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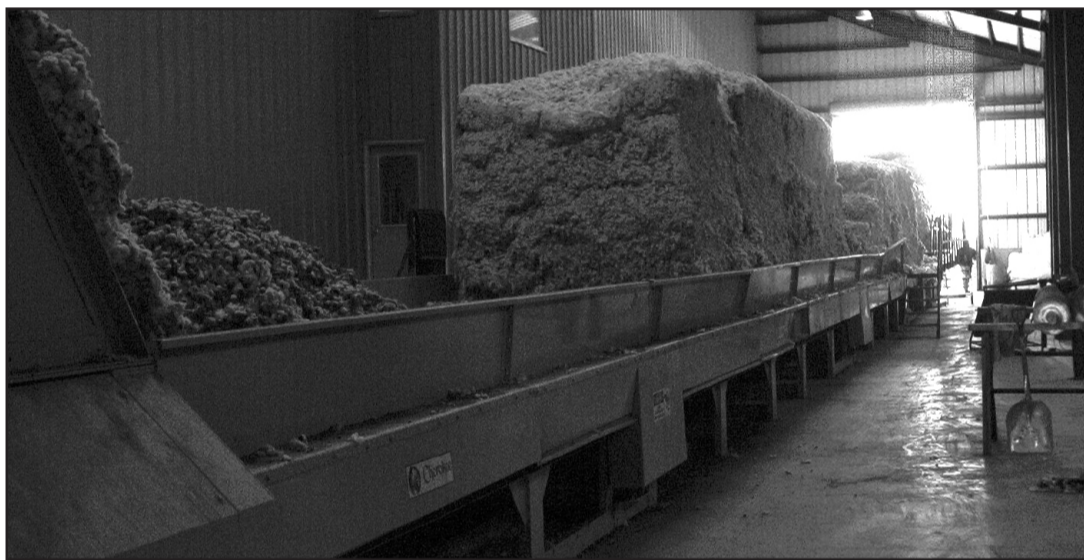
Here come the livestock shows



Tim and Landon Meeks continue their cotton stripping over the holidays. They are working land just south of Texico.



The cotton is lined up and ready for the gin (above) and the cotton modules are brought into the gin (below).



Cotton-pickin' New Year

Cotton harvest is going full throttle. Pictured is some of the work being done at Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative.



One of the machines that remove the burrs and seeds from the cotton.



The end product.

The 39th annual Farwell Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Farwell Community Center starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8.

Farwell staffers, 4-H and FFA students and their parents will set up pens and make arrangements for the show at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, said Farwell ag teacher Wayne Sales.

Weights on all animals must be turned in at the community center on Saturday morning before 10 a.m.

It used to be that signups took place at the extension service office the day before. But this was changed to the center a couple of years ago, and will continue this year.

The judge will be Steven Hogg, from the Brownfield FFA.

Sales expects a good number of goats, pigs, lambs and steers to be entered again this year.

Ribbons will be awarded, plus belt buckles will be given to the champions and showmanship winners.

The Farwell 4-H will again preside over the concession stand.

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Friona Community Center.

The Friona Junior Livestock Show will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6. The judge will be JoBonney LeCompte.

Although the livestock part of the ag program at Bovina Schools has been dropped, Parmer County Extension Service Agent Cody Hill moved to the forefront to make sure a show would be held.

After meeting with several Bovina parents, he announced that a junior livestock show will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the Bovina Show Barn.

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 19-22 at the Friona Community Center.

Will Winter will be the judge in all categories.

Here is the complete schedule:

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

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

Jan. 22 -- 1 p.m., premium sale.

The Parmer County Stock Show Board advisory

committee consists of:

Farwell, Scott Johnson and Charles Christian; Bovina, Don Bandy; Lazbuddie, Ed Terry and Rick Seaton; and Friona, Alan Monroe and Johnny Tannahill.

Stock Show Board members are:

Farwell -- Wayne Sales, Samuel Billingsley, Keith Hadley and Mark Logan (alternate).

Bovina - Lawrence Widner and Joe Steelman (alternate).

Lazbuddie - Terry Jesko, Donald Gillit, Doug Barnes and Shane Mason.

Friona - Micah London, Chris Hunt, Paul J. Smith and Davy Carthel (alternate).

County 4-H -- Terry Copley, Michael DeLeon, Cody Hill, Sean Mason and Al Kerby Jr.

Stock Show officers are:

Mack Heald, general superintendent; JeDon Gallman, assistant general superintendent; Darren Haseloff, swine superintendent; Kevin Schueler, lamb and goat superintendent; Mac Langford, cattle superintendent.

Also, Je Don Gallman, president; Lawrence Widner, vice president; Gary Patterson, secretary, and John Jarecki and Dale Schueler, treasurers.

General regulations include:

The show is open to all 4-H, FFA and FHA boys

and girls under the supervision of the county agent or vocational ag teachers of the county.

Exhibitors must be enrolled in grades 3 through 12 in one of the county's four public schools or be a county resident attending a home/private school.

Entry fees are: \$10 for steers, lambs, goats and barrows.

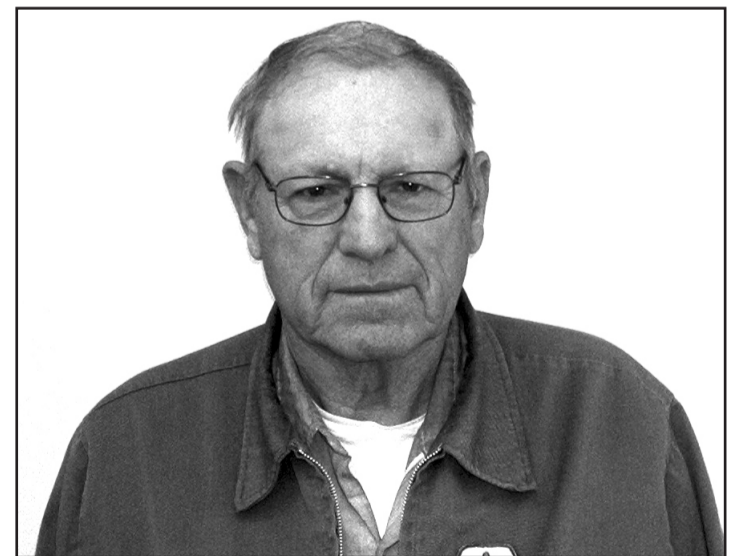
Exhibitors cannot show more than 3 steers, 3 lambs, 3 goats, 3 barrows or a total combination of 4 animals (no more than 3 in one species).

In showmanship, beef and goat will have two age categories - junior (8-13) and senior (14 and up). Lamb and barrow will have three age divisions, junior (8-11), intermediate (12-14); and senior (15 and up).

At the sale, 40 percent of each class will sell. Animals must be present at the premium sale to be eligible for the premium auction.

One and one-half percent of the selling price of all animals will be retained by the stock show board for repair and improvement of stock show facilities.

Premiums on animals will be by the head. Sale order will be lamb, steer, goat, barrow. Grand and reserve grands of each species will sell in the same order.



Dee Brown

Brown honored

Dee Jay Brown, of Texico, has been recognized as the "Volunteer of the Year" by the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau at its annual meeting in Albuquerque.

