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Smaller pumpkin crop still has good quality

It wasn't just the drought that affected the pumpkin crop in our area this year. There was another culprit - the extreme heat.

Pumpkin grower Mike Ratke said although the lack of water was a factor, the more damaging aspect was the heat.

Pumpkins are all about timing. The flower on a pumpkin plant will only open for one day. If that day is extremely hot, the plant may wilt and the bloom partially close.

This makes it difficult for beneficial insects to pollinate the pumpkin flower.

Thus, this year's crop size may be a bit smaller than average but Ratke reports the quality is good.

Mike and his partner, Scott Meeks, raise pumpkins on different sections of land around Farwell and into New Mexico. Generally, they raise around 300 acres but this year's crop is down somewhat.

Mike says the drop in acres is due to the lack of rain and just the general rotation of pumpkin crops. On any piece of land, pumpkins are planted every four years. Thus, only certain sections are available on any given year.

Even though the acres of pumpkins decreased, the number of pumpkins produced by the pair is still sizable. Ratke estimates about 60 bins, or 3,000 pumpkins, are harvested from every acre of land. Some days during the harvest season, almost 60,000 pumpkins will be shipped out of their packing shed.

Mike and Scott run packing sheds in Texas and New Mexico. Most pumpkins they produce are shipped to large chain stores to be sold as ornamental decorations for the fall season.

They also provide other fall decorations, such as hay bales and corn stalks. And they sometimes provide pumpkins for church pumpkin lots as fund-raisers for the churches.

The farmers are familiar with helping out in the community. Each year hundreds of school children visit their pumpkin fields for field trips.

Beginning when Mike's own children - Mitchell, Austin and Meredith - were in pre-school, he encourages kids to learn about pumpkins by providing a pumpkin seed for them to plant at school.

When the seeds grow and can be transplanted, he brings them to his field and plants them for the kids. The next year when the kids are bigger, they can return and take the pumpkin that grew from their seed.

Mike says he loves to have kids come out and see "their faces light up" as they view all the pumpkins.

Pupils from from Clovis to Lariat, have toured the pumpkin patch. Mike and Scott also help with the Texico School Fall Festival and the Cannon Air Force Family Services Group.

Servicemen and their families are always welcome at the pumpkin farm. Mike is proud of the fact that they have received "thousands of thank you letters and posters from kids who enjoyed our pumpkin farm".

Mike says most of the time he likes his "fun business" even though sometimes it's not great to deal with the weather, disease, shipping problems and more.

He got into the pumpkin business because his new father-in-law, Wilbur Kalbas, thought he needed something else to do. Claiming his hours as a bank manager at the Farwell Banking Center were "short", Kalbas presented him with 60 acres to raise pumpkins.

Already in the pumpkin business, Kalbas thought this was just the ticket for Mike. In 2000, Mike gave up the banking business altogether to concentrate on agricultural endeavors.

In 2004, he joined with Scott to develop the business. And that is has. Mike says if you draw a 30 mile circle around Clovis, most of the jack-o-lantern type pumpkins for Texas and New Mexico are grown right here.

Just as in any business, Mike also says he meets the nicest people in the pumpkin business. Between his 65 or so employees and the constant flow of truck drivers, he comes in contact with some fun characters.



Mike Ratke and Scott Meeks

Scores were higher in last week's Area Merchants Football Contest as David Dannheim took the 1st place cash prize of \$20 by getting 11 right.

Nine entrants had 10 games picked correctly. By virtue of being closest to the tie breaker (Clovis 33, Artesia 25), the winner of the 2nd place cash prize of \$7 was Jason Box. He was 14 off the tie breaker.

Others with 10 right and their totals off the tie breaker were:

Cory Chadwick, 30; Gay Goettsch, 24; Stephen Jaime, 15; Keila Jennings, 17; Justin Lopez, 56; Todd Nichols, 23; Jason Tuls, 25; and Craig Walls, 29.

With 9 right were:

Holley Agee, Rocky Bartlett, Dwayne Dale, Bill Dannheim, Charles Dannheim, Chuck Dannheim, Peter Dannheim, Joe Fiola, Dale Fullerton, Eric Geske, Carl Dean Goettsch.

Also, Priscilla Herington, Joe Jaime, Julian Jaime, Myrna Lingnau, Rusty McFarland, Pedro Marrufo, Mike Nichols, Bill Shelly, Adrian Smith, Sharla Smith, Sandra Strader, Jill Timms, Ginger Trimble, and Debbie Weir.

The average score was 7 right out of 12.

Results of last week's games were:

Farwell over Bovina, West Texas High over Boys Ranch, Oklahoma over Texas, Penn State over Iowa, Arizona State over Utah, Arkansas over

Brantley resigns as county appraiser

Curby Brantley Jr. has resigned as Parmer County Chief Appraiser, effective Oct. 14.

The Appraisal District Board received his resignation last week.

Brantley, of Bovina, served with the Appraisal District for more than 20 years, including the last nine as chief appraiser.

He is joining Cargill Meat Solutions in Friona as purchasing manager.

The Appraisal District Board, headed by Robert Jones, of Friona, is expected to meet this week to discuss a replacement.

Two staff members, Jill Timms and Deanna Curtis, are qualified according to state guidelines, to be a chief appraiser. Or the board can decide to go outside the office for a replacement to Brantley.



Bill Dannheim receives the winning check in place of his brother, David, who won last week's football contest, from Darby, Macey and Kalley Tharp, daughters of Jeff and Mattie Tharp, owners of I.T.S. Refrigeration, one of the contest sponsors.

Auburn.

Also, Texas A&M over Texas Tech, Buffalo over Philadelphia, Oakland over Houston, Cincinnati over Jacksonville, Kansas City over Indianapolis, and Minnesota over Arizona.

The contest is now at the halfway point with the overall winner to receive two tickets to the Dallas Cowboys vs. New York Giants game in December, plus \$100 in cash.

Here's a look at the

Leader Board:

50 points - Gay Goettsch, Adrian Smith.
49 - Deborah Penner.
48 - Johnny Actkinson, Jason Box, Mona Contreras, Debbie Weir.

47 - Steve Franse, Dale Fullerton, Myrna Lingnau.

46 - Claire Brown, Chuck Dannheim, Peter Dannheim, Ty Gast, Brent Inman, Joe Jaime, Michele Kirkland, Todd Lingnau, Rusty McFarland, Corby White.



Up, up and away

The Farwell Steers and Bovina Mustangs once again had another great tussle in front of a huge crowd last Friday. See story on page 14, and more pictures on page 16. Photo by J.R. Ivins.

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Texico 5th graders study Native Americans



The 5th grade class at Texico Elementary knows a "heap" about Native Americans. They have just completed a month-long study of the American Indian culture. As their final project, each student made a replica of the habitat for their particular Indian tribe. Teepees and wigwams lined the center hall of Texico Elementary to show off the creativity of the 5th graders. Here is Mattie Frazier with the Wampanoag Indians



Colton Lane, the Chickasaw Indians



Mari Ferrel - the Navajo Indians



Skylar Aragon, the Winnebago Indians



Jasmine Davalos, the Quinault Indians



Lesley Avila, the Acoma Indians

Whitney reports '42' change

Our area "42" honcho Jerry Whitney reports a change in the Eastern New Mexico 42 Fall Clinic. A warm-up tourney will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. at the same location. For more info, call Jim Craven at 760-2975.

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Victory line

Big Mike's Bikes helped round up some motorcyclists to make a victory line for the Farwell players to run through as they left the locker room before

the Steers-Mustangs football game Friday at W.M. Roberts stadium. The Steers are led by Dalton Kasel, son of Tim and Kristen Kasel. Photo by J.R. Ivins.

4-H active in Parmer County

From Parmer County extension agent Benji Henderson:

For more than 104 years, the 4-H program of Texas has offered activities that help develop skills for a lifetime, ranging from communication to community service and from goal setting to leadership.

Run by the Texas A&M system, 4-H serves youth in all 254 counties through a network of 250 County Extension offices.

4-H is unique in that it offers experiences to both urban and rural youths.

Texas 4-H also serves the sons and daughters of our military personnel through the 4-H Military Program located throughout the state, primarily on military bases.

In Parmer County, we have active clubs in Farwell, Friona and Lazbuddie.

Youth members can participate in a variety of projects in the areas of technology, human sciences, animals and household pets, science and engineering, natural resources, and wildlife. Beyond the excitement of learning something new through a project, youth have the opportunity to participate in leadership conferences, travel the world, become involved in their community through service, and meet new friends in a safe and comfortable setting. A young person's experiences in 4-H makes a difference for a lifetime by allowing them to grow and appreciate the importance of being a good citizen, a strong leader, and a person of character.

The county extension service can be contacted at 481-3619.

Farwell Junior High honor rolls listed

Here are the 1st six weeks honor rolls for Farwell Junior High.

6th grade -- Erica Barrera, Mason Byrd, Andrea Chavez, Matthew Dale, Victor Crume, Brandon Galvan, Hope Herrera, John Mitchell, Alexis Olmos, Romeo Reyes, Luis Solis, Ricardo Torres, Miguel Vasquez.

7th grade -- Jackie Amador, Kenlea Barnes, Cameron Bass, Lindsi Coburn, Cambree Glover, Sarah Gomez, Heath Hadley, Lauren Isaacson, Antonio Lopez, Joseph Ortega, McKenzie Parra, Jace Perkins, Meredith Ratke, Garrett Schilling, Mallory Schilling, Rachel Stinson, Edie White.

8th grade -- Regan Agee, Adrian Aleman, Katy Carpenter, Fredi Cecena, Madison Griswold, Brenna Jarman, Brayden Johnson, Keith Kalbas, Jenna Kirkland, Gerardo Martinez, Ricardo Parra, Carina Reyes.

Letter to the Editor

Reception to honor Curby Brantley

Dear Editor,
Please come to our reception as we say goodbye to Curby Brantley Jr.

After 20 years with the Parmer County Appraisal District, Curby has decided to leave us to pursue other interests. As we are saddened to see him go, we are equally excited for him as he embarks on a new chapter of his life.

