

# Are We Thankful?

by Jim Peabody  
Minister, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Thankfulness is a discipline, one that most of us need to develop. The statement has been made, "In order to be thankful, one must think." So many of the things that we enjoy, we take for granted. So often we get so wrapped up in our own pursuits that we don't take time to stop and think about what it is that we do have. Most of us have already begun that mad rush toward Christmas, but let us at least take some time in this Thanksgiving season to stop and count our blessings.

Jesus said, "I am come that you might have life, and that you might have life more abundantly." For me, thanksgiving begins with an understanding of what Christ did when he died upon the Cross. Man owed a debt he could not pay. God paid the debt He did not owe. Through the blood of Jesus, shed upon the cross, the sinless Son of God paid our sin debt.

Very simply, when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, our sins are freely forgiven and we receive the gift of eternal life. We are set free from the penalty of sin through the blood of Jesus. Through His resurrection, the power of sin and death is broken.

What a blessing it is to know that when a person receives Christ as their savior, their sin debt is cancelled. What a blessing it is to know that when a person who has accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior exits this life, they go to be with Jesus in heaven.

If you have not received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, let me urge you to stop right now and settle that matter with God. Enter into the rest and peace and joy that God has offered

to you through his Son, Jesus. Because of what Christ has done for me, I can be thankful for my future.

I am thankful for freedom. So much of what I enjoy in freedoms came at the expense of our founding fathers and past and present generations who have fought, and still fight, to defend this nation. Freedom is not free. I am thankful for the men and women of our armed forces who stand in harm's way, day and night, that the beacon of freedom and right might shine around the world, and for their families who struggle to make ends meet in their absence.

I am thankful for family, for a godly heritage. My grandparents worked hard and endured deprivation to build wealth for future generations. My parents followed in that tradition. Godly people who worked hard and who gave back, more than they took. I am thankful to be part of a family that is productive and contributes something to society.

I am thankful for friends. I count any man a friend who works hard and is productive in life. There are those who produce and process our goods, in factories and on farms. Others transport those goods along our highways, railways and back roads.

Take a ride with your UPS, Fed Ex or postal worker sometime and find out what they do. Ride around with a policeman or volunteer as a firefighter. Ride a school bus route. You will develop an appreciation for those who put their lives on the line each day to serve and protect our communities.

I am thankful for skilled builders, mechanics and servicemen who put a roof over our heads and keep our water flowing, our lights on, our homes warm and our wheels rolling.

I am thankful for doctors, nurses, pharmacists



and medical workers, who care for our physical needs and of those suffering from disease, injury and old age.

I am thankful for teachers who labor tirelessly to educate our children and prepare them for the challenges of the future. For coaches, advisers and band directors, and administrators who help young people develop discipline, responsibility and courage.

I am thankful for preachers of the gospel, Sunday School teachers, deacons, musicians, singers, choir members, nursery workers, janitors, who week in and week out step up to fulfill the calling of God upon their lives, for missionaries who leave families and homes, following the call of God. For people who may just come and sit in the pews, but who render an absolutely essential service ... that of praying down the power of God upon His servants.

Let us stop and give thanks to God for what He has done. Our freedoms, our friends, our family, our faith, and our future. All are a part of His magnificent blessing upon our lives.

**Border Banter**  
— Mike Pomper

## A look at the champs

Let's take a look at this great season for the Texico Wolverines.

This was their fourth state championship, having won in 1983, 1990 and 1996.

But a couple of statistics stand out that make this year special:

- A perfect 12-0 season, their first eve.
- The huge number of shutouts, and a defense that only allowed 3 TDs.

In the 19 years I have been here and watched the Wolverines, there is no question in my mind that this is the strongest Texico football squad I have seen.

Next week: This column will take a look at another great team this year -- the Farwell Steers!

They are the total package, featuring beautiful balance:

- An athletic QB, Braden Vaughan, who runs well and passes well. His leadership carried this team to one-sided victories all year.

- Hard-running backs like Johnny Serrano, Jesse Serrano, Mark Peabody and Corey Bell.
- Good receivers like Joe Zaikowski.

- An excellent coach in Mike Prokop, backed by a strong staff of assistants. Mike will be the first to praise those men.

Big city papers always give credit to the offensive players in the backfield, the kids who pile up rushing yards, who catch the long passes, who score the points.

Well, folks, I'm gonna

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T.J. Kittrell receives the Dallas Cowboys tickets and package for winning the 2003 Area Merchants Football Contest from Cindy Meeks, an owner of Farwell Hardware, one of the contest sponsors.



by Buddy Vaughan

The Texico Wolverines completed their first undefeated season in school history with a perfect 12-0 mark to become the Class 1A State Champions last Saturday. They beat the Loving Falcons, 21-6, there.

Facing Loving for the second time this season, the Wolverines had all they wanted and then some. The Falcons played an excellent defensive game and demonstrated all game long they were determined to win.

After losing to Texico 33-0 earlier in the year, Loving made all the right adjustments in figuring out how to slow the Wolverines down. But Texico wouldn't be de-

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## Newspaper rack removed

The Tribune was notified by Allsup's Convenience Stores corporate office last week that a new company policy does not allow newspaper racks to be placed inside Allsup's stores.

So the Tribune rack at the Allsup's store in Farwell had to be removed.

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## T.J. Kittrell captures overall contest

# Mike Woods wins 12<sup>th</sup> grid contest

Only two of the hundreds of participants in last week's Area Merchants Football Contest managed to get 11 games picked correctly.

By virtue of being closest to the tie breaker (Rio Grande 21, Clovis 18), the winner of the \$20 cash prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place was Mike Woods. He was 6 off the tie breaker.

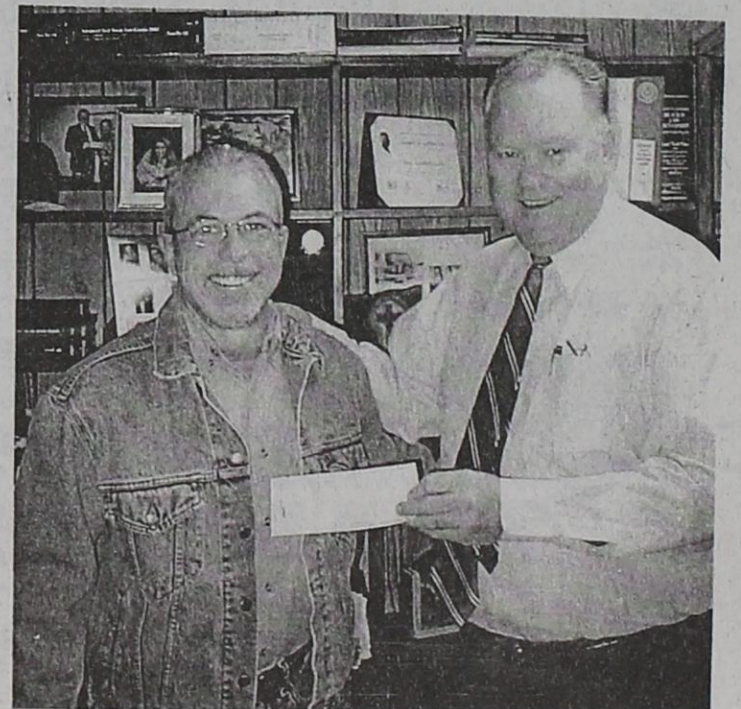
Craig Walls, also with 11 right, won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize of \$7. He was 8 off the tie breaker.

Results of last week's games were:

Sweetwater over Perryton, Whitharral over Follett, Valley over Meadow, Michigan over Ohio State, Auburn over Alabama, Washington over Washington State, LSU over Mississippi, Iowa over Wisconsin, Dallas over Carolina, Pittsburgh over Cleveland, NY Jets over Jacksonville, and Green Bay over San Francisco.

It was another huge turnout for this year's contest, with well over 400 participants (age 12 and over).

Last week's contest marked the finish of the 12 weeks with the overall grand champion receiving



Mike Woods, left, receives the check for winning last week's football contest from Johnny Atkinson, an owner of Farwell Abstract Co., one of the contest sponsors.

the Dallas Cowboys ticket person.

This includes two lower deck tickets to the 'Boys game vs. the New York Giants in Texas Stadium on Dec. 21, overnight lodging for two, free breakfast and other goodies.

T.J. Kittrell got 8 right the final week to hold on to a 1-point victory over Hal Helton and Gary Pat-

Kittrell averaged 9 right per week, a phenomenal feat. Normally, the overall winner averages about 8.4 to win.

Here's how the final leader board looked: 108 points -- T.J. Kittrell.

107 -- Hal Helton, Gary Patterson.

106 -- Kirk Saul, Ralph

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## Sundown defeats Lady Blue

### Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue are 1-1 after falling to Sundown Saturday, 50-45. Scoring were Kyra Christian, 6; Micah Christian, 2; Hailey Grimes, 9; Britton Barrett, 7; Nikki Guber, 12; Beatrice Garcia, 1; and Chelsea Meyer & Khallie Foster, 4 each.

### JV Girls

Farwell's JV girls won

### The Latest

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Street resident called the Tribune to complain that someone was putting out poison for cats along her street.

Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector Bobbie Pierson joined over 300 other tax office personnel for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual county tax assessor-collectors' continuing education seminar at College Station, Texas, Nov. 10-12.

Billie Blain, former longtime secretary at First Baptist Church of Farwell, is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Her daughter is looking for someone to spend time with her a few hours each day. If interested, call the church office, 481-3202.

Two large gift baskets were delivered to Texico High School on Friday to show support for the Texico Wolverines in their quest for a state title.

The baskets came from Pansies, Posies & Pot-

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1, lost 2 in the Nazareth JV Tourney last week.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> game, Farwell beat River Road, 33-15.

Scoring were Julie Castillo, 2; Jennifer DeLeon, 3; Amanda Martin, 15; Dellani Jones, 13.

Then Farwell beat lost to Lockney. Scoring were Castillo, 13; DeLeon and Ashlie Martin, 2 each; Sallida Edwards, 5; Amanda Martin, 3; and Jones, 12.

Then Farwell lost to Tulia, 33-23.

Scoring were Castillo, 10; Trish Robertson, 2; and Jones, 9.

pourri, and from Farwell High School.

The Farwell fireboys were called to AGP grain elevator on Nov. 20, and to a gin burr fire in the West Camp area of Bailey County on Nov. 22.

The Farwell ambulance took persons from the Farwell Convalescent Center to Muleshoe clinic on Nov. 14 and 19.

The EMS were called on Nov. 19 to 301 7<sup>th</sup> St. where a person complained of severe chest pains.

On Nov. 20, they were called to the AGP grain elevator.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Boys

Farwell's 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys went 1-2 in the Melrose Tourney last week.

In the opener, Farwell lost to Elida, 43-29.

Scoring were Bryce Howard, Dalton Cockerham, Logan Carpenter, 2 each; Ross McClaran, 4; Roper Ledbetter and Ramon Quezada, 8 each; Jorge Vasquez.

Then Farwell nipped Dora, 36-34.

Scoring were Howard, 4; Finus Nolte, 2; Ledbetter and Carpenter, 5 each; Trace Stevenson, 4; Vasquez, 7; Quezada, 9.

And Floyd tipped Farwell, 42-39, in double overtime.

Scoring were McClaran, Stevenson and Vasquez, 4 each; Ledbetter and Carpenter, 7 each; and Quezada, 13.

Farwell's 8<sup>th</sup> beat Hart, 51-43, Tuesday. Scoring were Howard, Cockerham, Nolte and Carpenter, 2 each; McClaran, 5; Ledbetter, 12; Stevenson, 1; Quezada, 22.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Girls

Farwell's 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls were the runnerup at the Melrose Tournament.

Farwell beat Grady, 29-25. Scoring were:

Lindsay Mullin and Annette Torres, 2 each; Shelby Christian, 6; Morgan Saul, 14; Kaylyn Meyer, 5.

Farwell swept by Elida, 26-19. Scoring were:

Chanel Castillo, Torres and Christian, 2 each; Saul, 12; Meyer, 5; and Lauren Beaubien, 4.

Farwell then fell to Melrose, 41-33.

Scoring were: Ashleigh Mesman, 1; Mullin, Torres and Morgan Bickel, 2 each; Christian, 7; Saul,

### Contest

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Fransé, Tammi Schilling, Chris Schraeder.

104 -- Ronald Byrd, Susie Dale, Sydney Martin, Jerry Dee Owen.

103 -- Richard Carpenter, Hobbie Coffman, Steve Foster, Ysleta Kirtrell, Mark Owen.

102 -- LeAndra Byrd, Ronnie Dunsworth, Claire Brown, Gary Green, Tim Kasel.

All results from this year's football contest are available during regular business hours at the Tribune if anyone would like to check them.



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12; Meyer, 7.

Farwell's 8<sup>th</sup> girls beat Hart on Tuesday. Scoring were Mullin, 2; Christian, 12; Saul, 9; Meyer, 14.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Boys

Farwell's 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys nipped Hart, 24-22.

Scoring were Bo Mitchell, 5; Cameron

Kirkland, 3; Emilio Loera, 2; Blake O'Hare, 8; and Nathan Cuevas, 6.

### "B" Girls

Farwell's B-team girls lost to Hart, 26-12.

Scoring were Brandy Perez, 4; and Ashleigh Mesman, Ambur Dryer, Micky Cenicerros and Robin Scott, 2 apiece.

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**Wolverines**

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nied their first state title since 1996 after coming up short the last two years. Texico was determined to win and they did! You could see the determination on the faces of the players and in the way they played the game.

