

A free lunch

Who says there's no thing such as a free lunch?

Mike Ratke at Southwest Ag Services in Farwell wanted everyone to remember that they are having an open house and free lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today, Thursday, April 13.

The other day, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said the GOP was in danger of losing control of Congress, pointing out one political blunder after another.

These included the handling of the Hurricane Katrina aftermath, the Iraqi war, the immigration mess, etc.

What Newt doesn't understand is that he expects the politicians to show leadership. That isn't happening because we don't have leaders in Washington, D.C. We have politicians.

Let me give you an example of how things have changed over the years.

The mess in Iraq is due to a large extent on one of the greatest geopolitical blunders in U.S. history, the disbanding of the Iraqi

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

army after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

I think it's fair to equate that with Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, taking into account the number of American soldiers who have died and been injured in Iraq the past three years.

What happened after Pearl Harbor?

A board of inquiry was set up. Hearings were held. Heads rolled.

What happened after the Iraqi army disbanding?

Nothing.

And that is a microcosm of how things have changed in the U.S.

Our nation is on a rapid downhill course and there is nothing we can do about it except to hope that when tragedies occur, such as Hurricane Katrina, that it doesn't affect us or our families.

The politicians, both Democrats and Republicans, in

Washington only have one goal: to be re-elected. They don't care about leadership or what is good

Farwell's One-Act Play advances to regional

Farwell's One-Act Play has advanced to regionals for the first time in about a decade.

Regionals will be held on April 20.

Farwell will perform about 4:30 p.m. at the South Plains College auditorium in Levelland.

Six plays will be presented, with an intermission after three of them. After the intermission, Channing will perform, followed by Farwell.

Advisor Robin Gregory suggests that folks coming to watch should arrive early because (1) the theater is small, and (2) the times are approximate.

Admission is \$3.

Named to the All-Star Cast was Trevor Norton. Named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast were Elisa Smith and Ryan McClaran.

Luis Olmos was named Honorable Mention Technical Crew.

Farwell and Whiteface advanced out of the Area competition.

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Farwell Chamber honors given

It was another successful Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday night at the Farwell Community Center with country singer Tammy Hysmith Mercer giving a rousing performance.

Top awards went to:

- Patti O'Hare, Teacher of the Year.
- Rick Armstrong, Man of the Year.
- Mike Ratke, Agriculturist of the Year.
- Pam Norton, Woman of the Year.
- Yvonne Favila and Juan Carlos Vidaurri, Students of the Year.

Fred Chandler emceed the event. The Farwell Service League did the decorations, which were provided by Pansies, Posies & Potpourri. Alpha Rho Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi provided appetizers and punch.

The meal was prepared by the Farwell cafeteria ladies -- Angie Vidaurri, Lisa Sanders, Stella Garcia, Joy Stanton and Linda Moss. Farwell High School Student Council members were table servers.

Award recipients were:

Male Student of the Year

This year's outstanding senior boy is a jack of all trades. For many years, he has excelled in the Blue Wave Marching Band. Accolades include the John Phillip Sousa award, 2 leadership and musicianship awards, numerous All-Region band and jazz

band awards, playing the trumpet.

He was selected to attend the Camp RYLA leadership camp, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is a two-year letterman for the varsity football team. He is currently taking college courses at Clovis Community College.

This young man has devoted many hours tutoring other students, teaching trumpet lessons, and playing the National Anthem at our home basketball games. While maintaining excellent grades at school, he has two newspaper routes, hoes cotton in the summer, and works 20 hours a week as a cashier at Lowe's Supermarket in Farwell.

Even in this busy schedule, he still finds time to serve his community through fund-raising activities, plays and sings for his local church, and volunteers his time to help those in need. He enjoys playing music, spending time with his family, and going to the movies.

This year's Outstanding Male Student of the Year is Juan Carlos Vidaurri, son of Johnny and Carla Vidaurri.

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Pam Norton, Woman of the Year, and Mike Ratke, Agriculturist of the Year.



Patti O'Hare, Teacher of the Year, and Ricky Armstrong, Man of the Year.



Go get 'em, L.J.

Texico bull rider L.J. Jenkins is back in action at Albuquerque after being injured.



Yvonne Favila and Juan Carlos Vidaurri receive their awards as Outstanding Students of the Year from Farwell High Principal Gary Cates.



Chamber awards

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Female Student of the Year

This year's outstanding senior girl is a 13-year student of Farwell Schools, starting her educational career in Mrs. Bennett's class. She was probably already asking, "Why is this wrong?" in kindergarten.

Over the years, she has consistently been on the honor roll and is currently a member of the band, an officer in the Student Council, and has been an officer for her class each year in high school. She also is a member of Honor Society and the UIL literary team.

This young lady is respected and well-liked by her classmates as well as her teachers because of her congeniality, reliability, trustworthiness and honesty. She is also hard working and competitive, which has led her to the top of her class. Her 13-year attendance record is impeccable -- 2,405 day present; 0 days absent.

She has been very successful in UIL. She was a member of the 2003 regional qualifying spelling team, the 2005 state qualifying accounting team, and the 2006 regional qualifying accounting team. She is also the 2006 yearbook editor. As if she is not busy enough already, she holds down a part-time job after school and is active in her church.

The ever friendly and ever helpful 2006 Outstanding Female Student of the Year is Yvonne Favila, daughter of Berto and Janie Favila.

Agriculturist of the Year

"Agriculturist" is a complex word. What does it mean, anyway? And why doesn't the Chamber just call this award "Farmer of the Year"?

Agriculture is a complex business. "Agriculturist" means more than just being a good farmer to this year's recipient when he helped coin the term for the Chamber some years ago. He knows that it takes men and women from many and diverse occupations to keep our area's agriculture base running as well as flourishing.

You might say that his career as an agriculturist has been "diverse."

Even though he wasn't born to a farm family, farming was in his blood. As a youth, he spent summers, away from his city home, with his grandparents tending cattle and raising wheat.

In high school, he built barb-wire fences around what he might tell you were innumerable acres. He learned to steer a "dozer" as well as many other pieces of machinery and built land terraces for wheat farming in Oklahoma. And he learned how to fix almost anything that he tore up.

His first degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University was in economics, and then he pursued an MBA. He had decided that he wanted to be an agricultural banker.

He worked in a bank while he finished his education in Oklahoma. He only left Oklahoma and his banking position to follow "the love of his life" to Texas.

In Texas, he got educated in agricultural banking by working for the Department of Banking as an examiner. He saw many things that work and some that don't, in ag-based banks of the northern half of Texas.

Muleshoe State Bank recruited him as an agricultural lender from the Banking Department. He helped build

the branch-banking center here in Farwell.

While a banker, he and his family bought a farm to grow wheat. And, somehow, his father-in-law talked him into growing pumpkins.

Being a jack of all trades is now always what it is cracked up to be, so he decided to farm full time. Wheat, pumpkins, blackeye peas, oats, cotton, sorghum and beef cattle took up his time as well as his growing family.

However, "once a type A personality, always a type A personality," so he and a partner decided to turn around Farwell's ailing farm supply business.

For the last five years, the ag-related service and supply industry has been one of his passions. He still loves growing wheat on the ever-expanding farm acres -- the Mitchell and Meredith farms in Texas, and the Austin farm in Oklahoma.

He also has acquired new partners in the pumpkin growing and shipping business, as well as in the tire business and the auto parts business.

Agriculturist may be a complex word, but it takes all kinds of complex people working in the agriculture business to keep it running. Complex though he is, this simple poem written by a friend might sum him up:

*There is a farmer man
Who loved to care for his land.
His small piece of heaven
Made him wish he had seven to share with his family and friends.*

*This great farmer had a vision to be stronger
And live off the fat of the land.
So now we see every year his vision of cotton and wheat,*

But not only that, fresh pumpkins and veggies that cannot be beat.

*Everyone can agree
It is no easy feat to till this great land.
Few have worked harder than this 'ol farmer, so
How can we say "thanks" to this man who has shown great dedication to the land?*

*By giving him this award for him helping his community move forward,
And telling him "thanks" from his family and friends.*

Help me welcome our 2006 Agriculturist of the Year -- Mike Ratke.

Woman of the Year

The recipient of this award is a woman of simple grace and honor. She is not one to stand out in the forefront of a group and bask in the glow of awards or praise. She is the type that prefers to work hard behind the scenes and make any project she sets her mind to a success for others.

She is the type that has been described by her family and friends as one that always makes you feel warm and welcome in any setting. Perhaps, this is because she grew up in a large close-knit and caring family. She is one of seven children. She and her twin sister Pat were born on Oct. 17, 1956, in Big Spring, Texas, to Billy and Wanda Mayfield. The family moved to the Oklahoma Lane area when she was in primary school. She attended school in Bovina for a short time, then moved into the Farwell district when she was in 2nd grade.

She was a good student and tried to be involved in as much as she could. This wasn't always easy because she and her siblings, four sisters and two brothers, were the working crew for their family farming operation. She was a Homecoming queen nominee and was also involved in the Farwell High FFA program. She was named FFA Plowgirl and FFA Sweetheart before graduating in 1975.

She attended Abilene Christian College for a time, then came back home to help with the family farm.

She married her high school sweetheart, David, on March 11, 1978. David thinks his wife is not only a fantastic wife and mother; she is also his right hand assistant in their farming operation.

"She is as comfortable on the tractor and cotton stripper as she is anywhere," he enthusiastically states. "She is not afraid of or unwilling to do hard work. I respect her so much for how hard she works at everything she does."

He is also quick to tell you that his wife is still his "sweetheart" as well.

The couple is parents to two daughters, Erin and Meagan, an son, Trevor. Erin lives in Bentonville, Ark., and is engaged to be married. Meagan is a senior at Abilene Christian University, and Trevor is a senior at Farwell High School.

She and her family attend Primitive Baptist Church in Clovis, and she is always an involved volunteer with her church home.

She volunteers her time to the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery during the cleanup days, and she set her mind to putting up trees around the property.

Our honoree also set her mind to beautifying the grounds of the Farwell Schools. During the year 2000, she approached her husband, who sat on the Farwell School Board at the time, about why there were no improvements being made to the school grounds and areas around the school buildings. She then contacted Supt. Larry Gregory about this issue.

Because she set her mind to it, and it was a project that no one was willing to take on, she began a Beautification Committee to make the Farwell Schools a more inviting place to attend school. To this date, about \$126,000 has been spent on school improvements. Sprinkler systems, an outdoor courtyard, trees and parking lots have all been redone, planted and put into place. She coordinates the efforts and gets results.

And the results have been nothing but positive from students, teachers and the community.

But perhaps the most positive project that this woman has been responsible for is the establishment and endeavors of the Farwell Education Foundation. She started the project in 2001 to raise money for a few scholarships. So far, 33 scholarships have been given to

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JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Grave in the Garden Reported Empty

Man of Galilee Influenced Many

Last Friday Jesus of Nazareth was put to death by crucifixion. Today the population of this capitol city was rocked by the startling news that he is alive! Who is this man who has made such an impact on the whole city and country?

Born in the city of Bethlehem about 33 years ago, Jesus spent most of his childhood and youth in Nazareth. He lived with his parents, Joseph and Mary, attending the regular Jewish schools and assisting his father in the carpenter shop.

It is reported that the popular preacher had an intense interest in people. On one of his trips to Jerusalem ten men afflicted with leprosy came to him for help. He directed them to report to the priests for inspection. It was on their way to the temple that they were healed.

Certainly a person who can heal a disease such as leprosy would be considered a desirable member of society.

While he and his disciples were resting in the plains near Bethsaida, over five thousand people came out to see and hear him. We are told that Jesus fed the whole group with five loaves of

bread and two fish. It is no surprise that they wanted to proclaim him king at this point in his ministry.

When the daughter of Jairus died, we are told, she was restored to life by the words: "Damsel, I say to you, arise." Some of his followers tell us that even though his friend Lazarus had been dead four days, he called him back to life with the words "Lazarus, come forth." It is not surprising that someone who apparently has power over life and death should be heralded as the Son of God.

Although his ministry was marked with concern and compassion for the masses, he nevertheless did take exception to many of the pronouncements and the activities of the leaders of the church. Because of this attitude, the church leaders refused to accept him.

Religious lawyers sought to discredit him in the eyes of the public. When this failed, they plotted his death. Persuading one of Jesus' own followers, Judas Iscariot, to betray him, they succeeded in a conspiracy which ultimately ended in his death.

But did they really succeed? Today it seems that even death could not silence Jesus of Nazareth. While opposition leaders are vigorously seeking to silence the startling reports of his resurrection, there are many others who now are certain that Jesus of Nazareth was not only sent from God, but that he is God Himself.



From The Editor's Desk

We had a different editorial prepared for today's issue. But the news of the events of yesterday changed our plans.

With great interest we had followed the capture, trial and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. After He was buried on Friday, we turned to other things. But early yesterday morning, word came to us that this Jesus had returned to life.

What the events of the past weekend will mean to the world is rather difficult to ascertain on the day after Christ's resurrection. From this vantage point, it appears that we can expect great things. Some of the faithful followers of Christ remember the many prophecies concerning the Messiah's coming. Yesterday's events, according to reliable reports, indicate that the Messiah is none other than the risen Christ.

We are told that over four thousand years ago, the Lord reminded Abraham that the members of the Lord's church would be as numerous as sands upon the seashore. Does this mean that the message of the Messiah would cover the whole earth?

