



Deadly accident

Raul Trevino, 31, who lived just west of Texico on Curry County Road D, died in a one-vehicle rollover on Curry County Road 10 near the Pleasant Hill Highway about 7:30 a.m. mt on March 7. Police said excessive speed on the dirt road contributed. They said Trevino was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle.

Signups continue for county's 100th anniversary issue

at a rapid pace for the State Line Tribune's special salute to Parmer County's 100th anniversary.

The Tribune, in conjuncwith the Parmer tion

will publish a keepsake issue in April.

Extra copies of this issue will be distributed at the Historical Society's day-long celebration at the Parmer County

Signups are continuing County Historical Society, Courthouse grounds in Farwell on May 5.

> We are trying to make this commemorative issue all-inclusive, so we have invited every business, group, organization, farm, Continued on Page 2

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NUMBER 32 **MARCH 15, 2007** 95th YEAR **50 CENTS** Egg producer to build here

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday approved giving a tax abatement to a new business as an incentive for opening up shop in the county.

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., is the largest producer and distributor in the U.S. of fresh shell eggs.

Headquartered in Jackson, Miss., representatives told the commissionres they thought Parmer County would be a good area to expand to.

They plan to build a facility at the farm of Joe and Eunice Schilling, off FM 3333, about five miles northeast of Farwell. If the necessary permits are approved, they hope to start construction in June and figure it will be a two-year process.

The initial investment will be about \$20 million. They plan to have more than 50 jobs: 10 management, 2 clerical, 5 driver, 16 maintenance and 27-plus hourly.

Cal-Maine sells the majority of its product in 28 states, mainly in the southern tier of the U.S. Their total flock includes 20 million layers, and five million pullets and breeders.

They are listed on the Nasdaq stock market as "CALM." In February, Cal-Main declared a regular guarterly cash dividend of 1 1/4 cents per share on its common stock.

In other business, the commissioners:

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The cast and crew of Farwell High's On-Act Play, "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie."

Farwell to present 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" will be presented as Farwell High School's One-Act Play this season.

In anticipation of the upcoming zone contest, the play will be performed at 9 a.m. on March 19 for the high school and junior high school students.

On March 20 at 7 p.m., the play will be performed for the public at the school auditorium. All are invited.

The zone contest will be on March 22 at the Farwell

High auditorium, also. Farwell will perform their play 4th, about 4:15 p.m.

The plays will start at 1:30 p.m. with Sudan, Springlake-Earth and Olton performing first.

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" is primarily a drama set in Scotland in the early 1930s.

It's about a girls' school in which the teacher, Miss Brodie, portrays a formidable figure who molds young minds to her form.

Students performing in the play are Ashleigh Mesman, Kade Foster, Shelby Christian, Lindsey Mullin, Amberli Martin, Mikaela Ceniceros, Britton Barrett, Hayley Fowler, Nina Galvan, Brianna Anglin, Ross McClaran and Logan Carpenter.

Crew members are Jesus Ramos, Alex Olmos, Kayla Sanders and Adam Mullin.



Board members and employees gather to announce that Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will return \$1.500.000 to members at its annual meeting on March 27. (Photo by Steve Horrell)

'Hank the Cowdog' author to speak at Deaf Smith Electric Co-op meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from years 1992/1993 totaling \$1.5 million at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner March 27.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and registration begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn. A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served.

John Erickson, and "Hank the Cowdog", will provide the entertainment following the meal.

A short business meeting to elect two directors will precede Erickson's performance. Position

One candidate incumbent Vick Christian is running unopposed.

Position Two candidates are incumbent Jerry Roberts and nominee Jared Blankenship.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,500, including the grand prize, two American Airline tickets.

Erickson, a former cowboy and ranch manager, is gifted with a storyteller's knack for spinning a yarn. Through the eyes of Hank the Cowdog, a smelly, smart aleck Head of Ranch security, Erickson gives readers a glimpse of daily life on a ranch in the Panhandle.

This series of books and tapes is in school libraries across the country: has sold more than 6 million copies; was a book-of-the Month Club selection; and is a winner of the 1993 Audie for Outstanding Children's Series from the Audio Publisher's Association.

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dairy, and individuals to place ads in this issue.

The ads are available at large discounts, and cost as little as \$20. Thus, we feel all have an opportunity to participate.

The ad deadline is March 31. It's early because of the large amount of work that is needed to put out this special issue.

To sign up, please call the Tribune at (806) 481-3681, come by our office at 404 3rd St., Farwell, or send а note to tribune@plateautel.net.

Two weeks ago, we published a list of over 40 businesses and groups that have already signed up. Here's the most recent

signups: Lee's Electric, 1.

Farwell. 2. Parmer County gov-

ernment. 3. Blackwell Funeral

Home, Friona. 4. U.S. Cong. Randy

Neugebauer. 5. Bailey County Electric

Cooperative.

6. Leal's Restaurant, Clovis.

TEXICO WOLVERINE BASEBALL SCHEDULE 2006-2007

DATE	TEAM	OPPONEN		TIME
March 15, 16, 17	VAR	Dexter Tourn.	Dexter	TBD
March 20	VAR DH	Clovis JV	Clovis (Brady)	4:00-6:00
March 23-24	VAR	Floyd	Floyd	TBD
March 26	JV DH	Clovis "C"	Clovis	4:00-6:00
April 3	JV / VAR	Dora	Dora	3:00-5:00
April 5	JV /VAR	Floyd	Texico	3:00-5:00
April 9	JV /VAR	Portales	Portales	4:00-6:00
April 12	JV /VAR	Elida	Texico	3:00-5:00
April 16	VAR DH	Tucumcari	Tucumcari	4:00-6:00
April 20	VAR DH	Clayton	Texico	3:00-5:00
April 21	JV DH	Clovis "C"	Clovis	10:00-12:00
April 23	JV/VAR	San Jon	Texico	3:00-5:00
April 27	VAR DH	Tucumcari	Texico	3:00-5:00
May 1	VAR DH	Clayton	Clayton	4:00-6:00
May 11-12	Regional Base	eball Tournament	TBD	TBD
May 16-18	State Baseball	Tournament	Alb.	TBD
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The Latest

The Texas Dept. of State

Health Services will give

flu shots at Farwell School

from 10 a.m. to noon and

1:30 to 3 p.m. on March 21.

and no one is turned away

if they can't make the \$10

donation request.

Flu vaccine is available

First Baptist Church of

Farwell has a new youth

pastor coming: Tommv

Derrick and his wife,

Heatlher, and their chil-

dren -- Hadley, 5; Caedlyn,

Tommy plans to gradu-They are coming from ate from Wayland Baptist Meridian, Texas.

Courthouse Notes

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

Crescent Park Properties - Ronald Byrd, L9-16, B3 Farwell.

Elton Venable - Miguel Caldera, L1-2 B34 Bovina. Ralph Reed - Pilar Gomez, B58 Friona.

Marilyn Nix - Buster Adair, W/2 S 102 Blk H Thomas Kelly.

C.G. Ramon - Nicasio Carrillo, E 60' L2 B63 Bovina. Wilson-Welch family limited partnership - Gene Schueler, E/2 S32 Harding.

HUD - Patrice Johnson, L15-16 B16 Farwell. Baudelio Vela - Simon Rodriguez, L7 B6 Gardner.



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Victoria Richards, Katlin Luscombe, Amanda Bass, Leslie Vannatta, Stephanie Vega, Micah Mayfield, Jaryse Harris, Faith Martin, Brooke Bailey, Bryn Mayfield, Zandi Queener, Braeden Hadley, Holly Harrison. Head Coach Keith Durham was assisted by Clay Stout. Also pictured are

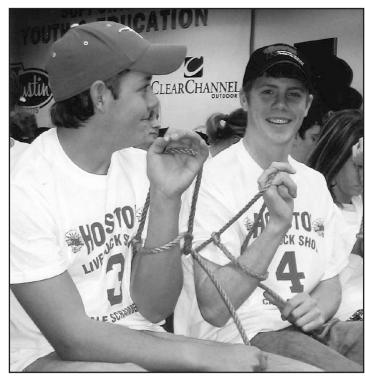


team manager Dionna McWhorter and volunteer assistant coach Sarah Cook.





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Wienerschnitzel	Texico Booster Club	Helton Oil, Inc.



Calf scramble winners

Kayle Jesco, left, and Chase Timms, right, of the Lazbuddie FFA caught calves at the Houston Livestock Show calf scramble. Each of them will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate. Timms also was the first to catch a calf at the event so he will receive an additional \$150 and a special belt buckle. Jesko caps off a perfect calf scramble season after catching calves at all 3 stock shows he attended this year, at Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Houston.

