

WOLVERINES TO PLAY FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

FARWELL, TEXAS NOVEMBER 15, 2001 TEXICO, NEW MEXICO

Scisson resigns as coach

The Lazbuddie School Board on Monday accepted the resignation of head football coach Mark Scisson.

He will continue to be high school principal and athletic director.

Supt. Hardy Carlyle summed it up this way: Scisson's jobs were both fulltime, and that makes it difficult to do the job as well you would like, Scisson felt.

Scisson was Lazbuddie's head football coach for 10 years and had one of the best records in the state over that time -- 77-37.

During the 10 years, his teams made the playoffs six times, including two semi-final appearances.

The Longhorns had a losing record this year, but it was emphasized that the wins-losses were not the reason for his decision. Also, there was no pressure on him from the school board or administration; it was strictly his decision.

In other business, the board:

-- Accepted 3 students transferring from the Muleshoe area.

-- Approved two substitute teachers, Kia Morris and Yalonda Mendoza.

-- Is considering selling the school's band instruments. The board received one offer, but decided to wait.

There has been no school band the past two years -- there is a huge shortage of band directors in Texas.

Last year, the school used a part-timer and staff, but it didn't work as well as was wanted, said Carlyle.

-- Cast its ballots to reappoint Keith Hicks to the Parmer County Appraisal District Board.

-- Scheduled the annual Academic Excellence Indicator System report for 7 p.m. Nov. 26 in the

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Please note our early deadline

The Tribune will present its special Thanksgiving issue next week.

Due to the holiday, we will print our paper a day early (on Tuesday) so that folks in town and on the rural routes will get it before the holiday.

Thus, our deadline next week for ads and stories will be at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19.

All-District

Texico dominated the All-District Volleyball Team and Michael Littlejohn was named Coach of the Year.

Picked as All-District were Elizabeth Richards and Michele Littlejohn, outside hitters; Jennifer Roberts, setter; Ashlie Loven, middle blocker, and Dru Mayfield, right side hitter.

Named Honorable Mention were Megan Brown, defensive specialist, and Brittany Autrey, middle blocker.

LADY SPIKERS WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Texico Lady Spikers are the New Mexico Class 2A state champion.

The team boasted a 25-1 record as they swept through the season, crushing opponent after opponent. It was no different at state.

This was the fourth state championship for Coach Michael Littlejohn, who is in his 23rd year at Texico Schools. His teams also won titles in 1980, 1984 and 1985.

He was justly proud of this year's team. "I have always told the girls that we have never played a perfect match but this year was as close to that as is probably possible," he commented.

In the state quarter-final game, Texico crushed Navajo Prep, 15-4, 15-4, 15-7. All 12 Lady Spikers contributed. Stat leaders were: service points, Jennifer Roberts, 14; Ashlie Loven, 9; Michele Littlejohn, 7; Dru Mayfield and Sissy Loper, 4 each; kills -- Richards, 25; Mayfield and Littlejohn, 5 each; blocks, Brittany Autrey, 4; aces, Loven, 4; assists, Roberts, 34; saves, Richards, 7.

Then Texico rolled over Dexter in the semi-final, 15-6, 9-15, 15-5, 15-13. Stat leaders were: service points, Littlejohn, 13; Loven, 12; Megan Brown, 9; Mayfield, 8, Richards, 7; kills - Richards, 21; Littlejohn, 18; Autrey, Mayfield and Loven, 5 each; blocks, Autrey, 6; aces, Littlejohn, 6; Richards, 5; assists - Roberts, 47; saves, Roberts, 7; Richards, 5; Littlejohn and Brown, 3 each.

It was the 5th time Texico and Dexter played this year, and Dexter was the only team to defeat the Lady Spikers this season. "Our girls were very focused, coming into this match. Every time we played Dexter, it brought out the best in us. We always figured out a way to step up and win. It was a great match as both teams played their hearts out. It had all the makings of a state final as both teams made play after play," said Coach Littlejohn.

In the finals, Texico pushed past Fort Sumner, 15-10, 16-14, 11-15, 16-14. Stat leaders were: service points, Roberts, 16; Richards, 9; Loven, 11; Mayfield and Brown, 8 each; kills - Richards, 27; Littlejohn, 17; Autrey, 9, Loven and Mayfield, 6 each; blocks - (touch and stuff) Autrey, 18; Loven, 11; Roberts, 7; aces - Roberts, 6; Loven, 4; assists, Roberts, 54; saves - Roberts, 8, Richards, 7; and Littlejohn and Loven, 4 apiece.

Coach Littlejohn said, "We trailed 10-1 in the first game only to come back and win 15-10. We trailed in the second game 8-4, and came back to win 16-14. We were down 12-2 in the 3rd game, and came back to 11-12 but couldn't pull it out and lost 11-15. In the 4th game, we were down 6-1, but came back once again to take the state championship, 16-14.

"Our girls never gave up. And they came to be known as the "Comeback Kids" -- or the "Cardiac Kids" by me!"

by Coach Michael Littlejohn

The beginning of the success story for the Texico Lady Spikers, the Class 2A state champions with a 25-1 season record, started back 10 years ago when Michele Littlejohn, Jennifer Roberts and Elizabeth Richards were in the third game.

They asked their physical education coach (me) if they could get an outdoor volleyball net set up. We did that, and they and their classmates used it throughout the rest of their elementary years. Then it was on to junior high where they finished their junior high career at 28-0.

Ashlie Loven joined the group in their freshman year. Michele, Jennifer and Elizabeth either started or played a lot on the varsity as freshmen. By their sophomore year, all four were starting varsity. During this year, they fin-

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Billingsley wins 11th grid tilt

Only two of the hundreds of participants in last week's Area Merchants Football Contest managed to get 11 games picked correctly -- Bruce Billingsley and Jack Kirkland.

By virtue of being closest to the tie breaker (Anton 19, Farwell 16), the first place cash prize of \$15 went to Billingsley. He was 7 off the tie breaker.

Kirkland was 10 off the tie breaker and won the second place cash prize of \$7.50.

Those who picked 10 games correctly were:

Johnny Actkinson, Crista Bass, Ralph Franse, Kason Gabriel, Kent Gast, Chad Griswold, Lary Hooten, Roy King.

Also, Glynnna Martin, William Martin, Lonnie C. McFarland, Yalonda McFarland, Mark Owen, Angela Thompson, Craig Walls, Mike Woods, Kinzi Woods and Fidel Ruiz.

Results of last week's games were:

Stratford over Nazareth, Three Way over Cotton Center, Southern Cal over California, Alabama over Mississippi State, Colorado over Iowa State, Auburn over Georgia, Oregon over UCLA, Atlanta over Dallas, Green Bay over Chicago, Miami over Indianapolis, Jacksonville over Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh over Cleveland.

There is only one week left in this year's contest, with the overall grand champion winning the Dallas Cowboys ticket package.

That includes two free tickets to the Cowboys -- N.Y. Giants game at Texas Stadium, overnight lodging for two at a fine Dallas hotel, \$50 in cash, and other goodies.

This has been a real see-saw contest at the top



Bruce Billingsley, left, receives his check from Jimmy Franse, of Franse Irrigation and Farwell Feed Supply, for winning last week's football contest. Franse Irrigation and Farwell Feed Supply are two of the contest sponsors.

this year. Last week, Darren Haseloff had taken the top spot. This week, it's Steve Foster in front.

Many folks have a realistic shot at winning the overall contest so it looks to be an exciting finish.

