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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Here's a look back at the area happenings in 2007

January

Taking top honors at the Farwell stock show were Drew Johnson, Colton Morris, Ryan DeLeon and K'Leigh Jo White.

Farwell city council opposed having a "quiet zone" at the railroad tracks due to liability problems.

Texico Homecoming King and Queen were Theo Marez and Mikayla Cherry.

Top winners at the Parmer County stock show were Brittany Berend, Zac Stancell, Ashton Mason and Kolten Morris.

A fire destroyed the mobile home of Maria Nicolas.

Winners of the Texico Science Fair were Shay Anderson, Garrett Garrison, Marques Pena, Monique Pena, and Fallon Scanlan.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary.

February

Farwell, Texico and Texas state highway officials met to discuss the possibility of having an overpass between the Twin Cities. The conclusion was that the idea was unworkable.

Farwell's Blake O'Hare and Alicia Porter qualified for a national debate tournament.

Chris Bass was elected to the board of Five Area Telephone Cooperative.

Curtis Brady was named Parmer County Community Hospital Employee of the Year.

March

Cal-Maine Foods, one of the nation's largest egg producers, announced plans to open a facility in Oklahoma Lane.

Raul Trevino, of the Texico area, died in a one-vehicle rollover.

Farwell's Jourdan Kirkland and Lauren Beaubien won top state speaker awards at the debate contest.

Tornadoes blasted through Curry and Parmer counties. Bovina and rural Farwell were hit.

April

Farwell High won the district UIL academic meet for first time in 15 years.

Farwell High grad Charla Corn became a co-host on a TV show, "Karaoke Dokey."

Farwell Chamber of Commerce honors went to Matt Barnes and Sarah Herington, Students of Year; Ronald Byrd, Man of Year; Donald Christian, Agriculturalist of Year; Kristy White, Teacher of Year, and Patti Johnson, Woman of Year.

State Line Tribune publishes special 100th anniversary of Parmer County issue.

May

Winning Texico top FFA honors were Shelby Cockerham, Star Greenhand; and Braeden Hadley, Star Chapter Award.

The Parmer County Historical Marker was moved to be in front of the county courthouse.

Top Lazbuddie High grads were Addie Treider, valedictorian, and Erica Derma, salutatorian.

Top Texico High scholars were Warren Jorde, valedictorian, and Mikayla Cherry, salutatorian.

Texico's top all-around athletes were Leslie Vannatta and Casey Crist.

Three Texico teachers retired - Billie Cooper, Evelyn Warmuth and Teresa Marshall.

A major housing development was announced for the area bordering Bovina on the north.

Top Lazbuddie FFA winners were Chase Timms and Rochelle Smith.

Top Farwell High athletes were Brianna Anglin and Alex Olmos.

Top Bovina High scholars were Hilda Quintero, valedictorian, and Frank Martinez, salutatorian.

Bovina's top athletes were Jessica Bachicha and Frank Martinez.

Top Farwell FFA honors went to Amerli Martin, Star Chapter Award, and Kyle Jennings, Star Greenhand.

Farwell High valedictorian was Jourdan Kirkland. Salutatorian was Brooke Lunsford.

Named Lazbuddie's top athletes were Chelsey Nichols and Jesse Gomez.

Emanuel Pereda won the John Phillips Sousa Award from the Farwell Band.

Farwell High's most coveted honors went to Dan Patterson, the Loving Cup, and Sarah Herington, Carlos Nicolas Award.

June

A baseball summer league opened in Farwell.

Chase Timms was named Student of the Year at Lazbuddie's academic banquet.

Wolverines Service Station opened in Texico.

Two Texico principals switched their posts -- Rick Stanley moved from the junior high to the elementary school, and Wayne Anderson went the reverse.

Farwell Motor Repair opened.

Farwell city council approved an ordinance regulating fireworks.

July

Texico School Board agreed to stick with its policy of offering one spring sport, so athletes had to make choices.

Bovina City Manager Ernest Terry resigned.

Tomee England was hired as Farwell ag teacher.

Border Town Days was a huge success again. Kyleigh and Tyler Bridges won the bicycle contests.

August

Benji Harrison was hired as Parmer County extension agent, replacing Cody Hill who had resigned.

Texico started voluntary water rationing.

At the Curry County Fair, Garrett Foote showed the grand champion barrow, and his sister, Lindsey, showed the reserve champion barrow. Delanie Crist and Shelby Cockerham won Showmanship honors.

A lunch time restaurant for senior citizens at the Farwell community center was recommended to the Farwell City Council.

The 49th annual Area Merchants Football Contest began.

September

Parmer County government reported a huge surplus when its annual audit was completed.



Texico seniors were honored at the football event.



Fan of the Year Mario Posada, and his wife Socorro.



Deborah Autrey with Adalyn Autrey.

Mario Posada named Texico Fan of the Year

The Texico Booster Club honored this year's football team and the departing seniors with a potluck dinner on Friday night at the Texico school cafeteria. The team lost in the state championship, but did much better than expected after starting unranked and entering district ranked fifth. It was their second year in class 2A.

Five of the seven seniors were elected to the North-South game to be played next year, but Coach Mike Prokop has not received notice on which five will be in.

Mario Posada was named Fan of the Year, and the school grounds keepers were recognized for keeping the field in great condition.

Shirley Prokop said that the website, <http://HTOsports.com/THSFOOTBALL> has received over 2,500 hits this season, including some from around the nation.



Denise, Brett, Shaylee and Rick Anderson.



Mark and Jesus Rivera with Maria Briseno



Jarron, Rhonda and Duwain Hill



Delanie and Laiken Crist with Katlin Luscombe.



Christmas cheer Youth from the First Baptist Church of Farwell go caroling.

Year in Review

From page 1

Farwell Homecoming King and Queen were Bryce Howard and Brianna Anglin.

Corn grain yields in Parmer County were reported to be outstanding.

October

A major wind farm developer visits the Bovina area. The Farwell School Board is asked to start a baseball program.

The Line Camp Motel opens in Bovina. Texico Homecoming King and Queen were Courtland Luscombe and Micah Mayfield.

Lt. Col. (ret.) John Carlson, of Farwell, is inducted into the Cannon Air Force Base Leadership School "Hall of Heroes."

Drew Johnson shows the grand champion steer at the Tri-State Fair.

Lazbuddie Homecoming King and Queen were Mari Beliz and Joaquin Campos.

A Kevin Costner movie is show in New Mexico and the name of the town in the movie is "Texico."

Texico Elementary School science fair champions were Jaden Stephens and Shaylee Sours.

Farwell city council discussed 1st Street drainage problems.

Lazbuddie robotics team takes 2nd place at area contest in Lubbock.

Texico dairy judging team finished 5th in the nation at the FFA contest in Indianapolis. Members were Mikaela Cherry, Melissa Freitas, Aaron Lockmiller and Bryn Mayfield.

November

Farwell School Board votes against starting a baseball program.

Farwell Junior High took 1st place in the district UIL academic meet for the fourth straight year.

Texico Lady Spikers won their 2nd straight title, going 25-0.

Texico approved a water ordinance.

Texico Wolverines lost in the state 2A title football game to Santa Rosa.

Parmer County Commissioners approved a county-wide burn ban.

December

Buddy Little resigns as Texico High principal. He heads for Tatum, N.M., where he was raised to finish the current year as high school principal, then to assume the superintendent's post in the fall.

Michael Littlejohn is removed as Texico volleyball coach by school officials.

Texico's Bryn Mayfield is named Player of the Year in Class 2A state volleyball.

Texico Volunteer Fire Department honors Travis Reynolds, Firefighter of the Year, and Clyde Jenkins, EMT of the Year.

