

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

Don't be a couch potato

Fans, the football season is upon us -- and it looks pretty good for our local teams:

-- There's talk of the Lazbuddie Longhorns going after a state title!

-- With the veteran lineup that the Texico Wolverines will field, along with its fantastic depth, a second consecutive state championship is not out of the question -- in fact the odds favor it!

-- The Farwell Steers have to face the toughest district in the state of Texas, but they will be competitive. Fans should be in for a real treat as the touch passes of Tyler Chadwick move the Steers' offense down the field.

So what I'm saying is this:

Folks, don't sit home and be a couch potato on Friday nights. Get up off your duff and head over to your local football field to cheer your team on.

Those kids worked pretty darned hard during the two-a-days in August. They sincerely appreciate your vocal support when it comes to game time.

So, please, show your support by coming to the stadiums and cheer your team on.

There's going to be some exciting football played in our area this season -- you don't want to miss it.

While Texico and Lazbuddie have veteran head coaches returning, Farwell has a new fella in charge -- Brent Terry.

If the enthusiasm he showed at Saturday's scrimmage rubs off on his team, you can bet the Steers will have a heckuva good season.

Farwell, a young team, showed crisp tackling as it battled the more experienced and larger sized Texico squad.

Reports are that Farwell has a "together" team this year, and that's a big plus. I won't try to kid anybody by predicting big things for them, especially when they have to face Nazareth, Sudan and Springlake-Earth.

But I will promise you that the Steers will be competitive -- so please come out and watch them.

Meanwhile, the Texico Wolverines promise to put up a lot of points on the scoreboard, behind the running of Tobie Askew, Mel Askew and Pecos Chumley.

That bell at Wolverine Field is going to get quite a workout, so be ready to ring it, Rick Queener!

There are a couple of tough teams on Texico's schedule but they are definitely a state playoff contender. Good luck to coach Barry Partain and his staff on their run for another title.

I haven't had a chance to see the Lazbuddie Longhorns in action yet, but when you put veteran head coach Mark Scisson together with an experienced team, you spell out "victory."

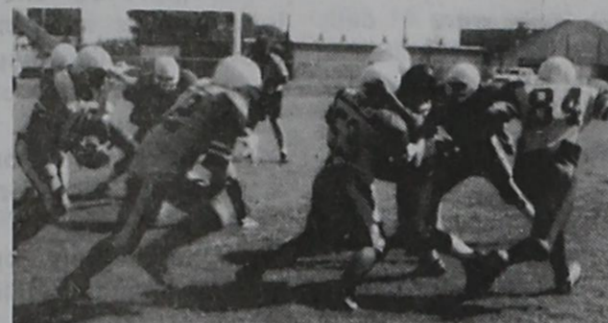
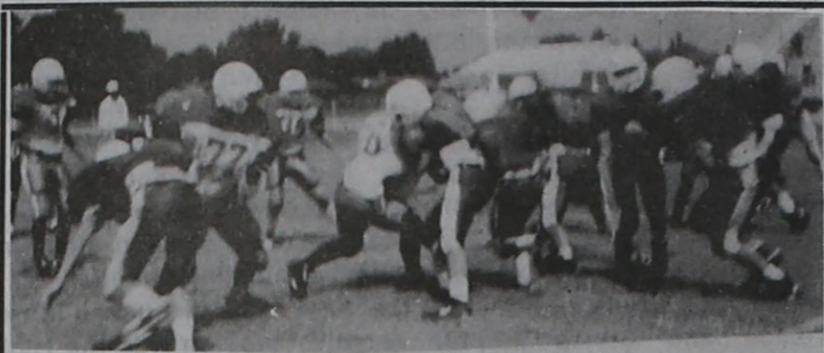
This could be the Longhorns' year to go all the way.

Remember -- you saw it here first!

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I'd like to tell you folks today about a local project that has taken six years to

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Grid-lock

Texico and Farwell grid-ers opened season play Saturday with a scrimmage at W.M. Roberts Stadium. See story inside today's Tribune.



Only one more week to go!

Only one more week to go -- that's when the popular Area Merchants Football Contest begins its 39th year.

So please mark the date on your calendar -- Sept. 5.

This is when area prognosticators probe the sports columns, read the charts and check their favorite armchair quarterbacks. It's a time for folks at local businesses to see whose football acumen is tops. And it's a time for families to have fun over the dinner table, deciding on which teams are going to win.

And it is so very, very important to enter each week in order to have a strong run at the Grand Prize Award. So be sure to watch for the first week of the contest, in the Sept. 5 issue of the Tribune.

The top prize for the winner of the 12-week contest will again be two tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys, the team which has dominated the 1990s pro football world, winning a trio of Super Bowls. This year, the winner gets to watch the 'Pokes first hand as they take on the New York Giants at Texas Stadium on Dec. 21 at noon.

The grand prize winner also gets \$50 in cash, a night's lodging for two at the Radisson Hotel, game day breakfast, transfers to and from the game, and other goodies.

And the reason the Tribune is able to offer this contest, plus the weekly cash prizes of \$15 for first place and \$7.50 for second place, is due to the following sponsors:

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County proposes higher taxes

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday approved a proposed tax rate that is up just under 2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

The proposed rate is .3732 cents -- consisting of .2862 cents for the general fund and .0870 cents for the road fund.

The current tax rate is .3574 cents -- .2740 cents for the general fund and .0834 cents for the road fund.

The proposed tax increase is below the number which would call for rollback procedures to go into effect.

The commissioners spent the afternoon working on the proposed budget, looking to tighten it where possible.

It appears county employees will not receive pay raises next year but higher health insurance costs for them will be paid by the county.

In other words, the tab will be picked up for the employees' health insurance costs in lieu of pay raises.

In other business, there was no discussion on the recent request by Friona officials for the county to put into place a tax abatement policy for new businesses coming into the county.

Earlier this month, the commissioners held a discussion over tax abatement and received copies of tax abatement ordinances from

other area counties.

The topic was not on the agenda this week.

County Judge Bonnie Clayton said tax abatement may be on the agenda for the next commissioners' meeting in September.

Texico may hike fees for late water bill payers

The Texico City Council voted Tuesday to take a look at increasing its fees for residents who pay their water bills late.

Mayor Nathan Tharp said the situation is getting out of hand with more than 40 residents sent notices last week about their bills being late.

Tharp said some folks are late month after month, causing extra work and expense to the city.

Bills are sent out about the 1st of the month, with the due date of the 10th of the month. Late bills have a \$10 fee added.

And if the water is shut off, another \$20 is added for a re-connection fee.

The topic will be discussed against at the next council meeting.

In other business, the council:

-- Heard Tharp report that Highway 108 work is expected to start this week.

-- Heard Tharp say he will interview four persons this week for the vacant clerk-treasurer's post, caused by the retirement of Marie Christian.

-- Was told by councilman Oran Jay Autrey that the

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The Chief's Corner

From Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa:

As has been my policy, on every occasion that I have been given a directive by the city, enforced new laws by the legislature, or enforced current law due to citizen complaint, I have given prior warning. The following will be effective Saturday, Aug. 30, 1997.

SPEEDING: Four years of allowing a 5 mph tolerance, giving verbal warnings and issuing a few tickets have not worked. There will no longer be a speed allowance, and verbal warnings will be replaced by tickets.

Special targets for speed enforcement will be 1st, 3rd & 7th Streets, the Loop, Ave. G and Ave. A. For those with loud or non-existing mufflers, please take it out of town or else. For those who like to put the pedal to the metal, I don't need radar to cite you for exhibition of acceleration.

Note: when not posted otherwise, the speed limit in a residential area is 30 mph.

JUNKED VEHICLES: Enforcement proceedings will begin against owners of junked vehicles. A junked vehicle:

1. does not have lawfully attached to it (A) an unexpired license plate; or (B) a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate.
2. is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded;
3. has remained inoperable for more than 45 consecutive days.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES: Enforcement proceedings will begin against owners of recreational vehicles that are in violation of City Ordinance #134.



Volleyball scrimmage

The annual Texico volleyball scrimmage was held Saturday, with teams from all over the state participating. Games continued throughout the day.



A fiddler's contest at BTD is topic

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday discussed adding a fiddle contest to the Border Town Days celebration.

A committee was appointed to look into it -- Ralph Franse, Joe Hughes and Fred Chandler.

Franse, Chamber president, said a lot of folks would like to see the old-time fiddle contest reinstated at BT, with prizes offered.

Approval also would be needed from the BTD Committee.

In other business, the Chamber:

-- Heard Frances Kube report that a peace officers conference will be held in Farwell in October, with 700 persons invited.

She said meetings would be held at the high school auditorium and community center and that Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa is in charge of it.

-- Heard that Ronald Byrd will emcee next year's Chamber banquet.

Folks with ideas for entertainment at the banquet are asked to call Gloria Hutchins.

Marshal's Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Marshal Gil Holguin:

On Aug. 23, Billy Black, 33, Bovina, was charged with aggravated DWI, failure to maintain lane and driving on a suspended license.

Also on Aug. 23, police began investigating an alleged assault.

Deputies Larry Garrison and Ken Thrasher attended a week-long school in Nevada specializing in detection, identification and the latest trends in trafficking in narcotics.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams:

Donny Lang, 33, Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of assault. The case is pending in county court.

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achieve, and it came to fruition Saturday:

The creation of Lions Park in Texico.

It was six years ago that the Texico-Farwell Lions Club voted to ask permission from the Texico City Council to take over this yucky piece of property just north of Rip's Western War and make it into a park.

