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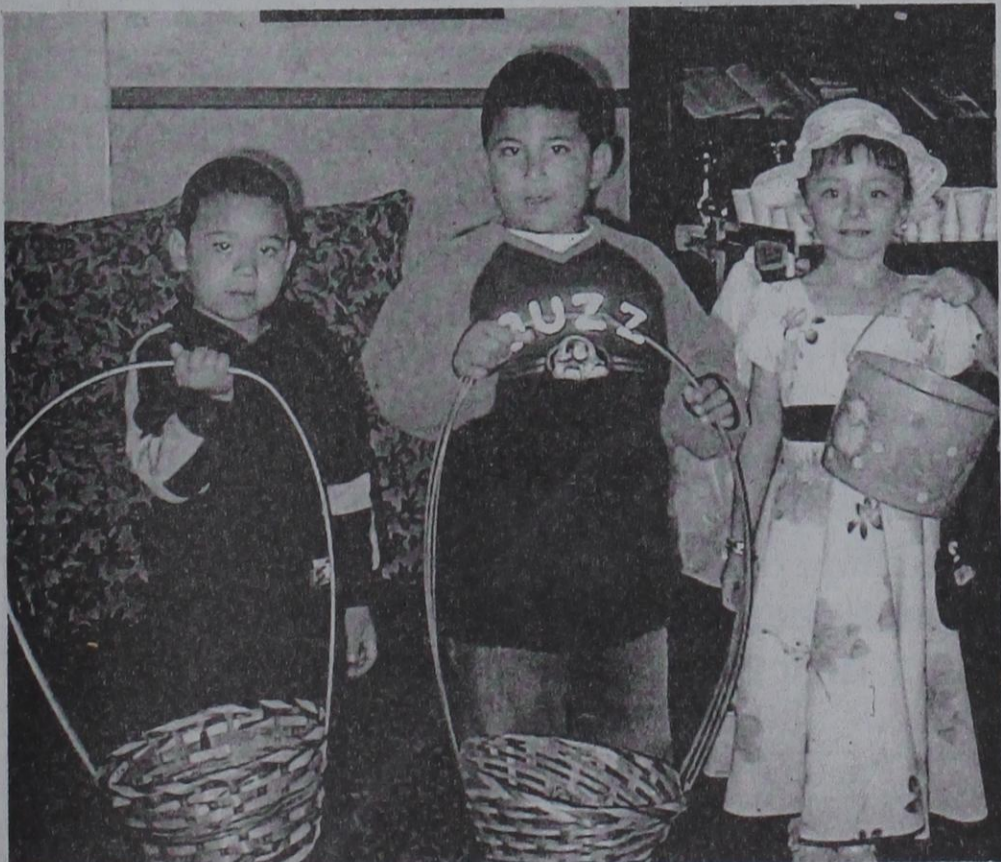
Kristin Arce, Serena Arce and Cory Fratus

Easter Egg fun

The annual community-wide Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Farwell Convalescent Center Saturday. Due to the chilly weather, it was held inside. Kiddies hunted down eggs in the lobby area, then received more goodies from residents. At right is Debbie Markham, dressed up as the Easter Bunny.



Michelle Vega, Josh Trujillo, Johnathan Vega and (in front) Fabian Lozano



Justin Perez, Gerardo Martinez and Jacqueline Vega

Texico adopts ordinance to regulate heavy vehicles

The Texico City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved an ordinance to regulate and restrict trucks and heavy vehicles parking in residential districts of the city.

The council has been concerned about heavy semi-trailers tearing up the city's streets. So it began discussing an ordinance to regulate heavy vehicles last summer.

City building inspector Terry Martin put together the ordinance after discussions with city attorney Marion Ty Rutter, and with residents.

Some ordinance highlights are:

-- It's unlawful to park any truck, tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or other vehicle, having a net weight of four tons or more (basically tractor-trailers), within any area of Texico zoned residential -- other than for a reasonable time for unloading, pickups or deliveries.

-- It's unlawful to park such vehicles within any street right-of-way in any residentially-zoned areas with several exceptions.

The key exception is that parking permits, for an annual \$45 fee, can be sought. But to receive such a permit, several rules must be followed, including the truck being empty, be parked off the street and alley; have an on-site parking area of a minimum of 3,000 square feet; not be parked less than 10 feet from any building or structure on the lot; and have a driveway with at least a 10-foot approach.

The prohibitions don't apply to recreational vehicles and motor homes having a gross weight rating under 18,000 pounds which are used for personal, non-

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Texico hires 4 teachers

The Texico School Board on Tuesday hired four personnel:

• Brenda Wren will teach 4th grade, replacing Carolyn Ferrell, who resigned earlier this year.

• Terri Hurst will teach Title I. She replaces Lupe Olivas, who will return to teaching kindergarten.

Texico goes to full-time kindergarten in August and another kindergarten teacher was added.

• Lexi Miller will teach language arts in the junior high school.

• Bobbi Williams will teach math, physical education, and help with coaching.

Since Texico's enrollment increased this year,

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A.D. McDonald scholarship established

The Texico School Board on Tuesday established the A.D. McDonald Memorial Scholarship, in memory of the longtime Texico School administrator.

It will be worth \$2,000 and funds will come from the school activity fund to cover it each year.

If anyone would like to donate toward this memorial fund, send a check to:

A.D. McDonald Memorial Scholarship, in care of Texico Schools, PO Box 237, Texico, NM 88135.

McCain Brothers headline Farwell Chamber banquet

It will be a very special Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 17.

Coming home to Parmer County will be the famous McCain Brothers. They will be the entertainment at this year's banquet.

The banquet is set for 7 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center, with appetizers at 6 p.m. A brisket dinner will be offered, with the Farwell lunchroom ladies in charge. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets are available at Hughes True Value, State Line Tribune, Farwell Hardware, Franse Irrigation, The Beauty Box, the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank, Security State Bank and Farwell City Hall.

Several folks also will be honored: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Agriculturalist of the Year, Educator of the Year, and Students of the Year.

Butch and Ben were born in Muleshoe and raised on a farm near Bovina. They are the sons of Leslie and Rose McCain, of Bovina.

Nichols, Lady Blue golfers advance to regional meets

Farwell golfer Tate Nichols and the Lady Blue golf team are advancing to the regional meet next week.

Nichols was 1st medalist, while the girls' team took 1st in district.

The District 4-1A Meet was held at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock.

The Farwell "A" boys' golf team finished 3rd with 365. Sundown was 1st with

335 and Sudan was 2nd with 361.

Farwell scores were: Nichols, 83 (1st medalist); Derrick Chandler, 87; Ty Gast, 94; Grant Gregory, 101; and Jason Johnson, 107.

Nichols will compete at Levelland.

Farwell's "B" boys' team was 6th with 409;

Jason Sudderth, 99; Colton Sudderth, 102;

Colby Norton, 104; Cory Chadwick, 118; and Ryan McClaran, 104.

The Farwell girls' team was 1st with 484:

Micah Christian, 113; Dellani Jones, 119; Britton Barrett, 122; Kyra Christian, 130; and Kristen Garcia, 132.

The girls' team will vie at Sundown.



The Farwell girls' golf team won district. From left are Coach Tim Kasel, Kyra Christian, Dellani Jones, Kristen Garcia, Micah Christian and Britton Barrett.

Teresa a night owl? That's a hoot!

by Teresa Mesman

"No! No! I don't want to get out of bed right now! Look, it's still dark outside! That means that it's still time for sleeping, not working!"

This is the conversation that I have with myself each and every time that the clock is forced to "Spring Forward" to match the daylight savings time.

I begrudgingly change the clocks at the appropriate time, but my body takes about a month to get into the new sleeping pattern.

I tend to be a night owl that stays up very late and then has to drag myself like a bag of bricks when the alarm clock goes off in the mornings. Sometimes, when I know that I have to be somewhere very early, I choose to stay up all night rather than fight the alarm clock.

Yes, I'm the lady on the back row of the seminar drinking 15 cups of hot coffee with that wild look in her eyes. Whoever came up with the idea of starting meetings at 7 a.m. must be one of those "perky, fresh as a daisy" people that rises at 4 a.m., jogs, does three loads of laundry and manages to be crisp in her linen suit at the mandatory 6 a.m. continental breakfast.

I'm usually crisp at these breakfasts and

meetings. However, it's more in the form of bacon that's been cooked too long in the microwave or like burnt toast. And once, I tried sleeping in my linen suit without moving. Too bad the wrinkled, lived in look wasn't in vogue back then!

I did a little research about daylight savings time and was fascinated to find out that Benjamin Franklin actually started the movement. During an expedition to France in 1784, he developed the idea that more lamp oil could be saved by moving the time ahead and back according to the solstices of the sun and seasons. In short, more daylight hours saved everyone money and made everyone more money with more time to farm and do business.

He began writing about this theory and it caught on first in England and then it began to spread across the world.

But did anyone back then get really grouchy when the rooster crowed an hour earlier each morning?

And, these past few days, the weather has been cloudy, rainy and very dark throughout the day. I don't know about you, but this kind of weather makes me sleepy. So I stay up all night and then need to sleep during the day. Isn't this the same pattern as the

common slug?