Texico Lady Wolverines won the Farwell Tourney for the first time.

Texico votes to stay in the Ute Lake Water Project.

Obituaries



Lura Rundell

Lura Glenn Rundell, 101, of Farwell, died Dec. 18. Services were held Dec. 20 at Stee-Todd Funeral Home with Fr. John Rollinson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery.

She was born April 9, 1906, in Bosque County, Texas, to William and Annie Glenn. She moved to Parmer County in 1944.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Rundell, on Oct. 12, 1970.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Farwell. She was a homemaker, avid bridge player and farmed with her husband.

Casket bearers were Lee Hutchins, Fred Chandler, Keith Ingram, Carl Hutchins, Leslie Curtis and Pete Fulcher.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Farwell ambulance service or your favorite charity.

officiating. Burial followed in Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. O'Hair was born Dec. 23, 1914, in Endee, N.M., to Claude and Mamie Painter. She married Fred O'Hair on Dec. 23, 1935 in Mangum, Okla.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Bovina Women's Study Club, and active in the First Baptist Church of Bovina, and was a church choir member.

Survivors include a son, Fred, of Longview, Texas; a daughter, Sonja Perkins, of Bovina; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1995; a daughter, Claudia Reed, in 1998, and 2 sons, Michael, in 2005, and George in 1947.

Horton dies in accident

A tragedy was reported on Sunday.

Texico area resident Rocky Horton, 44, died after being electrocuted on Sunday afternoon while working at the home of a Farwell man, it was reported.

A hot water heater had busted in the man's basement. Reports are that while the two were removing water, a lamp fell off a table.

Horton was taken to Lubbock for an autopsy. Services are pending.

Horton operated Mighty Clean Portable Toilets, which provided porta-potties at Border Town Days.

He was active in BTD the past several years, entering his train in the parade, then giving free rides to youths at the city park.

A full obituary will be published in next week's Tribune.

Reeve accepts GOP county chairman post

There isn't much time left for Parmer County folks to sign up for next year's election. The filing deadline is Jan. 2.

Last week, the problem of no Republican county chairman was solved, when Floyd Reeve, of Friona, accepted the job. John Armstrong had resigned the post earlier and it took awhile for a county GOP chairman to be found.

Reeve reported on Sunday that nobody had filed yet. He said it's possible that Ronald Byrd may file as a Republican for the post of Parmer County Commissioner for the Farwell area.

Democrat county chairman Robert White reported two filings -- Bobbie Pierson, incumbent county tax assessor-collector; and Michael Haseloff, incumbent county commissioner for the Farwell area.

Here's a look at the other positions on the ballot and where things stand:

Parmer County Sheriff -- Randy Geries, incumbent, said he will file for re-election as a Republican.

Parmer County Commissioner for the Friona area -- Kirk Frye, incumbent said he also will file for re-election as a Republican.

287th District Attorney (for Bailey and Parmer counties) -- incumbent Johnny Actkinson, a Republican, said he is undecided about seeking re-election.

Parmer County Attorney -- incumbent Kathryn Gurley, who won election four years ago as a write-in candidate, said she is "considering her options."

As for the two attorney races, here are the possible scenarios:

If Johnny Actkinson seeks re-election as District Attorney, Mrs. Gurley may seek re-election as County Attorney.

If Johnny Actkinson doesn't seek re-election, than Mrs. Gurley may go for that post, and Jeff Actkinson may seek the county attorney's job.

Four years ago, Mrs. Gurley defeated Jeff Actkinson for the county attorney's post.

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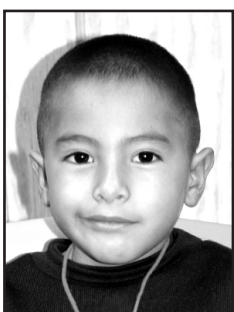


Artie O'Hair

Artie Faye O'Hair, 92, of Bovina, died Dec. 19 in Amarillo.

Funeral services were Dec. 22 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Rev. Brian Mullins, pastor,

Meet Farwell's Class of 2020



Daniel Ozul is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is Aug. 26.

Parents are Nora Galvan and Wenceslao Ozul. Grandparents are Juan Ozul and Higinia Ucan.

He likes to play video games. His favorite food is tortas. His favorite color is purple.

He doesn't like to walk.

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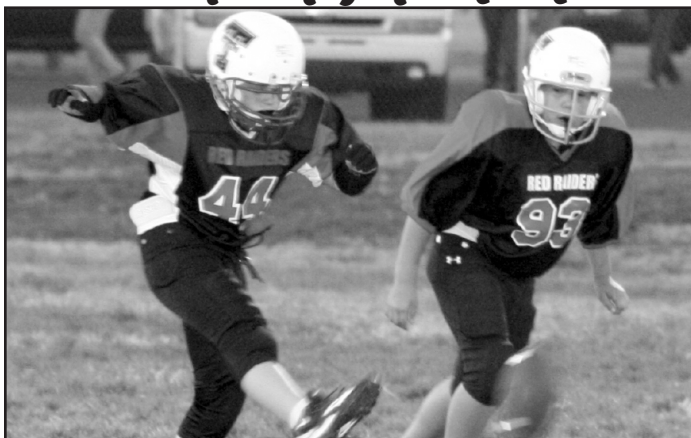


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A last look at the Junior Red Raiders



The Latest



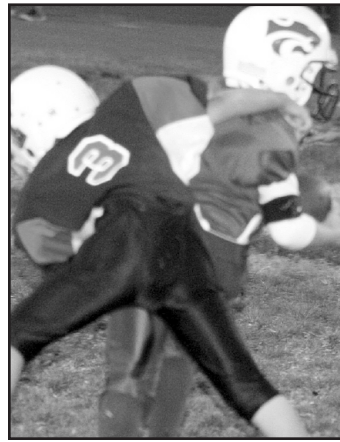
Texico High School receives recognition

Texico High School has achieved a great honor. U.S. News & World Report has conducted a search of the "Best High Schools" in America in collaboration with School Evaluation Services, an education and data research and analysis business that provides education data.

The service analyzes academic and enrollment data from more than 18,000 public high schools to find the very best. These top schools were placed into gold, silver or bronze medal categories.

Sixteen New Mexico high schools made the list, including Texico High, which was awarded a bronze honor.

Other nearby high schools on the list were Logan High, bronze; and Tatum High, bronze.



Randy Mullin, former minister at the First Baptist Church of Farwell, has moved to Plano, Texas.

Word has been received of the death of Samuel Hurst, 84, of Roseburg, Ore.

A World War II veteran, he graduated from Farwell High in 1942.

Wesley Roach is the new minister at the Lariat Church of Christ.

He replaces Sam Billingsley, who left in July.

A late Letter to Santa reached the North Pole from Alejandro Martinez.

He asked for a Nintendo DS and for his little brother a bike.

Farwell graduates Clay and Charla Corn performed a Christmas concert at the Java Loft in Clovis on Saturday night. The crowd was large enough that over 50 people were left standing by the end of the show. The large crowd was likely helped because a laptop was given away at the end of the night.

Texico JH girls pile on Tucumcari

8th Girls
Texico's 8th grade girls demolished Tucumcari, 53-7. Scoring were Megan Long, 2; Elena Rivas, 4; Karina Salazar, 4; Jordyn Cooper, 16; Jaylyn Cooper, 20; Monica Loera, 7.

made mincemeat of Tucumcari, 53-2.

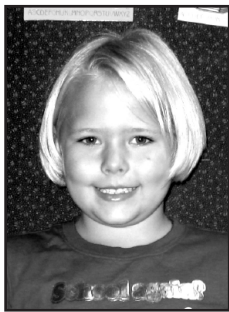
Scoring were Lindsey Foote, 4; Morgan Cary, 2; Miranda Loera, 8; McKenzi Mayfield, 6; Shaylee Anderson, 26; Bianca Davalos, 1; Mel Lucero, 6.