At the time it was called Water Tower Park because of, obviously, the tower. But it certainly wasn't a park. It was full of broken glass, broken concrete, broken beer bottles, etc. There also were a lot of sand and weeds there. Very little grass.

The key to the success of this venture came when the Lions Club took its initial vote. Lion Joe Helton, a Texico resident now deceased, pledged to donate a sprinkler system for the park.

The next step came when the city council gave its go-ahead. Then came one of the longest workdays you can imagine, when Lions Club members, city employees and officials, and local youths, got down on their hands and knees to pick up the litter and put in the sprinkler system.

Major equipment had been used to get rid of broken concrete blocks and clear the area.

It was a long day but a successful one.

Then came the grass seeding, followed by another grass seeding when barren areas developed.

Then some bushes and small trees were planted, thanks to a state grant.

Finally, playground equipment was moved in -- swings, a slide, a jungle gym and a merry-go-round.

Then on Saturday, the

equipment was painted and the merry-go-round repaired. This work was done by Lions Bill Whitesides, Hal Helton, Mike Pomper and John McGimpsey, aided by Hal's daughter, Kymberly, and her friend, Lyndsey Wilkins.

Now all that remains is to place a marker on the site noting "Lions Park" and giving appreciation to Joe Helton for his help in its creation.

How does the park look now? Like a park should.

It's full of grass, with playground equipment at one end, and trees and bushes planted throughout. There's a place for kids to play, and a picnic bench for lunches.

And it's gotten a lot of use. I think that's great.

The Tribune would like to congratulate the Lions Club members, plus city workers and officials, who worked hand-in-hand on the project. It's a success, and they should feel good about what they did.

I'd like to especially thank Hal Helton, who spearheaded the Lions Club's efforts on this. He did a whole lot of work to make sure the project would be a success.

The main point I would like to get across to folks is that sometimes a project takes time in order to be a success.

When I went before the city council to tell them about the Lions Club's plans, I predicted it would take five years to fulfill, since the club only has a few members and limited resources.

Yes, it took awhile. But now Texico has a second beautiful park for its community. Wasn't it worth the wait?

You see, you don't have to just pick a project that can be done in a day. You can take on bigger projects if you understand that by doing a little

bit at a time, you will eventually end up with a great success.

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club is now considering projects for the coming year.

At a meeting earlier this month of the committee headed by Tim Cooper, committee members, including myself, gave several suggestions for projects the club could do.

The project I stressed above others that I suggested was to beautify the highway through Farwell.

I would like to see Avenue A be the most beautiful thoroughfare in the Panhandle. I would like to see it filled with sculptures (following a theme), bushes, trees, flowers, freshly-painted buildings, etc.

In my opinion, it would take from 10 to 12 years to achieve. And it would need the combined efforts of our major local groups:

The Rotary Club, the Lions Club, ESA Sorority, Beta Sigma Phi, the City of Farwell, and the Farwell Chamber of Commerce.

What I would like to see is one of these groups act as a catalyst and have a committee formed of representatives of each organization. This committee then would meet on a monthly basis and coordinate the effort.

By coming up with a plan suitable to all, and by doing a bit at a time, in a dozen years, Farwell would have the most beautiful main street in the Panhandle.

Yes, it can be done. But it

would take time, patience and continuing effort. We would have to be goal-oriented.

But if the Lions Club, a group which only has eight members, can help create a park, why can't the combined efforts of the Farwell groups also find success in a major venture?

And wouldn't it be fun!

In today's issue, we once again start up the popular ads featuring Texico and Farwell kindergarten pupils.

We would like to thank this year's sponsors -- the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank, and the Texico branch of Citizens Bank.

A personal note: Folks have asked me for quite sometime how my golf game is going since I haven't reported on it for a long time. With good reason: it wasn't

going anywhere.

When I start this year's campaign, my goal was to break 80 (yes...for 18 holes!).

I managed to get to 81 last spring but then began experiencing all sorts of difficulties. So I did the wise thing -- I took a couple of lessons from Farwell Country Club golf pro Chris Fontanilla.

That was needed. He is fantastic at helping you play better golf.

Then I was fortunate to play some holes with his son, Jeff, who showed me a problem I was having with my grip.

Voilé!

Last Monday, playing with two friends, I carded a 77, which included four birdies.

Goal achieved!

Look out, Tiger Woods, here I come!

Rumor of the Week: A Mexican restaurant coming to the Twin Cities?

Need an Immunization?

Texas Department of Health Will be in Farwell on Sept. 3

The Texas Department of Health is coming to Farwell every other month to give immunizations to anyone who needs them. Persons of any age are eligible. They will be charged on a sliding scale according to income.

Their next visit at the Farwell Elementary School's nurse's office will be on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Persons should bring their immunization records, if they have them.

For more information, and to answer any questions, please call school nurse Rebecca Smallwood at 481-9131.



Pharmacy Fact Actually Asthma?

Many times people will automatically assume that when they have difficulty breathing that they have asthma. However, the majority of patients that go to a doctor seeking relief for asthmatic conditions are not suffering from asthma, but rather from a variety of temporary bronchial or congestive conditions.

Asthma is a very serious disease. It has only been in the past decade that the medical profession has identified asthma as an actual life-threatening disease. Asthma attacks can be triggered by stress, dust, environmental and weather conditions, improper medication and exertion.

Only a doctor can diagnose true asthma. Other conditions may be treated in a similar manner, but are usually temporary. Asthma patients must be treated by a doctor in order to have any quality of life with their disease.

One can live well with asthma as long as they are honest about their condition. They should tell their doctor if:

- they have trouble breathing or cough when you do simple daily activities.
- they can't sleep through the night without coughing attacks or shortness of breath.
- they can't take a deep breath.
- dust, pollen, pets, tobacco smoke, strong odors or cold weather make their asthma worse.
- they're using their inhaler, too often, or their medication make them feel bad or isn't working.
- they feel anxious or worried about their asthma.
- they feel having asthma controls their life too much.

More information about asthma and steps to help improve the quality of life with asthma can be obtained by calling the American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology at 1-800-898-9848.

Donna Ratke, your licensed pharmacist, can also help with information and patient counseling, as well as your doctor.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2010



Danae Morrow is a Farwell Elementary School kindergarten pupil. Her birthday is July 27.

She is the daughter of Danny and Elaine Morrow and the granddaughter of Eugene and Frances Goldfarb and Dan and Alice Morrow. She has two brothers, Brian and Brant.

She likes riding her bike, reading, and puzzles.

Her favorite foods are cookies and sandwiches and her favorite color is blue.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF FARWELL:

It only fair that you know the truth regarding Ordinance #134, pertaining to recreation vehicles.

Since the city is not required to publish the ordinance in its entirety, we feel there may be some misunderstanding and would like to clarify this. The ordinance states that R.V.'s can be stored behind or beside the house for indefinite periods, and may be temporarily parked in front for purposes of cleaning or repairs.

The council has adopted this ordinance in the interest of safety and well being for the citizens of Farwell.

The ordinance is as follows:

Sincerely, Mayor and city council members

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farwell desires to maintain a safe and attractive environment for the citizens of Farwell, and

WHEREAS, the council feels it is necessary to prohibit the on-street parking of recreational vehicles for the purpose of storing such a vehicle, due to the traffic hazards that may arise, and

WHEREAS, the council feels that recreational vehicles parked in front yards of homes for purposes of storing of the vehicles, creates an unattractive neighborhood.

THEREFORE, owners of recreational vehicles will be advised that they shall not store these vehicles in the aforementioned manner. The vehicle must be off the street and parked behind or adjacent to the house in such a way so that it does not protrude beyond the front exterior of the house. Exceptions can be made to allow for times when the recreational vehicles are being cleaned, worked on, and/or departing or arriving. A time limit of one week would be extended for such occasions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARWELL, TEXAS:

that owners of recreational vehicles in the City of Farwell, should park them off of the street and out of the front yard for purposes of storing the recreational vehicle.

Any person guilty of violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be fined any sum not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00.)

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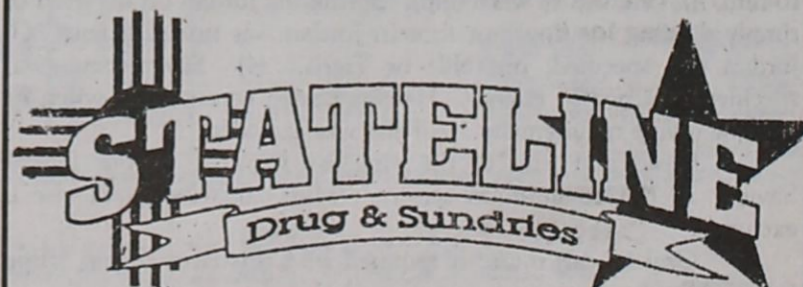
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Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's 1997 Youth Tour delegates were (left) Jacy Buckley, Charla Corn, and Jarad Birkenfeld.

Charla Corn tours Washington, D.C.

Charla Corn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Corn of Farwell, Jacy Buckley of Dimmitt, and Jarad Birkenfeld of Nazareth, represented the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative during the 1997 Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington D.C. June 5-16.

Jacy and Jarad were sponsored by the Cooperative while Charla was sponsored by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian of Farwell.

Eighty-six Texas delegates sponsored by Texas electric cooperatives attended with 18 students from New Mexico cooperatives and 1 from Idaho. Accompanied by 15 chaperones, the group traveled on 3 buses from Texas to Washington. This was the largest group from Texas to participate since the Youth Tour began in 1957.

