Fritch native got her start by singing in about every opry and jamboree she could find in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

"When I first started, I would throw the kids in the car and travel hundreds of miles just to be able to perform," she said. "The jobs didn't pay much, but I think that is where I really fell in love with entertaining. It was more about the music than the money."

Courthouse Notes

Here are the warranty deeds recorded by the Parmer County clerk's office last week:

Stephen Phillips - Robert Lepard, SW/4 S4 Blk W Edward K Warren. Kyle Stancell - Jessie Stancell, NW/4 S50 Blk Z WD & FW Johnson.

San Angelo results given

Here are the results of Parmer County entrants at the San Angelo stock show:

Drew Johnson, 2nd, class 2, cross; 2nd, class 4, duroc.

Abby Johnson, 2nd, class 2 cross; 5th, class 4 hamp.

Jill Johnson, 3rd, class 3 cross.

Dan Patterson, 4th, class 3 cross; 5th, class 3 spot.

Russell Schilling, 9th, class 3 spot.

Tyler Schilling, 12th, class 2 hamp.

Also exhibiting were Alisha Wauson, Michelle Wauson, Levi McCormick and Chase Mitchell.

State debate

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The Farwell teams are coached by Angela and Tre Hall.

Mrs. Hall pointed out a great benefit from the debate contests:

"With UIL participation and excellence, scholarship opportunities abound for our high school students. That's exactly what will happen for Kirkland and Beaubien. The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation provides a service to students by making a list of grants available only to those who compete well at the UIL academic state meet.

"Any student who advances to and competes in the UIL state academic meet at any point in his or her high school career earns eligibility for a TILF scholarship.

"Farwell High recognizes the greatest benefits of the UIL academic program lie in being able to award endowed money to students who strive for excellence in the area of academics. UIL provides opportunity for our students that no other organization can.

"Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has awarded \$20 million to about 15,000 students. This year, TILF will award over 555 scholarships with a value of more than \$1 million."

Beaubien, a senior, by virtue of his team's 3rd place at state, automatically qualifies for a \$1,500 per semester

Lazbuddie cheerleaders' constitution approved

The Lazbuddie School Board on Monday approved a new cheerleaders' constitution.

Supt. Karl Vaughn said the old constitution was outdated. The new one puts more emphasis on spirit and teamwork.

In other business, the board:

-- Amended the school calendar, moving a holiday day from Feb. 16 to Feb. 23, to help stock show participants.

-- Cancelled the school board election in May since the three candidates are unopposed.

-- Received the resignation of bus driver Ilene Pierce.

-- Approved contracts

for professional staffers.

-- Discussed the contract with Sanchez & Sons, of Muleshoe, who has the bid to do school roof repairs. The job is not moving along in a timely manner, the board feels, and other options will be looked into.



From left, Lauren Beaubien, Jon Beaubien, Jourdan Kirkland, and Blake O'Hare

(four years) speech scholarship at Howard Payne University.

Kirkland is a junior this year.

Mrs. Hall added:

"The message we want to send to all our parents is that we need total support in getting your kids involved in UIL academics, working hard, and being successful through winning. These activities provide the greatest opportunity for your child to get a lot of money for something they are good at, and love."

CX Debate now wraps up its official season. The teams will take a month off for other UIL events, then begin working on the new topic for next year, which will be:

"Resolved: The U.S. federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs -- Ameri Corps, Citizen Corps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, and the Armed Forces.

The Farwell debate teams will attend summer debate camp at Baylor University and Texas State University.

Mrs. Hall thanked all who have contributed to the debate program this year and hopes folks and businesses will continue to contribute to this successful program. For example, funds are needed to help send the students to camp. If you can help, contact Mrs. Hall at Farwell High School or School Supt. Larry Gregory.

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Meet Farwell's Class of 2018



Luis Vega is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is Nov. 18.

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He likes to play. His favorite food is pizza. His favorite color is blue.

He doesn't like to clean his room.

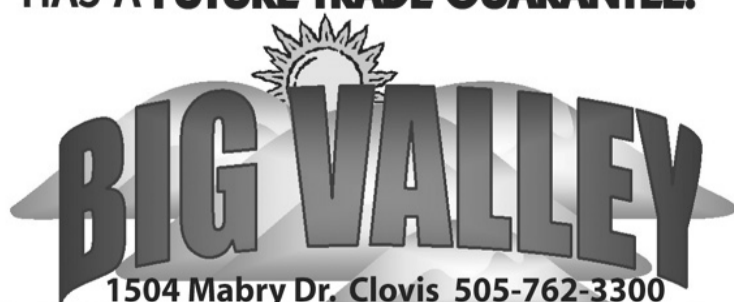
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JUST LISTED - Tri-plex in farwell. Good investment.