I like it to rain at night. Listening to the rain and thunder is soothing and like a lullaby to me. I get my best sleep during these nighttime storms. The only problem with this is now we have sprung a leak around our bathroom skylight that keeps me up with a most irritating "drop-drop-drop" sound as the drops hit the bucket placed under the leak. I've tried making up a tune to the sound, but it's been a futile effort to say the least.

My husband was laughing at me as we awoke to the sound of the rain outside. This sound was also accompanied by the sounds of nature alarm clock that he purchased a few years back. The sound chosen for the morning was "the ocean." So I woke up with the sounds of water all around me. I bolted out of

bed running for the bathroom muttering "gotta go, gotta go, gotta go right now!"

Whew! Pairing cloudy overcast daytime weather and daylight savings time has definitely done a number on me this spring.

I'm looking forward to warm, sunny days that will follow the rain and to all the glorious sights the rain will have brought forth.

I'm going to get the leak fixed in my bathroom. I'm going to mow down the weeds in my yard. I'm going to tackle my spring cleaning, go to baseball and soccer games, start working on a garden and try taking a long walk each evening.

So maybe Ben Franklin's Daylight Savings Time is a good idea after all because it looks like I'm going to need a few more hours of daylight to get all this stuff done!

Nichols, Kimbrough take 1sts at district track meet

The Lazbuddie Lady Longhorns finished 4th with 59 points at the District 3-1A track meet last week at Silverton.

The top four in each event qualify for the area meet April 16 at Frenship High School.

- Results were:
 Pole vault - Kyra Kimbrough, 1st 7'0.
 Triple jump - Kyra Kimbrough, 4th 30'3 1/2".
 100 hurdles - Kyra Kimbrough, 4th 20.07.
 Discus - Shawndee Nichols, 1st 92'9.
 High jump - Melane Winders, 3rd 4'2".
 400 relay -- 4th place, Ana Hernandez, Bethenie Sanchez, Kyra Kimbrough, Melanie Winders, 57.60.
 800 relay - 3rd place, Ana Hernandez, Miriam Hernandez, Kyra Kimbrough, Melanie Winders, 2:01.52.

Miriam Hernandez is the 1st alternate in the 800, and Bethenie Sanchez is the 1st alternate in the long jump.

The Longhorns finished 11th with 7 points at the district meet:

Jesse Gomez finished 3rd in the pole vault, 8'6.

Deadline nears for entering the Lazbuddie Shoot-Out

The annual Lazbuddie Shootout, a 3 on 3 basketball tourney, will be held April 23-24 at the school gym.

For complete information, contact any high school senior, Debbie Weir at 965-2302, or Sarah

Black at 265-3861.
 The \$50 entry fee is for each 4-member team, elementary, junior high, high school, adult, coed (2 men, 2 women), and over 40 divisions.
 The entry deadline is April 18.

Reception to honor Mosier

Everyone is invited to a come-and-go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. mt on Friday, April 16, to honor Glenda Mosier, who is retiring as Texico assistant city clerk after 23 years.

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 Friday - sub sandwich, lettuce leaf, dill pickle, chips, orange, milk.

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Church of Christ 110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter	St. Ann's Catholic Church Fr. David Contreras Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. in English; Noon in Spanish. CCD - 10:30 a.m. Evening Mass: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wed. - Fri.	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. winter 7:30 p.m. summer
First Baptist Church of Farwell Rev. Randy G. Mullin Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.	First Baptist Church of Bovina Aaron Reed, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.	New Light Baptist Church 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.
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Church of God in Christ, Mennonite James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.	Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Randy Thomas Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.	St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
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Assembly of God Church, Texico Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 6 p.m.	San Jose Catholic Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal - 1:15 p.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.

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My favorite subject...

My favorite subject today, fans ... politics.

Gag me with a spoon. Here we are, just in April, and the presidential race is in full swing.

Whatever happened to the days when the presidential race began on Labor Day, when the Democrats had a big kickoff in Detroit with the labor unions?

Ah, the good old days. Where to start? Let's begin with that bureaucrat Clarke, who accused everyone under the sun of not preventing 9-11 except for one person -- himself.

Yes, he admitted he was part of the problem. Only problem was that he was just not part of it, he was a whole big chunk of it.

Folks, the bureaucrats could have taken actions under President Clinton if they had chosen to. They declined.

Let me repeat that in case you missed it: the bureaucrats could have acted but chose not to.

Not President Clinton. Not President Bush.

But no decent bureaucrat would ever point the finger at himself, and Clarke did an outstanding job in this regard. His finger went in every which direction except one...

I appreciate that. Show me a bureaucrat, and I will show you someone who points the finger elsewhere. It's the nature of the beast.

If the 9-11 commission really wanted to get to the bottom of things, how come they didn't go after the report from the FBI agent in Arizona about terrorists using our airplanes to cause mischief. Her report ended on an FBI bureaucrats' desk...

HOW COME?????? Is there an outpouring of "what gives here?" Nope, it's not mentioned.

Knowing how the bureaucracy works, I assume that the bureaucrat who killed the report has



been promoted, while the field agent, who did an outstanding job, probably has been pushed out of government work.

That is the reality. Don't like it? Don't want to believe it? That's okay. The bureaucrats don't care what you think anyway.

I noticed that Mr. Kerry, the Democrat presidential candidate, has come up with an economic plan that will help the U.S. to recover quickly.

That's just super. But someone needs to explain to Mr. Kerry how government works.

A president proposes ... the Congress approves or disapproves.

I wonder what the odds are that the GOP-controlled Congress will pass a plan that Mr. Kerry advances.

Hhhhhmmmm. I wouldn't hold my breath.

This is a good lesson for young people. When you hear a presidential candidate say what he will do, take it with a big grain of salt. All he can do is suggest, same as you or me.

And seeing how Mr. Clinton's suggestions never went very far, I would expect the same to be true if Mr. Kerry were to be elected.

Welcome to the world of politics...

Okay, enough already on who is or isn't responsible for 9/11.

I realize that I have also been guilty of just placing

blame, and not looking to the future -- as the 9-11 committee should have been doing, too.

It's easy to criticize. We are all good at that. But how many of us are willing to make suggestions for improvements that are feasible. Not as many...

So let's look ahead. Let's look at what we should be doing, but obviously aren't due to political considerations.

1. The extreme Moslem world will continue to spawn terrorist attacks on the West, principally Israel and the U.S.

2. Al-Quada could go down the drain tomorrow, but the vacuum would be immediately filled by other nuts.

3. This World War III (which should have been declared by Congress but wasn't -- due to politics) will last into our children's lifetimes, and perhaps beyond.

4. The terrorists have, or will have, nuclear weapons which they would just love to use on Israel and the U.S.

Don't like what I'm saying? Either do I. But I refuse to stick my head in the sand just because I don't like what I see coming down the pike.

So what do we need to do:

1. Stay the course in Iraq. This has been a huge win for our side.

2. Put into effect a special terrorist tax on all Americans and businesses.

3. Use these funds to expand our covert operations (spies) by huge numbers. Train folks to speak Arabic, get informants inside the terrorist network, use "terminate with extreme prejudice" when necessary as a weapon in our arsenal.

In other words, be aggressive. As President Bush so aptly put it, this is a different kind of war.

Does this mean American lives will be lost? Yes. People die in wars. And we are at war, whether we choose to be or not.

We cannot wait until a nuke goes off in Washington, D.C. We must find it in the Near East, or Far East, before it arrives here.

Folks, this is not a game. We are talking about the future of our great nation.

But what do I see? Bold initiatives by our leaders? Ha! No ... politics come first. And we, and our children, will suffer greatly because of our lack of leadership, both from the Democrats and Republicans.

Yes, they are great

Chimney fire fought in Texico

Texico firefighters were called on the evening of April 4 to the Norma Williams residence at Griffin and Wheeler for a chimney fire.

There were no injuries. Seventeen firefighters responded.

politicians. But this is a time for leadership. And they are all afraid to take the steps we need to.

So when the next tragedy occurs, one far greater than 9-11, please don't ask "how come."

Commissioners hire home economics agent

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday hired a county consumer science person (home economics -- extension agent).

The post had been open for quite some time.

Starting on May 10 with the county extension service will be Suzanne Gibbs.

She has been 4-H county extension agent in Johnson County (Cleburn, Texas) since August 2003.

Previously, she was 4-H county extension agent in Castro County (Dimmitt, Texas) from 2001 to 2003.

Ms. Gibbs has a bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University, and is working to

ward a master's degree in agriculture from West Texas A&M. In other business, the commissioners: -- Heard Bovina area Justice of the Peace Vi Hutto request that the county use a service called Omnibase of Texas.

This service helps find folks who have unpaid fines, and will be a help to the county's JP's.

The commissioners approved her request. -- Voted to advertise for a fulltime person to handle janitorial, maintenance and lawn work for the courthouse and law enforcement center (the entire complex).

-- Toured the new law enforcement center.