Here's a look at the leader board with one week to go:

89 points -- Steve Fos-

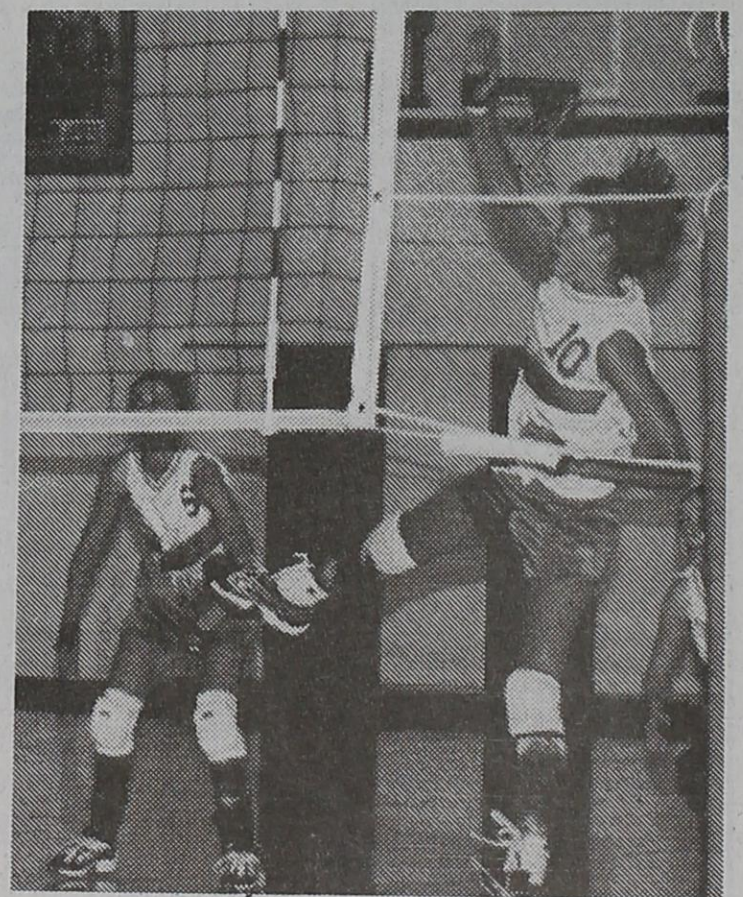
ter.
88 -- Kirk Saul, Darren Haseloff, Weldon Kilough.

87 -- Steve Scott.
86-- T.J. Kittrell, Glynnna Martin, Mark Owen.

85 -- Lonnie C. McFarland, Dick Pylant.

84 -- Crista Bass, Rowdy Chandler, Jack Kirkland.

They're No. 1!



Obituaries

James Cochran

Services for James Leslie Cochran, 51, of Clovis, were held Tuesday at Calvary Tabernacle in Clovis with the Revs. Floyd Leverton and Rodger Johnson officiating. Burial was in Mission Garden of Memories.

The dairy man died Saturday at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1949, in Wheeler, Texas, to William and Dorothy Cochran. A long-time Clovis resident, he married Linda Duffer on March 5, 1982, in Clovis. He was a member of the Texico United Pentecostal Church.

Surviving are his wife; his parents, of Clovis; a son, Buddy, of Clovis; 4 brothers, David, of Farwell; Larry, of Gallup; Jerry, of Campbell Hill, Ill., and Troy, of Kerman, Calif.; 4 sisters, Reva Brachwitz, Rita Guss and Kathy Cochran, all of Clovis, and Brenda Johnson, of Amarillo.

James Jennings

Memorial services for James "Bill" Jennings, 76, of Muleshoe, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 15 at Lazbuddie Methodist Church with the Rev. Randy Thomas officiating. He died Tuesday.

He was born May 25, 1925, in Lazbuddie. He married Frances Walker on Sept. 29, 1951, in Clovis.

He lived in the Muleshoe and Lazbuddie areas all his life. He was a member of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church and the VFW.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a former Lions Club member, the Lazbuddie School Board, and the Muleshoe Co-op Elevator Board for 12 years.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Jim Don, of Lazbuddie; 2 daughters, Debbie Jennings, of Muleshoe, and Darshan Blackburn, of Grady; a sister, Helen Carthel, of Rio Rancho, N.M., and 6 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Lazbuddie Methodist Church, P.O. Box 129, Lazbuddie TX 79053, or the Lazbuddie Fire Department/EMS, P.O. Box 155, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

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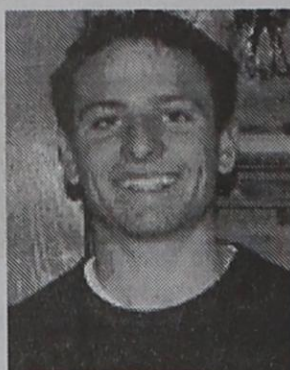
Monday - chicken patties, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed veggies, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
Tuesday - grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, crackers, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, milk.
Thursday - no school.
Friday -- no school.

Farwell

Monday - beef enchiladas, LT salad, spanish rice, sliced peaches, milk.
Tuesday - bacon cheeseburger, LTOP, french fries, apricot cobbler, milk.
Wednesday - no school.
Thursday - no school.
Friday -- no school.

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HOBYS representatives

Ashley Hartzog was chosen by the Farwell High School faculty to attend the HOBYS (Hugh O'Brian Youth) Leadership Conference in Amarillo in the spring. Cale Stevenson is the alternate.

Lady Spikers

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In their junior year, they finished 3rd, and their senior year resulted in the state title, with the help of the rest of the 2001 roster. The 25-1 season record was also a school record. And their 7-7 game record (three games are needed to win a match) was also a school record!

These four young ladies were great leaders for this year's volleyball team. They and the rest of the squad worked hard and never, ever gave up.

I have sat back and tried to figure out how they could be down by 10-plus points against the best teams in the state, only to come back and win so many times this year. I have lost count.

What I have come to believe is that they have prepared themselves for this over the past few years by believing in themselves as well as believing in each other so much that they became a "united team" -- so strong from each other that nothing could stop them.

There was never a mistake or mistakes that this team could not overcome. These 12 young ladies are the true meaning of "team", and I congratulate them for all the great memories and great times. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed them more than the state championship that they have brought back to the Texico volleyball program.

Thanks, moms and dads, be proud -- you hve raised a great group of young ladies.

The team and coaches want to say thanks to all who went to Albuquerque to support us and to the numerous fans and football team that met us at Cook's Truck Stop and escorted us into Texico upon our return.

And thanks to the Pleasant Hill and Texico fire departments, as well as the Texico Police Department. You don't know how much these young ladies looked forward to and enjoyed the escort. Thanks, Coach "Pro" for meeting us after your big over Springer!



Steve Myrick

Myrick named Kelly Green general mgr.

Steve Myrick is the new general manager at Kelly Green Seeds in Farwell.

The longtime Clovis resident has farmed, owned a grain elevator, owned a seed business and, for the past four years, has been an agribusiness consultant.

He and his wife Judy have two children, Matthew and Amanda.

Myrick replaces Rusty Smallwood, who will be moving to Austin later this month to work in the construction business.

EMS Report

The Farwell ambulance was called to 108 Ave. I on Nov. 8 and took a man to Clovis hospital.



Quilt giveaway

A quilt was donated by Charlene Cargile to the Farwell Convalescent Center Auxiliary. A drawing for it will be held during the Christmas holidays. Tickets are \$1 donations. Tickets are available from Auxiliary members. Pictured are Auxiliary member Mary Mesman and Julia Symcox and FCC activitie director Shelly Smith.