Brown is a longtime member of the board of directors of the Curry County Farm and Livestock Bureau and has recently retired from the board of the New Mexico Farm Bureau, the state's largest ag organization.

Brown has family farming operations in Chaves, Curry and Roosevelt counties in New Mexico, and Parmer County, Texas.

He and his son, Jeffrey, raise corn, cotton, peanuts, grain, sorghum, potatoes, green beans, alfalfa and other crops, plus a variety of vegetables.

Michael White, state Farm Bureau president, said, "Dee Jay spends countless windshield and airline hours on the road working for the good of others and we wanted to recognize his dedication to his community, county, state and nation."

Brown has served as a member of the national peanut advisory committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation and is vice president of Sunland Peanut Corp. in Portales. He also is an elder at the First Baptist Church of Texico.

Obituaries



A.L. Black

Services for Arvel Lee "A.L." Black, 86, of Friona, were held Sunday at Friona United Methodist Church with Revs. Leon Talley and Steve Patterson officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

He was born July 16, 1918, in Hollene, N.M. He married Clyde Alice Caroland on July 16, 1939, in Clovis.

A farmer and cattle feeder, he moved to Parmer County in 1944.

He was chairman of Friona Industries for 20 years; and one of the original directors and developers of Friona Feed Yard, Paco Feed Yard and Hi-Pro Feeds.

He purchased Poarch Brothers, a steel fabrication plant, in 1982, then sold it to the employees in 1997.

He was a director of the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District for 32 years.

He was president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation

Districts for 3 terms and a national director for four years.

He was given the Special Service Award of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

He was on the Texas Water Development Board for 6 years, and a former director of the West Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers and the West Texas Water Institute.

He was a past president of the Friona Lions Club and Friona Chamber of Commerce.

He was chairman of the board of Friona State Bank and helped get Missouri Beef Packers to come to Friona in 1963.

He was a trustee at Hardin Simmons University for 9 years.

He received the Gerald Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalist Award in 1975.

In 1959, he was Friona Chamber's Man of the Year.

In 1966, Progressive Farmer Magazine named him Farmer of the Year.

In 1978, Amarillo's Chamber named him the Panhandle's Man of the Year.

In 1995, the National Cattlewomen gave him the National Golden Spur Award.

In 2000, the Amarillo newspaper named him one of the Panhandle's most influential citizens and one of the 100 top history makers of the High Plains.

Servicing are his wife; 2

sons, Danny, of Friona, and Keith, of Lubbock; a daughter, Kitty Gallman, of Friona; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Barbara Williams

Barbara Williams, 68, of Friona, died Dec. 29 in Amarillo.

Services were held Jan. 1 at the 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona. Blackwell Funeral Home handled arrangements. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was a Farwell High graduate, a retired dietician at Parmer County Community Hospital, member of the Woodmen of the World, Friona Senior Citizens and 6th Street Church of Christ.

Surviving are her husband, Rex; 2 sons, Ronnie and DeWayne, both of Lubbock; her mother, Verna Metcalf, of Muleshoe; a sister, Wanda Eakins, of Portales; a brother, David, of Muleshoe; and 5 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Friona Senior Citizens or the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

Ruth Reid

Services for Ruth Reid, 89, of Texico, were held on Dec. 30 at the First Baptist Church of Texico with

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Mike Pomper, president
DeeDee Pomper, vice president
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Elder Paul Crooks, assisted by Rev. Rob Hollis, officiating.

Burial was in Texico Cemetery. Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled arrangements.

She died Dec. 28 at the Farwell Convalescent Center.

She was born Aug. 25, 1915, in Wellington, Texas, to Oliver and Sadie Tucker.

She married Wilson Reid on Nov. 15, 1931, in Reydon, Okla. Until 1961, she helped with a farm operation near Texico.

Among her other jobs was working as a bus driver and library assistant at Texico School, at the Red Cross Pharmacy in Texico and the Piggly Wiggly grocery in Farwell.

She was an employee and member of the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 2 sons, Bill and Jerry; 2 grandchildren, Gary Reid and Desiree Reid; and a great-grandchild, Landon Reid.

Surviving are 3 sons, W.O., of Logan; Don, of

Clovis, and Ken, of Albuquerque; 2 daughters, Margie Crooks, of Texico, and Sue Webster, of Union, Ky.; a sister, Erma Riley, of Tuttle, Okla.; a brother, J.N. Tucker, of Pampa; plus grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons Britt Crooks, Jimmy, Danny, Kevin, Terry, Jackie, Doug and Dean Reid, and Wade Webster.

Honorary pallbearers were 7 granddaughters, 27 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Farwell Convalescent Center, PO Box 890, Farwell TX 79325, or the Baptist Children's Home.

Helen Blalock

Graveside services for Helen Kathern Blalock, 85, of Dimmitt, will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 6 at Bovina Cemetery with Fr. David Contreras, of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bovina, officiating.

She died Jan. 2 in Dimmitt.

She was born Feb. 3, 1918, in Plainview, Minn. She married Clyde Blalock in 1941 in Hereford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1998; her parents, Joe and Margaret Langer, and 2 brothers, Joe and Fred Langer.

Surviving are a daughter, Ute, of Dimmitt; 3 grandchildren; a special niece, Margaret Jo Moore, of Loogoottee, Ind., and a sister, Marie Venable, of Bovina.

The family suggests memorials to St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

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Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Randy Thomas Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	Church of God in Christ, Mennonite James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie
First Baptist Church of Farwell Rev. Randy G. Mullin Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m. www.fbcfarwell.org	First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.	St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
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Assembly of God Church, Texico Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	New Light Baptist Church Pastor Bryan K. Phillips, Sr. Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. mt. BTU - 9:45 a.m. mt Worship - 11 a.m. mt Wednesday - Bible Study 6:30 p.m. mt	Bovina United Methodist Church Rev. Quita Jones Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.
St. Ann's Catholic Church Fr. David Contreras Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. in English; Noon in Spanish. CCD -- 10:30 a.m. Evening Mass: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wed. - Fri.	First Baptist Church Of Bovina Aaron Reed, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.
Farwell Convalescent Center Bill Bridwell -- chaplain Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday	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.	United Pentecostal Church of Texico Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

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39th Annual

Farwell FFA - 4-H Livestock Show



Saturday, Jan. 8th

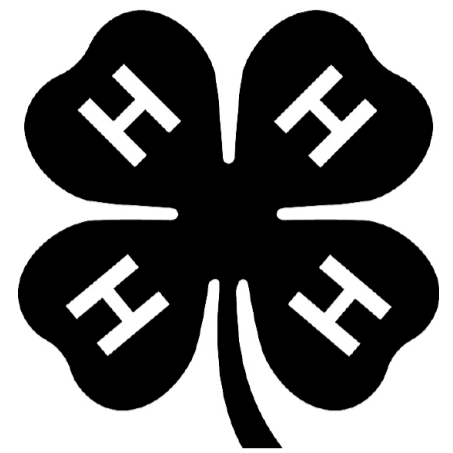
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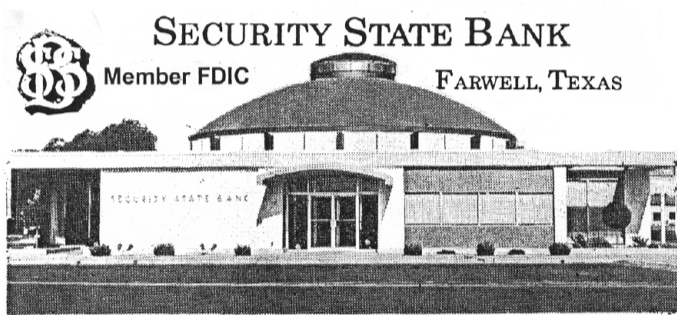
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Steers win tourney consolation crown

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers won the Littlefield Tourney consolation title last week.

