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Ashton & Jordan Mason, Kolten Morris are champs at Lazbuddie stock show

The annual Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show was held Saturday at the show barn in Friona.

Top winners were:

Goats -- Ashton Mason, grand champion; Melanie Winders, reserve champion; Ashton Mason, grand showmanship; Colten Ingram, reserve showmanship.

Lambs: Kolten Morris, grand champion; Jared Timms, reserve champion; Chase Timms, grand showmanship; Kolten Morris, reserve showmanship.

Barrows: Jordan Mason, grand champion; Harley Jones, reserve champion; Logan Mason, grand showmanship; Ryan Mason, reserve showmanship.

Full results are:

Goats

Lt. weight: Ashton Mason, 1st; Melanie Winders, 2nd; Colten Ingram, 3rd.

Hvy. weight: Melanie Winders, 1st; Ryan Mason, 2nd; Colten Ingram, 3rd.

Lambs

Finewool Cross: Ashton Mason, 1st; Harley Jones, 2nd.

Southdown: Jared Timms, 1st.

Med. Wool

Lightweight: Logan Mason, 1st; Austin Mason, 2nd; Colten Ingram, 3rd; Harley Jones, 4th.

Heavyweight: Kolten Morris, 1st; Chase Timms, 2nd; Colten Ingram, 3rd.

Barrows

Hamps lightweight: Jordan Mason, 1st; Chandler Barnes, 2nd; Riley Smith, 3rd.

Hamps heavyweight: Shea Scott, 1st; Jarrod Jesko, 2nd.

Hamps: Jordan Mason, breed champion; Chandler Barnes, reserve breed champion.

Polands: Chandler Barnes, 1st; Justin Schacher, 2nd.

Berks: Bryce Haney, 1st; Jared Timms, 2nd; Justin Schacher, 3rd.

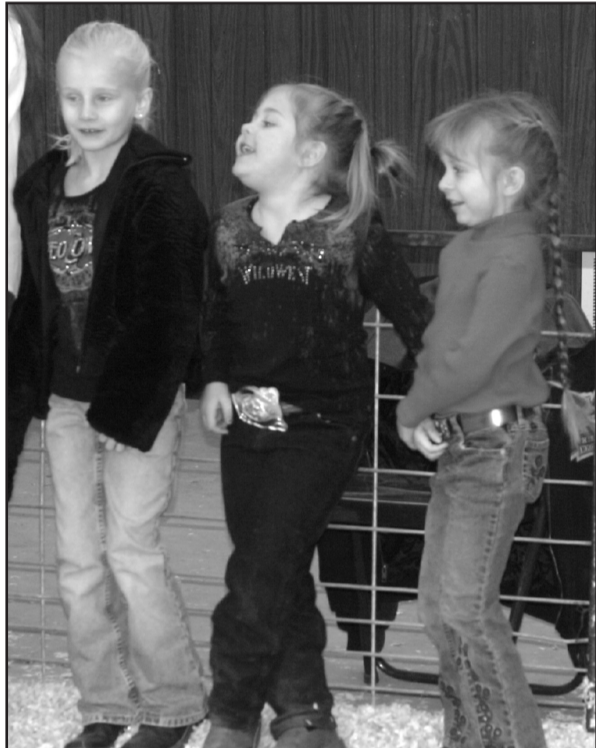
Durocs: Lightweight: Kayle Jesko, 1st; Brittney Schacher, 2nd; Ashton Mason, 3rd; and Heavyweight: Melanie Winders, 1st; Harley Jones, 2nd; Allison Weaver, 3rd.

Breed champions -- Kayle Jesko, grand; Melanie Winders, reserve.

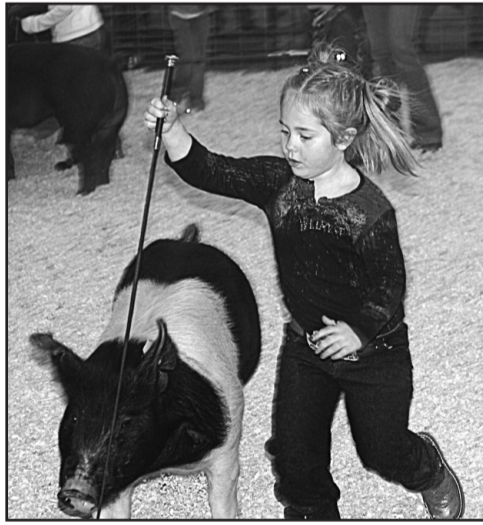
Spots: Logan Mason, 1st; Austin Mason, 2nd; Kinzi Schacher, 3rd.

OPB: Harley Jones, 1st; Chase Timms, 2nd; Austin Mason, 3rd.

Crosses: Lightweight - Rochelle Smith, 1st; Dylan Haney, 2nd; Colton Weaver, 3rd; heavyweight - Lacy Jesko, 1st; Ryan Mason, 2nd; Kayla Parham, 3rd; Melanie Winders, 4th; Mandy Haney, 5th.



SCENES
FROM THE
LAZBUDDIE
STOCK
SHOW



Highway department to start repairs in Farwell

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday approved a building permit application from Seneca, Inc., for an addition to the Hughes True Value building at 501 Ave. A. The 24'x45' addition will be used by the store's incoming tenant, Dollar General. Pablo Lucio, owner of

Hughes True Valuer, has merged his business with Southwest Ag Services. See story elsewhere in today's Tribune.

In other business, the council:

-- Heard Mayor Jimmie Mace say he had sent a letter to the Texas Highway Department complaining about the dip on 9th Street and Avenue A between City Hall and Lowe's Supermarket.

The highway department has responded that improvements on the road are scheduled starting next week.

-- Noted that Joe Pena, who had been asked to attend the council meeting, didn't show up. He had put a house in town that isn't up to specifications, the council said. So a complaint will be filed to bring him into court.

-- Heard Fire Chief Henry Garcia discuss a pager problem.

He said five pagers currently are being repaired, and that they are outdated. He asked the council to spend about \$5,400 to buy the fire department 12 new pagers.

The council agreed to the request but first will look into seeing if some grant money might be available from Homeland Security or the Texas Forest Service.

-- Noted that Farwell High School student Tim Lane is working part-time for the city this spring. He's being paid by Texas Workforce.



Texico Elementary School pupils, from left, Uriel Munoz, Logan Tongate, McKinzi Mayfield and Brittany Nunez are pictured with the tsunami jars and the Wolverines decal.

Pupils raise funds for tsunami relief

Texico fourth graders are reaching out to the victims of the recent tsunami in Southeast Asia.

The students have two projects to raise aid money. On Jan. 13, they began a penny drive in the elementary school.

The drive was a contest between the girls and the boys. Pennies placed in the appropriate jar counted as points for the team. All other monies (silver, paper, and checks) counted against their team. The teams had their strategy from the beginning and filled their opponent's jar with silver and bills!

After the first day of competition, the girls had a negative score of 4,935 and the boys had a negative 3,799. On the second day of competition the strategy seemed to be to pile up the points with pennies. The penny drive concluded Jan. 18.

The 4th grade is also selling Texico Wolverine automobile decals for \$5 each. You can purchase your decal at the elementary school or at the Texico vs. Santa Rosa basketball game on Jan. 21.

To the people of Farwell:

If you want to complain about your high gas bill, write to:

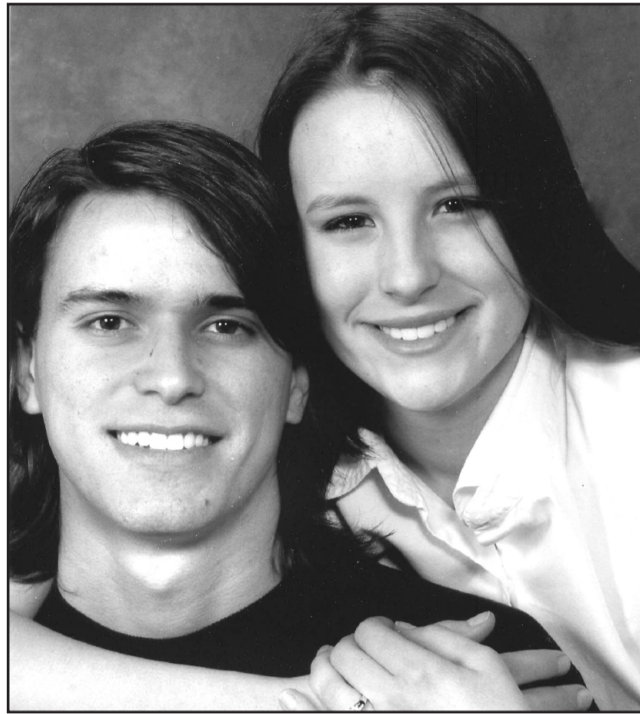
Michael L. Williams, Railroad Commissioner of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967.

Remind him that was he was elected by and for the people.

Margie Rush, Farwell

Upcoming wedding

Jordan Rhea Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carpenter, of Farwell, will marry Travis Jacob Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steelman, of Bovina, on Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bovina.



Obituaries

Pauline Mills

Services for Pauline (Polly) Mills, 71, of Bovina, were Jan. 14 at the Bovina Church of Christ with Mike Prather, Cecil Bunch and Jeff Procter officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery. Ellis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

She died Jan. 11 at Lubbock Heart Hospital.

She was born Oct. 6, 1933, in Danville, Ark., to Hugh and Bessie Webb. She married Truett Mills in Clovis on Dec. 24, 1953. He died March 4, 1971.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Anne Englant, and a brother, Alfred Webb.

She moved to Bovina in 1952 from Friona. She was a member of the Bovina Church of Christ, Bovina Senior Citizens and the Bovina Exercise Club.

She worked at Excel for a number of years and was employed by First Bank of Bovina at the time of her death.

Surviving are 4 daughters, Patti Gencarelli, of LaPort, Texas; Deborah Goldsmith, of Dimmitt; Karla Withrow, of Littlefield, and Kara Fulcher, of Lorenzo,

Texas; 3 sisters, Joyce Smith, of Cleburne, Texas; June Muse, of Lubbock, and Pam Hill, of England; 4 brothers, Wayne Webb, of Azle, Texas; Bob Webb, of Burkburnett, Texas; Larry Webb, of Hale Center, and Sam Webb, of Farwell; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Bovina Church of Christ, 500 Ave. E, Bovina TX 79009.

Thresia Davis

Services for Thresia J. Davis, 70, of Muleshoe, were Monday at First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. H.D. Hunter officiating.

She died Jan. 13 in Lubbock. She was a member of Trinity Christian Fellowship Church.

Surviving are her husband, Elmer; 2 sons, Gary, of North Little Rock, Ark., and Terry, of Brownfield; 3 daughters, Terina Meyers, of Lubbock; Angela Calder, of Amarillo, and Donna Retherford, of Lake Dallas; 2 sisters, Sherry White, of Farwell, and Jenny Shaw, of Muleshoe; a brother, Buster Steinbock, of Springdale, Ark.; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cleanup day set

Texico school folks have set up a "Cleanup Day" at the new baseball field property, adjacent to the school ag farm, at 10 a.m. mt on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Supt. R.L. Richards asked for folks to bring shovels, gloves "and a strong back" and help clean up the property where a new baseball facility will be built.

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Texico

Monday - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, fruit, milk.

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

Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast or bread sticks, fruit, milk.

Thursday - hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday - pizza, garden salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

Farwell

Monday - spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, breadstick, pear, milk.

Tuesday - ham & cheese rollup, garden salad, steamed broccoli, orange smile, milk.

Wednesday - chili dog, french fries, ranch style beans, fruit salad, milk.

Thursday - salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, hot roll, peach, milk.

Friday - chili beans, fried okra, spinach, cornbread, fruit, milk.

