



Farwell Steers win Littlefield Tournament



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Farwell stock show to open up season

The 45th annual Farwell Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Farwell Community Center starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Contestants will begin setting up at 10 a.m. and the show begins at 11 a.m.

The judge will be Kevin Branham, the former extension agent for Curry County. The ring chairman will be Leslie Curtis and the master of ceremonies is yet to be determined.

Concessions will be available for purchase from Farwell 4-H students.

Farwell ag teacher Tomee England anticipates a large turnout of competitors with the full range of show animals. The top entries this year will receive trophies and ribbons.

Friona – Parmer County extension agent Benji Henderson is working to put on a Friona show on Jan. 16.

Weight cards must be turned in by 1:30 p.m. The judge will be Bailey County extension agent Curtis Preston.

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Friona show barn. Since the animals have been brought here for the county show, it made sense to use the same facility for the Lazbuddie show, said Lazbuddie ag teacher Sid Morris.

Judge will be Shane Miller, Spur High School ag teacher.

Grand champions and showmanship winners will receive belt buckles, and reserve champions will be honored, too.

This will be the second year in a row it will be held at the school. Previously, it was held in Friona.

The Parmer County stock show will be held Jan. 19, 20 and 22.

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LIONS PARK TOOK 5 YEARS TO ESTABLISH

*Just Passing
Through*
WILL ANDERSON

Looking at the Ozark Trail obelisk towering over 3rd Street demonstrates the pride and resilience of the people of this area.

In less than one year, this major milepost of local history was reestablished entirely through the donations of groups like the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotarians, the generosity of citizens, and the encouragement of City Council members.

Our local communities have always done things that way and the examples are so common that many fail to notice them anymore. In the coming year, the Tribune plans to highlight contributions made by our churches, clubs, individuals, and elected officials for the benefit of all our neighbors.

We'll begin this week with the Lions Park, that beautiful patch of grass, foliage, and playground equipment adjacent to the Texico water tower.

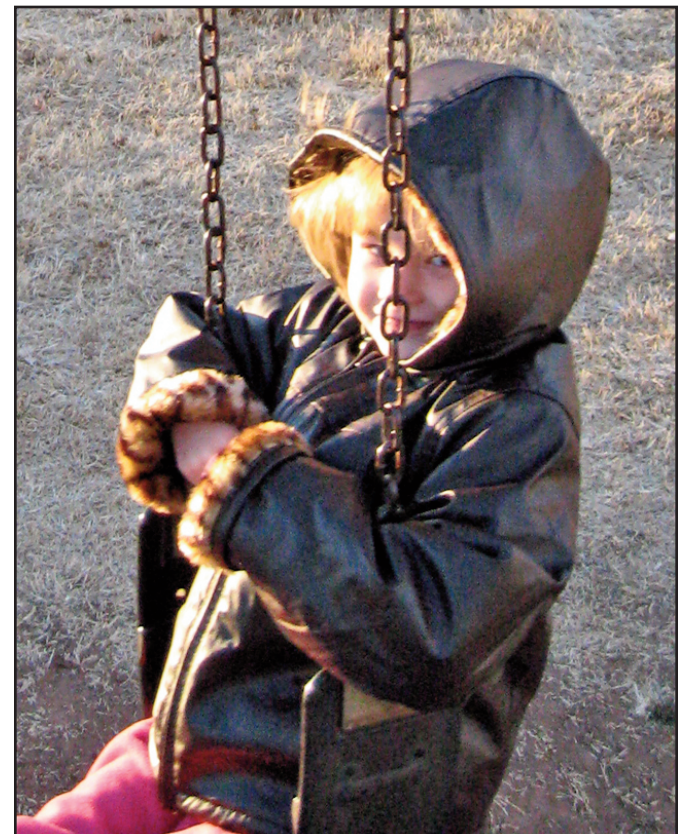
For years, that block had offered nothing more than a shattered volleyball court, a few rusting playground items, plus a scattering of broken concrete, debris, and shards of broken glass. In addition to presenting an eyesore, neighborhood kids that played there did so at their own peril from the jagged concrete and sharp glass.

