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Kristen Kasel: SSS eye problem affects far more folks than realized

by Teresa Mesman

Kristin Kasel, of Farwell, looks at the world through rose-colored glasses.

Literally.

She's happy, upbeat, and enjoys being a stay-at-home mother and wife. From her viewpoint, she's got a great life.

Kristin actually views the world through glasses tinted a unique shade of purple that has her seeing things clearly for the first time in her life.

Kristin recently discovered that she has Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome (SSS) - Irlen's Syndrome. This discovery has changed her life and she's now equipped herself to help others who have been plagued by the symptoms of this interesting, yet frustrating, impair-

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*We all see things the same way.
We see words in groups or phrases.
The print is more dominant than the background. The print shows no movement. The printed letters are evenly black. Black print on white paper gives the best contrast for everyone. White background looks white.*

ment.

Kristin grew up in Grand Junction, Colo., and was a happy, go-lucky child. She did well in school, but she always felt that she was different.

"I made A's and B's, but every class was a struggle for me. I liked school, but I had to work for every grade in every subject," she explained. "I was never comfortable at school. I had trouble sitting still; paying attention and reading would put me to sleep in a matter of minutes. I would also constantly shake my knees up and down when I was sitting in a classroom."

Kristin also explained that when she would look at a page of words or numbers, that everything would "move."

She was also labeled as hearing disabled in her elementary years because, through the standard testing of the day, she was categorized as having a hearing deficiency.

"I could never pay attention very well at school or even at home. However, if I was shown how to do something, I got it immediately, but if I had to read the instructions, I always had problems," she said. "It was frustrating for me, my teachers and for my parents."

Kristin became an ace at memorizing everything after hearing something only one time.

"It was my coping mechanism for a problem that I didn't know I had," she commented.

She is also quick to explain that her problems weren't just with reading.

"I was a horrible klutz!" she laughed "I would bang into walls, hit my head, fall down a lot and forget trying to play any sport that involved catching a ball! I have no depth perception."

Once she entered college, Kristin found out just how hard she was going to have to work to complete every class with a passing grade.

"I was an above average student throughout school, but when I got my first "F" on a paper, it was a real shocker!" she stated. "I couldn't spell, put down a

complete sentence in proper order or make sense of anything that I had written."

Her mother had always helped her type up her papers throughout her high school years and Kristin said that she then realized that her mother had been correcting her mistakes during all that time.

"I was horrified at how stupid I suddenly felt!" she exclaimed. "Here I had been believing that I was above average intelligence and I was now facing complete failure in a subjects that I really enjoyed."

Kristin now understands that it wasn't stupidity or even a visual problem. Her mind was literally playing tricks on her.

She has perfect vision that does not need any correction. She does not have a hearing impairment. She has Scotopic Sensitivity - Irlen's Syndrome.

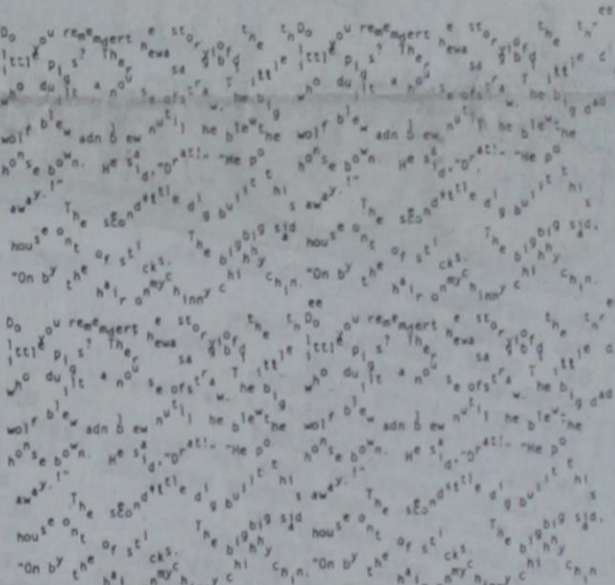
This is a hereditary syndrome that is an issue of the brain. It is not due to brain damage or even a classical mental health issue. It is a perceptual issue that affects the visual stimulation center of the brain. This is the classic definition. This syndrome also affects the areas of the brain that coordinate hearing and vision together, stimulation of the adrenal glands and sensitivity to light, both natural and artificial.

Many years ago, this problem was called "Word Blindness." This was due to the fact that sufferers of the syndrome would simply explain that words would just not be there or that they would disappear before their eyes.

Helen Irlen, who the syndrome has now been named after, began to see a trend in the school children that she was counseling as a school psychologist for the Long Beach, Calif., School District.

In the early 1980's, she traced together the symptoms that she charted for the students brought to her as

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"problem students." These children ranged from academically poor students to top of the class. However, they all struggled with the same reading, writing and behavior problems. They all used the same coping mechanisms at home, in the classroom and in dealing with rudimentary subjects.

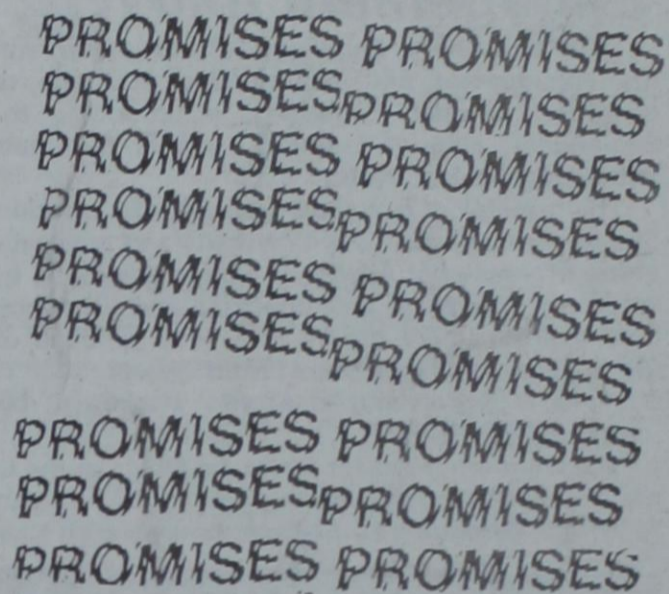
The first thing that Helen Irlen noticed was how the children's behavior and attention levels changed whenever she talked with them in her office with the standard fluorescent lights on or with the lamps or natural light. This sparked her curiosity about the classroom environment of these students.

The standard lighting for all school settings is long tube fluorescent lighting. She urged the teachers of the particular students in her study to simply turn the lights

off and allow the natural light, if available to be the primary light source. Positive changes were noted immediately in the students.

She was also curious about how color affected the students' behavior and abilities. She began simple tests with simple words, paragraphs of text and numbers printed on stark white paper and a variety of colored papers. Immediate improvements in reading and mathematical abilities were noted in all of the students when work was presented to them on colored paper.

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This study then advanced to the use of colored overlays, lenses and light sources.

Helen Irlen discovered that over 20% of the students in the Long Beach school system had this syndrome.

Several universities and medical schools have taken her research and studied the human brain extensively for this syndrome.

Today, the Irlen Institute works closely with scientists, optometrists and school systems throughout the world help children and adults learn about and work with the symptoms of this frustrating and, often times, debilitating syndrome.

A person that has this syndrome will see printed words and numbers in a variety of patterns. Words will literally move from normal paragraphs or positions into patterns. These patterns are categorized as "Halos, Swirls, Seesaws, Rivers, Shaky and Blurry."

"Before I discovered I had this, I had begun to question myself," Kristin emphatically explained. "I've since learned that my father, sister and my brother all suffer from this syndrome as well. My father is a brilliant man that has adapted himself in many unique ways to deal with this. My brother and sister have suffered greatly from low self-esteem and severe frustration that have, unfortunately led them down some pretty hard paths. But things are looking up for them both now that we know how to deal with the syndrome!"

The way that one deals with Scotopic Sensitivity is to utilize some very simple tools available to them. To begin with, there is a series of very simple; non-invasive tests that need to be performed to determine the level of light sensitivity the individual has. The next step is to determine the color that best filters out the perceptual problem and causes things to come into focus.

Once the color is determined, a colored overlay can be used by the individual for reading. The use of colored papers, colored inks and light levels follow. Most SSS patients prefer to read in dim light or in natural

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FFA auction scheduled

The annual FFA benefit auction to raise funds for the Texico and Farwell FFA chapters will be on March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center.

Silent and live auctions will be held.

Wilbur-Ellis sponsors the annual event.

A BBQ dinner at no charge will be catered by Desperado's, of Amarillo.

Playoff time

The Farwell Steers will play its Bi-District game against Morton, the state's No. 2 ranked team, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the South Plains College Dome in Levelland.

The Steers will have a practice game at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at Canyon Randall High.



Champions

The Farwell Steers with their trophy for winning the District Co-championship title.

Abbott, Foster marry

Kristin Lindsey Abbott and Steven Brice Foster were married on Jan. 3 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Mike Schafer officiating at



Heather Engelking and Brian Schmucker

Engagement told

Dave and Sheryl Engelking, of Lazbuddie, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Engelking, of Lubbock, to Brian Schmucker, also of Lubbock, son of Dan and Ethel Schmucker, of Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High. She attended Texas Tech University and graduated from Salon Professional Academy. She is employed by Body Works for Women as an esthetician and endermologist.

The prospective groom is a 1990 graduate of Nazareth High. He graduated from Texas Tech with a bachelor's degree and is a girls' basketball coach at Freship High School.

The wedding is set for 5 p.m. on May 1 at the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church. A reception and dance will follow the ceremony at the Community Hall in Nazareth.

the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Karen Moore, of Lubbock. The groom is the son of Steve and Paulette Foster, of Lazbuddie.

