

# Missionary work



Bryce Howard, Brett Howard, Melissa Howard, Randall Partin, Trace Stevenson, Tori Northcutt, Logan Carpenter, and Roberta Howard were the local folks who represented Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church on a mission trip to Costa Rica.



Brett Howard makes a friend.



Trace Stevenson pouring concrete.



Tori Northcutt and Logan Carpenter take a break.



Randall Partin got a little muddy.



Trace Stevenson



Logan Carpenter

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## Church undertakes mission to Costa Rica

By Rev. Randall Partin  
Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church

Last month, our church joined with the Wesley Foundation at ENMU to send a team of college-age young adults on a mission trip to San Jose, Costa Rica.

Our 19-member team worked with Will and Ella Faircloth (Methodist missionaries in Costa Rica for the past five years) to develop the site for a new Methodist Children's Home/Orphanage in a suburb of San Jose, the capital.

To get to know each other better -- our team members came from as far away as Hobbs, N.M., and Wichita Falls, Texas, we spent our first day in Costa Rica whitewater rafting and riding the zip-line through the rainforest.

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## Basketball teaches life lessons

By Keegan Langford

The crowd is screaming making the gym quake, the seconds wind down. 10-9-8, our team steals the ball! 7-6-5-4, we make a fast break down the court! 3-2-1, shot is up ... and in! We won!

In high school, my world revolves around sports (and sometimes boys), but most important is basketball.

I have been playing basketball since elementary. As soon as I set foot on a court, I fell in love. I started in 2nd grade, and have continued my "career" ever since.

In my driveway is a basketball goal. My parents, sister and I go out on summer nights and play pickup games; with backyard basketball,

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Keegan Langford

## Big dreams can come true in a small town

By Teresa Mesman

Johnny Actkinson grew up in Farwell and graduated from Farwell High School in 1965.

He followed through with his plans to attend Texas Tech University and obtained a Business Administration - Accounting degree four years later.

His story begins much like many other men that were reared in a small town who went off to college with great plans for the future. Johnny believed that his career path was clear and that accounting was to be his life's work.

But before he graduated, he took a career planning course. It was a course that would change the course of his life and his plans that he would have never imagined as a boy growing up in Farwell.

"As part of the course,

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Johnny Actkinson

## Lazbuddie Supt. Vaughn resigns

Karl Vaughn, who has served as Lazbuddie School superintendent for the past five years, is expected to be named as the White Deer, Texas, school superintendent.

White Deer is a Class 1A school about an hour's drive northeast of Amarillo.

**Scenes from Texico's fun day**



**Obituary**

**Robert May**

Robert "Lonnie" May, 81, of Weatherford, Texas, died June 18. He was born Sept. 12, 1927, in Collin County to C.F. and Neeley May. Surviving are his wife, Alice; 2 sons, Richard, of

Clovis, and Wesley, of Weatherford; 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; a sister, Mabel Mohr.

Services were Monday. The Mays ran the clock shop in Clovis for about 25 years and they lived on 9th Street in Farwell. When they closed the Clovis shop, they opened one at their Farwell home until moving to Weatherford.

Their sons were Farwell High graduates.

**It's a Girl**

Melanie Everett, of Farwell, announces the birth of a daughter, Azaylia Faith.

She was born June 12 at 6:33 a.m. at UMC in Lubbock. She weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21" long.

She has a sister, Ariana, 10.

Maternal grandparents are David and Terry Everitt, of Farwell, and great-grandmother is Ruby Lamb, of Portales.

**Marriage License**

The Parmer County clerk's office last week issued a marriage license to Aaron Arcos and Emmie Crutchfield.

**The Latest**

Patrick Finney has resigned as Farwell High varsity boys basketball coach and is moving to Oklahoma.

He was coach here for two years.

Mark it on your calendar now: Registration at Texico Schools will be Aug. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. mt.

The Aug. 4 registration will be at the educational complex; the Aug. 5 registration will be at the school buildings.

Child Find is set for Aug. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. mt at the educational complex.

The Twin Cities finally got a decent rainfall last week. On the night of June 18, about 8 tenths of an inch of moisture fell.

This was followed on Saturday with about 3-10ths more.

Tanya Meeks will be resigning later this summer as Farwell City Clerk to return to school.

Kinzi Hall, who has been working at Kirkland & Kirkland CPA, will replace her.

Named to the Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester at West Texas A&M University from Lazbuddie was senior Susan Thompson, general studies.

May graduates at West Texas A&M University included Johnathan Vega, bachelor's degree in English, from Farwell, and Susan Thompson, general studies, from Lazbuddie.

Nathan "Butch" Tharp will teach a free study for

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**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**

Carl Coffey is new minister at Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church.

Bill Bradley is hired as Farwell Band director.

The Texico-Farwell youth program adds bowling, says director Cecil Dykes.

L. R. "Jelly" Vincent has a heart attack.

C. E. Crume family has a reunion.

A special tribute is given L. D. Rundell, killed in a vehicle mishap, at the Oklahoma Lane 4th of July party.

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adults on "God's Perspective on Sex in the Christian Marriage" at the First Baptist Church of Farwell at 9:30 a.m. on June 27.

Child care and lunch will be provided.

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday joined a group of other Panhandle governmental entities in seeking federal grants for police equipment.

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is handling the grant requests for the Panhandle area.

The application deadline was June 1 but County Judge Bonnie Clayton said the PRPC notified her that it was okay for the county commissioners to apply now.

Signups for the Mariah Wind Farm Project (see story on Page 9) are being taken at 7 p.m. on June 25 at the Bovina Senior Citizens Building, 106 E. North St., said Gina Prather.

If you cannot make the meeting, signups are also being taken at the Bone Joint Clinic in Bovina.

Farwell 5th grade teacher Jessica Bautista has resigned to take a job in Clovis.

Also, Heather Delaney, who had planned to teach at Farwell Elementary, has also taken a job in Clovis.

The Farwell School Board will interview candidates for superintendent on July 2.

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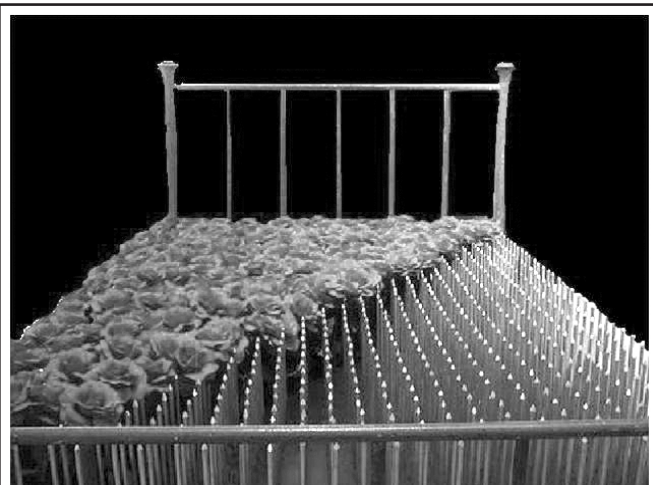
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**Good deeds may not go unpunished**

No good deed goes unpunished, or so the old saying goes. It certainly would seem to be the case for the U.S. in regard to Islam the last 30 years.