A Special Invitation

The family of Frances Lovelace would like to invite all her friends to come by the Methodist Church on Nov. 22nd, Thanksgiving Day, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to wish her a **Happy 90th Birthday!**

No gifts please.
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Christmas on Parade

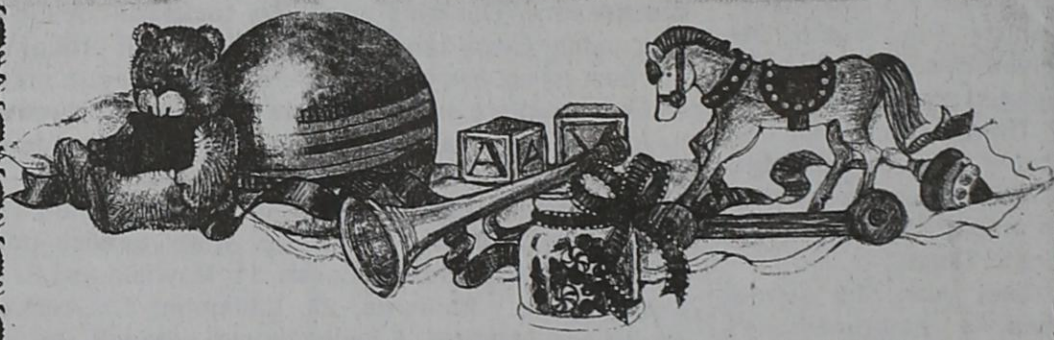
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Meet Farwell's Class of 2014



Jill Johnson is a kindergarten student at Farwell. Her birthday is July 15.

Her parents are Scott and Patti Johnson. Her siblings are Drew, Abby and Cari. Her grandparents are Dudley and Pat Cash of Portales, Billy Johnson of Farwell and Sandra Johnson of Clovis.

Her hobbies are playing with friends at school and having tea parties, playing with Barbies and dressing up. Her favorite foods are salad, spaghetti and cupcakes. Her favorite color is red. She does not like snakes, spiders or waiting.

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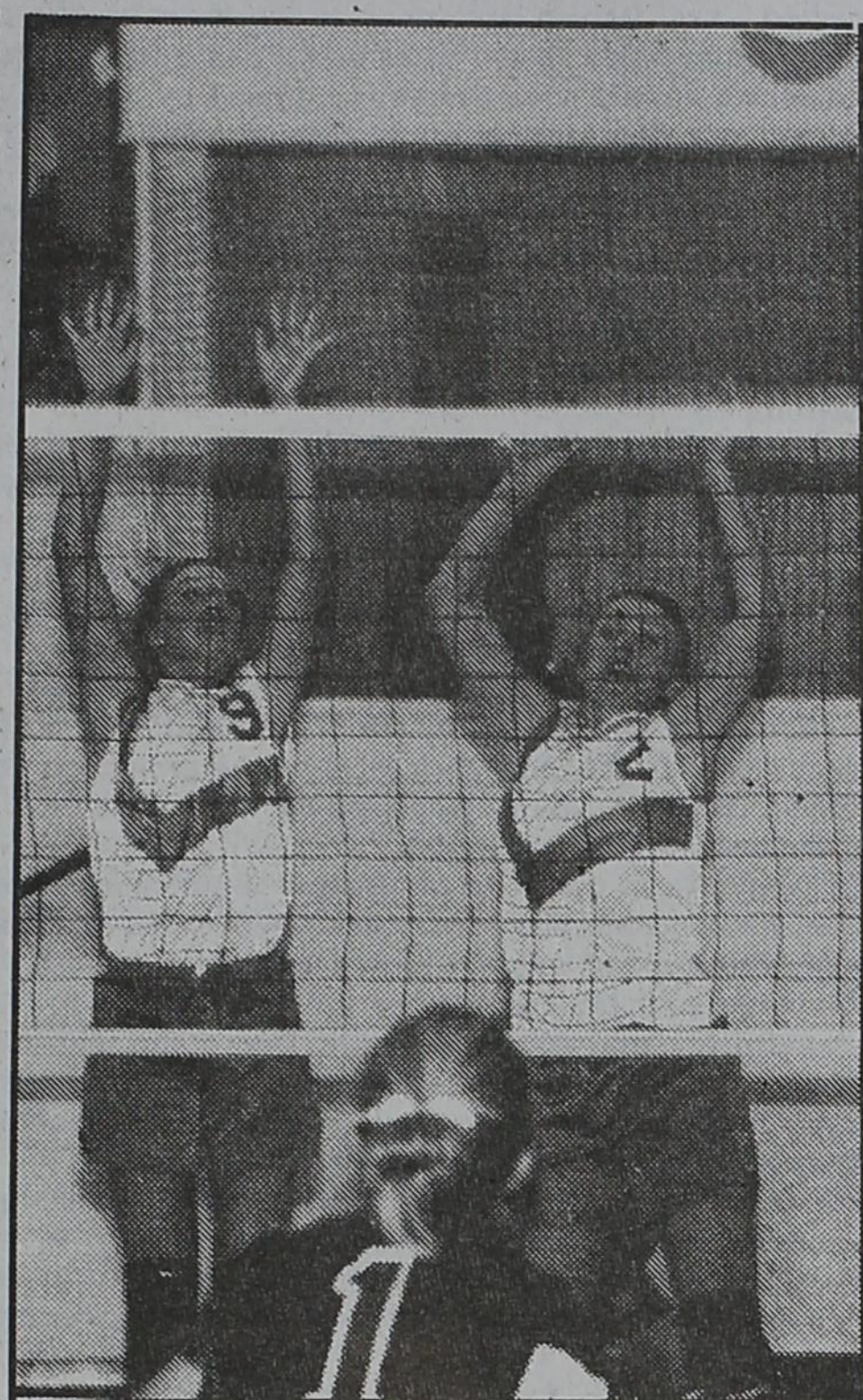
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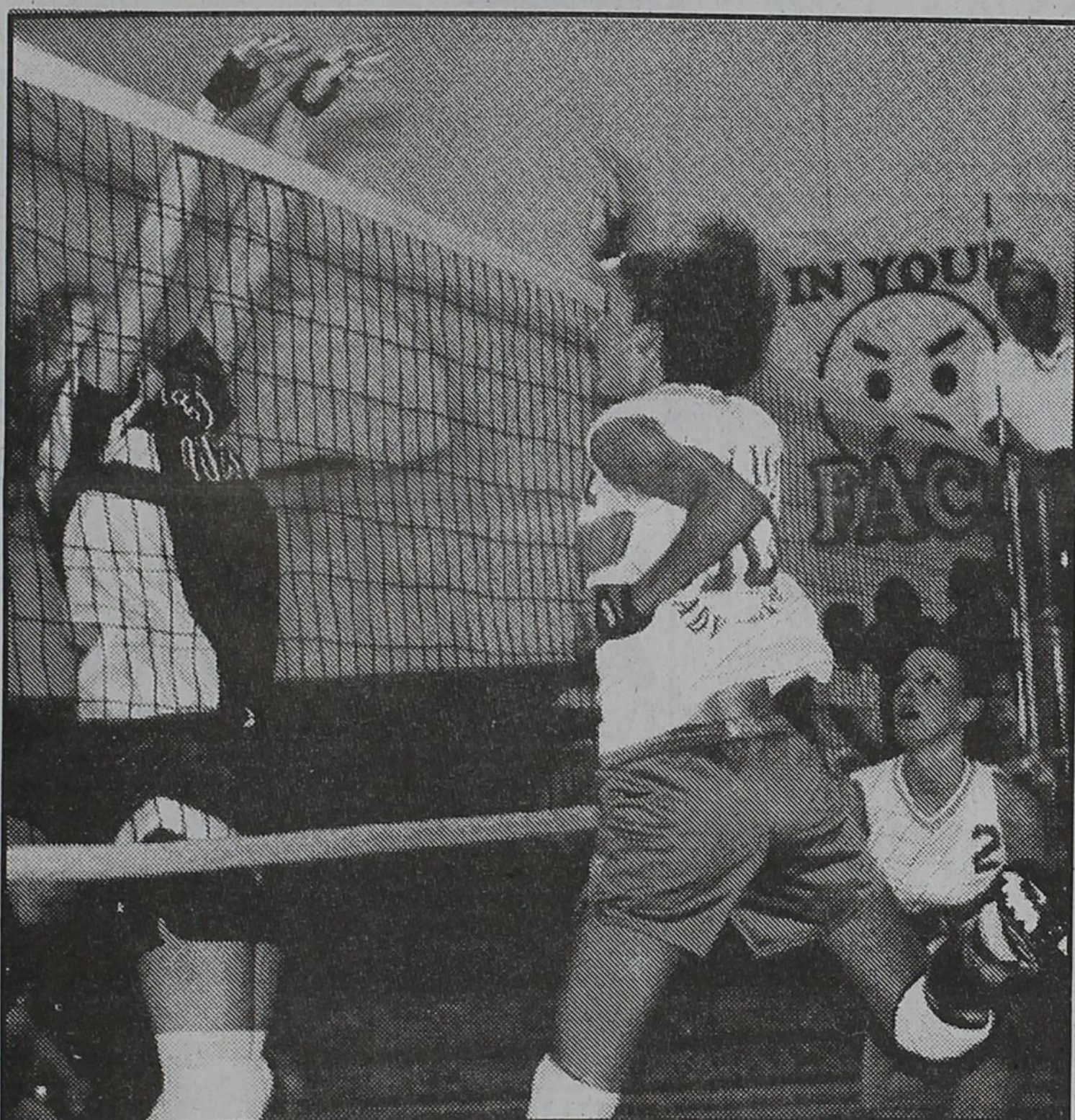
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church Rev. Randy Thomas Worship Service - 9 a.m. Sunday school - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Please Attend Church Services All times are CT unless specified</p>	<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Church 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</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
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<p>New Light Baptist Church Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ Loy Hardesty - 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.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Texico Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>

