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Christmas comes early for Farwell's R.C. Davis

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Christmas came early for R.C. Davis this year.

R.C. and his wife Vera live in Farwell and are the proud parents of three sons; they're grandparents and they lead full, active lives within the community and their church.

R.C. has always known that his life has been richly blessed and he gives full credit and thanks to the Lord for all that he has and his accomplishments.

But when the telephone rang three before Thanksgiving, and R.C. picked up the phone his life was blessed once again.

"Are you Jr. Davis?" asked the caller.

"Yes, I am," R.C. replied.

"Was your daddy named R.C. Davis?" the caller asked.

"Yes, he was," R.C. answered.

"My name is June and I'm your sister," the caller happily identified herself.

R.C. stood stunned for a moment and then he began talking to the sister he hadn't spoken to in 58 years.

June Cochran was born to R.C. Davis, Sr. and his first wife before World War II. They divorced after five years of marriage. R.C., Sr. remarried and had R.C., Jr.

June is six years older than R.C., Jr.

"Daddy would get June anytime he wanted and I remember she and I would play. The last time I remember seeing her, I was 4 years old," R.C. recalled.

R.C., Sr. then went into the service and was stationed at the army base at Paris, Texas. He was then transferred to Carlsbad, N.M., where he was a member of the Army Air Corps.

"This was a heartbreaking time for my father," said R.C.

After the war was over and R.C., Sr. left the military, he moved his family to Springlake-Earth. He began farming, but never gave up on trying to find June. It was very hard back in these days to find a missing person.

"They didn't have the computers, Social Security numbers or anything to track June by," R.C. commented.

In 1953, June and her mother moved to Artesia, N.M., to live with an aunt. She has lived there since that time.

"I always missed June, but being so little when we got separated, I didn't know what to think. I always thought about her growing up and I know that it grieved my dad not knowing where she was or having contact with her," R.C. explained. "My father died wanting to know where she was."

R.C. Davis, Sr. died of a heart attack in 1980.

R.C. Davis, Jr. always knew that his half sister was out there somewhere in the world, but he never knew how to find her.

"I just never knew where to start or how to begin," R.C. emotionally stated.

But in the city of Artesia back in late September, June Cochran and her daughter-in-law Connie, were trying to figure out how to use the Internet to find R.C.

"June said that Connie announced one afternoon that she was going to do this. She used some sort of searching tool where she typed in the name 'Davis, R.C.' and the very first name that came up on the screen was 'Davis, R.C.; Farwell, Texas, USA.' The two women looked at each other and Connie said that she didn't know where Farwell was, but it sounded like a good place to start!" R.C. recounted.

After finding the telephone number, June began calling R.C.'s house. However, R.C. and Vera have Caller I.D. and, since they didn't recognize the number, they assumed it was a telemarketing company or maybe even a wrong number.

"I asked Vera a few times if she knew what this number was that kept coming up on the Caller I.D.," R.C. said.

But finally, June was able to connect with her brother three days before Thanksgiving.

"I was stunned. In fact, I still don't think that whole situation has quite sunk in yet with me," R.C. explained. "All I know is that we made plans to meet the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Artesia and that time just melted when we reunited."

The reunion was held at June's home in Artesia and present were June and her husband Carroll Cochran, their son Steve and his wife and children. R.C. and Vera were accompanied by their son Randy and his wife and children.

"All Randy could say was how great it is to have some cousins!" R.C. exclaimed.

The families talked and shared many memories and began to fill in the gaps of all the years since they last met. R.C. and Vera presented June with a framed portrait of R.C., Sr.

"Once you see the picture of our daddy and the pictures of June when she was about 18, you see right away that she's his daughter!" R.C. stated. "June is small, short and is still the spitting image of our dad!"

June's husband Carroll took R.C. aside and told him of how June held onto a small photograph of R.C., Jr. on a paint horse all these years. She kept it on their mantle and she'd dust it and talk to R.C. everyday.

R.C. also showed pictures of their sister Peggy. June never knew about Peggy, so it was a very emotional time when she was learning about her life and her family and her death.

"I'm praising God that He's brought us together!" R.C. stated. "I miss Peggy and it's been hard thinking that I'm all that is left on my dad's side of the family. But now that we've got each other again, it's just so



The first hug in over 58 years between brother and sister. R.C. Davis, Jr. and his sister, June Cochran embrace in an emotional family reunion.

wonderful that I don't think words can do it justice!"

June's mother and aunt are both deceased and she was also experiencing the same thoughts about her family. Besides her two sons and their families, R.C. is the only connection to family.

R.C. and June made a pact to see each other at least once a month for the rest of their lives. Their families have so many similarities that it's intriguing to them to get to know each other thoroughly.

"My oldest son Wesley and June's oldest son Wayne could pass for brothers!" R.C. laughed. "And our sons Danny and Randy share a lot of common interests with June's son Steve!"

R.C. and June know that they can't look back or go back the 58 years that they missed with each other. They are now looking forward to their futures together and in rebuilding a strong, close relationship.

"I don't think there has been a single day missed since that phone call, that either June calls Vera or Vera calls June," R.C. chuckled as he shook his head. "I don't think we have any choice but to have a close relationship!"

R.C. is quick to state that there is no division in his heart or mind as what June is to him.

"She is not my half-sister, she is my sister and I'm so very proud, happy and rejoicing that God has led us back together again!" he tearfully commented.

R.C. and June both know that the Lord is responsible for guiding the entire process of reuniting them.

They're looking forward to their futures together and to maintaining their relationship.

"Having June back in my life is truly the greatest gift I could be given at this time in my life," R.C. declared.



R.C. Davis, Sr. as he looked during his assignment to the Army Air Corp. during World War II.



June (Davis) Cochran as she looked at the age of 18. She was already living in Artesia, N.M.

"My dad was a short man, only about 5 ft. 4 in. or so," R.C. explained. "He was the perfect height for those old WWII army airplanes and he made a great pilot!"

During this time, R.C. Sr. couldn't be in much contact with his daughter and ex-wife. It grieved him, but he was kept very busy with the Army Air Corp.

"The relationship with his ex-wife was a good one, too. I guess it was one of those relationships where they just couldn't be married, but they were very good friends," R.C. explained. "And she had a good relationship with my mother too."

R.C.'s mother kept in close contact with June while they were stationed in Carlsbad. She would always send presents to June for her birthday, Christmas and other special times. But one day, the gifts started coming back in the mail as "Return to sender; Address unknown."

R.C., Sr. suspected that June and her mother had moved to the Dallas area. She had family in Sherman, so he went there and began searching for the pair. He never found her and, if they were in the area, the relatives either didn't know or weren't telling.

Our kids play hard

What a Farwell Tournament that was.

One thing you can say about our Texico/Farwell teams -- they play hard and give 100 percent.

Watching our girls go pressure defense from start to stop, wow...

One thing for sure, you can forget all those jokes about New Mexico teams not being able to compete with Texas teams.

The Lady Wolverines smashed Hale Center, then beat Elida before falling to the No. 7 ranked team in Texas, Happy, by just a few points.

