



Scenes from the Texico Kindergarten graduation



Olivia and Gabby Schilling sang the National Anthem and led the pledge.

Memorial Day ceremony held at Farwell City Park



Army veteran Richard Villarreal, of Bovina, was a guest speaker. In back is ceremony organizer Bill Dannheim.



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Martin, Scott, Christian take Farwell's top honors

The most coveted honor given at Farwell High School, the Loving Cup, was awarded to Matt Martin at the school commencement exercises on Friday.

The award was started by the Farmers Grain Co. of Farwell and was first presented in 1928. It is given to the best all-around Farwell High graduate and comes with a \$2,000 scholarship.

Another top school honor, the Carlos Nicolas Award, was presented to Sara Scott. The award is named after a Farwell High student who died in 1984.

It is accompanied by \$1,000 and is presented to the student who has exhibited outstanding citizenship, giving of time and effort unselfishly for the good of the class and school.

An annual scholarship in honor of Meredith Anderson was given out for the second time for citizenship. Laney Christian received it.

Other scholarships went to:

Lincoln Devault -- Texas Tech, \$1,000; Farwell Band Boosters; Deaf Smith Electric, \$2,000; Texas Tech Impact, \$700; Security State Bank.

Luke Carpenter -- Texas Tech, \$1,000; ENMR - Plateau, \$2,500; Security State Bank.

Landry Atkinson -- Texas Tech, \$1,000; Texas Tech President's Gold Merit, \$20,000; Parmer County Medical Center, \$2,500; Farwell Chamber of Commerce.

Caleb Christian; -- Texas Tech, \$1,000; Farm Bureau, \$250; Deaf Smith Electric, \$2,000; Farwell Education Foundation.

Laney Christian -- Texas Tech, \$1,000; Farwell Band Boosters; Deaf Smith Electric, \$2,000;

Tori Pollard -- Lions Club, \$1,000; Farwell band Boosters.

Rane Carpenter, Highest Ranking Senior; Farwell Service League Maxine Williams, \$500; 2/3 tuition at Wayland Baptist University.

Lance McClaran -- West Texas Rural Telephone, \$650 a semester.

Ray White -- Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank, \$2,000; Farwell FFA, \$500; Lubbock Christian university President's, \$26,000; Arizona and New Mexico Telecommunications, \$1,500; Farwell Education Foundation.

Michele Wauson -- 4-H, \$500.

Sara Scott -- ENMU, \$1,500; ENMU music department, \$1,700.

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Matt Martin



Sara Scott



Laney Christian

Mason leads Parmer County Poultry Show



The Parmer County extension office held its annual 4-H chicken competition in May. Ashton Mason showed the grand champion trio.



Reserve Grand Champion single - Dayson Graham



Grand Champion Single - Ashton Mason



Junior Showmanship winners Clay Brigham, champion; Sterling Henderson, reserve champion.



Roger Henderson and Landry Henderson



Mathew Kube with his Reserve Grand champion trio.



Senior Showmanship Champion Ashton Mason and Reserve Champion Cade Box.



Kelly Patrick



Record Book Winners Dayson Graham, Ashton Mason, and Garrett Graham.

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Farwell Country Club



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The Farwell Country Club is located at 51 Country Club Drive, just north of Farwell (across the Amarillo highway). The phone number is 481-9210. James Chadwick is the manager.

The country club was started 47 years ago when stockholders formed a corporation to provide golf and a swimming pool for area residents.

Besides these two popular attractions, the clubhouse has a party room available for rental.

The country club is open seven days a week, weather permitting, from 8 a.m. until dark.

A very inexpensive fee is offered to folks who become club members. Membership allows for unlimited golf and use of the swimming pool.

Guests and non-members can also use the golf course by paying a greens fee. Golf carts are available, also.



The swimming pool is now open and quite warm!

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--Mike Pomper

The worries about wildfires due to the drought shows the immense importance of our fire departments.

