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Savanna Barksdale, Mallory Schilling and Sidney Barksdale with chapter advisor Sid Morris.

## Farwell FFA takes 2nd in State Sweepstakes

The Farwell FFA finished 2nd in the state of Texas at the State tournament sweepstakes last weekend. Farwell had two entries -- and both placed high. Mallory Schilling finished 2nd in Greenhand Creed Speaking. Mallory had won the Area contest before advancing to State. About 756 youth in Texas participated in this event over the school year. Farwell's Senior Ag Demonstration Skills Team of Savanna Barksdale, Sidney Barksdale and Mallory Schilling finished 5th. More than 400 teams in Texas participating in this event over the school year.

## County ballots set

The ballots for the spring Parmer County ballots have been set as Dec. 9 was the filing deadline. On the Republican side will be three races. GOP county chairman is Elizabeth McLellan: Steve Cockerham and Mitch Terry have filed for the Bovina area county commissioner post. Incumbent James Clayton did not seek re-election. Dr. Donald May takes on incumbent Randy Neugebauer for U.S. congressman. Former Midland Mayor Mike Canon is challenging incumbent state Sen. Kel Seliger. The other posts on the ballot and the unopposed candidates are:  
County treasurer - incumbent Altha Herington.  
County clerk - Jerri Bowers. Incumbent Colleen Stover is retiring.

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## It's basketball tournament time in Farwell

The Farwell Invitational Basketball Tournament presented by Security State Bank will be Dec. 12, 13 and 14, and again has an expanded format this year. Besides the usual varsity boys and girls tournaments, which include the Texico, Farwell and Friona teams, a JV Tourney is added. The JC Tourney also will feature Farwell, Texico and Friona teams. For complete times, see the brackets on Page 3 in this week's Tribune.

## Texico honors firefighters, EMS

Texico firefighters and EMS personnel were thanked for their great work throughout the year. See more photos on Page 9.



Chris Scioli, center, was named Firefighter of the Year. His award was presented by Doug, left, and Josh Scioli, right.



Wes Cockerham was named EMS worker of the year. His daughter, Skyla, received the award for him. She is pictured with Doug Scioli.



Fire Chief Lewis Cooper was given a special token of appreciation in honor of 50 years of being a firefighter.



Ted and Teddy Lopez were named Honorary Members of the Texico Fire Department for their years of help from Tedson Trailers.



Above, One-Act Play finished 1st in District. Cast included Ethan Stancell; Facio Gernain; Brooke Mullin, All-Star Cast; Mason Byrd, Honorable Mention; Romeo Reyes; Sailor Jackson, All-Star Cast; Hope Herrera, Best Actress; Marivel Galvan, Honorable Mention. Crew were Alexis Olmos, Andrea Chavez, Victor Crume, Lee Roy Cervantes, Miguel Vasquez, Marisol Reyes, Coby Glover, Leslie Mora. Directors were Shanna Glover, Tanya Steinbock, and Patty O'Hare.

## Farwell Elementary, Junior High UIL teams dominate academic competitions

On Dec. 4, Farwell elementary and junior high schools took 1st place in the annual District UIL academic contest. Complete results are on Pages 4 and 5. Last year's FJH total was 782. This year, it shot way past that -- with 1,035. This was the 2nd year in a row that Farwell Elementary School won the UIL academic meet. Last year's Farwell Elementary total was 314. This year, it was far ahead of that -- with 538.



8th Spelling - Alexis Olmos, 1st; Carley Johnson, 2nd; Marivel Galvan, 4th; Alexia Nicolas.



7th Oral Reading - Sidney Urbanke, 3rd; Kylie Haseloff, 4th; Kinley Kalbas; Katey White.



6th Spelling -- Ivonne Gonzalez, 1st; Ainsley Actkinson, 2nd; Brenda Vazquez, 6th; Alexis Ruiz.



6th Mathematics - Truman Hough, 1st; Kynton Haseloff, 2nd; Coby Glover, 3rd; Trivious Ortiz.



Farwell's city park looked like a winter wonderland after the freeze last week.

## Competing visions for America

*Just Passing Through*  
WILL ANDERSON

The U.S. Constitution makes no mention of political parties. The Founders, in fact, were horrified to think that their newly-born United States would ever have political parties like those they had observed during their years as colonies back in the mother-country of Britain.

There were two competing visions, to be sure, with Thomas Jefferson's Republican faction and Alexander Hamilton's Federalist faction, but they did not function as political parties.

Despite this fact, Americans throughout our history continue to see the ghost of Jefferson competing with the ghost of Hamilton for the soul of the nation.

The Jeffersonians placed complete faith in the American individual who would be empowered by having small government, minimal taxes, and a level playing field in which citizens could pursue personal goals.

The Jeffersonians insisted that with the power of the collective diminished, each individual could improvise, innovate, and prosper and the entire American people would benefit as the combined effects of millions of success stories powered the collective of the society for the good of the whole.

The Hamiltonians placed all their emphasis on the collective first, maintaining that as the collective of the society advanced, individual Americans would

each advance as well.

The Hamiltonians demanded the success of the collective people would have to be entrusted to a political elite class – wealthy, educated, and raised from birth to conduct the governance of the American Republic for the good of the great mass of Americans who were to be excluded from national affairs for which they were neither intellectually capable nor classically trained to understand, much less participate.

Our first president, George Washington, was a wealthy, educated squire from a blue-blood Virginia family, and as commander in the successful War of Independence, the overwhelming choice of all patriots. The Hamiltonians fully anticipated he would remain president for life and establish the Washingtons as the royal family – the hereditary kings – of the first American dynasty.

Washington shocked Americans when he refused that chance and relinquished his power after only eight years as president. The world had not seen

such true statesmanship on the grandest of scales since 439 BC when Cincinnatus refused the dictatorship that had been eagerly thrust into his grasp following his victory in war, voluntarily surrendering his power to a Roman Senate.

Our second president, John Adams, was a wealthy, educated squire from a blue-blood Massachusetts family, and he was (unlike Washington) a staunch Hamiltonian. Protective of his regal status and easily stung by any criticism, he actually rescinded the Bill of Rights in 1798 (only nine years after they had been ratified), imprisoning his detractors and impoverishing their families.

He was our first one-term president, overwhelmingly rejected by the American voters in 1800 in favor of the most Jeffersonian of his time, Thomas Jefferson himself.

The next three presidents – Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe – were all rewarded with two terms and all stepped down, like

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**Texico**  
Monday - nachos with meat, cheese sauce, corn, LT, pears.  
Tuesday - corn dog, mac & cheese, green beans, peaches.  
Wednesday - green chili stew, flour tortilla, pinot beans, carrots, pineapple.  
Thursday - ham & cheese sandwich, LP, baked Lays, pork & beans, apple.  
Friday - no school.

**Farwell**  
Monday - Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, garden salad, apples, crispy treat (ham & cheese sandwich).

Tuesday - cheeseburger, LT, corn, oranges (beef & bean burrito).  
Wednesday - BBQ sandwich, corn chips, pinto beans, garden salad, mixed fruit (meatball sub).  
Thursday - pigs in a blanket, tater tots, carrots, peaches (pizza).  
Friday - sack lunch.

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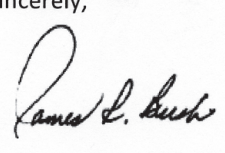
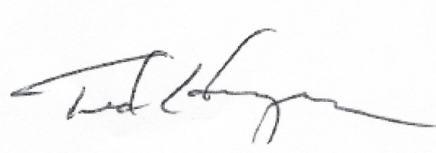
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The team at the Helena Farwell location will be familiar! Ted Hairgrove will be the Branch Manager. Other key staff members will also continue to be here to service you. Although the name will change, the staff you have come to know and trust will remain the same, and the products and services offered will be as good as or better than before.

Please continue to have confidence in our local team and allow them to be your supplier. Thank you for your past business. Helena Chemical Company looks forward to serving you in the future!