Texico's girls gave Happy all they could handle. And Texico outscored



Happy in three quarters -- the 1st, 3rd and 4th. But a low 2nd quarter did the Lady Wolverines in.

Texico's girls get after it. I remember the year Coach Roy King changed his philosophy and started using pressure defenses. It sure has made a difference.

The one girl that really stood out for me was Sissy Loper.

Sissy recently got a national cheerleader honor, so when I think of cheer-

leaders I think of petite and charming young ladies. Well, Sissy may be petite and charming, too, but when she is on the basketball court she is as fierce as a tiger. She plays hard.

And I thought Ashley Smith did a great job guarding Happy's center. The Happy fans were hollering like mad because the refs wouldn't call a foul on her.

The reason they didn't was because she was not fouling. She was just playing hard defense.

And congratulations to Brette Hadley and Mindi Roberts making the All-Tourney team. Watch for the Lady Wolverines to make big waves in the state playoffs next year.

I know the Lady Wolverines aren't as strong

as when Jennifer Roberts and Elizabeth Richards led the charge just a couple of years ago.

But if you want to see some fine team play, and play hard, take a look at this year's version of the Lady Wolverines.

And the Lady Blue play just as tough. They had some bad luck in the tourney, losing one game in overtime and another by 1 point.

Again, one girl stood

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Early Deadline

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Tribune will be published on Tuesday of next week instead of Wednesday.

Thus, the deadline for next week's paper is 5 p.m. on Monday.



Together again! R.C. and June are proof that time apart erases as soon as you're together again.

Farwell OK's dumping ordinance; gets great audit report

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday approved a trash dumping ordinance put together by city attorney Jeff Actkinson.

It's now unlawful for anybody to dump "upon any sidewalk, alley, street, into or adjacent to water, or any other public or private property any unwholesome water, refuse, rubbish, trash, debris, filth, carrion, junk, garbage, impure or unwholesome matter of any kind or other objectionable or unsightly matter of whatever kind."

Some of the subsections in this ordinance note:

-- Sidewalks, grounds and buildings are to be kept clear.

-- Dumping, stagnant water, trash and other unsightly or unsanitary matter is declared a nuisance.

-- Throwing waste onto public places is unlawful, except in public receptacles or in the landfill.

Dealing with littering, the ordinance states:

"No person shall sweep, throw or deposit in any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place any of the sweepings or cleanings of dwelling houses, stores, and other premises of all kinds, or any rags, paper, rubbish or refuse matter of any kind whatsoever."

Farwell residents are allowed to dump items at

no cost at the city landfill. Non-residents must pay a fee.

If a Farwell resident asks the city to haul items to the landfill, after the resident loads it, the city will haul it to the landfill for a \$25 fee.

Unlawful offenses also include:

-- Depositing or disposing of any garbage or trash at any place within the city or within 5,000 feet of the city limits, except at an officially designated disposal site.

-- Depositing any trash or garbage within the boundaries of a city disposal site except as directed by the superintendent.

-- Not paying a city refuse collection charge to deposit garbage or trash in any city-owned refuse container.

Penalties for violations of the ordinance call for a fine no more than \$2,000 for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist will constitute a separate offense.

In other business, the council:

-- Approved the annual audit prepared by CPA De'Aun Willoughby.

Mrs. Willoughby, complimented the city heavily, saying that Farwell "outshines all the other municipalities that I audit, and you always do."

She noted that collections were \$16,000 more than had been expected. "You had a very good year," she added.

Farwell had \$876,000 in the bank at year's end.

Of the \$248,743 brought in by revenues, taxes brought in \$218,638; fees and others, \$11,828, and "other," \$18,277.

Meanwhile, the total expenditures for the year totaled \$146,484. This was broken down this way:

General government, \$67,135; public safety, \$49,673; public works, \$22,697; and culture and recreation, \$6,979.

Also at the meeting:

-- Police Chief Robert Achterberg, who was present all three days of the Farwell basketball tourney, said everyone conducted themselves very well, concerning during

and after the always-emotional Texico-Farwell game.

-- Held an executive session on "personnel",

at Mayor Jimmie Mace's request.

The meeting was the first one held at the new city hall on 9th Street.



Microscope grant

Linda Yeast is pictured with Texico teacher Red Lonsdale and his 3rd grade class at Texico Elementary School as she presents a grant from PNM Gas Co. The grant was for microscopes in the classroom.

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Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 9, Adam Gomez, 19, of Odessa, Texas, was arrested by the sheriff's office on Ector County warrants. He is pending transport.

On Dec. 9, Jose Morales, 34, of Hereford, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On Dec. 10, Paulino Gonzales, 21, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of theft. Case pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 13, Alex Jiminez, 22, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving on a suspended license. Case pending in county court.

In 28th District Court on Dec. 9, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Jose Cervando Gonzales, 28, of Knox City, Texas, charged with violation of community supervision (burglary of a habitation), had his community supervision revoked and was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

-- Nicholas Quinn Thomas, 19, of Plainview, charged with violation of community supervision (forgery), had his community supervision revoked, and was sentenced to 18 months in a state jail facility.

-- Humberto C. Portillo, 40, of Ruidoso, N.M., charged with violation of community supervision (subsequent DWI), had his community supervision revoked and was sentenced to 4 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

-- Juan Pablo Gomez, 28, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamines), was sentenced to 12 months in a state jail facility, \$278 court costs, \$500 fine, \$140 restitution, loss of driver's license for 180 days, and to obtain substance abuse counseling at own expense.



National champions

The Wildcats, a Clovis Play Inc. football team, with several players from Texico-Farwell, won the National Youth Football Championship Nov. 28-29 in Las Vegas, Nev. This photo ran in last week's Tribune but did not reproduce well so we are running it again.

Texico Schools receive state grants

The Texico School Board on Monday heard some excellent news about receiving state grants.

The state is giving Texico \$17,000 for library books and materials. This grant was written by high school principal Buddy Little and financial officer Cheryl Whitener.

Texico Elementary School Principal Wayne Anderson got a grant of \$27,000 for buying software for reading materials for students kindergarten through 12th grade.

And Anderson also got a \$1,000 grant from Xcel Energy toward the pond the school is setting up. The fish will arrive next year from Ute Lake.

In other business, the board:

-- Heard Supt. R.L. Richards prioritize the main three building projects:

1. The academic learning lab.
2. Remodeling the kindergarten classrooms so all is ready for next year when full-day kindergarten starts.
3. Set up the high school science lab.

-- Reviewed the school report card and test scores. School counselor Robbie Allred noted that the state is changing testing methods which will put more pressure on students.

-- Heard the enrollment in December was 539, as compared to 493 last year.

-- Discussed the possibility of starting an instructional TV program with Clovis Community College. In such a program, Texico students would take classes via TV at Texico School. No decisions were made and such a project is still "down the road," said Richards. "It could give us another option."

-- Hired Emily Jenkins as a substitute teacher.

-- Heard Richards say he plans to have a community

meeting with parents of students who are not involved in school activities. He wants to talk with the parents to see how they can get their children more involved; see what other activities could be offered. More on this will be publicized in the Tribune before such as meeting is called, probably in January or February.