In the opener, they lost to Denver City, 69-65.

Scoring were Robbie Tabb, 2; Derrick Chandler, 8; Tate Nichols, 20; Rowdy Mitchell, 13; Ty Gast, 4; and Chris Culver, 18 (with a trio of 3-pointers).

Then they beat Hale Center, 53-38.

Scoring were Brett Howard, 2; Chandler, 4; Nichols, 17; Mitchell, 9; Gast, 9; Culver, 5; Carlos Saenz, 5; Colton Sudderth, 2.

Then Farwell beat Meadow, 63-51, behind a 3-point barrage by Culver, who knocked down 5 from long range.

Scoring were Howard, 4; Robbie Tabb, 4; Chandler, 14; Mitchell, 7; Gast, 7; Chris Culver, 23; Sudderth,

4; and Edwards, 2.

In the championship game, the Steers improved their record to 13-5 on the season by putting away Smyer, 55-50.

This time, it was Nichols who went on a tear from 3-point land, bagging five of them.

Scoring were Tabb, 18 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Chandler, 2; Nichols, 20; Mitchell, 3; Gast, 5; and Culver, 7.

On New Year's Eve, the Steers beat up on Whiteface, 55-48.

Scoring were Chandler, 9; Nichols, 17; Mitchell, 12; Gast, 6; Culver, 2; and Tabb, 9.

Varsity Girls

At the Littlefield Tourney, the Lady Blue



Tourney Band

Farwell Band members lit up the Farwell Basketball Tournament last month with their great array of Christmas music, under the leadership of band director Bill Shelly.

opened with a 50-42 loss to Denver City.

Scoring were Amanda Martin, 2; Britton Barrett, 13; Julie Castillo, 4; Dellani Jones, 8; Salida Edwards, 6; Ashlie Martin, 2; and Danielle Cargile, 7.

Then Farwell lost to Artesia, 54-47.

Scoring were Micah Christian, 11; Jennifer DeLeon, 2; Amanda Martin, 5; Barrett, 9; Castillo, 4;

Jones, 1; Cargile, 9; Salida Edwards, 2; and Ashlie Martin, 4.

Then, Farwell beat Meadow, 54-40.

Scoring were Christian, 14 (including a pair of 3-pointers); DeLeon, 2; Amanda Martin, 2; Barrett, 6; Castillo, 2; Jones, 11; Edwards, 7; Ashlie Martin, 6; and Cargile, 6.

In the final game, Farwell beat Dora, 66-46.

Scoring were DeLeon, 4; Barrett, 5; Castillo, 8; Cargile, 15; Ashlie Martin, 1; and Jones, 11.

On New Year's Eve, the Lady Blue fell to Whiteface, 51-22.

Scoring were Christian, 3; Jones, 7; Ashlie Martin, 4; and Cargile, Castillo, Barrett and Amanda Martin, 2 each.

JV Boys

The JV Steers lost to Whiteface, 36-32.

Scoring were Trace Stevenson, 1; Roper Ledbetter, 8; Cory Chadwick, 7; Finus Nolte, 3; Roper Smith, 6; and Zach Bickel, 7.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls beat Whiteface on New Year's Eve, 43-21.

Scoring were Shelby Christian, 13; Chanel Castillo, 2; Kaylyn Meyer and Brenda Cano, 7 each; Trish Robertson, 5; Hayley Fowler, 4; and Jourdan Kirkland, 5.

Farwell's freshman girls killed Dora, 40-8.

Scoring were Castillo, 11; Meyer, 8; Jacque Caporusso, 4; Haylee Fulcher, 8; Lauren Beaubien, 7; and Lindsey Mullin, 2.



Farwell JV boys

Cory Chadwick, Ross McClaran, Trace Stevenson, Roper Ledbetter, Dalton Cockerham, Ramon Quezada, Ryan McClaran, Alex Olmos, Emanuel Pereda, Roper Smith, Zac Bickel, Dan Patterson.



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Parents are Rafael and Raquel Comenero. Siblings are Lorenzo and Jazmin. Grandparents are Vicente and Raquel Monarrez, and Rafael and Gloria Comenero.
She likes to play with Barbies. Her favorite food is red enchiladas. Her favorite color is pink. She doesn't like animals.

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alice H. Warner, Deceased, were issued on December 16, 2004, in Cause No. 2620, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, Inc.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Guns up!

Guns up!
Just some random ramblings today, fans:

Ah, the holiday season is over. Drat!

I wish it could have lasted longer, like about six months.

It was fun to close the paper early, and get to stay at home watching some neat football bowl games.

Guns up! Let's hear it for the Texas Tech Raiders which upset the No. 4 ranked California's Golden Bears.

Now that's what I call fun football!

As for the A&M Aggies, well their season was a big improvement over last year. But when you lose...

Holidays are good; work, well...

Our family's holidays

went pretty well. Everybody got Christmas presents, and that was good.

I was very worried about getting nothing but coals. I was a bad boy last year, or so I was told.

Dee and I drove to Borger for Christmas. We had dinner with some in-laws so we brought a nice present for them. Alas, I forgot about it and left it in the trunk of my car. Oh, well...

Most importantly, 2004 was a great year for us, with Rob and Rebecca coming aboard the Tribune.

Oh, I know our newspaper is the littlest around.

The Friona and Muleshoe papers are much bigger and better.

I will always remember one Farwell lady, now deceased, who wrote a letter to the Friona Star telling them they were the best paper in the county.

And, of course, the Clovis paper is humongous as compared to us. We don't hold a candle to them.

I fully understand that a lot of folks think poorly of

weekly papers such as the Tribune. We can't do the things the daily papers, like Portales and Clovis, can do.

But I accept that. We simply try to fill a niche. We are what we are.

These TV commercials from law firms trying to cash in on drugs that cause a problem if taken in the wrong dosage really irritate me.

What has happened to the legal profession when it stoops so low?

Here's my view:

If you take a medicine in the correct dosage as prescribed, no problem.

But if you take it in a wrong dosage, like way wrong, then there can be a serious side-effect.

So it looks to me like the law firms are saying, "It doesn't matter if you took the drug correctly or not, if you have a side-effect, it's not your fault. It's the company's. And let's get 'em! There's money to be made!"

The problem I have with this is that I believe in individual responsibility, something that is going by the wayside in American society.

I believe that if you take the wrong dosage, it's your fault ... not the company's.