7th Girls
Texico's 7th grade girls

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Meet Texico's Class of 2020



MacAyla Spears is a Texico kindergartener. Her birthday is Jan. 6.

Parents are Mac & Shelly Spears. She has a brother, Luke, Grandparents are Jim & Shirley Sterle, and Bud & Kathy Spears.

She likes playing with dolls, and riding her 4-wheeler. Her favorite food is lasagna. Her favorite color is pink.

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Farwell Schools and the Farwell Education Foundation

Sincerely appreciate the wonderful community gesture by Security State Bank in sponsoring our annual Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament earlier this month.

Security State Bank donated the gross gate proceeds of \$6,300 to the Farwell Education Foundation.

The Farwell Education Foundation puts all its funds into scholarships for Farwell High School graduates.

Security State Bank also paid all the expenses of the tournament.

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World War I nears its end

Here's another in the series of articles from the Texico-Farwell News, which was published in 1917 and 1918.

As to be expected, the Nov. 22, 1918, issue of the Texico-Farwell News still concentrated on the end of the Great War -- World War I.

The lead story was entitled "Texico and Vicinity 'Over the Top' Again." It said:

"Again, the people of Texico and vicinity have rallied around the flag, and raised their quota and more for the United War Work.

"The 'Victory Girls' with Miss Lillian Williams, adult leader; and Grace Haber and Madge Kays as team captains.

"The 'Victory Boys' with Prof. Kays, adult leader, and LeRoy Faville and Paul Kays, team captains, did a splendid work.

"School opened Monday and that spirit of emulation was aroused between the teams to such an extent that pledges and case came in quite often during each day until the drive was finished.

"There is no doubt about the loyalty and courage of the boys and girls of Texico School, and with our excellent corps of teachers to keep these

two aims ever before them, we may well look forward with pride and pleasure to these coming men and women of America. Victory Boys and Girls.

"The entire vicinity was completely canvassed and not more than two or three individuals were not seen by the Adult Committee, of which S.C. Hunter was Chairman. Only seven men canvassed failed to respond with a donation.

"Thanks to the Loyal Americans."

Other war news stories were national in scope. A major Page 1 story told of President Wilson planning to head to France to discuss the peace treaty.

New Mexico Gov. W.E. Lindsey, again proclaimed that his state would observe the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, as begun by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.

The ad for Farmers State Bank of Texico carried a letter addressed to Gen. John J. Pershing, who commanded the American forces in Europe:

"As commander of the forces of the United States in the conflict across the seas he has proved himself worthy of the trust placed in him and an honor to the flag and the

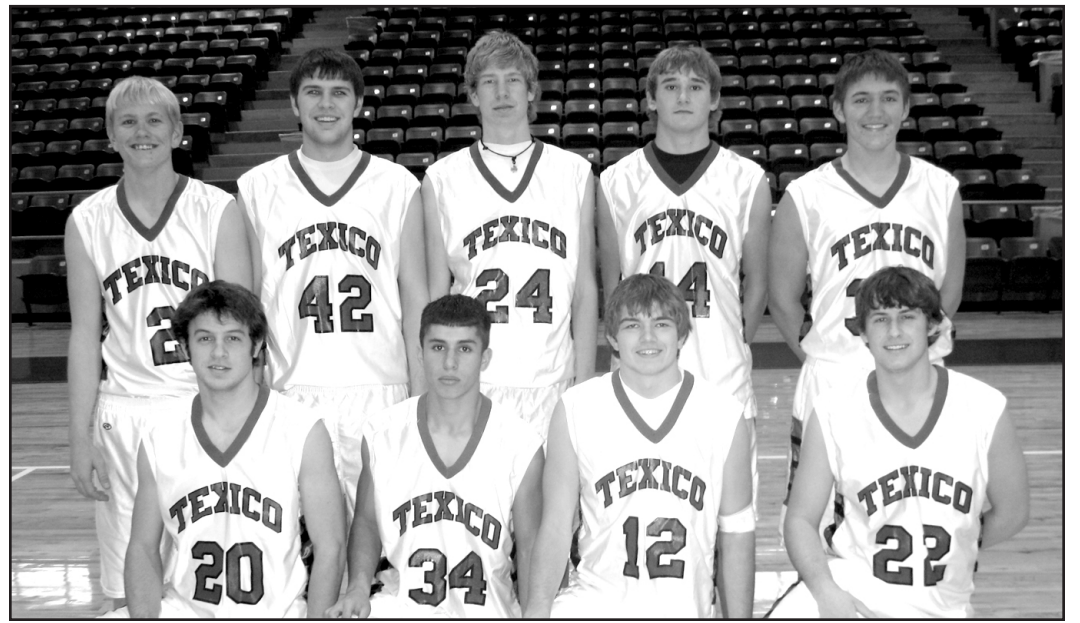
Nation which he represents. As a great General, his name will forever shine in history with those of Washington, Jackson, Grant and Lee. We are proud of him, as we are proud of the boys of the USA, who we so cheerfully sent into his keeping. We send to him our earnest gratitude and fullest love for the honor he has done this Nation and the service rendered humanity."

Page 2 carried a large ad from the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. that asked customers to "speak distinctly, listen attentively and make your conversation brief."

The ad asked callers to make sure of the number (by using their directories) they were calling because mistakes doubled the time of the operator and their equipment.

The ad said, "One's memory is so apt to play tricks with telephone numbers. It is so apt to prompt you, for instance to say 9-8-7 when the number is really 9-7-8."

Most news items on the page were from around the nation. The church listing mentioned three churches -- Methodist, Baptist and Christian. And the I.O.O.F. Lodge met every Friday night with visitors welcome. Lodge officers were W.N. Porter,



Texico Varsity Boys

Casey Crist, Brett Anderson, Ryan Morgan, Jesse Walthers, Josh Murray, Seth Bailey, Courtland Luscombe, Mario Posada, Daniel Schueler.

C.P. Worth, J.W. Parrett and J.L. Walling.

Like the preceding issue, Page 3 was a full page ad asking folks to buy the Cannon Ball Six-60, the car to be manufactured in Texico -- which never happened.

Page 4 had lots of tidbits, including:

-- The Texico-Farwell branch of the Farmer County Red Cross re-elected officers: Mrs. A.H. Overstreet, chairman; Mrs. George Eads, vice chairman; Mrs. B.F. Fears (wife of the State Line Tribune publisher), secretary; and George Eads, treasurer.

-- Thanksgiving would be observed at the Bovina Methodist Church with Rev. W.H. Terry delivering

the sermon. Also involved in the special program would be Rev. B.Y. Dickinson, Alleen Jersig, Camilla Patton, John Aldridge, H.H. Smith and Mrs. B.Y. Dickinson.

-- Texico and Farwell schools are having Saturday classes to make up time after losing so much time to the influenza epidemic when schools were closed.

-- Mrs. Ed Muckleroy is the new music teacher for the Texico-Farwell schools.

--Ten year old R.T. Stipes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stipes of Texico, died from the effects of the influenza. His father is an employee of the Santa Fe.

Cotton Center tops Lazbuddie

Varsity Boys

The Longhorns got nipped by Cotton Center, 42-40, on Dec. 18,

Scoring were Devlin Thompson, 8; Logan Mason, 5; Chris Timms, 2; Jason Davis, 13; Kayle Jesko, 1; and Jacob Schacher, 10.

Varsity Girls

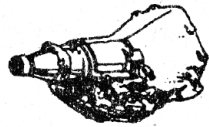
The Lady Longhorns lost to Cotton Center on Dec. 18, 50-46.