Texico kicked off to start the game with a touchback. Loving completed an 8-yard pass before Jared Curtis and Bryce Bailey teamed up for a QB sack and a 9-yard loss. On 3<sup>rd</sup> down, Logan Brown stuck the running back for a 1-yard loss, forcing the punt.

Texico started with great field position at the Loving 44 due to a short punt -- the winds were fierce all game long. Texico was held and punted into the end zone. On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2, Braden Vaughan stopped the runner for no gain, forcing another punt.

From the Loving 47, Texico got a first down before being halted. Again, they punted into the end zone. Excellent defense by Texico, highlighted by a tackle by Corey Bell and Brown for a 1-yard loss and a stop on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 3 by Bailey forced another Loving punt.

Texico started at its 43 and scored on the 2<sup>nd</sup> play from scrimmage when Vaughan broke through the line and raced 53 yards to paydirt. The kick missed and it was 6-0 with 40 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Falcons started at their 20. John Nate Williams batted down a pass, then teamed with Curtis on a QB pressure to force an incomplete pass. The Falcons punted to the Wolverines 47. Texico got a first down but had to punt. It was partially blocked and loving took over at the Texico 48.

The Falcons were successful in moving the ball for the first time in the game. They came up with first downs



Texico's varsity cheerleaders are Nicki Autrey, Lauren Boazman, Caitlin Cary, Skyla Cockerham, Kelli Dunnahoe, Dana Dunnahoe, Britta Gordon, Nicole Harris, Aubrey Hill, Jessica Lightner, Jesika Loper, Baylee Ortiz and Seneca Turner. (Photo courtesy of Dayla Bass)

on big pass plays and some good runs. They scored when the QB was forced to scramble and was about to be wrapped up, he managed to find an open receiver in the end zone for a 12-yard score. The kick was wide and it was 6-6 at 5:59 of the second quarter.

The Wolverines started at their 20 and were able to move the ball downfield to the Loving 21 highlighted by a Vaughan run of 38 yards. But a penalty and a tough defense stopped the drive when a 4<sup>th</sup> down pass fell incomplete.

Loving started at its 21. Joe Zaikowski had a QB sack for a 16-yard loss. Loving punted to end the first half.

Mark Peabody returned the 2<sup>nd</sup> half kickoff 23 yards to the Texico 34. Again, Texico moved the ball well, with big runs by Peabody, for 12, and Vaughan, for 10. But the ball was turned over on downs at the Falcons 30.

The Wolverine defense forced Loving to go 3 and out after Bailey and Brown tackled the runner, and Bailey had a solo tackle. A wind-aided punt put Texico at its 12 but they quickly moved to midfield on runs of Peabody, for 10, and Vaughan, for 16.

Going for it at midfield on 4<sup>th</sup> and 1, Vaughan snuck over for the 1<sup>st</sup> down. Vaughan and Peabody traded runs to get to the 31, but a 4<sup>th</sup> and 4 effort fell short.

After a couple of good tackles by Zane Anderson, Loving had to punt, to the Texico 35. A 15-yard face mask penalty gave Texico the ball at the Loving 32. A reverse run by Zaikowski gained 9, and Peabody made a first down at the Loving 15. Vaughan then hit Zaikowski with a TD pass. Peabody ran in the extra points and Texico led 14-6 with 3:52 left in the game.

