



An attorney becomes a minister 'God spoke to me'

Joe Whitley was walking out of his law office one day when "God spoke to me and it was like a cold glass of ice water."

Whitley said there was no doubt that "God told me to go into ordained ministry." So, he did.

After a short time thinking, "I have too much going on in my life; I can't because of this or I can't because of that; I finally decided to just do it."

He gave up his successful civil law practice and began looking at seminary schools. He was a little worried that his mother, who had always been his secretary at the law firm, and his wife would think that he was crazy.

However, it all worked out well. Both ladies in his life agreed by saying, "What took you so long?" Evidently, they both could see that this was a logical choice for Joe even when he did not realize it himself.

Whitley, who is now Pastor Joe Whitley at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell, says that many things fell into place to convince him to follow God's advice.

First, and very importantly, his wife and mom supported him. Then, he received a large financial settlement from a lawsuit that was completely unexpected. With no pressing financial issues, he was on the right track to attending seminary school.

With only 3 weeks left until the school session began, Whitley was worried he might be too late to get accepted. He is sure God intervened again because, after driving directly to get his transcript from his alma mater, Pepperdine University in California, he was able to personally



Joe Whitley

meet the seminary school director and secure a place in school.

Whitley said even federal judges had a hand in getting him to follow through with God's suggestion for his life. "The judges who presided over my current law cases found out that I was attending seminary school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, so they would only schedule my court cases on Mondays or Fridays. Everyone was very supportive."

Whitley says he was never one to shy away from challenges. Even growing up in Las Cruces, N.M., he knew that he wanted to excel.

"I always had good grades in high school and really wanted to attend some kind of Ivy League-type school." One day the principal called him down to the office to personally congratulate him on his acceptance into Pepperdine University.

For a 5th generation

family of New Mexico ranchers and farmers, it was a lofty goal to attend a top-notch school, but Whitley succeeded. He not only graduated with degrees in English and political science, but stayed for law school, earning his Juris Doctorate.

Then, Whitley began practicing law - first as an associate with a large firm, then as a partner with then-New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya. Finally, he hung out his own shingle in his hometown of Las Cruces and practiced for 14 years there.

It was 1990 when he listened to the call to follow God. Whitley said he chose to attend seminary school at Clairmont in California because of their "progressive spirituality." Whitley strongly believes that people need to transform their relationship with God.

"We need to go about life with a different purpose - we are supposed

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Herington nabs 2nd grid contest

Rodney Herington won last week's Area Merchants Football Contest by getting 11 of the 12 games picked correctly. None of the other more than 200 entrants managed that.

For that great feat, he received the first place cash prize of \$20.

Seven participants had 10 games right. They are, with their totals off the tie breaker (Bovina 28, Boys Ranch 20) -- Robbi Actkinson, 22; Deanna Curtis, 17; David Harding, 21; Andria Griswold, 22; Liz Kaltwasser, 27; Sharla Smith, 30; and Luis Solis, 17.

By virtue of being closest off the tie breaker, checks for \$7 each went to Mrs. Curtis and to Solis, who had tied for 2nd place.

With 9 right were: Michelle Agee, Adrian Ancira, Jason Box, Claire Brown, Leo Cervantes, Tucker Crawford, Dwayne Dale, Zach Dale, Susan Fails, Dina Garcia, Ty Gast, Peggy Goettsch, Darren Haseloff, Jarron Hill, Mark Kebera, Del Lingnau, Kirk Lingnau.

Also, Myrna Lingnau, Rusty McFarland, Bev Obenshain, Jerry Dee Owen, Pat Owen, Ralph Serna, Connie Taylor, Tommy Thompson, Carla Watkins, and Debbie



Priscilla Herington, right, receives the check for winning last week's football contest on behalf of her husband, Rodney, from Cathi Johnson, of Citizens Bank of Clovis' Texico branch. Citizens Bank is one of the contest sponsors.

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The contest was another toughie, with the winning average at a low 7.1 (out of 12 games).

Results of last week's games were:

Farwell over Olton, Illinois over Cincinnati, Houston over Temple, Boston College over Wake Forest, Michigan over Notre Dame, Georgia over South Carolina.

Also, NY Jets over Tampa Bay, Detroit over Minnesota, Tennessee over Pittsburgh, New Orleans over Atlanta, Miami over Cleveland, and Seattle over Carolina.

Next week, the Tribune will begin reporting on the Leader Board as the race is on for the grand champion who will win the two Dallas Cowboys tickets and \$100 in cash.

Cunningham will not seek re-election as Texico mayor

Texico Mayor Jerry Cunningham announced this week that he does not plan to run for re-election at the March 2014 election.

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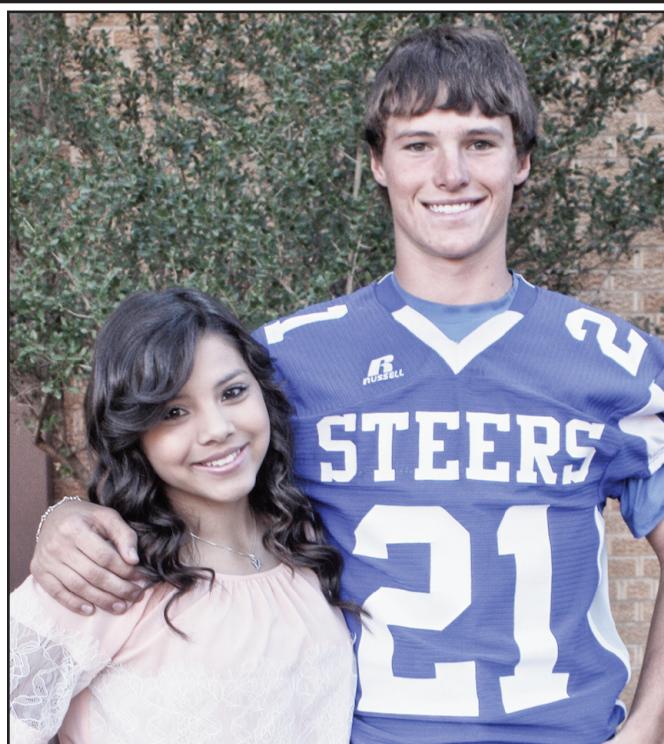
Farwell Homecoming candidates



Alexa Mora and Dillon Kirkland



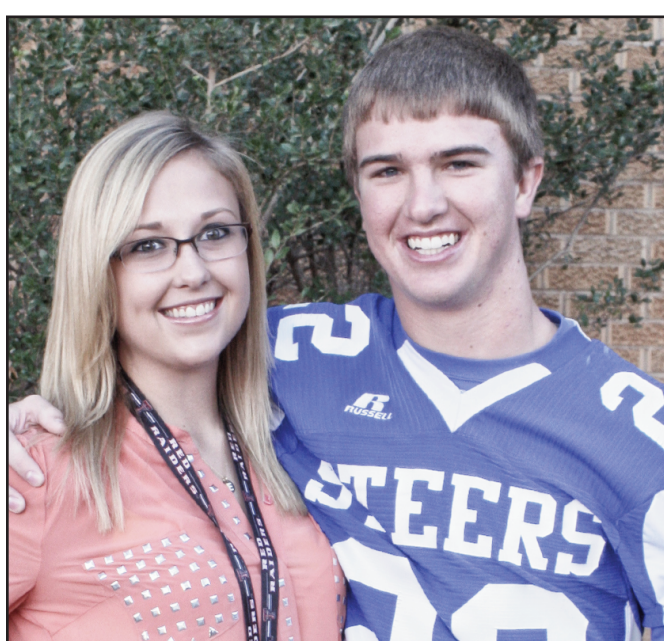
Savanna Barksdale and Christian Pena



Stephanie Mendoza and Daniel Kirkland



Regan Agee and Angel Graxiola



Emily Stancell and Curt Langford



Cambree Glover and Heath Hadley

Farwell Homecoming fun

As part of the Homecoming festivities, Farwell students on Tuesday wore class colors. Here are some of the kids showing their pride.



4th graders wore red.



Juniors wore green



5th graders in black



3rd graders wore dark green.



Teachers wore tie-dyed shirts, and Mr. Patterson wore a homemade tie made by Makenna Byrd.



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Pick the team you think will win each of the 12 games and circle the winner's name. Also, pick the score of the Game of the Week. Bring or mail your entry blank to the Tribune office by 5 p.m. Friday of this issue. Only one entry blank may be submitted per individual. Contestants must be 12 years old or older. The Game of the Week will be used as a tie breaker only.

