



Texico school teaches the "three Rs" of reading, 'riting, and renovation to its students, as they proudly display the horse trailer they completely transfigured.

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Texico FFA chapter renovates horse trailer

Kip DeFoor, a 1988 Texico graduate, had a problem. His grandfather's old, trusty horse trailer, which had not been used in years, was wasting away.

But DeFoor remembered the quality of his shop education in his school days with Texico's FFA chapter, so he contacted FFA teacher Terry Widener with a proposal:

He would provide the material and the trailer, giving Texico's shop students a major project, in exchange for the completely renovated trailer he'd have when they were through.

More than 50 students, from freshmen to seniors, threw their training, hearts, and souls into it.

The first step was analyzing what materials and work would be required, calculating costs, agreeing on modifications and overall design, and establishing both the schedule and the budget.

They then started, working on the trailer in shifts five hours a day for six weeks, learning in their labors the capabilities of steel, adjusting their design plan as necessary, managing the project from top to bottom, and honing their skills of welding, machining, preservation, priming, and other areas.

The double-axle was replaced with a reinforced single axle for the savings it would provide in both maintenance and gas consumption in towing. Woodworking skills were called upon for the complete reflooring.

"You can't believe what a professional job those students did," commented DeFoor on the finished project he received back. "I've been bragging up those kids up to everyone I know."

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Wedel optimistic about new irrigation proposal

High Plains Water Conservation District No. 1 held a work session and board meeting on April 19.

Among the attendees were local farmers Mark Howard and Jimmy Wedel.

Wedel reported:

The district's proposed rules were only discussed in the work session, and the public was not allowed to comment until the board meeting. Jim Conkwright laid out his interpretation of the results of the hearings, and his proposed rule changes.

To my great satisfaction, his new proposals read like an exact copy of what we came up with out of the Parmer-Bailey water group and what most of the

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While the Twin Cities will always have its school rivalry, when a problem happens, Texico and Farwell always works together.



TO THE RESCUE!

A wild fire consumed the open fields along the Texas - New Mexico state line south of the railroad tracks the afternoon of April 21.

Texico Fire Chief Lewis Cooper said the fire was started by a cigarette butt.

Texico and Farwell firefighters immediately responded and within minutes had the flames under control ... just in time.

Only yards away from where the flames were finally extinguished were the homes on the north end of First Street in Farwell and the old Kemp Lumber warehouse.

Homeowners stood ready in their yards armed with garden hoses and spades. They were much relieved by the fast response by the volunteer fire companies of the Twin Cities.

Winds were from 20-30 miles per hour.



To the patrons of Farwell Schools from Supt. Mike Read

It's hard to realize that we are only 21 days from completing yet another successful school year. With this in mind, I would like to recognize all three of our campuses on the milestones they have achieved thus far in Academics, UIL competition and Extra-curricular activities.

I also would like to say a special "Thank You!" to all the faculty and staff members, students, parents, administrators and school board who put in a lot of time and effort to make our school what it is today. As Farwell ISD superintendent, I certainly appreciate their work.

Farwell High School

A "Recognized" campus for the 2009-2010 school year. 30 percent of our students have made the "A" Honor Roll for the first 5 six-week periods of 2010-2011.

Our current enrollment is 148 students.

Our current attendance rate is 96.66 percent.

Farwell High School won the 2011 UIL Academic District Championship, scoring 425 points. Our High School also won the Overall Spring Meet Championship.

Our High School students have won District and Overall Championships four of the last five years. Way to go, students, sponsors and coaches.

By the way, we have four students who have qualified for the UIL "State" competition -- Laney Christian, Ray White, Bailey Mullins and Kolten Morris. Best of luck!

Our CX Debate Teams captured 1st and 2nd places at the District level, and advanced to State. Savanna Barksdale and Hunter Hall finished as State Octofinalists. John Ryan Isaacson and Kayla Cullison advanced to State and had over 200 speaker points. Austin Ratke and Dillon Kirkland finished 3rd at District, following only the other Farwell teams.

Way to Go.

Farwell High's One-Act Play advanced to the District Round. This marks the 10th year our play has advanced to this round.

Our agriculture judging teams have been actively competing in various competitions and doing well.

The High School art class is gearing up for its annual Art Show, which displays the talent our youth have.

The "Legends in Blue" Band had a very successful year, scoring a "2" in UIL Marching last fall. In the spring, the band received a "1" on stage and a "2" in sight reading. Way to go, Band!

Farwell High is continuing to use C-Scope and the Promethean Boards. With the help of Principal Brian Patterson, they are "brainstorming" ways to reach even higher.

The Lady Blue Cross Country team finished 2nd at the District Meet last fall. Chelsea Bass finished 13th at the State Meet. Good job!

Our Steers football team is coming off one of the most successful seasons in school history. The Steers finished at 11-2 and made it to the State Quarterfinals.

In basketball, the Steers also completed one of its best seasons ever. The Steers finished 29-3, making it to the first round of the Regional Tournament.

Our Lady Blue basketball team competed hard in every game they played, improving throughout the season and finishing 4th in District.

Our tennis squad qualified four students for Regionals. Landry Actkinson and Luke Carpenter finished 3rd in the varsity boys' doubles competition. Way to Go.

Our boys' and girls' track teams have qualified 11 athletes to compete in May at the Regional Meet in Levelland. Good luck!

And the golf teams gained valuable experience this year, competing in a new district. The boys' team finished 4th at District. Great job.

Farwell Junior High

Farwell Junior High is a "Recognized" campus for the 2009-2010 school year.

30 percent of the student body made the "A" Honor Roll for the first 5 six-week periods of 2010-2011.

Our current enrollment is 125 students.

Farwell Junior High was the District Champion in UIL Academics this year. That achievement marks the 3rd year in a row that our Junior High students have won this event. Way to go, teachers and students!

Our attendance rate thus far is 96.5 percent.

Farwell Junior High continues to use C-Scope and the Promethean Boards. With the help of Principal Jimmie Mace, the school is looking for ways to increase student achievement and take it to the next level.

Farwell Elementary School

A "Distinguished Title 1 School" that received an award last week from the Texas Education Agency on achieving this milestone. Great job, teachers and staff.

An "Exemplary" campus for the 2009-2010 school year. Our current enrollment is 303 pupils.

25 percent of all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders made the "A" Honor Roll for the first 5 six-week period of 2010-2011.

Our attendance rate is 96.97 percent.

Farwell Elementary demonstrated "giving hearts" by raising \$9,500.00 for the American Heart Association.

Farwell Elementary continues to use C-Scope and the Promethean Boards. Principal Mark Barnes is continually exploring new and better ways to challenge our students.

Farwell Elementary finished 3rd overall at the UIL Academic Meet held last fall..

Farwell Schools

As you can see, we are extremely blessed with the year we have had thus far. I am extremely confident of the students who graduate from FHS and move on to college, the work force or, perhaps, the Armed Forces. There is not a doubt in my mind that our students are ready and eager to meet the new challenges that await the Class of 2011.

Farwell ISD is doing "whatever it takes" to ensure our students are ready for the new life opportunities as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Please take time to visit our website at: www.farwellschools.org. It has been updated and is first class.

***Farwell Schools
Educating the future; one student at a time***



Supt. Mike Read, right, and Farwell Elementary Principal Mark Barnes showing the Distinguished Progress Award.

Farwell Elementary receives honor

Farwell Elementary School has received a Distinguished Progress Award from the Texas Education Agency.

This is a major award that few schools in the state have achieved.

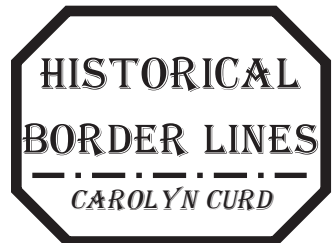
Among the criteria naming Farwell as a "Distinguished Title 1 School" was the achievement of being an exemplary campus rating in the spring of 2010.

The school staff includes:

Yvonne Ortega, Ruth Anne Bennett, Kristen Kasel, Ashley Allen, Lisa Graham, Lorre Haseloff, Jodi Stovall, Dierdre Guthals, Suzanne Cooper, LaDonna Fickling, Amy Barnes, Amberlee Altman, Carolyn Sloan, Belinda Lavender, Tonya O'Neill, Patty O'Hare, Katie Hester.

Also, Bill Shelly, Sandy Fuentes, Judy Hall, LuAnn Fillpot, Randy Johnson, Joanne Belcher, Maria Arce, Alice Armstrong, Vicky Bermea, Laura Blakes, Laura Coburn, Hermelinda Cuevas, Janie Favila, Kay Fowler.

Also, Leticia Galvan, Michelle Woods, Loretta Conley, Adriana Reyna, Cristina Ruiz, Pamela Schjang, Lydia Vega, Tori Meeks, Rosalia Saenz and Cathy Tidwell.



Out-of-town historians Lana and Dub Barnett are working on a Parmer County book.

Lana Payne Barnett integrated 26 counties in her volume, "Presenting the Texas Panhandle," which was sold in Farwell following its 1979 publication in Canyon.

Six men who lived in Curry County have been elected attorney general in New Mexico:

Harry L. Patton, 1917-1918; Oscar O. Askren, 1919-1920; Harry S. Bowman, 1921-1922; Fred Mack Stanley, 1957-1958; Earl E. Hartley, 1961-1964, and David L. Norvell, 1971-1974.

Patton practiced law in Texico from 1906 until 1911, and then moved to Clovis. The other men lived in Clovis at one time except Askren, a Melrose and later Roswell resident.

Stanley was honored as the outstanding attorney general in the country by the National Association of Attorneys General in 1958, according to "Office of the Attorney General, State of New Mexico: History, Powers and Responsibilities, 1846-1990."

Camp Reid became home of the 713th Railway Operating Battalion on April 25, 1942, in Clovis.