Loving started at its 20 and moved the ball to midfield on passes of 15, 13 and 9 yards. But Bailey tipped a Loving pass directly to Jesse Serrano, who returned it 67 yards for a score to ice the game with 2:25 to go. Brown kicked and extra point and it was 21-6.

The Wolverine defense didn't let up. On 1<sup>st</sup> down, they tackled the receiver for a 3-yard loss. Curtis and Alex Mendoza teamed up on the next play to pressure the QB, forcing an incomplete pass. And Peabody knocked down a long pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> down. The Falcons' last pass try on 4<sup>th</sup> down went incomplete. The Wolverines took over on the Loving 19 and ran out the clock.

All year long, fans had wanted to see a close game for the Wolverines. When they got it, they held their breath all game long until Serrano's interception. After the game, I heard several fans say they were both mentally and physically exhausted. What an awesome way to end the season!

Much of the credit for the team's success goes to the coaches, who demonstrated patience all year long on both sides of the ball. They taught the players about character, patience and adversity. They taught them about responsibility, working hard for something, and what it means to be a member of a team. Thanks go to coaches Mike Prokop, John Irwin, Chris Hanks, Randy Zarate and Guy Rivers for all they have done for our kids, school and community.

Offensively, the Wolverines did what they had to do to win each game. Nothing more, nothing less. The coaches never panicked, and it was reflected in the kids. The offense put up big numbers all year, averaging 42.25 points and 330 yards per game.

Defensively, they dared teams to beat them. Nobody could run on the Wolverines. The defense held opponents to a total of 19 points for the season, and an average of 90 yards per game. At times, the secondary appeared to be playing too soft on the receivers allowing some easy pass completions. What the Wolverines were saying was, "We will give you the short pass, but you won't beat us long." And "You won't beat us passing the ball because sooner or later, you are going to make a mistake ... and when you make a mistake, we will be there to take advantage."

Credit for the team's success must also go to all those kids who don't necessarily get their name in the paper each week. They do their job every day whether it's making that block to open a hole, or it's playing on red team each week in practice, or it's being a team manager. Every person on the team is just as important to the team's success as any other. Be proud of yourself -- you deserve it!

I, for one, am very proud to be a part of Texico Schools and the community of Texico. It's more than just a school or a town, it's one big family. This state championship is yours, too!



Photos by Traci Vaughan, Shirley Prokop & Dayla Bass



Coach Prokop meets with the team after the big victory



Fans make the trek to Loving to support the Wolverines

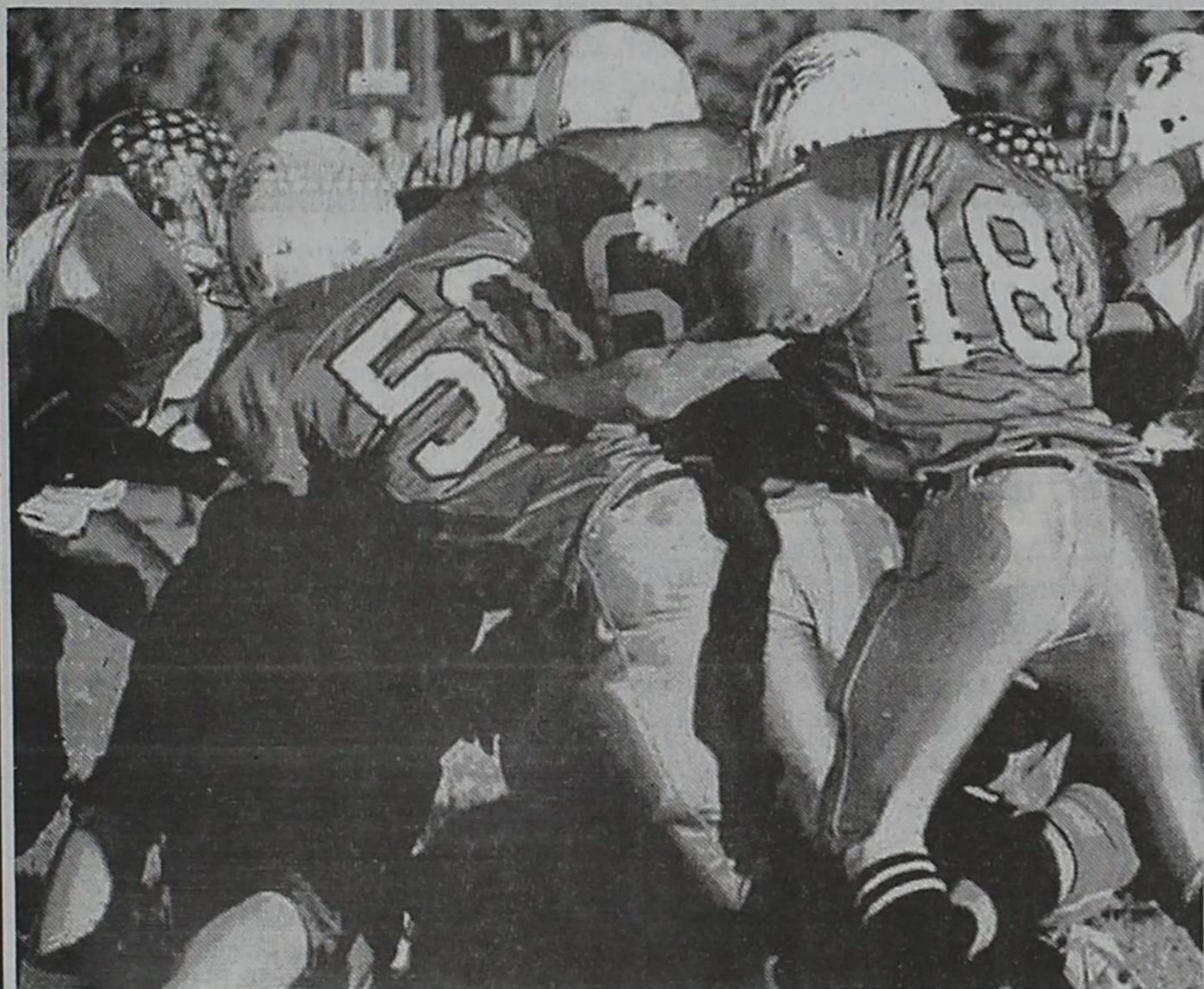
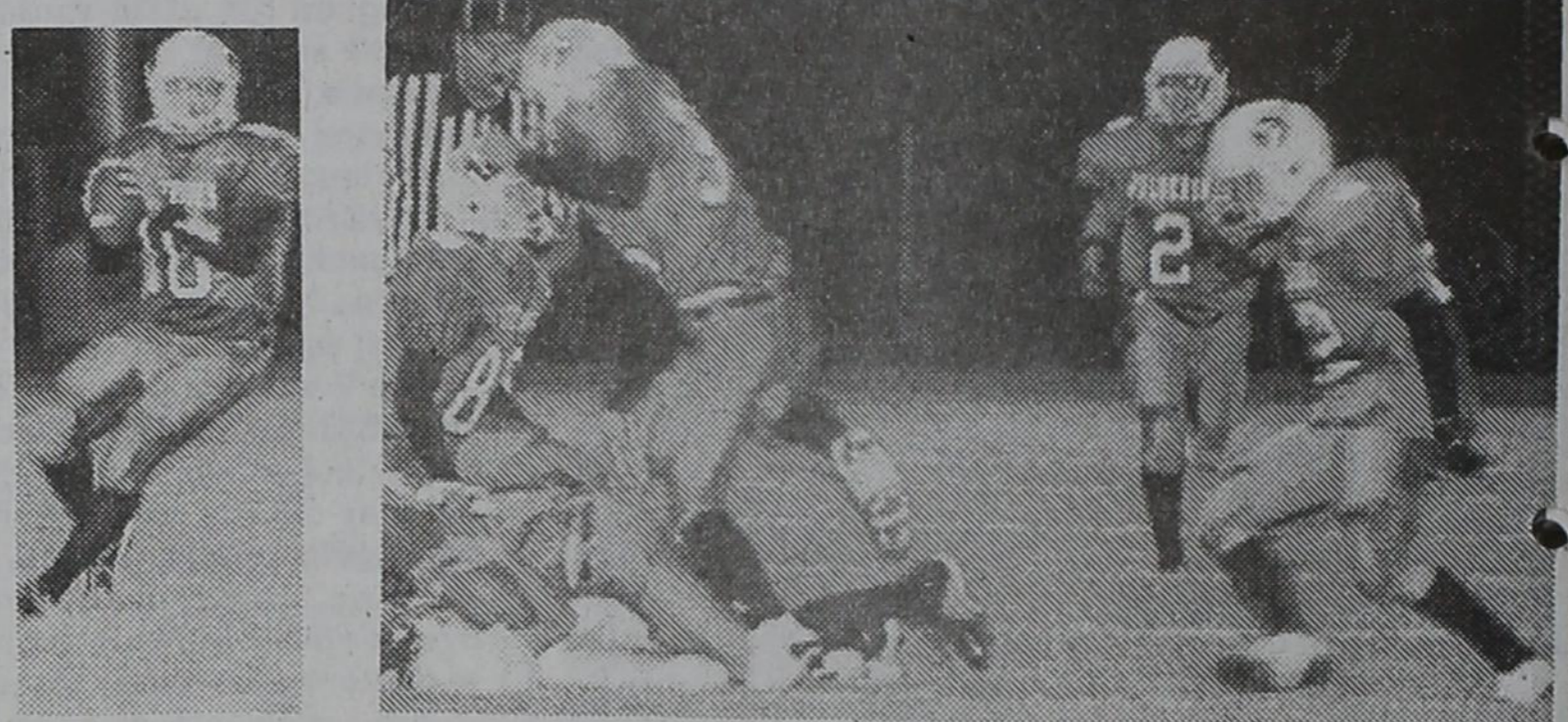
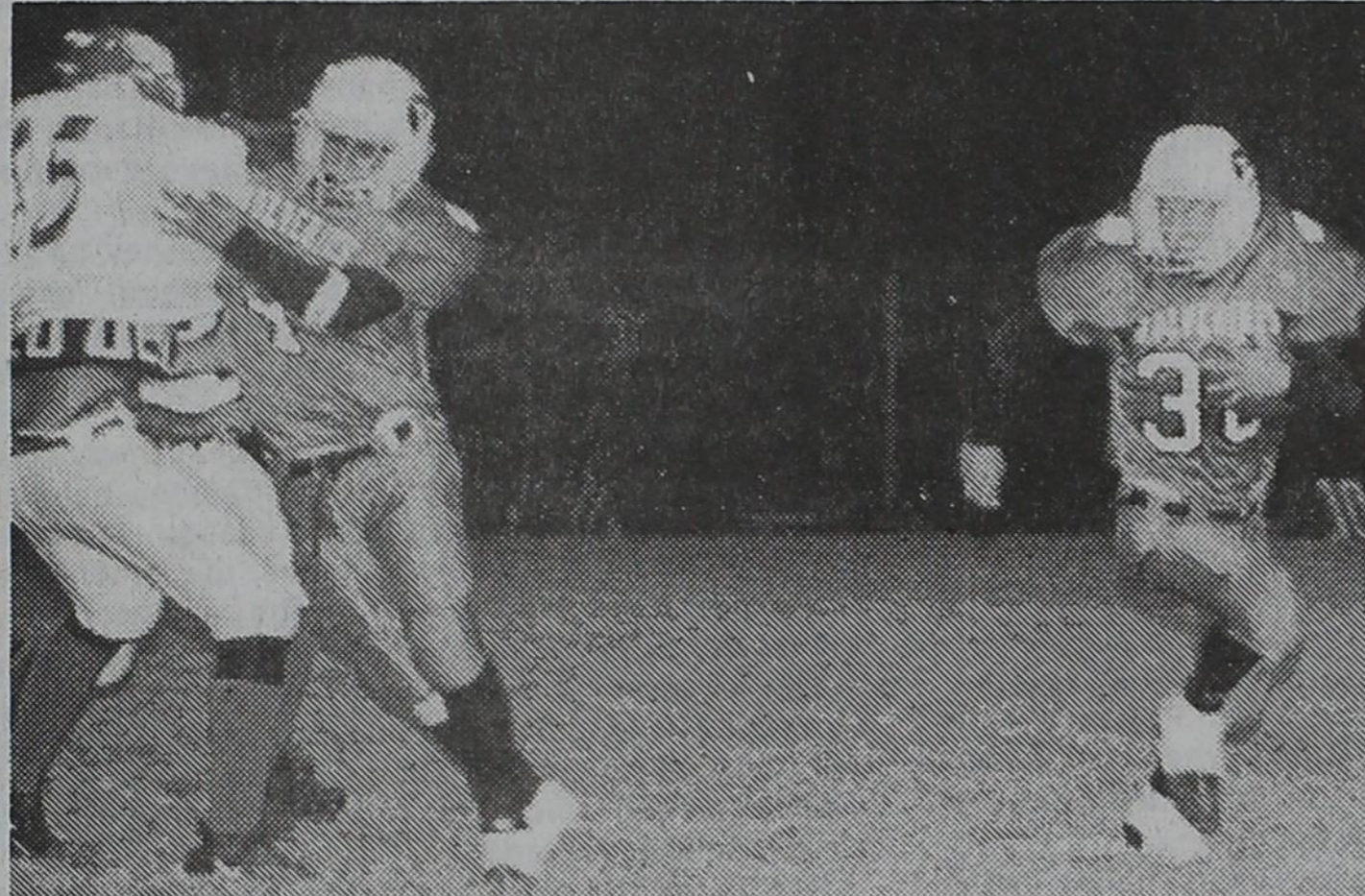
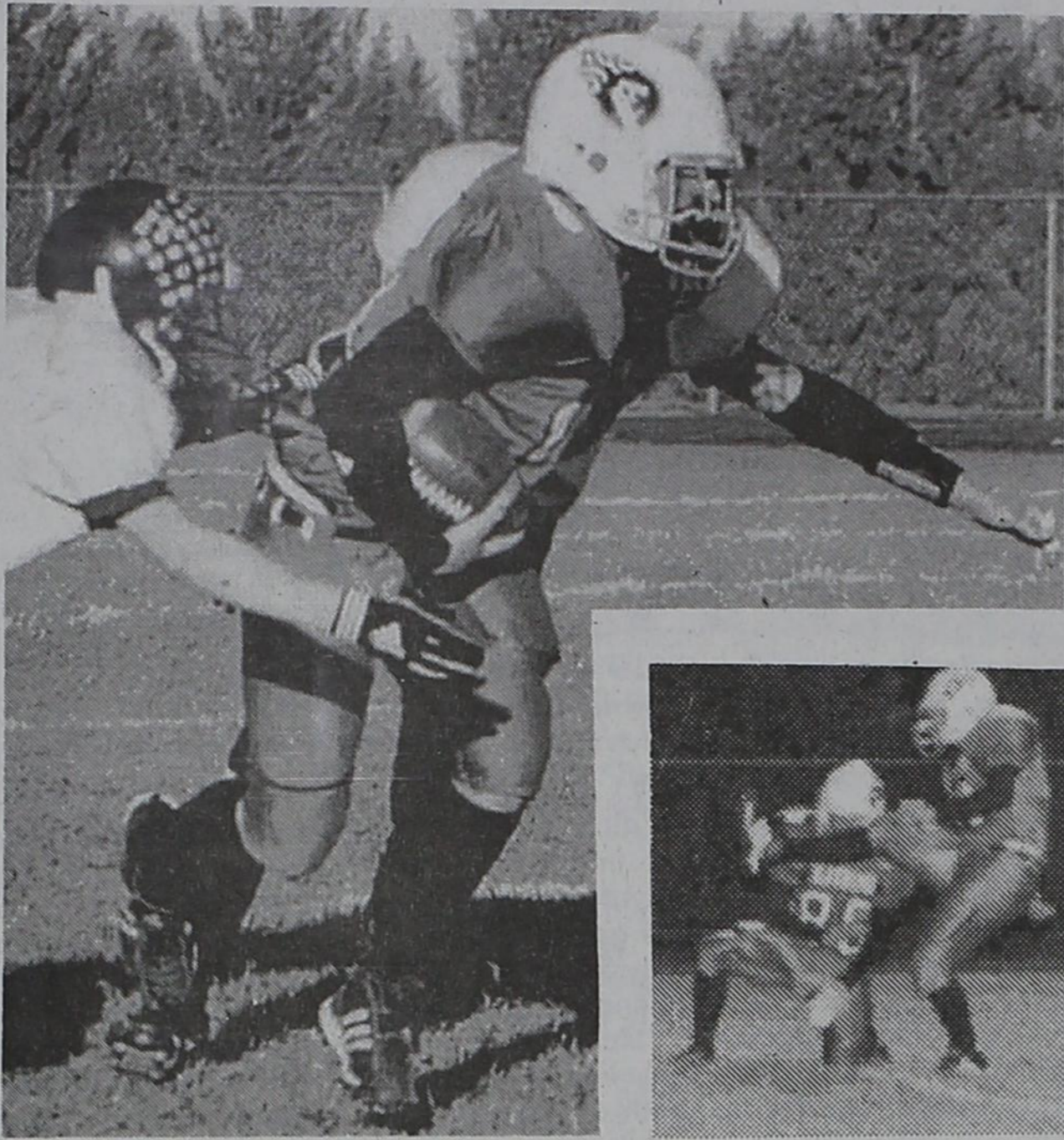
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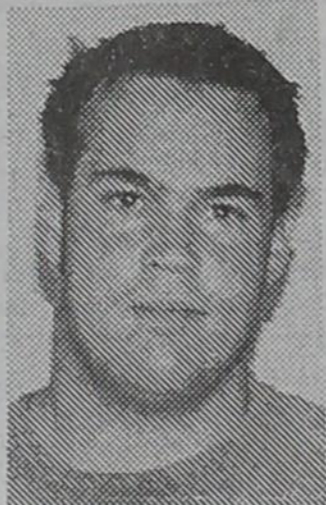
# The 2003 Texico Wolverines