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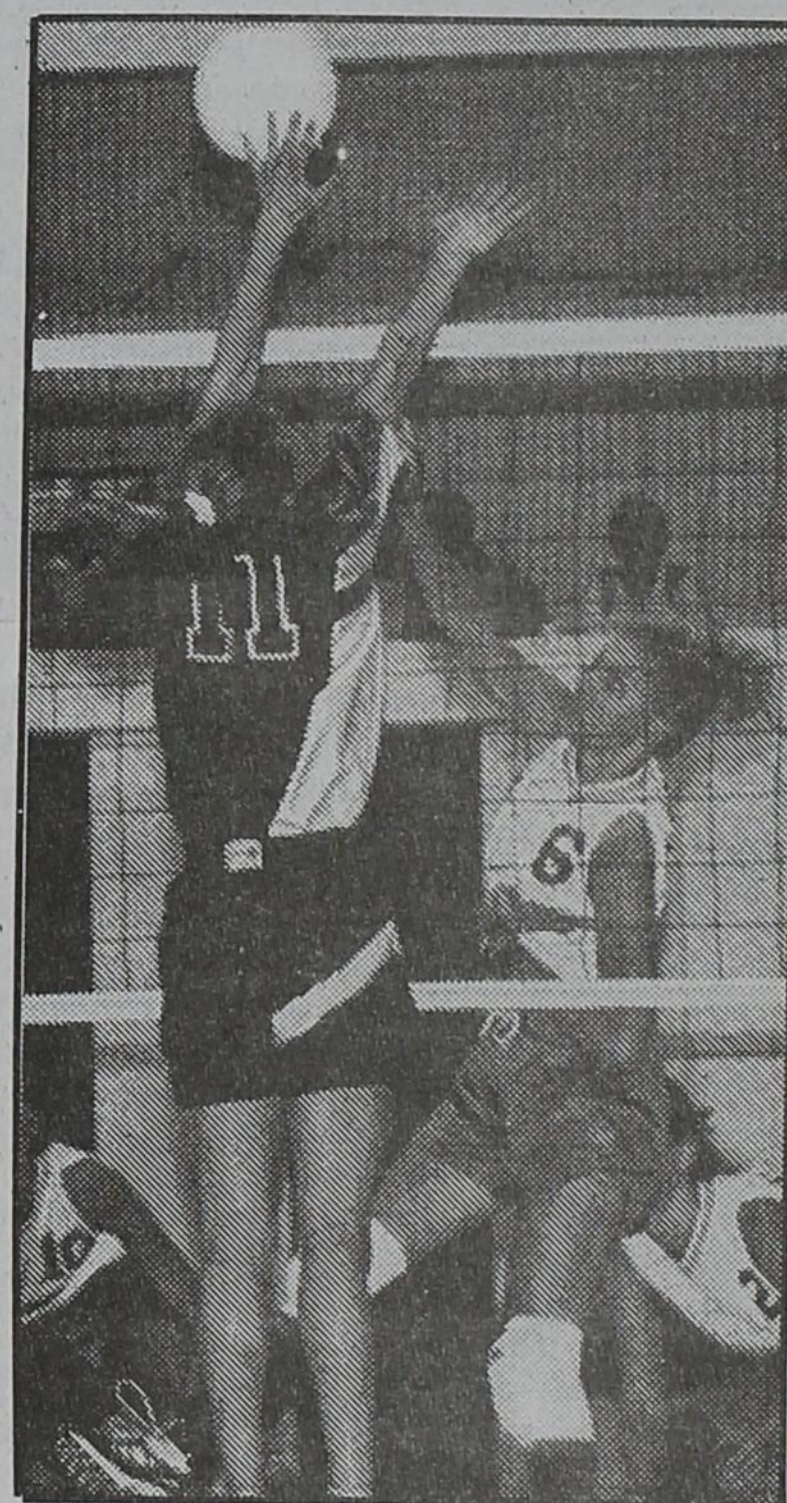


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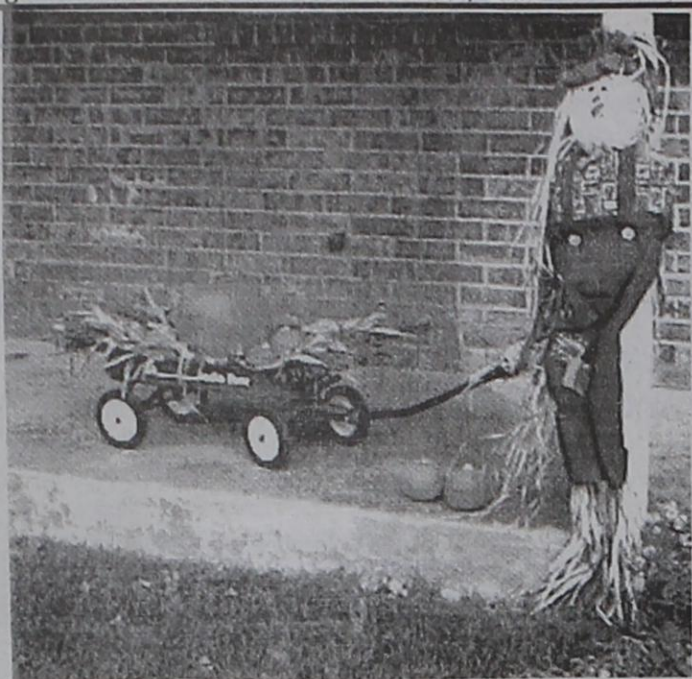
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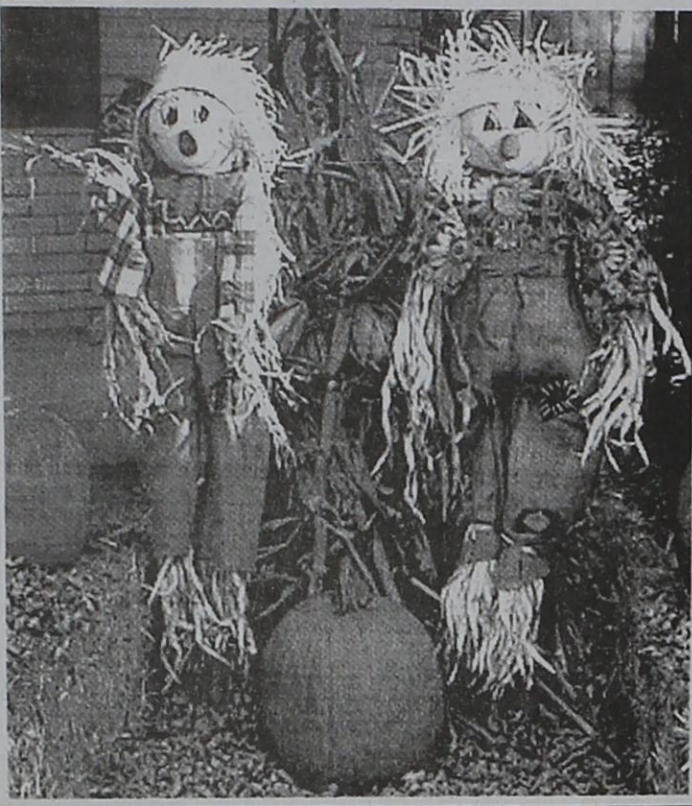
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Autumn fun

Autumn decorations were plentiful in the Twin Cities this season.



