

Obelisk part of Farwell's history

By Dr. J.R. Ivins and Will Anderson

The obelisk marking the "Ozark Trail" once stood at the north end of Third Street in Farwell, steadfast and proud in the middle of its intersection with the dirt road that linked Clovis to Lubbock (now U.S. Highway 84).

A series of markers like this were erected shortly after World War I by William Hope Harvey, a noted teacher, businessman, author, and politician of the early 20th Century. Harvey had served as the cam-

aign manager for William Jennings Bryan in the 1896 presidential campaign. When William McKinley beat Bryan in that contest, Harvey left politics and turned his attention to a variety of projects.

One of his projects involved the establishment of the Ozark Trails Association (OTA) to promote the creation of roads, markers, and highway maps from Missouri and Arkansas, across Oklahoma and Texas, and into New Mexico. The OTA began with a meeting in July

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Taken about 1929, this photograph of this side of the obelisk lists distances to points east including what appears to be Bovina, Dimmitt, Nazareth, and Tulia at the top and Kansas City, St Louis, and Pittsburgh at the bottom. The 1913 and the first obelisks that were put up were of wood and stucco construction.

building in which the Zip Service Station (which became Bob's and Pip's Gas House in the 1930s) still stands. The man in the picture may be the station manager of that time, Fred Doose.

By 1919, the standard concrete (at the cost of \$250 apiece in the money of those days) standing 21 feet tall, set on a square concrete base, illuminated by five electric lights, and using a

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BB gun suspects caught

A large number of criminal damage complaints caused by a BB gun used to shoot holes in area vehicle, house and business windows in December have been cleared, reports Farwell Police Chief Larry Kelsay.

Last Friday night about 10:30, Kelsay and Farwell police officer Frank Ramirez spotted a vehicle and made a routine traffic stop.

They found a BB gun in the vehicle. This led to Kelsay seeking warrants on six Bovina suspects, all 17 and 18 years of age.

When the arrests are made, their names will be reported in the weekly Sheriff's Report carried in the Tribune.

Kelsay said this will clear more than 100 shootings in Clovis, 8 in Texico and more than 15 in Farwell.

The solving of the crimes began when Kelsay heard that more shootings were reported in Clovis that night. Figuring the culprits might come to Farwell, he

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Obelisk

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green and white color scheme.

The Farwell obelisk was erected sometime between 1919 and 1923. Harvey envisioned a network of dozens of obelisks like this across the country. Each marker gave the distances in miles to cities and towns across the nation and may also have given the distance to a resort he had established in the first decade of the century in Monte Ne, Arkansas.

A good portion of the famous Route 66 that traced its way through Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico was based on the Ozark Trail markers that Harvey had erected. A particularly large obelisk was planned to mark the intersection of the Ozark Trail and the old Sante Fe Trail near Las Vega, NM. However, the glory days of the obelisks were short-lived and by the late 1920s, Harvey's plans for the network of obelisks across the country were cut short because the concrete monuments were perceived as a hazard to the growing traffic of automobiles.

Harvey's health and wealth began to deteriorate in his later years and he diverted his attention from the Ozark Trails Association toward his final vision, the construction of a giant obelisk in Monte Ne to serve as a time capsule for future humans to see what American society had achieved at its peak in the 1920s. The stock market crash of "Black Tuesday" in 1929 ended that project and Harvey passed away in 1936.

The monuments he left marking the dusty roads across the High Plains diminished after his death, being removed or toppled in the years to come as the dirt roads between cities were paved and numbered in the creation of the very U.S. highway system that Harvey himself had envisioned. In other instances, cities like Artesia and Carlsbad in New Mexico removed the obelisks if they were seen to be obstacles to the growth plans for the new communities.

The obelisk in Farwell remained where it had stood for two decades, finally being taken down sometime in 1939 or 1940 as the road was widened and paved. While it remained, whatever traveler might venture across the plains in those days found it to be the lone sentinel at the head of Third Street through season after season.

Two of Farwell's gas stations in the 1930s stood on either side of the road with the obelisk in its middle. Bob Anderson and Jess Herbert Pipkin ran the station on the north side of the road and Anderson's brother, Penny Anderson, ran the one on the south side (where the Allsup's store now stands).

When the proud old obelisk was removed, it was left laying on its side between the northern gas station and the railroad tracks. It remained there for years, unnoticed, until at some time it was moved again to its final resting place in the dump grounds east of Farwell.

Of all the Ozark Trail markers that once stood, only seven remain standing as they have stood for decades now, one in New Mexico (Lake Arthur), four in Texas (Tulia, Wellington, Tampico, and Dimmit), and two in Oklahoma (Stroud and Langston). The Tampico obelisk was the one most recently restored in 2006.

Farwell's own marker's location in the dump grounds is more humble and it stands forgotten but defiant to this day despite the years and the neglect. Reduced in height (probably due to breakage in its last move) the base and all of its pieces are there. Since the obelisk can no longer provide location and direction information for the traveler, it must be content to provide shelter for rabbits and perches for doves as it stands its lonely post at the far side of the dump.

As solidly constructed as it is, the obelisk that put Farwell on the map in its early days can remain there for eternity. Alternatively, the time could come when Farwell's residents may determine it should be resurrected, its crown reattached, and its glory re-established as a piece of history in the City Park.

Whatever the decades ahead may bring, the obelisk will remain as it was created, the solitary sentinel, steadfast at its station, resolute in its service, and indifferent to the passing of years.

An editorial

Let's bring back a famous piece of Farwell history

by Rob Pomper, Tribune publisher

A couple of weeks ago, Dr. J.R. Ivins and Will Anderson stopped by the Tribune with the article and photo that we published on Page 1 of this week's Tribune.

They were most enthusiastic about the possibility of either rebuilding or replicating the famed obelisk that once stood in the middle – that's right, the middle – of the intersection of Avenue A and 3rd Street in Farwell.

The obelisk was a real Farwell tradition, standing tall for about two decades. But about 1940 when Avenue A became a U.S. highway, it was torn down.

The Tribune supports Dr. Ivins and Mr. Anderson in their desire to bring back a proud part of Farwell history.

So last week, I joined Dr. Ivins; my dad, Mike Pomper; and Steve Meeks, owner of Farwell Hardware; to check out the original obelisk, which was in pieces at the Farwell landfill.