It is reported that on last Thursday night as Christ met privately with His disciples in the upper room, He prayed to God, saying, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word."

Could it be that the news of Christ's resurrection will be proclaimed throughout the world?

Will the message of Jesus Christ invade the powerful strongholds of Greece and Rome?

Is it possible that the risen Christ will become more important than the god Jupiter, or that Socrates and Plato will fade before this One who said, "I am the Son of God?"

It might be well that we all heed the words of the angel, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here; He is arisen! Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, 'the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

Highlights of Jesus' Trial

Early Friday morning Jesus of Nazareth was brought by church-officials in Jerusalem to Governor Pontius Pilate for trial. Five days before, great multitudes of Passover-pilgrims and common people had welcomed Jesus of Nazareth to Jerusalem as the Christ, the King of Israel.

Church authorities expressed fear that such a popular acclaim might easily lead to insurrection and bloodshed. High priest Caiaphas suggested that it would be better for one man to die than for the Jewish people to perish.

The charge brought by the church leaders before Pilate, was that Jesus was stirring up rebellion against the Roman Government by claiming to be Christ, a King. When examined by the Governor, Jesus said: "My Kingdom is not of this world....Everyone that is of the truth heareth My voice."

Pilate ruled that teaching truth is no crime against civil government. King Herod, who was in Jerusalem at the time, agreed that Jesus of Nazareth was not guilty of organizing rebellion against civil authorities.

The Governor invoked the custom of pardoning

a prisoner at the Passover-feast. When given a choice the people called for the release of Barabbas and demanded the crucifixion of Jesus. To pacify the Jewish leaders Pilate had Jesus scourged and crowned with thorns, but to no avail. The church-leaders threatened to accuse Pilate of disloyalty to the Roman Emperor, if he failed to sentence Jesus to be crucified. Pilate agreed to do so after symbolically washing his hands to disavow any responsibility of the matter. Thereupon, the accusers expressed willingness to assume the blame by saying: "His blood be on us."

As the procession of the condemned made its way through the crowds on the way to Calvary, Jesus faltered under the weight of his cross. The soldiers drafted the services of a Passover pilgrim, Simon of Cyrene, to carry Jesus' cross. Of this man little is known except that he has two sons, Rufus and Alexander.

Only once did Jesus pause to speak. He then said, "Daughters of Jerusalem! Weep not for me, weep for yourselves and for your children." Briefly he spoke to them of the destruction which He said would come to the holy city of Jerusalem.

Reaching Calvary four soldiers then crucified Jesus and cast lots for His clothing. At the direction of Pilate the soldiers placed the superscription on his cross: JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS.

Great Excitement in Emmaus

Late Sunday afternoon a young man, Cleopas, related a strange experience he had earlier in the day.

According to Cleopas, the crucified Messiah is not only alive, but has been seen, talked to and dined with, all during the past twelve hours.

A stranger joined Cleopas and a friend as they traveled to Emmaus. This trio discussed the recent events in Jerusalem. The stranger seemed to be unaware of all the excitement of the last few days.

He asked Cleopas and his friend why they were so sad. Cleopas then explained that their sadness was because Jesus of Nazareth was put to death and even though it was reported that Jesus was alive, no one had seen Him.

When they arrived at Emmaus, they invited this stranger for supper. "It was during the act of blessing the bread that we recognized Him as the risen Christ," Cleopas claimed. "But before we could greet Him and express our joy, He was gone."

Returning to Jerusalem, Cleopas and his friend met with Jesus' disciples and reported what had happened on their trip to Emmaus.

Peter and John related their experience of that morning. They had rushed to the tomb when they heard of the possible resurrection. They found the tomb empty, but identified the grave clothes as those used to wrap Jesus' body for burial.

Suddenly Jesus Himself stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Eyewitnesses Testify To Resurrection

Early yesterday morning several women set out for Joseph's garden to complete the task of anointing Christ's body. They kept asking each other, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

When they came to the grave they saw that the stone was rolled away. They could hardly believe their eyes, for on the stone was a most unusual person. He was dressed in a pure white garment and his face was as brilliant as lightning.

It is reported that this was an angel and that he told the women, "Fear not, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said. Come see the place where you and the others put His body. Now go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the

dead, and He will meet you in Galilee."

The women left the grave and as they returned to the city they were met by the risen Jesus whom they immediately recognized.

Another follower of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, also came to the grave early yesterday. Mary remained at the grave and was very dejected over the absence of Christ's body. She even accused a man, whom she thought was the local gardener, of stealing the body. To her utter surprise, this man was none other than the risen Christ who identified Himself by calling her by her name.

Last evening, Jesus appeared to ten of his disciples in Jerusalem.

These appearances of Jesus verify that He is truly risen from the dead.

Charges Church Trial Fake

Charges were made today that the trial of Jesus of Nazareth before the Church Court last Friday was not legal. In an exclusive interview, Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, claimed that the death sentence was not unanimous and that a gross miscarriage of justice was committed.

Incensed over the action of the court and claiming an innocent man had been condemned, the eminent counselor referred to the following five improper actions of the court:

- 1) It is illegal to begin court action at night; yet the first appearance of Jesus before the court took place at approximately two o'clock in the morning
- 2) It is illegal to hold court on Friday, the day before the Sabbath, or on the day preceding a high festival; yet Jesus was tried on Friday, the day preceding the Passover.
- 3) It is illegal to try a prisoner without benefit of defense; yet no witnesses were called in defense of Jesus. (The counselor claims that he called this point specifically to the attention of his fellow-jurists, but that it was denied)
- 4) It is illegal to try a man and to pronounce capital punishment within one day; yet Jesus was apprehended, arraigned, tried and crucified within less than eighteen hours.
- 5) Finally, it is illegal to pass the death sentence on the testimony of one witness alone; yet Joseph claims that none of the witnesses for the prosecution agreed in their testimony against Jesus, and STILL the court condemned him!

The jurist claimed that he refused to vote for condemnation at the trial. Among other obvious reasons, he stated that he is convinced that Jesus of Nazareth is actually the promised Messiah, the Hope of Israel! For this reason he made the new sepulcher in his spacious garden available for the burial of the Nazarene. He also stated that for the same reason, Nicodemus, a respected teacher of religion, assisted in the final rites for Jesus in the garden late Friday afternoon.

Reluctant To Condemn Jesus

Checking the transcript of the trial held last week in Pilate's court, this reporter notes that the governor was very reluctant to order the execution of Jesus of Nazareth. The flow of events proves that the Governor placed himself in an awkward position before the church leaders. It must be said nonetheless that had Pilate been more a judge and less a politician, only two men would have been crucified last Friday.

It is quite apparent that from the time of the preliminary examination until the final signing of the death warrant, Pilate was convinced that the prisoner was innocent of the charges preferred. He sensed that the charges were merely a cover-up and that it was envy that motivated the insistence upon the death sentence of Jesus.

Throughout the trial one can hear Pilate stating "I find no fault in him at all."

It is interesting to note that the esteemed governor sought justice. Hearing that the governor of Galilee was in the city, he sent the prisoner, who was a Galilean, to Herod. However, after examining Jesus, Herod gave the verdict "Not Guilty."

It was at this time that the Governor invoked the use of the age-old Passover custom of releasing a criminal from jail. Shrewdly he selected Barabbas, a hated and dangerous killer. The governor thought that society would not want this crazed rebel and murderer back in circulation. To his distress the leaders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas' freedom and Jesus' death.

Sensing that the crowd would be satisfied with nothing less than blood, the judge compromised justice and ordered the innocent prisoner scourged. Dripping with blood, disheveled and thorn-crowned, Jesus was presented to the crowd as Pilate announced: "Behold, I bring him forth unto you that you may know that I find no fault in him. Behold the Man." Again the crowd would not be pacified. The Governor finally reconciled himself to the fact that neither compromise nor reason would satisfy the mob.

It was then that the opposition took command calling out: "If you release this man, you are not the emperor's friend." Was this a veiled threat? Would Pilate's past misdeeds be reported to Caesar? Reluctantly but deliberately, he washed his hands before the mob, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see to it yourselves." Reluctantly he signed the death warrant for Jesus of Nazareth. Justice finally had been trampled into the dust. Pilate had sold out to the opposition.

This raises some interesting questions: Will Rome condone such action in its courts? Can Pilate continue as Governor? What, in fact, does the future hold for Pilate? Time alone will tell.

Last Words Of Jesus Unusual

The death of Jesus of Nazareth was unlike any other death. Even the words of this dying man were extraordinary.

After Jesus was nailed to the cross and the cross was placed in an upright position, He prayed for pardon and forgiveness for His enemies. A Roman soldier remarked, "Usually we are cursed to death in hell."

A conversation took place between Jesus on the center cross and the thief who was crucified on His right. The thief apparently recognized in Jesus more than criminal traits as he asked to be remembered by Him in His kingdom. The thief received the answer, "Today you shall be with Me in paradise."

Great concern was expressed about the darkness which prevailed for three hours, from noon to three in the afternoon. Out of that darkness Jesus was heard to cry in a tone of anguish and intense suffering, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

It became apparent that Jesus was going through more than physical suffering in His body. There appeared to be a deeper anguish and suffering that went beyond the torment of crucifixion.

A few minutes before His death he shouted, "It is finished!" That appeared to be a shout of victory. Was it a victory just to die? Or was there some other victory or accomplishment He gained through this suffering and death?

At this time analysts are trying to piece together these words of Jesus of Nazareth to determine what meaning they carry. The question being asked is, "Was Jesus giving His life in place of others rather than dying for any crimes He had committed?"

Judas Iscariot Suicide Victim

Late Friday night a body was found hanging from a rope at the outskirts of Jerusalem. The dead man has been identified as Judas Iscariot, the treasurer of the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

Judas had contracted with the church officials to betray Jesus into their hands for thirty pieces of silver. Once the deed was done, Judas apparently was plagued with guilt feelings.

It is reported he tried to return the money to the church officials but they were totally unconcerned. This refusal to accept his offer sparked the traitor's suicide.

Secret Follower Interviewed

Nicodemus, a teacher of religion in Jerusalem, has come out openly in support of the cause of Jesus of Nazareth. One of our reporters secured an interview with the aging religious leader who is rumored to have assisted with the interment of the body of Jesus in Joseph's garden.

It was revealed that Nicodemus has had an increasing conviction that Jesus is the Messiah. On occasion the two met secretly.

In answer to our reporter's questions as to why he considered Jesus to be the promised Messiah, Nicodemus read the following words from Isaiah: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and he hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Turning from the prophecy, Nicodemus stated, "I can't help believing that these words, as well as many others in the prophecy speak of Jesus Christ. You reporters covered his trial. You were out there on Golgotha when they crucified him. You saw how they manhandled him, how they scoffed and mocked him. What do you think?"

"It may cost me my position; it may even cost me my life, but I can't keep still any longer. I'm ashamed that I haven't spoken out sooner."

"When I recall the events of his life and the words of the scriptures about the Messiah, I cannot but say that this Jesus is the promised Son of God, our Messiah!"

Centurion Testifies

The centurion, who was in charge of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth and responsible for preserving law and order, gave what may be considered the most eloquent testimony of all in regard to the person who was crucified on Calvary's hill.

He had been a silent witness to all that happened. When questioned soon after the events of Friday, he spoke with conviction. He stated that there had been a great miscarriage of justice, since the words and actions of the man crucified were not those of a man guilty of crime.

When asked who he thought the crucified man was, he replied, "To the best of my knowledge, He was, as He Himself said, the Son of God." That sort of testimony should come from a man trained in the rigors and discipline of the Roman army is indeed surprising. It is proof that the death of Jesus of Nazareth has had an impact on all with whom He came in contact. Could it be that this confession of the centurion will encourage other centurions to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Jesus' Burial Near Calvary

Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Jesus of Nazareth died.

Joseph of Arimathea requested permission from Pilate to bury the body in his new tomb which is close to Calvary. The Roman governor granted the request.

Because of the lateness in the day and the approaching Sabbath, the preparation of the body for burial was not completed.

Events in Nature Cause Concern

Phenomena in nature during the past few days have caused the citizens of the area no small concern.

Friday from noon till 3:00 p.m. this city and all the region, possibly the whole world, was shrouded in darkness. Never before in the history of man, as far as can be determined, has the midday sun been completely darkened. This phenomenon was not an eclipse of the sun, since the Passover is held during the period of the full moon, thus making the eclipse impossible.

Two earth tremors of considerable intensity were reported. It seems uncanny if not ominous, that the first quake occurred precisely at the moment Jesus of Nazareth died. The time of the second tremor coincides with the time the Roman guards reported the tomb was opened and found empty.

Such happenings certainly challenge rational and scientific explanation. Can it be that history will pronounce these events "acts of God?"

This page is presented with the prayer that the blessings of Easter may continue in your life.

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Five generations

Here are five generations of a family -- Eva Martin, 83, a Clovis resident who formerly lived in Texico; Velma Lovvorn, of Farwell; and Steven Lovvorn, Ashley Lovvorn and Aaron Lee McKay, all of Baton Rouge, La. They had a get-together April 1 in Baton Rouge.

Vaughan, Marez lead Wolverines to victory

The Texico Wolverines defeated Dora last week, 17-8. Aaron Vaughan had a 3-un homer, and Theo Marez doubled.

Vaughan pitched well in three innings, reported coach Ryan Autrey. Marez closed in relief.

The JV Wolverines whipped Dora, 12-5. Eli Morgan played well at 1st base, with two unassisted double plays.

