



Farwell will present "OPAL" as its One-Act Play this year.

Farwell High to host One-Act Play contest

Farwell High School will begin UIL One-Act Play competition on March 28, by hosting the zone contest in the auditorium.

The contest is open to the public. Presenting plays will be Farwell, Sudan, Olton and Springlake-Earth. Farwell will be performing second about 1:45 p.m.

Farwell will also present a public performance on March 24 at 7 p.m.

CX-debate teams vie at state

Blake O'Hare and Cameron Kirkland finished third at the Texas debate tourney, and Brooke Hall and Kade Foster finished in sixth place.

Foster also received the silver gavel as the second best spaker at the competition.

Look for a complete write-up in next week's Tribune.

"OPAL," this year's play, is based on the childhood diary of Opal Whiteley, set in 1904 in an Oregon lumber camp. She lived in the home of a lumberman and his wife, where she wrote her childhood diary on scraps of paper.

Hill selected for D.C. trip

(Editor's note: The Yucca Telecom government youth tour winner was Jonathan Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duwain Hill, of Texico. He will be heading this summer to Washington, D.C., along with other cooperative winners. He wrote his theme about fiber optics.)

By Jonathan J. Hill

The "Gateway to the Land of Enchantment," my small hometown on the border of Texas and New Mexico, is often overlooked and easily forgotten. An exception to this rule is Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative, the provider of reliable land-line telephone, cell

The diary was adapted as a musical in 1992, where it received a nomination as the Best Off-Broadway Musical.

Farwell's play is a cutting from the original musical, but without the

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Wolverines win 2nd straight title

The Texico Wolverines captured their 2nd straight state Class 2A championship on Saturday in Albuquerque, defeating the Santa Rosa Lions, 48-46.

It was the fifth time the two teams, in the same district, had met this season. Both teams had won two games going into the "tie breaker." And all the games were close. As Coach Richard Luscombe put it, "The two teams match up very closely."

The Wolverines finished the season with a 29-3 record. It was the

their four state title.

Seth Bailey starred in the title game, scoring 24 – half his team's total. Also scoring were: Levi Richards, 2; Jose Posada, 2; Brett Anderson, 1; Lucas Walthers, 6; Mario Posada, 7, and Mark Rivera, coming off the bench, 6.

A key to a lot of Texico's success at the state tourney involved its aggressiveness near the basket, getting the Wolverines to the free throw line far more than their opponents.

In the title game, the Wolverines were 15 of 21 from the charity stripe,

while the Lions were only 5 of 11.

And in last year's title game, the key to the Texico win was going 20 for 20 from the free throw line.

The game opened as a see-saw event, with the teams trading baskets throughout. Walthers got into foul trouble early, but Rivera came in, and scored his 6 points in the first half.

With a minute left in the first quarter, Bailey hit a bucket, was fouled and added a basket. He followed it up with a rebound bucket and a 14-

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Texico Wolverines

As is the Tribune's custom each year, we run fun photos of our area varsity basketball teams when their seasons end. Because, after all,

sports are meant to be fun. Here are the state champion Texico Wolverines.

Wolverines

From page 1

11 Texico lead as the 1st quarter ended.

The Wolverines went on an 10-0 run to open the 2nd quarter, behind free throws by Bailey and Mario Posada, and baskets by Jose Posada, Walthers and Rivera.

The Lions got on the scoreboard with a bucket halfway through the quarter, with Texico ahead, 24-13.

Bailey canned a 3-pointer with 2 minutes left to extend the lead to 29-13 – the largest the Wolverines would have. Santa Rosa came back with a basket and a free throw, as the Wolverines went into half-time ahead, 29-16.

Bailey struck again to open the 3rd quarter with a pair of baskets, boosting the lead to 15. Then the Lions began whittling away, hitting a 3-pointer and pair of buckets. Going into the final period, Texico was ahead by 11, 40-29.

Both teams opened the final period with some missed shots. Then it was Santa Rosa's turn for a run, as the Lions knocked down three 3-pointers in a row. This notched the game at 44-all at the 4:13 mark. Santa Rosa had gone on a 13-4 run during this span.

At 3:33, the Lions took the lead at 46-44 on a rebound basket. Mario Posada answered with a brace of free throws to tie the game.

Then with 37 seconds left, Mario Posada put in a free throw for a 47-46 lead.

With 24 seconds left, a Lions player missed two crucial free throws.

With 12 seconds left, a Bailey free throw put Texico up, 48-46.

A last second shot by Santa Rosa failed, and the state title belonged to Texico.

Posada's buzzer-beater lifts Texico over Mesilla Valley

You couldn't ask for a more exciting finish to a basketball game.

Jose Posada canned a 3-point buzzer-beater to lift the Texico Wolverines to a 58-57 win over favored Mesilla Valley in the state semi-final on March 13.

MV led the entire game until that last shot.

The Wolverines were 11 points down in the final quarter before they turned their after-burners for a great come-from-behind victory

Scoring were Levi Richards, 2; Jose Posada, 6; Mario Posada, 10; Brett Anderson, 2; Lucas Walthers, 22; and Seth Bailey, 16.

MV was the No. 1 ranked team at the tourney and Texico was No. 4.

The game opened with several missed shots and turnovers as MV ran up an 8-0 lead. Halfway through the quarter, Texico got on the scoreboard on two free throws by Walthers.

But MV kept scoring and moved to a 15-8 lead at the first stop.

Walthers had a big first half, scoring 13 of Texico's 21 points. Helping out was the fact that Texico was 11 of 19 from the free throw line while MV was 5 of 10 in the first half.

But MV was able to expand its margin, going into halftime ahead 31-21.

In the 3rd quarter, the teams matched points, as Texico struggled to stay within shooting distance. MV's biggest lead was at 38-24 halfway through the period.

But baskets by Anderson, Walthers and Posada brought down the deficit to 10. Then Bailey added 2 free throws and Mario Posada made a layup at the buzzer so the teams headed into the final quarter with MV ahead, 41-34.

MV immediately hit its baskets, hiking its lead to 49-36. Posada and Bailey hit baskets and it was MV

with a 52-41 lead with just over 4 minutes to go when Texico began its move.

The Wolverines went on a 10-0 run in around 2 minutes behind a basket by Bailey, a steal and score by Mario Posada, 2 free throws by Walthers, and 4 charity tosses by Bailey.

MV now led 52-51 with 2 minutes to go. MV had a steal and layup for a 3-point lead. With a minute left, Walthers had a steal, then put in a free throw. MV answered with 2 free throws and a 56-52 lead with 40 seconds left.

Walthers scored on a drive, was fouled and added a free throw – 56-55. MV answered with a free throw – 57-55.

And then Jose Posada did his magic.

Texico beats Bosque in quarter-finals

The Texico Wolverines captured the state quarter-final game over the Albuquerque Bosque Bobcats on March 11, 47-43.

Texico had beaten Bosque handily in December. But Bosque went to a box-and-one defense (basically putting a player continually on Wolverine Seth Bailey) and this strategy kept the game closer.

Scoring were Levi Richards, 9; Jose Posada, 1; Brett Anderson, 5; Lucas Walthers, 13; Bailey, 14; and Mario Posada, 5.

The game opened with a Bosque 3-pointer. Texico stayed within a couple of points until Bailey launched a 3-pointer from beyond the half court line as the buzzer sounded. The shot went in and the game was tied at 9-all to open the 2nd quarter.

Texico took its first lead at 13-12 on a layup by Richards. A 3-pointer by Richards and a drive by Bailey extended the lead to 18-14. But Bosque responded with a pair of baskets to tie the game at the 3 minute mark.

Richards had a steal and bucket, followed by a Walthers jump shot, as Texico went into the half ahead, 22-20.

The 3rd quarter opened on a positive note, as Mario Posada canned a brace of free throws, followed by buckets by Walthers and Anderson, opening up a 28-22 lead.

Again, the Bobcats responded with a pair of baskets. A layup by Walthers gave the Wolverines a 32-28 lead at the stop.

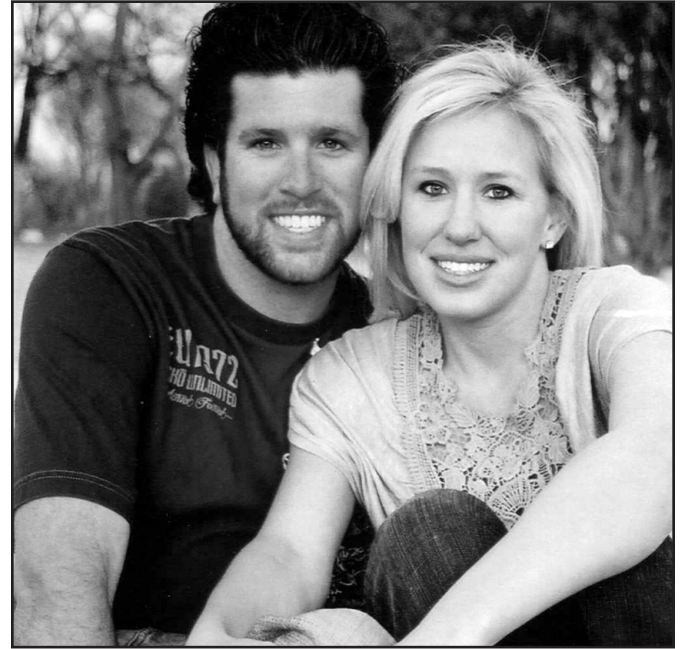
In the final period, Bosque tied the game at 32-all with 6:30 left. After Bailey hit two free throws and a bucket, Bosque returned with a pair of baskets to tie the game at 36-all at 4:30.