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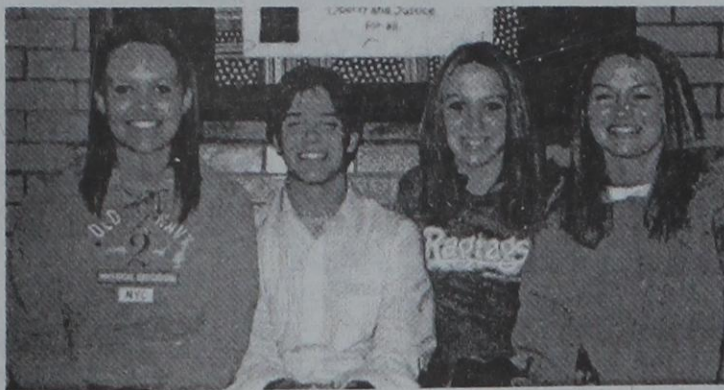
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Lazbuddie UIL entrants advance to regionals

These Lazbuddie High regional academic UIL participants at the District meet scored well enough to advance to the



The accounting team took 1st place. Individual scores were, from left, Shawndee Nichols, 1st place, perfect paper; Robby Martin, 2nd; Michelle Scott, 3rd; and Shonnah Black, 4th.



Computer applications - Shawndee Nichols, 1st; and Brett Mimms, 3rd.



Kayla Parham took 5th in literary criticism.



Shawndee Nichols was 2nd in math, and 3rd in number sense.



Kyra Kimbrough was 3rd in poetry.



Robby Martin was 1st in ready writing.

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Farwell UIL participants excel at district

Forty-two Farwell High students competed in the District UIL literary meet March 30-April 1, with great results, reports advisor Patsy Camp. Results were:

The accounting team finished 1st, with members Grant Gregory, 1st; Tyler Myers, 2nd; Micah Christian, 4th, and Tara Sanchez, 5.

The calculator applications team, Melissa Howard, Carlos Saenz and Johnathan Vega.

The computer application team, -- Johnathan Vega, 1st; Danielle Cargile, 3rd; Jon Beaubien, 7th.

The current issues and events team, 1st place: Samuel Billingsley, 2nd; Rxobbie Tabb, 4th; Amanda Barnes, 10th, and Tate Nichols.

Literary criticism - Ashley Martin and Hailey McIntosh.

Math - Danielle Cargile, Miriam Delgado and Jourdan Kirkland.

Number sense - Yvonne Favila and Jon Beaubien.

Ready writing - Grant Gregory, 3rd; Ashley Hartzog, 8th, and Holly McIntosh, 7th.

Science - Cory Chadwick, Hayley Fowler, Crystal Garcia, Jourdan Kirkland, Amanda Martin, and Alex Oimos.

Spelling and vocabulary - Samuel Billingsley, 1st; Yvonne Favila and Cindy Quezada.

Informative speaking - Danielle Cargile, 5th; Tate Nichols and Matt Barnes.

Persuasive speaking - Ryan McClaran, 5th; Robbie Tabb and Jon Beaubien.

Poetry - Elisa Smith, 5th, and Briana Martinez.

Prose - Micah Christian, 5th; Ashley Hartzog and

Colby Norton.

Lincoln Douglas Debate - Robytn Teltschik, Kristen Garcia and Zach Bickel.

Editorial writing - Grant Gregory, 4th; Tyler Myers and Michael Vidana.

News writing - Amanda Almanza, Alisha Wauson and Michael Culver.

Feature writing - Kary Mathys, Michael Culver, and Amapda Almanza.

Headling writing - Kary Mathys, Grant Gregory, and Amanda Almanza.

Social studies team -- 3rd place; Jon Beaubien, 6th; Robbie Tabb, 9th; Johnathan Vega, 11th and Amanda Barnes.

Heading to the Regional UIL contest in Levelland on April 23 will be:

Samuel Billingsley, spelling and current events; Micah Christian, accounting team; Grant Gregory, accounting and ready writing; Tyler Myers, accounting; Tara Sanchez, accounting team; Johnathan Vega, computer application; Danielle Cargile, computer application; Robbie Tabb, current event team; Tate Nichols, current event team, and Amanda Barnes, current event team.

To qualify for regionals, a student must place in the top 3 of his/her event or be on a 1st place team, where scores of all participants are averaged for the team score.

Farwell competes in an 11-school district. Mrs. Camp said this was the highest total of Farwell students to advance in several years to regionals.

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Marriage Licenses

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

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Farwell Band prepares for contest

The Farwell Band test at Sudan at 9:30 practices in preparation a.m. on April 21. for the District UIL con-

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business purposes and are parked within the zone by the owner, occupant or guest of the occupant.

Fines for violating the ordinance run from \$10 to \$50 per violation.

In other business, the council:
-- Dealt with "misunderstandings" involving Amy Robinson, who wants to move a trailer house to 508 Rose St.

She had appeared before the council in March and was told to get an aesthetic review approval from Martin. The lot is 50'x125' and her trailer house is 16'x80'. To make it work, she said it would have to be put into the lot without the door facing the street -- which is against the ordinance.

Thus, she was told she needed a variance, and it would cost her \$75 to send out letters to neighboring residents and the legal publication.

But Ms. Robinson showed the council what she said was the aesthetic review permit with signatures giving

approval from Martin and Mayor Jerry Cunningham.

Regardless, Rutter explained that since there was some opposition, by a neighbor, to the placement, she would need to seek a variance.

Several questions arose about what Martin said to the parties involved in this situation but he was not present at the meeting. Councilwoman Sharon Askew expressed unhappiness with how Martin handled this situation.

One suggestion made to solve the problem was to build a door at the end of the trailer house, facing the street.

Also brought out was the complaint that one Texico resident never got final approval for complying with his aesthetic review permit but has been allowed to keep his trailer house in Texico anyway. What has happened in this case is that the city hasn't wanted to spend the money to remove the trailer house even though it's not in compliance. The city ordinance gives the city the right to remove the trailer house if it's not in compliance.

-- Gave Fire Chief Lewis Cooper the go-ahead to seek an architect for the planned administration/classroom building.

-- Proclaimed April 16 as Glenda Mosier Day. Mrs. Mosier is retiring after 23 years as assistant city clerk.

-- Signed the annual participation with Clovis to get Community DWI funds. Being sought for this year is \$15,000. Funds go to buy police equipment, mainly in-car radios.

-- Heard City Clerk Teresa Harth report on the Avenue F problems that were brought up at the previous council meeting. She is waiting to hear back from Xcel Energy, on a suggested street light, and from county officials on the possibility of chip sealing Avenue F west of College.

-- Discussed building a basketball court (akin to the one in Farwell City Park) at KKR Park. The city has \$6,000 available. Councilman Oran Jay Autrey will check into how big the court can be, plus the cost of equipment, and stay within that \$6,000 total.

-- Heard Autrey say it's estimated that up to \$4,000 is needed to get the swimming pool okay for the summer season. He said it needs some painting, new pump and repairs, such as to the diving board.

Mrs. Harth said there's no money available in the recreation fund for the repairs, but line item changes would be needed to find the money. She will report back at the next meeting.

The Latest

*** The Border Town Days Committee has a new member.

Margie Watkins has volunteered to help Ruth Anne Bennett make the calls to get entries for the annual big parade.

*** Named to the Academic All-State Basketball Team from our area were:

Farwell - Grant Gregory, Khallie Foster and Chelsea Meyer.

Lazbuddie - Shawndee Nichols and Shonnah Black.

*** The Clovis Lions Club will have a broom sale on May 7.

It will be set up in Farwell. Advance orders can be taken by calling Lions Hal Helton or Bill Whitesides.

*** Texico Police Chief John Mares reports that the Kyle Petty Charity Run will be coming through Texico on May 4.

It involves hundreds of cars and motorcycles.

Texico police will escort the parade through town.

Final results from district tennis meet won't be known until this week's Tribune is already published.

But it appears that the Farwell boys' tennis team will win district -- perhaps a first in school history.

Complete results will be in next week's Tribune.

*** A special runoff election was held in Parmer County on Tuesday to vote on the Republican candidate for railroad commissioner.

Victor Carrillo won the county over Robert Butler, 30-11.

Carillo also won the statewide runoff. He had been named to the post by Gov. Rick Perry and was the incumbent.

A breakdown by Parmer County areas:

- Early voting - Carrillo 1, Butler 0.
- Friona - Carrillo 16, Butler 4.
- Farwell - Carrillo 7, Butler 0.
- Bovina - Carrillo 3, Butler 0.
- Lazbuddie - Carrillo 3, Butler 7.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2016



Kaleb Baker, a Farwell kindergartener, has an Aug. 22 birthday. Parents are Brock and D'Anne Baker. He has a sister, Kyleigh. Grandparents are Joe Jones and Denise Jones. He likes to play with tractors. His favorite food is pizza. His favorite color is "John Deere green." He has no strong dislikes.

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Easter Egg hunters

Some Texico Elementary School pupils enjoyed a fun Easter Egg Hunt at the Farwell City Park on April 7. Above are "hunters" Christina Green, Taylor Stephens and Megan McClain. Below are Jessica Jorde, Isak Pei, Kaleigh Autrey and Carlee Luscombe.



Edwards sets Farwell School mark in triple jump

Salida Edwards set a new Farwell High School record in the triple jump with a leap of 33'8 1/2" at the district meet on April 8.