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Here is a look back at BTD themes

Border Town Days treasurer Ann Cooper did some research the other day on the parade themes for BTD over the years:

- 1981 -- Pride in our Progress.
- 1982 -- Cool Water, Conserve It.
- 1983 -- God Bless America.
- 1984 -- Holidays on Parade.
- 1985 - Melodies of Love.
- 1986 -- Texas' 150th Birthday.
- 1987 -- Happy 75th Birthday, New Mexico.
- 1988 -- Wonderful World of Make Believe.
- 1989 -- Around the World in a Day.
- 1990 -- Under the Big Top.
- 1991 -- Salute to our Troops.
- 1992 -- Recycle America.
- 1993 -- Looking to the Future.
- 1994 -- Once Upon a Time.
- 1995 -- On the Road.
- 1996 -- When I Grow Up I Want to Be...
- 1997 -- Stories from the Bible.
- 1998 -- Wide World of Sports.
- 1999 -- Reflections of the 1900s.
- 2000 -- We are the Champions.
- 2001 -- Wild and Wacky West.
- 2002 -- Pioneer Pride.
- 2003 -- Red, White and Blue Through and Through.
- 2004 -- Strike Up the Band.
- 2005 -- Farwell's 100th Anniversary.
- 2006 -- Real Heroes.

The Latest

Teams are forming for the Parmer County Relay for Life set for June 23 in Friona.

To enter, call (806) 250-5700.

Texico High's FCCLA chapter is having a drive to collect inactive cell phones through April.

For more information, call Kye Thomas at 482-3305.

We got a note from Will Anderson last week.

He and his family are looking to move back to the Farwell area, if things work out.



From left, Trenton Jones, Avery Jones, Lindsey Foote, Garrett Foote.

Curry County team wins livestock judging contest

A junior team of Curry County 4-H youth won the annual Livestock Judging competition at the Clarendon (Texas) College Invitational.

Thirty-seven teams and 113 individuals competed. Curry County's team won by 26 points.

Team members were Garrett and Lindsey Foote, from Pleasant Hill, and Trenton and Avery Jones, from Broadview.

Lindsey Foote finished as 2nd high point individual; Trenton Jones, 5th; and Garrett Foote, 8th.

Curry County's team was the only New Mexico representative. Teams also entered from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2018



Slade Hamann is a Farwell kindergarten. His birthday is Aug. 2.

Parents are Dennis & Michele Hamann. His sister is Reece. Grandparents are Linda Hamann, and Colleen & Jerry Stover.

He likes to race motocross bikes, play football and hang out with friends and family. His favorite color is blue. He likes tacos with chips & salsa.

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The Parmer County Shared Service Agreement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay.

Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic, which is to be held at the following locations on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

Farwell Elementary School
 Speech Room
8:30 -- 9:30 a.m.

Bovina Ridgelea Elementary School
10:30 -- 11:30 a.m.

Lazbuddie School Library
1:00 -- 2:00 p.m.

Friona Administration Building
 901 E. 11th St.
2:30 -- 4:00 p.m.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education, at (806) 250-3315.

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Escuela Primaria De Farwell
 En la Salon de
 Terapia de Lenguaje
8:30 -- 9:30 a.m.

Escuela Primaria De Bovina -- Ridgelea
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Escuela De Lazbuddie
 Biblioteca
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

La finca de administracion de Friona
 901 E. 11th St.
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Si usted esta interesado sobre el desarrollo de su nino, traigalo a esta clinica. Si usted necesita mas informacion, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educacion Especial, a 250-3315.



Clayton defeats Hodnett for Bovina nomination

James Clayton won the GOP nomination for Pct. 2 (Bovina area) county commissioner in Tuesday's run-off election.

He defeated Larry Hodnett, 122-87. Clayton will face Democrat Houston Bartlett in the November general election.

Here's a breakdown on Clayton's victory by precinct: Early voting, Clayton 2, Hodnett 4.

Pct. 201 (Bovina EMS building), Clayton 91, Hodnett 74.

Pct. 202 (Friona Community Center), Clayton 8, Hodnett 2.

Pct. 203 (Rhea Community Center), Clayton 21, Hodnett 7.

Here are the results of the other run-offs in Parmer County:

The other Republican run-off involved Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8. Charles Holcomb defeated Terry Keels, 127-47.

There were two Democrat run-offs:

For U.S. Senator, Barbara Ann Radnofsky beat Gene Kelly, 8-5.

For Lieutenant Governor, Benjamin Grant defeated Maria Alvarado, 13-0.

Accident claims the life of two people near Progress

Two persons were killed in a vehicle collision near Progress at the east end of Parmer County Monday night.

Dead are Jennifer Olivares, 22, of Clovis, and her son, Alejandro Lomas Jr., 4.

Their car collided with a tractor-trailer on U.S. 84, said police. The truck was driven by a Kentucky man who was not injured.

Police said Mrs. Olivares failed to yield right of way.



A little help from a friend

Farwell Junior High's Tiffany Jones gets a little moral support from High Schooler Britton Barrett, with a cue to get her feet up. Jones made it into a jump-off for first place at the district track hosted by Farwell. This was the first meet held at the new Farwell track facility.

Raises recommended for Texico employees

At the Texico City Council on Tuesday, raises were looked at for city employees for the next fiscal year.

Councilman Doug Scioli recommended an equal pay raise for everyone over a percentage increase in wages. He pointed out that a percentage raise benefits people making more money. If you make lower salaries, the raise actually leaves you further from those who make more. The raise will go into effect after the budget is approved.

The council will also look into budgeting next year to fix the parking lot around the community center and will look for grant money to purchase new playground equipment for Lions Park.

In other news, the council:

- Looked at approving a total ban on fireworks this season due to the dry conditions and the risk of fires. Clovis already has one in place, and the Curry County Commissioners are apparently also looking to enact one.

- Approved Police Chief John Mares' recommendation to send old uniforms to a police station in Bradford, Tenn. A tornado wiped out the city there and the 15 man police force has asked for any assistance they can

receive nationally.

He is also looking into a surplus police cruiser that Texico owns as a possible gift as well.

- Heard from Street Supt. Darryl Stanton that the city pool has been repaired and as soon as the cement has been put on, the pool will be ready. It should be complete by the end of May.

- Heard that the city is within their current budget in most places; however, it is believed that higher fuel prices might be the reason for the biggest overrun.



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	Number Of Observation Wells Maintained	Average Annual Change 1996 to 2006 (10 year)	Average Annual Change 2001 to 2006 (5 year)	Average Annual Change 2005 to 2006 (1 year)
Armstrong	10	+0.49	+0.55	+0.79
Bailey	110	-0.72	-0.39	-0.06
Castro	91	-1.72	1.52	-1.34
Cochran	74	-0.72	-0.58	-0.87
Crosby	75	-0.48	+0.06	-0.33
Deaf Smith	87	-0.48	-0.35	-0.29
Floyd	100	-0.74	-0.34	-0.54
Hale	109	-1.65	-1.21	-1.23
Hockley	88	-0.47	-0.31	-0.44
Lamb	97	-1.43	-1.28	-0.95
Lubbock	135	-0.46	-0.27	-0.15
Lynn	81	-0.38	+0.15	+0.41
Parmer	94	-1.73	-1.38	-1.28
Potter	7	-0.18	+0.60	0.00
Randall	50	+0.02	-0.01	+0.13
DISTRICT	1,208	-0.84	-0.58	-0.54



Fencing materials donated

Recently, area folks participated in a fund-raiser to buy fencing equipment for Panhandle farmers who were hit hard by wild fires last month. Weldon Embry reports about \$6,700 was raised, including matching funds from Farwell Hardware. He said he was pleasantly surprised by the excellent support from the Farwell area community. The material (about 5 1/2 miles of fencing) was delivered to a collection point in Pampa on April 7. Pictured below are Steve Meeks, Brandon Embry and Weldon Embry in front of the loaded materials. Above, some of the fencing materials before loading.

Obituaries



Clarence Meeks

Clarence "Slim" M. Meeks, 88, of Farwell, died April 6 at the Farwell Convalescent Center.

Services were Saturday at the Farwell Church of Christ with Loy Hardesty and Phillip Steyn officiating. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens, Clovis.

Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

He was born April 4, 1918, in Farwell, to Edward and Nannie Meeks. He graduated from Oklahoma Lane High School in 1935.

He spent five years in World War II in the 3rd Armored Division.

He married Addie Birchfield on Jan. 17, 1948, in Clovis. He was a lifelong farmer, retiring at the age of 62.

He was a member of the Farwell Church of Christ, serving as a deacon and elder for more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; 3 brothers, and a granddaughter.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Debbie Sewell, of Seminole, Texas; and Susan Scioli, of Texico; 5 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Todd, Eddie and Greg Meeks, Doug Sewell, Dave Beaubien, David and Josh Scioli, and Robin Mahaney.

Honorary pallbearers were friends, plus members and fellow elders of the Farwell Church of Christ.

K.E. Johnson

Graveside services for K.E. Johnson, 84, of Oklahoma Lane, will be at 2 p.m. April 13 at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Kyle Clayton, of First Baptist Church of Farwell, officiating.

He died April 10 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 23, 1922. He married Nettie Routon in Knox County, Texas, in 1941.

He had lived in the Oklahoma Lane community since 1954, coming from Munday, Texas. He was a farmer and member of Farwell's First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, in 1999, and two sisters.

Surviving are 2 sons,

Dan, of San Antonio, and Bill, of Clovis; 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Courthouse Notes

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

Jerry Childs - Cristie Friesen, SW/4 S1 Blk X, WD & FW Johnson.

American Heritage Bank - C Bar D Farms, NW/4 S17 T11S R3ES.

Sandra Adams - Sandra Reames, 227'x55' Garden L22 S31 T9S R1E.

Lawrence Thurman estate - Robert Thurman, L7 B2 Hillcrest.

Bill Bandy et al - Mario Moreno, E 46' L16 W29' L17 B1 Lakeside.

Larry Hodges - Linda Sofijczuk, S/2 S22 Blk H Kelly.

Linda Sofijczuk - Larry Hodges, same as above.

Wilson-Welch family partnership - Ben Osborn, N/2 SW/4 S9 Blk C.

Mary Patterson - Elton Venable, L1-2 B34 Bovina.

Al Jennings - Shannon Weaver, W 220 ac S100 Blk H Kelly.

Richard Shirley et al - Socorro Corral, L10 B2 Staley.

Charles Smith family trust - Charles Smith Jr., N/2 S8 T15S R2E.

Sheriff's Report

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

On April 2, Tricia Bain, 34, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. She paid costs and made restitution.

On April 7, Robert Thurman, 42, of Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of public intoxication. He was fined \$250 in JP court.

On April 7, Mark Autrey, 46, of Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of public intoxication. He was fined \$250 in JP court.

On April 9, John Mendoza, 38, of Muleshoe, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI 2nd. Case pending in county court.

On April 10, Daniel Ponce, 24, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of injury to a



child. Case pending before the grand jury.

On April 7, Lesley Williams, 33, of Texico, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On April 7, Roberto Dominguez, 40, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of violation of a protective order. Case pending in county court.

On April 9, Melquiades

Gonzales, 50, of Bovina, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on charges of DWI and resisting arrest. Cases pending in county court.

Easter Sunrise Service set

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church will host Farwell's annual Sunrise Service at 7:15 a.m. on Easter Day, April 16. All are invited.

We cordially invite the entire area community to a special Retirement Luncheon to honor **Ted Lopez Sr.** who is retiring from Tedson Trailers in Texico after 28 years.

The Retirement Luncheon will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. mt on Friday, April 21st at Tedson Trailers

ENMR-Plateau Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, April 22, 2006 Yellow Jacket Gymnasium - Clayton Jr High 3rd & Spruce Streets - Clayton, NM

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Meeting: 10 AM

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Farwell athletes run, jump, throw, hurdle, vault

The Farwell varsity girls finished 4th overall at the district track with 80 points. The top four placers in each event advance to the Area contest:

- 3200 run - Chanel Castillo, 4th, 13:21.93.
- Long jump - Kaylyn Meyer, 4th, 14'09 1/4.
- Triple jump - Salida Edwards, 5th, 31'08 3/4.
- High jump - Brooke Lunsford, 2nd, 4'08; Brianna Anglin, 5th, 4'06.
- 800 run - Melinda Castillo, 4th, 2:45.82.
- 400 relay - Farwell, 4th, Dellani Jones, Meyer, Lunsford, Edwards, 55.03.
- Pole vault - Edwards, 1st, 8'0; Talethia Nolte, 2nd, 7'06.
- 800 relay - Farwell, 4th, Anglin, Meyer, Lunsford, Edwards, 1:57.33.
- 300 hurdles - Lauren Beaubien, 4th, 55'4.
- 200 dash - Anglin, 6th, 29.37.
- 1600 run - Castillo, 5th, 6:14.62; Shelby Christian, 6th, 6:37.55.
- 1600 relay - Farwell, 3rd, Anglin, Meyer, Beaubien, Edwards, 4:41.16.

Farwell varsity boys who advance to Area are:
-- Alex Olmos, 400 dash.
-- Mile relay team of Brett Howard, Derrick Chandler, Emanuel Pereda and Olmos.

