

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

Co-op gin coming along

It's just super to see the construction moving along on the new Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative Gin just east of Farwell.

This will be a boon to our area's future.

What especially is pleasing to see is the foresight displayed by our local folks.

Spearheaded by Mark Williams and Kendall Devault, the new gin will be a very important part of our local economy for many, many years.

The cooperative's temporary office is located at Byrd Realty, 308 Third St. in Farwell. The phone number is 481-9080.

We wish our area's newest business the best of luck.

Why it's good to have a sense of humor:

The Tribune received a letter at its Texico post office box last Friday. The letter took three days to get there from Clovis.

Jane Barclay, who now lives in Arkansas, had relatives who were among the first settlers of Farwell -- the Hamlin's and Overstreet's.

Going through her belongings recently, she uncovered a copy of the Farwell Times' "Pictorial Edition" from Feb. 13, 1908.

The Farwell Times was published by W.E. Schooler and either merged with the State Line Tribune or folded soon thereafter.

Anyway, this great piece of history will be published in its entirety in the Tribune in coming weeks.

History buffs need to keep each issue, and they will have a real treasure.

The Pictorial Edition was a special edition, featuring local community leaders, and ran 32 page. All will be reprinted in the Tribune.

I want to commend Five Area Telephone Cooperative for running the information in last week's Tribune about safety precautions to take in case of a tornado.

If a twister were to strike today, where will you and your family be safest?

Be sure to have a place in mind because tornadoes seem to be more widespread in recent years. Or is that just my imagination?

The only tornado I ever saw was when I lived in Michigan City, Ind. The twister raced just south of town, narrowly missing an elementary school (fortunately, it was the weekend and no students were there).

I stood outside my newspaper building and watched that scary sight, probably three miles in the distance. That was as close as I wanted to get!

We all love Mother Nature. But sometimes she gets angry -- so be prepared.

As the school year begins to wind down, I want to thank all the coaches for their help in getting their write-ups to the Tribune each week for football, basketball and track.

Each Tuesday morning, I go to the Farwell and Texico junior high schools and high schools where we have Trib-

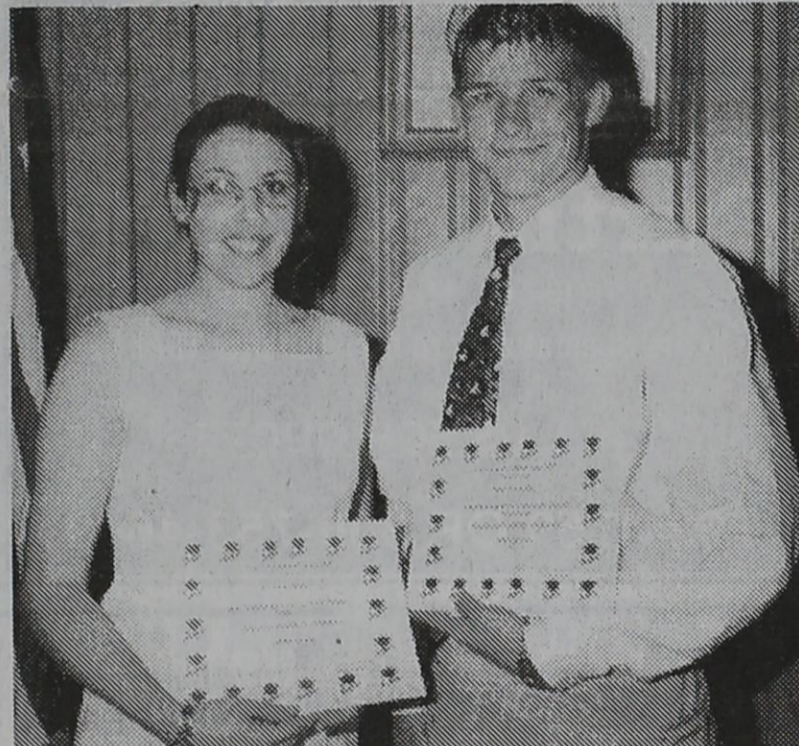
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Recognized at the Texico Chamber of Commerce banquet were, from left, Juanita Hadley, Teacher of the Year; Allie Burris, Woman of the Year; and Eddie Dunsworth, Man of the Year.



Special awards were given to Hal Helton and his mother, Dardanella, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Helton Oil. Also, Mike Irving, a representative of Phillips 66, was on hand to give the Heltons a plaque from the company.



Students who won \$1,000 scholarships were Olivia Noblett, left, and Shay Norvell.

Texico Chamber honors its citizens

The annual Texico Chamber of Commerce banquet was held at the Texico Community Center on Tuesday.

Top awards went to: Allie Burris, Woman of the Year; Eddie Dunsworth, Man of the Year; Juanita Hadley, Teacher of the Year. Young Citizen awards went to Olivia Noblett and Shay Norvell. A special award was given to Hal Helton and his mother, Dardanella, upon the 50th anniversary of Helton Oil.

New Chamber officers will be: Freda Neie, president; Lewis Cooper, vice president; Juanita Hadley, secretary, and Fern Tharp, treasurer.

It was noted that Texico won the public TV fund-raiser contest and will receive a free video of the community.

The annual progress report noted the new officials at City Hall, more police officers, the new bus company building, street resurfacing projects, trees planted at KKR Park, new fire department equipment, opening of Master Tech, and the Eastern Plains House Development -- construction of two new homes and remodeling of a third one.

Decorations were made by Ann and Lewis Cooper, Freda Neie and Marcia Leavell did the programs. The speaker was Ron Grimes, who portrayed Pat Garrett, who killed Billy the Kid at Fort Sumner in the 1880s. Texico School Supt. R.L. Richards gave the school report. The Country Strings Band provided music.

Woman of the Year

She joined the First Baptist Church in 1950 and has taught youth and adult classes for years. As a neighbor she is tops. When you are sick, she is there with a dish of food and says,

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Farwell Chamber awards given

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet Saturday at the Farwell Community Center. Speaker Wayne Beighle, a public relations officer with the state police, gave a very humorous speech that had the audience laughing throughout.

Ronald Byrd was emcee. ESA Sorority provided the decorated and Beta Sigma Phi served appetizer and punch. The meal was prepared by the Farwell cafeteria ladies and served by the Farwell High Student Council. Alan Finney provided the sound system, and the Farwell city employees gave special help.

New Chamber Board President Mike Ratke introduced the Chamber's officers and directors: Gwen Hughes, Anne Norton, Karen Schilling, Ralph Franse, Jack Allen Kirkland, Dr. N.B. Chasteen and Robert White.

Outgoing Chamber President Ralph Franse was given a special certificate in honor of his leadership during the 1990s.

Awards were given to Jimmie Mace, Man of the Year; Gloria Hutchins, Woman of the Year; Jerry Monk, Agriculturalist of the Year; Mona Merritt, Teacher of the Year; and Aaron Christian and Britney Hunt, Students of the Year.

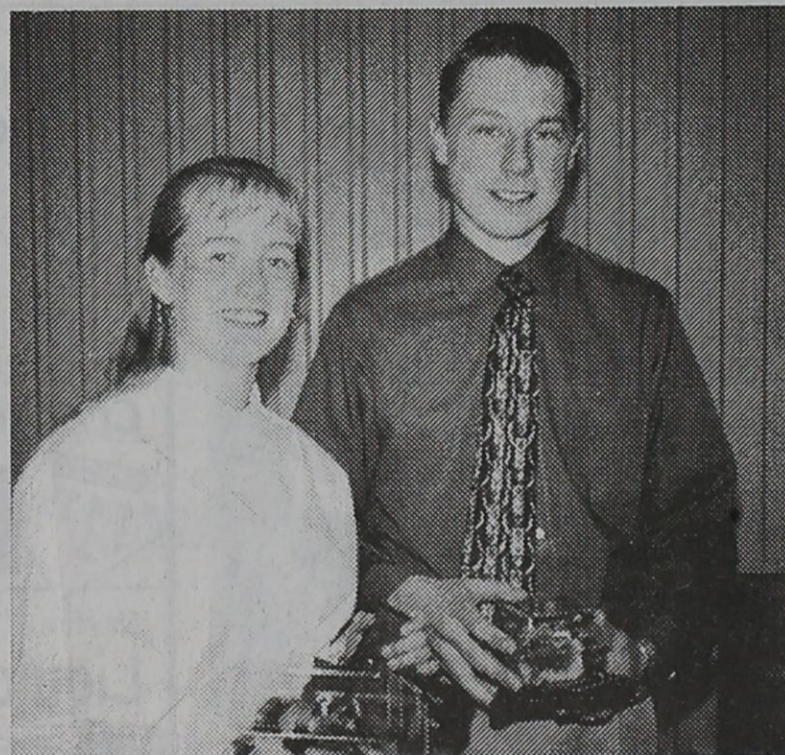
Teacher of the Year

Farwell High School English teacher Mona Merritt graduated from high school in Iraan, Texas and attended Sul Ross University in Alpine until she married. After a lengthy sabbatical, she returned to college and graduated from ENMU with a secondary education degree in English and social studies.

Mona is a devoted mother and grandmother and is deeply involved in their activities. Farwell High School is a hot spot for card-carrying grandparents and she is never at a loss for words when it comes to expounded the virtues and talents of her grandchildren.

Mona has taught English at Farwell High School for 13 years and feels that she has truly found her niche. She coaches UIL read writing and will also be the prose coach next year. Her philosophy as a teacher is that students should learn. She teaches her students to be responsible for their own achievements and failures and not only expects excellence -- she demands it.