The bride's grandparents are Nanette Moore, Martin and Mary Lou Moore, all of Lubbock; Buster and Marsella Carlile, of Amarillo. The groom's grandparents are Demp and Anita Foster, of Lazbuddie, and Paul and Mary Frisbie, of Plainview.

The parents and grandparents were seated to "Surely the Presence of the Lord." The bride entered to "Canon in D." After the exchange of vows, the unity candle was lit to "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," sang by Bethany Howe, of San Angelo, friend of the bride. The couple left the sanctuary to "Oh How Happy."

Matron of Honor was Stephanie Curs, of College Station, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mattie Moore, of Lubbock, sister of the bride; Denae Ainsworth, of Lubbock, and Marcy Gibson, of Yuscola.

Kevin Fitzgerald, of Prescott, Ark., was Best Man. Groomsmen were Deon Gallman, of Lazbuddie; and Cody Hodges and Slade Hodges, of Lubbock, cousins of the groom.

Ushers were Mark Woods, of Dallas; Nole Babb, of San Angelo, and Craig Foster, of St. Joseph, Mo., cousin of the groom.

The bride wore a white strapless floor length gown with a cathedral train and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom wore a traditional black tuxedo with a silver bow tie.

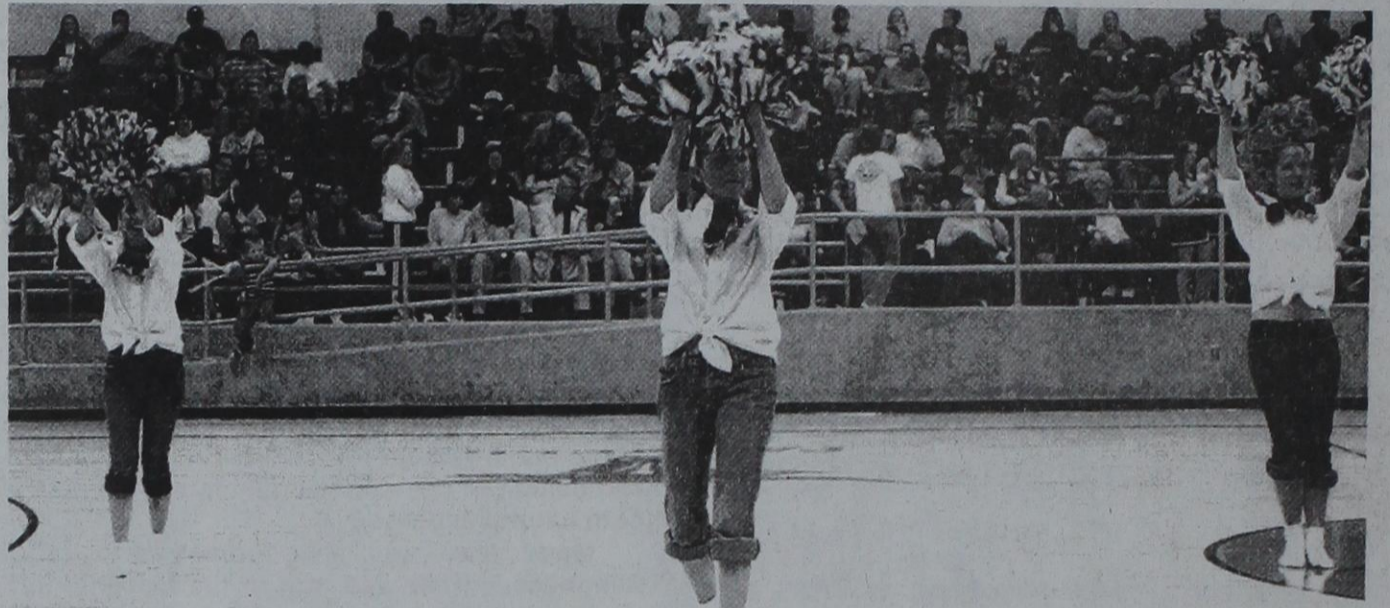


Mrs. Steven Brice Foster

A reception followed in the church fellowship hall with Jenny Covill, Jenifer Minton, Ashley Honea and Mara Garza, all of San Angelo, serving at the bride's table. Ashley Allen and Robin Foster, of Dallas, and Heather Hodges, of Lubbock, cousins of the groom, assisted at the groom's table.

The bride, a graduate of Lubbock Cooper High and Angelo State University, is employed by First National Bank of Lubbock. The groom is a graduate of Lazbuddie High and Angelo State University. He is employed by Wells Fargo Bank, in Lubbock.

Following a wedding trip to Orland, Fla., the couple will reside in Lubbock.



Farwell's Blue Crush

Farwell High's "Blue Crush" dance troupe entertains at halftime of a basketball game. Its members are Selene Delgado, Miriam Delgado, Elisa Smith, Jessica Adams and Kary Mathys.

I would like to thank the Farwell Buyers Club and The Bank of Clovis for buying my pigs at the Parmer County Livestock Show. I appreciate your support! Thanks again,
Ray White

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Hornets defeat Steers in battle for state playoff seeding

The Farwell Steers lost to Sudan, 77-65, on Friday at Littlefield in a game to set the seedings for the state playoffs. The teams had ended in a tie for 1st in district. Farwell was 22-7 after this game.

Scoring were Jason Johnson, 12 (with a trio of 3-pointers in the 3rd quarter); Grant Gregory, 10; Tate

Nichols, 17 (with a pair of 3-pointers); Cale Stevenson, 5; Jose Cabello, 8; Jeremie Chandler, 2; and Tyler Myers, 11.

The game opened with Sudan taking a 5-0 lead. A 3-pointer by Nichols put Farwell on the board. But Sudan maintained a small lead until a Johnson bucket tied the game at 18-all. Then free throws by Chandler put Farwell into the lead as the 1st quarter ended, 20-18.

The lead seasawed most of the second quarter, with neither team getting ahead by more than 3 points. After falling behind by a bucket, a rebound basket by Myers tied the game at 28-all. Then free throws by Nichols and a bucket by Stevenson gave the Steers a 32-28 lead as the half ended.

The start of the 3rd quarter gave Farwell thoughts the game would turn into a rout. Nichols' 3-pointer put the Steers up by 5. And a 3-pointer by Johnson gave Farwell a 6-point lead, 41-35. But Sudan struck back, taking a 43-41 lead. Farwell got the lead back on a Johnson 3-pointer. Then Sudan made a buzzer-beater from near half-court to take a 49-48 lead going into the 4th quarter.

Again, Farwell regained the lead behind baskets by Gregory and Nichols. And again the lead seasawed. But slowly Sudan began to pull away, taking a 61-55 lead.

Cabello's basket made it 4 points, and a 3-pointer by Nichols at 3:25 put Farwell behind by only one point, 61-60. The teams exchanged buckets and a Gregory basket again brought the Steers to within 1, at 65-64.

But after that it was all Sudan. The Hornets went on a 12-1 run to end the game.



-- Photos by J.R. Ivins --



The Latest

The Farwell Steers improved their season record to 23-7 with a win on Monday over Channing, 57-37, in preparation for the Bi-District playoff game against Morton.

Scoring were Rowdy Mitchell, 2; Grant Gregory, 10; Jason Johnson, 7; Tyler Myers, 11; Tate Nichols, 13; Fabian Reyes, 2; Cale Stevenson, 4; Daniel Kaltwasser, 5; and Jeremie Chandler, 5.

Moved up to the varsity team for the playoffs were JV players Reyes and Derrick Chandler.

Coach Kirk Saul.

The new Parmer County Law Enforcement Center passed the state inspection on Feb. 11.

Lupe Vidaurri reports that her son, Robert, has returned home to Farwell after serving with the U.S. Marines for four years.

Courthouse Notes

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

Deborah Magby - Corry Farms, SW/4 & W/1, E2/SE/4 S4 Blk H Kelly.

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Farwell Steers' Robbie Tabb is out for the rest of the basketball season due to mononucleosis, reports

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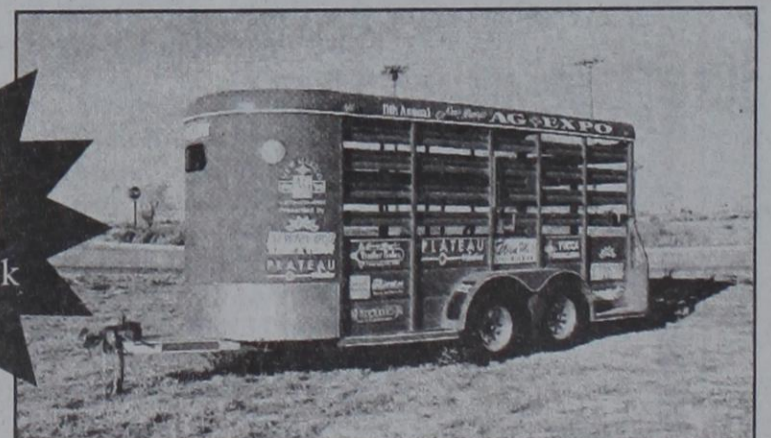
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Sheriff's Report

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

On Feb. 12, Ronald Jankowski, 52, of Pennsylvania, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces by Texas Highway Patrol. He paid fine, court costs and got 3 days in jail.

On Feb. 13, Richard Ortiz, 29, of Tempe, Ariz., was arrested by Farwell police on charges of failure to appear, and theft. The cases are pending in court.

On Feb. 16, Salvador Mendoza, 33, of Portales, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI 3rd. Case is pending before the grand jury.