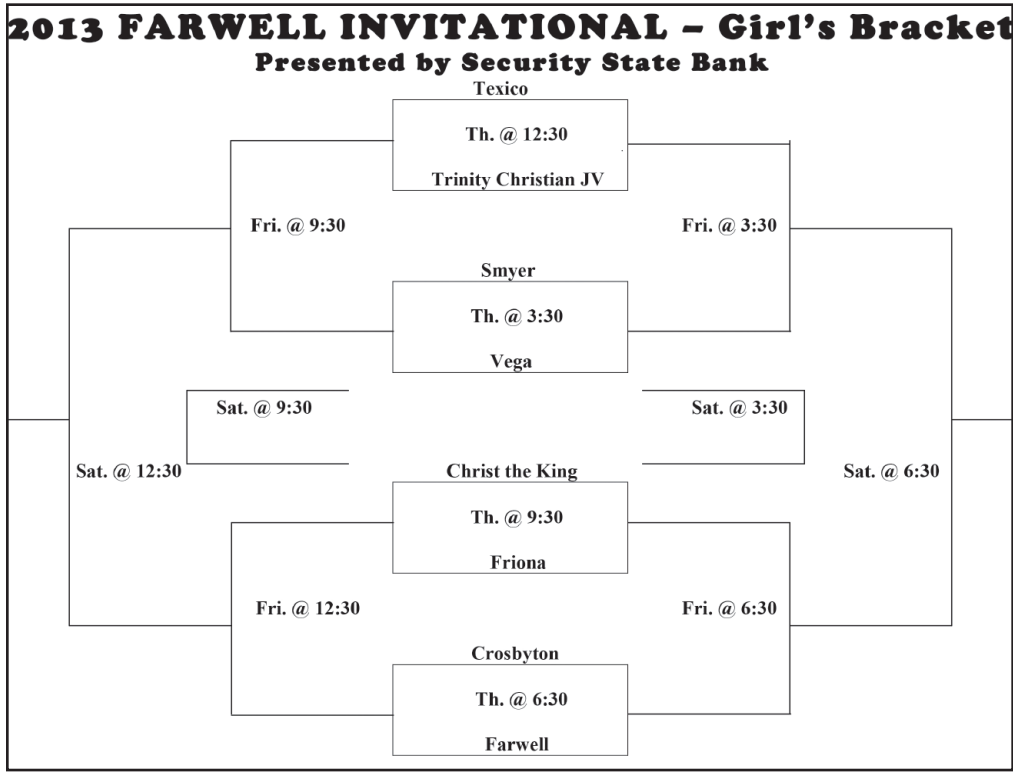
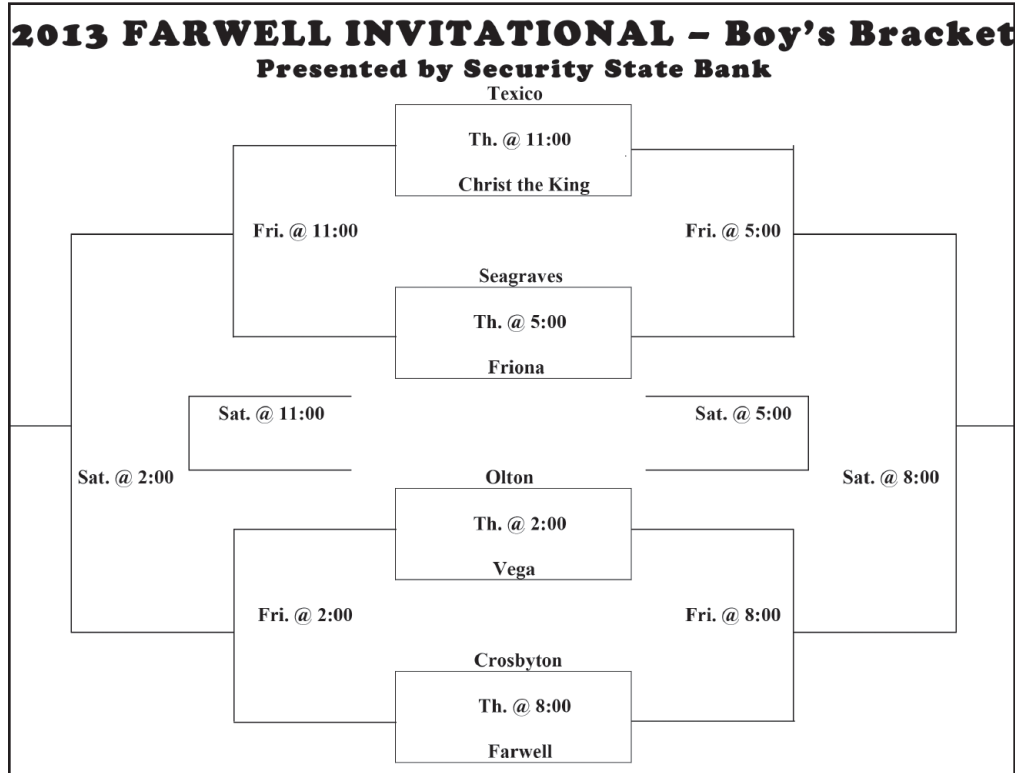
Sincerely,

James R. Bush  
Southwest Division Manager  
Helena Chemical Company

Ted Hairgrove  
Farwell Branch Manager  
Helena Chemical Company

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## Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

Surprise -- Christmas is rapidly approaching.

The most important message, of course, is celebrating the birth of Jesus.

But a side note to the holiday is the giving of gifts.

As for the first, we strongly recommend attending church to honor our savior.

As for the second, each year we suggest a nifty gift for relatives: a subscription to the Tribune.

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Just a suggestion. \*\*\*

On the political front, the news gets worse and worse for Obamacare.

The fact that the website apparently was designed without the usual security measures needed is a catastrophe.

I just hope those who are saying that are wrong. Because if it's

true, who would want to put their personal details on it?

Worse and worse. \*\*\*

I did my annual Christmas shopping for DeeDee this week.

Thank goodness for gift cards.

I'm not a good shopper and am out of my element at this task.

The worst part is when the shop clerks start grilling me for details - name, age, address, social security number, zip code, area code, how much money I earn, have I ever been arrested, etc.

I try to explain that I don't want their daily email reminders about their sales, because I only shop once a year.

That's when I get this strange look.

I almost feel un-American. \*\*\*

Here's a true story that happened during the past football season.

Farwell was playing a team that got a first down at the Steers' 1 yard line.

On the team's first play, the runner plunged forward and just got into the end zone for an apparent TD.

BUT...

When the play began, an end on the team took a couple of steps forward and stopped. Then when he saw his teammate score, he joyously threw his hands up in the air signifying "touchdown!"

The problem was that he did this demonstration while standing in front of the ref whose job it was to signal TD. Without realizing it, the player blocked out the ref's line of vision of the

play. The ref couldn't see the play. So he ruled the player hadn't scored but was just short of the goal line.

## My Column

--Rob Pomper

Just a couple of quick notes on a couple of stories in this week's Tribune.

Farwell's Elementary and Junior High had a spectacular showing at their UIL contests last week, beating out traditional powerhouses Springlake-Earth and Sudan.

What makes it more interesting is that most events limit the number of students who place. For instance, if there are four students from one school who place 1, 2, 3, 4, then only the top three students will be recorded and the 4th place finish won't be counted.

Farwell UIL coordinators Amy Barnes and Tanya Steinbock said many of their students had placed high enough to have brought points to the team, but since they were behind three other Farwell students they weren't counted. \*\*\*

Also, did you get a chance to stop by the Arts and Crafts fair in Farwell?

The Steers held the next three plays and the other team didn't score. They got an early Christmas present.

If not, you missed out on another great year. I've long been addicted to those cinnamon rolls they sell there. You just can't get anything like them in this area.

Plus, it was great to see so many local folks there showing their skills. That included cheese, beef jerky, wood working, baking and so much more.

I'm proud of the local folks who put on this event. It really needs to be supported by the community.

### 2013 Farwell Invitational JV Shoot-Out

#### Thursday

Division	Teams	Time
Boys	Friona vs. Farwell	9:30
Girls	Texico vs. Farwell	11:00
Boys	Olton vs. Clovis 9 <sup>th</sup>	12:30
Boys	Texico vs. Farwell	2:00
Boys	Vega vs. Seagraves	3:30
Girls	Vega vs. Friona	5:00
Girls	Clovis Soph. vs. Olton	6:30

#### Friday

Division	Teams	Time
Girls	Olton vs. Farwell	9:30
Girls	Clovis Soph. vs. Vega	11:00
Boys	Seagraves vs. Clovis 9 <sup>th</sup>	12:30
Boys	Texico vs. Olton	2:00
Boys	Friona vs. Vega	3:30
Girls	Friona vs. Texico	5:00

#### Saturday

Division	Teams	Time
Boys	Olton vs. Farwell	9:30
Girls	Clovis Soph. vs. Friona	11:00
Boys	Vega vs. Texico	12:30
Girls	Vega vs. Farwell	2:00
Boys	Seagraves vs. Farwell	3:30
Girls	Texico vs. Olton	5:00
Boys	Clovis 9 <sup>th</sup> vs. Friona	6:30

### Courthouse Notes

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

Louise Henry – Jane Henry Living Trust, W/2 S2 Blk A.

Ferguson Wilson Farms – RH Cox Jr., S/2 S63 Blk H Thomas Kelly.

Robert Sandvick – City of Farwell, L14 B3 Landford and Nutt

#### Marriage License

The Parmer County clerk's office last week issued marriage licenses to:

Raymond Foster and Bernadette Sena.

Michael Davis and Jennifer Mendez.

#### B34 Bovina.

Charles Bass, et al – Open X, W/2 S4 T1N R4E NE/4 S1 T1N R3E.

James Tarrant – Blue Sky Farms, 341.628 AC S19 Doud & Keefer 291.846 AC S20 Doud & Keefer.

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# Farwell Junior High dominates UIL competition

## FJH takes 1st at District UIL for the 9th time in 10 years



8th Science - Mason Byrd, 1st; Luis Solis, 3rd, not shown; Andrea Chavez, 6th; Danny Dyck.



8th Calculator - Romeo Reyes, 2nd; Miguel Vasquez, 3rd; Ethan Stancell, 4th; Andrea Chavez.

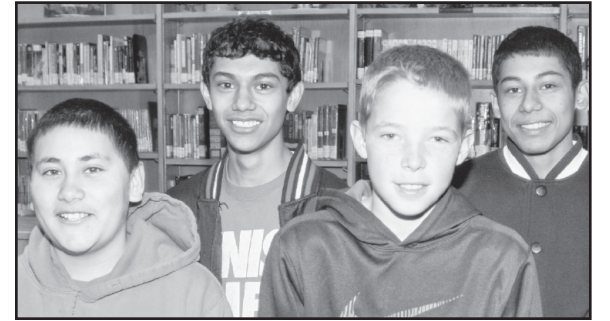
Farwell Junior High wiped out the District UIL academic competition with a score of 1035, almost doubling their nearest competitor. Also competing were Sudan, 580; Springlake-Earth, 431; Bovina, 15; and Morton, 158.