## *Way to go*



Coach Prokop called the "O Line" (the team's offensive line) a major key to the Wolverines' success this year.

While big newspapers always give credit to the backfield performers who score the TDs and have the big statistics, we thought it would be nice to give special credit to the "O Line" by running their photos!



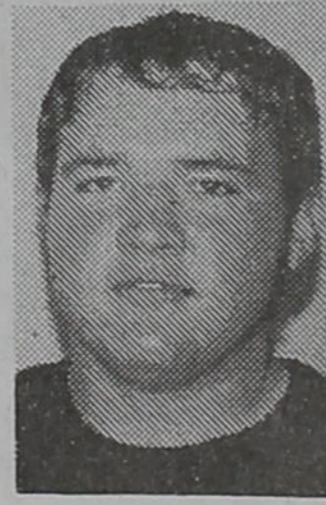
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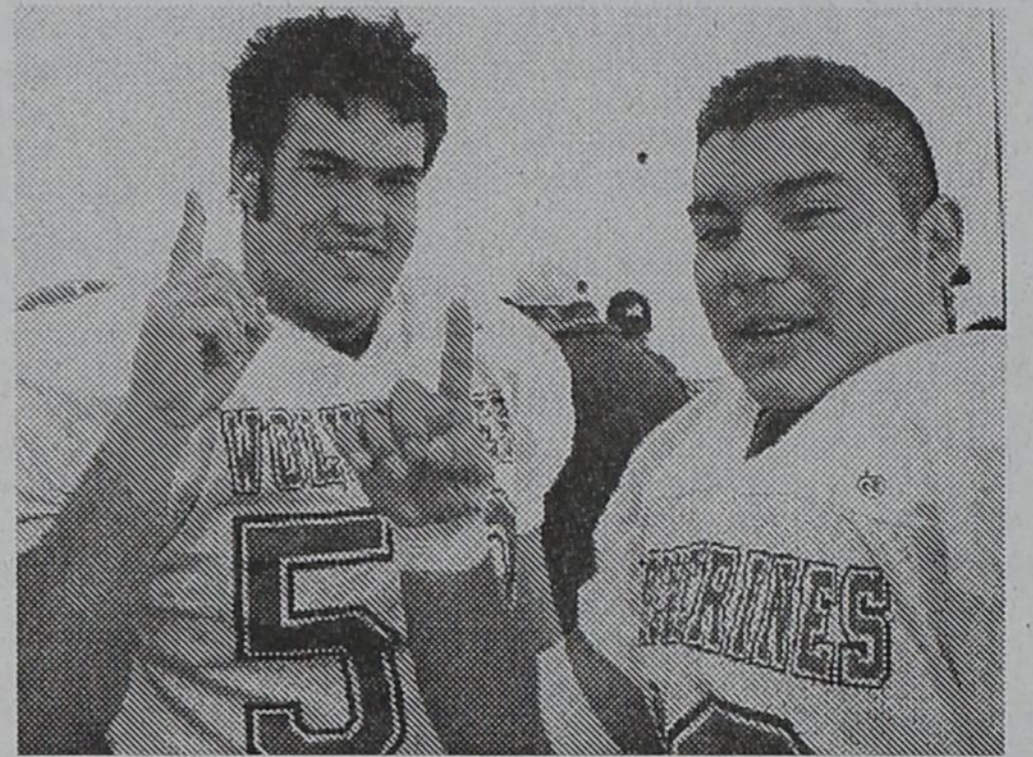
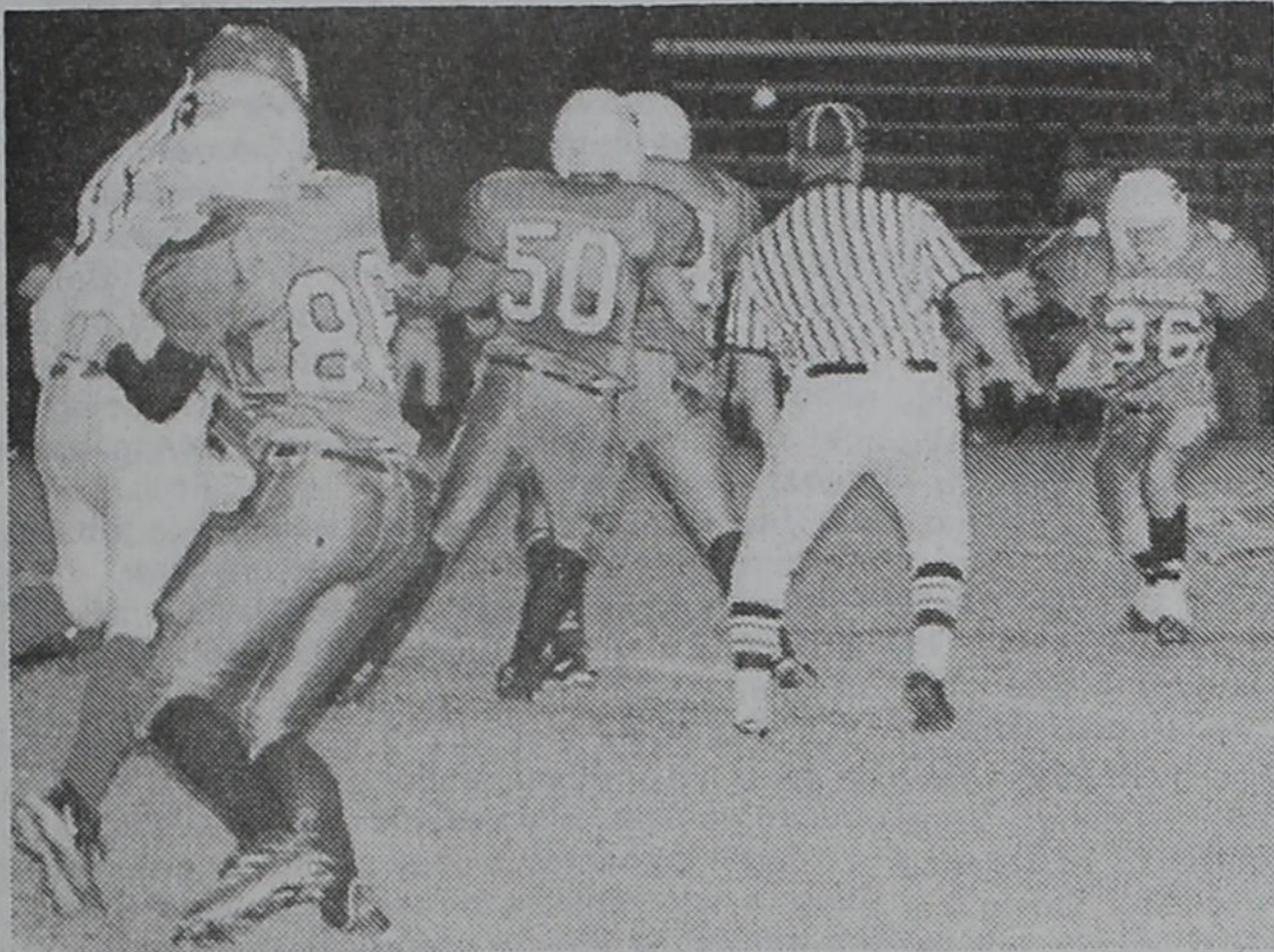
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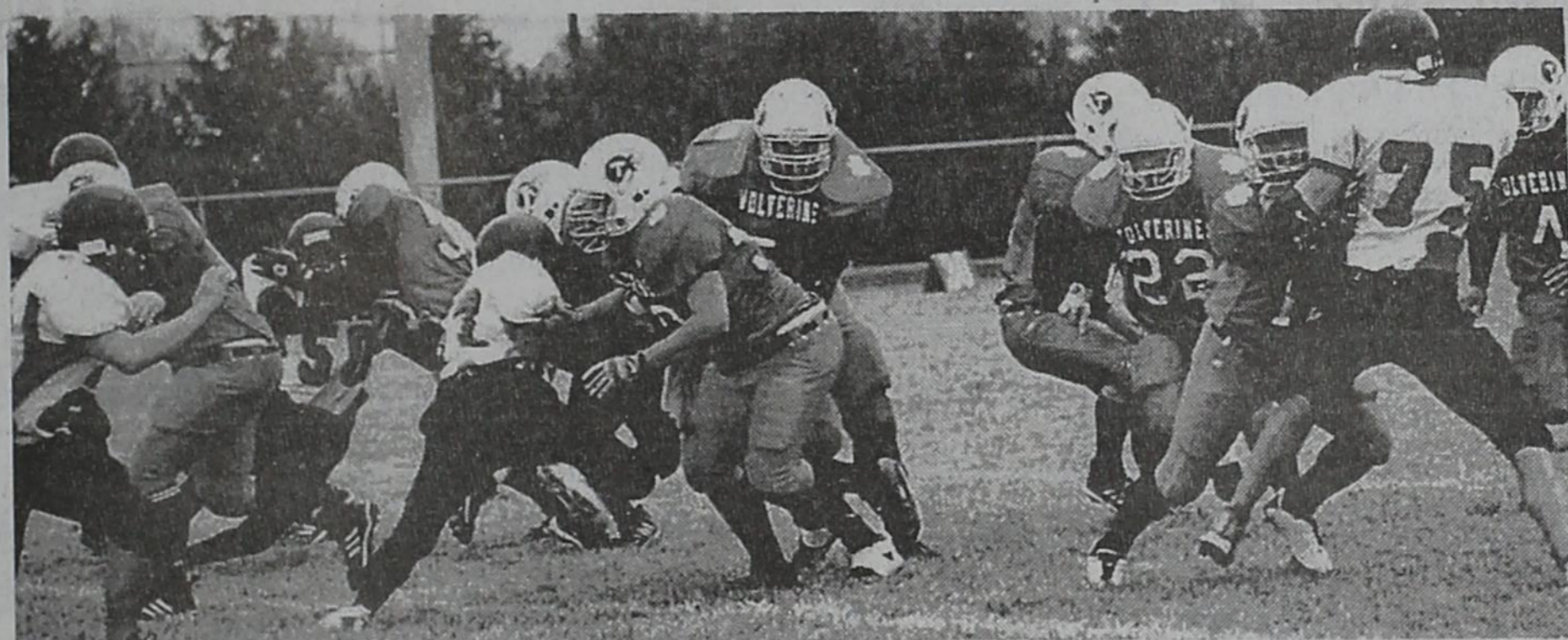
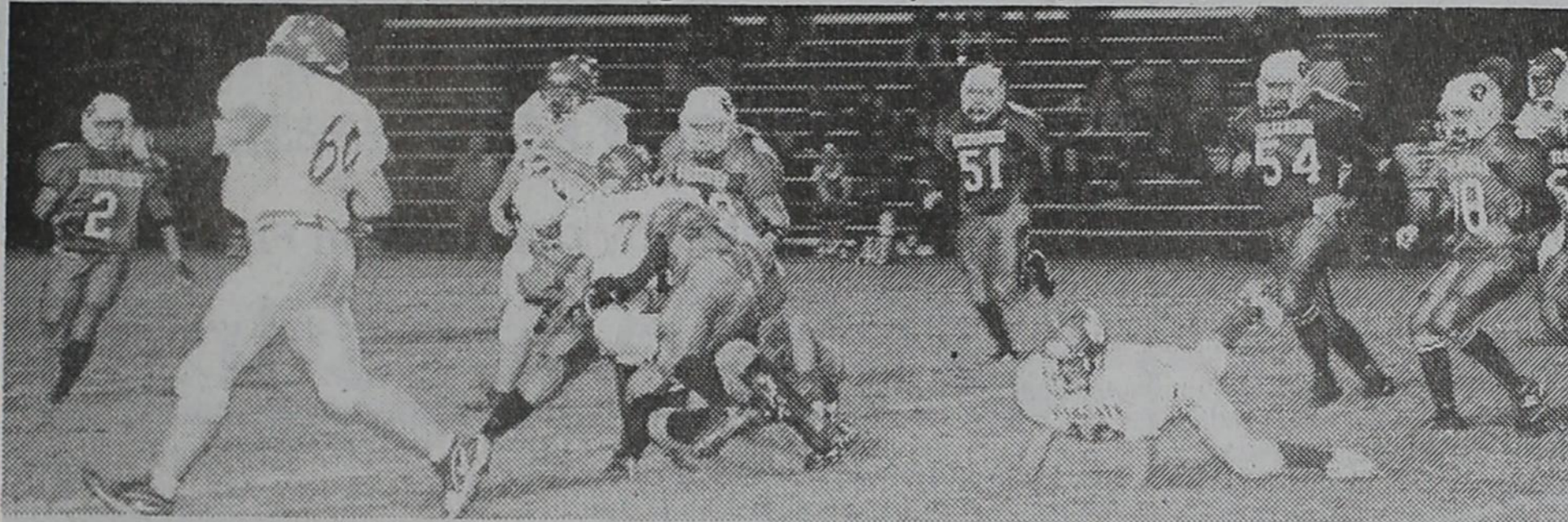
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### The Roster

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| Johnny Serrano     | Bryan Vannatta    |
| Ricky Burns        | Bryce Bailey      |
| Joe Zaikowski      | Alex Mendoza      |
| Braden Vaughan     | Toby Thornton     |
| Johnny Rivera      | Michael Johnson   |
| Aaron Vaughan      | Francisco Estrada |
| Zane Anderson      | Wade Richardson   |
| Dustin McDaniel    | Shawn Walthers    |
| John Nate Williams | Kyle Teitz        |
| Corey Bell         | Garett Mayfield   |
| Michael Reid       | Leo Muniz         |
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### Banter

tell it like it is. The true strength of the Wolverines this year was not in the backfield - it was in the line.

I admit I have a thing for linemen, since my son Rob played there (offensive tackle, defensive end for the Steers).

And Texico's defensive line simply dominated their foes all year. Led by Bryce Bailey, Toby Thornton, Joe Zaikowski, Alex Mendoza, Bryan Vannatta and Jared Curtis, opposing running backs quickly found that if they ran between the tackles, simply record "no gain."

But the true strength of the 2003 Wolverines was in the "o line." - the offensive line.

It didn't matter who was at running back, it seemed. They would gain big chunks of yardage almost every time they ran, whether it was up the gut or around end.

Why? Because the "o line" destroyed their opponents.

So I want to make special mention for the "o line" members, the heart of this year's state champions:

Jared Curtis, Logan Brown, Bryan Vannatta, Bryce Bailey, Alex Mendoza, Wade Richardson and Michael Johnson.

I know this is a special team for Coach "Pro" because the seniors were freshmen when he came - to Texico to build a program.

These seniors are going out as champions. What a beautiful story.

Congratulations to all the Wolverines (I know I always leave someone out by mistake - and hear about it!). You have made your community proud.

Some folks may have raised an eyebrow looking at last week's Page 1.

With the Steers in the state playoffs, and the Wolverines going into the state title game, here's a photo spread of the Lazbuddie Longhorns - who were winless this season.

How come, you ask? Because, to me, it's important to give credit to the kids who play on our teams, regardless of the

record.

Those Lazbuddie kids played just as hard as the Steers and Wolverines. It just wasn't their year, that's all.

### The Latest

The filing deadline is Dec. 8 for persons wanting to be a candidate for Director or County Committee member for Pcts. 3 and 4 of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

Pct. 3 includes Parmer and Bailey counties. Incumbent director is Carroll Cook, of Friona.

Current Bailey County committeemen are Rodger Burhman, Lavon Hunt, Joe King, Jerry Nichols and Gerald Shanks, all of Muleshoe.

Current Parmer County committeemen are Ellen Gallman and Mitch Wiseman, of Friona; and Todd Christian, Pat Ware and Tommy Williams, of Farwell.

Cong. Randy Neugebauer, who represents Parmer County in Congress, voted with the majority when the House passed the new Medicare reform package.

Lazbuddie's lunch menus for next week:

Monday - fajitas (pk-1), pizza, refried beans.

Tuesday -- enchiladas, corn dogs (pk-1), tuna sandwiches.

Wednesday - chicken & rice, pizza, hot pockets, PB&J sandwiches (pk-1).

Thursday - chili cheese fries (pk-1), hamburgers.

Friday - special.

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday agreed to resurface the county parking lot on the north side of the courthouse lawn, and also improve the drainage system there.

The Bovina city council on Nov. 11 rejected Friona's dispatching agreement, saying the quality of 911 services were not satisfactory.

The council stopped its \$200 stipend to Friona and recommended relocating the 911 service from Friona to the sheriff's office in Farwell.

Plus, we have run lots of photos of the Steers and Wolverines during the year, but this was our first chance to run Longhorn pictures.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, which includes Bailey County Electric Cooperative and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, announced they have added five more electrical co-ops, bringing their number of 16.

Ross Prokop, son of Mike and Shirley Prokop, is hospitalized in Amarillo with an infection.

The Lazbuddie Robotics team participated in the state tourney in College Station last weekend. The team won't get the results of their standings until later this week, but they did not finish in the top three.

Lazbuddie School's varsity basketball games against Lubbock Christian last week were cancelled - LC is still in the football playoffs, and some of Lazbuddie's team was on the robotics team.

ESA Sorority will host a pie supper during the Farwell Basketball tourney for "Christmas in Community" to benefit Farwell children who have needs during the holiday season.

If you want to donate to this cause but don't eat sweets or won't be able to come to the tourney, you can go to Pansies Posies & Potpourri and make a donation.

There will be an important meeting of the Farwell Band Boosters on Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the band hall.

Everyone is invited. The agenda includes plans for the upcoming Christmas Band Concert and reception that will follow.

The fund-raising project will be discussed, too.

A dog was lose in Texico on Nov. 15. It's a male black chihuahua with a blue collar. Call 482-9116 if you found him.

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And one more note: I know it was a tough year for the 'Horns, but that happens in sports. I know the team played hard, and I hope that next year will be a good one for them.

Go, Longhorns!

Included in today's special Thanksgiving issue are short themes from our area's 5<sup>th</sup> graders to say what they are thankful for.

This is a Tribune tradition each November. We hope you enjoy them.

Rumor of the Week:

Frances Kube, owner of the Beauty Box Salon, became an official member of "The Fan Club" last Saturday evening. She had quite an experience with a ceiling fan in her shop that literally left her "in stitches!" OUCH!

## Texico continues moving toward truck prohibition

The Texico City Council and its city inspector, Terry Martin, held a public hearing on Nov. 20 at the Texico Community Center to discuss prohibiting heavy trucks on city streets.

The hearing was held for the benefit of any trucker who live in the city so they could voice their concerns. None showed up.

Instead, the hearing turned into an informal discussion by the council on how to proceed with an ordinance since city streets are taking a beating.

Problems include street corners where trucks turn, and oil spilled on the streets by trucks. Butch Tharp, former Texico mayor, said loaded trucks on State and Craig streets, in particular, were a serious problem. He also complained of trucking businesses being operated out of homes without the owners having business licenses from the city.

The council discussed the need to do a better job of seeking state funds for infrastructure work.

Also suggested was requiring folks who park trucks in the city to get parking permits if certain requirements are met.

It was noted that not all trucks would be prohibited under a new ordinance. For example, the trash disposal trucks would be allowed, plus delivery vehicles.

Martin presented a copy of Clovis' ordinance prohibiting certain vehicles in residential areas. Based on this, he will put together a proposal to give to the council at its Nov. 25 meeting.