MENUS

Citizens Bank

Texico Branch

Please attend church services	Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.	Bovina Church of Christ Mike Prather, minister Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Bible class - 7:30 p.m.
Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Randy Thomas Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.	Church of God in Christ, Mennonite James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie
First Baptist Church of Farwell Rev. Randy G. Mullin Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m. www.fcfarwell.org	First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.	St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church Rev. Scott Spitsberg Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter 7:30 p.m. summer	San Jose Catholic Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.
Lariat Church of Christ Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer	Church of Christ 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	Farwell Church of Christ Phillip Steyn -- preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship ; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 - Ch. 4 Sun.
Assembly of God Church, Texico Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	New Light Baptist Church Pastor Bryan K. Phillips, Sr. Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. mt. BTU - 9:45 a.m. mt Worship - 11 a.m. mt Wednesday - Bible Study 6:30 p.m. mt	Bovina United Methodist Church Rev. Quita Jones Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.
St. Ann's Catholic Church Fr. David Contreras Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. in English; Noon in Spanish. CCD -- 10:30 a.m. Evening Mass: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wed. - Fri.	First Baptist Church Of Bovina Aaron Reed, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.
Farwell Convalescent Center Bill Bridwell -- chaplain Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday	Lazbuddie Church of Christ Mickey Chambiss - minister Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday -- 7 p.m.	United Pentecostal Church of Texico Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.

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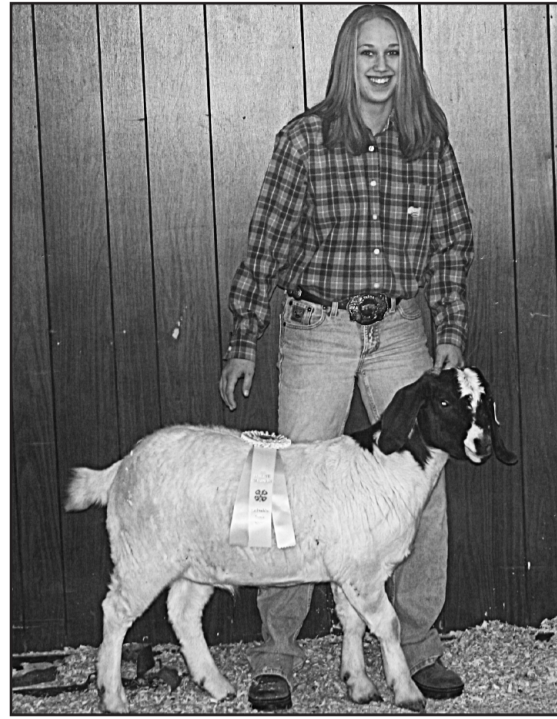
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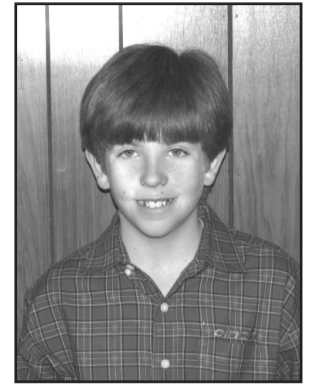
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Showmanship



Ashton Mason
Grand champion



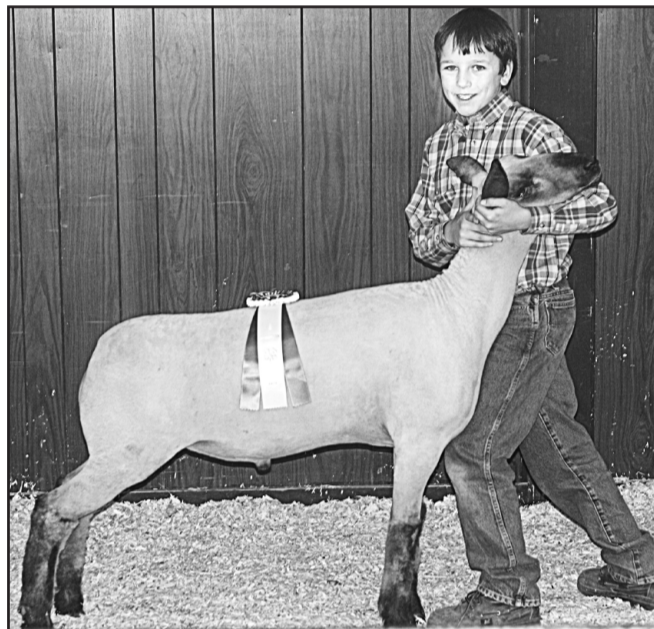
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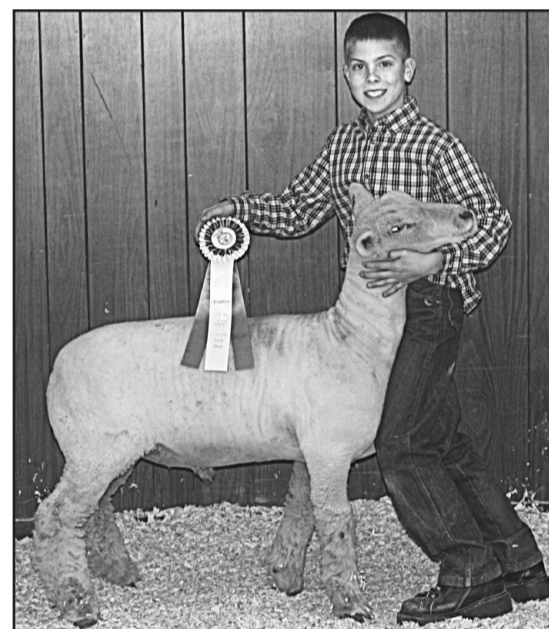
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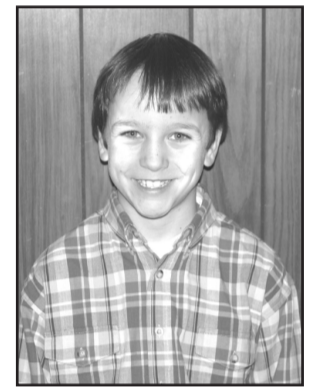
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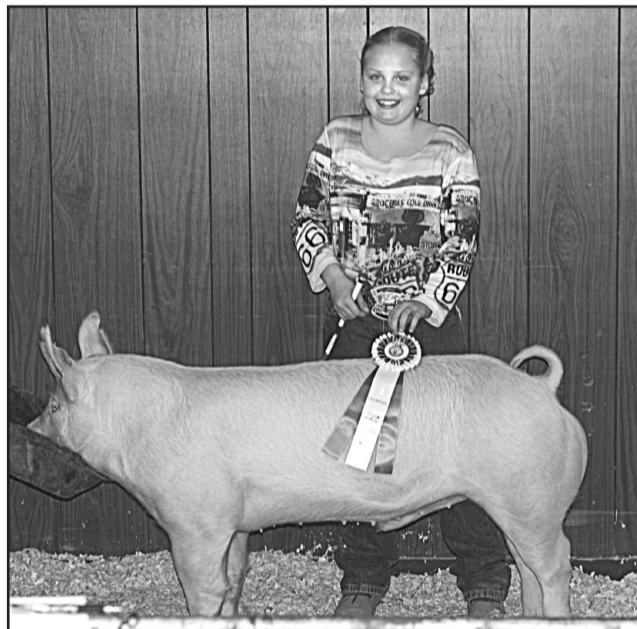
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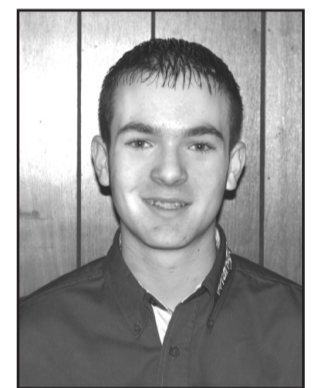
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Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

A community project

Every now and then I need to sit back and acknowledge all the folks who help put out our tiny weekly paper.

If it was just my family having to do it all, then forget it. We would be a complete yuk.

But, fortunately, there are a lot of folks who help out to make our paper a better community product.

First and foremost, I need to thank the other member of our staff, Teresa Mesman.

As you know, she is an outstanding writer. Folks compare her work to that of Erma Bombeck's. The only difference is that Teresa's work is superior.

Teresa doesn't put in a lot of hours at the Tribune because she has lots of other responsibilities, too. As I've told her, I just appreciate whatever time she can give us.

I've known Teresa and husband Bernie for a bunch of years now. I can't speak highly enough of their family.

We also have a periodic columnist named Wade Cargile. I hope you enjoyed his "Wild West" novella in our Christmas greeting cards issue.

Wade has been a good friend over the years and writing columns has proven to be a great outlet for him. He's even considering writing a book now.

Also vital to our paper are our area school superintendents. I very much

appreciate Farwell Supt. Gregory, Lazbuddie Supt. Vaughn, Bovina Supt. Carter and Texico Supt. Richards.

There is no way we could report all our school board news without their assistance.

And since we have deadlines each week, the fact that they go out of their way to get the news to us as soon as they can is vital.

When you see your school superintendent, please be sure to say "thank you" for consistently getting public information to the newspaper on a timely basis.

Another key to our success are the coaches. This is a very tricky part of our job. Do you realize how many coaches we deal with at four schools? A bunch!

And during sports seasons, coaches are busy, busy, busy.

But you also see all the results we get in our paper during sports seasons. A bunch there, too. That tells you what a great job coaches do in getting their teams' results to us.

Longtime readers know that I put a lot of importance in getting all the kids' names in, as much as possible. So when we carry basketball results, for example, we cover all grades -- 7 through 12, plus we list every player who scores, not just the top scorers as some newspapers do.

I feel it's just as important to a 7th grader who scores 1 point to see his or her name in the paper as it is for a varsity player who scores 15.

Then there are the school secretaries who are invaluable. Folks like Luisa, Toya, Becky, Brenda, Cindy, Sherry, Alicia, Terri, Audrey, Dixie,

Tanya, Maria, Vonda, Dana...

Let's not forget Rhonda Webb who does a super job at putting together the police reports each week.

And city officials like Ernest Terry, Carolyn Johnson and Cynthia Thigpen who make sure important items get to the public are very appreciated.

Add to that the number of folks who help out in so many ways, such as teachers who bring in photos and stories about their class projects.

So when you look at our little paper, it's just not me, Dee, Rob and Becky doing it all. On the contrary, we only do a small part.

What the Tribune represents is a truly community-wide project. That's the way it should be, and that's the way I hope it continues to be.

Thus, from the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you for making the Tribune what it is today. You deserve the credit, not I.

Thank you all.

I don't usually boost TV shows but there is one in particular that I feel stands out among the rest.

The Sunday night show featuring makeovers of homes for deserving folks is outstanding.

To see deserving folks assisted in such a way is very heartwarming.

It's the best show on TV.

Question: Is Tate Nichols 8 3-pointers against Morton a Farwell Steers' school record?

Boy, was I off base when I wrote in last week's Banter that Fred Chandler had been the announcer at the Farwell Junior Livestock Show for well over 20 years.

He was there at the start, at the very first show, in 1966.

As longtime readers know, I have a very high opinion of Fred and the job he has done for the community.

Farwell has been most fortunate to count him as one of its citizens.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm sure all of you have gotten the gas bill. It has hit all of us very hard, some more than others. To pay for their legal fees for 26 months is crazy, but what do you do?

I am forced to make decisions that are not easy. It's all economics. Business has been slow the last three months. We have never gotten to the level that we should have. I have the same movies that Clovis does - 5 day rentals. And I'm even cheaper, but it wasn't enough.

Therefore, on Jan. 30, I will close the doors for good. I appreciate all the ones who have supported me for the last six months and I regret it didn't work out for us.

Thank you
Linda Porter
Box Office Video
Copper Cove 'n More

Whitebird in concert

Pete Whitebird will be in concert at Lazbuddie United Methodist Church on Jan. 30 during the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

The public is invited. For info, call 965-2121.



New Texico city clerk

Michael Hannagan is the new Texico city clerk. He began his duties on Monday.

Farwell School TAKS scores given

Here are the TAKS results for Farwell Schools for 2003-2004. The first percentage given is for 2004, followed by the 2003 percentage.