Since 1979, the majority of armed conflicts for our nation have been in defense of Islamic populations. When American soldiers went to Lebanon and Somalia in the 1980s and 1990s, it is true that the enemies were Islamic warlords but the mission was to protect, clothe, and feed the Islamic people they were terrorizing.

American aid to the Islamic "mujahadeen" in Afghanistan caused the defeat of the Soviet Union and its retreat from that land. American sailors patrolled, fought, and died in the Persian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq War Arabian Gulf to guarantee the flow of petroleum, the lifeblood of the Islamic world, to the world markets.

American air power bombed the ancient Christian city of Belgrade on behalf of the Islamic populations in the Balkans. American soldiers in Iraq liberated a nation of 22 million subjects from the rule of the Hussein family that had held power over them with prisons, torture, and in some cases, poison gases inflicted on whole cities in the night.

American soldiers in Afghanistan toppled the Taliban regime that had dragged Afghanistan back to the 7th Century, made the education of women illegal, and ruled through terror and bloodshed on its own 32 million people.

The Islamic responses to these good deeds are familiar to all Americans. Overseas, the USS COLE and our embassies in Iran, Pakistan, Kenya, and Tanzania were attacked, killing dozens. In our own country, acts of terrorism have been attempted or executed in various cities from coast to coast with the greatest blow, of course, being the assault on our nation on Sept. 11, 2001.

Gestures and actions by the U.S. to "sweet-talk" Islam continue today on an even grander scale. Five years after 9/11, Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.), our nation's first Islamic Congressman, was sworn into office with his hand on the Koran.

Thus we now have in Congress a man who

wrote to the Muslim Brotherhood in 1991, explaining his mission as "a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within....so that it is eliminated and God's religion (Islam) is made victorious over all other religions."

Last year, America elected its first president to be born and raised in the Islamic faith, although he adamantly insists he is a Christian now.

In the first weeks of his White House, his staff has sifted through more than 300 resumes from Islamic-Americans to fill positions in his administration. The first world leader President Obama phoned following his inauguration was not some trusted friend from a nation with decades of cooperation or some important ally in the war against terror. It was the head of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas.

The first news agency to whom President Obama granted an interview was not an American paper, magazine, or broadcaster. It was that shining star of propaganda, Al Arabiya, notorious as a primary mouthpiece for Islamic terrorism worldwide.

President Obama's first venture into foreign policy was to dispatch his foreign policy adviser, Robert Malley, to the Middle East, well and good. But Malley did not travel to Israel, our country's only real friend and real democracy in that part of the world.

Malley, who has built his reputation on years of condemning Israel, traveled to assure the Egyptian and Syrian leaders that henceforth their nation's goals and perspectives would be first in all of our president's policy considerations.

Concurrent with that, President Obama announced that the U.S. would restore funding to the Palestinian Authority that had been discontinued following its takeover by Hamas, one of the most vicious terrorist organizations in the world.

In the depth of a U.S. recession that may not be near the bottom yet, he pledged \$900 billion to the people who danced with joy in their streets when they received word of the 9/11 attacks on the U.S.

Another of the first acts of President Obama was to announce the Islamic terrorists detained at Guantanamo

Bay would be released. (It should be noted that his opponent in the presidential election, Sen. John McCain, promised to do the same thing had he been elected.)

This pledge is meeting resistance in both political parties now, but our president insists that it will be done despite the fact that something like 16 percent of the detainees released thus far has immediately gone back to terrorist activities against our soldiers and nation.

Recently, the Department of Homeland Security's director, Janet Napolitano, has decreed the name of this nation's conflict "Global War on Terrorism" is to be replaced by "Overseas Contingency Operations." and the term "terrorism" is henceforth to be called a "man-caused disaster."

Napolitano's decrees against the use of "terrorism" seem to have been aimed at not offending Islamic sensitivities her department had no problem with ascribing that threat to the American citizens and military veterans participating in the April national demonstrations called Tea-Parties (Taxed Enough Already.)

In his engagement with Islam, President Obama has decreed at one time that our nation is not a Jewish nation and not a Christian nation; however, within a few days he was insisting it was actually one of the largest Islamic nations in the world.

He has praised Islam for the contributions it made to American government and society, which is remarkable in view of the fact that devout Islam condemns democracy, equal rights for women, and any faith other than Islam (not really an American approach to things at all).

President Obama probably thinks all these sweet gestures and kowtowing may inaugurate a new era of relations with Islam. He wants to open avenues for dialogue and understanding. He dreams of relieving the world from the constant threat of terrorism.

Bully for him. However, looking over the last 30 years, it seems much more likely that these good deeds may not go unpunished either.

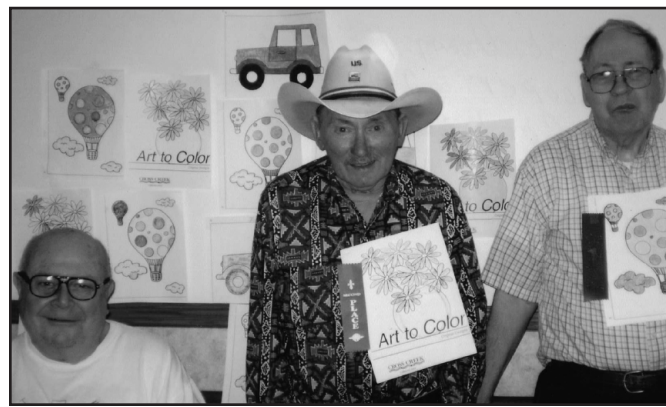
**Texico Police**

Texico police report all quiet last week.



**Father's Day cookout**

The Farwell Convalescent Center had a Father's Day cookout on June 18 with the Auxiliary ladies bringing cake and strawberries for dessert. At right are the winners of the coloring contest, from right: Albert Stidham, 1st; Billy Cooper, 2nd, and Jimmy Gordon, 3rd.



Above are Auxiliary lians, Ann Cooper, Liz Kaltwasser, Sharon Menning and Flaura Lee Bass.

**Farwell Schools to implement flexible schedule**

By Keegan Langford  
Farwell School is implementing a new flexible schedule for the 2009-2010 school year. This system will include all grades, K-12.

The flexible schedule is designed to provide an incentive for students to keep up their grades and do well in school. With this program, students who have good grades, pass the TAKS, have good attendance, and have no discipline referrals receive five extra days off school at the end of each semester.

Students who are at-risk are required to attend those extra five days each semester in order to receive tutoring in the areas they are having trouble. Penalties will be enforced if students are not present.

The staff received the news that last week at a special meeting that in order to implement this program; the school calendar was bumped up to 180 days instead of the previous 177.

There are three options to include those three days:

The first is doing away

with holidays such as Columbus Day, to incorporate extra days.

The second is attending school all the way into June.

The third, and current option being considered is attending school the week of Christmas, which is Dec. 21, 22, and 23. Teachers are not thrilled about this change.

There is a possible time change for those extra tutoring days, such as a 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. schedule. Parents have the option of sending their child to school even if they qualify for exemption of those extra days.