The Texico-Farwell Lions Club decided to do something about it in the 1990s. Although small in numbers, the Lions were devoted to improving their community any way

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The marker on the west side commemorates the Lions Club and Joe Helton, long-time civic booster.



Dayna Meeks begins the New Year with a visit to Texico's Lions Park.

Stock Shows From page 1

Judges will be: lambs and goats, Daniel Wooley; steers, Greg Schilling, and barrows, Brad Bevel.

Here is the event schedule:

Jan. 19 – 1 to 5 p.m., weigh in of all animals; barrows and lambs will be classified as weighed; 5:30 p.m. classify steers; 6 p.m. heifer show.

Jan. 20 – 8 a.m., goat show begins followed by the lamb show; 11 a.m., steer show; gilt show, and 1 p.m., barrow show.

Jan. 22 – 1 p.m., premium sale.

Last year's grand champions were steers, Abby Johnson; barrows, Cari Johnson; lambs, Austin Mason, and goats, Ashton Mason.

The Parmer County Stock Show advisory committee consists of: Farwell, Darren Haseloff and Kyle Stancell; Bovina, Brett Whitten and Charles Wilkins; Lazbuddie, Ed Terry and Rick Seaton; and Friona, Ricky Barnett and Robert Osborn.

Stock show board members are:

Farwell – Tomee England, Carey Stancell, Keith Hadley and Charles Christian.

Bovina – Luke Steelman, Buddy Prather, Tony Beauchamp and (alternate) Jesse Stone.

Lazbuddie – Terry Jesko, Sid Morris, Shane Mason and Chris Timms.

Friona – Cody Kimbrough, Mark Osborn, Paul Smith and Monty Schueler.

County 4-H – Scott Johnson, Benji Henderson, Sean Mason, Al Kerby Jr. and Wade Schueler.

Officers are:

Mack Heald, general superintendent; JeDon Gallman, general assistant superintendent; Lesley Curtis, swine superintendent; Kevin Schueler, lamb and goat superintendent; Jerry Simmons, cattle superintendent.

Also, JeDon Gallman, president; Wade Schueler, vice president; Gary Patterson, secretary, and John Jarecki and Dale Schueler, treasurers.

General regulations include:

The show is open to all 4-H, FFA and FHA boys and girls under the supervision of the county agent or vocational ag teachers of the county. Entrants must be enrolled in grades 3 through 12 in one of the four public schools in the county or be a county resident attending a home/private school in those grades.

Floor prices will not be set on any animals. All animals will be taken home by exhibitors after the show.

Pens will be assigned by community.

Exhibitors may show four animals per species – and seven in total.

Each exhibitor may only sell two animals in the premium auction.

The state mandated “no pass, no play” rules will apply. If an exhibitor is not scholastically eligible by UIL rules, then the exhibitor and his/her animals are not eligible to compete in the county show.

Showmanship rules are:

Steer, barrow, lamb and goat shows will have two age divisions, junior 8-13 and senior 14 and up. Each species judge will select showmanship winners within their division.

Showmanship classes will be held upon the completion of judging each species and will be open to all exhibitors of that species, within each age division. Showmanship selection will be based on the exhibitor's efforts within the classes as well as during showmanship competition class.

All ages will be as of Jan. 1, 2011.

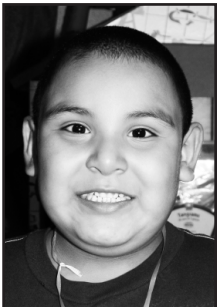
One hundred and 40 animals will be sold at the Saturday sale.

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Meet Texico's Class of 2023



Brandon Vasquez is a Texico kindergartener. His birthday is Jan. 16.