-- Discussed new state regulations dealing with out-of-district students.

-- Heard Richards say he plans to talk with state officials about possibly using some leftover grant money from the roofing project for the academic lab.

-- Set the January board meeting date for the 12th.

-- Held the superintendent's annual evaluation.

-- Hired Ishmael Vega as a custodian.

Legal Notices

CITY OF TEXICO
COUNTY OF CURRY
RESOLUTION NO. 09-03

Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Texico that:
A) A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 2, 2004. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

B) At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

- 1) One Councilor, for a four-year term.
- 2) One Councilor, for a four-year term.

C) The following question shall be submitted at the regular municipal election:

Shall the City of Texico, New Mexico, be authorized to impose a municipal gross receipts tax to one-fourth of one percent (1/4%) for the purpose of acquiring, storing, treating and distributing water to meet the future needs of the City of Texico?

D) The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

- 1) Texico Community Center, 215 Giffin, Texico, NM.

E) **Absentee Voting.** Any qualified elector of the City of Texico shall obtain only his or her application for an absentee ballot, only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 4:00 p.m., February 27, 2004. After 4:00 p.m. on February 27, 2004, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter basting the absentee ballot, until 7:00 p.m. on March 2, 2004.

Absentee voting by machine will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through Friday, beginning on Wednesday, February 11, 2004, and closing at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2004.

F) Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Curry County not later than Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

G) All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

H) The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on voting machines.

Adopted and approved this 25 day of November 2003.

Jerry Cunningham, Mayor

Attest:
T.M. Harth
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUCION DE ELECCION
CIUDAD DE TEXICO
RESOLUCION NUM. 09-03

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Ciudad de Texico que:

A) Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 2 de marzo de 2004. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.

B) En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

- 1) Un Consejal, por un termino de cuatro anos.
- 2) Un Consejal, por un termino de cuatro anos.

C) La siguiente pregunta ses sometera en la eleccion municipal regular:

¿La ciudad de Texico, Mexico nuevo, ser autorizado a imponer un impuesto municipal de los recibos gruesos igual al one-fourth de un por ciento (1/4%) con el fin de adquirir, de almacenar, de tratar y de distribuir el agua para resolver las necesidades futuras de la ciudad de Texico?

D) Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

- 1) Texico Community Center, 215 Giffin, Texico, NM.

E) **Votacion en Ausencia.** Todo votante calificado de la Ciudad de Texico obtendra unicamente su solicitud para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia antes de las 4:00 p.m. el 28 de febrero de 2004. A partir de las 4:00 p.m. el 27 de febrero de 2004, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruira todas las boletas no utilizados. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las boletas completadas por el votante que emita su boleta con el fin de votar en ausencia que se le entregue por correo o en persona, hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de marzo de 2004.

El votar en ausencia por maquina se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles de lunes a viernes, empezando el miercoles, 11 de Febrero de 2004 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 27 de Febrero de 2004.

F) Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Curry a mas tardar el martes, 3 de Febrero de 2004 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

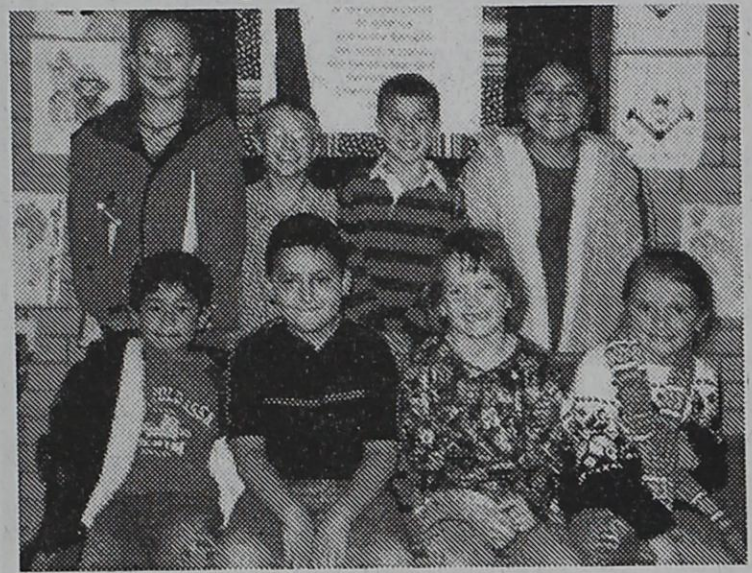
G) Se archivara todos las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 6 de enero de 2004 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m.

H) Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en maquinas para votar.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 25 de noviembre de 2003.

Jerry Cunningham, Alcalda

Da fe:
T.M. Harth
Escribana Municipal



In back from left, Lacy Russell, Tony Suderman, Jared Timms, Jessica Estrada; in front, Miguel Mireles, Alonzo Soto, Lacey Russell and Katlyn Hicks.

Lazbuddie pupils chosen

Lazbuddie Elementary School Students of the Month for November are:

Pre-k: Miguel Mireles, son of Fred and Estella Mireles.

Kindergarten: Alonzo Soto, son of Luz Andrade.

1st grade: Lacey Jesko, daughter of Terry and Janene Jesko.

2nd grade: Katlyn Hicks, daughter of Scott and Tiffany Hicks.

3rd grade: Jessica Estrada, daughter of Guillermo and Maria Vallejo, and Jared Timms, son of Chris and Jill Timms.

4th grade: Tony Suderman, son of Peter and Aganetha Suderman.

5th grade: Lacy Russell, daughter of Clinton and Holly Russell.

Two Farwell Steers football players achieved recognition on the Associated Press Class 1A All-Star Squad:

-- Robbie Tabb was

named to the second team defense as a defensive back.

-- Jose Cabello was named honorable mention as a defensive lineman.