The five days used to assist at-risk students in the fall are scheduled for the Dec. 17, 18, 21, 22, and 23 and the five days in the spring are scheduled for May 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28.

The purpose of this program is to make kids in Farwell schools successful. By providing assistance to those students who need help, the school hopes to improve the number of students who become successful.



**New hygienist**

The Farwell Dental Clinic has added a new staff member: Sarah Hauk, a dental hygienist, lives in Canyon and received training at Amarillo College. This brings the clinic up to three hygienists.

**Chadwicks win tourney**

The Chamber of Commerce held its 7th annual Golf Tournament on Saturday with 18 teams participating.

Results were: James Chadwick and Troy Chadwick, 1st; Steve Burnett and Ronny Myers, 2nd; and Ben Widner and Casey Johnson, 3rd.

Closest-to-the-pin winners were Chad Byrd, Lonnie McFarland, Chad Lynn and Steve Wilson.

Ricky Ketcherside won the longest drive contest.

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**Sunday, June 28 at 5 p.m.**

**Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church**

**Farwell Senior Meal Site**

Menus for next week:  
Monday - chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas.

Tuesday - hamburgers, potato salad, pork & beans, tomatoes, lettuce, onion.

Wednesday - pepper steak, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, peas, orange cake.

Thursday - lima beans and ham, potatoes, corn bread, apple cobbler.

Friday - tacos, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onion, Jello with fruit.

Seniors over 60, \$3; all take-outs, 50 cents extra; guests under 60, \$6.

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**Basketball**

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there are no rules. It's dog eat dog.

The game can become interesting. Like when the ball bounces off a rock and flies across the yard or I when I drive in and the gravel causes me to slip and fall flat on my face.

"It'll make you better," my parents always say. (We recently upgraded to a concrete court.)

There are also the inevitable little league experiences. My team was called the "Blasters", but in our first couple of years, we definitely were the ones who got blasted.

As time went by, my little league team improved and we started winning games. I remember when every girl on my team thought it was cool when they had a hair scrunchie that matched our t-shirt.

That was "the thing" back in those days. We cared more about how we looked or how much fun we had, rather than winning, which should still be true up to a certain extent. Basketball is meant to be fun.

Those fun days couldn't last forever and I soon began competitive play in Junior High. This was the first time I actually had to practice every day. It was also the first time my classmates watched me play, which made me extremely nervous.

Things soon sped up quickly and High School came around the corner. High School and Junior High basketball are as different as night and day.

In High School we have two games a week instead of one, practice after school every day, and the tempo of the game increased dramatically.

During the season, I eat, sleep, and breathe basketball. Practicing becomes second nature, and my parents say I spend more time at the gym than I do in my own home.

You know the saying "Practice makes perfect." Well, that is the first lesson basketball has taught me. The only way I have improved is through practice and pure hard work.

During the school year, basketball takes up to at least 30 hours a week, minimum. It's time consuming, but to succeed, you have to sacrifice the time. Just practicing is not enough; you have to work hard every second you are on the court.

Because of my hard work and practice, my game has improved. Though I still have work left to do, I know that with some practice, I can get even better.

Also, because my entire team sacrifices their time, we improve as a whole. During practice, we learn from each other, bringing us closer together.

I'm not afraid to say that defense is my forte. Even though defensive players do not get much recognition, I love it. I take pride in knowing that if I decide not to let an opposing team member beat me, then it will not happen. Period.

Defense has taught me more than one valuable lesson. Playing defense comes from your very core. The type of defense a person plays depicts the type of person they are. My coaches have always said, "Defense takes heart."

Through my defense, I have learned when things get tough, the tough really do get going. When the 4th quarter rolls around, and I feel like I'm about to pass out, I look over to find the best player on the other team. She is my assignment. I get the privilege of guarding her.

"Stop her," is the only thing my coach says. When there's sweat rolling down my face,

and I can hardly breathe, it's tough to force myself to get down and play, but I have to. For the sake of the team, I must.

That's the only way I know how to play the game.

Defense is also a team effort. I have learned to appreciate my teammates when one is there to help hedge off of a screen or stop the lob pass inside. When we work together, we can stop anything if we put our minds to it.

When the buzzer sounds, and the game is over, I take pride in knowing that I never gave up. Because of this, I know that when my buzzer in life sounds, I will be able to be proud of myself, knowing that I didn't give up when things got tough.

I have learned that sports can lead to important life lessons.

Also, to use another old cliché, there is no "I" in "team". Growing up, I have learned that basketball is not the only thing in life that requires teamwork.

Teamwork and unity in this game can make or break a team. If my team had an endless amount of talent, but no teamwork, we wouldn't be successful. Being a team requires each individual to give their best, and also learn each other's strengths and weaknesses. Thus, you can play off your strengths and try to avoid your weaknesses.

This is when my team truly becomes like another family. We know each other so well it becomes second nature for us to work together. Because we learn details about each other and spend so much time together, we

build a bond.

Our coach becomes more like a "father-figure" and my teammates become more like sisters.

As well, in my family or my work, if we all don't work together as a team, things can fall apart. Experiencing teamwork in the form of basketball has made me realize the importance of teamwork in real life situations.

When I was promoted to varsity my sophomore year, I played for a very special coach. Coach Cates has had the biggest effect on both my basketball skills and my life outside of it.

He genuinely cares not only about the game, but about the girls he coaches. He was that "father figure" I talked about earlier.

He knows the game well, and he always had my team prepared for the game ahead. He was an amazing coach and his morals and values rubbed off on my team. We will miss him but wish him the best of luck in his new town.

One thing he said to my team after telling us he was leaving is "You WILL have a winning season. You WILL make it past the first round in the playoffs. You WILL win." Coach has always had a winning attitude and encouraged us to do the same.

At our athletic banquet this year, the Lady Blue presented him with a plaque that said "We WILL make you proud." I know that Coach Cates has had a tremendous

effect not only on me, but my teammates as well. He will always be remembered.

Some folks think basketball is not a physical contact sport, but in all reality, it is. This involves being pushed around by girls who are much bigger than you (I have had first hand experience with that issue), sacrificing your body to go after a loose ball, and getting into the lane to fight for rebounds.

Thus, bumps and bruises are a major part of the game. My dad has always told me, "There's a difference between being injured and being hurt."

"You will crawl off the floor before you just lay there," he's said. When I get knocked around, I try my best to jump back up and get back into the game. Sometimes it hurts, but I'm not going to be a sissy. That's what they made aspirin for.

Along the same lines, when life knocks me down, I try my best to get back up. Sometimes, I'll get up slowly, but I'll make it. This is one of the most important lessons I have learned from the game of basketball.

Of course, school rivals are unavoidable in high school sports in general. When my team walks out onto the floor against Sudan, the adrenaline rush is intense. I can see the fire in my teammates eyes, merely because Sudan is such a big school rival.

I can replay a picture for those of you who weren't at the Lady

Blue's game vs. Sudan at home last year.

The game started off with extreme intensity, like usual. We came to win, and we were not going to settle for anything less than our goal. The first exciting event was in getting the tip against a state champion in the triple and long jump! It was a great way to start off the game. At the end of the first quarter, they were only winning by several points.