On Feb. 16, Samuel Dominguez, 33, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on charges of interfering with an emergency call, pending in county court, and aggravated assault against a witness, pending before the grand jury.

Farwell UIL results listed

Results of Farwell's participation in the South Plains UIL contests on Feb. 7 were:

- Jordan Saylor, 2nd in 9th grade science.
- Jourdan Kirkland, 5th in 9th grade science, and 9th in 11th grade math.
- Johnathan Vega, 10th in 11th grade science.

"This is the beginning of better things to come as each contestant and coach works harder," said advisor Patsy Camp. "Competitors in many events have competition in Idalou on Feb. 21 and in Plains on March 6. Keep encouraging these kids and their sponsors."

Farwell Police Report

The Farwell Police Department is still investigating several old crimes. Anyone with information on these or any crimes is asked to call Chief Robert Achterberg or Parmer County Crime Stoppers.

No. 1. In 2002, Kirkland Pump Co. was burglarized, and several impellers taken.

No. 2. In the past four years, Mills and Elevator Supply has been plagued with several thefts of equipment, a large air compressor, a riding lawn mower and tires taken off a trailer, and a generator.

No. 3. In 2003, the Beekman home was burglarized and several weapons plus money taken. Although an arrest was made in the case, several guns and other items are still missing. Also, there are other suspects to be identified and arrested. Please help if you can -- these weapons need to be taken off the streets.

Achterberg added, "We need your help. We can only do so much. It takes citizens of the community and its police department to keep the city safe. If you see anyone or anything that is suspicious, please call your local law enforcement agency. Crime reduction is everyone's responsibility."

Building permit OK'd for Meza

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday approved a building permit application for Vicente Meza, at 603 Ave. B.

He is expanding his carport and replacing his fence.

In other business, Police Chief Robert Achterberg said there has been several petty thefts of items, such as air compressors.

He also had been handling the animal control duties since his son moved away.

Texico Police Report

Texico Police Chief John Mares reports that a bunch of tools were taken in a burglary the night of Feb. 12 in the 500 block of Anderson Street.



Justin Ware and Ashley Hartzog

Ware, Hartzog take UIL 4th

Six Farwell High students competed in the District Cross Examination Debate on Feb. 12 -- Hayley Fowler and Jourdan Kirkland, Matt Barnes and Dan Patterson, and Justin Ware and Ashley Hartzog.

Ashley and Justin placed 4th in district, gaining points for the spring district contest.

Nineteen teams competed, and only four teams placed.

Farwell's coach was Lori Haseloff.

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 Friday - pizza, salad, fruit, cookies, milk.

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Monday -- taco boats, spanish rice, salad, cookie, fruit, milk.
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 Friday - fish, mac & cheese, cole slaw, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

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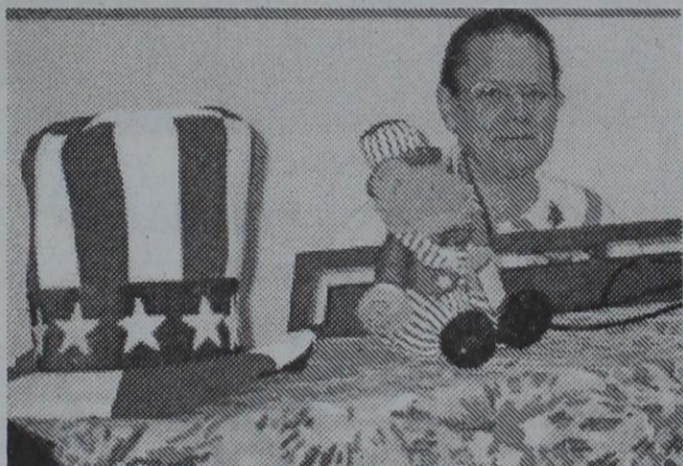
Farwell JV Boys 21-4 season record

In back from left are Ty Gast, Derrick Chandler, Zac Bickel, Brett Howard, Carlos Saenz; in front, Roper Smith, Luis Olmos, Matthew Edwards, Juan Carlos Vidaurri, Fabian Reyes.

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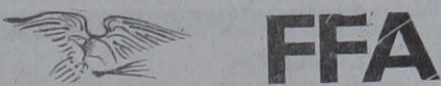
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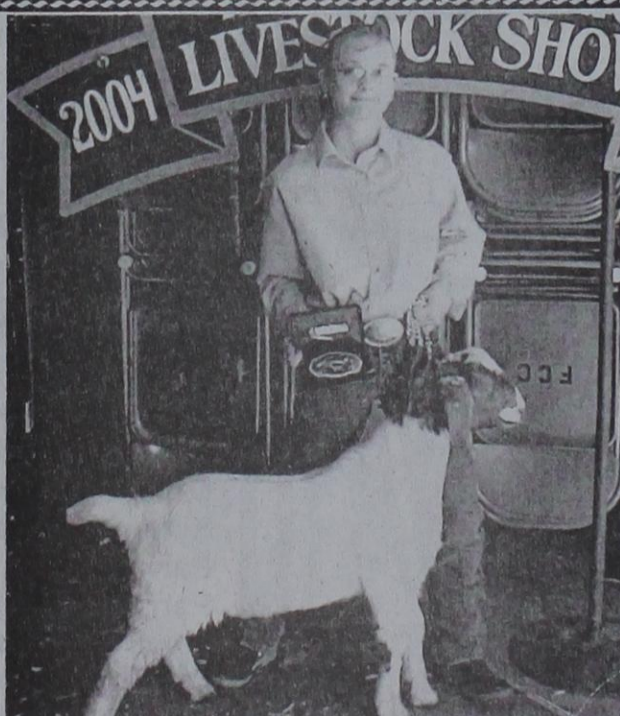
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Billingsley, Kittrell file for re-election

Monday marked the start of the filing period for local elections in Parmer County.

The filing deadline is March 15.

Early voting is set for April 28 through May 11. Election Day is May 15.

Each Tuesday, the Tribune will check on how

signups have gone: Lazbuddie School Board -- Nobody has signed up yet. Two posts are on the ballot. One incumbent is Terry Parham, and the other is a vacancy, created by the resignation of Robert Smith.

Bovina School Board -

Nobody has signed up yet. Three posts are on the ballot, and the incumbents are Justin Brozek, Joe Steelman and George Villarreal.

Farwell City Council -- Three council posts are



Roberts cited

Mindi Roberts is this week's Texico High Teen of the Week.

Parents are Randy and Jana Pitcock, and Clay Roberts. Grandparents are Jim and Patsy Berry, Peggy Roberts and Jimmy and Ailene Pitcock.

She is a member of National Honor Society, FCA, Central Baptist Church in Clovis. She likes to hang out with her friends and family, and play basketball.

Hobbies are making crafty things and collecting crosses.

She plans to be a radiologist.

on the ballot, and the incumbents are Don Geries, Wayne Gruben and Ysleta Kittrell. Mrs. Kittrell signed up for re-election on Monday.

Bovina City Council -- Nobody has signed up yet. Three posts are on the ballot -- the mayor and two councilmen. Incumbents are Galen Hromas, Jesse Stone and Stan Miller.

Farwell School Board -- Sam Billingsley has signed up for re-election. The other incumbent, Gary Patterson, has announced he isn't running again. There are two posts on the ballot.

Farwell Hospital District Board -- Four posts are on the ballot. Incumbents are Bert Williams, Troy Christian, Peggy Sudderth and Chad Byrd. To sign up, contact board secretary Margie Watkins.

Walls wins blue ribbon

One student was inadvertently left off the list of Texico School science fair winners printed in last week's Tribune.

Fifth grader Oscar Walls won a blue ribbon.

St. John's plans 'Signs for Life'

St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat will be holding weekly services on Wednesday afternoons and evenings from Feb. 25 through the Lenten season.

"Signs for Life" is the sermon series that will highlight each service. This series will connect the common road signs that one encounters along the streets and highways and in living a Christian life.

Rev. Dave Symm, pastor, is excited about the Lenten series.

"It's been an interesting and challenging series to put together and one that I'm looking forward to presenting. Each week, participants will be given a token with the road sign discussed as a reminder of the warnings and road signs," he said. "We're also inviting any and all to come and join us for this straightforward and encouraging series."

St. John's has added an afternoon service on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. to accommodate anyone that doesn't care to drive at night or might have a conflicting schedule with the 7:30 evening service.

"We're hoping to reach all that we can with our two services," said Rev. Symm.

For the evening service at 7:30 p.m. a supper will be served immediately following by the Youth Group of St. John. Payment is a free will offering.

The "Signs for Life" Lenten series is open to all in the community.

St. John's is located just off Hwy. 84, 8 miles east of Farwell. For more information, contact Rev. Dave Symm at 825-2409.

Tours planned

School groups will soon be touring the new Parmer County Law Enforcement Center.

Sheriff Randy Geries expects the open house for the community will be held in early March.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Parmer County clerk's office last week:

Jose Torres and No-hemi Benavides, Gerald Garza and Carol Kidd, and Ruben Saucedo and Imelda Perez.

Parmer County youth prepare for Houston livestock show

Parmer County is sending a bunch of youths to the Houston Livestock Show in March.

First, the 4-H'ers:

Abby Johnson, Abriel Terrones, Andrew Johnson, Bretton Stancell, Caitlyn Stancell, Caleb Christian, Clayton Ray White, Colton Christian, Dan Patterson, Jennifer DeLeon, Jordan Mason, Levi McCormick, Matt Billingsley, Michael DeLeon, Russell Schilling, Ryan Mason, Samuel Billingsley, Shonnah Black, Suzanne Mason and Zacarey Stancell.