Scoring were Chelsee Nichols, 29 (with a pair of 3-pointers); Kinzi Schacher, 2; Brianna Sanchez, 2; Brittney Schacher, 4; and Megan McGuire, 9.

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Living Nativity



Local youth re-enact the manger scene complete with live animals.



Living Nativity held at the Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church on Dec. 19.



Zoe Meeks and her parents, Scott and Jodi, meet one of the camels that were part of the manger scene.

The Latest

Virgil Reed stopped by the Tribune last week. He has built those six rental apartments behind the former Barb's Café.

Since he expects some senior citizens to rent there, he was looking for a person who lives in Texico-Farwell who might be interested in helping those folks with any special needs, like getting to doctors, etc.

If you are interested, contact Reed at the former café building.

A truck wash will be opening soon in Texico.

Relay for Life is having a team event to fight cancer on Feb. 22-23 at the ENMU Greyhound Arena in Portals.

If you are interested in joining the group at the

survivor dinner, being a sponsor, or forming a team, contact Kye Thomas (693-6420) at Texico High School.

Changes in the Farwell basketball schedule:
Amherst will play here on Dec. 29 -- varsity boys and girls only with games starting at 5 p.m. There will be no JV games.

The Farwell 7th grade boys and girls tourney will be Jan. 12, instead of Jan. 26.

Farwell committee finds that house does not meet city standards

The Farwell City Council on Dec. 18 learned that a city committee investigated the house at 413 2nd St. and found it did not meet city standards.

The next step in getting the house demolished is to check with City Attorney Jeff Actkinson on how to legally go about it.

The Parmer County Appraisal District listed a Mr. Pierce as the owner, while the Parmer County clerk's office said the owner was Ricky Boddy. Letters were sent to both but no response received.

In other business, the council:
-- Heard that street Supt. Joe Servin got 2nd degree burns on his hand while working on a vehicle.

-- Purchased materials for fencing around the city barns.

-- Heard councilman Johnny Vidaurri ask if trucks parking in town was legal since trucks are not allowed to go on city streets. This will be looked into at the next meeting.

-- Approved an ordinance to tax tangible personal property in transit.

-- Heard that the senior citizens meal site now has a steam table, a meat slicer, large can opener, and separate sink for hand washing.

As of Dec. 1, 335 seniors and 29 persons under the age of 60 have been fed there, with an average of 40 a day, including Texico folks.

-- Heard that some of the Christmas lights along Avenue A are burned out so buying some replacements will be discussed at the next meeting.

-- Approved a building permit for Kerry Ford, 602 4th St., a new fence.

-- Heard that some of the community center tables are in bad shape and will look into buying some new ones.

-- Received the monthly report from Police Chief Scott Burton. They investigated four property invasion incidents in December, plus six suspicious persons or vehicles.

Police have been working at night a lot more. so traffic offense citations were way down.

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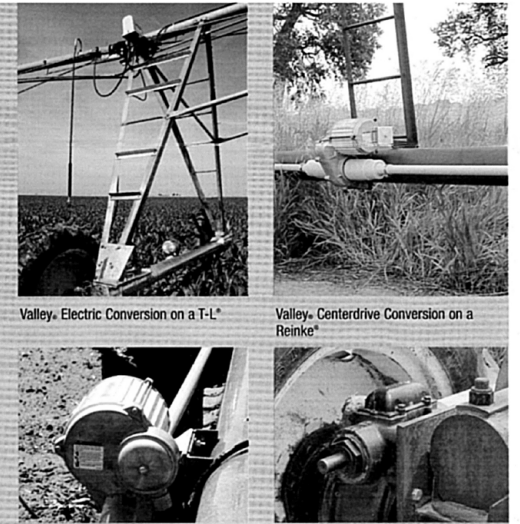
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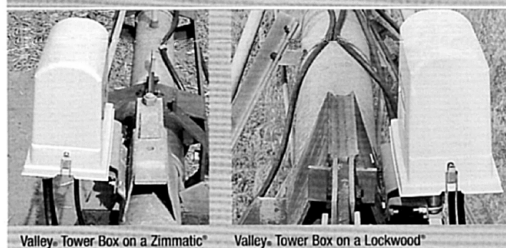
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Just Listed - 160 acres South of Texico, 1 irrigation well and circle sprinkler. Good water.

360 + or - acres of CRP, north of Pleasant Hill, 2 irrigation wells, tile and landscaping. Payments expire in 2012. Lots of depreciation.

Just Listed - 160 acres South of Lariat on highway. 1 sprinkler, 2 irr. wells. Owner says sell.

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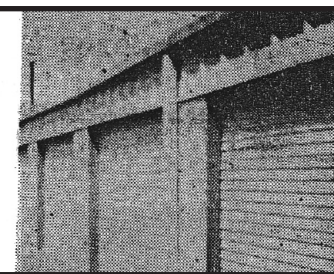
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Diaz wins drawing

Luke Diaz, left, won the NAPA -- Lionel Christmas drawing at Southwest Ag Services on Friday. He received the prize, a train set, from Mike Ratke, of Southwest Ag.

Here's a look at county fire department calls

Here's a look some of the fire department calls for the past 12 months:

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December 2006 -- Gin fire in Farwell.

March -- CRP grass and pasture grass fire 12 miles north of Broadview; weather spotting in severe weather, finding downed power line and pole along FM 2013.

April -- CRP grass fire caused by lightning, north of Jack's home farm place; CRP grass and pasture grass fire, 8 miles long, 13,000 acres, caused by lightning, along Caprock and County Road R.

July -- Small grass fire caused by downed power lines between County Roads 5 and 7; wheat straw windows at FM 2013 and County Road 2.

August -- CRP grass fire, mutual aid to Broadview.

October -- hay trailer fire on highway, mutual aid to Broadview.

Lazbuddie

March - burr fire, Evergreen Dairy; grass fire, Evergreen Dairy; grass fire, Hwy. 303 and FM 145; grass fire, Hwy. 303; tire & tree branches, CR 24 and CR V.

July -- house fire, owned by Sammy Ott, FM 145 2 miles east of 303.

August - Bovina Feeders, tractors fire; grass fire, CR 28 and CR X; ditch and grass fire, CR 15 and FM 145.

September - corn field fire, CR 25 and CR EE.

October - grass fire, CR EE and CR 14; corn field fire, CR W and CR 26; corn field fire, Hwy. 214 and CC

Farwell

November 2006 -- cotton stripper, old Monty Barrett farm on 3333; grass fire at KIJJN Radio; CRP grass fire, 1 1/2 miles east of Farwell; tree row fire on County Road 3.

December 2006 -- pickup fire on Hwy. 60; burr fire at Parmer County Cotton Growers; car wreck at Hwy. 70/84 near state line; burr fire, Parmer County Cotton Growers.

January - cleanup after wreck at 70/84 and CR 1; fire in tunnel at AGP elevator in Lariat; trailer house fire

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Farwell varsity teams defeat Melrose

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers beat Melrose, 68-63, there on Friday.

Scoring were Ramon Quezada, 9; Brian Meeks, 1; Dalton Cockerham, 12 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Rowdy Smith, 3; Bo Mitchell, 11; Johnathan Edwards, 2; Trace Stevenson, 7; Ross McClaran, 10; Logan Carpenter, 2.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue stopped Melrose, 62-48.

Scoring were Brianna Anglin, 9; Keegan Langford, 4; Shelby Christian, 8; Laura Martinez, 7; Mikaela Cenicerros, 3; Tiffani Jones, 17 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Kaylyn Meyer, 14.

8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys beat Sudan, 28-13. Scoring were Joe

Teachout, 5; Tyler Schilling, 6; Ryder Ledbetter, 2; Ryan DeLeon, 8; Seth Meeks, 5; Garrett Presnell, 2.