The second quarter, Sudan made a small run. By the time halftime rolled around, we were down by double digits.

My coach came up with a "stall" play to run time off the clock if the other team started gaining momentum and upping the points. In case you folks haven't noticed, Sudan is a rough and tumble team.

When Sudan comes to our "house", it's worse than usual. It doesn't help when my "big" little sister, only a freshman, accidentally tackles one of their players halfway through the third quarter. Of course, they think she did it on purpose and it only adds fuel to their already hot fire.

I have always been protective of my younger siblings, but when I saw a player from the other team jump off the floor and threateningly walk towards my little sister, that adrenaline I was talking about doubles. I can honestly say I would've tackled that girl had she laid a hand on my sister.

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**Actkinson**

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I took a battery of tests and I had many discussions about the results of the tests with a career counselor. All of my scores indicated Law School as the next step for me after getting my degree," Johnny explained. "I had never thought of becoming a lawyer, and I only knew of one member of my family that was an attorney. That was an uncle that passed away before I ever got to know him."

The law school of choice for Johnny was the Texas Tech University School of Law. The faculty and area attorneys very quickly got to know Johnny and he began making his mark in Lubbock by working hard, studying hard and excelling in school.

The entire time he was in law school, Johnny taught at the Draughan's Business College in Lubbock.

"It was a small business school that offered courses during the day and night for working folks," Johnny said. "It gave me the opportunity to teach accounting and provide a steady job for my family."

Johnny also managed apartments, did private security work for a group of Lubbock lawyers and was an assistant Business Law teacher for Kent Hance.

Life was busy for the young law student, but he was happy and felt that he was blessed with opportunities that came along at just the right times.

Enter one young college sweetheart from Muleshoe named Diane. They had met while in high school.

"I was good friends with her brother," Johnny commented with a smile. "And he gave me the go-ahead to take her out!"

Johnny and Diane dated while at Texas Tech and they married in 1970.

"Diane was very supportive of me while "we" were in Law School," Johnny stated.

While it was just the two of them, Johnny explained that he had decided that he was going to practice law in either Dallas or Houston. But again, the course of Johnny's life changed with the birth of his first child, Jeff.

"Having him caused us both to sit back and think about what kind of upbringing we would want him to have. Diane and I both wanted our children to have the same strong sense of community, support and ease of living that we had experienced in Farwell and Muleshoe," Johnny stated. "So we decided that it was back to Farwell if possible or at least to some sort of small town upon my graduation."

Not too long after this decision was made, Johnny was in the path of another life-altering opportunity. He was on a hunting trip with a law professor and they began visiting about Johnny's plans upon graduation. The professor did not know that Johnny was from Farwell, but he knew Sam Aldridge and that he was retiring. He advised Johnny to "look into Farwell, to call Sam up and follow his advice."

One week later, Johnny was in Farwell at the law office interviewing for a position.

In May 1973, Johnny earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech University School of Law and a Senior Partner position in the city's only law firm.

From there, Johnny began charting a course for his working life that would allow him a small-time life with big-time opportunities to practice law at levels many attorneys are never able to achieve. His Curriculum Vitae provides the proof that Johnny not only practiced general law, but also documents his achievements as the former Parmer County Attorney (1975 to 1981) and as the prior District Attorney for 287th Judicial District that comprises both Parmer and Bailey Counties from 1981 through 2008.

Throughout these years he honed his skills in trial advocacy; something that he has been touted by his peers as "being exceptional in."

During his career, he worked on 2,184 misdemeanor cases and 14 jury trials as the county attorney and 3,019 felony cases and 76 jury trials for the combined Parmer County and Bailey County totals.

He presented two cases through oral argument to the Texas Supreme Court and two cases through oral argument in the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin. These two cases involved the embezzlement of school funds by a school official in Three Way and the death penalty case against Gilberto Reyes in the kidnapping and death of a young woman in Muleshoe.

When asked if any cases stood out in his mind as the most interesting, most emotional or nerve-racking, Johnny was quick to point out that attorneys have to quickly learn not to get too emotionally

involved in their cases.

"It's hard to do at first, but it got easier as I matured in my practice and positions," he stated.

However, he gave the examples of his very first criminal case in 1975 was for the assault of the Bovina High School principal by a man that was asked to leave a ball game and a "heckuva" fist fight followed.

He got aggravated when proper evidence couldn't be admitted for cases or when key witnesses that would make for an airtight conviction weren't available for the trial. This most recently happened in the trial concerning the Bovina bank holdup.

Two cases that were pretty hard for him personally were the murder cases involving Diana Lumbrera and the multiple capital murders of her children, and the most recent capital murder case against Larry Kitchens.

"It's inevitable that you're going to one day face someone you know pretty well in a trial," Johnny explained. "While the cases may be disturbing and emotionally charged, you just have to learn to keep your perspective, keep to the facts and work hard to get all the facts admitted in a trial. And whether you win or lose a case, you have to blank it out, regroup and start over on the next case without bringing anything in from your previous cases."

Above all, Johnny holds to a very high degree of professionalism and true regard for the law.

He also keeps his licenses and his abilities diverse so that he and his practice can best serve the community.

He holds licenses for practicing law, title insurance and he keeps his Certified Public Accountant license current. In addition to the law practice, Johnny is also involved in the day-to-day activities of the Farwell Abstract Co. and the Muleshoe Abstract Co. He is also the examining attorney for five banks and several agriculture-based industries and companies in the area.

So what is next for Johnny Actkinson?

Don't even think about talking to him about a formal retirement from practicing law. While he may have retired as the District Attorney, he is not ready to quit working.

"I'm not really happy NOT working," Johnny commented. "I'm ready to concentrate on a civil practice. I'm not going to be working on any criminal cases, but I'm not closing the door on the civil side of my practice."

Johnny enjoys working on cases that allow him to use his accounting background. He also stays very active with a wide range of organizations that he has served as both a member, and as either a present or former president: Farwell Chamber of Commerce, Farwell Jaycees, Texico-Farwell Rotary Club, Farwell Booster Club and the Farwell Country Club. He is also a member, former trustee, and former educational staff member and is the finance chairman of Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church.

Pretty big shoes to fill for someone coming up behind him!

However, there is another turn that Johnny's life took several years ago when two of his children chose to make Farwell their adult home and career site.

Johnny's eldest son, Jeff, also went to law school and the circumstances of him getting a position

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within his father's law firm were much the same as Johnny's.

"Jeff followed some advice from his professors, wanted a good life for his family and he was granted an interview with Charlie Aycock before he retired from the firm," Johnny recalled. "He was hired within the week and set him on his way to his career."

Johnny also found out that within a very short time of Jeff's move back to Farwell that his second son, Greg, was soon to be coming home as well. Greg was a banker with a good position in a huge banking company in Dallas that had over 3,000 employees. Greg and his wife Alyson had started a family and were in the initial stages of talking about a possible move to a smaller area out of Dallas.

Security State Bank in Farwell was just about to start looking for a young bank executive to round out their staff and one of the administrators asked Johnny about Greg's plans.

"I told him to call him and see what Greg thought and if he'd even be interested," Johnny said.

Within a very short time, the entire family was back in Farwell.