They will be showing 20 barrows at the show.

Now the FFA'ers:

Aaron Chavez, Adam Pierce, Chandler Barnes, Chase Timms, Dakota Pitcock, Dylan Haney, Jacob Schacher, James Kayle Jesko, Jared Timms, Jarrod Jesko, Jason Davis, Jordan Mason, Justin Schacher, Kayla Parham, Kelli Harris, Kera Lewandowski, Kinzi Schacher, Kolten Morris, Kyra Kimbrough, Lakota Goe, Logan Mason, Mandy Haney, Robert Kirby Kimbrough, Ryan Mason, Shea Scott, Suzanne Mason. They will be showing 25 barrows, 3 goats, 9 lambs and 4 steers.

Also, Beau Barnett, Brittany Berend, Caleb Monroe, Chance Barrett, Christina Widner, Jason Berend, Jessie London, Jordan Monroe, Kalya Hayes-Lunday, Keith Hunt, Kelby Monroe, Kyla Hurst, Maegan Ingram, Richard Williams, Robbie Barrett, Rowdee Rhodes and Steven Hunt. They will be showing 4 steers, 11 lambs, and 9 barrows.

Also, James Diaz, Jason Johnson and Robyn Teltschik. They will be showing 3 barrows.

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Meet Texico's Class of 2016

Trysten Kyle Berry, a Texico kindergartener, has a Nov. 2 birthday. Parents are Dylan & Geri Berry. Siblings are D'nae & Summer. Grandparents are Gerry & Cindy Stamps, Beverly Stamps & Phil & Kathy Berry. She likes to ride her bike, play video games, skate board, play with her dog and climb trees. Her favorite food is vanilla ice cream. Her favorite color is red. She doesn't like to clean her room, go to bed or pick up her toys.

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Individualized instruction set for Lazbuddie students

The Lazbuddie School Board on Feb. 11 heard plans by Supt. Roy Baker to move ahead with the Student Enhancement Tutorial program.

Currently, studying for UIL competitions has been taking place during the last period of the school day.

What is being added during that period is more individualized instruction for students who are scoring 75 or below in the core curricula. Thus, instruction will be given these students four days a week -- two days for social studies and language arts, and two days for math and science.

Baker also hopes the program will expand down the road with the help of volunteer parents who have expertise in these subjects.

In other business, the board:

-- Renewed the contract of high school principal Howard Tooley.

-- Hired Angela Hall, who has a certified teaching degree, as an instructional assistant for the remainder of the current school year.

-- Called the school board election for May 15. The judge will be Marvin Mimms. Clerks will be Carolyn Scott, LaReta Barber and Sherrie Nichols.

-- Met with a guest, state Rep. Warren Chisom, who has been visiting school districts throughout his area, which includes Parmer County.

-- Designated \$750,000 for facility construction. This is simply paperwork that allows the school to keep these funds in the Lazbuddie account, instead of having to give the money to the state.

-- Discussed 2003 property tax values. No appeal is expected but board members will continue to take a look at the state figures.

-- Normally, school boards and city councils routinely approve the annual tax on personal vehicles. But when the motion was made to do this, the board voted 3-3. In favor were Terry Parham, Paulette Foster and Terry Jesko. Opposed were Dan Schacher, Dieter Isaacson and Donnie Coker. The board has one vacancy.

The board then voted to table this topic until it receives more information, such as finding out how much revenue is generated by the Appraisal District that comes back to Lazbuddie.



Lazbuddie Longhorns

Okay, it wasn't the best of seasons, record-wise, for the Lazbuddie Longhorns. But toward the end of the season, they were highly competitive. And since all high school sports should include some fun, here's the annual Tribune fun picture of the Longhorns!

Texico candidates answer questionnaire

As is the Tribune's custom, when several candidates seek some local positions, we send out questionnaires to them so as to help residents know about their candidates better.

This year, four persons are seeking two Texico City Council positions -- Max Carter, Nathan Tharp, Jerry Bradley and incumbent Sharon Askew. The election will be on March 2.

The following responses were received:

1. *Could you please give some background about yourself?*

Jerry Bradley: I have lived in Texico for 35 years and work for Walco International in Clovis. My wife, Becki, who teaches at an elementary school in Clovis, have three children -- Britney, 21; Chase, 19; and Chance, 16.

Nathan Tharp: I have been an area resident all my life. My wife, children and I moved into Texico 39 years ago, and have lived here ever since. My wife and I have three offspring, along with their spouses, plus 3 grandchildren. I am self-employed, and own a small area business.

2. *Why do you want to serve on the city council? What are your goals for Texico? Are there any specific areas you wish to address?*

Jerry Bradley: The council needs some fresh ideas, some new goals. I would like to see the city's streets improved. And we need to address the salary schedules of our city employees.

Nathan Tharp: I have previously served on the city council, and served more than four years as mayor. This experience will help me to better serve, if elected. I would like to see our infrastructure improved, and also an improvement in our property values.

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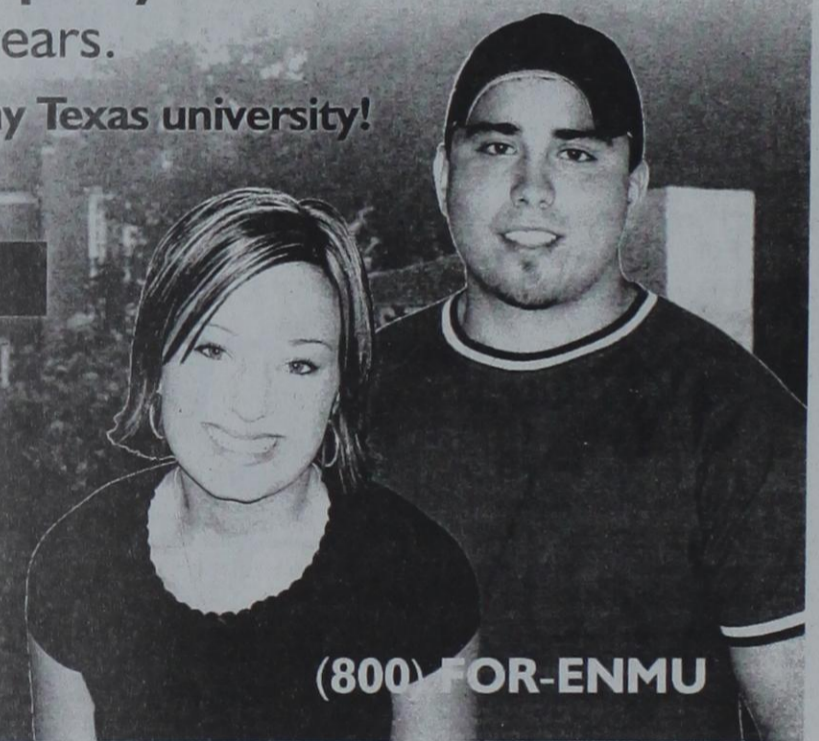
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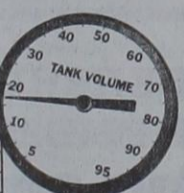
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Texico varsity teams close in on 1st place district finishes

Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines ran their district record to 5-2 and overall mark to 18-5 with a 77-65 win over Tucumcari on Tuesday.

Scoring were Johnny Rivera, 8; Braden Vaughan, 20; Mark Peabody, 5; Josh Pena, 2; Logan Brown, 16; and Bryce Bailey, 26.

The Wolverines fell to 17-5 overall and 4-2 in district after losing to Clayton, 60-55, Saturday.

Scoring were Braden Vaughan, 14; Johnny Rivera, 13; Mark Peabody, 8; Josh Pena, 4; Logan Brown, 9; and Bryce Bailey, 7.

Varsity Girls

The Texico Lady Wolverines are now 6-1 in district and 19-4 overall after beating Tucumari, 59-32, on Tuesday.

Mindi Roberts had 4 3-pointers for Texico while scoring 14 points.

Also scoring were Lauren Boazman, 3; Erika Autrey, 12; Lori Richardson, 1; Sissy Loper, 8; and Ashley Smith, 2.

The Lady Wolverines improved to 18-4 overall and 5-1 in district with a 51-46 win over Clayton.

Scoring were Jazzi Walls, 8; Lauren Boazman, 4; Mindi Roberts, 24 (including four 3-pointers); Brette Hadley, 10; Lori Richardson, 3; Sissy Loper, 2; and Ashley Smith, 2.

JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys fell to Clayton, 62-58.

Scoring were Zane Anderson, 6; Curtis Williams, 13; Chance Bradley, 16; Aaron Vaughan, 11; Mario Cardenas, 2; Josh Pena, 4; and Ricky Burns, 6.

Texico's JV Boys put away Tatum, 58-50.

Scoring were Isaac Zarate, 1; Williams, 17; Garrison, 10; Reuben

Lindley, 4; Anderson, 18; Gabriel Sena, 6; and Cardenas, 2.

8th Boys

Texico's 8th grade boys

beat Tatum, 44-37, to end the season with a 5-10 record.

Coach Steve Doolittle said it was Tatum's first loss in two years.

Scoring were Jesse Walthers and Billy Scott, 5 each; Jason Roberts, 12; Courtland Luscombe, 14; and Casey Crist, 8.

sada, 20; Tanner Allen, 11; Levi Richards, 5; Brett Anderson, 6; Jordan Broome, 3; and Mark Rivera, 2.

7th Boys

Texico's 7th grade boys beat Tatum, 48-37, to end the season with a 10-5 mark.

Scoring were Danny Hernandez, 1; Mario Po-

8th Girls

Texico's 8th grade girls beat Clayton, 39-32.