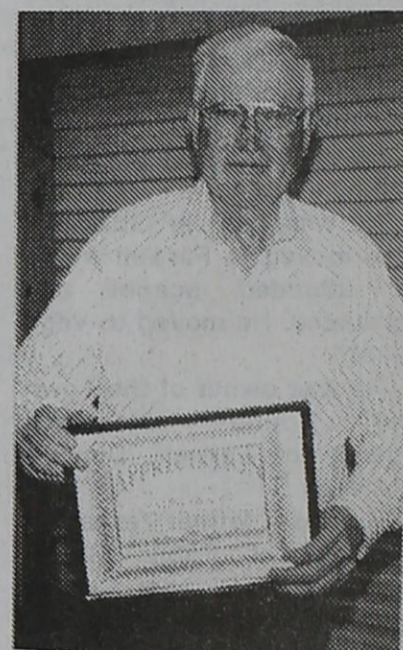
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Honored as Students of the Year were Britney Hunt and Aaron Christian.



Honored at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet were, from left, Jerry Monk, Agriculturalist of the Year; Jimmie Mace, Man of the Year; Gloria Hutchins, Woman of the Year; and Mona Merritt, Teacher of the Year.



Outgoing Chamber President Ralph Franse received a special award for his service.

Here come the school banquets

Our area high schools will be holding their annual end of the year banquets and awards ceremonies to honor academic and athletic achievement.

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters and the FHA will also be holding their end of the year awards banquets.

Lazbuddie High School will hold their honora (academic) award banquet on May 17 in the school cafeteria. The time is to be announced.

The Lazbuddie FFA banquet will be held on May 18 at the home of Bill and Marca Morris.

The Lazbuddie High School athletic banquet will be held on May 22 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Texico High School academic awards ceremony will be held on May 21 at 7 p.m. mst at the Ed. Complex.

The Texico athletic awards ceremony will be held on May 20 at 7 p.m. mst at the educational complex.

The Texico FFA banquet will be held on May 13 at 7

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Texico Junior High scholars announced

The Texico Junior High honor rolls for the 3rd nine weeks have been announced:

9.0 Honor Roll

6th grade - Michele de Maio, Ivan Esparza, Aubrey Hill, Ashley Littlejohn, Jason Manasco, Amber Parmer, Josh Pena, Melissa Roberts, Gabriel Sena, Seneca Turner, Natalie Walton.

7th grade - Crystal Abernathy, Corey Bell, Kevin Burns, Olivia Garcia, Lakin Hatcher, Shane Hill, Bretni Johnson, Justin Loven, Kehley Merrill, Patrick Ortiz, Mark Peabody, Travis Reid, Wade Richardson, Shelly Smith, Ashley Spearman, Sherry Stone, Toby Thornton, Trent Ward, John Nathan Williams.

8th grade - Daniel AlderseBaes, Tori Bradley, Travis Bussey, Tasha Cain, Martin Castillo, Ashley Gonzales, Brenda Grado, JoAnn Hopingardner, Mandy Martin, Carrie Rucker, Santana Sena, Andrew Zamora.

All A Honor Roll

6th grade - Trent Crow, Nathan Foust, Brette Hadley, Garett Mayfield, Braden Vaughan.

7th grade - Amber Dalton, Ricky Fuentes.

8th grade - Samantha Franse, Cherry Mayfield, Dru Mayfield, Katie Peterson, Barbara Queener, Nicole Richards.

Obituaries

Jack Walker

Services for Jack Ray Walker, 51, of Vega, were Tuesday at Vega United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Campbell, pastor of Agape United Methodist Church, officiating.

He died Saturday in Logan, N.M.

He was born in Littlefield, then moved to Farwell where he attended school and graduated. He moved to Vega in 1971.

He was owner of the Town and Country Insurance Agency of Farwell, Dimmitt and Vega.

He was a former Texas Department of Public Safety trooper and Oldham County deputy sheriff. He had served as a city council alderman.

Surviving are his wife, Jackie (the daughter of Smokey and Clara Gast of Farwell); 2 daughters, Jana Vogler, of Vega, and Jodi Walker, of Canyon; 3 brothers, Jim, of Pilot Point, Texas; Randy, of Dennison, Texas,

and Ronnie, of Mesquire, Texas; his parents, E.A. and Wanda Walker, of Dennison, and 2 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Khiva Memorial Fund (Shriners), or to the Oldham County Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

E.J. Callaway Jr.

Services for E.J. Callaway Jr., 81, of Spearman, Texas, were held April 14 at First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Ken Cole and Dan Carter officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery.

He died April 12. He was born in Clarendon. He moved to the Spearman area in 1955 from Muleshoe.

He married Byrnicie Hogan in 1941 in Clovis.

Preceding him in death was a daughter, Jyniece Mills, in 1991.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Lee, of Amarillo; a sister, Della Kirkland, of Farwell; 4 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Doubles teams advance

The Farwell varsity boys' doubles team of Tyler Chadwick and Shane Roberts took 2nd place in the district tennis meet and will play in the regionals at Abilene on April 28 at noon.

And the girls' doubles team of Kinzi Woods and Jessica Chandler also took 2nd place at district and will play in the regionals at Abilene at 1:30 p.m.

In other tennis action at district, Jourdan Nichols took 3rd place in singles and Grant Oppiger was 4th. In the girls' division, Lorisa Littlejohn took 4th place.

In JV results, Clint Corn finished 1st in the boys' singles, and Taylor Nichols was 3rd. In girls' singles, Cassie Street was 3rd. In girls' doubles, Rosario Loera and Raquel Cabello finished 1st. In boys' doubles, Jordan Barrett and Ben Oppiger finished 1st, and Joel Barrett and Jason Crawford took 3rd place.

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une collection points set up.

Coaches put their results in these baskets. All the results turned in area published.

I think the "Berma Shave" decorations made by Ann and Lewis Cooper for the Texico Chamber of Commerce banquet on Tuesday were the best I have ever seen."

Banquets

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p.m. mst in the school cafeteria.

The Texico FHA chapter will hold their annual banquet on May 4 at 6 p.m. mst at Furr's Cafeteria in Clovis.

The Farwell High School athletic banquet will be held on May 4 at the Farwell Community Center. The time is to be announced.

The Farwell High School awards picnic will be held on May 13 at 5 p.m. at the Farwell City Park.

The Farwell FFA banquet will be held on May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center.

The Farwell honors banquet was held on April 19.

The Farwell High School Seniors Luncheon will be held on May 7 at 12:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

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Junior high UIL stats listed

Farwell Junior High participated in the district UIL meet on March 2 in Bovina, accumulating 230.4 points.

A list of winners will be announced later by school officials.

The total included: maps, charts and graphs, 41 points; dictionary skills, 22; calculator, 4; spelling, 22; oral reading, 49; earth science, 6; music memory, 13; modern oratory, 10; reading writing, 43; and listening, 3.4

Financial Focus

by Glen O'Rear

George Burns, the cigar-smoking comedian who entertained audiences well into his 90s, had a lot to say about retirement. He once deadpanned, "Retirement at 65 is ridiculous. When I was 65, I still had pimples."

Whatever age you decide to retire, you can make sure it's an event to look forward to by making sure you are "retirement ready."

Unfortunately, large numbers of Americans are not sufficiently saving for their retirement, and they fear the repercussions. A poll by Sun America, a financial-services company specializing in retirement savings, found that 40 percent of the women surveyed worry they will be living in poverty when they retire. About half of the polled believe they might not be able to retire at all. Close to 80 percent of those surveyed between age 25 and 55 are concerned that they won't have enough to live on when they retire.

Today's workers realize the shortcomings associated with Social Security. They know Social Security alone won't provide a comfortable retirement -- it pays only about 27 percent of an individual's retirement needs. It's clear we cannot depend upon the government to take care of us in our old age.

Instead, we must rely on the qualities Americans have historically shown, the traits that have made the United States the wealthiest nation in the world: self-reliance and entrepreneurship. And we must apply those qualities to saving for our own futures.

There are numerous ways to accumulate retirement wealth. Some strategies have immediate tax benefits; some have future tax benefits. The traditional IRA is alive and well. The new Roth IRA provides another way to build a retirement fund. In addition, thousands of workers contribute regularly to a 401(k) plan.

Other investing choices, such as individual stocks or mutual funds, lack the tax benefits of the IRA and 401(k), but the amount you may invest is unlimited. Many investors start by making modest investment purchases regularly, and then increase those amounts through the years. Most money managers suggest that you put aside 5 percent to 10 percent of your monthly income for long-term goals.

The investment vehicles you choose should depend upon your age and your goals. How many years do you have to save? The younger you are, the more aggressively you can invest. What kind of lifestyle do you want to maintain during retirement, and how long will you be retired? The amount you put away should be based on what you anticipate your expenses will be throughout those golden years.

The facts show that long-term savers/investors will have the money to enjoy a secure retirement. Some may be able to retire early, but most will leave the daily work world in their 60s and sail off into a comfortable retirement, thanks to smart investing started early.

Or, you may decide to work until you're 100 years old, like George Burns. If you've saved and invested wisely over the years, your choice will be just that -- a choice, not a necessity. And that's what retirement freedom is all about.

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Sheriff's Report

Area police forces raided Poncho's Pool Hall, 503 Main St., Friona, on April 16.

The raid was coordinated by the Parmer County sheriff's office and included the Texico and Farwell police departments and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Sheriff Walt Yerger said the raid was conducted after deputies and city officers had received numerous complaints about drinking at the pool hall.

"During the inspection of the Pool Hall, evidence of brandy and beer consumption on the premises was found. Several juveniles were found at the scene and were released. Two adult males were booked into the Parmer County jail. Some beverages were also confiscated," said Yerger.

Tomas Hernandez, 46, of Friona, was charged with operating an unregistered club. The case is pending in county court.

Francisco Ortiz, 29, of Friona was charged with possession of alcohol with intent to sell, and operating an unregistered club. The charges are pending in county court.