Farwell also beat Hale Cente, 25-22.

Scoring were Teachout, 2; Schilling, 3; DeLeon, 17 (including a pair of 3-pointers); Meeks, 3.

7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys topped Hale Center, 25-18.

Scoring were Luis Galvan, 6; Hayden Hadley, 2; Junior Marrufo, 2; Bretton Stancell, 8; Victor Moreno, 7.

Farwell's "B" team beat Sundown, 31-27.

Scoring were Collin Christian, 4; Colton Morris, 10; Cheyenne Rodriguez, 4; Adrian Reyes, 3; Eric Graxiola, 10.

JV Boys

Farwell's JV Boys killed Morton, 49-12.

Scoring were Josh Olivas, 8; Russell Schilling, 9; Landry Actkinson, 12; Luke Carpenter.

8th Girls

Farwell's 8th grade girls lost to Sudan, 39-8.

Scoring were Keila Jennings, 7; Brooke Williams, 1.

7th Girls

Farwell's 7th grade girls defeated Sudan, 29-23.

Scoring were Clara Reyes and Kayla Cullison, 2 each; Caitlyn Stancell, 9; Chandler Barnes, 8; Chelsea Bass and Olivia Schilling, 4 each.

Farwell's "B" team lost to Sudan "B", 10-1.

Scoring was Valerie Saenz, 1.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls lost to Nazareth, 41-12.

Scoring were Brooke Hall and Laney Christian, 4 each; Melinda Castillo

and Michelle Wauson, 2 each.

Farwell beat Morton, 20-18.

Scoring were Sarahi Saenz, 1; Cambry Devault and Lauryn Meyer, 4 each; Christian, 3; and Castillo, 8.

Census forms coming

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is urging farmers and ranchers to participate in the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

Report forms for the Census will be mailed to farm and ranch operators beginning Dec. 28. Responses are due by Feb. 2. Each NRCS office will have information about the Census.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Election Resolution
City of Texico
Resolution No. 07-15

Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Texico that:

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 4, 2008. Polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices: (use only those offices whose terms expire in 2008, or if a vacancy has occurred in the office of a councilor, trustee, commissioner and/or judge with an expiration term of 2010).

2. ONE Councilor for a four year term.

ONE Councilor for a four year term.

C. The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

1. Voters shall vote at: Texico Community Center 219 Griffin St Texico, NM

D. Absentee Voting: Any qualified elector of the City of Texico shall obtain an application for an absentee ballot, only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., February 29, 2008. After 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2008, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot or by a member of the voter's immediate family, until 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2008.

Absentee ballots may be marked in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Wednesday, February 6 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008.

Absentee voting on paper ballots counted by (M100 or M650) electronic vote tabulator will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008.

E. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election must register with the County Clerk of Curry County not later than Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

H. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (Municipalities of less than 1,500 population may use paper ballots in lieu of voting machines/tabulators.)

I. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballots.

Adopted and approved this 27th day of November, 2007.

Jerry Cunningham
Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Johnson
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUCION DE ELECCION
City of Texico
Resolución Núm. 07-15

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Ciudad de Texico que:

A. Una elección municipal regular para la elección de oficiales municipales se llevará a cabo el 4 de Marzo de 2008. Lugares de votación estarán abiertos al público entre las horas de las 7:00 A.M. y las 7:00 P.M.

B. En la elección municipal regular, individuos serán elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos: (use only those offices whose terms expire in 2008, or if a vacancy occurred in the office of a councilor, trustee, commissioner and/or judge with an expiration term of 2010.)

1. UN (Concejal, Fiduciario, Comisionado) por un término de cuatro años.

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C. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la elección municipal regular:

1. Los votantes votarán en: Texico Community Center, 219 Griffin Texico, NM

Votación en Ausencia. Todo votante calificado de la Ciudad de Texico

Obtendrá una solicitud para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia, únicamente de la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad. La (El) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 29 de Febrero de 2008. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 29 Febrero de 2008, la (el) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad públicamente destruirá todas las balotas no utilizadas. La (El) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad aceptará las balotas completadas por la (el) votante que emite su balota, con el fin de votar en ausencia, que se le entregue por correo o en persona o por un miembro de la familia inmediata de la (del) votante, hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Marzo de 2008.

Las balotas para votar en ausencia se pueden marcar en persona en la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) de las Municipalidad, durante las horas y días hábiles, empezando el miércoles, 6 de Febrero de 2008 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 29 de Febrero de 2008.

El recuento de los votos en ausencia de papeleta se llevará a cabo por un tabulador electrónico (M100 o M650) en la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y días hábiles, empezando el miércoles, 13 de Febrero de 2008 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 29 de Febrero de 2008.

G. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la elección municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la (el) Escribana(o) del condado de Curry condado a más tardar el martes, 5 de Febrero de 2008 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la (el) Escribana(o) del Condado cerrara los libros de registro.

H. Se archivará todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la (el) Escribana(o) Municipal el martes, 8 de enero de 2008 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. (Municipalities of less than 1,500 population may use paper ballots in lieu of voting machines/tabulators.)

I. Se hará un record de los votos de los electores municipals calificados en papeletas.

Adoptada y aprobada este día 27 de Noviembre de 2007.

Jerry Cunningham
Alcalde

Da fe:

Carolyn Johnson
Escribano(a) Municipal



Farwell 8th Boys

Levi McCormick, Collin Christian, Kolten Morris, Joe Teachout, Tyler Schilling, Ubi Trevizo, Ryder Ledbetter, Kory Jennings, Seth Meeks, Edgar Cuevas, Garrett Presnell.

Fire calls

From page 7

east of Farwell.

February - fire, Parmer County Cotton Growers.

April - house fire 4 miles east of Farwell; weed fire, at CR X and CR 6.

June - county weather watch (twice at sheriff's department request).

July - grass fire on Hwy. 60; wreck at 70/84 5 miles east of Farwell; oil spill at FM 292 and Hwy. 70.

August - grass fire at Lariat; wreck on Hwy. 60; rescue, Hwy. 70/84 near Lariat.

September - grass/utility pole/fence, at CR EE and CR 2.

October - median fire, Hwy. 84 6 miles east of Farwell; rollover, Hwy. 1760 and state line; car fire, FM 2292 between Hwy. 60/70; grass fire, FM 292 south of Farwell; grass fire, state line and CR DD.

November - cotton module, east of Farwell on Hwy. 84; grass fire on highway right of way, 4 miles east of Farwell.

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LIVE CATTLE: Cash cattle trade this week took place at a disappointing \$92 which was \$1-2 lower than many had expected. The USDA Cattle on Feed report increased placements from the average guess of 104% to 112%. This pressured the April Live Cattle contract, but also pushed the nearby February contract through some major long term support at \$64.80. Trade is expected to be thin for the remainder of the Christmas Holidays, so it may take until January until we know if cattle are under valued at these levels.

FEEDER CATTLE: Feeder prices also came under pressure, but were able to hold last weeks low. Focus on corn prices as we move into the New Year will probably dominate the market. Until now, corn has had little impact on prices until corn broke above a 3 month range just a couple of weeks ago.

CORN: When March Corn broke above the \$4.00 level, prices projected back up into the \$4.43 area. These levels were hit this week, but failed to close above this level. A close at new contract highs could lead to another substantial rally, but commercial selling pressure after the first of the year could push the market back lower over the short term.

SOYBEANS: Soybeans have continued to climb towards new contract highs on a weekly basis. The psychological resistance level around \$12.00 may slow the advance, but heavy Fund buying has continued to support a higher market. Most analysts believe that prices are high enough at these levels to draw the necessary acres for production in 2008?