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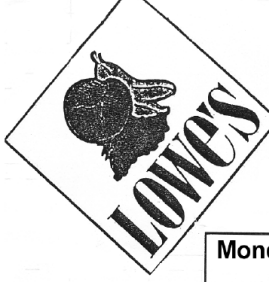
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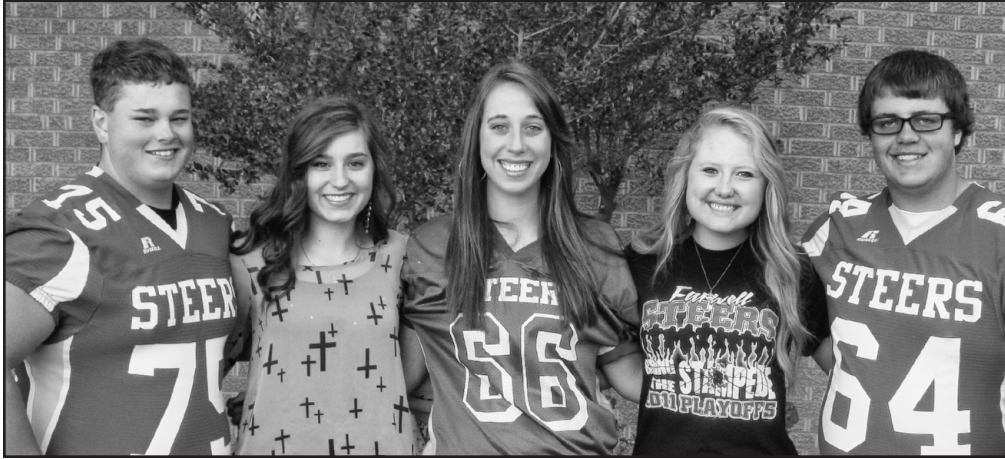
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Farwell class representatives, officers announced

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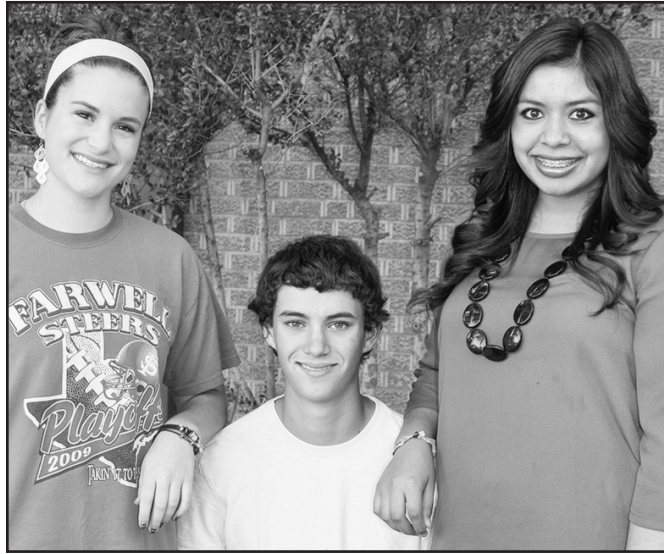
Sophomore reps -- Madison Griswald, Sidney Barksdale, Jenna Kirkland.



Freshmen reps -- Mallory Schilling, Kenlea Barnes, Lauren Isaacson.



Junior reps -- Cassidy Devault, Taylor Presnell, Cheyenne Patrick.



Senior reps -- Lauren Carpenter, Austin Mason, Esmeralda Flores.

Montano returns to Texico after military career

Cirilo "Lilo" Montano, who enlisted in the U.S. Marines after his senior year at Texico High in 1991, has returned here.

His mother, Hilda Rojas-Hernandez, said her son's military career "open up doors to different states and countries. More importantly, he inherited so many families that he is a part of and that he will always keep in touch with."

Among Montano's achievements were: Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Army Achievement Award; Service in Kuwait / Iraq Service Medal with Bronze Service Star; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star; and Combat Action Badge.

Mrs. Rojas-Hernandez said, "I am extremely proud of my son and thank the Lord for bringing him safely home. Please join me in congratulating him on the streets of Texico, where he has come back to live along with his son, CJ, a Texico High senior."

"My son plans to kick back for awhile and enjoy going to football and basketball games at Texico. Of course, you may see him helping out at Grampo Merced's restaurant, helping out his aunts at Tortilleria Rojas."

Mrs. Rojas-Hernandez said her son has two daughters -- Brittany who lives in Port Orchard, Wash.; and Autumn, a high school sophomore in Thousand Oaks, Calif.



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Cunningham

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Cunningham has served as mayor for 12 years. "I just don't have the time to do the position justice," he said. "The city needs someone with more time to handle the job's responsibilities, such as going to Santa Fe periodically."

Also, his wife, Monnie Cunningham, will not seek re-election next year either. She has been a city councilwoman for 12 years.

City Judge Dean Heninger will seek re-election. City councilman Oran Jay Autrey will also seek re-election.

Whitley

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to be doing things in the name of Christ."

There has been a decline in church importance lately, a decline in church attendance, a decline in church relevance.

Whitley wants to change that. One reason that he believes that he was called into this challenge was because he enjoys discovering and understanding how people think. As an attorney, this helped him understand his clients. Now, as a minister, he hopes it helps him connect people to Jesus.

Whitley and his wife, Alex, and their 2nd-grade daughter, Madison, have been in Farwell about 2 months. They are thrilled to be here and have enjoyed getting to meet everyone in the community.

He confirms, "Hamlin is a very strong church already. The people have big hearts." One of his goals is to "involve everyone in some way. I want them to use their gifts and become involved."

Another goal is Christian education programs. Whitley says that his style is a "vibrant, dynamic learning environment" and he wants to reach out to the community - especially the young people.

He is planning a Sunday morning study class that is video based and interactive with material from Frances Chan. Whitley says that it

will be an energetic, fun study and invites anyone to attend at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

One of his specialties is outreach. Whitley studied specifically on how to build new churches and involve new people with Christ. He would like to build a stronger outreach program in Farwell that invites people, "regardless of denomination, race, gender, etc."

He especially mentions involving youth, inviting all junior and senior high students to their 6:00 Sunday evening meetings. "This group is all about bonding together as a group - going camping, going on field trips, fellowshipping with other kids their age."

Whitley says even though he was pastoring at a church in his hometown, he was ready for a new challenge in Farwell. "My family feels so blessed to be in this community. There are a lot of genuine, hard-working people here and we already feel at home."

Farwell Meal Site

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Tuesday - salmon patties, fried potatoes, mac & cheese, hot rolls, banana pudding.

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Thursday - chicken patty on bun, sweet potato fries, LP, apples, milk.
Friday - no school.