His mother is Marisa Vazquez. Grandparents are Victor & Ofelia Vazquez.

He likes to play football and watch TV.

Favorite color is orange.

Favorite food is nuggets.

He doesn't like to pick up things.

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50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

A plane crash near Fort Sumner killed 3 Bovina men who had been on a hunting trip -- D.C. Looney, 31; Don Tabor, 28, and Scott Berggren, 26.

Mrs. and Mrs. John Boling host a family get-together. Patricia Patterson receives Homemaker Award at Texico High.

Ken Murdick and Leslie Winsper named to Texico All-State Choir.

Mr. & Mrs. Max Steinbock, have a new son, Charleton. Farwell Sr. 4-H Boys elect Doyle Johnson, president; Larry Gregory, secretary, and Mike Camp, pledge leader.

Farwell Abstract

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Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

I haven't given an update in awhile on World War III, the fight between Moslem extremists and the U.S.

I wrote just after 9/11 that this war would last 100 years. I see no reason to change that forecast.

It's obvious that Moslem extremists are on one end of the fight. You may wonder why I list the U.S., not “the West” or “Christians.”

I'm not particularly optimistic about how our side will do in the long run. I see Christians as taking a real beating in Europe, Africa and Asia. So I see the U.S. sort of as the “last bastion.”

But when you are talking 80 or 90 years in the future, it's hard to be more specific.

Some folks like to talk about the “End of Times.” Well, in the time frame I'm using that might just happen.

It's kind of sad that our national commentators and politicians don't call a spade a spade and refer to our war with terrorists as World War III. But that's not politically correct, so they ignore the obvious.

Don't you just love it.

If we viewed the situation correctly, we could do a whole lot better, by having bipartisan committees work on long-range planning. I called for that in an earlier column. Well, that ain't gonna happen.

Instead, we fight it piecemeal, taking on one situation at a time without any overall strategy. Gosh we're incompetent.



Farwell singers featured in concert

Three Farwell folks had a concert Sunday night at the Java Loft in Clovis. Jack Kirkland, Bryce Howard and Megan Terry headlined.

If our political leaders operated a business like they do our nation, they would go bankrupt. They are so stupid.

Unfortunately, their poor decisions will heavily impact upon your family down the road. And there is nothing you can do about it.

So let's look at how the war is going throughout our world:

In the Mideast, there's still an impasse over Jerusalem. I wrote years ago about internationalizing the city, and in recent years, that call also has been made by some top politicians. Better late than never.

Christians are starting to take a beating in Lebanon, as that nation drifts toward Iran, a leader of the anti-U.S. forces.

I don't know how long Turkey and Egypt will remain secular with growing Moslem extremist movements there.

Afghanistan is not looking good in the long run. I know UN troops will stay there for a couple more years to try and

stabilize the government. I'm just not optimistic it will work.

I look for the Taliban to regain control down the road, then work with other Moslem extremists to destabilize Pakistan and Tajikistan.

China might be sitting back enjoying the spectacle of the U.S. at war with extremist Moslems, at least for now. The Chinese will be drawn into this fight later. What worries me is that they align with the Moslem extremists.

Russia is a mess and has no real power any more. Chunks of the former Soviet Union have become Moslem and this will continue. Down the road, Russia may become our No. 1 ally due to this religious change. Now, wouldn't that be something!

In Indonesia and the Philippines, the extremist Moslems have been kept at bay so far. But with the world's economy in a funk, there's a tendency for extremists to gain power.

The biggest upcoming battles will take place in Africa.

We're already seeing the Moslems and Christians battle to the death in Nigeria, Somalia and Sudan, among other nations. This doesn't get much publicity. Africa has never been high up on the list of U.S. priorities.

Europe continues to find itself with increasing Moslem populations. Leaders there are not happy about that. Europe obviously is not a Moslem bastion, but 50 years from now? Probably so. Then, the “leaders” will be Moslem.