President Lyndon Johnson promoted and encourages the idea of the youth tour in the 1950's when as a senator he selected outstanding young people and offered them an opportunity to observe their national government at work.

While in Washington, the Youth Tour delegates visited with their congressmen and observed the legislative process in action.

Other highlights of the trip included visiting the many famous monuments, memorials, and other attractions of Washington. Among these attractions were the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, Ford's Theater, Washington National Cathedral, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, the Supreme Court, and the Vietnam Memorial.

Special activities included Rural Youth day, participating in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, and viewing the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial.

Lady Blue track dates announced

The Farwell Lady Blue Cross Country schedule has been announced as the team runs toward another trip to state.

- Sept. 6- Brownfield (Terry Co. Park)
- Sept. 13- Plainview (H.S. and J.H.)
- Sept. 20- Dumas
- Sept. 27- Amarillo (Thompson Park)
- Oct. 4- Lubbock (Mae Simmons Park)
- Oct. 11- Sundown (H.S. and J.H.)
- Oct. 20- District at Amarillo
- Oct. 25- Levelland
- Nov. 1- Regional at Lubbock
- Nov. 8- State at Round Rock.



New police design

Texico Marshal Gil Holguin has designed a new patch for the Texico police uniforms.

I would like to thank the Texico Buyers Club and all of their supporters for purchasing my breed champion hamp at the Curry County Fair. Thank you,
Nicole Richards

WHEN, WHERE, AS and IF

The Bible contains many requirements. Some are general; others, quite specific. God may require performance of a given act to be done at a fixed time and place and in a certain manner. Only by doing what is required, at the time and place specified and in the way indicated, can one be truly obedient.

The Law of Exclusion is a most vital Bible-related law. Here is the rule: In any required program of work, worship or service, any and all things are excluded except those warranted by scriptural precept, apostolic example or necessary inference. Moreover, when a certain form or method is prescribed or when certain elements are required, then all other forms and methods are excluded; other elements are debarred when a specific element is stipulated.

Cain and Abel made offerings. Abel acted by faith, i.e., he heard and obeyed the voice of God (Heb 11:4; Rom 10:17). At that time, other offerings were excluded.

God specified gopher wood for the construction of the ark (Gen 6:4; Heb 11:7). Any and all other types were excluded.

Elisha, God's prophet, was quite specific in directions for Naaman, the leper: "Go and wash (dip) in the Jordan seven times...and thou shalt be clean" (2 Kings 5:10). Four things are spelled out. (1) He was to go to the Jordan. Jordan was not to go to him. (2) He was to wash (dip). Sprinkling Jordan on his head or simply dipping his finger or foot in Jordan was not sufficient. (3) Jordan was specified; not Nile or Tigris. (4) Seven times was specified; not two or twenty. He was healed because and when he met the divine requirements. All else was excluded.

Bread and fruit of the vine are required by our Divine Saviour in the communion service (Matt 26:26-29). All else is excluded.

Oral (vocal) music is required in Christian worship (Eph 5:19). All other types of music are excluded.

The Law of Exclusion is superior to the Law of Expediency. Nothing can be expedient if excluded.

You are invited to visit the church of Christ that meets as 5th & Ave C in Farwell. For information call 481-3833 or 481-9153. Welcome.

Sugar beets near harvest

With promising new weed control measures and improved seed varieties on the horizon, more and more Parmer County and regional farmers are looking to expand their sugar beet production or add the sweet crop their wheat, feed grain or cotton rotation.

About 18,000 sugar beet acres are nearing harvest time in the Panhandle-South Plains and eastern New Mexico. Overall, farmers are liking what they see. "This is the best crop we've seen at this point in several years," says Dennis Printz, agricultural manager for Holly Sugar Corp. in Hereford. "We expect to see some good yields and quality when harvest begins in the fall."

All regional beet acres are contracted for processing through the plant. "The sugar grown by our area farmers is among the highest quality anywhere," says Printz.

One of the most significant advances in beet production is the availability of new herbicides which can be applied after the crop emerges. Weed research on area farms has given growers a first hand look at the new post-emergence weed killers.

It's a Girl

Carissa Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Johnson of Farwell announce the birth of a daughter, Carissa Anne, born Aug. 12 at the Clovis hospital.

She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Cari has 3 brothers and sisters, Drew, Abby, and Jill.

Granparents are Dudley and Pat Cash of Portales and Billy and Sandra Johnson of Farwell. Great-grandparents are Nannie Blackman of Muleshoe, Lucielle Hart of Clovis and Ethel Johnson of Bovina.

Brayden Johnson

Brayden Lynn Johnson was born Aug. 21 to David and Jennifer Johnson, who live south of Farwell, at Clovis hospital.

She weighed 8 lbs., 5.5 oz. and was 21" long.

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Sophia McDaniel Cherry with her 90th birthday cake.

Sophia Cherry celebrates her 90th birthday

Sophia McDaniel Cherry, of Texico, celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug. 16.

A party was hosted by her four children and their spouses: Leon and Noetta McDaniel, Ronny and Esther Ferguson, Gail and Grace Whitehead and Clifford & Helen Wagner.

There were 37 family members present in addition to her children. Nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and about 28 friends were also present. They came from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado and California.

There were five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and five family members that were unable to attend.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Ordinance No. 285
An ordinance amending Ordinances 156, 279 and repealing Ordinance 284; an ordinance relating to obtaining permits for the construction or alteration of fences within the corporate limits of the city of Texico; interior lot fence restrictions; corner lot fence restrictions; establishing fees and penalties regarding sale; and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith.

Passed and approved by the city council of the city of Texico on Aug. 26, 1997.

Attest:
Glenda Mosier, Clerk
Nathan Tharp, mayor

City of Texico Notice of Proposed Ordinance
Notice is hereby given to the public that the following title and subject matter shall be proposed for adoption as an ordinance of the City of Texico, New Mexico, and public discussion of such proposal shall be heard at the next regular meeting of the council following the expiration of 2 weeks after the date of this notice, therefore, subject to public discussion for which you are invited to attend. It is proposed:
1. Title: Ordinance No. 207
2. Subject: Increasing late fees for water payments.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Lazbuddie I.S.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 8.48 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 9, 1997 @ 7:30 p.m. at Lazbuddie ISD Cafeteria FOR the proposal: Gail Morris, Robert Gallman, Rick Seaton, Steve Foster, Tommy ST. Clair, AGAINST the proposal: None, Tommy Martin, Donnie Coker PRESENT and not voting: None ABSENT: None

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the Effective tax rate that the unit published on August 22, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 19,085	\$ 19,085
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
Average taxable value	\$ 14,085	\$ 4,085
Tax rate	1.46 /\$100	1.50 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 205.64	\$ 61.27 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$ 144.37 or 70.2 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.04 per \$100 of taxable value or 2.74 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):
The (county name) County Auditor certifies that (county name) County has spent \$ (amount) in the previous 12 months beginning (date), 19, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. (county name) County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Texico
Monday - hot dog or frito pie, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - chili cheese fries, salad, corn, cookies, milk.
Wednesday - chicken patty or country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit Jello, hot roll, milk.
Thursday - lasagna, tossed garden salad, fresh fruit, garlic bread, milk.
Friday - pizza, tater tots, carrot sticks, cookie, milk.

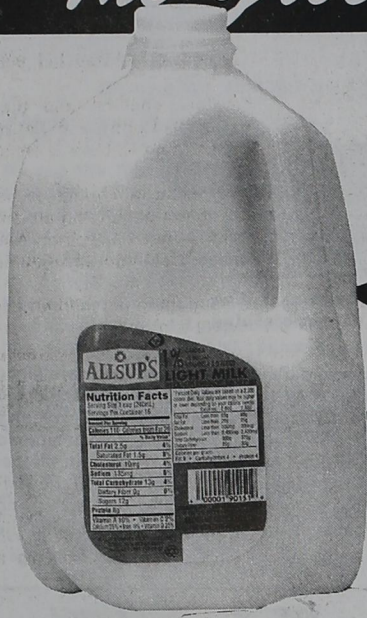
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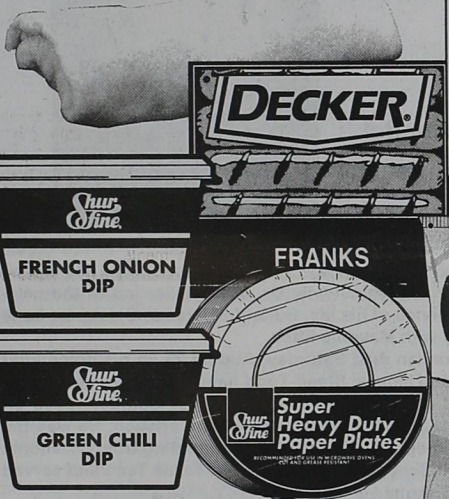
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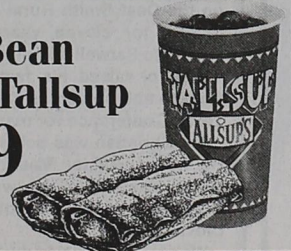
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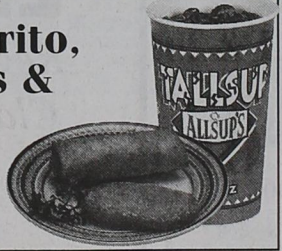
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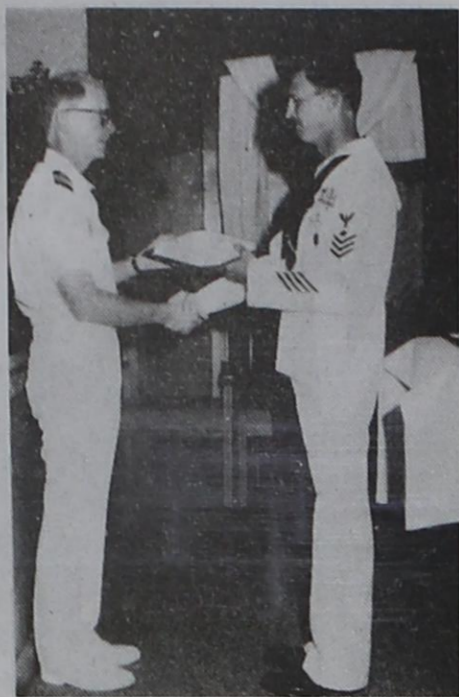
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An era comes to an end



BT1 Mills receives a medal at his retirement.