Greg was talking with his father one day after he had made the move from Dallas.

"He told me that it was wonderful to measure your drive home by blocks instead of by the hours or miles on the freeway," Johnny recalled. "He stated that by living and working in Farwell, he was literally given back one and a half hours of his day."

Johnny and Diane have four children – two sons and two daughters: Jeff, Greg, Jill Actkinson Anderson and Lacey Actkinson. They are also the very proud grandparents of six grandchildren.

"My grandchildren are wonderful and we're blessed to be involved in their lives and activities," Johnny said. "If I ever do think of fully retiring, you can bet that it will be to spend more time with those amazing children!"

Johnny enjoys spending plenty of time with his children and grandchildren and teaching them all about his other loves: elk and deer hunting, fishing and golf.

"I know without a doubt that my life has been blessed and I've worked hard. But none of my accomplishments can be listed without acknowledging the Lord and the support and love of my family. They have been the secret to my success and they deserve as much recognition as I receive," Johnny stated.

Johnny has also been approached about teaching and this is something that he is considering.

"If nothing else, I'd like to impress upon the youth of today that the kids that succeed are the kids that work the hardest," he firmly stated.

Johnny is still working hard and for the time being, he is happy to be staying the course within his law practice and looking forward to the future. It's a future that he never dreamed was possible for a small town boy back in 1965, but by the landmarks of his career and his life so far, Johnny Actkinson is proof that big dreams can come true in a small town!

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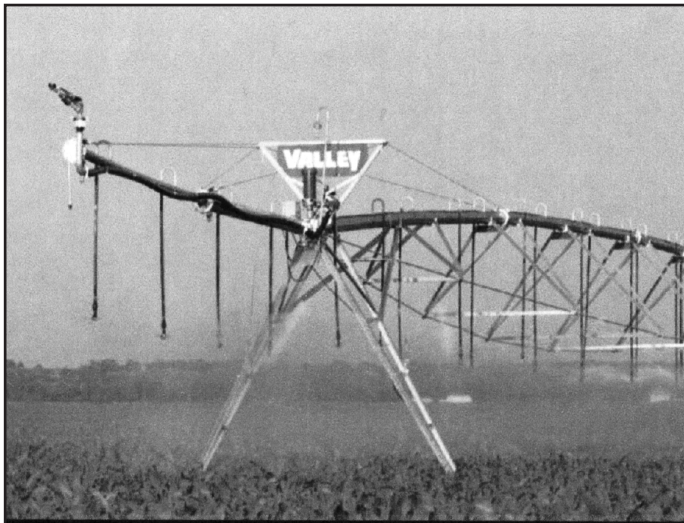
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# Texico fireworks ban continues

Fire Chief Lewis Cooper informed the Texico City Council on Tuesday that Texico will be receiving a State Highway Department grant to improve the area around the railroad tracks and make a scenic stop for folks to take pictures at.

Councilman Doug Scioli said he wanted a welcome sign based off the movie "Swing Vote." The movie was filmed near Albuquerque, but was set in Texico.

The Highway Department offered to take care of the engineering and building, but Texico would take care of maintaining any work done.

In other news, the council:  
 - Discussed the fireworks ban for Texico. This was started last year, and has not been ended.

-- Police Chief Doug Bowman asked to shut down Turner Street in front of the Baptist church during Vacation Bible School. It was okayed.

- Received state approval for the city interim budget.

### Costa Rica

From page 1

Several team members served on last year's mission trip to Costa Rica, where we helped with the renovation of the very dorms we stayed in this year. It was nice to see how far the seminary dormitories have developed and to know that the seminary is growing such that there is a greater need for the dormitories during the school year.

Although the Methodist Church in Costa Rica is quite small, there is a great sense of growth and newness.

We worshiped at the Methodist Church in Los Guido (a shantytown outside of San Jose) on May 17 to experience a truly vibrant fellowship in the midst of very difficult circumstances.

For example, one young man was recognized during the service as a guest. We learned later that he is a former gang member trying to break free from that destructive lifestyle.

Pastor Edgar Ponce has been very active in reaching out to the children and young people of Los Guido, providing them with an alternative to the drugs and violence that is so pervasive. Several weeks before we arrived, the church hosted a prayer vigil, praying for an end to the gang violence, and the young man who was present in worship that Sunday may just be the "first fruits" of the Spirit's work in that community.

During the week, we WORKED! Our primary task was to work on a drainage system for the as-yet-undeveloped site for the orphanage. Because the central valley of Costa Rica receives between 70 and 130 inches of rain per year, any new construction must deal with the massive amount of roof runoff that would otherwise erode everything away.

The bulk of the drainage system was already in place, save for the seven points on the property where there is a turn in the drain or a significant drop from one elevation to another. We worked on four of these connection points, the largest of which was a 12' x 12' x 12' cube near the bottom of a very steep hill where the drain needs to make a 90 degree turn further downhill towards a creek.

Our goal was to prepare each of these "joints" by building frames for the floor as well as the walls, and pour the cement needed to create the "box" for the joint. The site manager calculated how many bags of cement the entire project would require, and the number was mind-boggling. Several hundred bags, each weighing about 100 lbs. was needed—just for the joints in the drainage system!

There was a lot of heavy work, under less-than-ideal conditions. Each day we worked against the rain, hoping to get as much work done before the afternoon showers arrived, which they inevitably did.

Near the bottom of the site, there is no running water, so we had to retrieve water from the creek by hand, carrying it uphill in buckets. Because the "big box" we were working on was located on a pretty steep hill, we had to mix the cement at the bottom of the hill (where it was flat) and push wheelbarrows full of cement uphill (in the mud).

With a little ingenuity, a lot of hard work and dedication, and massive doses of teamwork, we made significant progress on that "big box," as well as on the smaller (but no less challenging) "boxes" further uphill.

We finished our week's worth of work satisfied

### The Latest

Texico Senior Citizens will be hosting Dan Stoddard of Fair Haven 2 in Clovis on July 2 at 6 p.m. He will talk about the new disabled and elderly wavers and veteran benefits for assisted living.

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 Xcel Energy has submitted a request to the Public Utility Commission of Texas to implement a transmission cost recovery factor – a move that will support investments to deliver more wind energy to customers and more reliably serve increasing customer demand.

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et. All city employees will be eligible for up to a 5 percent raise. The raises will be based on evaluations by the department heads.

- Heard that test results should be returned this week for chemicals that will dissolve much of the waste at the wastewater plant. Councilman Oran Jay Autrey said if this does what it is supposed to do, it will save Texico \$100,000.

Councilman Jerry Bradley said maintaining the chemical in the new wastewater plant will save money and time for Texico in the long run.

If the tests are positive, the chemicals will be added as soon as possible.

- Heard the state increased the amount of reimbursement for personal vehicles. In the past it had been 32 cents per mile, but until the end of the year it will be 50.5 cents per mile, and in January will go up to 55 cents per mile.



Roberta and Melissa Howard

with what we were passing off to the other mission teams that were to follow, and blessed to know that we made a contribution to a ministry that is going to be significant in the lives of children there.