Then Walthers canned a basket, followed by a Bailey 3-pointer from the corner and a 41-36 lead. After that, Texico added to its total with a parade to the free throw line as Bosque kept fouling in order to get the ball back.



Horton honored

The late Rocky Horton, of Texico, was honored with the Ralph Maccio lifetime achievement award at the International Pumper/Cleaner Show in Louisville, Ky, in February. He was honored for his dedication and service to the pumping industry and to his community. Receiving the award in honor of Rocky and his Mighty Vac Pumping Service from Macchio, center, were Brent Inman, Rocky's brother-in-law, and Marlon Inman, his father-in-law. Rocky's wife is Suzahn; daughter is Rockell; son is Roger.



Ashley Smith to wed Scottie Bender

J.T. and Kim Randle announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Smith, of Clovis, to Scottie Bender, son of Bryce and Jeanie Bender, of Clovis. The bride-elect, a 2004 graduate of Texico High School, works at Chili's in Clovis. The bridegroom works at Prime Source Mortgage and Bender GM World. The wedding will be May 2 in Clovis. Announcements have been sent out.

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 He likes to go to work with his dad & uncle Jose.
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A huge congratulations to the Texico Wolverines on their 2nd straight state title. A great season for Coach Luscombe and his team.

Spring sports are moving ahead:
 Texico – Varsity & JV baseball teams will play at Portales JV on March 20; then host Elida on March 23, then play at Clovis JV on March 24.
 The track season opens on March 19, with the Texico Junior High Meet. On March 20, the varsity & JV teams head to Dexter.
 Bovina – The varsity tracksters don't play again until the Son Qualls Relays at Sudan on March 27. The Middle School tracksters are in the Farwell Stampede on March 26.
 Farwell – The varsity teams also are entered in the Sudan Track Meet on March 27, while the Junior High hosts the Relays on March 26.
 Lazbuddie – The varsity tracksters will be at Springlake-Earth on March 27; the JH at Springlake-Earth on March 24.

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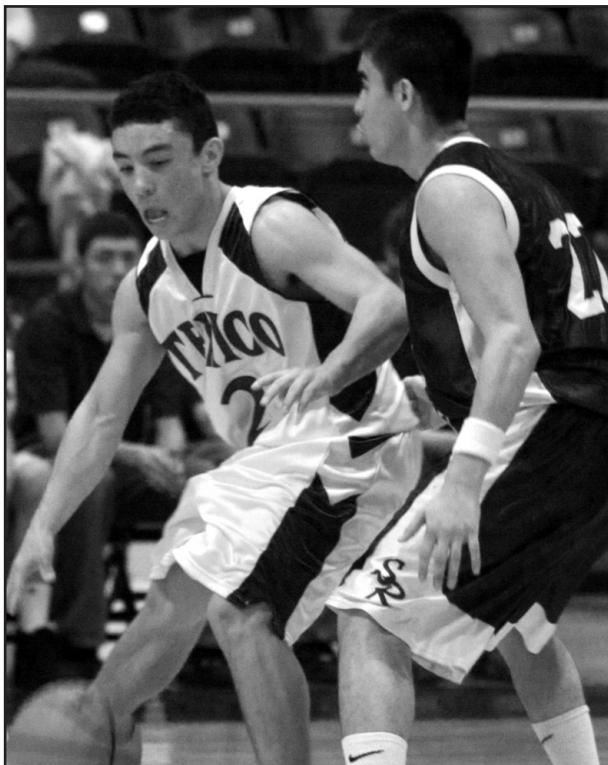
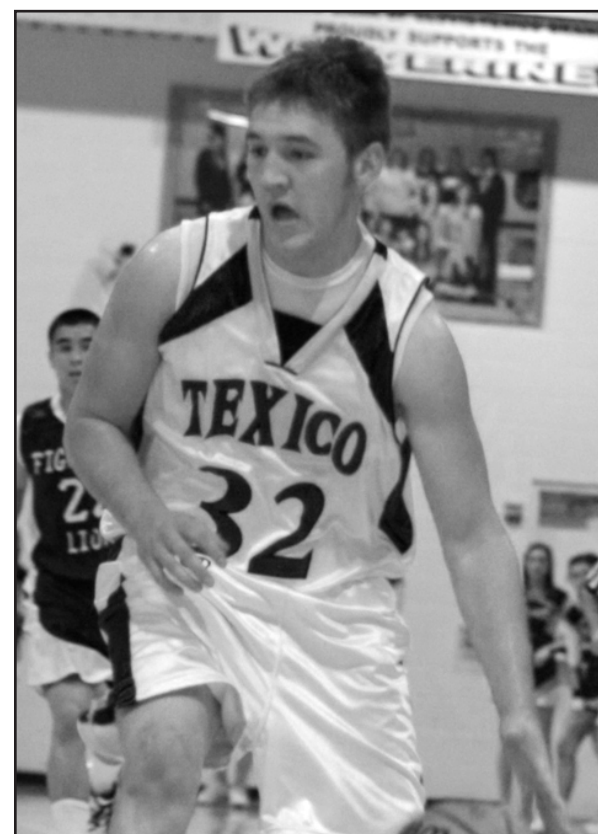
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Congratulations to the Texico Wolverines on winning the 2009 Class 2A state crown



On the team for the state tournament were Levi Richards, Kegan Hollis, Jose Posada, Connor Doolittle, Garrett Foote, Mark Rivera, Marques Pena, Brett Anderson, Kyle Boatman, Lucas Walthers, Seth Bailey and Mario Posada. Head Coach is Richard Luscombe.

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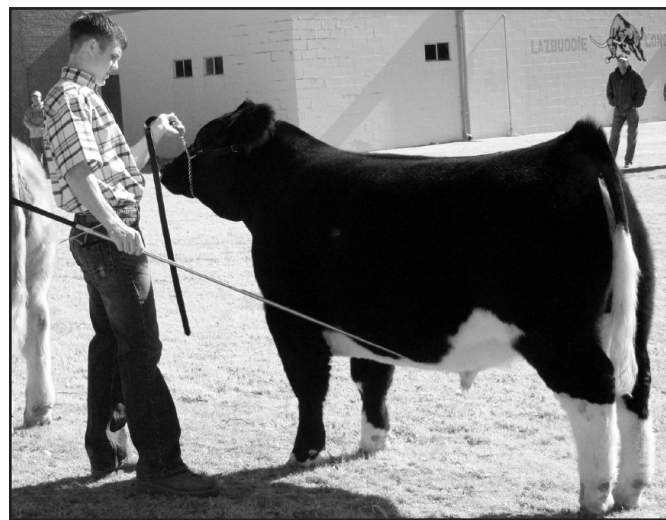
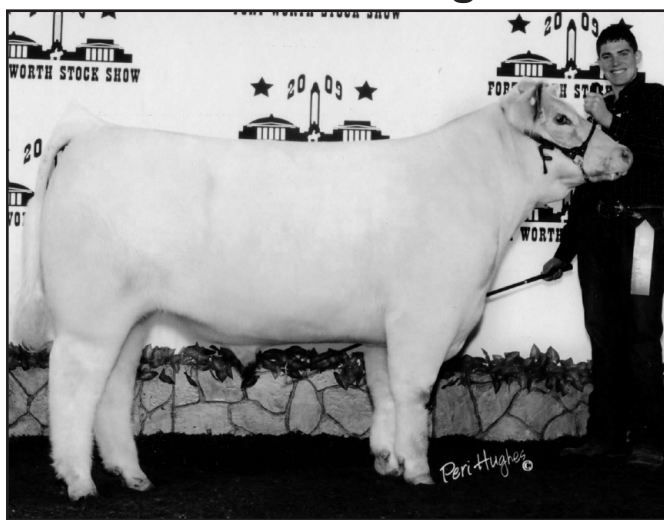
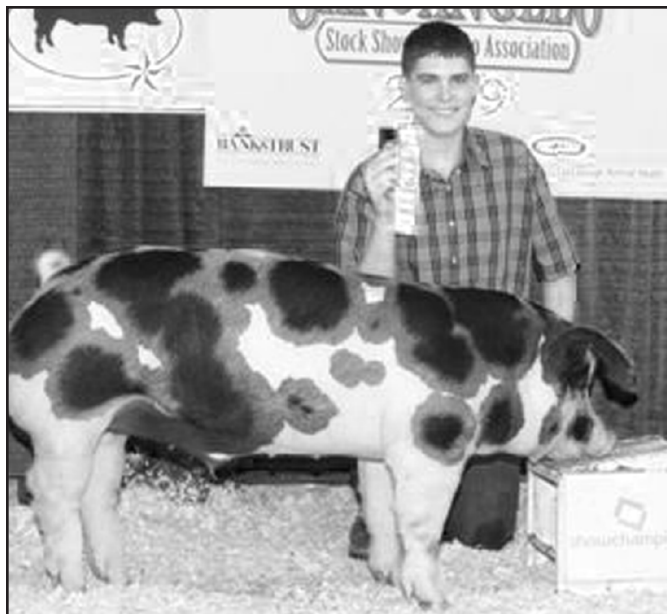
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Lazbuddie ag students excel at stock shows



At left, Logan Mason, of Lazbuddie, showed the 2nd place spot barrow at the San Angelo Fair. Below, Mason shows the 4th place medium wool lamb at San Antonio. At right, Chase Timms showed the 12th place exotic steer at the Southwestern Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Cargill going green

Cargill Meat Solutions, in Friona, has implemented a new "Going Green" initiative to encourage environmental friendliness.