In South America, nations are heading left, with the exception of Cuba, which is going right. How about that! Down the road, America won't have many friends south of the border.

I hate to paint such a bleak picture. If I were a politician, I would say we are doing just fine.

And you would prefer me to say just that, don't you.

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Steers win Littlefield Tourney

Varsity Boys
The Farwell Steers won the Wildcat Classic Tourney in Littlefield last week.

First, they stopped Friona, 48-40.

Scoring were Luke Carpenter, 20; Rane Carpenter, 12; Landry Actkinson, 9; and Octavio Chavez, 7.

They put away Shallowater, 54-40.

Scoring were Luke Carpenter, 20; Rane Carpenter, 18; Chavez, 5; Actkinson, 5; Josh Olivas, 3; Ray White, 2; and Lincoln Devault, 1.

Then the Steers kay-oed Anton, 58-51.

Scoring were Lane Carpenter, 15; Chavez, 12; Rane Carpenter, 9; Olivas, 8; Actkinson, 5; White, 4; Devault, 2; and Collin Christian, 2.

And Farwell won the title game over host Littlefield, 47-44.

Scoring were Luke Carpenter, 15; Actkinson, 10; Chavez, 7; Rane Carpenter, 5; White, 4; Mason Coburn, 3; and Olivas, 2.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue won 1 and lost 2 in the Littlefield Tourney.

In the first game, they lost to Friona 38-26.

Scoring were Abby Johnson, 9; Keila Jennings, 8; Kristin Langford, 4; Caitlyn Stancell, 3; and Laney Christian, 2.

Then they lost to Anton 39-35.

Scoring were Stancell, 11; Jennings, 9; Johnson, 8; Christian, 5; Chandler Barnes, 1; and

Lauryn Meyer, 1. And they beat Whiteface 45-10.

Scoring were Sasha Lara, 12; K'Leigh Jennings, 16; Langford, 9; White, 12; Lauren Stancell, 9; Christian, 2; Carpenter, 9; Kayla Johnson, 2; Jill Johnson, 2; and Taylor Stancell, 2.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls on

Farwell High scholars listed

Here are Farwell High's 3rd 6 weeks honor rolls: Principal's Honor Roll (All A's)

Savanna Barksdale, Lauren Carpenter, Zachary Dale, Kelsey Knight, Austin Mason, Bailey Mullins, Gabbie Schilling, Hanna Sudderth, Chelsea Bass, Lydia Gomez, Kolten Morris, Kathya Saenz, Olivia Schilling, Sanjuana Sotella, Emily Agee, Luis Delgado, Landry Actkinson, Rane Carpenter, Luke Carpenter, Caleb Christian, Laney Christian, Brooke Hall, Ryan Oliver, Sara Scott, Michelle Wauson, Ray White.

Steer Honor Roll (90 avg. no more than three B's) Hunter Hall, John Ryan Isaacson, Heather Johnson, Dillon Kirkland, Taylor Stancell, K'Leigh Jo White, Collin Christian, Luis Galvan, Cassidy Martin, Liza Alonzo, Keila Jennings, Kory Jennings, Abby Johnson, Kristin Langford, Jackie Meza, Garrett Presnell, Ubaldo Trevizo, Michelle Vega, Octavio Chavez, Julian Cuevas, Lincoln Devault, Matt Martin, Lauryn Meyer, Josh Olivas, Shelby Wallis.

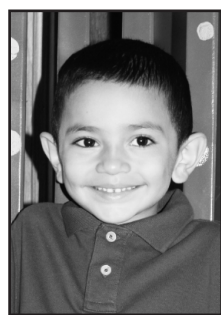
The Latest

Antonio Reyes on Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Ramirez, of Clovis, died the band hall. It is open at his home on Dec. 29.

He is the father of band members, parents and anyone interested in Farwell Band.