Sadly, it was obvious that the obelisk could not be rebuilt. The concrete base was in such shape that it could not be rejuvenated.

The question then became whether the obelisk could be replicated – a new one built to the same specifications as the original. Meeks took down the measurements and said he would get back to us in a week with an approximate price.

On Monday, Meeks came by the Tribune and said he felt the work could be done for \$10,000 or less. And he said he could do the job.

The Tribune feels that it is feasible for that amount to be raised by Farwell groups and residents. It may take awhile but we believe enough donations can be received to allow construction to begin.

To get the ball rolling, I contacted Tom Nichols, president of Security State Bank, and asked if it was possible to set up a fund there for donations to be made to the "Farwell Obelisk Fund." He readily agreed.

This fund is now open and the Tribune became its first donor.

We hope that folks proud of their Farwell heritage also contribute to this fund. Just send your checks to (or stop by) Security State Bank, Drawer J, Farwell TX 79325. Your check should be made out to "Farwell Obelisk Fund."

Every penny donated will go toward the construction project. There are no "administrative fees" or other areas where funds might be diverted.

This is a project that we hope all Farwell social and civic groups can participate in. And we bet there will be many school classes that will want to collect funds, too.

Security State Bank will keep track of all donors. In case the project doesn't pan out, all donations will be refunded.

If the project does work out, and we believe it will, the Tribune will run a free ad giving credit to all those who made donations when the obelisk makes its new debut.

Where would the obelisk be placed? Quite likely, the Farwell City Park would be most suitable. And Mayor Jimmie Mace said he supports this project wholeheartedly.

Folks, this is an opportunity to bring back an important part of Farwell's history. Please be a part of it.

City Council receives bid for removing sludge

The Texico City Council on Dec. 22 received a bid for removing sludge from the wastewater treatment plant costing \$67,000.

The work would be spread over a year's time.

City Clerk Carolyn Johnson will look at the city's financial situation, then report back to the council at its next meeting on whether funds are available for the work.

In other business, the council:

-- Approved the 2010 holiday schedule. It is the same as Curry County's.

-- Renewed the lease with IWP for the tank (near Stripes Convenience Store) for \$128 a month.

-- Received a letter from the state highway department that said the grant the city expected for resurfacing streets has to be sought again.

This is due to money cutbacks the state is making.

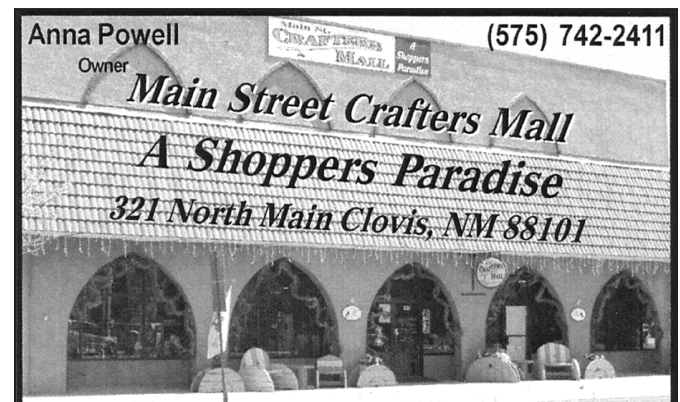
Vasquez, Bailey earn All-State football honors

The New Mexico High School Coaches Association has selected its Class 2A football All-State teams.

From the Texico Wolverines were:

2nd team offense – Seth Bailey, quarterback; Edgardo Meza, running back; Jairo Lozano, lineman.

1st team defense – Matt Vasquez, lineman; Seth Bailey, linebacker.



Security State Bank is pleased to announce that the bank-sponsored Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament netted \$6,000. Security State Bank has donated the entire amount to the Farwell Education Foundation.

Thank you for helping us support Farwell Schools.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2022

Maysun Gilleland is a Farwell kindergarten. Her birthday is June 4. Parents are Wesley & Alexa Gilleland. Her sibling is Memphis. Grandparents are Pat Mask, and Leslie & Paula Gilleland. She likes to color, ride her bike, eat a lot, help mom clan & play outside. Favorite colors are pink & red. She likes mac & cheese. She doesn't like cleaning her room, corn, or going to bed.

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Meet Texico's Class of 2022

Diego Davalos is a Texico kindergarten. His birthday is Dec. 29. Parents are Siu & Luis Davalos. His brother is Luis. Grandparents are Bartola & Jesus Davalos, and Natalia & Martin Velo. He likes to play baseball. His favorite colors are blue and red. His favorite foods are chicken nuggets and spaghetti. He doesn't like to help out with his little brother.

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We trust you and yours had a Merry Christmas, and we look forward with you to a Happy New Year! Here's a look at the upcoming area basketball schedules:

Bovina – The JV & varsity teams play at Lubbock Christian on Jan. 2. The JV & Middle School teams will play in the Lazbuddie Tourney Jan. 7-9. And the Middle School teams also will play Springlake-Earth on Jan. 4 – girls here and boys there.

Texico – The varsity & JV boys play at Lovington on Jan. 2. Then the varsity teams play at Santa Rosa on Jan. 5, and host Tucumcari on Jan. 6.

Farwell – The JV & varsity teams host Hart on Jan. 5. The JV & 8th grade teams vie in the Lazbuddie Tourney Jan. 7-9. The JH teams play Olton on Jan. 4 – girls there and boys here.

Lazbuddie – The varsity teams play at Cotton Center Jan. 2, then host Amherst on Jan. 5. Lazbuddie hosts the JV Tourney Jan. 7-9.

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50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Clara Sachs, longtime Rhea community resident, dies. She and her husband, George, came here in 1913.

Brothers Partin and Guy Austin plan a 12-lane bowling alley in Farwell on 9th Street to be called "AA Lanes."

Texico Schools's alumni group honors Mrs. B.A. Rogers for having longest consecutive tenure as a Texico teacher – 17 years.

John Gulley breaks his arm at a Clovis skating rink during his birthday party.

V.C. Venable is honored at a surprise birthday party.

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Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

Government can't plan

It's not often that I agree with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, a rabid Democrat from California, but she stated something recently that struck a chord.

She noted that President Obama had been dealt a bad hand coming into office, since he had to deal with a near-economic collapse and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Speaking of the latter nation, she said that the U.S. really didn't have any plan going there in recent years.

Boy, do I agree with that.