She took 3rd in the event.

The District 4-1A meet was held at Sundown.

The Lady Blue finished in a 5th place tie with Plains with 51 points.

The top 4 scorers in each event qualify for the Area Meet on April 16 at Frenship. Also placing were:

Pole vault - Talethia Nolte, 3rd, 6'6"; and Amanda Martin, 5th, 6'6".

Long jump - Salida Edwards, 1st, 15'8"; Micah Christian, 5th, 14'9".

200 dash - Salida Edwards, 5th, 28.6.

300 hurdles - Trisha Robertson, 8th, 57.3.

400 dash - Jennifer DeLeon, 3rd, 65.3.

100 dash - Salida Edwards, 4th, 13.5.

400 relay - Farwell, 2nd, Dellani Jones, Micah Christian, Jennifer DeLeon, Salida Edwards and alternate Trisha Robertson, 55.21.

*** The Farwell Steers finished 7th with 28 points.

Horse project deadline nears

Parmer County folks interested in participating in the 4-H Horse Project are asked to call the county extension office at 481-3619 so they can be told about upcoming meetings, shows and learning events.

Also, horse projects have to be nominated by completing ownership forms.

Forms have to be completed by a 4-H horse project participant by April 27.

Call the extension office for more info.

The Latest

A Parmer County grand jury last week declined to indict the Lubbock police officer who fatally shot Robby Lynn Vaughn, 37, of Muleshoe, on March 21.

Vaughn had run from police, then held the Mark Stovall family hostage in Friona, before the situation ended in his death.

The hostages were released, then Vaughn broke out a bathroom window after police fired teargas into the home.

Parmer County District Attorney Johnny Actkinson said Vaughn, going out through the bathroom window, shot at police, and four seconds later the command was given to return fire, which resulted in Vaughn's death by a SWAT team member.

A Parmer County grand jury last week found no negligence on the part of the Parmer County sheriff's office in the suicide of Phillip Griggs, 22, of Bovina, while incarcerated in the county jail in February.

Griggs used a bedsheet to hang himself from the jail door bars.

Golf scramble scheduled

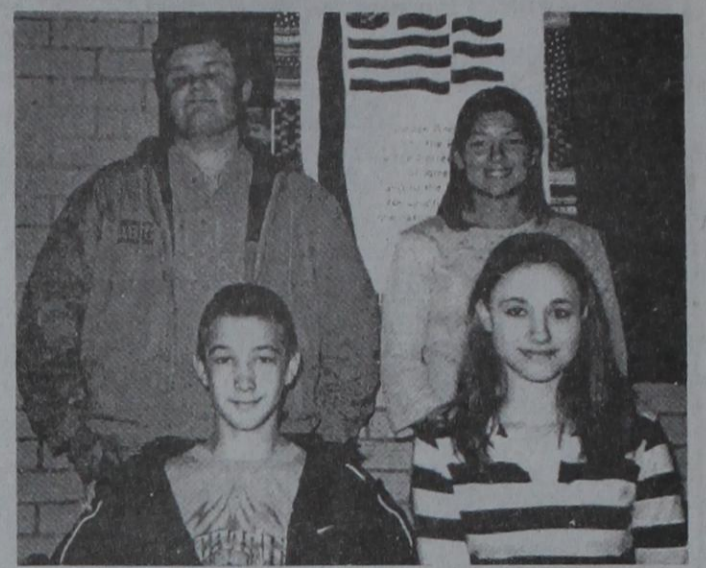
The Texico Booster Club will have a golf scramble on May 22 at the Farwell Country Club.

The shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. ct.

The cost is \$30 per player, and \$120 per team. It's open to the first 64 players (16 4-person teams). The signup deadline is May 18.

Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last places. A Calloway driver will be given for the longest drive, and a Titlelist putter for the closest to the pin. A free cookout for players follows the scramble.

You can sign up at Texico High, with any Booster Club member, or by calling Craig Walls at 482-3488 or 481-3546.



In back, Kevin Williams, Bethenie Sanchez; in front, Darin Ivy and Rochelle Smith.

Lazbuddie Students of the Month honored

February Students of the Month at Lazbuddie junior high and high school are:

Kevin Williams, a senior, is the son of Howard and Tracey Williams. His least favorite change from last year is the Cokes. His favorite subject is history. The best advice his parents gave him is "don't do drugs." His favorite line from a song is "dust and mud, they call the thing a rodeo." The worst part of the school day is after lunch.

Bethenie Sanchez, a senior, is the daughter of Jr. and Chandra Sanchez. Her favorite change from last year is to become a senior. Her favorite subject is "Ready, Set, Teach II." The best advice her parents gave her is "don't give up." Her favorite line is "we are the champions." The worst part of her day is waking up in the morning.

Darin Ivy, 6th grader, is the son of Lanse and Shelley Ivy. His least favorite change is running from class to class. His favorite subject is wood shop because he likes making stuff. The worst part of his day is getting home and not having anything to do because without his dad home, he's not allowed to ride his dirt bike.

Rochelle Smith, 8th grader, is the daughter of Randy and Terrie Smith. Her least favorite change from last year is not being able to take wood shop. Her favorite subject is ag. Her parents tell her to do her best at everything she decides to do. Her favorite line from Shel Silverstein is "No, I did not take the nap - the nap took me." The worst part of her day is homework.

Black, Nichols recognized

Named to the All-Region 1 basketball team were Lady Longhorns Shonnah Black and 2nd team from Lazbuddie Shawndee Nichols.

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Terry explains what Atmos Energy rate increase means for Bovina

Bovina City Manager Ernest Terry had this information on the new Atmos Energy rate increase.

Atmos Energy filed 3 gas distribution rate cases - one in Amarillo, the second in Lubbock and the 3rd in all the West Texas cities. Lubbock and Amarillo settled their cases at about 54 percent of the company's request. The majority of the 66 other cities cooperated through a Steering Committee, attended by Terry, that hired outside counsel and consultants to review Atmos' request. Under the Steering Committee's direction, a settlement has been achieved with Atmos that is superior to the agreements reached with Lubbock and Amarillo in the following particulars:

1. The overall increase was limited to 41.6 percent of the company's request rather than the 54 percent agreed to by Lubbock and Amarillo, resulting in an average system increase of 2.93% assuming gas cost at \$4.96 Mcf.

2. The customer charge for the residential rate was set at \$8.50 rather than the \$9.45 requested by Atmos. Comparing residential rates based on 6 MCF per month:

Old rate -- customer charge, \$7.40. Commodity charge, \$1.10 for 5 and 1.04 for 1 - \$6.54, for a total of \$13.94.

New rate - customer charge, \$8.50. Commodity charge, \$1.1035 for 6 -- 6.62, for a \$15.12 total.

3. The rate of return on equity benchmark for a future gas reliability infrastructure program rate filing was set at 10.5% rather than 11%.

4. The proposed recovery of prior uncollectibles through the gas cost recovery tariff, approved by Lubbock and Amarillo, was eliminated, resulting in an annual savings of over \$300,000.

5. West Texas cities are given the option to work with Atmos to develop a special senior citizen discount tariff.

6. Rate design for the industrial class remains a two-step declining block rather than a flat rate as approved by Lubbock and Amarillo.

Additionally, the West Texas cities retain the option, consistent with the Lubbock and Amarillo settlements, to renegotiate a 5% gross receipts franchise fee with the company.

The suspension, review and settlement process caused Atmos to extend its effective date on several occasions and thereby precluded the company from implementing any increase during the 2003-2004 winter season, resulting in further savings to the coalition.

Per agreement with the company, new rates will start being applied to services rendered on April 1, 2004. However, due to passing this ordinance in April, the effective date for bills rendered to customers reflecting the rate increase is May 1, 2004.

During the last legislative session, a bill was passed that permits gas companies to apply for rate hikes that track growth in capital investment. In order to make such an application, a gas company must have had a complete rate case during the prior two years that results in the benchmarking of the rate base, depreciation and return on rate base. The ordinance preserves the company's right to make a filing pursuant to that new law, but does not obligate the city to accept or approve of that future filing.

Outside counsel and consultants have advised the West Texas Coalition of Cities that a settlement of 41.6% of the company's request is within a range of reasonable possible outcomes if the matter were to be litigated before the Railroad Commission.



These two Bovina firefighters represent 64 years on the department: Raymond Rocha, left, 29 years, and Andy Garza, 35 years.

Fire Dept. news...



Bovina Fire Chief Cesar Marquez welcomes new member Deborah Young.



Hat contest champs

Winners of the Easter hat contest at the First Baptist Church of Bovina were Rose McCain, most beautiful hat; and Donann Teague, most outrageous hat (a giantsombrero).

Caprock Cattle Feeders thanks Bovina firefighters

Caprock Cattle Feeders put on a steak supper on April 12 for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

Caprock Manager Lonnie Busch said they wanted to thank the firemen for assisting at a smoldering bin fire last year, where firemen had to maintain an all-night vigil.



Cooking up the steaks were Caprock Cattle Feeders' folks, from left, Felipe Dominguez, manager Lonnie Busch and Matt McLennan.



Firefighters line up for the steak dinners.

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you folks enjoy the pictures in today's paper.