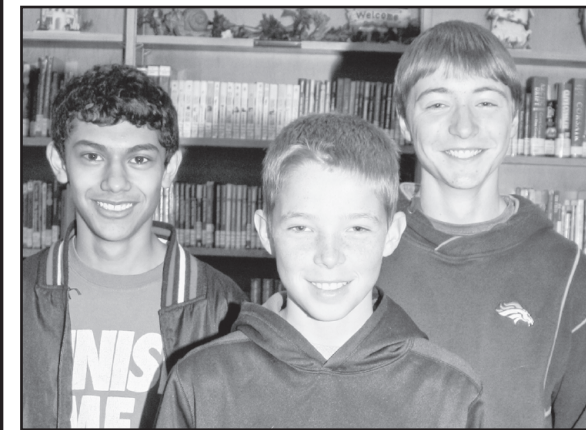
8th Ready Writing - Romeo Reyes, 1st; Hope Herrera, 6th; John Mitchell; Matthew Dale.



8th Oral Reading - Brooke Mullin, 1st; Abbie Hunt, 2nd; Leslie Mora, 6th, not shown; Samantha Carrillo.



8th Number Sense - Romeo Reyes, 1st; John Mitchell, 2nd; Brandon Galvan, 5th; Miguel Vasquez.



8th Editorial Writing - Victor Crume, 4th; Luis Solis, 5th, not shown; Romeo Reyes, John Mitchell.



8th Modern Oratory - Abbie Hunt, 1st; Carley Johnson, 5th; Sailor Jackson.



8th Listening - Marivel Galvan, 2nd; Luis Solis, 4th, not shown; Mason Byrd, 5th; John Mitchell.



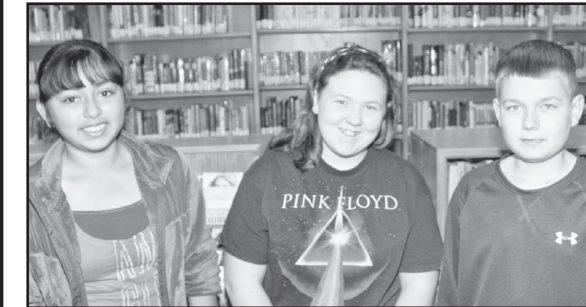
8th Maps, Charts, Graphs - Romeo Reyes, 1st; Victor Crume, 4th; Matthew Dale; John Mitchell.



8th Social Studies - Mason Byrd, 2nd; Brenden Baker, 3rd; Matthew Dale, 4th; Luis Solis, not shown.



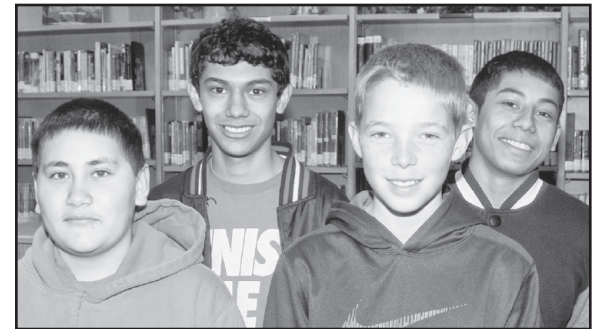
8th Dictionary - Luis Solis, 1st, not shown; Facio Germain, 2nd; Andrea Chavez; Carley Johnson.



8th Impromptu Speaking - Brooke Mullin, 1st; Samantha Carrillo, 5th; Mason Byrd.



7th Dictionary - Gabriel Vara, 5th; Jorden Villarreal, 6th; Jessica Reyes; Jack Isaacson.



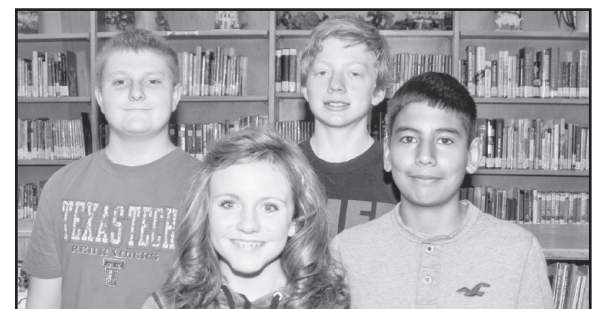
8th Mathematics - Romeo Reyes, 1st; John Mitchell, 2nd; Miguel Vasquez, 3rd; Brandon Galvan.



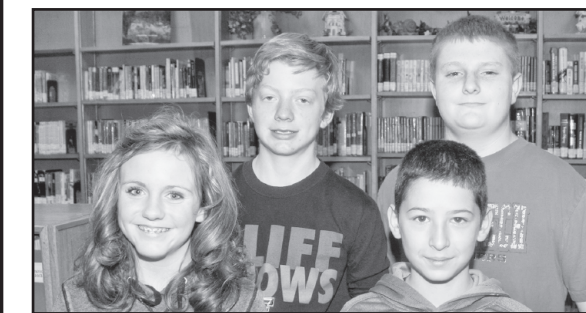
7th Science - Christian Barrett; Jack Isaacson; Matthew Kube; Thomas Smallwood.



7th Spelling - Brianna Reyes, 1st; Maria Maldonado, 3rd; Patrick Pena, 4th; Aaron Reyes.



7th Social Studies - Sidney Urbantke, 3rd; Christian Barrett, 4th; Matthew Kube; Roberto Trevizo.



7th Listening - Christian Barrett, 1st; Matthew Kube, 3rd; Ramon Reyes; Sidney Urbantke.



7th Calculator - Trace Stancell, 1st; Katey White, Kylie Haseloff; Gabriel Vera.



7th Number Sense - Trace Stancell - 1st; Christian Barrett, 2nd; Patrick Pena, 6th; Jackson Jarman, not shown.



7th Mathematics - Patrick Pena, 3rd; Ramon Reyes, 5th; Kinley Kalbas; Jackson Jarman, 6th, not shown.



7th Modern Oratory - Kinley Kalbas, 1st; Kylie Haseloff, 2nd; Katey White, 5th.



7th Ready Writing - Christian Barrett, 1st; Jorden Villarreal; Sidney Urbantke; Jackson Jarman, not shown.

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# Farwell Elementary wins UIL academic meet

Farwell Elementary School won the District UIL competition with 538 points. They beat out Springlake-Earth, 309; Sudan, 325; and Morton, 106.

**We salute our scholars**

The following Farwell Elementary students participated in the UIL District academic contests:

Aidan McDonald, Aldao Galvan, Alec Actkinson, Alexsis McClellan, Annie Kelly, Austin Hester, Bethany Young, Blayne Johnson, Brody White, Bryanna Olmos, Carli Lunsford, Carlos Castillo, Carsann Baker, Charlie May Trimble, Connor Johnson, Cynthia, Maldonado, Deavyn Bradley.

Also, Deborah Hromas, Dianna Soto, Eli Dictson, Elizabeth Schwertner, Emma Smallwood, Erik Hunt, Gavin Rutherford, Guerrero Olmos, Haija Rose, Jacob Gutierrez, Jacy Carpenter, Julian Solis, Kadey Urbantke, Kassidy Nelson, Kirkland Woods, Kolter Henderson, Landry Henderson.

Also, Leefe Actkinson, Lindsey Lopez, Louis Germain, Macie Mullin, Madison Osborne, Makenna Byrd, Matilda Garcia, Piper Actkinson, Presley Agee, Roman Silva, Rustin Baldwin, Sage Street, Sherleyne Carillo, Slade Perkins, Spencer Schilling, Tobin Pierson, Ty Smith, Valeria Ruiz, Walker Williams, Ximena Graxiola, Zoe Meeks.



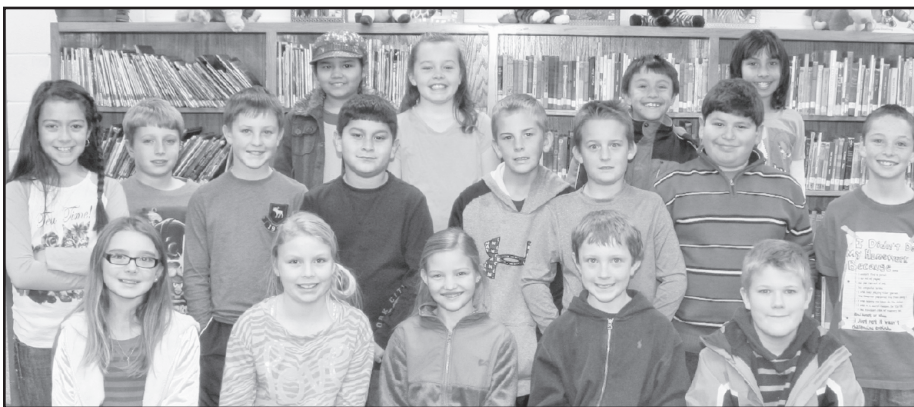
2nd grade - Kadey Urbantke, Creative Writing, 1st; Kirkland Woods, Story Contest, 1st; Eric McFarland, Story Contest, 5th.



3rd grade - Ready writing - Piper Actkinson, 1st; Elizabeth Schwertner, 3rd; Makenna Byrd, 6th; Music Memory team, 2nd place; Oral Reading - Walker Williams, 2nd; Piper Actkinson, 4th; Zoe Meeks, 5th; Spelling - Piper Actkinson, 1st; Madison Osborne, 2nd; Zoe Meeks, 3rd; Story Contest - Charlie May Trimble, 3rd; Alex Actkinson, 4th.



4th grade - Ready Writing - Lindsey Lopez, 1st; Dianna Soto, 4th; Aidan McDonald, 6th; Music Memory team, 2nd place; Number Sense - Dianna Soto, 3rd; Oral Reading - Jacob Gutierrez, 1st; Landry Henderson, 6th; Picture Memory - Aidan McDonald, 1st; Alexis McClellan, 3rd; Kolter Henderson, 4th; Spelling - Aidan McDonald, 2nd; Dianna Soto, 4th.