The Farwell Junior High boys finished 7th at the Texico Invitational Track Meet on April 5 with 39 points. Placing were:

- Long jump - Jake Ware, 3rd, 16'9.5; Rane Carpenter, 6th, 15'.
- High jump - Ware, 3rd, 5'6.
- Shot put - Jeremy Woodard, 5th, 37'75.
- 1600 run - Clemente Meza, 2nd, 5:29.34; Christian Meza, 4th, 5:37.11.
- 400 relay - Farwell, 6th, 53.0.
- 800 run - Clemente Meza, 1st, 2:22.62; Christian Meza, 2nd, 2:24.34.
- 1600 medley - Farwell, 4th, 4:44.00.
- 200 dash - Ware, 4th, 26.0.

Farwell's Junior High girls finished 1st in the 8th grade division at the Morton track meet. Placing were:

- Sprint relay - Farwell, 1st, Keegan Langford, Tiffani Jones, Taylor Fillpot, Brenda Delgado.
- 800 relay - Farwell, 1st, Crystal Reyes, Laura Martinez, Langford, Lauryn Meyer.
- Mile relay - Farwell, 1st, Taylor Fillpot, Reyes, Meyer,



Employee of the Month

Parmer County Community Hospital Employee of the Month for April is Monia Ann Wilson. Monia Ann spent many hours directing staff in painting and decorating the new office for the Director of Nursing when she moved recently.



It's getting toward the end of the school year - time sure flies. Here's a wrap-up of the high school sports on tap:

April 13 is the area meet at Frenship for Bovina and Farwell tracksters. Regionals will be April 28-29 at Levelland.

Congratulations to the Farwell boy golfers who won district and advance to regionals on April 24-25 at Lubbock. Also going to regionals are two Farwell girl golfers, Dellani Jones and Britton Barrett.

The baseball schedule for the Bovina Mustangs is winding down -- four district games left. Next up is Nazareth on April 14, an away game; then a home game against Kress on April 21.

The Texico Wolverines are midway through their baseball schedule. They host Dora on April 18, then host San Jon in a double header on April 21.

The Texico tracksters head to the Melrose Relays on April 13, the Tatum Relays on April 15, then the EPAC meets -- junior high at Melrose on April 18, and varsity at Ft. Sumner on April 20.

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- Delgado.
- 1600 run -- Sarahi Saenz, 1st; Laney Christian, 6th.
- 800 run - Saenz, 2nd.
- 200 dash - Jones, 1st.
- 100 dash - Jones, 1st; Meyer, 2nd; Delgado, 3rd.
- 300 hurdles - Martinez, 1st.
- 100 hurdles - Fillpot, 1st; Tori Ortiz, 4th.
- 400 dash - Langford, 4th.
- Long jump - Martinez, 3rd.
- High jump - Langford, 2nd.
- Discus - Michelle Wauson, 4th.

Farwell's JH girls took 2nd in the 8th grade girls division at the Sudan Track Meet. Placing were:

- Sprint relay - Farwell, 3rd, Langford, Jones, Fillpot, Delgado.
- 800 relay - Farwell, 2nd, Reyes, Langford, Martinez, Meyer.
- Mile relay - Farwell, 1st, Fillpot, Reyes, Meyer, Delgado.

- 1600 run - Saenz, 1st.
- 200 dash - Jones, 2nd.
- Long jump - Langford, 2nd; Martinez, 3rd.
- 100 hurdles - Fillpot, 1st.
- 300 hurdles - Fillpot, 1st.
- Triple jump - Jones, 6th.
- 300 hurdles - Martinez, 4th.
- High jump - Langford, 4th; Fillpot, 5th; Jones, 6th.
- 400 dash - Laney Christian, 5th.
- 100 dash - Delgado, 5th.

Farwell's JH Girls took 3rd place at the Texico Track Meet with 50 points. Placing were:

- Triple jump - Jones, 4th, 27'5; Fillpot, 5th, 26'6.5.
- Long jump - Martinez, 6th, 13'3.5.
- High jump - Jones, 2nd; Fillpot, 4th.
- 100 hurdles - Fillpot, 1st, 19.21.
- 1600 run - Saenz, 4th, 6:39.94.
- 800 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 2:01.37.
- 300 hurdles - Fillpot, 2nd, 54.62; Martinez, 4th, 55.78.
- 1600 medley - Farwell, 1st, 5:08.91.
- 200 dash - Jones, 3rd, 29.62.
- 1600 relay - Farwell, 4th, 4:52.68.

Water decreases

Annual depth to water level measurements made in early 2006 by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 show an average decrease of 0.54 of a foot in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala aquifer during 2005 within the district's 6.8 million acre service area.

The 2005 depth-to-water level measurements had indicated an average increase of 0.74 feet during 2004.

The district 10-year average annual change decreased from -0.99 of a foot for the 2005 report to -0.84 of a foot for the current report. The district five-year average annual change decreased from -0.70 of a foot for the 2005 report to -0.58 of a foot for the current report.

District officials say the previous average increase of 0.74 of a foot during 2004 was a relatively rare phenomenon which may have continued to affect water levels in observation wells into 2005.

Extraordinary filling of cones of depression during 2004 resulting from greater than normal precipitation and the resulting reduced pumpage could have allowed for greater migration of water into deficit areas, which would have filled most residual cones of depression.

This may have temporarily delayed drawdown of water levels. Decreased pumpage of groundwater generally results in a decrease in water-level declines; however, additional groundwater pumpage may be needed if normal or drier than normal climatic conditions prevail during the 2006 growing season.



6 ft., 7 inch bull snake

Becky London, who lives just west of Bovina, killed a 6 ft., 7 inch bull snake on the road to her rural home last Thursday. Pictured are her kids, Ty and Emma, with the snake.

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After graduating from Grady High School, Jim attended New Mexico State University. He graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science and a B.S. in Agricultural Extension and Education. Before pursuing his career in banking, Jim worked as the Vocational Agricultural Instructor in the Grady & Elida School Systems. He has 27 years of banking experience and has completed the Texas Tech Graduate School of Banking.

Jim is very active in the community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce, Financial Officer of the Executive Board of Directors for the Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce, Foundation Board of Directors for Clovis Community College, Member of the Economic Taxation Advisory Board for the City of Clovis, and Advisory Director for New Mexico State University Agricultural Science Center in Clovis and Tucumcari.



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Joe's Boot Shop to host annual calf roping event

Calf ropers from across the nation are headed to Clovis April 28-30 for the 2nd annual Joe's Boot Shop Calf Roping.

More than \$150,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded during the 3-day event at the Curry County Mounted Patrol Arena.

The highlight will be the open roping, set for April 29, at 1:30 p.m. The world's top professionals will run at \$5,000 in added money.

Along with the Open, 2005 World Champion All-Around Cowboy Ryan Jarrett will battle 2004 World Champion Calf Roper Monty Lewis in a 10-head match. Jarrett vaulted into the national spotlight in December when he unseated 3-time defending All-Around Champion Trevor Brazile at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Lewis, the Hereford native who shocked the nation by winning the 2004 world title in calf roping, finished 3rd last year. Lewis is the defending champion in the Joe's Boot Shop match roping champion after defeating Clint Cooper in last year's event.

Also, the JBS event will host a Ladies' Tie-Down Match roping, featuring four of the top female ropers in the U.S. - Jackie Hobbs of Abilene, Texas; Kelly Lawrence of Phoenix; Kim Williamson, of Farmington, N.M.; and Jackie Adams of Weatherford, Okla.

In a change from last year, producer Wayne Needham

has set a solid start time for the Open roping. Scheduling difficulties in 2005 resulted in the Open starting late and Needham says calf roping fans can be assured this year's Open will start on time.

"The response to last year's roping was overwhelming and we weren't able to adjust at the last minute," said Needham. "But we've reworked the schedule for this year and the Open will start on time."

More than 2,000 fans filled the Curry County Mounted Patrol Arena for last year's event. But a cold, gusting north wind chased all but the most stubborn calf roping enthusiasts from the stands before the event was over. Roping officials lamented the lack of an indoor arena capable of hosting such an event.

Since that time, plans have been finalized by the Curry County Commission for construction of a long-awaited Special Events Center on the Curry County Fairgrounds. County officials will host a ground-breaking ceremony on April 29, prior to the start of the JBS Open roping.

All fans who purchase tickets to the Open roping will be eligible to win a \$500 Joe's Boot Shop gift certificate. Cagle's Steaks of Lubbock, and the Donut Hole of Muleshoe, will provide concessions.

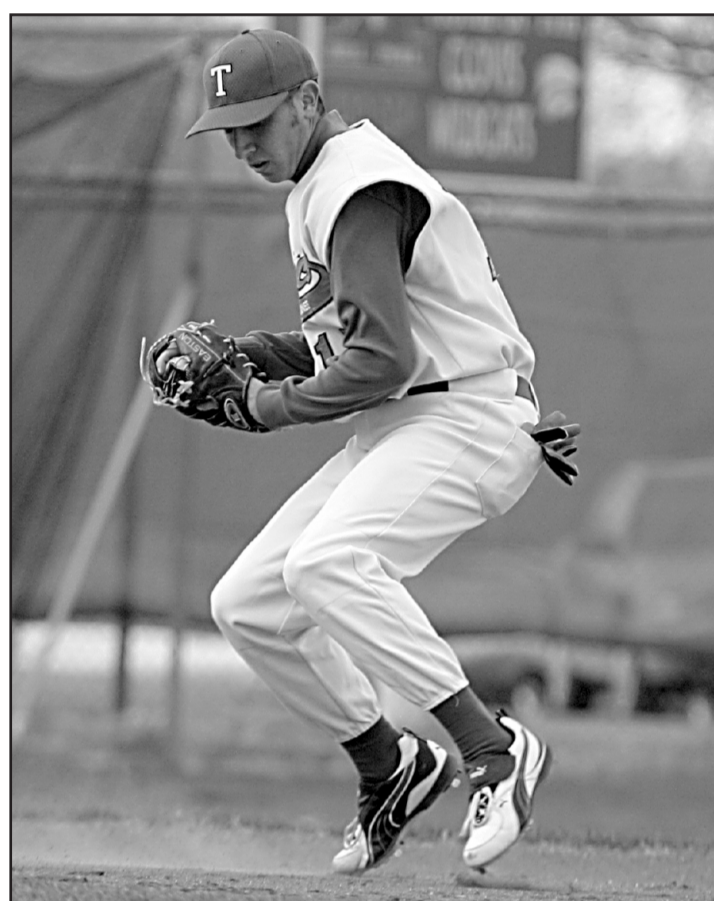
More than 450 ropers from at least 14 states competed over the 3-day event last year, collecting more than \$111,000 in cash and prizes. After the success of last year, Joe's Boot Shop has upped the ante for 2006 and will give away seven trophy saddles from Cactus Saddlery, seven Dusty Rhodes Collection 100 X pure beaver felt hats, seven sets of Greg Dutton trophy bits, one pair of Nocona full-quill ostrich boots and one pair of Tony Lama full-quill ostrich boots.

Besides the Open and match ropings, calf ropers of all ages and abilities will compete over the 3-day event. The American Calf Roping Association's handicap numbering system will be used to align non-professional ropers in the various divisions.

Joe's Boot Shop will have special hours during the event to accommodate ropers and roping fans. The store will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 30.

For a schedule of events, contact Joe's Boot Shop, (505) 763-3764. For entry information, contact Needham at (806) 681-1820.

WOLVERINE BASEBALL



Kimberly Nickels

Baby shower held

A baby shower for Jayci Joy Nickels, expected daughter of Guy and Kimberly Nickels, was held March 4 at the home of Sheryl Engelking.

Special guests were Debbie Gallman and Debbie Nickels, grandmothers; Josie Flowers, great-grandmother; and Billie Jean Glenn, Elaine Larson, Liz Jesko, Brenda Jesko and Joy Glover, great aunts; Kayla Nickels, aunt; and Kenedi, Jaegan and Mia Nickels, cousins.

Hostesses were Vicki Morris, Vickie Burch, Debbie Weir, Paulette Foster, Ellen Gallman, Desirae Gallman, Joanna Martinez, Jana St. Clair, Sarah Black, Jeanell Smith, Marca Morris, Krista Wilson, Becky Jones, Joann McDonald, Mandi Seaton, Claire Brown, Rhonda Roberts, Louvenia Garlington, Donna Locker, Stephanie Foster and Sheryl Engelking.

The hostesses' gift was a Bertini stroller.

Colors and table decorations: black tablecloth with sheer leopard print overlay gathered with black bows and lime green accents to keep with the animal print theme of the nursery. Asparagus greenery was tucked around a black iron giraffe, a lime green table lamp and lime green candles.

Served were peach tea, lemonade and thumbprint cookies from antique bronze serving pieces.

Lazbuddie scholars listed

Here are the Lazbuddie School honor rolls for the fifth 6 weeks:

Elementary "A" Honor Roll: Regan Agee, Justina Neufeld, Kennedi Nickels, Jr. Soto, Micah Vera, Lacey Jesko,

Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Austin Mason, Shyann Rainey, Chandler Barnes, Cotton Fleming, Kolten Morris.

Elementary "A-B" Honor Roll: Peter Guenter, David Guenter, Haldon Ivy, Haley Ivy, Celeste Lucio, Andrea Lule, Albert Moran, Katlyn Hicks, Allison Weaver, Karina Galaviz, Shea Scott.

Junior High "A" Honor Roll: Emily Agee, Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver.

Junior High "A-B" Honor Roll: Jarrod Jesko, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Darin Ivy, Kayle Jesko, Kinzi Schacher, Monica Vera.

High School "A" Honor Roll: Chase Timms, Brittney Schacher, Erica Derma, Addie Treider.