Oh, sure, there was a "plan." Build up the Afghan military, put funds into infrastructure, keep pressure on Al Qaeda.

But it was obvious that wasn't working. And now a "surge" of 30,000 troops is being sent there.

Well, folks, that "surge" was a long time coming ... like about five years too late.

It's the old story. We kicked the Taliban's butt immediately, so "we won the war."

Far from it. We did set the Taliban back on its heels, but by not having enough troops in the nation, we allowed their comeback. Bigtime.

Awful, awful "planning."

And the fact that we couldn't kill Bin Laden really gripes me. We had him cornered on this mountain in Afghanistan, but we needed "official approval" from the Pentagon before removing him. By the time the bureaucrats got around to saying that seemed to be a good idea, he had escaped.

Don't ever ask me for my opinion of the Pentagon bureaucrats.

So what did the U.S. really achieve the past several years in Afghanistan? We simply tried to "hold the line."

Well, you don't win wars by holding the line. You either take the fight to the enemy, or you lose your butt.

Does anyone out there

believe that we aggressively took the fight to the Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan the past several years?

Of course not.

I know what the politicians would say: Iraq was a priority, so we let Afghanistan slide.

That wasn't the way the U.S. handled a two-front war in World War II. Both fronts -- against the Nazis and Japan -- were priorities.

This is so symbolic of our nation's downward path into 3rd World status. What was manageable in the 1940s isn't in the 2000s.

Just remember: the next time you vote for federal politicians, you are voting for idiots.

As longtime readers know, virtually ever May at graduation time I urge our graduates to get government jobs.

Just take a look at this latest statistic:

In the past two years, the federal workforce has boomed, with more than 10,000 employees in the Defense and Transportation departments filling new job titles paying \$150,000 or more.

The average federal worker's pay is now \$71,206 compared with \$40,331 in the private sector.

The wave of the future.

A huge congratulations to Farwell Police Chief Larry Kelsay for solving the recent wave of BB shootings.

One might say he was "lucky" to find the suspects. But that isn't the case at all. What occurred was smart police work.

We all know the maxim, "You make your own luck."

By Kelsay keeping track of the problem, and deducing that more shootings might occur at a given time in Farwell, he was able to be there when the suspects showed up.

Well done, Chief Kelsay.

Lazbuddie sets luncheon

Lazbuddie School will have an enchilada luncheon Sunday, Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise funds for updating the library.

The meal will consist of 3 enchiladas, beans, rice, salad, chips, salsa, tea and homemade desserts.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wanted to point out something very special that occurred over the Christmas holidays to show what a wonderful community we live in.

On Christmas Day, Jason Schilling used his biggest tractor to clear the county road to my Aunt Nedda Travis' house. What was super about this was that Mr. Schilling didn't know that our families had plans for a huge Christmas gathering, with relatives coming from as far as Austin to have an old-fashioned Foster-Travis Christmas.

Mr. Schilling did this extra work just out of the goodness of his heart and being plain neighborly. This kind act shows that the spirit of Christmas is still alive. So thank you, Mr. Schilling.

Matt Foster
Oklahoma Lane

Dear Editor

While in Farwell the past weekend, I visited the old Farwell Cemetery just south of town on the State Line Road.

As most of your readers are probably aware, this cemetery is in a sad state and badly needs attention. In the past, I recall there being occasional attempts at cleanup, but these were apparently voluntary and not sustained.

There are some very prominent Farwell families with members interred in this cemetery, though this should not be a criterion for its maintenance. Though I no longer live in Farwell (since 1959), and we have no family members interred there, I am willing to make an annual donation to make sure that there is a commitment in the community for its maintenance.

If there is a cemetery board, or a person with responsibility for maintaining this cemetery, I would like to speak with them.

If there is no one with responsibility for maintenance, I suggest to the City Council that this be con-

Courthouse Notes

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

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U.S. Bank National Assn. -- Wesslie Hand, L2 N 16' L3 B3 Lakeside.

Douglas Johnson -- Jose Lopez, L25 & L4 B2 Gardner.

Jean Patschke -- J.T. Skarda, L5 less n 5' B2 Ridgecrest.

Cecil Maddox -- Ronnie Stevick, L6 E 25' L7 B3, Western.

Government makes a booboo

The Social Security Administration made a small error, sending notices to about six million folks who get SS checks that the checks would be sent a week earlier than usual in January.

If you got one of those notices, please disregard it. It was a booboo.

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LIVE CATTLE: Live Cattle prices stalled out late last week, but cash finished in much better shape than had been expected earlier in the week. Most of the support basis the February contract lies around the \$83.30 level. A close below this level would turn short term trends down. Long term trends have currently turned higher and should continue to trend up into the February/March time frame along with all the up's and down's.

FEEDER CATTLE: Feeder prices have continued to consolidate inside a tight range for most of last week with prices closing near the low of the week. Support levels are around \$93.80 basis the March contract. A close below this level may turn short term charts down, but overall, long term charts are still pointing higher for the first time in the last few months. Prices have a shot at moving higher over the next few weeks.

CORN: Prices have continued to move back and forth falling just short of resistance levels, but holding support levels on breaks. The market has continued to be one of the strongest of the grain complex. Overhead resistance lies around the \$4.13 level while support lies below around \$3.90 basis the March contract. Higher Dollar and long term rates have created a shift in bullish attitudes, but Funds are still the primary participants. Exports have picked up which helped to support the latest rally. Supply remains large.

SOYBEANS: Prices have taken out most of their support levels over the last couple of weeks and may have reached low enough levels for the time being. Daily charts are currently oversold and the market looks like it's got some potential to move back over the near term. With the higher Dollar, higher long term rates and an improving South American crop, don't expect too much from a fundamental point of view?

WHEAT: Wheat prices may have caught some support around \$5.09 basis the March KC contract. Technically, prices are oversold and they were able to bounce off support levels to some degree last Friday. Wheat has been the weakest of the grain complex with large stocks and not much demand.

COTTON: Cotton prices have remained inside a trading frame since November and it's almost January. Support levels have done a good job holding prices around \$72.80 basis the March contract. The higher Dollar has had little impact on prices up to this point. Cotton seems to be trading more on the fundamental idea that supplies are tight and stocks are low. Still not much in the way of demand, but traders seem to be waiting?

Futures and Options Trading involves risk of loss and may not be suitable for everyone.

sidered at an upcoming meeting.