Debbie Galvan, of Farwell. *** Melinda Burney had emergency surgery last Band Booster meeting week.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2023



Julian Solis is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is Jan. 14. Parents are Federico & Elpidia Solis. Siblings are Federico Jr., Jorge, Luis & Brisa. He likes to play video games, and play at the park. Favorite food is tacos. Favorite color is Farwell Steers blue. He doesn't like F-5 tornadoes.

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Farwell Varsity Girls

Laney Christian, Kristin Langford, Caitlyn Stancell, Abby Johnson, Emily Agee, Chandler Barnes, Lauryn Meyer, Clarisa Garcia, Keila Jennings.



Farwell 8th Girls

Adriana Martinez, Kianna Barrera, Cheyenne Patrick, Christina Green, Cassidy Devault, Marissa Lopez, Taylor Presnell, Emily Stancell.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Ordinance No. 334

An ordinance amending Ordinance 332, pertaining to public utilities and changing the rate to be charged for water and sewer. This ordinance shall replace Ordinance 332.

Be it ordained by the governing body of the City, of Texico, New Mexico

Section 1 -- Recital
It is hereby determined by the governing body of the Municipality of Texico, New Mexico, that the rates presently being charged for water and sewer services are not sufficient to defray the cost of providing and maintaining such services and that the rates in this ordinance are sufficient to defray the cost of operation of the water and sewer services delineated in this ordinance.

Section 2 -- Water Rates	Rate
Minimum Gallons Required monthly charge for the minimum use of 4,000 gallons for users within the city limits	\$19.13
Required monthly charge for the minimum use of 4,000 gallons for users outside the city limits	\$23.86

For each 1,000 gallons in excess of 4,000 gallons used monthly either within or outside the city limits

Section 3 -- Sewer Rates	Rate
Residential rates	\$13.70
Commercial rates	\$16.47

Section 4 -- Repealer
All ordinances or parts thereof that conflict herewith are hereby revoked and this ordinance is substituted.

Passed, approved and adopted this 28th day of December, 2010.

City of Texico, New Mexico
Jerry Cunningham
Mayor
Attest:
Carolyn Johnson
City Clerk

Ordinance No. 335

An ordinance amending Ordinance 333 pertaining to Public Health: establishing charges to be imposed for refuse disposal within the city of Texico, New Mexico; and establishing an effective date.

Be it ordained by the governing body, that is, the City Council of the city of Texico, in the County of Curry and State of New Mexico:

Section 1 -- Residential Rates -- The following rates are hereby established for those categories of residential property indicated below, upon which a structure is not located or may hereafter be erected, and for which structure the City of Texico makes available refuse collection and disposal services, with the rates being calculated upon a monthly basis:

A. For all residential structures (including mobile homes occupied as a residence) located within the corporate limits of the City, a refuse collection and disposal charge of \$18.50.
B. For all residential structures (including mobile homes occupied as a residence) located outside the corporate limits of the City, a refuse collection and disposal charge of \$23.53.

Section 2 -- Commercial Rates -- The following rates are hereby established for those categories of business, commercial, or industrial property indicated below, upon which a structure is now located or may hereafter be erected, and for which structure the City of Texico makes available refuse collection and disposal service with the rates being calculated upon a monthly basis:

Type	Charge
Solid Waste 5: 1.5 yd	\$47.87
Solid Waste 6: 2 - 1.5 yd	\$91.26
Solid Waste 7: 3.0 yd	\$73.04
Solid Waste 8: 2 - 3.0 yd	\$141.62
Solid Waste 9: 4.0 yd	\$87.66
Solid Waste 10: 3 - 4.0 yd	\$253.05
Solid Waste 11: 4 - 3.0 yd 2 x week	\$463.68
Solid Waste 12: 6 - 3.0 yd 3 x week	\$924.77
Solid Waste 13: 1.5 yd & 3.0 yd	\$116.44
Solid Waste 14	\$61.71
Solid Waste 15	\$598.20
Solid Waste 16	\$61.89
Solid Waste 17: 1 - 3.0 2 x week	\$118.17

Section 3 - Frequency of Service - Normal collection of refuse will be on a weekly basis, except as noted in the rate schedule.