(Editor's note: U.S. Navy Commander Will Anderson, a Farwell High graduate, is the son of Bob and Carrie Anderson. Periodically, over the years, he has sent articles about his postings as features for the Tribune. Currently, he is stationed in Guam.)

By Will Anderson

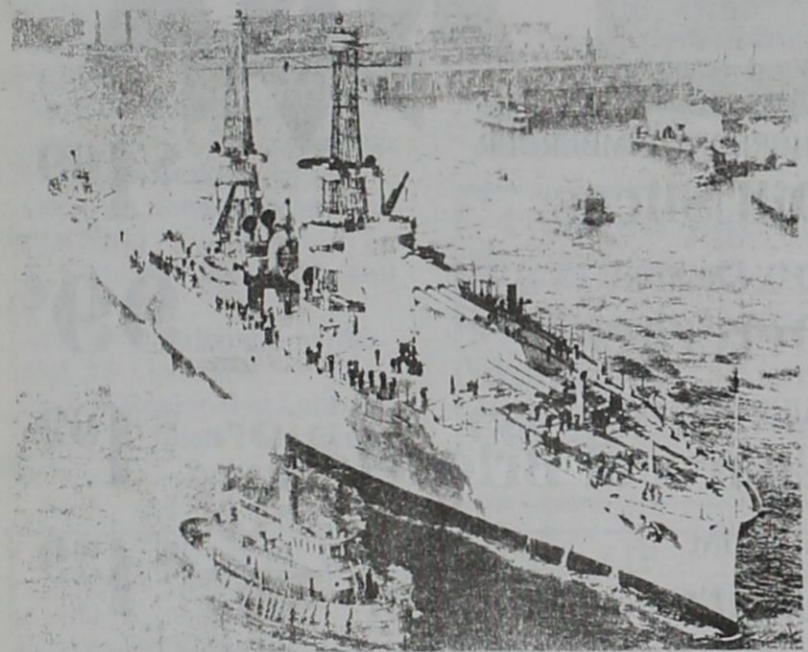
The last remaining "boiler technician" in the U.S. Navy retired from his final duty station in Guam in May 1997, and it served as the symbolic death to a long and proud history of steam-powered warships in the service of our nation. With this passage dies the dark and mysterious fraternity of the sea-going steam engineer, known for a century and a half throughout the Seven Seas as the "blackgang" or as "snipes."

Boiler Technician First Class Ronald Mills was honored by his command by his last shipmates in the base chapel at Finegayan. There was a solemn reading of the list of warships he has taken to sea in the last 20 years, and one last departing medal was pinned to his chest. Then sailors and guests stood in silence as the ship's bell tolled, the boatswain's mate's shrill pipe sounded the last time, and BT1 Mills passed through the ranks of the sideboys as he passed out of the Navy and into the pages of history.

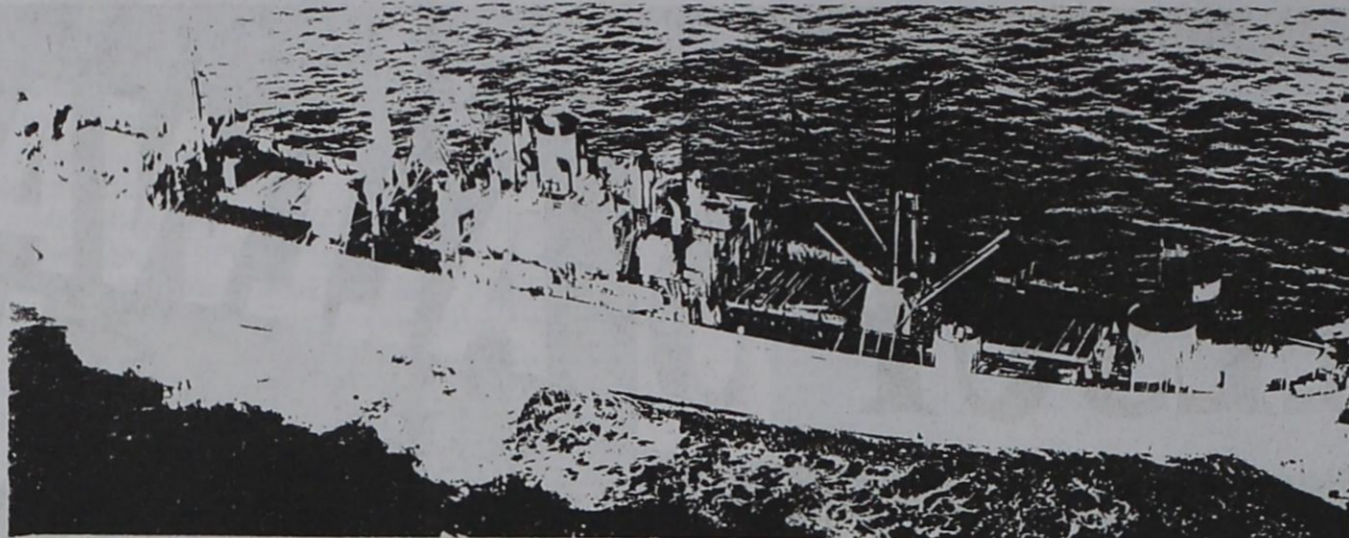
The BT rate was combined with the Machinist Mate rate last year, and so the few remaining boilers at sea will receive tender care in their final years of operation. But the men who serve their fireboxes and monitor the water chemistry and keep the steam flowing at the correct temperatures and pressures will no longer be "BT's." They will be "MM's" with some additional training, and when the very last boilers go away altogether, even that small splinter of the old boilerman community will be extinct.

Early in the last century, steam propulsion was proven workable by men like Robert Fulton (1765-1815) and steam began to power ships and railroads around the world, sparking the Industrial Revolution. The coming of steam-powered ships sounded the deathknell for any ship which depended entirely upon the winds in her sails, first with the addition of steam-driven paddle wheels, and later of steam driven propellers for auxiliary propulsion.

Eventually, the steam engines at sea became the primary means of propulsion, and sailors who had carried on the traditional skills of masts and canvas became extinct. The American War Between the State (1861-1865) saw the first



The USS Arizona, shown on maneuver in 1918, is a National Historic Landmark. She was sunk by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.



The SS Excambion, a Liberty Ship Armored Transport. These transports were launched at the rate of one a day at the height of World War II. She was the type of ship that kept supplies flowing across the oceans. Before her retirement a few years ago, she was Texas A&M's training ship, called The Texas Clipper, and was Anderson's first ship when she carried him across the Atlantic in 1972.



The USS Cassin Young, launched in 1943, is a National Historic Landmark. She fought across the Pacific and survived two Japanese Kamikaze planes crashing into her hull.

major employment of warships made of steel instead of timber, powered entirely by steam, with no sails at all, in the famous battle between the USS Monitor and the USS Virginia in Hampton Roads. The Virginia was built on the copper-sheathed hull of a captured Yankee ship named Merrimac, and has sometimes been incorrectly called by that name to this day.

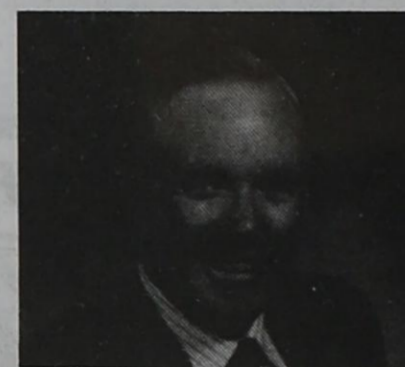
The rest of the world absorbed this lesson quickly, and all the major nations began their design and launching of warships of steel and steam. Thus was born the unreal world of the sea-going steam engineer, a world which lasted until the 1990s when technology has brought about the extinction in turn of this exclusive sea-going brotherhood.

The passing of years changed the fuel for the fires below from coal to black oil, and from black oil to maritime diesel, advances were made in water chemistry and boiler design, and the pressure and temperature of the deadly steam in the pipes grew ever greater and hotter. But whatever the current technology for steam propulsion, and whatever the flag the warship flew, the snipe's world belowdecks was always a vision of some dark hell, filled with escaping plumes of steam, the stark images lit by the boiler flames, and the constant scream of the engines.