I am leaving my phone number with you to pass along to whomever is appropriate.

Dick Williams
Houston

Editor's note: Mr. Williams' phone number and address are available at the Tribune office if anyone needs to contact him. Just call us at 481-3681.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION
AND INTENT TO OBTAIN
AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 87889L002

APPLICATION Mr. Hein Hettinga, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 87889L002, which would authorize construction of a concrete batch plant located at 944 County Road 11, Bovina, Parmer County, Texas 79009. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 4, 2009. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Parmer County Clerk's Office, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Mr. Hein Hettinga, P.O. Box 409, Muleshoe, Texas 79347-0409 or by calling Mr. Shane Self, EIT, Enviro-Ag Engineering, Inc. at (806) 353-6123.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Here's a look at the Year 2009 in the area:

January

Taking top honors at the Farwell Stock Show were Drew Johnson, Jill Johnson, Michelle Wauson, and Austin Mason.

Texico varsity teams sweep EPAC Tournament.

Grand champions at the Parmer County Stock Show were Logan Mason, Zac Stancell and Drew Johnson. Mason showed three grand champs – goats, lambs and barrows.

Parmer County put into effect a burn ban due to the drought.

Grand champions at the Lazbuddie Stock Show were Dallas Cox, Lacey Jesko, Ashton Mason and Logan Mason.

Gary White was appointed to the Farwell City Council.

February

Texico City Council begins attack on trash problems.

Abby Johnson and Jill Johnson show reserve champion barrows at Fort Worth Stock Show.

Ted Richardson is honored after retiring from Texico School Board. He served 16 years on the board.

Jay B. Barrett files for Farwell school board.

Farwell Steers win Bi-District basketball game over Sundown.

City of Texico gets \$250,000 landscaping grant.

March

Ray Haseloff is re-elected to board of Five Area Telephone Cooperative.

Farwell City Council receives complaint about the dog pound, works on the problem throughout the year.

Gary Cates resigns as Farwell Elementary School principal.

Texico Wolverines win their 2nd straight state basketball title.

Drew Johnson shows a first place hamp at Houston Stock Show.

Farwell CX debaters excel at state: Kade Foster finishes 2nd as an individual; team of Cameron Kirkland and Blake O'Hare finishes 3rd; team of Foster and Brooke Hall finishes 6th.

Travis Prokop auditions for "So You Think You Can Dance" TV show.

April

Texico School FFA teams win four state titles: dairy team, entomology team, poultry team and junior high quiz bowl. Land team takes 2nd.

Charla Corn performs at Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Texico School to expand FFA livestock program.

Mark Barnes named Farwell Elementary School principal.

Farwell Chamber honors given Greg Actkinson, Liz Kaltwasser, Mark Barnes, Kayla Sanders, Nathan Cuevas, and the Ralph Franse family.

Elaine Cain is promoted to vice president at Friona State Bank.

Top Texico FFA honors went to Klynn Thomas, Star Greenhand, and Shelby Cockrham, state Star FFA Degree winner.

May

Border Town Days Committee names Oran Jay Autrey and Ralph Franse as Honorary Parade Marshals.

Farwell Dental Clinic's new building opens.

Top scholars at Texico School are: Jaryse Harris and Levi Richards, co-valedictorians; Holly Harrison, Salutatorian; and Braeden Hadley, Historian.

Daniel Schacher is appointed to Lazbuddie school board, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Keith Hicks.

Lazbuddie football coach Beau Thompson resigns.

Texico starts voluntary water conservation program.

Lazbuddie High's top scholars are: Chris Timms, valedictorian, and Jacob Schacher, salutatorian.

Top Texico athletic honors went to: Amanda Bass, Brett Anderson and Mario Posada, Best All-Around Athletes.

Farwell's top athletic awards went to: Keegan Langford and Bo Mitchell, Best All-Around Athletes.

Texico Junior High most outstanding athletes were Colton Hollis and McKenzie Mayfield.

Parmer County Appraiser Curby Brantley alerts landowners that dryland val-

ues would increase significantly this year.

Mike Prokop steps down as Texico football coach; Ryan Autrey named to replace him.

Lazbuddie top FFA honors go to Chase Timms, Outstanding FFA member; Justin Schacher, Star Greenhand; Logan Mason, Lone Star award, and Colton Weaver, Star Chapter Farmer honor.

Named Mr. and Miss Farwell High are Austin Wright and Mikaela Cenicerros.

Top Farwell FFA honors go to Clemente Meza, Star Greenhand; Chelsea Bass, Outstanding Discovery Award; Landon White, state Lone Star award, and Amberli Martin, Star Chapter Farmer award.

Mike Watters is named Farwell varsity girls basketball coach.

Texico Lady Wolverines win state track championship.

Farwell's top scholars are Mikaela Cenicerros, valedictorian; Nina Galvan, salutatorian, and Kayla Sanders, historian.

Named Lazbuddie's top athletes are Kyler Steinbock and Jordan Hernandez.

Farwell Band's top honors go to Adriana Gutierrez and Victor Rodriguez.

June

Farwell High's top honors go to Mikaela Cenicerros, Loving Cup; and Amberli Martin, Carlos Nicolas Award.

Cassie Moseley is featured on the cover of "Women's Pro Rodeo" magazine.

Farwell Schools adopt "Optional Flexible Year."

Larry Gregory resigns as Farwell School superintendent after serving in the post since 1998.

Lazbuddie School Supt. Karl Vaughn resigns.

Farwell city council bans fireworks due to the drought.

Texico fireworks ban continued.

Tori Pollard is named first Sweetheart for new Border Lions Club.

July

Shane Perkins is named Farwell varsity boys basketball coach.

Mike Read appointed Farwell school superintendent.

Todd Rutledge is named Lazbuddie football coach.

Area fire departments fight blaze at Cal-Maine egg production plant near Farwell.

Jeff Neal is hired as Lazbuddie varsity boys basketball coach. Nicole Chapman resigns as Lazbuddie varsity girls basketball coach.

43rd annual Border Town Days is held with another large crowd on hand.

Steve Parker is new Farwell High principal.

Farwell to drive two new wells, Mayor Jimmie Mace announces.

August

State gives Texico \$3.8 million for school projects, including new building for cafeteria and pre-k classes.

Make-a-Wish Foundation honors Jayci Joy Nickels, of Lazbuddie.