High School "A-B" Honor Roll: Bart Guillen, Arturo Lucio, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher, Brittany Sexton, RaJon Thorn, Laura Beliz, Joaquin Campos, Regina Mata, Chelsea Nichols, Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith, Dakota Williams, Aaron Chavez, Jesse Gomez, Stephanie Williams, Mica Brandvik, David Campos.

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High soil moisture deficit observed in the Northwest Plains

by Monti Vandiver
 Parmer County extension agent - IPM
 The Northwest Plains of Texas is in dire need of significant precipitation. Current outlooks for a profitable 2006 crop are rather dismal.

A total of 1.77 inches of precipitation has been accumulated locally Oct. 1, 2005 through April 10, 2006, which is 29% of the long term average.

Local soils typically hold 4.5 to 5.4 inches of water in the top 3 feet. Soil moisture deficits across the High Plains average 3.7 inches in the top 3 feet of soil, according to the 2006 pre-plant soil moisture survey

conducted by The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This deficit level is 2.0 inches greater than that observed in 2005. This moisture deficit could be mechanically replaced in an irrigated production system but dryland systems must depend on "Mother Nature".

High irrigation fuel prices have driven irrigation costs to over \$10.00/acre inch or \$37.00/acre to offset the current deficit alone. To put this into perspective, there are 319,800 irrigated acres in Bailey and Parmer Counties. What would a 3-inch rain be worth to irrigated producers not to mention dryland producers who may have no crop at all with out precipitation?

Wheat, in its current stage, will utilize .27 inches of moisture per day with adequate available moisture and 16.7 inches from Sept. 10, 2005 to present. Since adequate moisture was not available, area wheat has been under significant drought stress. This stress has and continues to cut into yield potential. Some of the irrigated wheat looks good but at a very high cost. A few green bugs have compounded issues in some fields but for the most part have not been the key limiting factor.

A near full soil moisture profile pre-plant is crucial for crop production in the Texas High Plains. Declining irrigation capacities limit irrigated producers' ability to play "catch up" during the growing season. Producers on the Texas High Plains now have an improved information source to assist them with irrigation decisions. The Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration Network distributes meteorological data, including evapotranspiration-based crop water use information, to agricultural producers and consultants through on-line web access and/or fax (<http://txhighplainset.tamu.edu>).

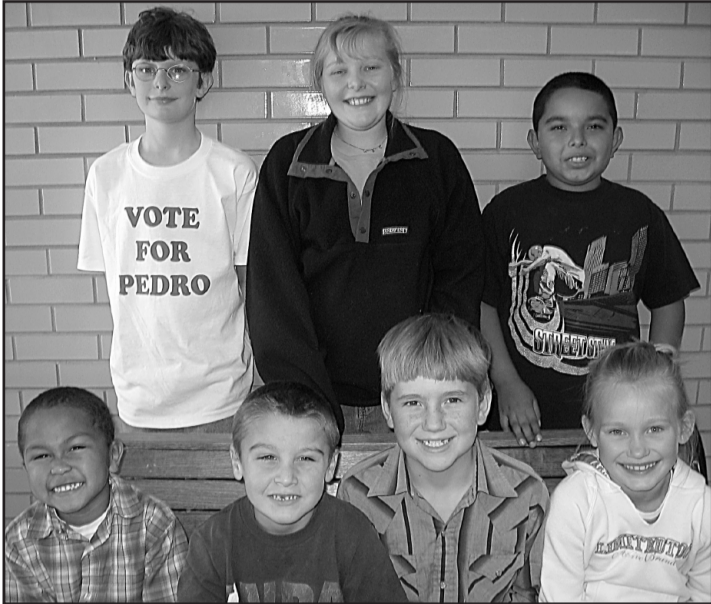
All the technology in the world cannot compete with a good rain when it comes to crop production on the High Plains.

Again I ask, what would a 3 inch rain be worth? Priceless!



On to regionals

Heading to regionals are these Farwell High golfers: above, the girls -- Dellani Jones and Britton Barrett; below, the boys, from left, Dan Patterson, Colby Norton, Derrick Chandler, Ty Gast and Ross McClaran. The boys' team was district champion.

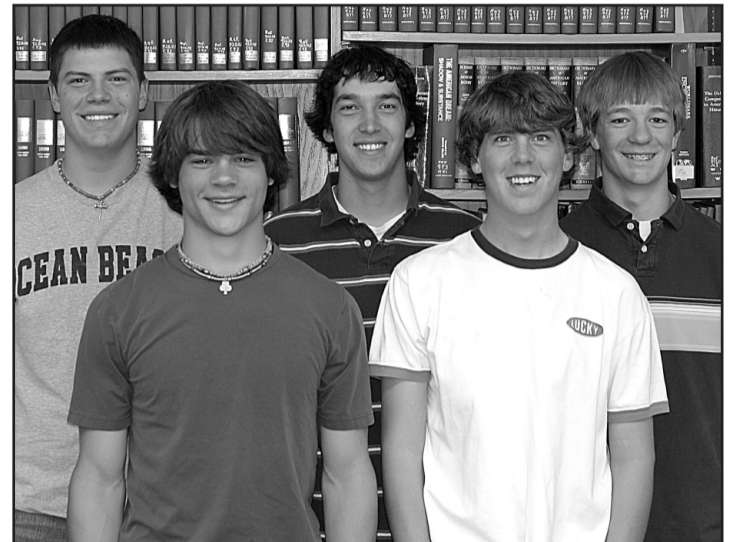


Front Row: Christopher Uvalle, Dacota VanLeer, Francisco Neufeld, Kennedy Nickels; back row: Albert Moran, Allison Weaver, Cotton Fleming

Lazbuddie Elementary Students of the Month

Lazbuddie Elementary School Students of the Month for March were:

- Pre-k: Christopher Uvalle, son of Maria Davila.
- Kindergarten: Dacota VanLeer, son of Billy and Lyn VanLeer.
- 1st grade: Francisco Neufeld, son of Isacc and Justina Neufeld.
- 2nd grade: Kennedy Nickels, daughter of Chad and Kayla Nickels.
- 3rd grade: Albert Moran, son of Javier and Sulema Solano.
- 4th grade: Allison Weaver, daughter of Shannon Weaver and Becky Strobel.
- 5th grade: Cotton Fleming, son of Bruce and Shana Fleming.



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Bailey, Garrison qualify for state

The Texico Junior High Wolverines finished tied for 2nd at their invitational track meet on April 5 with 54.5 points. Placing were:
 Triple jump - Rhett Martin, 3rd, 31'6.5.
 Long jump - Edgardo Meza, 2nd, 17'3.5.
 Pole vault - Martin, 5th, 6'0.
 Discus - Seth Bailey, 1st, 119'1.5.
 Shot put - Bailey, 2nd, 40'3.5.
 100 hurdles - Humberto Burciaga, 2nd, 19.78.
 100 dash - Jose Posada, 4th, 12.81.
 400 relay - Texico, 2nd, 50.09, Burciaga, Bailey, Mesa, James Conlee.
 800 run - Kegan Hollis, 5th, 2:31.41; Tyler Strickland, 6th, 2:31.58.
 200 dash - Meza, 2nd, 25.68.
 1600 relay - Texico, 2nd, 4:00.4, Burciaga, Bailey, Conlee, Meza.

The Texico JH Lady Wolverines finished 2nd at their track meet with 84 points, just 4 behind Yucca's A team. Placing were:
 Triple jump - Shay Anderson, 1st, 30'5.
 Long jump - Lisa Vidal, 1st, 14'2.
 High jump - Caitlin Luscombe, 4th, 4'6; and Morgan Pinnell, 6th, 4'4.
 100 hurdles - Luscombe,

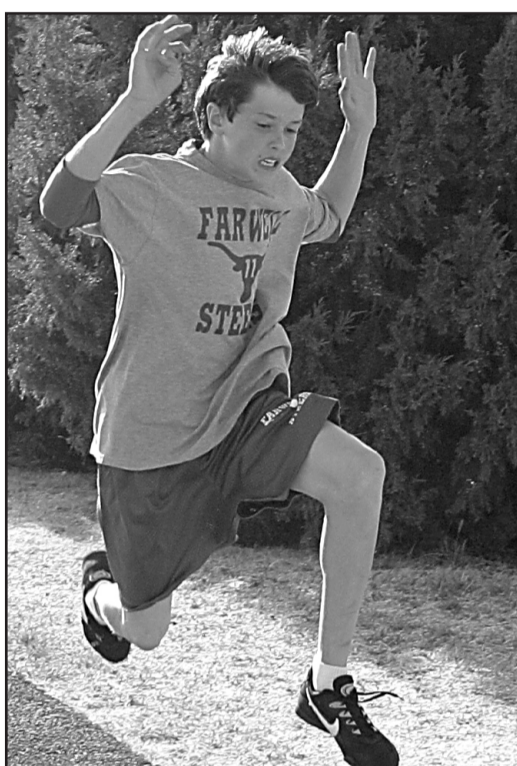
2nd, 19.31.
 100 dash - Anderson, 2nd, 13.02.
 400 dash - Morgan Mayfield, 2nd, 1.09.25; Diana Corona, 4th, 1.09.78.
 400 relay - Texico, 1st, 56.15.
 600 run - Pinnell, 1st, 1.57; Fallon Scanlan, 3rd, 2.01.52; Erin Scanlan, 4th, 2.01.68.
 800 relay - Texico, 3rd, 2.02.75.
 300 hurdles - Luscombe, 5th, 56.84.
 1600 medley - Texico, 2nd, 5.09.72.
 1600 relay - Texico, 2nd, 4:39.31.

 The Texico Lady Wolverines' varsity team was 2nd at the Tucumcari Invitational on Friday with 104.5 points, just 1 point behind Fort Sumner. Placing were:
 Brooke Bailey was a state qualifier in the shot put when she won the event with a throw of 32'3.
 100 dash - Shay Anderson, 4th, 14.01.
 200 dash - Lisa Vidal, 1st, 28.90; Anderson, 2nd, 29.68.
 400 dash - Anderson, 3rd, 1:07.94; Vidal, 5th, 1:09.78.
 800 run - Stephanie Bailey, 2nd, 2:59.60.
 1600 run - Bailey, 2nd, 6:30.00.
 3200 run - Laiken Crist, 6th, 17:04.32.
 400 relay - Texico, 2nd, 56.78.
 800 relay - Texico, 3rd, 1:58.47.

1600 relay - Texico, 2nd, 4:46.21.
 100 hurdles - Erika Autrey, 6th, 18.96.
 300 hurdles - Caitlin Luscombe, 5th, 55.93; Autrey, 6th, 56.74.
 Long jump - Bryn Mayfield, 2nd, 124'6; Vidal, 3rd, 14'5 1/4; Nicole Harris, 6th, 13'7.
 Discus - Sarah Johnson, 2nd, 93'0 1/2; Zandi Queener, 4th, 92'0; Bailey, 5th, 90'3 1/2.
 Triple jump - Lori Richardson, 3rd, 28'0.
 Javelin throw - Richardson, 5th, 96'0; Queener, 6th, 85'9.
 High jump - Luscombe, 2nd, 4'8; Autrey, 3rd, 4'6.
 Medley relay - Texico, 4th, 5:18.38.

 Texico's Justin Garrison qualified for the state meet in the 100 dash at the Tucumcari Invitational. Garrison was 3rd in 11.28.
 Other Texico varsity boys' placings were:
 200 dash - Garrison, 4th, 23.69.
 400 dash - Mario Posada, 5th, 55.99.
 400 relay - Texico, 3rd, 46.52.
 Discus - Adam Engram, 4th, 107'3 1/2.
 Triple jump - Posada, 2nd, 37'10.
 800 relay - Texico, 5th, 1:44.50.
 1600 relay - Texico, 5th, 4:10.02.
 Long jump - Garrison, 3rd, 19'9.

Farwell, Texico athletes compete at Texico Junior High track meet



The Latest

Correction: Joe Jones should have been listed as a director in the Security State Bank ad in last week's Tribune.

Lazbuddie's Ted Treider reported that during last week's big wind storm, he recorded 79 miles per hour gusts at his store.

Some honors for Texico High basketball players: Aaron Vaughan was picked to play in the Golden Spread All-Star games in Amarillo this week. Named to the New Mexico Class 2A All-Star 2nd team were Stephanie Bailey and Lori Richardson.

Farwell Schools are having an "early out" today, April 13. School buses will run at 12:30 p.m.

There's a rumor going around that Ted Lopez Jr. will close Tedson Trailers and take a job with the railroad.

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Order of Cancellation
Orden De Cancelacion

The Farwell Hospital District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 14, 2006 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Farwell Hospital Distrito por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el Mayo 14, 2006 de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053(a) delCodigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuacion:

Candidate (Candidato)	Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta Candidatura)
Peggy Sudderth	Board Member
Chad Byrd	Board Member
Troy Christian	Board Member
Bert Williams	Board Member

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibira una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas Electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la eleccion.

President (Presidente)
 Secretary (Secretario)
 4/6/06
 Date of adoption (Fecha de adopcion)

Vandiver looks back on 2005 crop year

Monti Vandiver, Parmer County extension service entomologist, recently published his annual Integrated Pest Management report. Under "2005 at a glance," some highlights were:

The crop started off with a full soil moisture profile. Good planting conditions allowed most producers to get their crop planted in a timely manner. Rainfall continued to replenish soil moisture throughout the summer. Precipitation ranged from 8 to 13 inches June 1 through Aug. 31.