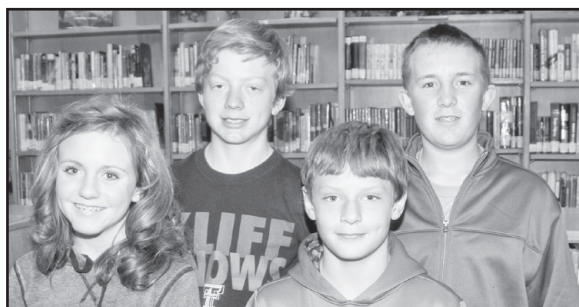


5th grade - Ready Writing - Macie Mullin, 3rd; Kassidy Nelson, 5th; Emma Smallwood, 6th; Calculator - Austin Hester, 2nd; Eli Dictson, 3rd; Cynthia Maldonado, 4th; Dictionary Skills, Louis Germain, 1st; Aldo Galvan, 2nd; Deborah Hromas, 6th; Listening - Guerrero Olmos, 1st; Austin Hester, 2nd; Presley Agee, 5th; Maps, Charts and Graphs - Leefe Actkinson, 2nd; Austin Hester, 4th; Spencer Schilling, 6th; Music Memory team, 2nd; Number Sense, Leefe Actkinson, 1st; Eli Dictson, 3rd; Austin Hester, 6th. Oral Reading, Slade Perkins, 1st; Deborah Hromas, 3rd; Tobin Pierson, 5th; Picture Memory - Valeria Ruiz, 1st; Macie Mullin, 4th; Emma Smallwood, 5th; Spelling - Leefe Actkinson, 1st; Macie Mullin, 3rd.

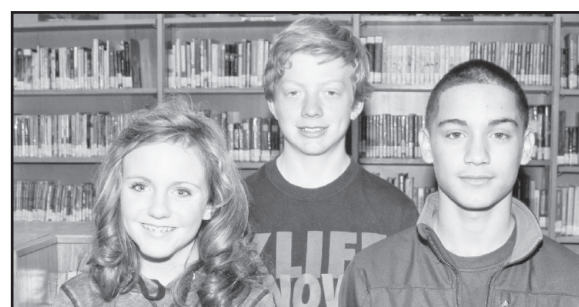
## Here are more FJH UIL competitors



7th Maps, Charts, Graphs - Christian Barrett, 1st; Matthew Dyck; Sterling Henderson; Jackson Jarman, 6th, not shown.



7th Impromptu Speaking - Christian Barrett, 1st; Sidney Urbantke, 5th; Sterling Henderson; Jack Isaacson.



7th Editorial Writing - Patrick Pena, 3rd; Christian Barrett, 4th; Sidney Urbantke; Jackson Jarman, not shown.



6th Calculator - Coby Glover, 1st; Karson Barnes, 2nd; Adrianna Chavez, 3rd; Ian Beverage.



6th Social Studies - Erica Williams, 1st; Ian Beverage; Victoria Gutierrez; Ainsley Actkinson.



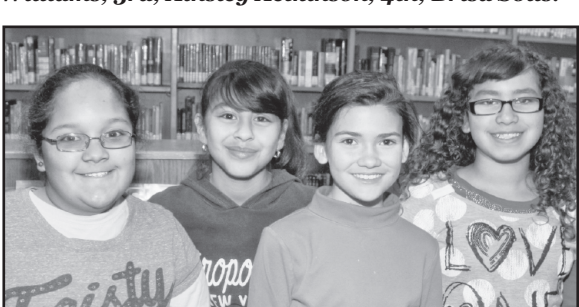
6th Ready Writing - Jaycee Victor - 2nd; Erica Williams, 3rd; Ainsley Actkinson, 4th; Brisa Solis.



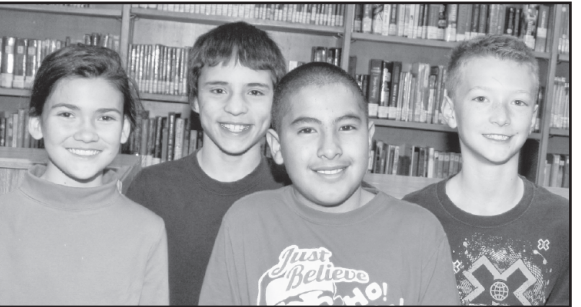
6th Oral Reading - Ainsley Actkinson, 1st; Karsyn Barnes, 2nd; Erica Williams, 6th; Alexis Ruiz.



6th Number Sense - Truman Hough, 1st; Trivious Ortiz, 2nd; Erica Williams, 3rd; Adriana Chavez.



6th Music Memory team - 1st - Victoria Gutierrez, Sylvia Galvan, Ivonne Gonzales, Jaycee Victor.



6th Maps, Charts, Graphs - Kenton Haseloff, 1st; Jaycee Victor, 2nd; Daniel Dzul, 3rd; Ian Beverage.



6th Listening - Erica Williams, 2nd; Truman Hough, 4th; Dustin Ray, 6th; Sylvia Galvan.



6th Dictionary - Ian Beverage and Baylee Lavendar, tied 1st; Adriana Chavez, 5th; Brisa Solis.

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# Darcy's Deal

By Darcy Rohrbach

In at least three locations around the U.S., it was reported that people beat up fellow Black Friday shoppers at Walmart over towels.

Evidently, Walmart ran a Black Friday ad with specials on really inexpensive towel sets. In one submission to Twitter, a lady commented, "People at Walmart right now are risking their lives for a towel set they wanted for their bathroom."

This is crazy. There are many things that a parent worries about when raising a child, but getting attacked over towels is not high on the list. Stories like this make me all the more thankful that my kids are growing up in a small town like Texico-Farwell.

Even though we don't have the excitement of a big city, hopefully my kids will grow up remembering a little different version of the world. Here's a couple of examples:

Recently, Dave Mitchell, of Farwell, contacted me on facebook. He wrote that he had found an envelope he thought might belong to me.

The envelope con-

tained some checks that were made out to my gymnastics gym. So he contacted me in order to return them.

The next day, Dave dropped off the envelope at the Tribune. When I got to work, I found that the envelope contained \$360 in cash and checks that one of my athletes from the gym had lost at a soccer game in Clovis.

We had been doing a fund raiser for the gym and this was all of the money that the little girl collected. There was a large amount of cash in the envelope.

When I contacted the girl's mother, she was so relieved that she almost cried. She couldn't believe that someone had actually turned in the entire amount.

Immediately, she recounted the blessings of small town values and asked for Dave's name to thank him.

An incident during our latest snowstorm reinforces the idea that small town living is the way to go.

Dropping my daughter off at school, I saw a woman who had fallen on the ice. Evidently she had stepped off the curb and slipped, breaking her ankle.

Within just a few minutes, four or five people had stopped their cars to offer help. After a wheelchair arrived, concerned parents and school per-

sonnel volunteered to call the local clinic, contact the woman's family, drive her to the hospital and generally just help out.

In a larger city, that woman might have been struggling alone in pain until a paid city officer came along to radio for an ambulance.

As my daughter witnessed this little bit of local kindness, I hope that it made a lasting impression on her.

Small town living is special. The idea of "neighbor helping neighbor" really does happen here.

With the holidays quickly approaching, more acts of kindness are likely to take place. The types of kindness shown make our hometowns special but will probably never be publicized.

They are just little things that help people live good lives -- like bringing a plate of food, helping someone with their groceries, or clearing snow from a neighbor's driveway.

All these things help shape the values of our children. When kids see their parents helping a neighbor, then they will be more likely to do the same when they grow up.

Hopefully, it will make them a little less likely to beat up someone over towels in Walmart.



### Texico FCCLA combats texting while driving

Texico FCCLA members Kyleigh Bridges, Anita Bravo and Rockell Horton did a project about texting while driving. They are sitting by two dummies which were used to represent two people who were in a car wreck because of texting and driving. The week of Nov. 18-21 was dedicated to preventing texting while driving. The three girls also did presentations to different classes throughout the week. They had students sign pledges and hung them up on the banner above the dummies. They encouraged students and teachers to not text and drive by handing out suckers with a thumb ring that said, "Don't be a dum dum and text and drive!" Photo by Kye Thomas.

### Sheriff's Report

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

On Dec. 2, Charles Robinson, 22, of Clovis, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz., pending county court.

On Dec. 3, Michael O'Brian, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of motion to revoke (possession of marijuana under 2 oz., pending county court.

On Dec. 3, Jason Longo, 42, of Texico, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a Curry County warrant, was bonded and released.

On Dec. 8, Miguel Alvarenga, 41, of El Paso, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of accident involving serious bodily injury/death, pending grand jury.

On Dec. 4, Michael Ainslie, 31, Hereford, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of theft of property, pending county court.

On Dec. 4, Misty Luce, 29, of Houston, was arrested by Farwell police on a Harris County warrant, and is pending transport.

On Dec. 5, Jessie Dimas, 42, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's

office on a charge of motion to revoke (DWI), pending county court.

On Nov. 25, in the 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Jorge Campos, 27, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication, \$389 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$750 attorney fees and \$836 restitution.

Eustacio Nevarez, 57,

of Texico, charged with possession of a controlled substance, was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication, \$389 court costs, \$1,000 fine and \$140 restitution.

On Nov. 26, Steven Latham, 35, of Farwell, charged with failure to register, was sentenced to 10 years Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years; \$329 court costs, \$1,000 fine and \$400 attorney fees.



### Farwell students design peanut patty labels

Piper Actkinson, Makenna Byrd, and Madison Osborn recently won a contest with Leslie Candy to design their labels for peanut patties. The patties are now for sale with their artwork at Farwell Elementary or from any Farwell 3rd graders. They cost \$3 each and the proceeds go towards the CHAMPS paries that reward Farwell Elementary students each six-week period for having a combination of high grades, good behavior and attendance.