In other police news:

-- On April 19, Jose Gomez, 22, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of probation. The case is pending in district court.

-- On April 18, Mary Baca, 46, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of DWI subsequent. The case is pending before the grand jury.

-- On April 16, Lawrence Clemente, 36, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of assault. The case is pending in county court.

-- On April 15, Fredrick Price, 19, of Amarillo, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of failure to identify. The case is pending in county court.

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Farwell

For Farwell Schools, she serves on the District Improvement Committee, the Campus Improvement Committee and the Language Proficiency Action Committee. Although she grew up as a Baptist, she is now a member of First United Methodist Church of Clovis. Mrs. Merritt enjoys visiting her family and taking "sister trips" with her three sisters. Together, they have toured throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Woman of the Year

The Woman of the Year is a Farwellite of many years. She attended Farwell Schools and was married in 1960. She and



From left are Sterling Via, Roberto Aguilar, Amanda Martinez, Laura Jo Via.

Students recognized

Lazbuddie Junior High and High School Students of the Month for April have been announced:

Roberto Aguilar, 19, is the son of Julio and Teresa Aguilar, and grandson of Refugio and Quica Aguilar. He likes the book "Hatchet", the wrestler Stone Cole Steve Austin, and to eat something on a Ritz. His pet peeve is cats.

Laura Jo Via, 15, is the daughter of Guy and Jan Via, and granddaughter of Walter and Gui Via, and A.D. and Mary Reed. She likes the book "Solitary Blue", the celebrity Matt Damon, eating chicken quesadillas, and peanut butter and crackers as a snack. Her pet peeve is when someone asks her the same question 10 times.

Sterling Via, 13, is Laura Jo's younger brother. He likes the book "My Friend Flicka", the singer George Strait, and eating homemade chocolate chip cookies. His pet peeve is when people interrupt him.

Amanda Martinez, 13, is the daughter of Miguel and Simona Martinez, and granddaughter of Rumaida Roblez, Praxedes Roblez, Juan Martinez and Cristina Arriza. She likes the book "Wherer the Red Fern Grows", the celebrity Martin Lawrence, and eating oreos as a snack. Her pet peeve is biting her lip and nails.

Crime stoppers logo picked

Parmer County Crime Stoppers has had a county-wide contest to pick a logo.

Winners of \$100 each are Friona students Eric Rubio and John Fitzgerald.

They were presented their awards at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday.

Crime Stoppers board members are Jose Mejia, president; Gary Blair, Frances Kube, Murlene Smith, Jack Patterson, Martin Kube, Ona Patterson, Sonia Mejia, Evelyn Yerger and Chad Stevick.

Since its inception, Crime Stoppers tips have resulted in five suspects arrested, five of-

fenses cleared, five convictions, three grams of cocaine seized, and several thousand dollars worth of stolen property recovered.

Parmer County Crime Stoppers has formed in 1993.

her husband moved to California for two years before drifting back to her roots in Texas. She has been a bookkeeper for the past 33 years, which is remarkable because it has been for her husband Lee's business. She's the mother of three children, a daughter and two sons.

She is involved in Hamlin Memorial Unite Methodist Church. She began a ministry for children in grades 2-5 called "The Jesus Warriors." She is involved in the Walk to Emmaus, serving on several of these teams as well as sponsoring family members and friends. It's very important to her to be used as God's hands and feet in His world.

She served as vice president of the Chamber of Commerce for two years and is a charter member of Beta Sigma Phi, the community service sorority. And she has been active in the school activities of her children, including being president of the Band Boosters for two years.

Our Woman of the Year is Gloria Hutchins.

Man of the Year

Our Man of the Year is a native Farwellite. In college, he was a member of the Houndsmen that supported ENMU football teams. They would set off the cannons and explosions and fireworks when TDs were scored. This is how he acquired the "experience with explosives" that he has used for Farwell High Homecoming gatherings at the football field the night before the big game.

Charlie Hromas gave him a chance as a carpenter and builder. He helped level the ground and set forms for concrete for the addition to the First Baptist Church. Jim learned a great deal and worked on some of the beautiful homes in this area. That's when his back started hurting and he decided that he had higher education that he could put to work for himself to make a living. He decided to become a teacher.

His wife and kids always accused him of being a stuffed shirt with not much sense of humor. Over the years, they have worked on him with their Wise "A" remarks and have gotten him to laugh. Now, occasionally, he will come back at one of them with a smart-aleck remark and they mark it on the wall for his accomplishment.

Teaching adult computer classes at night has been a project he likes to do as a community service. He feels that those who really want to know about computers need the opportu-

Schwertner honored

Texas Tech University will induct 201 students on April 26 into its Phi Kappa Phi chapter -- the school honor society.

Included is Melissa Schwertner, daughter of Mark and Nancy Schwertner of Farwell.

The senior Spanish major is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi, Catholic Student Association, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Presidential Scholar, President's List and Dean's List.

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The Latest

Diane Price, training coordinator for the Texico Volunteer Fire Department, has been named EMT-Intermediate of the Year.

The award will be presented this weekend at the EMS Region III conference in Ruidoso, N.M.

The announcement said: "Diane Price has excelled at her profession and pushed herself past the ordinary. Since becoming a basic, she has encountered many calls that tested her skills and endurance to the limit."

"She responded to calls

Lazbuddie honor students listed

The honor rolls at Lazbuddie Elementary School for the 5th six weeks are:

"A" Honor Roll

2nd grade - Richie Aguilar, Alejandra Estrada, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher, Morgan Smith, Cassie Steinbock, Brock Steinbock, Rajon Thorn.

3rd grade - Crescent Crawford, Jason Davis, Jonathon Lennon, Regina Mata, Chelsea Nichols, Brittney Schacher, Dakota Williams.

4th grade - Castle Crawford, Jesse Gomez, Amberlee Steinbock, Montana Steinbock, Stephanie Williams.

5th grade - Madison Smith, Richard Welker.

A-B Honor Roll

2nd grade - Alexandra Ballenger, Trevor Coker, Helen Loewen, Leticia Mendoza, Stefanie Welker.

3rd grade - Samantha Hudson, Brianna Sanchez, Shayla Scisson.

4th grade - Eric Derma, Bryce Haney, Brandy Hudson, Kyra Kimbrough.

5th grade - Zachary Ballenger, Kirby Kimbrough, Peter Loewen, Roper Smith.

Honor rolls for Lazbuddie Junior High:

"A" Honor Roll

6th grade - Ana Hernandez, Brett Mimms.

7th grade - Suzanne Aragon, Shonnah Black, Nicole Lewandowski, Katy Louder, Robby Martin, Shawndee Nichols, Bethnie Sanchez, Kolby Wilkerson.

8th grade - Andy Martin, Tobin Redwine.

A-B Honor Roll

6th grade - Kaylee Burnett, Chris DeLeon, Tanner Gartin, Mandy Haney, Cory Puckett, Garrett Scisson, Melanie Winders.

7th grade - Violet Aguilar, Kelli Harris, Miriam Hernandez, Kera Lewandowski, Amanda Martinez, Raul Mata, Cody Meiwes, Lacey Pope, Michelle Scott, Sterling Via.

8th grade - Brittany Brakebill, Amanda Burton, Lucas DeLeon, Monse Melendez, Brady Mimms, Marisol Robles.

Lazbuddie High School honor rolls:

"A" Honor Roll

9th grade - Savannah Black, Kayla Kimbrough, Triston Thorn.

10th grade - Kati Mimms, Crystal Scott.

11th grade - Amy Angeley, Scottie Brown, Staci Foster, Veronica Mata, Leah Turner.

12th grade - Seth Black, Jill Hodges, Josh Morris, Kia Morris, Cade Morris, Shena Seaton.

A-B Honor Roll

9th grade - Jodie Coker, Jeffrey Guillen, Kelsey Jones, Omar Lopez, Trey Nickels, Candice Randolph, Shannon Redwine, Jay Seaton.

10th grade - Kendra Gallman, Cole St. Clair, Laura Via.

11th grade - Desirae Brakebill, Jason Jesko, Gabriel Juarez, Garrett Magby, Bobby Martha, Brandon Randolph, Bryce Ronek, Jeffery Seaton.

12th grade - Maria DeLeon, Holly Engelking, Brandon Foster, Rosie Marrufo, Christina Martha, Joshua McDonald, Rachel Rodriguez, Adam St. Clair.

involving the death and serious injury to a child and this prompted her to continue her training. She became an intermediate and is now training to be a paramedic to be more of service to her community."

The Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Board of Directors chose a new executive committee for 1999-2000.

It includes Mark Williams, of Farwell, who is secretary treasurer.

Farwell High School senior Blanca Saenz has won a \$1,000 ENMR • Plateau Telecommunications scholarship and has been accepted at Texas A&M, it was announced this week.

The 4-H dog project meeting will be May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Farwell City Park, with instructor Debbie Harling.

The new Northwest Plains Eradication Zone, which includes Parmer County, is looking to hire folks as the right against the boll weevil begins.

Positions will require knowledge of cotton production, agricultural pest control, computer literacy and public relations skills.

For more information, call the foundation at (800) 687-1212.

Emelia Montano, daughter of Donald and Patty Montano, of Texico, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program.

She will graduate from Texico High next month, then enlist.

Shannon Dockter, of Texico, is the new advertising coordinator for Allsup's convenience stores.

The Texico-Farwell Lions Club plans a garage sale on May 22 as a fund-raiser.

Folks who would like to contact items are asked to call Dr. N.B. Chasteen or Hal Helton.

Texico Schools' teachers Amy Kelley and Glynna Martin are planning an educational tour to three European cities in May of 2000.

So far, 7 students and 3 adults have signed up.