WTRT plans annual meeting

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will have its 53rd annual meeting on March 20 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The meal will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m.

Three director's posts are on the ballot:

Tharp -- incumbent Jimmie Cockerham is unopposed. Milo Center -- incumbent Carl Strafuss is unopposed. Westway -- incumbent Ernest Flood is opposed by Garry Yosten.

Cockerham has served as the Tharp representative since 1976, having served as president, vice president and secretary. He farms in the Bovina area. He and his wife, Barbara, have four children and nine grandchildren.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2019



Garit Graham is a Fawell kindergartener. His birthday is July 16.

Parents are David & Lisa Graham. He has a brother, Dason. Grandparents are Corky & Jan Green, and Jim & Marsha Graham. He likes to eat steak and shrimp. His favorite color is pink.

Baseball signups coming; teams to play in Twin Cities

It's time to start singing "Take Me Out to the local softball teams, church recreational teams and Ballgame!" for all Texico and Farwell kids interested in playing T-Ball and Baseball.

The High Plains Youth Baseball League will have signups for both Farwell and Texico children on Monday, April 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. cst at the Farwell High School gym lobby.

Two more registrations will be held on Monday, April 9, and Monday, April 16, at the times and location. No registrations will be accepted past April 20.

The cost for play is \$40 for one child and \$25 for each child in the family thereafter.

The High Plains Youth Baseball League is the new name for the Farwell Little League.

"We thought it better suited our purpose to rename the league," said league president, Mike Ratke. "We want children from Farwell and Texico to join up and have fun playing local baseball."

And it will be local baseball.

Through the efforts of Mike Ratke and several area baseball enthusiasts, all play for the 2007 season will be held at the Texico-Farwell baseball fields. Many may remember the fields that sit just south of the Town and Country Convenience store in Texico.

"We're finalizing the turnover of the fields and will begin announcing work days that will take place to ready the fields for play this season," said Ratke.

Other options for local play are also currently being worked out.

"We're hoping for a large turnout of players this season!" said Kathy Stancell, league secretary.

All baseball teams had to travel to Muleshoe in the past.

"While this has been a very good situation and place to play, we just felt it was necessary to get our local fields back into shape and ready for play," Ratke explained.

If all goes well with youth baseball, the opportunity for



a wedding shower in honor of, Amanda Crum bride-elect of Brandon Embry at 205 5th Street, Farwell, Texas Saturday, March 17, 2:00-3:30 pm. more to play "in town" is shaping up quite nicely.

League organizers are also looking to include regular season and tournament play with Bovina, Friona and Lazbuddie teams.

The season will probably not begin until late May or until after school is out for the summer. This will give players more opportunity for coaching, skill development and practice before starting into play. Organizers are also looking into other pitching options for Minor league level teams. In the past, minor league games were pitched half by pitching machine, half by live pitch.

Flyers will be sent out to students in Texico and Farwell Elementary schools and Jr. Highs next week announcing the sign-up dates. Coaches and volunteers to help with field development are also needed.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Mike Ratke at 481-3295 or 825-2220 or Sammy Herrera at 481-3461 or (505)791-1662



Five Texico Lady Wolverines earned All-District honors:

Freshmen Katlin Luscombe and Victoria Richards, and juniors Faith Martin. Brvn Mavfield and Brooke Bailey.

Zandi Queener and Leslie Vannatta made the Honorable Mention list.

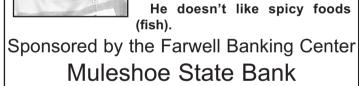


LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Kindergarten, Pre-K and Head Start Registration Wednesday, March 21, 2007, is the day to register children for next year's Farwell School kindergarten, pre-K and Head Start classes. Registration will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Farwell Elementary School office.

All children who will be four and five years of age by September 1 and live in the Farwell School District need to register for next year's classes. To register, a child must have immunization records, state copy of birth certificate and Social Security card.

Requirements to be eligible for pre-K and Head Start, a child must be four years old prior to September 1, is unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or is from a family whose income, according to standards set by the State Board of Education, is at or below subsistence level (eligible for free or reduced price lunches), and is a resident of the Farwell School District. Head Start requires income verification (check stub), Medicaid/TANF.





First, a huge congratulations to the Texico Lady Wolverines for bringing home the gold!

The Lady Wolverines, coached by Keith Durham, captured the Class 2A state championship on Friday, bringing home the school's 5th girls' state title and the first since 2002.

What a great achievement for such a young team!

And also congratulations to Richard Luscombe's Wolverines, another very young team. They got to the state semi-finals.

We look forward to both Texico squads returning to the state tourney again next year!

Lots of spring sports are on the upcoming agenda:

Farwell -- the girl golfers compete in the Olton Invitational on March 20, with the boys at Olton on March 21.

Texico -- the first track meet of the season will be on March 23 at the Alfalfa Relays at Hagerman for the varsity teams.

Bovina -- the Mustangs baseball team host Nazareth for its first district game on March 16 at 4:30 pm., then play at Hartley on March 23 at 4:30 p.m.



Selections at Dillards and Walmart Colors, Cobalt Blue and Yellow

Hostess Chairman: Lucy Steyn (806-481-3833)

Texas school districts are required to provide pre-K if 15 or more students are identified.

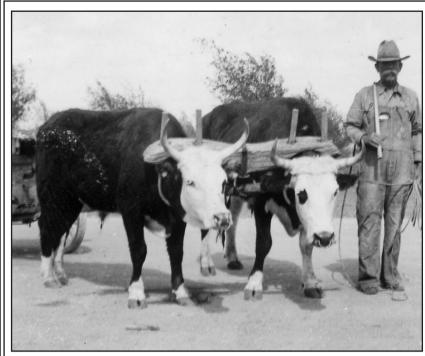
Government-In-Action Youth Tour Contest

Bailey County Electric Cooperative 305 East Avenue B., Muleshoe April 12, 2007 6:30 P.M.

• Entry forms must be received by April 2, 2007.

Be the successful candidate during "The Youth Tour Interview" and you could win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., with other winners from across the State of Texas. The trip is June 7-15, 2007. We will select two winners from the area high schools.

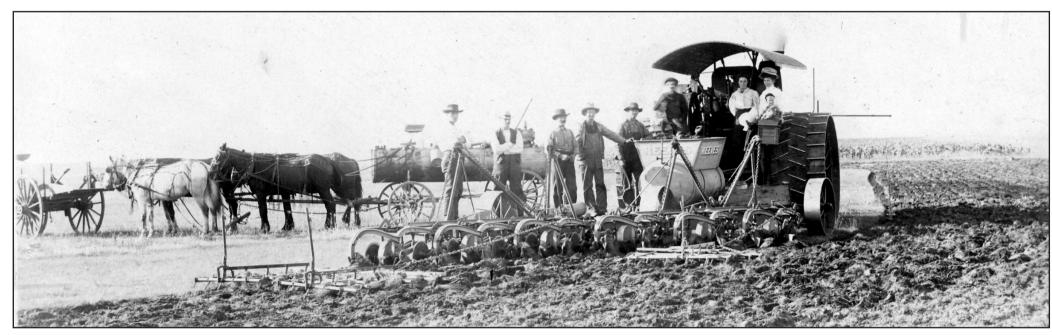
• Questions should be addressed to Rickie Warren at (806) 272-4504 or toll free at (800) 869-7049.



In honor of Parmer County reaching 100 years, for National Agriculture Week here are some early pictures of Parmer County pioneers who helped build the great ag tradition that is still important today.

Special thanks to the Parmer County Historical Society for the photos.





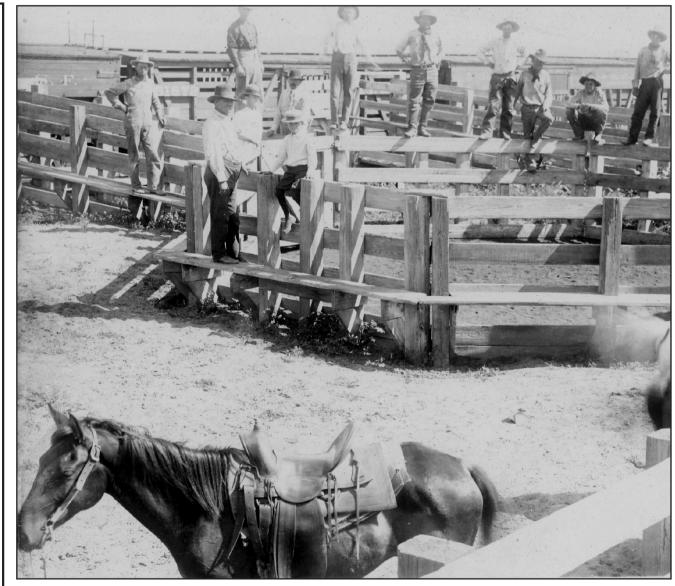
An early steam engine plow working in conjunction with a team of horses.