Scoring were Faith Martin, 22; Bryn Mayfield, 10; Braeden Hadley, 2; and Stephanie Vega, 2.



Photos by Dayla Bass



Bovina

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Villarreal.

The community is invited to an informational meeting on the Bovina Schools' drug prevention plan.

It's set for Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Danny Burks, a licensed chemical dependency counselor, will present the program. A question and answer period will follow.

There was a strange incident in town on Tuesday night.

Police Chief Leon Sadler was called to a disturbance involving some kids, and an unidentified person ran away.

Bovina and county deputies searched the area but were unable to find him, despite a house-to-house search.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2016



Jazmin Reyes, a Farwell kindergartener, has an April 21 birthday.

Parents are Ramon and Eva Reyes. Siblings are Jessica and Ramon. Grandparents are Elias and Maria Macias.

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Playoff Picture

If the Texico Lady Wolverines win Friday, they will tie for 1st place in district.

A playoff will be held on Saturday at a neutral site to determine seeding for the district playoffs.

If the Texico Wolverines win both their games this week, there would be a three-way tie for 1st place in district.

For seeding purposes in the district playoffs, a playoff game would be held on Saturday for two of the teams. The third team, by losing a coin toss, would end up 3rd.

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If I were to promise big tax cuts tomorrow, even though it's an obvious lie, then, by gosh, folks would vote for me. Tomorrow, they can live with; not a dozen years down the road.

So instead of a major problem, our health cares, is taken care of, politicians must wait until it's a crisis.

Oh, well....

And that's why some of the criticism President Bush gets over his war on terrorism policies drives my to distraction.

Nobody wants to believe what I have written, starting the day after 9/11 -- that this war, this undeclared World War III, will last into our children's lifetimes and, perhaps, beyond.

We don't want to believe that. We want the war to end tomorrow.

And that is exactly what some political candidates seem to promise.

They drive me nuts.

How can a war end when one side is continuing to fight?

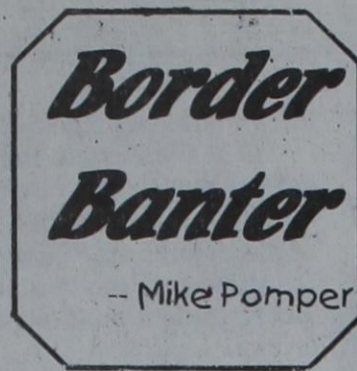
They never seem to answer that simple question.

Instead, some talk about Iraq's battle (remember, it's not a war, but a battle) being a big mistake and we should get out quickly, etc., ad nauseum.

Talk about national "leaders" who have no sense of geopolitics.

But, that's what people want to hear: no war. Peace now. By gosh, they will vote for them!

Instead, President Bush took the correct ap-



proach, which still stuns me. Think of it, a national leader doing what is best for the long-range safety of our nation.

Wow! No wonder, so many Bush-haters can't deal with it. Cracks me up.

Don't get me wrong. I've criticized the current administration on some of its economic policies. And some of their policies in Iraq were not thought through correctly.

But ... I believe in looking at the big picture. And that shows we have dealt some major blows to our enemies since 9/11, in Afghanistan, in Pakistan, in Iraq, in the Philippines, and elsewhere.

It's sad that that this war will continue for so many more years. I wish it would end tomorrow, too.

But, due to cultural, religious, political and other differences, the extremist Moslems view us as Satanic. And they have sworn, in the name of Allah, to defeat us.

That won't happen tomorrow. In fact, it will never happen. Because their view of good vs. evil is completely out of sync.

But that kind of extremism will not die away in a day or two. Not when generations of young people have been indoctrinated into those beliefs.

You see, that is something most Americans are unaware of. How young people in Moslem nations are taught to detest Israel, the U.S., the West and Christianity. And I do mean "detest." They are taught it's their sworn duties to kill us.

But what do I see on TV in our own nation? Politicians appealing to our "victory now" hopes.

It aint gonna happen. But those candidates will

still get millions of votes for saying it.

You tell me why...

As long-time readers know, I don't have a fondness for the Sudan-Springlake-Earth-Dimmitt-Lubbock Hornets.

I think policies promoting the involvement of "outside" athletic players is not in the best interest of any community.

But I do need to say something positive here: It was due to the kindness of the Sudan athletic director that allowed both Farwell playoff games to be played the same night at Littlefield.

Thus, Farwell folks were able to see both games instead of being split up between two different sites.

Thank you, sir.

Okay, for all these years, you have heard me whine about the Sudan-S.-E.-Dimmitt-Lubbock-Hornets.

So let's take a look at the statistics. What I did was go back in our archives to see how the Farwell and Sudan JV boys' teams did the past three years.

Because how the JV team does should indicate how the varsity team will do down the road, right?

In 2001:

The Farwell JV Boys beat the Sudan JV Boys by scores of 69-34 (35 points) and 70-23 (47 points)

In 2002:

The Farwell JV Boys beat the Sudan JV Boys by scores of 61-42 (19 points) and 67-52 (15 points).

In 2003:

The Farwell JV Boys beat the Sudan JV Boys by scores of 54-29 (25 points) and 61-33 (28 points).

But in 2004:

The Farwell Varsity Boys lost two of three games to Sudan.

Now you tell me why, after all those lopsided wins for Farwell from 2001 to 2003, it all turns around in 2004 when those JV

kids move up to varsity?

Now, in all fairness to Sudan, I'm told that some of their athletes never play JV ball. They go directly from junior high to varsity ball.

I guess that answers the reason why Sudan is always strong with its varsity teams each year.

Rumor of the Week: Is it true that the Clovis Wildcats' star running back has transferred to Texico School?

Lazbuddie menus

Lazbuddie's lunch menus for next week are:
Monday - breaded steak patty (pk-1), pizza.
Tuesday - hamburgers

(pk-1), chicken wraps, spanish rice.

Wednesday - fajita salad, burritos, beans.
Thursday - chicken nuggets (pk-1), pizza, rice pilaf.
Friday - special.

We are truly grateful to the good friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying "thank you" for the comforting expressions of your friendship and affection.

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<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell Rev. Randy Mullin Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Bovina Aaron Reed, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church Rev. Jo Gay Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p>	<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church Worship Service - 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>
<p>Bovina United Methodist Church Rev. Quita Jones Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ Phillip Steyn - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search - 7:30 - Ch. 4 Sun.</p>
<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal - 1:15 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.</p>

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Kristen Kasel

sunlight filtered through windows.

The most extreme step, but one that literally clears everything up for the patients is to have a custom made pair of glasses with lenses of their particular color filter made. The lenses are made with a plastic called CR 39 and they are made by the Irlen Institute exclusively.

"I got mine in October and I have been extremely happy with how easy everything has been going for me!" Kristin explained. "I can read without falling asleep in five minutes, I can see to drive, I don't have the depth perception problems I used to have and I'm a lot happier person overall!"

Kristin suffers from a very severe form of Irlen's Syndrome.

The colors that clear the distortions are purple, green, orange, gray, golden rod, blue-gray, rose, turquoise and yellow.

"The use of marker boards and overhead projectors is a big issue for patients with SSS," Kristin stated. "Teachers can make things easier for all of their students by simply changing from a clear overlay to a gray overlay or by using markers other than black. Use a blue, green or even pastel colored markers and I guarantee that everyone will see the work better!"

Teachers have begun to take a keen interest in the subject of Irlen's Syndrome. School systems across the world are realizing that this problem affects a large majority of students.

Current research has found that over 30% of the population within the United States suffers from SSS-Irlen's Syndrome. The worldwide estimate is about the same percentage.

Irlen's Syndrome was featured on a broadcast of the ABC News and World Report in 1996. Following this broadcast, school administrators in Massachusetts enacted a statewide policy that does mandatory testing of students enrolled in their public school system.

Other states have begun to follow suit. But some have dismissed the syndrome and refuse to acknowledge that the syndrome exists. New Mexico is one such state that has begun to throw out the research.

"The couple that tested me are in Albuquerque and they're working very hard to keep this issue before their state legislature," Kristin stated.

Australia has made testing for SSS-Irlen's Syndrome mandatory in all of their schools and institutions.

Testing for SSS is not expensive. Kristin has become certified to perform the tests and she charges \$60 for the entire test.

"I'm not in this to make a huge amount of money. I'm mainly interested in helping people, especially children, so that they don't have to suffer like my siblings and I did throughout our lives," she emotionally explained. "I'm willing to work with anyone that wants to find out if SSS is a factor in their lives."

SSS-Irlen's Syndrome is also being researched as a factor in the backgrounds and psychological studies of prisoners.

Rick and Sheryl Harbaugh, SSS-Irlen's Syndrome testers that live in Albuquerque, have been actively involved in a Christian prison ministry for many years in the region.

They began to test the prisoners that they work with through the ministry and have discovered that 85% of

the inmates have SSS-Irlen's Syndrome.

"It makes sense that people that turn to crime could suffer from the syndrome. It affects everyone in a wide range of ways and behavioral problems are a huge part of the symptoms," Kristin explained.

However, she is also quick to point out that it is not just "problem children or adults" that can have the syndrome.

"Over 45% of the children placed in special education or classified as having Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) that have been tested across the U.S. do have Irlen's Syndrome," she explained. "But, like me, kids that are above average in grades can have the syndrome as well."

This syndrome has many facets of symptoms and affects on individuals. People that have become certified to perform the tests can accurately determine these and quickly prescribe and secure the devices that will "cure" the symptoms.

"If this story causes anyone to question the symptoms they may be having or any problems that they recognize in their children, I will gladly work with and facilitate anyone," Kristin added. "This is such an incredibly simply problem to deal with, but because it's just now becoming known, it's important to me to get as much information out to the public as possible."

Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome - Irlen's Syndrome has deeply affected Kristin Kasel's life and her outlook on the future for herself and those around her. She's emphatic about educating all that she can about this syndrome and it's treatments.

Lucky for her, her outlook has been greatly improved by a simple pair of purple tinted lenses in her fashionable glasses...but it's made the world and all its words a more beautiful place to be!

Editor's note: Kristin Kasel may be contacted at (806) 481-3515.



Lady Longhorns

It was a great season for the Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns. They finished with a winning record, just missed out on the state playoffs, and had a humongous victory over the state-ranked Happy Cowgirls. Each year, the Tribune takes fun photos of our area teams, and here's a group of very happy Lady 'Horns.

Legal Notices

Notice of Names of Candidates for office; designation of polling places; precinct board members; and notice of election school for the precinct boards City of Texico

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 2, 2004, and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the City of Texico.

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

1. For the office of Councilor, a four-year term: (vote for two (2))

- Nathan L. Tharp
- Jerry Bradley
- Sharon Askew
- Max L. Carter

B. Notice is hereby given that the following question will appear on the ballot:

Shall the City of Texico, New Mexico, be authorized to impose a municipal gross receipts tax equal 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?

C. Notice is hereby given that the following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 2, 2004.

- 1. Voters in precinct 33 within the municipal boundary shall vote at the Texico Community Center, 215 Griffin.
- 2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the office of the Municipal Clerk, 419 Wheeler Ave.

D. The following precinct board members have been appointed to:

- 1. Judges in precinct 33
Vicki Ashley
- 2. Clerks in precinct 33
Kathy Foster
Lydia Correa
Teodora Rojas
- 3. Translator in precinct 33
Lydia Correa

E. Notice is hereby given that a precinct board election school will be held on February 25, 2004, at 312 N. Connelly, Clovis, NM in the commission room. The school will begin at 9:30 a.m. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 27th day of January 2004

T.M. Harth
Municipal Clerk

Aviso de nombres candidatos para cargos publicos; designacion de locales para votar; miembros de la junta directiva de recinto; y aviso sobre la escuela de elecciones para la junta directiva del recinto Ciudad de Texico

Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 2 de marzo de 2004 y de acuerdo con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para puestos publicos de ciudad de Texico.

Los nombres de los candidatos aparecen en la orden que figuraran en la balota segun determinado por sorteo.

1. Para el puesto de Consejoal por un termino de cuatro anos: (Vota por dos (2))

- Nathan L. Tharp
- Jerry Bradley
- Sharon Askew
- Max L. Carter

B. El aviso se da por ests medio que la pregunta siguiente aparecera en la balota:

?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?

C. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 2 de marzo de 2004.

1. Volantes en el recinto 33 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en Texico Community Center, 215 Griffin.

2. Volantes en el recinto de votantes absentistas votaran en la oficina de la escribana de la municipalidad, 419 Wheeler Ave.

3. Volantes en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion votaran en la oficina de la escribana de la municipalidad, 419 Wheeler Ave.

D. Los siguientes miembros del cuerpo directivo del recinto han sido nombrados:

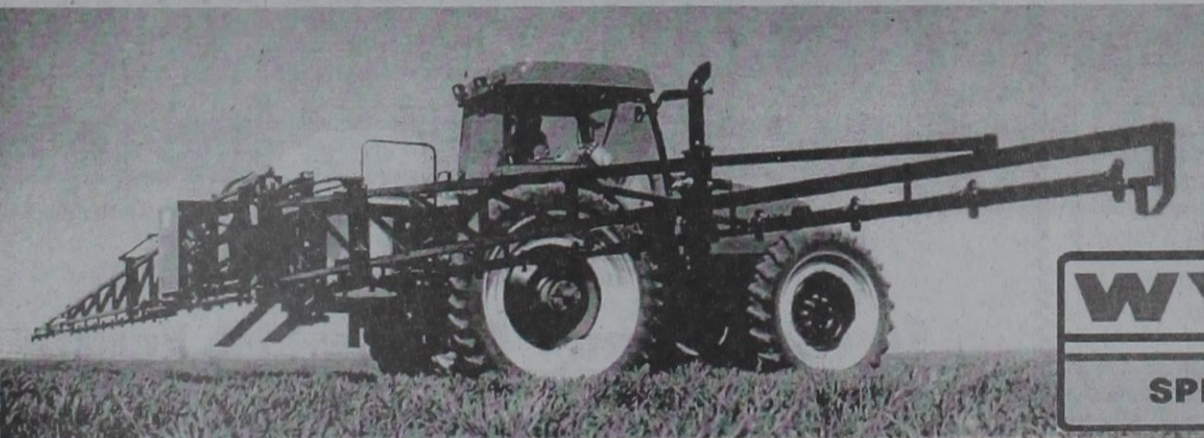
- 1 Juez en el recinto
Vicki Ashley
- 2. Escribanos en el recinto
Kathy Foster
Lydia Correa
Teodora Rojas
- 3. Traductor en el recinto
Lydia Correa

E. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se ofrecera una escuela sobre la eleccion del cuerpo directivo del recinto el dia 25 de Febrero de 2004 en el 312 N. Connelly in Clovis, NM. La escuela empezara a las 9:30 A.M. La escuela esta abierta al publico.

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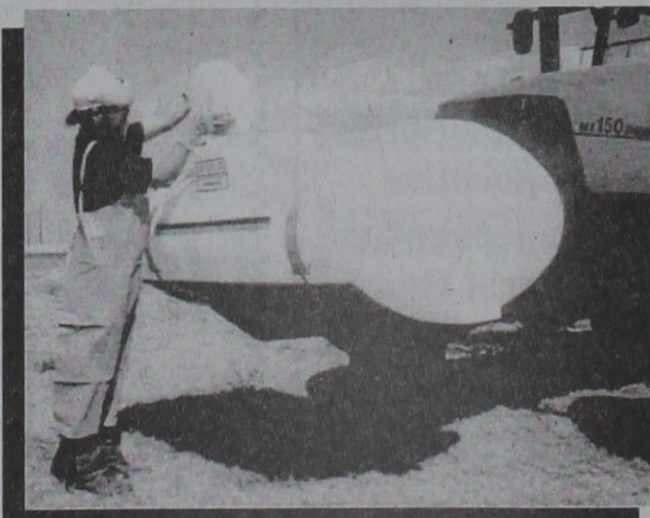


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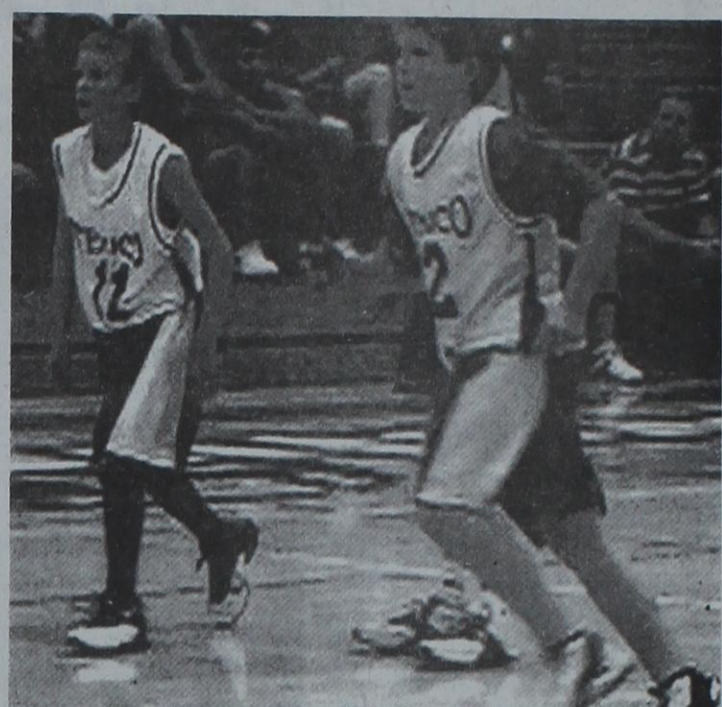
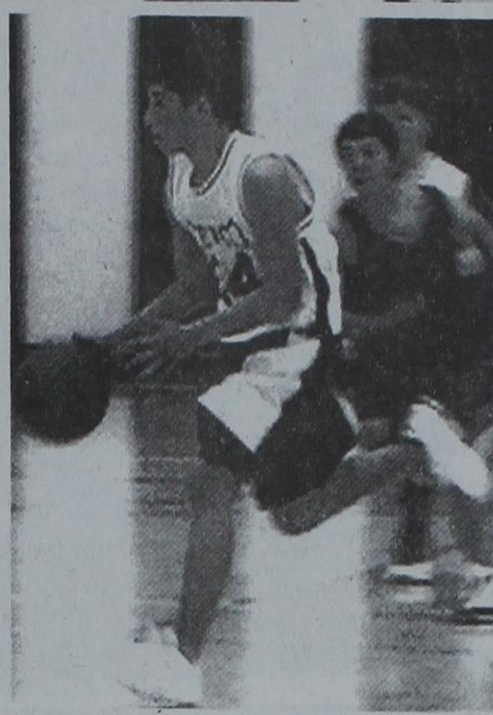


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Texico Junior High School teams in action

The Texico Junior High boys team in action. Photos by Catherine Brown.



The Latest

Word has been received of the death of Opha Galloway, of Blue Ridge, Ga.

She was the sister of Ona Patterson, of Rhea Community.

The Farwell School Board on Feb. 12 re-hired principals Jimmie Mace, junior high school; Gary Cates; high school; and Hayley Christian, counselor.