### Cross country All-State

Lazbuddie's Lacey Jesko, right, is an All-State selection in cross country. Shyann Rainey, center, was named Academic All-State by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and Texas High School Coaches Association. Autumn Townsend, left, was an Academic All-State pick by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

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**Meet Texico's Class of 2026**

Peyton McDonald is a Texico kindergarten. His birthday is Sept. 9. Parents are Judy & Anessa McDonald. Her brother is Tristan. Grandparents are Frank & Jan Aucutt, & Phyllis Fenn. She likes to shop, hang out with mom, and hunt frogs and horny-toads. Favorite food is mac & cheese. Favorite colors are pink and purple. She doesn't like it when Tristan plays Play Station because she wants to watch her show.

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# Unbeaten Steers win Anton Tourney

## Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers captured the Anton Invitational Tourney championship with a 54-28 win over Sundown. Farwell is now 6-0 on the season.

Scoring were Austin Mason, 15 (on five -pointers); Jace Perkins, 12; Chase Mitchell, 7; Ruben Gutierrez, 6; Curt Langford, 5; J.J. Herrera, 4; Christian Pena, 3; Angel Graxiola, 2.

In the semi-final, the Steers knocked off Tahoka, 39-30.

Scoring were Pena, 8; Perkins, 7; Langford, 6; Mason, ; Graxiola, 5; Gutierrez, 4; Herrera, 2; Federico Solis, 2.

In the quarterfinal, Farwell kayoed Whiteface, 75-40.

Scoring were Mason, 19 (including five 3-pointers); Mitchell, 13; Langford, 9; Graxiola, 8; Perkins, 8; Muniz, 8; Pena, 6; Herrera, 2; Gutierrez, 2.

On Dec. 3, the Steers downed Lubbock Christ the King, 75-20.

Scoring were Oscar Muniz, 12; Gutierrez, 10; Graxiola, 10; Mason, 9; Langford, 10; Pena, 8; Herrera, 6; Solis, 4; Mitchell, 4; Perkins, 4.

Mason and Pena had two 3-pointers.

## Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue won the consolation final at the Anton Invitational Tourney by beating Floydada, 40-24.

Farwell is now 7-3 on the season.

Scoring were Jenna Kirkland, 9; Brenna

Jarman, 7; Skyler Chadwick, 2; Jill Johnson, 6; K'Leigh Jo White, 9; Reagan Agee, 4; Taylor Stancell, 3.

In the quarterfinal, Farwell fell to Anton, 45-39.

Scoring were Kirkland, 6; Jarman, 2; Chadwick, 1; Johnson, 6; White, 12; Agee, 12.

In the first game, Farwell beat Seagraves, 44-40.

Scoring were Kirkland, 4; Jarman, 10; Chadwick, 1; Johnson, 7; Alexa Mora, 2; White, 6; Agee, 10; Stancell 4.

On Dec. 3, the Lady Blue put away Lubbock Christ the King, 70-25.

Scoring were Kirkland, 15; Jarman, 10; Johnson, 18; Edie White, 8; Alexa Mora, 4; White, 9; Agee, 2; Stancell, 4.

White had a pair of 3-pointers.

## 8th Boys

The 8th grade boys put away Springlake-Earth, 61-5.

Scoring were Romeo Reyes, 15; Lee Roy Cervantes, 12; Brandon Galvan, 9; Ethan Stancell, 11; Brenden Baker, 2; Tanner Chadwick, 4; Facio Germain, 6; Oscar Rodriguez, 2.

The 8th Boys stunned Sudan, 49-4.

Scoring were Stancell, 12; Reyes, 8; Cervantes, 7; Galvan, Rodriguez and Facio Germain, 6 each; Baker, 4.

## 7th Boys

The 7th grade boys rushed past Springlake-Earth, 41-15.



Photos by Patti Johnson

Scoring were Patrick Pena, 6; Gabriel Vara, 8; Jackson Jarman, 7; Sterling Henderson, 4; Trace Stancell, 12; Nathan Jackson, 4.

The 7th grade Boys B team beat Sudan, 15-2.

Scoring were Roberto Trevizo, 9; Aaron Meza, 4; Edgar Fierro, 2.

The 7th grade A Boys also sunk Sudan, 39-19.

Scoring were Vara, 17; Pena, 7; Jarman, 5; Henderson and Stancell, 4 each; Jackson, 2.

## JV Girls

In the Friona Tourney, the JV Lady Blue beat Friona 9th, 45-14.

Scoring were Ariana Cabello, 2; Cari Johnson, 6; Cambree Glover, 2; Emily Stancell, 1; Brayden Johnson, 4; Treylin Griswold, 9; Madison Griswold, 7; Kendall Stancell, 5; Ami Favila, 9.

## 7th Girls

The 7th grade girls ran by Springlake-Earth, 32-12.

Scoring were Maria Maldonado, 11; Katey White, 8; Sydney McClaran, 4; Jordan Carrasco, Brianna Wallace and Jorden Villarreal, 2 each; Elisha Carrasco, 1.

## 8th Girls

The 8th grade girls doubled up on Springlake-Earth, 28-14.

Scoring were Andrea Chavez, 9; Carley Johnson and Marisol Reyes, 4 each; Leslie Mora, 2; Hope Herrera, 8; Talor Gonzalez, 1.

## JV Boys

On Dec. 5, the JV boys fanned Friona 9th, 42-13.

Scoring were: Pedro Ruiz, 8; Danny Reyes, 6; Gerardo Martinez, 5; Leo Cervantes, Izaiah Benoit and Jose Sotelo, 4 each; Ryon Smith, Andrew Michalski and Adrian Aleman, 3 each; Cameron Bass, 2.

The next day, they lost to Friona, 52-30.

Scoring were: Ruiz, 11; Michalski, 4; AJ Bermea, Dakota Meeks, 3 each; Aleman, Heath Hadley, Bass and Cervantes, 2 each; Benoit, 1.

On Dec. 7, they lost to Muleshoe, 54-31.

Scoring were Cervantes, 7; Bass, 5; Bermea, Ruiz, 4 each; Michalski and Hadley, 3 each; and Aleman and Benoit, 2 each.

On Dec. 9, Farwell slid past Sudan JV B, 40-25.

Scoring were Reyes, 21; Adrian Vara, 8; Sotelo, 6; John Fuentes, 3; Smith, 2.

## The Latest

The courthouse notes this week gives a couple of purchases of land by the City of Farwell.

These are sites adjacent to the north water well and will serve for well protection.

At the Texico firefighter and EMS appreciation



dinner, there were helicopter flight crews from both AeroCare and CareFlight.

Both emergency services now cover the Texico area.

A semi driving through Farwell knocked down an electric pole at the corner of 2nd Street and Avenue F on Dec. 5.

The Texico "C" and JV girls basketball games against Portales scheduled for Dec. 9 were cancelled.

The Texico 7th grade games on Dec. 5 against Melrose were cancelled.

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church on 5th Street in Farwell will host a living nativity at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 followed by a hobo stew dinner.

The nativity will feature animals and actors to recreate the nativity and singing traditional Christmas songs.

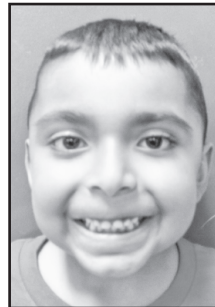
The stew dinner is open to the public.

# Fund raising in Farwell



Sebastian Galvan, a Farwell Elementary student recently started a fund raiser to help restore a train at the train museum in Clovis. Sebastian said he and his dad, Mike Galvan, had recently gone to the museum. When Sebastian saw the train, he wanted to help any way he could. He is aiming to raise \$100 for the effort and has been visiting businesses and residents in Farwell. Doations can be dropped off at Big Mike's Bikes in Farwell.

## Meet Lazbuddie's Class of 2026



Aaron Solano is a Lazbuddie kindergarten. His birthday is Nov. 27. Parents are Javier and Sulema Solano. Siblings are Albert, Andres, and Ayden. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Juan Moran and Mr. and Mrs. Julio Solano. He likes to play outside, play Xbox, and play with his brothers. Favorite food is pizza, and his favorite color is red. He dislikes worms, centipedes, and hotels.



## Passing Through

From page 2

Washington, after eight years. It is remarkable that while they all officially rejected the Hamiltonian concept of a ruling political elite, they were themselves each from wealthy blue-blood Virginia families.

The fifth president, John Quincy Adams, presented himself as a Jeffersonian (in order to get elected) but he was as staunch a Hamiltonian as his father had been.

The election of 1824 with its four candidates failed to provide a majority of the electoral vote to any candidate, throwing it to the vote of the House of Representatives, just as stipulated in the Constitution. Adams contrived with Speaker of the House, Henry Clay, to win (or, probably more accurately, to steal) the election from Andrew Jackson, promising Clay appointment to Secretary of State in the eight years of an Adams administration and the creation of a Clay administration to follow thereafter.

It was that tainted election of 1824 that was to force the creation of our Republic's first political party, the Democrat Party. Its appearance in 1828, the "Jacksonian Democracy" it ushered in, and the rough and tumble of political parties were to change the political landscape of the Republic for all time.