Parmer County Commissioners propose a lower tax rate.

The Pomper family thanks the community in honor of its 25th anniversary of operating the State Line Tribune.

Bryan Sullivan is new Farwell Convalescent Center administrator.

Texico City Council urges some property owners to clean up their areas.

Laiken Crist shows Grand Champion lamb at Curry County Fair.

Texico wins state sportsmanship award.

Top honors at the Parmer County 4-H dinner go to Abby Johnson and Logan Mason.

Dollar General to open a store in Texico.

September

51st annual Area Merchants football contest starts and Michele Kirkland was the first week winner.

Schools make plans to deal with flu problems.

Texas Country Reporter TV show comes to Lariat to do feature on Braille Angel project operated by St. John's Lutheran Church at Lariat.

Homecoming Kings and Queens were: Farwell – Colton Christian and Laura Martinez; Texico – Seth Bailey and Katlin Luscombe; and Lazbuddie – Katie Chavez and Arthur Gomez.

October

Wind farm development's Parmer Rhea LLA announces it will offer land-lease pacts.

Area schools plan Red Ribbon Week activities.

Farwell School Board expands the FFA program.

Texico starts planning for possible cutbacks when the state alerts all the

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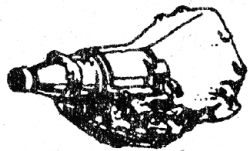
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Year in Review

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schools in the state that due to the budget shortfall, cutbacks will be necessary.

Farwell football coach Mark Anglin is reassigned. Abby Johnson shows reserve grand champion steer at Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Lazbuddie robotics team takes 2nd at regionals and advance to state.

Two Texico FFA teams finish in the top 10 at the Nationals in Indianapolis.

Farwell's Chelsea Bass takes 1st at District cross country.

Parmer County Commissioners okay a three-year courthouse renovation project.

November

Jonah Walls and McKenzi Mayfield are Texico Science Fair grand champions.

Texico coach Glynnna Martin resigns.

There's a record turnout of veterans for the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Farwell High sponsored by the Farwell Chamber of Commerce.

Texico Lady Spikers win their 4th straight state title.

Lazbuddie's Jayci Jo Nickels is named a poster child for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Claire Brown wins overall Area Merchants Football Contest.

Lazbuddie area county commissioner announces he won't seek re-election.

Parmerton Rhea LLC holds lease signup meeting for area landowners and has a large turnout.

December

Parmer County Judge Bonnie Heald says she won't seek re-election.

All four Texico city incumbents say they will seek re-election.

Lynn McDaniel is honored as Outstanding Individual of the Texico Volunteer Fire Department.

Lloyd Bradshaw files for Lazbuddie area county commissioner's post. Michelle Agee files for Parmer County judge's post.

Ray Haseloff wins national grain sorghum contest. Drive for donations to replicate the famous Farwell obelisk begins.

Suspects caught in BB shooting spree.



Roslyn Bennett and Dr. Robert Cargill

Roslyn Bennett to wed Dr. Robert Cargill

Roslyn Richelle Bennett and Dr. Robert R. Cargill, both of Agoura Hills, Calif., announce their engagement.

Roslyn is the daughter of Ruth Anne Bennett of Farwell, and Rick Bennett, of Lubbock. She graduated from Farwell High in 1996 and Lubbock Christian University in 2001.

She is the Youth Minister for the University Church of Christ in Malibu, Calif.

Robert is the son of Leonard and Sharon Cargill of Madera, Calif. He graduated from UCLA with a master's degree in 2007 and a PhD in 2008. He is an archaeologist and instructional technologist at UCLA.

The couple will be married in March 2010 in Ventura, Calif.

Chris Alexander files for County Judge's post

Chris Alexander, the Friona Chamber of Commerce manager, has filed for the Republican nomination for Parmer County Judge, reports GOP County Chairman Floyd Reeve.

Pam Haseloff, Farwell area Justice of the Peace, filed for the GOP nomination for re-election, also.

The filing period ends Jan. 4.

This means that Ms. Alexander and Michelle Agee will compete for the GOP nomination for this post.

Parmer County Democrat Chairman Robert White said he still has not received any filings on his party's ticket.

Thus, here is the list of GOP filings as of Monday:

Lazbuddie area county commissioner - Lloyd Bradshaw.

Bovina area county commissioner - incumbent James Clayton.

County clerk - incumbent Colleen Stover.

County treasurer - incumbent Altha Herington.

Bovina area Justice of the Peace - Sandra

Clayton. Farwell area Justice of the Peace - Linda Hardy and Mrs. Haseloff.

District clerk - incumbent Sandra Warren.

One post hasn't had any filings yet - Friona area Justice of the Peace. Current JP Trey Ellis said he planned to file for it.

Farwell
Monday - pizza, tossed salad, carrot sticks, pears, milk.

Tuesday - tacos, corn, LT, apple, cookie, milk.

Wednesday - Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, orange slices, milk.

Friday - beefaroni, broccoli, Italian rolls, peaches, milk.

Texico
Monday - no school.

Tuesday - no school.

Wednesday - beef & bean burrito, corn, salsa, fruit, milk.

Thursday - hamburgers, French fries, LP, fruit, milk.

Friday - pizza, garden salad, fruit, milk.

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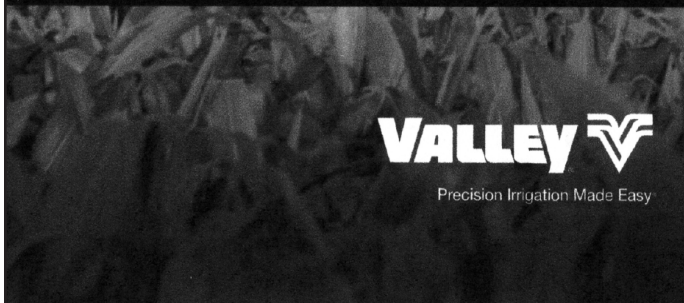
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160 acres south of Bovina Feeders, 2 wells and 1 pivot. **In Contact**

320 irrigated acres east of Hub. 2 circles, 3 wells.

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Texico
The Texico Lady Wolverines lost to Cibola, a Class 5A school, 42-36, in the

Bovina
Bovina had been scheduled to host Wilson, but Wilson had too many players gone for Christmas break and the games were cancelled.