High school:
Grade 9: reading, 99% and 87%; math, 78% and 55%; all tests, 78% and 52%.

Grade 10: English language arts, 79% and 92%; math, 73% and 66%; science, 65% and 84%; social studies, 97% and 99%.

Grade 11: English language arts, 81% and 96%; math, 92% and 87%; Science, 84% and 91%; social studies, 99% and 99%.

Junior high school:
Grade 6: Reading, 99% and 85%; math, 79% and 81%; all tests, 79% and 79%.

Grade 7: reading, 97% and 92%; math, 79% and 65%; writing, 97% and 92%.

Grade 8: reading, 99% and 99%; math, 69% and 67%; social studies, 92% and 93%.

Elementary:
Grade 3: reading, 96% and 97%; math, 99% and 94%.

Grade 4: reading, 99% and 99%; math, 99% and 99%; writing, 99% and 90%.

Grade 5: reading, 99% and 80%; math, 99% and 89%; science, 90% and 78%.

Grade 6: reading, 99% and 85%; math, 79% and 81%.

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Teresa: Tsunami took on a new meaning for me

From Teresa Mesman:
I've watched with great interest and much concern the reports on the tsunami devastation and rescues that have taken place since the tragedy two weeks ago.

This event took on new meaning for me and my family when I learned that a very dear friend of mine was reported missing as a result of the tsunami.

One of my college roommates was in Thailand during Christmas, working on a film that she is the set designer/director for. She and a crew of 16 others were set up outside of Phuket working on preliminary shots and set-ups. (The film industry seemingly does not take breaks for major holidays when there is much work to be done!)

I received an urgent message from her mother from their home in New Mexico on Dec. 29 stating that Jann had not been heard from since an e-mail sent to her sister that simply read: "I'm doing great and it's amazing over here. Will write more when I get a chance."

The e-mail was dated Dec. 27, but it was not known if this was an accurate time/date stamp by the internet company due to the destruction.

The prayer warriors in my circle went to work!

Jann was finally found in a hospital in Bangkok, without serious injury. She was understandably very traumatized and refusing to leave the side of one of the crewmembers that was critically injured and very ill. In fact, Jann and 14 members of the crew had literally set up camp outside of the hospital along with thousands of other survivors, families and television crews. Sadly, at this writing, one of the carpenters on Jann's crew has yet to be located.

Their story is simply amazing.

The location that they were at was in one of the many remote spots about 24 miles outside of Phuket along a remote beach and heavily jungled inlet. They had constructed an all wood set for the set-up shots and were busy at work.

Jann said they heard an incredible quiet then an indescribable "rumble." The water rushed in shallow at first and then waves of at least 20 feet barraged the area. Jann and the crew had the foresight to grab onto the wood that they could get to from their set and they literally rode sheets of plywood through the tops of the trees. Most of the crew suffered cuts, scrapes and bruises from the ordeal.

The first report that I

received from Jann's mother was that they had been about 44 miles inland and that the tsunami reached the area at this distance. I just couldn't imagine this distance.

However, Jann corrected this for her mom and said that the area they were in was hit and "wiped clean" in a 44 mile radius, or so they speculate from the satellite photos. Jann was able to e-mail me from a modern Internet café in Bangkok. She stated that it has been her haven away from the hospital and the masses of people.

The wreckage that the group held onto for dear life finally settled into a slope or hill at a great distance from the inlet. Jann has no idea how far this was.

"I was so scared I couldn't even speak. I also think I screamed so much that I lost my voice," Jann reported. "I don't think I'll ever fully remember what we went through. And my heart is broken at how many people died and are still lost."

After they came to a stop, the group just clung to each other for a very long time. They also swung into action to help Phillip, the cameraman. He had fallen off and was dragged under the water for a distance before several of the men could get his head out of the water. He is suffering from severe pneumonia at this writing.

Sometime during the early morning, one of the crewmembers flagged a rescue van from the Red

Crescent and directed them to the group. They were given fresh water and some kind of bar to eat. Jann cannot recall what this was and doesn't even remember if she ate it or not. They were taken to a makeshift hospital triage area, then loaded onto a bus and taken to Bangkok.

"Teresa, I can't even tell you where this all was right now," Jann reported via e-mail. "I'm still reeling from it. I've tried to look at some satellite photos of the area and I start to shake from the memory."

Jann thought that one of the crewmembers had been able to make contact with the studio in Los Angeles and that word would get to their families through the contact. However, nothing connected and so their families were left to imagine the worst. The Red Crescent workers were of great help to the crew to finally get word via satellite phone.

"I was never so glad to hear my father and mother's voices!" Jann wrote.

Jann is still in Bangkok with Phillip at this writing. She has taken a leave of absence for a while from the studio she is with and has decided to commit herself to helping the Thai people rebuild. Jann is a highly degreed architect and civil engineer.

She feels that God has now called her to use her talents for the good of a people in need.

"I can always go back to the movie business," she wrote. "I just can't see me leaving this poor country in such devastation when I can be of help in rebuilding."

She received several outfits of clothes from a Bangkok clothing store and a pair of new shoes. The Red Cross supplied them all with toiletry kits and a blanket. She had all of her identification in her pockets and a credit card. She's in the process of getting a new passport and will try to fly home on one of the air aid flights that return to the States in a few days.

"I don't need any money or anything other than prayer for my nerves, prayers for Phillip and our carpenter," she wrote. "I'm going to come home for some rest and rejuvenation and then I plan to head right back to begin work with volunteer crews and organizations that are already in motion."

I'm so happy to know that Jann is safe and that she's forward thinking about her life from this point on. She will be able to make a huge difference in many people's lives and will be part of those working so hard to turn tragedy into triumph!

Teresa's note: Jann asked that I not publish

her or Phillip's last name or the name of the carpenter still missing. I had already told many people about this story before this publication, so please respect Jann's wishes to remain private about their names. I'm also proud to report that the head of the studio that Jann works for has agreed to pay Jann for the rest of her contract and all her expenses while she works in Thailand. He also made a huge donation to the relief effort in Southeast Asia.

According to Jann, he also has dubbed her crew "The Seventeen Surfers." A little laughter to help cope with the loss and the stress!

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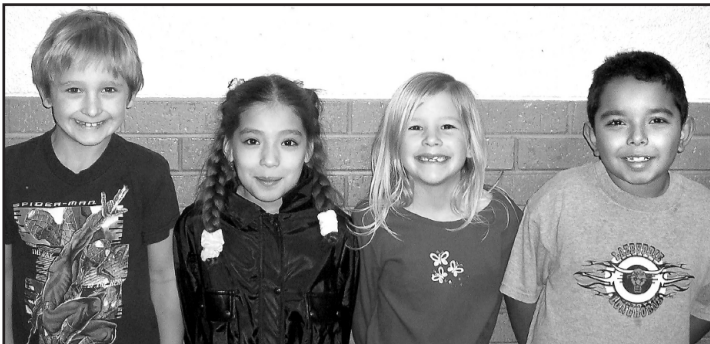
Lazbuddie U.I.L.

Lazbuddie School won the elementary division of the UIL competition in December at Amherst and Springlake-Earth.

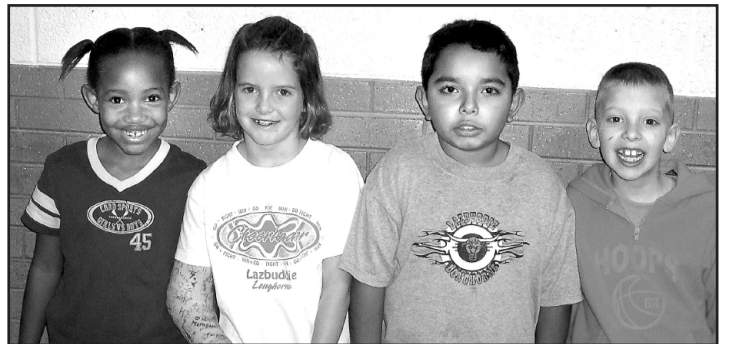
Over the next few weeks, photos of all the students who competed will appear in the Tribune.



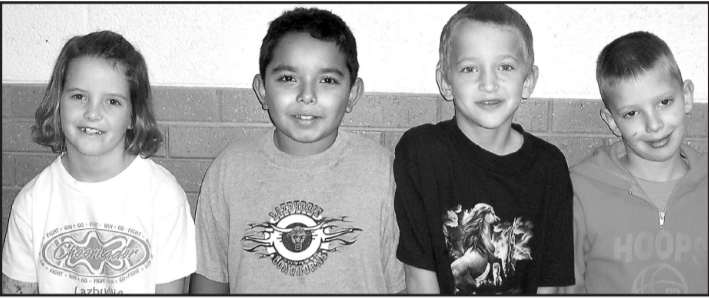
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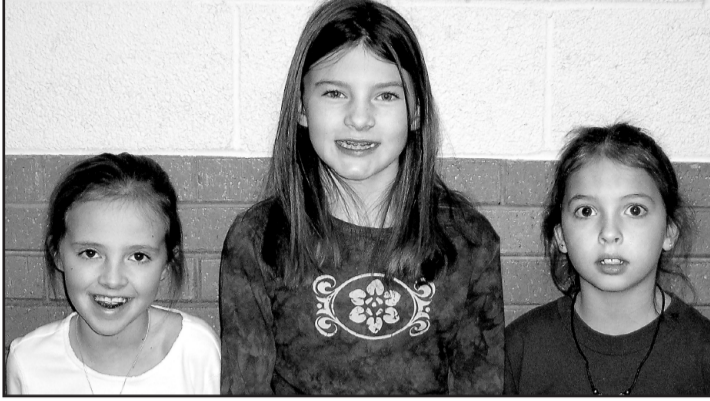
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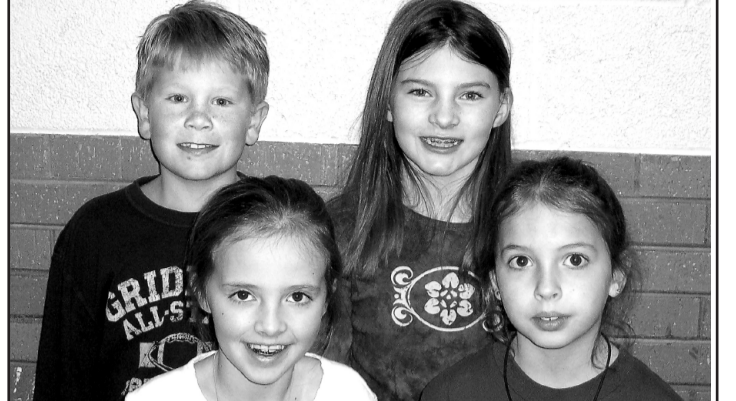
2nd grade oral reading - Haicha Hood, Lacey Jesko, 2nd; Albert Moran, Jonathan Jesko.



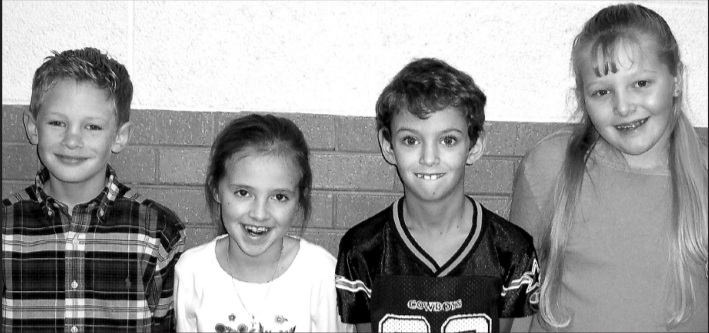
2nd grade storytelling -- Lacey Jesko, Albert Moran, Haldon Ivy, Jonathan Jesko.