Its name commemorated Capt. William Clifford Reid, attorney for the Santa Fe Railway and Spanish-American War veteran. His brother, Clifford Reif, was a railroad right-of-way lawyer in early Texico.

The battalion improved the railroad between Clovis and Texico before going overseas.

World War II soldiers of the 713th, or Santa Fe Battalion, operated trains, rebuilt bridges and tracks, and maintained marshaling yards in Algeria, Tunisia, Italy, France and Germany from 1942 to 1945.

Burn ban extended to May 23

The Parmer County Commissioners Court on Monday extended the county's burn ban until May 23.

The continuing drought and high winds make even the slightest spark a threat to life and property, as the wildfire reported in this week's Tribune demonstrates.

In other business:

Each precinct received \$30,000 right of way monies for discretionary expenses. Pcts. 2 (Bovina) and 3 (Farwell) directed \$15,000 to their fire departments,, \$10,000 to their EMS, and \$5,000 to their operating fund.

Pct. 4 (Lazbuddie) directed \$20,000 to its fire department and \$10,000 to its EMS.

Pct. 1 (Friona) directed \$7,500 to its fire department, \$5,000 to its EMS, \$2,500 to its library, and 15,000 to its operating fund.

Commissioners analyzed the expenses for pickup and disposal of refuse from the roll-off boxes the county provides at three locations, noting that the Bovina site's expenses are very high.

The commissioners acknowledged that roll-off boxes serve to prevent garbage from being abandoned in the county's bar ditches and other areas but expressed concern about the costs of that one site.

Bovina city manager Jana Pitcock and site manager Cesar Marquez explained that the volume of refuse drop-offs has increased considerably in recent months.

First, refuse and debris that cannot be burned as it normally would be (due to the ongoing burn ban) is now being disposed of in the Bovina roll-off boxes.

Second, because the Bovina drop-off site, unlike the other two, has no controlled access nor is there a charge for its use, naturally will attract users from across the county and even from New Mexico.

A final problem is that Bovina, unlike the other communities, does not have a landfill for the disposal of its citizens. refuse so much of it is deposited in the roll-off box.

Commissioners voted that the average monthly expense for a typical roll-off box would be determined, only that amount would be directed to the Bovina site from county funds, and that the monthly bill would henceforth go directly to the city of Bovina



Taking a stand against bullying

As part of the Joe's Boot Shop Calf Roping events, professional rodeo clown Starvin' Marvin spoke to Texico Elementary students about bullying on Friday. The program puts high school kids together with younger kids for mentoring and support.

for payment.

Mrs. Pitcock and Marquez said a locking gate would be installed immediately to control access to the roll-off box site and that fee payable to the city would also be initiated to resolve some of the problem.

The commissioners also:

-- Heard an appeal from Bill Dannheim for the county to commemorate Memorial Day at the veterans' memorial in Farwell's city park and to support the resurrection of an American Legion chapter or other veterans' organization in Parmer County. Commissioners stated they would help as they were able.

-- Approved the Regional Emergency Notification System Inter-local Agreement, "reverse 911" type system to provide emergency notification to residents of the Panhandle's 26 counties in the event of tornadoes, wildfires, or other life-threatening phenomena.

-- Adopted the new version of the Expense Report

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City of Farwell to install street markers.
 Carroll Huggins to vie in broad jump at State.
 Paul Crume publishes "A Texan at Bay," noting that Farwell is a suburb of Lariat.
 Larry Treider has a record released with "I'm Laughing at You" and "Don't Stop."
 Melborn Jones is Farwell PTA president.
 Army Pvt. Doyle Ford completes military training.
 Dr. T.J. Glenn attends seminar in Miami.

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Wolverines take EPAC title

The Texico Wolverines came in 2nd at the Rattler Relays in Tucumcari last week with 100.5 points. Tucumcari won with 112.5 points.

The Wolverines won all the placings in the 400 dash.

Placing were:
 Long jump - Shay Harrison, 3rd, 17'11.5.
 Shot put - Dathan McWhorter, 1st, 47'0.
 Discus - McWhorter, 1st, 130'9; Mason Fenn, 4th, 100'4.

Triple jump - Adrian Gomez, 2nd, 39'0; Rallin Harris, 4th, 37'0.5.

Javelin - Jesus Rivera, 1st, 146'2; Brendon Lockmiller, 5th, 126'1.

High jump - Kolten Miller, 4th, 5'2.
 100 dash - Rivera, 6th, 12.4.

200 dash - Alan Valles, 4th, 24.20; Rivera, 5th, 24.59; Donovan Johnson, 6th, 24.69.

400 dash - Adrian Gomez, 1st, 55.44; Miller, 2nd, 55.85; Johnson, 3rd, 56.47; Rivera, 4th, 58.22; Mitchell Pinnell, 5th, 58.79.

3200 run - Kody Downing, 5th, 13:01.68; Wil Hodnett, 6th, 13:28.68.

110 hurdles - Harris, 3rd, 19.32.

300 hurdles - Shay Harrison, 1st, 43.4; Harris, 6th, 48.91

800 relay - Texico, 2nd, 1:36.46, Lockmiller, Valles, Harrison, Gomez.

1600 medley - Texico, 4th, 4:08.24, Pinnell, Canyon Scarborough, Jason Tuls, Matthew Graves.

 The Lady Wolverines were 3rd at the Tucumcari meet with 88 points.

Tucumcari won with 163.

Placing were:
 Long jump - Fallon Scanlan, 3rd, 13'11; Cassidy Downing, 5th, 13'3.5.

Shot put - Kayla Cox, 1st, 31'0.25.

Discus - Cox, 1st, 104'6.
 Javelin - Mel Lucero, 1st, 93'2.

High jump - McKenzie Mayfield, 2nd, 4'8.
 100 dash - Downing, 5th, 14.12.

200 dash - Lucero, 2nd, 28.15.
 400 dash - Downing, 3rd, 1:10.12.

800 run - Karina Salazar, 4th, 2:33.75; Megan Autrey, 6th, 3:02.84.

1600 run - Darby Tharp, 3rd, 6:35.62; Kassie Waller, 4th, 6:38.72; Autrey, 6th, 6:53.41.

100 hurdles - Lane, 5th, 19.9.
 300 hurdles - Mirna Reynoso, 4th, 59.65; Erin Lane, 5th, 1:00.21.

400 relay - Texico, 3rd, 53.70, Lucero, Mayfield, Scanlan, Shelby Vannatta.

800 relay - Texico, 1st, 1:52.28, Lucero, Vannatta, Mayfield, Scanlan.

1600 relay - Texico, 1, 4:22.89, Scanlan, Vannatta, Mayfield, Marina Rodriguez.

 The Lady Wolverines took 3rd at EPAC.

Placing were:
 3200 run - Waller, 6th, 16:01.

400 relay - Texico, 3rd, 53.36.

110 hurdles -- Lane, 5th, 20.16; Reynoso, 6th, 20.23.

1600 run - Tharp, 3rd, 6:35.37; Waller, 4th, 6:46.17.

800 relay - Texico, 2nd, 1:53.18.

800 run - Salazar, 3rd, 2:55.31; Autrey, 6th, 2:59.05.

Medley relay - Texico, 4th, 5:04.63.

Shot put - Cox, 4th, 30'9.5.

Discus - Cox, 1st, 104'5.75.

Javelin - Lucero, 6th, 99'0.

Pole vault - Scanlan, 5th, 6'6; Lucero, 6th, 6'6.

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

 The Wolverines took 1st at EPAC.

Placing were:
 Discus - McWhorter, 1st, 141'9.5; Madrid, 6th, 100'3.

Long jump - Harrison, 4th, 19'1.

Triple jump - Gomez, 2nd, 37'8.5; Harris, 6th, 34'1.

Javelin - Rivera, 1st, 157'9.5; McWhorter, 3rd, 132'7; Lockmiller, 5th, 120'11.

Pole vault - Johnson, 6th, 9'6.

High jump - Miller, 3rd, 5'0.

3200 run - Herndon, 5th, 13:04.90.

400 relay - Texico, 5th, 47.65.

110 hurdles - Gomez, 2nd, 16.18; Johnson, 4th, 16.53; Harrison, 6th, 18.80.

100 dash - Valles, 4th, 11.40.

1600 run - Hollis, 1st, 4:42.94.

800 relay - Texico, 1st, 1:35.97.

400 dash - Lockmiller, 2nd, 51.76; Tuls, 4th, 56.60; Pinnell, 6th, 57.56.

300 hurdles - Gomez, 3rd, 43.19; Harrison, 4th, 44.27; Johnson, 5th, 44.47.

800 run - Hollis, 1st, 2:04.80; Miller, 2nd, 2:15.04.

Medley relay - Texico, 2nd, 4:10.76.

200 dash - Valles, 2nd, 23.75; Rivera, 6th, 25.34.

1600 relay - Texico, 1st, 3:39.32.

Shot put - McWhorter, 1st, 50'4; Madrid, 6th, 36'7.

TJH girls win EPAC

The JH girls took 1st at EPAC and won 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes.

Placing were:
 100 dash - Chyanne Scarborough, 1st, 14.04; Dalton Wren, 2nd, 14.09; Pamela Jones, 3rd, 14.18; Breanna Douma, 4th, 14.19.

200 dash - Scarborough, 1st, 29.66; Emily Logan, 2nd, 29.68, Wren, 3rd, 29.88; Taylor Stephens, 4th, 29.29.

400 dash - Stephens, 1st, 1:10.59; Jessica Jorde, 2nd, 1:11.53; Logan, 3rd, 1:11.71; Jones, 4th, 1:12.12.

600 run - Shaylee Sours, 2nd, 2:01.47; Klara Sawyer, 4th, 2:09.02.

800 run - Tacia Beavers, 2nd, 3:02.40; Sawyer, 4th, 3:08.84.

1600 run - Beavers, 2nd, 6:38.18; Kasia Olguin, 3rd, 6:53.52; Gabrielle Sites, 4th, 7:17.56.