Lady Wolverines in action



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Tharp sells property to Parmer County

The Parmer County Commissioners on Dec. 22 approved buying some property along 9th Street in Farwell from Nathan Tharp.

Tharp operated Tharp Dragline at the site for many years, but retired a couple of years ago.

The property is adjacent to the Farwell Community Center and contains a building that can be used for storage of Parmer County Pct. 3 equipment.

Tharp said the sale includes most of his property,

Obituary

Carlos Lucio

Services for Carlos Lucio, 50, were held Dec. 30 at San Jose Catholic Church in Texico with Fr. Sotero Sena officiating. Burial followed in Farwell Cemetery.

He was born July 3, 1959, to Santiago and Maria Lucio in Mathis, Texas. He married Judy Mondragon April 21, 1995, in Clovis.

Surviving are his wife; 2 sons, Jose, of Santa Fe, and Patrick Salazar, of Raton, N.M.; 2 daughters, Anita, of Santa Fe,

and Tashawnda Salazar, of Clovis; his parents, of Lariat; 3 sisters, Rachael Garcia and Rebecca Lucio, both of Lubbock, and Mary Mascems, of Farwell; 6 brothers, Paublo and Jimmy, both of Farwell; Albert and Robert, both of Lariat; and Ruben and Chano, both of Clovis; and 5 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chano, Paublo, Ruben, Albert, Jimmy and Robert Lucio. Honorary pallbearers were Jose Lucio and Patrick Salazar.

Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 21, Mark Mullins, 40, of Clovis, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of forgery, pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 24, Trey Widner, 23, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of assault, pending before the grand jury.

On Dec. 26, Antonio Dominguez, 34, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of DWI 2nd, pending in county court.

about two acres.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Cast their ballots for incumbents on the Parmer County Appraisal District Board for the 2010-2011 term -- Robert Jones, Tom Ware, Johnny Mars, Mark Barnes and Kirby Birch.

-- Approved the 2009 fire reports from the Parmer County volunteer fire departments.

-- Made a small change in the county's investment policy. Included is the fact that the county will not

The Latest

The January Lazbuddie School Board meeting has been bumped to Jan. 21 so it doesn't coincide with the county stock show.

A collie mix and Siberian husky were lost about four miles east of Farwell on Dec. 13. If found, call (806) 225-7454.

Here are the winners of the annual State Line Tribune Christmas coloring contest:

4-6 years -- Charlie May Trimble, 1st; Piper Actkinson, 2nd.

7-9 years -- Aaron Meza, 1st; Katey White, 2nd.

10-12 years -- Audrey Wren, 1st; Emily Kube, 2nd. First place winners got \$15 each and 2nd place winners got \$10 each.

About 2" of snow fell on Tuesday.

Methodist Church to have revival

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church will host a "New Year's Revival" to kick off 2010.

Guest preacher is Jon Randles, former pastor of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Kickoff service will be Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.

Evening services will be held Jan. 3-6 at 7 p.m.

During his tenure in Lubbock, his church was one of the fastest-growing in the nation. He is a sought-after motivational speaker throughout the Southwest.

Hamlin Church used to have its revivals during the fall harvest season but has moved it to January in an effort to reach more people.

For more information, call 481-3689.

consider a letter of credit as collateral in case it were to borrow money.

-- Recently, Parmer County Treasurer Altha Herington had advised the commissioners that they could make better interest by using local banks rather than keeping their fund in Tex Pool.

At that time, three of the four commissioners placed their funds in Security State Bank, which was offering the best interest.

Elvis Powell, Lazbuddie area county commissioner, now has gone ahead and done as the others had earlier done.

Jones hits six 3-pointers

Here's a look at basketball games held over Christmas break:

Texico

Varsity Girls

The Lady Wolverines beat Alamogordo, 70-49, in the opener of the Plateau Holiday Classic in Clovis on Monday.

Scoring were Fallon Scanlan, 4; Katlin Luscombe, 6; Victoria Richards, 15; Delanie Crist, 2; Shaylee Anderson, 12; Erin Scanlan, 1; Morgan Pinnell, 2; Shannon Van Matre, 11; Jordyn Cooper, 8, and Jaylyn Cooper, 9.

Farwell

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue won the opening game in the Littlefield Tournament, 58-34, over Littlefield.

Scoring were Caitlyn Stancell, 7; Keegan Langford, 10; Kristin Langford, 3; Laura Martinez, 6; Tiffani Jones, 24 (including six 3-pointers); and Keila Jennings, 8.



Tiffani Jones

In the second round, Abernathy tipped Farwell, 38-37.

Scoring were Keegan Langford, 6; Laney Christian, 1; Kristin Langford, 4; Martinez, 13 (including a trio of 3-pointers), and Jones, 13.

Varsity Boys

The Steers beat Tulia, 61-29, in the tourney opener.

Scoring were Lincoln Devault, 5; Mason Coburn, 3; Collin Christian, Josh Olivas and Matt Billingsley, 4 each; Landry Actkinson, 2; Luke Carpenter, 14; Octavio Chavez, 10, and Rane Carpenter, 15.

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County fire depts. report their fire calls

Here are the Parmer County volunteer fire department reports for the period from December 2008 through November 2009:

Rhea

December – NM state road 108 and CR 28 (5 miles north of Pleasant Hill), grass, owner Joe Bennett.

Lazbuddie

February – CC & CR 21, barn, owner Leon Wilson; DD & CR 22, bar ditch; Hwy. 303, hay fire.

March – North Muleshoe Dairy, burrs, owner Joel Hettinga.
 April – 145 at Castro County line, grass and bar ditch, owners Mike Miller and state; Hwy. 214 and CR 1028, plane crash.

May – West of Needmore, grass, assist Muleshoe Fire Department.
 June – East of 145, toward 214, combine, Eddie Lide.
 July – half-mile south of 145 on CR 7, Mesman Dairy, structure.
 October – South 214, grass, owner Birdwell, assisted Muleshoe Fire Department; CRs 23 and T, bale and hay, dairy owner; Hub Grain and Friona Wheat Growers, electrical – tree.

Friona

December – half-mile west on Hwy. 60, grass, owner Marshall Hickam; 2 miles south on Hwy. 214, burrs, owner Bryan Campbell; 2 miles west on Hwy. 60, corn gluten, J.D. Heiksell.

January – 6 miles north on Hwy. 214, 3 miles west, grass, owner Butch Preston.