AGRICULTURE: America's Heartbeat

The Agriculturalists

National Ag Week gives us all a chance to say "Thank You" for a job well done, To all the agriculturalists in the land perhaps you even know one.

An agriculturist is, in fact, a scientist, well taught and with the proper tools at hand. You see an agriculturist is a specialist at living off the land.



There's the segment known as "Farmers" who grow all the foods we know. They carefully calculate crops and harvests and plant a prayer in every row.

Those who deal with beef and pork and things along the "meats" branch, are the proud segment of the industry providing grade A choices from the ranch.

Another branch of the industry provides milk, so fresh and white. It's the dairy farmer, whose job goes on through morning, noon and night.

Thankless jobs these people have for the responsibilities so great. Stop a moment at your next meal and remember who puts the food upon your plate!

Teresa J. Mesman • March 1995

XIT loading crew -- Bovina division

Helton Oil, Inc.	Farwell Country Club	Cargill Cattle Feeders	
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Farwell, Bovina Jessica Radley weds Richard French

city councils to have races

March 12 was the filing deadline for this spring's Texas local elections.

Here's how the ballots shape up:

Parmer County Community Hospital -- both incumbents, Danny Kendrick and Robert Neeley, filed for reelection and are unopposed.

Farwell City Council -- Mayor Jimmie Mace is unopposed. Vying for the two council posts are Dean Shover and incumbents Tim Kasel and Joe Stanton.

Farwell School Board -- Farwell Schools were closed this week for spring break. No further signups were reported other than Molly Stancell and Kendall Devault for the two posts on the ballot.

Farwell Hospital District Board -- The five incumbents seeking re-election are unopposed: Mike Ratke, Greg Actkinson, Tom Nichols, Ryan Williams and Jack Kirkland.

Bovina City Council -- Five persons are seeking three council posts: Jim Bob Swafford, Richard Villarreal and incumbents Lance Teague, Gaylon Rhodes and Radford Venable.

Bovina School Board -- The three incumbents, Don Teague, George Villarreal and Richard Carson, are unopposed for re-election.

Lazbuddie School Board -- Elections will be held in November.

Asiatico to speak at Texico church

Rev. Ervin Asiatico, of ministry, also. Dallas, will minister at the **Texico Assembly of God** Church, 219 N. Anderson St., March 25-28, announced pastor Bob Burris.

Rev. Asiatico will speak at services March 26-28 at 7 p.m. mt.; plus March 25 services at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. mt.

He has been in the ministry over 45 years and completed over 20 years in evangelism. He is an accomplished guitarist and will provide music

All are invited.



Rev. Ervin Asiatico

Jessica Jane Hadley and Richard Clark French, both of Lubbock, wed Dec. 29 in Lubbock with Donald Hay officiating.

Parents are Mrs. Juanita Hadley, of Texico, the late Raymond Hadley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim French, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Jessica was escorted down the aisle by a nephew, John Myers, of Texico. She wore a strapless A-line gown with a semi cathedral length train in light gold. Her veil bore a scatter of breaded flowers and a band of light gold satin.

Attending the bride were matron of honor Nancy Kreuder, of Clovis, and Jody Carey, of Clovis. Jessica and her attendants carried clutch bouquets of deep red roses.

The groomsmen were longtime friends Jason Goins, of Portales, best man, and Brandt Wiskur, of Oklahoma City.

Hannah Myers, of Texico was flower girl. Ring bearer was James Cassese, of Clarksville.

The men wore single-breasted tuxedoes with chocolate brown accessories and red rose boutonnieres.

Music included "Forever in Love", "God Bless the Broken Road", "The Road Never Ends" and the Rocky theme song.

March 21st is date for Farwell registrations

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All children who will be 4 and 5 years of age by Sept. 1 and live in the Farwell School District need to register for next year's classes. A child needs to bring immunization records, state copy of birth certificate and Social Security card.

Complete details on requirements for kindergarten, pre-K and Head Start are listed in today's Tribune.



A reception, dinner and dance followed at the Merket Alumni center at Texas Tech. Allison Myers, of Texico, the bride's niece, registered guests. The bride's table had a white, 3-tiered cake with two dozen red roses.

Jessica wore a garter of orange, navy blue and white, bearing the logo of Richard's favorite pro football team, the Chicago Bears.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard French

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Two local pioneers died -- Mrs. J.C. Temple, who lived in Farwell since 1907; and George Paul, who farmed near Texico and had arrived here in 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rundell are new operators of Dial Drive-In, formerly run by Mrs. Clytie Jones.

Tom Atkins is a new Parmer County deputy sheriff.

Farwell High football spring practice won't be held due to new UIL rules governing small schools.

> **Franse Irrigation** Farwell • 481-3316





The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay.

Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

> **Farwell Elementary School Speech Room** 8:30 -- 9:30 a.m.

> > **Bovina Ridgelea Elementary School** 10:30 -- <u>11:30 a.m.</u>

Lazbuddie **School Library** <u>1:00 -- 2:00 p.m.</u>

Friona Administration Building 901 E. 11th St. <u>2:30 -- 4:00 p.m.</u>

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.

El Condado de Parmer, Servicios Compartidos sirviendo los Distritos Independientes de las Escuelas de Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, y Farwell, están ofreciendo una CLIN-ICA DIAGNÓSTICO GRATIS para niños de 3, 4 y 5 años que parece que tienen un problema en aprendizaje o en el desarrollo. Especialistas Certificados van a estar trabajando con niños en esta clínica que va a ser localizada en los siguientes lugares, Martes, 27 de Marzo del 2007.

Escuela Primaria De Farwell En la Salon de Terapia de Lenguaje 8:30 -- 9:30 a.m.

> **Escuela Primaria De** Bovina -- Ridgelea <u>10:30 - 11:30 a.m.</u>

Escuela De Lazbuddie **Biblioteca** <u>1:00 - 2:00 p.m.</u>

La finca de administracion de Friona 901 E. 11th St. 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Si usted está interesado sobre el desarollo de su niño, tráigalo a esta clínica. Si usted necesita más información, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educación Especial a 250-3315.



--Mike Pomper

Way to go, **Texico**

A big congratulations to **Texico coaches Richard** Luscombe and Keith Durham on leading their squads to outstanding seasons.

Veteran coach Luscombe has a tradition of putting quality teams on the court year after year, and getting the most out of his kids.

He and assistant Ryan Autrey did another real good job at having a highly competitive team on the court. A 23-6 record is outstanding.

And Coach Durham, in his second year, got his team to mesh together well, using defense as a cornerstone, to capture a state crown. A huge success.

Both teams were extremely young this year. The boys had one senior (Ruben Lindley) and the girls had two seniors

(Leslie Vannatta and Zandi Queener). So you can look for a lot more success next season.

You might want to make your Albuquerque reservations now.

much to coaches during the season; I like to save my questions for when it's over.

After the 2005-2006 season. I asked Coach

Durham why Faith Martin didn't shoot as much as I thought she should have, considering her outstanding performances in junior high school.

He explained that he Normally, I don't talk needed her as a point quard and to handle the ball. But he said she would get more opportunity to go offensive for the next season.

And that's what hap-

pened. Her shooting was a key to the team's success. I didn't have real high

expectations for the Lady Wolverines. Yes. they had good talent but what I saw was a very young squad. And when a team is youthful, there are ups ... and downs.

But Durham, ably assisted by Clay Stout, instilled a great work ethic in these

2400 run - Teachout, 2nd, 9:40.40.

100 dash - DeLeon, 4th, :13.75.

800 relay - Farwell, 6th, 2:18.82.

400 dash - Teachout, 5th, 1:08.52.

300 hurdles - Meeks, 6th, 1:05.08.

1600 relay - Farwell, 5th. 5:09.29.

8th grade boys (came in 1st)

High jump - Actkinson, 5th, 4'6.

Shot put - Woodard, 1st, 40' 1/2.

100'4, and Stancell, 5th, 100'1.

2400 run - White, 6th, 10:42.

400 relay - Farwell, 2nd, :51.22.

2:43.36; and Carpenter, 6th, 2:52.02.