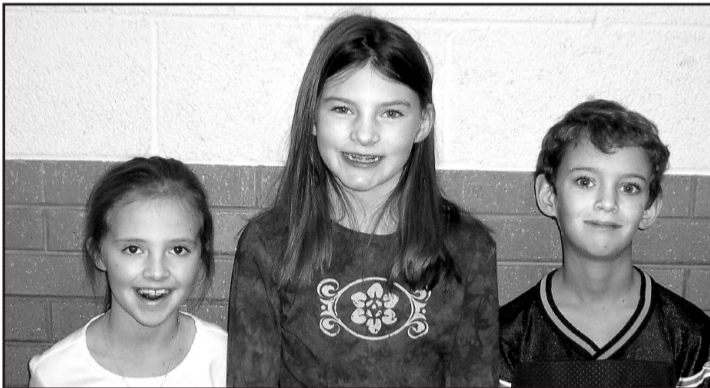
3rd grade creative and ready writing -- Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Madison Jesko, Haley Beasley.



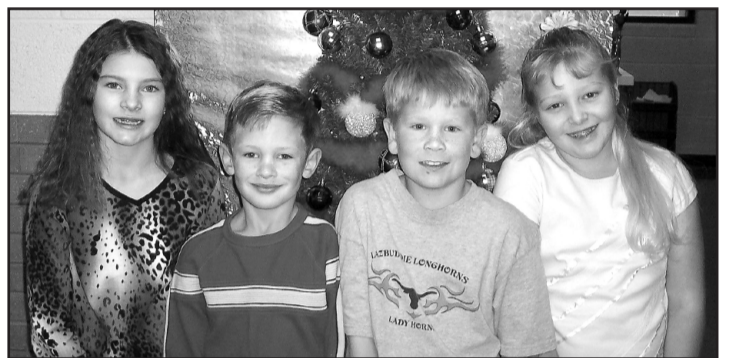
3rd grade music memory -- Team took 2nd: Cutter Glover, Katlyn Hicks, Ashton Mason, Madison Jesko.



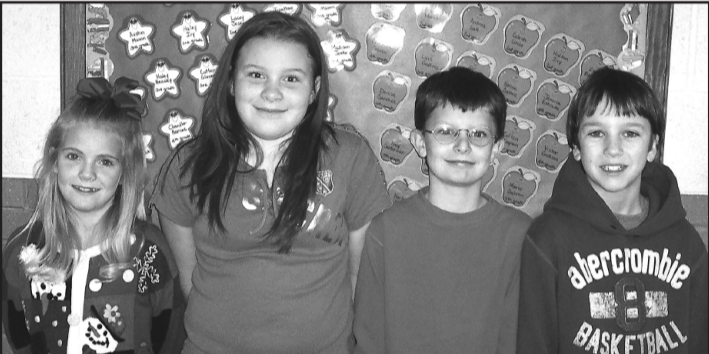
3rd grade oral reading -- John Ryan Isaacson, 3rd; Katlyn Hicks, 4th; Austin Mason, 5th; Allison Weaver.



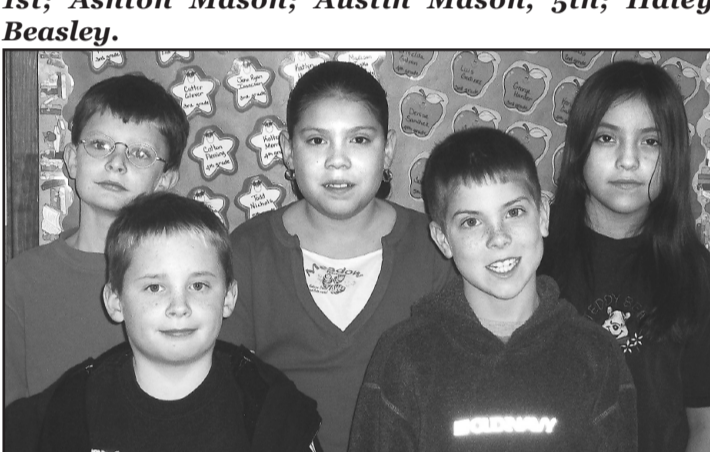
3rd grade spelling -- Team took 1st: Katlyn Hicks, 1st; Ashton Mason; Austin Mason, 5th; Haley Beasley.



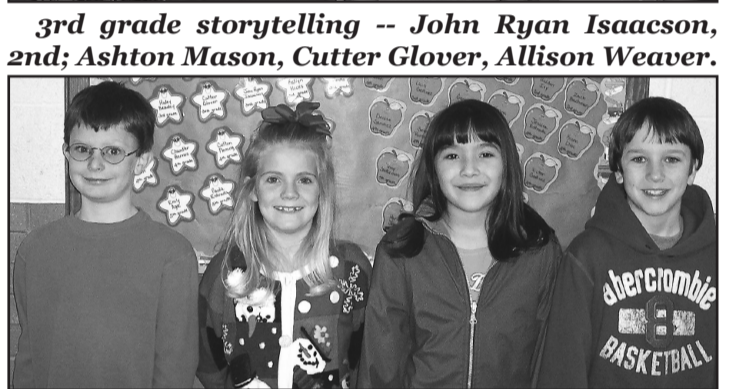
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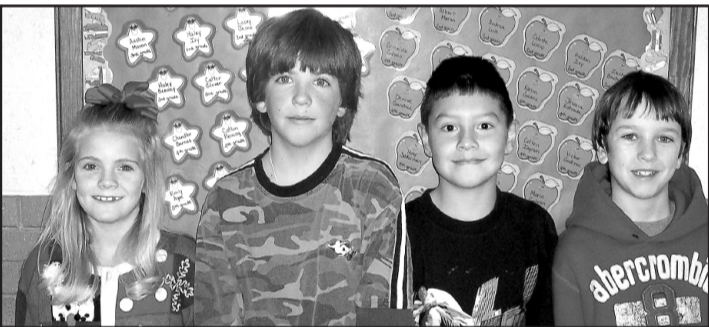
4th grade calculator Team took 1st: Chandler Barnes, 2nd; Shea Scott, 3rd; Cotton Fleming; Kolten Morris, 1st.



4th grade music memory: Team took 2nd: Cotton Fleming, Seth Russell, Denise Sanchez, Jared Timms, Jessica Estrada.



4th grade number sense: Team took 1st: Cotton Fleming, 2nd; Chandler Barnes; Karina Galaviz; Kolten Morris, 1st.



4th grade oral reading -- Chandler Barnes, 2nd; Colten Ingram, Alfredo Chavira, Kolten Morris, 1st.

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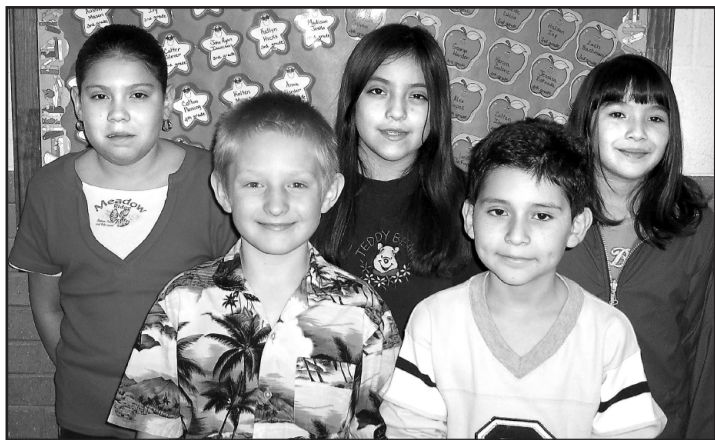
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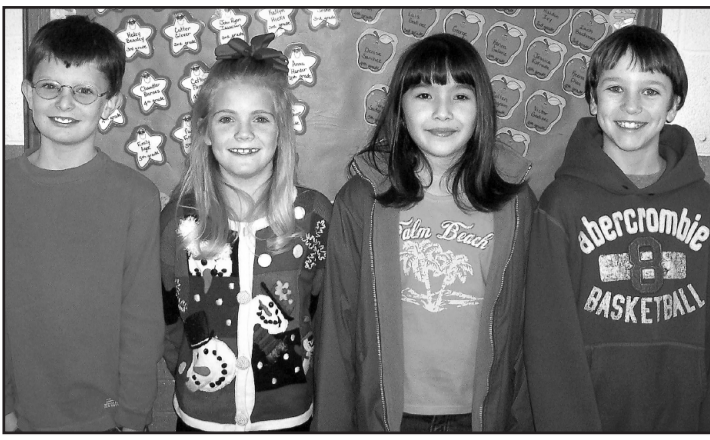
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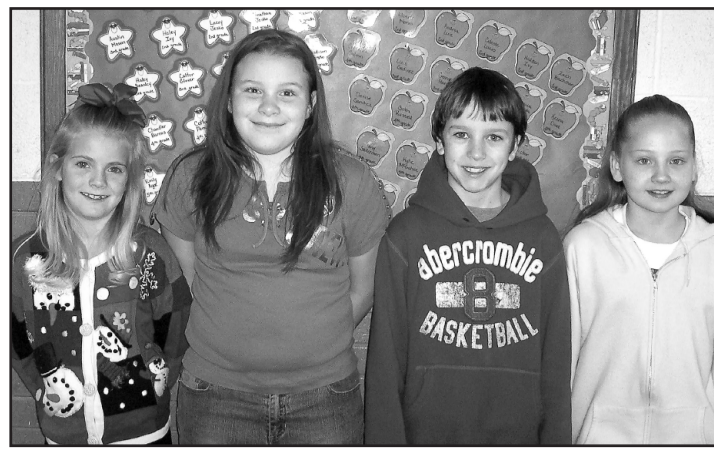
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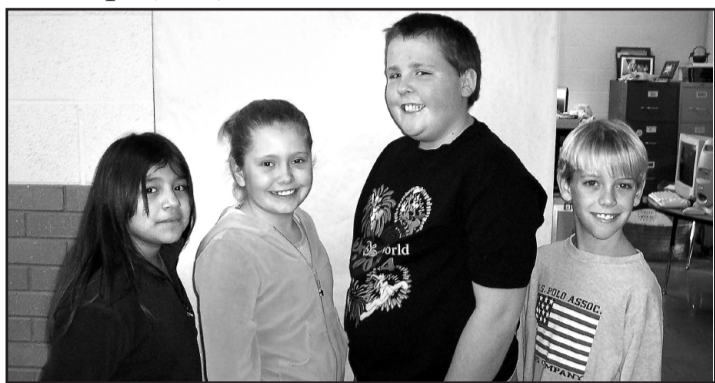
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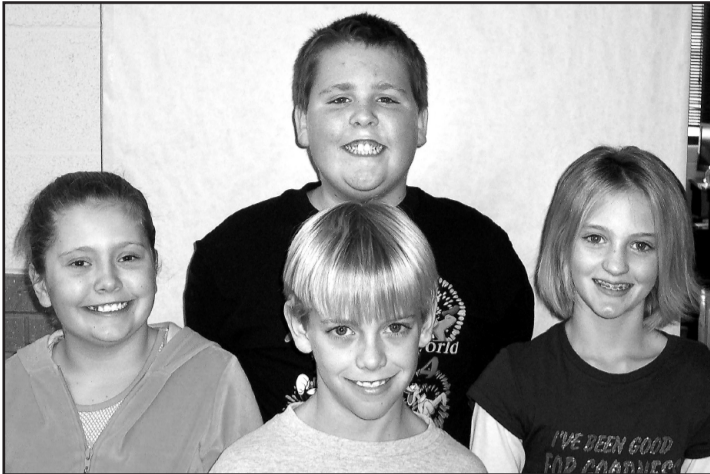
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4th grade spelling -- Chandler Barnes; Shea Scott; Kolten Morris, 6th; Anna Harder.