One evening, we took a break and visited the Methodist Church in Llano Grande near the city of Carthago. This small church has a growing youth ministry, and is trying hard to reach out to the younger children of their community.

We led a Vacation Bible School for nearly 40 children, singing songs (in Spanish), presenting a puppet show, working crafts, and laughing and learning side-by-side. It was likely that some of those children had never heard the name "Jesus" before, so it was quite humbling to realize that our songs, our crafts, our laughter, and even just our presence might have shown them the love of Jesus in a new and dramatic way.

For many of us, this was the highlight of our trip.

Friday afternoon, we visited the church at Los Guido one more time. They provide a free, hot lunch to more than 70 children five days a week, and we helped serve the Friday meal. Again, it was very humbling to serve children a simple but nutritious meal, and to see the smiles on their faces and to enjoy their laughter and their energy.

We also had brought with us several baby blankets that had been made and/or donated by members of our Farwell church. They were passed out to the Los Guidos church and the Children's Home.

Saturday, we left for home. We were tired and sore, some of us sporting all kinds of new bruises, scrapes, and scratches, but, as is usually the case with missions of this sort, in spite of all that we gave, we also received.

God has a way of multiplying our gifts and our efforts and making more out of them than we can imagine, blessing us even as we work to bless others.

We have received reports from missionaries Will and Ella that the work continues on the Children's Home. They hope to have the first house and host family on site within a year.

Will says that no group has worked as hard, or gave so much, or had a better spirit about them, than our group from Farwell!



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**Lions Club sweetheart**

Farwell High Junior Tori Pollard is the first Sweetheart for the Border Lions Club. She will represent the organization on a float at Border Town Days and at other various functions throughout the year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pollard.

**Basketball**

From page 4

The fourth quarter rolled around and Sudan started making a run. Coach called a time out and we ran the "stall" play.

Here's how the play worked. Our post (Mickey Cenicerros) passed the ball in to one of our guards (Laura Martinez or Tiffani Jones) while my sister (Kristin) and I were on both sides with our outside feet near the out-of-bounds line. The four of us made a "U" shape around the sideline and our post was standing directly behind us.

Our two guards were casually handing the ball back and forth to each other, so as not to get a 5-second call. We had our own little human wall set up.

This infuriated Sudan. There was no possible way they could get to the ball, and they were not happy despite the fact they were in the lead.

Finally one of their players decided to come out-of-bounds and grab the ball. That obviously didn't work because since her feet were out of bounds and she touched the ball, we still had possession.

Their coach was flaming. The play only lasted about two minutes, but that was the longest two minutes of my life! My hands were shaking because of the intensity. The gym was roaring and I could not hear a word my coach was telling me.

We finally pulled out of our play and ran a regular offense. Now, Sudan was beyond mad. They played "scrappier" (I'm trying to be nice) than before which only made it more fun for us, even though we were losing.

The events of the fourth quarter were far from over, though. After a Sudan player stole the ball, another one of our posts (Laney Christian) hustled down the floor to try and stop the wide-open lay-up.

During the process, their legs got tangled and both ended up on the floor, with Laney lying on top of the other girl. Sudan's coach went ballistic. He ran out onto the floor, all the way underneath the basket and started screaming at the refs, claiming Laney did that on purpose.

The refs then proceeded to give him a technical foul and he had to sit for the rest of the game. I found that amusing.

In the end, we lost, but that game shows how big an effect school rivalries have on games.

Even though there are school rivalries, long hours, and disappointing losses, there are also amazing friendships, fun memories, and life lessons learned through the game of basketball.

I only have one more year left of basketball, and I'm going to give it all I've got. I know that with my amazing team, great new coach, and a little hard work, we WILL have a successful year.

Basketball is my passion.

**Precipitation continues to be 'hit and miss'**

From Monti Vandiver, Parmer County extension agent - IPM:

Precipitation continues to be "hit and miss" across the area. Isolated storms have been a mixed blessing depending on location, heavy down pours, high winds, and/or hail have been associated with the storms in many cases.

The growth and development of the area cotton crop has finally picked up. Much of the slow growth is likely due to the low number of heat units accumulated from mid May to the first week in June. During this period our heat unit accumulations were 21% below the long-term average even though we have actually accumulated a few more heat units compared to the long term average May 1 to date.

Area corn is off to a very good start and was likely enhanced by the cooler condition, which hampered cotton development. Most corn is in the V6 to V12 stage and is growing rapidly.

**Relay raises \$22,800**

A report on how well the Parmer County Relay for Life did, from Jyl Grimsley;

We had 11 teams and over 300 participants. There were more than 460 names on our Luminaria list.

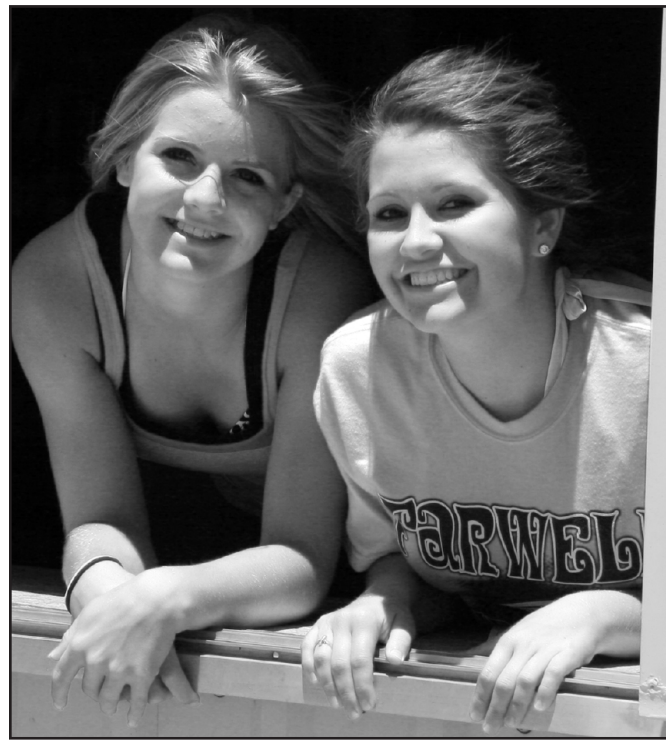
So far, we have raised about \$22,800, including \$400 from the Lions Club and \$900 from Cargill. First National Bank donated \$1,200 raised during their sausage wrap.

We still have a few teams to round up money from, so the total will go up in the next few days.

We will sell the remaining concession drinks and candy at the Cheeseburger Festival and TV Day July 18-20.

Winners of the Parmer County idol contest were: Judge's picks: Janet Denton, adult category; Brooklynn Johnston, children's category.

Popular picks: Stormi Upton, adult category; Megan Sharrock, children's category.



**Spirit Stand**

The "Spirit stand" at the Farwell Country Club pool is raising money for the Farwell Cheerleaders this summer. Chandler Barnes and Emily Agee said you don't have to be a member of the country club to come get a burger for lunch or dinner.

**Border Banter**

--Mike Pomper

**I told you so**

I'll always remember the pro basketball draft when Kobe Bryant was picked by the Charlotte franchise.

I thought that was a really smart move because Bryan exhibited such talent in high school that he was earmarked as a future star.