In other business, the board set the board election for May 15. Linda Moss was named election judge.

The Twin Cities area got some much-needed moisture late last week.

An estimated 1 to 3 inches of snow fell

throughout the area, with heavier totals to the west. Texico Schools were closed on Feb. 12, with blowing snow a problem especially on rural roads.

Among the students at Eastern New Mexico University who were named to the "Who's Who

Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 2004 were Jake Boazman, of Texico, and Karen Schilling, of Farwell.

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Knights of Columbus Consignment Auction -- Owners Nazareth, TX -- Selling Farm & Ranch Eqpt.

Thursday, Feb. 26 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
George Farms Estate -- Owner -- Hart, TX -- Selling Farm Equipment

Saturday, Feb. 28 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Vincent Farms -- Owner -- Umbarger, TX -- Selling Farm & Ranch Eqpt.

Tuesday, March 2 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Forever Green Farms -- Owners -- Halfway, TX -- Selling Farm Equipment

Saturday, March 6 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Littlefield Area Farmers -- Owners Littlefield, TX -- Selling Farm & Ranch Eqpt. & Pivots

Wednesday, March 10 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Elk City Area Farmers -- Owners -- Elk City, Okla. -- Selling Farm & Ranch Eqpt.

Saturday, March 13 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Gary Spielman -- Owner -- Dalhart, TX: Selling Farm & Ranch Eqpt.

Tuesday, March 16 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Springlake Area Farmers -- Owners -- Springlake, TX -- Selling Farm Equipment

Saturday, March 20 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Tom Payne -- Owner -- Canyon, TX: Selling Farm Equipment

Tuesday, March 23 -- Sale Time: 10 a.m.
Hutton Farms -- Owners -- Enochs, TX -- Selling Farm Equipment

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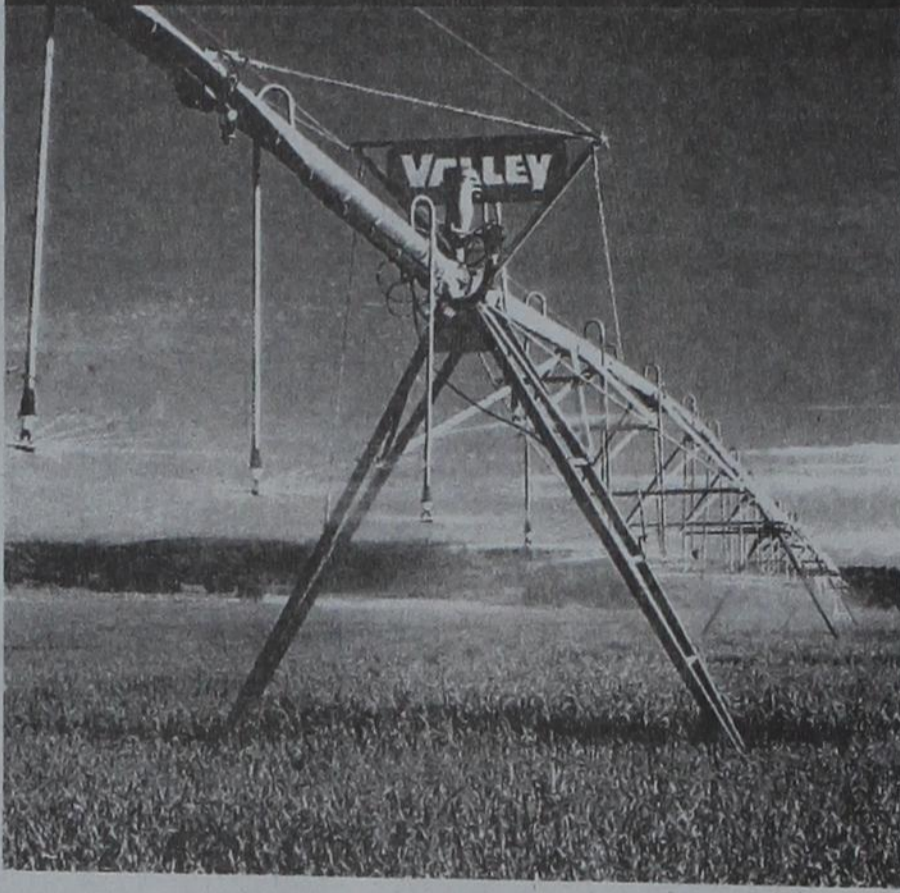
400 acres northeast of Farwell. 2 irrigation wells. Some grassland. Also has Valley sprinkler.

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Will be selling 6 tractors, garden tractor, 1999 Chevy pickup, deck boat & trailer, irrig. eqpt., truck bed, trailers, new & used tractor tires, tractor duals, new auto & truck tires, shop eqpt., misc. farm eqpt., fuel conditioner.
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Auction
Wednesday, March 3
10:00 a.m.
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10:00 a.m.
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Lady Blue fall in Bi-District to Smyer

The Farwell Lady Blue fell in the state playoff's Bi-District game on Tuesday at Littlefield to Smyer, 39-35.

Farwell ended the campaign with a 16-15 record. They hustled hard throughout the Smyer game, and played tough defense.

The Lady Blue had fallen behind by 12 points early in the 4th quarter before mounting a strong comeback to come within just 2 points with 3 minutes left in the game. But Smyer used its tall post players effectively throughout the game to its advantage, getting the ball in for short shots.

Scoring for Farwell were Kyra Christian, 14, who led the 4th period surge with a pair of 3-pointers; Hailey Grimes, 7; Britton Barrett, 5; Nikki Gober, 7; Chelsea Meyer, 1; and Khallie Foster, 1.

The 1st quarter saw Smyer lobbing the ball in to its bulky center for layups. Those points offset 5 points from Gober (including a 3-pointer) and a jumper by Christian. So Smyer led 10-7 after the 1st period.

In the 2nd quarter, the inside game for Smyer continued as they started pulling away. After a Christian

jumper pulled Farwell to within a point at the 6:45 mark, Smyer ran off 6 straight points. The run was halted on a steal by Barrett, who scored on a layup at 3:36. But Smyer went into the halftime with a 24-13 lead.

In the 3rd quarter, Farwell changed up its defense and more effectively stopped Smyer's inside game. And the Lady Blue were able to close the margin behind baskets by Christian, Gober and Grimes. The 3rd quarter ended with the lead cut to 7 points, 29-22.

But Smyer opened up a 12 point lead by canning a 3-pointer, then another bucket. But Farwell continued playing tenacious defense and hustled hard to make up ground.

Grimes started the comeback with a layup. Then Foster hit a free throw. When Christian knocked down a 3-pointer at 4:55, the lead was 6. After Meyer hit a free throw, Christian hit another 3 pointer at 3:17 to pull the Lady Blue to within 2, 34-32.

But Smyer hit a key basket at 1:30 left, following by a brace of free throws with 31 seconds to go, for a 38-32 lead. Grimes had a bucket and a free throw, but Smyer ended the game with one free throw to ice the victory.



Photos by J.R. Ivins



Meyer sparks Lady Blue victory

When it came to be crunch time, it turned out to be "Meyer Time" as Chelsea Meyer sparked the Farwell Lady Blue to a 52-45 win over Springlake-Earth last Friday at Littlefield.

The two teams had tied for 2nd in district, so the playoff was needed to determine which squad would advance to the state playoffs. Farwell is now 16-14.

Scoring for the Lady Blue were Meyer, 12 (with four crucial baskets in the final quarter); Hailey Grimes, 4; Kyra Christian, 10; Brittany Barrett, 2; Micah Christian, 8; Khallie Foster, 11 (with a pair of 3-pointers); Nikki Gober, 4; and Bea Garcia, 1.

Farwell beat S-E in several categories - including quickness, rebounding, hustling and defense. But the Lady Blue were off at the free throw line, missing many opportunities to salt away the game early.

After a slow start, S-E scored first at 5:08. A layup by Foster put Farwell up, 6-5. S-E got the ball in to its post players, using their size to advantage as they took a 16-10 lead.

The second quarter saw Farwell score only one bucket, a 3-pointer by Kyra Christian. But free throws from Meyer, Micah Christian and Foster kept Farwell in the game as the half ended with S-E maintaining its 6-point lead, 20-14.

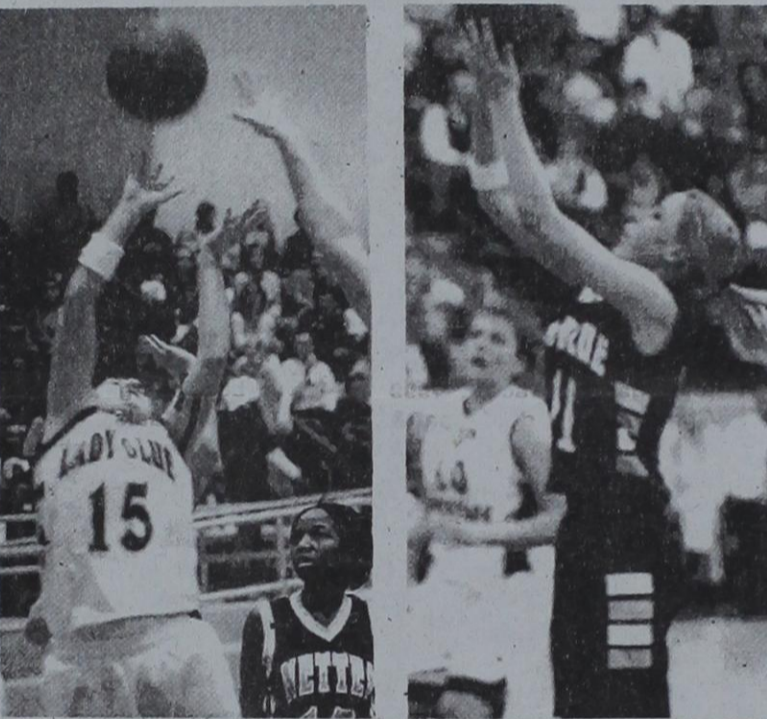
After hitting only 3 baskets in the entire first half, the Lady Blue began coming on strong in the 3rd quarter. This was good because S-E also was hitting its shots. A jumper by Micah Christian brought Farwell to within 3 points, 23-20, midway through the 3rd quarter. But a few seconds later, S-E knocked down a 3-pointer to reopen its lead to 7 points, 29-22.