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# 'I'm thankful for the soldiers who gave their lives so we could have freedom'

**T.J. Serna:**  
I'm thankful for my family because they help me get through life and other things. And sports because they get you fit and make friends. I'm thankful for school because it gives you friends and it gives you education. I'm thankful to live in a free country because in other countries they have dictators. But most of all I'm thankful for God.

**Melanea Nieto:**  
I'm thankful for my house because if I had no house, I would get sick and die. Also for my family because if I had no family I would not be loved. I'm thankful for my brother because being an only child is not fun. I'm thankful for my aunt and uncle because they treat me right. I'm not going to forget school because they teach me a lot of stuff. Oh, I almost forgot my teachers because they teach me cool subjects. I'm not going to forget God because He gave us such a pretty world.

**Marina Pei:**  
I'm thankful for having my mom and dad who raised me my whole life. I never ever want to lose them because they are my family. I'm thankful for having brothers and sisters. If I never had them, my life would be different and lonely. If anyone takes them away, I will search for them until I get them back. I'm thankful for the cops. If there were no cops to watch over us, my family would be in lots and lots of trouble. I'm thankful for school to learn math and read very good. I'm glad to have grandparents, uncles and aunt because they watch over me when my mom can't.

**Rustin Harris:**  
I'm thankful for family. I'm thankful that God blessed me with a mom and dad. If I didn't have them, I would be nothing. I'm thankful for my brother and my sisters. If I didn't have them, I would not have anyone to play with. And last of all, I'm thankful for God. If it wasn't for God, I would not be here. I'm thankful for school because if it wasn't for school, I wouldn't be smart. I'm thankful for food. If I didn't have food, I wouldn't be here.

**Susana Hernandez:**  
I'm thankful because my mom puts the food on the table and when we get to the house we celebrate all the stuff. We invite all our friends and family to join in, Shan, Meagan, Marina and Dalton make the celebration even better. Thank you guys for being my friends.

**Andrew Ortiz:**  
You should be thankful for animals, plants and your father and mother, and for the stuff you have -- youth clothes and the life you have. Like friends, toys, game systems, the world and many other things. I'm thankful for my health and food and teachers and family.

**Ali Valles:**  
Once upon a time I was with my friend, David. Then I told him, "did you want to race?" And he said yes. Then I said, "Get your bike." Then I said, "Get ready, go." Then I was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Then I almost stepped on a frog and I fell down and I scratched myself and I lost the race. Then I was so mad with the frog.

**Gabby Rivera:**  
I'm thankful for my teachers who teach me different kinds of things. I'm thankful for my family because if I had no family I would have no love. I'm thankful for my classmates because without them I would have no friends and people to talk to. That is why I'm thankful for the world. Now let me ask you what you are thankful for. If you don't know, I will tell you right now there is lots of stuff you can be thankful for. All you have to do is think and look.

**Trent Barclay:**  
Have you heard what is coming to town? Well, I'll tell you. Can you keep a secret? Okay! Thanksgiving is coming and I have lots of things I'm thankful for. My mom, my dad, my family and all the teachers at Texico Elementary and Junior High, too. Also, for my house and most of all, Jesus died on the cross for me. Now what are you thankful for?

**Victoria Castillo:**  
I am thankful for my grandma, my mother, my aunts, my uncles, my cousins and for God, my brothers, my family, the earth and for God putting me on it. I am thankful for stores.

**Daniel Rose:**  
This is what I'm obliged for from deep inside my heart is special. What I'm thankful for is having a family. Without fam-

ily, people would be helpless. Another thing I'm thankful for is shelter. Without shelter, people would be in the cold right now. I'm thankful for food and drinks. Some children are starving in a different country. I am mostly thankful for my dog. Without man's best friend, earth would not be the same.

**Stormy Horner:**  
Hey, you! How many things are you grateful for? I have a bunch of things to be grateful for. Being appreciated for my family is one. They love and care for me. I'm thankful for life because I have such a great one. Teachers that care and love me are another. Great friends that care are great, too. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

**Josh Olivas:**  
I am thankful for mom and dad because they support me and put a roof over my head. I love my family because they help me on homework and care for me. And last but not least, I am thankful for my parents bringing me into this peaceful world.

**Henry Loepky:**  
I'm thankful for my mom and dad, who are always there for me, for my aunt and uncle because they always love us and like us, for my brothers because they always play with me and have fun with me when I don't have any friends over at our house, for my friends because they are respectful to me and treat me the way they would like to be treated and I am respectful to them too. I'm thankful for my cousins because they are nice to me when they are over at our house, and for my neighbors because they are nice to us.

**Ashlee Howard:**  
I'm thankful for my horses because they get you somewhere faster. I'm thankful for my eyes because they help me see things and won't run into things. I'm thankful for my cat because he kills the birds. I'm thankful for my horse tack because I can clean my horses. I'm thankful for our freedom because we can do the things we want to. I'm thankful for my family because they actually take care of me. I'm thankful for my dog because she scares the neighbors' cats off. I'm thankful for church because I learn about Jesus Christ.

**Russell Schilling:**  
I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they feed me, and they take care of me. they buy me clothes to wear. My family helps me take care of my animals. I'm thankful for school because I can get a job when I'm older, and so I can actually learn something.

**Pamela Lara:**  
I'm thankful for my parents because they brought me into this world. They take care of me when I'm sick. Without my grandparents I would not have the most wonderful parents. I'm thankful for my sister when I'm on the blues, she comes and plays with me. She shares everything I ask her and lets me borrow whatever I ask. I'm thankful for my education because if not I would not know how to read, type and everything I know. I'm thankful for my home and my food. If I didn't have food, I would be unhealthy. Without my home, I would be out on the streets with cold and hunger. Thank you, mom and dad.

**Laurn Meyer:**  
I'm thankful for Jesus. The Lord sent his very own son to save us, and that must be hard to let your only son go. That just goes to show that the Lord does love you. That means that even if your parents put you up for adoption the Lord still loves you and cares for you no matter what. Also that means if you don't have friends you still have someone, which is Jesus. P.S. Don't forget to pray for the food that you receive.

**Brooke Fowler:**  
What I do on Thanksgiving is to go to my Grandma Raely's house. We try to get our whole family to come to Thanksgiving, and sometimes they always come. What we eat for Thanksgiving is turkey, sweet potatoes, cornbread and you probably know the rest. I love my family and I love what I do on Thanksgiving.

**Michelle Wauson:**  
I'm thankful for my family because they take care of me and feed me. They buy me clothes and help me take care of our animals. My family puts a roof over my head and I am thankful they put me in Farwell Elementary.

**Caesar Rodriguez:**  
I'm thankful for my family. They take care of me, feed me, put a roof on top of me, and put nice clothes on me, and help me on homework that gets a little hard sometimes. They work to buy nice things for the house and for us and for them. They also put me in a nice school like Farwell Elementary. They are very fun to be around after school. We all get along with each other. That's what a family is about, getting along with each other.

**Branson Ponder:**  
I'm so thankful for our freedom because if we did not have freedom our life would not be very fun. Second, we would seem to do something and not have time to do fun stuff. I'm also thankful for my parents because they treat me the right way. Second, they give me rights and wrongs, and they are very fair. Finally and best of all, they raise me in a church and they give me a right to serve the heavenly God.

**Treston Nolte:**  
I'm thankful for my family because they gave me food, my clothes, and for all they love me. I'm thankful for our freedom. I'm thankful for my church, my shelter, my friends, my parents and my brothers and sisters -- they play with me. I love our freedom because we are free. I'm thankful for God's Holy word so I can be led in the right direction.

**Jose Garcia:**  
Every Thanksgiving I am thankful for my family because they gave me birth, fed me, gave me clothes and gave me what I needed. I'm thankful for my friends because they help me, they like me for what I am, and are loyal to me. I'm thankful for my sisters and little brother because they look up to me, they tell me what is wrong and what is right. I'm thankful for the Lord that gave us this world, these trees, these animals and plants. And I'm thankful for all those soldiers that gave their lives just so that we could have freedom.

**Zacarey Stancell:**  
I'm thankful for my puppy because he plays with me when I want him to. I'm thankful for having a free country because I have the right to do anything. I'm thankful for my parents because they help me on anything. I am thankful for my great grandparents because most kids don't have great grandparents and they give me things. I'm thankful for school because I learn cool stuff. I'm thankful for all my friends because they help me. I'm thankful for my grandparents because they help me do stuff.

**Drake King:**  
I'm thankful for my parents, and most people don't even have any. They help me with everything from doing my homework to everyday life in the real world. I'm thankful for my freedom because we are the only country that has freedom. If we didn't have freedom, I would probably be a slave right now and would have no education. I couldn't even go to the bathroom when I wanted to.

**Darla Jo Street:**  
I'm thankful for my mother and father for raising me and being there for me when I need them most. I'm thankful for my aunt and uncle and when I need a break from my family I just have to call them. I guess I'm thankful for my sister also because she will help me when I need help from her. I'm thankful for my grandmother and grandfather because they love me. My friends are on the Thanksgiving list because we understand each other and we make each other laugh.

**Sara Scott:**  
I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they are always there for me and if it wasn't for them I would be here, for all my friends because they give me something to do, for my freedom to live in Farwell and to have freedom to go to school and learn, for all my family because they can cheer me up when I am down, for the weather because I can play outside and have fun, for my TV for the weather update and for enjoyment, and for Thanksgiving for the turkey and the time you can have with your family.

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 Taylor Rae Romans, a Texico kindergarten, has a July 3 birthday. Parents are Jeffrey & Shasta Romans. She has a brother, Tyler. Grandparents are Vicki Bowery and Debby Romans. She likes to dress up and put on make-up, play "pretend" and with her Barbies dolls. Her favorite color is green. Her favorite foods are biscuits and gravy. She doesn't like spinach.

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# 'The true meaning of Thanksgiving is to give and to share'

**Rodrigo Mata:**

The meaning of Thanksgiving is eating turkey with gravy on the side of the plate, corn and mashed potatoes. I am going to go play on my Play Station with my brother, and also go outside and play with my cousins, and go inside to watch a movie, and go to Clovis with my family.

**Jordan Hernandez:**

Thanksgiving is great for being with the family and giving thanks. It should be a time of thanking God for the great and delicious food. My favorite time is eating the turkey and deviled eggs, and drinking hot chocolate and egg nog. We sometimes have Thanksgiving with the whole family. My grandma makes turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, green beans, corn and for dessert, strawberry shortcake.

**Jose Lule:**

The things I like about Thanksgiving is the turkey and stuffing besides the mashed potatoes. Thanksgiving is fun.

**Landry Actkinson:**

Some families never even get to get together at Thanksgiving, but my family always gets to meet every Thanksgiving. When my family gets together, things get a little wild... Every year, my mom, dad, sister and I head to one family to the next. Both are always a blast. I'm thankful for getting to spend some time with my kinfolk. We always watch football, then we eat, last we have dessert, which is usually chocolate pie or coke floats. Something special we do is a wrestling contest. Usually I lose to my older cousin Ches. I'm very glad I'm able to visit some of the people I don't get to see very often every year.

**Evelyn Delgado:**

I'm thankful for my family, my school, my liberty, my grandparents and the greatest friends. I'm thankful for the home I have, for the education I have, the freedom I have. And for the people that gave me my freedom and my liberty.

**Shelby Martin:**

Thanksgiving is a time for families to get together to connect and to have fun. Most families celebrate with turkeys, roast, ham or chicken. The best part is seeing your family and not seeing them fight or argue. The best part of having Thanksgiving is we get to see our cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Thanksgiving isn't just about you, it's about everyone.

**Tasha Barnes:**

Thanksgiving is a time when you invite your friends and family over for turkey and a whole lot of other food. For example, dressing, deviled eggs, salad, beans and curly noodles that Clifton and I love. The people that are there are my cousins, my aunts, my uncles, my grandma and her friend. The whole family loves our Thanksgiving dinner.

**Lacy Russell:**

The meaning of Thanksgiving is eating turkey, which is my favorite! Spending time with your friends and family is meaningful. One year, we had Christmas on Thanksgiving. That was fun because we got to have presents. I had lots of fun that year.

**Arthur Ganez:**

Thanksgiving is a holiday where my family and I gather around and eat turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy. We always eat at my uncle Ranan's house. After we eat, we watch home movies of when I was little. My uncle Ranan and I wash the dishes.

**Olivia Augillon:**

The meaning of Thanksgiving is to be generous and thankful for what you have. Thanksgiving is a day to be happy and love people. Turkey is the best part of Thanksgiving, but I also like to watch TD. We go to gramps and granma's and watch old movies. We have stuffing and we play games and have the family over and our cousins sleep over and have fun!

**Tina Suderman:**

The meaning of Thanksgiving is to be thankful for everything you have. To me, it's to be thankful that you have food to eat and for all the love you have from everyone in the world. I also think it's a holiday for your family and friends to come over and visit. You can eat chicken and stuffing and a lot of good food. When you eat, don't forget to thank the Lord for the food. Have fun with your family.

**Tori Pollard:**

"Here's the turkey!" Thanksgiving is about praising the Lord and thanking Him. I eat turkey, pecan pie, stuffing, gravy. My dad watches TV. I watch movies like "Happy Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown." My mom cooks all the time until the food is done. And I sometimes have to help.

**Jose Mireles:**

Thanksgiving is special to our family because we all gather

up somewhere and our whole family eats turkey. I like it because I get to see my aunt, uncle and my cousins. Thanksgiving is my favorite because I like to eat pie. I like my mom's mashed potatoes because they are good on Thanksgiving.

**Colton Weaver:**

The true meaning of Thanksgiving is to give and to share. At Thanksgiving, I always go to my grandma's house. My favorite food is turkey with gravy and stuffing. Most of the time, my cousins come and we play games and have lots of fun. When my uncle comes, we always wrestle and mess around on the trampoline.