400 relay - Texico, 1st, 56.23, Scarborough, Logan, Stephens, Jones.

800 relay - Texico, 1st, 2:02.01, Kube, Douma, Arianna Meza, Wren.

1600 relay - Texico, 2nd, 5:12.36, Douma, Jorde, Meza, Sours.

300 hurdles - McKenzie Thatcher, 3rd, 57.45.

Triple jump - Thatcher, 1st, 23'11"; Scarborough, 3rd, 26'2"; Douma, 4th, 24'11".

Long jump - Stephens, 1st, 12'8.75"; Wren, 2nd, 12'8.75".

Shot put - Madison Haakma, 4th, 24'4.25".

Discus - Kaleigh Autrey, 3rd, 64'3".

TJH boys win EPAC

The Texico Junior High boys track team took 2nd at the Ft. Sumner Relays. Placing were:

1st places -- 400 relay, J. Barnett, Z. Harrison, J. Estrada, M. Odegaard; and 800 relay, J. Rucker, Odegaard, Harrison, T. Lockmiller.

2nd places -- Rafael Maldonado, 600 dash; Tristan Lockmiller, 400 dash and triple jump; Justin Rucker, long jump.

3rd places -- Matt Odegaard, 600 dash; Tyler Bridges, 1600 run; Rucker, 200 dash and 400 dash; Zach Harrison, 300 hurdles; 1600 medley (J. Barnett, J. Estrada, R. Garcia, R. Maldonado).

4th places -- Dylan Weems, 600 dash; Bridges, 800 dash; Lockmiller, 200 dash.

5th places -- Josh Tredway, 110 hurdles; Ramon Garcia, 800 dash; Dalton Wren, discus.

6th places -- 1600 relay (R. Garcia, D. Weems, L. Casselman, J. Estrada); Juan Estrada, triple jump.

 Texico won the EPAC Meet at Ft. Sumner.

Tristan Lockmiller was named High Point Athletes, followed by Justin Rucker.

Placing were:
 1st places -- Odegaard, 100 dash; Uriel deAnda, 1600 run; Rucker, 400 dash; Garcia, 800 dash; Lockmiller, 200 dash and triple jump; 800 relay (Rucker, Harrison, Odegaard, Lockmiller).

2nd places -- Rucker, 200 dash and long jump; Lockmiller, 400 dash; Rafael Maldonado, 600 dash; Harrison, 300 hurdles; deAnda, 800 dash; Wren, shot put; Matthew Suniga, 800 dash.

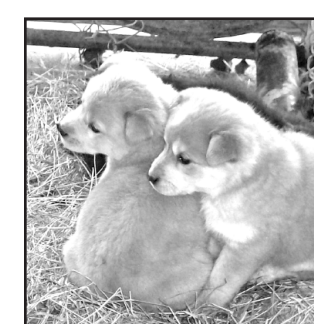
3rd places -- 400 relay, Barnett, Estrada, Harrison, Odegaard; Suniga, 800 dash; Wren, discus.

4th places -- Wren, 110 hurdles; Suniga, 1600 run; Tanner Pelfrey, discus; Juan Estrada, triple jump; 1600 medley, Barnett, Estrada, Maldonado, Garcia; 1600 relay, B. Clark, Casselman, Maldonado, Estrada.

5th places -- Tredway, 300 hurdles and high jump; Jonah Tuls, 1600 run; Weems, 600 dash; Odegaard, long jump.

6th places - Weems, 300 hurdles; Logan Casselman, 200 dash.

Pet of the Week



The Farwell Animal Shelter is filled up with great dogs that are looking for families.

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Meet Farwell's Class of 2023

 Alejandra Garcia is a Farwell kindergartener. Her birthday is Oct. 12. Parents are Raquel & Alejandro Garcia. Sibling is Ruby. Grandparents are Gloria Silve & Meli Gordio. She likes to color, play with computers, read and jump on the trampoline. Favorite color is blue. Favorite foods are pizza, fruits, and chocolate milk. She doesn't like jumping or thunderstorms.
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Ariana Cabello and Zavayia Benoit

Girls win pageant titles

Ariana Cabello and Zavayia Benoit competed in the Sugar Cookie Productions Spring Fling 2011. Ariana won in her age division, Sweetheart Supreme, Beauty Queen and talent contests. She is the daughter of Melanie Everett and Jesse Cabello. Zavayia won in her age division 5 and 6 crown, Little Miss Sugar Cookie Spring Fling 2011, Miss Congeniality, Miss Sugar Cookie Spring Fling 2011, portfolio and talent competitions. She is the daughter of Kris and Melissa Benoit.

The Latest

Parmer County Judge iors Edgar Cuevas, Abby Trey Ellis was among 69 Johnson, Pal Herndon, county judges attending and Myrna Reynosa to a 5-day orientation for new county judges in Lubbock recently.

Farwell High 2009 grad Laura Martinez has her picture on two billboards promoting Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas. She got a basketball scholarship there last year.

The Texico golf team finished 5th of 11 teams in last week's 2-day tourney at Roswell with 765. Individual totals were: Erin Scanlan, 168; Laura McFarden, 172; Allison Myers, 90 the first day and had to withdraw due to injury; Megan Long, 215, and Kimber Harrison, 230.

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club selected jun-

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

I realize what I wrote last week was highly critical of the Democrat party and President Obama for putting politics first and the nation's future second.

Yes, I know that's harsh. And, no, I'm not anti-Democrat.

To put it into perspective, I have voted Democrat and Republican about evenly during my life.

But what is ... is. Changes are more than necessary to right our financial situation. If nothing (or little, as the Democrats would so prefer) is done, the building is going to topple.

Remember the story of the three little pigs? Would someone let Mr. Obama know about it.

What Mr. Obama and the Democrat party are worried about is losing votes by proposing cutbacks. They want to let the GOP make such proposals, then blast them for hurting folks.

Yes, this is very smart politics. But do you realize what it is costing us? Our children's future.

Strike that. Make it our future.

Yes, Mr. Obama has suggested some cutbacks, like higher taxes on the wealthy. Great. I agree with that.

But that is just a very small part of attacking the mess that Congress and Wall Street have created.

As I wrote column after column more than 20 years ago, the health crisis had to be addressed. Obviously, Congress ignored that.

Now the chickens have come home to roost. Now, we have to change Social Security and Medicare under deadline pressure. If we simply had made modifications along the way, this would never have happened.

But our leaders are incompetent. For most of them, politics (i.e., their re-election) come first.

If you read that the Democrat leadership is proposing major changes to Medicare and Social Security, then you know they care about our nation.

I get so tired of writing about these idiots in Washington. What good does it do?

The future is gone. Deal with it.

I have been watching old episodes of the popular TV drama "24" recently.

In one, the actor playing the U.S. Secretary of Defense is captured by terrorists who want him to confess on TV about his alleged misdeeds.

The SecDef says at one point that he wouldn't do it, that he wouldn't allow terrorists to degrade and humiliate the U.S.

Well, guess who "degrades and humili-

ates" the U.S. today? Congress.

As you know, Texico will have a new baseball and basketball head coach next year as Dora veteran coach Ty Thatcher has been hired for those positions replacing Richard Luscombe.

Luscombe compiled a 487-203 record in 22 years as head basketball coach including three state titles.

In baseball, his record was 123-54 with one state championship.

I first met Luscombe when he was coaching at Lazbuddie High, before moving to the Texico School job.

He has been a good friend over the years, done a great job at Texico and has served as Border Town Days honorary parade marshal in honor of his coaching ability.

Job well done, Richard.

A big thank you to Muleshoe area farmer Jimmy Wedel who has helped keep our readers informed on the situation with upcoming irrigation rule changes.

He has done an excellent job.

The Texas state teacher retirement fund's investment managers received more than \$8.2 million in bonuses this year, reports the Dallas Morning News.

This comes at a time of school cutbacks, budget problems and about

300,000 retired teachers who have gone 10 years without a pension increase.

While I favor bonuses for those who do a real good job, I think the \$8.2 million is a bit excessive at this time.

It seems Wall Street has come to Texas.

The Latest

Farwell students named Students of the Fifth 6 Weeks are, Victor Crume, Brisa Solis, Ashley Riccardi, Kylie Haseloff, and Mauricio Vidana.

Jack Isaacson, Vanessa Gonzalez, Zoe Meeks, Alexander Schilling, and Ashley Corona.

Ramon Silva, Landry Henderson, Carlos Castillo, Guerrero Olmos, Adal Garcia, and Haidin LeClear.

Texico varsity track coaches report two more additions to the state qualifying list:

-- 300 hurdles, Shay Harrison.

-- 400 relay, Mel Lucero, Shelby Vannatta, McKenzi Mayfield and Fallon Scanlan.

Monday - sausage wrap with cheese, pinto beans, corn bread, apple sauce, milk.

Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, Italian rolls, peaches, milk.

Wednesday - pork roast & gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple, milk.

Thursday - pizza, tossed salad, celery, carrot sticks, apple slices, milk.

Friday - BBQ chicken sandwich, lettuce, pickle spears, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, Jello, milk.

Monday - nachos with meat & cheese sauce, jalapenos, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - corn dogs, pork & beans, pickle spear, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday - cheeseburger, LP, fruit, milk.

Friday - no school.