WHEAT: The July KC Wheat prices were able to drop off their contract highs made last week as improving crop conditions helped to spur some selling. The long term trends still remain higher at this time, but a close below major support levels around \$7.86 would probably turn trends back to the downside. World planting's have seen a significant increase this year which may help to alleviate some of the tightness in world stocks.

COTTON: Cotton prices have been able to retrace back about 50% of their drop from their early November high. At this time, strength in the market will more than likely come from the December contract rather than the nearby March contract. Estimates today indicate a 25 year low in 2008 production and production will actually drop below world consumption.

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Brazilian perspective

When I was stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, I got the Brazilian perspective on the world from an officer in my host nation's Navy.

He began by noting with pride that Brazil was created when all the Portuguese-speaking people in South America banded together into what was essentially the "United States of South America." It has more territory than our own country (not counting Alaska.) It is home to the language most commonly spoken in South America, Portuguese (not Spanish.)

He emphasized that Brazil achieved independence from its parent European monarchy (Portugal) without a bloody revolution, unlike the U.S. and the rest of Latin America. Brazil did not splinter into a multitude of countries warring with each other through the centuries, like the rest of Latin America did. It did not fight a Civil War, like the U.S. did in 1861-1865, killing or wounding more than a million soldiers and civilians. And it abolished slavery by simple decree (which, in fairness, is by no means unique. The only nation in the world that required a major war to end slavery is the U.S.)

He noted that Brazil had established a claim to democracy, free enterprise, and rule of law that is at least as strong as the U.S.' claim to the same. At

that point, he stressed that was why Brazil is so different from the rest of Latin America, which has been largely shackled by oppression, passed down in each country, decade after decade, through three brutish mechanisms.

The first mechanism he called the "balancing act." A rigid class system maintains the traditional families on the top, supported by the mass of working families on the bottom, and there is no mobility between the two. Merit is not rewarded, patronage trumps justice, rule of law is a myth, and a nation's wealth flows to the upper class, he said.

For this to continue has required a crude balance, with the limit on one side being defined as the level of prosperity that a working class family must achieve to feed itself, day by day. If working class families slide below that line, hunger takes center stage, the balance falls, angry people take to the streets, privileged heads are cut off, and a new privileged class rises in its place.

Oddly enough, he said, the privileged class has wanted to avoid the other limit, too much prosperity. When working people have surpluses to tuck away, they get at least a taste of free time and discretionary funds. With that, people can begin to analyze their situation, compare it to others, and talk about unfair distribu-

tions of privilege and wealth.

Eventually, they organize, the balance falls, angry people take to the streets, privileged heads are cut off, and a new privileged class rises in its place. With decades of trial and error, he said most Latin American governments are fairly proficient in the balance to keep working classes somewhere between these two trigger points.

The second mechanism he called the "patriotic frenzy" used to distract an unhappy people, giving them a foreign enemy to hate. Unpopular rulers pick squabbles to redirect the anger of their own working classes.

My Brazilian friend noted this tactic backfired on Argentina's military dictatorship in 1982. It invaded the Falkland Islands, which had been British since 1765, and renamed them the Malvinas, even though they had never been Argentinean territory. The British retook the islands 10 weeks later and Argentineans, angry at the military loss, overthrew their dictatorship.

To this day, the names of Argentina's war-dead are inscribed on a monument in Buenos Aires beneath a clock tower. The clock's hands were stopped at the minute the surrender was signed and will not to be re-started until "the Malvinas are returned."

Strange, but though the

regime was toppled, its "patriotic fervor" play keeps on running. Virtually every other Latin America country has shed blood with its neighbors over border disputes to this day. And at least some of those conflicts were contrived for a purpose other than territory.

My Brazilian friend called the third mechanism the "safety valve" in which governments assist their citizens to enter other countries illegally. By doing this, they export a portion of their own crime, discontent, and unemployment. Another benefit is that one of the largest sources of revenues in many Latin American economies is the flow of remittances to each country -- funds that citizens working in other countries send back to their families remaining at home.

Central and South American nations face these problems to varying degrees whenever neighboring countries use them as a "safety valve." Consider the dilemma in which Mexico finds itself today. It has some of the harshest immigration laws in the Americas, much stricter than the U.S., and much more stringently enforced. Every year, Mexico deports more people back to their home

countries than the U.S. does.

Despite this, Mexico is still unable to stop illegal aliens from Central American and South American countries. The daily newspaper, Mexico City Reforma, ran an editorial in October 2006 citing a primary threat to the security of Mexico on its southern border. It complains that the "millions of economic refugees and displaced persons crossing that border" have created a "no man's land" and "transformed the demographic map."

The influx of illegal aliens, it says, is inflicting on Mexico everything from robbery, extortion, murder and child prostitution to social disintegration and the destruction of the ecosystem. It acknowledges what it calls Mexico's "shameful treatment of migrants arriving from the south" but nonetheless concludes that defending its southern border is required to protect Mexico's national security.

When I was at War College in 1991, it seemed that the centuries of the "balancing acts" and "patriotic fervors" and "safety valves" might end at last. There was a wave of optimism because the Soviet Union had imploded, the Cold War was offi-

cially over, and for the first time in history, every government but one in the Americas was a democracy.

From the top of Canada to the tip of Chile, only Cuba remained a dictatorship. It appeared that the repeating cycles in Latin America would exist only in history books from that point on.

Today, even Cuba claims to be a democracy (for whatever that's worth) and working in South America, 1991 looks like the golden dreams of long ago and far away. The "three brutish mechanisms" will be a burden and a security concern for every country in the Americas for decades to come. And my Brazilian friend appears to have been less a historian and more a prophet after all.



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Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

Knowing the folks you deal with

I love living in a small town. I like stuff being close by. I like knowing the folks I am dealing with.

That fact struck home last week when I dropped my car off at Master Tech in Texico for some work.

Over the years, I have done that, then walked back to my office. It's so nice having places nearby that you need.

I often remember an incident while living in the Washington, D.C., suburbs. I had purchased a new muffler with a "forev-

er guarantee" from a local service station.

A year later, the muffler had gone out and I took it back to the same service station. It had a new owner who refused to honor the guarantee.

Back there, folks came and went. Very little continuity.

But here, in a rural community, you get to know the folks and develop rapport with them. Makes life so much easier.

It's so nice when my car is in the shop that I can walk to and from work. I think of the folks who have 90-minute commutes in big city areas and shudder.

What could be more miserable than spending up to three hours a day in rush hour traffic? Yuk!

But a nice mile walk is good exercise, and you get to say hello to some neighbors. Plus, you don't need to buy gas!

These are the kinds of advantages small towns

have that sometimes are taken for granted by folks who grow up in them.

The stress level is so much lower than "life in the big city."

I've been fortunate to have a good yardstick. I've lived in big cities (Chicago), small cities (Michigan City, Ind.), suburban (Woodbridge, Va.), exurban (Westchester County, N.Y.), abroad (Wurzberg, Germany), and now rural -- Farwell.

So I can honestly say that the rural environment is easily the best for a family, due to the support mechanisms it offers -- church, school, relatives and neighbors.

Life is hard. And when folks around you can help you out, it means a great deal. So it sure is nice to take your car to folks you know and can trust, rather than someone who might be gone next week.

Rural life is easily No. 1.

So you may have

thought I was getting snippy a couple of weeks back when I wrote that we are now seeing the Dumbest Generation?

Latest international student assessments now place American students as 33rd among industrialized nations in math literacy and 27th in science literacy.

We are behind the Slovak Republic, but ahead of Outer Mongolia.

I remember as a kid that the U.S. ranked at or near the top of all academic categories.

What went wrong?