What the TV commer-



Swearing in

Parmer County officials elected last November were sworn in on Dec. 30 at the Parmer County Courthouse by County Judge Bonnie Clayton-Heald. From left are Randy Geries, county sheriff; Michael Haseloff, county commissioner for the Farwell area; Bobbie Pierson, county tax assessor-collector; Kirk Frye, county commissioner for the Friona area; Kathryn Gurley, county attorney, and Johnny Actkinson, district attorney. They began their duties on Jan. 1.

cial should be saying is, "If you took the right dosage as prescribed, and still had a serious side-effect, then call us."

But they don't. They take the view that personal responsibility is a thing of the past.

I guess I would make a lousy lawyer.

Rumor of the Week:

Be sure and ask Larry Gregory and Jimmie Mace about their golf game on the last day of 2004.

They challenged another

team. They will be glad to tell you the score!

From Rob Pomper:

Well, Becky came back this past Sunday from visiting her parents in Harlingen, down in South Texas, for the holidays and while she was there she witnessed some history in

the making.

The Rio Grande Valley received three and a half inches of snow on Christmas morning.

The last recorded snowfall in the area was back in 1895.

So I guess this just goes to show that miracles still happen!

Sheriff's Report

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

On Jan. 1, Lionel Guerra, 35, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of burglary of a habitation. Case pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 20, Fernando Lopez, 36, of Hereford, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On Jan. 1, Linda Martin, 42, of Clovis, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of theft by check. She paid fine, court costs and made restitution.

On Dec. 31, Robby Armstrong, 39, of Farwell, was arrested by Bovina police on charges of possession of marijuana, driving on a suspended license, and unlawfully carrying a weapon -- pending in county court. He also was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and this is pending in Justice of the Peace court.

WTRT nominating group to meet

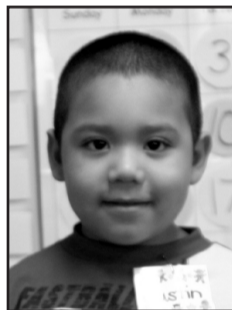
Candidates for the board of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be announced at the annual meeting of the nominating committee on Feb. 5.

The board election will be held March 29.

Terms of office of incumbent directors Pat Robbins, Frio; Charles Ray, Summerfield; and Charles Christian, Oklahoma Lane, will expire in the spring.

All three incumbents are eligible for re-election.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2017



Justin Perez is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is July 1.

Parents are Sergio and Sylvia Perez. Siblings are Brandy and Sergio. Grandparents are Antero and Adela Estrada, and Manuel and Vita Peres.

He likes to play with his dog and enjoys t-ball and soccer. His favorite foods are pizza and hot dogs.

His favorite color is red. He doesn't like picking up his toys.

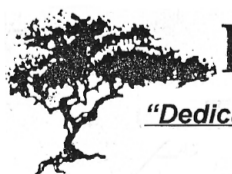
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NOTICE to Parmer County Taxpayers

January 31, 2005, is the deadline to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County.

Checks must be postmarked by January 31, 2005, or penalty and interest will occur.

If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2005, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

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

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

Call, or drop by our office, for your application(s). They will be mailed to you upon request.

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Lazbuddie scholars listed

Here's Lazbuddie Schools' honor rolls for the 3rd six weeks:

Elementary "A" Honor Roll
Lacey Jesko, Haley Beasley, Cutter Glover, George Harder, Katlyn Hicks, John Ryan Isaacson, Madison Jesko, Ashton Mason, Austin Mason, Allison Weaver, Chandler Barnes, Colten Ingram, Kolten Morris, Shea Scott, Emily Agee, Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Justin Schacher, Tony Suderman, Luis Tafoya.

Elementary "A-B" Honor Roll
Zach Bachman, Haldon Ivy, Jonathan Jesko, Celeste Lucio, Albert Moran, Luis Godinez, Leslie Carlile, Cotton Fleming, Karina Galaviz, Criselda Galvan, Anna Harder, Alex Lopez, Denise Sanchez, Jacob Suderman, Jared Timms, Dallas Cox, Paola Estrada, Cathy Galindo, Harley Jones, Kenton Randolph.

Junior High "A" Honor Roll
Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher, Chase Timms.

Junior High "A-B" Honor Roll
Hector Galvan, Tina Suderman, Katie Chavez, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Kinzi Schacher, Richie Aguilar, Brenda Garcia, Bart Guillen, Brittany Sexton, Haley Sexton, Helena Suderman, RaJon Thorn.

High School "A" Honor Roll
Chelsee Nichols, Brittney Schacher, Addie Treider, David Campos, Ana Hernandez, Susie Juarez, Brett Mimms, Kayla Parham.

High School "A-B" Honor Roll
Laura Beliz, Jason Davis, Regina Mata, Esteban Pacheco, Savannah Pena, Rochelle Smith, Erica Derma, Mica Brandvik, Cory Contreras, Mandy Haney, Adam Pierce, Amanda Schaeffer, Melanie Winders.

Lazbuddie lunch menus

Lazbuddie School's lunch menus for next week:	(pk-1), chicken wraps.
Monday - steak fingers (pk-1), pizza.	Wednesday - spaghetti (pk-1), tuna sandwiches.
Tuesday - hamburgers	Thursday - chicken nuggets (pk-1), pizza.
	Friday - special.

Parmer County jurors to report

The following list of petit jurors is to report on Jan. 18 for 287th District Court at the Parmer County courthouse in Farwell:

Jesus Anaya, Teresa Ancira, Richard Anderson Sr., Glennella Appling, Lee Appling, Dominic Aragon, Jimmy Arias, Mabel Armijo, Paulino Balli, Catherine Bargas, John Baxter, Abraham Beltran, Lourdes Benavides, Alvis Bentley, Travis Bessire, Montgomery Bisig, Tiffany Blackburn, Jo Blackwell, Charles Bock, Nathan Brockman, Keith Broughton, Staci Buie, Jesse Burns, Trinity Burns, Kathy Cantu, Brenda Capps, Preston Cargile, Earl Cash, Valentine Castillo, Jesus Chairez, Lillie Christian, Betsy Clark, Keven Clark, Paula Clark.

Belinda Collier, Gwen Corn, Mark Coronado, Olga Correa-Seda, Ashley Crawford, Daniel Cruz, Inocencio Cruz, Rosa Cruz, Jose Cuevas, Christopher Delacruz, Felipe Delacruz, Laura Delarosa, Rebecca Delgado, Jack Dennis, Maria Derma, Joe Dillingham, Sharon Dixon, Julian Dominguez Jr., Curtis Drager, Louise Engelking, Sheryl Engelking, Velma Engelking, Morgan Ennis, Marcos Escobedo, Erasmo Espinoza, Maria Fehr, Bryon Fillpot, Elizabeth Flores, Rosa Flores, Sidney Floyd, Katrina Garcia, Cecilia Garza, Brandon Gatlin, Petty Goettsch.

Julia Gomez, Enrique Gonzales, Jesus Gonzalez, Vernardino Gonzalez, Yancy Graves, Charlene Grissom, Noel Guerra, Yvonne Guest, Raymond Hamilton, Dina Hampton, Gregory Haney, Courtney Harvey, Brian Haseloff, Roberto Hernandez, Danielle Hill, Kim Hinton, Leon Hitt, Scott Holdeman, Deborah Hudson, Victor Huizar, Bruce Hunt, Robert Hurst, Colby Ingram, Marlon Inman, D'Lynn Jamerson, Tracy Jamerson, Sharlet Johnson, Jim Bob Jones, Ruby Jones, Randy Kirkpatrick, Gaye Klump, Lola Landrum, Jaime Lara.