Upcoming Sports

Here's how the upcoming basketball schedule looks: Texico -- The high school boys and girls "C" teams are scheduled to play this weekend in the Faith Temple Tournament. The "C" teams will then play at Clovis Christian on Nov. 19.

The Texico Junior High teams will play Nov. 15-17 in the Friendship Tournament. On Nov. 20, the girls will host Portales while the boys play at Portales.

Farwell -- All the high school teams will host Muleshoe on Nov. 17. On Nov. 20, all the teams will host Oltion.

The Farwell Junior High 8th grade teams will play in the Melrose Tourny Nov. 15 and 17. On Nov. 19, the 7th and 8th grade boys teams play at Hart, while the girls teams host Hart.

Lazbuddie -- The JV boys and both varsity teams host Wilson on Nov. 16. On Nov. 20, the JV and varsity teams host Kress.

The Lazbuddie junior high teams open play on Nov. 19 at Spade.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Nov. 7, Sergio Avitia, 34, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of criminal non support. The case is pending in district court.

On Nov. 8, Armando Andrade, 33, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving with a suspended license. The case is pending in county court.

On Nov. 9, Christopher Fletcher, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a burglary charge out of Lamb County.

On Nov. 8, Angel Garcia, 17, of Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana. The case is pending in county court.

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Parmer County Crime Stoppers have four new billboards erected throughout the county. The sites are in Farwell, Bovina, Friona and Clays Corner.

The signs give the Crime Stoppers phone number for tips and offer rewards.

Parmer County deputy sheriff Wayne Gruben has been in charge of the project. He is also the coordinator for the local Crime Stoppers group.

The signs were painted by Parmer County jail inmates. The canvas was donated by Lamar Outdoor Advertising with help by Darrell Crook. Deputy Gruben built the iron frames for the signs and erected them with help from inmates. Crime Stoppers thanks everyone for their hard work on this project.

To make anonymous tips to the Crime Stoppers, call 1-800-774-8477.

To make donations to the Crime Stoppers reward fund, send them to Parmer County Crime Stoppers, P.O. Box 151, Farwell, Texas 79325.

Check out their website at www.parmcrimestoppers.org.

If you would like to become a member of the Parmer Co. Crime Stoppers, they meet each 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. cst at the Bovina Justice of the Peace office.

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Area gin folks pleased with cotton yields, grades

by Teresa Mesman

Area cotton gin representatives are all in agreement that the cotton season has reached its half-way point and, as of Tuesday, are well pleased with the yields and grades of the cotton coming to them.

This is also good news for the area cotton farmers. The prices are up over the loan rates as compared to previous years and the yields per acre are up.

"Our farmers are making better yields than we expected," said Darwin Robertson of the Muleshoe Co-op Gin. "We've baled 16,000 bales so far and if the weather holds, we should have everything ginned by the first of December. The farmers could have everything off the stalk by Thanksgiving."

Claud Gregory of North Lazbuddie Gin also reports higher yields and grades turning up at his gin.

"We've ginned 9,800 bales and are looking for about 5,000 more," Claude stated. "The yields over here are at 1,400 to 1,600 pounds. We also got 60¢ for some of the cotton."

Farwell Gin has baled 6,900 bales so far. "We're halfway through and we are also seeing good yields and grades," said Deon Hunt, gin secretary.

The Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative had ginned 16,891 bales as of Tuesday morning and are expecting a little over 19,000 more to finish the season.

This area has yielded more than the High Plains projections that were issued by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS). They lowered the projections by 80,000 bales on Nov. 9 when they released the Nov. 1 based crop production report.

Details from the crop production report also stated that, while the number of harvestable bolls was relatively high, the average weight per boll was the second lightest recorded in the past ten years.

Another report will be issued on Dec. 1 and the TASS is expected to "true up" its planted and harvested acre-aged numbers. The higher than expected yields that this area is reporting should be reflected in this report.

The current projections from the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA classing offices indicate a crop in the neighborhood of 2.25 million running bales.

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Wolverines win semi-final; face Ft. Sumner in state title game

By Jesse Barclay

The Wolverines are going to the "Big Show." Texico beat Springer, 16-6, last Friday in the state semi-finals there. This will be the first time that Texico is playing for a state championship since 1997 when they lost to Fort Sumner.

The Wolverines plan to change this year! They will

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We hear and read so much about the terrorist activity in the larger cities and what the American Heroes are doing to protect and serve the larger areas and cities of the United States.

But people don't stop to think about our local law enforcement. I think the citizens of Parmer County should stop and think what a great bunch of crime fighters we have in the county. I think each citizen of this county should call, write or go by their offices and tell each of them how much they mean to this county and what a great job they are doing. A word of "thanks" would go a long way.

Friena Chief Scott Given, Lt. Brian Frieda and each and every man and woman who back up these men are doing a splendid job keeping the residents of Friena safe.

Sheriff Randy Geries, Chief Deputy Michael Howard and all the men and women that back the sheriff and his deputies are doing an excellent job keeping the citizens of Parmer County safe. Because of the excellent job they are doing, our schools are a safer place for students of all ages and the senior citizens feel safer, too. I want to give a big Thank You to all our law enforcement officials for the fine job they are doing.

We, as residents of this county, owe a great debt of gratitude to all of the Parmer County crime fighters and I sincerely hope each of you will take a few minutes to tell each person in the law enforcement of Parmer County how much they are appreciated and what a fine job they are doing.

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Against Springer, Texico started the game with the ball. Adrian Loera gained a first, then the Wolverines gained a second 1st down on a 15-yard face mask call against Springer. Marcos Loera threw a 21-yard pass to Tony Clements. But Texico lost a fumble.

The teams exchanged punts. Then Tyrell Garrett intercepted and returned it 35 yards at the end of the first quarter.

Texico was held. On defense, Danny Loper and Johnny Serrano sacked the QB for a 5-yard loss. The teams exchanged punts again. Then Johnny Soliz recovered a Springer fumble at their 5. Marcos Loera scored from that spot. A pass from Marcos Loera to Kyle Duncan added two extra points.

Springer moved the ball well, until Adrian Loera intercepted. He then gained a first down as the half ended.

Springer started with the ball in the 3rd quarter. Marcos Loera hit Garrett with a 20-yard pass. Texico had to punt. Springer was stopped when Joe Zaikowski recorded a sack for a huge loss.

The Wolverines got into good field position on a pass interference call. Anthony Askew scored from the 10 for the TD. The pass for extra points failed.

In the 4th quarter, Texico opened with a 15-yard pass to Garrett. The teams exchanged punts. Clements ran for 15. Springer intercepted, then lost a fumble. Zaikowski had a QB sack. And on the next play, Loper sacked the QB for a safety, and Texico led 16-0.

Springer was successful on an onside kick, then scored on a 35-yard pass. The run for extra points failed.

Springer tried another onside kick, but Zaikowski

Wolverines of the Week

Coach Prokop picked as Wolverines of the Week: defense -- Kyle Duncan, Danny Loper and Johnny Soliz; offense -- Anthony Askew, Tyrell Garrett and the entire offensive line.