February – 10 miles south on Hwy. 214, grass and truck, owner Hub Grain.
 March – 3 miles south on Hwy. 214, pit; 8 miles south on Hwy. 214, tires, A-Tex Dairy.

April – 10 miles east on Hwy. 60, CRP grass, owner Dale Christie; 8 miles east on FM 2397, 2 miles west on FM 1172, CRP grass and bailer, owner Frank Cody; 2 miles west on Hwy. 60, trailer house, owner Carol Zetsche (two calls).

May – 3 miles west on Hwy. 60, trash pit and grass, owner Jim Murphree; 8 miles south on Hwy. 214, 1 mile west on Hwy. 86, grass and trees, owner Beth Howard.

June – half-mile west on Hwy. 60, grass, owner Hi-Pro Feeds; 8 miles south

on Hwy. 214, half-mile east on Hwy. 86, wheat field, owner Paul Daniels; CR 23, half mile north and half-mile west, combine, owner Rex Wells.

July – CR 21, wheat field and pickup, owner Alan Monroe; Hwy. 60 and FM 3333, Cal-Maine, structure; 8 miles south on Hwy. 214, half-mile west on Hwy. 86, house, owner Malcolm Carthel.

August – 8 miles east on Hwy. 60, grass, owner Attebury Grain.
 September – 3 miles west on FM 2013, 3 miles north on CR 13, grass, owner Rushing.

October – 11 miles east on Hwy. 60, grass, owner Johnny Lee.
 November – 5 miles north on Hwy. 214, grass, owner JeDon Gallman; CR G and CR 28, grass, owner George Frye; 2 miles west on Hwy. 60, grass; 1 1/2 miles west on Hwy. 60, trailer house, owner Martin Drager.

Farwell

November 2008 – 1 1/2 miles south on CR 1, cotton modules; East Hwy. 84 in Lariat, semi-truck and auto wreck; Lariat Gin, bales.

December 2008 – 2 miles south of Farwell, grass, weeds and sawdust.
 February – CR Z and South Loop 292, auto ran into house, electrical and Freon damage to house and fence; North Hwy. 84 and FM 1731, rear of house fire; East of Main in Lariat, storage shed and camper; 1 mile north on Hwy. 145, wood and animal carcass; Hwy. 60 and FM 2396, pickup and auto.

March – North of Farwell along State Line Road, trees and trash; Hwy. 60, field; CR 6 and Hwy. 84, gear head oil.

April – 3/4 mile north of Farwell, tires.
 May – CR 3 near Hwy. 145, hay bales; Muleshoe game reserve, grass; West on FM 292, wood pallets, weeds; North Hwy. 292.

June – Hwy. and FM 3333, Cal Maine structures; CR X and CR 4, transformer and grass; South of Farwell near Farwell Feed Yard, wreck.

July – CR 13 and CR EE, wheat field; Farwell Country Club, trees; 400 FM 3333, Cal-Maine structures; CR 7, garage; 400 FM 3333, Cal Maine fire in tunnel; 400 FM 3333, Cal Maine compost fire.

August – Hwy. 70/84 near Lariat, grass; CR 11 and CR Y, trash; 400 FM 3333, Cal Maine tunnel.
 September – CR 13 and FM 145, wreck.

October – Hwy. 70/84 southeast of Farwell, state right of way.
 November - CR 3, Lingnau – Magness farm, cotton module; Hwy. 70/84 east FM 3125, combine – pickup – SUV.

Bovina

December 2008 – CR S & K, grass.
 January – 4 miles east of Hwy. 86, ditch; 4 miles 2290, grass.

February – CR 11; southeast of cemetery.
 May – Needmore 5214; 2290, CRP.
 July – U.S. 60 west of Caprock Feeders, wreck; FM 3333, Cal Maine, structures; Mesman Dairy, house.

September – CR 4 and 2290.
 October – East Hwy. 86, grass.
 November – CR 5 and 60, grass; 5 miles 2290, pit; Caprock, vehicle; 1 mile east on 60, wreck.

December – 1 mile west on 2290, grass.



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

January

Gary Sinclair is hired as Police Chief.

Kathryn Gurley resigns as City Attorney since she was elected District Attorney.

A blood drive is held for Levi Steelman, who was injured in a plane crash.

February

Bovina Schools unveil a major renovation program, including a new track at Ridgelea, high school auditorium renovations and paving the parking lot adjacent to the football field.

City starts crackdown on uncollected funds.

First Baptist Church opens a food pantry.

March

Jesus Rocha is named basketball District Co-MVP.

Humorist Jim Lewis speaks at the Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Butch and Ben McCain announce completion of the "Killer Tumbleweeds" movie.

The Chamber of Commerce honors Darla Sealey, Hannah Miller, Rick Villarreal, Wayne Richardson, Kay Swafford, John Dixon and Jim Bob Swafford.

April

Jeff Steelman is elected president of Economic Development Commission.

School to operate Discipline Alternative Program.

Mindy Neal is elected Chamber of Commerce president.

Yadira Garcia and Yesenia Guevara take 1st places at District track meet.

Ronaldo Garcia and Hannah Miller win top art show honors.

May

Bovina High's top scholars are: Hannah

Miller, valedictorian; Danna Guerrero, salutatorian, and Esau Saucedo, historian.

Named Bovina's top athletes were Jesus Rocha and Yesenia Guevara.

Elected to the School Board were Justin Brozek and Josh Quintana.

Elected to the City Council were Richard Villarreal, Gaylon Rhodes and Celia Tienda.

School board approved change to an 8-period day. The decision is later changed due to scheduling conflicts.

June

School board keeps tax rate the same.

July

Bovina celebrates Bull Town Days.

Orlando Martinez attends leadership seminar in Washington, D.C.

August

Discussions move forward on the Mariah wind project.

City council approves lower tax rate.

September

Bovina Homecoming King and Queen were Yoshi Rueda and Ricardo DeLaRosa.

City purchases four properties at auction so they can tear down abandoned structures.

City to get grant for new water well.

October

Wind farm development's Parmer Rhea LLA announces it will offer land-lease pacts.

School band unveils new uniforms.

Varsity boys and girls track teams win district championships.

November

Bovina's Desmond Fox is named football District offensive MVP.

Parmerton Rhea LLC

holds lease signup meeting for area landowners and has a large turnout.