Farwell
Monday - crispy tacos, garden salad, pinto beans, salsa, applesauce, milk.
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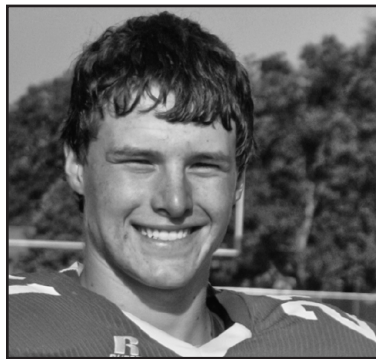
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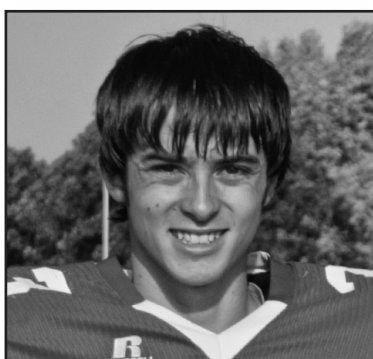
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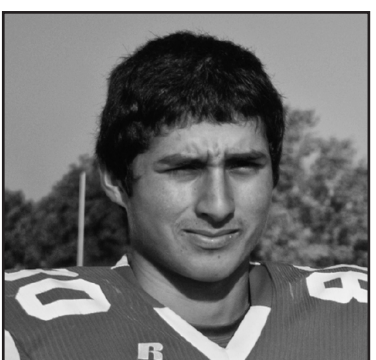
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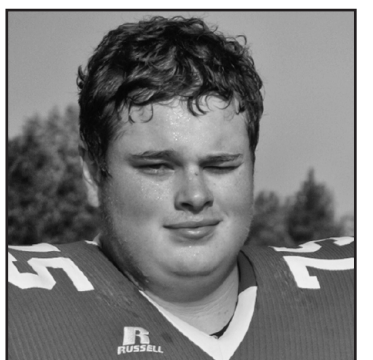
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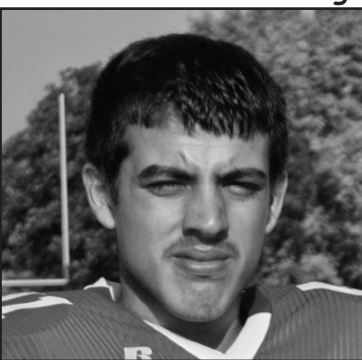
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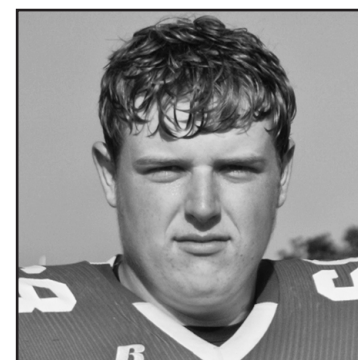
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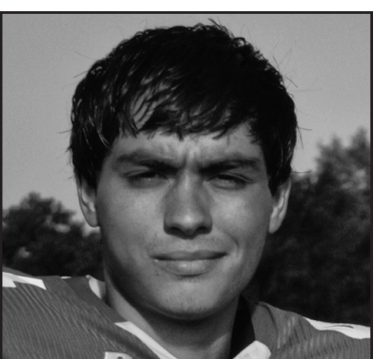
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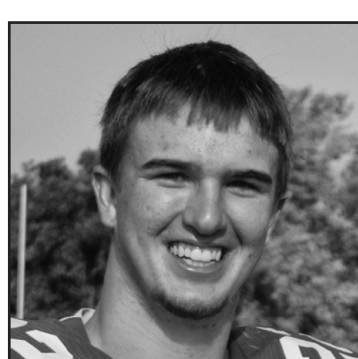
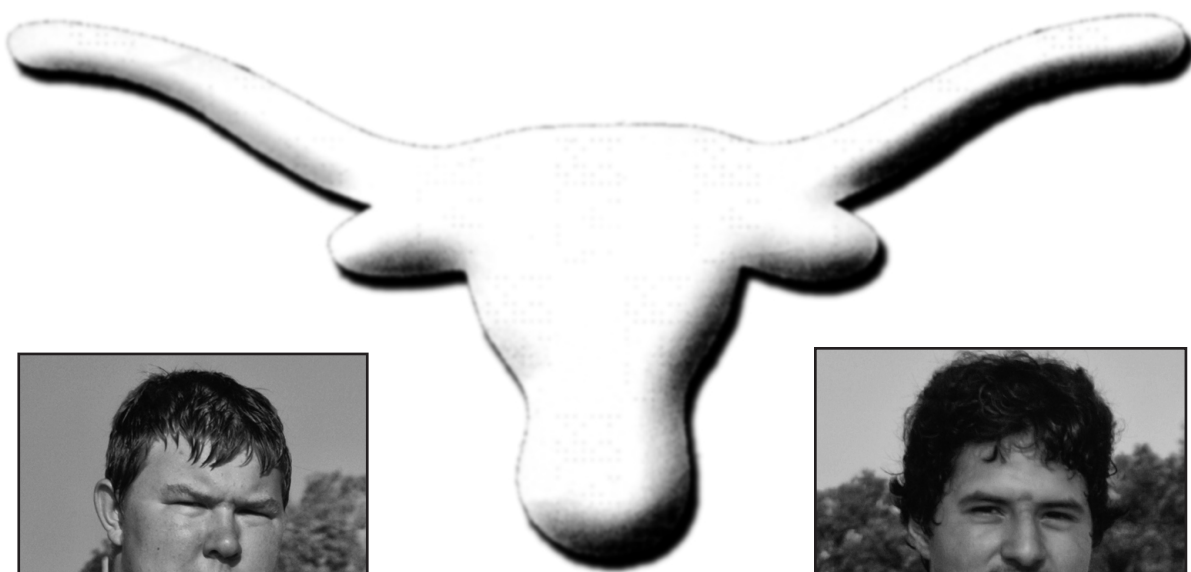
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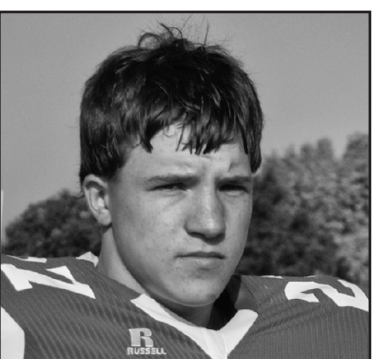
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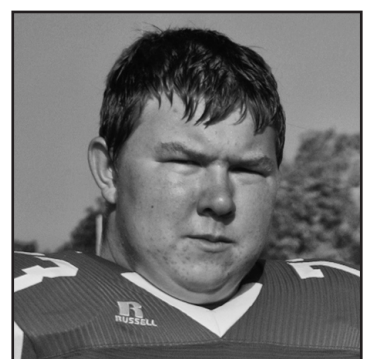
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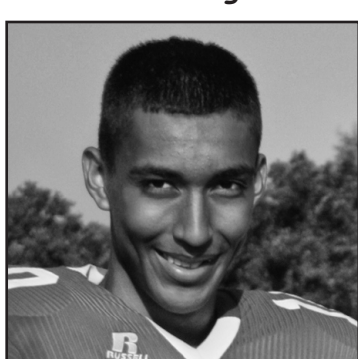
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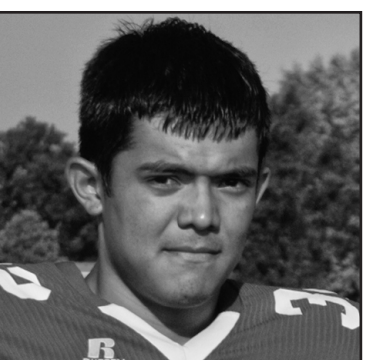
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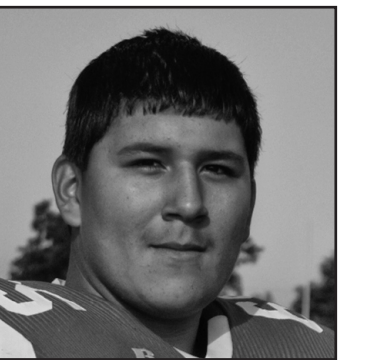
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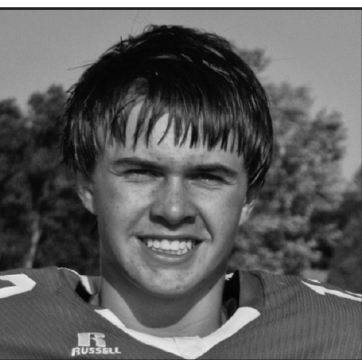
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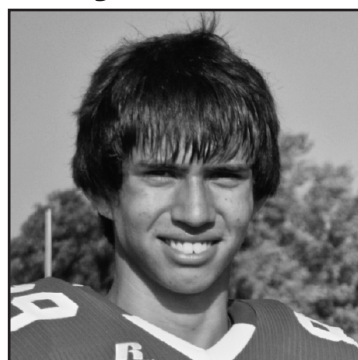
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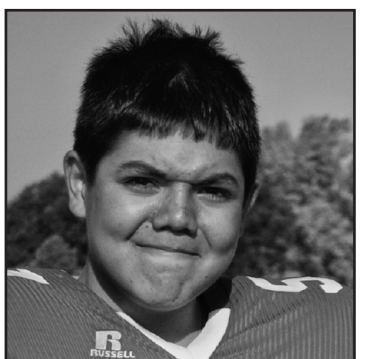
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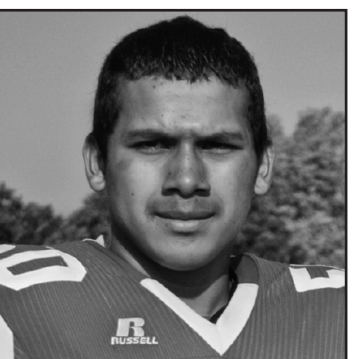
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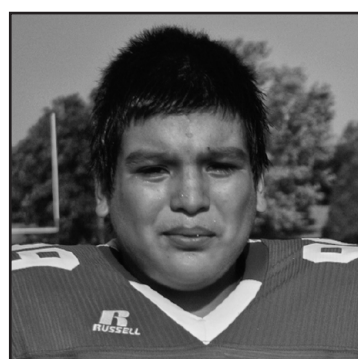
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Neugebauer meets with local Chamber members and producers in Farwell



Cong. Randy Neugebauer presented Tracy Billingsley with several sets of dominoes for the residents to use.

U.S. Cong. Randy Neugebauer and his staff toured the Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center on Sept. 5.

Farwell and Muleshoe were the last stops on his trip around one of the largest congressional districts in the U.S.

His district covers an area from the outskirts of Ft. Worth, south to Big Spring, and up through Deaf Smith County, an area of 29,000 miles.

He joked that this was the first time in years that he saw cattle, grass and water in the same pasture.

With Congress back in session on Sept. 9, he wrapped up his district tour by meeting with local producers and Farwell Chamber of Commerce members.

Neugebauer praised the staff of FCRC on their work in updating the facility. He spoke on several different topics:

- The Farm Bill. It has two parts about 20 percent for ag production, and 80 percent for the Food Stamp program.

Previously, the two issues were linked. It was felt the Food Stamp program would force urban politicians to vote on the rural agricultural issues.

This year, the House separated the two issues.

Neugebauer felt that the Farm Bill would not be passed before the Oct. 1 deadline, which would make 2014 crop production a huge issue. Without a Farm Bill in place, it means farmers will be taking a risk with any crop they plant.

- The current US debt. Right now the US is spending around \$1.40 for every \$1 collected in taxes, and the current debt is around \$17 trillion.

- Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare.

Neugebauer said that he has voted against the act 40 times, and there have been serious problems with it from the start.

He said the flawed program has led to a troubled implementation, low participation and costs higher than expected. The mandate that businesses take part has again been pushed back.

"The model today is not friendly to rural America. It impacts the quality of life in this area."

He said that the low Medicare reimbursements to doctors has led to medical rationing where doctors will only see a small number of Medicare patients per day, so they can make money off the those who can afford to pay for medical costs.

He said that he does not fault the doctors as they have years of training and often have a large amount of debt from college, and they can't be expected to only see patients that will only bring in a small amount of money.

Neugebauer said that when many of the Medicare and Social Security programs were started, most Americans died around 60 years old. Right now, the average is in the 80s.

The programs were simply not designed for folks to live this long.

- Syria. He understands that the president wants to take action, but he was afraid that America was becoming the world's police.

More importantly, he asked what involvement in Syria would have for America. He will have a full briefing next week and will vote according to what he felt was

best for the nation.

- Science and technology problems in America. He said we have the best labs and the best people, but things are changing.

Right now, the best students from around the world are able to come to America and study at our universities. When they get their degrees, they are immediately deported.

He said we need to keep the best minds from the world here in America.

He also said that we aren't producing science and math graduates like the rest of the world is. In some cases, U.S. companies are moving their facilities to other countries because they cannot get enough skilled employees here.

- Jack Kirkland asked about the effect of political lobbyists.

Neugebauer said that there are often a valuable resource for making decision. He said there are many different groups and some are more effective than others, but he hopes that some day the lobbyists will also help educate their own people about why politicians vote the way they do.

- Charles Christian, a board member of WTRT Telephone Cooperative, asked about recent FCC rulings.

Neugebauer said he felt the President Obama was pushing a lot of regulations across every industry. He said this administration has passed more industrial regulations than the previous three presidents.

He felt that this is simply too many regulations and there needs to be more study on their effect before making more regulations.

- Mike Ratke asked about the chances of Obamacare being repealed or replaced.

Neugebauer said that even Democrat senators are currently having second thoughts about the program.

He said the unions are starting to move against it as well. Unions had been for it in the past as it wouldn't have affected them, but they've since realized that their healthcare plans and pensions plans are possibly at risk.

- Christian asked about what it would take for America to curb spending.

Neugebauer said that America needs to change their quality of living. We need to all cut back.

Right now in New York City, it is estimated that the average person would need to make \$23 per hour to justify not staying at home.

Some families have now have multiple generations of people who have all lived off food stamps and public housing.