800 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 1:57.76.

1600 run - Ortiz, 5th, 5:50.

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400 dash - Christian, 5th, 1:03.65.

1600 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 4:18.94.

300 hurdles - Actkinson, 1st, :48.08.

Schilling, 6th, :27.87.

Christian, 3rd, 31'8.

5th, :28.67.

110 low hurdles - Meeks, 5th, :26.45, and

Triple jump - Actkinson, 1st, 34'1 1/2, and

Discus - Woodard, 2nd, 112'7; Read, 4th,

800 run - Olivas, 1st, 2:32.77; Martin, 4th,

200 dash - Read, 1st, :26.23; and Stancell,

100 low hurdles - Actkinson, 1st. :19.23.

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Engagement told

Lance and Terri Loudder, of Dimmitt, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Katy Rose, to Jake Travis Laurent. Jake is the son of Vicki and Kyle Aljoe, of Dimmitt. The couple plans to exchange vows Aug. 11 at the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock. Katy, a graduate of Lazbuddie High School, is a senior at Texas State University in San Marcos, and is employed with Dillard's Department Store in Barton Springs. Jake, a Dimmitt High School graduate, is employed with Wal-Mart Distributing in New Braunfels.

Need an Immunization?

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The Texas Department of Health is coming to Farwell every other month to give immunizations to everyone who needs them. Persons of any age are eligible. There is no charge; the shots are free.

Their next visit to the Farwell Elementary School nurse's office will be on March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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For more information, and to answer any questions, please contact Farwell School Nurse LuAnn Fillpot at the elementary school, 481-9131.



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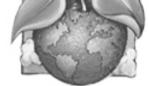
Here are the results of Farwell Junior High tracksters at the Plains Meet on March 8. 7th grade girls

High jump - Williams, 4th, 4'0. Shot put - Maldonado, 5th, 18'10. Discus - Jennings, 1st, 69'2. 400 relay - Farwell, 5th, 1:06.75. 800 run - Cockerham, 6th, 3:02.93. 100 dash - Jennings, 5th, :15.71. 800 relay - Farwell, 4th, 2:13. 200 dash - Langford, 2nd, :31.63, and Meza. 6th. :34.34. 1600 relay - Farwell, 5th, 5:08.74. 8th grade girls Long jump - Christian, 5th, 13'3. 400 relay - Farwell, 3rd, :58.35. 100 dash - Meyer, 1st, :14.21. 800 relay - Farwell, 4th, 2:11.51.

200 dash - Reyes, 1st, :31.12. 1600 run - Lara, 2nd, 7:07.68. 1600 relay - Farwell, 1st, 4:49.79.

7th grade boys Triple jump - DeLeon, 1st, 32'4 3/4. High jump - Schilling, 5th, 4'2. Long jump - DeLeon, 1st, 16'4 1/2. Shot put - Cuevas, 2nd, 28'1. Discus - Cuevas, 3rd, 78'1.

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Texico council told that swimming pool should open earlier this year

At the Texico City Council on Tuesday, the council heard that the pool should be open earlier this year than last, and the diving board, which was broken last year, will be repaired before the season starts

Sean Wooten, who ran the pool last year and is looking at running it again this year, went over some specific issues and the status of the pool.

He pointed out that last year he had two lifeguards, but he believed he could get away with only one this year. He also asked that the council make lifeguard a salary position.

Last year, the lifeguards received money from entrance fees. On days when there were few swimmers, the lifeguards didn't get much money for the time they spent on duty.

He asked that the council look at a set amount of money, minimum wage, so the guards would be fairly compensated for their time. The council tabled the idea to look into the budget to see if there was enough money to do it.

In other business, the council:

- Agreed to allow Fire Chief Lewis Cooper to go out for bids for a new 3/4 ton pickup for the fire department.

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Billie Cooper to retire

The Texico School Board on Tuesday was told that longtime art teacher and librarian Billie Cooper will be retiring at the end of this semester.

In other business, the board:

-- Elected officers: Ted Richardson, president; Jim Pena, vice president, and Charlie Vannatta, secretary.

-- Was told that the New Mexico Activities Association has instituted a two-week summer moratorium for all schools. This means that during these two weeks, facilities must be closed, no coaching will be done, no camps offered, etc.

Texico will have the first weeks in June and July for this moratorium.

-- Approved the school calendar for 2007-2008. The first day for students will be Aug. 21.

-- Re-hired the three principals: Buddy Little, high school; Wayne Anderson, elementary school; and Rick Stanley, junior high school.

-- Each year, local school boards can nominate a board member to receive the New Mexico School Board Association Achievement Award.

The board selected Bruce Mayfield as this year's recipient.

-- Approved seeking a state grant for resurfacing parking lots.

-- Held a lengthy discussion on the baseball field planning. This included:

1. Agreed to the Booster Club request to post signs for businesses at the field as a fund-raiser.

2. Will use porta-potties for the games this year. Permanent bathroom facilities will be ready next year.

3. Players will be bused to and from the field for practices. Previously, it was up to players to use their own transportation for practices.

4. Donations will be sought to put in a scoreboard.

5. School officials plan to meet with parents on what needs should be met. A list will be made up.

6. The field will be used for baseball games this sea-

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- Received the resignation of grant writer Twyla Rutter. She is working on a grant from Hamburger Helper for city improvements, and she stated her regular job is becoming too demanding to do the research necessary to write grants. Councilman Jerry Bradley jokingly asked if they could ignore the request due to the good job she has done until now.

- Voted to send City Manager Carolyn Johnson, and City Inspector Terry Martin to different meetings coming up.

- Looked at an update for the proposed sewer and waste project. One bid to bring the city wastewater disposal system up to state code has a price tag of \$826,000. The council is looking at grant money to help pay for the project.

Cockerham takes 2nd in spinning category

Six New Mexico State University students competed in an inter-collegiate wool judging contest at the Houston Livestock Show on March 14.

Team members included Skyla Cockerham, of Texico.

At the National Western Stock Show in Denver in January, NMSU's wool team placed 5th in wool judging overall and 1st in the hand spinning wool category. Cockerham was second high individual in the hand spinning category.

The NMSU wool team has a history of doing well in competition, winning top honors at the National Western Stock Show's wool judging contest in 2005.

The Latest

Just over an inch of moisture cascaded down on the Twin Cites on Monday.

It was a welcome rain.

Muleshoe got about 3 inches of rain.

The annual chili cookoff and cake contest will be at the First Baptist Church of Farwell on March 25 at 6 p.m., followed by a pinewood derby race.

Lazbuddie boys basketball coach Beau Thompson reports that Steve Pacheco made the All-District team.

He said he will report on other Lazbuddie honors later.

Word has been received of the death of Ethel Comer Stone, 97, of Amarillo.

She once taught school at Pleasant Hill.

Texico police report all quiet last week.

son although work in ongoing. Thus, this summer, the field will be "locked up" for continued work; this means that it will not be available for pickup games, picnics, etc.

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kids. Defense was stressed, and it resulted in a state championship.

When I talked to Coach Durham on Sunday, he said he had reviewed tapes of three Penasco games. What he saw was that it seemed their girls were standing around a lot.

though So even Penasco was bigger, he went to a man-to-man defense for most of the game.

Penasco clearly wasn't ready for that, having played against zone defenses throughout the season (and they only lost two games).

Score one for Texico coaching. ***

I got a kick out of the recent brouhaha involving some top GOP politicians for allegedly pressuring

From page 7 federal prosecutors to indict some Democrats before the last November

election. U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson, both of New Mexico, deny the charges, saying, yes, they called the prosecutors, but didn't put any political pressure on them.

No question there! The lawmakers are totally in the clear. They just called the prosecutors to sav "hi."

That's what top politicians do all the time. I'm sure many of you folks reading this column have had U.S. senators call you from time to time to say "hi."

I'll tell you who had it all wrong, that movie mogul David Geffen who recently said, "All politicians lie." Surely not.

On March 9, Sterling Smith, 20, of Lazbuddie,

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• Employment opportunities exist across the board in agriculture. Career choices include:

- farm production - agribusiness management and marketing

 agricultural research and engineering - food science - processing and retailing - banking - education - landscape architecture - urban planning - energy and other fields.

• Beginning in kindergarten and continuing through 12th grade, all students should receive some systematic instruction about agriculture.

 Agriculture is too important a topic to be taught only to the small percentage of students considering careers in agriculture and pursuing vocational agricultural studies

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Sheriff's Report

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

On March 6, Jason Mock, 31, of Rio Rancho, N.M., was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. He paid fine, court costs and restitution.