Two more are needed. It's for students currently in grades 8 through 11, plus adults.

The tour will include London, Paris and Rome.

For more information and costs, contact Mrs. Kelley or Mrs. Martin at 482-3305.

John White and Ralph Shirley were re-elected as directors and Larry Moyer and Charles Hamilton were elected to the credit committee when Friona Texas Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting last week.

Allo four were unopposed. It was reported that the credit union gained 289 new members in 1998.

Some mail boxes in rural Farwell have been stolen, with others vandalized.

Youths should understand that it's a federal crime to tamper with the postal service.

The Texico Junior High athletic awards ceremony will be held on May 20 at 6 p.m. mst at the Ed. Complex. The academic awards ceremony will be held on May 21 at 2 p.m. mst at the Ed. Complex.

The Lazbuddie Jr. High Academic banquet was held on April 20 in the school cafeteria.

A team of teachers from Texico Elementary School will participate in the annual "Race For The Cure" at Ned Houk Park in Clovis on May 8.

The "Race For The Cure" is a national Breast Cancer Awareness run/walk marathon that has been held across America for the past several years.

The race has been held for this region at Ned Houk park for the past five years.

Mike Getz and his wife, Barbara, were in Farwell this week to visit his mother, Joann, who has returned from the hospital.

Joann will be at the Farwell Convalescent Center for the next couple of weeks undergoing physical rehabilitation.

Mike and Barbara live in Oronoco, Minn.

Frances Kube, Sherry Curtis and Lois Nance had an unexpected customer drop in last week at The Beauty Box Salon.

A Navajo Indian jewelry artist was on his way through town going to Arizona from his home near Canton, Texas, and was in dire need of a haircut and perm. He inquired about the Beauty Box and dropped in for a late evening appointment.

Gilbert Tenorio of Encino, N.M., was in Texico last week visiting his daughter Barbara Sena.

Angela Kube was in town last weekend visiting her grandparents Martha and Walter Schueler of Rhea and Frances and Martin Kube of Farwell.

She brought along her college roommate, Stephanie, of Olney, Texas. Both are students at Texas Tech University.

Ben Mesman attended the regional meeting of the Dairy Farmer's of America last week in Portales at ENMU University.

Recipe of Week

Pasta With Fresh Mushrooms, Ham, Tomatoes And Artichokes

4 cups (about 8 ounces) bow tie pasta (farfalle), uncooked
2 tablespoons olive oil
2/3 cup diced onion
8 ounces fresh white mushrooms, sliced (about 3 cups) or a mixture of white and shiitake mushrooms

1 cup (about 4 ounces) diced cooked ham
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chunky seasoned tomatoes for pasta

1 jar (6 ounces) marinated artichoke hearts, drained
1 cup frozen peas
1/2 cup ready-to-serve chicken broth

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

In a large saucepan cook pasta in salted water according to package directions. Drain and rinse under warm water; cover to keep warm. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over high heat, heat oil until hot. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, 1 to 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and ham; cook, stirring frequently, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, artichoke hearts, peas, chicken broth, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. To serve: In serving bowls place reserved pasta, ladle mushroom mixture over pasta; serve immediately.
Yield: 4 portions, 8 cups.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Ordinance No. 143

An ordinance canceling the city election ordered for May 1, 1999, and declaring each candidate who filed for office the winner.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Farwell, Texas:

Whereas, only three candidates have filed for the three open positions, and as they will be running unopposed in said election, it is the decision of the city council to cancel said election as allowed by law.

The council therefore declares Jimmie Mace elected as mayor and Jerry Stover and John Carlson elected as aldermen.

Approved and adopted on this the 20th day of April 1999

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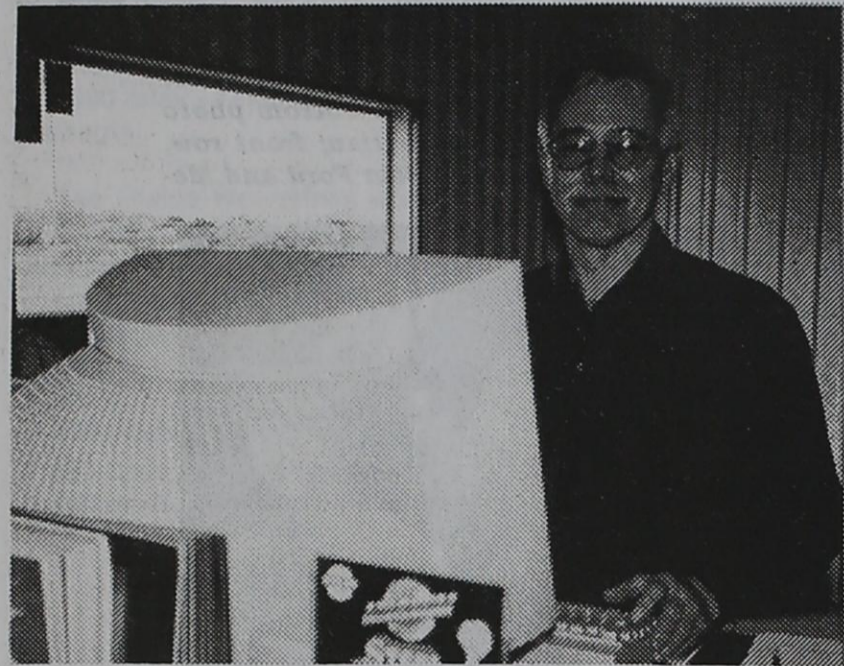
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Lady Blue 2nd, Steers 3rd at district track meet

The Farwell Lady Blue track team took 2nd at district with 152 points. Results were:
 3200 run - Cristie Tabb, 3rd, 13:20.
 Spring relay - Farwell, 2nd, 53.4, Megan Miller, Kinzi Woods, Ashley Crawford, Ramsey Bennett.
 800 run - Tabb, 3rd, 2:35.
 100 hurdles - Bennett, 2nd, 16.7; Kacey Gast, 4th, 17.4.
 100 dash - Britney Hunt, 3rd; Cassie Street, 5th; Karissa Foster, 6th.
 800 relay - Farwell, 1st, 1:53.1, Miller, Woods, Hunt, Crawford.
 400 dash - Jessica Chandler, 6th.
 300 hurdles - Bennett, 2nd, 49.91; Gast, 4th, 55.1



New Farwell business

Jerry (pictured above) and Colleen Stover have opened Farwell Manufacturing and Farm Supply at 1300 Ave. A in Farwell. The phone number is 481-3280. The business is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office recorded the following warranty deeds last week:
 Oklahoma Lane Gin - Jose Vitolas, lots 9-11, Blk. 3, Gardner Add.
 Cynthia Thigpen - Clarence Riley, lots 28-29, Blk. 12, Farwell.
 Ellison estate - Ron Riley, lots 17-18, and S 15' of Lot 19, Blk. 45, Capitol.
 Domingo Villareal Jr. - Luisa Cruz, east 1/2 of lot 2, Blk. 80, Bovina.
 William Buske - Lawrence Appling, lot 7, Blk. 5, Staley Add.
 Geneva Gustin - Darrell Cook, east 1/2 of lots 8-14, Farwell.
 Estate of A.G. Taylor - Barrett-Box Ltd., NW 1/4, S. 30, Blk. X, Johnson Survey

Couples scramble held

The annual Couples Scramble was held at the Farwell Country Club last weekend. Results were:
 Championship flight - Johnnie and Cindy Guelker, 1st, 127; Brock Hodges and Jan Fontanilla, 2nd, 129; Wade and Laurie Walker, 3rd, 130.
 First flight - Aaron and Stephanie Dean, 1st, 133; Clyde and Sue Cash, 2nd, 138

(won playoff); Hal Wood and Yolanda Phillips, 3rd, 138.
 Second flight - Andy Knight and Charlett Harris, 1st, 140; N.D. and Kelly Kelso, 2nd (won playoff), 142; Fred and Linda Renfro, 3rd, 142.
 Third flight - Rick and Linda Short, 1st, 144; Leland and Mary Shelton, 2nd, 147; Darrell and Barbara Howard, 3rd, 148.

200 dash - Hunt, 5th.
 1600 run -- Leesa Patterson, 5th; Tara Cargile, 6th.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 3rd, Woods, Tabb, Crawford, Marni Lunsford.
 Triple jump - Bennett, 2nd, 31'6; Woods, 6th, 30'3.
 High jump - Jennifer McIntosh and Brandi Bailey, tied for 3rd; Linda Armstrong, 6th.
 Shot put - Ginger Sides, 1st, 30'6; Chelsi Kaltwasser, 2nd, 29'2; Britney Hunt, 4th, 28 1/2.
 Long jump - Woods, 5th.
 Discus - Sides, 3rd; Kaltwasser, 5th.

The Farwell Steers were 3rd at the District 4-2A track meet at Sundown with 100 points. Results were:
 400 relay - Farwell, 1st, 45.46.
 100 dash - Tyler Chadwick, 2nd, 11.57; Spencer Ketcherside, 3rd, 11.80.
 300 hurdles - Derek Goettsch, 3rd, 42.96.
 200 dash - Ketcherside, 3rd, 24.22.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 3rd, 3:36.27.
 Discus - Clint Corn, 2nd, 113'4.
 Long jump - Chadwick, 1st, 20'6.5.
 Triple jump - Brett Curtis, 1st, 42'8.25.
 High jump - Curtis, 1st, 6'4; Goettsch, 4th, 5'10.

Results from the Farwell JV boys in their district meet:
 400 relay - Farwell, 3rd, 48.66.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 5th, 4:02.84.
 110 hurdles - Tucker Crawford, 2nd, 18.98.
 100 dash - Brice Hunt, 5th, 12.66; Casey Meeks, 6th, 12.76.
 400 dash - Landon Meeks, 5th, 58.54.
 300 hurdles - Crawford, 4th, 49.65.
 High jump - Crawford, 1st, 5'8; Cody Schilling, 3rd, 5'2.