First Baptist Church had an Easter hat contest Sunday morning, Rose McCain won for wearing the most beautiful hat and Donann Teague won for the most outrageous -- with a giant sombrero. See the photo I took on Page 8 of today's Tribune.

The fire department had its drawings on Sunday at the Easter Egg Hunt for the hamburger packages and new grill -- valued at \$1,500. Proceeds will help buy new pagers for the firemen.

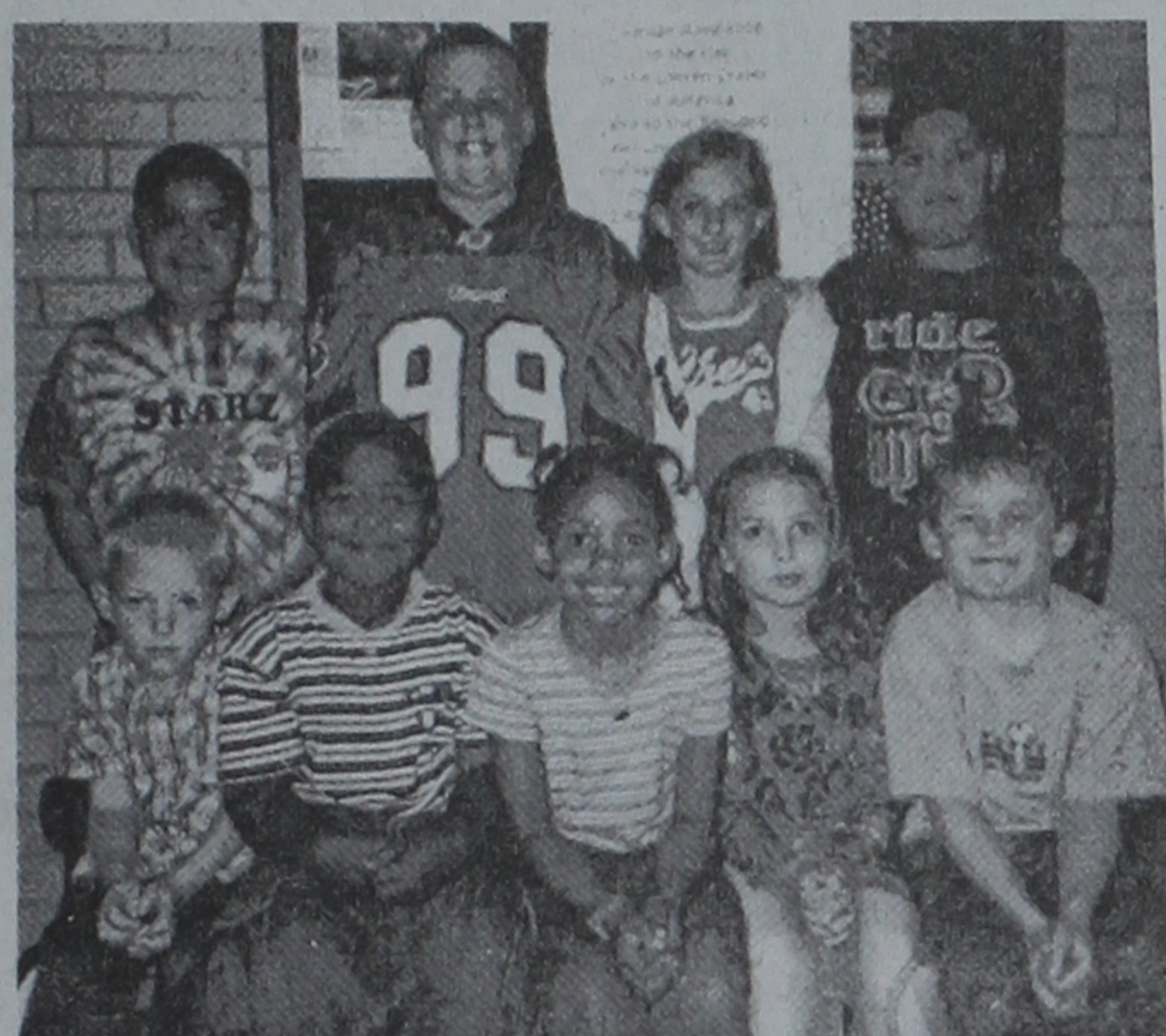
Winning the grill was Denver Riddle. Winning four tubes of hamburger meat each were Horacio Flores and Andy Martinez.

Bovina's lunch menus for next week: Monday, chicken strips, Pepperoni pizza; Tuesday, spaghetti, hamburgers; Wednesday, hot dogs, pepperoni pizza, chili no beans; Thursday,rito pie, hamburgers; Friday, chicken & noodles, toasted cheese, pepperoni pizza.

Marie and Elton Venable report that their great-grandson, Ethan Moore, 14 months, won a \$10,000 scholarship recently through the Lubbock newspaper. The contest, 2004 Make Kids County Scholarship Giveaway for Newborn to 3-year-olds, started with 300 contestants. Ethan's parents are Neil and Jennifer Moore, of Lubbock. His grandparents are Keith and Anne Polk, of Lubbock, and Owen and Margaret Moore, of Loo-



gootee, Ind. Congrats, Ethan & family. He really is a cutie!



Back row from left, Victor Godinez, Todd Nichols, Kylie McGehee, Jose Lule; front row, Aron Suderman, Isaac Romero, Haicha Hood, Madison Jesko, Seth Russell.

Lazbuddie pupils cited

Lazbuddie Elementary School Students of the Month for February are:

Pre-k: Aron Suderman, son of Peter and Aganetha Suderman.

Kindergarten: Isaac Romero, son of Teresa Hood and Jose Marquez.

1st grade: Haicha Hood, daughter of Teresa Hood and Jose Marquez.

2nd grade: Madison Jesko, daughter of Dustan and Stephanie Jesko.

3rd grade: Seth Russell, son of Clint and Holly Russell, and Victor Godinez, son of Luis and Vickie Godinez.

4th grade: Todd Nichols, son of Mike and Sherrie Nichols, and Kylie McGehee, daughter of Kevin and Malessia McGehee.

5th grade: Jose Lule, son of Jose and Rosalva Lule.

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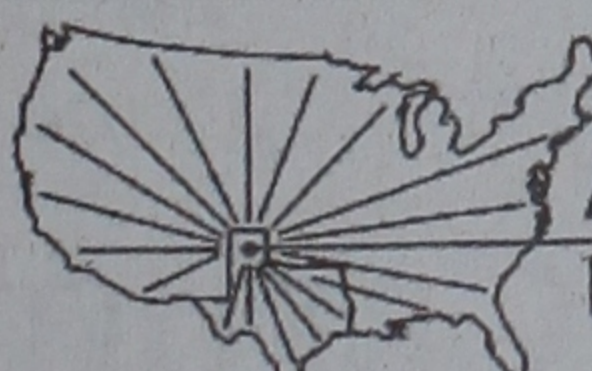
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Options include asphalt, cinders, paving, and curbs and gutters. Terry will check into cost estimates and their feasibility.

In other business, the council:

-- Purchased a vehicle to spray for bugs (plus the chemicals) for \$10,400.

-- Heard councilman Mike McCallum suggest that the city look into offering disability insurance for city employees through the Texas Municipal League.

The problem is that Bovina has 8 fulltime employees, and Terry believes 10 are needed to qualify for the TML extra insurance. Terry will check into it.

-- A question arose on whether a space was needed on the city election ballots for write-in candidates. Terry said that it wasn't needed unless a candidate had filed as a write-in candidate, and none did this year.

-- Passed the ordinance setting Atmos Energy's rates and charges. Terry was very pleased that the settlement between Atmos and Bovina was superior to the agreements reach by Lubbock and Amarillo with Atmos.

The new rate goes into effect on May 1. Terry said there will be a 2.93 percent increase in the average customer bill. The customer charge for residences will be \$8.50 instead of the \$9.45 request by Atmos. The increases are less than agreed to by Lubbock & Amarillo.

A complete wrap-up on how this ordinance affects Bovina is on Page 8 of today's Tribune.

-- Heard Terry report that former city clerk Sarah Brito has paid the district court funds owed to date. The city will continue to monitor her payments. Ms. Brito had fallen behind on payments and the matter was set for district court -- but she paid up in full the week that her court date was set.

-- Met with Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries, who discussed countywide drug interdictions. He talked

Courthouse Notes

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

Roach family trust - Jerry Roach, L11 B1 Ridgelea.

Roach family trust - Judy Ezell, N/2 S7 T11S R3E.

Tim Brown - Rogelio Torres, L7 B17 Friona.

Lawrence Jamerson Inc. - Corry Farms, NE/4 S13 T6S R3E.

Pete Quiroga - Wayne Hargrove, L2 B84 Bovina.

Security State Bank - Coleman Young, L3-6, 11-14, S22, T9S, R1E.

Don Carthel - Bryan Campbell, L31 B1 Western Addition, Friona.

Anya Fair - Michael Fair, L3 B3 Staley.

Francis Parvin est. - Louis Maurer, E 70.8' L7-9 B70 Friona.

Darrell Stephens - Richard Williams, S/2 S37, Blk H Thomas Kelly.