With around 2,000 employees working every day, even a small change has the possibility to make a big difference.

The change started with recycling. Receptacles set up in the lunchrooms collected aluminum soda cans. The tabs were donated to the Friona FFA as a way to give back to the area.

Last year with gas prices starting to climb, Cargill decided to reward employees for carpooling into work. They started a team-building exercise aimed at getting at least four people per car each day. Besides saving money on gas, carpoolers were allowed to park in special spots close to the door.

Folks started signing up and it led to an innovative bussing program in Hereford, and has just started in Dimmitt as well.

Currently Panhandle Community Service of Hereford has two buses that take 50 folks per



Pat Scott, Patrick Tullius, Jose Valadez, Shaunta Fox, and Kathy Villa support "Going Green" at Cargill Meat Solutions in Friona.

shift from Hereford to the plant, and a recent Texas Department of Transportation grant will allow them to get bigger buses to bring in more people at a time. Setting up schedules has been difficult, but many folks have worked to make it possible.

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Courthouse Notes

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

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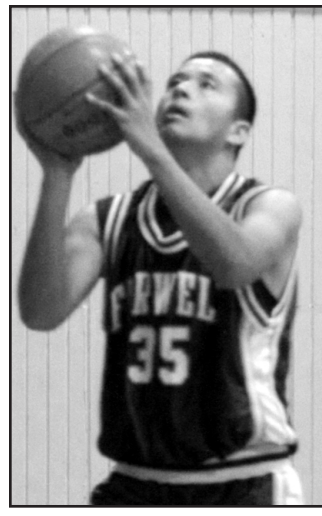
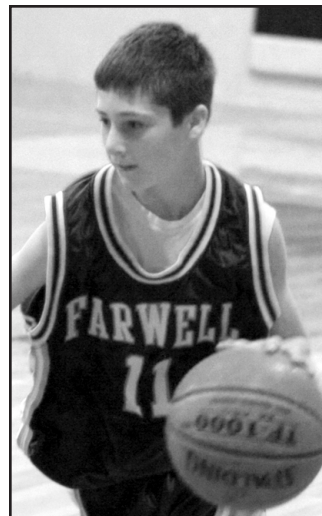
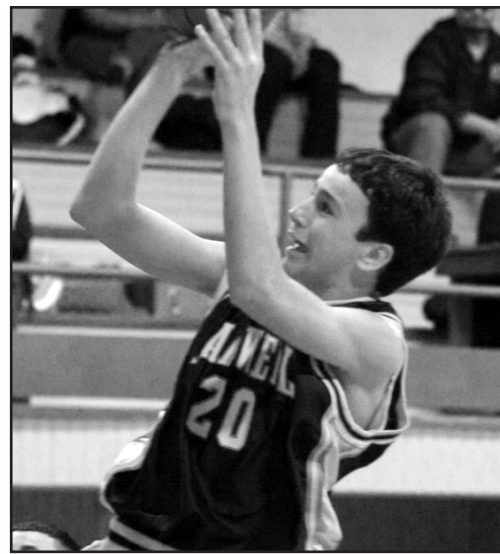
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A last look at Farwell boys JH basketball



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Plans are in place to start the busing service to Dimmitt, and Ms. Fox said that they are looking into Clovis, Farwell, and Muleshoe as other areas that might be targeted for busses in the future.

Coordinator Shaunta Fox wants employees to know that if they are interested in taking a bus need to sign up early. When there is enough interest, buses will be scheduled.



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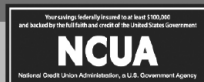
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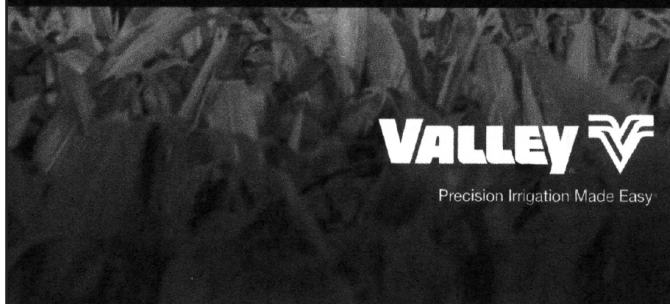
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One-act play

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music (against UIL rules). The play offers a fascinating insight into the inner life of childhood and is a mixture of happiness and sadness.

Performing will be Taylor Fillpot, Cindy Bermea, Taylor Mesman, Nina Galvan, Laney

Christian, Mikaela Cenicerros, Brody Grimes, Landry Actkinson, Luke Carpenter, Kade Foster, Lincoln Devault, Cambry Devault, Brooke Hall and Brenda Delgado.

The crew is composed of Amberli Martin, Emily Agee, Keegan Langford and Kristin Langford.

Directors are Robin Gregory, Hayley Christian and Angela Hall.

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

Way to go, Wolverines

A huge congratulations to Coach Richard Luscombe and the Texico Wolverines for winning a second straight state basketball title.

In looking at the scores in the state tournaments, I found Texico won its eight games by these scores:

2008 – Bosque, 4; Monte Del Sol, 3; Penasco, 8, and Mesilla Valley, 3.

2009 – Hagerman, 11; Bosque, 4; Mesilla Valley, 1; and Santa Rosa, 2.

When a team wins big game after big game by close scores, I believe that has a lot to do with the coaching.

Watching Texico continually out rebound other teams, and seeing the better free throw shooting stats by the Wolverines, talks volumes about Coach Luscombe's excellent coaching.

 Y'know, I am still furious about the GOP's lack of initiative during the years they held sway in Congress and in the White House.

Too bad they didn't take a lesson from Otto von Bismarck, the great chancellor of Germany in the 1870s and 1880s.

He was one of the world's greatest politicians and leaders. He had his nation, Prussia, foment three wars in order to unify Germany. Brilliance like that is rarely seen.

But what also impressed me is what occurred while he was chancellor. He headed



Girl Scouts hold Thinking Day Cake Event

The Parmer County Girl Scouts recently held a Thinking Day Cake Event. The girls brought cakes from different countries; the cake corresponded to a country they have been studying. From left, Desiree Aragon, Paulina Jaramillo, Desteni Aragon, Briana Alvarado, Cassie Gonzales, Vanessa Ortiz, Alexis Prather, Cerana Urias, Brenda Jaramillo and Rebecca Schlenker.

the conservative party (re: Republicans). Their opponents, the Social Democrats (re: Democrats) had a vigorous liberal agenda.

Well, obviously, the conservatives headed by Bismarck were opposed to a liberal social agenda. I mean, we are talking 1880s, while the U.S. never got Social Security until the 1930s!

Anyway, the Social Democrats were making big headway among the populace. So what did Bismarck do? He simply co-opted some of the Social Democrats' programs, and pushed health insurance and disability insurance, among others, through the national legislature.

It was a coup de grace! Bismarck's party regained favor and the Social Democrats were kept on the outs for years.

Unfortunately, our own GOP doesn't know history enough to see how politics should work. Bismarck did, and stayed in power 19 years.

Until another Newt Gingrich comes along,

the GOP will be stuck in its "aginner" rut. They had their chance to be a "Bismarck," and blew it. ***

Is that Chicken Little I see out there?

The sky is falling, the sky is falling...

Sorry, folks, but I see way too many folks thinking the world is coming to an end due to the economic blows we have all suffered.

I hate to disillusion you, but it aint gonna happen. The world still has a strong economy and the current recession, as distasteful as it is, will eventually end, and the economic news again will be on the plus side.

What we are witnessing is the burst of a gigantic financial and home-mortgage bubble. It isn't pretty.

Real estate prices are coming down, as they should be. The costs put on small houses in places like California and New York have been ludicrous. There is no way they could have kept climbing.

And please remember

that there are many places throughout the U.S. where these "bubbles" have been small – like in our area.

I believe our federal government is taking some positive actions to put money back into play, and to put folks back to work.

Do I agree with all of Mr. Obama's plans? Heck, no. But as I said, something was needed, and the GOP had fallen back into its "aginner" mode.

When you talk politics, you never get the best program available. Such is the case dealing with the Democrat-pushed stimulus measures passed by Congress.

No, all won't be hunky-dory by next month. But by this time next year, I guarantee you that there will be an upturn in our economy.

So if you want to run around yelling "the sky is falling, the sky is falling," that's okay as long as you put an addendum with it: "I'm speaking about today only; tomorrow looks a lot better."

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Farwell Senior Meal Site

Menus for next week:

Monday – pepper steak, potatoes, gravy, salad, bread, fruit.

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Wednesday – chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peach cobbler.

Thursday – pork chops, blackeye peas, cole slaw, roll, peaches.

Friday – roast and gravy with veggies, buttered peas, tossed salad, bread, birthday cake.

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

Texico
 No school all week – spring break.

Farwell
 Monday – Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pear half, milk.

Tuesday – bacon cheeseburger, sliced pickles, LT, French fries, fruit, milk.

Wednesday – chicken enchiladas, LT salad, rice, peach cups, milk.

Thursday – taco with cheese, pinto beans, LT, corn, tropical fruit, milk.

Friday – mac & cheese, ranch style beans, salad, rolls, peaches, milk.

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Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value to the appraisal review board.

- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.

- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2008. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2009.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2009 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Parmer County Appraisal District

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Helton to handle water discharge from Texico sewer plant

Hal Helton discussed the discharge water that will be left over after being cleaned at the sewer plant with the Texico City Council on March 10.

Helton owns over 100 acres that are around a quarter mile away from the facility, and should be able to take any water that is let out.

Helton is working with both Texas and New Mexico to make sure the paper work is done correctly so that there are no problems sending the water after the plant has been built.

The council discussed several different ways to pipe the water, but didn't come to a decision.

Councilman Oran Jay Autrey asked if Helton would be interested in taking some of the sludge from the current sewer plant as they are being cleaned for the project, but Helton said he would have to look into the laws to find out what would be acceptable.

City Manager Carolyn Johnson said that she will get with state officials to make sure there are no problems with using grant money to run the pipe from Texas to New Mexico.

Johnson said that she has also received approval for the sewer plant plans from the state environmental department and will go out for bid as soon as possible.

In other news, the council:

- Received a report from Fire Chief Lewis Cooper that the Ute Water Project is currently in limbo at the federal level. It will probably be fall at the earliest before it gets voted on.

- Discussed paving the road in front of Farwell Fuels. Texas is in charge of the road, and Police Chief Doug Bowman said that he would go to the commissioners of both Parmer and Curry Counties to see if an agreement can be made to have Texico donate the materials if Parmer County will do the work.

- Approved 3 resolutions: for the highway department grant to seal the northern parts of State, Turner, and Garwood streets; a grant to enhance the entrance to New Mexico area around the rail road tracks; and a tax bond dealing with the wastewater treatment plant.

- Heard from Bowman that notices of condemnation have been placed on several houses in town.

He also said that he has issued several citations recently around lunch time near the school. Complaints of kids speeding and running stop signs led to the tickets.

- Discussed the area of land between Opal and Luther Street behind Allsup's. There was a question about whether it had been annexed into the city. City Attorney Ty Rutter found it had been included into the city in 1956.

- Heard from Cooper that the fire department has received a building permit to start on construction of their new storage building near A-Me-Ds Restaurant.

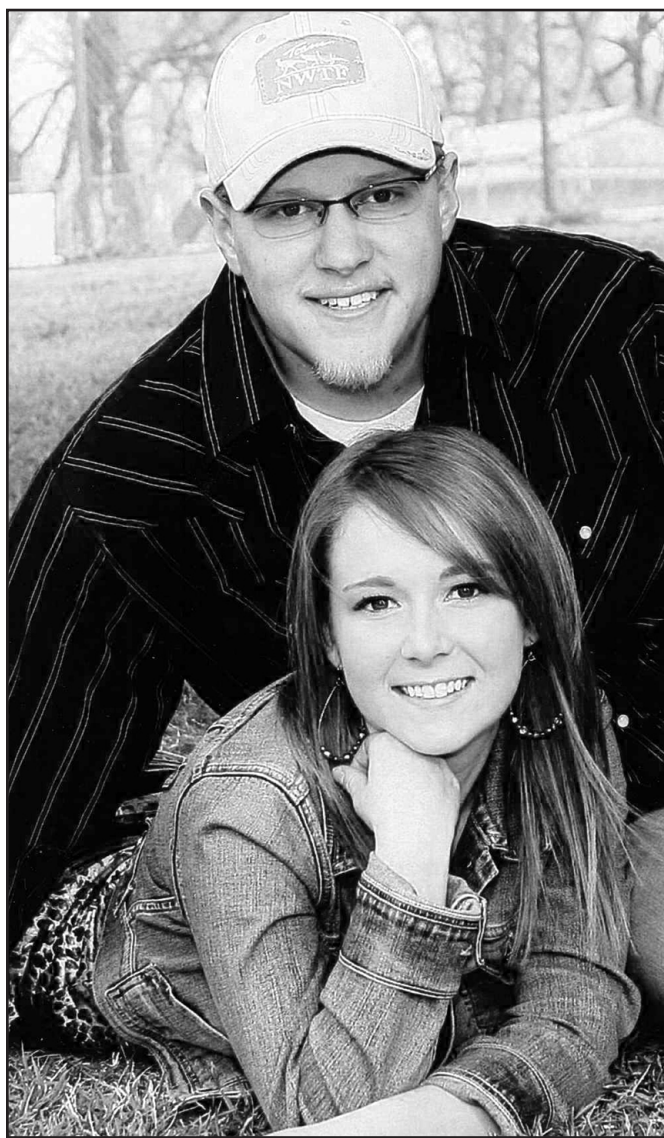
- Was thanked by the Curry County Commissioners for being able to use the Texico Fire Department for a recent meeting. They will be meeting there in October as a way to get closer in touch to parts of the county outside of Clovis.

Sheriff's Report

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

On March 15, Derek Bryant, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by Friona police on a Lamb County warrant, and is pending transport.

On March 16, Allen Bryce, 44, of Roswell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a Potter County warrant, and is pending transport.



Alexandra Caselman and Billy Odegaard

Alexandra Caselman to wed Billy Odegaard

Roger and Paula Odegaard, of Clovis, announce the engagement of their son, Billy Wayne Odegaard, to Alexandra Caselman, daughter of Kelly and Kara Caselman, of Clovis.

The couple will exchange vows at 4 p.m. ct on May 30 at the First Baptist Church of Texico. A dinner reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

The bride-to-be attends Texico High School and is also enrolled at Clovis Community College, where she is seeking her minor in education.

The prospective groom is a 2007 graduate of Clovis Christian School, also takes classes at CCC, and is engaged in auto repair.

The ceremony and reception are open to friends and relatives.

The Latest

A wedding shower is planned for Mikayla Cherry and Justin Ware on March 29 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell.

All are invited.

The snow falling on Saturday provided about 2-10th of an inch of moisture on the Twin Cities.

Texico police report all quiet last week.

Hill

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Cooperative is set up as a nonprofit organization designed to invest revenues back into the system to benefit its customers.

The cooperative began its influence on my life over a decade ago, when it inducted Texico into its service area in 1997. Today, the benefits of belonging to the Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative impact my life daily. Through the readily available internet service, technology is at my fingertips, facilitating convenient communication and research advantages.

Four years ago, our schools received a grant to provide laptops for students in my class, a first-time experience for all. Learning to use the internet for researching school studies, Science Fair projects, and for recreation, required a service provider that could keep up with the demands of a growing technology.

Location alone, here in rural New Mexico, often prohibits us from the latest technological advances, as I found out when wireless high-speed internet signals would not reach my home at that time. Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative was pro-active in finding a way to give rural customers like me access to the same state-of-the-art services, as internet users in big cities.

As I prepare for college, it is necessary to register for the ACT, to access websites of universities, and to apply for scholarships online. This is something that was unheard of in my parents' generation. Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative is very aggressive in pursuing and providing these necessary services to the rural areas of Eastern New Mexico.

Additionally, this small New Mexico town of mine has become the first exchange to receive the brand-new fiber optic technology, thanks to Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative. They have teamed up with SPALJ in a seven-to-nine-month commitment, installing the fiber optic equipment to every building in town. This network carries the highest quality of service, at no extra charge. It provides great sound quality and higher levels of reliability. A single hair-thin optical fiber can carry up to 1000 times more information than the old copper wire that is now being replaced. Also, it can carry voice, data, and video simultaneously.

Because Texico is becoming the newest fiber optic community in New Mexico, it is easy to see that Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative has a major impact not only on my life, but on the lives of many others. I may live at the "Gateway to the Land of Enchantment," but Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative provides small town folks like me a "gateway to the latest technology."

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Commissioners okay funds for fire depts., EMS, cemetery

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday divvied up their right-of-way funds:

Three precincts (Friona, Farwell and Bovina areas) gave the same totals: \$10,000 to their fire departments and \$5,000 to their EMS units.

Pct. 4 (the Lazbuddie area) gave \$25,000 to its fire department; \$5,000 to its EMS; and \$5,000 to its cemetery.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a family's request for utilities assistance.
- Received the annual report for the Parmer County Historical Commission from Gladys Spring.
- Reset the next meeting to March 30.
- Passed a bunch of resolutions and plans to allow for the state funding for the sewer lines to two streets adjacent to Bovina.
- Heard commissioner Ronald Byrd say that a farmer in his precinct was interested in getting a variance to the burn ban for a small pile of rubbish. No action was taken.

Farwell Junior High teams take 2nd places at Morton track meet

Here are the results of Farwell Junior High athletes at the Morton Track Meet:

Farwell's 8th Boys finished 2nd among four teams.

High jump - Bretton Stancell, 2nd, 5'0; Kolten Morris, 4th, 5'0.

Long jump - Colin Christian, 15'8.5.

Shot put - Frankie Loepky, 2nd, 31'3; Victor Moreno, 4th, 30'7; Eric Graxiola, 5th, 30'6.

Discus - Loepky, 1st, 102'6.

Pole vault - Hayden Hadley, 1st, 8'0.

2400 run - Luis Galvan, 1st, 9:10.24.

400 relay - Hadley,

Christian, Stancell, Jr. Marrufo, 1st, 50.24.

800 run - Galvan, 4th, 2:45.7.

110 hurdles - Morris, 3rd, 20.16.

800 relay - Hadley, Christian, Stancell, Marrufo, 3rd, 1:53.7.

300 hurdles - Morris, 2nd, 47.64.

1600 relay - Hadley, Christian, Marrufo, Stancell, 2nd, 4:21.5.