"Americans are the first to help others in need, but some folks are gaming the system."

And worse, the entitlement programs are on auto-pilot, leaving folks to just stay where they are.

- In closing comments, Neugebauer said that he felt the Obama administration has become divisive. The president is demonizing those 'wagon pullers', those who make money in this country.

He said that Americans can not give up.

"Historically, when Americans get in a bind, that is when we roll up our sleeves and do the right thing."

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Portales slips past Wolverines

by Brenda and Rodney Wren

Portales edged the Texico Wolverines last Friday at home, 13-7.

Portales is now 2-0 and Texico 0-2.

Texico's run defense was fantastic, holding Portales to minus 7 yards on the ground. But Portales used its passing attack for its 2 TDs.

The Rams started with the ball. John Myers had a tackle for a loss, and Portales punted. Texico was stopped and the Rams started near midfield. A group QB sack allowed the Wolverines to get the ball back.

Again, the Texico attack was stymied, but to was Portales as the defenses played tough.

The Rams moved downfield late in the 1st quarter, getting a first down at the Texico 5. Kendall Naceanceno had a huge tackle on 2nd down. Portales was held to no gain on 3rd down and tried a field goal, which failed.

Texico started at its 20 to open the 2nd quarter. Mitchell Pinnell carried for a first down at the 35. Naceanceno then caught a pass from Justin Rucker and rambled to midfield.

After the teams traded punts, Texico got the ball back at midfield. Naceanceno had a pair of strong runs, then caught a pass from Rucker at the Rams 20. The Rams intercepted at their 9.

With 2 minutes left in the first half, Adrian Gomez intercepted and returned it to the 44. Rucker carried inside the Rams 25. Texico went for it on 4th and 3, and Naceanceno made the first down. But an interception ended the drive and both teams went into halftime tied 0-0.

Texico opened the 3rd quarter at its 35. Texico was held and punted. The Rams moved the ball through the air, with Gomez making a good tackle. At the 8 minute mark, Portales scored on an 7-yard pass. The kick made it 7-0.

Texico had a good drive going. Naceanceno ran for 15, but the Rams intercepted at their 20.

Portales moved the ball downfield, getting a first down at the Wolverine 12. The Ram attack was stopped by a Gomez interception in the end zone, giving Texico the ball at its 20.

Pinnell ran for 16, then 7 more as the quarter ended.

Texico was forced to punt to the Rams 12. The Rams put the ball in the air effectively, and scored on an 8-yard pass. The kick failed and it was 13-0 with 9:45 left in the game.

Texico started at its 38 and moved quickly. Naceanceno gained a first down on 2 runs. Rucker then connected with Myers for a long gainer. The drive ended with a 35-yard TD run by Naceanceno

The kick by Josh Tredway was good and it was 13-7 at the 7:51 mark.

Texico gets the ball back and Naceanceno breaks free for 25. Myers carried twice and gains a first down at the Rams 43 but the attack stops there.

With 1:43 left, the Wolverines get the ball back. Myers carried for a first down. A pass to Jonah Tuls gained another first down at the 39. But Texico is held as time runs out.

Wolverines of the Week

Wolverines of the Week were: offense -- Kendall Naceanceno; and defense -- Mason Golden.

Individual stats: rushing - Naceanceno, 27 for 114; Myers, 7 for 35; Pinnell, 6 for 27; passing, Rucker, 12 for 23 and 79 yards; receiving -- Myers, 5 for 30; Gomez, 4 for 11; Naceanceno, 3 for 37.

Team stats: first downs, Texico 16, Portales 14; rushing yards, Texico 188, Portales minus 7; passing yards - Texico 79, Portales, 208; punting, Texico, 32.3 average, Portales 37.3; and penalties - Texico 7 for 40; Portales, 3 for 20.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

The reception for former Texico School Board member Jim Pena has been moved to Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. mt at Texico School before the football game.

Full details will be listed in next week's Tribune.

The Parmer County extension service is offering a 12-week weight management program called "Step Up and Scale Down" starting Sept. 16.

Pre-registration will be taken until that date. Cost is \$25, including materials.

Classes will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Mondays at the county courthouse. Shana Fleming, home ec extension agent, is in charge.

For full details, call 481-3619.

Lazbuddie School's Title I Parent Involvement Meeting will be held during Open House on Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.

Hal Helton reports he has sold his Texaco Oil property, on the north side of Avenue A in Farwell and to the west of James Bros. Implements, to a Clovis church.

Helton said it was indicated to him that the church will use the property for constructing portable storage units as a work rehab program for persons in need of a job.

The entire property has been sold, including the building housing a vehicle repair business.

A question many are asking is whether the current drought is part of global warming or just nature taking its course.

Weather researchers at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and British meteorological office conclude it's just random freakiness of weather.

However, the consensus among all scientists is that there is no question the world has been warming significantly over the last 10 years.



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Live Cattle prices have continued to struggle to hold their head above water? The market retraced about 50% of their move off the May lows into their August high last week and have held so far. A close below this level would most likely indicate a top in place and lower prices ahead? In years past, there have been many times prices moved up into the early October time frame, but time is running out. Technically, the market really needs to turn back up around current levels if another rally is to take place?

Feeder prices have given up about one-third of their gains over the same time frame as the Live Cattle. The October contract has held \$155.85 and will need to hold above this level if price trends are going to remain higher. The \$160.00 level from nearby contracts into the back months seems to be very strong overhead resistance. A move towards the \$160.00 level has been met with heavy selling on each attempt.

Soybean prices have been able to maintain a trading range between last years high and their highs made in June around the \$13.33 level. Prices stopped around last years highs, but have since pulled back and are currently holding just above support. The market will need to breakout of one side or the other to indicate a new leg. Although trends still leaning higher, it may be difficult to breakout to new highs from here?

Corn prices have stopped around their \$4.60 support levels, but not many signs of strength at this time. Prices have stalled out around this level with little buying interest and technically would project lower if buyers cannot turn the market back up from here. There is another USDA Crop Production out this Thursday which could rattle the market a little more. Taking out the August low could push the market back down to the \$4.00 level? This would also be the December contract low made last year.

Wheat prices slipped down through support late last week and the market remains around the \$6.90 level basis the December KC Wheat. Technically, the market should probably move on down a little lower now that prices have closed below their support levels which have held for the last six weeks? The next level of support comes in around the \$6.70 area.

Cotton prices have tested and held their old support levels around the \$82.00 level basis the December contract. This level has held price breaks since late last Spring. Technically, a strong close below this level would turn long term trends back down for the first time since the market turned higher last year. So far, prices are holding, but there doesn't seem to be very much strength at this time.

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legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

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Steers overcome injuries to beat Olton

The Farwell Steers stayed undefeated by knocking out the Olton Mustangs, 20-6, on Sept. 6.

The 2-0 Steers' balanced running and passing attack proved too much for the Mustangs, as Class 1A Farwell beat their second Class 2A opponent in a row.

Olton opened with an on-sides kick, but Heath Hadley sniffed it out and set Farwell up for their first drive.

QB J.J. Herrera went 4 for 4 for 25 yards in the air on his first series, with receptions by Chase Mitchell and Curt Langford. Daniel Kirkland ran for 16 yards. A fumble stopped the drive short.

Olton didn't get much of a chance as Lazaro Velasquez recorded a sack 15 yards behind the line followed by an interception by Herrera.

Herrera then connected with Angel Graxiola and Dillon Kirkland exploited the center of the field for a pair of first downs, but Farwell had to punt.

Velasquez, who was a dangerous weapon all night as the punter, pinned Olton at its 6.

Olton went 3 and out. Langford returned the punt, following great blocks by Velasquez and Herrera, all the way back to the Olton 17.

Herrera was injured at this point and Mitchell

Steers of the Week

Steers of the Week were: offense - Chase Mitchell, and the offensive line -- Trevor Schilling, Zac Dale, Keith Kalbas, Gerardo Martinez and Mitchell Ratke; defense - Dillon Kirkland; special teams -- Danny Reyes, and Big Hit -- Dillon Kirkland.

replaced him as QB. Herrera sprained a knee ligament and likely will miss 3 to 5 weeks.

On 4th and long, Mitchell hit Graxiola with a 14 yard pass.

At the Olton 2, Mitchell shrugged off several Olton rushers, and completed a pass to Langford for Farwell's first TD.

Andrew Michalski kicked off into the end zone, and Olton again went three and out.

Mitchell connected with Langford, who ran for 35 yards while weaving through defenders. Farwell couldn't convert and Olton got the ball back.

Jonathan Vega and Trevor Schilling had tackles behind the line, leading to a 3rd down pass, which Oscar Muniz broke up.

Langford was injured on the next series. He suf-

fered a high ankle sprain and likely will miss two games.

Velasquez recorded a 50-yard punt to again set Olton back, but the Mustangs still drove in to tie the score. Velasquez blocked the extra point.

To start the second half, Graxiola broke up Olton's first drive by knocking away a 3rd down pass.

Daniel Kirkland stopped their second drive by causing a fumble that Velasquez picked up.

Adan Velasquez caused a fumble on their third series, but Olton recovered. Olton tried to punt but Danny Reyes blocked it, giving Farwell the ball at the 10. Mitchell scrambled for 6, and Daniel Kirkland ran in untouched to give Farwell a 12-6 lead.

Olton messed up a snap on their next series, leading to Lazaro Velasquez grabbing the ball at midfield.

Farwell drove straight through Olton as Daniel and Dillon Kirkland picked up yards and Mitchell found Graxiola inside the 10 on a pass.

Dillon Kirkland capped the drive by destroying a Mustang safety and taking the ball in for another TD. Mitchell completed a pass to Graxiola for the 2 extra points.

Olton had two more chances, but on their first series Keith Kalbas forced a fumble. The Mustangs recovered it, but Graxiola intercepted their next pass.