Noe Lara, Nora Lara, Armando Legarreta, Yolanda Legarreta, Delbert Lingnau, David Long, Dorothy Looney, Asuncion Lopez, Margarita Lopez, Teresa Lopez, Arturo Lugo, Celia Macias, Elias Marquez, Bobby Martha, Debbie Martin, Patsy Martin, Laura Mata, Don McDonald, Myrtle McDonald, Jerry McDowell, Odis McMurtrey, Maria Mendoza, Rosie Mireles, Joshua Monroe, Cristina Montes, Angela Morgan, Loretta Muniz, Amy Murphree, Billie Myers, Michael Nance, Jesus Nava, Dorothy Neal, David Norton, Joy Osborn.

Sherri Oursbourn, Nicolas Pacheco, Adam Palomino, Jose Pardo, Gabriel Parson, Becky Pierce, Judy Potts, Joshua Quintana, Michelle Quiroz, Judy Ramon, Thomas Randolph III, James Rawding, Matthew Rawding, Amy Raymn, Antonio Reyes, Bernardo Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Fermin Rosas Jr., Teresa Rueda, Andy Saddler, Isabel Sanchez, Ivan Sanchez, Juanita Sanchez, Whitney Saul, Daniel Schacher, Martha Schilling, Pamela Scott, John Sewell, Evelyn Shelby.

Sandra Sirkel, Dan Smith, Leonard Smith, Regina Smith, Sylvia Spring, Cole St. Clair, Jessie Stone, Eldon Strickland, Clara Talley, John Tannahill, Charles Teague, Lonnie Terry, Neshell Thompson, Billy Tosh III, Gloria Trevino, Rachael Turner, Michael Valero, Juan Vara, Juana Vara, Ida Vazquez, Jessie Velasco, Juan Velazquez, Dalia Verlod, Kathy Villa, Erica Villarreal, Kerry Walker, Mary Walker, Daniel Walterscheid, Katherine White, Eldon Williams, Carl Wilson, David Winers, Leslie Wright, Ronald Wright, Marino Zamarripa.

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Our school and community have benefitted by having a school board committed to excellence through a well-rounded program. We feel we have one of the finest programs in the state as a result of having had, consistently, a group of individuals who have only the highest expectations for students in all of their endeavors.


Our board gives considerable time and effort toward advancing our educational programs as well as making a strong commitment to local control and decision making in education.

Their efforts reflect a year-round commitment to our students, school and community. We are making a special effort this month to voice our appreciation for their services.

Please take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks" for a job well done toward the continuing success of our school and for caring about our students.

The school board members serving Lazbuddie I.S.D. are:

- Terry Jesko - president
- Donnie Coker - vice-president
- Terry Parham - secretary
- Daniel Schacher
- Dieter Isaacson
- Chris Timms
- Scott Hicks




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January 2005


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Roberta Howard	Mike Woods
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Our school board gives considerable time and effort to advancing our educational programs and their year-round support is most appreciated.

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Yearly Rain Totals Farwell, Texas

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly Total
1984	0.15	0.10	0.13	0.50	0.42	3.50	1.60	7.20	0.30	4.80	1.50	0.80	21.00
1985	0.60	0.20	2.27	1.51	3.63	4.48	1.05	1.98	4.55	2.69	0.08	0.16	23.20
1986	0.00	0.83	0.15	0.15	6.02	3.65	1.74	2.24	2.57	2.22	1.60	1.51	22.68
1987	0.21	0.84	0.25	0.17	3.59	2.48	1.89	6.78	2.79	0.50	0.23	1.90	21.63
1988	0.07	0.16	0.14	1.54	3.62	3.67	1.40	1.19	6.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.14
1989	0.19	0.54	0.00	0.00	1.23	4.14	2.75	4.90	1.20	0.02	0.00	0.39	15.36
1990	0.54	1.31	0.35	1.18	0.20	0.05	1.86	1.76	2.82	0.47	0.51	0.11	11.16
1991	0.79	0.11	0.70	0.00	1.63	3.41	2.86	4.18	4.93	0.57	1.31	2.81	23.30
1992	0.94	0.43	0.71	1.30	5.73	6.56	2.42	2.98	0.42	0.02	0.56	0.58	22.65
1993	1.14	0.30	0.16	0.20	1.16	2.41	3.00	2.40	1.48	0.85	0.74	0.19	14.03
1994	0.02	0.31	0.49	1.49	6.05	2.22	3.27	3.16	0.24	1.76	0.28	0.27	19.56
1995	0.33	0.06	0.27	0.28	4.84	0.54	1.19	5.24	2.81	1.03	0.00	0.75	17.34
1996	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	2.16	3.66	2.44	0.78	0.51	0.39	0.00	10.16
1997	0.20	0.51	0.02	3.91	1.25	1.52	2.22	1.79	2.48	1.20	0.38	1.71	17.19
1998	0.00	0.57	0.86	0.84	0.13	0.00	0.29	1.21	0.00	5.65	0.50	0.11	10.16
1999	0.64	0.00	1.45	1.05	2.24	1.35	1.94	3.00	1.59	0.07	0.00	0.29	13.62
2000	0.00	0.20	1.50	0.59	0.12	1.17	2.08	0.13	0.00	3.32	0.90	1.00	11.01
2001	1.61	0.52	2.85	0.05	3.87	0.84	1.01	3.15	1.27	0.52	2.60	0.30	18.59
2002	1.08	0.05	1.60	0.90	0.05	0.69	0.93	4.25	2.73	5.49	0.46	0.77	19.00
2003	0.00	0.22	0.36	0.10	0.84	4.53	0.00	1.32	1.34	0.40	0.31	0.00	9.42
2004	0.26	0.90	2.18	2.50	0.18	3.48	2.99	4.16	6.70	4.13	3.24	0.36	31.08
Monthly Average	0.42	0.39	0.78	0.87	2.24	2.52	1.91	3.12	2.25	1.72	0.74	0.67	

A whole lot of moisture

Yearly Average 17.63

These great weather statistics are once again supplied by Lonnie McFarland, of Farwell.

He points out that just because a year has just a little rain doesn't necessarily mean that the harvest is poor, too.

It all depends on when the rain falls.

He cites as an example 1996 and 1998. Both years had the same amount of moisture -- 10.16".

But in 1996, as the chart shows, the majority of the rain fell during the summer when it was most needed.

Thus, the rainfall for the year was weak, but the harvest was strong.

Conversely, in 1998, the same amount of rain fell, but it was weak during the summer months. And the harvest was poor.

Upcoming Sports

Upcoming sports:
Farwell varsity and JV teams play at Lubbock Christian on Jan. 7.

The Farwell JV teams play in the Whiteface JV Tournament Jan. 6-8. The Farwell freshman teams play in the Lazbuddie Tourney Jan. 6-8. And Farwell opens district play on Jan. 11 when they host Sudan.

Farwell Junior High teams return to action after the Christmas break on Jan. 10 when they boys host Texico while the girls play at Texico. The Farwell 7th grade tourney is set for Jan. 15.