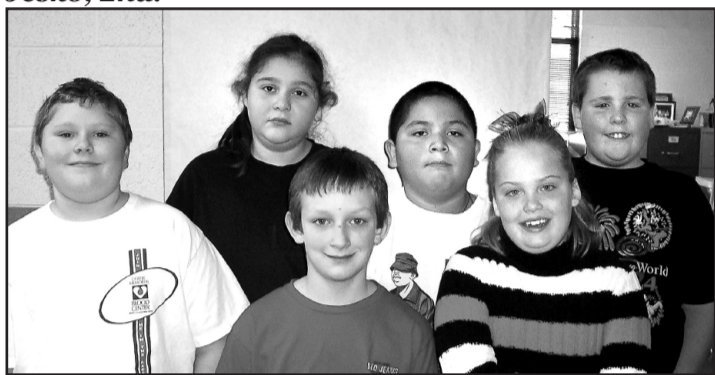
5th grade dictionary: Team took 2nd: Cathy Galindo; Emily Agee, 5th; Todd Nichols; Jarrod Jesko, 2nd.



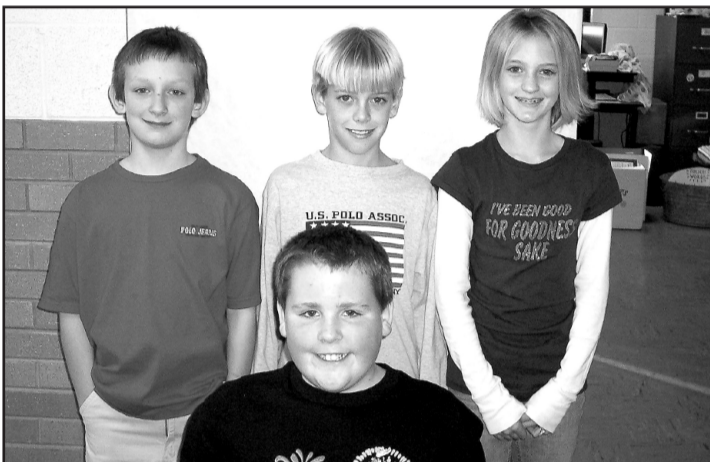
5th grade calculator: Team took 1st: Emily Agee, 2nd; Todd Nichols, 1st; Kylie McGehee, 1st in 6th grade contest; Jarrod Jesko, 3rd.



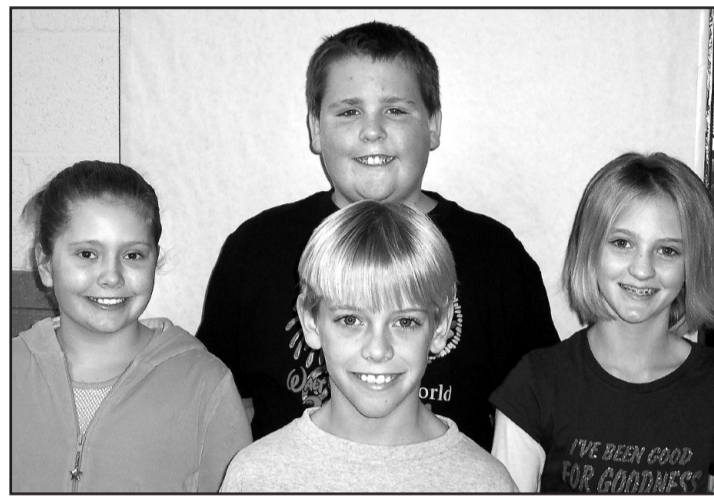
5th grade listening: Team took 3rd: Kylie McGehee, Paola Estrada; Jordan Mason, 5th.



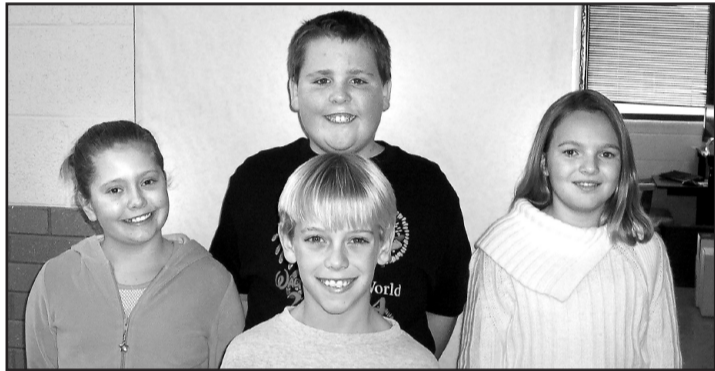
5th grade music memory: Team took 3rd: Kenton Randolph, Paola Estrada, Dallas Cox, Luis Tafoya, Harley Jones, Todd Nichols.



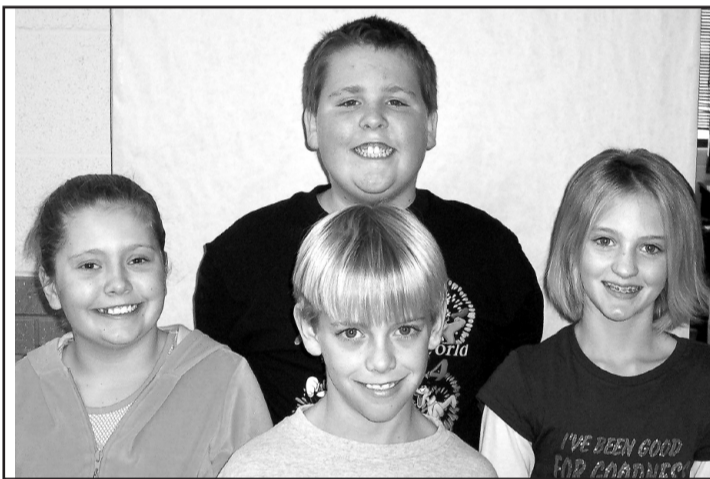
5th grade maps, graphs & charts: Jarrod Jesko, 1st; Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Dallas Cox.



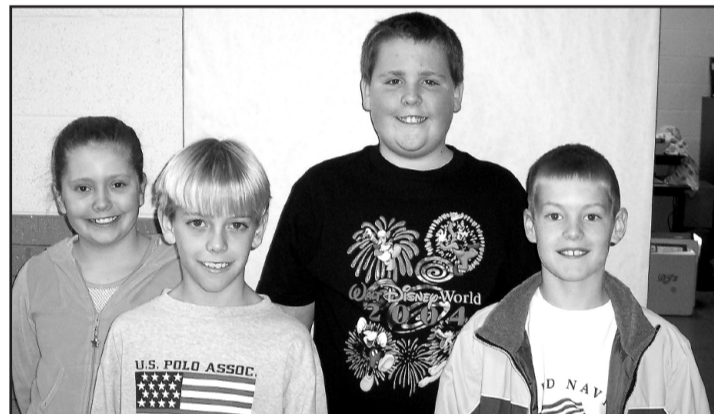
5th grade number sense: Team took 1st: Todd Nichols, 1st; Jarrod Jesko, 3rd; Emily Agee, 2nd; Kylie McGehee, competed in 6th grade contest.



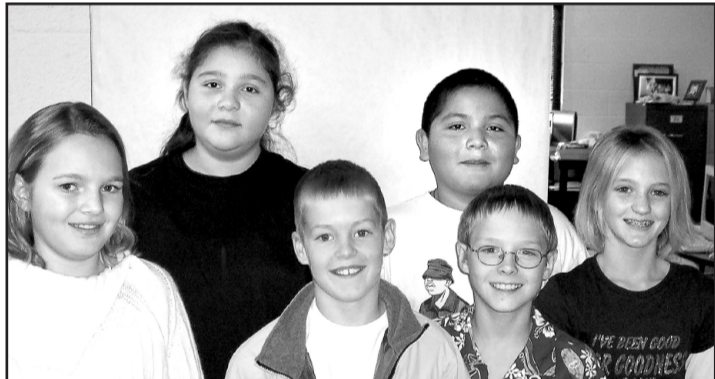
5th grade oral reading: Emily Agee, 3rd; Todd Nichols, Jordan Mason, Jarrod Jesko, 1st.



5th grade spelling: Team took 1st: Todd Nichols, 4th; Emily Agee, 6th; Kylie McGehee, 5th; Jarrod Jesko, 5th in 6th grade contest.



5th grade ready writing: Jarrod Jesko, Emily Agee, Justin Schacher, Todd Nichols.



5th grade picture memory: Team took 2nd: Justin Schacher, Luis Tafoya, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee, Tony Suderman.

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Live Cattle: Cattle prices were expected to peak this week and move lower into next week before moving back up into the early February time frame. Weather and concerns about the Canadian border along with more BSE confirmed in that country shot prices higher. The market is moving closer to a major top area due sometime over the next 2-3 weeks.

Feeder Cattle: This market has also had an impressive move back up off their lows. The March contract has moved over \$7.50 in just the last couple of weeks. It will take more "bullish" news in order to keep the feeder market alive. Over the last 15 years, prices have had a strong tendency to top around mid January and move lower into March. Potential top is in place?

Corn: A little surprise in this week's USDA Crop Production report dropped corn prices below the \$2.00 support level basis the March contract. There is some seasonal weakness expected from now into the end of February, but a retest of the \$1.94 weekly support is expected to hold this market? Once a low can be confirmed, look for a rally to last into the March/April time frame.

Soybeans: The market dropped back low enough to almost test contract lows. The long term seasonal tendency is for prices to drop from now into late February before moving higher into the April/May time frame. Most of the pressure will come from South American harvest pressure. Long term charts would turn higher on a close above \$5.65 basis the March contract.

Wheat: This market also slipped back down after making another run at a major resistance level around the \$3.12 area basis the March Chicago contract. The seasonal tendency begins to turn negative next week and usually moves down into the March time frame before making a short term run back to the upside. The market may be hard pressed to see significantly lower prices.

Cotton: When cotton prices broke out above a 2 month at 45 cents, the market projected a move up into the 47 cent area. Prices have traded up to this level and are now making attempts to move back down toward the point prices broke out at 45 basis the March. The long term seasonal tendency is for higher prices into the early March time frame. 50 cents may pose a difficult target?

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If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2005, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to re-apply for this exemption.

Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased agricultural property. If you purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

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The Latest

Janice Brown will be leaving her job as director of nursing at the Farwell Convalescent Center in mid-February.

Jamboree will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Floyd High School gym. For more information, call Noel Rippee at (505) 478-2237.

Auditions for the Floyd

Gas rate hits Farwell

The following headline appeared in the Sept. 23, 2004, issue on Page 1 of the State Line Tribune:

"Farwell gas rate set for large increase" It wasn't a joke.

What made it worse when the utility bills arrived last week in the mail was that the hike went into effect just after a very cold month.

"Bad timing," was the way Bruce Billingsley, West Texas Gas' representative in Farwell put it.

The Sept. 23 article said Farwell would be getting at 17.21 percent rate hike, probably in December. This is what occurred.

WT Gas originally had asked for a 22.95 percent rate hike for Farwell. But under a settlement reached to get one rate set for all the communities served by WT Gas, the lower rate was accepted.

Farwell's rate hike was among the highest of the cities involved in the settlement, which the Farwell City Council approved in October.

What made it worse, said Billingsley, was that the 33-day billing period included a very chilly December. He said usage was up 2 or 3 times over the previous month for many Farwell households.

When you put that together -- a rate hike plus much heavier usage -- you get a higher utility bill.

And this is how Billingsley explained it to the more than 50 persons who called him at his office after the bills went out.

In addition, there was a surcharge (\$1.73) which goes toward the legal fees involved in the settlement that Farwell participated in for the next two years.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Jan. 15, Timothy Steelman, 24, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case is pending in county court.

On Jan. 15, Victor Alvarado Jr., 23 of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of motion to revoke (driving on a suspended license) from Deaf Smith County. He posted bond and was released.

On Jan. 11, Patrick Hayes, 29, of Hereford, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. He paid fine, court costs and restitution and was released.

On Jan. 9, Sandown Murrah, 30, of Texico, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of failure to appear (theft by check). Case pending in county court.

On Jan. 7, Imela Ortiz, 28, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. She paid fine, court costs and restitution.

On Jan. 13, Federico Ortiz, 54, of Texico, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI 3rd or more. Case pending before the grand jury.

On Jan. 16, Ricardo Rojas, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. Case pending in county court.

On Jan. 9, Jesse Hursey, 46, of El Paso, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI 2nd. Case pending in county court.