Above, Kyle Duncan makes a great catch; at right, Braden Vaughan dives to make a TD-saving tackle.



Photos by Rusty Rucker

knocked the ball out of bounds.

Team stats: 1st downs, Texico 14, Springer 9; rushing yards, Texico, 41 for 168, Springer 30 for 116; passing yards, Texico 7 of 18 for 79, Springer 5 of 20 for 70; punting averages, Texico 3 for 38, Springer, 6 for 35.8; and penalties, Texico 7 for 75, Springer, 9 for 95.

Individual stats: rushing - Tony Clements, 4 for 56; Adrian Loera, 15 for 47; Anthony Askew, 12 for 45; Marcos Loera, 5 for 12; Braden Vaughan, 3 for 6; Tyrell Garrett, 1 for 2; receiving - Kyle Duncan, 3 for 12; Garrett, 2 for 40; Clements, 1 for 18; Vaughan, 1 for 9.

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Meet Texico's Class of 2014



Miguel Reyna is a Texico kindergarten pupil. His birthday is April 19.

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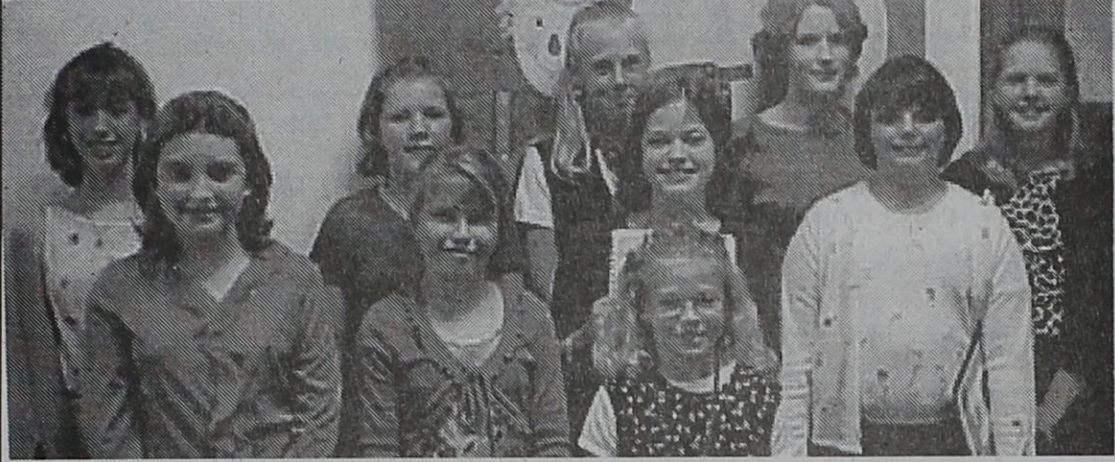


4-H food show winners

On Oct. 28, Parmer County 4-H'ers competed in the county's annual 4-H food show. It involved learning techniques in food nutrition, food safety and healthy cooking. Participants prepared food dishes, and were judged on their knowledge of the Food Guide Pyramid, nutrients in the dish, and creativity of recipes. First place winners will go to the District 2 food and nutrition show in Levelland on Nov. 10 to represent Parmer County. County winners are: Christy Widner, Michelle Wauson, Mikaela Cenicerros, Emily Allen, Logan Mason, Alisha Wauson, Hayley Fowler, Leesa Patterson and Adrienne Osborn.



Farwell/Oklahoma Lane participants were Logan Mason, Drew Johnson, Mikaela Cenicerros, Michael Vidana, Hayley Fowler, Alisha Wauson, Michelle Wauson, Leesa Patterson and Sarah Herington.



Friona participants were Erin Austin, Christy Widner, Caitlin Bronniman, Ashley Ingram, Kathy Anthony, Adrienne Osborn, Emily Allen, Jamie Clark, Lauren Hughes and Briar Barnett.



Farwell Junior High's 8th grade team went undefeated, at 9-0, and won district. Back row from left, Colton Sudderth, Tyler Vandiver, Justin Ware, Matthew Edwards, Trevor Smallwood, Coach Brian Johnson; second row from back, Fabian Reyes, Rodolfo Garcia, Johnny Neudorf, Julian Aranda, Zane Johnson; 3rd row, Ty Gast, Luis Olmos, Logan McFarland, Nick Beekman, Ryan McClaran, Casey Myers; 4th row, Matthew Ancira, Colby Norton, Trevor Norton, Juan Carlos Vidaurri, David Hernandez, Michael Soto.

Farwell 8th graders undefeated with 9-0 record; win district championship

Farwell's 8th grade football team ended the season with a 9-0 record and a district title when they beat Anton's Bulldogs on Nov. 8, 39-0. The Steers' 1st TD came on the first offensive play of the game when Matthew Edwards scored from 40 yards out. Luis Olmos kicked the extra point and it was 7-0. On the Steers' 2nd offensive play, they scored

again -- on a 20-yard run by Olmos. Justin Ware kicked the point after. Believe it or not, the Steers scored again -- on their 3rd offensive play. Colby Norton ran in from 21 yards out; the extra point try failed. To close out the half, the Steers scored again, when Logan McFarland ran it in from 12 yards out. The extra point try failed and it was 26-0. To start the second half, Olmos ran 78 yards for his 2nd TD. Ware kicked the extra point. Farwell's last TD came on a 16-yard run by McFarland. On defense, Edwards had an interception and Fabian Reyes had a fumble recovery.

Lopez receives service medal

Army Sgt. 1st Class Alvino Lopez has received the Meritorious Service Medal.

He is assigned to the 46th Corps Support Group at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He is the son of Amria and Alvino Lopez Sr. of Farwell.

Courthouse Notes

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

- Washington Mutual Home Loans -- HUD, L11, B2 McMillen Fergus. Norm Segovia - Antonio Trinidad, 8 W10' L10 B116 Bovina.

Texico Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy:

On Nov. 10, Eustacio Nevarez, 45, of Texico, was charged with aggravated DWI.

On Nov. 12, Ignacio Re-

tana, 28, of Texico, was charged with aggravated DWI, no insurance, no driver's license and open container.

On Nov. 12, a Texico juvenile girl was charged with battery on a household member.

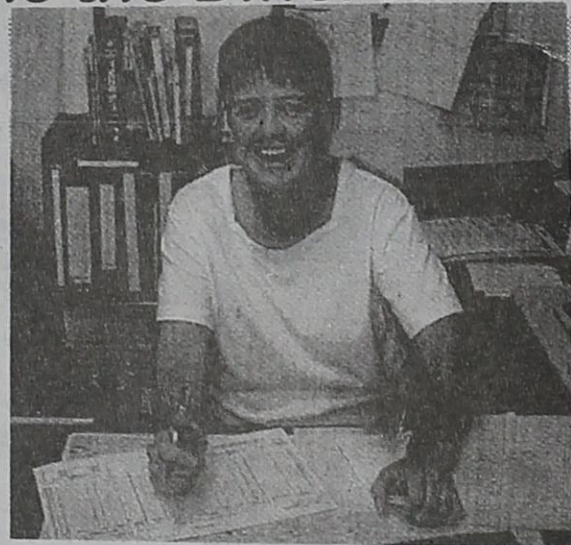
Thanksgiving service set

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Anton wins coin toss to earn state playoff berth

The Farwell Steers finished the season with a 4-6 overall record and 3-2 in district after falling to the Anton Bulldogs last Friday in an away game, 19-16.

The loss put Farwell, Anton and Sudan (which clobbered Bovina) in a three-way tie for 2nd place. So a coin toss was used to determine which team would be in the state playoffs. Anton won the toss.

That wasn't necessary great news for Anton. After a bye, they likely will take on Texas powerhouse Stratford in the second round of the playoffs.