**Helena Harder:**

Thanksgiving is a nice thing to celebrate. On Thanksgiving, you can eat turkey and have fun. What I like to eat is turkey and stuffing because that's what Thanksgiving is all about. You could tell your grandparents to come over or you could go to their house. I really like Thanksgiving.

**Joseline Garcia:**

I love Thanksgiving. It's a time where my family and I have a family reunion. We eat turkey like most people. We sometimes talk about how we feel at Thanksgiving time. I always say that I feel great because my family and I spend so much time together.

**Laney Christian:**

I'm thankful for my family and friends who help me along in school and other things I participate in. I'm thankful for my God that created this world and all that is in it. I'm thankful for the house that God prepared for me to live in. I'm thankful for my sister and brother, because most of the time when I need a friend, they are there to help me. No matter if they help me find a friend or are a friend to me.

**Ray White:**

I'm glad that I have a family that celebrates Thanksgiving. I always plan with my cousins and the oldest chase us around the house. We go to both of my grandparents' houses to eat turkey and ham for the Thanksgiving dinner. I'm thankful for my family and friends and my church and the Bible and God. I'm thankful for my house and everything I have. My family is my favorite thing of all.

**Crystal Reyes:**

I'm glad my family celebrates Thanksgiving because there are families that don't celebrate Thanksgiving. It's a time of year where my family gets together and gives thanks for what we have. It's a time to give thanks for what you have. I'm thankful for my family and friends. I am really thankful for my mom and dad because they have done a lot for me.

**Isaac Soto:**

I'm thankful for my family and my education. I'm thankful for my freedom and my health. No matter what, I will always love my family and be thankful for what I have.

**Matthew Martin:**

I'm thankful for Sheran my mom, William my dad, and Ashlie, Amanda and Amberlie, my sisters, my grandpas Joe Smallwood and Bill Martin, and my grandmas Jackie Smallwood and Yauna Martin, Yalonda, Lonnie C., Lane and Amanda, Lonnie R., and Logan McFarland. I'm thankful for my church because if no one knew about God we would not have eternal life. I'm thankful for my friends, my families, friends and my horses, Stage, Sandy, Little Sandy, Trey, G Lady, Snoopy, Clown, Pistol Pete, and Sugar. I'm thankful for food and everything God gave me.

**Mason Coburn:**

I'm thankful for having churches in our community so we call can all worship God. I'm thankful for our school. Without school, none of us would ever had a great education. I'm thankful for my family, who loves and supports me in everything I do. I'm thankful for the food my mom prepares us every night. I'm thankful for God giving his one and only son.

**Conner Rane Carpenter:**

I'm thankful for my eyes because without them I couldn't see the beautiful colors of the world. I'm thankful for my tongue so I can taste the Thanksgiving turkey. I'm thankful for the Thanksgiving turkey so I can taste it. I'm thankful for Farwell because it's the coolest town ever. I'm thankful for football because without it, what's the point in watching TV or playing sports. I'm thankful for my parents because they buy things for me like a TV, toys, video games, and movies. I'm thankful for my friends because I can play with them. I'm thankful for the president because without him our country would fall apart. I'm thankful for the Farwell Steers because they're the coolest, most awesome team ever. I'm thankful for my dogs because they are soft and cuddly and I am able to play with them. I'm thankful for freedom because without we couldn't do the things we wanted to. I'm thankful for my bed because if I didn't have one how could I sleep well? I'm thankful for my house because it shelters me from wind, rain and dirt. I'm thankful for my God because He takes care of me. I'm thankful for my church because I can worship God and Jesus in it. I'm thankful for my school so I can be educated.

**Tanner Beasley:**

The meaning of Thanksgiving -- cool things, being nice to each other, sharing with each other, having turkey and chicken, and caring for each other.

**Lakota Goe:**

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**Shawn-Mykel Rodriguez:**  
I'm thankful for friends because if we didn't have friends we would be lonely. I'm thankful for food because without food we would die. And water -- without water we would die of thirst. I'm thankful for God because He gave us life and land. I'm thankful for my mom and dad for having me. I'm thankful for school -- without school we would hardly know anything. I'm thankful for sunlight because without it we would freeze to death.

**Joshua Trujillo:**  
I'm thankful for my mom because she protects me from harm, for school to help me learn, for my brothers because they care about me, for friends to play with, for food God gives us, for my family because they are always with me, for my house because if I didn't have my house I would be homeless, and for water to not be dehydrated.

**Omar Nunez:**  
I'm thankful for my brothers because they help me with my homework, for being alive to do things with my family, for being in school to learn, for my mom and dad to give me advice, to my dog so I can play with him, for my house to keep me

warm and for my bike so I can ride it.

**Karrime Estrada:**  
I'm thankful for my grandma and grandpa because they are the best grandparents in the world. They give me all the stuff I want and need. I would be happy if I could live with them, that way I would always be able to go to Texico Schools. Also, they feed me good food. Therefore, I am healthy. Thank you for being there for me, grandma and grandpa. And thank you for mom and dad.

**Iris Rutiaga:**  
I'm thankful for my family, they support me in all my good decisions. Life is full of natural wonders and wonderful places to see. School gives us the opportunity to learn and have fun. This will help us to be intelligent people in our future life. Par-

ents help us every step of the way and teach us what life is all about. Grandparents tell their stories from the past and keep history alive. Without freedom, we wouldn't own the things that we own today. The most important person I am thankful for is God, for letting me have such wonderful parents.

**Connor Doolittle:**  
I'm thankful for my family because of all the things they do for me. Friends are something to be thankful for, too. They are there when you need them. School is what gets you to things in life, so I'm thankful for school. I'm thankful for athletics because it keeps me out of trouble and lets me have fun and compete. The most important people I'm thankful for are God and Jesus. God is the one who put me on earth, and Jesus is the one that died for us all.

**Tiffany Jane Brown:**  
I'm thankful for my mom. She helps me with school. She gives me money for things I need. She puts food on the table. She buys me clothes to wear to school. I love you, mom, for these things.

### Puckett found not guilty

Ronnie Puckett, 48, of Lazbuddie, was found not guilty by a jury trial last week in 287<sup>th</sup> District Court.

He was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

The case involved a Lazbuddie marijuana processing facility.

In June 2002, District Court Judge Gordon Green ordered that the Lazbuddie land, a half section, be forfeited to the state.

This case has been appealed to the state supreme court and is still pending.

On Oct. 18, 2001, the Parmer County sheriff's office staged a raid on the farm 1 1/2 miles from Lazbuddie School. More than 200 pounds of marijuana were recovered from the corn field and a barn there.

William Vernon Puckett, 74, of Lazbuddie, Ronnie's father, was arrested on charges con-

nected to the marijuana seizure, found guilty, and put on probation.



## THANKSGIVING

Let's count our many blessings as we partake in this great American holiday, and celebrate all that we have to be truly thankful for ... good friends, loving family, health, happiness.

### Bailey County Electric Cooperative

### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Engelking will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a Christmas cruise to Mexico. They are the parents of Doyle and Debbie Weir, of Lazbuddie, and Dave and Sheryl Engelking, of Lazbuddie. Grandchildren are Dawn Weir, of San Angelo; Heather Engelking, of Lubbock; Dustin Weir, of Dallas, and Holly Engelking, of Lubbock. Richard Engelking and the former Marilyn Wilbanks married Nov. 29, 1953, in Clovis.



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# A Happy Thanksgiving

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Farwell Junior High placed 3<sup>rd</sup> on Nov. 15 in the UIL One-Act Plays Contest at Sundown. They performed the play "Persephone," a Greek myth. Ross McClaran received the Best Actor award; Shelby Christian and Lindsey Mullin were part of the All-Star Cast, and Bryce Howard and Kamarie Schmidt were selected for Honorable Mention Cast. Other members were Logan Carpenter, Chanel Castillo, Shanea Davis, Ashleigh Mesman, Morgan Bickel, Jacque Caporusso, Kaylyn Meyers, Lauren Beaubien, Dalton Cockerham, Roper Ledbetter and Finus Nolte. Teacher Candy Dyer said the students worked since August preparing for the contest and did an exceptional job. Sundown was 1<sup>st</sup> and Plains was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition.

**'I'm thankful for my mom and dad ... they provide food, shelter and love'**

**Morgan Pinnell:**  
I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they provide food, shelter and LOVE. My brother and sister love me, watch movies with me, play games with me, and we play with our dog, Bingo, together. If I didn't have a family, I don't know what I would do. I'm thankful for my friends. I have a lot of them, too. They just always have my back when I don't have something I need or when I don't understand what they are talking about. I'm thankful for my grandparents because they go on long trips to come watch me show animals at the fairs and they provide us with food at Thanksgiving and all the other holidays that we go to their house for. Last, but not least, GOD!! He is the greatest of all because He created us and died for our sins. He also created the earth and me! I'm thankful for a lot of other things, but these are just the main things.

**Kendall Moore:**  
I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they take care of me when I am sick and they make me happy when I am sad. And my two brothers are always there to help me out. And my friends Dathan and Shawn are always there to play with me to make me happy. And also the right to go to church when I want to. And my house and my car, my school, my teachers.

**Bethany Heaton:**  
I'm thankful for my parents because I love them very much and they let me have a house to live in. Also because they brought me into this beautiful world. I'm thankful for my brother and sister because I also love them very much and because they have done a lot for me. I'm thankful for my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins because when I don't have anywhere to stay, they let me have a place to stay. I'm thankful for my pets because when I don't have anyone to play with, they let me play with them. I'm thankful for my friends because when I am down they pick me up. I'm thankful for my teacher and school because they let me have a place to learn and get an education. The most person I'm thankful for is God because he made us a place to live and to have everything I'm thankful for. And He also made this a free country.

**Tyler Kelley:**

I'm thankful for my whole family. I'm glad I have a sister. I'm thankful for my friends. I'm glad we all have church, school and God. I'm thankful for Jesus dieing on the cross for our sins.

**Lucas Walthers:**  
I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they have provided for me. I'm thankful for the teachers so I could learn. I'm thankful for my brothers but sometimes I am not. I'm thankful for my warm cozy bed. The house I live in. The good food on my table. Things I get for Christmas. The good church I go to. The best friends I play with. Good clothes I wear. The shoes and socks I wear. The warm dog I have. The one, the only God.

**Walling honored**

The National Federation Officials Association has picked Edith Ann Walling-Bradley as the Volleyball Official of the Year for 2002-2003. The 1966 Farwell High graduate is the daughter of the late Mitz and Nell Walling. She has been officiating 24 years and this is her second time to win this award. The award read, "In grateful appreciation of outstanding service and unselfish devotion to interscholastic athletics." The 2003 New Mexico Officials Association Zebra Hunt Award for Volleyball was presented to

the Clovis association, which is made up of several officials from Texico, Farwell, Grady, Melrose and Portales. The award read, "For outstanding efforts in the recruitment and retention of officials during the 2002-2003 season."

**Upcoming Sports**

Basketball is moving into action. The Farwell JV and varsity teams play at Friona on Dec. 2. The varsity teams play in the Nazareth Tourney Dec. 4-6, while the JV teams play in the Muleshoe tourney the same days. The Farwell Junior High girls host Bovina on Dec. 1, while the JH boys play at Bovina that day. The Lazbuddie Longhorns play at Vega on Dec. 2, then in the Whiteface Tourney Dec. 4-6. The Junior High Longhorns host Spade on Dec. 1. The Texico JV team opens their season on Dec. 1 by hosting Gattis. The JV and varsity teams host Tatum on Dec. 2. The JV team plays at Marshall on Dec. 4. At Texico Junior High, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls host Melrose on Dec. 4.

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# Sunray stops the Steers in Area playoff battle

A highly-successful season came to an end for the Farwell Steers last Friday in Amarillo when they lost the Area game to the Sunray Bobcats, 20-0.

Sunray, ranked No. 9 in the state, showed why: a lot of speed, an excellent QB and a strong front line. But the Steers, who finished the campaign at 9-2 and won Bi-District, gave them a run for the money.

Sunray opened the game at its 33. Luis Olmos had the game's first tackle for Farwell. Sunray went 3 and out, punting to the Farwell 25. Sunray recovered a fumble at the Farwell 10, but then Olmos recovered a Sunray fumble at the 12.

Farwell was held and punted to the Sunray 41. On defense, good tackles were recovered by Matthew Edwards, Joel Chavez and Justin Ware. But Sunray scored on a 37-yard TD pass caught one-handed by the receiver at 3:22. The kick made it 7-0.

Rowdy Mitchell returned the kick 8 yards to the Farwell 28. Mitchell ran for 5, then caught a pass from Jason Johnson for 20 yards. A pass interference call against Sunray moved the ball to the Bobcat 32. On 4<sup>th</sup> and 10, Johnson hit Gregory with a pass good for 20 yards to the Sunray 12 as the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ended.

On 4<sup>th</sup> and 5, and end run was halted short of the first down. On defense, Mitchell had a good tackle and Roper Fulcher had a QB pressure. But Sunray hit a crucial screen pass, then added runs for first downs as they moved into Steer territory. Johnson had a TD-saving tackle at the Farwell 40. Roper Fulcher and Mitchell

combined on a good tackle, and Logan Clemmer had a tackle for a 1-yard loss. Sunray went for it on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11 at the Farwell 28, but a completed pass was short of making the first down.

Farwell was held and punted. Ware recovered a fumble at the Sunray 36. But Farwell couldn't move the ball as the first half ended.

Robbie Tabb returned the kick to open the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 17 yards to the Farwell 31. Farwell was held and punted. Sunray put together a strong drive culminating in a 1-yard TD plunge at 6:31. The kick made it 14-0.