On Jan. 13, Bacilio Viernes Jr., 17, of Bovina, was arrested on a charge of sexual assault. case pending before the grand jury.

Brandy Green graduated summer cum laude (4.0 grade point average) on Dec. 18 from Texas A&M University - Texarkana.

The granddaughter of Max and Barbara Crim, of Muleshoe, got a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

The daughter of Cindy Noey, of New Boston, Texas, she and her husband Phillip have two children, Dustyn, 8, and Sierra, 5.

It's an election year and in Farwell three posts are on the ballot:

Council posts held by Joe Stanton and Tim Kasel, and the mayor's post held by Jimmie Mace.

Folks can file for office between Feb. 5 and March 7.

March 14 is the last day for write-in candidates.

Early voting is set for April 20 through May 3.



Nichols, Puckett spark Lazbuddie triumphs

Varsity Girls

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns beat back Amherst, 42-39, on Jan. 11.

Chelsee Nichols had a big game, with 22 points. Also scoring were Kayla Parham, 12; Melanie Winders, 6, and Regina Mata, 2.

The girls beat Kress, 55-40, on Friday. No other details were available.

Lazbuddie is now 4-3 in district and 9-12 overall.

Varsity Boys

The Lazbuddie Longhorns beat Amherst, 48-43, on Jan. 11.

Scoring were Cory Puckett, 21; Jesse Gomez, 10; Cory Contreras, 9;

The election will be May 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center.

A wedding shower for Jordan Carpenter and Jake Steelman will be held on Jan. 30 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the parlor at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Selections are at Walmart, Dillard's, J.C. Penney's, Target, and Pansies, Posies & Porpourri, in Farwell.

Box Office Video and Copper Cove 'n More will be closing Jan. 1, reports owner Linda Porter (see Letter to the Editor elsewhere in today's Tribune).

The Lazbuddie School Board on Jan. 14 extended the contract of Supt. Karl Vaughn one year.

Results of the 2003-2004 AEIS report was given

Lazbuddie received a recognized accountability rating, and got a gold performance acknowledgment for its high school program (Class of 2003).

Board members Dieter Isaacson and Terry Jesko come up for re-election this spring.

Tim and Lea Lust, of Lazbuddie, own a bull listed in the 2005 spring "Sire

Evaluation Report" published by the American Angus Association.

Texico Elementary School teacher Brenda Wren was injured in a 4-wheeler accident. She is home after being hospitalized in Lubbock.

All quiet last week, report Texico police.

One-vehicle rollover occurs near county line

A one-vehicle rollover occurred at 8:05 a.m. Jan. 16 on Hwy. 84 at the Bailey County line east of Lariat.

The driver of a white Ford Thunderbird was heading west along the highway and then went off the highway, rolling the vehicle. Two Wal-Mart truck drivers witnessed the accident and stopped to help.

One of the semi tractor-trailer rigs was parked along the edge of the road on an embankment. The mixture of the slope and a very heavy trailer filled with goods caused the trailer to fall over.

When Bailey County sheriff's deputies and EMS officials arrived, there were at least eight semi trucks and a host of other passersby stopped to help.

The driver of the Ford Thunderbird was out of the rolled vehicle and sitting up in the other Wal-Mart truck to stay warm when EMS arrived. The driver was taken to Muleshoe Area Medical Center with minor injuries.

Courthouse Notes

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

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Texico varsity teams keep on winning

Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines moved to 14-0 last Friday with a 72-44 whupping of Clayton there.

Scoring were Isaac Zarate, 1; Braden Vaughan, 24; Josh Pena, 2; Tony Clements, 15; Garrett Mayfield, 4; Courtland Luscombe, 4; Logan Brown, 8; Ricky Burns, 2; John Schueler, 8; and Daniel Schueler, 4.

Varsity Girls

The Texico Wolverines improved to 10-4 on the season and 1-0 in district with a 57-49 win over

Clayton last week.

Scoring were Bryn Mayfield, 4; Lauren Boazman, 4; Erika Autrey, 3; Faith Martin, 3; Brette Hadley, 1; Lori Richardson, 10; Stephanie Bailey, 22; Ashley Kidd, 10.

7th Boys

Texico's 7th grade boys beat Dora, 44-35.

Scoring were Seth Zarate, 17; Rhett Martin, 4; James Conlee, 3; Jonathan Hill, 1; Marques Pena, 6; Seth Bailey, 13.

Texico fell to Portales, 35-31.

Scoring were Zarate, 3;

Martin and Pena, 2 each; Edgardo Meza, 6; Bailey, 14; and Hill, 4.

Texico was the champions at the Farwell tourney: Texico killed Springlake-Earth, 44-10.

Scoring were Zarate and Hill, 2 each; Martin and Bailey, 14 each; Meza, 4; and Pena, 6.

Texico beat Muleshoe, 27-20. Scoring were Zarate, 4; Martin, 5; Bailey, 18.

And Texico won the title game, 39-23, over Gattis. Scoring were Zarate, 8; Martin, 12; Bailey, 9, and Meza, 10.

8th Boys

Texico's 8th grae boys lost to Portales, 38-33.

Scoring were Brett Anderson, 5; Tanner Allen, 11; Levi Richards, 2; Mario Posada, 13; and Jordan Broome, 2.

Texico lost to Muleshoe, 40-28.

Scoring were Anderson, 6; Broome, 5; and Posada, 12.

Texico doubled up on Melrose, 51-25.

Scoring were Rivera, 1; Allen, 5; Richards, 4;

Posada, 30; and Broome, 11.

7th Girls

Texico's 7th grade girls lost to Dora, 42-17.

Scoring were Lisa Vidal, Christy Herrington and Kambrie Reid, 2 each; Shay Anderson, 6; and Brittini Rivers, 4.

Texico was nipped by Portales, 21-19.

Scoring were Vidal, 4; Victoria Richards, 6; Anderson, 2; and Katlin Luscombe, 7.

In the Farwell tourney:

Texico beat Earth, 28-11. Scoring were Vidal, 7; Richards and Luscombe, 6 each; Anderson, 5; and Shirley and Cockerham, 2 each.

Texico lost to Gattis, 28-26. Scoring were Vidal, 4; Richards, 15 (with a pair of 3-pointers); Anderson, 1; and Luscombe, 7.

And Texico topped Muleshoe, 25-17. Scoring were Vidal and Anderson, 6 each; Shirley, 3; and Luscombe, 10.

JV Boys

Texico's JV Boys beat Clayton, 61-49.

Scoring were Justin Garrison, 19; Rolando Renova, 6; Courtland Luscombe, 7; Ricky Burns, 6; Daniel Schueler, 22; and Josh Murray, 2.

Texico swept by Ft. Sumner, 68-64.

Scoring were Ruben Lindley and Zac Morgan, 2 each; Casey Crist, 10; Garrison, 21; Michael Reid and Murray, 3 each; Renova, 12; Luscombe, 5; and Schueler, 10.

Texico beat up on Jal, 63-50.

Scoring were Lindley, 4; Crist, 3; Garrison, 18; Reid, 2; Murray and Jesse Walters, 1 each; Luscombe, 20; and Schueler, 14.

JV Girls

Texico's JV Girls lost to Ft. Sumner, 39-37.

Scoring were Zandi Queener, 1; Barbara Vidal, 3; Brittany Anderson, 7; Sarah Johnson, 4; Leslie Vannatta, 4; and Brooke Bailey, 12.

8th Girls

Texico's 8th grade girls nipped Muleshoe, 25-23.

Scoring were Braeden Hadley, 3; Amanda Bass, 7; Holly Harrison, 11; Jaryce Harris, 2; and Jerrica Reid, 2.

Texico, Farwell 8th graders play



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Farwell High honor rolls given

The Farwell High School 3rd six weeks honor rolls have been announced: All A's

- Danielle Cargile, Micah Christian, Shelby Christian, Roper Fulcher, Yvonne Favila, Jourdan Kirkland, Ashlie Martin, Kamarie Schmidt, Robbie Tabb.
 A-B
 Matthew Ancira, Amanda Barnes, Matthew

- Barnes, Jon Beaubien, Lauren Beaubien, Sam Billingsley, Logan Carpenter, Mayra Chacon, Selene Delgado, Dawson Embry, Leona Gonzales, Sarah Herington, Melissa Howard, Amanda Martin, Lindsey Mullin, Tate Nichols, Talethia Nolte, Luis Olmos, Juan Carlos Vidaurri, Alisha Wauson.



Farwell speech team on the rise

The Farwell High School speech team last weekend debuted at the annual Hereford High School Speech Tournament, placing 6th overall with 30 points.

Results were:
 -- Elisa Smith, 3rd, poetry; Crystal Stover, semi-finalist, poetry. Coach is Karen Schilling.

-- Micah Christian, 4th, prose; Colby Norton, 6th, prose. Coach is Robin Gregory.

-- Danielle Cargile, semi-finalist, informative speaking. Coach is Patsy Camp.
 -- Jacque Caporusso and Lauren Beaubien, 12th. Coaches are Tra and Angela Hall.

Other participants were:
 -- Matt Barnes, informative speaking. He received a 4th place in round 1 and 3rd place in round 2 of the

prelims.

-- Chanel Castillo was 0-3 in prelim rounds in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

-- Ashleigh Mesman, 1 and 2 in prelim rounds in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

-- Kary Mathys, poetry, 3rd place in round 1 and 6th place in round 2 of the prelims.

Other UIL participants will compete this weekend at Coronado High School in a UIL Invitational Tournament.

UIL Director Angela Hall said, "The students who went on Saturday did a super job. We are so proud of their efforts and the way they conducted themselves in their contests. We are so fortunate here in Farwell to have such hard-

working and dedicated students willing to take their Saturdays to represent their school and compete well. Great job to the speech team for a job well done!"

Lazbuddie lunch menus

Lazbuddie's lunch menus for next week:

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

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

Wednesday - chicken and rice, pizza, hot pockets (pk-1).

Thursday - chili cheese fries, hamburgers.

Friday - special.

Sewer rates

From page 16

Construction of the new sewer is planned to start sometime this year. The first payment on the loan will be sometime after we receive funding from the TWB. Before the TWB will grant us the loan, they will visit us to make sure that we have the capacity and ability to repay the loan. To be financially responsible, we are collecting the utility increase now in preparation of paying that loan payment.

I know that this increase will be an inconvenience for some, but the city is trying to provide the best service possible for the lowest cost. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact me or one of the staff at City Hall.

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Farwell School academic results excellent

The Farwell School Board on Jan. 14 held its AEIS hearing and the academic results were excellent. Overall, the school's accountability rating was listed as academically acceptable although each campus' rating was higher. This was due to science results in two grades.

The overall gold performance acknowledgements were:

- Attendance (2002-2003).
- Recommended high school program (Class of 2003).
- TAAS/TASP equivalency (Class of 2003).
- Commended on reading/English language arts.
- commended on writing.

There were no violent or criminal incidents in the

Farwell Schools in 2003-2004. By campus, AEIS results were:

Elementary: exemplary accountability rating. Gold performance acknowledgements: commended on reading/ELA, math, writing and science.

Junior High: recognized accountability rating. Gold performance acknowledgements: attendance (2002-2003), reading/ELA and writing.

High school: recognized accountability rating. Gold performance acknowledgements: attendance (2002-2003), recommended high school program (Class of 2003), and TAAS/TASP equivalency (Class of 2003).

In other business at the meeting:

- The public hearing was also held on the waiver to start school on Aug. 16. Nobody attended this hearing.
- Extended the contract of Supt. Larry Gregory one year.
- Heard ag teacher Wayne Sales report on the junior livestock show.
- Noted that school board posts currently held by Darren Haseloff and Mark Schwertner will be on the ballot this year.
- Heard Gregory report that December's gas bill was a whopper -- \$13,900.

This was not just due to the price hike and cold weather.

Lightning had hit the school in August, causing a lack of heating controls in all the buildings. It's just now being repaired. But it meant that in some schools heating could not be turned down at night and on weekends.