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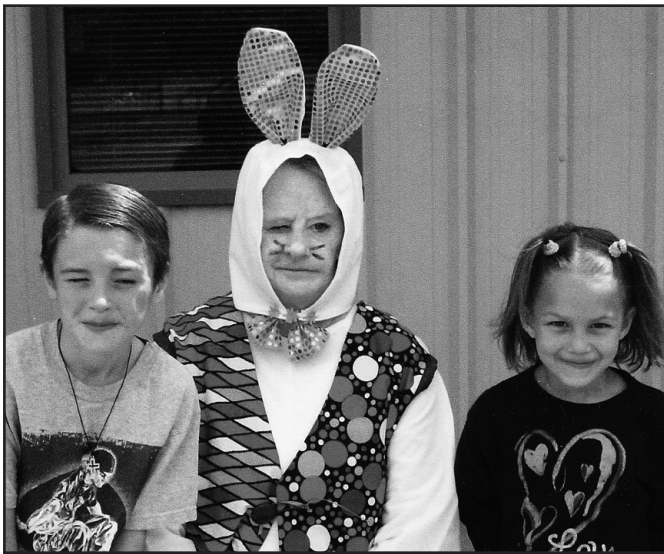
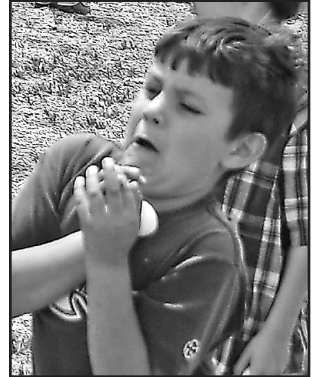
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To take action upon the following matters:

- The reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees
- The election of Trustees from:
District 3 (Ft. Sumner)
District 5 (Tucumcari-Ragland)
- All other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof

- Door prizes for adults and children
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The spring sports season winds down:
 Farwell -- junior high track meet May 7 in Littlefield; regional track meet May 2-3 in Levelland.
 Bovina -- regional track meet May 2-3 in Levelland.
 Lazbuddie -- regional track meet May 2-3.
 Texico -- JV & varsity baseball tames at Santa Rosa on April 29; then state playoffs; District track meet April 29.

 End of the school year events are starting up:
 Texico -- FFA banquet, May 2; FCCLA banquet, May 3.
 Bovina - middle school academic awards, May 6; prom, May 7.

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 Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church
 Rev. Keith Niehaus
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.
 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Assembly of God Church, Texico
 Cathy Bullington - minister
 Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Of Bovina
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
 Worship - 11 a.m.
 Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.

Farwell Convalescent Center
 Sunday services -- 9 a.m.
 Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church
 Worship Service -- 9 a.m.
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat
 David Symm - minister
 Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
 Jim Peabody - minister
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
 Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter
 7:30 p.m. summer

Lariat Church of Christ
 Wesley Roach - minister
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.
 Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter
 8 p.m. summer

Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina
 Rafael Marin, pastor
 Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
 Worship - 11 a.m.
 Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.

Lazbuddie Church of Christ
 Mickey Chambiss - minister
 Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.
 Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m.
 Wednesday -- 7 p.m.

Bovina Church of Christ
 Mike Prather, minister
 Sun. - Bible study - 9:45 a.m.
 Sun. - Worship - 10:45 a.m.
 Wed. - Bible class - 7 p.m.

Lazbuddie Methodist Church
 Rev. Ken Peterson
 Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.
 Worship -- 10:30 a.m.

San Jose Catholic Church, Texico
 Sunday Mass - Noon
 Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
 Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.

Church of Christ
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 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer
 8 p.m. winter

Bovina United Methodist Church
 Sunday School - 9:45
 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Wednesday study, 7 p.m.

Apostolic Truth United Pentecostal Church of Texico
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt
 Worship - 11:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt
 Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt

First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie

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 James Koehn, Orie Nightingale - ministers
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.
 Worship Service - 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Farwell
 Sunday School -- 9:45 a.m.
 Worship -- 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Children & Youth -- 5:45 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer meeting -- 6:30 p.m.
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Farwell Church of Christ
 Minister Bill Clark
 Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m.
 Worship; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
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New Light Missionary Baptist Church
 Rev. Bryan Phillips Sr.
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mst
 Worship - 11 a.m. mst
 Bible Study - Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. mst

St. Ann's Catholic Church
 Rev. Wm. Yeddapanalli
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Lazbuddie to experience 'Shattered Dreams'

Lazbuddie High School and Parmer County Extension Service will host the "Shattered Dreams" program in Lazbuddie.

Shattered Dreams is an educational program that can help save the lives of young people and others. Planned by community and school personnel, the program shows high school students how their dreams and those of their families and others can be shattered as a result of underage drinking and driving.

The comprehensive two-day program involves several activities that educate youth by dramatizing the problems associated with drinking and driving.

On May 11, students representing those who die in alcohol related accidents will leave the classroom to become members of the Living Dead. In addition, other students will participate in a staged auto crash behind the football field.

The crash will take place at 10:30 a.m. and be treated as if it was a real accident. Emergency personnel, including Lazbuddie Fire Department, EMS, Parmer County Sheriff's office, and Texas Department of Highway Patrol, will arrive at the school.

Aero Care, out of Clovis, will also set a helicopter down on the football field.

Students will be treated for "mock" injuries. Members will be taken in the ambulance and helicopter to Parmer County Medical Center. Others will be cut out of the wrecked cars with the Jaws of Life by Lazbuddie firemen one will be taken away from the scene in a hearse provided by Blackwell Funeral Home.

After the Mock Crash, participants will be taken to Lubbock for a field trip. There, students will tour the University Medical Center Trauma Unit and Burn Unit and the Medical Examiner's Office. The students will then return to Lazbuddie where they will attend an overnight leadership retreat at Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

Sheriff's Report

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

On April 24, Cesar Mora, 37, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of DWI with child under 15 years old, pending Grand Jury.

On April 18, Heber Cardoza, 19, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. in a drug free zone, pending county court.

In 287th District Court on April 7, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Billy Wayne Chisom, Jr., 29, of Bovina, charged with injury to a child, was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication, \$358 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$525 attorney fees, and counseling sessions for the elimination of violent behavior.

On April 12:

-- Jodi James Gonzales, 21, of Friona, charged with forgery, was sentenced to 18 months state jail division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), \$333 court costs, and \$750 fine.

-- Jesus Moreno, 33, of Friona, charged with burglary of a habitation, was sentenced to 10 years TDCJ, \$333 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$1,720 restitution. Charged with forgery, Moreno received 2 years TDCJ, \$333 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$573 restitution.

-- James Michael Norris, 32, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication, \$418 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$400 attorney fees, \$140 restitution, and a rehabilitation program as recommended by the Community Supervision and Correction Division.

On May 12, participants will return to school where the entire High School will attend a Mock Memorial at 9:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. It will include a mock funeral, a video of the event, guest speaker John Gonzalez, Texas Department of Public Safety, and reflections from parents and students.

The public is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, contact Ann Rainey, 965-2152, or Shana Fleming, 481-3619.

4-H photographers compete

Here are the Parmer County 4-H photography contest winners who have gone on to District (intermediates and juniors) and State (seniors).

Senior results will not be until June.
Junior division -- With first places were Triston Bomer, T.J. Radford (2), Adaline White, Josh Cox.

Intermediate division -- Cari Johnson (2), Aspen Fleming, Matthew Dale, Jennifer Growing (2), Hadley White.

Senior division -- Shyann Rainey (2), Ashton Mason (2), Allison Weaver, Sirina Ramirez (2), Jill Johnson.

District results were:
Juniors -- Triston Bomer, 2nd; Joshua Cox, 2nd; T.J. Radford, 32nd.

Intermediate -- Matthew Dale, 1st; Aspyn Mason, 1st; Jennifer Downing, 1st, 2nd and 3rd; and Cari Johnson, 1st and 1st.



Kindergarteners hunt eggs

Farwell kindergarten children in the classes of Ashley Allen, Kristen Kasel, and Ruth Ann Bennett enjoyed the beautiful day on April 21 to walk to Farwell City Park and the courthouse lawn for the first of this season's many Easter Egg hunts.



Robbie Lee Davis

Robbie Lee Davis passed away Monday night at the Farwell Convalescent Center. She was born Jan. 3, 1923.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.C. Davis, Sr. and daughter, Peggy Creitz, her parents, a brother and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, R.C., Jr. and Verna Davis; 3 grandsons, Wesley and Cindy Davis, Danny and Sylvia Davis, Randy and Brenda Davis; one granddaughter, Stacy and Richard Silasi; 7 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Nancy King and Margie May Carmichael.

Burial is under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe. Graveside services will be April 30 at 10 a.m. at the Earth, Texas, cemetery.

Letter to the Editor

Given the serious impact of the drought in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas on area residents (i.e., fire danger, water supply, farmers, ranchers, wildlife and nature, etc.), let us unite our faith in our communities in praying for moisture this Sunday, May 1st.

All people, all faiths, everyone pray for moisture on Sunday. Please invite your family, friends, co-workers, pastors, and neighbors to join in uniting our faith and prayers for God to bless this part of the country with much needed moisture. I know that by small means the Lord can bring about great things.
Hoyt Skabelund, Texico

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 2011, to March 31, 2010, inclusive:

Jury Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 37,062.50
Amount received since last report 17,556.98
Amount paid out since last report 16,586.58
03/31/11 Balance 38,032.90

General Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 821,250.62
Amount received since last report..... 1,490,948.07
Amount paid out since last report 822,279.33
03/31/11 Balance 1,489,919.36

Farm to Market Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 168,228.71
Amount received since last report 673,619.96
Amount paid out since last report 336,323.32
03/31/11 Balance 505,525.35

Right of Way Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 100,811.94
Amount received since last report 250,508.79
Amount paid out since last report 25,000.00
03/31/11 Balance 326,320.73

Parmer County Forfeiture Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 24,472.64
Amount received since last report 1,858.36
Amount paid out since last report 0.00
03/31/11 Balance 26,331.00

Permanent Improvement Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 26,155.52
Amount received since last report 42,553.94
Amount paid out since last report 39,790.00
03/31/11 Balance 28,919.46

Revenue Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 158,556.50
Amount received since last report 40,914.47
Amount paid out since last report 65,968.94
03/31/11 Balance 133,502.03

Juvenile Probation Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 2,157.13
Amount received since last report 180.65
Amount paid out since last report 240.00
03/31/11 Balance 2,097.78

County Attorney - Check Collection Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 24,650.79
Amount received since last report 3,685.48
Amount paid out since last report 3,823.08
03/31/11 Balance 24,513.19

District Check Collection - 287th Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 9,064.82
Amount received since last report 152.75
Amount paid out since last report 590.31
03/31/11 Balance 8,627.26

District Attorney Forfeiture Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 50,624.77
Amount received since last report 907.08
Amount paid out since last report 37,160.34
03/31/11 Balance 14,371.51

County Attorney Forfeiture Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 7,032.82
Amount received since last report 302.15
Amount paid out since last report 326.00
03/31/11 Balance 7,008.97

Interest & Sinking Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 157,950.20
Amount received since last report 190,684.98
Amount paid out since last report 203,568.75
03/31/11 Balance 145,066.43

Lateral Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 0.00
Amount received since last report 0.00
Amount paid out since last report 0.00
03/31/11 Balance 0.00

Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion Fund
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2010 0.00
Amount received since last report 4,341.12
Amount paid out since last report 1,203.12
03/31/11 Balance 3,138.00

Recapitulation

Jury Fund 38,032.90
General Fund 1,489,919.36
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TOTAL 2,753,373.97

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of April, 2011.