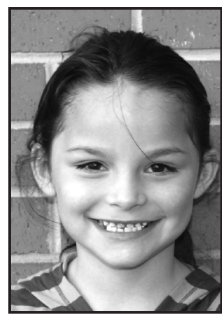
Please come and help us say a fond farewell to our friend. He is truly going to be missed. We would love to see everyone there.

A come and go reception will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District office, 305 3rd Street in Bovina.

If you have any questions or would like to wish Curby good luck by phone, call (806) 251-1405.

Jill Timms
Deanna Curtis
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Meet Texico's Class of 2024



Drianna Johnson is a Texico kindergarten. Her birthday is Dec. 22. Parents are Robbie Johnson & Noe Marquez Garcia. Siblings are Darlen, Ruby & Juana. Grandparents are Robert & Tammie Johnson. She likes to play with her siblings and her dogs, and to put makeup on. Favorite color is purple. Favorite food is cheese. She doesn't like cleaning, or getting dirty.

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Farwell Fit Club challenges local residents to get with it

Farwell School Nurse LuAnn Fillpot is challenging all local residents to get fit.

Inspired by a national program that encourages young children to exercise, Mrs. Fillpot thought it was time to get our area moving. So, she has organized the "Farwell Fit Club."

This program is designed simply to get people moving. Mrs. Fillpot has put forms in all of the school offices to track people's progress in miles. Basically, anyone who wants to participate can.

Here's how to do it:

- Pick up a form at one of the school offices.
- Log in your miles on the form. One square equals a quarter mile. For example, if you walk two miles, fill in eight squares on the form.
- Fill up one form to reach the bronze level -- 25 miles. The other levels are silver, 100 miles, and

gold, 250 miles.

• Return your form to Mrs. Fillpot's office at Farwell Elementary and get a new form and keep moving.

Each month Mrs. Fillpot will turn in the results to the Tribune. The newspaper will report who reaches a new goal each month. She is especially encouraging families with kids to take this fitness challenge. She hopes this provides a good reason for families to take fitness seriously and just enjoy getting out together to move around.

Parents can send completed forms to school with their kids or drop them off at the office. Hopefully many Farwell students, parents and community members will take this challenge to "get fit."

For questions about the Farwell Fit Club, Mrs. Fillpot at the Elementary office, 481-9131.

Texico High School scholars announced

Here are the 1st six weeks honor rolls for Texico High School:

All A's

Freshmen: Tyler Bridges and Justin Rucker.

Sophomores: Kimber Harrison, Erin Lane, Sarah Long, Aaron Massey, Kyla Myers, Chasity Sharp and Kassie Waller.

Juniors: Sabra Barnett, Margarita Garcia, Dalton Griego, Rallin Harris, Michael Harrison, McKenzi Mayfield, Laura McFarden, Uriel Munoz, Elliott Pelfrey, Rae Prather, Jason Tuls and Katelyn Wike.

Seniors: Claudia Campos, Jaylyn Cooper, Jordyn Cooper, Jared Davis, Taylor Lane, Vanesa Maldonado, Allison Myers, Andrew Olivarez, Myrna Reynoso and Cortney Sawyer.

A-B

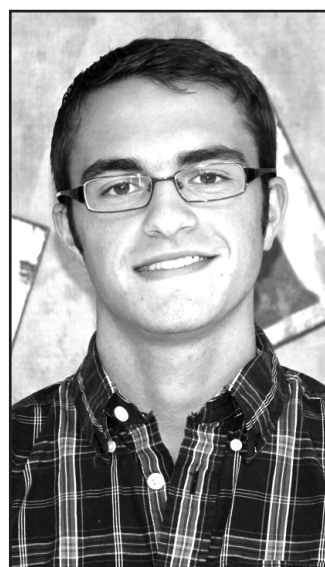
Freshmen: Kaleigh Autrey, Sarah Daniels, Jessica Jorde, Tristan Lockmiller, Kasia Olguin, Jonah Tuls and Courtney Vander Dussen.

Sophomores: Kimberly Brown, Crystal Davalos, Cassidy Downing, Sidonia Garcia, Adrian Gomez, Paden Hagler, Jarron Hill, Krista Martinez, John Myers, Mitchell Pinnell, Darby Tharp, Shelby Vannatta and Jonah Walls.

Juniors: Morgan Cary, Lindsey Foote, Melicia Lucero, Deborah Ouellette and Sarah Teune.

Seniors: Regis Blake, Trevor Bridges, Mason Fenn, Adriana Garcia, Powers Hagler, Samantha Hansford, Pal Herndon, Donovan Johnson, Megan Long, Dakota Price, Aspyn Reames, Brent Rusk, Karina Salazar, Hoyt Skabelund and Brenda Torres.

Hollis wins cross country meet



Colton Hollis, of Texico, won the Canyon cross country meet on Saturday in 16:29. He was almost 30 seconds faster than the 2nd place finisher in Texas' Class 1A.

The Latest

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis alerts that the county's burn ban is lifted until Oct. 24.

If you have any questions, call his office at 481-3383 or the Sheriff's office at 481-3303.

Several residents attended Monday's meeting of the Parmer County Commissioners to give their views on how the County Extension Office is operating.

The Commissioners then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The new Parmer County American Legion Post will meet on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Bovina EMS building.

All veterans are invited to this important meeting. Plans for Veterans Day programs throughout the county will be the main topic.

Post Commander Bill Dannheim will be master

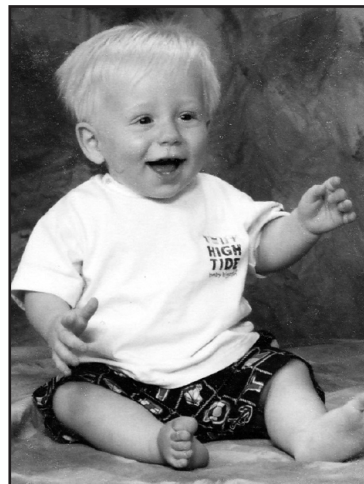
of ceremonies at the annual Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 at Farwell School.

Dannheim also reported they are still awaiting word from the national American Legion on a county charter.

The Twin Cities area got close to half an inch of moisture on Oct. 5.

Smokey Gast was hospitalized last week.

GUESS WHO IS TURNING 16?



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Pumpkins

From page 1

He particularly likes the folks who have come to the U.S. from countries such as Russia, Bosnia and Mexico and who share fascinating stories about their original homes and what they like about America.

He notes that some of these guys are "the biggest patriots -- they appreciate their life in America." Meanwhile this year's harvest is under way, having started a little late due to the heat.

"The fruit set was a little later so the pumpkins were a little later reaching maturity," said Mike. In other years, the crew has started as early as Labor Day but not this time.

Mike hopes to be finished in October saying, "a pumpkin on Nov. 1 is about as useful as a cut Christmas tree on Dec. 26."

Ratke says about 65 percent of the pumpkins in the field will be sellable quality this year. That's up from 40 percent in other years due to hybrid varieties that increase pumpkin's resistance to disease.

For the 35 percent left in the field, Mike has another use. Cows love to eat pumpkins so Mike leases out the pasture for cattle just like grazing land.

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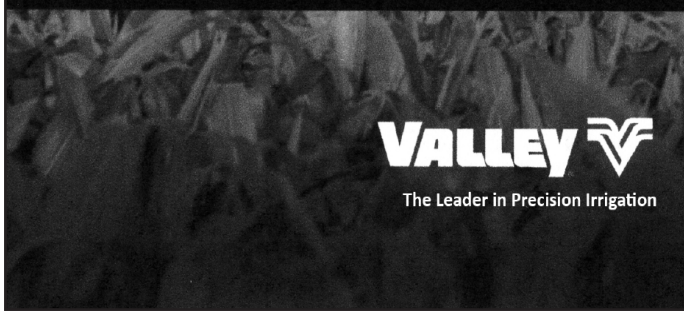
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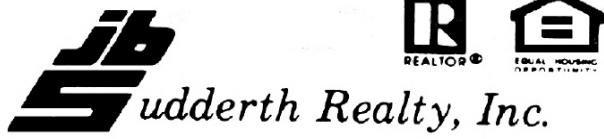


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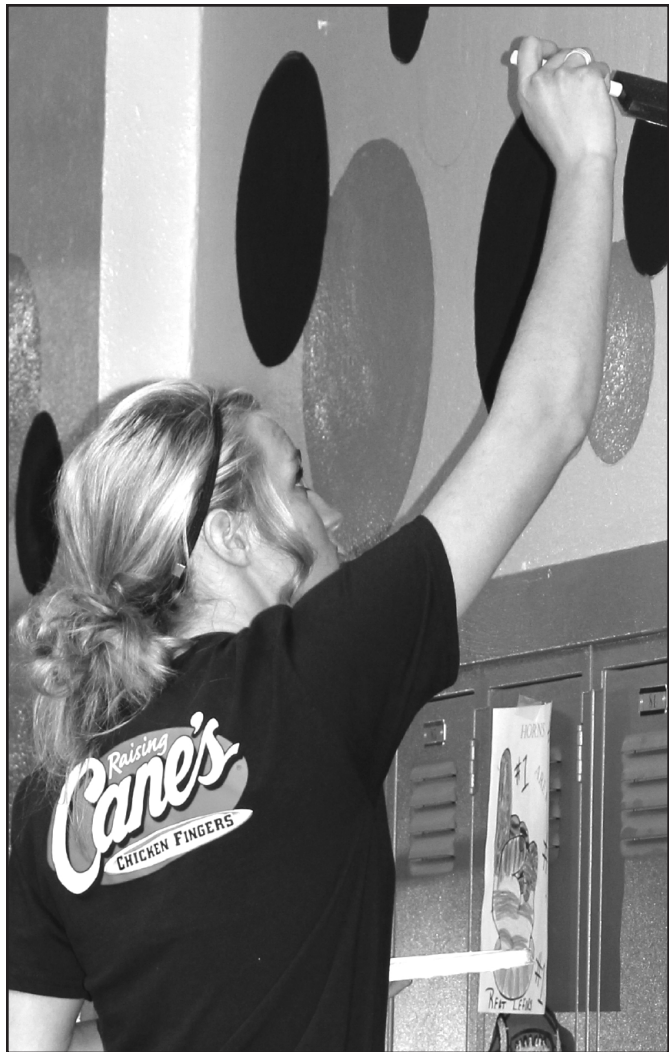
Color and design added to the halls of Lazbuddie High



The Lazbuddie high school art class is adding a little color and design to the halls of Lazbuddie High. Pictured are Karina Galaviz, Jessica Estrada, Justin Schacher, Kenton Randolph, Todd Nichols, Victor Godinez. Photos by Carolyn Scott.