160 acres of CRP near Oklahoma Lane. 1 irrig. well.

640 acres West of Lariat. 10 Irrigation wells, 1/2 mile sprinkler and nice 4500+ sq.ft. home. Permitted for Dairy.

500 Acres irrigated near Clay's Corner. 4 irr. wells, 1/2 mile from highway. Dairy permit near completion.

640 Acres NE of Friona. 1 circle sprinkler 5 irrigation wells. Near pavement.

160 Acres, CRP, Oklahoma Lane area on highway.

NE of Lazbuddie, 160 acres, irrigated, 1 irrigation well with circle sprinkler, 400 gpm well.

2 story brick home in Farwell. 2 bedroom, 3 bath, central heat/refrig. air, 2 car garage - good neighborhood.

North of Bovina city limits, 2 bedroom, 1 bath house on approx. 5 acres

Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home. New hardwood floor in kitchen, central heat, ref. air, covered patio, 2 car carport and fenced back yard in Farwell.

3 bedroom, 1 bath home in Bovina. Large lot. Good neighborhood.

Nice 2000+ sq. ft. mobile home with livestock sheds on 4 acres. Call for details. In Farwell city limits. Must see!

PRICE REDUCED - Nice home with approx. 2000 sq ft with 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat and refrig. air, fireplace, with large 2 car garage, and carport.

West of Texico, 53 acres, 1 irrigation well.

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New Listing -- Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home, with ref. air, central heat, single car garage, fenced backyard. All on corner lot.

Lazbuddie -- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home, with built-ins, ref. air, central heat, single car garage. All on approx. 3 acres.

NEW LISTING - nice country 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, brick home, built-ins, ref. air/central heat, Sunroom, large utility room, 2 car garage, sprinkler system, fenced backyard, 2 metal barns on approx. 3-4 acres.

2 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home, storage building, fenced back yard, great starter home.

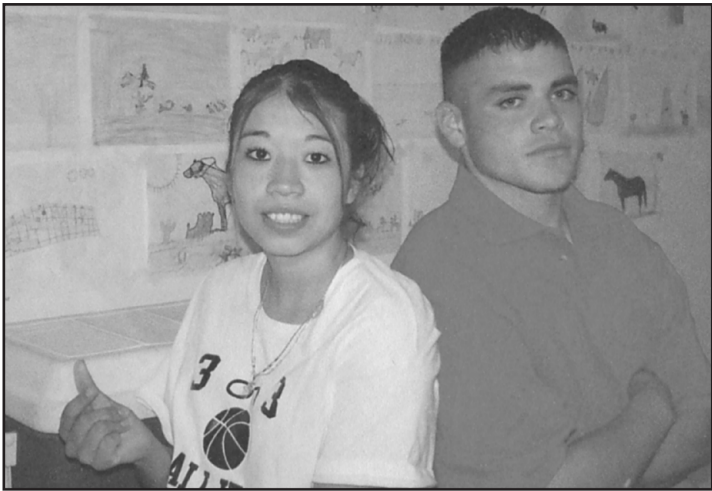
3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home with refrigerated air / central heat with storage building and carport. Motivated Seller!

NEED FARM LISTINGS!!

Just Listed -- Northwest of Lazbuddie, 160 acres, 2 subs, 1 electric sprinkler. Call for details.

Just Listed -- 480 acres Northeast of Bovina, 2 circular sprinklers, 3 wells, 1 submersible well. Includes 141.5 acres of CRP. Excellent cattle operation. Call for details.

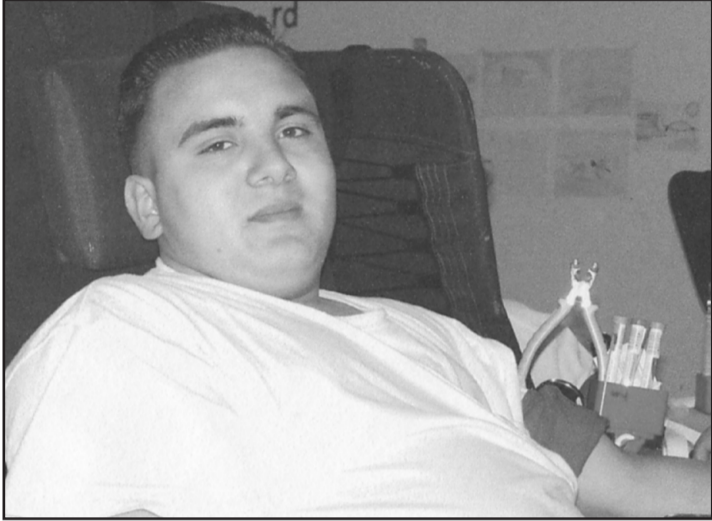
320 acres -- Southwest of Texico, 2 circular sprinklers, 3 wells. Call for details. Owner/agent.