Trey Ellis
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Lazbuddie's Todd Nichols placed 5th at the Regional golf meet at Lakeridge Country Club last week. He shot an 87 on Monday and a 79 on Tuesday. Photo by Shawndee Meeks.

Nichols places 5th at Regionals

The Lazbuddie boys golf team finished 15th at the Regional Meet in Lubbock April 18-19. Lazbuddie carded 865. Individual placings were: Todd Nichols, 166, 5th place; Colton Weaver, tied for 43rd; Justin Schacher, tied for 77th, and Dusty Gibbons, tied for 94th.

Elementary honor rolls announced

Here are Farwell Elementary School's 5th six weeks honor rolls:

Mrs. Barnes -- honor roll, Brisa Solis Parker Mahaney, Emma London, Jaclyn Klein, Sylvia Galvan, Daniel Dzul; achievement list, Ethan Young, Trivious Ortiz, Baylee Lavender, Garit Graham.

Mrs. Altman -- honor roll, Karson Barnes, Coby Glover, Victoria Gutierrez, Kynton Haseloff, Erica Williams; achievement list, Jessica Martinez, Dustin Ray.

Mrs. Sloan -- honor roll, Ainsley Actkinson, Marcus Baca, Ian Beverage, Adriana Chavez, Ivonne Gonzalez, Abi May, Ashley Riccardi, Paulina Rodriguez; achievement list, Oskar Estrada, Angel Germain, Nicole Gilliam, Eduardo Graxiola, Alexis Ruiz, Jonathan Sotelo.

Mrs. Lavender -- honor roll, Jackson Jarman; achievement list, Christian Barrett, Caitlyn Garcia, Jack Isaacson, Jordan Sage Klein, Matthew Kube, Patrick Pena, Britnei Soto, Katey White.

Mrs. O'Neill -- honor roll, Kinley Kalbas; achievement list, Wendy Grajiola, Kylie Haseloff, Sterling Henderson, Maria Maldonado, Ricardo Ortega, Brianna Reyes, Ramon Reyes, Trace Stancell, Jordan Villarreal.

Mrs. Hester -- honor roll, Mason Byrd, Andrea Chavez-Murillo, Victor Crume, Hope Herrera, Romeo Reyes, Luis Solis; achievement list, Danny Dyck, Alex Gulley, Sailor Jackson, Carley Johnson, Alexia Nicolas, Alexis Nunez, Oscar Rodriguez, Naomi Rubio.

Mrs. O'Hare -- honor roll, Matthew Dale, John Mitchell, Brooke Mullin; achievement list, Erica Barrera, Tannar Chadwick, Cory Fratus, Tommy Dyke, Brandon Galvan, Marivel Galvan, River Hall, Natalie Hernandez, Leslie Mora, Alexis Olmos, Mariana Sosa, Ethan Stancell, Ricardo Torres, Miguel Vasquez.

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other organized groups offered:

- The concept of "high decline areas" is totally eliminated, thus everyone across the district will be treated the same.
- All additional production or allocations restrictions are eliminated.
- The prohibition, or moratorium, on drilling is eliminated.
- The implementation period will be extended as follows:
 - 1) 2012-2013, 21 inches allowable production.
 - 2) 2014-2015, 18 inches allowable production.
 - 3) 2016 -- 15" allowable production except that the board could decide to leave it at 18" if we were on the 50/50 DFC curve.
- A rolling 3-year "banking" provision will be developed and Conkwright's recommendation was to allow all unused water to be carried forward, subject to the 3-year rolling concept.

-- Beginning in January 2012, all usage must be reported. Existing meters may be used and likely would be grandfathered as acceptable. Alternative methods of reporting will be allowed.

-- There will be no penalties for 4 years, thus giving producers ample time to measure their water and adjust their cropping patterns.

-- New clarifications on the rules regarding municipalities, CAFOs, dairies and industry will be addressed, although they will still be under the same allocation as others in the district.

-- Clarification on exempt uses will be addressed but, for the most part, only includes:

- 1) Domestic use -- wells for personal home use and small livestock operations.
- 2) Oil and gas drilling and exploration; water used in "production" is not exempt.
- 3) Water used for rural fire protection would not count against a producer's allocation.

Wedel said the the preliminary data from their economic study suggests that if the previously proposed "high decline areas" and the additional restrictions are eliminated, there would not be a significant economic impact across the district

Now that the board has received the new recommendations, what's next?

The board will meet in May to receive the final draft of rules; the meeting will be posted.

On June 9, hearings will be held in Dimmitt at 9 a.m. and in Lubbock at 3 p.m.

June 30 is the final day to submit comments on the final draft of the rules. Some minor tweaking of the rules will be allowed if necessary before final adoption.

The final rules will be adopted by the board in July or August.

The Latest

Texico's FFA on April 25 hosted the District public speaking competitions.

Representing Texico were:
Chapter Prepared Speech - Garrett Foote, Sabra Barnett, Rae Lynn Prather, Lindsey Foote, and Ruben Hunt.

Greenhand Speech - Kassie Waller, Erin Lane, Darby Sharp, and Paden Hagler.

Extemporaneous Speaking - Mitchell Harrison, Kayley Pelfrey, and Tyler Kelley.

Job Interview - Kayley Pelfrey, Fallon Scanlan, and Pal Herndon.

Texico police report all quiet last week.

Farwell School Supt. Mike Read reports that plans are to build a water storage tank with a booster pump on the side of the street where the football field is.

It will hold 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of water and will ensure a stronger water pressure for the school district.

Samaritan Hospice "Celebration of Life" Remembering and Honoring those who have died in 2010

Monday, May 16th at 5:30 pm
Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 West Ave J, Muleshoe

Hamburger cookout and balloon release

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Public is invited!



Trailer

From page 1

"I taught school for 15 years and I've seen a lot of FFA and shop programs," he said. "Texico is without a doubt the best program in the state. It's more than just vocational skills, too. Those students are courteous and professional, which is going to take them a long way when they leave the classrooms."

On the completion of the deal, DeFoor treated all the student artisans to a pizza luncheon at their school. (Rumors could not be confirmed that some of the "D4 quarter-horses" that he breeds near Clovis were so pleased with their elegant new ride that they chipped in too.)

This project reflects Texico's educational vision to deliver their students the traditional courses needed for a diploma, of course, but more than that, to give them vocational training so they can step right into the work force immediately upon graduation, if they wish.

As part of this vision, the old cafeteria is now being converted into a vocational facility in which students can complete training and certification in the culinary arts, woodworking, and metalworking too.

With superb workmanship like this, it is clear that Texico's vision is working. The best in the state may well be understating how excellent Texico's program really is.



The finished product.

Commissioners

From page 3

Form to document reimbursable expenditures of county employees in the course of their duties.

-- Adopted the Testimony Form that will be filled out by citizens who want to address the Commissioners Court directly, ensuring that those citizens' presentations can be as direct and appropriate as possible.

-- Discussed the procedure through which the courthouse's newly approved janitorial and maintenance contractor, Rocio Carrasco, can be bonded for the performance of those duties.

-- Discussed the schedule to trim dead wood and branches in danger of falling from the trees overhanging parking areas adjacent to the courthouse lawn.

-- Bought a new John Deere 310SJ backhoe for Pct. 4.

Lazbuddie News

The Lazbuddie Elementary has a new look! Elementary teachers along with staff came together on March 13 to paint the halls. We would love to show them off! Join us on Thursday, May 5th for our Elementary Open House and Dinner.

Family, Friends, and Community will have a chance to enjoy dinner, visit the elementary classrooms, and participate in a live cake auction. The festivities begin at 6pm and run thru 8pm with Pre-k and Kindergarten registration taking place from 5:30 to 7pm that evening. Dinner will be served from 6pm to 7pm with a cake auction following at 7:30pm. For more information call 965-2152.

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Farwell Council to support new Veterans Day program

The Farwell City Council on April 19 was asked by Bill Dannheim to support a Memorial Day ceremony for county veterans.

The event is being planned for the Farwell city park at 10 a.m. on May 30 to honor veterans who gave their lives for this country.

Dannheim said he was proud of the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Farwell School each November, but Veterans Day celebrates the living veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who passed away.

In other news, the council:

- Opened bids for the house on 9th Street that

is on the lot that will become the Senior Citizens Meal Site. The winning bidder was Raphael Mann, of Clovis, who bid \$2,800 and will have the house moved within 30 days.

- Passed an ordinance making synthetic marijuana illegal. The state is working on passing this legislation.

- Approved variance requests for construction for Bill Johnson to build a porch at 508 1st St.; Les Curtis to put on a new roof at 806 4th S.; and for Mario Lara and Robert Lucio Construction to put up carports.