Alfredo Chavira



Kylie McGehee



Shea Scott

Sheriff's Report

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

On Oct. 5, Domingo Ruiz, 42, of Amarillo, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a Randall County warrant. He paid fine and was released.

On Oct. 6, Brian Blakely, 34, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000, pending in district court.

On Oct. 7, Otto Vanderverthuizen, 45, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of public intoxication. He paid a 4250 fine.

On Oct. 9, Jose Cruz, 22, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI open container, pending in county court.

On Oct. 9, Oravio Ponce, 27, of Clovis, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of public intoxication - open container. He was fined \$389.



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Farwell debaters flourish

In the recent Muleshoe TFA Speech and Debate Tournament, Farwell's Hunter Hall and Savanna Barksdale, above, placed 2nd in CX Debate out of 19 teams. Below, Kayla Cullison and John Ryan Isaacson were quarterfinalists in CX Debate and Freshman Mitchell Ratke was also a quarterfinalist in LD Debate with a 3-0 record in prelims.



Carpenter leads Farwell JH runners

The Farwell Cross Country teams participated in the Canyon Cross Country meet on Oct. 8. The varsity girls team finished 8th. Results were: Abby Johnson, 25th, 13:13; Alexa Mora, 32nd, 13:24; Christina Green, 51st, 13:53; Kristin Langford, 56th, 14:02; Kayla Cullison, 75th, 14:41; Jill Johnson, 76th, 14:42; Cassidy Martin, 79th, 14:48.

The JV team results were: Cheyenne Patrick, 76th, 15:17; Sasha Lara, 77th, 15:20; Bri Barrera, 102nd, 15:58

The Junior High participants were: Katy Carpenter, 21st, 14:02; Cambree Haseloff, 52nd, 14:53; Jenna Kirkland, 90th, 16:01; Alyssa Merrifield, 111th, 16:50; Treylin Griswold, 132nd, 17:31.

Obituary

Kody Downing, a 2011 Texico High graduate, died in a two-vehicle accident on Friday. His family farms between Melrose and Clovis. Downing was active in FFA while at Texico. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. mt at the Texico Educational Complex. The Fort Sumner funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Texico honored as best all-around school

The Texico School Board on Monday heard that for the second time Texico will receive the state's Directors Cup.

This is given to a school for the best academics, activities and athletics -- i.e., the best all-around school.

Texico will receive the honor for Class 2A for the 2010-2011 school year.

In other business, the board:

-- Approved the health curriculum. As was reported earlier, parents have the option of having their children excused during the sexual information portion in the junior high.

-- Heard that Texico will host the first three nights of the EPAC Basketball Tournament starting Jan. 3.

-- Heard that elementary teacher Carrie Drager, who is recovering from back surgery, is due back in mid- to late-November.

-- Is getting ready for "closeout" on the building project.

-- Discussed whether to repair the roof of Gym II (the quonset building south of the elementary school). It's been about 18 years since a new roof was put on it.

Farwell Junior High teams shut out Seagraves

Farwell Junior High's Steers teams both shut out Seagraves on Sept. 29.

The 7th grade won, 20-0. Heath Hadley scored the first TD on a run with Cameron Bass running in the extra 2 points.

Ty London scored the next TD on a pass from Hadley.

Peyton Ledbetter finished out the scoring by running for a TD.

The 8th grade won, 28-0.

Danny Reyes and Eric Tovar scored the first two TDs on runs. Reyes added the extra 2 points on the 2nd TD.

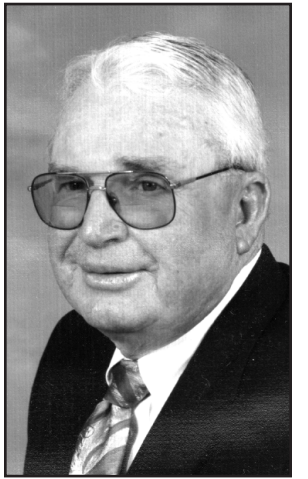
Tovar then scored his 2nd TD, and added the 2 point conversion.

Angel Graxiola caught a pass from Andrew Michalski for the final Farwell TD.

On defense, Gerardo Martinez and Oscar Muniz both recovered fumbles.

Charles Christian

Charles (Charlie) Edward Christian, 85 of Farwell, passed away Oct. 10, 2011, at the Farwell Convalescent Center following a one year fight with cancer.



A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. cst on Saturday, Oct., 15, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with his son Gene Christian officiating. He will be buried at Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery in Farwell.

He was born on May 3, 1926, to Rochelle and Carra Christian, of Oklahoma Lane. Charlie lived all his life in the Farwell/Texico area. His vocational love was farming and cattle production; in both he invested his working life.

His love for agriculture began while growing up on the family farm. The eldest son of a family of seven, he took on responsibility early as he kept the small farm going during an extended illness of his father with the help of relatives, friends and neighbors. These responsibilities limited his formal education to only the 8th grade.

At age 20 Charlie was drafted for military service in the Army, making him an active participant of the "Greatest Generation" who served our country, providing the freedoms the rest of us have so richly enjoyed.

On returning home, Charlie established his own family farming operation and in the late 1960s built a small custom feeding operation, Texico Feedlots, north of Texico. Despite his limited education, the operation flourished until tragically, near-death traffic accident in 1973 resulting in a severe head injury, was the beginning of a string of bad luck and poor crop years, from which his business career never recovered.

Charlie was an easy going, fun-loving man whose outgoing personality attracted others and made friends easily. He met a fun-loving and outgoing woman, Beverly Ann Lovelace, and they married Nov. 15, 1955. Together until Beverly's sudden death in 1972, they raised two children, Gene and Paula, in the Farwell community.

Charlie will best be remembered by his outgoing personality; his welcoming smile, his distinct laugh, his warm kindness and his optimistic outlook on life. He never met a stranger and could strike up a friendly conversation with anyone anywhere. He was always approachable, not just by family, friends and neighbors, but acquaintances, business associates and employees.

His warm smile and friendly personality attracted anyone who wanted to converse for any reason. Thus for many he became a source of wisdom and guidance, for others a friend in whom they could confide, yet others a kind man who always made them feel welcome in his presence. One person responding to the news of his imminent passing remarked: "Charlie touched my life with his kindness to me. I will never ever forget that good man."

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, and a brother, Bill Christian.

Surviving are his son and daughter, Gene (Sherry) Christian, formerly of Farwell, now of Brownwood, Texas, and Paula Thomas of Howe, Texas; 2 grandsons, Aaron Christian of Houston, and Cade Christian (Michele Littlejohn) of Brighton Colo.; 3 granddaughters, Kyra (Evan) Owen of Brownwood; and Maegan and Meredith Thomas, both of Howe; a sister, Mary (S.B.) Crain of Amarillo; 2 brothers John (Norma) Christian of Raymondville, Texas, and Gerald (Doris) Christian of Austin; a brother-in-law, Tom Lovelace of Clovis; a sister-in-law, Marie Christian of Texic; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins plus the close friends and neighbors at his apartment and the kind hospice staff who loved him and cared for him during the past year.

Sadly, Charlie will miss the arrival of his first great-grandchild who is expected in March.

The Farwell, Texico community benefited from the life of Charlie Christian, economically, social, and for those who knew him personally. He was a hard worker, a good husband and father, a close friend to many and a good man to all. He will be missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local church for Bibles, hymnals, etc.

Family will receive visitors on Friday, Oct. 14, at 1009 York St. in Clovis anytime between noon and 7 p.m. cst.

Arrangements are handled by Steed-Todd Funeral Home & Cremation, 800 E. Manana Blvd., Clovis, NM (575) 763-5541. You may also sign the guestbook online at www.steedtodd.com.

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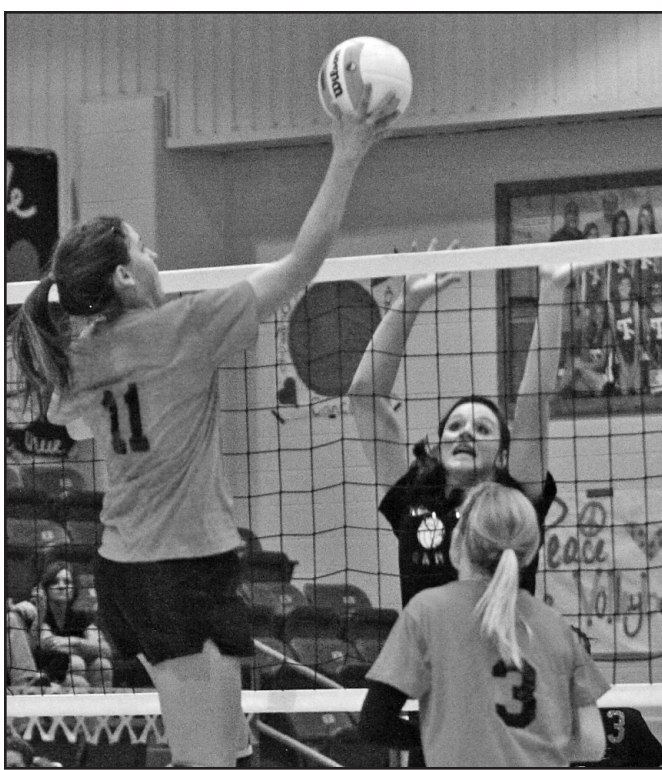
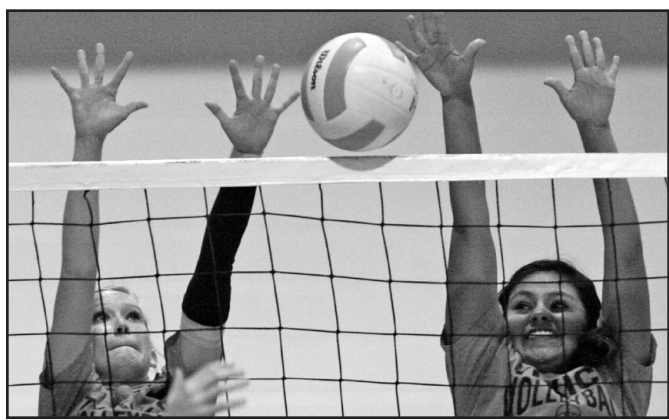
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Lady Spikers take out Tatum

The Texico Lady Spikers are 13-2 overall and 3-0 in district after putting away Portales on Oct. 8, 25-12, 25-22.