After the lead was upped to 8 points, it was all Farwell. Foster hit a 3-pointer, followed by a pair of free throws by Meyer and one more by Garcia, and the lead was cut to 2. But S-E hit some free throws and the quarter ended with S-E still ahead by 6, 36-30.

The Lady Blue continued to play hard, harassing S-E strongly with its full court pressure. A Foster 3-pointer brought Farwell to within 3. Then a layup by Grimes made it 2. And a jumper by Meyer at the 6:05 mark tied the contest at 39-39.

S-E hit a 3-pointer but it didn't phase Farwell. Gober tallied on a layup. Then Kyra Christian's layup at 3:40 gave Farwell its first lead since early in the game, 43-42.

Then it was "Meyer Time." She hit a jumper, a layup and another jumper, giving Farwell a 4-point lead, at 49-45. Meanwhile, the defense held S-E scoreless the rest of the game. Kyra Christian added a couple of free throws late in the quarter to ice the victory.



Seliger defeats Edwards for state senate post

Kel Seliger, former Amarillo mayor, won the special election runoff on Tuesday over Kirk Edwards, of Odessa, for the state senate seat that represents Parmer County.

Although final stats were not in time for the Tribune deadline, with nearly all the precincts in, Seliger was leading by about 37,000 to 32,000. Seliger won 18 counties while Edwards won 5.

The two men will again compete against each other in the March 9 Republican primary, along with other candidates who had run in the first special election. Seliger and Edwards were in the runoff because they were the two leading vote-getters based on the first election.

Elaine Miller, of Amarillo, will run in the Democrat primary.

Teel Bivins had resigned as state senator to take a U.S. ambassador's post in Sweden.

Whoever wins in November will hold the state senate seat for its next full term, from 2005 to 2009.

Parmer County supported Seliger by a 491-153 margin over Edwards. Here's a breakdown on the vote:

Early voting, Edwards 21, Seliger 72; Friona, Edwards, 58, Seliger, 248; Bovina, Edwards 29, Seliger 64; Farwell, Edwards 21, Seliger 67; Oklahoma Lane, Edwards 11, Seliger 25; and Lazbuddie, Edwards 13, Seliger 15.

NOTICE TO BOVINA COMMUNITY

The Bovina Independent School District is inviting the community and parents to an informational meeting on the District's Drug Prevention Plan.

This meeting will be held at the School Auditorium on Thursday, February 19, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.

Danny Burks, LCDC (Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor), will present the program. A question and answer period will follow. If you have any questions, please call 251-1336, extension 222.

El distrito independiente de la escuela de Bovina esta invitando a la comunidad ya los padres a una reunion informativa sobre la prevencion de la droga que el distrito planea.

Esta reunion estara en el auditorio de la escuela el jueves, si 19 de febrero, 2004, a las 6:30 p.m.

Danny Burks, LCDC (consejero quimico licenciado de la dependencia), presentara el programa. Un periodo de la pregunta y de la respuesta seguira. Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta, llame por favor 251-1336, la extension 222.

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Valentine's Day dinner

Folks enjoyed the Valentine Day Dinner at the First Baptist Church of Bovina on Feb. 13.



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Well drilling to begin soon

The Bovina City Council on Feb. 12 received an update from Dan Neely, of Oller Engineering, of Lubbock, on the new well project.

Neely reported the project's planning stage was 85 percent finished, and drilling is expected to start in March.

Some background: Realizing the city's future water needs, the council purchased under 200 acres of land southeast of the city. With the help of a state grant, one well is being drilled on the property (near the cemetery) and a 4,000-ft. pipeline will be laid.

In other business, the council:

-- Discussed the platting for Jeff Steelman's proposed subdivision along FM 1731, north of the city. It was tabled with the council asking City Manager Ernest Terry to have specified items in a written document before the property is annexed and the city limit signs moved.

About 70 percent of the proposed subdivision is within the city limits already. So the annexation deals with the remaining 30 percent.

-- Discussed a proposed ordinance presented by Terry involving ambulance transfers from Parmer County Community Hospital to hospitals elsewhere, such as Amarillo and Lubbock.

The ordinance was tabled until details can be worked out. This is a sore point with Bovina over the way the Bovina ambulance is asked to handle these transfers.

Terry has called Pam Nielsen, of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and has suggested she call a meeting with county, Friona and Bovina personnel to set up better parameters.

Ms. Nielsen told the Tribune on Monday that she will look into the problem.

-- Voted to use the TEEX grant money to buy two mobile natural gas generators for \$19,872. Information about these generators was carried in last week's Tribune.

-- Terry said the Meadows Foundation Grant for the new ambulance was approved, but the money has not been received yet.

-- Voted to have the city and school board elections in the EMS building, pending formal U.S. government approval.

-- Approved police officers Everhart's six-month pay raise.

-- Set the next meeting for March 11.



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Jack and Carolyn Rains with grandchildren Misty and Jayden Palmer

The bottom line: \$0

From City Manager Ernest Terry:

There has been some discussion and misinformation concerning the Bovina EMS and their charges for emergency medical services. I would like to try and explain how it works and to provide some data.

Last year, from Oct. 1, 2002, through Sept. 30, 2003, the Bovina EMS had \$21,384 in expenses, which included medical supplies, vehicle maintenance, upkeep on the EMS Building, utilities, training, and medical fees and dues.

Also, the EMS purchased a new ambulance and \$54,019 was expensed during this year, for a total of \$75,403.

Bovina EMS revenue was \$26,680 from payments for ambulance runs, \$3,000 from Parmer County Community Hospital, \$6,300 from Parmer County, \$10,000 in donations, and a grant from TDH for \$35,000. This totaled \$80,880, for a net gain of \$5,477 that goes back into the general fund.

The new ambulance cost \$119,854 and is funded by: \$35,000 from ambulance savings; \$35,000 TDH grant; \$10,000 in donations, and \$39,900 Meadows grant for an overall funding total of \$119,900. This was fully explained in last week's Tribune.

Only the \$39,900 remains to be expensed as of this writing.

Last year, the Bovina EMS made 80 ambulance runs, and if you depreciate the new ambulance over five years, each ambulance run costs the City of Bovina \$583. To break even, we have to collect \$583 for each ambulance run. We do that several ways; through collections, donations, grants, and transfers from the general fund.

Okay, let's look at collections. Last year, through a billing agent, we billed about \$136,000 for EMS service, or \$1,700 per ambulance run. We collected only \$26,680 of that \$136,000. \$109,320 was written off because of the insurance, bad debt, and we accept insurance payment in full from citizens of Bovina.

What does that really mean? It means that if you are a citizen of Bovina and we bill you for an EMS service, whatever your insurance pays, we accept as payment in full and write off any remainder.

Why do we do this? When you pay Bovina property tax, some of that tax pays for the benefits of the EMS service. Also, in order to collect an adequate amount, we must bill sufficient amount for the insurance to authorize an adequate payment.

So we bill an average of \$1,700 in order to receive an average of \$333.50 for each ambulance run. Remember, our cost is \$583 per run, which means we lose \$249.50 for each run that must be made up from other sources. The \$1,700 that we bill for each run is not abnormal. It is pretty normal for ambulance charges throughout Texas.

The bottom line is... if you are a citizen of Bovina and if you have insurance; your cost for ambulance service is \$0.00, because we write off what the insurance doesn't pay.

Yes, the initial bill looks high, but if you really need the Bovina EMS to save your life or you are seriously injured, it's pretty cheap. The cost is right and the Bovina EMS service is the best in Parmer County. Can't beat that!

Bovina Latest

Among the students at Eastern New Mexico University who were named to the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 2004 was April Michele Eschberger, of Bovina.

... were called out on Saturday night to the Pleasant Hill highway for a vehicle accident.

Bovina School lunch menus for Feb. 23-27:

Monday - chicken fried steak, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, broccoli, carrot sticks, salad, rolls, peaches.

There were no fatalities but an 11-year-old girl was airlifted to an Amarillo hospital.

Tuesday - chicken & rice, hamburger, green beans, potato chips, crackers, salad, pickles, Jello with fruit.

The nominating committee for the First Baptist Church has been named -- Jack Patterson, Stephen Reed, Judy Hodnett, Phyllis Steelman and Richard Carson.

Wednesday - nachos, pepperoni pizza, pinto beans, peppers, carrot sticks, salad.

Folks who would like to sign up for the Bovina School Board need to put their name in the hat between Feb. 16 and March 15.

Thursday - corn dogs, hamburger, corn, french fries, pears.

Friday - Texas BBQ, pepperoni pizza, potato salad, pinto beans, carrot sticks, salad, cowboy bread.

Applications so your name can be placed on the ballot are available at the school administration office during regular school hours.

The Bovina ambulance and rescue personnel

Three posts will be on the May 15 ballot. Incumbents are Justin Brozek, Joe Steelman and George

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