The Lazbuddie varsity teams open district play at Spade on Jan. 7, then host Amherst on Jan. 11. The Lazbuddie JV tourney is Jan. 6-8.

The Texico varsity teams are playing in the EPAC Tourney Jan. 4-8. The boys open at 8:15 p.m. mt on Jan. 5 against the winner of the Elida-San Jon game in the new gym. The Lady Wolverines open at 6:30 p.m. mt on Jan. 5 in the new gym against the winner of the San Jon -- Dora game.

Then on Jan. 11, Texico JV and varsity teams play at Ft. Sumner. Texico's district play starts on Dec. 15 at Clayton.

Texico Junior High teams play on Jan. 10 against Farwell -- boys at Farwell and girls at Texico. On Jan. 11, the 7th graders play at Dora. And on Jan. 13, the Texico JH boys host Portales while the JH girls play at Portales.

Donation made

The Texico School FFA has donated \$500 to the city for park improvements.

Average High & Low Temperatures for 2004 704 Second Street Farwell

MONTH	LOW	HIGH
January	27.9	53.7
February	26.2	50.9
March	40.6	66.4
April	43.3	69.7
May	55.0	87.7
June	61.1	89.6
July	63.7	89.1
August	61.4	84.4
September	57.4	80.0
October	47.3	69.4
November	34.0	52.2
December	27.2	52.4
Averages	45.4	70.5

20 Year Average From (1984 thru 2003)

Month	2004	20 Year Average
January	0.26	0.43
February	0.90	0.36
March	2.18	0.71
April	2.50	0.79
May	0.18	2.34
June	3.48	2.47
July	2.99	1.86
August	4.16	3.07
September	6.70	2.03
October	4.13	1.60
November	3.24	0.62
December	0.36	0.68
Totals	31.08	16.96

Rain & Snow Amounts for 2004 704 Second Street Farwell, Texas

MONTH	INCHES
January	0.26
February	0.90
March	2.18
April	2.50
May	0.18
June	3.48
July	2.99
August	4.16
September	6.70
October	4.13
November	3.24
December	0.36
Total for Year	31.08



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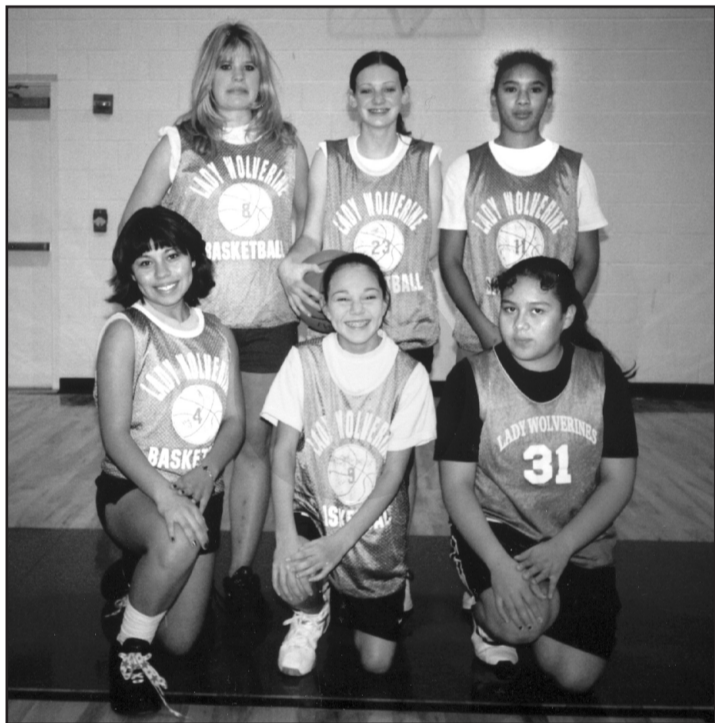


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Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office issued the following warranty deeds last week:
 J.R. Ivins - Rob Pomper, L26-27, B27 Farwell.
 Western Mortgage - Gerardo Zalazar, N/2 SE/4 S15 Blk A.
 Rosemary Ochsner - Beth Bagwell, vol. 188, Page 191.
 Charles Judy trust - Allen Kalbas, E/2 S22 T9S R1E.
 ERM trust - Roy Coker, NE/4 S20 Blk H.
 Darwin McLeod - Jacob Guenter Jr., 7.21 ac SW/4 S53 Blk H Thomas Kelly.
 Billie Chandler - Opal Rodgers, all tract 6 of West Loop Drive Addition, Friona.

The Latest

Clint Patterson has graduated college and is teaching science at a middle school in Amarillo, while his wife pursues a pharmaceutical degree.

It's a Boy

Jeff and Robbi Actkinson, of Farwell, announce the birth of a son, Alec Merritt.

He was born at 6:19 p.m. on Dec. 26.

He weighed 5 lbs., 1 oz. and was 18" long.

He has a brother, Leefe, 2.

Grandparents are Joey and Gary Fly, of Clovis, and Johnny and Diane Actkinson, of Farwell.

Great-grandparents are Maurine Fly and Patsy Merritt, both of Clovis.

Texico Police

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief John Mares:

Police are investigating a burglary of the storage building in the 1100 block of Wheeler St. on Dec. 31.

A report of a vehicle mirror broken off in the 700 block of Anderson Street on Dec. 21 was mde.

No charges have been filed yet in the beating of a man on Dec. 28 in the 800 block of Lamar Street by two other men.

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Wednesday - soft bean and cheese burrito, taco salad, corn, orange smiles, milk.

Thursday - grilled chicken, baked potato, steamed vegetables, Texas toast, apple, milk.

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Parmer County is one of five in Texas named by USDA as eligible for loans.

For more info, contact Tom Taylor at the Farwell FSA office.

Floyd and Glenda Schueler, of Parmer, have a new great-grandson, Tyler Nathaniel Tucker, born Nov. 9.

He weighed 5 lbs., 5 oz. and was 17" inches long. He has a sister, Alexis.

Parents are Staff Sgt. Nathan and Natalie Tucker, of Cannon Air Force Base.

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Applications forms will be available at school counselor's offices in Bovina, Farwell and Lazbuddie.

Texico's Levi Richards shot an 8-point buck over the holidays.

The Parmer County tax assessor's office at the courthouse in Farwell will be closed for training on Jan. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Parmer County sheriff's deputy Andy Stormes may be on light duty for 2 to 3 months after injuring his knee in a skiing accident.

Henry Hudson, husband of former Farwell High librarian Marrion Hudson, died Sunday at their Clovis home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Jan. 6 at Kingswood Methodist Church in Clovis.

Word has been received of the death of Esmeralda Mount, 66, of Clovis.

Services were held Wednesday in Clovis.

Among the survivors is a brother, Abenicio Gonzales, of Texico.

The rains opened in mid-week with about half an inch of moisture falling on the Twin Cities.

Pablo Lucio, owner of Hughes True Value in Farwell, announced that, effective Jan. 31, he has leased the building for a "Family Dollar" store.

Lucio said he will be working for Southwest Ag Services.

Linda Porter, owner of Box Office Video and Copper Cove 'n More in Farwell, has announced new business hours:

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Varsity Boys

The Wolverines stayed undefeated over the holidays with a 61-55 win over Jal at home on Dec. 30.