Stats were:
Digs - Mel Lucero, 22; Megan Long, 9; Jordyn Cooper, 6; Jaylynn Cooper, 8.
Assists - Kylynn Thomas, 26.
Kills - Ja. Cooper, 13; Jo. Cooper, 13; Shaylee Anderson, 5; Thomas, 1.
Aces -- Anderson, 4; Long, Jo. Cooper and J. Cooper, 1 each.
Blocks - Anderson, 3; Karina Salazar, 3; Taylor Lane, 2.

Shaylee Anderson said, "I think both teams played well and we just came through in key times when we needed to."

This math was part of the 2nd annual "fight breast cancer" event. All donations went to the Susan G. Komer Foundation. The two teams collected more than \$4,500.

They will continue the fund-raiser at their respective Friday night football games this week -- selling ribbons, water, t-shirts and megaphones.

The Lady Wolverines beat Santa Rosa on Oct. 4, 25-12, 25-16, 28-26.

Stats were:
Digs -- Lucero, 15; Long, 11; Ja. Cooper, 9; Foote, 5; Thomas, 3; Anderson, 2; Jo. Cooper -- 2.
Kills -- Ja. Cooper, 16; Anderson, 10; Jo. Cooper, 8; Salazar, 2; Mayfield, 1; Lane, 1.

Aces -- Thomas and Ja. Cooper, 2; Anderson, 1.
Blocks - Anderson and Lane, 1 each.

Shaylee Anderson said, "This definitely wasn't our best effort and I think we learned from our mistakes, but Santa Rosa played very well."

On Oct. 6, Texico racked up Tatum, 25-18, 25-23, 17-25, 14-25, 15-11.

Stats were:
Digs - Long, 26; Lucero, 25; Jo. Cooper, 23; Ja. Cooper, 22.

Assists -- Thomas, 52.
Kills -- Ja. Cooper, 26; Jo. Cooper, 20; Anderson, 9; Salazar, 3; Thomas and Lane, 1 each

Aces - Thomas and Anderson, 3 each; Lucero and Jo. Cooper, 1 each.

Shaylee Anderson recorded 4 blocks while Jaylyn and Jordyn Cooper each had 2. Kylynn Thomas and Kaina Salazar each blocked 1.

Jaylyn Cooper said, "Tatum gave us a great run; it was a hard fought battle all the way through. I am really proud of how we finished as a team and never gave up on each other. It was a great effort and win as a team."

JH Lady Spikers beat House, Melrose

Portales, 25-17, 23-25, 10-15.
Texico's JV volleyballers lost to Portales, 25-18, 20-25, 8-15.

Stats were:
Kills -- Bianca Davalos and Shelby Vannatta, 5 each; Sarah Daniels and McKenzi Mayfield, 3 each.

Blocks - Mayfield and Rae Lynn Prather, 3 each.
Digs - Marina Rodriguez, 8.

Assists - Vannatta, 12; Taylor Lane, 10.
Aces - Laura McFarden, 4; Rodriguez, 2.

Texico also defeated Santa Rosa, 25-12, 25-11, to improve their record to 3-0.
Stat leaders:
Kills -- Daniels and Kimber Harrison, 3 each; Mayfield, 2.

Assists -- Lane, 8, and Vannatta, 3.
Aces -- Vannatta, 3; Mayfield and McFarden, 2 each.

Digs -- Foote, 7; Manna Rodriguez, 4.
Manna Rodriguez said, "I really think this wasn't our best game that we've played, but we pulled it together in the end. Santa Rosa played very well as well."

Texico 7th grade lost to Melrose on Oct. 10, 25-17, 17-25, 11-15. Whitney Skabelund was the top scorer.

Texico 8th topped Melrose on Oct. 3, 25-17, 25-8.

Leading scorers were Emily Kube and Halee Prather.

Texico "C" lost to

Kathryn Beardain

Kathryn Beardain passed away Oct. 5, 2011. Services were held at the 16th and Pile Church of Christ in Clovis on Oct. 8, 2011.



Kathryn Ann Curd was born to Walter Edwin Curd Sr. and Mary Louanna McMahan Jan. 28, 1938, in Clovis. The Curd family made their home in nearby Texico where Kathryn attended school and was active in sports, playing softball and basketball and was selected as a beauty queen on more than one occasion.

The family faced difficult times with the loss of their father when Kathryn was a pre-teen. She did her part by working jobs at school cleaning floors and washing dishes and helped her mother clean homes. As a teenager, she worked at Rose Drug in Farwell and described herself as a soda jerk.

Marriage vows were exchanged with Rex Beardain Dec. 29, 1953, in a small family wedding in Plainview. Life together started in Clovis but in a short time they moved to the Beardain family farm in the Rhea Community north of Bovina.

The family was an active part of the Bovina Church of Christ, where Kathryn taught children's Bible classes and developed lifelong friendships with many church members. She was an old fashioned farmer's wife and a life-partner working in the fields while maintaining a large bountiful summer garden and orchard that she canned or preserved to feed the family throughout the year.

When their farming careers ended in 1978, Rex and Kathryn moved back to Clovis where she worked for the Clovis Schools helping provide transportation to special needs students until her retirement in 1998.

Kathryn and Rex became a part of the 16th and Pile Church family where she again took an active role in educating children about the Bible. She was known for being an exceptional wife, mother and caregiver that gave sacrificially of herself to support her family and friends. Her faith in God spurred her to a life unselfish love and devotion which left an indelible mark on those that knew her.

Survivors include her husband, of Clovis; brother, Walter Curd Jr., of Texico; sister, Carolyn Curd, of Texico; 4 children: Weldon Beardain and wife Kathy of Denison, Texas; Rex Beardain Jr. and wife Susan of Lubbock; Sharon Kay Osborne and husband Chris of Oklahoma City, and Teresa Turnbow and husband Michael of McKinney, Texas; 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant son Scott.

The family request that instead of flowers memorial gifts be sent to High Plains Children's Home, 11461 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX 79118 or Eastern New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236 Portales, NM 88130.

Arrangements handled by Steed-Todd Funeral Home & Cremation, 800 E. Manana Blvd., Clovis, NM, (575) 763-5541. You may also sign the guestbook online at www.steedtodd.com.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Parmer County, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Parmer Condado, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 8, 2011, for voting in a general election for Constitutional Amendment to the Texas Constitution, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and State District Court Judges.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de noviembre de 2011 para votar en la Elección General para miembros del Congreso, miembros de la Legislatura, y jueces de los tribunales de distrito de estado.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote. (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
101 Calvary Baptist Church, Friona	101
Bovina EMS Building, Bovina	201
Farwell Community Center, Farwell	301
Lazbuddie Methodist Church, Lazbuddie	401

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:
(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation (Días y Horas Hábiles)
Friona ISD Superintendent's Office	October 24, 2011 thru November 4, 2011
Parmer County Clerk's Office	October 24, 2011 thru November 4, 2011

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Parmer County Clerk
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)
P.O. Box 356
(Address) (Dirección)
Farwell, Texas 79325
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Código Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: November 1, 2011
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

Issued this the 7th day of October, 2011.
(Emitida este día de , 20)

Ang Ellis
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

Thank you, Curby Brantley

The Parmer County Appraisal District Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Curby Brantley for his 20-plus years of service to Parmer County.

Curby has done a very conscientious job during his tenure, which has included serving as the county's chief appraiser. He will be missed.

And we wish him the best in his new position with Cargill.

Again, thank you, Curby!

Robert Jones, board president
John Mars
Kirby Burch
Mark Barnes
Tom Ware

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

Periodically, as part of my 50th anniversary as a newspaperman, I will give some anecdotes from back in the day.

These anecdotes are from my Michigan City, Ind., days:

While I was the education reporter, our police reporter went on vacation and I was "asked" to fill in for those two weeks.

No problem, I thought. I had never actually covered police news, but you do what you gotta do. Go to the cop shop, check the arrest records and hope all stays quiet.

So just my luck, a rape-murder occurs on my watch. A young lady had been taken out to a country road and brutally done in. My editor says, call a parent and get a reaction.

I was out of my element. What do you say to a dad or mom when such a heinous event occurs to a child of theirs? I sure didn't know.

So I tracked down the dad, who worked for the city at the lakefront park. I probably stuttered the first words out of my mouth, as I tried to say how sorry I was for what happened in his life. And I asked for his reaction.

He said simply: "Cum si, cum sa."

That's a very old expression of resignation that means something like "you win some, you lose some..."

Not what I expected from a grieving parent.

I was tongue-tied and couldn't ask any more questions. To this day, I still don't know what would have been appropriate after his response,

do you?

I was the investigative reporter for a couple of years.

To say I became the most hated person in the city would be fairly accurate. I sure was glad when that assignment ended.

Anyway, one day I was just killing some time, getting some rays.

I happened by the city street department offices and wandered in just to say hi to the street superintendent. I meandered through a couple of offices, couldn't find him, so I just waved to a secretary and left.

The next day they changed all the locks on their doors.