- Agreed with Janice Clement that the city hall needs to have a flag fly-

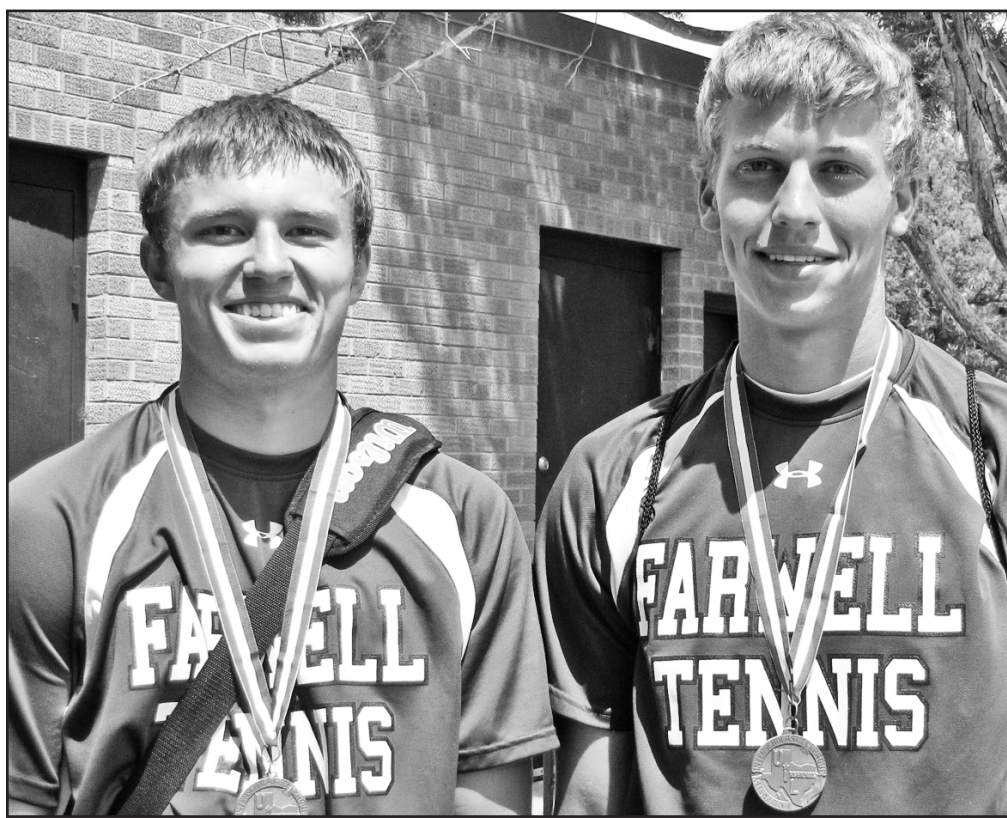
ing year round. In the past, a flag was only put up to mark holidays.

- Heard from Gerald Porter that the county burn ban has caused a lot of trash to pile up at the city dump that could cause a fire hazard.

He will contact Duncan Disposal to get it picked up.

- Approved Porter to buy a camera to keep in the city works truck for documentation.

- Heard from Police Chief Larry Kelsay that the Farwell police have made more drug arrests this year than in all of last year. He said they recently confiscated \$15,000 in suspected drug money.



Actkinson, Carpenter take 3rd in Regionals.

The Farwell boys' doubles team on Landry Actkinson and Luke Carpenter took 3rd place at Regionals this past week.

The Latest

There will be a Luvs Diaper Shower for LaDonna Fickling at Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church on May 1 from 2 to 3 p.m.

The baby is due mid-May.

An invitational girls track regional qualifier meet was conducted April 21 at Texas Tech. Farwell results were:

800 dash - Chelsea Bass, 3rd, 2:22.65.

400 dash - Bass, 5th, 61.77; Jill Johnson, 16th, 68.27.

1600 relay - Farwell, 7th, 4:21, Chandler Barnes, 69.84; Abby Johnson, 64.31; Kayla Cullison, 66.21; and Bass, 60.31.

The Border Town Days Committee will have its second meeting of the year on Monday at 7:30 p.m. ct at A-Me-De's Restaurant in Texico.

All committee members are asked to attend.

The meeting is open to the public and folks who would like to join the committee are invited.

Two candidates seeing a place on the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board have a local tie-in:

-- Daniel Patterson, who has worked as a police officer for the City of Farwell, preaches at the Progress Baptist Church.

-- Scott Brown worked

for Sherley-Anderson and AGP Marketing grain elevators for many years and is now a bookkeeper at Hilltop Dairy.

*** An addition to Farwell High students who qualified for Regionals in track:

Hunter Hall in the pole vault. He placed 4th at District.

*** There will be a bridal shower for Jessica Chandler, a 2002 Farwell High graduate, at the Farwell Country Club on May 7 from 2-4 p.m.

*** The Parmer County

Historical Society will meet May 1 at the Friona museum at 2:30 p.m.

The museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. for the public.

*** Landon White, a 2009 graduate of Farwell High has opened a spraying business in the area.

White said he can spray for weeds and insects, or to put out fertilizer, and he does everything from small yards to feed yards, ditches, pivots and fence lines.

His phone numbers are (806) 225-7242 and (806) 825-3533.

*** Dickie Chandler went to the hospital in

Lubbock on April 24 for observation and tests.

Scholarships available

Parmer Medical Center is awarding four \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors in Parmer County.

Recipients will be students with intent to enter a career in the health care industry.

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students who wish to pursue health care related professions and to invest in future generations of health care providers in Parmer County.

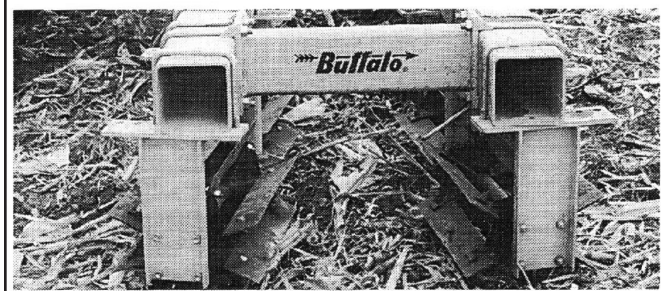
Interested seniors may receive applications from their school office or from Parmer Medical Center. Application deadline is May 13.

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Wolverine pitching dominates Clayton

The Texico Wolverines are ranked 8th in the state in Class 2A as the baseball season starts winding down.

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John Myers gave up 4 hits in a 14-2 win. Top hitters were Jose Posada, 2 singles; and Myers, a single, double and 3 RBIs.

In the other game, the Wolverines won, 24-2. Posada gave up 5 hits in the win.

Top hitters were Posada, single, double and 2 RBIs; Trent Barclay, a single, 3 triples and 7 RBIs; and D.J. Griego, a single, double and 2 RBIs.

*** Earlier in the week, Texico lost a double-header to Portales there, 7-0 and 18-12.

In the first game, Posada and Griego had the Wolverines' two hits.

In the nightcap, Griego had 2 singles and a double; Jorge Maldonado, a single and homer; and Miguel Reyna, 2 singles.

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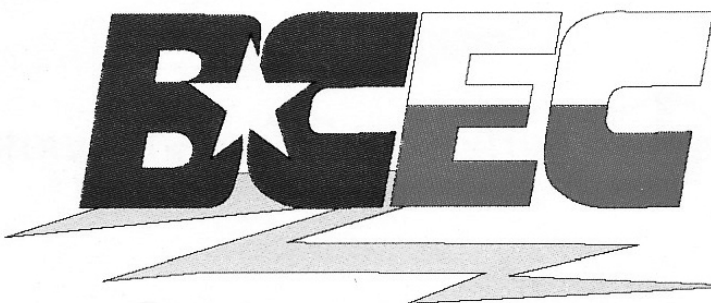
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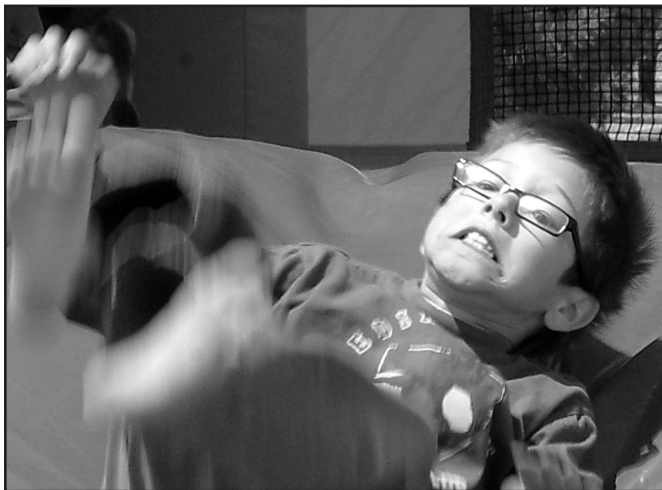
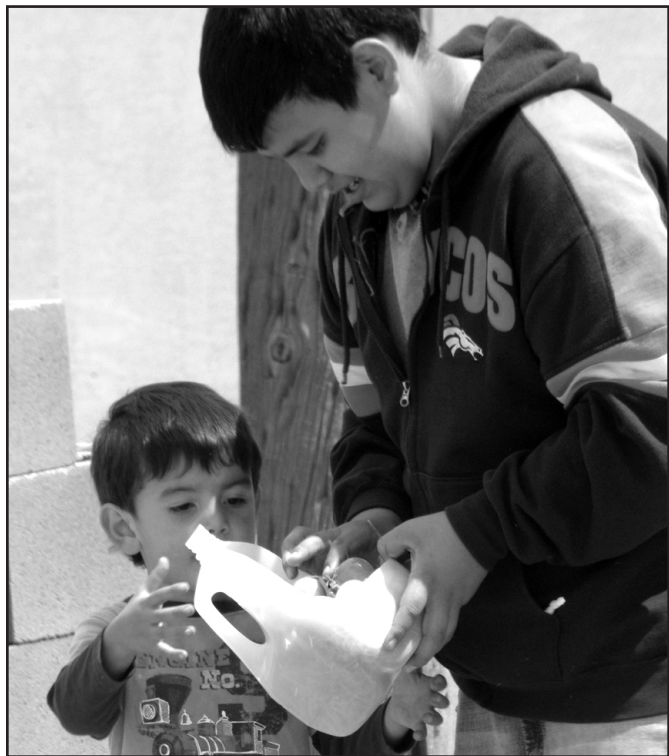


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Texico Assembly of God church hosts Easter activities

The Texico Assembly of God church held a bunch of activities for local kids last Saturday in honor of Easter, including a band, Easter egg hunt, egg decorating, and hot dogs. Photos by Tracy Bullington.