The fact is that our fire departments need more members. We live in a time where folks are busier than years back and a lot of volunteerism has suffered.

I understand that. All I can say is that if you can find the time to be part of one of our area fire departments or EMS crews, your community sincerely will appreciate it.

For more information on how to sign up, just check at City Hall in Farwell, Texico or Bovina, or some of the folks at Lazbuddie School, such as Jill Timms, Carolyn Scott or Debbie Weir.

Your community needs you.

I see recently that China and Pakistan are strengthening their ties in light of our killing Osama bin Laden in a Pakistani city.

The Pakistanis are angry with us over the affair.

What this shows is how short folk's memories are.

Back in the 1950s and '60s, Pakistan and the U.S. were tight, while India and Red China were bosom buddies.

Since Pakistan and India are arch enemies, the Pakistanis were real-

ly glad to have a friend in the U.S.

How times can change.

Another good example is our newfound buddy in Vietnam. Seems to me, a few years back we fought a major war with the Commies running that nation.

As they say, that was then and this is now. Today, Vietnam and the U.S. are becoming close trading partners.

Back then, Red China backed North Vietnam with weaponry and money. Today, the two nations view each other as enemies.

You just gotta laugh when you see nations change their tune due to geopolitical considerations.

That's why you should never get angry at an enemy of the U.S. Heck, tomorrow, they may be our close friends. Can you say "Japan?"

As I predict, it won't be that far down the road when Russia and the U.S. become pals due to a common problem with terrorism.

Having gone through the "Cold War" years, seeing Russia and the U.S. buddy up would have been unthinkable.

Never say never.

The Democrat-controlled Senate turned down a GOP bill last week regarding Medicare financial repair before the system breaks down. Fine, no problem there. That's their right.

But where is the Democrat plan? Aye, that's the rub.

The Democrats have no plan. It is more important for them to play politics (casting the

Republicans as bad guys wanting to hurt old people) than come up with a bipartisan effort to save our nation's future.

And nobody cares.

President Obama announced in May plans to help offshore drilling to get the cost of gas down.

It was almost identical to the announcement he made a year ago.

In reality, his administration has approved virtually no such permits.

And so it goes.

How to contact your legislators

The Tribune often gets phone calls asking for information on contacting legislators.

You might want to cut this out:

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, 283 Russell Bldg., Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-5922.

Sen. John Cornyn, 517 Hart Bldg., Washington DC 20510, (202) 224-2934.

Rep. Randy Neugebauer, 429 Cannon Office Bldg., Washington DC 20515, (202) 225-4005. Locally, his office is at 611 University Ave., Suite 220, Lubbock TX 79401, (806) 763-1611.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, PO Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin TX 78711, (512) 463-0131. Locally, his office is at 410 S. Taylor, Suite 1600, Amarillo TX 79101, (806) 374-8994.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, PO Box 2910, Capitol Station, Austin TX 78769, (512) 463-0736 or (800) 692-1389. Locally, his office is at PO Box 2061, Pampa, TX 79066, (806) 665-3552.



Tyler Bridges



Justin Rucker



Jessica Jorde

Texico's top Junior High scholars

The Texico Junior High graduation was held May 24. Valedictorian is Tyler Bridges, son of Michael and Shelley Bridges. He participated in basketball, track, FFA and 4-H and was class secretary.

He is a member of the 21st Street Church of Christ and is active in leadership training for Christ and mission trips.

He received 1st place in district honors piano competition for the past five years and advanced to state each time.

Salutatorian is Justin Rucker, son of Lynd and Tracy Rucker. He participated in football, track and basketball.

He is a member of the 16th and Pile Street Church of Christ. He enjoys outdoor activities and likes spending quality time with his family.

Historian is Jessica Jorde, daughter of Jeff and Sheri Jorde. She is president of her class, played volleyball and ran track, and will be a member of the varsity cheerleading team for 2011-12.

She attends Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church and her favorite pastime is hanging out with friends.