One day, as city editor, I got a call from a guy who said he had a big expose to tell about the Indiana State Prison (which was in our city) but he could only give it to me in person.

He gave his address in a neighboring suburb called Trail Creek, and I drove there.

I always liked Trail Creek. Each year, they held a big parade. One time, by a fluke, it was held on my birthday and they led off the parade with a huge banner that said "Happy Birthday, Mike Pomper." That was a neat surprise and I thought was cool.

I digress.

Anyway, I get to the guy's house and it turns out he had been a state prison inmate who was involved in a custody battle with his ex-wife. So his "big expose" just dealt with his personal legal problem.

Normally, I would have quickly said, "hey, that's not something for a newspaper," say sorry, and leave. But I had a problem here.

I was dealing with a man who obviously was a vicious ex-con who had

placed me in a chair in a corner of the room and kept walking back and forth in front of me, getting angrier and angrier while he waved some legal papers.

Finally, he leans over me, puts a hand on each of my chair's arm rests, puts his face within a few inches of mine, and says strongly, "If you force a man into a corner, he's gonna strike back!"

"Yes, sir," I replied. At that point, I would agree to anything he said.

It turned out okay. He cooled down. And I told him I would look into his problem as I edged out of the house as quickly as possible, never looking back.

I've always been careful about the placement of chairs I sit in ever since...

Belcher shows grand, reserve champion goats at ENMSF

Texico ag teacher Tod Pinnell reports that Texico School students were successful at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair last week in Roswell.

Full results were:

Goats

Madison Belcher, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

Ben Crist, 2nd.

Pigs

Rae Lynn Prather, Reserve Grand Champion.

Mitchell Pinnell, Reserve Champion spot.

Cassidy Downing, 2nd spot.

Lindsey Foote, 2nd, ham.

Hailey Prather, 4th, cross.

Sheep

Delanie Crist, champion finewool.

Kylynn Thomas, champion dorset.

Ben Crist, Reserve Champion finewool.

Micah Pinnell, 2nd, blackface.

Morgan Pinnell, 2nd, blackface.

Steers

Tristan Lockmiller, 2nd, Class II.

Special

Morgan Pinnell won the Gary Caviness memorial "Striving for Excellence" trophy which is given as an overall honor each year for showmanship, herdsman-ship and helping out other exhibitors.

Self-defense class set

The Farwell 4-H will host a self-defense class at the Farwell High gym on Oct. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Master Jason Hook, of Lubbock, will instruct the latest self-defense techniques. He has a vast amount of experience and knowledge.

It's open to all students 8th grade and up, parents, grandparents. RSVP to Julie Mason at (806) 946-8875 by Oct. 13.

There will not be a charge to attend, but donations will be accepted at the door.

All proceeds will be donated to Save the Kids, a non-profit organization that helps families of abducted children both foreign and domestic.

Harvest continues

From Monti Vandiver, IPM county agent:

Harvest operations continue in area corn fields and have begun in a few cotton patches.

Corn yields have been disappointing for the most part but a few fields have actually produced remarkably well considering the environmental conditions during the growing season.

Reported grain yields have ranged from near 40 bu/acre to a few exceeding 230 bu/acre; yield reports most often fall into a range between 90 and 135 bu/acre.

To put these numbers into perspective, the Parmer County average corn yield in 2009 was 217 bu/acre.

Timing is everything

From the Parmer County extension office:

Although studies indicate that maximum yield and quality occur at different stages, correct timing of harvest-aid applications can enable producers to obtain optimum yields of high quality lint and seed.

However, even when applications are made under ideal conditions, inclement weather or lack of available machinery and/or labor can delay harvest for several days or longer. Delayed harvest timings can have adverse effects on both yield and quality of lint and seed.

Proper harvest-aid product selection, tank mix partners and rates vary with environmental and crop conditions. What works best one year is not necessarily the best for the next season.

Some factors that increase the performance of harvest-aid chemicals are:

- Warm, calm, sunny weather.
- Soil moisture relatively low but sufficient to maintain cotton plant in active growth condition without moisture stress.
- Soil nitrogen levels relatively low.
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New Parmer County Farm bureau officers are Dee Chitwood, James Norton, Harry Hamilton, Grady Nelson and Vernon Symcox. Outgoing county chairman is Herman Geries.

Live Longer Laundry, owned by Shorty Hughes, is expanded and moved east of its old location to a new concrete building. The old site is to be occupied by Farwell Plumbing.

Henry Haseloff and Albert Johnson are at top of Tribune's football contest leader board.

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Texas Department of Health will be in Farwell on Oct. 18.

The Texas Department of Health comes to Farwell to give immunizations to everyone who needs them. Persons of any age are eligible. There is no charge; the shots are free.

They will see the first 10 clients (first come, first serve) in the morning, and the first 10 in the afternoon. They will see more clients if they have time.

Their next visit to the Farwell Elementary School nurse's office will be on Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Persons should bring their immunizations records, if they have them.

For more information, and to answer any questions, please contact Farwell School Nurse LuAnn Fillpot at the elementary school, 481-9131.

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Lots of football on tap:

Bovina -- the Mustangs host Springlake-Earth at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14. The JV Mustangs play at Springlake-Earth on Oct. 13 at 6:15 p.m. And the Middle School Maroon Colts play at Springlake-Earth on Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.

Lazbuddie -- the Longhorns have an open date this week, then open district play by hosting Cotton Center on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Farwell -- the Steers play at Sudan on Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Junior High Steers host Sudan on Oct. 13 at 4 p.m., then play at Nazareth on Oct. 20 at 4 p.m.

Texico - the Wolverines open district play by hosting Santa Rosa on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. mt. The Junior High Wolverines close their season against Portales on Oct. 13 at 4:30 p.m. mt at home.

And in volleyball:

The Texico C, JV and varsity teams play at Clayton on Oct. 15 starting at 1 p.m. mt. On Oct. 22, the JV and varsity teams play at Fort Sumner starting at 4:30 p.m. mt.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 0052-01-039 for Seal Coat in Parmer County, etc. will be opened November 2, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

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.

NPO: 38166

State Office
Construction/Maintenance Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

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.

West Texas Gas files to increase rates

West Texas Gas, the utility for Farwell, has filed a notice to increase its rates with the Texas Railroad Commission.

According to a West Texas Gas news release, the change would affect all its customers and results in an increase to its revenues of about 23 percent in increments over a two-year period.

The proposal means that the monthly domestic customer charge would go from \$9 to \$11.27 in the first year and to \$13.54 in the second year if approved.

Odegaard has 70-yard TD run against Clovis

Texico lost to Clovis Marshall, 14-8, in a hard fought game Oct. 6.

Matt Odegaard added to the offense with a 70-yard run in the first half. Rafael Maldonado was able to successfully score a 2 point conversion to give Texico 8 points.

Playing excellent defense were Zach Harrison, Dylan Weems, Michael Hill and Ramon Garcia.

On the offensive side, Lance Myers, Matthew Duffy and Braden Herrington showed great effort. Blake Williams had a fumble recovery.

Courthouse Notes

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

Beverly Kay – Kenneth Hall, 2.00 AC S/2 S2 T6S R3E

David Ancira – Adrian Ancira, N 12.5' L22 L23-24 B6 Farwell

Mary Engler – Joaquin Cencenas, B120 L1-2 B27, L1-2 B28, L2 B29, 14.093 AC S21 T7S R2E, all of Bovina.

Pat Schwab – NEI Global Relocation Co., 2.84 AC SW/PT S7 T5S R4E

NEI Global Relocation Co. - Philip Zeller, 2.84 AC SW/PT S7 T5S R4E

Billy Black Sr. - Berta Mirhashemi, 101.4 AC S8 Blk B

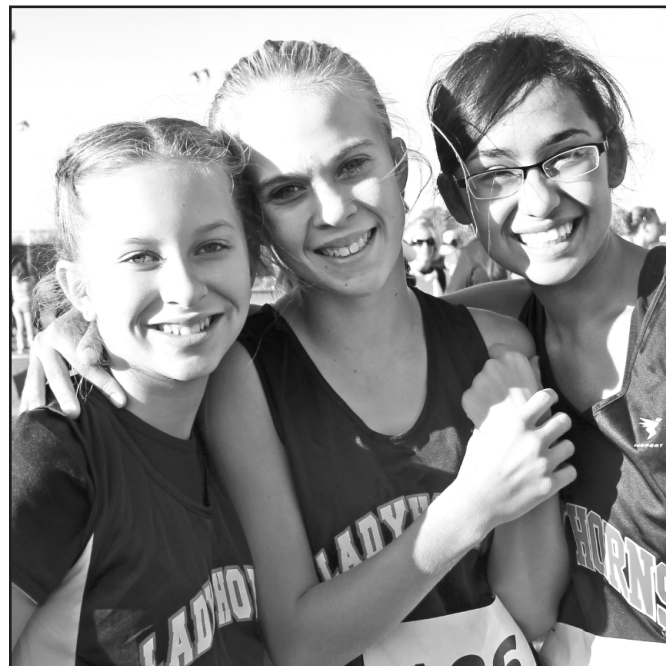


Lazbuddie High School runners

The Lazbuddie High School cross country team is Autumn Townsend, Maysun Hester, Lacey Jesko, Jessica Estrada, Shyann Rainey, Allison Weaver.



Lacey Jesko



Lazbuddie Junior High runners

The Lazbuddie High School cross country team is Ashley Scott, Mattisun Hester, Iridian Fernandez

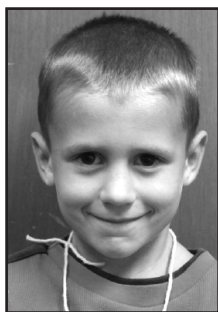


Texico fifth graders cheer Lady Spikers over Tatum

Dennis Roch is surrounded by Texico 5th graders at the annual Pizza and Volleyball Night. Once each year, the administration

invites all 5th graders to support the Lady Wolverines volleyball team and eat pizza with Dr. R.L. Richards or Dr. Roch. This year Dr. Roch cheered with the 5th graders through the C, JV and Varsity games against Tatum.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2024



Jordan Dyck is a Farwell kindergarten. His birthday is Sept. 21. Parents are Peter and Eva Dyck. He has 4 brothers. Parents are Herman and Trudy Wieler, and Frank and Agatha Dyck. He likes to take a bath four times a day. His favorite food is pizza. His favorite color is red. He doesn't like spiders.