Frances Ruth Norton

Frances Ruth Carpenter Norton, 98, of Farwell, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2011 at Farwell Convalescent Center.



Services will be Thursday, April 28, at 10 a.m. mdt at the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church, East 5th St. & Johnson, in Clovis, with Steve Baldock and Gene Hawkins officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell.

Frances was born in Wolfe City, Texas, on Jan. 20, 1913, to Wade and Ollie Jackson Carpenter. The family moved to the Campbell Community near Floydada in 1914. They moved to the Oklahoma Lane Community near Farwell in 1927. Frances attended school at Oklahoma Lane School transferring to Farwell School her senior year. She was honored as the oldest living graduate of Farwell High School at the 100 year school reunion in 2008.

On March 7, 1937, she married Lester Norton at Dougherty, Texas. She was a homemaker and housewife, raising seven children giving her a sense of humor that made all their lives quite interesting. She was an excellent cook, never knowing how many she would cook for each day, even the occasional hitchhikers Lester would pick up and bring home. Needlework and gardening were a couple of her favorite hobbies. She was blessed with a spirit of generosity, as well as always giving unconditional love. She will be missed.

She was a faithful member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church of Clovis.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one brother, J.W.; one sister, Helen Massongill; 2 sons, Darrell Francis and James Harold; 2 grandsons, James Harold, Jr., and Kyle Jamison; and 2 granddaughters, Leslie Norton Lunsford and Tina Gerles Dorwald.

She is survived by a brother, Harold (Avis) Carpenter; 5 children, Alta (Herman) Gerles, Gerald (Anne) Norton, Wilma (Leon) Jamison, Charles Wade (Lisa) Norton, and David (Pam) Norton; a daughter-in-law, Bernice Norton; 21 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Farwell Education Foundation, P.O. Box F, Farwell, TX 79325, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home, 800 E. Manana Blvd., Clovis, NM 88101, (575)763-5541.

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Florence Ritchie

Florence Ritchie, 79, of Bovina, died April 23 in Amarillo. Funeral services will be Thursday April 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Rev. Brian Mullins, pastor, officiating.



Burial follows in Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Ritchie was born Aug. 9, 1931 in Copperhill, Tenn., to Thomas Manley and Mamie M. Campbell Jones. She married James Glenn Ritchie Aug. 24, 1949, in Blue Ridge, Tenn.

She was a bookkeeper for the family automotive repair business, a homemaker and great cook. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 4 brothers and 5 sisters.

Survivors include: 2 sons, James Ritchie of Espanola, N.M., and Randy Ritchie and wife Lenora of Santa Fe, N.M.; 2 daughters, Myrna Royal and husband Rick of Amarillo, and Susie Hall and husband Steve of Clovis; 3 sisters, Jeanette Ritchie and husband Frank, Velma Davenport and Gladys Bearden, all of Blue Ridge, Ga.; 1 brother, Junior Jones, of Blue Ridge; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



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Farwell Convalescent Center hosts easter egg hunt

Residents, staff and kids all got to take part in the Farwell Convalescent Center Easter egg hunt. (Photos by Linda Hardy)



Texico Elementary honor rolls given

Here are the 5th six weeks honor rolls for Texico Elementary School:

5th Grade- Matthew Barriga, Madison Belcher, Nathaniel Birdseye, Antonio Cardenas, Mackenzie Clark, Ben Crist, Carlos DeLaRosa, Mackenzie Haakman, Sarah Harrison, Tyler Hickman, Kambri Loewen, Paden McDermid, Perla Marin, Kaylee Miller, Hannah Myers, Danika Nelson, Nathan Phipps, Craig Ray, Cynthia Reynoso.

4th Grade- Brianna Barnes, Saira Buendia, Corina Castillo, Sydnee Cook, Jasmine Davalos, Skyler Davis, Michael DeLaRosa, Matti Doshier, Mari Ferrel, Colter Figg, Heaven Foraker, Erika Garcia, Pacen Hartley, Cole Lane, Amber Madera, Aspyn Osburn, Avery Petroski, Nallely Ramirez, Colton Rohrbach, Baylee Sours, Macey Sharp, Montana Thatcher.

3rd Grade-Nicholas Andrews, Jill Barnes, Brooklynn Beck, Elias Cardenas, Abby Defoor, Anthony Galaviz, Collin Haakma, Chris Harrison, Jacee Hagler, Hatcher Heavyside, Ashley Hill, William Kerby, Benjamin Loewen, Connor McDermid, Haidyn Mount, Luke Phipps, Analis Ramirez, Javier Ramirez, Mariah Reyna, Dominik Salguero, AJ Sanders.

2nd Grade-Gabriel Bailey, Scarlett Buendia, Andrew Cano, Jazmin Colmenero, Freddy Davalos, David Davalos, Ethan Drager, Emily DeLaRosa, Christian Exiga, Anton Goins, Erik Hunt, Grace McDaniel, Emanuel Maldonado, Josh Myers, Anders Nelson, Isaac Nieto, Rachel Phipps, Riley Rohrbach, Justus Tuls.

Farwell Church of Christ to host special event

The Farwell Church of Christ at 5th and Avenue C will host a special event for children on May 7 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Activities will include Bible lessons, crafts, puppets shows and games that teach and reinforce character development and gratitude for God's blessings.

There also might be a few fun prizes given out as well.

The "Saturday Sonshine" activities are planned to continue throughout the summer months, providing a fun activity that children in the community can participate in.

It is also designed so that parents can take a few hours break from parenting, to run a few errands, spend a couple of hours doing something special or just relax.

Registration is encouraged.

For more details and to register, call 481-3819.

Lunch will be provided on May 7 -- homemade pizza that the kids will create themselves.

Farwell Senior Meal Site

Salad Bar every day

Monday - Pizza, bread sticks, salad, veggie plate, dessert.

Tuesday - Ham salad, chicken salad, deviled eggs, crackers, salad, banana pudding.

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, carrots.

Thursday - Ribs, french fries, onion rings, veggies.

Friday - Tacos, rice & beans, chips with salsa, sopapillas.

Seniors over 60, \$3.50; all take-outs, 50 cents extra; guests under 60, \$6.50. Delivery is 50¢.

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5 acres near Lovin.

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Bailey County Electric Cooperative Assn. is now accepting applications for Lineman Trainee.
Applications must be completed at the office at 610 E. American Blvd, Muleshoe, Texas. The job description may be picked up at any time, but the application form must be filled out in the office with a starting salary of \$15.23. All interviews will be conducted after the closing date of May 13, 2011 at 5 p.m. Telephone 806-272-4504.
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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Ordinance No. 185
An ordinance of the City of Farwell, Texas, prohibiting the use, purchase, possession, and sale of certain smoking products, which are synthetic cannabinoids or salvia divinorum, and which may be sold under such names as "K-2", "Spice", "Genie", "Dascents", "Zohai" and "Sage" for public health purposes to be codified in the code of ordinances of the City of Farwell as Chapter 185 illegal smoking products; providing for a penalty or fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); providing a repealing clause, a severability clause, and an open meetings clause; and providing an effective date.
Passed and approved by the City Council of Farwell, Texas, on April 19, 2011.
Jimmie Mace, mayor
Attest:
McKinzi Hall, city secretary

COUNTY OF PARMER NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the Local Government Code Annotated Chapter 116, notice is hereby given that the Parmer County Commissioners Court will select a depository bank for Parmer County Funds and Parmer County School Funds.
Sealed applications must be brought or mailed to Trey Ellis, County Judge, 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 5th, 2011 at which time all applications will be considered.
The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. the Depository Contract will be awarded at the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, May 9th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court
Trey Ellis
County Judge

Just Passing Through
WILL ANDERSON

Many Americans celebrate Cinco de Mayo each year, commemorating the Battle of Puebla, the victory of a Mexican force over a French army on May 5, 1862. It is observed much more in the U.S. than it is in Mexico where, other than a holiday for elementary schools, it is just another workday.

Mexico's big celebration is to remember its own independence day more than half a century before, Dieciseis de Septiembre, honoring the day on Sept. 16, 1810, that a Catholic priest, Miguel Hidalgo, proclaimed "El Grito de Dolores" calling for the overthrow of Spain's colonial rule.

Following that, Mexico finally won its independence in 1821, after its people had suffered under Spanish rule for centuries. The decades that followed were no better, however, as the country was tormented by a series of wars, dictators, oppression, and corruption.

When the tyrant Santa Anna seized power in 1833, he revoked Mexico's Constitution of Doctrine that forbade

1824 and ruled at the whim of his proclamations and at the tips of his armies' bayonets. The brutality of Santa Anna's rule and his monotonous losses on battlefields through 1846 would drive Mexico even more deeply into poverty and debt.

It was for that reason that when Mexico's president, Benito Juarez, took the office in 1861, he found the nation to be under crushing debt to European nations and the national treasury to be almost completely empty. Since the only way to pay those debts would have been to tax his citizens to the point of starvation, Juarez declared a moratorium, halting payments until Mexico could get back on its feet financially.

The European response was to send armies as debt collectors. French, British, and Spanish armies landed at Vera Cruz for that purpose and after inflicting some defeats on Mexican armies, Juarez assured them that the money owed would be forthcoming as soon as possible.