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 Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park. Ellis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.  
 Louise died Dec. 9, 2013. She was born Oct. 22, 1931, to Robert Benton and Zula Mae (Jones) Rundell in Clovis on April 1, 1951.  
 Louise attended the Oklahoma Lane school until it closed and finished school at Farwell High School.  
 Her grandkids called her Grammy, and that name stuck with everyone in the community. She worked side by side with Wayne on the farm, raising four active boys. Louise was a lifetime member of the Oklahoma Lane community and Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.  
 She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Merle Glen Rundell.  
 Surviving are her husband, Wayne; sons, Bobby Foster and wife, Jenine of Midlothian, Texas; Buddy Foster and wife, Darlene, of Sardis, Texas; Jack Foster and wife, Ann, of Farwell, and Ken Foster and wife, Kanetha, of Farwell; sister-in-law, Johnnie Rundell, of Muleshoe; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.  
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 Bovina -- Varsity teams will be in Elida Tournament Dec. 12-13. Varsity & JV teams will host Tahoka on Dec. 17. MS teams play Springlake-Earth on Dec. 16 -- girls there, boys at home.  
 Farwell -- JV & varsity teams host Farwell Tournaments Dec. 12-14. On Dec. 16, JV boys play at Clovis 9th. JH teams play on Dec. 16 vs. Dimmitt.  
 Lazbuddie -- JV & varsity girls host Whitharral on Dec. 13, then host New Deal on Dec. 17. JH teams host Amherst on Dec. 16.

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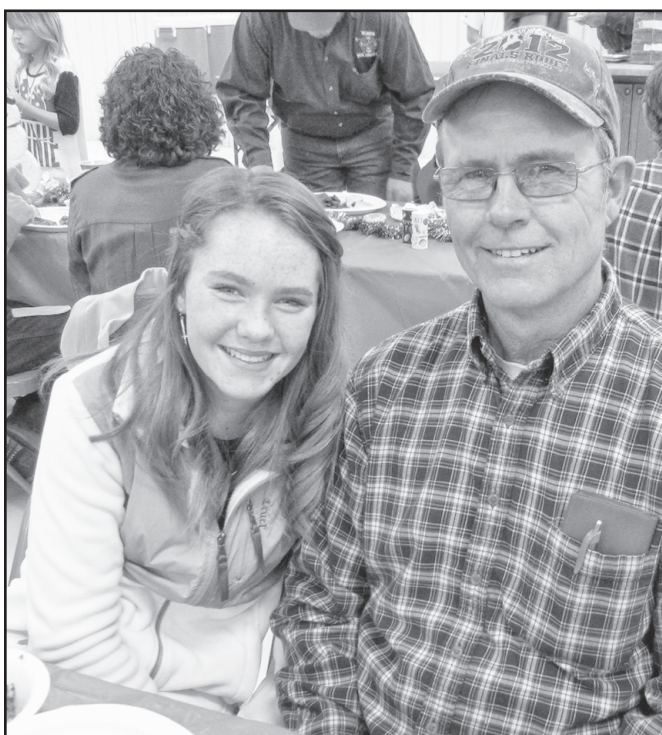
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## COUNTRY COOKING

By Gerri Bowers

Merry Christmas, I have a great recipe this week. It is Winter Fruit Salad, I have been making this for a few years now for Christmas Eve supper and it's just wonderful. It is a little time consuming but it is worth the time. I hope you will enjoy it!

### Winter Fruit Salad

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1-inch piece of ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise and seeds scraped out
- 1 lemon
- 5 large navel or blood oranges
- 2 mangoes, peeled and diced
- 5 kiwis, peeled and diced
- 12 kumquats, very thinly sliced crosswise, seeds removed
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds (from one pomegranate)

#### Directions

Combine the sugar, 2 cups water, the ginger and vanilla seeds and pod in saucepan. Use a vegetable peeler to

remove wide strips of zest from the lemon and one orange, add to the saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat and simmer 5 minutes. Refrigerate until cold.

Meanwhile, peel the remaining oranges with a paring knife, cutting along the natural curve of the fruit. Hold an orange over a large bowl and cut along both sides of each membrane to free the segments, letting them fall into the bowl. Squeeze each empty membrane to release the juices. Repeat with remaining oranges. Add the mangoes, bananas, kiwis, kumquats and pomegranate seeds and gently toss. Pour the syrup over the fruit and chill overnight.

Before serving, remove the citrus zest, ginger and vanilla pod. Spoon the fruit and syrup into bowls.

To remove pomegranate seeds, cut the fruit into quarters, then break apart in a bowl of water. Skim off the pith that floats to the top and drain the seeds.

Sometimes I can't find kumquats so I'll use a fresh pineapple cut into bite sized pieces.

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Glennis Fahsholtz attends national 4-H confab.

Farwell JH girls beat Muleshoe in OT on baskets by Jackie Gast and Melba Winegeart.

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Sunday School - 10 a.m.

**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.

**Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Joe Whitley  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Youth - 6 p.m.

**Assembly of God Church, Texico**  
Cathy Bullington - minister  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church Of Bovina**  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.

**Farwell Care and Rehabilitation Center**  
Sunday services -- 9 a.m.  
Bible study - 9:30 a.m. Friday

**Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church**  
Worship Service -- 9 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.

**St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat**  
David Symm - minister  
Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.

**Pleasant Hill Baptist Church**  
Jim Peabody - minister  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter  
7:30 p.m. summer

**Lariat Church of Christ**  
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Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
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8 p.m. summer

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Worship - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.

**Lazbuddie Church of Christ**  
Mickey Chambiss - minister  
Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:20 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Wednesday -- 7 p.m.

**Bovina Church of Christ**  
Mike Prather, minister  
Sun. - Bible study - 9:45 a.m.  
Sun. - Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Wed. - Bible class - 7 p.m.

**Lazbuddie Methodist Church**  
Rev. Ken Peterson  
Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.  
Worship -- 10:30 a.m.

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Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.

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Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer  
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**Bovina United Methodist Church**  
Sunday School - 9:45  
Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday study, 7 p.m.

**Apostolic Truth United Pentecostal Church of Texico**  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt  
Worship - 11:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt

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# Wolverines open season with win

## Varsity Boys

The Texico Wolverines opened their season with a 54-30 win over Bosque on Dec. 7.

Scoring were Miguel Reyna, 16; Gentry Doolittle, 10; Jonah Walls, 8; Justin Rucker, 7; Brannon Karger, 7; Kendall Naceaceno, 6.

## JV Boys

The JV wiped out Bosque, 38-8.

Scoring were Brendon Clark and Lance Myers, 2 each; Regan Tongate and Devin Guss, 3 each; Koltan Wines and Joseph Sena, 4 each; Matt Odegaard, 7; Mason Golden, 13.

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Texico beat Clovis High freshmen, 48-44.

Scoring were Tongate, Rafael Maldonado and Tristan Lockmiller, 2 each; Myers, 6; Jonah Tuls, 5; Golden, 25; Odegaard, 4.

## "C" Boys

The "C" boys lost to Dora, 47-42.

Scoring were Lance Meyers, 8; Devin Guss, 12; Michael Hill, 5; Mason Golden, 17.

## 8th Boys

The 8th Boys won the

Portales Tournament.

First, they mangled Muleshoe, 53-4.

Scoring were Brock Thompson, 11; Paden McDermid and Nathan Phipps, 10 each; Kaleb Naceaceno and Tyler Romans, 8 each; Ben Crist, 6.

They topped Portales B, 58-14.

Scoring were Phipps, 19; Thompson, 15; Crist and McDermid, 8 each; Romans, 4; Naceaceno and Craig Ray, 2 each.

In the title game, they put away Portales A, 42-26.

Scoring were Phipps, 18; Thompson and Naceaceno, 7 each; McDermid, 6; Crist, 3; Romans, 1.

## 8th Girls

The 8th Girls placed 2nd in the Portales Tournament.

They beat Portales B, 32-23.

Scoring were Kaylee Miller, 10; Mackenzie Haakma, 8; Adrianna Garcia and Kambri Loewen, 5 each; Mackenzie Clark, 4; Cynthia Reynoso, 2.

Then they mauled Muleshoe, 52-10.

Scoring were Clark,

12; Miller, 11; Haakma, 10; Loewen, 7; Hannah Myers, 4; Danika Nelson, 2; Garcia, 1.

They lost the title game to Portales A, 35-

11. Scoring were Reynoso, 4; Myers, 3; Loewen and Miller, 2 each.



Tyler Romans, Cole Rohrbach, Samantha Sites, Sarah Harrison, Colten Lane, Elias Cardenas.

## Wolverines who make a difference

Texico Junior High Principal Dee Rae Timberlake recently implemented a new program for the school called "Wolverines Who Make a Difference."

This once a month recognition is for students who show exemplary character throughout the month. Nominations from teachers or administrators can be for such good acts as turning in homework on time regularly, helping out another student, doing something kind in class, etc.

Each month, the students' pictures are displayed on a new bulletin board at the front of the Junior High. In addition, they receive a water bottle with the "Wolverines Who Make a Difference" logo.



The Texico 8th grade boys basketball team won the recent Portales Tournament. Pictured with their championship plaque are (top row) Coach Ty Thatcher, Brock Thompson, Kaleb Naceaceno, Nathan Phipps, Paden McDermid, Ben Crist, Craig Ray and manager Brayden Wines. (Bottom row) Tyler Romans and Taylor McCoy.

## Bilbrey hired at Texico JH

The Texico School Board on Monday hired Dawn Bilbrey to teach English at the the junior high.

She replaces Dee Rae Timberlake in that position. The hiring allows Mrs. Timberlake to be a fulltime Junior High principal.

In other business, the board: -- Received a donation from Citizens Bank of Clovis for \$1,500 toward the Citizens Bank Shootout.

The board discussed moving this tournament to a different weekend next year due to the lack of team participation (see story elsewhere in today's Tribune).

They left the decision up to the school administration.

-- Approved the request by varsity girls' basketball coach Richard Luscombe to conduct a summer basketball camp.

-- Reviewed three options, but took no action, on a logo to be placed on the Sports Arena floor when it's refinished during spring break.



## Geography champion

The winners of the Geography Bee at Texico Middle School are: Colton Lane, 1st; and Nathan Phipps, 2nd, not shown.