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Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6232-79-001 for Maintenance of Traffic Signal Systems in Parmer County, etc. will be received on November 16, 2011, until 1:55 p.m. and opened on November 16, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$165,223.50.

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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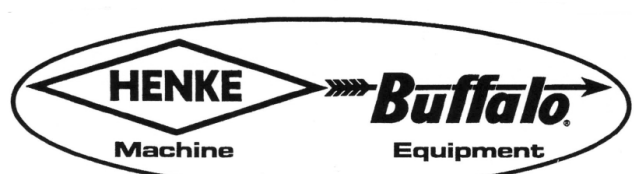
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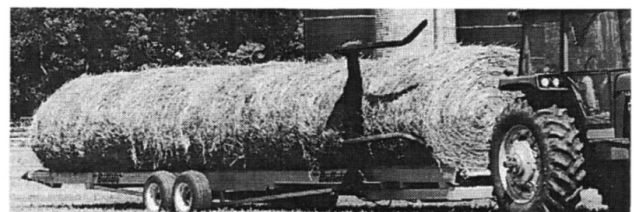
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Live Cattle prices have remained inside last weeks range with prices trading on both sides. Cash trade took place early last week with the bulk of the trade taking place around \$121.00. Technically, prices are bumping up against their August and July highs. Until the market can move above this level, prices will be vulnerable. A move below last weeks low would probably lead to a larger selloff. With the rest of the commodity complex moving higher, odds would favor the upside?

Feeder prices made an effort to break out above last weeks highs, but there has been some selling pressure around those levels. Much like the Live Cattle price, Feeders have continued to make a run at breaking out to new highs basis the nearby contracts. Until Live Cattle prices move up, it may be difficult for feeders to move much higher than already seen? Market overall is still neutral to positive.

Soybean prices which have dropped below most of their major support levels were able to test their lows on Friday and have rebounded substantially early this week. Short term trends may be able to turn back up over the near term, but it will take considerably more time to turn long term trends back up. There will be another USDA Crop Production report out this week which may influence price direction?

Corn prices also rallied off their lows last week and have made an attempt early this week to continue higher. Prices moved all the way back to major support around the \$5.75 level basis the December contract and held last week. There has been some support coming off those levels, but prices are a ways off from turning any long term trend back up. The USDA Crop Production report is due out this week.

Wheat prices also tested short term support levels last Friday and prices have moved higher early this week. This market is probably the weakest of all the grains even though there are usually strong seasonal tendencies to see prices move higher into the end of the year. Odds are good that the grains will continue to move more or less together? Higher beans and corn could go a long way in supporting wheat prices.

Cotton prices have remained inside a tight trading range for almost the last three weeks. Prices are making a weak attempt to break out on the upside of this range early this week, but it's still too early to determine if prices can actually close above these levels? It looks like the entire commodity complex is beginning to turn higher. If this turns out to be the case, then cotton prices should follow higher over the near term?

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



Of the State Line Tribune

Williams helped bring electricity to rural area

From the 1986 Tribune:
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams moved to West Camp in 1930.

They traveled from Oklahoma in a Model T Ford. While living at West Camp, he was elected a Bailey County commissioner for six years.

Williams was able to get several roads paved starting from the state line road on into Muleshoe. Also, he was able to get the first home demonstration agent in the area.

Williams, with the help of the commissioner court, was able to get electricity to the rural areas in 1935.

He decided they needed a telephone one time so he got the necessary materials and ran a line from his house to Mrs. Matthews' house at the state line road. He said the phone worked very well.

During this time, the Williamses had three children -- Flora Lee, JoAnn and Bert. They attended school at West Camp, which just went to the 7th grade. Then they came to town for high school.

The West Camp School burned down in 1934. School activities were the main social get-togethers -- mainly county meets -- spelling, writing, arithmetic and church activities.

In 1952, the family moved to Farwell. When they first came, there were no homes south of them in the 700 block of 3rd Street. In the mid 1950s, Williams was elected mayor of Farwell for six years.

He helped pave 3rd Street himself, hauling sand in an old truck. He and John Aldridge paved the road from the Williams alley to the school. Also, the roads on 1st and 2nd streets were paved with his help.

Williams retired from farmer and has managed the Sherley-Anderson-Pitman grain elevator in Farwell.

The Williamses were active members of the First Baptist Church of Farwell. He was on the committee to build the present church.

Mrs. Williams enjoyed doing latch hook rugs, crocheting, sewing and playing bridge. She was active with home demonstration in the women's club. While she was active with that, she made a dress to show, and won a trip to Texas A&M, where she won a Singer sewing machine.

Mrs. Williams was a substitute teacher for 15 years at West Camp and Farwell.

TJH honor rolls listed

Here are the 1st six weeks honor rolls for Texico Junior High:

All A's
6th grade - Matthew Barriga, Madison Belcher, Benjamin Crist, Mackenzie Haakma, Perla Marin, Paden McDermid, Kaylee Miller, Hannah Myers, Craig Ray.

7th grade - Zachary Andrews, Emily Autrey, Efrain Balli, Cooper Davis, Lance Myers, Kira Olguin, Madalynn Sealey, Whitney Skabelund.

8th grade - Joseph Sena, Shaylee Sours, Audrey Wren.

A-B
6th grade - Mackenzie Clark, Carlos Delarosa, Javier Garcia, Sarah Harrison, Callie Kron, Kambri Loewen, Estrella Lopez, Katelyn Martinez, Danika Nelson, Nathan Phipps, Charity Wilson, Brayden Wines.

7th grade - Rosa Bravo, Kyleigh Bridges, Cassandra Cotton, Melissa Davalos, Jasmine Gannon, Hannah Hughes, Hayden Hughes, David Martinez, Tristyn McDaniel, Amanda Meeks, Micah Pinnell, Hannah Rucker, Jackson Tuls, Morgan Wade, Collin Williams, Koltan Wines.

8th grade - A'Lexis Askew, Jakeb Barnett, Brooks Hagler, Zachary Harrison, Hailee Kelley, Emily Kube, Jesus Maldonado, Halle Reid, Brianna Reyna, Klara Sawyer, Kalley Tharp, Dylan Weems.

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Little Mustangs in action

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100 Years

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Schleuter 1, bear 0

Besides the usual review of 1947 events found in the ad elsewhere in today's Tribune, here are some individual stories:

While on a hunting trip, Olan Schleuter saw a bear he thought was dead. It wasn't and resulted in a foot race that Schleuter finally won.

Bill Flippin planted his fields like mad only to discover he had seeded the despised Johnson grass.

Lester Rhinehart started his new car by towing it with a tractor, then lost a race with the driverless vehicle which was continually banged up when halted.

A group of Clovis boys took a novel way of entering Security State Bank, banging their car into the building when the brakes failed to hold.

Bill Hubble stalled a truck on the railroad crossing at Bovina but succeeded getting himself and his 6-year-old daughter out before a freight train hit the truck.

W.E. Martin drove in front of a train, got cracked up, and escaped with only slight injuries.

Billy Don Read got a bullet in his knee while on a hunting party.

T.L. Glasscock tried to hop a moving tractor but was run over. He was not seriously injured.

Sam Rundell fell off his combine and wound up in the hospital.

Wert Pace, a local mechanic, got backed into a corner by a machine he was working on and sustained a broken shoulder.

Obituary

Kathryn Beardain family farm in Rhea Community. Kathryn Beardain, 73, died Oct. 5 in Clovis.

The family was active at the Bovina Church of Christ where Kathryn taught children's Bible classes.

They moved to Clovis in 1978.

Survivors include her husband; a brother, Walter Curd, of Texico, and a sister, Carolyn Curd, of Texico.

Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements. She was born to Walter and Mary Curd Jan. 28, 1938, and the family lived in Texico, where Kathryn attended school. She married Rex Beardain Dec. 29, 1953. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the Beardain

Teachout takes 1st

The Boys Ranch, Texas, cross country team is ranked No. 1 in Class 1A.

Their top runner is Joe Teachout, son of Robert and Angela Teachout, of Farwell.

Joe has won several meets this year and placed 2nd in the Canyon meet last weekend.

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Continued drought that almost eliminated row crops from our area, the high price of wheat and the low line of skirts (though the latter show up very little locally) were the main stories.

Killed in local auto accidents were Billie Lane, of Muleshoe, and Delores Jones, of Friona.

After a sandstorm ripped up the wheat in February, farmers had a bumper crop when late rains brought wheat to life again. Shipping facilities hampered harvest with huge lots of grain laying in the open.

County elevators added to their storage facilities and the new Sherley elevator opened at Bovina.

Irrigation wells boomed.

Dial telephones were installed in Friona.

The UFO sightings in the U.S. reached his area in the fall when two local residents reported seeing them while driving from Clovis to Texico.

The 4-lane highway between Farwell and Clovis is under construction.

The Parmer County Selective Service office closed. Rationing restrictions on sugar were removed.

Bovina voted to incorporate their town and elected W.O. Cherry mayor. Bovina also okayed a bond issue for a water works system. The Triplett Pringle feed barn at the edge of Bovina burned down. Two new Bovina churches were erected -- Baptist and Methodist.

Parmer County Community Hospital opened in Friona with Drs. Robert Stokes and E.D. Anderson in charge.

Texico School got two surplus army barracks to replace the burned ag and lunch room buildings.

C.N. Henderson was re-elected Farwell Chamber of Commerce president. F.S. Thigpen was named Texico Fire Chief.

Farwell veterans financed a new American Legion Hall. Scotty Levins opened the Border Theater in Farwell. Les Means opened a zero locker plant in Texico.

The Farwell Chamber started a movement to have main street curb to curb with gutters.