A retirement reception is scheduled Friday for Fern Tharp, longtime employee of the Citizens Bank of Clovis branch in Texico.

I hope you can make it, and give her a hug in appreciation of all her years of service to our community.

Fern has always been one of my favorite people. So helpful to folks who needed it over the years. Always with a smile, and a pleasantness.

Our favorite "in-story" occurred about 10 years ago when I had one of the

worst days of my life. I entered the bank, full of dirt and grime, needing some cash to pay some workers.

When I walked in, Fern greeted me with her usual sweetness.

Here I was, ready to do somebody, anybody, harm, and Fern's warm smile was what I saw.

It worked, and helped me get past that day's horrifying experiences.

Fern and husband Butch, although retired, will continue to live in the Texico area and be active in community work.

Fern, you are the greatest.

It was with great sadness that we had to report the death of Rocky Horton this week.

He was truly a fine young man and certainly will be missed by all.

This was a man who gave of himself, for his family, his friends, his community.

I came to know him

years ago when he began entering his kiddie train in the Border Town Days parade.

I remember the day when I ran into him at Barb's Café when he told me had opened a portapotty business. I said on the spot that he had the BTB business if he wanted it.

Not only did he provide that service these past several years, but he continued to enter the kiddie train in the parade, and bring it over to the park for kids to ride on.

When he first told me that he would let kiddies ride for free, I argued with him, saying it was okay to charge a small fee. That had always been the case.

But he said something to the effect that he wanted to do it for the kiddies.

This was the type of man Rocky was.

Our sympathy goes out to the family, his wife Suzahn, and his in-laws, the Inmans.



Farwell 7th Boys

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Farwell Senior Meal Site

Menus for next week:
Monday -- no meal.
Tuesday -- no meal.
Wednesday - pizza, salad, chocolate pudding with whip cream.
Thursday - hamburger steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, peaches.
Friday - no meal (community center being used).
Seniors over 60, \$2; all take-outs, 50 cents extra; guests under 60, \$6.

"Thank You" seems so inadequate for the tremendous outpouring of love shown our family these past months. Wayne experienced the most difficult journey of his life and it was made bearable because of your prayers and encouragement. He was overwhelmed by the love he received.

We appreciated so much the phone calls, the cards received, the beautiful flowers, the wonderful food prepared for us, and other acts of kindness shown.

We are so blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives as well as our beloved Wayne.

Sue McClaran

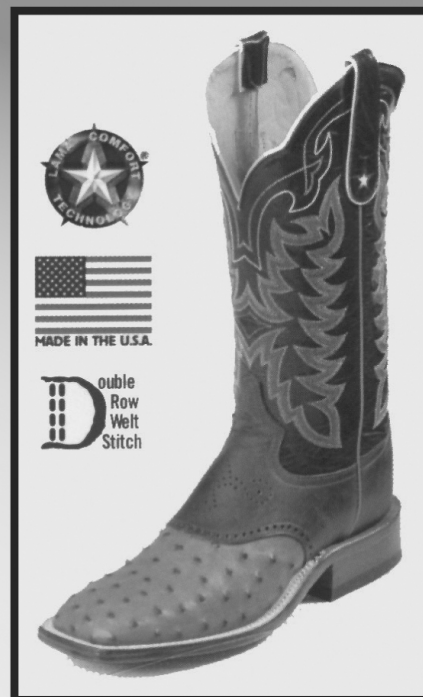
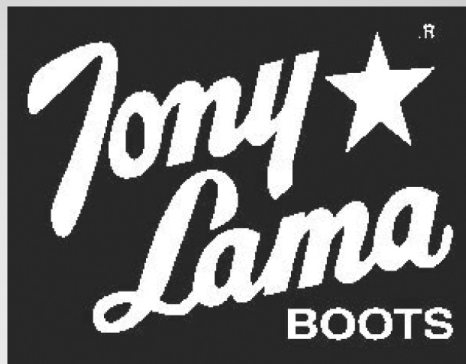
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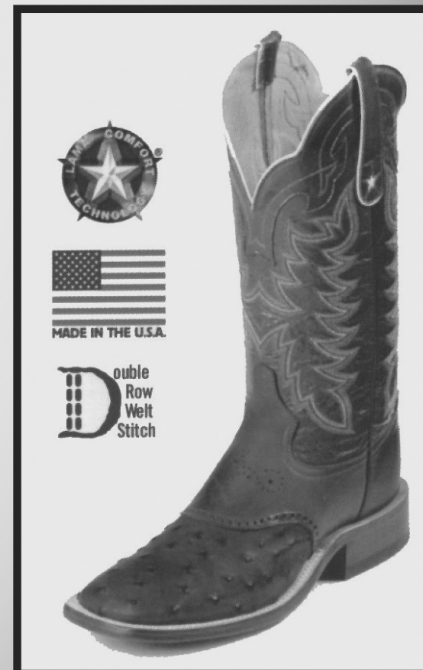
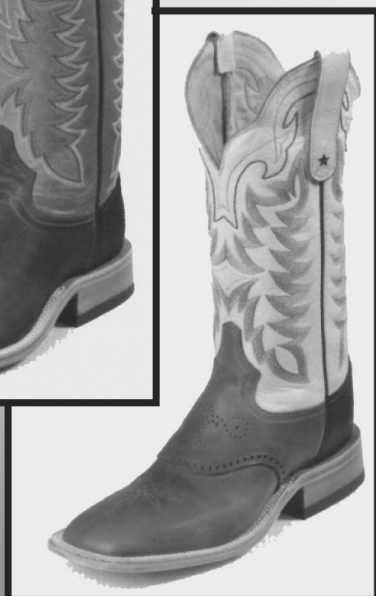


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Christmas themes from Bovina

Here are some Christmas themes written by Bovina students. More will appear in next week's Tribune:

by Miguel Guerrero

Christmas is a very special time for friends and family. You celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. It's a time to create memories for the rest of your life. It brings a lot of joy to all your friends and family. Opening presents, eating together. It all symbolizes a sense of unity.

You could remember all the good times you had when you were young. You thank God for everything you do on that day. I'm happy when we are all together. Friends, family and everyone else makes me feel good.

When we celebrate Christmas, it's all fun. We always go to church that day. Then we go over to my friend Gustavo's house and eat supper. We all have fun that day. Then both of our families exchange gifts.

On that day, we stay up all night talking, messing around and having fun. We also take pictures of all of our presents. But the point is just to have fun and celebrate a special day.

by Omar Banegas

My favorite Christmas memory was with my mom, when she used to wear lip balm. She was in the kitchen stirring and mixing to make some Christmas cookies ... laughing and smiling ... so hard trying not to burn them ... and hugging us and telling us that she loves us ... with the sweet smell of cookies ... smiling and telling us that she loved us ... full of heartfelt glee.

When she was done with the cookies, she would share them with me and all of the family and friends.

Bovina Banter

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Dr. Heidi Taylor has been promoted to become the first Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences at West Texas A&M University.

Dr. Taylor is the daughter of Anne and the late Charles Corn. She grew up in Bovina and graduated Bovina High. Her mother now lives in Canyon.

Dr. Taylor received her bachelor's degree at WT in 1982, then her doctorate degree from Texas Women's University.

She has been on the WT faculty since 1990 and most recently had been serving as interim dean of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Mark your calendars now:

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce will have its annual awards banquet on March 8 at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Featured entertainer will be Texico High grad Carrie Rucker, daughter of Pam and Carrie Rucker.

Ms. Rucker is a senior at Angelo State University and has released a CD called "Storm in Me."

She recently was one of the opening acts for the Bellamy Brothers, and for Kevin Fowler.

The varsity teams host Cotton Center on Dec. 28 and Petersburg on Dec. 29.