-- Heard that the elementary school was picked as one of the 106 Distinguished Performance Schools in Texas by the Texas Education Agency.

Upcoming Sports

Here's a look at the upcoming basketball schedules:

The Lazbuddie varsity and JV teams host Happy on Jan. 21 and Nazareth on Jan. 25, then play at Springlake-Earth on Jan. 28.

The Farwell varsity and JV teams play at Bovina on Jan. 21, have an open date on Jan. 25, then play at Sudan on Jan. 28.

The Farwell Junior High teams take on Morton on Jan. 24 -- the girls there and the boys here.

The Texico varsity and JV teams host Santa Rosa on Jan. 21, Hagerman on Jan. 25 (Parents Night) and Tatum on Jan. 31.

The Texico Junior High teams take on Sudan on Jan. 24 -- the boys here and the girls there. And on Jan. 27, the 8th grade teams host Dora.

Two Farwell businesses merge

Michael Ratke and Anthony Joplin, owners of Southwest Ag Services, and Pablo Lucio, owner of Hughes Auto Parts, announced this week the merger of their businesses, effective Jan. 31.

The business will operate under the name of Southwest Ag Services, and be located at its current site -- 1017 Ave. A, Farwell.

Lucio will be on the staff at Southwest Ag.

The merged businesses will continue to offer a full line of NAPA auto supplies, as well as a large variety of farm supplies that customers have come to expect.

Ratke said that during January, the two businesses will be in the process of combining their wares, and will continue to operate at the two locations until consolidation is completed.

"After the dust settles, we hope that our new combined business will be bigger and better able to maintain its commitment to Farwell and the surrounding area in providing farm, ranch and automotive supplies at fair prices and with a strong commitment to service," he added.

Wolverines named All-State

The Texico Wolverines dominated the New Mexico Class 1A All-State football team chosen by the Associated Press.

1st team offense -- Tony Clements, tight end; Braden Vaughan, quarterback; Johnny Serrano, running back; Logan Brown, place kicker.

1st team defense -- Aaron Vaughan, lineman; Logan Brown and Johnny Serrano, linebackers; Braden Vaughan, defensive back.

2nd team offense -- Garrett Mayfield, wide receiver; Logan Brown, lineman; Chris Phillips, running back.

2nd team defense -- Zac Morgan, lineman; Michael Johnson, lineman; Tony Clements and Garrett Mayfield, defensive backs.

Band to compete

Members of the Farwell High School band will compete in UIL High School All-Region competition Jan. 20 in Abernathy.

Williams elected Auxillary president

At the Jan. 10 meeting of the Farwell Convalescent Center Auxiliary, a list of items bought by the auxiliary for the center was discussed.

The group bought speakers for the lobby area, did lots of baking, bought poinsettias, provided decorations, and other items needed for special parties.

Debbie Parmer reported on the parties/dinners during the fall and winter. She was reimbursed for New Year's party supplies.

Officers for 2005 were elected: Robbie Williams, president; Mary Mesman, vice president; Liz Kaltwasser, secretary, and Mary Lynn London, treasurer.

The 2005 dues (\$5), are due. They can be mailed to Mrs. London at Box 93, Farwell TX 79325, left at the center, or given any auxiliary member.

The Valentines Party will be held Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. Auxiliary members will bring two dozen cookies. The Auxiliary also will buy Hug Day bears for the residents and special care unit, along with candy and cards.

The center will take care of the St. Patrick's Day party. It was suggested that the Auxiliary dispense with the Border Town Days bake sale. A decision was tabled until the next meeting, March 14 at 4 p.m. in the chapel. Mrs. Mesman volunteered to sell pecans at BTD.



Roch sworn in

Texico's Dennis Roch was sworn in as District 9's newly elected Public Education Commissioner. District 9 covers Curry, Eddy, Lea, Quay and Roosevelt counties. Texico School Board President Bruce Mayfield, left, administered the oath of office on Jan. 11.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Bovina Texas, will receive bids for two maintenance pickup trucks until 2:00 P.M. on the 8th day of February, 2005, at Bovina City Hall, P.O. Drawer 720, Bovina, TX 79009, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the maintenance pickup trucks for the following:

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3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The City of Bovina reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Bovina for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

Ernest Terry
City Manager
17 January 2005

INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

The City of Bovina Texas, will receive sealed bids for excess vehicles/equipment, on display in front of City Hall, until 2:00 P.M. on the 8th day of February, 2005, at Bovina City Hall, P.O. Drawer 720, Bovina, TX 79009, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the following:

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7. Mosquito Sprayer on Trailer

Conditions:

- Vehicles and/or equipment are sold as is. The City of Bovina makes no claims as the condition of the vehicles/equipment.

- Only one bid per person may be submitted. If two bids are submitted by one person, only the highest bids will be valid.

- To be valid, bid must be signed, be legible, be submitted to the City Secretary prior to 2:00 PM on 8 February 2005, and be sealed.

- Highest sealed bid takes priority.

- Bids will be in US Currency and payable not later than 15 February 2005.

- The City of Bovina reserves the right to refuse any unreasonable bid.

- Bids will be opened at the City Council meeting on 8 February 2005.

Ernest Terry
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- Oven Roasted Prime Rib Petite - \$13.29 Regular \$15.29



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Lady Blue whip Morton

Varsity Girls

The Farwell Lady Blue were 8-15 overall and 1-1 in district after beating Morton last Friday there, 57-37.

Scoring were Micah Christian, 8; Britton Barrett and Bea Garcia, 14 each; Salida Edwards, 4; Ashlie Martin, 16 (including a trio of 3-pointers); and Danielle Cargile, 1.

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers were 14-9 overall and 0-2 in district after losing to Morton, 76-57, on Friday. Morton is ranked No. 3 in the state.

Scoring were Robbie Tabb, 14; Derrick Chandler, 4; Tate Nichols, 34; Ty Gast, 2; Chris Culver, 3.

Nichols hit 8 3-pointers and Tabb had 3.

JV Boys

Farwell's JV Boys lost to Sudan last week, 44-21.

Scoring were Ryan McClaran, 6; Zach Bickel, 5; Roper Ledbetter, 4; and Ross McClaran, Jaime Saenz and Rowdy Smith, 2 each.

Farwell lost to Morton, 66-18.

Scoring were Trace Stevenson, Finus Nolte and Emmanuel Pereda, 2 each; and Ramon Quezada and Cory Chadwick, 6 each.

JH Girls

Farwell lost to Nazareth, 58-36. Scoring were Ryan McClaran, 7; Ledbetter, 4; Quezada, 2; Chadwick, 10; Alex Olmos, 5; and Bickel, 8.

Farwell whipped Olton, 70-22. Scoring were Ryan McClaran, 19; Ross McClaran and Ledbetter, 9 each; Bickel, 7; Stevenson, 6; Quezada, 2; Chadwick, 10; and Olmos, 8.

JV Girls

Farwell's JV Girls beat Lubbock Christian, 50-30.

Scoring were Megan Patrick, 3; Shelby Christian, 12; Chanel Castillo, 2; Cindy Quezada, 8; Kaylyn Meyer, 17; and Trish Robertson and Hayley Fowler, 4 each.

Results from the Whiteface Tournament:

In the first game, Farwell beat O'Donnell, 45-31. Scoring were Patrick, 1; Christian, 11; Quezada, 4; Meyer, 10; Robertson, 5; Fowler, 10; Jourdan Kirkland, 2; and Lauren Beaubien, 2.

In the 2nd game, Farwell beat Morton, 34-18. Scoring were Cano, 9; Christian, 8; Meyer, 7; Robertson, 4; and Fowler, 6.

Then Farwell nipped Whiteface, 36-33. Scoring were Cano, 6; Christian, 9; Quezada, 2; Meyer, 3; Robertson, 3; and Beaubien, 13.

In the title game, Farwell lost to New Deal, 37-28. Scoring were Cano and Christian, 8 each; Quezada and Meyer, 4 each; and Robertson and Fowler, 2 each.

Farwell won its opening district game over Sudan, 35-28. Scoring were Cano, 14; Christian, 11; Quezada and Meyer, 4 each; and Robertson, 2.

JH Girls

Farwell's "A" team lost to Texico 8th grade, 37-22.

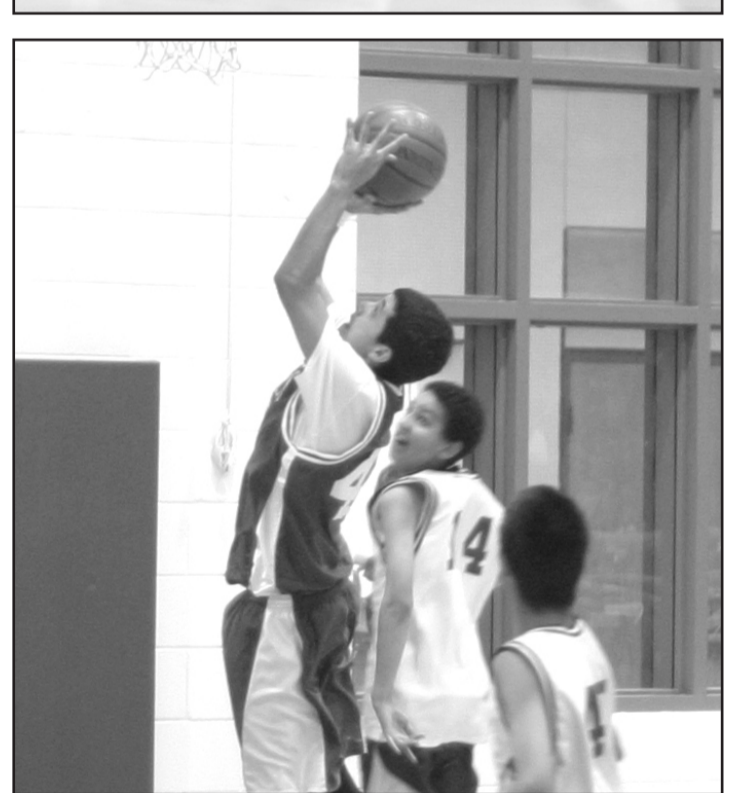
Scoring were Melinda Castillo, 4; Laura Martinez, 12; Micky Cenicerros, 2; and Tiffani Jones, 4.

7th Boys

Farwell's 7th grade boys lost to Springlake-Earth, 29-20.

Scoring were Colton Christian, 7; Matt Billingsley, 5; Kyle Jennings, 2; and Landon Lusk, 6.

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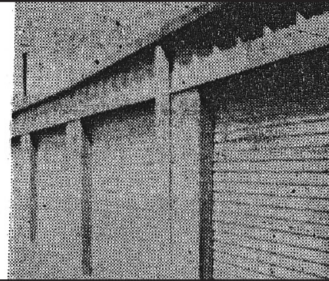
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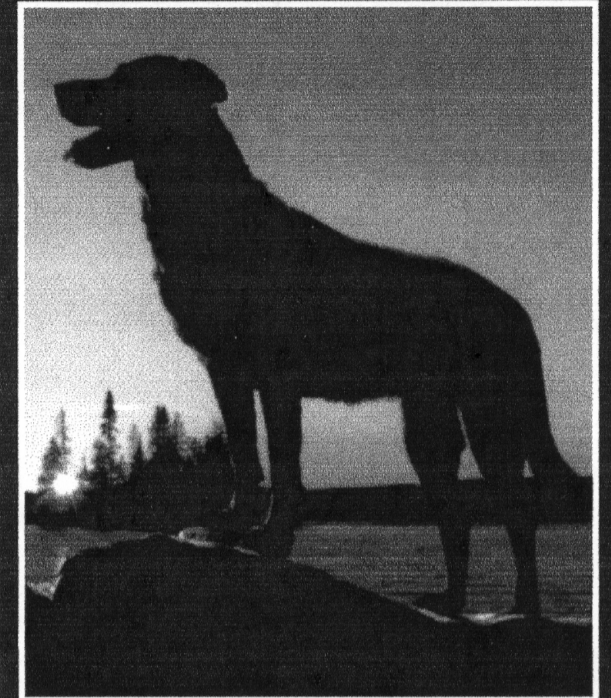
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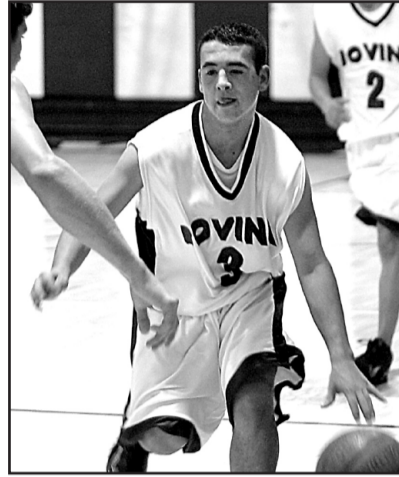
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3 council posts to be on ballot

At the Jan. 11 City Council meeting, Mayor Stan Miller issued a notice of general election. It will be held on May 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the EMS building, 109 3rd St. Three council posts, all for two year terms, will be on the ballot. Persons can file for the posts between Feb. 5 and March 7. Incumbents are John Blackwell, Mike McCallum and Lance Teague. Early voting will be conducted at City Hall from April 20 to May 3. In other business, the council: -- Heard Marie Venable express concern about junk cars in the community, and possible illegal water and sewer connections. Both concerns are being reviewed by city staff. -- Received a petition circulated by Mary Alice Merrell opposing the sewer rate hike.

