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Brock MacDonald
Middle America

News of the tumbleweed attacks are broadcast throughout the nation.



A farmer tries to burn away the menace.



Hunters prepare to go after the tumbleweeds.



News agencies pick up the news and put it on TV.



Viewing the devastation left by the killer tumbleweeds.



The McCain brothers, Butch and Ben.

AREA TUMBLEWEEDS TO BE FEATURED IN A MAJOR MOVIE

Tumbleweeds are attacking the good people of Middle America. More than 150 citizens are dead, 10,000 head of livestock destroyed (not counting chickens and sheep), and 300,000 children from Middle America are suffering Killer Tumbleweed Trauma.

Rumor has it Middle American University scientists altered tumbleweeds to kill desert-dwelling terrorists. But something goes wrong, terribly wrong with these blood-thirsty weeds. The U.S. government remains mysteriously mum as the whole world watches the horror unfold on the internet.

This scenario comes from the inspired minds of the McCain Brothers (Butch and Ben), who grew up on a windy farm near Bovina. This is the first movie produced by the brothers, who are also actors, singer-songwriters and broadcasters.

Ben said, "This is our first little movie shot around the world with no budget. We called in a lot of favors from talented people we know on different continents. It took us five years to complete the project."

Butch adds, "You'll never look at a tumbleweed the same again."

The movie will make its New Mexico Premiere in Clovis on Saturday, April 4, at 7 p.m. mt. Tickets are now available at the Allen Theatre Box Office.

The brothers warn movie-goers, "If you don't have a sense of humor, have been called an intellectual, or if you might be offended by tumbleweeds attacking human beings, we encourage you to stay away from this screening. In fact, don't even drive by the theatre."

This film is not rated. There is no profanity or nudity, but the tumbleweeds do attack people and there will be blood.

Numerous local residents appear in the film, part of which was shot in Parmer County. These include Bovina Mayor Stan Miller, Bovina banker Jeff Steelman, fiddler Scott Steelman, Ken Jamerson, Kyle Jamerson, Jordan Jamerson, Derek Jamerson, Jessica Jamerson, Mike Ware, Matthew Ware, Luke Ware, Matt Young, Ruben Chavez, Jesse Arias, Rose McCain and the late Leslie McCain.

Former CNN anchor Bella Shaw plays a news anchor based in New York and former Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Turpen is the Senator from Middle America.

Ben, who now lives in Los Angeles, plays World Wide Independent News Network anchor Brock MacDonald. Butch plays the role of Billy Joe MacDonald, sheriff of Middle America.

The film has had two previous screenings in Oklahoma City and South Pasadena, California.

To view the news stories and reviews on this family comedy horror picture, visit www.killertumbleweeds.com.

Fans can catch the McCain Brothers in the new Bruce Campbell film, "My Name is Bruce," available on DVD.

The brothers also wrote and performed the comedy's theme song, "The Legend of Guand Di."

For more on the McCain Brothers, visit www.mccainbrothers.com.

Bovina School Board, City Council to have races; no elections will be held in Farwell

The filing period for the local Texas elections in May is over.

Here's how the local races shape up later this spring:

Farwell School Board – Incumbents were Mike Woods, Roberta Howard and Willie Martin.

Scott Johnson, Martin and Jay B. Barrett filed. Howard and Woods did not seek re-election. Thus, there will be no election

Farwell City Council – Incumbents were Mayor Jimmie Mace and Councilmen Mitch Walls and Joe Stanton. All three have filed. Thus, there will be no election.

Bovina City Council – Incumbents were Richard Villarreal, Gaylon Rhodes and Jim Bob Swafford. All three filed for re-election, plus Ciela Tienda. Thus, there will be an election.

Bovina School Board –

Two posts are on the ballot. Incumbents were Justin Brozek and Larry Hodnett. Filing were Brozek, Josh Quintana and Hodnett. Thus, there will be an election.

Farwell Hospital District – All five incumbents filed for re-election: Jack Kirkland, Mike Ratke, Ryan Williams, Tom Nichols and Greg Atkinson. Thus, there will be no election.

Lady Wolverines dominate Penasco, earn trip to semi's

The Texico Lady Wolverines won their state quarter-final match over the Penasco Lady Panthers on Tuesday, 53-31.

The Lady Wolverines go to the semi-final game on Thursday at 8 a.m. mt at the Santa Ana Star Center.

Texico dominated the game from the start, and had a huge rebounding edge. Coach Ryan Autrey cleared his bench midway through the final period.

Texico was ranked No. 1 and Penasco No. 8 going into the state tourney.

Scoring were: Markita Askew, 2; Shannon Van Matre, 2; Katlin Luscombe, 17; Victoria Richards, 13 (including a trio of 3-pointers); Amanda Bass, 4; Jaryse Harris, 3; Jordyn Cooper, 8, and Jaylyn Cooper, 4.

Penasco opened the scoring with a 3-pointer. After that it was all-Texico.