Irma Rocha and Isaac Tavera helped out.

Bovina blood drive

Bovina High School Student Council recently sponsored its second blood drive. Celia Quintana, Student Council co-sponsor, organized the drive. Thirty-two persons signed up to donate blood, and the Coffee Memorial Blood Center drew 24 units. (Photos courtesy of Pam Lockmiller)



Dusty Riley helps out.

Bovina Banter

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Environmental Quality.

Normally, the permitting process takes 8 to 10 months, so the city would be looking at a spring 2007 starting date for construction.

But, Terry said, there is an allowance for the permitting process to be streamlined when a grant is sought in connection with a Community Development Building Grant, which the city falls under.

A drawing was held last Thursday to see what order the candidates for city council would be listed. Results were:

1st, Honey Sue Gist; 2nd, Danny Pollard; 3rd, Jessie Stone; and 4th, David Curtis.

Besides the city council election, there will be a resolution on the ballot, too.

Residents will be asked to see if they support continuation of the local sales and use tax of 1/4 percent, which provides money for maintenance and repair of city streets.

This is on the ballot each four years.

The Mustangs lost to Friona in baseball on Friday, 15-2, in a 5-inning game.

Michael Ortiz led Bovina with a pair of hits and scored a run. Alfie Espinoza scored the Mustangs' other run.

Pitching for Bovina were Rodrigo Nunez, Ortiz and Trent Quintana. They gave up 4 hits.

Gene Wiseman and Anne Corn will be the election judges for the May city election.

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Helen Deen, elementary teacher, shows a free t-shirt given to those who donated blood.

The Latest

As reported in the Tribune a few weeks ago, Parmer County residents can now renew their vehicle registrations online at www.texasonline.com.

The program is limited to vehicle owners who have received a registration renewal notice and it's due within 90 days but cannot be expired. Current liability insurance coverage is required and there can't be any traffic warrants or other notations on the motor vehicle record.

It will take the Parmer County tax assessor's office about two days to process the transaction and mail the renewal sticker. Site users will pay a \$2 service fee and a \$1 mail processing fee for the service.

The website also allows vehicle owners to change the recipient address for their registration renewal notice -- at no fee.

Some rain finally fell on the area over the weekend. Although the raindrops were very light on Friday and Saturday nights, between one half and three-quarters of an inch of rain was reported in the Twin Cities' area from the Sunday night rain.

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by severe drought, above normal temperatures and wildfires from April 2005 through the present time are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office in Farwell.

Parmer County is one of 117 in Texas named by USDA for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from these disasters.

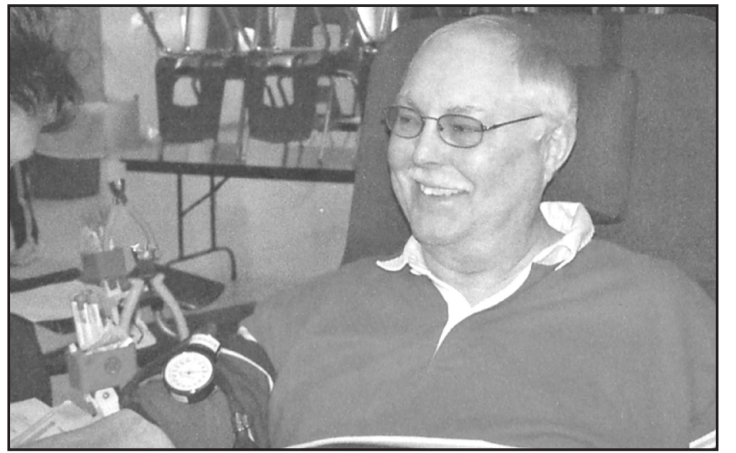
Also, USDA wants you to know that it allocates part of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants, including minority and female producers.

For more information, call Tom Taylor at the Farwell FSA office, 481-3349.