Scoring were Curtis Williams, 2; Braden Vaughan, 19; Josh Pena, 5; Tony Clements, 5; Garrett Mayfield, 10; Aaron Vaughan, 4; Logan Brown, 10; Ricky Burns, 2; and John Schueler, 4.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines improved their record to 7-2 on the season with a 63-23 massacre of Jal on Dec. 30 at home.

Scoring were Lauren Boazman, 5; Sarah Johnson, 2; Faith Martin, 17 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Brette Hadley, 6; Lori Richardson, 3; Stephanie Bailey, 19; and Ashley Kidd, 11.

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Texico Schools has purchased 4-plus acres just east of the ag farm (the Winegeart property) for a new baseball facility, Supt. R.L. Richards announced last week.

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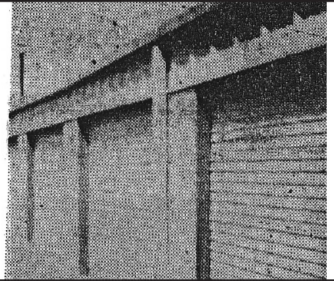
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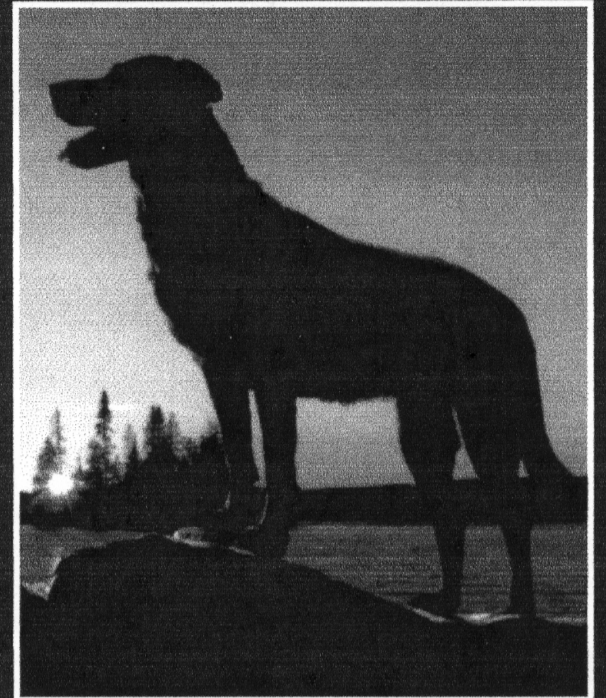
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Basketball

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Live Cattle: Although Live Cattle prices dropped hard this week, the market should be stronger next week. There is a strong seasonal tendency for prices to bottom next week and move higher into late January. Supply is still tight and demand is expected to pick up after the first of the year. Technically, the market is "oversold" at these levels and should retest recent highs.

Feeder Cattle: Prices also took a hard hit based on ideas that reopening the Canadian border would have a negative impact on feeder prices. There still seems to be much controversy over just how many cattle will actually cross, but the bottom line remains the same. It may have a psychological impact, but very little fundamental impact. Numbers are expected to remain tight. The seasonal picture does begin to turn negative after the middle of January into March.

Corn: The market should trade lower into the first week or two of January before finding a bottom? The seasonal tendency is strong to see a bottom by mid January and move higher into the March/May time frame. The March contract should retest the \$1.95 area before turning back higher. Most of the pressure usually comes from year end producer selling.

Soybeans: The beans may have made a bottom at this time, but a retest is not out of the question. Soybeans also have a strong tendency to test market bottoms in the late February / early March time frame as harvest is in full swing in South America. Any shift in planted acres this year should support this market, but the supply/demand situation will dominate.

Wheat: The market has tried several times to rally since bottoming just before Christmas, but has yet to convincingly move above the \$3.10 major resistance level basis the March Chicago contract. The seasonals are strong to see a move up from Christmas into mid January. If prices cannot rally another 10-20 over the next couple of weeks, then look for another test of the lows.

Cotton: With the market still trapped inside a tight range between 42 and 45 cents, time is ticking. The seasonal tendency is to see the market bottom in mid December, which took place at 42 cents and possibly retest that low around mid January. After this, look for a steady move back higher into the March time frame? Hard to believe with such high ending stocks, but there seems to be enough demand to keep this market alive.

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Proud Home of the Mustangs & Fillies

Here's a review of Bovina in '04

From the desk of City Manager Ernest Terry:

Another year comes to a close. Looking back over the last 12 months, we've achieved a commendable and considerable list of accomplishments. The staff at City Hall, the City Council, and all the folks who have helped us throughout the year, need to be thanked and patted on the back.

The year started with a good, clean audit for the City. We are very proud of that document.

Atmos requested a rate increase and a rate case was concluded favorably for Atmos and all of the small communities in the Panhandle, saving money for the customers.

We conducted public hearings for engineering and construction of a new water well and planning for a new sewer. Bovina is outgrowing the old 50 year old sewer, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is requiring us to build a new, modern sewer system.

A grant from the Meadows Foundation was received for the final payment on our new ambulance.

A grant from the Texas Forest Service was approved for the purchase of a new brush fire truck.

The City expanded its city limits by annexing a one acre plat north of town on Highway 1731 and a 193.02 acre plat southeast of town on Highway 86.

Our Public Works department purchased a new bug sprayer that allowed us to aggressively combat the mosquitoes and Nile Virus last summer.

Budget hearings with the public and in work sessions were conducted for the fiscal year 2005 city budget, that was approved for a record \$2,750,000.

Mutual aid agreements and hazard mitigation planning agreements were negotiated and signed with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

City tax rates were lowered for the 5th year in a row! If someone knows another town with an equal or better record, please let us know.

A maintenance agreement was signed with the Texas Highway Department for the mutual care of joint state and city roads.

Public Works purchased a new water jet sewer machine that is due for delivery.

Grants for a new lift station, little league ball park, and completion of Memorial Park were submitted and pending for 2005.

All in all, it was another good year, and we are expecting another clean audit in January!

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to everyone in Bovina for helping us make it a successful year.

City receives petition to rescind new sewer rates

A petition to appeal the new sewer rates has been passed around Bovina and been turned in to City Hall with about 75 signatures on it.

Here's what the petition said:

"The undersigned ratepayers of Bovina, Texas, hereby appeal the decision of the City Council of Bovina, Texas, affecting the rates charged to them by the City of Bovina.

"The rate change was effective on Oct. 1, 2004, and affected the rates charged for sewer service. On Oct. 21, 2004, the service provider of this rate increase notified the ratepayers by the newspaper and by letter on November 2, 2004.

"The undersigned request that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission review the decision to determine if the rates established are just and reasonable. The old rate charged by the service provider was \$10.00 and the new rate is \$32.00.

"The undersigned designate Mary Alice Merrell as their representative on this matter. Correspondence to the ratepayers' representative may be directed to Mary Alice Merrell, PO Box 540, Bovina, Texas 79009."

Asked for a comment on the petition, City Manager Ernest Terry said the state group (referred to in the petition as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, but whose name has been changed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, has no jurisdiction in this situation.

He explained that if a city-owned utility only serves customers within the city limits -- as in Bovina's case -- then the state does not get involved. Instead, the only group that handles this is the Bovina City Council, which passed the rate hike last fall to pay for the new sewer project.