Texico receives grant for sewer plant

The Texico City Council on May 24 heard from City Clerk Carolyn Johnson that Texico will receive a CDBG grant for \$308,881 to begin construction on the city sewer plant.

New Mexico has been very selective about granting money to cities as the state's financial crisis continues.

Johnson said the project also received bad news as the engineer who had put together the project recently left her company, which means Texico will have to rebid the project.

In other business the council:

- Decided to sell the old wooden fence that surrounds the pool by sealed bid. The fence will be replaced with chain link.

Last year several kids were arrested for vandalism to the pool late at night, and the open fence will help make it more visible inside.

- Heard Police Chief Doug Bowman say that two loads of material have been removed from the Raul Esparza property in town. The council is looking at foreclosure and forced removal of trash and materials.

- Heard that Ms. Johnson and Brandon Autrey are working on getting a loan from New Mexico to continue work on the Phase 2 water project that will connect two water wells to the city water supply.

Pray for Rain!



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The Farwell Chamber of Commerce announces its 9th annual fund-raising 18-Hole Scramble GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 25
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Friday, June 24

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Muleshoe State Bank

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Tucker Crawford
to the Farwell office.



Tucker Crawford

Tucker is a 2007 Texas Tech grad with degrees in agriculture and applied economics.

He grew up in Farwell, and has recently moved back to town with his wife, Annie, who is a teacher.

Tucker is the son of Farwell's Tanya and Doug Crawford



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Scenes from the Farwell Catch night

Farwell students were treated to healthy food and fun exercises as part of Catch night.



Farwell gradutaion

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Shelby Wallis -- Permian Basin Fair, \$1,500; Farwell FFA, \$500; Elks Lodge, \$500; Fort Worth Stock Show, \$1,000; Farwell Education Foundation.

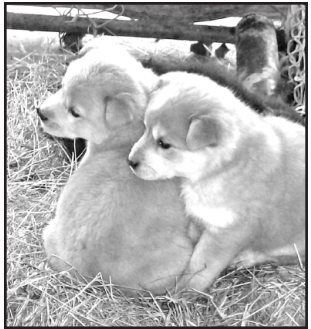
Tori Ortiz -- Lubbock Christian University, \$2,500. Matt Martin -- Bailey County Electric, \$1,000. Colby Read -- Farwell FFA, \$500; Farwell Education Foundation.

Russell Schilling -- Farwell FFA, \$500; Bailey County Electric, \$1,000; Farwell Education Foundation.

Octavio Chavez - Farwell Education Foundation. Pamela Lara - Farwell Education Foundation . Lauryn Meyer - Farwell Education Foundation.

Josh Olivas - Farwell Education Foundation. Ryan Oliver - Farwell Education Foundation. Isaac Soto - Farwell Education Foundation.

Pet of the Week



The Farwell Animal Shelter is filled up with great dogs that are looking for families.

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Richard Williams gets chemical engineering scholarship.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin have a new daughter, Yalonda.

A housewarming is held for Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Pearce.

J.L. Bass becomes First Baptist Church of Farwell minister.

Mark Liethen named to Dean's honor roll at ENMU.

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The Latest

The next meeting of the Border Town Days Committee will be on Monday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at A-Me-De's restaurant in Texico.

The meetings are open to the public and all are invited.

The committee is always looking for folks to help out so if you are interested, please attend.

Beside all the 4-H'ers pictured on Page 2, others who received awards were Hunter Neal, Clover Bud showmanship champion; Landry Henderson, clover bud showmanship reserve champion; Dayson Graham, glover bud record book; Garrett Graham, junior record book, Ashton Mason, senior record book.

Please mark on your calendars the dates for the following Vacation Bible Schools:

First Baptist Church of Farwell, June 12-15.

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church, June 27-30.

St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat, June 27-

July 15.

All the board members up for re-election on the EMR - Plateau board of directors were re-elected:

Jerry Sours, Powhatan Carter III, Jim Lyssy and Michael Montoya.