On their final drive of the night, Zach Dale stopped them on 3rd and 1, and with 45 seconds left they went for it on 4th down and Graxiola intercepted.

Team stats were: first downs, Farwell 8, Olton 9; rushing yards, Farwell 55, Olton 70; passing yards, Farwell 89, Olton 38; punting, Farwell 32 yard average, Olton, 28.5 yard average; and penalties, Farwell 7 for 65 yards; Olton 5 for 30.

Individual stats were: rushing -- Daniel Kirkland, 44; Killon Kirkland, 35; receiving -- Langford, 4 for 48; Graxiol, 3 for 26; Ruiz, 2 for 14; passing - Herrera, 4 for 4 and 26 yards; Mitchell, 6 for 10 and 63.

Lady Blue cross country places 2nd at Morton

The Farwell Cross Country team ran in the Morton Cross Country meet on September 7th. Here are the results:

Varsity Girls placed 2nd overall in the meet. The following runners earned a medal:

Alexa Mora, 3rd, 13:23; Lindsy Coburn, 13th, 14:32; Cambree Glover, 15th, 14:45; Carina Reyes, 17th, 14:46.

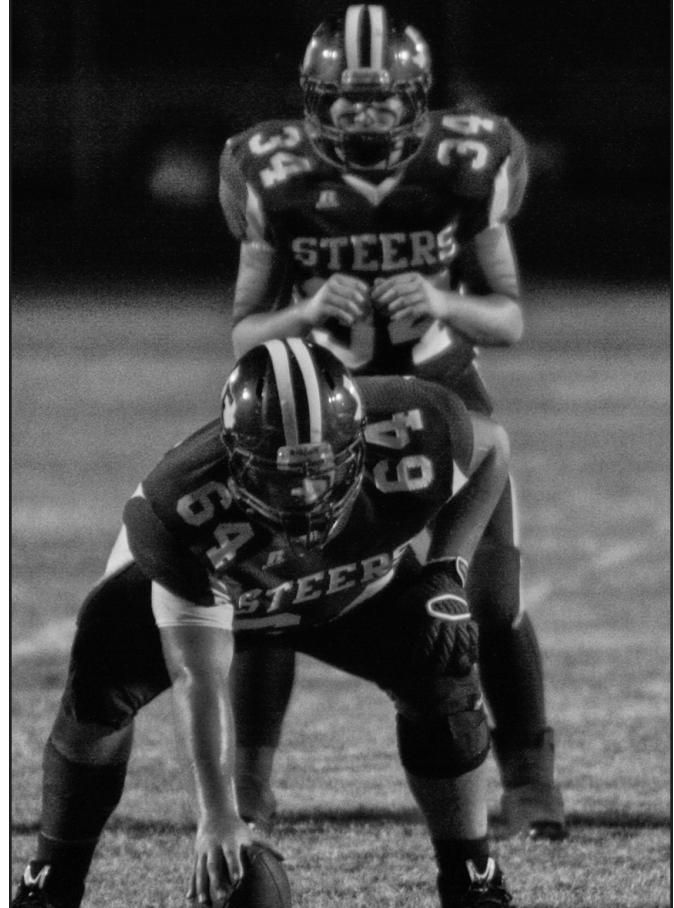
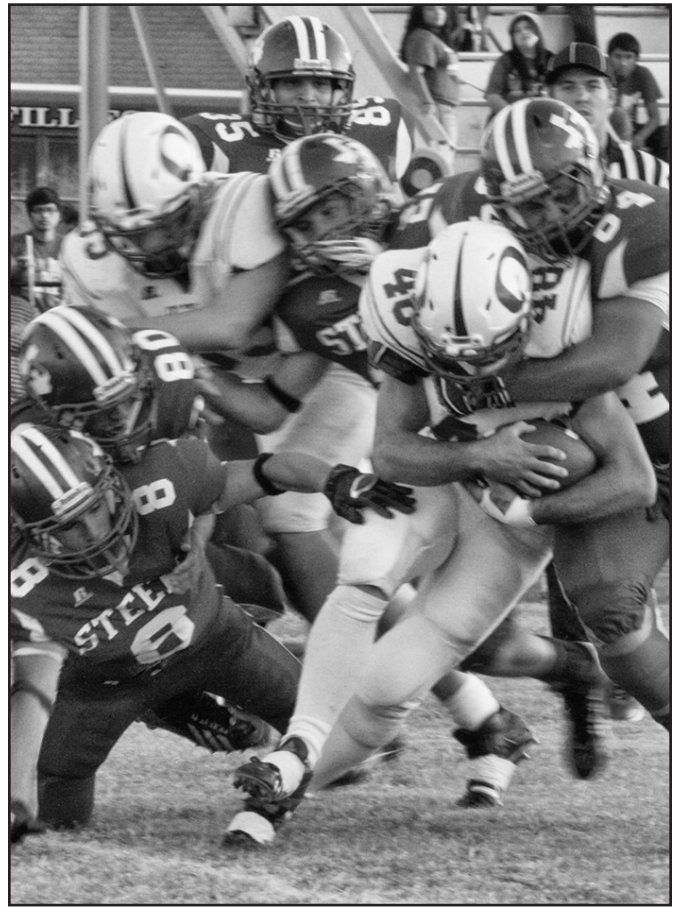
The JV girls placed 3rd overall with the following medal winners:

Katy Carpenter, 7th, 15:29; Regan Agee, 9th, 15:50; Skylar Chadwick, 16th, 16:12; and Stephanie Terceso, 20th, 16:31.

The Junior High Lady Blue runners placed 1st overall. Medal winners are:

Andrea Chavez, 5th, 14:14; Carley Johnson, 6th, 14:32; Maria Maldonado, 10th, 14:40; Brianna Wallace, 12th, 14:54; and Leslie Mora, 14th, 15:01.

The Junior High boys medaled with Thomas Smallwood placing 15th in 13:34.



Farwell 'Steer Code' youth honored

Farwell Elementary School youths, who follow the "Steer Code," showing they are responsible, respectful, or caring toward their academics, the school, or to individuals, include: front row, Xander Schilling, Gia Elizalde, Jorge Vazquez, Haidin LeClear, Teresa Silva; and back row, Luke Mitchell, Dustin Dyck, Fabian Lozano, Sydney Horton, Rustin Baldwin, Mati Garcia.

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 A Bovina farm laborer, Horace Stevens, is killed in a family feud.
 Durward Bell named county's Conservation Farmer of Year.
 Kent Blain has 8th birthday party.
 Sophomore Benjy Dial starts as ENMU QB.
 W. M. Parham undergoes surgery.
 Milton Lee Walling treated for allergies in Oklahoma City.
 Ed Combs resigns from Texico school board.

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Back to School Bash

The First Baptist Church of Texico held a back-to-school bash at Lions Park in Texico. The event featured several bouncy houses, cotton candy, hot dogs, and lots of fun for the area kids. Here are some scenes from the event.




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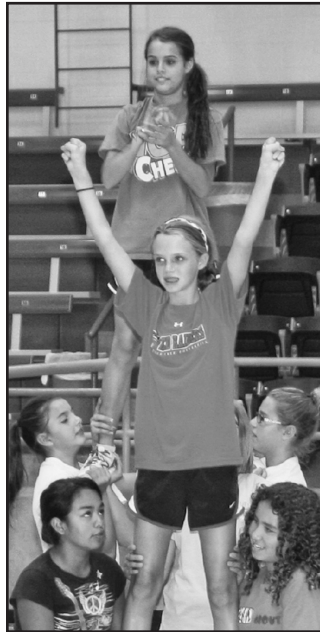
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Scenes from the Farwell Cheer Camp



County to buy tractor for Lazbuddie area

The Parmer County Commissioners on Tuesday gave approval for Pct. 4 (the Lazbuddie area) to buy a used tractor.

At the recommendation of Sheriff Randy Geries, the commissioners kept the sheriff's fee schedule the same for next year.

And the commissioners agreed with District Court Judge Gordon Green's decision to hire Larry Johnston, of Friona, as county auditor.

The commissioners also held their budget hearing on Sept. 5, and approved the budget and tax rate as advertised.

They agreed to hike the county clerk's archive management and preservation fee from \$5 to \$10.

Also, the district clerk will now charge a \$5 archive preservation fee; it was free to users in the past.

These rates are needed, it was explained, because of the costs to the county in preserving older documents.

The Latest

Farwell football coach Taylor Read said the JV Steers won't be playing Hale Center as expected this week because two of the varsity Steers were injured in last week's game against Olton, and the players are needed.

Thus, there will be no Farwell JV games until the kids are healthy.

Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church will be hosting a movie night on their front lawn on Sept. 14.

They are showing the movie "42", the story of famed baseball player Jackie Robinson.

All you need to bring is a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

The first football polls are out in New Mexico. The Texico Wolverines rank No. 6 by Maxpreps.com.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Sept. 3, Raquel Salazar, 32, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft of property by check, pending county court.

On Sept. 6, Monica Tascano, 31, of Dimmitt, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a Bailey County warrant. She posted bond and was released.

Parmer/Bailey County Crime Stoppers

On Sept. 4 during the noon hour, someone stole an 18-ft. tandem axle trailer from the 1700 block of FM 2013, Friona.

The trailer is black with a wooden floor, a round pipe railing and two 2x6 wooden cargo ramps.

If you have any information, call Crime Stoppers at 481-9178. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.

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I am a movie aficionado.

I like all kinds of movies. In another life, I would have been a movie critic.

One aspect that has always appealed to me are the endings. I always enjoy a good ending.

When it comes to movie endings, I know everyone has their favorites.

"Casablanca" comes to mind quickly. And so does "Gone With the Wind."

My favorite ending, as I have written previously in this column, is "The Searchers," with John Wayne at his best.