The Farwell Junior High girls' track team took 2nd at district, missing the title by 12 points. Results were:
 400 relay - Farwell, 1st, Meyer, Foster, Diaz, Gober.
 800 relay - Farwell, 1st, Meyer, Foster, Diaz, Gober.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 1st, Gober, Diaz, Grimes, Foster.
 Shot put - Rodriguez, 2nd; Diaz, 4th; Meyer, 5th.
 Long jump - Gober, 1st; Foster, 5th.
 Triple jump - Foster, 3rd.
 Discus - Rodriguez, 2nd.
 800 run - Hartzog, 5th.
 100 dash - Meyer, 3rd.
 100 hurdles -- Grimes, 6th.
 300 hurdles -- Grimes, 2nd.
 1600 run - Hartzog, 5th.
 2400 run - Sanchez, 5th; Rivera, 6th.

Farwell's 7th grade boys finished 5th at district with 51 points. Results were:
 2400 run - Michael Culver, 5th; Bobby Garcia, 6th.
 400 relay - Farwell, 4th, Jason Johnson, Anthony Herrera, Trevor Thurman, Grant Gregory.
 400 dash - Herrera, 2nd.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 5th, Cole Stevenson, Herrera, Thurman, Gregory.

Trap shoots

Starting April 20, a youth trap shoot will be held every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Rick Seaton's place in Lazbuddie. There will be different age divisions for 4-H'ers to participate in. Cost will be \$15 for 100 targets or \$4 for 25 targets. For more information, call Seaton at 965-2438.

High jump - Gregory, 2nd.
 Shot put - Jose Cabello, 3rd; Fermin Reyes, 4th; Tyler Myers, 6th.
 Long jump - Herrera, 4th; Gregory, 5th.
 Discus - Cabello, 5th; Jeremie Chandler, 6th.

 Farwell's 8th grade boys were 6th at district with 26 points. Results were:
 400 relay - Farwell, 5th, Lonnie McFarland, Carlos Garcia, Sergio Vasquez, Zac Schilling.
 800 run - Vasquez, 5th.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 5th, Garcia, Jeff Davis, Vasquez, Schilling.
 Shot put - Schilling, 1st.
 Discus -- Juan Sanchez, 3rd.



Administrator welcomed

An open house and reception was held for new Farwell Convalescent Center administrator Jerry Adams, center, on April 19. Among those welcoming him were Good Samaritan Society regional director Dennis Beeman, left, and Jim Colbert, right, who has served as interim administrator the past two months.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2011



Karen Sanchez is a Farwell Kindergarten. Her birthday is July 22. Parents are Luis and Lourdes. Others in the family are Luis Jr. and Eva. Grandparents are Alfonso, Martha, Leonor Alfonso. She likes to watch TV and play Barbies. Her favorite food is chicken nuggets and favorite color is pink.

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Notice of the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Members

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will be held in the Memorial Building located at the corner of 7th and Abilene in Portales, New Mexico, at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, April 27, 1999.

The Annual Meeting of the Members is held yearly to take action on the following matters:

1. The report of officers, directors and committees.
2. The election of three (3) directors of the Cooperative.
3. Such other business as may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of three (3) directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated for directors by the Committee of Nomination, appointed pursuant to the By-Laws:

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Texico Exchange
 Nathan L. Tharp Bruce Deavours

Additional nominations for directors of the Cooperative may be made at this meeting.

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WIX Filters is helping FFA chapters across the country raise funds through a box top promotion, paying 25 cents for every WIX filters box top redeemed through April 2000. Since the program began in 1986, WIX Filters has contributed more than \$250,000 to FFA chapters.

In addition to the 25 cents paid for every WIX filters box top, the company is also offering four incentive bonuses of \$1,000 each to the chapters with the highest number of box tops redeemed per member and a \$1,000 bonus to the chapter with the greatest percentage increase from last year. WIX Filters also offers four National FFA College Scholarships to FFA members pursuing degrees in agricultural mechanics, and WIX is a sponsor of the National FFA Foundation.

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Farwell High School honors banquet conducted

More than 170 persons attended the annual Farwell High School Honors Banquet on April 19 at Cannon Air Force Base.

Weldon Killough was in charge of the event, helped by Sherry Christian and Robin

Gregory.

Randy Harris, a Clovis bank president, was the guest speaker.

National Honor Society members are:

Seniors - Aaron Christian, Karyn Curtis, Candy Davis,

Britney Hunt, Megen Meeks, Ramsey Bennett, Tiffany Edwards, Kirk Gober, Blanca Saenz, Ginger Sides.

Juniors - Chelsi Kaltwasser, Leticia Merino, Jamie Coleman, Lisa Herington, Me-

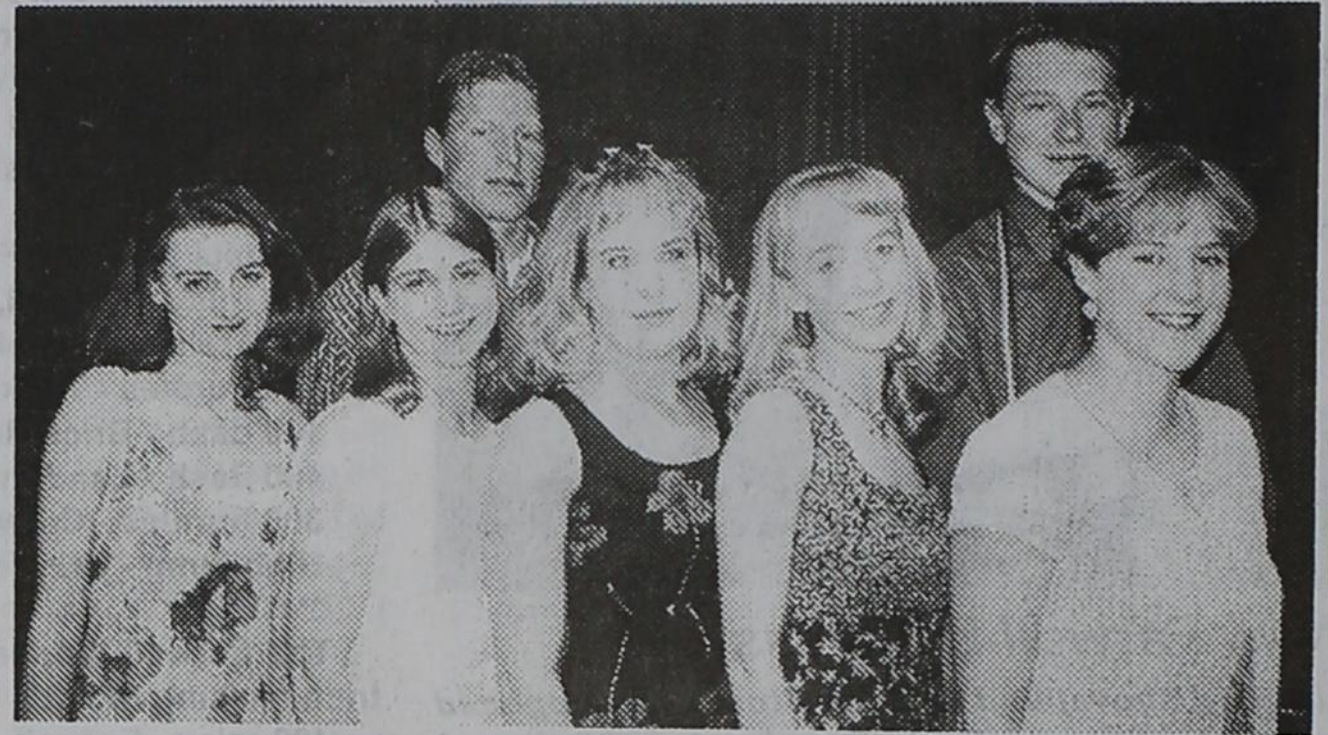
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Fourth year honor roll students were, from left, Megen Meeks, Britney Hunt, Ginger Sides and Karyn Curtis.



Inducted into the Farwell chapter of the National Honor Society were 12 students. Above are, from left, Cody Schilling, Shara Taylor, Kacey Gast, Kinzi Woods and Kolby Kimbrough. In the bottom photo are, back row from left, Paul Franse and Aaron Christian; front row, Sandra Taylor, Lindsey Milloy, Jami Coleman, Kristin Ford and Megan Miller.



Second year honor roll students were, back row from left, Cody Schilling, Marni Lunsford, Aaron Christian; front row, Ashley Crawford, Shara Taylor, Kacey Gast and Blanca Saenz.