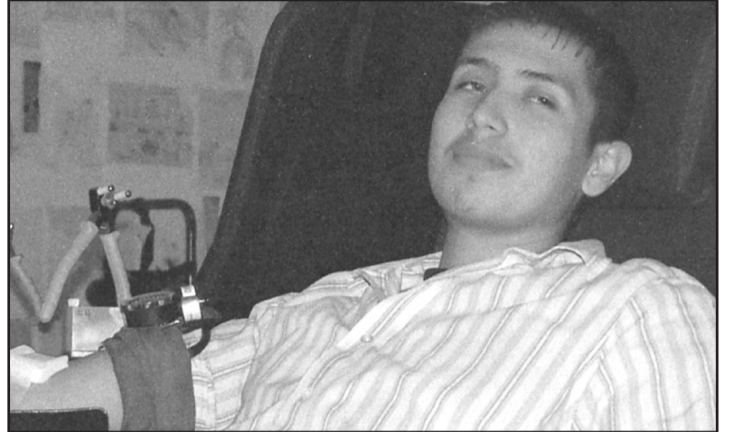
Texico's FCCLA chapter is doing a cell phone drive as a fund-raiser and to create a safer environment. Drop-off boxes are at the Texico school offices.

If you have any inactive cell phones in good condition, please drop them off. If you have any questions, call FCCLA chapter adviser Kye Thomas at Texico High School, 482-3305.

Mike Martin, who coached girls golf and basketball at Farwell High in the early 1980s, was named Coach of the Year by the Lubbock newspaper for Class 3A All-South Plains. His Snyder girls advanced to the regional finals



Lary Hodnett gives blood.



Noe Lara donates.

before losing to the state runnerup.

Martin has had four state titles during his coaching career.

The Six-Man Coaches Association named Lazbuddie's Chelsea Nichols to its All-Region 1st Team and to its All-State 2nd Team.

Texico police report all quiet last week.

The Tribune welcomes a new advertiser to our classified page, Mark Risinger, who owns Risinger Plumbing. He is a veteran plumber who specializes in repair work and holds a Texas master plumber's license. He lives in Bailey County.

A scholarship fund for the three daughters of Wade Cargile, who died recently, has been established at Security State Bank and the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank.

The daughters are Leslie, Tara and Danielle.

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Students volunteer at chamber banquet

These students volunteered their services at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet -- a job well done! From left, Jesus Guevara, Bacilio Viernes, Marisela Garcia, Jaime Chavira, Danna Guerrero, Cinthia Munoz, Yesenia Guevara, Dora Garcia, Elizabeth Ortiz, Josh Ramirez, Rodrigo Nunez, Haylee Hughes and Jacob Rivera. (Photo courtesy of Pam Lockmiller)

PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT HOLDS OPEN MEETINGS

Parmer County Hospital District will hold two meetings to discuss the propositions which will appear on the May 13th election ballot.

There will be a time for all questions following a brief presentation.

All members of the hospital district are invited to attend one of the meetings, which will take place at the public meeting room of Friona State Bank on: March 30, 2006 at 7:00 PM and April 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

PARMER COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL MAY 13, 2006 PROPOSITIONS – QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Parmer County Community Hospital (PCCH) is a 25-bed acute care hospital providing inpatient services, rehabilitation/skilled nursing care, out patient services including physical therapy, respiratory therapy, laboratory services, and radiology services (CT, MRI, X-Ray, Ultrasound, EKG). PCCH also operates a Level IV Trauma Center with 4 treatment bays. In December 1999, PCCH was the first hospital in Texas to receive Critical Access Hospital designation, a designation which provides a Medicare cost reimbursement model designed to assist rural hospitals.

In addition to the construction of a new physician clinic in 2001, PCCH has recently made significant improvements to the level of services we offer, including the addition of cardiac monitoring equipment, ultrasound services, MRI services, upgraded CT scanner, upgraded laboratory and radiology equipment, new IV pumps, new patient beds and a remodeled admissions area. We are continually planning and developing opportunities to improve our service to you, and we now find ourselves faced with some very impor-

tant issues that will impact the future of PCCH and our service area.

Due to the age and condition of our hospital facility, it is the recommendation of the Parmer County Hospital District (PCHD) Board of Directors that our existing hospital facility be replaced. To accomplish that objective, PCHD will have two propositions on the ballot in the election on May 13, 2006. In the discussion below we have attempted to address the major questions associated with the recommended facility replacement and upcoming election.