In the first quarter, Farwell's offense was moving. Hunt returned the opening kick to the 45. Carlos Garcia had a big 35-yard scamper. Thomas Ortiz caught a 12-yard pass from Taylor Nichols. But an interception halted this drive at the Bulldogs' 25.

On the Steer's 2nd possession, Ortiz ran for 6, and Garcia had a good run, too. Cale Stevenson made a great catch for a 6-yard gain. And Fidel Ruiz caught a ball. The Steers scored on a 5-yard pass from Nichols to Ortiz. The run for extra points failed and Farwell led 6-0.

In the first quarter, on defense, Luke Schwertner and Brice Hunt had a good stop, and Hunt also contributed a QB pressure. But the Bulldogs scored on a 20-yard run; the run for extra points failed.

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In the 2nd quarter, Anton dominated, scoring on a 5-yard run and a 40-yard pass play to take a 19-6 lead into halftime. On defense, Josh Curtis caused a fumble. Ben Oppliger and Casey Meeks had a good stop. Stevenson provided a QB sack.

Top plays on offense were a 10-yard run by Garcia, and a 22-yard run by Nichols. But turnovers plagued the Steers throughout. Farwell lost two fumbles and had three passes intercepted.

Farwell fought back in the 3rd quarter. On their first possession, Garcia ran for a first down. Then Ruiz took in a 35-yard pass. The drive culminated in a 29-yard TD run by Garcia. Stevenson ran for the extra points.

Once again, the Steers tried an onside kick, something they have done successfully several times this season. And again, it worked -- as Landon Meeks recovered the bouncing ball. Behind a great block by Hunt, Garcia ran for 10. Ortiz and Stevenson also ran well. But Farwell was stopped on a 4th and 4 play at the Anton 13.

On defense, good stops were made by Juan Sanchez and Ortiz.

Offensive highlights of the final quarter included good runs by Garcia and Nichols. But Farwell's only score came on a safety, when the Anton punter took a knee in the end zone.

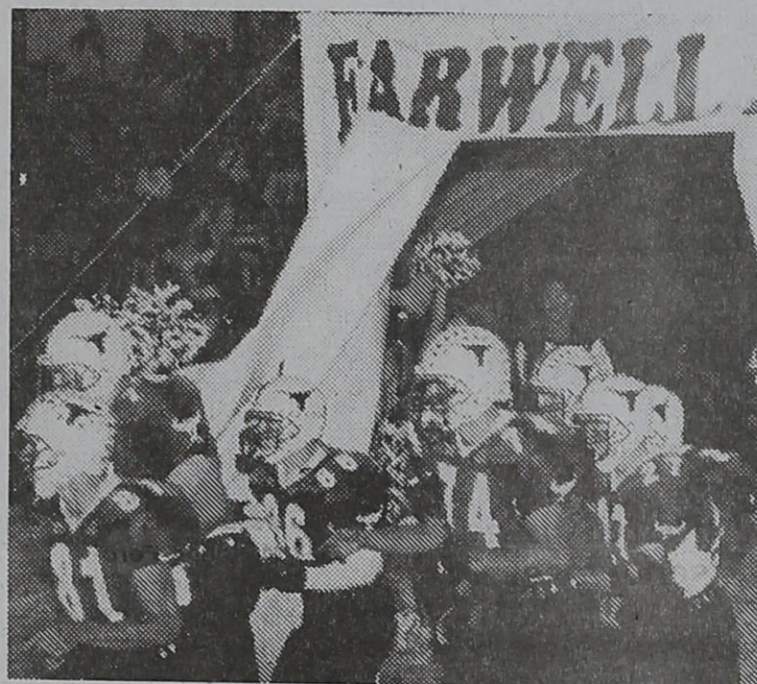
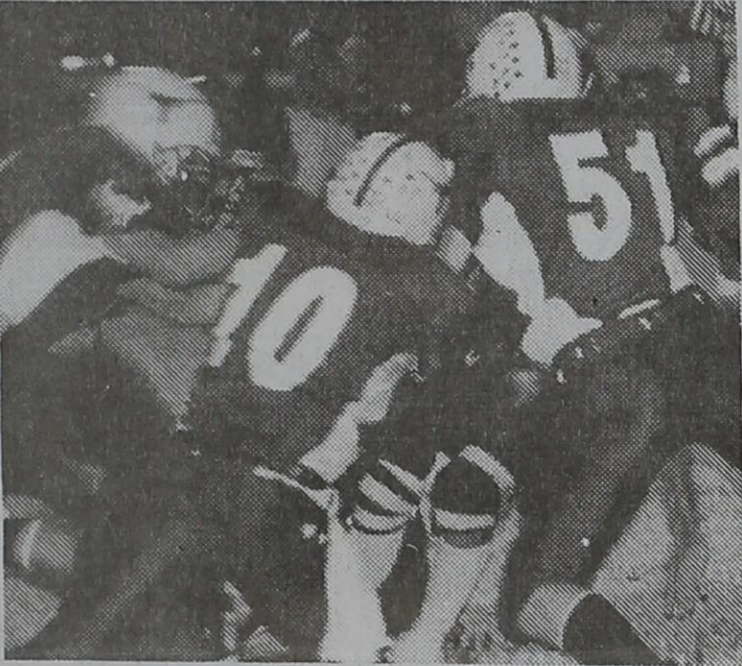
Good stops were made by Jose Cabella, Stevenson (a loss of 8 yards) and a QB sack by Hunt and Armstrong, for a 3-yard loss. Curtis had good pass coverage, too.

Team stats: 1st downs, Farwell 13, Anton 10; rushing, Farwell, 48 for 257; Anton, 36 for 130; passing, Farwell, 5 of 9 for 49; Anton, 3 of 6 for 100; punting average, Anton, 2 for 30, Farwell didn't punt; and penalties, Farwell, 9 for 75; and Anton, 9 for 65.

Individual stats: rushing - Garcia, 28 for 164; Nichols, 14 for 75; Ortiz, 4 for 11; and Stevenson, 2 for 7; receiving, Ruiz, 2 for 32; Ortiz, 2 for 17.

Steers of the Week

Coach Thompson named as the Steers of the Week for their play against Anton: defense -- Thomas Ortiz and Casey Meeks; offense -- Carlos Garcia, Thomas Ortiz and the entire offensive line -- Casey Meeks, Ben Oppliger, Brice Hunt, Juan Sanchez, Gaylen Sudderth and Shelby Teltschik.



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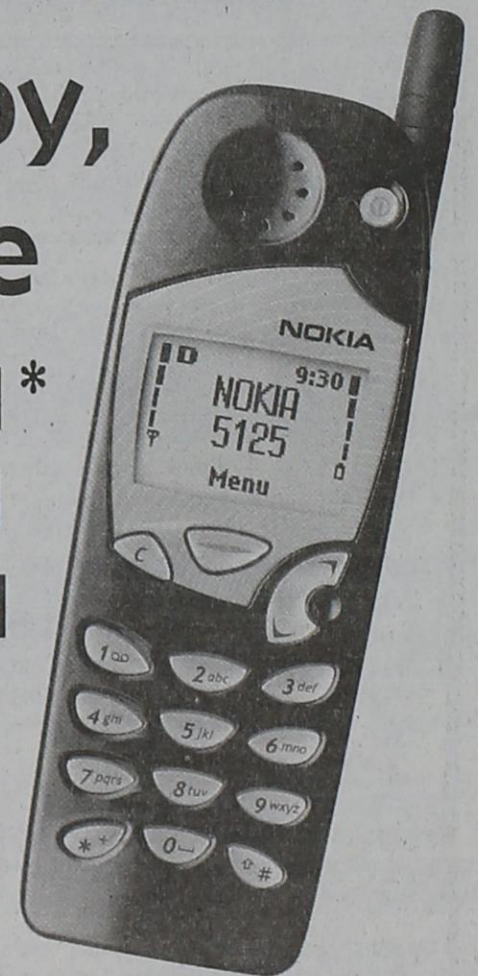
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The Latest

Lazbuddie Schools' lunch menus for next week show:

- Monday - steak fingers (pk-1), pizza, subs.
- Tuesday - chicken fajitas (pk-1), cheeseburgers, Wednesday - chicken nuggets (pk-1), BBQ sandwiches.
- Thursday and Friday - no school.