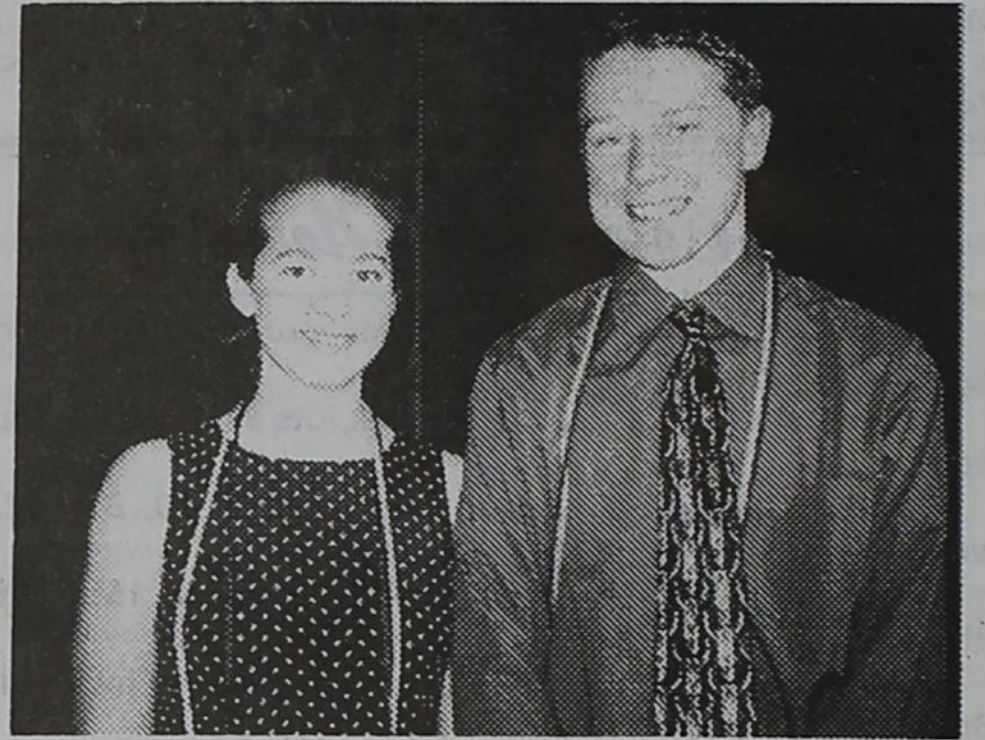
Third year honor roll students were, back row from left, Chelsi Kaltwasser, Jourdan Nichols, Lorisa Littlejohn; front row, Leticia Merino, Candy Davis and Lindsey Rich.



Honor Society officers were, from left, Megen Meeks, president; Britney Hunt, secretary-treasurer; Marni Lunsford, chaplain, and Grant Opplinger, vice president.



Britney Hunt was chosen by principal Bill Bizzell to compete in the Academic Excellence Award Program conducted by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. She was designated a Commended Scholar.



Megen Meeks and Aaron Christian were the recipients of the first annual Counselor's Award (based on the "I Dare You" awards) given by high school counselor Weldon Killough.

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Texico varsity teams take 2nd at Tatum Relays

The Texico Lady Wolverines finished 2nd April 16 at the Tatum Relays with 48 points. Lovington won with 131. Results were (asterisks denote state qualifier):

- Shot put - Christine Clark*, 3rd, 31'2 1/2; Lindsey Gilbert, 4th, 29'2.
- Discus - Cheryl Scales*, 2nd, 94'3 1/4; Clark*, 3rd, 92'8 1/4.
- Long jump - Gilbert, 6th, 14'5.
- Triple jump - Gilbert, 4th, 30'10.
- 300 hurdles - Carrie Rucker*, 1st, 50.89; Elizabeth Richards, 4th, 54.51.
- 800 run - Cherry Mayfield, 3rd, 2:43.60.
- 1600 run - Ashley Denton, 6th, 7:13.34.
- 3200 run - Denton, 4th, 15:05.79.
- 400 relay - Texico, 3rd, 54.65, Krysta Morris, Pam Schjang, Jennifer Roberts, Rucker.
- 600 relay - Texico, 4th, 1:59.28, Rucker, Roberts, Morris, Mayfield.
- 1600 relay - Texico* 2nd, 4:29.48, Roberts, Rucker, Mayfield, Richards.

The Texico Wolverines were 2nd at the Tatum Relays, with Lovington 1st with 112 points. Results were (with asterisks denoting state qualifiers):

- Long jump - Ross Burford*, 1st, 20'6; Eric Smith* 2nd, 20'2.
- Triple jump - Burford, 3rd, 39'2.
- Discus - Jaime Maldonado*, 3rd, 132'7 1/2.
- Javelin - Stanley, 3rd, 153'7.
- 200 dash - Smith, 3rd, 23.67.
- 400 dash - Sam Singleterry, 4th, 57.40.
- 800 dash - Singleterry, 4th, 57.40.

- 1600 run - Frankie Ortiz, 2nd, 4:54.53; Tim Peabody, 5th, 5:07.68.
- 3200 run - Peabody, 3rd, 11:15.0.
- 110 hurdles - Shay Norvell*, 2nd, 14.99.
- 300 hurdles - Norvell*, 2nd, 42.95; Kyle Mayfield, 4th, 44.09.
- 400 relay - Texico, 5th, 46.44, Mayfield, Smith, Burford, Mike Rivera.
- 800 relay - Texico, 4th, 1:39.36, Mayfield, Smith, Burford, Trevor Kittrell.
- 1600 relay - Texico*, 1st, 3:38.61, Mayfield, Smith, Burford, Ortiz.

The Texico girls won the championship of the Melrose Junior High track meet on April 15 with 109 points. Portales was 2nd with 85. Results were:

- Long jump -- Carrie Rucker, 1st, 15'9.
- Triple jump - Nicole Richards, 1st, 28'10; Katie Peterson, 6th, 26'6 1/2.
- 400 relay -Texico, 1st, 58.67, Olivia Garcia, Richards, Barbara Queener, Rocío Esparza.
- 800 relay - Texico, 1st, 2:01.49, Rucker, Richards, Cherry Mayfield, Queener.
- 1600 medley - Texico, 7th, 5:50.61, Garcia, Peterson, Lakin Hatcher, Bretna Johnson.
- 1600 relay - Texico, 1st, 4:54.37, Dru Mayfield, Queener, Cherry Mayfield, Garcia.
- 100 hurdles - Esparza, 5th, 20.62.
- 300 hurdles - Rucker, 1st, 51.80.
- 100 dash - Richards, 3rd, 14.79.
- 200 dash - Rucker, 1st, 29.56.
- 400 dash - Dru Mayfield, 3rd, 72.93.

- 600 dash - Hatcher, 4th, 2:05.58.
- 800 run - Cherry Mayfield, 1st, 2:45.61.
- 1600 run - Brittany Autrey, 7th, 7:17.
- Shot put - Christina Clark, 1st, 31'1; Rosa Serrano, 2nd, 26'7; Tori Bradley, 3rd, 24'10.
- Discus - Clark, 1st, 77 1/2; Bradley, 2nd, 73'8 1/2.

The Texico boys won the Melrose Junior High meet with 121 1/2 points. Ft. Sumner was 2nd with 111. Results were:

- Shot put - Williams, 1st, 39'6; Soliz, 5th, 35'2.
- Triple jump - Zaikowski, 1st, 30'7 3/4; Peabody, 4th, 28'8.
- 110 hurdles - Zamora, 2nd, 18.11; White, 6th, 19.61.
- 400 relay - Texico, 6th, 55.85.
- Long jump - Hernandez, 6th, 14'7 3/4.
- Discus - Saliz, 4th, 94'10 1/2.
- 100 dash -- Zaikowski, 5th, 13.19.
- Pole vault - Zamora, 1st, 9'4; Harrington, 5th, 6'10.
- High jump - Vaughn, 1st, 5'2; Loera, 5th, 4'8.
- 600 run - Hernandez, 1st, 1:36.84; Zaikowski, 2nd, 1:44.19; Peabody, 3rd, 1:46.75.
- 400 dash - Loera, 3rd, 1:02.45; Vaughn, 4th, 1:02.46.
- 300 hurdles - Zamora, 5th, 53.20.
- 800 run - Peabody, 1st, 2:32.71; Bell, 3rd, 2:36.09; Fuentes, 5th, 2:40.71.
- 1600 medley - Texico, 1st, 4:77.05.
- 200 dash - Williams, 1st, 25.13; Zaikowski, 2nd, 26.28.
- 1600 run - Rivera, 4th, 6:05.29; Fuentes, 5th, 6:06.32.
- 1600 relay - Texico, 4th, 4:56.85.



The successful honors banquet was put together by Sherry Christian, Weldon Killough and Robin Gregory.



You ask why a picture of school board President Ronald Byrd breaking bread at the banquet, with wife LeAndra laughing in the background? You will have to ask them for the entire, lengthy story.

Honors

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gan Miller, Grant Oppliger, Lindsey Rich, Sandra Taylor, Lorisa Littlejohn, Jourdan Nichols, Ashley Crawford, Marni Lunsford, Erin Norton, Clint Patterson, Matt Schwertner, Paul Franse.

Sophomores - Kacey Gast, Cody Schilling, Shara Taylor, Kristin Ford, Lindsey Milloy, Kinzi Woods, Kolby Kimbrough.

First year honor roll students are:

Angela Billingsley, Jessica Chandler, Tara Cargile, Leesa Patterson, Lacey Meeks, Kristin Ford, Lindsey Milloy, Kirk Gober, Eva Sanchez, Chrystal Wolven, Gaylen Sudderth, Casey Meeks, Ben Oppliger, Kolby Kimbrough, Clint Patterson, Kelsey Monk.

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Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
Lunch: Following Business Meeting (Approximately 12:00 p.m.)

To take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of Officers, Trustees and Committees
2. The election of Trustees from District 3 (Fort Sumner) District 5 (Tucumcari/Ragland)
3. All other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

- ✓ Guest Speaker, RW Hampton Singer, Songwriter, Actor, Model, Storyteller, Rider, Roper.
- ✓ Door prizes for adults and children.
- ✓ Grand Prize Drawing. (Family trip to the play Texas).
- ✓ Two special drawings (\$50 Energy Certificates) for "First Time" Farmers' Electric Cooperative members in attendance.
- ✓ Lunch (provided by Farmers' Electric) will be prepared and served by the San Jon class of 2000.