Then district play starts -- on Jan. 4 at Sudan for the JV and varsity teams.

More names have been added to the Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina ambulance service, and promoted by First Bank of Bovina.

The fund-raiser benefits the Bovina fire department and ambulance service.

The list of donors was published in the First Bank ad in last week's Tribune.

Added to the donor's list since then were Dean and Arlene McCallum, Pat Kunselman, Chad Jennings and Agri Plan, Inc.

Football Coach Hector Guevara called the Tribune last week to report that Abriel Terrones and Jesus Rocha both were named Honorable Mention Defensive Line on the All-State Team.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce sponsored a giveaway of a Thumper professional massager last week. The winner was Terri Sorley, of Clovis.

The Chamber thanks the Bone Joint Chiropractic for the donation of the massager.

She's new in the little town of Bovina.

by Margarita Montoya

Christmas is a time of happiness,
A time of visiting,
Of being together
With family and friends.

Christmas is a time of worship,
Of God's gift to us,
Birth of His only son,
Jesus Christ.

Celebrating His birth,
Into the earth,
Sharing with everyone
God's love for us.

On Christmas Eve,
We go to sleep
To wait for Santa Claus.
The next day we awake to find
Presents for all.



Florian Zerhusen, right, CEO of WKN, explains to the PWC group possible options for similar wind farm in Parmer County. From left, Mike Prather, Kregg Wilson and Jim Bob Swafford..

Wind Coalition

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currently constructing its first international project with 72 MW Vestas V90 3.0MW towers in Italy.

The 21 V90 turbines installed at WKN's Snyder wind farm are the tallest turbines in the U.S. They are 3 megawatts with hub height of 344 feet and a blade height of 464 feet. The WKN Snyder wind farm is scheduled to be featured on TV's History Channel.

Along with Jim Bob and Kay Swafford making the site tour were Dan Ray, Kregg and Brenda Wilson, and Mike Prather president of XIT Options, Inc.

WKN has visited Parmer County twice. They have surveyed several sites for possible wind farm development similar to the one in Snyder.

Florian Zerhusen visited Parmer County and toured sites with Jim Bob Swafford earlier this year. During that visit, Zerhusen expressed an interest in working toward a wind farm project. PWC has been involved with landowners in Parmer County working as a coalition to support wind farm projects.

What is most encouraging about the possibilities for a wind farm development in this area is the great wind that we have in Parmer County. Zerhusen expressed to us during the tour that even though the wind was good in Snyder, it is even better and stronger in Parmer County.

Bovina fire calls for year reported

Here's a look at the fire.

Bovina Volunteer Fire March - Railroad cross Department calls from ties fire 1 mile east of December 2006 to 3333.

November 2007: June - Fence fire, 4 miles west on 60.

December -- Farwell, cotton gin fire; Carson, 3 miles out on 1731, car fire. July - Electrical pole on County Road 5.

January -- County trash rolloff box, trash fire; Caprock, truck rollover. October - Vehicle wreck, 2290 and County Road 2; cross ties fire, 4 miles east

February - Cotton gin on 60; grass fire, 4 miles owned by Wayne Smith west on 60.



FILLIES IN ACTION



Vela, Marrufo spark victory

MS Boys

Bovina Middle School's Boys beat Springlake-Earth, 48-35.

Scoring were Gael Vela, 19; Andrew Marrufo, 12; Jose Lara, 4; Shaq Walker, 7; Jeremiah DeLaRosa, 4; Jake Brozek, 2.

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Pioneer resident Charles Lunsford died at age 69. He moved to Farwell in 1919.

Farwell School Board members and residents met to begin planning for a new elementary school due to serious overcrowding.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Christian have a new baby boy, Charles Curtis.

Texico Schools expanded its science program to include physics and chemistry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

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With the new year comes a lot of basketball:
Texico -- The varsity girls will play in the Clovis Milk Cow Classic Dec. 27-29. The varsity and JV teams host Floyd on Jan. 3. Lazbuddie -- Next up for the varsity girls is a game at Happy on Jan. 4. The JH girls play at Happy on Jan. 7. All the teams then host Kress on Jan. 8.
Farwell -- The varsity teams host Amherst on Dec. 29 and the varsity and JV teams host Hart on Jan. 1. The JV boys and girls play in the Lazbuddie Tourney Jan. 3-5. The JV and varsity girls play at Olton on Jan. 4.
Bovina -- The varsity teams host Cotton Center on Dec. 28 an Petersburg on Dec. 29. Then district play starts -- on Jan. 4 at Sudan for the JV and varsity teams.

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Christmas spirit

Sandy Casas certainly was in the Christmas spirit while working at Bovina High School last week.



FELIZ NAVIDAD

Bovina Elementary School Christmas Concert. See more photos next week. (photos courtesy of Denise Anderson)



Teague is No. 1

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas lights judging contest last week.

The three judges started out with 10 houses that were exceptional, then narrowed it down to 5, and then to 3. One of the judges said, "We have a lot of talent and creativity in the small town of Bovina and an abundant amount of Christmas spirit. The Bovina Chamber thanks everyone that put lights on their houses. We enjoyed them all great and small!"

The top three winners received gift certificates: 1st place, \$50; 2nd place, \$30, and 3rd place, \$20.

Winners (and judge's comments were):

1st place -- Don Teague, 808 Sherwood. "Moving deer and coordinating trees and wreaths. I could go on and on. The house is absolutely beautiful."

2nd place -- Lydia Hernandez, 201 Ave. G. "She had it all. Santa, Nativity, stars, changing colored lights, multi-colored trees. Very creative."

3rd place -- Maria Guevara, 301 2nd St. "Lights in the shape of cactus, nativity, stars. Her porch was an absolute joy."

Honorable mention -- 900 7th St. "No one was home. Toy soldiers guard the door and the large star was magnificent."



808 Sherwood



201 Ave. G



301 2nd St.

Border Banter
--Mike Pomper

Choice is yours

Bovina Chamber of Chamber President Mindy Neal has a strong message for folks:

Volunteers are urgently needed to serve on the Chamber board.

It all comes down to this: A few folks have been working ultra-hard on civic projects, and they are getting down because of the lack of help.

Bovina boasts some great activities, such as the 4th of July extravaganza, the Christmas Lighting program in December, the Chamber banquet to honor local deserving folks, etc.

Mrs. Neal is publicly alerting folks now that if more folks don't volunteer, you will be seeing a cutback in activities next year.

Folks, you are not being asked to volunteer your time 24/7. You are simply being asked to serve just a few hours a year (that's

right, a year) to help Bovina stay a strong community.

This isn't a matter of "let the other guy do it." YOU are the other guy.

If you will volunteer to help out periodically next year to keep Bovina events going strong, please call Mrs. Neal at The Bone Joint Clinic,

251-1300, or stop by there and chat.

What Mrs. Neal is doing is this: she is letting you know early that a major problem is on the horizon.

The question is: will you allow the problems to occur, or will you help out and keep them from happening.

The choice is yours.



Here's an up-close view of the V90 turbines on the site. From left are Brent Debonis project manager, Dan Ray, Florian Zerhusen, Jim Bob Swafford, Kregg and Brenda Wilson and Mike Prather.

Premium Wind Coalition visits Snyder wind farm project

by Jim Bob Swafford

Florian Zerhusen CEO of Windkraft Nord USA (WKN), of La Jolla, Calif., sent me a special invitation for several members of the Premium Wind Coalition (PWC) to tour their latest wind farm project in Snyder, Texas.

WKN USA is the U.S. subsidiary of Germany's renowned developer WKN Windkraft Nord AG. With more than 50 wind projects successfully developed and constructed. WKN has grown to be a leading turnkey developer with offices in several countries. WKN is

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