County Agent Lee McElroy resigned and was succeeded by Ollie Linder. Rev. Virgil Hunton resigned from the Baptist Church and was followed by Rev. E.M.

O.T. Loyd is named Farwell School superintendent.



Treadwell. O.T. Loyd came from Smyer to be Farwell school superintendent after H.A. Clift resigned. Lloyd Brewer took over the county clerk's office.

Donald Christian took 1st in the District 4-H Sear contest with his boar. Herman Gerles and Toby Booth took 1st and 2nd in hvy. hogs in Amarillo.

The Steers took Bi-District 6-man grid title and added 2 basketball tourney crowns.

Weddings were:

Erlinda Seseras and Juan Zamora; Velma Scheuler and Carl Schlenker; Geniene Collins and Clarence Summers; Mary Bell and Lester Williams; Bobbie Breeze and E.M. Powers; Betty Allen and Bill Howard; Delnora Nettles and Eugene Campbell; Elizabeth Davis and Dennis Taylor; Florence Wallace and Paul Johnston.

Donalita Hastings and Charles Hawkins; Peggy Templeman and Bill Johnson; Peggy Williams and Elmer Hargrove; Vera Morgan and Jim Charles; Maxine Crim and Lovel Johnson; Nola Smith and C.L. Vestal; Doris Stovall and Grover Meeks; Minnie Smotherman and Jerry Paul; Anita Smith and Joseph Threet.

Lorene Barnett and Condy Billingsley; Pauline Poorbaugh and R.B. Ezell; Doris Keele and Preston Martin; Patsy Arrington and Bob Sudderth; Margaret Allred and Charles Bell; Joyce Richey and Joe Murphy; Pearl Curtis and James Stone; Ruth Glenn and Joe Blair; Mamie Wilson and Louis Welch.

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Steers turn back Mustangs in thriller

The Farwell Steers topped the Bovina Mustangs, 27-13, in front of packed stands on Friday night in Farwell.

It was the district opener for both teams. The game featured an hour-long thunderstorm delay during halftime and a new sound system that included a microphone on the head referee when he made calls.

Bovina jumped out to a quick lead when Jose Lara returned the opening kickoff almost 95 yards for a quick TD. Juan Pinela tacked on an extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The rivals traded three-and-outs as Jorge Jaramillo had a great tackle against Farwell and Edgar Cuevas stopped Bovina on a 3rd down play.

Farwell's next possession featured a couple of good Collin Christian runs for first downs, but an interception by Lara set Bovina up with a short field.

Andrew Marrufo passed to Gael Vela for a 13-yard TD and Bovina was up by 13. Kolten Morris blocked the extra point try.

Farwell leaned on its running game with rushes by Christian and Ryder Ledbetter getting the ball to midfield where Morris had a 3rd down run for 48 yards and Farwell's first score.

Bretton Stancell added the extra point and it was 13-7.

The Mustangs answered with their own running game, as Marco Terrones, Marrufo and Alex Mejia marched the ball down the field.

Marrufo also completed a pass to Lara, but was hurried in a throw by Garrett Presnell's pressure and Bovina was forced to punt.

Farwell had long runs by Ledbetter and Hayden Hadley, but the team bogged down and punted the ball back to Bovina.

Christian got the ball back for Farwell by intercepting a pass and returning it to the Bovina 1, from where Morris plunged over. The Stancell kick gave the Steers a 14-13 lead going onto halftime.

Lightning storms around Clovis and a rainstorm kept the players off the field for about an hour during halftime. The stands emptied, but most folks didn't go far. When play resumed, the stands again filled up.

Farwell started with the ball, but Terrones and Abdiel Ramos both had tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Ramos partially blocked the Farwell punt.

Bovina's Terrones broke away for a 55-yard run and was kept from scoring by a Seth Meeks tackle.

Bovina was corralled by Curt Langford and Ledbetter for losses and Christian dove to break up a 3rd down pass.

Bovina attempted a 32-yard field goal, but it went wide right.

Farwell put together its longest drive of the night, running 14 plays as they marched down field on runs by Ledbetter, Morris, Christian and Hadley.

Bovina's Justin Curtis and Marrufo had good tackles, and Lara broke up a 4th down pass to get the ball back.

Marrufo hit a short pass, but Christian stripped the ball from the receiver and recovered it.

With a short field, Morris and Christian ran well, culminating in a 14-yard TD scamper by Christian for a 20-13 lead. Aaron Castaneda blocked the extra point kick.

Bovina tried to connect on a pass on 4th down during its next possession, but it fell just short. Farwell capitalized on the short field with 5 runs to increase the score to 27-13 on a 3-yard Christian TD with a Stancell extra point.

Steers of the Week

Steers of the Week: offense -- the whole team; defense -- the whole team; and special teams -- Bretton Stancell and Curt Langford.

Mustangs of the Week

Mustangs of the Week: offense, Andrew Marrufo; defense, Jose Lara; special teams, Jose Lara; and Big Hit, Andrew Marrufo.

Mustangs Coach Hector Guevara commented. "Our kids played hard and it was close until the end of the game. We didn't execute as well as I wanted us to, but you need to give credit to Farwell's defense, too."

Steers Coach Mike Prokop said, "Bovina was very tough and I was proud of how our kids came back from 13 down and overcoming the long halftime delay."

Teams stats:
First downs - Bovina 5, Farwell 12; rushing yards, Bovina 107, Farwell 249; passing yards, Bovina 32, Farwell 0; and penalties, Bovina 8 for 74 yards, Farwell 5 for 35.

The Latest

John Gordon McCuan, the great-grandson of Dr. McCuan, a Farwell pioneer, was in town last week.

Word has been received of the death of Howard Graham, 85, of Pampa, on Oct. 1. He was born July 22,

1926, in Farwell to B.N. and Irene Graham. After graduating Farwell High, he joined the Army and served in the Philippines during World War II.

He spent his career as a teacher, mostly in



Wedding on horseback

Rocky Bartlett, of Bovina, wed Doris Gresham, of Cushing, Texas, on Oct. 4. The service was performed on horseback south of Bovina at the family farm with Larry Mitchell presiding.

Pampa. ***
In the New Mexico statewide coaches polls:
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Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, green beans, fresh bread stick, apple crisp, milk.
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Don't let "Double Dip" fears sink your investment plans

Fears of a "double-dip" recession are in the air. Obviously, this isn't particularly good news; we'd all like to feel that the economy is growing robustly. At the same time, however, you'll want to avoid making hasty, ill-advised investment decisions based on the mere threat of a slide into another recession. Instead, you'll want to keep your long-term investment plan intact — in all economic environments.

The possibility of a double-dip recession makes great headlines. But such events have been rare. In fact, we've seen only one double-dip recession in the past 77 years. However, this history hasn't stopped gloomy forecasters from predicting a double-dip in 1991 (it didn't happen) and in 2003 (when it didn't happen again).

Will we again avoid the double-dip recession this time? It's dangerous to make predictions, but it seems more likely that what we're really experiencing is a "soft patch" in the economic recovery as retail sales remain weak, consumer confidence is low and unemployment remains high. But on the positive side, manufacturing activity has been strong, corporate earnings have rebounded to pre-recession levels and profit margins are near all-time highs.

And yet, many investors are focusing strictly on the negative reports — and they're acting on their fears by moving money from stocks to fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. During the period from July 2008 through June 2010, investors pulled more than \$200 billion out of stock-based mutual funds and put more than \$475 billion into bond funds, according to the Investment Company Institute.

Bonds can provide a source of regular income and will return your principal when they mature, providing the issuers don't default. They're an important part of most investors' portfolios. But if you're joining the

crowd and over-concentrating on bonds, you risk losing the following:

Growth opportunities — According to Ibbotson, a leading investment research organization, stocks have done particularly well following 10-year periods in which the stock market hasn't performed strongly — and the past 10 years were one of the worst periods we've ever seen for stocks. And right now, many quality stocks are trading at some of the most attractive values in 15 years, as measured by price-to-earnings ratio, or P/E.

Portfolio balance — Ideally, you want your portfolio to contain a mix of investments — stocks, bonds, international and cash — designed to reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. You'll need to adjust your investment mix over time to reflect changes in your life, and regular portfolio reviews will prompt you to rebalance back to your target mix and determine whether any other changes are needed. But if you're constantly disrupting your portfolio's balance by reacting to short-term events, you'll have a much harder time achieving your objectives. In virtually all areas of life, balance is essential — and that's certainly true in regard to your investments.

A "double-dip recession" might sound scary, but it may well never come to pass — so don't let the mere prospect throw you off your investment strategy. Good investment opportunities are out there — so dip into them.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Before investing in stocks, you should understand the risks. Stocks are subject to market risks, including loss of principal invested.



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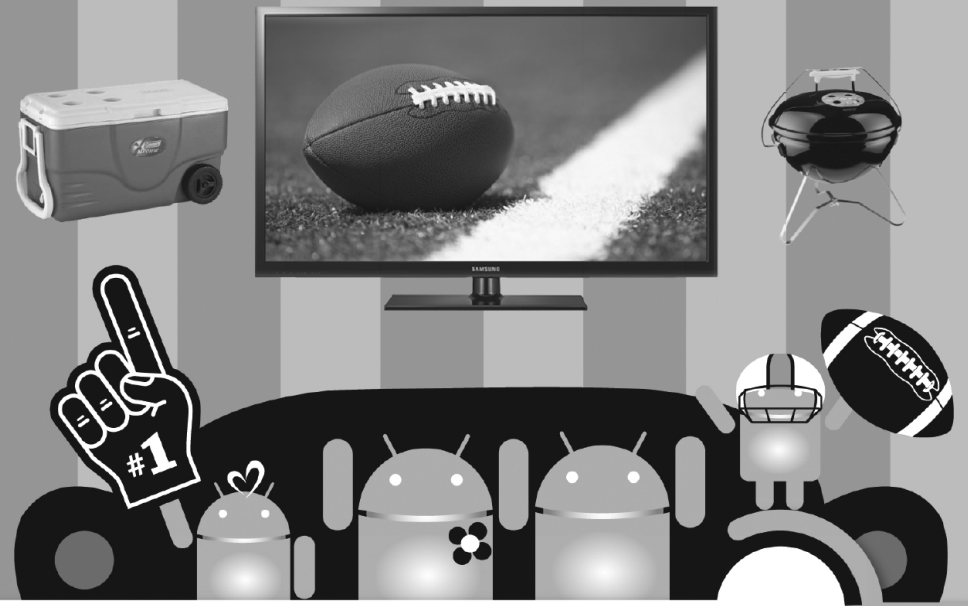
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Coach Thackston's AP U.S. History class has begun a fund-raising extravaganza to raise money for a trip to Washington D.C. in May.