Farwell's 7th grade boys finished 2nd among five teams:

High jump - Brendon Wright, 3rd, 4'6; Dillon Kirkland, 6th, 4'2.

Long jump - Lazaro Velasquez, 5th, 13'9;

Finney, Dillon Kirkland, 13'7.5

Shot put - Reuben Gutierrez, 4th, 26'4.

Discus - Gutierrez, 3rd, 68'6.

Pole vault - Daniel Kirkland, 1st, 6'6.

400 relay - Wright,



Lady Raiders win 2 tourneys

The Lady Raiders are the Champions of the Tucumcari Little League Tournament and the New Breed Basketball Championship in Clovis. The team is made up of girls from Clovis, Texico, Farwell and Bovina. Back row, Coach Arnold

Reyna, Andrea Villarreal, Arianna Meza, LeAnna Kendall, Taylor Stephens, Ami Favila, Asst. Coach Christine Reyna; front row, Taylor Presnell, Cassidy Devault and Brianna Reyna.

Christian Finney, 6th, 13'7.5

Shot put - Reuben Gutierrez, 4th, 26'4.

Discus - Gutierrez, 3rd, 68'6.

Pole vault - Daniel Kirkland, 1st, 6'6.

400 relay - Wright,

800 relay - Wright, 200 dash - Seth

Finney, Velasquez, Chilton, 4th, 32.2.

Daniel Kirkland, 3rd, 1600 relay - Pena,

2:05.8. Daniel Kirkland, Dillon

400 dash - John Kirkland, Velasquez, 3rd,

Isaacson, 5th, 2:20.5. 4:55.53.

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3 director posts to be on ballot at WTRT meeting

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will have its 55th annual meeting at the Hereford Bull Barn on March 31.

The BBQ meal is served by Rafter G of Umbarger at 6 p.m., with the business meeting following at 7 p.m.

Having moved out of his district, Dawn exchange director Dick Fellers will leave his board post after 25 years of service to WTRT.

Candidates for the Dawn seat named by the nominating committee are Roger Grist and Wayne Betzen.

Parmer exchange director Ben Osborn has been nominated for another 3-year term. He replaced Floyd Schueler, who retired when he moved out of the service area.

Osborn is a livestock and wheat producer in the Rhea area.

Corbin Riethmayer will seek his first full term as the director for the Hub exchange. He was appointed in 2007 after Charles Myers died. Myers was the Hub director for 34 years.

Riethmayer farms and ranches in the Friona area.

The Latest

Joshua Burris, 26, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., spent six months last year hiking the 2,175-mile Appalachian Trail, which runs from Georgia to Maine.

His hike started March 28 and finished on Sept. 27. He said it's something he had wanted to do for some time and that it gave him a feeling of accomplishment to finish the hike.

Joshua is the great-nephew of Darrell Crook and Murlene Smith, both of our area.

A Farwell lady has four 4-month-old Australian shepherd mix dogs to be given away for free. Call her at 799-4158.

An informational meeting set by the Parmer County Healthy Baby Coalition for the Community



Texico Boys take 2nd at Tucumcari

The Texico Boys finished 2nd in the Tucumcari Little League Tournament. The team is made up of boys from Clovis, Texico and Farwell.

Back row, Coach Arnold Reyna, Payton Casey, Jordon Holguin, Jonah Tuls, Sam Conlee, Asst. Coach Jason Tuls; front row, Curt Langford, Tristan Lockmiller, Ben Harris, James Franklin.

Health Worker (Promotora) program will be March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Friona State Bank.

Anyone interested in being trained to work in the community as a volunteer to educate, mentor, or act as a liaison for new or expectant mothers is encouraged to attend. Call Parmer County Community Hospital at 250-2754 and ask for Heidi Eichenauer for more information.

A new crop consulting business may be starting in Farwell soon.

Allen Akers is moving here from southern New

Mexico.

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club officers for 2009-2010 year will be Rob Pomper, president and secretary; Mike Read, vice-president; Ryan Williams, sergeant at arms; Jack Kirkland, treasurer.

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Work starts on Lee Meek's roller rink project.

The M.H. Askew family lost their belongings in a fire in their apartment on the Bunk Phillips farm.

Ebb Randol spoke at Melrose gospel meetings. Parmer County cotton production to exceed 60,000 bales.

Texico, Farwell students view a trampoline show.

The Bdrnard Nelsons host a hamburger supper.

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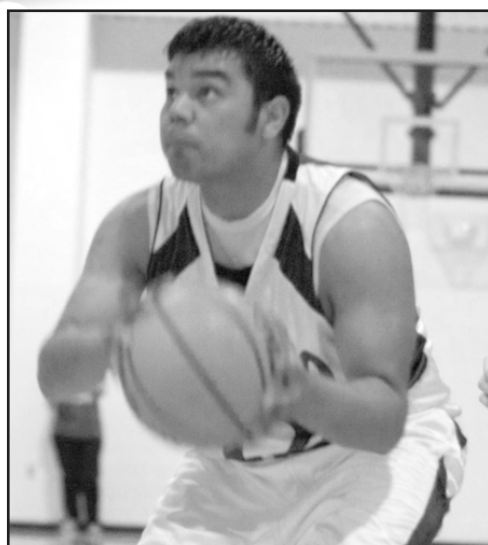
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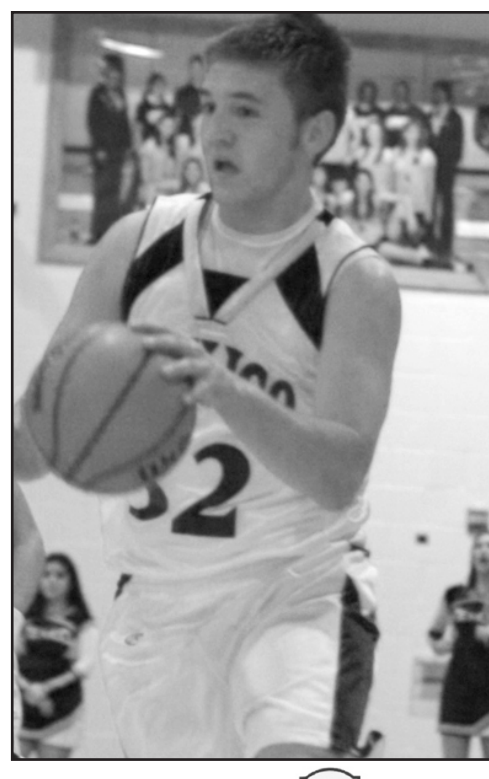
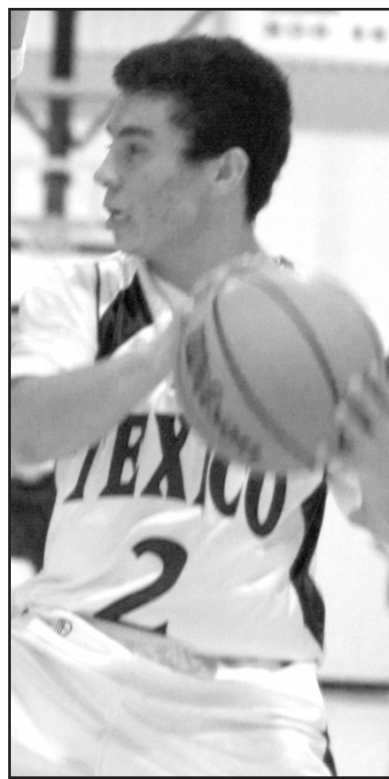
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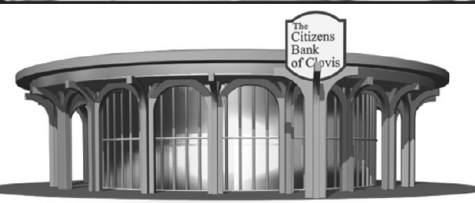
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Lady Wolverines fall in state semi-final

The Texico Lady Wolverines fell to the Lordsburg Mavericks, 63-54 on March 12 in the state semi-final game at Rio Rancho.

Texico finished its season at 22-8. Lordsburg was 20-6 going into the title game.

Lordsburg was a much smaller team, with their tallest player at 5'6", but their pressure defense and full court trap proved too much for Texico.

Scoring for Texico were Katlin Luscombe, 11; Victoria Richards, 5; Shannon VanMatre, 8; Holly Harrison, 7; Jordyn Cooper, 8; Jaylyn Cooper, 15.

The fast paced game opened with a basket by the Lady Mavericks, but Harrison quickly followed with a 3 pointer. Richards also hit a 3 to give Texico a 6-4 lead.

Lordsburg tied the game, but Luscombe hit a jump shot, and VanMatre drove the baseline, was fouled, and made a pair of free throws. VanMatre had a nice steal on defense and was fouled, and she finished the first quarter with a 3 to bring the score to 13-7.

The 2nd quarter started well with Jaylyn Cooper hitting a basket, Luscombe hit a close shot and Harrison made a free throw. The score was 20-7 at that point, but Lordsburg made a run, closing to 20-14.

Luscombe scored to increase Texico's lead to 28-16. Lordsburg went on another run to end the half down by 7, 30-23.

In the 2nd half, turnovers and missed shots started to catch up with Texico.

Jordyn Cooper hit a pair of free throws, and Harrison made a lay-up on a pass from Luscombe. Jaylyn Cooper fed the ball to Jordyn Cooper for a bucket and a 36-27 lead.

Jordyn Cooper stopped a fast break by blocking a lay-up, and her sister made a close shot. Lordsburg hit a last second shot to finish the quarter down by 3, 39-36.