There were isolated cases where crops were damaged or in some cases completely destroyed by intense weather events, but only a small percentage of the total acres were affected.

Some of the early planted cotton had to be replanted due to a poor stand. In some instances a good stand emerged in one field, but an adjacent field planted the same day had to be replanted. Seed quality, environmen-

tal conditions, and production systems all appeared to have played a role in poor emergency.

The 2005 pest pressure was overall moderate. Insects were responsible for a 4 percent reduction in overall yield potential in the Texas High Plains, 2.2 percent cotton bollworm and 12 percent thrips.

The Northwest Plains cotton crop was a whole was exceptional. Local irrigated yields were reported as high as 5 bales per acre. There is a good chance that the average 2005 irrigated cotton yield will exceed 2 bales per acre which would surpass the 2002 and 2004 average yields of 954 and 928 pounds per acre, respectively.

The area dryland crop is good but is not expected to meet the 2004 average yield of 579 pounds per acre. Nonetheless, the total 2005 Northwest Plains cotton crop could reach 250,000 bales, which would be the highest in 35 years. The 2002 and 2004 crop totals were 240,000 and 243,000 bales, respectively.

For the most part, quality was good with the exception of some low micronaire and most gin turnouts have been outstanding. The overall 2005 Northwest Plains cotton season was a huge success.

Corn emerged quickly and got off to a terrific start. But environmental conditions were near perfect for spider mite development and both the Banks grass mite and 2-spotted spider mite were observed locally. Preventive treatments proved valuable in 2005.

Grain and silage yields were very good. Reported yields ranged from 25 to 32 tons per acre for silage and 11,000 to 15,000 lbs. (195-270 bu) for grain.



Addie Treider

Treider selected for aerospace program

Lazbuddie High's Addie Treider has been accepted into the 7th annual High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) program.

It's an interactive online learning experience for Texas high school juniors. It includes web-based lessons, such as designing upgrades to be used on the Space Shuttle.

Addie has been completing the online assignments since December. She now will take part in a six-day internship at the Johnson Space Center in Houston in June.

She was one of 250 students (out of 400 on-line participants) selected. The internship will include hands-on engineering activities and a team project in Mars exploration while being mentored by NASA engineers.

Baby shower planned

A baby shower for the daughter of Hailey Grimes and Johnathan Richey will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on April 22 at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

All are invited.

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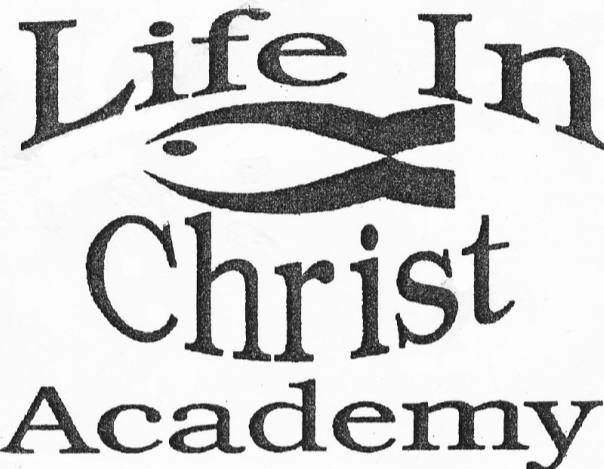
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To the Registered Voters of Parmer County Hospital District, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 13, 2006, for voting on three (3) expiring seats on the Board of Directors and two (2) hospital district propositions.

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES

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| Box 1 – City Council Chamber Office | - Friona, Texas |
| Box 2 – EMS Center | - Bovina, Texas |
| Box 3 – Community Center | - Rhea, Texas |
| Box 4 – High School | - Lazbuddie, Texas |

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

PARMER COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
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between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Heidi Eichenauer
1307 Cleveland
Friona, Texas 79035

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006.

AVISO DE ELECCION PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

A los votantes registrados del Parmer County Hospital District, Texas:

Se les notifica que las casillas electorales mencionadas abajo seran abiertas de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el 13 de Mayo del 2006, para votar por tres (3) asientos de la junta directiva que terminaran y dos (2) proposiciones de el hospital de este distrito.

DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

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Concert to benefit fire victims set

Robin Howard's brother in law, Mike Siler, a country swing singer, will be performing at the Michael Martin Murphy and Friends concert in Amarillo this weekend.

It is a benefit concert to raise money for the Panhandle fire victims.

Siler is married to Robin's sister Vicki (formerly Vinton), who grew up in Farwell.

Last month, Siler was nominated for two Texas awards: male vocalist of the year, and record of the year. He won best record of the year.

He also spent time at No. 1 on the Country Swing charts last October and has another song that is going up the charts now.

His CDs and tapes are available for sale at Pansies, Posies, Potpourri and Tanning.

Lazbuddie sets registration

Lazbuddie School kindergarten and pre-k registrations are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on April 28.

Parents also need to bring their child's immunization record, Social Security number and birth certificate.

School administrative changes made

The Farwell School Board on Monday made administrative changes.

Gary Cates will be the new elementary school principal, moving from his high school principal's job.

Supt. Larry Gregory, who has doubled as elementary school principal, will solely be superintendent.

Gregory also had been school athletic director, and that job was taken over by Mark Anglin, the new head football coach, last month.

Gregory explained that school enrollment is booming. In November, Farwell had 485 students. As of the last count, it was 522.

There are now 262 students in the elementary school, and kindergarten registration indicated a large class coming in there. Thus, the school board felt that the school needed a fulltime principal.

In other business, the board:

-- Accepted the resignations of two elementary school teachers, Alyson Actkinson, 4th grade, and Angela Thompson, kindergarten.

Mrs. Actkinson has indicated she will be a homemaker and Mrs. Thompson will be moving away, said Gregory.

Mrs. Thompson's husband, Jacob, has taken a post as an assistant coach at Panhandle Schools.

-- Moved teacher Patti O'Hare from 3rd grade to 4th grade. This leaves two elementary school teaching posts open, 3rd grade and kindergarten.

-- Hired Guthry Edwards, who graduated from Texas Tech University in December, as an assistant coach, replacing Gabe Rodriguez, who resigned earlier this school year.

Edwards is a Springlake-Earth High School graduate.

-- Heard Gregory report he has received about 25 resumes for the vacant varsity girls' basketball coach post. The application deadline is April 14.

-- Held a public hearing on the waiver to start the next school year on Aug.

15. Nobody attended. The board has approved that starting date.

-- Had several persons attend to voice support for Sammy Herrera to get an assistant coaching job at Farwell Schools. They were Zac Stancell, Michael DeLeon, Travis and Talethia Nolte, Tori Meeks,

Kyla Ledbetter, Lori Williams, Lupe Garza, and Aimee and Sammy Herrera.

Herrera even offered to work for only a dollar a year.

His offer was not accepted.

-- Approved a request by high school counselor

Hayley Christian to initiate a sexual abstinence training program for students. She will meet 10 times with sophomores.

The board will review how this went before approving it again for the next school year.

-- Set the next meeting for May 9.

County extends burn ban

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday extended the county's burn ban for another 90 days.

This includes last month's amendment to allow burning in trash pits on drizzly, rainy or foggy days.

The commissioners also approved a request by county extension service entomologist Monti Vandiver to relocate his office on the 3rd floor of the county courthouse.

Currently, he shares an office with an extension service secretary. He is moving to the officer formerly used by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, thus giving him more privacy.

The commissioners also received copies of the annual Integrated Pest Management report from Vandiver.

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- Committee Reports
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Chamber awards

From page 2

Farwell graduating seniors because of her fund-raising efforts. Today, memorials are being made by Farwell alumni, city residents and anyone who wishes to further the educational opportunities for Farwell students.

Our recipient was told that this project would never get off the ground. Once again, she set her mind to make it a success. She enlisted her family and friends to help her. Two such friends are Amy Grant and Vince Gill. They willingly volunteered their talents and time to raise a large amount of money for the Education Foundation by putting on a fund-raising concert. And something tells me that this celebrity couple is not finished helping with this endeavor if our Woman of the Year has anything to say about it.

She is the type of woman who takes on projects that no one else will. She takes on projects that seem impossible and she is determined to make them all a success. She accomplishes her goals with grace, warmth and simplicity.

From her simple beginnings, she has made a life filled with the love of her family and friends, humble pride and outstanding accomplishments in her community.

For this and her continuing efforts, we name Pam Norton as our 2006 Woman of the Year.

Man of the Year

The life of the 2006 Man of the Year is one that is defined by and committed to the Lord, his family, his friends and to the members of the community.

His life and strength of character are as strong as the metal he works with every day.

He has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that has been shaped and welded-strong by years of Bible study, prayer and attendance at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. There, he serves as the Sunday School director and was ordained as a deacon in 1988.

Because of his strong faith, this man was also able to start his own business in 1995 in Texico. Two years later, he moved his operation to Farwell and he hasn't stopped working since. His family stood behind him on his decision to start his own business even when times were tough. The day he quit his job to start his business, he only had \$300 in his pocket and it was two weeks before Christmas.

Community and being a part of it are also very important to this outgoing man. He has a very outgoing personality and enjoys being with and talking with people in town. He much prefers face to face conversations and transactions when he conducts business about town. You will never find him going through a drive-through at the bank or stores.

But you will see him behind the wheel of the Farwell EMS ambulance. He is an active volunteer with the EMS since 2000. He loves to help people and he is a vital part of the EMS crew. Many days, late nights and very early mornings, he leaves his work, his family and a good night's sleep to answer the EMS call or even the call of a neighbor in need of help with something.

This man began his life of service on Nov. 19, 1962, in Muleshoe. He lived there for 10 years and then the family moved to Fort Worth. They then moved back to the area and he began school in Farwell in 6th grade.

One funny story that his family tells of his school days was how he couldn't find what he was looking for one day when he was a high school junior. It had snowed and the car he was driving was completely covered in mud. His parents decided to help him out by taking his car and getting it washed while he was in school. They parked it right back in the same place. After school, he and his cousin were looking for his car and they couldn't find it. The whole time they were looking in the parking lot, they had been standing right in front of his car and didn't even recognize it.

But this man recognized a great woman in the girl that he would make his wife. He married Alice Cantu on June 26, 1982, and began working for Gregory Produce in Lariat. He also worked for Bouziden Cattle Co. for 8 years and, for a short time, the family lived in Arlington, where he worked for Centex Bottling Co. He and Alice are the proud parents of three children, Linda, Randy and Amber. Linda is married to Keith Broughton and they have given our recipient two of his greatest jobs:

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his grandchildren, Austin and Makayla.

He has stated to his family and friends many times over the years at how blessed he feels his life has been and continues to be. He loves to work using his hands and talents that God blessed him with. He finds complete joy and fulfillment when he spends time with his wife, his children and grandchildren. He has been known to tell his friends that he never dreamed of being rich or famous, but that his life is richly blessed with the treasures of his family and his faith.

His family feels the exact same way about having him as their husband and father. His daughter, Linda, could not be here tonight to share in this moment with her father, but she sent the following poem:

Less a Man

*Am I less a man when I take a stand
And walk with God hand in hand?
Am I less a man if I kneel and pray
With my wife day after day?
Am I less a man if I want to cry
When someone I know is about to die?
Am I less a man if I say no
To the boys, and home I go?
Am I less a man if I don't fight
But go about and do what's right?
Am I less a man if I speak God's name
And give to Him my sin and shame?
If in your eyes, I am less a man
Since I seek to be in God's plan;
If less a man is what you see,
Then maybe less a man you should be.*

Ladies and gentlemen, I present the 2006 Man of the Year -- Rick Armstrong.

Teacher of the Year

This outstanding educator has been teaching at Farwell for two years, and this is her second nomination for Teacher of the Year. It is obvious how we feel about her.

She graduated from Floyd High School in 1984 and married that same year. She graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 1988, with a teaching degree.

She accepted a job immediately after graduation with the Muleshoe School District. She and her husband bought a farm from Larry Gregory. Little did they know he would hire her years later.

She began her teaching career in 1st grade at Dillman Elementary, where she taught for three years. During this time, motherhood was added to her list of accomplishments. Their son, Blake, was born in 1990, and Chance followed in 1993. Their family was complete.

She then moved to 2nd grade, where she taught for five years. She then decided to try teaching upper elementary children, so she moved to DeShazo Elementary. Here, she taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grade music along with other duties, and eventually just taught 4th grade.

There she met her match in Mr. Mark Barnes. They taught together for five years. In that time, a friendship of mutual respect and camaraderie was established. Mr. Barnes was offered a job at Farwell Elementary and that ended what they thought was their teaching relationship. She then taught 4th grade another three years at DeShazo.

Fate was not through with them yet. She was hired for the 2004-2005 school year as Farwell Elementary's new 3rd grade teacher. Guess who her co-teacher was? Mr. Mark Barnes. Once again, they were reunited as co-teaches, but this time in 3rd grade. What a blessing that was for Farwell Schools.

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LIVE CATTLE: Cash cattle are expected to be down \$1 this week around \$83 and futures prices were able to see their best really since turning down in January. The market generally trades back down to check lows before a solid bottom can be called. April cattle have a strong tendency to rally in early April and drop into late April and bottom. If the low holds, then look for a sideways trade over the next couple of months. A new low would project down towards \$71 basis the June contract?