## All-District

Texico Wolverines named to the All-District football team were:

### Offense

1st Team - Justin Rucker, quarterback; Kendall Naceaceno, running back; John Myers, tight end; Adrian Gomez, wide receiver.

2nd Team -- Mitchell Pinnell, running back; Tanner Pelfrey, lineman.

### Defense

1st Team - Kendall Naceaceno, linebacker; John Myers, defensive end; Josh Treadway, kicker; Adrian Gomez, secondary; Mitchell Pinnell, secondary; Justin Rucker, secondary.

2nd Team -- Mason Golden, linebacker; Tanner Pelfrey, lineman; Dalton Wren, lineman.

### Honorable mention

Offense -- Josh Treadway, lineman; Matthew Odegaard, lineman; Dalton Wren, lineman; Eliseo Arenivas, lineman; Mason Golden, running back.

Defense -- Matthew Odegaard, lineman; Jonah Tuls, secondary; Ramon Garcia, secondary.

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# County will not seek road grant

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday voted 3-1 to not seek a state Department of Transportation road grant available for some counties.

Opposed to that decision was Lloyd Bradshaw, Lazbuddie area county commissioner.

Originally, the road grant was for counties that provided oil and gas development because of the use of heavy equipment that could tear up roads faster.

But Parmer County recently learned that it was expanded and about \$100,000 would be available for this area. This is a one-shot deal.

If Parmer County had decided to participate, it means that each precinct (Farwell, Bovina, Friona and Lazbuddie areas) would submit projects to seek

## Lady Longhorns roll over Springlake-Earth

### Varsity Girls

The Lazbuddie varsity girls rolled past Springlake-Earth, 59-49.

Scoring were Maysun Hester, 25; Mattisun Hester, 5; Allison Weaver, 3; Ashton Mason, 5; Shyann Rainey, 13; Autumn Townsend, 8.

Coach Janene Jesko said that Maysun Hester had an outstanding game, both on the offense and the defense.

The girls were scheduled to play Slaton on Dec. 5 but the game was cancelled due to the weather.

On Dec. 7, the team played two games -- against Krum, a Class 4A school, and Highland park after a short rest.

Coach Jesko reminds all that district play begins this week against

Whiteface and Whitharral.

The Lady 'Horns lost to Krum, 48-33.

Scoring were Rainey, 14; Mason, 2; Maysun Hester, 12; Mattisun Hester, 3; Sabra Torres, 2.

Then Lazbuddie got nipped in overtime by Highland Park, 58-54.

Scoring were Townsend, 5; Rainey, 26; Mason, 11 (including a pair of 3-pointers); Maysun Hester, 6; Mattisun Hester, 1; Weaver, 1; Kennedi Nickels, 4.

### JH Girls

The Junior High girls lost to Anton, 38-25, on Monday.

Scoring were Devon Pacheco, 8; Keiaura Nelson, 2; Marisol Gomez, 4; Mallory McDaniel, 1; Julie Chavez, 15.

part of that money.

Each mile in the county would be identified to see who needs help and how much.

If a project were accepted, then that precinct would get the money requested. This means that the money would not be divided equally among the precincts.

So one precinct, for example, could get all the money while others would receive nothing.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Reviewed the 2013 Parmer County Fire Reports and will pay each of the five fire departments according to the past pay schedule.

But the commissioners are seeking more accountability in these reports and have placed the topic on an upcoming agenda. Fire department officials will be asked to send representatives to this meeting.

The commissioners will take a second look at how departments are paid to see if the guidelines need to be changed.

The departments are Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Friona and Rhea-Hollene.

-- Agreed to allow the continuance of open burning.

Periodically, the commissioners consider whether to reinstate the county's burn ban.

-- Authorized the disposal of obsolete electronic equipment via the city of Friona's deal with a recycling company.

The old equipment includes items such as telephones and computers (hard drives removed).

-- Tabled a request by the Texas Department of Public Safety to allow Parmer County employees to process certain driver's license transactions.

This would involve processes such as license renewals and issuing ID cards; it would not involve testing.

The state said it would donate equipment and train county personnel to handle these duties.

The commissioners are not sure if they have room available to set up the type of office suggested by the state. Also, there are questions involving how many days the processes would be offered, payment schedule to the county, etc.

Currently, the state has two offices in this area -- at Friona and Muleshoe. The process at Friona is handled at the Friona police department.

Thus, it appears the state may seek to close its offices and have the county take over such responsibilities as aforementioned.

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The Citizens Bank Shootout is scheduled at Texico on Dec. 19-20.

Here's the schedule (all times are mt):

On Dec. 19, the Melrose and Texico varsity boys play at 6 p.m.

On Dec. 20, Melrose and Hobbs JV boys play at 4 p.m.; Melrose and Texico varsity girls at 5:30 p.m.; and Hobbs JV and Texico varsity boys at 7 p.m.

There are no Texas teams in the shootout because Texas schools have their final exams that week.

The Texico School Board was scheduled this week to discuss possibly moving the date for the shootout.

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"POP for Kids Community Holiday Festival along with the Texico Fire and Police departments and the Texico FCCLA chapter collects toys for needy children in Texico-Farwell.

It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Texico School elementary gym.

For admission, each family will need to bring a NEW toy costing at least \$5 or the cost will be \$5. There will be games, a 50-50 raffle, free food, and a special appearance by Santa Clause.

Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or five for \$20 for entrance into the raffle. Tickets for games will be \$1 each or 20 for \$15.

\*\*\*  
The big annual farm show was held at the Amarillo Civic Center last week.

Booths included Farwell's Southwest Ag Services and Teresa Mesman's cheese-making business.

\*\*\*  
Correction: The Tribune incorrectly reported last week that Bonnie Heald was scheduled for surgery. The Tribune apologizes for its error.

\*\*\*  
Early release is scheduled for Texico School on Dec. 19.

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Buses will run and all students released at 1:45 p.m.

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Lazbuddie School opened a bit late last Friday due to icy road conditions.

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Here are a few to consider:  
• How close am I to my retirement goals? Your comprehensive investment strategy should include a reasonably good estimate of how much money you will eventually need to sustain the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. At least once a year, you should evaluate how much closer you've gotten to your goals than the year before.  
• Am I making sufficient progress toward my goals? When assessing your progress, try to determine if your portfolio is properly allocated between stocks, stock-based vehicles, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and other investments. If you're "overweighted" in a particular asset class, such as cash, you may be impeding your ability to move toward your goals.  
• Am I adhering to my investment strategy? To stick with your investment strategy, you need to invest at regular intervals and meet regularly with your financial professional to review your progress and make adjustments — such as rebalancing your portfolio — when necessary. Of course, even with regular progress reviews and portfolio rebalancing, it can be challenging, psychologically and emotionally, to stick with a strategy. For example, during any given year the financial markets could be down, and your results might be disappointing. Nonetheless, if you have built a diversified portfolio containing quality investments, and your portfolio is well suited to your own risk tolerance and time horizon, you don't necessarily need to make changes following a down year in the markets.  
• What aspects of my life have changed in the past year? Your investment strategy should be based entirely on your individual needs and circumstances — so if these have changed during the past year, you may also have to adjust the way you invest. Consider any and all changes in your life — marriage, new children, divorce, remarriage, new job, new home, etc. — and then try to determine what impact these changes might have on your long-term financial strategy and if you need to adjust that strategy in response.  
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By asking, and answering, these questions at the end of each year, you should always have a good sense of where you are in pursuit of your long-term goals — and what you need to do to bring the realization of those goals closer to reality.  
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# Guevara sparks 7th Girls over Morton

## 7th Boys

Bovina's 7th grade boys put away Morton, 47-23.

Scoring were Jaden Nguyen, 10; Miguel Rodriguez, 4; JJ Marrufo, 8; Josh DeLaCruz, 11; Gerardo DeLaCruz, 4; Zac Ramos, 2; Edgar Olvera, 2; and Manuel Ramos, 2.

## 8th Boys

The 8th grade boys lost to Morton, 42-34.

Scoring were Bryan DeLaTorre, 11; Fernando Martinez, 10; David Lara, 2; Manuel Sanchez, 6; Andres Loera, 5.

## Varsity Boys

The Mustangs knocked off Lorenzo, 53-30, on Dec. 3.

Scoring were Joseph Casas, 17; Enrique Marez, 14; David Velo, 14; Bernie DeLaCruz, 2; Alex Lucero, 6.

Lucero led in assists with 5. Marez led in rebounds with 9.

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On Dec. 5, the Mustangs used balanced scoring to paste Hart in the Meadow Tournament, 36-32.

Bovina was 4-3 after this game.

Scoring were Lucero, 4; DeLaCruz, 3; Daniel Lara, 2; Darius Armijo, 4; Velo, 4; Casas, 8, and Marez, 11.

Marez led in rebounds with 11 and in assists with 5.

Casas contributed 4 steals and DeLaCruz, 3.

## Varsity Girls

The Fillies beat Lorenzo, 52-49, on Dec. 3.

Scoring were Samantha Villarreal, 10; Ruby Ramirez, 2; Edith Gomez, 19; Brittany Perez, 1; Annabel Lara, 11; Andrea Villarreal, 5.

A. Villarreal led in assists with 5. Lara and Gomez paced in rebounds with 6 each.

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On Dec. 5, The Fillies ran past Hart in the Meadow Tournament, 38-21.

Bovina was 4-3 after

this game.

Scoring were A. Villarreal, 9; Lara, 8; Perez, 5; Gomez, 8; S. Villarreal, 6; Gabby Flores, 2.

Lara dominated the boards with 15 rebounds. She also led in steals with 4.

Perez contributed 7 rebounds. A. Villarreal led in assists with 3.

## 8th Girls

The 8th grade girls lost to Morton, 34-10.