Richards fouled out early in the fourth quarter as Lordsburg took the lead, 44-39.

Jaylyn Cooper made 3 free throws, closing the gap to 2 points

With over 2 minutes left, Texico began closing the gap again. Luscombe hit a free throw, Jordyn Cooper scored, and VanMatre made a free throw. Luscombe's 2 free throws brought Texico to within a point, at 52-51, with 90 seconds left. But that was close as Texico would come.

VanMatre had a good defensive stand, stealing the ball, and blocking a shot. She also hit a free throw to keep Texico close at 55-52.

Lordsburg was sent to the line several times, but Texico couldn't convert on offense until Luscombe hit a late basket, leaving the final score 63-54.

Lazbuddie shoot-out planned April 3-4

Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride will present its annual Lazbuddie Shoot-Out basketball festival April 3-4 at the school gyms.

The entry fee is \$50 per team (four players). The entry deadline is April 1. All team captains will be called asap with game times.

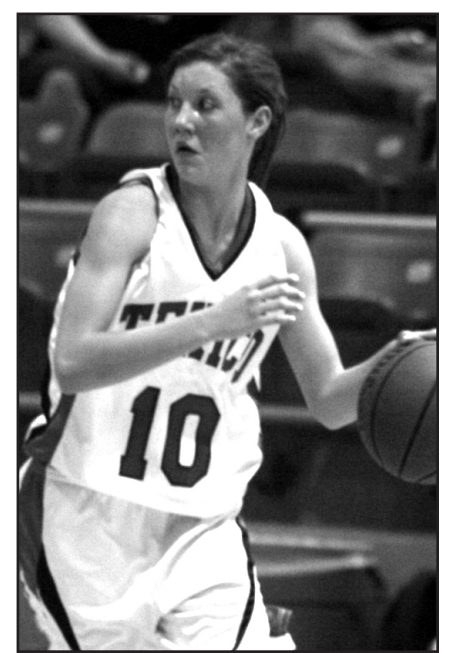
Three-point and free throw contest will be available for all age divisions for an extra \$2 fee.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each division.

To sign up, send the names of the players (and designate who the team captain is) with addresses, home phone, sex, age, school grade and e-mail.

The entry and check or money order should be sent to: Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride, PO Box 9, Lazbuddie TX 79053.

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Mustang Band earns excellent ratings at UIL contest

From Bovina Band Director Brad Walker:
The Bovina Mustang Band participated on March 12 at Sundown for the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest.

Bovina earned a division "2" rating ("Excellent") in concert and a division "2" rating in sight reading. In the concert contest, we performed "Half Century March", "Korean Hill Song" and "Cahokia". In the sight reading contest, we received a division "1" (superior) rating from Joe Barrow, the Hereford Head Band Director, who was a member of the three judge panel but the band still earned the overall "2" rating from the other two judges.

This makes the overall UIL ratings for the Mustang Band this year to be: Marching - Division 2; concert - Division 2; and sight reading - Division 2.

I would like to note that half our band students are still in middle school and are competing in these

Bovina runners compete at Hale Center, Friona

Here are the results of 800 relay - Bovina, 4th, 2:08.64.
Bovina's athletes at the Hale Center Track Meet:

Varsity Boys - 6th place, 56 points.
100 dash - Oscar Rodriguez, 3rd, 11.46.
200 dash - Rodriguez, 2nd, 23:80; Frankie Guevara, 6th, 25.70.
400 dash - Ricardo Delarosa, 1st, 55.03; Vela, 5th, 56.10.
800 run - Jesus Rocha, 1st, 2:08.96.
3200 run - Esau Saucedo, 6th, 13:56.89.
1600 relay - Bovina, 3rd, 3:47.22.

JV Boys - 3rd place, 68 points.
100 dash - A. Martinez, 1st, 57.78; Ramiro Nicolas, 2nd, 59.52.
100 hurdles - Dorian Vela, 5th, 12.79.
800 run - David Martinez, 1st, 2:22.05; Gerardo Ortiz, 2nd, 2:22.64; Nicolas, 3rd, 2:26.22.
Triple jump - Nicolas, 3rd, 32'1; Martinez, 4th, 30'6.
Discus - Martinerz, 8th, 77'8.
1600 relay - Bovina, 1st, 3:58.86.

Varsity/JV Girls - 3rd place, 103 points.
400 dash - Mayra Gomez, 4th, 1:12.59.
100 hurdles - Yesenia Guevara, 2nd, 17:20; Lynda Rodriguez, 4th, 25:32.
300 hurdles - Guevara, 2nd, 54.07; Rodriguez, 4th, 57.62; Judith Rodriguez, 6th, 1:07.54.
800 run - Esmeralda Saucedo, 1st, 2:35.71; Lorena Newton, 6th, 2:53.97.
1600 run - Saucedo, 1st, 5:58.51; Yadira Garcia, 2nd, 6:07.21.
3200 run - Garcia, 1st, 14'0; Newton, 3rd, 15:35.
Triple jump - Uoselin Rueda, 5th, 27'7.
High jump - Guevara, 1st, 5'2.
400 relay - Bovina, 6th, 1:04.59.

Here are the Bovina results of the Friona Junior High Track Meet:
7th Girls
400 dash - Edith Gomez, 1st, 1:12.6; Yajayra Herrera, 3rd, 1:20.24.
1600 run - Annabel Lara, 2nd, 6:46; Daisy Marquez, 5th, 7:26.
400 relay - Bovina, 4th, 1:03.58, Samantha Villarreal, Gomez, Herrera, Ruby Ramirez.
800 relay - Bovina, 3rd, 2:10.99, Villarreal, Herrera, Ramirez.
1600 relay - Bovina, 3rd, 5:21.23, Villarreal, Gomez, Herrera, Ramirez.
Triple jump - Gomez, 2nd, 24'8.5; Crystal Ramirez, 3rd, 22.7; Herrera, 6th, 20.4.
Long jump - Ramirez, 4th, 12'2.5.

7th Boys
800 run - Gabriel Hancock, 3rd, 2:39.46.
800 relay - Bovina, 5th, 2:26.08, D. Adams, Ramiro Carmona, Jose Cruz, Bryan Garcia.
1600 relay - Bovina, 6th, 5:29.08, Adams, Carmona, Cruz, Garcia.

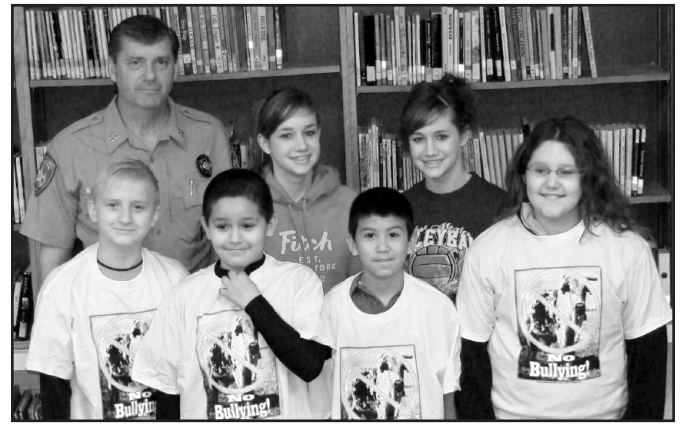
8th Boys
400 dash - Andrew Marrufo, 3rd, 59.24; Oscar Jasso, 6th, 1:03.11.
800 dash - Juan Pinela, 2nd, 2:34.81.
800 relay - Bovina, 5th, 2:02.83, Zac Castillo, Jasso, Gabriel Delarosa, Marrufo.
1600 relay - Bovina, 4th, 4:09.58, Castillo, Jasso, Delarosa, Marrufo.
Long jump - Marrufo, 2nd, 15'6.5.
Triple jump - Marrufo, 3rd, 31'9.
Shot put - Aaron Castaneda, 1st, 35'10.5.
Discus - Castaneda, 4th, 89'3.

high school level competitions. This speaks volumes of their talent and hard work.

This also marks the second year in a row that the Mustang Band has competed in all three UIL full band competitions. Their ratings last year were 2 in marching, 2 in concert, and 3 (good) in sight reading.

The Mustang Band will host its annual spring concert on May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Bovina High School Auditorium. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. It will also feature the 6th and 7th Grade Colt Band.

Several Band Awards will be presented, including the John Phillip Sousa Award.



'No Bullying'

The Curry County Sheriff's Department sponsored a 6-week "No Bullying!" program for 4th and 5th graders at Texico Schools. High School FFA'ers Fallon and Erin Scanlan were trained to present the program, going into the classrooms once a week. On March 11, Sheriff Matt Murray, along with the Scanlan sisters, presented the 77 pupils who participated with t-shirts. Pictured are, in back, Sheriff Murray, Fallon Scanlan and Erin Scanlan; in front, 4th graders Collin Williams and Nathan Morales, and 5th graders Bryan Silva and Madilyn Cook.