Only Sours had an opponent. He topped Danny Wilson, 186-76.

As a cutback, the state extension service has eliminated a secretarial position in its county offices.

In Parmer County, this was filled by Brenda Wauson.

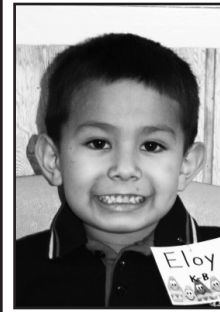
Word has been received of the death of Margie Spowls, 89, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

She died May 23.

Among the survivors is a daughter, Pat Owen, of Farwell.

The First Baptist Church of Farwell will be hosting a vacation bible school starting June 12 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. then June 13-15 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meals will be provided.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2023



Eloy Juarez II is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is June 25.

Parents are Eloy & Hilda Juarez. Siblings are Joel & Gabriela. Grandparents are Nicolas & Ana Juarez.

He likes to play with toy cars. His favorite food is pizza. His favorite color is blue. He doesn't like bananas.

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The City of Texico has completed their Consumer Confidence Report on the City's drinking water. A copy of the report was included in the June 2011 monthly invoice to all customers. For those who did not receive a copy or would like an extra copy or an advance copy of the report, please stop by the Texico City Hall and a copy will be made available to you.

La Ciudad de Texico ha completado el Reporte de Confidencia del Consumidor de agua de beber de la ciudad. Una copia de este reporte se incluyo en los recibos de agua de Junio 2011 a todo consumidor. Si por alguna razon, usted no recibio una copia o desea tener una copia extra, puede recojerlo en Texico City Hall.

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| <p>2508 N. Prince #312 Clovis, NM 88101 Office: (575) 762-7997 Mobile: (575) 714-3745 Fax: (575) 762-7466 dairydirect@plateau.net Craig & Jeannette Albin</p> | <p>Please attend church services</p> | <p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p> | <p>Bovina Church of Christ Mike Prather, minister Sun. - Bible study - 9:45 a.m. Sun. - Worship - 10:45 a.m. Wed. - Bible class - 7 p.m.</p> | <p>First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie</p> | <p>CLOVIS VETERINARY SUPPLY CARROLL LEATHERWOOD Veterinary Supplies 2108 W. 7th Clovis, NM 88101 (575) 762-1200</p> |
| <p>United Supermarkets Muleshoe</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> | <p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Ken Peterson Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Church of God in Christ Mennonite Farwell Country Church James Koehn, Orie Nightingale - ministers Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p> | <p>GHC LABS Feed Testing in Texico, NM (575) 482-9589</p> |
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| <p>Five Area Telephone Cooperative (806) 272-5533 302 Uvalde Muleshoe, TX</p> | <p>Assembly of God Church, Texico Cathy Bullington - minister Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Lariat Church of Christ Wesley Roach - 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>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p> | <p>Farwell Church of Christ Minister Bill Clark 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. www.farwellchurchofchrist.com</p> | <p>West Texas Rural Telephone COOPERATIVE INCORPORATED (806) 364-3331 P.O. Box 1737, Hereford TX 79045</p> |
| <p>Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. "Owned By Those We Serve"</p> | <p>First Baptist Church Of Bovina Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 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>Bovina United Methodist Church Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.</p> | <p>New Light Missionary Baptist Church Rev. Bryan Phillips Sr. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mst Worship - 11 a.m. mst Bible Study - Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. mst</p> | <p>roden-smith pharmacy RODEN-SMITH VILLAGE - 601 E. LLANO ESTACADO CLOVIS, NM 88101 PHONE 762-3848 David Lansford, R. Ph. - owner/manager</p> |
| <p>High Plains Federal Where you belong</p> | <p>Farwell Convalescent Center Sunday services -- 9 a.m. Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>Apostolic Truth United Pentecostal Church of Texico Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 11:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p> | <p>St. Ann's Catholic Church Rev. Wm. Yeddapanalli Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m. in English; 10:45 a.m. in Spanish CCD -- 9:30 a.m. Evening Mass: 6 p.m. Wednesday & Friday</p> | <p>"We Grow For You" KELLY GREEN SEEDS All Varieties Small Grain Seeds Wheat - Barley Oats - Rye</p> |
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Just Passing Through
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While America's population has skyrocketed over the last century, the rural population of the High Plains states has been dropping to about a third of what it was in 1920.