-- Chris Leonard, of McGinty & Associates, presented the financial audit, and had very commendable statements to make about the council and city staff's achievements. -- Chris Sharp, from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, conducted the public hearing for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant for Bovina. The grant provides \$30,000 for playground equipment and \$15,000 for a walking track, all to be constructed at Memorial Park. Plans for benches, trees, and a memorial were also discussed. -- City Secretary Bonnie Scaff presented an accounts receivable aged report. Over the last three years, about \$1,440,000 has been billed for City utilities, and only \$6,284.17 is delinquent (over 90+ days). That's a loss rate of only 0.44 percent. -- Approved a resolution to join with other Texas Panhandle cities in an Oller Engineer supervised Street Sealing Project for fiscal year 2005. This will allow about one-third of Bovina's paved streets to be seal coated this year. -- Heard comments by Councilman Jessie Stone about starting a study to obtain and apply ash on city alleys. -- Heard Mayor Miller comment on national trends and policies concerning charges for ambulance service and Medicare's low reimbursement rate. -- City Manager Ernest Terry presented the Fund Balance Reports, highlighted by a new savings fund for a community center (\$2,155) and the continuation of a fund to pay for the new sewer (\$40,178). The Municipal Court Report was presented, as were some miscellaneous reports -- County money (\$4,284.50) presented to the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department, to be put in the Fire Department savings; and an annual Economic Development Corporation Report to the Texas Comptroller. The Bovina Economic Development Corporation now has \$21,225 in their fund to promote economic development in Bovina. -- Set the next council meeting for Feb. 8.

Fillies knock off Hart



JV Boys
Bovina's JV Boys lost to Morton, 64-45. Scoring were James Lara, 18; Frank Martinez and Noe Lara, 2 each; Alfie Espinoza, 13; and Hugo Aguillon, 10.

Varsity Boys
The Mustangs lost to Morton, one of the state's top ranked teams, 81-32, last week. Scoring were Michael Ortiz, 10; Jeff Casas, 13; Trent Quintana and Josh Shelby, 4 each, and Cornelio Ortiz, 1. ***

The Mustangs were 8-9 overall and 1-1 in district after beating Hart, 56-44, on Friday there. Scoring were Casas, 19; Ortiz, 14; Jose Gutierrez, 2; Quintana, 7; Shelby 9, and James Lara, 3.

Varsity Girls
The Fillies knocked off Hart on Friday, 63-59. Bovina is now 11-5 overall and 2-1 in district. Top scorers were Irma Rocha, 18; and Dorothy Martinez, 16.

JH Boys
Bovina's "A" team lost to Sudan, 39-29. Scoring were Omar Flores, 2; Robert Knoll, 3; Johnathan Roldan, 2; and Jesus Rocha, 22. ***

Bovina's "B" boys fell to Sudan, 18-10. This game only went two quarters because of some players being out and other players could only play a maximum of 6 quarters in a week and they had already played in the "A" game. Scoring were Roldan, 4; Jorge Roque, 2; and Isaias Castillo, 4.

7th Girls
Bovina's 7th grade girls fell to Sudan, 40-11. Scoring were Jeanette Varela, 5; Daisy Carrasco, 2; Michelle Lara and Daniella Flores, 2 each.

8th Girls
Bovina's 8th grade girls lost to Sudan, 61-12. Scoring were Yaniree Martinez and Audrie Terrones, 4 each; and Yoshi Rueda and Yadira Vela, 2 each.

Bovina scholars listed

Here are the high school honor rolls for the 3rd six weeks:
All A's
Sophomores, Isai Sacedo.
Seniors, Giselle Alvarado, Victoria Carrillo, Jeffrey Casas, Christopher DeLeon, Isabel Guevara, Jessica Maldonado, Rogelio Martinez and Jennifer Reyna.
A-B
Sophomores, Amparo Gomez, Frank Martinez, Jesus Nunez, Hilda Quintero.
Juniors, Elizabeth Aguilar, Diana Delarosa, Vanessa Garcia, Johanna Knoll, Aaul Martinez, Sandra Perez, Karla Rivera, Irma Rocha, Juana Roldan, David Salazar, Bacilio Viernes.
Seniors, Elizabeth Alonzo, Christopher Bachicha, Imelda Castillo, Zaide Marinelarena, Hugo Martinez, Edgar Ortiz, Daniela Quintero, Eliseo Salazar and Rebecca Viernes.

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Basketball continues hot and heavy: The varsity and JV teams host Farwell on Jan. 21 and Sudan on Jan. 25, then play at Morton on Jan. 28. The JH teams take on Hart on Jan. 24 -- the boys here and the girls there. ***
Running Water Land & Cattle, of Bovina, own six bulls listed in the 2005 spring "Sire Evaluation Report" published by the American Angus Association. ***
AEIS results are in for the 2003-2004 school year and all three school campuses received "academically acceptable" results. ***
The Little Dribblers will start its annual camp on Jan. 22 at the Bovina High School gym from 10 a.m. to noon for 1st through 6th graders, reports Dr. Mindy Neal. Walk-ins are welcome. They will work on shooting, defense, offense, and passing and dribbling over a four-week course. You have to have your application in for your team by Jan. 31. If you would like to donate toward Little Dribblers, please send a check to Dr. Neal at PO Box 718, Bovina, TX 79009. ***
Winners of the Bovina FFA giveaway (80 lbs. of ham-burger meat total) were: Delores Bachicha, Eddie Garcia, Earl Quintana, Joe Rhodes, Wanda Reeve, J.B. Mann, Vaughn Jones, Claudia Cavazos and Rose Morris.

Bovina Junior Basketball League

The Bovina Junior Basketball League is under way. This program will be open to all boys and girls in 1st through 6th grades. It is open to Bovina and area youths, such as from Lazbuddie, Farwell and Friona. The league has a local board. All games are played in Bovina. With the exception of the All Star program, which is a traveling team.

Entry fees are \$20 for the first child, and \$15 for any other child in the same family. The fees pay for trophies, insurance, referees, scorekeepers, gym cleaning and replacing basketballs.

Please fill out this form and return it with your money to your Bovina PE teacher or to the Bovina elementary office no later than January 31, 2005.

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Flush or don't flush: there are no other options

From City Manager Ernest Terry:
In the Spring of 2004, we found out that we needed a new sewer.

How project is divvied up

Bovina School Supt. Charles Carter wanted to update folks on the new baseball field project.

He noted the agreement between the city and school showed how the work was being divvied up.

The city would provide water, electricity, labor as requested and mowing as needed.

The school would provide the remaining supplies and facilities upgrade necessary to have the field ready for baseball this year.

Carter said the school system "is very excited to work with the city in this exciting project. Much time and effort have been spent in past years by the city to have their field in a condition that will allow us the opportunity to upgrade and be ready to play.

"It's our hope that the Bovina community will support the athletics of Bovina High School as well as the other community members (Little League and softball) who will use the facility."

permit for the old sewer, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) decided that our sewer was obsolete and didn't handle the capacity of the population served.

We tried several options to save the existing sewer, but were unsuccessful. After consulting with the experts (state officials and engineers), the City Council decided to build a new, modern sewer treatment plant east of Bovina. The cost of the new sewer is projected to be \$1,750,000. We will need to obtain a loan from the Texas Water Board (TWB) to fund the project, and the loan will be repaid over 20 years.

We have no choice. Well, actually we have two choices, and I will phrase it quite bluntly ... "Flush or don't flush." There are no other options. Bovina can't survive without a sewer system. Now, the problem is how to repay the loan.

The loan will have annual payments of approximately \$160,000 for 20 years. To raise that much money, the City Council had to make some decisions: raise taxes, raise utility rates, or raise both taxes and utility rates.

The Council decided to place the burden on the users of the sewer, so utility rates were raised. Now, how much? Bovina has an average of 610 sewer connections. If you divide \$160,000 by 610 connection then divide that amount by 12 months, you get \$21.86. So, it

was decided to raise the sewer rates by \$22 per residential connection and \$29 per commercial connection.

This went into effect last October after several public hearings and budget reviews. The money collected as a result of the rate increase is calculated and withdrawn from the General Fund and placed in a separate account to pay the loan payment when it comes due. As of Jan. 1, there was \$40,178 in that account. These funds are part of the Fund Balance Report that is reported to and reviewed by the City Council each month.

Some Bovina residents have voiced the opinion that the old rate of \$10 per month should pay for the new sewer. The \$10 rate pays for the operation of the existing sewer, and it really doesn't cover that expense. We are not sure what the operation cost of the new sewer is going to be, but for now we are going to hold with the current \$10 for operations.

So, \$10 for operation cost plus \$22 for financing the new sewer brings us to the current sewer rate of \$32 per residential connection. And the \$22 increase was applied to every residential connection, regardless of whether that resident was a city volunteer, city employee, or city elected official. The City Council discussed and deliberated at length of this raise and how to apply it. Everyone got the same utility raise.

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Bachicha, Terrones take top honors at Bovina Junior Livestock Show

The 49th annual Bovina Junior Livestock Show was held on Saturday.

The grand champion was Jessica Bachicha. Reserve champion was Audrie Terrones.

Jessica also got the top showmanship award, with Audrie taking reserve.

Bea and Buddy Prather donated the championship buckles. The Pleasant View Gun Club donated ribbons and trophies.

Thanked were the cooks -- Donn Teague and the Bachicha and Prather families.

Eighty pounds of hamburger meat were raffled off to 10 winners.

Full show results were:

Durocs -- Evie Guevara, 1st.

Hamps -- Marco Terrones, 1st; Jacob Cruz, 2nd.

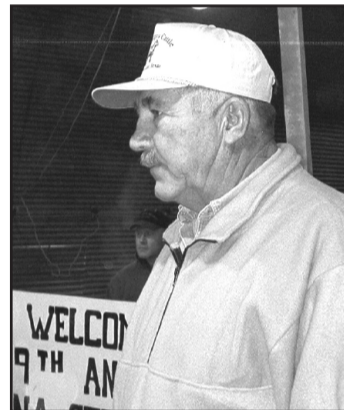
Yorks -- Jacob Cruz, 1st; Jessica Bachicha, 2nd;

Bianca Terrones, 3rd.

Crosses -- Jessica Bachicha, 1st; Audrie Terrones, 2nd; Bianca Terrones, 3rd; Audrie Terrones, 4th.



Evie Guevara received a special award for being the youngest exhibitor.



Tony Neal was the judge.



Cody Hill and Buddy Prather




The grand showmanship winner was Jessica Bachicha, right. Reserve showman was Audrie Terrones.



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