A short jumper by Luscombe gave the Lady Wolverines a 4-3 lead, and they were never headed.

The margin increased to 16-4 at the first quarter stop as Richards knocked down a 3-pointer. Jordyn Cooper had a pair of steals in the quarter, as Texico's defense was too much for Penasco.

The 2nd quarter saw the Lady Wolverines continue to pull away. Three-pointers by the Cooper girls, a rebound bucket by Luscombe and a 3-pointer by Richards made the score 29-16 at halftime.

The 3rd quarter opened with two more Luscombe buckets. A Luscombe charity toss had Texico double Penasco's score, 36-18. At this point, Penasco had its only real run of points, closing to within 14 with 2:30 left.

But buckets by Richards and Luscombe put Texico ahead, 42-26, going into the final period.

Texico outscored Penasco, 11-5 in the final quarter, as all the Lady Wolverines got a chance to play.

Lady Wolverines beat Jal

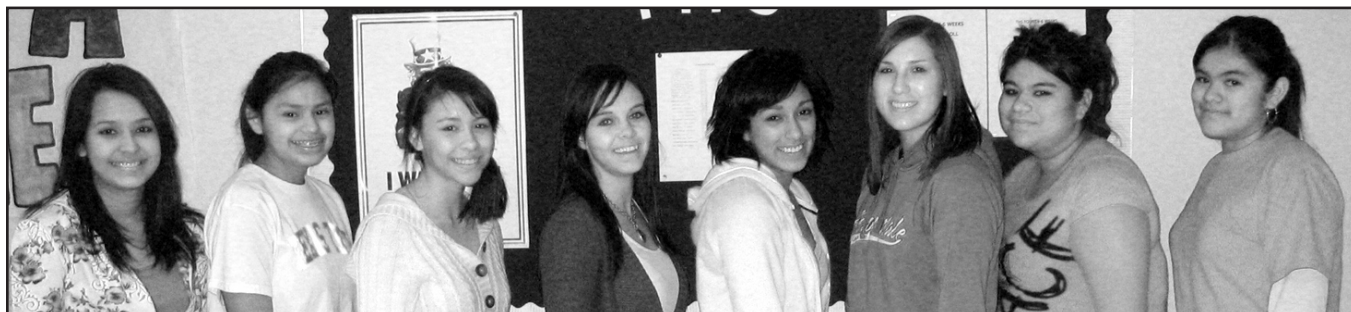
The Texico Lady Wolverines won their state opener on Friday over Jal there, 44-20.

Texico was 21-7 after this game. They next played on March 10 against Penasco.

Scoring against Jal were Laiken Crist and Victoria Richards, 2 each; Katlin Luscombe, 13; Shannon Van Matre, 5; Holly Harrison, 1; Amanda Bass and Jaryse Harris, 3 each; Jordyn Cooper, 5; and Jaylyn Cooper, 10.

Coach Ryan Autrey said there was a lot of turnovers in the first half, as Jal used a half-court trap. Texico led 9-6 after the first quarter, and 24-12 at the half.

But the key edge in the game belonged to the



Texico FCCLA students qualify for state

Texico High FCCLA students competed at Pena in Chapter Service Display, and Mirna Reynoso and Karina Salazar in Focus on Children and Chapter Creed. Receiving 1st at state will qualify them to compete at Nationals in Nashville this summer.

Wolverines win state opener

The Texico Wolverines won their state opener on Saturday over Hagerman, 63-52, there.

The Wolverines improved their season record to 26-3 and next plays Bosque at 3 p.m. mt on March 11.

The Wolverines jumped out to a 9-0 lead. Hagerman stresses a pressure defense but the Wolverine ball handling was about to get through it, leading to many easy baskets.

Lucas Walthers, who ended with 22 points, was a key recipient at the end of several fast breaks. He scored half his points in the first quarter.

So Texico went into the first quarter break with an 18-10 lead.

The second quarter saw both teams trading baskets. Hagerman cut its deficit to 20-15 before the Wolverines closed out on a 14-2 run to take a 17-point lead into half-time, 34-17.

Hagerman, which Coach Luscombe feels is

the best shooting team in the state, started heating up in the 3rd quarter with its long shots, knocking down 7 in the second half.

But the Wolverines answered by getting the ball into its big front line. Seth Bailey had 17 points and Brett Anderson added 10 more. The 3rd quarter ended with Texico maintaining a 13-point margin.

The final period saw more basket-trading, as Texico's lead never dipped below 10.

Coach Luscombe felt that his team played better defense in the second half, as it held Hagerman's top scorer to 13 points, less than half his season average.

Also scoring for the Wolverines were Jose Posada, 6; Levi Richards, 2; and Mario Posada, 6.

Co-op lists staff changes

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative announces two staff changes.

Janie Alejandre is the new accounting manager. She has been with Deaf Smith for more than 11 years.