On March 6, Cornelius Krahn, 25, of Seminole, Texas, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI, with child, pending before the grand jury.

On Marfh 7, Claude Tamez III, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on charges of aggravated assault, pending before the grand jury, and furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending in county court.

was arrested by Texas

Highway Patrol on a charge of minor in consumption. He paid fine and was released.

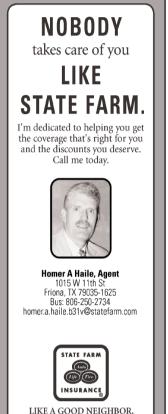
On March 10, Ronnie Houchins. 47, of Louisville, Ky., was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI, pending in county court.

On March 11, Jesue Perez, 25, of Bovina, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI, pending in county court.

On March 11, Miguel Munoz, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of minor in possession enhance, pending in county court.

On March 12, Ignacio Romero, 31, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check, pending in county court.

Sex offender registering with the sheriff's office:



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On March 5, Roger Castillo, 44, living at 408 7th St., Farwell. ***

In 287th District Court on March 6, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Margarito Soria Jr., 43, of Amarillo, charged with DWI with child under 15 years old, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated 2 years; \$416 court costs; \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees: loss of driver's license for 18 months, and obtain outpatent alcohol treatment.

Randal Lynn 47, Boeckman, of Hereford, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 5 years in the Texas Department of **Criminal Justice, probated** for 5 years; 10 days confinement in county jail;

Texico Monday -- bean & cheese burritos, corn, salsa, fruit, milk. Tuesday - frito pie, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk. Wednesday - popcorn

chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot rolls. fruit. milk. Thursday - hamburgers

french fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday - pizza, garden salad, fruit, milk.

Farwell

Monday chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit,

Tuesday - burritos, taco salad, corn, fruit, milk. Wednesday - salisbury

steak, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday - chicken burger lettuce, pickles, chips, fruit nilk.

Friday - lunch to go.

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The Latest

The Farwell City Council last week hired Tanya Meeks, wife of Jason Meeks, of Farwell, to be the new city clerk.

She starts training with current City Clerk Cynthia Trower on March 19.

Mrs. Trower will be retiring this summer.

At the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet, winners included:

John Gurley, Man of the Year: Jvl Grimsley, Woman of the Year; Darla Bracken, Citizen of the Year.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

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Texico tops Penasco for state title

There's an old adage to the effect that you stay with the horse that brung you there.

In the case of the Texico Lady Wolverines, that is spelled d-e-f-e-n-s-e.

The strong defensive efforts that got the team into the state Class 2A championship game on Friday paid off. That effort continued, and resulted in the girls' fifth state title.

Texico, 27-4, defeated the Penasco Lady Panthers, 24-2, for the state championship, 41-38. It was Texico's first state title since 2002.

The game opened with Penasco collecting a pair of free throws, and Texico didn't get on the board until midway through the quarter when a bucket by Amanda Bass tied it at 2-all.

A pair of free throws by Victoria Richards (whose defense throughout the game was especially strong) put Texico up 4-2. Then Penasco came back, taking a 7-5 lead on a 3-pointer.

The teams traded points. A pair of free throws by Bryn Mayfield tied it at 7-II and a Brooke Bailey rebound at 9all. But the Lady Panthers hit a couple of shots to take a 13-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

A bucket by Richards cut the deficit to 2. Then Penasco canned four straight free throws for their biggest lead of the game.

Faith Martin hit a shot jumper midway through the 2nd quarter and it was 17-13. The remaining four minutes saw Penasco hit a free throw and bucket, while Katlin Luscombe score on a layup. Penasco went into the half ahead, 20-15.

The first half showed the defensive pressures as Texico had 11 turnovers and Penasco 7.

Texico came out strong to start the 2nd half as Richards hit a free throw and Leslie Vannatta scored on a rebound, cutting the deficit to 2.

A 3-pointer by Mayfield at 5:01 gave Texico its first lead, 21-20. But Penasco answered with a brace of layups. Luscombe had a free throw and Penasco led, 24-22, going into the final quarter.

A minute into the last period, Bailey put in a rebound to tie the game at 24-all. Penasco scored but a Martin jumper provided another tie.

Then came the key part of the game: Seconds later, Martin hit a 3-pointer. This was followed by a Richards steal and bucket and in the quickness of an eye Texico had a 5-point lead, 31-26.

Penasco fought back with a 3-pointer. A Mayfield driving layup put Texico u by 4 with 4:20 left.

Luscombe scored on a Martin assist for a 6-point lead. After Penasco scored, Vannatta hit a 3-pointer at the 3minute mark for a 7-point lead. Penasco scored again.

Martin responded with a bucket, and Penasco scored again.

Then came an unusual final 1:09, as Penasco put Texico players on the foul line.

Martin made a free throw at the :57 mark for a 41-35 lead. Penasco hit a 3-pointer, and it was 41-38.

Then Texico missed its free throw attempts, but Penasco was unable to score when they got the ball. For the first three quarters, Texico hit 7 of 10 free

throw tries. In the final quarter, they were 1 for 8.

Scoring were: Mayfield, 7; Luscombe, 5; Martin, 11; Bass, 2; Vannatta, 5; Richards, 7, and Bailey, 4. Texico outrebounded Penasco, 35-22. Vannatta led in

Lady Wolverines beat Navajo Prep in semi-final

The Texico Lady Wolverines, riding the crest of a tough defense, won its state semi-final game over Navajo Prep on March 8, 42-30.

Navajo Prep was ranked No. 2 at state and Texico No. 3.

Once again, the importance of free throws was shown, as Texico hits theirs and Navajo Prep didn't during the final quarter.

The first quarter didn't have a lot of offensive might. After Navajo Prep tied the score at 4-all, a basket by Katlin Luscombe put Texico ahead for good.

It was followed by a free throw by Faith Martin and a jumper by Amanda Bass to end the quarter with a 9-4 Texico lead.

Even though Navajo Prep had good height, the Lady Wolverines again dominated the boards with their athleticism and hard work.

Texico, slowly but surely, began pulling ahead in the 2nd quarter. A jumper by Bass made it 11-6, and a 3-pointer by Martin made it 15-8 with 2 1/2 minues left.

After Navajo Prep responded with a bucked, a layup basket by Luscombe and another Martin 3-pointers boosted Texico's lead to 20-12 at halftime.

Navajo Prep must have gotten a good talking to in the locker room because they came out loaded for Wolverines.

They opened the quarter with a 3-pointer, then closed the margin to just 2 points midway through the quarter, 20-18. That was the closest they got. After that, it was all Texico.

The Lady Wolverines got their first points of the 3rd quarter on a pair of charity tosses by Martin with 2:45 to go. Then Brooke Bailey added a free throw. In the last minute of play, Texico's lone basket of the quarter came,



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rebounds with 7.

Even though Texico only scored 6 points in the 3rd quarter, they went into the final period ahead, 26-20. Navajo Prep was only able to whittle the lead 2 points, since Texico's defense was dominating.

The final period saw a flurry of points, with the teams trading baskets early on.

A runner by Martin kept Texico up by 6.

Down 30-25, Navajo Prep ha a chance to cut the margin to 3 but missed on the first of a 1-and-1.

Bailey scored boosting the lead to 7. Navajo Prep came back and cut it to 4 on a pair of baskets. But Navajo Prep then missed on the first of a 1-and-1 again.

Meanwhile, Martin hit a free throw, as did Leslie Vannatta, keeping Texico in the lead by 5.

Again, Navajo Prep missed the first of a 1-and-1. Mayfield hit a free throw, as did Victoria Richards, and with 3:40 left, the Lady Wolverines were ahead, 36-29.

Navajo Prep finally got a point on a free throw, but that was cancelled out by one from Martin. Then Luscombe hit two free throws at 2:13, for a 39-30 lead.

Then Navajo Prep missed four straight free throw tries.

A free throw by Martin and two by Luscombe ended the scoring.

Scoring for Texico were Mayfield, 4; Luscombe, 9; Richards, 1; Bailey, 6; Martin, 17 (including a pair of 3pointers); Vannatta, 1; and Bass, 4.

In the final quarter, Texico had two buckets, plus 12 points from free throws.

As to be expected, Coach Keith Durham was very excited after this game. He was so happy for the Texico girls, "who did what was needed to win."



It's time for the annual meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Hey, folks!

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 -- 6:00 p.m. Hereford Bull Barn

There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:

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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.