The warships that fought hideous battles at sea of exploding shells and shattered hulls all have had the same demonic

spirit in their lowest and darkest levels in all the years since then. While the proud gray lady shuddered and screamed with each cannon round fired in anger, and each explosive shell absorbed into her defiant steel hull, the snipes labored in their own other-world below, their only mission in life being to serve one master -- the machinery that moved the warship through the sea, trained and elevated her guns, and powered her electrical systems. If the fires went out and the

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Wendol Christian

Services for Clarence Wendol Christian, 70, of the Clovis area were held Tuesday, August 26, 1997 at First United Methodist Church, Clovis. Dr. Bill Sylskar led in the celebration service of his life. Burial followed at Oklahoma Lane Cemetery with Masonic Rites.

Mr. Christian died Saturday, August 23, in his home after an extended illness. Steed-Todd handled arrangements.

Wendol was born at home in Parmer County, Texas on July 31, 1927 to Clarence and Carrie Christian. He was the oldest of their six children. After graduating from Oklahoma Lane High School, Wendol attended Texas Tech and served in the U.S. Army.

He married Louise Donaldson, June 6, 1945. Louise preceded Wendol in her homegoing, Nov. 4, 1988, after 43 years of marriage. This union was blessed with four daughters.

Wendol married Royce Faris Foster on March 25, 1989. Mr. Christian was a long-time resident and farmer in the Oklahoma Lane Community. During the multiple years in agri-business, Wendol diversified his interest as a dairyman, owner of a sheep herd, and was co-owner and manager of Oklahoma Lane Farm Supply, as well as in partnerships at Agri-Sprayers, Bovina Feeders, and Bovina Pump Co.

Being active in local and state politics, Wendol served as Parmer County Democratic Chairman and was a state delegate.

He served for seven years on the Bovina School Board and for two of those was president.

Being an avid horseman, Wendol enjoyed owning and showing quarter-horses and was a member of the Bovina Roping Arena Association. He served as a Bull-Town Days Celebration Chairman.

Wendol served as a President of the Lions Club. He was honored as Bovina's 1962 Man-of-the-Year. Wendol served on the Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors for eleven years. After his retirement, Wendol moved to Farwell and served as Mayor.

Wendol raised his family in Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church and served as District Lay-leader to the Northwest Texas Conference for many years.

Mr. Christian was active in Masonic Lodge and Shriners. He was a Master Mason and served as District Deputy Grand Master. He also was a past president of the Cycle Corps and at the time of his death, was the President of Clovis Shrine Club.

Wendol is survived by his wife, his four daughters and sons-in-law: Ed and Gwen Corn, Farwell; Bill and LaNelle Polley, Buda, Texas; Joe and Loy McLellan, Friona, and Dennis and Tammy Willard, Clovis; one step-daughter and one step-son and their spouses, Dave and Kay Posey, Clovis, and Weldon and Janie Foster, Lake Charles, La.; nineteen grand-children and four great grandchildren; one sister, Phyllis Crume, Amarillo, and two brothers and in-laws, Donald and Dot Christian; Troy and Lillie Christian, Farwell; and Benny and JoVeta Darnell, Amarillo.

Family that preceded Wendol in their homegoings were his wife of 43 years, Louise; his parents, Clarence and Carrie Christian; two sisters, June Darnell and infant Loretta Joy.

Pallbearers were his nephews: Vick Christian, Todd Christian, Charles Christian, Farwell; Ray Darnell, Randy Darnell, Amarillo; David Darnell, Canyon; and Chad Crume, Austin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hancock Jr.

50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hancock, Jr. of Farwell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with a family dinner at the 50-Yard Line Restuarant in Lubbock.

Mac and Pam Hancock of Houston, Debbie and Ray Dennis of Lubbock, and Ron and Amy Hancock of Houston, children of the couple, will host the event.

Mac and the former Louise Taylor were married Sept. 3, 1947 in Farwell. They have 6 grandchildren.

Mac is a retired farmer and Louise is Justice of the Peace in Farwell.



Among the attendees at Beta Sigma Phi's Beginning Day Breakfast were, from left, Kristin Kasel, Lynne Mahaney and Cynthia Thigpen.

Sororities meet for breakfast

Seven members of Alpha Rho Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi joined other area sorority members for the annual Beginning Day Breakfast on Aug. 23.

Members talked about plans for the future and received copies of the chapter year-

book. Cynthia Thigpen headed this year's yearbook committee.

The committee produced the yearbook and gave each member a tote bag with her name on it and the Greek symbols for Beta Sigma Phi.

Meet Texico's Class of 2010



Garrett Garrison is a kindergarten student at Texico Elementary. His birthday is October 5.

He is the son of Larry and Melissa Garrison and the grandson of Barry and Sondra Schultz and Helen Garrison. He has a brother, Justin.

Hobbies include playing games, baseball, and basketball. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is blue.

He likes everything but dislikes cleaning his room.

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Where are they now?

Former Farwell resident Frances Boling, now living in Carrizozo, N.M., sent this report:

It was an exciting day when daughter Teri and I boarded the big jet plane destined for Albertville, France.

Son Mike has been in language school there for a year. Albertville was the host city for the 1994 winter Olympics. The majestic Alps are just that. One can direct his eyes to the sky and see the mountains disappear into the clouds. I thought of the Bible verse, "Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God."

We enjoyed one nice meal in a restaurant on the mountain, one course at a time, with the meal lasting about 2 1/2 hours. The meals and pastries are wonderful. Oh, yes, you could bring your dog or cat into the restaurant with you.

A visit to Lucerne, Switzerland, and Geneva brought these observations. The women have bronze-dyed hair, red and pink touches, hair pulled back, wearing clunky shoes and the majority dressed in black. People were smoking everywhere, even the younger people. Many, many bikes, motorcycles and trams were evident. One did not see the crowded freeways as in the U.S., because of their excellent subway and train systems. We saw very few overweight people.

In Geneva, we visited the Red Cross museum. Outside were 12 concrete figures, blindfolded (all concrete), and hands behind their backs, symbolizing the lack of freedoms POWs have and other lack of freedoms. These structures struck me deeply in my heart. Inside the building were standing pictures showing how the Red Cross has helped people, from its founding until now.

The other memory is of the beautiful stain-glass windows by Marc Chagall -- in reds, yellows, blues, greens. These were in the cathedral in Zurich, Switzerland.

The Alps, beautiful lakes and flowers, the subways, I shall remember for some time to come.

Mike has moved to Meulan, France, a suburb of Paris, to further learn the language. He plans to be in the Ivory Coast, Africa, in February to be involved in Bible translation.

Student Council officers picked

Farwell High School Student Council representatives and officers for the 1997-98 school year have been elected.

Officers are: Rachel Embry, President; Ramsey Bennett, Vice-President; Shane Roberts, Secretary.

Members include:

Seniors- Rachel Embry, Valerie Mace, Veronica Mace, Shiloh Roberts, Mark Lunsford.

Juniors- Ramsey Bennett, Kirk Gobe, Megen Meeks, Kelsey Monk.

Sophomores- Shane Roberts, Lorisa Littlejohn, Tangie Gustin, Leslie Cargile.

Freshmen- Mindy Mauldin, Derek Goettsch, Shara Taylor, Kinzi Woods.

Band calendars due out soon

The Farwell Steer Band Community Calendars are about to go on sale, according to Roz Vastano, director.

Due to the UPS strike, the calendar producers were unable to ship to schools. However, they should now arrive by Aug. 29.

The calendars will be \$4 each and proceeds will go toward the band's spring contest trip to Dallas in early May.

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Kara Camp and Kyle Willoughby

Engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Camp, of Farwell, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Nealey Camp, to Kyle Jack Willoughby, both of Tyler.

Kara is the granddaughter of Emma Lue Wilhite, of Muleshoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Camp, of Clovis.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Willoughby, of Longview.

The couple plans to wed Dec. 20, 1997, in Gladewater, Texas, at the Quitman and Center Street Church of Christ. All friends are invited.

Kara is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University and an employee of the state of Texas. Kyle has a business degree from Abilene Christian University and is employed by a pharmaceutical company.

The couple plans to reside in Tyler.

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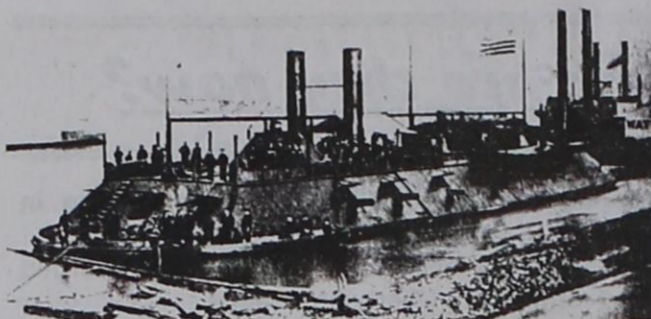
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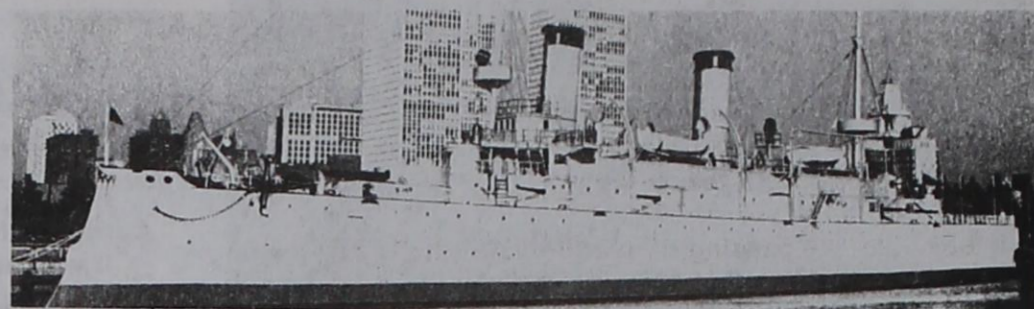
steam stopped flowing, the ship and all of her crew would die. Snipes would desperately fight to stop flooding through broken hulls at the same time that they kept the fires burning.