Bovina Banter

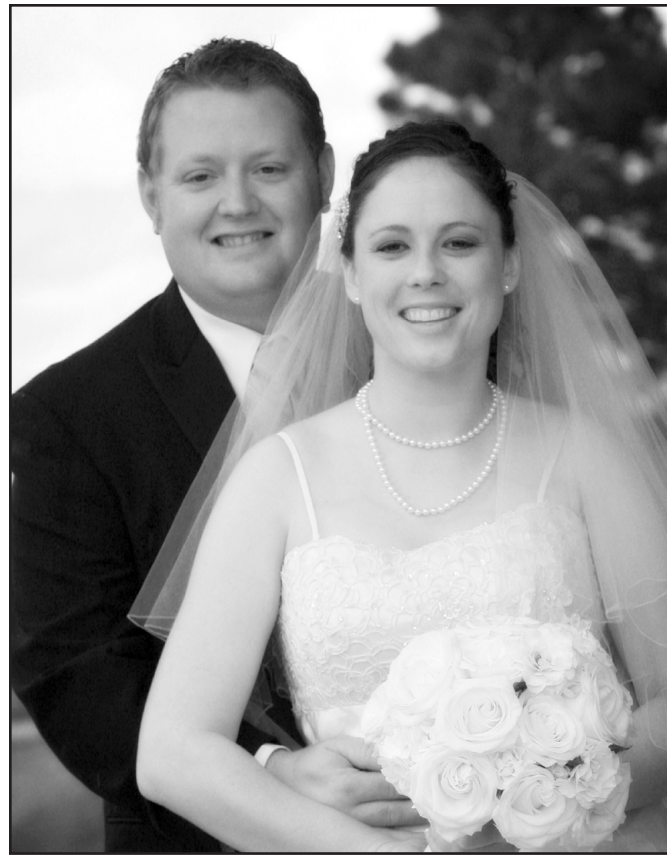
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are in the Farwell her at the high school. Stampede on March 26. ***

Please mark it on your calendars: The McCain Brothers movie spoof on killer tumbleweeds will debut on April 4 at 7 p.m. mt at the Clovis movie theaters. ***

There wasn't a big turnout for the financial aid night at the high school, reports counselor Rocio Mata. She alerts parents that it is wise to start the financial aid process early because it takes time for approvals. Don't wait until the last minute. If you missed the meeting and need help for your senior, just call

A shower for Jake and Trisha Steelman will be held March 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Rhonda Murphree, 2159 CR 17. *** Sue Fowler reports 3-10th of an inch of moisture from Saturday's snow. *** Interesting Fact of the Week: St. Patrick's Day got its American start in 1737 in Boston. It commemorates the achievements St. Patrick. There are more Americans of Irish origin than there are Irish in Ireland. In three states, Irish is the leading ancestral group.



Joel Barrett weds Marie Ann Pierce

Joel Benjamin Barrett and Marie Ann Pierce were married on Aug. 16, 2008, by Rev. Kyle Clayton, of the First Baptist Church of Farwell, at Alto (Ruidoso), N.M., with family and friends in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They returned to Farwell, where they have been running cattle operations for 3 J's Farming and Cattle last fall and winter. The couple plans to move to Ozona, Texas, to assist with the Pierce Ranch in the spring and summer, then return here in the fall.

Crime Stoppers

A burglary of the Iglesias Bautista Hispania Church at 103 Ave. A. in Bovina was reported on March 7.

Between 3 and 6 p.m. on March 6, someone took a Peavey Amp, a Yamaha mixing console, and a microphone. If you have any information about this crime, please call Parmer County Crime Stoppers at (800) 744-8477. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.



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Esther Ruiz, left, is the Employee of the Month at the Farwell Convalescent Center. Olive Anderson is the FCC's Resident of the Month.

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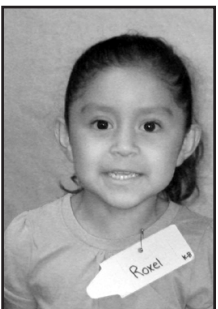
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Roxel Delgado is a Farwell kindergarten. Her birthday is Nov. 21. Parents are Ludi & Cesar. Siblings are Kenia, Alexa, Leslie & Jonathan. Grandparents are Manuel & Maria. She likes to play with dolls, listen to music, dance, and play with friends. Favorite color is light blue. Favorite foods are pizza & hot dogs. She doesn't like spiders or frogs.

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The Chamber Banquet was great this year. I had such a good time and I can't even begin to tell everyone what I think of Jessie Stone's cooking. He did such a great job the steaks were incredible and the rolls ... well, I better stop because I can go on and on.

Our entertainment, Jim Lewis, was very funny. All in all, we had a great time and the opportunity to honor a lot of wonderful people.

Jeremy Curtis competed at the Regional Power Lifting meet Saturday at Levelland. He took 3rd place in his weight class, and is alternate to State. Only the top two get to advance. Jeremy did a great job and represented Bovina well. We are all proud of you, Jeremy, and how far you went!

Are windmills in Bovina's future?

The Bovina City Council on March 10 heard a salesman discuss the benefits to the city in buying windmills.

Here's what is proposed:

The city would install seven windmills on its property (160 acres – the sanitation plant site), which would generate 10 megawatts. It was said that Xcel Energy would have to buy this electrical output from the city, which would result in major financial benefits for Bovina.

The subject was turned over to the new city attorney, who will research the utility code to see if the project would work as it sounded.

In other business, the council:

-- Approved a lease pact with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. PRPC may place a radio repeater on the tower, which would help city communications greatly.

-- Okayed Xcel Energy's new price structure.

-- Appointed Marta Davidson election judge. She will pick her assistants.

-- Okayed a local agreement for use of the county jail. Friona has the same pact.

-- Reviewed the city's curfew ordinance but made no changes. The law requires a review periodically.

If you have not had the chance to drive by the area east of town on Hwy. 86 where the new sewer plant is going in, you may want to do that.

This project is moving rapidly. They are moving some dirt, let me tell you. I believe that this is supposed to be a 2-year project but by the looks of things, they will be done next week.

Just joking on the time frame...

The Chamber of Commerce will meet on March 24 at 6 p.m. at the Bone Joint Clinic to review the banquet and elect new officers. I will be going off the Board (I served as president this year) so I know there will be an opening. If you are interested in a position as an officer or just a member, please attend.

Citizenship classes will start on March 31 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the fireman's building, 804 Boyce. Classes will be on Tuesdays and

Thursdays. This class will only be for studying necessary materials and preparing for interviews for the citizenship test.

The class is free -- all you have to do is show up. The regular ESL classes have been moved to 5:30 to 7:30. I

f you have any questions concerning this program, call Deena Lucero at (575) 693-2506. All classes are sponsored by Clovis Community College.

March 27 is early release at Bovina School. Parent-teacher conferences run from 1:30 to 4. This will be the second opportunity parents have this year to check on their child's progress.

So be sure to make time to go and visit. I believe report cards will also be available for pickup at this time.

The varsity tracksters don't play again until the Son Qualls Relays at Sudan on March 27. The Middle School tracksters

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Chamber

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for wind energy and is president of Premium Wind Coalition, which he established. He is trying to build a wind farm in the Bovina area.

Heritage Award – John Dixon was born in Amarillo and his family moved to Kress, where they ran a restaurant. He graduated from McMurry College in Abilene.

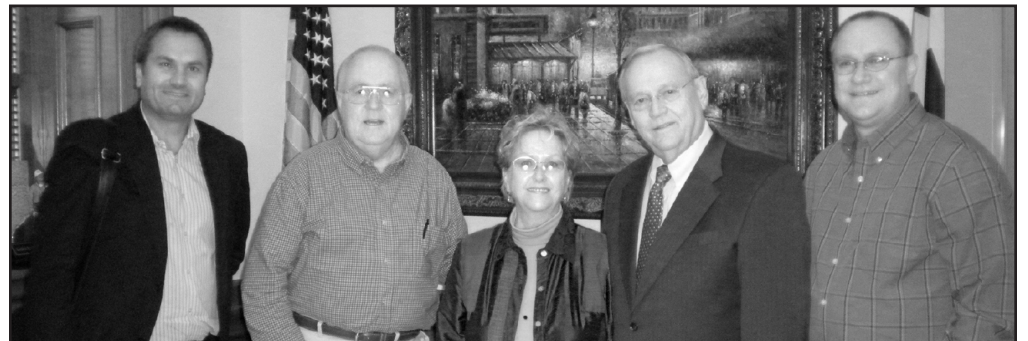
While visiting a friend in Plainview, he met the secretary of the Methodist Church pastor there, who also had just graduated from McMurry. He served in the Army during the Korean War. In June 1951 he and his love married and their first home was in Fort Chafee, Ark.

After the war, they moved back to Kress, where he farmed and drove a butane truck. In 1956, he bought a farm in Bovina, where he farmed and ran cattle. Meanwhile, he and his wife had two children.

He has been active in the Bovina Methodist Church, sang in the choir, served on the city council, and worked at Parmer County Spraying after retirement. He was a longtime caregiver when his wife took ill, and began visiting folks at Prairie Acres Nursing Home who didn't have many visitors.

He would hire folks to mow his lawn – while he was mowing the lawn at the church.

Our area has been blessed by him, and God has blessed him.



From left, Harald Dirdal of Havgul Wind, Jim and Kay Swafford, state Rep. David Swinford and Mike Prather.

Wind farm development is topic

From Jim Bob Swafford:

For the past several weeks, some Parmer county residents have been signing a petition to extend and upgrade the planned CREZ power grid into the Panhandle. The CREZ grid will be built in the next few years to export renewable energy out of the Panhandle down to the southern part of Texas where the energy is needed.

Wind farm development depends on the new power grids being available so developers can commit to build projects and have a delivery

outlet. It appears this current power grid plan is understated and a second power grid phase is needed not only to supply Texas with power but the nation as well.

Premium Wind Coalition (PWC) has joined in a partnership with Havgul of Norway and Alpha Wind Energy of Denmark to promote and develop large-scale wind farms in the Panhandle.