Tabb, Cabello honored

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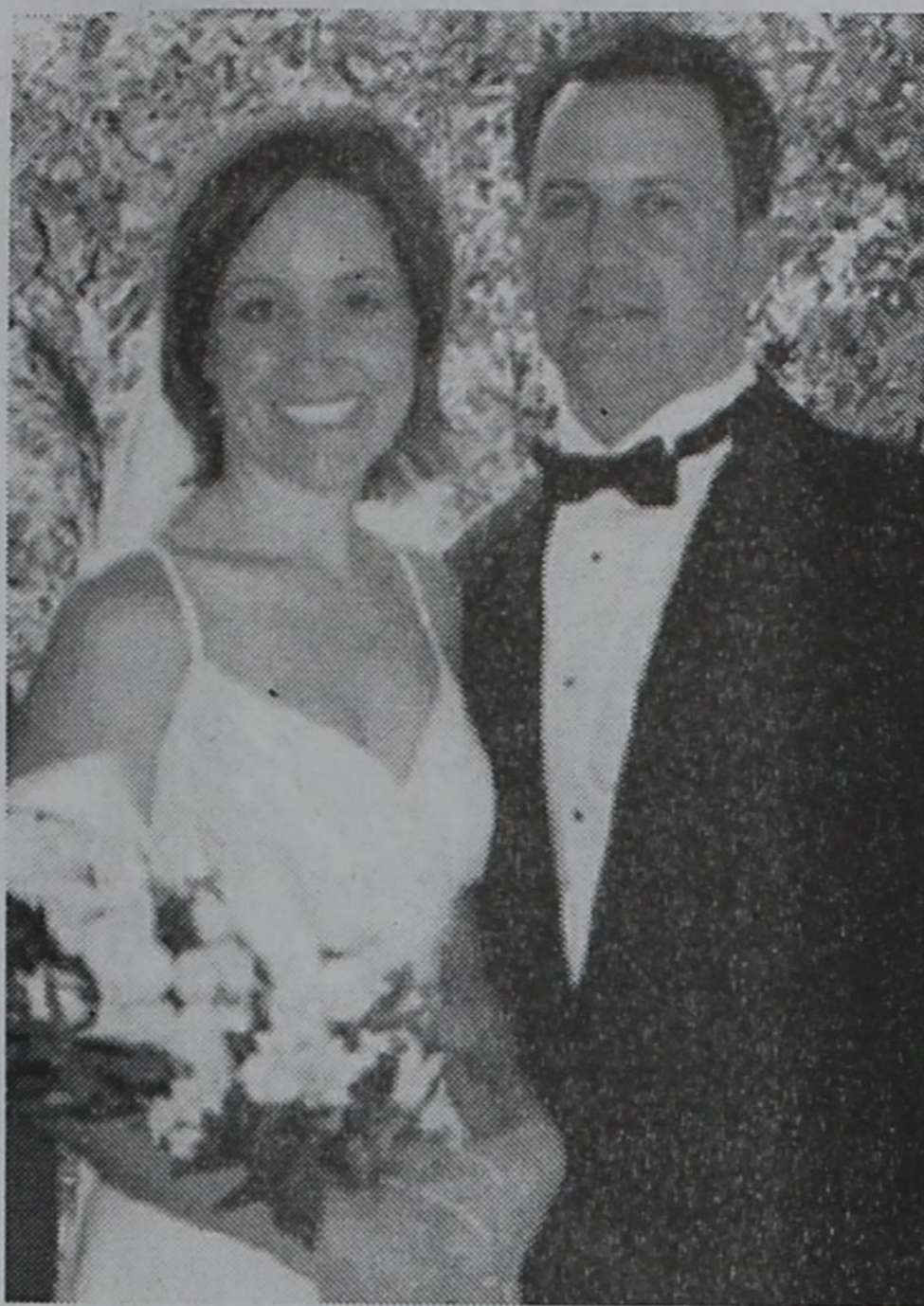
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Here's the schedule for upcoming games:

Farwell JV and varsity teams will play at Happy on Dec. 19.
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The Lazbuddie varsity teams play at Hart on Dec. 19.

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Mr. and Mrs. Phil Banner

Trudy Reeve weds Phil Banner

Trudy Reeve and Phil Banner, both of Waco, Texas, exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 20 at Slumber Falls Church Camp in New Braunfels, Texas, with Rev. Mark Sircic, of Denver, officiating.

Parents of the bride are Wanda Reeve, of Farwell, and Joe Reeve, of Friona. Grandmothers of the bride are Frances Ready and Allo Reeve, of Friona.

Parents of the groom are the late Monica Banner and Gerald Banner, of Hereford.

The bride is a graduate of Southwest Texas University of San Marcos, and is employed by Maintenance Warehouse. The groom is employed by Olmstead Kirk, of Waco. The couple lives in Waco.

Lazbuddie Board approves senior trip to Florida

The Lazbuddie School Board on Dec. 10 approved the senior class taking its "senior trip" to Florida.

In other business, the board:

-- Hired David Pollard as a bus driver.

-- Was told that there will be an "early out" for students on Dec. 18 and 19 at 1:30 p.m. due to being semester test days.

-- Agreed to the Region 16 purchasing plan.

-- Accepted the resignation of Oleta Baker as librarian assistant and computer tech director. This is due to a new state attorney general's decision.

Mrs. Baker, wife of Supt. Roy Baker, will continue to do computer tech work for the school on a voluntary basis.



The Latest

Farwell School will have time changes for Dec. 17, 18 and 19.

On Dec. 17 and 18, school will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

And on Dec. 19, school will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Also on Dec. 19, basketball games have been moved up.

Farwell will host Happy on Dec. 19, with the JV games at 2 p.m. in both gyms. The varsity girls play at 3:30 p.m. and the varsity boys at 5 p.m.

Shiloh Roberts is hospitalized and would love to hear from folks.

She is in room 521 West at Covenant Hospital, 3615 19th St., Lubbock, TX 79410.

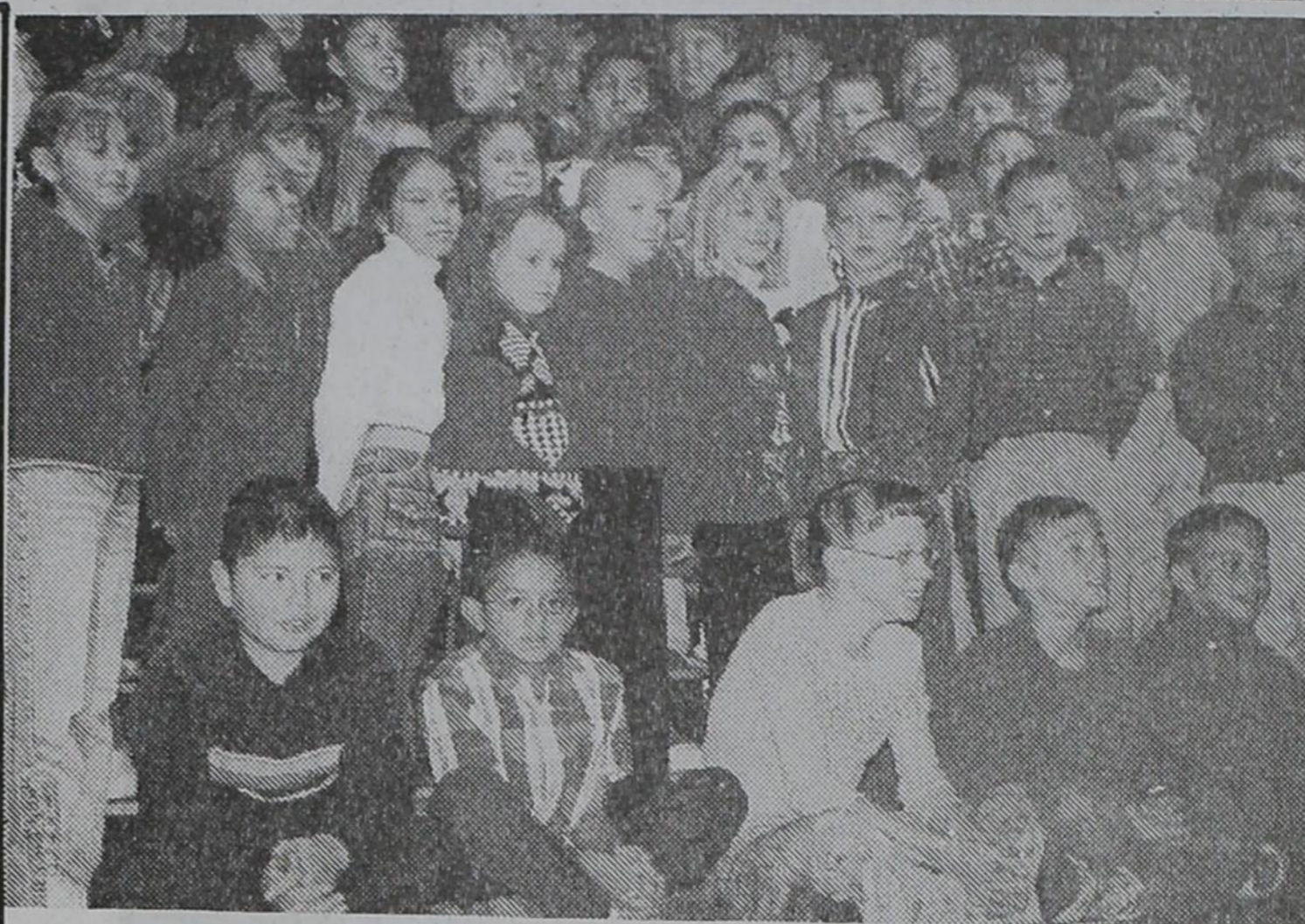
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The Mesman family of Oklahoma Lane recently enjoyed their annual St. Nicholas Day celebration.