If any shell punched deeply enough through the steel to burst a boiler or a steam pipe, any survivors of the explosions would have to abandon ship immediately, but there could never be a snipe in any of the lifeboats. Every snipe in every steamplant on every warship for the last 150 years has always known that if the demon that their boilers created ever escaped from its piping, for any reason, that every man in their machinery space would be dead in seconds (the steam warships that are being scrapped today run on steam of over 1,200 pounds of pressure and 975 degrees Fahrenheit.

Every destroyer, cruiser, frigate and corvette launched in all my years at sea have been powered by gas turbines (basically, the jet engine of an airliner, bolted to the deck plates and shafted to the reduction gears that turn the propellers and power the generators). There remains a few ships in our fleet that run on steam, although most of them now use nuclear power to produce the steam that gives them life, and



The USS Cairo, a City Class Gunboat was launched in 1861 at Mound City, Ill. She was one of the first steel and steam warships, sunk by mines north of Vicksburg, Miss., on Dec. 12, 1862.



The USS Olympia was launched in 1892. This was Admiral Dewey's flagship at the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War on May 1, 1898. That's when the famous phrase, "You may fire when ready, Gridley..." was said.

the older ones are destined for the scrapyard soon. But the engineers on a gas-turbine or nuclear ship are a new breed, with white coats and clean hands and the high tech of the new world.

The old steam snipes (like me) are as obsolete today as the men who worked with canvas and wind were on the day the Monitor and Virginia hooked up those decades ago. No one

will mourn the passing of steam warships except the shipmates and brothers of the blackgang over all these years.

It's a small footnote in the history of our nation and the history of our Navy, but the dark and deadly world of the steam belowdecks officially ended when the bell sounded, the boatswain mate piped, and BT1 Mills passed out into history, here on Guam, one sad afternoon in May 1997.

The Latest

The city of Texico goes to trial on Aug. 28 in Clovis with a lawsuit against Audenago Estrada over his move of a mobile home into the city.

The lunch menu for next week for Lazbuddie is (choice of one main dish):

Tuesday - tacos, burritos and tuna croissant, plus baked ham.

Wednesday - hamburgers, egg rolls, BBQ sausage, plus hamburger stew/cornbread.

Thursday - fish sandwich, pizza, frito pie, plus nachos.

Friday - hot dogs, plus chicken and rice.

The entrees listed after "plus" are for pre-k, kindergarten and first grade.

The Rev. Wayne Schueler was installed as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, Texas on July 27.

Wayne is the son of Walter and Martha Schueler of Rhea Community.

He had been serving as pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Winchester, Texas since 1987.

He is married to the former Ann Market and they have three children, Sarah, Matthew and Joanna.

Matthew Schueler was in town last weekend visiting his grandparents, Walter and Martha Schueler of Rhea community.

He then reported to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio to begin basic training.

Pastor Dick and Arlene Greenthaner of Lariat returned Thursday from a trip to Australia where they visited their son Mark and his family.

Jack Allen Kirkland was a really big winner this past weekend! He and Carol Snider won the Championship flight of the Couples Scramble at the Farwell Country Club and his tickets to the Parmer County Stock Show Board fund raising dinner won \$1,000.

Because he was playing in the golf tourney, he gave his tickets to his sister LeeAnn and brother-in-law Mike Woods. He also gave them instructions that, if the ticket won any money, they were to

donate it back to the Stock Show Board.

Does he regret giving up the big bucks? "I'd have donated it back even if I had been there to get it ...because it goes for such a good cause!"

When the Farwell City Council voted last week on the ordinance restricting RV parking, it was announced that the vote was unanimous.

But councilman Martin Kube said later he had abstained.

The Farwell varsity football game on Sept. 5 will be Parents Night, reports Tanya Chadwick.

Farwell hosts Smyer at 8 p.m.

Due to lack of numbers, there will be no Farwell JV football team this year.

In Saturday's scrimmage, Farwell lost starting lineman Reuben Marquez, who suffered a broken leg bone.

But Farwell athletic director Larry Gregory notes that 40 students suited out for junior high football -- with 20 moving up to the high school next year so the JV program should be able to be reinstated.

Gladys Hromas stopped by the Tribune with some prize tomatoes she grew. One was a whopping 1 3/4 lbs. and another was 1 1/4 lbs.

Gerald Norton and other members of the Norton family hosted a birthday party at the Farwell Convalescent Center for Anne Norton on Aug. 22. Members of Beta Sigma Phi helped decorate and served at the event.

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Also, the students hope to buy a new 35mm camera to be used for all sports action photos. This will cost about \$500.

Folks and businesses which would like to advertise in the yearbook are asked to contact yearbook advisers Jonessa Brockman or Carolyn Scott.

Last week's boll trapping report shows one trapped in

the southern end of Parmer County.

Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry issued a special local need labor for Furadan 4F control of cotton aphids last week.

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Parmer County General

The Parmer County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1997 by 7.9 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. County Commissioners Court Room

The public hearing will be held on September 15, 1997 at 11:00 am
 FOR the proposal: Johnnie Tannahill, Tom Ware, Jerry Davis, Raymond McGehee
 AGAINST the proposal: NONE
 PRESENT and not voting: NONE
 ABSENT: NONE

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the Effective tax rate that the unit published on August 15, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$29,296	\$29,822
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$-0-	\$-0-
Average taxable value	\$29,296	\$29,822
Tax rate	.2740 /\$100	.2862 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$80.27	\$85.35 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would Increase by \$ 5.08 or 6.3 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would Increase by \$.0122 per \$100 of taxable value or 4.4 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$29,296	\$29,822
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$3000	\$3000
Average taxable value	\$26,296	\$26,822
Tax rate	.0834 /\$100	.0870 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$21.93	\$23.33 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would Increase by \$ 1.40 or 6.4 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would Increase by \$.0036 per \$100 of taxable value or 4.3 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Texico, Farwell gridders vie in scrimmage

Supporters of the Texico and Farwell football teams should feel pretty good after Saturday's scrimmage at W.M. Roberts Field in Farwell -- both teams looked pretty good for so early in the season.

It looks like the passing of quarterback Tyler Chadwick will lead the Steers attack this season, complemented by the running of David Everett and Jason Miller.

And look for the Wolverines to score a bunch of touchdowns as Tobie Askew sweeps around end, complemented by the inside running of Mel Askew and Pecos Chumley.

Farwell has a small squad this year and depth could be a problem, especially if injuries occur. Texico, on the other hand, had 42 players suit up, causing them to expand into a JV schedule.

At Saturday's 3-hour scrimmage, the veteran leadership of the Wolverines showed quickly as Mel Askew galloped for an 18-year TD run.

On the Steers' first offensive possession, Chadwick teamed up with Brett Curtis on a 37-yard pass play. Then, in succession, Everett caught a 15-yard throw and snapped off a 15-yard run. Farwell's first tally came on an 8-yard pass from Chadwick to Miller.

Both teams were trying different types of plays so the scoring wasn't that important.

On the next series of plays with JV players utilized, Eric Smith came in as Texico quarterback and showed he was highly talented. He raced 60 yards down the sideline for Texico's second TD.

Smith then connected with Joe Garcia for a 15-yard pass. That was followed by a 30-yard run by Madison Cross, and a 15-yard TD run by Kyle Mayfield.

Continuing their offensive prowess, Smith ran for 20 yards,

and then connected with Garcia on a 10-yard pass. On defense, Demesio Mendoza and Mark Lunsford had excellent solo tackles for Farwell.

Texico also came up with some strong defensive plays. Jake Boazman recovered a fumble, while Mel Askew and Tobie Askew nearly had back-to-back interceptions.

Farwell garnered another score when Chadwick threw the bomb to Lunsford, for a 70-yard TD.

On defense, Farwell's Reuben Ruiz and Miller had interceptions.

The final big play was turned in by Texico's Chumley, who rumbled for 30 yards.

After the scrimmage, the teams were treated to ice cream by the Farwell Booster Club.

Farwell's next scrimmage will be Friday (today) when the Steers host Whiteface at 6 p.m.

New Mexico only allows one scrimmage so the Wolverines begin their march toward a second consecutive state championship when they face Cloudcroft at Dexter today (Friday) at 7 p.m. mst in a non-conference tilt.

Farwell statistics included: rushing -- Jason Miller, 6 carries for 25 yards; David Everett, 11 for 33; Eulogio Ruiz, 8 for 42; Shane Roberts, 2 for 7; and Tyler Chadwick, 4 for 36 plus 9 of 23 passes for 175 yards.

Courthouse Notes

The following warranty deeds were issued in the Farmer County clerk's office last week:

Stephen J. Bracken - Charles W. Bracken - E 1/2 Blk. 32, Friona.

Carmen Reeb - Walter C. Yerger, et al - Lot 4, Blk. 4, Staley #3 Add., Friona.

Edward F. McDonald - Lisa D. McDonald - tract in the NE 1/4 Sec. 18, T10S;R2E.

Teresa Weeks - Juan Gomez - Lots 20 - 25, Blk. 29, Farwell.

R.J. Renner, Jr. - R.L. Massey Construction - Lot 13, Blk. 2, Western Add., Friona.

James Fritz - Lee Romo - Lot 12, Blk. 12, McMillen & Ferguson Add., Friona.