If you need further clarification or have additional questions following review of this material, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Gatlin at (806)250-2754. Also, we would appreciate the opportunity to conduct a presentation to any individual or group in the hospital district who wishes to be provided with additional information regarding this issue. To schedule a presentation, please contact Heidi Eichenauer at (806)250-2754.

1. Why must we consider renovating or replacing our hospital building?

In order for Parmer County Community Hospital to receive funding, we must adhere to numerous hospital building codes and regulations. There are many areas of our facility which do not meet the current building code standards adopted by Medicare, and the timeframe in which we will be allowed to continue operations in our current condition is growing short as Medicare routinely adopts stricter standards and operating guidelines.

2. Why not renovate the existing facility instead of replacing it?

In June of 2005 a team of healthcare construction engineers and design experts conducted a structural and operational evaluation of Parmer County Community Hospital in which they identified all existing building code deficiencies, structural and mechanical deficiencies and operating complications associated with our 50-year-old facility. They identified many issues which need to be addressed, and one major renovation to comply with one code requirement will likely trigger other code requirements which must be met. Further complicating any potential renovation is the existence of asbestos throughout most of the facility. While not harmful in its current undisturbed state, asbestos would significantly lengthen the renovation process, result in interruption of services during an asbestos abatement, and exponentially increase the cost of any renovation. The renovations required to bring the facility into compliance with the current building code standards adopted by Medicare would be so extensive and costly that the construction of a new facility would be a much more cost effective use of tax dollars, ensuring compliance with all building codes and continuity of healthcare services to our patients. In addition, the construction of a new facility would take less time than a renovation project, and, unlike a major renovation and asbestos abatement project, building a new facility around the existing structure would allow PCCH to continue services during the construction period without any major interruption in the delivery of care to our patients.

3. What are some benefits associated with a new facility?

- Opportunity to better serve our patients through facilities designed to accommodate our treatment needs and future development plans
- Improve access to healthcare for our area residents and businesses
- Ensure full compliance with all building codes
- Enhanced ability to recruit physician and clinical staff
- Ability to develop specialty outpatient clinics and additional lines of service
- Potential for local job growth

- Opportunities to gain market share and strengthen hospital finances

- Optimize current reimbursement model in which Medicare will participate in the cost of replacing the facility

- Ensure the ongoing existence and improvement of hospital services which are vital to the operation of other local healthcare services, including the physician clinic, nursing home, pharmacy and home health service

- Enhance the ability of Parmer County to attract business and industry

- Provide economic boost to Parmer County
- Provide long-term stability to the continuity of healthcare services in Parmer County

4. How would a new hospital facility be financed?

Currently, Medicare will fund approximately 42% of the new facility cost each year through reimbursement of interest expense and depreciation. The remaining 58% would be funded through general obligation bonds and operating gains. We anticipate increasing the hospital district tax from \$0.18 to \$0.28. This \$0.10 increase, which would be the first significant tax increase since the hospital district was created in 1990, would guarantee the bonds.

5. Why does the hospital district currently have a maximum tax rate cap of \$0.25 per \$100 valuation and why must that maximum rate be amended in order to build a new facility?

All hospital districts in Texas are allowed to tax up to \$0.75 per \$100, unless a particular hospital district adopts a maximum tax rate lower than the state-allowable cap. When Parmer County Hospital District was created we adopted a maximum tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100. Since our actual tax rate is currently \$0.18 and we are anticipating the need to increase that tax rate by approximately \$0.10 in order to partially fund construction of a new facility, we must amend the \$0.25 maximum tax cap.

6. How does the current tax rate of Parmer County Hospital District compare to other hospital-supporting tax districts in our area?

Parmer County Hospital District:	\$0.18
Muleshoe Area Hospital District:	\$0.40
Deaf Smith County Hospital District:	\$0.25
Castro County Hospital District:	\$0.44

7. If the maximum tax rate is increased to \$0.50 per \$100 valuation, will I actually be taxed \$0.50 now?

No. The hospital district is estimating that the actual tax rate currently needed to construct a new facility would be approximately \$0.28 per \$100. The proposed maximum tax rate of \$0.50 is simply a cap, establishing a level that could not be exceeded with-

out an election for registered voters. In the sixteen year history of Parmer County Hospital District, the tax rate adopted each year by the board of directors has never exceeded \$0.1822 per \$100, despite the fact that the maximum tax rate allowed has been \$0.25 per \$100. The Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors has a strong track record of fiscally conservative management of the taxpayers' money.

8. If we anticipate building a new facility for approximately \$10,000,000, why is the cap on the bond issue set at \$12,000,000?