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Wolverines fall in state semi-final

As a very young team, the Texico Wolverines had a to 9-7 in Penasco's favor, the Panthers went on a 12great run this year until falling in the state semi-final to the No. 1 ranked Penasco Panthers, 62-52.

The Wolverines, who finished the season with a sparkling 23-6 record, only had one senior, Ruben Lindley.

Thus, it looks like next season will also be a special one for the Wolverines.

The first quarter proved fateful for Texico as they fell behind by 10 points, and then played even with the Panthers the rest of the way.

The refs called a lot of fouls, 20 in the first quarter alone, and this hurt especially Texico as three of its players later fouled out. And key center Dan Schueler spent much of the game in foul trouble.

The game opened with Penasco jumping out to a 4-zip lead. Casey Crist put Texico on the scoreboard with a bucket. After Penasco scored, Courtland Luscombe canned a 3-pointer to bring Texico to within 1, 6-5. This was the closest Texico ever got.

Penasco immediately responded with a 3-pointer of its own. After another crist jump shot bringing the score

point run.

Penasco had a star player in Bobby Richardson, who did a lot of scoring damage.

After Penasco went up 21-7, Texico fought back. Luscombe put in a rebound, Brett Anderson made a layup, and Crist and Seth Bailey added free throws.

Texico started off slowly at the charity stripe, missing their first six tries. After that, the Wolverines were respectable from the line.

The first quarter ended with Penasco up, 24-14.

In the 2nd quarter, Texico was down by 14 early. Then the Wolverines made a run to close the gap to 8 behind with 2 minutes left on buckets by Anderson, Bailey and Luscombe, and free throws by Josh Murray and Bailey.

The teams went into halftime with Penasco ahead, 32-24.

The Wolverines came out hot in the 3rd quarter, knocking down a flurry of basketbs. But Penasco stayed stride for stride with them.

A basket by Luscombe closed the gap to 6. Then he canned a 3-pointer with 3:30 left to make the score 3734. Penasco answered with a pair of baskets and a free throw to up the margin to 8 again.

Lindley hit a brace of free throws to make the deficit 6, but then it was all Penasco for the rest of the period as the Panthers increased their lead to 13, 49-36.

Penaco's press had good effectiveness throughout the game, forcing more Texico turnovers than normal.

Crist opened the final stanza with a bucket. A pair of Schueler baskets closed the gap to 9, at 51-42. A Luscombe rebound made it 7, at 51-44. But then Schueler fouled out (Brett Anderson had fouled out earlier in the 4th period), and Bailey, a freshman, also fouled out a couple of minutes later.

Soon, Penasco had jumped ahead again by at, 58-44. The last minutes saw both teams clear their benches.

For Texico, Jesse Walthers had a bucket, and free throws came from Mario Posada and Jordan Broome, as time expired.

Scoring for Texico were: Luscombe, 18 (including a pair of 3-pointers); Schueler, 8 (all in the 2nd half); Bailey, 5; Lindley, 2; Crist, 8; Anderson, 4; Murray, 1; Posada, 2; Broome, 2; and Walthers, 2.

Texico outrebounded Penasco, 44-28. Luscombe led with 10.

Texico comes from behind to win quarter-final over Pecos

The Texico Wolverines moved into the Class 2A state semi-final round with a come-from-behind win over the Pecos Panthers on March 7 at Albuquerque, 56-51.

The 4th quarter was the key -- as Pecos missed most of its free throws while Texico connected on theirs. And when Texico did miss a free throw, they out-rebounded Pecos consistently.

The first half was a tough one for Texico as hot-shooting Dominic Baca poured in 19 points for the Panthers, including canning five 3-pointers.

The game started with Pecos, which finished the season with a 15-9 record, jumping out to an 8-0 lead.

After Coach Richard Luscombe called a timeout to settle down his team, the Wolverines got on the board when Courtland Luscombe knocked down a 3-pointer.

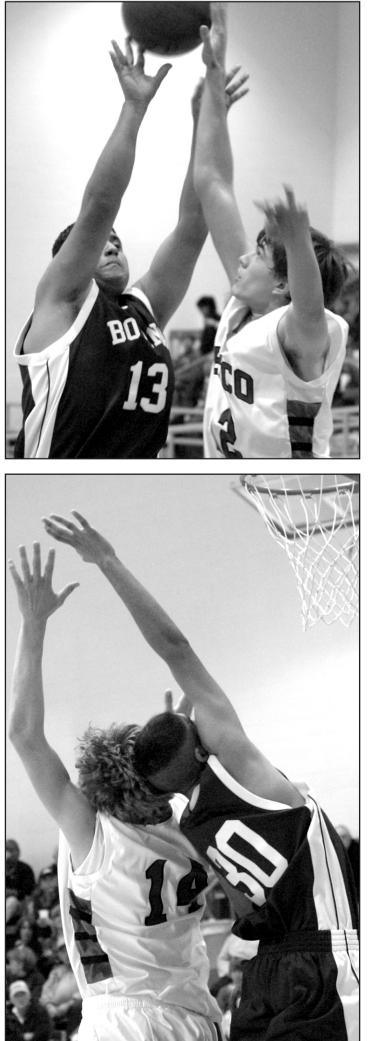
After Pecos answered with a long-range bomb, Texico scored twice -- on a Dan Schueler rebound bucket and a pair of free throws by Casey Crist.

The first quarter ended with Pecos ahead 14-7, when they hit another 3-pointer just before the buzzer.

The first half of the 2nd quarter saw Pecos continue to hit its shots, and built its lead. Texico was a bit cold, but a couple of rebound buckets kept them in the game. But another Baca 3-pointer moved the lead to 27-13.

Then came Wolverine Time.

First, Seth Bailey sank a pair of charity tosses. Then Luscombe hit a jumper, and Bailey added two more free throws. Casey Crist hit a shot, and a layup by Luscombe



closed the deficit to 31-23 at the half.

The third quarter started on a sour note when Schueler collected his 4th foul. The teams traded baskets with Pecos moving ahead by 9 points despite buckets by Luscombe, Bailey and Crist.

Then Texico turned the tide about midway through this period.

The comeback started with a Bailey basket, followed by one from Luscombe, a pair of free throws by Luscombe and a bucket by Crist to end the quarter. The deficit was now a solitary point, 39-38.

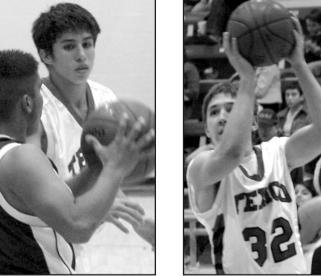
Texico got its first lead of the game at the start of the final quarter on a Crist jumper. Pecos scored a quick three points on a free throw and bucket. Then Texico made its move.

Crist hit a spin shot to pull within 1. Bailey put in a rebound for the lead. A free throw by Josh Murray and a bucket by Luscombe pushed the lead to 47-43.

Pecos scored, but Texico free throws by Crist and Bailey increased the Wolverine lead to 51-46 with less than 2 minutes left.

Pecos hit a pair of free throws, and was answered by Bailey and Crist charity tosses. Two more free throws by Bailey made it 55-48. Pecos hit a 3-pointer, 55-51. And a Bailey free throw ended the scoring.

Scoring were Casey Crist, 17; Courtland Luscombe, 19; Dan Schueler, 2; Josh Murray, 1; and Seth Bailey, 17 (including 11 points from the foul line).





LEGAL PUBLICATIONS NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT

OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0004816000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. AGP Grain Marketing, LLC, P.O. Box 2047, Omaha, Nebraska 68103, which operates the Lariat flaking facility which produces corn flakes for dairy cattle feed, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new permit, Proposed Permit No. WQ0004816000 to authorize the disposal of water treatment wastes and boiler blowdown at a daily average flow not to exceed 12,000 gallons per day via evaporation. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the State. TCEQ received this application on November 27, 2006.

The facility and land application site are located at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Loop 403 and County Road DD, Parmer County, Texas. The facility and land application site are located in the drainage area of the Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241, of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 Third Street, Farwell, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name: address: phone: applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity: provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance. Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceg.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from AGP Grain Marketing, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Chuck Coffey at (402) 431-5107.

Texico Varsity Wolverines in action



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In Miami, Spanish is spoken every place, but it is almost impossible to find a decent Mexican food restaurant here, sad to say. The reason is that the near total Latin influence in this town is from the Caribbean islands and South America, and above all, from the 500,000strong expatriate community from Cuba, 90 miles to the south.