The Lazbuddie varsity girls opened the season on Tuesday with a 67-49 win over Silverton.

The Lady 'Horns' were led by Savannah Black with 13 points.

The boys didn't play because Silverton just finished playing football on Friday and didn't feel they were ready to field a basketball team.

The Farwell basketball teams opened their season on Tuesday on a positive note.

The Lady Blue beat Whiteface, 46-35. High scorers were Jessica Chandler, 17, and Hailey Grimes, 10.

The Steers killed Whiteface, 59-38. Top scorers were Tucker Crawford, 17, and Gage Gregory, 11.

A recent issue of "Texas Monthly" magazine had a big article ranking more than 5,000 public schools.

The analysis, using TAAS info and other factors, was done by a non-profit group.

In a side article entitled "Our Best Schools", Lazbuddie was included.

Lazbuddie (Continued from Page 1)

school cafeteria. The public is invited.

It's a good report for Lazbuddie, which the state put as a "recommended" school district (second highest, under exemplary, and over satisfactory).

The AEIS report breaks down the school into demographics, teacher degrees, ethnic background, finances, socio-economic factors, etc.

Noted that the annual Thanksgiving dinner will be Friday.

Texico School's FFA quiz teams did super at district at Ft. Sumner.

The greenhand team took 1st place -- Garrett Mayfield, Braden Vaughan, Logan Brown and Trent Crow.

Another Texico team took 3rd -- Brette Hadley, Nthan Foust and Bryan Vannatta.

Also qualifying for the state contest in June were high individuals:

- 1st - Mayfield; 2nd, Vaughan, 3rd, Brown; and 5th, Foust.

Farwell Schools will have an "early out" on Nov. 20, with buses leaving at 12:45 p.m.

There will be no school the rest of the week -- Thanksgiving vacation.

Rusty Rucker let us know that while he and other Wolverine fans were at Springer last week for the football game, they were able to listen on to the radio to the texico Lady Spikers games.

They thanked the radio station (107.5 and 95.3) for broadcasting the game from Albuquerque.

And they would yell out to the other Texico fans how the Lady Spikers were doing during the football game.

Rusty also thought that Dr. R.L. Richards and his daughter, Victoria, did a super job as the broadcasters.



2nd at national

Texico High's Chelsi Dickerson took 2nd high individual in the 2001 National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event in Louisville, Ky., during the national convention.

Realtor asks Texico to purchase Rip's building

The Texico City Council on Tuesday received a request from Kenneth Jones Realty, of Clovis, asking the city to buy the former Rip's Western Wear building.

Earlier this year, the council, after a meeting with Rip's owners, voted unanimously not to purchase the building, Mayor Marie Christian said.

Jones wants the council to reconsider its decision and possibly make the building into a museum. No action was taken on his request.

In other business, the council: -- Ratified a decision by Police Chief Kelley Brophy who had purchased about \$600 worth of ammunition. Mayor Christian complained that Brophy needs to follow city purchasing guidelines - i.e., get approval from the council before making such purchases.

City employees are allowed to make immediate purchases, then have the council ratify their decisions later if it's an emergency.

Recently, Brophy had purchased about \$4,000 worth of guns and ammo, then received approval from the council later. This occurred after the Sept. 11 terrorist at-

Congratulations, Lady Spikers

A big, hearty "congrats" to the Texico Lady Spikers on their Class 2A state title.

Of course, I did predict it...but....

The young ladies won it on the field of battle. They proved without a shadow of a doubt that they had the best team in their class in the entire state, with a sparkling 25-1 record to go along with the crown.

I'm especially pleased for Coach Michael Littlejohn, one of my favorite people. Texico is most fortunate to have him as an educator and a coach. Congrats, Michael!

And don't forget the prediction I made three years ago: that this remarkably talented group of Texico young ladies would win three straight

Ashley, Singleterry resign

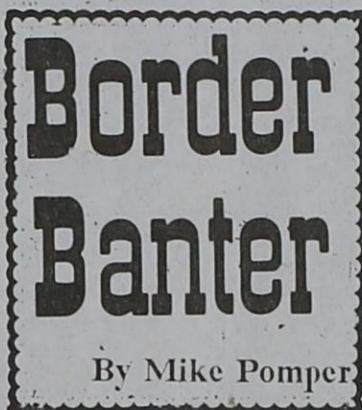
The Texico School Board on Tuesday received the resignations of Kay Singleterry, 3rd graded teacher, and Vickie Ashley, cheerleader sponsor.

Mrs. Singleterry is retiring after this semester. She taught 22 years at Texico School and will be moving to Brownsville to be near where her husband, Gary, works.

Later, the couple plans to return to Pleasant Hill. Shelly Tate, current Title 1 aide, will be the new 3rd grade teacher.

In other business, the board: -- Heard that about 90 percent of the concrete should be poured for the new gym by Thanksgiving.

The drama department will have a performance on Feb. 19.



basketball titles.

I'm two-thirds of the way toward having made a correct prognostication!

What fun it is to watch our teams excel.

And, speaking of state titles, let's hear it for the Texico Wolverines.

I told Coach Mike Prokop a couple of weeks ago that what I watch for in a team is not how good or bad it may be, but how it grows (or doesn't grow) during a season.

When you watch a team grow -- start off slowly, then get better each week, it speaks a lot about the coaching.

Yes, I know that Fort Sumner is the favorite on Friday to win. But I wouldn't discount the Wolverines! I plan to be at that game and I hope you will, too, to root on our home team.

What I am most happy about is that I have seen a team grow week by week to become an excellent team.

Coach Prokop, you and your assistant coaches, should feel mighty good at that development because it says a lot about the coaching.

Good job!

And let's not forget the Farwell Steers. Here's a team that started off at 1-4, then came on strong in district and didn't earn a playoff berth due to a coin toss.

This is another team that grew during the season to become tough to beat. Coach Jacob Thompson and his staff did an excellent job, also.

tack and was deemed an emergency.

In other business, the council:

-- Approved repairs for the street sweeper and tower well. Repairs on the merry go round at Lions Park will be looked into.

-- Had no one offer to serve as the city's representative to the High Plains Waste Management Association. This is the near-defunct group that Texico is staying part of just to see if they can get any assets from when it folds. The council will ask Municipal Judge Dean Henninger to take the job.

-- Approved buying 12 stop signs to replace some signs that have faded. In a side comment, Mayor Christian said the city needs less stop signs.

-- Approved air compressor repairs, at the request of Fire Chief Lewis Cooper. The cost is about \$3,000.

-- Opened five bids for defibrillators. But they were rejected because the cost was too high. Chief Cooper said it will be rebid for just one unit.

-- Heard that the city is still waiting on SPS to install more street lights.

Tax abatement given for new grain elevator

The Parmer County Commissioners on Tuesday approved a tax abatement for a new grain elevator to be built near Friona by Grain Suppliers Co., the owner of West Texas Grain.

Here's how the abatement works: 100% relief for the first two years; 75% the 3rd year; 50% the 4th year, and 25% the 5th year.

The 900,000 bushel elevator will be built across the tracks from West Friona Grain. It will have high speed conveyance equipment.

Company officials expect to ship 600,000 bushels per week to their feedlot and grain processing customers.

Some jobs are to be created, although some company workers may shift posts.

It's expected that about \$5 million in real and personal property taxes will be added to the county's tax role.

A service road from the highway to the elevator entrance will be needed.

In other business, the commissioners received three bids for janitorial services for the courthouse.

The low bidder, Irene Lopez, of Farwell, was accepted.

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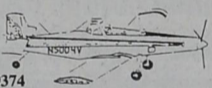
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