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<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Terry Hightower - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. E-mail: tmh1@yucca.net</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Bob Brown - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Friday (youth) - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Beth Harrington - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico</p> <p>Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>High Plains Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday School - 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt. Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

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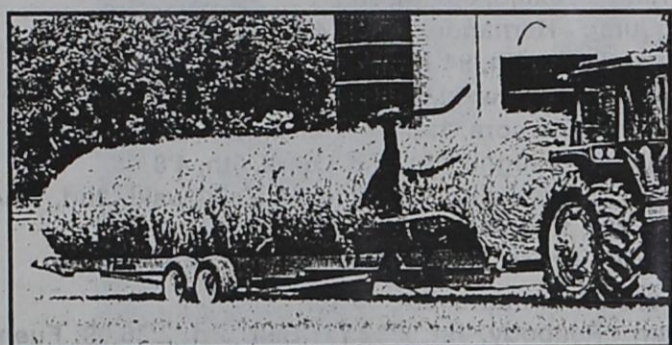
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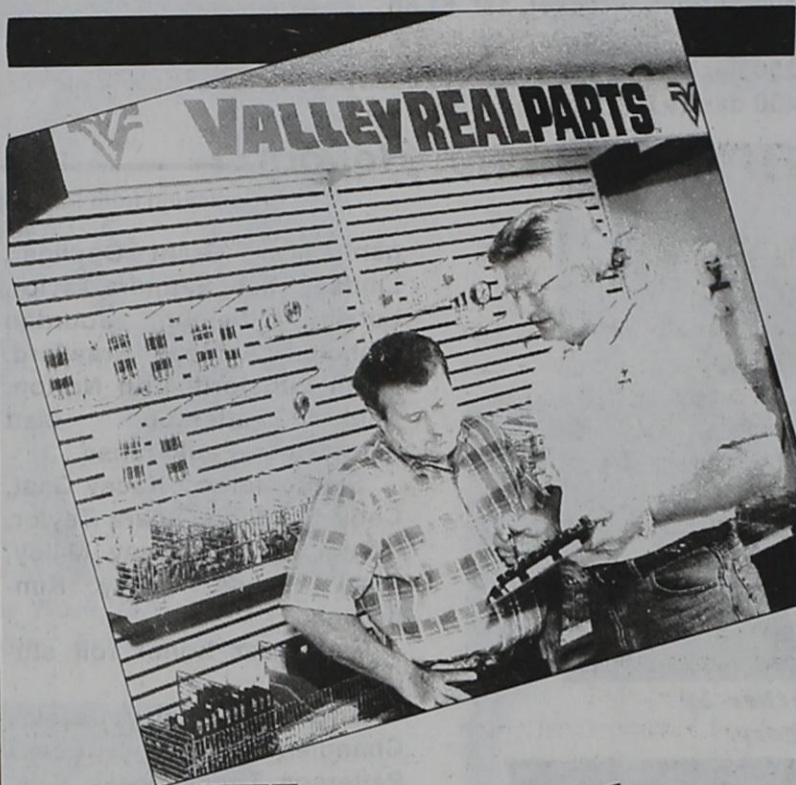
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Auction
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Will be selling tractors, loader, combine, grain carts, vehicles, augers, shop eqpt., trailers, livestock & hay eqpt., yard and garden supplies, 3 wheelers, scooter bike, tanks, trailers, sprayers, and other farm eqpt.

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Auction
Thursday, April 29
9:37 a.m.

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Will be selling vehicles, tanks, trailer, tractor, shredders, makeups, household & office furniture, large assortment of shop eqpt., oil & grease, and many non-classified items too numerous to mention, plus real estate.

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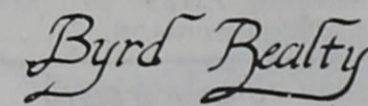
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New Listing -- 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home built-ins, refrig. air, central heat, nice backyard. In good location. Call for more details.

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469 acres, West Camp area, 6 irrigation wells, 85 acres CRP - 9 years left, highway frontage, lays well! Set up for 2 sprinkler systems. Call for details. Owner will give possession for '99 crop year!

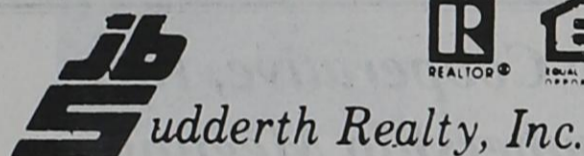
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TEXICO -- Near school: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, with 1-car garage.

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home in Farwell with large yard. Across street from school with great day-care opportunities.

Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in south Farwell. 2 car garage. Excellent neighborhood.

TEXICO -- Country living, city water, SW Texico. Nice 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home with 2 car garage on 2 acres.

PRICED REDUCED -- 856 acres irrigated southeast of Lazbuddie, 6 irrigation wells, 6 circle sprinklers, 2,500-head feedlot. OWNER SAYS SELL!

FOR SALE -- Commercial lots south of car wash.

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Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued marriage licenses last week to Jose Segovia Jr. and Carmen Rangel; Chris Bernal and Jayme Smiley; and to David O'Dell and Cory Ainsworth.

Did you ever wonder about your choice to wed? Or where would life have took you, if you'd gone your way instead?
 Did you ever wonder if you'd make a goodly pair? One wide-eyes with wonder, and one with thinning hair?
 When you had us in the sixties, did you wonder if we'd make it?
 Of, if, since God had made the earth, He might decide to break it?
 Did you wonder if you'd made a home where we'd be brought up right?
 When our Lord was born the best His folks could do was just a stable.
 If giving us faith and hope and love made you a perfect couple,
 I wonder if our home will be as blessed for all your trouble?
 Four decades since you said your vows, and I've begun to wonder --
 If we'll be here for your fiftieth or hear the Roll Call yonder?
 Happy 40th to Truman and Audrey Kittrell from Sabrina and family

Texico

"If you need anything, day or night, just let me know. I'll get it for you". She sits with older people of this area. She has a very good sense of humor, is a good sport and is very young at heart.

She came to New Mexico in a covered wagon after living several places. She settled on a farm southwest of Texico and worked and lived on the farm for 24 years.

While on the farm, she adopted four children; three girls and one boy. She taught her family about love, friendship and honesty. She is a very devoted mother and grandmother and a person her family and friends love and admire very much.

In 1963 she moved to Texico and worked at the Rose drug store. Her children are La June, Wanda Raye, Zadene and Gary. Our Woman of the Year -- Allie Burriss.

Man of the Year

This year's honoree was born in Portales in 1940, the youngest of 11 children, and grew up on a small farm south of there. He learned early on the value of money and hard work.

At age 15, he began working after school at a grocery store in order to help support the family due to the death of his father. He graduated Portales High and attended barber college in Amarillo. Upon graduation, he began barbering in Sudan, Texas.

On a blind date in 1961, he met his future bride and they were married in a small country church near Floyd in 1962.

The long hair styles of the 1960's drove him from the barbering profession to a job mixing mud for three brick layers, earning \$3 per hour.

In 1972, he and his wife and three children moved to Texico as his wife began teaching at Texico schools. He continued

Farwell council eyes truck routes

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday received a letter from attorney Jeff Actkinson regarding an ordinance keeping trucks out of traveling through town.

There is no city attorney per se, but Charles Aycok has acted in that capacity in past years, and now Actkinson has assumed that role.

At the request of the council, Actkinson sent them a copy of three truck routes for other Texas cities and he believes Farwell could adopt something similar.

He said enforcement would have to include posting enough signs to clearly designate the truck route.

Also, Actkinson noted that a number of exceptions could be included in the ordinance to permit vehicles access to certain business or residences within the city. "This would pose problems for enforcement," he added.

In prior discussions, it was noted that trucks cannot be prohibited from visiting the county courthouse, for example.

Councilman R.C. Davis emphasized that Farwell needs to keep the big trucks from using Farwell's streets as through routes.

He noted seeing full cattle trucks going down 3rd Street recently.

No decisions were made. In other business, the council:

-- Also received a letter from Actkinson about the building permit ordinance. It noted the fines available for disobeying this ordinance.

No actions were taken.

-- Approved Farwell Grain Inspection to move in a house at 111 Second St.

-- Cancelled the city election since the candidates are

unopposed. Thus, Jimmie Mace stays as mayor, and Jerry Stover and John Carlson as councilmen.

-- Davis will go as Farwell's representative to a meeting in Littlefield on April 22 sponsored by the state Department of Transportation concerning the next two years' transportation improvement program for this area.

Davis will push for help with the Farwell loop -- curbs and gutters on the city side, and upgrading the highway intersection (near the supermarket and drug store).

-- Heard Davis mention a lot near his home that has high weeds and is an eyesore.

The city probably will mow it and bill the owner.

-- Heard water Supt. Dee Hammit report that the well No. 1 pump wore out recently. It's back on line and pumping 200 gallons a minute.

-- Heard Mace report that about \$21,000 was donated to the Farwell Community Center renovation.

A thank you ad will be run in the Tribune.

Mace said many compliments have been received from folks about how nice the center now looks.

-- Heard Police Chief Roy McGaa say that he plans to use the city's share of money it has received from drug seizures for a new computer programmed for intelligence operations.

Texico

Monday - spaghetti meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - beef taco casserole, garden salad, corn bread, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday - cheeseburgers, lettuce, pickles, tator tots, fruit, milk.

Friday - personal pizza, garden salad, fruit, brownies, milk.

Farwell

Monday- chicken fajitas, spanish rice, ranch style beans, cinnamon crisp, fruit salad, milk.

Tuesday - cheeseburger, LTOP, french fries, ice cream, milk.

Wednesday - lasagna, tossed salad, green beans, sliced garlic bread, peach half and milk.

Thursday - steak fingers with ketchup, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, hot rolls, orange half, milk.

Friday - sub sandwich, lettuce leaf, sliced pickles, chips, fruit salad and milk.

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working as a carpenter and sometimes drove 80 miles one way to work. In 1974, another son was born into their family.