Section 4 - Vacancies - No charge shall be imposed for any structure, which is vacant and unoccupied, and to which refuse collection disposal service is not afforded. A structure shall be considered vacant if it is completely unoccupied and is not connected to the municipal water system on the first day of the calendar month.

Section 5 -- Effective Date - This ordinance shall be effective at these rates on and after January 1, 2011.

Section 6 - Repealer -- All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed, approved and adopted this 28th day of December, 2010.

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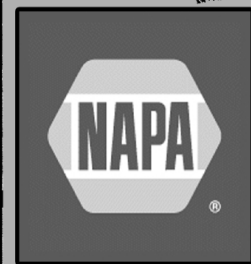


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If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2011, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to re-apply for this exemption.

Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased agricultural property. If you purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

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Bovina asks residents to clean up yards

Bovina city officials have sent out letters to residents who have appliances, large furniture items, and other discarded items deteriorating on their porches or in their yards.

On Jan. 7, the city will furnish a truck to pick up these items and transport them away for proper disposal.

All residents are requested to have the items in their yards ready for pick-up on that day. This service from the city will be provided at no charge.

Residents who did not take advantage of this one-time free opportunity will be required to dispose of the items themselves or pay a municipal fine for failing to do so.

Tidbits from Bovina Banter in 1919

Over the last few years, the Tribune has carried articles from the Texico-Farwell News, which was published between 1917 and 1919.

Periodically, it carried tidbits from Bovina. Here are some from the May 21, 1919, issue:

H.H. Smith is riding in a new jitney and incidentally not alone.

Mrs. Abbott has returned from Iowa in much improved health.

Mrs. J.P. Hammett was a business visitor in Amarillo.

Rev. A.L. Moore, Presiding Elder, spoke here on the Centenary movement. Rev. W.W. Terry spoke recently, after which a canvass was made by the teams of the membership present and Bovina went over the top. Bovina was second to go over the top in the Plainview District.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lovelady are spending a few months in Bellview, Texas, with Mrs. Lovelady's parents.

Rev. Forbes filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

New lights have been installed in both Bovina churches lately, which add much interest to the night services.

The Methodist revival will start in Bovina Sunday night.

The closing exercises of Bovina School will be held Wednesday night.

Miss Irene Pridenberg and Miss Gertrude Lambert returned Monday from Muleshoe, near which place they have closed a very successful term of school. We predict for these young ladies a bright career.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 30, Sylvester Yzaguirre Jr., 45, of Amarillo, was arrested on a U.S. Marshal's warrant and is pending transport.

On Dec. 31, James Norris, 32, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than a gram, pending before the grand jury.

On Jan. 1, Jessie Ruiz, 18, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of public intoxication. He was fined \$264.


On Dec. 28, Terry Yell, 56, of Muleshoe, was arrested by Farwell police on charges of driving with an invalid license, pending in county court, and DWI 3rd or more, pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 28, Martha Jaramillo, 39, of Bovina, was



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Again I can't tell you enough how exciting a sport it really is. Bovina will be hosting its own tournament and that will be a great time for everyone to come out and check it out.

Police, EMS, and Fire Department responded to a single vehicle rollover at the Y. It was reported that the vehicle swerved to miss a deer and lost control. Fortunately, no serious injuries occurred.

2011 is here! Like it or not time time does not stand still.

A new year is a great time for new beginnings - when we all say we are going to change everything we dislike about ourselves like losing weight, exercising, being nicer, and so one.

You stick to it for a good week if you are lucky ... maybe that is just me. I hope you all make it and stay strong to stick you all of yours.

Interesting Fact of the week: There are more than 500 million Facebook users with more signing on every day. Fifty percent of all users log on every day, and the average user has 130 friends.

arrested by Bovina police on a charge of resisting arrest, pending in county court.