A close second for me is "The Breakfast Club," with that song lyric: "Rain keeps fallin', rain keeps fallin' down..."

I've got a thing about "rain songs". But that will be held for another time.

Now, I also enjoy watching TV dramas. But endings normally don't jump out at me, except for one.

I thought about it the other day when I saw that "Sons of Anarchy" would be returning after its summer hiatus this week.

It's a gritty show about a motorcycle club. And I like gritty dramas.

"Oz" jumps to mind immediately, and I doubt we will ever see anything as gritty again. It was about life in a prison.

How gritty? Let's just say it was a bit more realistic than Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock."

Anyway, back to "Sons..."

Its first season ended a few years back with a scene at a cemetery with the gospel song "John the Revelator" sang as background. That was the best TV drama ending I have ever witnessed.

That scene, where very few words were spoken, said a whole lot. And there was a woman in the scene you could call

Christ-like. It was amazing for a TV show to have such depth.

As we learn though life, what makes a movie or TV show great is the script-writing.

But sometimes an actor can "make it happen" without saying a word. Such was the case in the "John the Revelator" episode featuring Charlie Hunnam, who just was announced as the leading actor in an upcoming major motion picture.

Mr. Hunnam is about to move into the Class A list of major actors like Tom Cruise, Robert De Niro, Brad Pitt, etc.

As for you TV sitcom addicts, I don't have much to say about this genre.

For me, "The Honeymooners" and "I Love Lucy" worked well. Since then, naaahh.

A short note on the lewd dance performed by actress Miley Cyrus at the MTV Video Music Awards recently.

It's just one more degradation in our collapsing culture.

My question is: why didn't the TV station officials take some step toward punishment for her outrageous performance?

You know the answer. It's all about money. Higher ratings are involved when sex is made part of the show on TV.

What Ms. Cyrus did was to degrade women. And, obviously, it's acceptable in today's culture.

How quickly we have fallen.

A United Nations study show there has been a 60 percent increase in the amount of ocean covered with ice compared to this time last year, the equivalent of almost a million square miles.

In a rebound from 2012's record low, an unbroken ice sheet more than half the size of Europe already stretches from the Canadian islands to Russia's northern shores, days before the annual re-freeze is even set to begin.

Whatever happened to global warming?

Lady Spikers vie in Moriarty tourney

The Texico Lady Spikers won 1 and lost 2 matches in the Moriarty Tournament last weekend.

In the first round, Portales won, 15-18, 25-18, 25-22.

Stats were:
Kills - Chasity Sharp and Brianna Reyna, 5 each; Skabelund, 2; Gannon, Araujo and Daniels, 1 each. Blocks - Sharp, 3; Jazmine Gannon, 2.

Assists - Taylor Stephens and Skabelund, 6 each. Saves - Rodriguez, 10; Reyna, 6; Skabelund, 3; Stephens, 2.

Aces - Rodriguez and Sharp, 1 each. Then Texico fell to Bosque, 25-21, 25-13, 26-24.

Stats were:
Kills - Reyna, 5; Kimber Harrison, 3; Esmeralda Araujo, 2; Gannon, Sharp, Daniels and Skabelund, 1 each.

Blocks - Sharp, 4; Araujo, 3; Gannon, 3; Harrison, 1.

Assists - Skabelund, 6; Stephens, 5. Aces - Daniels, 4; Harrison, Reyna and Tharp, 1 each.

Saves - Rodriguez, 7; Reyna, 2; Skabelund and Daniels, 1 each. Then the Lady Spikers put away St. Michael's, 25-17, 25-14, 28-26.

Stats were:
Kills - Daniels, 7; Skabelund, 4; Reyna and Sharp, 3 each; Jazmine Davalos, Harrison and Araujo, 1 each.

Blocks - Sharp, 6; Gannon and Skabelund, 2 each; Harrison, 1.

Aces - Reyna and Skabelund, 2 each; Darby Tharp and Daniels, 1 each.

Assists - Skabelund, 12; Stephens, 9. Saves - Rodriguez, 8; Daniels, 4; Skabelund, 3; Stephens, 2; Araujo, 1.

Rodriguez said, "We started off this weekend with goals in our mind to stay competitive, have every match and finish in the top 2 in our pool. We played well as a team, stayed strong and accomplished all the goals we set. We had a successful weekend as a team, fighting back the way Texico Wolverines always do"

Texico 7th lost to Portales 7th on Sept. 5, 17-15, 25-14, 8-15.
Texico is now 3-1.

Texico 8th beat Portales, 20-25, 25-21, 16-14.
Texico is now 4-0.

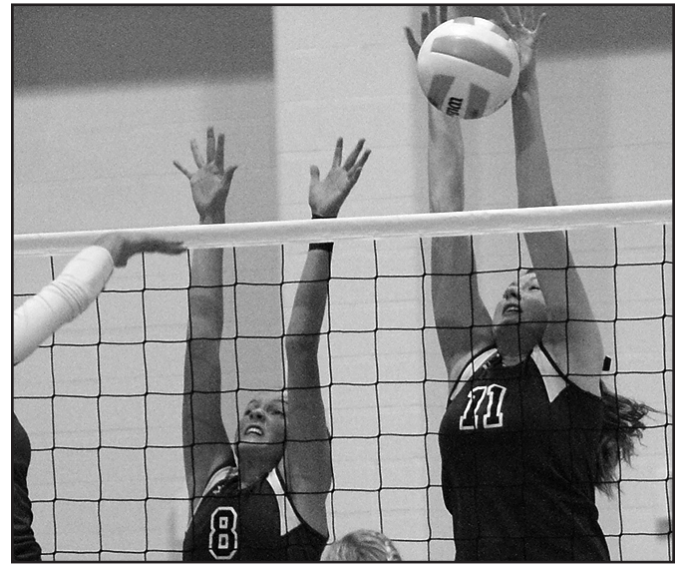
Texico sets parent-teacher conferences

The Texico School Board on Monday heard that Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, Oct. 21, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

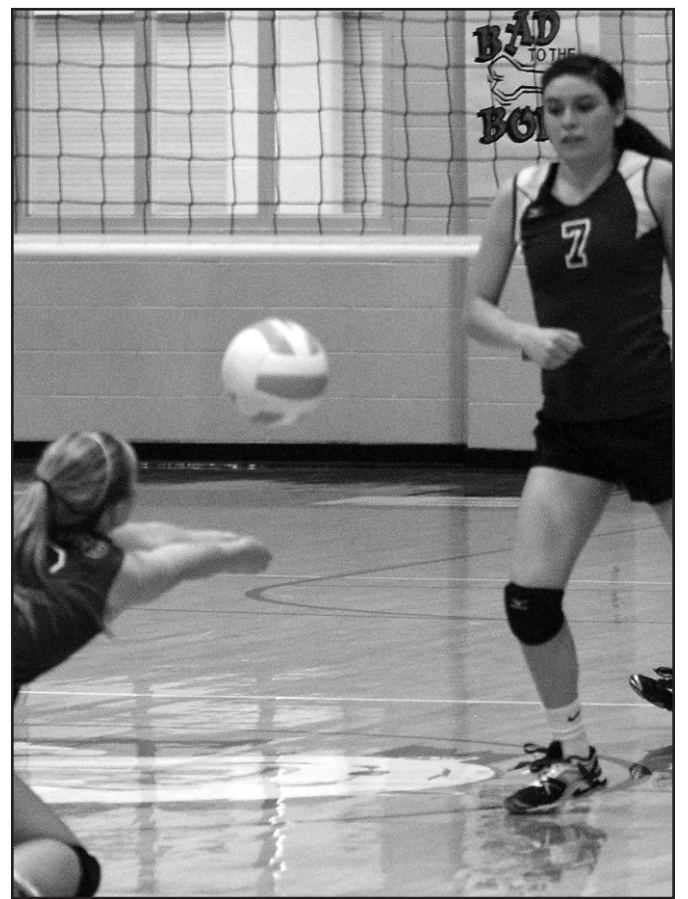
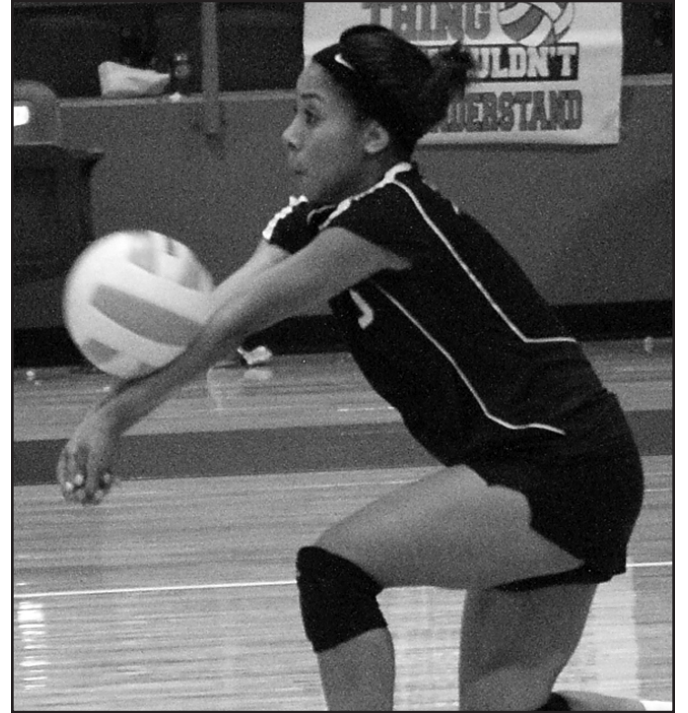
In other business, the board:
-- Accepted the resignation of Dennis Roch as Junior High principal. He has taken the post of Logan School superintendent.

-- Received a donation from the Larry Powell, Jr. and the Farwell Country Club of \$2,660, going to the girls' golf team. The money came from a recent fundraising tournament in honor of Larry Powell, Sr. who passed away earlier this year.