This is a Dutch tradition that the family carries on for their children and grandchildren.

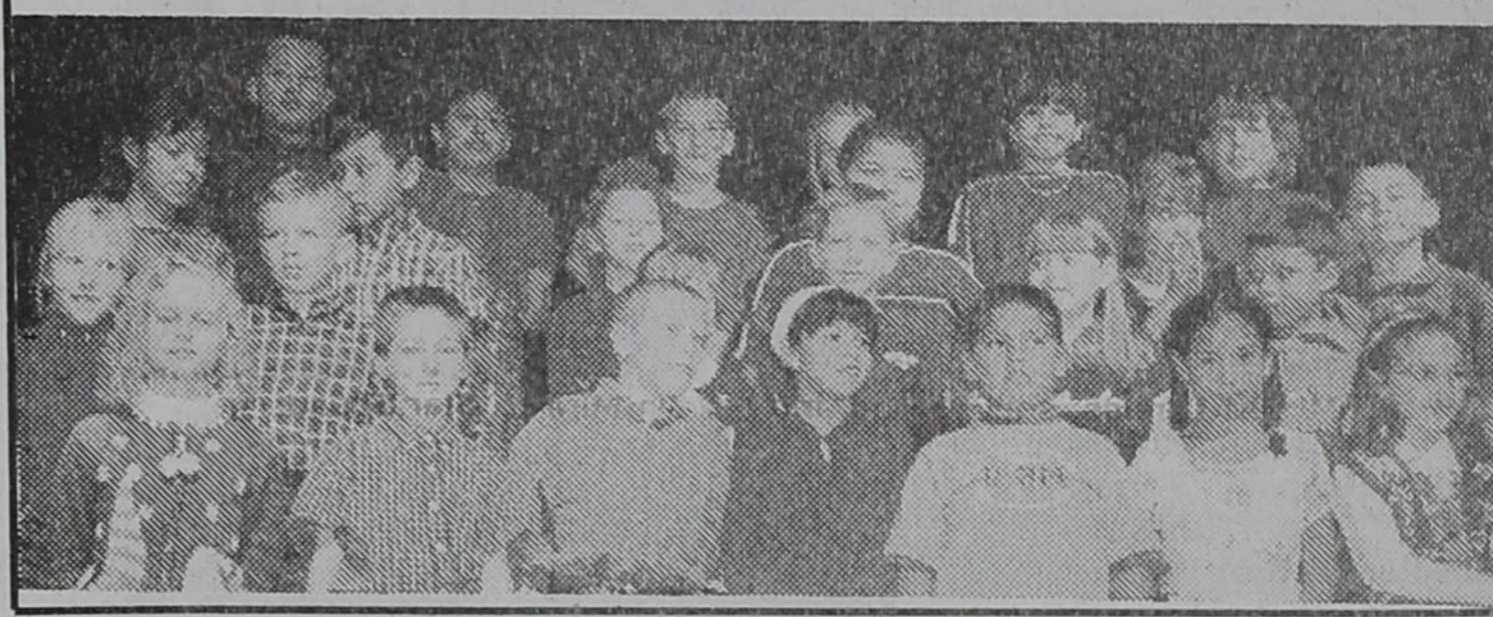
The family enjoyed an evening of food and fun and a very special visit from "Sinter Klaas."

The Farwell ambulance made a transport from the Farwell Convalescent Center to Muleshoe Clinic on Dec. 10.



Farwell School's Christmas Concert

The Farwell School Christmas Concert was held on Dec. 10, under the direction of band director Bill Shelly.



Meet Farwell's Class of 2016



Cameron Scoggin, a Farwell kindergarten pupil, has an Oct. 9 birthday.

He is the son of Preston and Dana Scoggin. He has a brother, Logan. Grandparents are Richard & Pam Haseloff, Doris Scoggin, and Kearney & Jackie Scoggin.

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Moderator: Leon Church
- 9:00 Dr. Harold Kaufman -- Powdery Mildew Control in Pumpkins & Cantaloupes
- 9:20 Mr. Tim Brubaker -- Biologicals for Disease Control: Snake Oils or the Real Thing?
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- 10:00 Monti Vandiver -- IPM for Black-Eye Pea Production on the High Plains
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- 1:20 Dr. Al Wagner -- Food Safety Issues for 2004 and Beyond
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- 3:40 Dr. Frank Dainello -- Fertility for Vegetable Crop Production
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- 4:30 VISIT EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS & POSTERS
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Farwell varsity teams put away Whitharral

Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue are 5-7 after topping Whitharral, 34-31, on Tuesday at home.

Scoring were Micah Christian, 6; Kyra Christian, 3; Hailey Grimes, 11; Nikki Gober, 3; Bea Garcia, 2; and Chelsea Meyer, 9.

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers are 8-3 after whipping Whitharral on home on Tuesday, 69-35.

Scoring were Jason Johnson and Robbie Tabb, 5 each; Grant Gregory, 9; Tate Nichols, 16; Jeremie Chandler, 5; Cale Stevenson, 2; Jason Sudderth, 3; Daniel Kaltwasser, 2; Jose Cabello, 13; and Tyler Myers, 9.

"C" Boys

Farwell "C" Boys fell to Sudan, 37-33.

Scoring were Robert Williams and Ryan McClaran, 2 each; Colton Sudderth, 10; Dan Patterson, 8; Cory Chadwick, 3; and Alex Olmos and Juan Carlos Vidaurri, 4 each.

7th Boys

Tannahill files for commissioner

Filings have been slow for next year's Parmer County elections.

But, as predicted, the major race seems to be for the Friona area county commissioner's position.