Historians estimate that there are now more than 50,000 ghost towns scattered across the Great Plains and western states.

Of course, many of these ghost towns were abandoned a century ago or even longer, having sprung up in the 19th Century or early 20th Century as waves of workers and speculators rushed in to take their chances on the discovery of gold, silver, or oil.

When the deposits of ore or oil played out, people moved away, leaving empty buildings and streets.

However, ghost towns are not all ancient history, and in fact, since 1980, the number of ghost towns in America is growing faster than ever for a number of reasons. After all, big cities have always had the seductive power over the youth from villages and towns, offering more jobs for more money in addition to the attraction of a wide variety of entertainments.

The biggest reason in recent years for the diaspora of rural populations has probably been water; aquifer levels are declining from the Dakotas to the Rio Grande River.

Kansas has been particularly hard hit since 1980 and it is estimated that it now has something over 5,000 ghost towns on its own, and counting. At least 14 counties across the High Plains that had for decades considered themselves civilized can now be classified once again as "frontier" because their population density has dropped

below the classification point of 6 persons a square mile.

(Parmer County, with its population density just over 11 per square mile, requires its residents to live elbow to elbow in comparison to that, and its population continues to increase in each census.)

In 1987, two professors from a university "back east", Frank and Deborah Popper, proposed that portions of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas should be united and essentially returned to nature with the creation of a million acre "Buffalo Commons National Park."

This proposal called for a widespread depopulation of designated portions of those states. Major agriculture and pasturage would be terminated so those parts of the High Plains could be returned to the native grasses that flourished prior to the first expeditions here of the Spanish Conquistadors in the 1540s.

Fences would be removed and people would be relocated to the scattering of the High Plains' larger cities. Most rail tracks and roads would be left to decay back into the soil. The vast expanse of over a million acres (about a third the size of the old XIT ranch) would be ceded back to the buffalo, coyote, prairie wolf, and other indigenous wildlife that once filled the plains for which they are so perfectly adapted to survive.

The Poppers declared that it was just a matter of facing the fact of a falling aquifer; if the nation's bread basket could not provide nutrition at the enormous level it had for decades, then they proposed to start its conversion right away to an application that could be sustained in perpetuity -- give it back to nature.

As might be expected, the Buffalo Commons

proposals (and often, the Poppers themselves) were severely condemned in 1987 from one side of the Great Plains to the other. However, almost a quarter century later, some states are giving it another look.

North Dakota is analyzing land use in its drier counties to determine what might offer the most revenue for state coffers -- the existing agriculture that is increasingly difficult and decreasingly profitable, or the revenue from tourism that might possibly be realized from the creation of a Buffalo Commons, returning the more arid fields there to nature.

Coming south, the "Kansas City Star" was by 2009 editorializing in support of the immediate reversion of the driest western counties of Kansas to a Buffalo Commons state park.

If the Buffalo Commons concept continues to spread on the northern Ogallala over a period of years, could it possibly slow the depletion of the aquifer under our own fields?

Alternatively, if the Dakotas and Kansas find they can make money off a smaller scale of the Buffalo Commons vision, could the Panhandle find it profitable one day as well in our drier sections?

Labuddie's top athletes

Top Lazbuddie Junior High athletic awards went to:

Fighting Heart -- Etty Hernandez and Isaac Montez.

Athlete of the Year -- Maysun Hester, Haldon Ivy and Albert Solano.

MVP -- Lacey Jesko.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association Track and Field All-State team included Lazbuddie's Jordan Hernandez and Cassidy Lowe.