Olen Cole - Jaren Phelps, L24-26, B24 Farwell.



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about possibly setting up an areawide task force to have undercover agents make drug buys. They would need rules worked out on a multi-county task force, then funds would be sought from governmental agencies.
The council was receptive to the sheriff's ideas.
-- Appointed Jean Wiseman as election judge for the May 15 city election.
-- Talked about different ways to invest city funds. Terry will be the city's investment officer. Besides having funds in bank Certificates of Deposit, he will look into areas to get better rates, such as treasury bills and TexPool.
-- Set the next meeting for May 6. A special meeting also will be held May 20 to canvass the election results.



Marisela Rivera and Benjamin Cochie

Upcoming marriage

Roy and Irene Edwards, of Texico, announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Marisela Rivera, to Benjamin A. Cochie, son of Michael and Beverly Cochie, of Clovis.

The wedding will take place in June in Clovis.

The bride-elect's grandparents are Benita and the late Rudolph Sanchez, of Farwell; and Delores and the late Raymond Edwards, of Texico.

Parmer County jurors to report May 5th

The following jurors are to report to the Parmer County courthouse on May 4:

Robbi Actkinson, Felix Acuna, Alexander Alcalá, Alice Allen, Peggy Allen, Epifanio Almanza, Erik Alvarado, Mauro Alvarado, James Anthony, Michael Aragon, Eva Arias, Herlinda Arizmendez, Claudia Arpero, Ken Austin, Lori Austin, Rachel

Avalos, Angela Balli, Patsy Bandy, Victor Banuelos, Laura Bartlett, Ricky Beard, Manuel Beltran, Roslyn Bennett, Noemi Bermea, Raul Bermea, Jamey Bethel, Dennis Boeckner, Charles Bracken, Raul Braillif, Sarah Brito, Linda Broughton, Larry Broyles, James Burchett, Brenda Busch, Gaines Butman, Neal Byrd, John Cabrera, Ray Cantu, Nickie Carpenter.

Faustina Carrillo, Nedra Cash, Josefina Castro, Gloria Chico, Charles Christian, Troy Christian, Jamie Cigarroa, John Claborn, Rachel Clark, Maria Cordova, Jose Correa, Diane Corvantes, Clinton Cox, Weldon Crim, Manuel Cruz, Maria Cruz, Brandi Curphey, Melissa Curtis, William Daniels, Gilbert Davila, Terry Davis, Carol Dement, Dawn Diaz, Harold Diaz, Luther Diaz, Frank Dominguez, Matthew Downes, John Duke, Andre Duran, Antonio Duran, Peter Dyck.

Tiffany Edwards, Linda Elliott, Carol Ellis, James Ely, Jessica Encinias, Nohemi Escamilla, Valentin Espinoza, Linda Evans, Marie Evans, Vickie Field, Maria Fierro, Richard Fitzgerald, Katharine Fly, April Fontaine, Janet Fontanilla, Brenda Ford, Jeffrey Ford, Sharon Ford, Kanetha Foster, Stephanie Foster, Timmy Foster, Lucille Franse, Mark Friesen, Aundrea Frye, Tommie Fulcher, Dennis Gallagher, Kendra Gallman, Maria Galvan, Juan Gamboa, Tammy Gammon, Fernando Garcia, Gerardo Garcia, Manuel Garcia, Maria Garcia, Michael Garza, Carolyn George, Julie Goddard, Martha Godinez, Ericka Godoy, Roland Goforth, Norberta Gomez, Alijah Gonzales, Leonardo Gonzalez, Nora Gonzalez, Pascuala Gonzalez, Eduardo Grado, Jacie Grimes, Leonard Grissom, Judith Gurule, Christina Gutierrez, Louis Guzman.

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terson, Grace Peace, Jesus Pena, Moises Pena, Concepcion Perez, Dale Perez, Patricia Phipps, Rickey Pierce, Juan Pinela, Laura Pio, Jerry Prieto, Billy Proctor, Ronald Puckett, Jose Quiniero, Santos Rando Jr., Michael Read, Patsy Read.

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Sheriff's Report

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

Bovina Police deputy Eddie Everhart investigated an aggravated robbery the night of April 4 in Bovina. Two men, wearing masks, kicked down the door of a home on 4th Street. They held a knife to a man's throat, stole lds, wallets and cash.

Charged in this assault were Jon Lamas, 24, of Bovina, and Daniel Ponce, 22, of Bovina. The cases are pending before the grand jury.

In other police news:

-- On April 8, Cliff Rocha, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of probation violation (indecedy with a child) from Randall County. He was released to Randall County.

On April 8, Forrest Blaylock, 36, of Lubbock, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of failure to appear (DWI 2nd). The case is pending in county court.

On April 12, Mark Henderson, 34, of Boys Ranch, Texas, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft. The case is pending in county court.

On April 9, Fidel Lira, 21, of Muleshoe, was arrested by Texas Highway patrol on a charge of possession of marijuana. The case is pending in county court.

On April 12, Rickey Dodson, 46, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on charges of DWI and driving with a suspended license. The cases are pending in county court.

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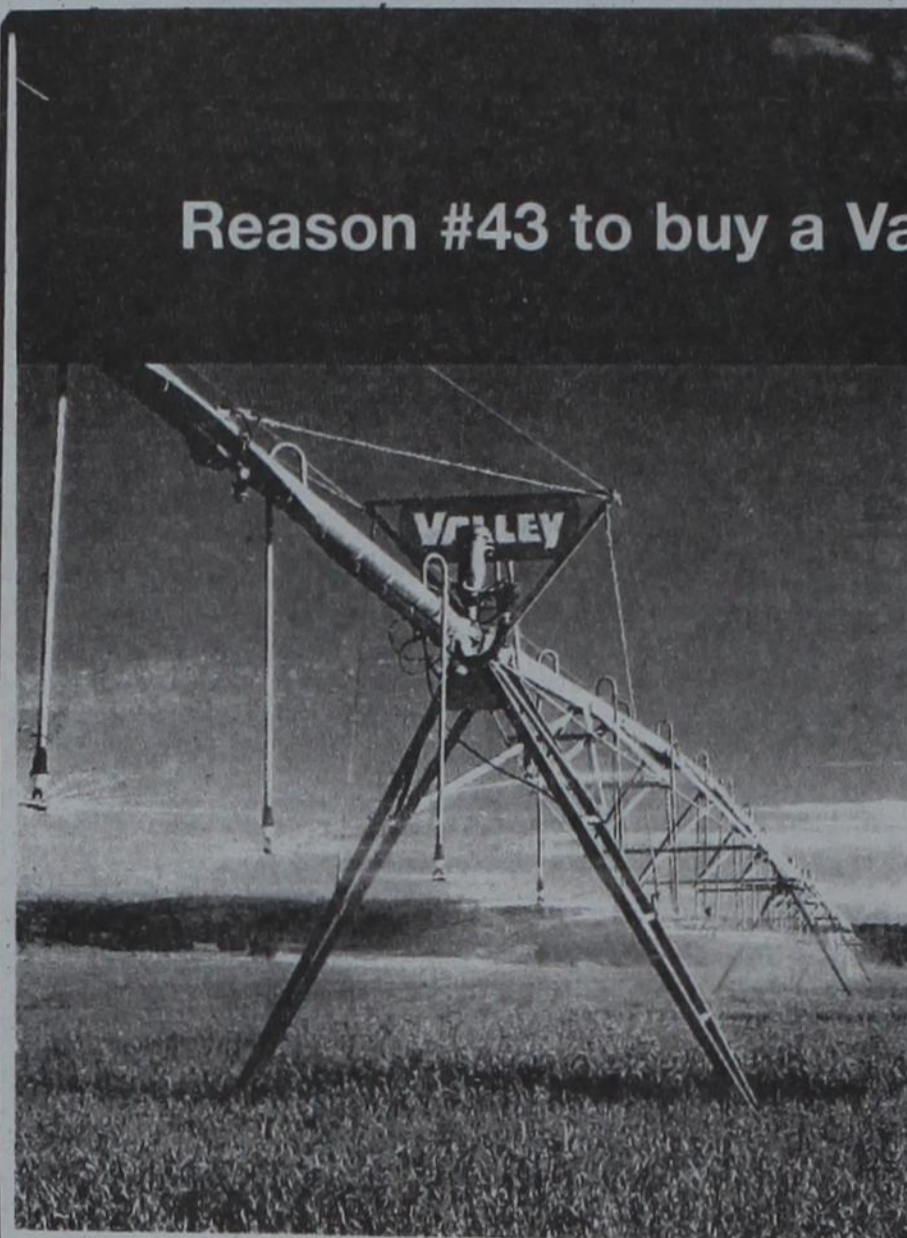
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more funds were available, and staff positions were able to be added.

In other business, the board:

-- Heard a request from Curry County Sheriff about placing police officers in the school. No action was taken.

-- Gave tentative approval for the 2004-2005 budget, which now goes to Santa Fe for final okay.

It includes salary raises for teachers of 2-3 percent. Also, the state has mandated that instructional assistants be paid a minimum of \$11,200 annually. So raises will be given here, too.