City Council approves a resolution that includes cited for disorderly conduct or a criminal offense on city property; ban from city property for 30 days is mandated.

December

Jalen Allred makes All-Area Band.

School Supt. Bill Bizzell indicates he may retire next year.

Teacher Dewayne Duffy passes National Boards Professional Teaching Standard test, a very high honor in her profession.

Area has white Christmas

How much snow did the area get on Dec. 24?

Hard to tell because of the high winds making some tall drifts.

Our guess is that it was 2 to 3 inches of white stuff, making for a White Christmas.

Bovina Banter

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iday break was spent pulling cars out of ditches. There were many cars that slid off the road, plus a few rollovers.

Luckily, I heard of no fatalities.

A couple of names were overlooked in last week's "thank you" ad from the Sweat Suit for Seniors Program.

Janice Richards and Donna Gonzales were contributors to this wonderful project, also.

Again, thanks to you all for helping support such a great project.

Get your punch cards from Lowe's Supermarket filled and turned in. The promotion ends on Jan. 5.

Interesting Fact of the Week: The most popular resolutions are usually promises to exercise more, 37%; increasing the time devoted to study or work, 23%; and losing weight, stop smoking or drinking (including coffee or sodas), and eat healthier.

Did you know 63% of people keep their resolutions after the first two months. Now that shoots down significantly as time goes by.

I had no idea it would be that high since I have never, ever kept one.

Church holds Christmas party



Emily and Kevin Vaquera, Daisy and Jennifer Cortina, Chelsie Guevara and Kenet Vielman.



Folks, including Graviela Martinez, enjoy the food.



Here are some photos from the Hispanic Baptist Church in Bovina's Christmas party on Dec. 20. Pictured are Pastor Rafael Marin and his wife, Lilia.

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<p>United Supermarkets Muleshoe</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Ken Peterson Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Church of God in Christ Mennonite Farwell Country Church James Koehn, Orie Nightingale - ministers Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>K. Barnett & Sons Offering construction services 2405 W. 7th St., Clovis (575) 762-4407</p>
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Photos by David Newhouse



Middle School has Science Day

From David Newhouse, Bovina Middle School principal:

Bovina Middle School had its first annual boys'

Science Day on Dec. 12.

Our school recently had the "Peace, Love and Science Field Trip" to Amarillo for our girls and this event was held with the same purpose in mind ... to pique the interest of students in the area of science.

There were four 45-minute sessions conducted and the topics studied were Newton's Laws of Motion, friction, propulsion, aerodynamics, engi-

neering, and DNA Structure.

A luncheon was also held to feed our hardworking young scientists.

Thanks go to Helen Deen, our science teacher, for heading this project. Thanks also to Linda Douglas, Kay Jackson and Jerry Deen for their willingness to give of their time to educate and motivate the students of Bovina.

Students tell their New Year resolutions

As we head toward the end of 2009, it's time to prepare New Year's resolutions. Here are some from Bovina High students:

I have three resolutions. The first is to advance into the second round of the basketball playoffs and win the game. My second is to start my senior year on a good note, and my third is never give up on anything I'm trying to do.

Desmond Fox

I have several New Year's resolutions: to try and get my parents' trust; to grow out my hair; to lose at least 30 lbs.; to try to ignore the drama in this little town, and to be happy and let things bring me down.

Briseida Munoz

My biggest New Year's resolution is to at least reach the next round of the playoffs. My other resolution is to spend more time with my family.

Fernando Banuelos

I have several New Year's resolutions: to get my knee better; to be a better student for the next year, and to get bigger for next year's football season.

Erik Reza

My New Year's resolution is to be more athletic, to exercise more and to be more healthy. Also, to treat others better, not be so focused on my boyfriend but on school, trying to graduate and become a better person.

Blanca Herrera

I have several New Year's resolutions: The first is to get better in basketball so that we could actually go further than the first round in the playoffs. My second is to pick up all my grades in school and to stop being lazy about my homework. My last goal is to just be better in everything that I do and be the best I can be.

Alexis Martinez

I have several New Year's resolutions, starting with my goal of going to the playoffs in basketball. Another goal is to start on my future and think about how I'm going to start my life when I go to college. My other goal is to attend Texas Tech University after I graduate. My final goal is to have the best year with no negative things.

Lynda Rodriguez

My New Year's resolutions start with, of

course, sports. One goal I want to accomplish is going deep in the playoffs for football because it can be done. I also want the same to happen in basketball. My other goal is to be the best person and leader in everything that I can possibly do. I hope the year 2010 is a good year for everybody.

Dorian Vela

I have several New Year's resolutions, starting with my No. 1 goal - to work harder in school. Especially since it's going to be my senior year. And also to take advice from my mom, and spend more time with my family, and stay out of trouble and drama in Bovina.

Cynthia Lara

My New Year's resolutions are to keep my grades up in all my classes, and to make it to the state track meet in the 400 meter dash. Keeping up my grades would be good to being eligible to play sports. It would also look good on my stuff for college. Going to state is my other goal because I have been so close to making it but came up a little short.

Irvin Vela

Carmen Gutierrez

My goal is to pass math classes so I will not have to take it over next year, so I can also pass high school.

Gerardo Ortiz

My New Year's resolution is to improve on everything I can, from a better student to a better person. This will be hard to achieve but life isn't easy. As a student, my expectations were high and I have let people

down. This new year might be different for me, and I will try to accomplish this on goal.

Orlando Martinez

I have three New Year's resolutions. My first would be to pass my Algebra II class with at least an 80. My second is to be very obedient toward all the folks around. And my final resolution is to at least do a little bit of exercise every day.

Jadira Pacheco

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Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

The JV and varsity teams play at Lubbock Christian on Jan. 2.

The JV and Middle School teams will play in the Lazbuddie Tourney Jan. 7-9. And the Middle School teams also will play Springlake-Earth on Jan. 4 - girls here and boys there.

Our fire department's calls for the last 12 months are elsewhere in today's Tribune.

Ice and snow came provided us a beautiful white Christmas. The bad side of it is the entire hol-

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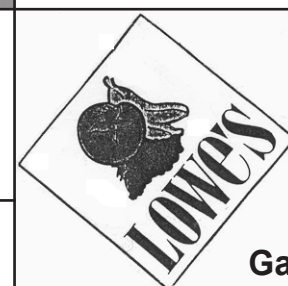
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