To qualify, athletes must be seniors and have a GPA of 94 or above.



Farwell Convalescent Center hosts wedding show

Mary Mesman and some of the ladies who work in the Farwell Convalescent Center put on quite a wedding style show for the residents the Saturday before Mothers Day. The theme was wedding styles. Wedding dresses were modeled for the residents and cake and punch was served. Folks thought of their own weddings and shared a lot of memories. (Pictures by Linda Hardy)



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Notice of Hearing

Parmer County Appraisal District

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In order to be entitled to a hearing, you must file a written protest by Monday, June 27, 2011.

Parmer County Appraisal District
P.O. Box 56, Bovina TX 79009
Phone: (806) 251-1405



Softball Day at Lazbuddie

Here are some photos from Softball Day at Lazbuddie. (Photos by Carolyn Scott)



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to clear up what was printed in the Tribune last week regarding the Farwell City Council meeting of May 17.

One of my questions during the open discussion portion of the meeting was why were the citizens of Farwell NOT informed or notified of the fact that the town had been fined by either the Texas EPA or the water pollution control authority for the state? What was the fine specifically for, i.e., paperwork? Unsafe standards?

Also, how much specifically was the fine, since at an earlier date when the town secretary was asked how much the fine was, she was not sure.

The answer was that the fine was a misunderstanding between the state and the city in that the city could not find that they had been notified of the impending recertification or missing paper work and Mayor Mace said he recalled the fine to be in the neighborhood of \$3,000 to \$3,500.

I also brought up the fact I had asked for a copy of the April council meeting minutes from the city secretary a few days after the meeting and was told they were not ready. When I asked when they might be ready, I was told that it would be two to three weeks since she was very busy. I told the mayor I still was not able to get a copy of those minutes.

I was challenged by a council member who asked, "What exactly would you need these for?" My reply to her was "because they are public record and I can have them." The minutes were provided to me at that time by Mr. Mace, who did acknowledge that they are indeed public record.

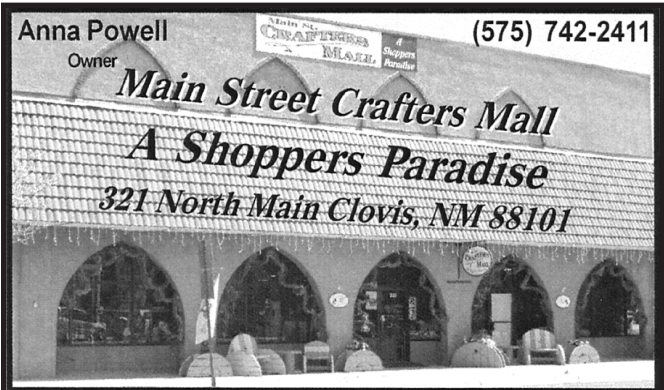
I would appreciate a correction. If you need corroboration as to what was said at the meeting, the Town Secretary has a tape recording of the entire session. I have people to thank for their votes, encouragement and support and I would like them to know that I do intend to stay involved and try to make sure that the Mayor and Council Members know that they work for the citizens, not the other way around.

Janice Clement
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Rohrbach, Hartley named top readers

Texico Elementary School gave plaques to the top readers for grades K-2 and for grades 3-5. Riley Rohrbach got the award for the younger ones with 300.6 AR points for the year. Pacen Hartley got the award for the older ones with 381 AR points for the year.



Farwell Chamber golf tourney set

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday finalized plans for the annual 18-hole golf tournament scheduled for June 25 at the Farwell Country Club.

There is a limit of 16 4-person teams, and the cost is \$160 per team.

Deadline for entering is June 24.

Prizes and food will be given out.

In other news, the Chamber:

- Received new membership stickers. The stickers will be handed out to all members.
- Donated \$250 to Border Town Days.