FEEDER CATTLE: Prices followed behind the Live Cattle rally seen this week with resistance levels between \$102.30 to \$102.80 basis the May contract. Cash feeder prices have been difficult at best to pin down with 650 pound steers as high as \$1.10-1.15 and 850 pound steers in the high \$80's and low \$90's and the Cash Feeder Index quoted at \$1.02 today. Expect a retest of the lows at some point. A failure to make new lows may indicate a major bottom is complete?

CORN: The market was able to turn long term trends up this week which is really important. Fundamentals don't support a higher market at this time, but higher prices usually translate into higher prices? The USDA dropped prospective planted acres by 2 million acres last week which jumped prices sharply higher. After selling off for most of this week, the market rallied to a new high close on Friday. Prices now project up another 15-25 cents from this point?

SOYBEANS: Beans are trading on the opposite extreme of corn since the USDA added 2 million acres to their prospective planting's last week. The market has remained under pressure and dropped to new lows. Long term trends remain down.

WHEAT: Long term trends have remained down even though the market saw a rally back to higher levels this week. The \$4.37 area has provided strong resistance. A close above this level may be enough to push the market back to contract highs. At this time, rain will be the determining factor driving prices. Another widespread rain may put a permanent end to the rally. Otherwise, taking any chance of rain out of the forecast will be supportive.

COTTON: Technically, the July contract has held major support around \$53.50 level and continued to move higher on forecast's of no rain for the Texas South Plains area. Export demand out of China continues at a rapid pace which has also been supportive. Long term trends will remain down until prices close above \$56.50 basis the July contract.

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She came to Farwell as a breath of fresh air. She was natural, funny, smart and fun to be around. She took us, and her class, by storm. We were enthralled by her enthusiasm. It was infectious for us all. Our nurse, LuAnn Fillpot, has an office across the hall from Patty's class. On more than one occasion, Mrs. Fillpot has been tempted to join the 3rd graders in their learning activities.

The children in her class are not even aware they are learning because they are having so much fun. She has high expectations for her class, which is apparent. Third grade had 100 percent passing in the reading TAKS test.

She challenges her colleagues to be better educators and at the same time is very humbled by the honor which has been bestowed upon her. In fact, she is downright uncomfortable. Her motto is "creative teachers aren't born; they are made by the teacher next door."

Teaching isn't her first love; her family is the most important thing for her. She is very active in her sons' lives. These activities include swimming, 4-wheeling, basketball, football and baseball. The list goes on and on. She encourages her own boys to be the best and excel at what they do. She has even coached them in their sports, and sometimes that means from the stands.

She is also a helpmate on their family farm. She helps her husband on the farm when she is not running her boys to sports events.

She is a giving person, which has led her to involvement with "Locks for Love," an organization which takes donations of hair grown and cut to make wigs for persons who have illnesses which cause hair loss. She donated her hair this summer and is in the process of growing it again.

This wonderful lady is a blessing to our school system. She has said it was a good decision to move to Farwell Elementary and we all feel the same way. Patti O'Hare is this year's Teacher of the Year.

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Border Banter

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for our nation in the long run.

Re-election means power, greed, vice, etc. And that is the mindset of the folks we vote to send to Washington.

Sorry, but it's true. Take a look at how they are trying to handle the immigration crisis. Did they take action years ago when the problem started? No way! They waited until it's a full-blown crisis. And now there is absolutely no good way to solve this.

Does anyone reading this call that "leadership"? I know that some of you respect our politicians because of the offices they hold. That probably is a good thing. Otherwise, you would go bananas.

And I wish I were a normal columnist just writing about the issues, instead of being blatantly honest about what we are faced with.

In our lifetime, we have seen the apex of American civilization.

I'm afraid to tell you what your grandchildren will see.

Something neat occurred on April 5.

It happened at 1:23 in the morning. What was it you ask?

Just look at the numbers:

1-2-3-4-5-6.
1:23 a.m. on April 5, 2006.

*** Here's an example of why I love our bureaucracy:

You know those new electronic voting machines that every precinct in the U.S. must have? They are mandated (unfunded, of course) by the federal government to help handicapped voters.

As part of the law, every governmental entity in the U.S. had to send information on them to the U.S. Department of Justice.

One problem, though: nobody told the Justice Department about them.

So they got all these thousands and thousands of filled-out forms, and not a clue on what to do about them.

Don't you just love it? ***

Here's another great example (heck, I could go on and on) of our government in action:

Gas dealers who have pumps that sell highway diesel fuel have been mandated as of June 1 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to put 4" x 6" (or larger) stickers on every pump listing the gas' sulfur content (except for California).

If they don't comply, they can be fined up to \$2,500 a day.

Folks, how many people care, or understand, about the sulfur contest of gas? But think of the great

bureaucracy that some bureaucrat has been able to create by doing this!

You have to have clerks to keep track of all the paperwork, inspectors to send out to make sure the law is enforced, etc.

All for what? ***

In a recent column, I criticized the head of Homeland Security, a fella named Chertoff, for being stupid.

Well, he made the headlines again last week.

One of his Homeland Security officials was arrested and charged in a child porn scandal.

What was Chertoff's comment after this? Something along the lines that this didn't affect Homeland Security at all.

Hello.....

When a top official is doing something illegally, he can be blackmailed. All the terrorists have to say is that unless he goes along with whatever plans they are making, they will blow his cover.

And Chertoff said the fella's alleged criminality didn't affect Homeland Security.

Doesn't it make you feel better when you go to sleep to know that some really dumb people are running our government? ***

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example of the breakdown taking place in the U.S.:

The mayor of San Francisco announced last week that if Congress passes immigration legislation that he disagrees with (criminalizing some efforts to help illegal aliens), his city will ignore the legislation.

I agree with the mayor that such a criminalization policy as has been suggested is wrong.

But the point here is that a major city would ignore federal legislation. Just another breakdown in our society.

As I've written again and again, the change in the legal system in our nation is a first in 5,000 years of recorded history -- the rights of the minority now can supercede the rights of the majority.

And the big media and government leaders have ignored this amazing

change in American society.

*** On the plus side, a very successful Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet was held on Saturday.

The singer, Tammy Hysmith Mercer, was a delight. What a great voice, and what great music. There was at least one lady dancing in the aisles.

Mrs. Mercer said afterward that she was pleas-

antly surprised by the good turnout in such a small community, and what a great community center we have here.

What jumped out at me, though, was the quality of the persons being honored this year. It was very special.

Just read the speeches given in their honor, and I bet you agree.

It's great to live in a small community with folks like this.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

On April 3, 2006, Mission Broadcasting, Inc., submitted an application for renewal of license for TV translator station K35CG, Bovina, Texas. Station K35CG operates from a transmitter site approximately 7.2 kilometers north-northeast of the intersection of State Road 1731 and US Highway 60 with 0.9 kilowatts effective radiated power and rebroadcasts TV broadcast station KCIT, channel 14, Amarillo, Texas.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the FCC by July 1, 2006.

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Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Ken Peterson 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.
Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church Rev. Scott Spitsberg Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter 7:30 p.m. summer	San Jose Catholic Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.
Lariat Church of Christ Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer	Church of Christ 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	Farwell Church of Christ Phillip Steyn -- preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship ; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.
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 Rev. Briyan Phillips Sr. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.	Bovina United Methodist Church 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 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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Miller

appointed

The Bovina School Board on Monday reorganized its maintenance department and Stan Miller was named Supervisor of Operations.

In other business, the board:

-- Approved a fund-raiser (selling cookie dough) for the Middle School cheerleaders.

-- Heard a presentation on "Pursuing Victory With Honor" by athletic director Dale Fullerton. This is a four-hour program for coaches to help mentor student athletes, and to teach athletes to win or lose with dignity.

-- Hired Aaron Stone as a teacher and coach. He lives in Friona, where his wife is a Friona School volleyball coach.

-- Received the resignations of coach Daniel Reagan, who is moving to Amarillo.

-- Was told that Middle School science teacher Bert Tolle was retiring.

-- Approved the waiver in order to start the next school year on Aug. 14.

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milk.

Tuesday - corn dogs, hamburgers, french fries, corn, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

Wednesday - nachos, pepperoni pizza, pinto beans, tossed salad, carrot, celery, pears, milk.

Friday - chicken & noodles, toasted cheese, pepperoni pizza, squash, tossed salad, carrot, celery, pickles, sherbet, milk.

Reminder: the Bovina Lions Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at 2 p.m. at the city park on Sunday.

Shirley Garrison was in town visiting last week, staying with the Rains family.

The baseball schedule for the Bovina Mustangs is winding down -- four district games left. Next up is Nazareth on April 14, an away game; then a home game against Kress on April 21.

The Mustangs lost to Crosbyton, 10-1.

After that game, Bovina stood at 0-3 in district (among 7 teams).

Bovina firefighters battled a cotton burr fire just north of town on FM 1731 on April 6.

With the high winds that day, it was dangerous, and Friona firemen helped out.

The fire tried to cross 1731 and head into the draw, but was stopped in time.

Bovina had about 18 youngsters sign up last week at pre-kindergarten registration.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce are considering starting Bulltown Days again.

They are checking into having a rodeo and carnival on a given day. They would keep the big 4th of July celebration, but perhaps scale the hours back.

This is just in the discussion stage at this time.



Goodbye, roof

High winds on April 6 tore off the roof on the old motel building across the street from Bovina City Hall. Winds were estimated in the high 70's throughout the area. (Photo courtesy of Eddie Everhart)

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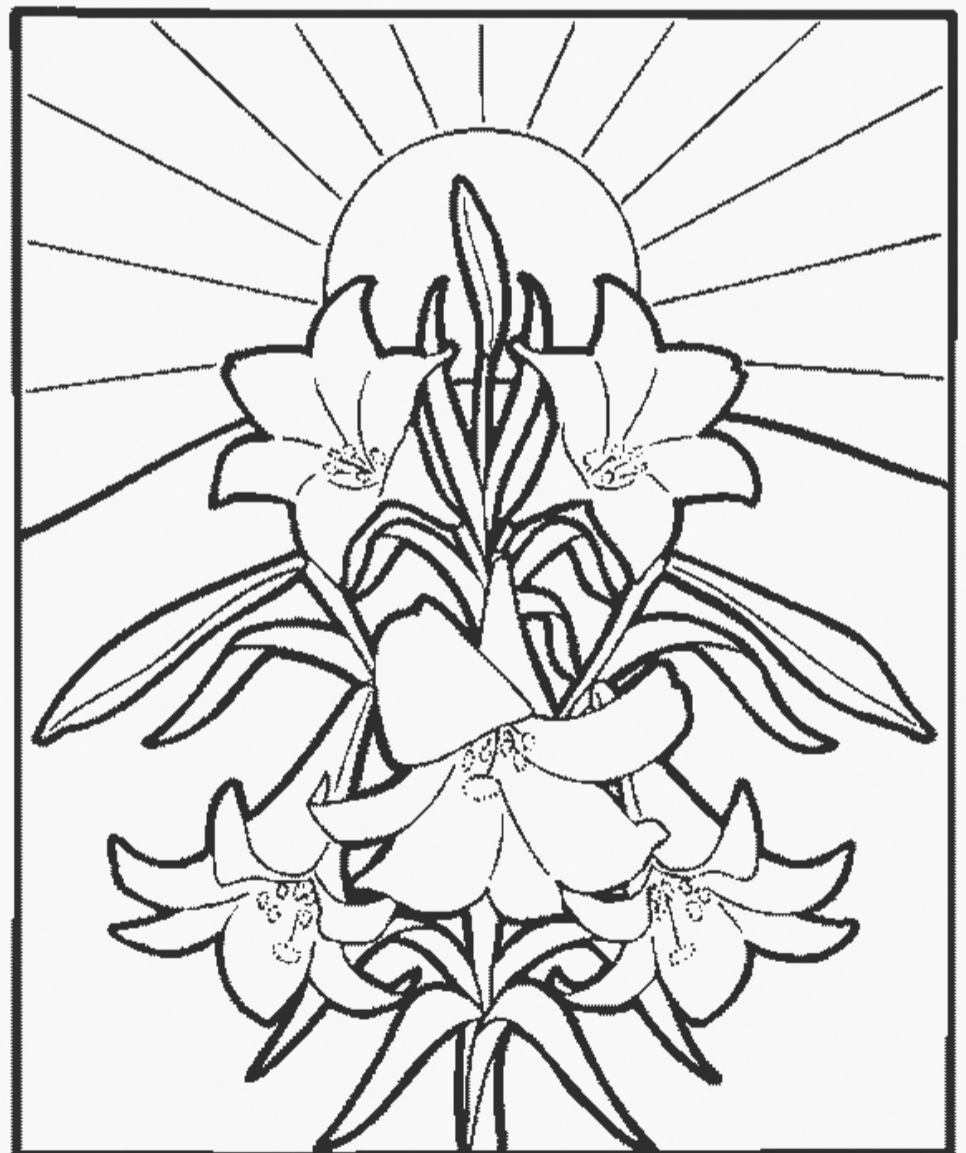


As your friends and family come together, may you all have fun and be safe this Easter season!