-- Heard that school enrollment is at 569. Statistics are not kept, but this could be a record high enrollment for the school.



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Lazbuddie ISD's FIRST rating is based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2012-2013 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

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Bovina --Mustangs play at Highland Park in Amarillo on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.; JV and Ms teams host Highland Park on Sept. 12 starting at 5 p.m. Cross country runners are at Plains Sept. 14.

Lazbuddie -- Longhorns play at Southland on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The JH game is at Southland on Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Texico -- Wolverines play Hatch Valley at Estancia on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. mt. JH gridgers play at Tucumcari on Sept. 12 at 4:30 p.m. mt

Farwell -- Steers host Hale Center for Homecoming on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. JH and JV play at Hale Center on Sept. 12 starting at 5 p.m.

Volleyball -- Texico "C", JV and varsity teams host Tatum on Sept. 12. "C" and varsity teams play at Dexter on Sept. 17. JH teams host Portales on Sept. 17; 8th team plays at Fort Sumner on Sept. 19.

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Well, it has been a spell since the last column.

It seems that the last off ramp took me places in remembrances of some things in my past. Some were better forgotten than remembered while others reminded me of some lessons which I was taught as a young one.

Each one of us, with at least a fairly sound mind, mentally travel back to memories of the past, and some lessons learned at our own making.

This column and the one next week tell of lessons learned by two young boys, one a city dweller and the other his country bumpkin cousin on the family farm.

When I was a young pup, my family lived northwest of Bovina. A small portion of the place was farmed, the rest was prairie. Because there was so much grassland, such places included quite a population of horses and cattle. One other critter

caused me a huge amount of malady -- the inhabitants of the chicken house.

Each summer, my cousin Tim, who lived in a city, visited us for a week. His fondest farm experiences were to ride horses and chase chickens. In an earlier column, I noted I nearly accidentally burned that fowl abode to the ground, and when Tim visited, I so wished that would have happened.

On the first day of Tim's stay, my mother gave me strict orders to see to it that Tim's stay was exciting ... and that meant to do whatever he desired!

I was born a choleric, and persons of that disposition just might possibly be somewhat headstrong, and voice their opinion in such a way as to make it clear that they oppose assignments they find distasteful.

My mother overheard me tell Tim we were not going to the chicken lot. She reprimanded me and told me to take him to that unhealthy, filthy, disgusting place, and do it NOW!

Lesson learned by clod buster: keep my



Fire training

Farwell fire department held a training session at the city park on Thursday. Firefighters suited up, but wore masks that prevented them from being able to see, then had to navigate the course. Local kids also jumped in to practice with them.

thoughts from mother; and start quietly discouraging cousin from staying a full week's time on the farm. Well, that did not work.

So, off to the "delirious fun" of fowl chasing while stirring up a large cloud of dust, loose feathers, and suspended particles. Oh, what fun.

To make matters worse, laying next to the chicken yard fence was a small overturned grain bin off of an old combine, a nightly roosting place for a couple of ducks.

Having had his fill of scaring hens to exhaustion, Tim just had to crawl into that bin. After a couple of minutes, he attempted to exit the thing but his pants' belt loop got caught and he was unable to get loose.

So I had to crawl into the bin to help him loosen his pants from the shaft which had

poked a hole into his pants. It took several minutes to free him.

It was a home rule that everyone bathed before bed, to shed the day's filth. While undressing for bath time, Tim and I found we were covered with tiny black specks. I told my mother and she immediately scolded us for having gotten into the bin.

So Tim and I had to strip and stand on the bathroom toilet one at a time, while my mom used a pair of tweezers to pick hundreds of stick tights off of two highly-embarrassed kids.

Now, for the education we learned from the fowl incident:

Although, I already knew of varying critters,

and filth and odiferous things that could be stepped in, I was obliged to be at least somewhat abiding to guests who had no knowledge of life outside of their existence.

Secondly, Tim learned from the embarrassment of standing naked in

front of his aunt to listen a little more to his counterpart who had some knowledge of country living.

Part 2 of this column involving visits by city cousins will be in next week's Tribune.

Here comes the off ramp again...

Bovina School Board nominates Tom Ware

The Bovina School Board on Monday nominated Tom Ware to continue serving on the Parmer County Appraisal District Board for another 2-year term.

In other business, the board:

-- Heard that enrollment has increased to about 476.

-- Set the next board meeting for Oct. 14.

Lawsuit

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motions to dismiss Ms. Rodriguez' claims.

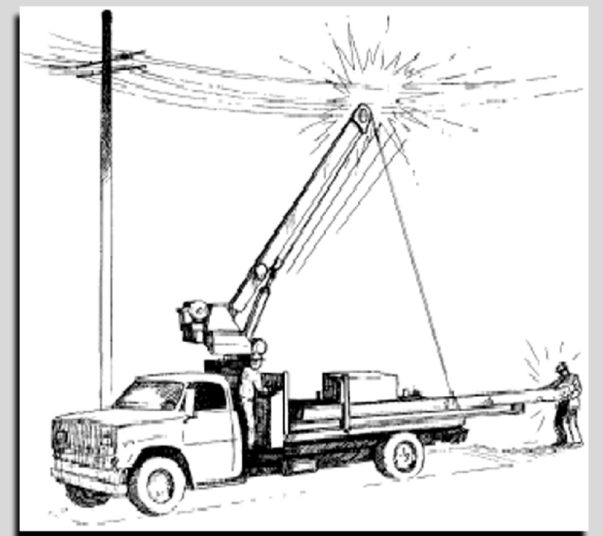
The lawsuit was filed last December. If mediation efforts fail, the case will be put on the trial docket in January 2014.

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The First Baptist Church reports that children's and youth activities have started up again on Wednesday nights.

Also, Ladies Bible Study is held Thursdays at 6 p.m. A nursery is provided.

St. Ann's Catholic Church is having their annual Mexican Dinner on Sunday, September 29 from 11:30am to 2:00pm at 409 3rd Street.

Each plate will include two enchiladas, one taco, beans, rice and a delicious dessert. Adults plates will be \$10 and \$5 for children 5 years and under. Take out orders are welcomed.

So please come out and enjoy a great Mexican dinner.

Homecoming week dress up days at the school are Monday, Pajamas Day; Tuesday, Twin's Day; Wednesday, Duck Dynasty Day; Thursday: Super Hero or Villain Day; Friday, Maroon and White Day.

School lunch menus for next week:

Monday - chicken parmesan, green beans, garden

County Stock Show most successful ever

The annual Parmer County Stock Show dinner was held at the Farwell Community Center Saturday night.

It's a major fund-raiser for the junior livestock show that is held each year in January. Last year, every youth in the county who showed animals received at least \$100.

It was announced that 228 tickets were sold for the affair, the most ever.

In the giveaways at the dinner, Russell Spraying, of Lazbuddie, won \$500 and Nancy Beckerink, of Lazbuddie, won \$1,000.



The Bret Whitten family, of Bovina.

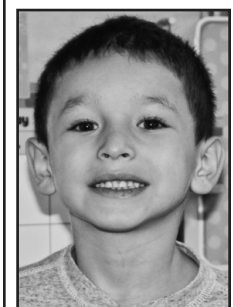


Mike and Donna Ratke from Farwell.



Lee and Carolyn Scott with their daughter Shea from Lazbuddie.

Meet Bovina's Class of 2026



Tony Carrillo is a Bovina Kindergartener. His birthday is July 17.

His parents are Sandra and Martin Carrillo. His siblings are Anna and Daniel. His grandparents are Martha and Jose and Martimiana and Antonio.

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Thursday - Salisbury steak, cream potatoes, carrots, strawberries and bananas, wheat rolls.

Friday - spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, green beans, peaches, breadsticks.

From July 27, 1950:

I.W. Quicquel appointed to county draft board.

Verbin Isham has a new Chevy.

Frank and Jack Barnett fish at Buffalo Lake near Umbarger.

Mrs. Tom Lloyd is on the sick list.

Our Mustangs play at Highland Park in Amarillo on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.. The JV and Middle School teams host Highland Park on Sept. 12 starting at 5 p.m.

Cross country runners are at Plains Sept. 14.

Bluncks will be here on Sept. 17th to take school pictures of all our students.

A package selection flyer with an envelope will be sent home with your child. Parents -- select the package you want to buy and return the envelope to your child's teacher. Please do not sent cash. Money orders or checks only.

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County is having sign up for free pre-natal classes Sept. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the conference room of Parmer Medical Center.

All expectant mothers are encouraged to register for the free classes, available in English and Spanish.

For more information, call Heidi Eichenauer at (806) 250-2754.

Fact of the week: 1 pound of corn is about 1,300 kernels while each ear averages 800 kernels in 16 rows.

Bovina takes 9th at Lubbock CC meet

Bovina's varsity cross country team finished 9th at the Lubbock Meet on Sept. 7.

Anabel Lara finished 42nd; Malory DeLaRosa, 46th ; Jasmine Lara, 49th; Alma Hernandez, 67th; Krystin Gonzales, 90th ; Edith Gomez, 97th ; and Denise Gomez, 112th.

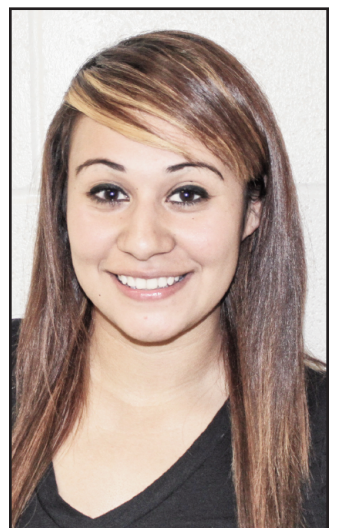
Three boys ran for the Mustangs. Pedro Dominguez finished 68th; Daniel Lara, 75th, and Justus Brozek, 117th.