For that reason, all eyes here are always on Havana, there is an air of expectation for the passing of Fidel Castro, and an anticipation that Cuba is going to transform into a free and prosperous island shortly thereafter. In fact, the city of Miami began planning in January for an enormous festival here in the Orange Bowl to officially celebrate the return of freedom, to begin on the day of Fidel's departure from this world.

It is conceded in advance that many people will be celebrating the death more than anything else, but that might be expected, I guess. What is more puzzling by far, is that a lot of Americans will continue to see Fidel as a great man and will hate to see him go.

Fidel Castro ruled as the dictator of the socialist paradise in Cuba for almost 50 years and in that time he has been the darling of left-wing American journalists, celebrities, and politicians. Considering the flowers they threw at Fidel's feet over the years, it will be interesting to watch their reaction to his demise,

whenever it may occur. Take for instance the praise ladled on Fidel by American newspapers and TV. Analysis of their dispatches over the years from Cuba has revealed that views and comments from the communist dictatorship have been broadcast in America more than six times as much as views and comments from figures with the church or any of the other non-violent groups opposed to Fidel.

The major networks and newspapers cannot seem to say enough about Cuba's free medical care and free education or other plus points, while only about 3 percent of the coverage ever mentions Cuba's political prisoners. **Amnesty International has** declared that Cuba is the last country in Latin America to have maintained a system of political prisons (gulags) and estimates are that more than 300 men and women are incarcerated there today for no crime other than daring to disagree with the aovernment.

What is particularly amazing for these brave "journalists" from American TV and newspapers is that less than one percent of their reporting ever mentioned the death of free press since 1958, or the imprisonment of their Cuban journalistic colleagues.

In the same way, it is astounding to hear American political leaders, Hollywood celebrities, and self-proclaimed "intellectuals" praise Fidel.

While more than 62 percent of Cuba's population is black or mulatto (one black parent), its government officialdom and military leadership are pure European descent. The man that Fidel overthrew on Dec. 31, 1958, Fugencio Batista, was mulatto, and since then, Cuban apartheid is worse than the apartheid in South Africa. But these Americans (some of them black) laud Fidel for bringing "equality" to the island.

For decades prior to 1958, Cuba had the largest and most prosperous Jewish community in Latin America but it has been almost destroyed by the dictatorship's official atheism and the imprisonments, executions, and oppressions it brought with it. But these Americans (some of them Jewish) praise Fidel for his warmth and tolerance.

Cuba calls itself a "democracy" and Fidel calls himself a "president" but elections there run candidates from the Communist party only because there is no opposition, and Fidel wins 98 percent of the vote because he's the only name on the ballot. But these Americans (none of them who can fail to know these facts) are unable to grasp why elections seem to be completed with such ease and efficiency there.

Communist inefficiency failed in Cuba as it failed every place it has been tried and only external support from first the Soviet Union and later Nicaragua have kept its head above water. But these Americans (none of them who would live in Cuban conditions for a day) crow about Fidel's genius for survival. Before the Soviet Union finally imploded in 1991, Fidel was its puppet to export revolution throughout Latin America. Fidel sent 75,000 Cuban soldiers to Africa as mercenaries for Soviet wars in Angola and Ethiopia. But these Americans (all of them who trumpet world peace ceaselessly) fail to see this as a fault when Fidel did it.

Amnesty International has said that Fidel Castro has imprisoned or executed a proportion of his subjects that neither Joseph Stalin nor Adolf Hitler could ever manage to equal in their own reigns of terror. But these Americans (all of them living free of that fear) are at a loss to explain why no opposition to Fidel's rule is apparent inside Cuba.

Since Castro came to power, 20 percent of the population has fled. His sister fled in 1963 and his daughter in 2003. (Alina, his daughter, has a popular radio show here in opposina Miami her father's dictatorship.) It is estimated over the years that perhaps 60,000 Cubans have died at sea with their families trying to escape in small boats. With all the claims about free education and medical care and classless socialism, why have so many Cubans been so desperate to leave?

Cuba has the distinction c

of having the highest abortion rate and the highest suicide rate in the Latin America. Its birth rate of 1.6 children per woman is well below the rate required to maintain the same population. Why, in such a socialist paradise?

Why is nobody attempting to immigrate to Cuba, not even from the island of Haiti, only 50 miles away? That island has an ecosystem that has been so ravaged that it will never recover in our lifetimes. it is racked by crime and violence and corruption, and it has little in the way of an economy other than illegal drugs and voodoo dolls. But Haitians are either staying put or trying to reach the United States, and nobody from Haiti is trying to reach the socialist paradise of Cuba next door. Why is that?

These American leftists, so devoted to freedom, place the blame for these dark facts (and all other dark facts) about Cuba not on Fidel, but completely on the U.S., its trade embargo with Cuba, and even on a CIA operation that collapsed in an obscure place called the Bay of Pigs in 1961. Those must be discussed and dismissed separately.

For now, whenever Fidel expires, don't look for anything to change in Cuba any time soon because there are no shortages of communist thugs to pick up where he left off. I'll write a report from the festival at the Orange Bowl whenever it happens, and you can bet that I'll raise a Cuba Libre to the old hometown on the day.

But watch for it in the years after that, the day may well come when Cuba's people are free and they will be able to reioin the world. And when those days come, the Cuban people will be completely justified when they demand an accounting from the American journalists, celebrities, and politicians who did whatever they could to keep Fidel's dictatorship lashed onto Cuban backs for so long.

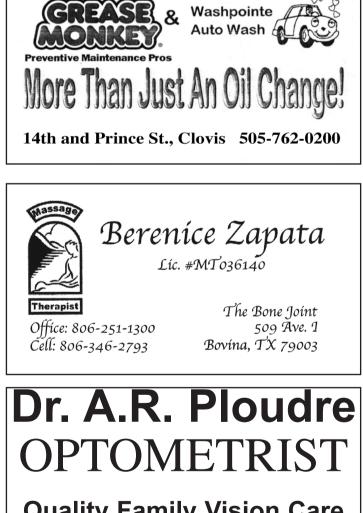
'Believe in Me' movie opens

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School calendar adopted

The Bovina School **Board on Monday adopted** the 2007-2008 school calendar.

Due to the new state mandate forcing a later starting opening date, school will start Aug. 27, and end on May 29.

The major schedule change involves Christmas vacation. It will be shortened from two weeks to 1 1/2 weeks.

In other business, the board:

-- Renewed the contracts for all certified personnel, except for band director Leon Marguez.

-- Hired Zeke Lara, who was raised in Bovina and has returned here, to work on maintenance and grounds. The position opened up when Yancy Graves was promoted.

-- Will not have a school board election since only the three incumbents filed, unless there is a write-in candidate in the next week. If an election is needed, Brenda Riddle will be the election judge.

-- Heard Supt. Bill Bizzell give updates on construction projects:

1. Tiles at Ridgelea School.

2. Renovation of the science lab will start next week.

3. About 170 windbreak trees will be placed around the track at Ridgelea School (on the west and north sides of the proper-



NHS inducts two

Bovina Middle School held an induction ceremony for its National Honor Society chapter last week. Inducted were Ryan Alvarez and Jake Brozek. Other NHS members are Fernando Banuelos, Miguel Guerrero and Mariana Guevara.

Eggs

-- Approved an agreement with J.D. Heiskell & Co. concerning the periodic closing of County Road to accommodate 17 unloading of distillers grain.

The company is planning a \$3 million grain elevator project.

Heiskell is leasing the old West Friona Grain building and expects to receive 100-car shipments of grain at least once a month.

This will necessitate closing the road for a maximum of six hours each time the trainload arrives (up to 2 hours when the train arrives and up to 4 hours when the train cars leave). Heiskell will put up detour and flashing signs when the process is under way.

Also planned is a 7,700ft. rain line to accommodate the trainloads.

The grain would be trucked to dairy and feed yard customers for use in cattle feed.

From page 1 group general manager for Heiskell. met with the commissioners.

He is a Clovis native based at Heiskell's Portales plant.

Heiskell is 120 years old and is 4th generation family-owned. Holland said Heiskell, headquartered in California, is the 4th largest feed manufacturer in the U.S.

Heiskell picked Parmer County due to the growth in dairies.

The business is expected to bring in about a view the area in person dozen jobs to the area. before deciding.

Ratke is vice-president on Lutheran Foundation board

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The Lutheran Foundation of Texas recently received a \$20,000 Charitable Gifting Initiative grant from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The grant is one of 75 awarded nationwide by the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation.

Mike Ratke, a resident of Farwell, serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors of LFOT.

The grant will be used to develop a model program which will enable Lutheran agencies and ministries in Texas gather bequests, charitable trusts, and other estate gifts from their friends and supporters.