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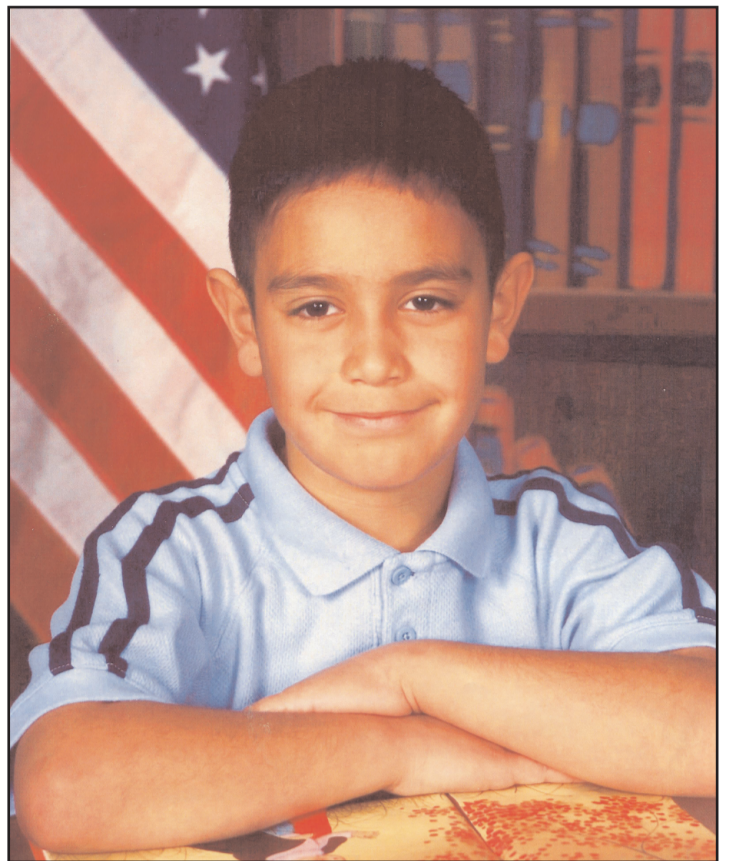
Here is Bovina City's proposed budget

FY 2007 Budget Proposal		as of 24-Mar-06				Expenditures				NET	
Revenue	FY05 Actual	FY 06 Budget	FY 06 Projected	FY 07 Budget	FY05 Actual	FY 06 Budget	FY 06 Projected	FY 07 Budget	FY 07	FY 07	
Administration											
Property Tax	\$ 136,015	\$ 144,964	\$ 147,015	\$ 144,964	Compensation	\$ 56,835	\$ 76,682	\$ 68,418	\$ 81,958		
Sales Tax	\$ 79,188	\$ 60,000	\$ 79,099	\$ 75,000	Overtime	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Parrner County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Bonus	\$ 4,067	\$ 4,283	\$ -	\$ 4,469		
Franchise Fee	\$ 34,571	\$ 40,000	\$ 47,246	\$ 35,000	Promotions	\$ 1,191	\$ 600	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,000		
Recovery	\$ 6,275	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 10,500	TML Insurance	\$ 21,663	\$ 32,113	\$ 32,076	\$ 32,000		
Building Permits	\$ 625	\$ -	\$ 720	\$ 600	Health Insurance	\$ 38,193	\$ 48,280	\$ 38,301	\$ 44,046		+15%
Misc	\$ 129,657	\$ -	\$ 22,225	\$ -	Maint & Ops	\$ 5,731	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,335	\$ 6,000		
Grants for					Supplies	\$ 4,107	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,688	\$ 4,000		
Parks	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Bldg Maint	\$ 1,628	\$ 1,500	\$ 990	\$ 1,000		
Fire Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Tax Collection	\$ 3,133	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000		
Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	TMRS	\$ 5,985	\$ 18,000	\$ 6,649	\$ 7,000		
FEMA-Air Compressor	\$ 8,400	\$ 28,500	\$ -	\$ -	Equip Maint	\$ 138	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500		
Transfer from BHA	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600	Elections	\$ 69	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 3,500		
Transfer from Savings	\$ 36,000	\$ 1,734,492	\$ 1,734,492	\$ -	Telephone	\$ 3,394	\$ 2,800	\$ 7,021	\$ -		
Hot Check Charge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,280	\$ -	Gas Company	\$ 717	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,500		
License Salos	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156	\$ -	Electrical Co	\$ 2,192	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,751	\$ 3,000		
					Fees & Dues	\$ 1,338	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,586	\$ 2,000		
					Travel Expense	\$ 4,764	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,969	\$ 4,000		
					Postage	\$ 772	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,000		
					Legal Fees	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000		
					CPA/Audit	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500		
					Cap Improvements	\$ 4,127	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -		
					Training	\$ 1,689	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,116	\$ 1,000		
					Computer Consult	\$ 7,268	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000		
					Transfer to Eco Dev	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000		
					Misc	\$ 8,760	\$ -	\$ 2,856	\$ -		
Sub-total	\$ 430,730	\$ 2,063,056	\$ 2,042,833	\$ 275,664	Sub-total	\$ 212,262	\$ 265,738	\$ 188,092	\$ 227,473	\$	48,191
Fire											
Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 356	\$ -	\$ 2,081	\$ 2,000		Pending
Parrner County	\$ 5,010	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Maint & Ops	\$ 3,468	\$ 2,400	\$ 288	\$ 500		
Misc	\$ (568)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Supplies	\$ 5,347	\$ 2,740	\$ 1,222	\$ 1,500		
Trans from Savings	\$ 12,500	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	Vehicle Maint	\$ 2,737	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ 2,500		
					Equip Maint	\$ 601	\$ 800	\$ 788	\$ 800		
					Bldg Maint	\$ 120	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,411	\$ 1,500		
					Fees & Dues	\$ 803	\$ 600	\$ 565	\$ 600		
					Travel	\$ 3,259	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500		
					Telephone	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
					Gas Company	\$ 1,407	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,494	\$ 3,200		
					Electric Co.	\$ 569	\$ 1,000	\$ 605	\$ 1,000		
					Training	\$ 3,690	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,000		Wish List
					Transfer to Savings	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		
					Capital Improvement	\$ 110,101	\$ 52,575	\$ 40,100	\$ -		
					5% Matching	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,400	\$ -		
					Misc	\$ 2,952	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -		
Sub-total	\$ 16,942	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Sub-total	\$ 152,554	\$ 79,690	\$ 58,472	\$ 21,100	\$	(16,100)
Ambulance											
Services	\$ 39,652	\$ 30,000	\$ 19,470	\$ 30,000	Maint & Ops	\$ 4,761	\$ 8,000	\$ 360	\$ 500		Pending
PCCH	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Supplies	\$ 3,780	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,786	\$ 3,000		
Parrner County	\$ 4,830	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	Vehicle Maint	\$ 1,045	\$ 1,200	\$ 34	\$ 1,200		
Transfer from	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Equip Maint	\$ 275	\$ 1,500	\$ 499	\$ 500		
Amb Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Bldg Maint	\$ 45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
					Telephone	\$ 780	\$ 800	\$ 258	\$ 800		
					Gas Company	\$ 1,300	\$ 600	\$ 650	\$ 800		
					Electric Co.	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,179	\$ 1,200		
					Fees & Dues	\$ 6,166	\$ 5,250	\$ 2,921	\$ 4,500		15% of E47
					Travel Expense	\$ 2,837	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,386	\$ 6,000		
					Training	\$ 1,202	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,912	\$ 4,000		
					Capital Improve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
					Transfer to Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800		
					Trans fr Admin to Sv	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		Wish List
					Vehicle Fuel	\$ 61	\$ -	\$ 1,214	\$ 1,500		
					Misc	\$ 959	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -		
Sub-total	\$ 44,882	\$ 34,800	\$ 24,270	\$ 34,800	Sub-total	\$ 19,532	\$ 24,850	\$ 29,999	\$ 28,800	\$	6,000
Public Safety											
Municipal Court	\$ 13,007	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,544	\$ 20,000	Supplies	\$ 1,194	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,114	\$ 2,000		Pending
Training Funds	\$ 761	\$ -	\$ 744	\$ 760	Vehicle Maint	\$ 2,963	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,439	\$ 1,000		
Misc	\$ (216)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Equip Maint	\$ 484	\$ 1,200	\$ 602	\$ 600		
Animal Control	\$ 167	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Animal Control	\$ 1,580	\$ 2,000	\$ 414	\$ 500		
Transfer from	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Telephone	\$ 3,874	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,800		
Police Seizure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Fees & Dues	\$ 5,835	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,683	\$ 6,000		
Transfer from Savings	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Compensation	\$ 84,451	\$ 73,937	\$ 74,934	\$ 76,841		
					Maint & Ops	\$ 1,339	\$ 2,200	\$ 7,139	\$ 2,500		
					Travel	\$ 503	\$ 1,000	\$ 506	\$ 1,000		
					Clothing Allow	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200		
					Municipal Court	\$ 1,700	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,082	\$ 3,000		35%
					Training	\$ 66	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,049	\$ 1,000		
					Capital Improve	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,103	\$ -		
					Transfer to Savings	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000		
					Postage	\$ 21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
					Vehicle Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,901	\$ 3,000		
					Misc	\$ 353	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -		
Sub-total	\$ 13,719	\$ 22,500	\$ 21,288	\$ 20,760	Sub-total	\$ 111,563	\$ 112,537	\$ 116,423	\$ 106,441	\$	(85,681)
Cemetery											
Plot Sales	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	Maint & Ops	\$ 1,145	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		Pending
Annual Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Cap Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Life Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Contract Labor	\$ 4,315	\$ 8,448	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000		
Interest	\$ 1,870	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	Supplies	\$ 455	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 500		
Donation	\$ -	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000	Veh & Eqp Maint	\$ 1,602	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
					Vehicle Fuel	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ 169	\$ 200		
					Misc	\$ 412	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Sub-total	\$ 2,370	\$ 4,400	\$ 6,400	\$ 3,700	Sub-total	\$ 8,084	\$ 13,648	\$ 9,500	\$ 11,700	\$	(8,000)
Public Works											
Turn on Fees	\$ 7,990	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,982	\$ 7,000	Maint & Ops	\$ 16,304	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,617	\$ 12,000		
Penalties	\$ 6,808	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,381	\$ 7,000	Supplies	\$ 10,063	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,986	\$ 12,000		
Water Sales	\$ 172,390	\$ 200,000	\$ 174,000	\$ 175,000	Vehicle Maint	\$ 7,618	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,838	\$ 2,000		
Sewer Sales	\$ 230,242	\$ 242,496	\$ 225,077	\$ 230,000	Street Maint	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500		
Sewer Renovation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Equip Maint	\$ 10,131	\$ 8,000	\$ 11,466	\$ 8,000		
Misc	\$ 1,353	\$ -	\$ 1,401	\$ -	Telephone	\$ 2,472	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,400		
Transfer from	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Gas Company	\$ 1,280	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,444	\$ 5,000		
W&S Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Electric Co.	\$ 32,721	\$ 26,000	\$ 31,154	\$ 32,000		
Grant for Lift Station	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Fees & Dues	\$ 1,259	\$ 3,000	\$ 650	\$ 1,500		
Trans from Sewer Fund	\$ 138,820	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Compensation	\$ 94,389	\$ 106,635	\$ 110,000	\$ 96,813		
Grant for Water Well	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Building Maint	\$ 918	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000		
					Overtime	\$ 7,376	\$ 8,500	\$ 12,245	\$ 10,000		
					Travel	\$ 1,248	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,345	\$ 2,500		
					Clothing Allow	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 200	\$ 1,000		
					Uniforms	\$ 4,798	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,190	\$ 5,200		
					Training	\$ 625	\$ 1,000	\$ 504	\$ 1,000		
					Postage	\$ 1,821	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,308	\$ 2,000		
					Street Sealing	\$ 50,000	\$ 42,500	\$ -	\$ 42,500		
					Cap Improvement	\$ 26,760	\$ 307,500	\$ 110,000	\$ -		
					Backhoe Payment	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ -		
					CO Payments	\$ 15,508	\$ 15,508	\$ -	\$ -		
					Water Well Project						

BOVINA



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Leonel Carrillo

Bovina youth awaits transplant

A bake sale was held on Tuesday at Bovina Schools to help raise funds for Leonel Carrillo. He is the son of Angela and David Carrillo, of Bovina. He has a sister, Daena, and a brother, David. Leonel has severe liver problems and is in Children's Hospital in Houston awaiting a transplant. If you would like to make a donation, please bring it to Luisa Cruz in the high school office.

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Columnist needed

The Tribune is looking for a new Bovina Banter columnist. We do pay the person, and it is a fun job (hopefully) without taking a lot of time. If you are interested in helping with this weekly column, please call Mike Pomper at (806) 481-3681.

Bovina School's lunch menus for next week:
Monday - steak fingers, pepperoni pizza, wheat rolls, cream potatoes, garden salad, carrot, celery, juice bars,

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5 Bovina tracksters qualify for Area meet

The Bovina Fillies finished 7th with 42 points at the district track meet last week. The top four placers in each event advance to the Area contest. Placing were:
Shot put -- Jessica Bachicha, 1st, 33'09; Dorothy Martinez, 4th, 30'02 1/2.
Discus -- Bachicha, 2nd, 99'01.
High jump - Yesenia Guevara, 3rd, 4'08.
100 hurdles - Lucero Saucedo, 4th, 18.28.
400 dash - Esmeralda Saucedo, 5th, 70.59.
300 hurdles - Guevara, 2nd, 54.01.

Bovina's Alfie Espinoza placed 3rd in the 100 dash, qualifying him for the Area Meet.

Ortiz honored

Bovina's Michael Ortiz was selected to go to Dallas and participate in the 2006 Sun Hoops Basketball Showcase at Cedar Valley College. Most of the other players invited are from Class 4A and 5A schools so the competition to participate was tough.



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Here are photos of Bovina vs. Farwell from the Bovina Junior Basketball League

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