Scoring were Anabel Ramirez, 1; Miriam Rocha, 4; Nedra Gallegos, 1; Ariana Flores, 2; Lucy DeLaCruz, 2.

## 7th Girls

The 7th grade girls put away Morton, 46-17.

Scoring were Yesenia Diaz and Jeanette Garcia, 2 each; Breanna Manrique and Jasmine Perez, 4 each; Gabby Perez, 8; Vidi Guevara, 26.

## JV Girls

The JV Girls lost to Dimmitt, 43-17.

Scoring were Heather Rocha, 2; Nayely Hernandez, 7; Malory DeLaRosa, 2; Mayra Bernal, 2; Jessi Ramon, 6.

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Bovina lost to Friona freshmen, 32-22.

Scoring were Jasmine Lara, 2; DeLaRosa, 14; Berneal, 2; April Hernandez, 5.

\*\*\*

The JV lost to Friona, 61-4.

Scoring were Rocha, 1; Bernal, 2; DeLaRosa, 1.

## JV Boys

The JV Boys lost to Dimmitt, 73-27, in the Friona Tournament.

Scoring were Carlos Vaquero, 9; Jose Cruz, 2; Israel Ramirez, 13; Joel Reyes, 3.

\*\*\*

Bovina put away Sudan, 32-26.

Scoring were Vaquero, 6; Israel Espinoza, 7; Ramirez, 9; Emilio Espinoza, 7.

## Bovina Banter

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residents last December against several current and past Bovina city officials and police officers.

In late November, the plaintiffs filed a request to amend their complaints. This is pending the judge's decision.

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There will also be a late start of 8:30 a.m. for Bovina school on Dec. 20. No breakfast will be served.

\*\*\*

After the elementary Christmas program, parents are welcome to the Administration Building to register for the Alerts Notification system.

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The Bovina Chamber of Commerce cancelled its December meeting.

\*\*\*

The All-Region Middle School Band competition, normally held in December, has been put off until January due to the weather, reports band director Jason Anaya.

\*\*\*

A reminder to folks who need services at the state clinic offered in Bovina on the 2nd Monday of each month.

They have their clinic at the EMS building from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

If you ever forget, just watch for the Farwell School ad each month alerting folks to the clinic's visits in our area.

The clinic goes to Farwell in the morning, then Bovina in the afternoon.

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Bovina's powerlifting team will be coached by Danny Mejia and assisted by Dan Castillo.

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The Elementary School Christmas Concert will be held Dec. 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

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The Middle School and High School Christmas Concert will be held Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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Financial Aid Night will be held Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. All seniors and their parents are urged to attend.

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Christmas break will be Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, 2014.

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Early release for Bovina Schools on Dec. 19 and Dec. 20 will be at 2:30 p.m.

\*\*\*

Congratulations to the Bovina Fillies who placed 3rd at the Meadow Tournament.

And good luck to our Varsity Teams who will be playing in the Elida Tournament this weekend.

\*\*\*

Deena Leuea reports that all the sweat suits have been collected and she thanks everyone who donated to help make it another successful year for the worthy drive.

# Bovina hires science teacher

The Bovina School Board on Monday hired Lillian Hester, of Roby, Texas, as the new middle school science teacher, effective Jan. 1.

She replaces Helen Deen, who is retiring at the end of this year.

In other business, the board:

-- Agreed to purchase two new activity buses, one for 32 passengers and one for 14 passengers.

-- Agreed to stay with West Texas Food Service Cooperative.

-- Scheduled the annual faculty and staff Christmas breakfast for 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 20.

-- Selected Mrs. Deen as Employee of the Month.

-- Set the next board meeting for Jan. 13.

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## Holiday spirit

Bovina is getting ready for Christmas. Putting up decorations is Sergio Hernandez. (Photo by Deanna Curtis)

She needs volunteers to help deliver the sweat suits on Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m. ct.

The more volunteers she has, the longer a resident gets a visit.

Please try and come out to Clovis Health Care on Norris and 14th Street in Clovis. This is a great way to kick off your Christmas activities and feel the love of these people that are so appreciative!

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Former Bovina resident Donalita Hawkins fell last week. She is doing better but is still pretty weak.

\*\*\*

Former Bovina resident Marylyn Turner Martin has passed away.

\*\*\*

Dec. 10 is Human Rights day. It is amazing the holidays that are declared national holidays that we have no idea about.

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Interesting Fact of the week: Breathing the air in Beijing has the same effect as smoking 21 cigarettes a day. Be careful with your travels.

## County election

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District clerk - incumbent Sandra Warren.

District Court judge - incumbent Gordon Green.

Bovina area Justice of the Peace - incumbent Sandra Clayton.

Friona area Justice of the Peace - incumbent Jo Beth Gipson.

Farwell area Justice of the Peace - incumbent Pam Haseloff.

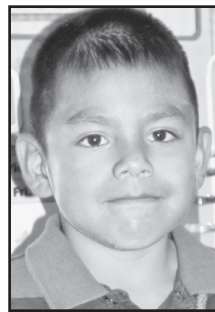
Lazbuddie area county commissioner -- incumbent Lloyd Bradshaw.

There is no word yet on whether state Rep. John Smithee, a Republican, has any challengers.

On the Democrat side, it appears the ballot will only feature District Court Judge Gordon Green will seek re-election without opposition.

County Democrat chairman is Robert White.

## Meet Bovina's Class of 2026



Angel Lee Lara is a Bovina Kindergartener. His birthday is Feb. 9.

Parents are Dustin and Yesenia Lara. Siblings are Destiny, Enrique, Delhilo, and Aaron. Grandparents are Victor and Maria Ortiz, and Mory and Tony Lara.

His favorite foods are hamburgers and hotdogs.

His favorite colors are white and black.

He dislikes to clean his room.

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## Cargill donates coats

Andrea Payan-Phipps, general manager of Cargill Cattle Feeders in Bovina, delivered 15 coats to Elementary principal Dawn Watson this week. This is the fourth year that Cargill Cattle Feeders has donated to local children in need.

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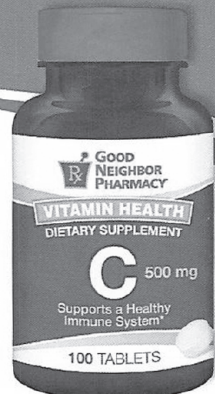
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### Car rollover

There was a single vehicle rollover north on 1731 on Dec. 5. Bovina EMS and Fire Department responded. No serious injuries were reported. Fortunately, the driver was wearing a seat belt. (Photo by Deanna Curtis)

### Bovina Banter

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An update on the wind energy project's progress in Parmer County from Jim Bob Swafford: The Mariah wind project will begin construction starting Monday by excavating 24 turbine pad sites in Northeast Parmer County.

These will be completed by the Jan. 1. All the heavy equipment is in place; each excavation will be 8 feet deep by 70 feet square. The start area is on CR G northeast of Friona between Hwys. 3140 and 1172; these are the first

24 sites out of 117. \*\*\* From Feb. 8, 1951: Rev. M.D. Durham is new Baptist Church pastor. The 2-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Carson has pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Tabor went to Dallas because of the death of relatives there.

Junior Barbee is in Lubbock again working at the Cone Grain Co. \*\*\* School lunch menus for next week: Monday -- taco salad, LT salad, snowball salad, corn.

Tuesday - chicken nuggets, cream potatoes and gravy, green beans, wheat rolls, pineapple. Wednesday - chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, carrots, orange smiles. Thursday - cheeseburger, fries, fruit cocktail. Friday - chalupas, LT salad, corn, applesauce. \*\*\*

Our Varsity teams will be in the Elida Tournament Dec. 12-13. Varsity and JV teams will host Tahoka on Dec. 17. The Middle School teams play Springlake-Earth on Dec. 16 -- girls there, boys at home. \*\*\*

It's mostly quiet the past couple of weeks for the civil rights lawsuit filed by several Bovina

trial membership. and half of the singing-McCain is an actor, songwriting McCain and broadcaster, producer Brothers.

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## Here is a great way to say Merry Christmas

To continue an important tradition, the First Bank of Bovina will sponsor a large ad in the Tribune's Christmas issue giving credit to Bovina area friends and neighbors who contribute to the annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Ambulance Service.

This fund-raiser benefits the Bovina Ambulance Service and the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

All you need to do is stop by the First Bank of Bovina and drop off a donation, of any amount, in the name of the Bovina Ambulance Service. It will keep strong this very important volunteer group. And your name will appear in the Christmas issue ad in the Tribune on Dec. 26th.

### McCain records first audio book

Bovina High School graduate Ben McCain has completed recording the audio book "Nicholas: The Fantastic Origin of Santa Claus," written by Cody W. Urban.

The audio book runs 10 hours and 44 minutes and is available at Amazon.com. Ben says, "It's perfect for commuters or families traveling on long trips. It's a story of how an average Roman soldier named Nicholas became Santa Claus. There's action, romance, betrayal and suspense. A thrilling exploration into the legends and myths behind numerous Christmas traditions."

The first chapter is available free on YouTube at Nicholas Audio Book Chapter 1. The list price is \$21.83, or free with Audible.com 30-day free



trial membership. and half of the singing-McCain is an actor, songwriting McCain and broadcaster, producer Brothers.

### Students of the month



Bovina Middle School Students of the Month for December are Moises Perez and Leslie Gomez.



Bovina High School Students of the Month for December are Joseph Casas and Itzel Enriquez.

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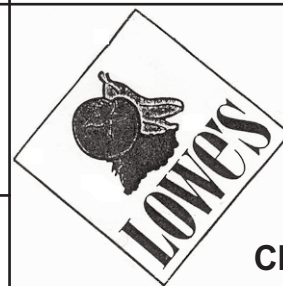
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