On the Republican side, County GOP Chairman John Armstrong said that Johnny Tannahill has signed up for that post.

Thus, Tannahill and incumbent Kirk Frye will face off in the Republican primary next spring.

Frye defeated Tannahill for the job in 2000.

On the Democrat side, only incumbent Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector Bobbie Pierson has filed, reports county chairman Robert White.

The filing deadline is Jan. 2.

Farwell's 7th grade boys beat Sudan, 32-14.

Scoring were Bo Mitchell, Cameron Kirkland, Landon White and Blake O'Hare, 2 each; Nathan Cuevas, 8, and John Edwards, 16.

8th Boys

Farwell's 8th grade boys booted Sudan, 28-12.

Scoring were Bryce Howard, Ross McClaran,

Rowdy Smith and Brian Meeks, 2 each; Ramon Quezada, 10; Logan Carpenter, 7; and Roper Ledbetter, 3.

"A" Girls

Farwell's Junior High "A" Girls lost to Earth, 39-26.

Scoring were Shelby Christian and Morgan Saul, 9 each; and Kaylyn Meyer, 8.

The "A" Girls fell to Sudan, 46-16.

Scoring were Lindsay Mullin, 2; Jacque Caporusso, 4; Saul, 8; and Meyer and Christian, 1 each.

"B" Girls

Farwell's Junior High "B" Girls lost to Earth, 18-6.

Scoring was Ginger Garza, 6.

The "B" Girls fell to Sudan, 43-4.

Scoring for Farwell were Melinda Castillo and Brandy Perez, 2 each.

JV Boys

Farwell's JV Boys put away Whitharral, 58-33.

Scoring were Derrick Chandler, 10; Carlos Saenz, 9; Ty Gast, 6; Fabian Reyes, 7; Roper Smith, 5; Zac Bickel, 8; Chris Culver, 2; Luis Olmos, 4; and Matthew Edwards, 7.

Farwell's JV Boys lost to Faith Temple, 63-60.

Scoring were Fabian Reyes, 20; Chris Culver and Matthew Edwards, 7

each; Zac Bickel and Derrick Chandler, 5 each; Ty Gast, 9; Carlos Saenz, 6; and Roper Smith, 1.

Reyes knocked down a trio of 3-pointers.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls kay-oed Whitharral, 42-30.

Scoring were Julie Castillo, 8; Dellani Jones, 14; Amanda Martin, 1;

Ashlie Martin, 2; Cindy Quezada, 6; and Salida Edwards, 11.

On Friday, the JV Girls beat the Friona freshman team, 44-23.

Scoring were Jordan Carpenter, 6; Jennifer DeLeon, 13; Castillo, 6; Ashlie Martin, 2; Jones, 8; Edwards, 5; and Amanda Martin, 4.



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| First Baptist Church of Farwell Rev. Randy Mullin - pastor 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. | Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer | Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church Rev. Jonette Gay Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m. |
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Happy, Texico teams win Farwell tourney

The Happy Cowgirls and the Texico Wolverines were the champions of the annual Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend.

In the opener, the Steers cruised by Elida, 68-15, in a mismatch. Elida has a very weak team.

Scoring were Jason Johnson, 3; Robbie Tabb, 4; Grant Gregory, 13; Tate Nichols, 8; Rowdy Mitchell, 6; Jeremy Chandler, 8; Cale Stevenson, 5; Jason Sudderth, 4; Daniel Kaltwasser, 5; and Tyler Myers, 12.

It was Kaltwasser's return to sports action following an injury during the football season. He is wearing a face guard, having suffered two broken noses in the past.

In the opener, the Wolverines beat Whiteface, 38-31.

Scoring were Braden Vaughan, 11; Johnny Rivera, 10; Garrett Mayfield, 4; Bryce Bailey, 9; Aaron Vaughan, 1; and Logan Brown, 3.

In the opener, the Lady Wolverines pounded Hale Center, 57-48.

Scoring were Lauren Boazman, 10; Mindi Roberts, 9; Ashley Kidd, 17; Amber Parmer, 2; Jazz Walls, 10; Sissy Loper and Ashley Smith, 1 each; and Brette Hadley, 7.

Texico was up by only 4 after 3 quarters before Hadley, Boazman and Kidd led the charge to put away the victory.

In the opener, the Lady Blue lost a tough one to a tall Elida team in overtime, 47-45.

Scoring were Kyra Christian, 3; Hailey Grimes, 17; Nikki Gober, 6; Bea Garcia, 5; Tara

All-Tourney

Named to the girls' All-Tourney Team were Brette Hadley and Mindi Roberts, both of Texico.

Named to the boys' All Tourney Team were Grant Gregory and Tyler Myers, both of Farwell, and Bryce Bailey, Johnny Rivera and Braden Vaughan, all of Texico.

Schilling, 2; Chelsea Meyer, 11; and Khallie Foster, 1.

The Lady Blue rebounded with a win over Hale Center, 42-28.

Scoring were Grimes, 10; Britton Barrett, 4; Gober, 2; Chelsea Meyer, 14; Foster, 2; Kyra Christian, 2; and Micah Christian, 8.

Then the Steers put away Melrose (for the second time this season), 63-40.

Scoring were Johnson, 4; Gregory and Nichols, 9 each; Mitchell, 1; Chandler, 4; Stevenson, 13; Sudderth, 2; Cabello, 6; and Myers, 15.

The Lady Wolverines then walked over Elida, 37-25.

Scoring were Boazman, 2; Roberts, 9; Parmer, 1; Walls, 5; Hadley, 11; Loper, 6; and Kidd, 3.

The Wolverines then wiped out Hale Center, 62-36.

Scoring were Curtis Williams, 5; Braden Vaughan, 12; Rivera, 10; Peabody, 4; Josh Pena and Mayfield, 2 each; Aaron Vaughan, 4; Brown, 13; and Bailey, 10.

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The Lady Blue ended the tourney with a tough 35-34 loss to Whiteface.