Fillies running for the JV were Brittany Perez, 71st, and Paloma Rivera, 76th.

Three girls ran in the middle school division: Ariana Flores, 4th; Brenda Flores, 23rd; and Nedra Gallegos, 92nd .

The middle school goys had a team, but were left off the team totals due to a calculation error.

Team Members are David Lara, 16th; Jayden Nguyen, 23rd; Josh Delacruz, 22nd; JJ Marrufo, 67th; and Edgar Olveras.



Students of the month

Bovina High School Students of the Month for September are Bryan Garcia and Andrea Villarreal.

Chamber plans Bull Town Days

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce discussed further Bull Town Days planning at its Sept. 5 meeting.

The exact date for the event has not been set yet, but it will be in August 2014.

The Chamber will discuss the event with the Bovina Ex-Students Association in the hope that the association will have its meeting during Bull Town Days.

The Chamber seeks help from folks in working to restart Bull Town Days. If you would like to assist, call Don Spring or Suezy Smith.

Terry Stull will help organize a car show at Bull Town Days.

In other business, the Chamber:

-- Set up its board: Larry Mitchell, Jana Pitcock, Denise Anderson, Dan Mayberry and Jim Bob Swafford.

The Chamber has reorganized since it had been defunct for awhile. Mitchell has been instrumental in getting legal requirements met for the Chamber to be officially recognized as a non-profit group.

-- Discussed the TV ads run seeking businesses to come to Bovina. The ads apparently ran in the early morning, Chamber secretary Suezy Smith reported.

The Chamber had gotten \$5,000 to pay for them from the Bovina Economic Development Commission.



Timms elected

Jill Timms is sworn in as secretary/treasurer of the Texas Association Assessing Officers North Plains Chapter. Mrs. Timms is the Parmer County chief appraiser.



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Mediation slated for Bovina lawsuit

Here's another update on the lawsuit filed by several Bovina residents against current and former city officials and police officers:

On Aug. 30, District Judge Mary Lou Robinson received a joint settlement conference status report from attorneys for both sides.

Mediation was scheduled for Sept. 4 and 5 with Tad Fowler.

The two sides took steps to have a mediation hearing because on Aug. 20 Judge Robinson ordered the case to non-binding mediation to be completed before Sept. 27.

Each side is to have its attorneys present plus one person must attend who has final authority to settle the case for its side.

One situation that might hold off any successful mediation effort at this time involves plaintiff Briselda Rodriguez.

On Aug. 6, the defendants had filed a motion to dismiss Ms. Rodriguez' claims because they said she had not answered their interrogatives and that the defendants' attorney, Bryan Johnson, had lost contact with his client.

On Aug. 30, the plaintiff's attorneys said they were unable to communicate with Ms. Rodriguez and were not able to have her at the deposition; meanwhile, the other plaintiffs have complied with depositions.

Thus, a resolution for all claims is not possible at the mediation until the judge rules on the plaintiff's

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JV tops Boys Ranch

Bovina's JV football team topped Boys Ranch, 14-12, on Sept. 5 there.

Israel Espinoza got Bovina going with an interception and a 20-yard return. Carlos Vaquero scored from the 1.

Then, Daniel Lara scored on a 52-yard TD reception, followed by a 2-point conversion from Lito Cigarroa.

On defense, Lara sealed the victory with an interception on Boys Ranch's final drive.

The coach said Bovina's offense played well, and the defense did a really good job.



Construction nearly complete for Cargill Sweet Bran plant

(Editor's note: Cargill will be opening their Sweet Bran facility just west of Bovina in the next couple of weeks. The Tribune contacted them and asked for a bit of information about the plant and what they will be offering.)

The Cargill Sweet Bran facility in Bovina is nearing completion. There are approximately 30 new Cargill employees that have joined the team and will be working full time at the facility alongside many new contractors and our existing carriers who deliver our products.

Unit trains of Sweet Bran will be shipped from our corn wet milling facilities in Blair, Neb., and Eddyville, Iowa. The new facility in Bovina will provide a variety of products specifically for our commercial cattle feeding and dairy customers in the region, building on the successful partnerships we have built over the past 12 years while serving our customer base from our Dalhart facility.

Sweet Bran is a highly palatable corn milling feed product that increases daily feed intake and gain of feedlot cattle and reduces ration cost. Its high energy content, consistent nutrient profile and reliable supply enables cattle feeders to replace more corn in the ration resulting in less digestive problems, improved animal performance, and increased profitability.

Sweet Bran is also quite valuable when fed at

higher inclusion rates in lactating dairy cow diets, where the combination of highly digestible fiber, palatability and consistency result in improvements in milk and component production at a lower cost. We also make RAMP, a unique complete feedlot starter feed that promotes greater energy intake and improved rumen stability, allowing for more consistent transitions to the finishing diet and overall improved feeding performance. We have additional, more customized products for specific dairy and cattle feeding customers in the region.

Over the last nine months, the new employees have completed safety training and automation process training in Dalhart at the original Sweet Bran facility as the new facility is highly automated and focused on delivering feed to our customers safely and consistently. Sweet Bran will begin delivering to our feedlot and dairy customers beginning the first week of September and volumes will increase throughout the fall as rest of the new equipment is installed and brought on line.

Cargill's new wet corn mill in Fort Dodge, Iowa will be coming on line later this year to help supply added volume to the new facility in Bovina. We thank the community for the welcome we have received and look forward to the great relationships developing in the future.

Mustangs notch 1st victory of the season

by Yolanda Robledo

The Bovina Mustangs notched their first win of the campaign with a 28-20 triumph over Boys Ranch last Friday at home.

The Mustangs are now 1-1 on the season.

Boys Ranch opened the game with the ball and went 3 and out, punting to the Bovina 30.

Ramiro Carmona broke 3 tackles while catching a pass from Joseph Casa for a 12-yard gain. A couple of penalties kept the Mustangs in check, and Boys Ranch recovered a fumble at the Mustang 27, and ran it down to the 10.

Boys Ranch scored on a 10-yard pass. The kick was blocked and it was 6-0.

Emilio Espinoza received the kickoff and broke two tackles to get to the Mustang 29. Alejandro Guevara then broke off a 21-yard run, carrying two defenders on his back before he was stopped. But Bovina lost a fumble.

On defense, Leonel Carrillo had a strong tackle and J.C. Marrufo had a QB rush. Boys Ranch punted to the Bovina 30.

Bernie DeLaCruz then scored on a 72-yard pass from Casas. The kick was blocked and it was 6-all.

On defense, Marrufo and Casas had good tackles.

The Mustangs started near midfield after a punt. Casas kept for 37 yards behind a key block by Carmona. But Boys Ranch intercepted and ran it back 65 yards. The run for extra points was successful and it was 14-6.

On offense, Bovina moved the ball well downfield with Guvara being the workhorse. Blocks for him came from Hector Lopez, Josel Salas and David Velo during this drive, which was stopped in Boys Ranch territory.

On defense, Guvara and Marrufo combined on a good tackle. Bryan Garcia also had a good tackle.

Boys Ranch had a missed punt and Bovina got the ball at its 42. Casas kept three times for 33 yards. The drive ended with a 22-yard TD pass to Velo. Casas ran for the extra points and it was 14-all at the half.

DeLaCruz received the kick to open the 2nd half and returned it to the Mustangs 33. Bovina moved the ball well on the ground, as Guevara had rushes for 8, 11 and 2 yards. But the drive ended at the Boys

Mustangs of the Week

Mustangs of the Week are: offense -- Bernie DeLaCruz; defense -- Leonel Carrillo; special teams - Diego Perez; and Big Hit - Emilio Espinoza.

Ranch 22.

On defense, a pass was incomplete when it was tipped by Velo. Camilo Hernandez-DeLaRosa had a good tackle. Boys Ranch messed up a punt again and Bovina took over the Boys Ranch 20.

Guevara ran for 19 yards to the Boys Ranch 1, from where Casas punched through for the TD. The kick was good and Bovina led 21-14.

Diego Perez kicked off to the Boys Ranch 30, and the returner was stopped at the 40 by Espinoza. Joel Salas had a QB sack. Marrufo and Garcia combined on a QB sack, too. Boys Ranch got hit with penalties and punted.

The Mustangs were stopped at the Boys Ranch 30. Marrufo and Carrillo had good tackles, but Boys Ranch moved the ball to the Mustangs 18 as the 3rd quarter ended.

Boys Ranch tallied on a short run. The kick failed and Bovina led, 21-20.

On offense, Guevara ran for 13 behind a good block by Velo. Bovina got to midfield but had to punt.

Boys Ranch kept the ball on the ground. Tackles were made by Guevara, Carmona, Espinoza, Carrillo, Hernandez-DeLaRosa and Velo as Boys Ranch moved the ball to the Mustangs 35. The ball was dropped during a handoff, with a good rush by Efrain Martinez. and Bovina got the ball back at its 43.

Guevara then rushed four straight times for gains of 5, 5, 10 and 1, before the Mustangs had to punt. On defense, Martinez had a tackle. Then DeLaCruz intercepted and ran it back 10 yards to midfield.

Casas hit DeLaCruz with a 59-yard pass with 1:10 left in the game to ice the win. Perez kicked the point after.

On defense, Carrillo had a QB sack as time ran out.

Team stats: first downs, Bovina 12, Boys Ranch 7; rushing yards, Bovina 218, Boys Ranch 168; passing

yards, Bovina 164, Boys Ranch 10; penalties, Bovina 7 for 45, Boys Ranch, 21 for 145.

Individual stats: passing -- Casas, 5 for 9; rushing, Guevara 122, Casas 93; and receiving, DeLaCruz, 2 for 131.



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