-- Approved a request from ag teacher Todd Pinnell for some improvements at the ag farm.

-- Approved a request from football coach Mike Prokop for equipment for the weight room and locker room.

-- Approved buying more playground equipment for the elementary school.

-- Renewed the contract with To and From Bus Co. They still need an extra bus, and school officials are working on it.

-- Heard Supt. R.L. Richards report that the state is mandating an extra high school science class to be offered in the 2005-2006 school year, starting with the freshmen that year.

-- Will be sending out the annual Quality of Education survey to parents in May.

-- Discussed the state science fair and FFA results. Ricky Burns is go-

ing to the national science fair. The science students will discuss their projects at next week's Texico-Farwell Rotary Club meeting.

-- Plans to have an auction in May.

-- Discussed roof repairs at Gym 2 (the old, old gym). The board met with representatives of T.S. Bailey Enterprises. The board will continue to look for lower bids than those that have been received so far.

-- Approved the 2002-2003 audit presented by CPA Sandra Johnson, of Bovina.

-- Voted to hire a student to work part-time at the ag farm this summer.

-- Took no action yet on the out-of-district policy. The board is awaiting written information from its attorney on whether Texico can accept Texas students.

-- Heard about a change in how schools can spend their 2-mill funds. It has been expanded to include training for custodians and main-

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tenance personnel. -- Heard that the state plans to have a math requirement saying Algebra I will be the lowest math class to be offered at high school level. Texico already has this in place.

-- Made a change in the athletic philosophy involving 8th graders.

Previously, 8th graders could only "play up" at junior high level in track. Now they can play at the junior high level in baseball, also.

-- Heard that the state has set new school rankings for help with building projects. Texico was given a 458 ranking, and it appears only the top 200 or so schools will get state help with building projects.

Moisture keeps coming

The moisture kept coming last weekend.

About another half-inch of rain (mixed on Sunday with some very light snow) fell on the Twin Cities.

Farwell School improvements coming

The Farwell School Board on Tuesday gave the go-ahead to several campus improvements.

With a stronger school enrollment this year (483 is the current total), the school has extra funds available.

Approved were:

-- Buying a new bus.

-- Replacing 4 air conditioner units in the auditorium.

-- Buying about 105 new computers for all three campuses.

-- Paving the area to the south of the administration building to create more space for parking during the football season.

-- Adding sprinkler systems to all campus areas currently not covered by them. Sodding will then follow.

In other business, the board:

-- Heard Supt. Larry Gregory report on Gov. Rick Perry's school financing plan. Whatever the legislature approves, any new plan won't go into effect until the 2005-2006 school year.

As for next year, funding already has been set -- and less money is coming.

Gregory said the state has cut out about \$24,000 for transition medical insurance for staff for next year already.

EMS Report

The Farwell ambulance has been busy this month.

On April 1, they transported a person from the Farwell Convalescent Center to Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

On April 3, they took a person who had difficulty breathing from 200 5th St. to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

The same day, they took a child having seizures at 110 7th St. to Clovis hospital.

On April 4, they were called to the Farwell Convalescent Center but no transport was made.

On April 8, they were called to 150 CR YB, but no transport was made.

On April 9, they attended to a 2-vehicle accident on Highway 84 in Lariat.

And on April 12, they took a person from 903 4th St. to Clovis hospital.

Regardless of what state funding plan is approved, the key for Far-

well is to maintain a strong enrollment. This holds true for all schools.

Wolverines go 4-0 in district after 3 more victories this week

The Texico Wolverines beat Dora last week, 14-8, to run their record to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in district.

Getting hits for Texico were: Zane Anderson, a single; Bryce Bailey, a single, double and homer; Logan Brown, a single and a homer; Ricky Fuentes, two singles; Just Loven, a homer; Aaron Vaughan, a double; Braden Vaughan, 3 singles. Bailey had 4 RBIs, and Loven three. Braden Vaughan was the winning pitcher.

*** The Texico JV lost to Dora, 6-0. Texico is now 0-3. Getting hits for Texico were Casey Crist, a single; and Jesse Walthers, a double.

*** The Wolverines ran their record to 7-1 and 3-0 in district on Monday by beating Floyd, 11-1. Aaron Vaughan pitched a 3-hitter for Texico.

Top Wolverine hitters were: Bryce Bailey, 2 for 3 with a homer; Braden Vaughan, 2 for 3; Justin Loven, 2 for 3 with a homer; and Ricky Fuentes, 2 for 3.

*** The Wolverines continued their winning streak on Tuesday with an 18-3 win over Elida. Texico is now 4-0 in district and 8-1 overall.

The game only went 4 1/2 innings. Justin Loven was the winning pitcher. Getting doubles were Braden Vaughn (2), Aaron Vaughn and Loven. John Nate Williams had a triple for Texico, as did Shawn Walthers.

Here's a look at the Wolverines' top cumulative batting averages for the 2004 season so far (not including the last two games):

Bailey, .609, including a pair of homers and 5 doubles; Brown, .409, including a homer and 2 doubles; Ricky Fuentes, .360; Justin Loven, .259, including a pair of triples and 3 doubles; Zack Rhoades, .353, including a pair of doubles; Aaron Vaughn, .444, including 2 doubles; and Braden Vaughan, .720, including 7 doubles.

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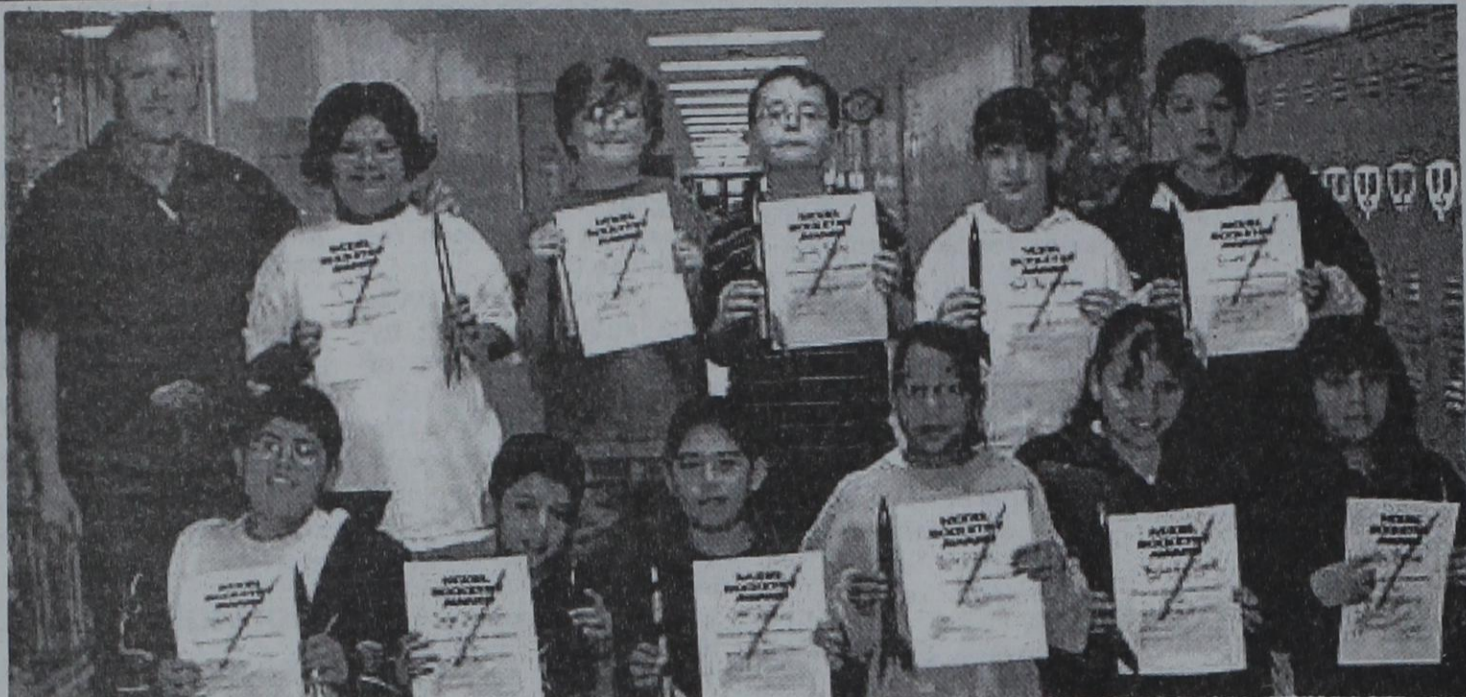
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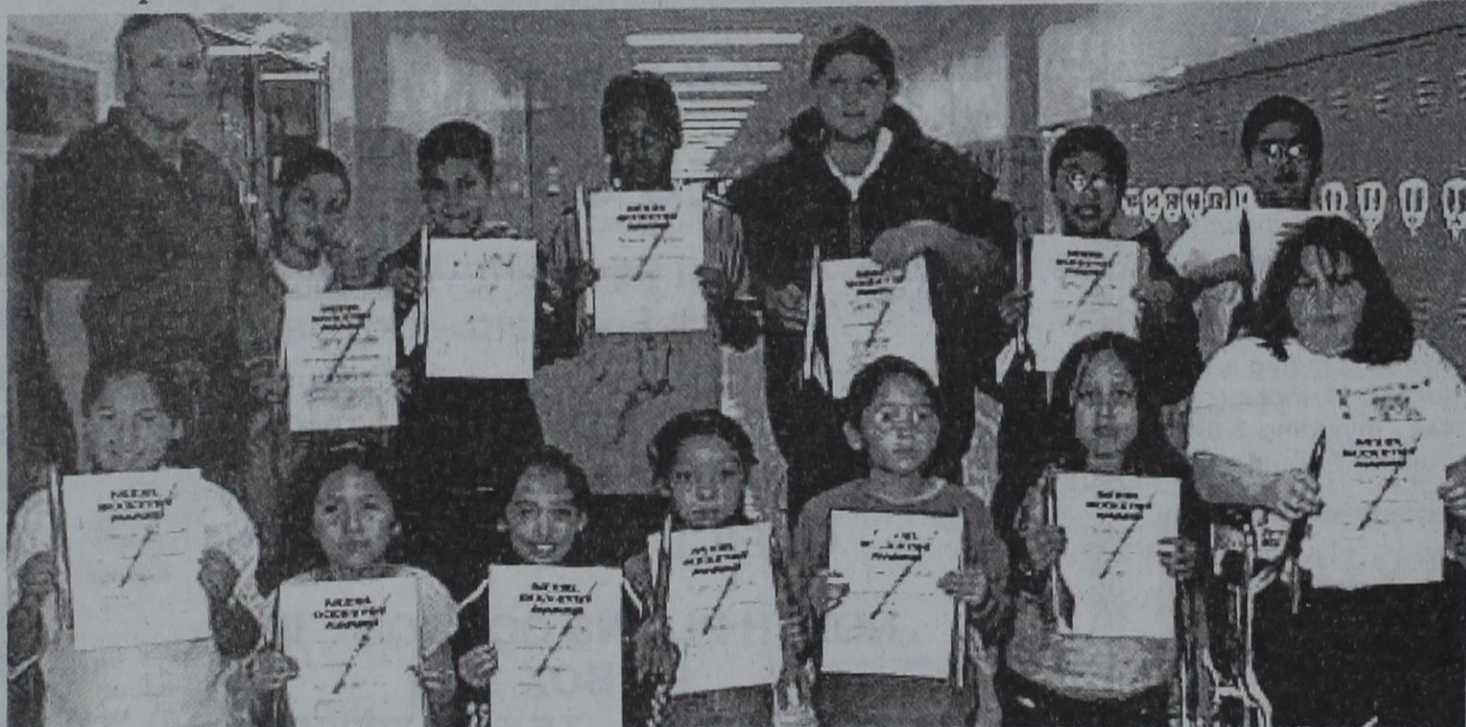
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Pictured top row from left, Mr. Cooper, Sirena Ramirez, Jake Brozek, Jalen Allred, Nevil Marinelarena, Rolando Perez; bottom row, Edwin Carillo, Jorge Jaramillo, Ivan Lopez, Erica Oviedo, Alejandra Chavez, Rica Bermea.