He has been active in the Texico Booster Club many years, serving as president of the club for two years. He seldom missed a game, sometimes putting them home at 3 a.m. He has coached his son's baseball teams and still supports the Texico sports teams and especially likes traveling to Albuquerque to support the state basketball championship games. His love for his family is his first priority.

He and his wife were 4-H leaders for several years and he has helped his children with their show pigs and was gratified by seeing his eldest and youngest sons show Grand Champion Durocs.

Our Man of the Year is active in the First Baptist Church of Texico and has gone on several mission trips to Mexico and the Indian Reservation. He is never too busy to help his neighbor or friend with a project.

He serves on the Texico City Council. His pride is in his family -- wife Rita, three sons and a daughter and their families. Our Man of the Year for 1999 is Eddie Dunsworth.

Juanita Hadley

She has taught at Hart High School, ENMU-Clovis campus and Clovis Community College. She taught English, Spanish, Communications and Speech at Texico High School from 1973-1998.

During this time she was sponsor for the National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Texico Education Association serving two terms as president.

She was vice-president of the New Mexico Outdoor Drama Association and was in the Billy the Kid production at the Caprock Amphitheater for a number of years.

She was also the Texico Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1991 and will serve as secretary of the Chamber next year.

Educator of the Year for 1999 is Juanita Hadley.

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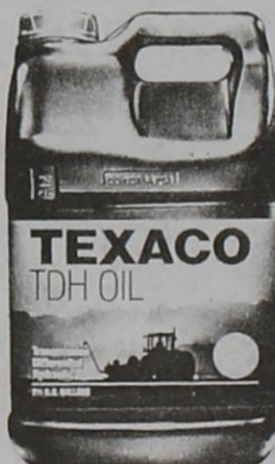

The business started with two employees and now employs 10. Since the start of business the wife has been involved in the bookkeeping aspect of the company. The other half took care of the oil and fuel deliveries.

In the 1950's anhydrous ammonia was added to the line of products. Dry fertilizer was added to the product line in the late 50's and early 60's. Also in the early 70's they were joined in business by their son.

We want to recognize a family and company who have been an asset to our community for many years. They are active in the Texico Volunteer Fire Department, Texico Farwell Lions Club, Clovis Hospital Board, Mayor of Texico, ESA, Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church, and supporting the communities in various activities.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

New Mexico's electric utility industry is constantly changing with improvements in technology. Recent action by the State Legislature and Governor will certainly prompt additional changes in the way electricity is generated and sold in our state.

Without a great deal of fanfare in the press, when compared with the US West telecommunications bill, the New Mexico State Legislature approved Senate Bill 428, as amended, and was then, in turn, signed into law by Gov. Johnson. The bill, "Electric Utility Restructuring Act of 1999", provides a framework for implementing changes in the way electricity will be bought and sold in New Mexico.

Restructuring, also popularly called deregulation, is in various forms of implementation in a number of states, and the federal government is actively seeking to make changes on a national scale. These forces and those of large industrial consumers, eager to gain access to low cost electricity, have placed increasing pressure over the past few years on state legislators to consider changes here.

Electric cooperatives have worked together in New Mexico, and electric cooperatives nationwide are working at the national level in an effort to make sure small communities, residential and small commercial consumers do not end up paying more for electricity so that large industrial customers can receive lower cost power. Cooperatives have always maintained that one of the dangers in restructuring is that adequate provisions to protect small customers could easily be overlooked.

Over the past six years, New Mexico's electric cooperatives and other groups representing large utilities, large industry, potential power marketers, residential and small commercial, environmental and others have worked with key legislators in

developing the ideas that went into SB 428, authored by Sen. Michael Sanchez. No group saw their complete "wish list" included in legislation.

So how will this law affect Farmers' Electric and the members we serve? Currently, Farmers' Electric purchases wholesale electric power from a generation source, and distributes that power over the cooperative's system (poles and wires) to each member's home or business. Under SB 428, the distribution of electric power will continue to remain regulated by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. The generation of electricity will be deregulated, or made competitive, and consumers who wish to be able to "shop" for the best deal among generators and power marketers. Those consumers who are unhappy with phone calls in the evening asking them to switch long distance phone companies or credit card calls probably won't like this either.

This law recognizes that consumer owned utilities, electric cooperatives and municipal systems, are unique in their relationships to those people they serve, and should be allowed to "participate in the restructured market in ways that differ from rules applicable to other participants that are not customer owned." The Law allows Cooperatives to choose from four business models ranging from staying exactly where we are today, buying wholesale power for all our members in aggregate, to allowing every member to make their own "deal" for the generation only portion of their electric bill. In short, the members of Farmers' Electric, through their elected Board of Trustees, will determine how, and to what extent Farmers' Electric will participate in the restructured utility industry in New Mexico.

Because lawmakers are skeptical that competition will benefit small consumers, they elected to give them, and public schools, the first opportunity to participate, beginning January 1, 2001. Industrial customers will have to wait an additional year. The Law also contains some provisions certain to be unpopular with consumers, including stranded cost recovery and a systems benefit charge. Stranded Costs are loosely considered to be those investments made by utilities in electric generation resources which generate at relatively high costs, and are therefore not competitive in a deregulated market. For utilities like Farmers' Electric, which do not generate electricity, but, have long-term power purchase contracts with a generation source, stranded costs could be an issue if these long-term contracts for power were higher than the available market rate for electricity. Under this Law, utilities with stranded costs are given an opportunity to recover some of those costs. Farmers' Electric does not own any generation resources and does not see stranded cost recovery as an issue for our members, due to the fact that our wholesale power supplier, Southwestern Public Service Company, is one of the lowest cost producers in the region. Those utilities with stranded costs will be allowed to recover between fifty and one-hundred percent of their stranded costs from their customers over a five-year time period. However, under the rules stipulated in the Law, it will be difficult for utilities to recover substantially more than fifty percent. This is unique, in that every other state thus far, has guaranteed utilities one-hundred percent stranded cost recovery! It may seem unfair to allow utilities to recover stranded costs, but remember, before restructuring, utilities were required by law to make adequate provisions for electric generation to power our growing economy and increasing appetite for electric powered products and gadgets.

In Section 13 of Senate Bill 428, beginning January 1, 2002, a System Benefits Charge in the amount of \$.0003 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) will be charged to all customers in New Mexico. For the average residential customer of Farmers' Electric,

this will be an additional charge of roughly twenty-one cents per month. While this charge does not place an enormous burden on consumers in the beginning, the charge doubles January 1, 2007, and certainly could be amended, increased or decreased, by law in the future. Monies generated from the System Benefits Charge will be used as follows;

- 1) no more than \$100,000 per year for administration of the fund;
- 2) \$500,000 for customer education and administration of the Electric Utility Industry Restructuring Act of 1999;
- 3) no less than \$500,000 for low-income energy assistance;
- 4) no more than \$4 million dollars annually to encourage the use and development of renewable energy resources;
- 5) no more than \$4 million annually to develop electric services to a community, Indian nation, tribe or pueblo, where limited or no electric service is currently available.

Any monies not expended during the fiscal year are transferred to the general fund.

While Senate Bill 428 provides a framework for restructuring, it will be the responsibility of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to promulgate rules for implementation of restructuring and customer education and protection.

The Law is not perfect, at least from Farmers' Electric's point of view; and, we are still skeptical that restructuring will provide any real benefits to the majority of the Cooperative's members. On the positive side, the Law does contain provisions whereby the membership can decide, through their elected Board of Trustees, how they will best be served in the new restructured electric utility industry. Making difficult decisions about how Farmers' Electric operates is nothing new for the Cooperative's Board of Trustees. We fought long and hard in Santa Fe for options to let us tailor our strategies to the unique needs of our members. Now we must recognize the increased responsibility we face under Senate Bill 428. Not only must we evaluate the circumstances and future of Farmers' Electric, we must communicate the results to our members so they understand and support our decisions.

Will restructuring ultimately benefit New Mexico's consumers? Only time will tell, and this Law is only one more step down the road to a restructured electric utility industry.

For those who would like to review the new law, it is posted at the following web site; http://legis.state.nm.us/scripts/senate_info.asp. Once logged-on, use Go to Bill and look for SB 428.

If you have any questions, please call me at 1-800-445-8541 or (505) 762-4466.

Lance R. Adkins, General Manager



FFA district champions

Three Farwell High FFA public speaking contest entrants will advance to Area 1 to represent the Littlefield District -- from left, Ginger Sides, 1st in district in Gulf of Mexico public speaking; Kirk Gober, 1st in district in extemporaneous; and Cody Schilling, 1st in district in prepared public speaking.



Cream puffs enjoyed

ESA sorority enjoyed cream puffs, fresh fruit, and various finger foods on March 29 at the home of Dot Christian with Melissa Carpenter as co-hostess. Other members there were Tammy Jones, Sabina Schilling, Roberta Howard, Karen Stevenson, Twyla Lusk, Angelia Mace, Karen Schilling, Lillie Christian, Denise Christian, Margaret Aycock, Sherry Christian, Sheryl Christian, Tracy Devault, Tamera Cooper, Robin Howard, Susan Williams, Joyce Williams, Pam Carpenter and Jana Barrett. Cody Schilling gave a slide show on his 9-week trip last summer to Germany, Ireland, Austria and Switzerland.

Scholarships

The EMR • Plateau Telecommunications Educational Foundation has awarded over \$17,000 in educational scholarships, it was announced Saturday.

The \$2,000 Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to a Logan High student. The alternate for it is Dustin Whitener, of Texico High School.

Also, Phil Peabody, of Texico High, received one of 13 \$1,000 scholarships awarded.

And Samuel Singletery, of Texico High, is one of six alternates listed.

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