On Dec. 29, Gina Lucero, 37, of Melrose, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft of property between \$500 and \$1,500 by check, pending in county court.

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Bovina Middle School in action

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Resolutions

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into a great college.

Abel Rocha - to be a better athlete. I am going to work out this summer, try to get faster and quicker. I also want to be a better person so people won't think of me as a bad person.

Vanessa Ortiz -- to bring my grades up and keep them up or higher than what I already have. And I want to try out for All Region Band.

Kristian Antillon -- I would like to be a better person, listen to my parents and elders. I would also like to get a job to help my parents with the bills and know what responsibility is. I would also like to get closer to God and go to church more often.

Abel Martinez - to start on the JV team and stay passing in all my classes.



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Basketball continues in full swing:

Lazbuddie -- The varsity teams play at Kress on Jan. 7; host Happy on Jan. 11, and play at Silverton on Jan. 14. The JH and JV teams host the tourney Jan. 6-8, then the JH teams play at Silverton on Jan. 10.

Texico -- The JV & varsity teams play at Melrose Jan. 11, then at Lubbock Christian Jan. 14. The JH teams take on Marshall Jan. 10 -- girls at home and boys there. The 8th grade teams host Melrose Jan. 13.

Farwell -- The JV & varsity girls host Olton on Jan. 7, while the JV & varsity boys play at Morton. On Jan. 11, the JV & varsity girls play at Bovina. TOn Jan. 6-8, the JV and varsity teams play in the Lazbuddie Tourney. On Jan. 10, the JH teams vie at Olton.

Bovina -- The JV and JH teams play in the Lazbuddie Tourney Jan. 6-8. The varsity teams host Lubbock Christian Jan. 7. The JV & varsity girls host Farwell Jan. 11. The JH teams host Hale Center Jan. 10.

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Christmas scenes in Bovina



Bovina students give their resolutions

Some Bovina students were asked what their New Year's resolutions might be:

Karen Rocha -- to improve my geometry, pay attention, get all my work done and have a positive attitude in everything i do.

Marielena Flores - be closer to my little sisters by getting to know them better. I'm the only sister they have to look up to.

Alex Mejia -- to be a better person, a better friend and a better student.

Vanessa Rodriguez - be more thankful for what I have and for the people who love me. Be thankful for how much my family loves and cares for me and how my parents work very hard so we can have food on our table and clothes on our backs.

Juan Pinela - to work harder to go to State in track. I have a real good chance but only if I work hard and lift weights a lot. My promise is to become as strong as i can at running and not giving up, not taking shortcuts or cheating my workouts, not being lazy and doing all that is told to me to help me.

Zach Castillo - to learn how to save my money better. Also, to not stress about little things that don't really matter.

Blanca Gomez - Improve my grades because I would like to pass all my classes and not fail any. I would like to be like my sister -- smart. Also, helping at home with chores. It's hard for my mom to take care of three kids. I would like to help her more so she won't be too tired all the time.

Ivan Ramirez -- to spend more time with my family and friends. I would like to be part of their lives and spend it with them through what may occur in the future.

Heather Miller -- to focus less on myself and more on others because I need to show others how much God loves them.

Rosa Duarte -- to get good grades so I can get into college. I have always dreamed of this. Also, to be closer to my family and friends and not fight with them, but be nice to them. And I want to do good in extra-curricular activities, practicing for All Region Band and getting 1st Chair, and getting better at being a young artist and being creative and spontaneous at it.

Tamara Rivera - to be a better person in school and with other people.

Andrew Marrufo - to bring all my grades up because I'm trying to get

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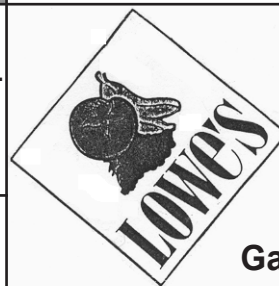
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