Byron J. Boyd - John B. Crozier, III - Lot 5, Blk. 49, Friona.

Couples Scramble held

Here are the results of the Couples Scramble that was held last weekend at the Farwell Country Club:

Championship flight: 1. Jack Allen Kirkland - Carol Snider - 129, 2. Johnny Guelker - Cindy Guelker - 129, 3. Danny Smith - Julie Smith - 130.

First flight: 1. Jimmy Dominguez - Jan Fontanilla - 135, 2. Royce Bethel - Jayme Bethel - 138, 3. John Agee - Ginger Agee - 140.

Second flight: 1. Duke Kirkland - Sue Kirkland - 139, 2. Jim Vardemen - Phyllis Vardemen - 140, 3. Don Aragon - Brenda Aragon - 141.

Third flight: 1. Don Beard - Lindsie Beard - 141, 2. Tobe Tate - Shelly Tate - 143, 3. Don Huddleston - Suzanne Schaap - 148.

Fourth flight: 1. Okei Alexander - Donna Alexander, 2. Randy Pitcock - Jana Pitcock - 149, 3. Kent Armstrong - Joyce Armstrong - 150.

Longhorns picked No. 1 in area

This year's "To-O-Texas" magazine is out and here's what it has to say about our local teams:

Farwell

The Steers finished 5-4-1 last year in arguably the state's toughest district. Eleven lettermen return, including nine starters.

The magazine picks the Steers to finish 6th in the 8-team district. Here's the order it predicts:

Springlake-Earth, 1st, followed by Sudan, Kress, Nazareth, Happy, Farwell, Valley and Motley County.

On the magazine's Class A honor roll is listed Farwell's Jason Miller, linebacker.

The team has a new enthusiastic and football knowledgeable coach, Brent Terry, who had remarkable success at Shamrock before coming here.

This likely will be Farwell's final year in Class 1-A, as enrollment statistics indicate the Steers will move up to Class 2-A next year.

Lazbuddie

Lazbuddie has 11 full pages devoted to it in the magazine.

The Longhorns are listed No. 1 in the state by the magazine.

Chillicothe is ranked 2nd, followed by Guthrie, Southland and Wellman.

Lazbuddie is in District 3-A, ranked ahead of (in order) Whitharral, Amherst, Three Way, Silverton and Cotton Center.

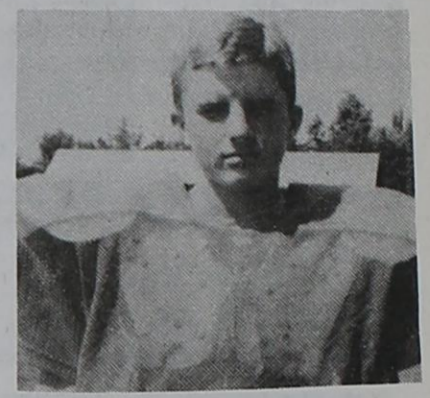
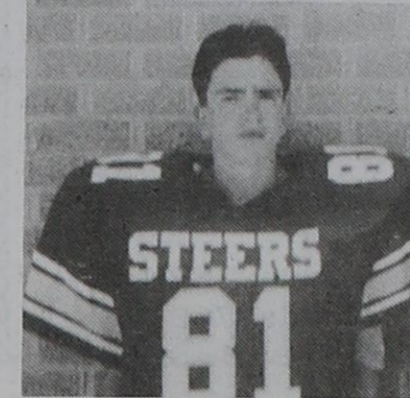
On the magazine's Six-Man Honor Roll are listed Chris Smith, pass receiver and defensive back; Jason Thomas, center and defensive lineman; Brice Foster, running back and defensive back.

The Longhorns lost in the area round of last year's Six-Man state playoffs, finishing with a 10-2 record under coach Mark Scisson.

The Longhorns have 13 returning lettermen, including 5 returning starters both on offense and defense. Having 10 seniors on the team give excellent experience.

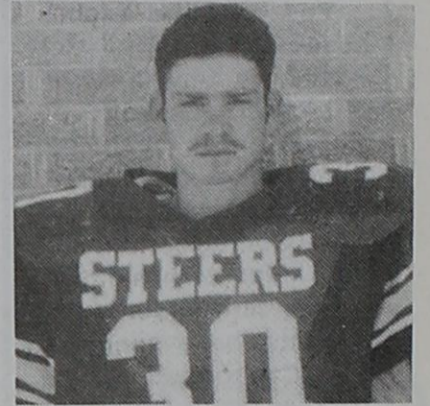
Chris Smith, Brice Foster and Jason Thomas are listed as All-State potentials. Jeffery Seaton is listed as a promis-

ing newcomer. "Players to watch" are Josh Morris, Cameron Turner and Adam St. Clair.



Steers of the Week

Steer Players of the Week were, clockwise from top left: Ruben Ruiz, whose interception stopped a Texico drive; Lane McFarland, two QB sacks and 4 assisted tackles; and Eulogio Ruiz, 5.4 yards per carry and 2 for 7 passing.



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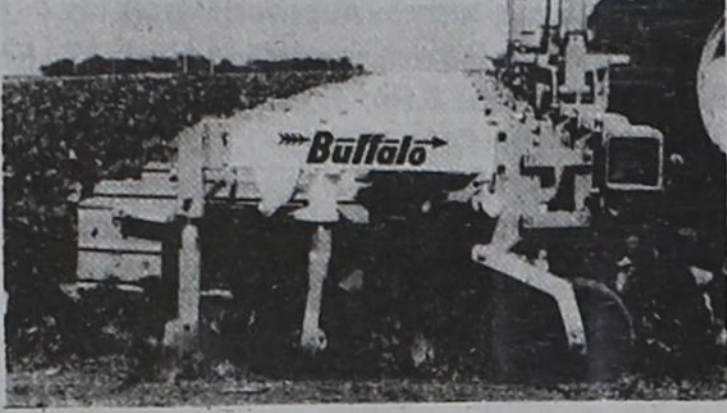
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New mascot outfit

Texico has a new wolverine mascot outfit! Who's inside? Lacey Howard!

Boll weevil control up to each producer

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.:

The latest news, following the defeat of the referendum, is there will be no areawide boll weevil control program in 1998 unless producers demand one after Jan. 1.

Producers spoke through the recent referendum and said "no" to establishing a Southern High Plains/Caprock boll weevil eradication zone. The "no" vote to the first item on the referendum ballot eliminated all subsequent items.

PCG learned that of some 13,200 voting forms mailed out, only 6,636 valid ballots were returned. Just 48.4 percent of these voted for Proposition 1, well short of the two-thirds majority needed to establish the zone.

In a meeting of PCG's boll weevil steering committee to discuss the results, members expressed respect for producers not being ready to accept the proposals offered by the state Department of Agriculture and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

PCG has always taken a pro-active stance in facing the boll weevil issue. The organization will continue to gather and publish boll weevil population data from its established trapping programs as a service to producers faced with fighting the insect one-on-one.

The end result of the referendum is that cotton producers are 100 percent responsible for any, and all, boll weevil control on their own farms.

Farwell Band Boosters to re-organize

Roz Vastano, Farwell band director, announces that the Farwell Band Boosters will re-organize this year.

They will meet Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. in the band hall to elect officers.

Band Boosters are an organized group of parents and community supporters of the

band program. Membership is open to all, whether or not they currently have members in band.

The group supports the students in their music studies and annual projects such as UIL contests and music festivals.

'Let players play, coaches coach'

(Editor's note: The following column by Nancy Lieberman-Cline caught the eye of Bill Liles of Muleshoe. He got permission from the Dallas Morning News for us to run it.)

When parents try to help their children the most, they sometimes don't realize they hurt them the worst. I'm thinking of all the parents who call their kids' coaches to demand more playing time, the ones who move their families to new neighborhoods so their budding student-athletes can switch high schools. Their intentions are always the best, but what a terrible message they're sending.

I hear all the time from parents whose children supposedly are being mishandled by a coach in one way or another. For example, the coach is yelling at their daughter or prodding her in a drill, or they think she should be starting. In truth, most of these kids need a change of attitude, not a change of scenery. They need to try to improve their situation, not escape to one they hope will be better.

I used to serve as a volunteer coach for the SMU women's basketball team. The parents of one of the players were extremely supportive, but during games were charting their daughter's shots and screaming down to her, "You've only taken four shots! How are you going to hit your average?" At halftime, no matter who was winning, the first thing that player wanted was a stat sheet.

That attitude really hurt her game, and it came from parents who wanted to help their daughter in the worst way - which is pretty much what they did.

At the other end of the spectrum are Jim and Colette Evert, whose daughter Chris became a champion tennis player and role model. The Everts were the perfect Little League parents; they helped their girl acquire the tools she would need to win, cheered her on, consoled her in defeat but otherwise stayed out of the way. They never screamed at coaches or umpires, never berated Chris. They supported their daughter but always deferred to the experts.

Unfortunately, this has become the age of coddling. We have high school kids almost dictating to their coaches where and how much they should play - and parents who are equally demanding. I know of one area high school coach who was sued for yelling at her players in practice. The parents called it abusive; I call it coaching. It's OK for parents to yell and instruct; we do it at home with our own kids. It doesn't mean we don't care.

The message kids should be getting is, you can't second-guess everybody all the time. When parents encourage their kids to challenge their coach - or, worse, when they lead the charge - it sometimes comes back to bite them at home, where their own authority is challenged.