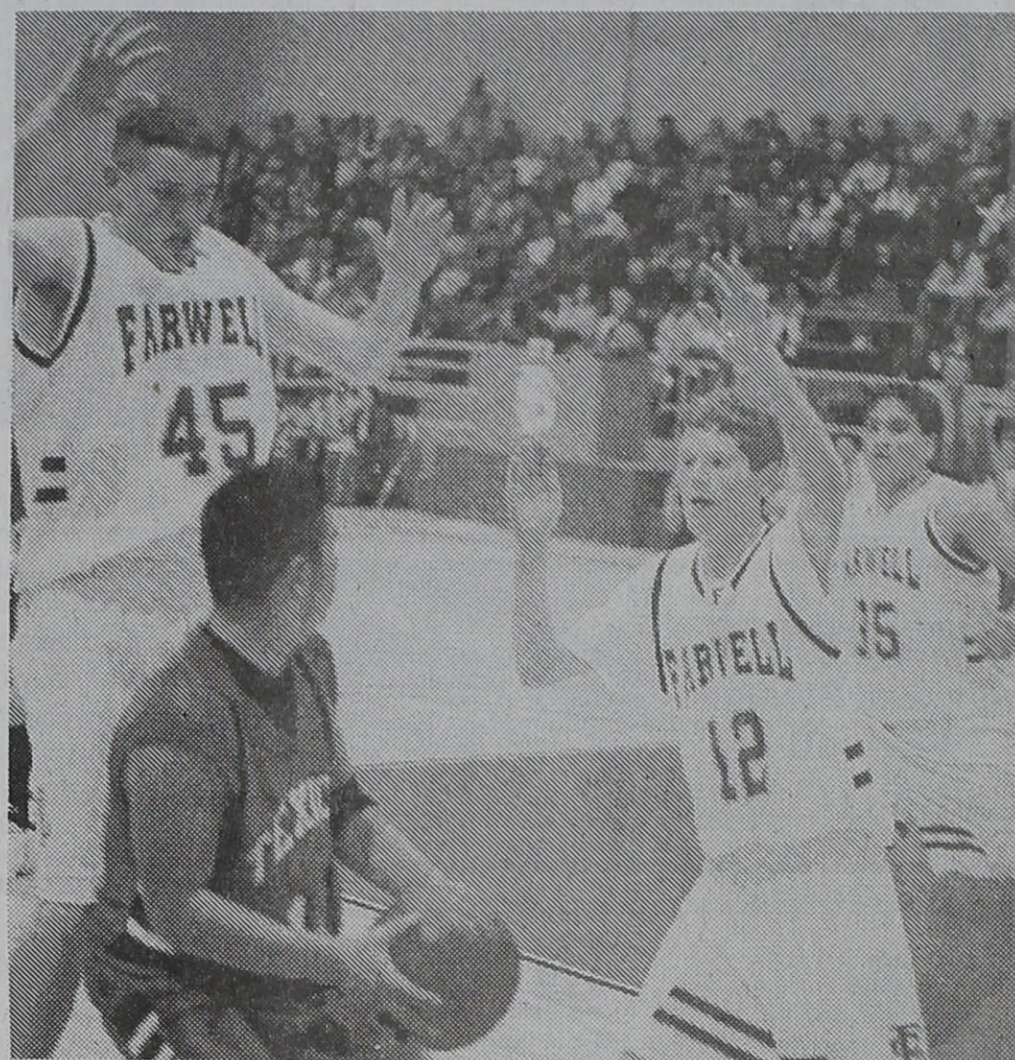
Farwell was down by 10 points going into the final period when they launched a drive, including a trio of 3-pointers, which fell just short.

Scoring were Micah Christian, 5; Grimes, 12; Garcia, 4; Meyer, 10, and Foster, 1.

The Lady Wolverines took runnerup when they lost to the Happy Cowgirls, ranked No. 7 in the state among Division 2 Class 1A teams, 49-41.



The Texico Wolverines - Farwell Tournament champions



- Photos by J.R. Ivins -



Twin Cities almost blow away

Some folks call Chicago the "Windy City."

Actually, it was true of the Twin Cities on Monday, with guests around

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Caroling time

Oklahoma Lane youths went caroling at the Farwell Convalescent Center on Dec. 15.

Hill resigns as Farwell School teacher

The Farwell School Board on Dec. 12 received the resignation of high school science teacher Dawn Hill.

She will be replaced in January by Ronnie Dyer. In other business, the board:

-- Discussed new government rules as part of the "No child left behind" program of President Bush.

It included naming Hayley Christian as "homeless liaison." If a student turns up in the district who doesn't have parents, the youth would fall under this government proviso. Currently, no youths are eligible.

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Banter

out for me: Hailey Grimes. She played tough as nails, and reminded me of Farwell's all-time great, Ashley Crawford.

I still say that Ashley's number (No. 10) should have been retired.

If the Lady Blue can maintain their intensity, they stand a great chance at making the state playoffs. Go, Lady Blue!

On the boys' side, the Wolverines beat three Texas teams -- Whiteface, Hale Center and Farwell.

Texico doesn't have a real standout player, but has a team that plays very well together. Don't be surprised if they capture the state championship this year. They will be hard to beat.

The Wolverines and Steers took all five spots on the All-Tourney Team. Texico's Braden Vaughan, Bryce Bailey and Johnny Rivera took three of those honors.

Rivera had one heck of a game against Farwell. He was able to break the press, hit 3-pointers and do a standout job at point guard. This young man is an outstanding player.

Early in the season, I questioned how well the Wolverines would do since they don't have any "big men" inside. But what the tourney showed me was that Bailey, Vaughan and Logan Brown know how to box out and jump.

Twice, I saw Vaughan box out his man beautifully against Hale Center. That is the way defense is supposed to be played.

I know it was a tough loss in the title game for the Steers but they had nothing to be ashamed of.

When a team gives its all, that is all you can ask for. And the Steers played tough.

But when the ball doesn't go in the hoop from the charity stripe, it makes a difference in a closely-fought game.

Farwell has an explosive team, with great depth, this season. The Steers and Sudan will be in a fight for the district title, I believe. And I also believe Farwell will win, out.

Two Steers made the All-Tourney squad -- Grant Gregory and Tyler Myers.

These are the two "big men" inside, who jump well and defend well, while being able to hit jumpers from as far out as the 3-point line.

This is why Farwell is so excellent this year -- it can score from inside, with Gregory, Myers, Jeremie Chandler, and Jose Cabello; or it shoot the ball from outside, with guards Robbie Tabb, Tate Nichols, Jason Johnson Cale Stevenson and Rowdy Mitchell.

A couple of things jumped out at me as I watched the Steers:

-- Tate Nichols gives 110 percent. He causes

havoc on defense, and takes the ball to the hoop well on defense. Very strong guard play was evident.

-- Three-pointers from players like Cale Stevenson, Robbie Tabb and Jason Johnson can open up the middle for the big men to get the ball and score.

-- Watching Tyler Myers be aggressive and take the ball to the hoop is fun to see. I remember all those years of watching him practice (about two blocks from the Tribune office). Well, it has paid off. He is one heckuva basketball player.

-- Grant Gregory can sky. He is a most important facet for the team's success this year. A real leader.

-- But the one Steer who really stood out to me was a fellow just back from a football injury who has not gotten a lot of playing time yet: Daniel Kaltwasser.

He exhibited quickness, speed and really seemed to give the team a lift when he entered the game.

Watch for Mr. Kaltwasser to make a strong contribution to the Steers when district begins and he gets more practice in.

One negative in the game was an accidental collision between two players going for a loose ball.

Farwell's Tate Nichols suffered a mild concussion, while Texico's Logan Brown got four staples for his head cut.

All in all, the tourney was great pre-district practice for our Texico/Farwell teams. It promises to be a great year when district starts.

Proctor resigns

Ron Proctor has resigned as Parmer County chief appraiser.

Appraisal District Board Chairman Daren Sudderth said the resignation was accepted by the board on Nov. 9, with the resignation to take effect on Nov. 10.

It was a unanimous decision.

Sudderth said Proctor resigned "to pursue other interests."

Curby Brantley is now the interim chief appraiser.

Also on the staff are Jill Timms and Deanne Curtis.