Mitchell broke several tackles in returning the kickoff 28 yards to near midfield. Farwell then put together its best drive of the game as Mitchell ran for 5, Edwards for 11 and Mitchell for 8 more. Mitchell then gained a 1<sup>st</sup> down at the Sunray 18 before Farwell's runner lost a fumble at the 11 while making a second-effort for more yardage.

On defense, Jose Cabello and Fulcher had a QB sack as the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ended. Sunray was held and punted to the Farwell 24. Tabb raced around one end for 9, then the other end for 4 more. Farwell went for it on 4<sup>th</sup> and 3 at its 44, putting in the jumbo package -- linemen Chavez and Cabello in the backfield. And Edwards gained the first down running behind them. But Sunray intercepted at midfield to stop the drive.

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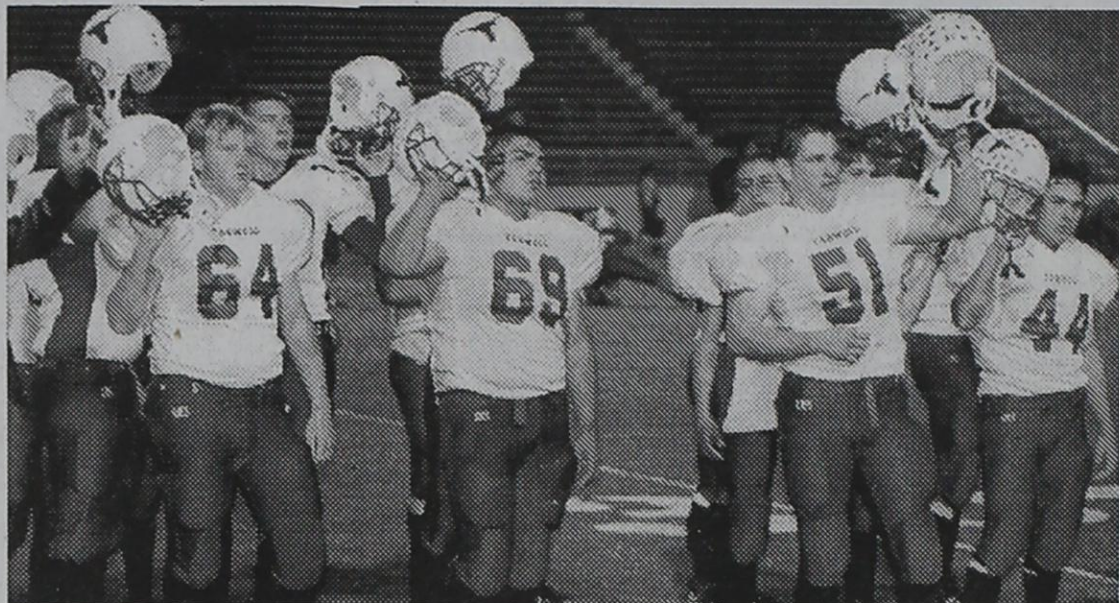
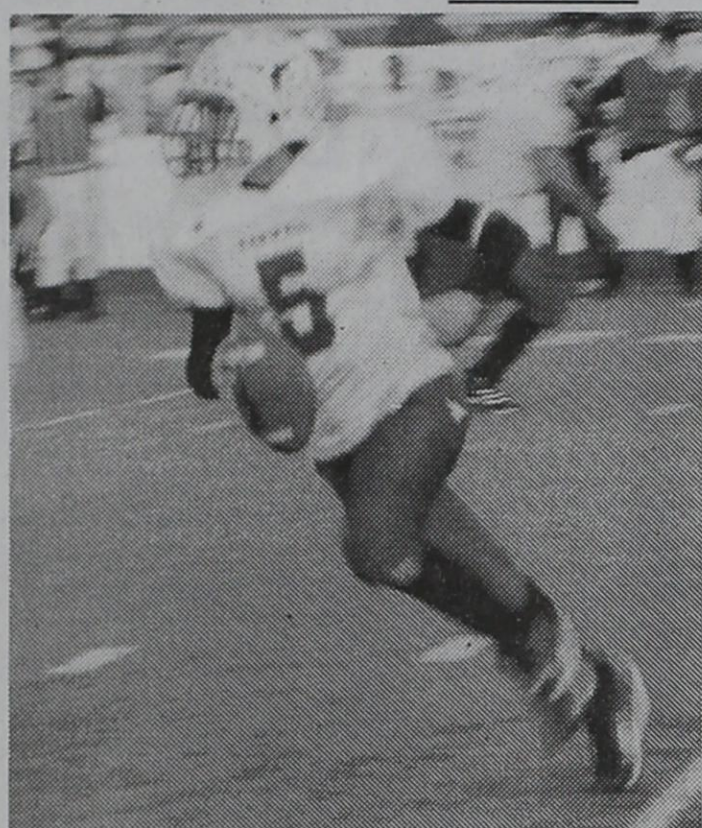
On defense, Gregory and Mitchell had good tackles. Sunray scored from 2 yards out at 3:52. The kick missed. Mitchell returned the kickoff 18 yards. A Johnson pass to Gregory gained 16. A pass to Tabb gained 10 more. But a 4<sup>th</sup> down pass failed.

On defense, good tackles were recorded by Olmos, Cabello, Ware, Mitchell and Gregory as Sunray ran out the clock.

## Steers of the Week



Coach Thompson named as Steers of the Week for their play against Sunray -- Rowdy Mitchell, left, and Joel Chavez.



The Steers salute their fans at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo

## Foundation gives low marks to N.M.

A new report released by the Fordham Institute for Innovation in Social Policy, reports the Associated Press, says New Mexico's social health in at the bottom of the 50 states for the second consecutive year.

New Mexico received its lowest marks in child poverty and insurance coverage, ranking last in both categories.

The state also was given an "F" for its graduation rates, unemployment, wages, suicide, drunken driving deaths, teenage drug abuse, and homicides.



## Meet Farwell's Class of 2016



Jett Cates, a Farwell kindergartener, has an Aug. 28 birthday.

His parents are Gary and Kim Cates. He has 2 sisters, Kenzy and Jenna. Grandparents are Coke and Peggy Cates, of Clovis, and Po and Judy Ellis.

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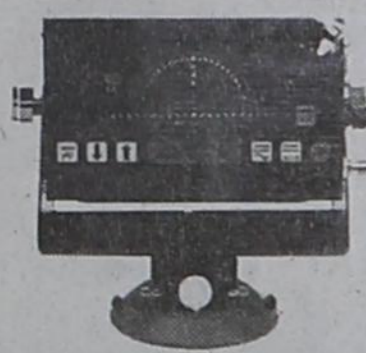
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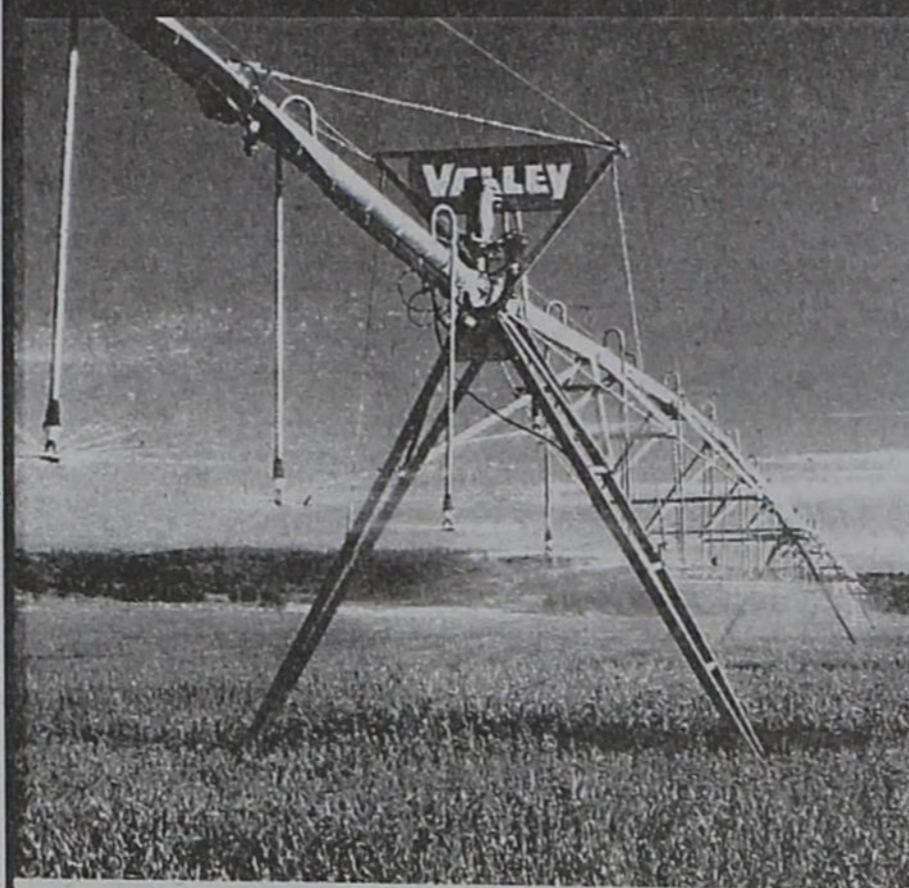
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## Farwell Elementary scholars

Farwell Elementary School's honor rolls have been announced for the 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Barnes) - honor roll, Collin Christian, Lydia Gomez, Clara Reyes, Olivia Schilling, Caitlyn Stancell, Cas Stevens; achievement list, Erik Graxiola, Sasha Lara, Victor Moreno, Elizabeth Perada, Canyon Scarborough, Tori Williams.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Klingensmith) - honor roll, Chelsea Bass, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Bretton Stancell, Sydney Thomas; achievement list, Kayla Cullison, Luis Galvan, Manuel Galvan, Tomas Germain, Hayden Hadley, Bill Nolte, Katie Slack, Cassidy Martin.

4<sup>th</sup> grade (Actkinson) - honor roll, Alicia Bermea, Jacqueline Meza, Tre Orozco, Shelby Saul; achievement list, Tait Cooper, Keila Jennings, Kory Jennings, Abby Johnson, Ryder Ledbetter, Karina Ortega, Austin Pemberton, Pearce Ponder.

4<sup>th</sup> grade (Montgomery) - honor roll, Luis Delgado, Kristin Langford, Ballard Saul; achievement list, Adreanna Blakes, Neysla Cisneros, Edgar Cuevas, Alfredo Huicochea, Jessie Reyes, Tyler Schilling, Manuel Servin, Tannah Slack, Jessica Stewart, Melissa Teachout, Michelle Vega, Brooke Williams.

5<sup>th</sup> grade (Hodnett) - honor roll, Rane Carpenter, Luke Carpenter, Drake King; achievement list, Ashlee Howard, Pamela Lara, Henry Loeppky, Russell Schilling, Sara Scott, Zac Stancell, Michelle Wauson.

5<sup>th</sup> grade (Boyd) - honor roll, Landry Actkinson, Caleb Christian, Laney Christian, Lincoln Devault, Brooke Fowler, Esteban Graxiola, Crystal Reyes, Ray White, Ashley Sanders; achievement list, Julia Cuevas, Evelyn Delgado, Matt Martin, Mason Coburn, Isaac Soto.

# Texico 8<sup>th</sup> girls take 3<sup>rd</sup> in tourney

## 8<sup>th</sup> Girls

Texico's 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Gattis Friendship Tourney last week.

In the opener, they put away Houston, 39-26.

Scoring were Stephanie Vega, 6; Micah Mayfield and Barbara Vidal, 2 each; Bryn Mayfield, 15 (including 3 3-pointers); Faith Martin, 11; and Amanda Bass, 3.

Then a tall, big Marshall team beat Texico, 38-23.

Scoring were Martin, 13; Vega, 1; Micah Mayfield, 4; and Bryn Mayfield, 5.

And Texico destroyed Gattis, 42-11.

Scoring were Vega and Micah Mayfield, 4 each; Bryn Mayfield, 8; Martin, 14; and Vidal, 10.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Girls

Texico's 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls went 1-2 in last week's Portales Tournament.

They lost the opener to Marshall, 38-12.

Scoring were Annette Monarrez, 2; Markita Askew, 6; and Amanda Bass, 4.

Then Bovina beat Texico, 28-21.

Scoring were Askew, 2; Jaryse Harris, 5; Bass, 10; and Braeden Hadley, 4.

Texico then whipped up on Gattis, 41-13.

Scoring were Laiken Crist and Askew, 2 each; Harris, 8; Bass, 20, and Hadley, 13.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Boys

Texico's 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys were consolation champs at the Portales Tourney.



In back, Bretton Stancell, Sergio Perez, Brooke Fowler, Angel Garcia, Jessica Reyes; middle row, Lorena Reyes, Yareli Ruiz, Jasen Herrera, Luke Lenon; front row, Audrey Wren.

## Farwell pupils recognized

Students of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 weeks at Farwell Elementary School are:

Kindergarten - Lorena Reyes and Audrey Wren.

1<sup>st</sup> grade - Jasen Herrera and Luke Lenon.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Angel Garcia and Yareli Ruiz.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Lydia Gomez and Bretton Stancell.

4<sup>th</sup> grade - Jessica Reyes and Sergio Perez.

5<sup>th</sup> grade - Luke Carpenter and Brooke Fowler.

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In the 1<sup>st</sup> game, Texico fell to Marshall, 31-27.

Scoring were Tanner Allen, 2; Brett Anderson, 10; Jordan Broome, 7; and Mario Posada, 8.

Then Texico stomped Yucca's "B" team, 40-22.