Although we are projecting that a new facility will cost in the range of \$9 - \$10 million, construction costs have been increasing over the last few months due to the recent hurricane season, and these costs are expected to continue to rise over the next few years. Setting the cap on the bond issue at \$12 million allows room for unexpected costs or increases in costs from the preliminary estimate. In addition, actual construction would not start for approximately 12 months; therefore, costs will likely be higher than the initial estimate.

9. Will the hospital be forced to close if we don't replace the facility?

The hospital would not be forced to close; however, it would be forced to maintain compliance with code regulations. As discussed in Question #2 above, bringing our existing facility into compliance with current building codes will require extensive renovations, interruptions to the delivery of services to our patients, and increased costs associated with asbestos abatement, all factors which lead to the board's recommendation to replace the facility.

10. If I own property within the bounds of Parmer County Hospital District, can I vote on the hospital district propositions in the May 13th election?

Pursuant to the Texas Election Code, Title 2, Chapter 11, Section 11.001, the following qualifications must be met in order for an individual to vote in the upcoming hospital district election:

"Except as otherwise provided by law, to be eligible to vote in an election in this state, a person must:

- (1) be a qualified voter as defined by Section 11.002 on the day the person offers to vote;
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- (3) satisfy all other requirements for voting prescribed by law for the particular election."

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3 on 3 basketball tourney offered

Bovina basketball coach Shannon Shorter is running a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the Bovina High gym on April 15.

The entry fee is \$40 per team. The deadline for signing up is April 12. To contact Coach Shorter, call (806) 251-1317, ext. 242.

There will be boys and girls divisions for 5th and 6th graders; 7th and 8th grades; and high school. There also will be a division for adults.

 The Railroad Commission of Texas has approved the request of Atmos Energy for a GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) rate increase.

This likely will mean 7 to 8 percent higher gas rates for Bovina residents.

Atmos is allowed to seek a GRIP rate hike every year.

 No school next week -- spring break.

 The Bovina Mustangs' baseball team plays at Kress on March 24, then hosts Ralls on March 27. Both are district games.

 Each year, the Tribune hires a person to cover the Mustangs' football games. Last year, it was Starla Torbert, who has moved away.

Some great news: Cecilia Quintana has agreed to be our writer this coming season.

 The Bovina city sewer project may take longer than was anticipated.

City Manager Ernest Terry said the city had been looking to start construction in May.

But it has turned out, he said, that former project engineer Oller had not completed the permitting process.

This was discovered when current project engineer OJD & Associates contacted the Texas Commission on

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Go, girls A look into the future: Farwell, Bovina girls battle in the Bovina Junior Basketball League. Bovina is in Black and Maroon, Farwell in White and Blue.



Our scholars

The Bovina High School first semester honor rolls have been announced.

All A's
 Freshmen - Hannah Miller, Cinthia Munoz.
 Sophomores -- Marisela Garcia.

Juniors -- Frank Martinez, Hilda Quintero, Jeremy Vasquez.

Seniors - Marco Castaneda, Diana Delarosa, Vanessa Garcia, Johanna Knoll, Saul Martinez, Elizabeth Ortiz, Michael Ortiz, Sandra

Perez, Karla Rivera, Irma Rocha and Laura Rocha.

A-B
 Freshmen - Angelica Carmona, Daisy Carrasco, Edith Carrillo, Isaias Castillo, Maria Nunez, Jesus Rocha.

Sophomores -- Norma Castillo, Jaime Chavira, Dora Garcia, Sonia Garcia, Jesus Guevara, Justin Guevara, Jose Gutierrez, Ruby Vela.

Juniors - Alfie Espinoza, Adilene Estrada, Isai Saucedo.

Seniors - Chris Heinzman, Noe Lara, Dorothy Martinez, Luis Munoz, David Perez, Edda Robles, Juana Roldan.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mike:
 Concerning the runoff election we have coming up in April in Pct. 2 for the county commissioners:

Mike, in my lifetime, very few times have we had the opportunity to choose between two good men! Now is the time! James Clayton and Larry Hodnett are both good Christian men!

Let's spend time in prayer about this matter, then get out and vote our conviction. Opportunities like this don't come along very often.

Don Teague
 Bovina

It's a Girl

Bret and Sherri Whitten, of Bovina, announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Mae Whitten.

She was born on March 14 at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz., and was 19" long.

She has a brother, Colby, and a sister, Megan. Grandparents are Earl and Norma Whitten, of Bovina; and Erma Brown, of Friona.

Great-grandparent is Luella Drake, of Friona.

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