Sudderth said the board plans to run the office now with three personnel.

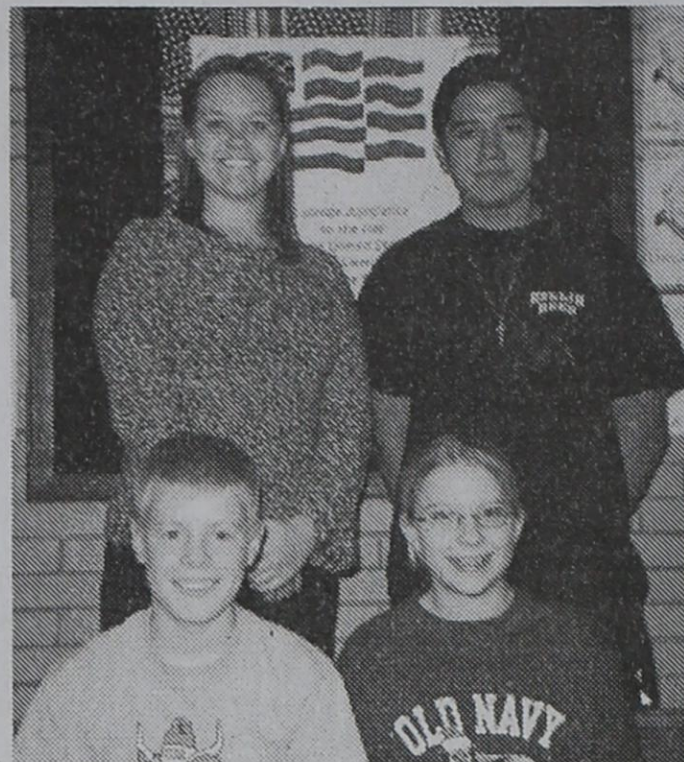
Courthouse Notes

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

Susan Ables - Farwell Abstract Co., N12 S66 B1k Z Johnson.

Farwell Abstract Co. - Harlin Obenshain, same as above.

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In back, Shawndee Nichols, Raul Mata; in front, Jacob Schacher, Megan McGuire.

Lazbuddie announces Students of the Month

Lazbuddie high and junior high Students of the Month for November have been named:

Raul Mata, son of Eraul and Valentina Mata. His favorite subject at school is P.E. The best advice his folks gave him is to go home. His favorite line is "shake ya tailfeather." The worst part of his day is going to school. His favorite change from last year is that he is now a senior.

Shawndee Nichols, a senior, is the daughter of Mike and Sherrie Nichols. Her favorite change from last year is getting to eat lunch at noon instead of 1 p.m. Her top subject in school is athletics. She plans to get a degree in accounting at Texas Tech University. The best advice her parents gave her is to "give 100 percent in everything and you will never have any regrets." Her favorite line is "life's a lot to think about sometimes." The worst part of her day is having to get up and go to school.

Jacob Schacher, a 7th grader, is the son of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher. His favorite change from last year is getting out earlier. His favorite school topic is wood shop. The best advice his parents gave him is to not do drugs. His favorite line from a poem is "rubbery, blubbery macaroni." The worst part of his day is homework.

Megan McGuire, an 8th grader, is the daughter of Marty and Donna McGuire. Her least favorite change from last year is having to do more homework. Her favorite subject in school is ag. The best advice her folks gave her is to treat others like you would want to be treated. Her favorite song line is "you got starts on the water." The worst part of her day is when she has to get up at 6:50 a.m.

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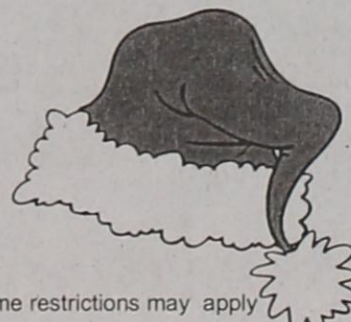
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Danielle Maxfield to wed Chad Clayton

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Jennings, of Lake Whitney, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. James Maxfield, of El Paso, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Danielle Marie Maxfield, of Richardson, Texas, to Chad Scott Clayton, of Dallas.

Chad is the son of Dickie Clayton, of Bovina, and Mrs. Mack Heald, of Farwell.

The wedding will be held on Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. mst at Holy Mount Episcopal Church in Ruidoso, N.M.

A reception will follow at Cree Meadows Golf Course.

The bride-elect is a Texas Tech University graduate. She is a high school English literature

teacher.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Bovina High School and Texas Tech University. He is self employed as a personal trainer.

The Latest

Folks are invited to the wedding of Damean Clark, son of Charles and Melva Clark of Portales, and Chelsi Woods, daughter of Mike and Leigh Ann Woods, of Farwell, on Dec. 27 at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church will present "Christ Celebration", by the community childrens' choir, at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the church. All are invited.

Scott Meeks will wed Jodi Beevers on Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. mt at the Melrose Baptist Church. All are invited.

Word has been received of the death of Preston Doshier, 74, of Joplin, Mo.

In 1943, he moved to Texas from Oklahoma and farmed and attended Oklahoma Lane School.

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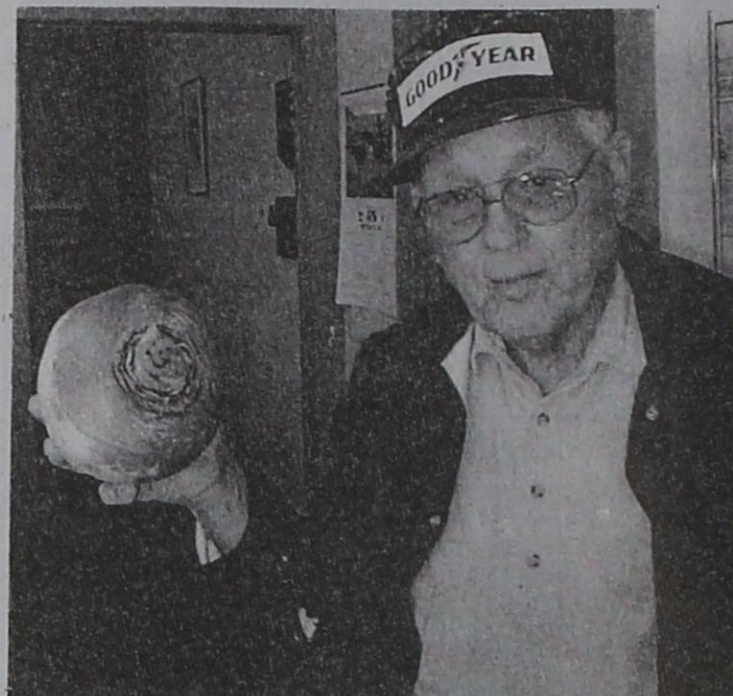
Texico Police Report

Texico Police Chief John Mares reported that on Dec. 8 Kim Atchley, 38, of Texico, and Frank Campos, 32, of Clovis, were arrested on drug charges in a Clovis motel.

Mares participated along with Clovis police on the arrests.

Campos was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Atchley was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance (valium).



Humongous turnip

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