Scoring were Jordan Shivers, 2; Allen and Broome, 10 each; and Posada and Anderson, 8 each.

And Texico dropped Portales, 35-22.

Scoring were Allen, 12; Posada, 10; Anderson, 8; Broome, 3; and Mark Rivera, 2.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Boys

Texico's 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys went 1-2 in the Marshall Tourney last week.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> game, Yucca topped Texico, 51-16.

Scoring were Courtland Luscombe, 10; Billy Scott, 2; Casey Crist, 4.

Hobbs Highland beat Texico, 62-37.

Scoring were Jesse Walthers, 6; Scott, 14; Crist, 8; Luscombe, 9.

And Texico sped past Clovis Christian, 44-29.

Scoring were Walthers, 2; Scott, 14; Jason Roberts and Luscombe, 12 each; Crist, 4; Courtland Luscombe, 10; Billy Scott, 2; Casey Crist, 4.

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## Farwell

Monday - Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - chili dogs, french fries, dill spears, orange half, brownie, milk.

Wednesday - chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday - spaghetti, garden salad, fruit, bread sticks, milk.

Friday - cheeseburger, LTOP, french fries, peach cobbler, milk.

## Texico

Monday - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - chalupas with cheese, salsa, lettuce, corn, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - pigs in a blanket, pork & beans, pickle spear, fruit, milk.

Thursday - hamburger or cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday - pizza, carrot sticks, celery sticks, broccoli, ranch dressing, fruit, milk.

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## Accident claims life

Samuel Alvarado, 61, of Muleshoe, died the morning of Nov. 20 at the AGP grain elevator in Farwell.

Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg said it appeared Alvarado, an AGP employee the past two years, had fallen into a grain silo and was suffocated.

One silo was emptied, and Alvarado's body found. AGP workers were in the process of emptying a grain bin containing wheat at the time of the incident, it was reported.

AGP officials said their safety manager would go to Farwell to conduct an investigation.

## It's a Girl

Ainsley Therese was born to Chris and Katherine Schraeder, of Muleshoe, at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20 1/2" long. She has a brother, Brett, 2.

Grandparents are Dennis and Debbie Schraeder, of Garden City, and John and Martha Foley, of Sheffield.

## Sheriff's Report

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

On Nov. 23, Kendra Martin, 22, of Muleshoe, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a Randall County warrant (theft). She posted bond and was released.

## Courthouse Notes

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

Ronald Byrd - Charles Aycock, SE/4 S1, NW/4 S53 Doud & Keefer.

Charles Aycock - Los Gallos Farms, same above.

Donald McNerlin - Randy Davidson, pt L1, pt L4, B90 pt vacated Ave. I Bovina.

**Happy Thanksgiving**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of Harvest-home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin.

—Henry Alford (1810-1871)

We join our voices with yours in appreciation of the bounty we enjoy, and add our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the kindness and support you've given us through the year. May your Thanksgiving be a joyous one!

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# 'I'm thankful for God giving me this glorious life'

**Eric Galvan:**

I'm thankful for my mom bringing me to this world and to talk and speak and whatever I want to do. I'm thankful for God giving us food, parents, trees, grass and shelter to protect us from rains and snow. I'm thankful for my parents not abusing me, and my dog Bowwow for guiding my family and me, too. I'm thankful for oxygen, carbon dioxide and my own body to eat and to control myself.

**Lincoln Devault:**

I love Thanksgiving because it's a time when I get to go to Lubbock and see my family. One of the things we do is sit in the living room and watch football. One other thing we get to do is eat delicious food while we sit down and talk. I like to talk about the fun things our family has done in the past years. I'm so thankful for my family and for all the things they have done for me. I'm thankful also for my friends, my church, the freedom we all have and the United States.

**Caleb Christian:**

I am thankful for friends and family for everything they have done for me. I am also thankful for Jesus, my mom and dad, my brothers, my cousins, my grandmother and grandfather. I am thankful for my animals.

**Julian Cuevas:**

On Thanksgiving, my family does a special thing. We give thanks for the wonderful things God has given us. I'm thankful for God giving me a wonderful family and friends, and for protecting the planet and for God's help in helping the president in making the right decisions for our country. I'm thankful for God giving me a house to live in. I'm thankful for God giving me great teachers and an education. I'm thankful for God giving me this glorious life. I'm thankful for God giving my family a turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and corn to eat for Thanksgiving.

**Victoria Galvan:**

I'm thankful for life, my family, my freedom, my home and my clothes. I'm thankful for my friends, my food and Jesus. I'm thankful for my country and my teacher. I'm thankful for everything that everybody has done for me.

**Chance O'Hare:**

I'm thankful for my family, my horse and cattle that my mom and dad gave me, too. I think Mike, Patty and Blake O'Hare (my loving family) are the best thing a kid could ever ask for. I'm thankful for the farm that I live on and the healthy crops that we grow.

**Ashley Sanders:**

I'm thankful that my family gets to have this wonderful holiday 'cause some families don't. During Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for the time I get to spend with my family and friends. I'm also thankful for the food my mom and dad cook for my family and me. I'm thankful for my house we play and sleep in. I'm thankful to live day to day. I'm really thankful for the Lord who gave us life. I'm thankful for my animals.

**Chelsy Luce:**

I am thankful for education so we can read and write. I am also thankful for teachers so we can learn things. I am really thankful for parents so we can be loved.

**Isabel Torres:**

I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they brought me to this world. I am also thankful for all my friends and all my teachers and for the people that gave their lives for us and that put food on the table.

**Stephanie Mendoza:**

Hey! Do you know that I am very obliged for? I am obliged for taking care of my little brother and taking care of mom when she is sick. I'm also thankful for all my family who lives in El Paso and for all my friends and teachers.

**Nora Maldonado:**

Can you keep a secret? I'm grateful for many things, my mom around the house, for helping my friends and my family, for playing with my sister and my brothers, for helping my grandma and my grandpa. Look around you -- there are so many things you might be grateful for. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Eddwinia Rodriguez:**

Can you believe how many things I am thankful for? I am

grateful for my mother standing right beside me when I am sick. I appreciate my grandpa and grandpa coming all the way from Muleshoe and picking me and my sister up when my mom or dad could not pick us up. I'm very thankful for my dad for letting me play soccer because if he didn't let me play soccer, I would not be going to the soccer tournaments and the traveling team. What are you thankful for?

**Cortni Foreman:**

I am thankful for my mom and dad for giving me a home to live in. They also provide food for me to eat and clothes to wear and a bed for me to sleep in. I'm thankful for our car so I do not have to walk. One more thing -- thank you mom and dad for caring for me.

**Guillermo Carrillo:**

Can you keep a secret? I am grateful for a lot of things, for my mother, father, my sister and brother, and myself. I'm grateful for my teacher and my classmates. These people help me learn new things and help me go on in my life. My friends teach me things, too. These things help me out every day, like the churches they made to worship our God.

**Niki Wallin:**

Happy Thanksgiving! I'm thankful for a lot of stuff. One is for my family, another is for my school. Another is for my life I have. I have a lot of stuff I'm thankful for. So if you're not thankful for this stuff, get up and try to get thankful for it.

**Randy Reeser:**

I'm grateful for my family with me today. I'm thankful for having a good teacher and classmates, for getting to go on trips with my friends and family, for having good friends. I would name them all but it would take me all day. I'm grateful for all this and much, much more. I thank God a lot for everything.

**Diana Corona:**

Thankful! And obliged for lots of things! One is my family because they love me and take care of me. Another is being athletic. I love sports, especially basketball. Another is for being in school to be educated and have a good job. Are you as thankful as I am?

**Tyler Strickland:**

Hey! Do you know how much I'm thankful for? A lot of stuff. If I was not thankful I would not be here right now. I would be in a dumpster about to die. That's how major being thankful is. I'm thankful by saying thank you and being respectful to my elders. I'm also thankful for God being in my life. Are you as grateful as me?

**Garrett Foote:**

I appreciate many things, like having a family that loves me and for God. I appreciate teachers for teaching me tons of things and making me smart. I also appreciate the Navy because they keep our country safe. I hope you will appreciate these things after reading this paragraph.

**Destanee Sena:**

Grateful is a good thing to be. Are you grateful? I am grate-

ful for my family, my friends and for my teacher. Without these people it would be hard to learn. I'm also grateful for all the other stuff I didn't mention. All these things are important to me because I get them with care and love. I also thank God for what I have.

**Kolten Miller:**

I'm grateful for the food and shelter my parents give to me. I'm thankful to live in the United States of America because you can have your own religion and be free to do other things you can't do in other countries. And I'm grateful for my family because I love them and they take good care of me. Now I want to know what you are thankful for?

**Jorge Maldonado:**

I am thankful for my parents because they are the ones who created me into this world. I am thankful for my brother and sisters because if I was the only one it would be boring even if I play sports or have games. I'm thankful for my school because I have friends and learn each day that passes by.

**Jose Posada:**

I'm thankful for my family because they take me to my games. I give God thanks for letting me have nice brothers and my baby sister and for letting my uncle still live and walk and come to my house for Thanksgiving and other things. They buy me a bike before it's my birthday and give me money to buy stuff like toys and shoes, clothes, pants. I'm thankful that I can go to school and have a teacher that will teach me and let me learn about school.

**Morgan Mayfield:**

I'm very thankful for my family because I look up to them, and they care for me. I'm thankful for my parents because they are there for me. Without them I would not have a last name. I would be just Morgan, not Morgan Mayfield. I'm thankful for my sisters, Micah and McKenzie. They help my study for my test and they play with me. I'm thankful for my friends, Morgan P., Shelby, Shay and Devanee. I'm thankful for my pets because they play with me. I'm very, very thankful for God and his Son, Jesus. Who loves us.

**Cesar Jimenez:**

I'm thankful for my brother because he plays with me and doesn't get bored when playing with me.

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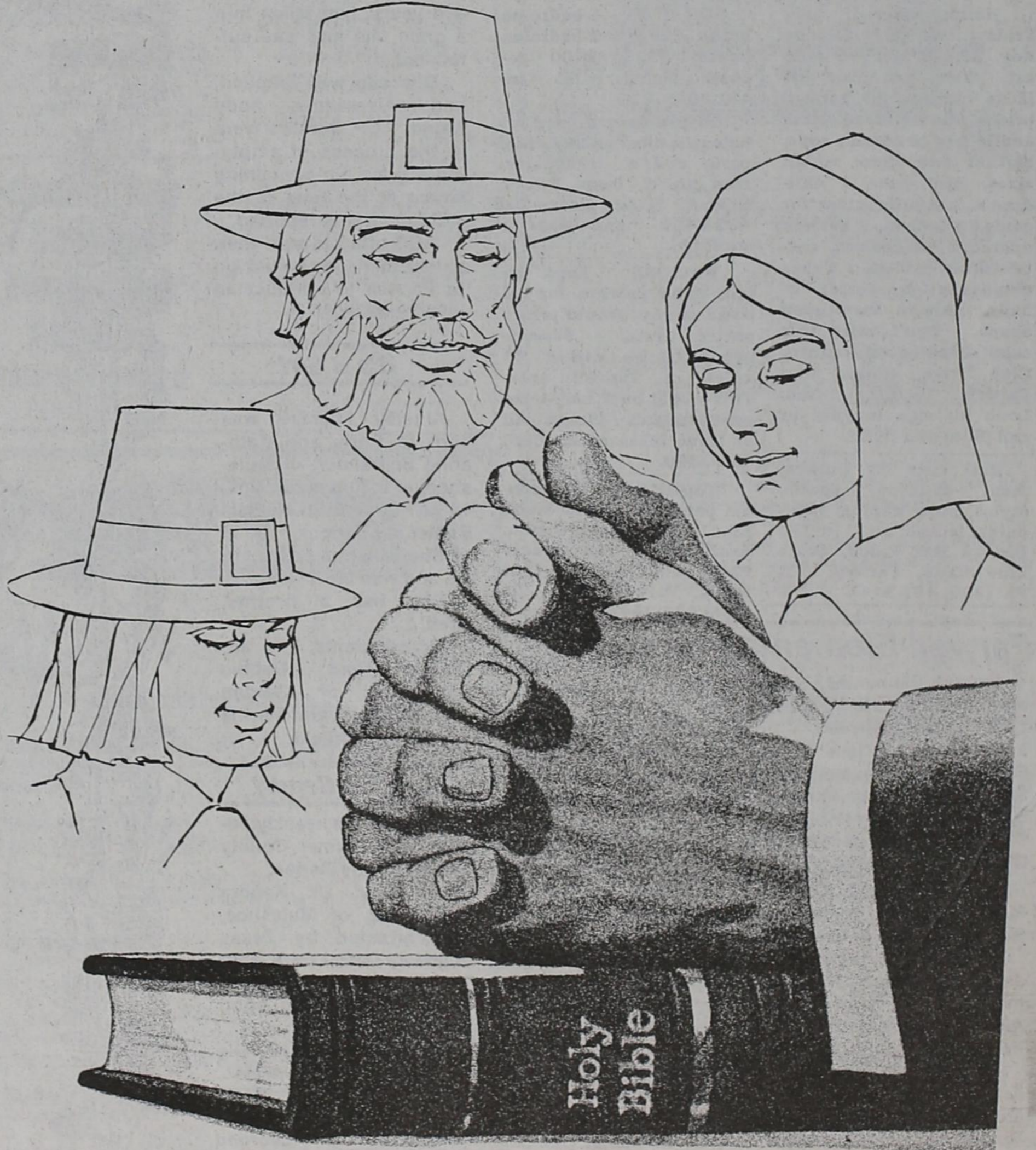
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