Mike Prather, Jim Bob and Kay Swafford, both of PWC, and Harald Dirdal with Havgul Clean Energy, were in Austin this past week and met with state legislators on the future plans for wind farm development in the Panhandle.

PWC presented the signed petition to each representative they met with.

Parmer County Commissioners James Clayton, Kirk Frye and Ronald Byrd joined in the meetings with state legislators in Austin. The group met with Reps. Warren Chisum, David Swinford, Joe Heflin, and State Sen. Kel Seliger.

Registration set

Registration for Head Start, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will be held at Bovina Elementary School on March 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

See legal ad on this page for details on what to bring.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Bidders

The Farwell Independent School District is currently accepting bids for roof repairs at the high school and elementary schools.

Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 10, 2009, and will be presented to the Board of Trustees on April 14, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the school administration building.

If you are interested in placing a bid, contact Supt. Larry Gregory, Farwell ISD, Box F, Farwell TX 79325. You may call him at (806) 481-3371 for a specification list.

The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Larry Gregory
Superintendent

INVITATION TO BID

Parmer County Community Hospital (PCCH) is seeking bid proposals for the supply and installation of interior signage at the new hospital according to bid specifications.

Copies of project scope and specifications may be obtained at PCCH, 1307 Cleveland Ave., Friona, Texas during regular business hours. Bids will be received by Health Facilities Group, the project architect, until 2:00 PM Central Daylight Time, March 31, 2009, at: 142 North Mosley, Suite #300, Wichita, KS, 67202, C/O Time Dудte.

Bidders and interested parties are asked to participate in a pre-bid telephone conference on March 20, 2009 at 2:00 PM Central Daylight Time: Toll Free - (866)579-8110, PassCode - 437678, Moderator – Tim Dудte.

Kindergarten, Pre-K and Head Start Registration

Wednesday, March 25, 2009, is the day to register children for next year's Bovina School kindergarten, pre-K and Head Start classes. Registration will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Bovina Elementary School office.

All children who will be four and five years of age by Sept. 1 and live in the Bovina School District need to register for next year's classes. To register, a child must have immunization records, state copy of birth certificate and Social Security card.

Requirements to be eligible for pre-K and Head Start, a child must be four years old prior to Sept. 1, is unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or is from a family whose income, according to standards set by the State Board of Education, is at or below subsistence level (eligible for free or reduced price lunches), and is a resident of the Farwell School District.

Head Start requires income verification (check stub), Medicaid/TANF.

Texas school districts are required to provide pre-K if 15 or more students are identified.

Notice to Contractors of Proposed

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Contracts Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6187-69-001 for Install Concrete Rail, Set and Inlet in Parmer County will be opened on April 15, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the District office for an estimate of \$89,149.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District
District Engineer
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Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

Thank You

Words of gratitude cannot begin to express our appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown Levi, Cristy and all of Levi's family during these past five months.

Thank you for your many prayer, visits, calls, gifts, donations, participation in the successful blood drive in Levi's honor, or any other way you have given support. This whole area has been an example of God's love.

As a result, God has granted a miracle of Levi's life. He continues the process of healing and blesses daily.

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The Levi Steelman family.

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LIVE CATTLE: Live Cattle prices improved significantly late last week even though cash trade was another disappointment. Short term trends have turned back higher after testing contract lows for the third time over the last couple of weeks. The market stopped short of some fairly strong resistance, but should be in position to move higher into the April time frame. A close above \$86.50 at some point in the near future could take prices back towards the \$90.00 level basis the April contract.

FEEDER CATTLE: Feeder prices were also supported by higher Live Cattle prices and also a higher stock market. Numbers remain tight and are expected to tighten even more into the late Spring time frame. The market stopped on some resistance last week, but a close above \$93.00 basis the April contract should give the market a boost back up into the \$95.00 area.

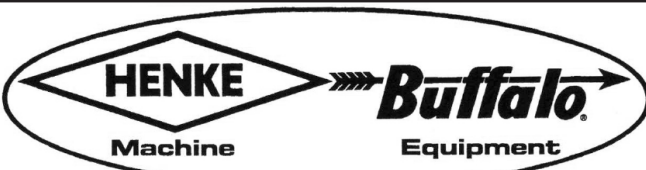
CORN: Corn prices were able to turn short term trends higher late last week with some support coming from a bright spot in the economy, but more news that corn acres may be sharply lower than year ago levels? There is quite a spread amongst analysts at this time. Some estimates have a spread of over 1 billion bushels in either direction? This would translate into \$1 higher or lower for prices trading at current levels. The ethanol debate is also still alive and may be resolved soon?

SOYBEANS: Soybean prices also got a boost late last week, but private forecasteris are still leaning towards an increase in planted acres which has held the market down. Long term trends remain lower and at this time it would be very difficult to see a change other than a short term rally?

WHEAT: July KC Wheat prices have made an attempt to turn the market back higher, but forecastis of moisture to cross the South Plains did little to support prices late last week. Weather will probably have little impact on prices until we move out into late April. Long term trends remain lower with short term trends neutral at this time. A close above the \$6.00 level would be positive over the short term, but no less, a sell at some point before we move into harvest.

COTTON: Cotton prices are currently in position to move higher due to several factors which took place late last week. Retail spending seems to be in much better shape than many analysts had expected. The Dow Jones began to signal that this last break may have been overdone. There are also some long term cycles which are due and could help to support a rally. Planted acres are also expected to hit another historical low this season. Short term trends also turned higher.

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Wayne Richardson, Educator of the Year



Kay Swafford, Woman of the Year



Jim Bob Swafford, Man of the Year

Chamber honors 7

The 49th annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet was presented on Saturday at the school cafeteria with a large crowd present.

Jessie Stone and his family cooked the steaks. The meals were served by the school Student Council. Brian Mullins gave the invocation, and Mike Prather the benediction.

Premium Wind Coalition showed a video presentation on wind farm energy, noting its importance to an area in terms of jobs and financial rewards.

A special "Education Excellence" award went to Bovina Elementary School Principal Darla Sealey. She has been employed at Bovina Schools for 21 years, mostly as principal.

She was nominated by her staff for this special honor. It was noted that science TAKS scores went up 32 points in one year. Ms. Sealey complimented her staff for their hard work.

Other awards went to:

Girl Student of the Year – Hannah Miller, daughter of Stan and Darlene Miller, is senior class president, attended UIL math and number sense regional's two years in a row; received the John Phillip Sousa Band award, has had all A's throughout her entire school career; has made All-Region Band three years, and has received National Merit Scholarship recognition for her SAT scores.

After graduation, Hannah plans to attend Cochise (Ariz.) Community College, then transfer to University of Arizona South. She plans to major in math an minor in music, then become a math teacher. She hops to move back to the Bovina area to teach eventually.

Boy Student of the Year – Rick Villarreal, son of Ricardo and Elida Villarreal, has come to Bovina and quickly won over the community and school with his wit, smile and wonderful personality. It is not often that a student can do that. But he did just that.

He has participated in football, basketball and baseball, and has been an active member of the

Student Council. His teachers say he is always respectful, encouraging of others, and hard working. He seems to be always in a good mood no matter what is going on. Now, we could all use a little more of that.

He plans to attend college and get a degree in broadcasting and become a commentator for ESPN. Still in his future, he thinks of Bovina and said he will do whatever he can to come back and help improve Bovina.

Educator of the Year – Wayne Richardson was born in Portales and has been married to his wife Vicky for 38 years. He has two children, Dana and Shawn.

Over 36 years, he has taught in Raton, Capitan, Roswell, Fort Sumner and Clovis until retiring in May 1998. He came to Bovina in August 1998 and is completing his 11th year teaching industrial arts here.

He is well liked by the Bovina faculty and students. He is the school's "handy man" and is involved in the high school Student Council.

Woman of the Year – Kay Swafford was born in central Texas. She graduated from Abilene High and married her husband in 1962. They have two daughters, Julia and Gina.

Between 1962 and 1994, she served on the Make-A-Wish Foundation Board, president of Lubbock Christian University's Association and was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

In 2002, she and her husband moved to Bovina, following their grandchildren. Since coming here, she has been a key member of the Chamber of Commerce works behind the scenes at all its functions.

She teaches Bible class at the Church of Christ, is an officer in the Premium Wind Coalition and is active in getting Parmer County and the Bovina School District a wind farm.

Man of the Year – Jim Bob Swafford grew up on a farm in Ropesville, Texas, and graduated from



John Dixon, Heritage Award

Abilene Christian University with an associate degree, then from Lubbock Christian University with a bachelors degree.

He and his wife, Kay have two daughters and five grandchildren – Amanda, Taylor, Dakota, Jason and Renee.

He retired from Sears, where he had worked for 31 years, and came to Bovina in 2002. He has served on the alumni board of Lubbock Christian, the Make-A-Wish Foundation board, the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and is a Bovina city councilman.

He is a professional artist and has been featured in magazine such as "Western Horseman" and "Rocky Mountain Rider."

He is a deacon at the Church of Christ and is always available to help with Bovina's 4th of July celebration. He saw the Bovina has huge potential

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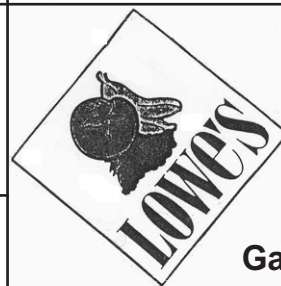
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