They are starting off with cookie dough sales. The fund-raiser is under way and runs through Nov. 18. Delivery of items will take place before Thanksgiving.

Bovina schools and the community is participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

Friday's game will be a "pink out" and fans are encouraged to wear pink in order to bring more attention and support for Breast Cancer.

The cemetery's finally touches are done. The crosses that were added now have lights and look great. There are also two flag poles with the American and Texas flags that have had the light added.

A woman's Bible study began at First Baptist Church this week that is open to all woman regardless of denomination.

The study will be on Monday evenings at 6 and runs 10 weeks; it is not too late to join. Just drop by or contact Melissa. The Bible study is being taught by Libby (Marshall) Steelman.

Well, it finally had to happen: I got tacked while taking pictures at Friday night's game.

It was awful. I am recovering but am bruised and stiff. It was just like I feared ... painful. Ah, but I will survive! Thanks to all for the calls, support and, especially, prayers.

These young men are tough; I had no idea how hard they hit.

I'm tough too, so see you at our next game!

A look back at Bovina happenings. May 1, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson bought the Jack Carr residence.

Junior Jones and Fred Langer made a business trip to Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ezell have a baby girl.

Aubrey Brock and Reagan Looney went cat fishing in Running Water Draw.

The Mustangs host Springlake-Earth in a district game at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14.

The JV Mustangs play at Springlake-Earth on Oct. 13 at 6:15 p.m.

And the Middle School Maroon Colts play at Springlake-Earth on Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.

Bovina got about 4 tenths of an inch of moisture Oct. 5 and another 2 tenths on Friday, reports Sue Fowler.

Correction: It was Jose Lara who scored the 2-point conversion for the Mustangs in the 2nd quarter in their game against Iraan.

Running Water Land & Cattle, Bovina, ranked as fourth largest in registering the most Angus beef cattle in Texas, having recorded 354 head of Angus with the American Angus Association during fiscal year 2011, which ended Sept. 30.

God Bless and have a great week.

Interesting Fact of the Week: A quarter has 119 grooves all the way around its outside edge; a dime has one less groove around it.



Mustang cheerleaders get an assist.

Pinela leads Mustangs to cross country win

The varsity boys took 1st at the Sundown Cross Country Meet on Oct. 1.

Full results are:
Varsity Boys -- 1st: Abel Rocha, 1st; Juan Pinela, 2nd; Kristian Antillon, 10th; Miguel Dominguez, 18th, and Ramiro Nicolas, 28th.

Varsity Girls -- 5th: Anabel Lara, 9th; Ruby Ramirez, 37th; Kristen Gonzales, 41st; Andrea Villarreal, 46th; and Edith Gomez, 53rd.

JV Girls -- 3rd; Jackie Guevara, 5th; Jackie Garcia, 15th; Yajayra Herrera, 36th; Cynthia Jasso, 41st; Tamata Rivera, 43rd; Marielenerena Flores, 84th; Mandy Rojas, 94th and Vanessa Herrera 113th.

JV Boys: Arturo Aguillon, 10th and Ivan Ramirez, 12th.

JH Girls -- 5th: Jasmine Lara, 27th; Alma Hernandez, 41st; Malory DeLaRosa, 57th; Brianna DeLaCruz, 58th; Abigail Diaz, 64th; Denise Gomez, 68th; Lizet Annett, 146th; Abril Chavez, 147th; Monique Pena, 150th; Melissa Garia, 169th; Laura Perez, 218th; Cynthia Carrillo, 227th; Heather Rocha, 228th; Itzel Annett, 233rd; April Hernandez, 235th; Jenna Herd, 242nd; Yoly Torres, 244th; and Clarissa Robledo, 250th.

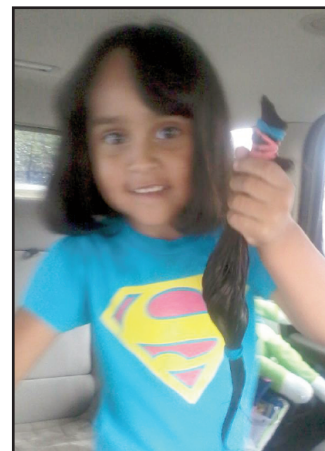
JH Boys: Daniel Lara, 17th.

Locks donated in aunt's memory

Jazreel Gitana Valadez, 4, daughter of Josephine and Severo Valadez, of Cactus, Texas, on Oct. 5 donated more than 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love in memory of her mother's aunt, Ramona Lara, of Bovina.

Mrs. Lara died a day before Gitana's birthday on Sept. 12.

Gitana was already planning on donating her hair to Lock of Love, but when Josephine's close aunt died of cancer, this gave the family a stronger reason to



Gitana Valadez

donate Gitana's hair to help cancer patients.

Her grandparents are Joe and Paula Treviño, of Bovina, and Severo Valadez Sr., of Juarez, Mexico.



Bovina has the lights up and running for the crosses added at the cemetery. (Photo by Deanna Curtis)

Our Scholars

Here are the Bovina High School honor rolls for the 1st six weeks:

All A's
Jake Brozek, Justin Brozek, Jackie Garcia, Heather Miller, Mandy Rojas.

A-B
Rika Bermea, Luz Bonilla, Joseph Casas, Aaron Castaneda, Zachary Castillo, Alejandra Chavez, Jose Cruz, Justin Curtis, Bernabe Delacruz, Pedro Dominguez, Andy Flores, Marielena Flores, Sarah Gallegos, Pablo Galvan, Bryan Garcia, Luis Garcia, Krystin Gonzales, Vanessa Herrera, Yajara Herrera, Padyn Hughes, Stefon Knoll, Hector Lopez, Navil Marielenerena, Brenda Martinez, David Martinez, Julian Martinez, Luciana Martinez.

Also, Alex Mejia, Alexis Oliva, Anthony Ortiz, Vanessa Ortiz, Brittany Perez, Juan Pinela, Regina Quintero, Israel Ramirez, Ivan Ramirez, Sirina Ramirez, Jessi Ramon, Abdiel Ramos, Tamara Rivera, Abel Rocha.

Also, Karen Rocha, Jairo Salas, Joel Salas, Carmen Sanchez, Victor Sanchez, Marco Terrones, Gael Vela, Yukari Vela, David Velo, Darien Walker.

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Students of the Month

Bovina Middle School Students of the Month are Jesus Sanchez, a member of the school Honor Society, science bowl and football team. Itzel Anett is Honor Society president, and involved in band, science bowl and basketball. Both students were nominated by science teacher Helen Deen. (Photo by Steve Arias)

Tina Sides named Teacher of the Month

The Bovina School Board on Monday heard that elementary teacher Tina Sides was named Teacher of the Month.

In other news, the board:

-- Received a report from student Karen Rocha who recently attended a seminar in Washington, D.C.

-- Is still haggling with the insurance company over financial reimbursement for roof damage



Tina Sides

that occurred last year in a hailstorm.

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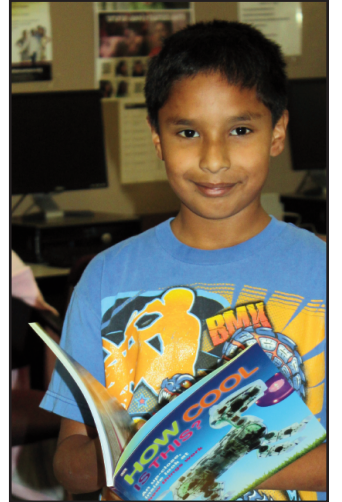
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Photos by J.R. Ivins and Deanna Curtis.



Bovina book fair held

Bovina 4th grade students Perla Vidana, Israel Loera, Jonathon Guevara and Juan Humberto Gonzalez visit the school book fair that was held Oct. 3-7.



3rd graders Victoria Ramos, Joel De La Cruz, John Lamas, and Gabby Cecenas show the afghan.

Afghan to be raffled

3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Tina Sides, recently crocheted a beautiful pink afghan to be raffled off at the Oct. 14 home football game against Springlake-Earth.

The afghan is pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and is part of the pink-out celebration at the game.

The tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any 3rd grade student or at the school office, and there will be a booth set up at the football game.

All proceeds raised from the afghan sale will go towards funding 3rd grade field trips.

Night of worship set

There will be a community night of worship featuring popular Christian recording artist Michael Robert on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bovina High Auditorium.

Robert will sing, pose for photos and do interviews during the community night.

The concert is free.

JV Mustangs top Gruver

The Bovina JV Mustangs on Oct. 6 toppled Gruver, 12-6.

Bernie DeLaCruz scored on an 18-yard TD run and Joseph Casas cashed in on a 67-yard YD scamper.

Defensive players standing out were David Velo, Jacob Reyna, Julian Martinez, and Bryan Garcia.

Colts fall to Farwell

From Coach Thackston:

The Bovina Middle School Colts lost to Farwell, 20-0, on Oct. 6

The bright spot for the Colts was the way in which they played.

Inspired defensive efforts by Camillo Delarosa, Enrique Marez coupled with some determined offensive performances by Carlos Vaquera and Jose Rodriguez bode well for the final three games of the Colts season.



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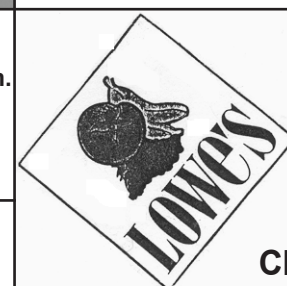
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