Then, a short while later, a trade was announced. Charlotte traded the draft rights to the Los Angeles Lakers for three veterans.

Angela Lakers for three veterans.

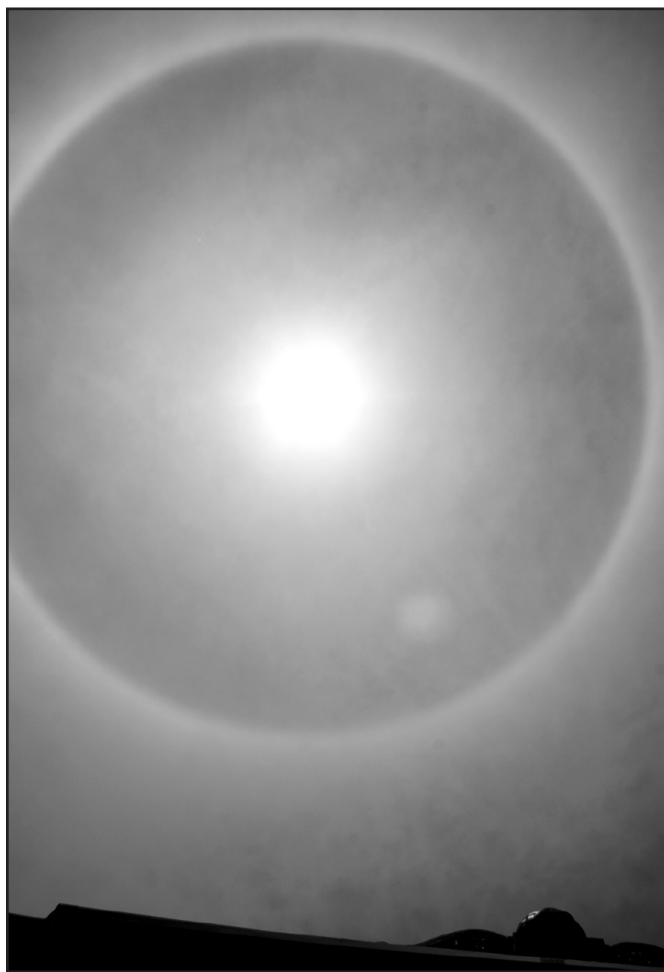
I wrote a column at that time saying that was really, really dumb by the Charlotte leadership.

Well, I hate to say "I told you so" but Bryant, having won his fourth NBA title with the Lakers, is now being touted as good as Michael Jordan.

Why it is that a dummy like me living in the middle of nowhere could see the immense talent that this young man had in high school - yet the guys who ran the Charlotte franchise would give him away for three aging pro's?

This is why I often say that just because someone runs a big company or federal agency does not mean they are intelligent.

Tennis practice - 9 a.m. on Saturday.



**A sign of rain**

A rainbow circle formed around the sun on Thursday afternoon. The halo is usually formed when ice crystals in the atmosphere refract the light, and usually is a sign that rain is on the way. Later that evening it rained.

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**LIVE CATTLE:** Live Cattle prices tested their lows this week and bounced back higher. Short term trends turned higher for the first time in the last several weeks. Cash trade was steady at \$82.00 and the USDA Cattle on Feed indicated lower Placements, lower Cattle on Feed and lower Marketing's. Tight numbers should help to support prices at current levels.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Feeder Cattle have seen a milder recovery over the last few days, but mostly because the spread between Live Cattle and Feeders became historically wide and needed to tighten up some. Although cash feeder prices have also come down, cash still looks stronger than the futures at this time. Feeder trends are currently trying to shift towards the upside.

**CORN:** Corn prices have seen a significant decrease in prices due mostly to a rising U.S. Dollar and reportedly good growing conditions in the Mid West. The nearby July contract tried on a couple occasions to take out their January highs at \$4.50, but failed. Once traders began to liquidate, prices dropped over 50 cents in just a few days.

**SOYBEANS:** Soybean prices have also followed the rest of the grain complex as the Dollar continues to move higher and weather concerns have subsided. Technically, short term trends have also turned down with long term support coming in around the \$10.00 basis the July contract.

**WHEAT:** Wheat prices have continued to move lower due to a rising Dollar and harvest pressure. Although the U.S. crop had been anticipated to be lower than year ago levels, most of this news had already been priced into the market. World wheat stocks continue to climb above year ago levels and prices are headed lower for the time being.

**COTTON:** Cotton prices continue to move lower since topping in early May. Both short and long term trends continue to project lower prices ahead. Little interest coming out of China has done little to add any support. A rising Dollar has also been blamed for the poor performance seen over the last couple of years. The nearby July should find support around the 49-50 cent level?

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### Sheriff's Report

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

On June 8, Roy Clements, 20, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of resisting arrest, pending in county court.

On June 12, Jeffrey King, 25, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI open container, pending in county court.

On June 13, Amanda Bachicha, 18, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz., pending in county court.

On June 15, Melody Almond, 31, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on an Upshur County warrant, pending transport.

On June 15, Salvador Zamora Jr., 24, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a motion to revoke (assault), pending in county court.

On June 16, Daniel Barrera, 42, of Lubbock, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. He paid fine, court cost and restitution.

On June 16, Darnell James, 36, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. He paid fine, court cost and restitution.

On June 17, Alberto Flores, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz., pending in county court.

On June 19, Lupital Guillen, 28, of Kansas City, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on charges of possession of marijuana, pending in county court, and possession of a controlled substance, pending

before the grand jury. On June 20, Carla Dixon, 46, of Texico, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz., pending in county court. On June 20, Jennifer Montiel, 28, of Texico, was arrested on a Randall County warrant. She posted bond and was released. On June 20, Joe Gutierrez Jr., 36, of Farwell, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on Potter County and Deaf Smith County warrants. He is pending transport.

### Bovina Banter

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day, thus resulting in the cutback.

About 7 tenths of an inch of moisture fell the night of June 18, reports Sue Fowler.

Named to the Dean's List for the spring 2009 semester at West Texas A&M University were two Bovina seniors - Hugo Martinez, mechanical engineering, and Sandra Perez, graphic design.

On the President's List (4.0 grade point average) was senior Eliseo Salazar, pre-engineering.

The city passed an ordinance making it mandatory to have your house number painted on the curb. I believe there will be some of our youth providing this service for a very inexpensive cost of \$7. Contact City Hall.

If you missed the video about Bovina and the wind farms at the Chamber banquet, you can catch it on YouTube. Just search "Bovina wind" and it will pull right up. It was a great video ... be sure to see it.

Rain ... and boy did we need it. We got a little over an inch over at our house. It was great!

Happy Father's Day to all of you out there! I know it is over but I would still like to wish everyone had a great one.

Well God Bless and have a great week!

Interesting fact of the week: In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day with a presidential proclamation. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent holiday.

Last, but not least, the necktie is the most common and famous Father's Day gift. Did you get your Dad a necktie?

### LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Ordinance No. 090616

An ordinance regulating addresses posted on all locations in the city to bring 900 regulations into compliance and to protect the citizens through clear markings of addresses for emergency personnel.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bovina, Texas, on June 16, 2009.