Courthouse Notes

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

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA 1978, that the Board of Education of Texico School District #13, County of Curry, State of New Mexico, will hold a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. (MDT) in the Superintendent's Office at the Texico Educational Complex, 520 North Griffin Street.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.

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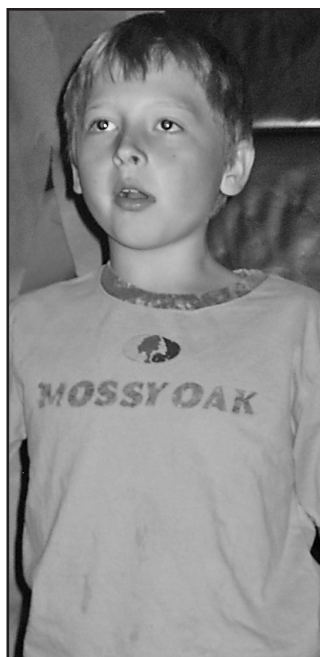
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Sheriff's Report

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

On May 24, Grasiela Rey, 51, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of motion to revoke (DWI subsequent), pending in District Court.

On May 25, Jake Linares, 23, of Oklahoma City, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft of property, greater than \$20 but less than \$500, pending in District Court.

On May 25, Miguel Jaramillo, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of criminal trespass, pending in District Court.

On May 25, Jose Garcia, 50, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of interference with public duties, pending in county court.

On May 28, Jose Flores, 23, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of driving with an invalid license, pending in county court.

On May 28, Ernesto Ramos, 27, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a Lubbock County warrant; pending transport.

On May 29, Joey Villanueva, 17, of Farwell, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of public intoxication, paid a fine, and was released.

In 287th District Court on May 10, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Nicholas Justin Garcia, 26, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance, was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication, \$448 court costs, \$1,500 fine, and \$140 restitution.

Timothy Conrad Harper, 40, of Midvill, Utah, charged with failure to register as a sex offender, was sentenced to 120 days in Parmer County Detention Facility and \$333 court costs.

Bovina Banter

Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

Friday will be the last day of school. Please be careful when you're out there driving; there's a lot of children out at play.

The Bovina Fire Department has been busy responding to two different grass fires. Folks we all need be responsible out there; the conditions are horrible.

If you are an employer in need of a teenage employee for the summer, please contact State Line Tribune.

We have teenagers who call in looking for summer work. This service is free of charge.

Also, the Tribune runs free want ads for teens looking for summer work. Just stop by the Tribune and we will help them out.

High School Principal Jody Balch will be leaving, unfortunately. He will be taking a job on Clovis.

Bovina is really losing out here. I found Mr. Balch to be fair and to expect the best from the students and faculty. I wish him the best and thank him for his service to Bovina.

God Bless and have a great week.

Interesting Fact of the Week: Pumice is the only rock that floats on water.

The First Baptist Church of Bovina will have Vacation Bible



Bovina firemen fought two grass fires recently.



New managers for Lowe's

John Torres is the new manager of the Farwell Lowe's store. Torres is originally from Friona and has been working in Hereford most recently. He is taking over for Chris Bachicha who is now in charge of the Bovina Lowe's store.

School June 20-24.

Final school events: Kindergarten promotion, June 2; and high school graduation, June 3.

Reminder: Our police are planning a basketball tourney June 11 at the city park.

Farwell Senior Meal Site

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Seniors over 60, \$3.50; all take-outs, 50 cents extra; guests under 60, \$6.50. Delivery is 50¢.

The deadline for entering is June 4. Contact City Hall to sign up and for complete information.

Lowe's has a new manager.

Chris Bachicha, who grew up and started working for Lowe's in Bovina, will be in charge. Bachicha has been

running the Farwell location for the last couple of years.

He said he is really going to appreciate the much shorter commute to work.

Pat Schwab, manager of Cargill Cattle Feeders in Bovina the past several years, has been transferred to the Cargill feed yard at Dalhart.