With that achieved, the British and Spanish armies departed but the French remained. With the U.S. embroiled in its own civil war, Americans

were in no position to enforce the Monroe Doctrine that forbade

Europe to further colonize American continents or islands. France was going to seize this opportunity to hoist its tricolor over Mexico and establish a new French colony.

To force that rule over Mexico, the French army began to advance from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, only to encounter on May 5, 1862 the resistance of a small Mexican force at Puebla manning two fortresses atop adjacent hills and the trench that had been dug to link them.

This Mexican force was not a regular army regiment; instead it was made up almost entirely of volunteers from the impoverished remnants of the once mighty indigenous tribes that had ruled Mexico prior to the arrival in the 16th Century of Spain's Conquistadors. Their commander was Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín.

The French held the small force of peasants in contempt and charged its fortifications three times throughout the afternoon of May 5, only to be savagely repulsed on each attempt. By the evening rains, with France's infantry torn to ribbons, its cavalry being pursued in retreat, and its artillery completely out of shot and powder, the Mexican victory was complete.

That Mexican triumph in 1862 was short-lived, however. France would return a year later with 30,000 soldiers to quickly

defeat Mexican forces from the coast to Mexico City, and to import an Austrian aristocrat, Archduke Ferdinand, to rule Mexico as a French vassal state for five years.

The Battle of Puebla on May 5, while it was not strategically significant, is important in other ways to this very day. Americans who observe Cinco de Mayo do so absent-mindedly by drinking Mexican beer and enjoying Tex-Mex cuisine, something like they might celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with the wearing of the green. But Cinco de Mayo is so much more than that.

Americans cherish the freedoms they enjoy and they honor the people of any land who fight to win those freedoms for themselves. At Puebla, warriors of the once-mighty native tribes banded together to fight for the Mexican nation. They bravely made their stand, outnumbered though they were, against one of the greatest armies that then existed in the world.

On that one day, Cinco de Mayo, 1861, they fought and died for freedom, for family, for faith, and for their nation. The celebrations on that day should be to honor those men and women. They should honor the righteousness of their cause. They should honor their bravery even unto death.

Those are things that everyone in the world should hold in reverence.



Matt Davis and Jaimie Diaz

Jaimie Diaz to wed Matt Davis

Harold and Dawn Diaz, of Earth, announce the engagement of their daughter Jaimie Diaz to Matt Davis.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Farwell High School and a 2009 graduate of Lubbock Christian University. She is employed as a teacher and coach by Muleshoe Schools.

The prospective groom is the son of Alan and Kathy Davis, of Hale Center. He is a graduate of Hale Center High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed as a crop consultant by Sudan Farmers Co-op.

The couple will marry June 25 at the Underground Embassy in Clovis.

Courthouse Notes

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

Charles Williams - Fabian Garcia, State Line Strip Addition, city of Farwell.

B. K. Buske et al - Diann Herdman, 40 AC SW/PT S11 T3S R3E.

Robert Carrothers et al - Diann Herman, 40 AC SW/PT S11 T3S R3E.

Stephen McWorther et al - Diann Herman, 40 AC SW/PT S11 T3S R3E.

Jerry Martin - Brandon Embry, NE/4 S39 Blk B.

Francisco Nieto - Miguel Hernandez et al, L 3-5 B77 Bovina.

Alexander Widen Estate - Alexander Property Interests, E/2 S32 Blk C Rhea Brothers.

Livestock show sets \$\$ record

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Supt. Mac Heald reports that there was a record sale this year - \$165,348.

It came from the sale prices, donations and proceeds from the steak dinner.

The money goes to the youths who raise livestock. And this year every youth got \$154.37 if they showed an animal.

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LONGVIEW 531-BAILEY CO., TX. - 531 acres, 388.7 acres in CRP, native pasture, wells, on pavement south of Muleshoe.

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UNION CO., NM - Amistad area, 960 ac. w/612 ac. formerly under pivot irr., presently in CRP program balance in native grass, 6 irr. wells in shallow pumping area.

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TOM GREEN CO., TX. DAIRY - capable of milking 1500 in a parallel double 16 rapid exit parlor, large brick home recently remodeled, 171 acres, additional adj. land available, pavement & all weather road, near San Angelo.

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Bovina Banter

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to give back.

Jury duty is scheduled for May 3.

First Baptist Church is hosting a Bible study class called "A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place." They have changed the meeting date to Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the church.

I hope everyone had a great Easter. May God bless us all.

Congratulations to Joseph Casas and JC Marrufo who won 1st place at the national basketball tourney in Franklin, Texas.

Interesting Fact of the Week: Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt believed the White House was haunted. So was so convinced that she kept a vial of holy water on her nightstand for protection.

Business coming to Texico

Texico welcomes a new business to its main street on the corner of Wheeler and Griffin streets.

Rebecca and Chad Davis are putting in the building. They currently own Rebecca's Country Gal Style and specialize in jewelry, purses, shoes and clothing. When com-

pleted, the new store building will be about 7,200 sq. ft.

For a sneak peak at some of what Rebecca's offers, check out their website www.rebeccas-jewelry.com.

ATTENTION

**CURRY COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS
2010 Taxes Are Due**

The second half of property taxes must be paid by

May 10, 2011

(Mail postmarked by May 10, 2011 will be accepted)
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Mustang Band needs your vote for musical contest

From Bovina Band Director Brad Walker:

The Mighty Mustang Band has been entered in the State Farm \$100,000 "Original Score Contest" which is online at www.originalscorecontest.com

The winner will receive a \$25,000 grand prize for their respective school music department. The 2nd place school will receive \$15,000 prize, and 20 honorable mention awards of \$500 will be awarded.

Entries are split into class 1 (4A and 5A schools) and class 2 (1A, 2A, and 3A schools). Each class of schools will receive duplicate awards.

The contest is for high school musical organizations to premiere original music that highlights something about Texas.

Walker has composed a concert march entitled "Texas Farm Road March" in honor of our agricultural industry on the high plains of Texas. The students in the Mustang Band have worked hard to get this tune ready for performance and have collaborated with him to develop the theme, title, and desired presentation for viewing on the internet.

Stan Miller coordinated an excellent slide show presentation that depicts rural life in Bovina. Together with the music provided by the Mustang Band, it is a powerful presentation that showcases the importance of the Texas Farm Road System which brings our agricultural products to market.

Our band needs your help. Please go online to www.originalscorecontest.com

Bovina Banter

Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

The community is invited to the Bovina City Hall at 7:30 a.m. on May 5 to pray in honor of the National Day of Prayer.

We hope you read that important story in today's Bovina section from band director Brad Walker.

The voting deadline is May 1. Please vote!

Some important dates to add to your calendar: The middle school academic awards program will be May 6.

The high school prom will be May 7.

The Baptist Church will have its annual senior banquet May 14.

The high school National Honor Society induction will be April 28 at 5 p.m.

The regional track meet will be May 2-3 at South Plains College.

The Bert Corona Retreat (migrant) will be May 3-5.

Next week's school lunch menus:

Monday - Salisbury steak, hamburger rolls au gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, tossed salad, apples.

Tuesday - beef & macaroni, pepperoni pizza, corn bread, peas, tossed salad, cucumbers cottage cheese, peaches.

Wednesday - tacos, hamburger, corn tossed salad, cottage cheese, apples.

Thursday -- burrito, beef, pepperoni pizza, fries, cucumbers, cottage cheese, tossed salad, pears.

Friday - toasted ham & cheese, hamburger, potato chips, tossed salad, cucumbers, chocolate pudding.

BHS will be putting on the play called "The Morgue, the Merrier" on May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The 45-minute play is

about three persons who have died and are reliving the scenes in which they died in. It is a comedy so if you need a laugh you're invited.

There will be no admission charge and they encourage everyone to come out and enjoy it.

Booster Club is getting everything together for this year's Athletic Banquet set for May 10 at 6 p.m. in the schools cafeteria.

Tickets are cheaper if you get them in advance (\$8) or \$10 at the door. You can get your tickets from any booster club member or contact the high school office.

Last chance if you would like to contact Principal Anderson for the scheduled Junior National Honor Society community cleanup. If you are an elder in the community and have any small chores or yard work that needs, contact her at 251-137, ext. 230.

Thanks to all the youth participating in the project. What a great way

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and vote for the Bovina Mustang Band to help them win this contest. Voting ends on May 1. You can vote as many times a day as you have email accounts. You can only vote one time per day per e-mail account. At least 50 votes are needed for a school to qualify.

There are 1,000 possible points that a school music group can attain. There are 500 points given to the band based on their voting tally (percentage of the vote), 250 points from a panel of music judges, and 250 points from a celebrity panel of judges based on entertainment value.



Black Team: Allen Hernandez, Camilo De La Rosa, Lizet Anett, Efrain Martinez, Fernando Castaneda, and Mrs. Deen.

Bovina Middle School teams succeed at Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car Races

On April 16, two teams from Bovina Middle School went to Amarillo for competition in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car Race sponsored by B&W Pantex.

The Bovina Maroon Team was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Car Appeal.

The Bovina Black team won 3rd place in the car race, receiving a check for \$125 and each team member received a plaque.

The teams were sponsored by BMS Science teacher Helen Deen.



Maroon Team: Justus Brozek, Ernesto Carrillo, Andy Flores, Luz Bonilla.

Thank You

From the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show

The 2010 Junior Livestock Show premium show was another outstanding success. The total sales and add-ons came out to \$165,348. We sincerely appreciate the buyers clubs, individuals, businesses and the add-ons that support our talented youth for all their hard work.

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More Bovina youth basketball teams



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The Bovina Easter egg hunt

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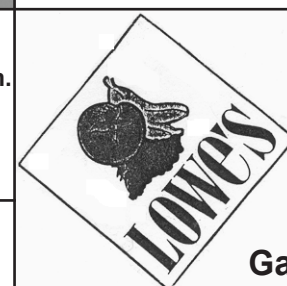
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