Jana Pitcock  
City Manager

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This billboard touting the Mariah Project has been placed just outside the Bovina city limits.

## Bovina wind project publicized

Editor's note: Information below comes from an article written by Kevin Welch in the Amarillo newspaper last week:

Scandia Wind Southwest, led by Parmer County resident Jim Swafford, Danish company Alpha Wind Energy APS and Havgul Clean Energy AS of Norway, are working to pull a deal together that would involve 454 owners of 204,000 acres in the northwest corner of Parmer County.

The wind farm is named the Mariah Project for the song in the Broadway musical "Oklahoma," Swafford said.

Those landowners are evaluating contracts that call for them to give up the usual \$2 to \$4 payments per acre annually during the development phase. In exchange, they would get a 10 percent stake in Scandia Wind Southwest, the company owned by the three partners, said Harald Dirdal, project director for Havgul Clean Energy.

The estimated total cost of the Mariah Project is \$10 billion.

"That's where the challenge is, but that's where the opportunity is," Dirdal said. "We as developers couldn't put up that much, so we will split the wind park into subsidiaries to be sold to large industrial companies like Xcel Energy or Florida Power & Light."

The lack of transmission lines in the area is dictating the scale of the project, which has a capacity goal of 5,000 megawatts. That's

enough electricity to power 1.75 million homes if it operated at maximum capacity all the time.

"We're going to make it so big, the grid will come to us," Dirdal said.

But it will be expensive to connect to the grid.

The transmission plan would have to include switches to convert the electricity, because the national grids, which come together near

Texas' western border, are not synchronized. That would make for huge costs to move the electricity to market.

"All those costs have to be spread out over a lot of installed megawatts," Dirdal said.

Alpha Wind is finishing its installation this week of equipment to take detailed measurements of the wind in the county for about one year, Swafford said.



Jim Swafford and Al Kerby inspect brackets for the 21 wind data booms Kerby manufactured for the Mariah Project.

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## City of Bovina HOUSING FAIR

Tuesday, June 30 - Noon to 6 p.m.  
EMS Building, 109 3rd St.

The City of Bovina is hosting a Housing Fair! Everyone is invited, especially those who are looking for housing opportunities in Bovina, Texas.

If you are looking for help in building, buying, or repairing a home in Bovina, the Housing Fair will be the place to be. You can also find help getting low income loans and/or possible grants.

There will be buildings, mortgage brokers, USDA and realtors present. If you are interested, please take some time to attend and see what Bovina has to offer.

If you have any questions, please contact Bovina City Hall at (806) 251-1116. Ask for Jana or visit the office.

# BOVINA



Proud Home of the Mustangs & Fillies

The "GANGS" (God's Army Needs Good Soldiers") team from the First Baptist Church of Bovina played in a softball league in Clovis this summer. Members are Trisha Steelman, Jake Steelman, Heather Jones, Matt Hromas, Michelle Hromas, Rachel Saddler, Zach Castillo, Galen Hromas, Judith Rodriguez, Rick Villarreal, Donna Roach, Jose Gutierrez and Rodney Shepherd.

## 'GANGS' of Bovina



## Here is how to comply with 911 ordinance

The Bovina City Council on June 16 approved a "911 compliance" ordinance. This means that every homeowner must have their house number displayed on their curbs in case police or an emergency vehicle need to find them.

The ordinance says:

1. Numbers must be dark on a white background.
2. Numbering must be in block print, three inches in height.
3. No numbers may be painted in restricted zones, that is where curbs are painted yellow or red or where parking is restricted.
4. Numbers should be placed on the curb of a drive that is facing oncoming traffic where a drive is available. If a drive is not present, the marking should be located on the curb most directly located in direct line with the entrance of the residence.
5. Where curbs are not present, the address must be posted on the front of the residence on the nearest location to the entrance. The lettering of the marking on the home where a curb is not present must be no smaller than 3 inches in height and be in a color that is plainly visible from the street.

If a person violated the ordinance, they can be fined up to \$200 per offense. City Manager Jana Pitcock reports that she has city youths available for painting and they have been instructed on how to put in the numbers correctly.

If you would like to hire one of these youths, contact City Hall at 251-1116. In other business, the council: -- Amended the abandoned vehicle and junk materials ordinance to note that a city inspector now has the authority to issue tickets. Cesar Marquez is now qualified by the state to handle this position.

**Bovina**  
**Banter**  
Deanna Curtis •  
251-1405

Bovina Chamber of Commerce is busy planning the 4th of July activities. Though they are few in number it still takes a lot of work to put on anything. We have been reaching out to the community for help and have had little response. People of Bovina, it is time to give to your community ... please help.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mindy Neal-Widner at 251-1300.

Yee Haw! Pablo Martinez, Buddy Prather, and Sam McIntosh are in the works to put on a little Buckaroo Rodeo on July 4th. The rodeo they put on for Memorial Day was a huge success.

A big thank you to those men and the many others who helped clean, cook, sign, and the many other tasks that had to take place.

The parking lot project at the football field is in full swing now. They are going to asphalt it.

The big project of redoing the High School

Auditorium should be completed this summer. I cannot wait to see that one. It should be a big improvement.

The city is hosting a Housing Fair June 30 from noon to 6 p.m. at the EMS building.

There will be lots to offer so if you need help in building, buying or repairing a home, you might want to attend. For more details, see the ad on Page 9.

Honey Sue Gist earned her LPN nursing license in May and is now going for an RN degree.

Lots of streets are getting new seal coating in town.

Fire Chief Cesar Marquez says he hopes the department will again be able to offer free burgers at the 4th of July gala next year. This year, lots of members were going out of town for the holi-

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## 4th of July gala changes announced

Here's an update on the fun 4th of July gala in Bovina and there have been changes.

The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. on the school side of the City Park, and ends at the Roping arena. Parade prizes will be given and folks should sign up with Mindy Neal at the parade start.

Prices likely will feature \$15 for 1st place; \$10 for 2nd place, and \$5 for 3rd place. Categories will include motorized units, bicycles and floats.

The Little Britches Rough Stock Rodeo for youths 12 and under will start at 1 p.m., with Buddy Prather in charge.

Admission is free. The concession stand opens at 11 a.m., with rodeo signups taken starting at 11:30 a.m.

The rodeo will include horse stick races, goat ribbons, mutton bustin', calf ribbon and calf riding.

As soon as the rodeo is over, a Frisbee competition will be held at the arena. Entry fee is \$5 and all funds that come in will go toward cash prizes.

This Frisbee contest replaces the Frisbee golf tournament that had been scheduled at the football field.

Afterward, the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department will have free watermelon available just before dusk at the football field. The veteran recognition will be held, and the fireworks display will begin at dusk.

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Are you interested in starting a business in Bovina? The Bovina Economic Development Commission can help. Call Bovina City Hall at (806) 251-1116.

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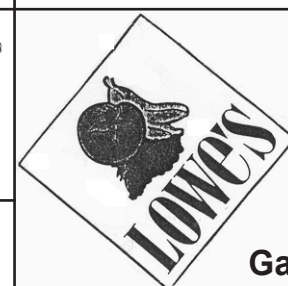
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