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The Mighty Mustang Band heads to South Padre Island

From Band Director Brad Walker:
The Bovina Mustang Band took its biennial spring trip to South Padre Island near Port Isabel, Texas with 29 students and 6 sponsors.

They traveled for over 15 hours on the new Mustang Activity Bus to reach South Padre May 13.

The band checked into the Pearl Beach Hotel and promptly went ocean swimming and relaxing in the pool after the long ride. They dined at the famous Louis Backyard Seafood Restaurant and went shopping at a local Wal-Mart in preparation for a full day of sun, fun, and swimming the next day.

On Saturday, the kids enjoyed more ocean swimming starting early in the morning and visited some souvenir shops during the late morning and early afternoon.

They then went on a boat ride to watch dolphins and a tour of the bay that separates Port Isabel from South Padre Island. Afterward, the group went to Schlitterbahn Shrimp Café for supper.

Sunday, the kids visited Schlitterbahn Water Park. Then, it was time to return home. The band took some photos in front of the South Padre Island Welcome Sign and climbed back onto the Mustang Travel Bus.

Special thanks to bus drivers Richard Villarreal and Arturo Mata for getting the band safely to South Padre and back to Bovina.

And to everyone who supported the band throughout our fund-raisers the past two years.



Dolphins swim past in the gulf.



LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed Proposals addressed to Trey Ellis, County Judge, Parmer County, for the construction of approximately 1,000 linear feet of water line, 1,300 linear of sewer line, one lift station, and associated appurtenances, entitled:

WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS
LAKESIDE AREA
2009 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
PROJECT
BOVINA, TEXAS

will be received at the office of the County Judge, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas until:
JUNE 9, 2011
2:00 PM

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to Parmer County in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with Parmer County and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 506, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas 79325, telephone (806) 481-3383.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

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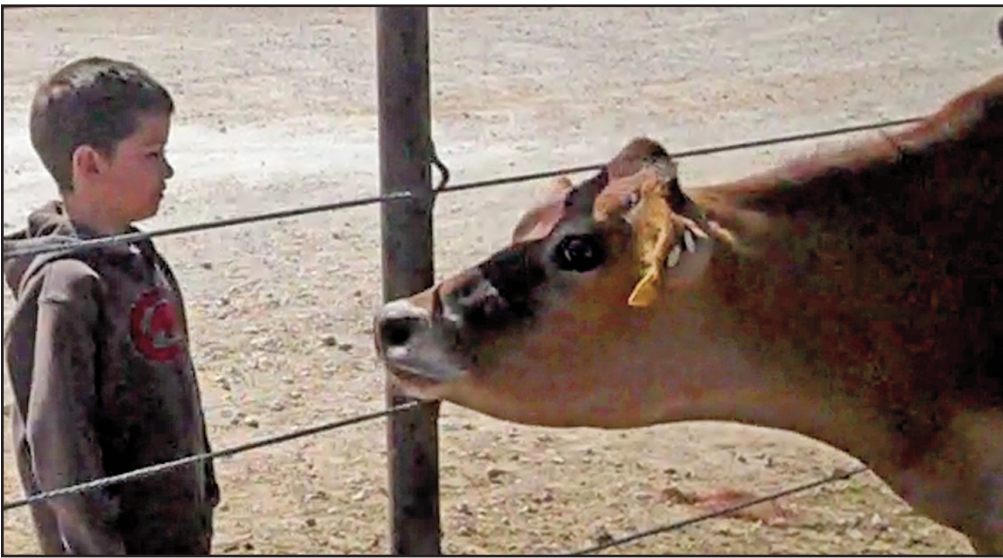
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Dairy time

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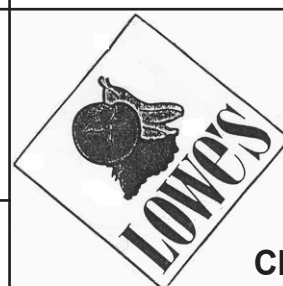


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