Pictured top row from left, Mr. Cooper, Philip Murillo, Jason Olvera, Yvette Gomez, Tamara Rivera, Regina Quintero, Gale Vela, Delia Banuelos; front row, Gabrielle Betancourt, Jose Lara, Kimberly Gutierrez, Taylor Lane, Crystal Nicolas, Erli Rueda and Shaq Walker.



Pictured top row from left, Mr. Cooper, Justin Salazar, Bryan Llamas, Jeremiah DelaRosa, David Martinez, Ramiro Nicolas, Juan Lopez; front row, Judith Rodriguez, Vivian Mesya, Jennifer Garza, Angelica Mejia, Bianca Roldan, Vanessa Ortiz, Padyn Hughes.

4th graders learn about model rocket science

Mr. Cooper's three 4th grade science classes at Bovina Elementary have been very busy during the past three weeks, learning about model rocket science.

All the students have successfully completed the building stages of model rocketry. The students were given Outstanding Achievement Awards in rocket building.

The science classes will celebrate the 2nd annual 4th

Grade Rocket Day on May 14 at 1:30 p.m. (weather permitting).

The event will be held at the Bovina track field. All spectators are invited to attend the launching of about 60 rockets, which were built by the science students.

"This is one of the most exciting highlights of the year," said Mr. Cooper.

Ortiz, Sanchez take 1st places at district track competition

The Bovina Mustangs finished 8th with 22 points at the District 4-1A Track Meet on April 8 at Frenship. Placing were:

- Discus - Hugo Martinez, 4th, 122'11.
- 3200 run - Edgar Ortiz, 1st, 10:31.23.

The Bovina Fillies finished 8th with 40 points at the district meet. Placing were:

- Discus - Bachicha, 4th, 80'6.
- Shot put - Bachicha, 3rd, 29'5.
- 3200 run - Quintero, 3rd, 13:19.03.
- 100 hurdles - Flor Sanchez, 1st, 18.59.

Becky's Bovina Banter

Becky London - 251-1164

Last Thursday, Jim Zehner, while flying for Benger Aero Spraying, was going in for a landing at the runway and crashed. The plane hit a Caterpillar road grader but Jim only received a few bumps and bruises. We're glad you're okay, Jim!

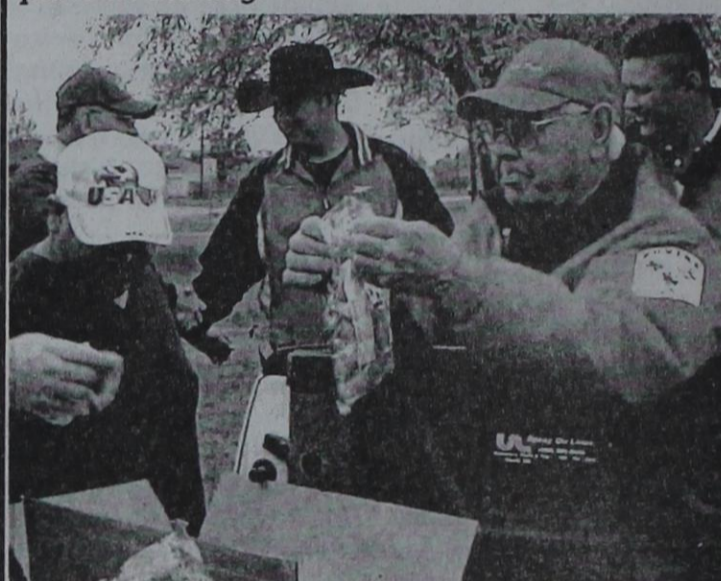
Easter was sure a cold day, but kids around Bovina still had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt at the city park. Thanks to the Lions Club (with able assistance from the firefighters) for carrying on this tradition. Hope

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Easter Egg fun

Jeff Steelman, a Lions Club member, and son Scott get the candy eggs unpacked for the annual Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at the city park on Sunday.



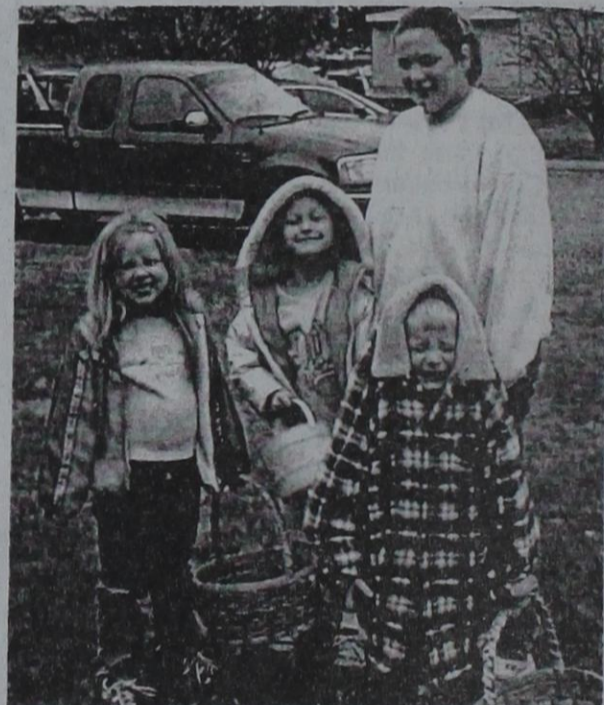
Eloy Aleman and Andy Garza were among the folks working at the Easter Egg Hunt.



Rafael Elias



Gabriel Elias



Tiffany Jones, Alex Johnson, Hunter Jones and Tammy Jones enjoyed the egg hunt.

Residents urge council to improve 1st Street

More than 40 residents attended the Bovina City Council meeting on April 8 to push for improving 1st Street. Their spokesman was Tom Fuentes. The group had presented a petition a month ago.

They received a good reception from the council, which instructed city manager Ernest Terry to look into options, which he will present at the May meeting.

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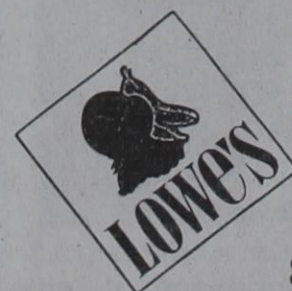
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