Chamber makes plans

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held a meeting on March 8 to discuss future plans.

The consensus was that the annual banquet went very well. There were a few glitches and they will be worked on for next year's event.

The Silent Auction proved a big hit, with a \$408 profit. In addition, there was a plethora of door prizes.

Next up will be a citywide cleanup day. It is tentatively set for May 5. Details will follow. LaJuana Renfro will honcho the cleanup.

Other ideas discussed were having a chili cookoff, and putting on a comedy melodrama.

The Chamber will soon begin planning for the 4th of July extravaganza.

And the next Chamber meeting will be April 9.

Some Chamber banquet door prize winners were announced in last week's Tribune, but here are some more:

Two Savings Bonds of \$50 from First Bank of Bovina **Gladys Spring.**

\$50 gift certificate from Dillard's -- Brenda Riddle.

\$50 gift certificate from J.C. Penney's -- Jesse Ramon. \$50 gift certificate from Victoria Secrets -- Bonnie Heald.

A pizza (Canyon) -- Jackie Reyna.

Pizza Hut pizza -- Andy Garza.

Bovina Food Express pizza -- Jennifer Marbille.

Free oil change plus oil at Charles Oil Co. -- Darla Sealey.

Candle from Agri Plan -- Bryan Gist.

Massage by Berenice Zapata -- Leon Ware.

Cooler from 4 Way Pump -- Norma Whitten.

Meal maker -- Jerry Duenes.

Caps from 4 Way Pump - Kay Swafford.

Antifreeze coolant - Jennifer Reyna.

Swingarm lamp -- Anita Gist.

Picture frames from State Line Tribune -- M.H. Carson.



dash - Walker, 2nd, :15.30; 800 relay - Bovina, 5th, 2:07.88; 400 dash - Burrow, 1st, 1:04.96; 300 hurdles -Vela, 3rd, :54.31; 200 dash - Nichols, 2nd, :28.34, and Alvarez, 6th, :30.34; 1600 run - Jaramillo, 5th, 7:04; 1600 relay - Bovina, 2nd, 4:41.50.

8th grade boys: high jump - Fox, 2nd, 4'10; long jump - Fox, 3rd, 16'9 7/8, and Martinez, 4th, 16'; 2400 run -Ortiz, 4th, 9:42; 400 relay - Bovina, 5th, :55.24; 800 run -Ortiz, 3rd, 2:41.03; 100 dash - Fox, 1st, :12.34; 800 relay - Bovina, 5th, 2:00; 400 dash - Vela, 4th, 1:03.56; 200 dash - Banuelos, 3rd, :27.30; 1600 run - Ortiz, 5th, 5:50; 1600 relay, Bovina, 4th, 4:48.60.



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last week.

Leaders for Bovina were:

Jose Gutierrez, 3 hits in 3 at-bats plus a squeeze bunt that produced an RBI. Joseph Bermea, 1 for 2

with 2 RBIs. Josh Ramirez, 2 singles. ***

March Students of the at Bovina Month **Elementary were:**

Megan Stone, Charliee Carrillo, Marcial Cortina, Marlett Cano, Terrance Abeyta, Gabriela Perez, Brandon Guevara and Gerardo Carrillo.

Bovina Supt. Bill Bizzell's birthday is on the 25th. Everyone be sure and remind him...

Bovina spelling bee winners were:

Junior bee - Justus Brozek, 1st; Federico Soliz, 2nd; and Charliee Carrillo, 3rd.

Senior bee -- Delia Banuelos, 1st; Vanessa Rodriguez, 2nd; and Daniel Guevara, 3rd.

On March 8, Sidney Marie Venable was born to

From page 16 Rusty and Amanda Venable. Grandparents are Kay

and Radford Venable. Great-grandparnts are Marie and Elton Venable. Sidney is their fifth greatgrandchild.

Mindy Neal had surgery last week at Clovis hospital.

Anne Corn had a onecar vehicle accident on

March 6 near Hereford. She was taken to the ICU unit at Amarillo Northwest Hospital.

Bovina School thanks West Texas Rural Telephone for their help at Ridgelea Elementary School.

Grady Brown, Jr., Andrew Villarreal, John Saldanã, Tommy Ramirez and Michael Foster dug a trench to provide water for the drip line for the new tree row.

Tracksters compete

Bovina Junior High athletes participated in the Plains Track Meet on March 9. Placing were;

7th grade girls: High jump -- Gomez, 6th, 3'8; shot put -- Hughes, 1st, 22', and Ramirez, 2nd, 21 5' 1./2; discus -- Hughes, 2nd, 68', and Ramirez, 3rd, 63'4; 400 relay --Bovina, 4th, 1:06.56; 400 dash - Bovina, 6th, 1:15.75; 300 hurdles -- Chavez, 6th, 1:06.86; 1600 relay -- Bovina, 6th, 6:00

8th grade girls: Long jump - Gomez, 6th, 13'2 1/2; 400 relay - Bovina, 5th, 1:11.09; 800 run -- Yadira, 2nd, 2:52.56; 100 low hurdles -- Delgado, 1st, :19.27, and Herrera, 2nd, :19.58; 100 dash - Gomez, 6th, :14.97; 800 relay - Bovina, 5th, 2:35.42; 400 dash - Garcia, 3rd, 1:13.50; 300 hurdles -- Herrera, 1st, :54.64; and Delgado, 3rd, :59.53; 1600 relay - Bovina, 3rd, 5:05.

7th grade boys: High jump - Vela, 6th, 4'2; shot put -Alvarez, 4th, 27'1; 400 relay - Bovina, 3rd, :55.25; 800 run - Jaramillo, 1st, 2:51.87, and McClure, 6th, 3:23.20; 100 Continued on Page 14



Thank you, fellas!

Congratulations to Frank Martinez for making it to state in powerlifting.

He got 2nd in Regional over the weekend and will go to State in Houston on March 23-24.

Way to go Frank!

Thank you to Marti Mayfield and Dana Foote for coaching the Play, Inc basketball team from Texico.

The team members are **Bianca Davalos. Lindsev** Foote. Miranda Loera. McKenzi Mayfield, Brittany Nunez, and Brooklynn Wootten from Texico, Kenzi Cates from Farwell and Taylor DeLeon from Bovina.

Thank you for all your time and hard work for the girls!



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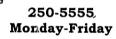
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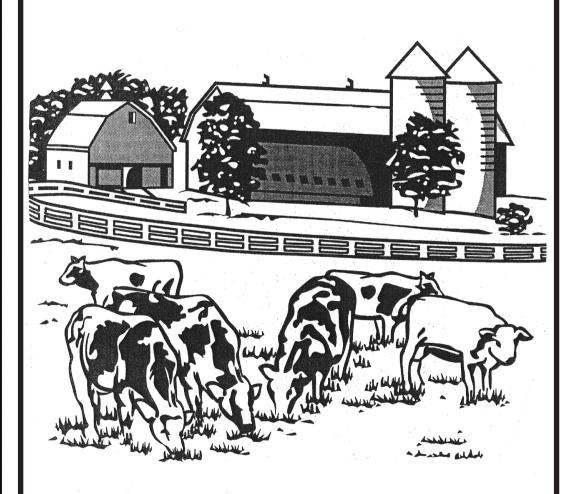
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Bonnie Scaff headed to the state basketball tournament last weekend with son Scott.

Grandson Jordan was playing on the Shallowater team.

He hit a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left in overtime to boost his team to a state semi-final win. Shallowater lost in the title game, though.

Bovina School is closed next week for Spring Break.

The Mustangs baseball team hosts Nazareth for its first district game on March 16 at 4:30 pm., then plays at Hartley on March 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Guadalupe Salazar Jr. has been at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

Guerrero (Gary) Olmos, 27, had a successful kidney transplant on March 8 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. The donor was his 20-year-old brother, Luis.

LaJuana Renfro reported that Gary was in good spirits and the doctors said the match was so good that the kidney is expected to last a long time.

That's good news.

The Mustangs baseball team lost to Hale Center, 14-4, Continued on Page 15

As is the Tribune's custom each year, we run fun photos of our area varsity basketball teams when their seasons end. Because, after all, sports are meant to be fun!



Power lifters

Bermea, Ricardo DeLaRosa, Frank Martinez, Dominic Soria, Ronaldo Garcia, Rick Villarreal.

Bovina boys who are on the power lifting team: Frankie Guevara, Christian Rojas and Richy back row, Isai Saucedo, Mauricio Garcia, Joseph Amaya; front row, Josh Ramirez, Jeremy Curtis,