If parents have a problem, the first step is talk to the coach - without threats or raised voices - and find out if there's a problem. The solution doesn't have to be quitting or pulling up stakes; it might be investing in a summer camp or setting aside extra time for practice.

Players should assume they'll have to adjust to their coaches, not the other way around. They need to think in terms of loyalty and commitment - qualities that will reap

rewards when mixed with patience and perseverance. And they need perspective. Kids can get better sitting on the bench and listening to instruction, even if it's painful or sometimes profane.

When I was playing basketball in the late 1970's, it seemed as if all the top women's players were transferring to up-and-coming Tennessee - and I wanted to be a Lady Vol more than anyone. There I was, a freshman stuck at Old Dominion, playing for a coach who was so mean-spirited that I thought about quitting basketball altogether.

But out of loyalty to my school and my teammates, I stuck it out at ODU. I took it as a challenge: *Can I win here? And can I win over this coach?* The next season, under a new coach, we won the National Invitation Tournament; the two seasons after that, we were national champions.

What a wonderful lesson that was, one that perhaps set the pattern for the rest of my life. Since then, I've always felt I can work through any situation, no matter how desperate. There's no greater challenge in life than trying to surpass expectations, and no greater satisfaction than succeeding in doing so.

If kids would take that approach, they would learn how to pursue success. And if parents would help deliver that message, they would really be doing their children a favor.

Parmer County 4-H selling tickets to see 'Petra'

The Parmer County 4-H is selling tickets for the Christian rock group "Petra" as a fund-raiser for the Excell project.

The project sponsors a trip to Washington, D.C., for 4-H'ers with state winning record books.

Petra is one of Christian

music's top selling bands with six million albums sold. Cost of the tickets is \$8 for general admission seating at a Sept. 21 concert at 7 p.m. at the South Plains Fair.

For more information, contact the county extension office or any 4-H'er.

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Weekend's area football schedule

- Farwell hosts Whiteface in scrimmage, 6 p.m. Friday
- Texico vs. Cloudcroft at Dexter, 7 p.m. mst Friday
- Lazbuddie vs. Chillicothe at Matador in scrimmage, 6 p.m. Friday
- Texas Tech at Tennessee, 6:30 p.m. Saturday
- West Texas A&M at Stephen F. Austin State Univ., 7 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 28)

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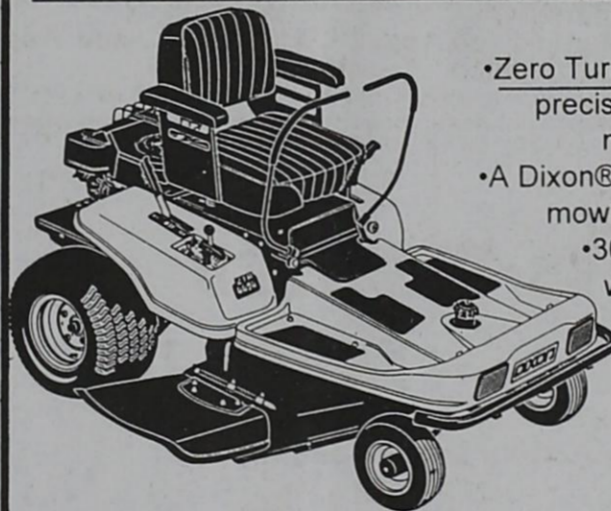


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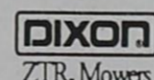


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The 1996 winner was Sheryl Taylor, who had the unusual distinction of leading from the beginning of the leader board until the finish. Normally, there's usually more movement at the top of the board. But Mrs. Taylor held firm on first place throughout.

Other past winners have been Larry Gregory, Hal Helton, Brett Curtis, Joannah Gartin, Charles Dannheim, Bunk Phillips, Maxine Williams, Ken Horn, Jerry Dee Owen, Gay Goettsch, Thelma Alexander, A.D. Kirk, Dodie Actkinson, Greg Hargrove, Dee Owen, Doris Herington, Ruth Scott, C.L. Mahaney, Mrs. Roy Everett, Cheryl Scott, Roy King.

Also, Terry Craft, Becky Taylor, Willie Roberts, Jerry Roddam, Dale Sikes, Erlene Porter, Rusty McFarland, Sam Gonzales, T.J. Kittrell, Rex Cumpston, and Pam Carpenter.

Rules for the 1997 contest will be the same as in the past. A person must be at least 12 years old to enter. Entrants must choose 12 teams they think will win the selected games.

Games will be divided by high school, college and professional ranks. In case of a tie game, unless the tie was predicted by the entrant, that game will not be counted.

Each entrant must remember to pick a tie-breaker score, a very important feature of the contest since many weekly winners (and overall winners) have been determined by the tie-breakers.

The person naming the most games correctly each week will receive a check for \$15. The second place winner will

get \$7.50.

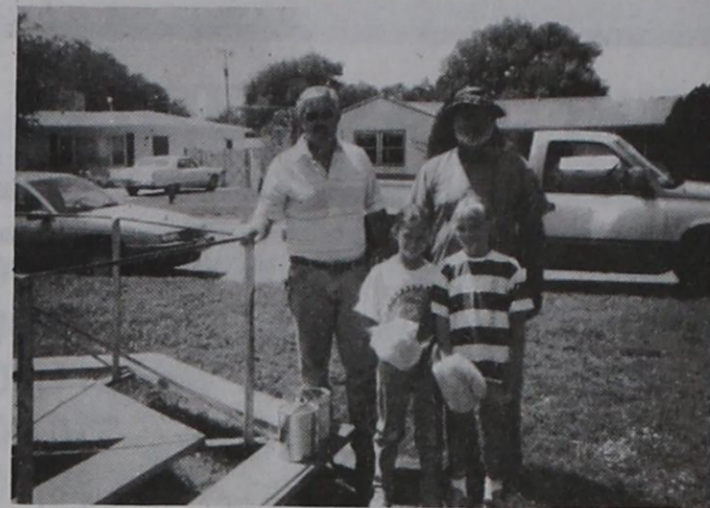
Each week's scoring is tabulated and kept on record at the Tribune office. The standings are posted each Monday and may be seen during regular business hours.

All entry blanks must be turned in to the Tribune office, 404 Third St., Farwell, or, if mailed (State Line Tribune, P.O. Box 255, Farwell, TX 79325) and must bear a Friday postmark.

It's very important that you enter each week's contest to have a strong shot at being the overall winner. Even if you never pick 11 or 12 right to take the weekly prize, you can win the overall prize with a consistent 8-plus weekly tally.

Entry blanks for the first contest will be in the Sept. 5 issue of the Tribune. Entry blanks are also available at the Tribune office starting at 1 p.m. each Thursday.

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Lions Park improved

It was a workday Saturday for Texico-Farwell Lions Club members, who painted playground equipment at Lions Park in Texico and repaired the merry-go-round. Pictured are Lions Hal Helton and John McGimpsey, joined by Helton's daughter, Kymerly, and her friend, Lyndsey Wilkins. Also helping Saturday were Lions Bill Whitesides and Mike Pomper. See article in Border Banter in today's Tribune.

Upcoming Sports

Friday, Aug. 29

Lazbuddie scrimmages against Chillicothe at Matador at 6 p.m.

Texico varsity takes on Cloudcroft at Dexter at 7 p.m. mst in first game of season.

Farwell hosts Whiteface in a scrimmage at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

Farwell varsity hosts Smyer at 8 p.m. (Parent's Night).

Texico JV and varsity volleyball hosts Logan at 4:30 p.m.

Lazbuddie varsity hosts Meadow at 7:30 p.m.

Texico varsity plays at Dexter at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Texico Jr. High scrimmage at Gattis at 10 a.m. mst.

Beauty shop licensed

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Aug. 25 for the opening of the Farwell Convalescent Center beauty shop.

The beauty shop is now licensed. Patty Johnson is the licensed beautician. She is also a certified nurse's aide.

A reception followed the ceremony to honor the many volunteers and auxiliary members who have dedicated many years of time and effort to provide hair care for the residents.



Welcome to Mule Days

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION AUG. 30 & 31

- Mule Days Street Dance will be held Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the 100 block of Main Street, featuring KKYC.
- Joe's Boot Shop will present the World Champion Goat Team Roping on Foot on Saturday. There will be eight age groups with a maximum of three entries per person. Competition will be held all day with the finals at 5:30 p.m. The champs will receive handmade Floyd Mosir buckles. Joe's also will have Mechanical Mule Roping with a \$1,000 gift certificate given away. The entry fee is \$10 at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.
- The Muleshoe Rotary Club 5th annual team roping

will be held at the Dusty Rhodes Arena Saturday and Sunday. Handmade Cliff Allen saddles and Running P saddles will be given winners.

• Fritz & Mary's Amusements will be on hand -- Orbitron, Tiger Moon Walk, Baseball Strike Zone and Football Toss. They will be on the Mule Lot Saturday.

• The third annual Tour de Muleshoe will be presented by the Heritage Foundation. It rolls through scenic farmland and sandhills. Each entry receives a ticket to the spaghetti dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tour includes 100K, 40 mile and 10 mile rides, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

• The Project Graduation Million Dollar Hole-in-One Shootout will be held. Final qualifiers will shoot on Saturday at 1 p.m. for \$1 million. The last two qualifying rounds were held Aug. 9 and 23. Also, the final round of the putting contest will begin at noon with 20 qualifiers having the chance to win up to \$25,000. Qualifying rounds are planned for Aug. 29, 3 to 8 p.m., and Aug. 30, 8 a.m. to noon.



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