Thus, the petition likely will be presented to the City Council.

Quintana, Ortiz spark victory

Varsity Boys

The Mustangs lost its three games in the Lubbock Caprock Tourney to larger class schools.

In the opener, they fell to Burkburnett (a Wichita Falls Class 4A school), 53-23. Scoring were Michael Ortiz, 3; Jeff Casas, 6; Trent Quintana, 2; Kole McNary, 2; Jesse Reyna, 3; James Lara, 2; and Hugo Martinez, 5.

Then they lost to a Class 5A school, El Paso Socorro, 63-37.

Scoring were Ortiz, 11; Casas, 5; McNary, 6; Josh Shelby, 7; and Martinez, 8.

And Bovina lost to Class 3A Merkel, 53-28.

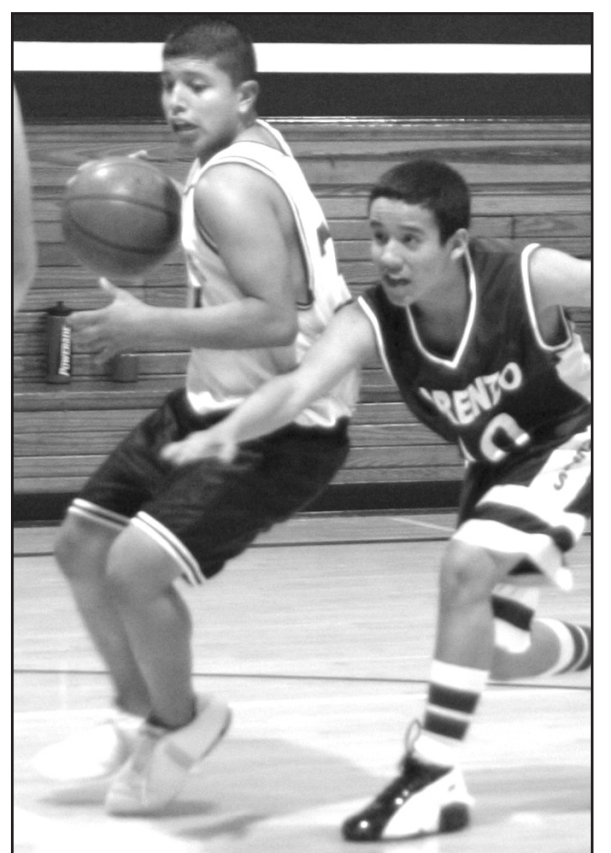
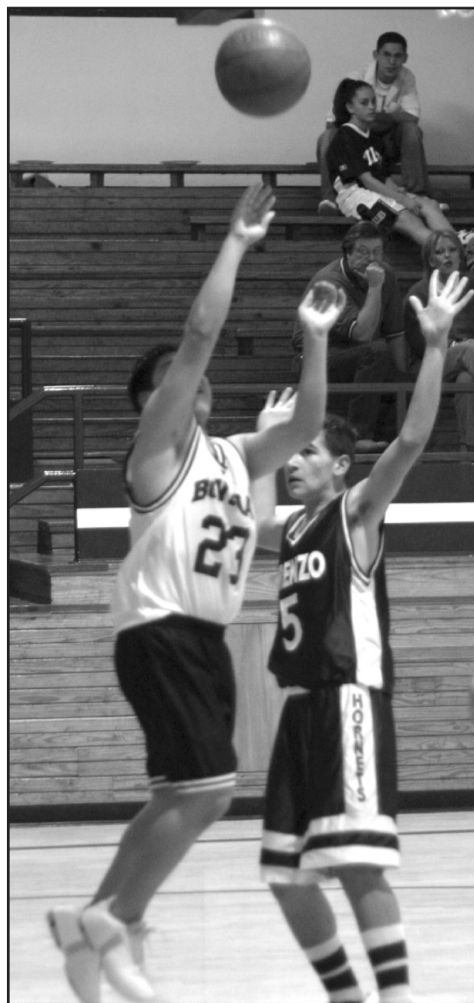
Scoring were Shelby, 3; Quintana, 4; Casas, 12; and Ortiz, 9.

Here are the results of the other two games Bovina played in the Meadow tourney that hadn't been reported yet:

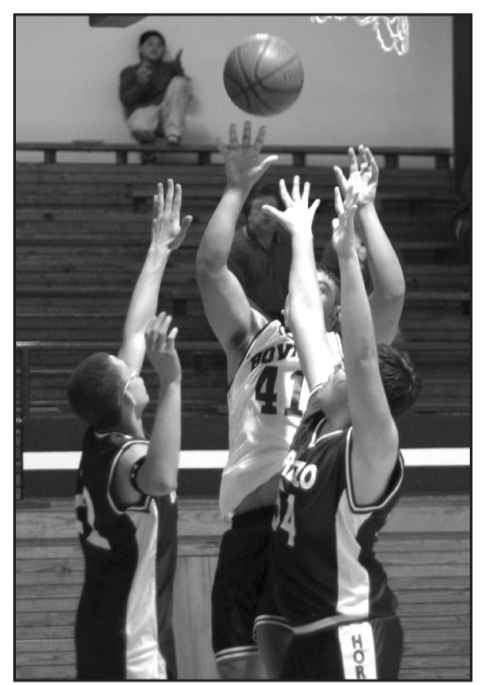
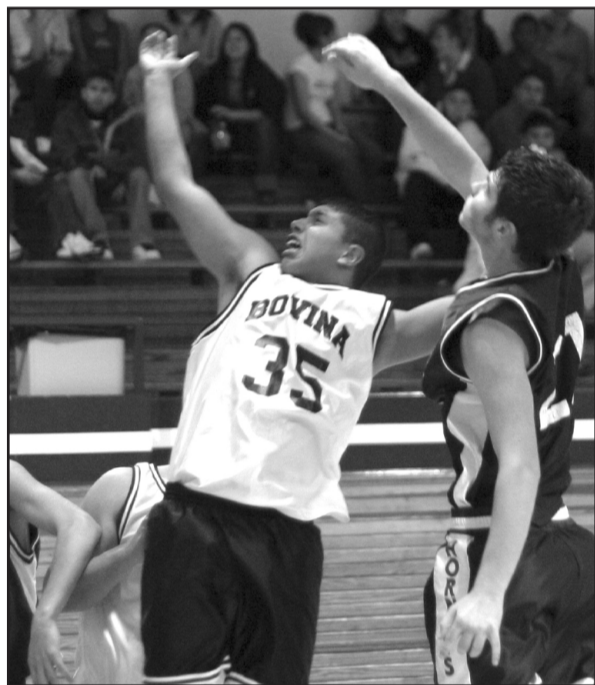
Bovina lost to Plains, 62-52.

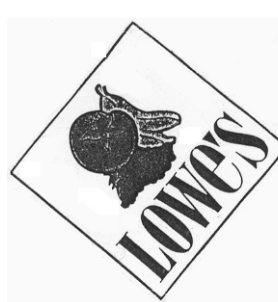
Scoring were James Lara, 8; Martinez, 2; Shelby, 8; Ortiz, 6; Casas, 22; Quintana, 2; and Noe Lara, 4.

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JV Boys in action!



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