Tim Burkhalter is the new billing and IT manager. He has been with Deaf Smith since 1998 as an engineering assistant.

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Tuesday – grilled cheese sandwich, soup, mixed veggies, crackers, fruit, milk.
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Forty-one percent of U.S. total land area is farmland (938.28 million acres). In 1900, the average farm size was 147 acres, compared to 441 acres today.

The top five agricultural commodities are corn, cattle and calves, dairy products, broilers and soybeans. U.S. farmers produce 46% of the world's soybeans, 41% of the world's corn, 20.5% of the world's cotton and 13% of the world's wheat.

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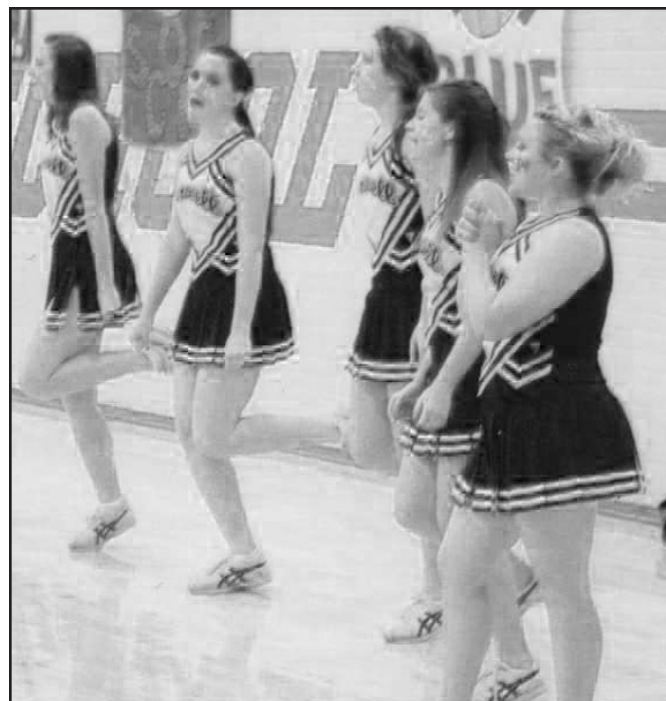
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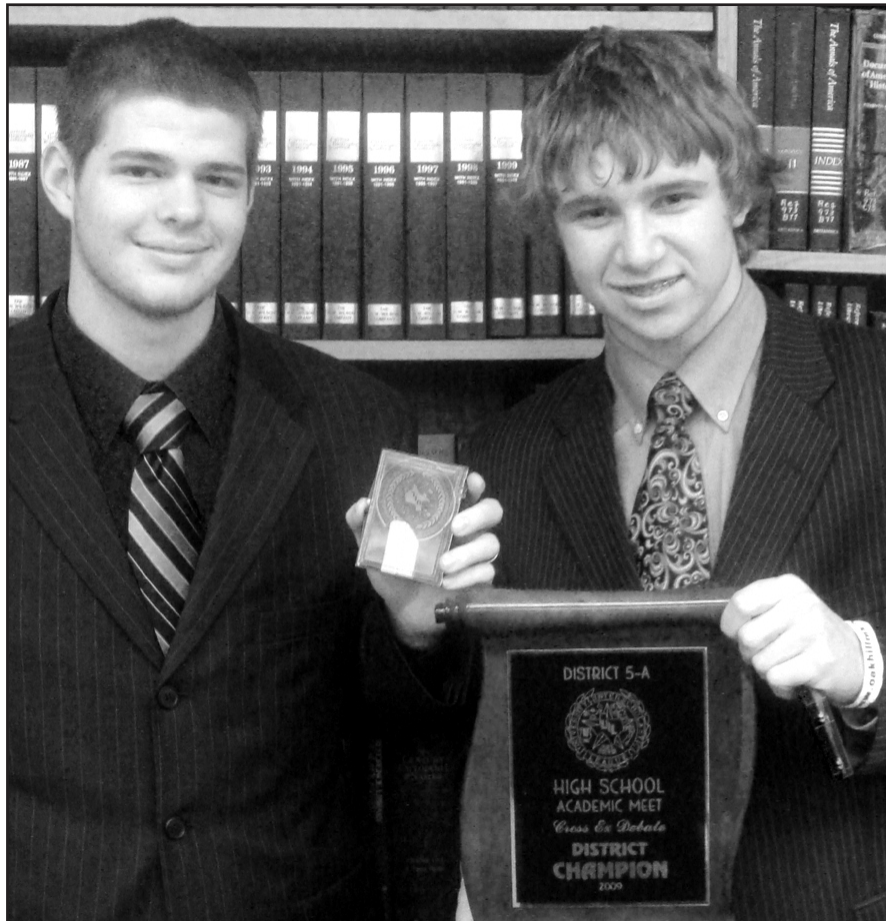
Farwell pep rally fun

Photos from the pep rally, and basketball games at the end of the season. Photos by J.R. Ivins

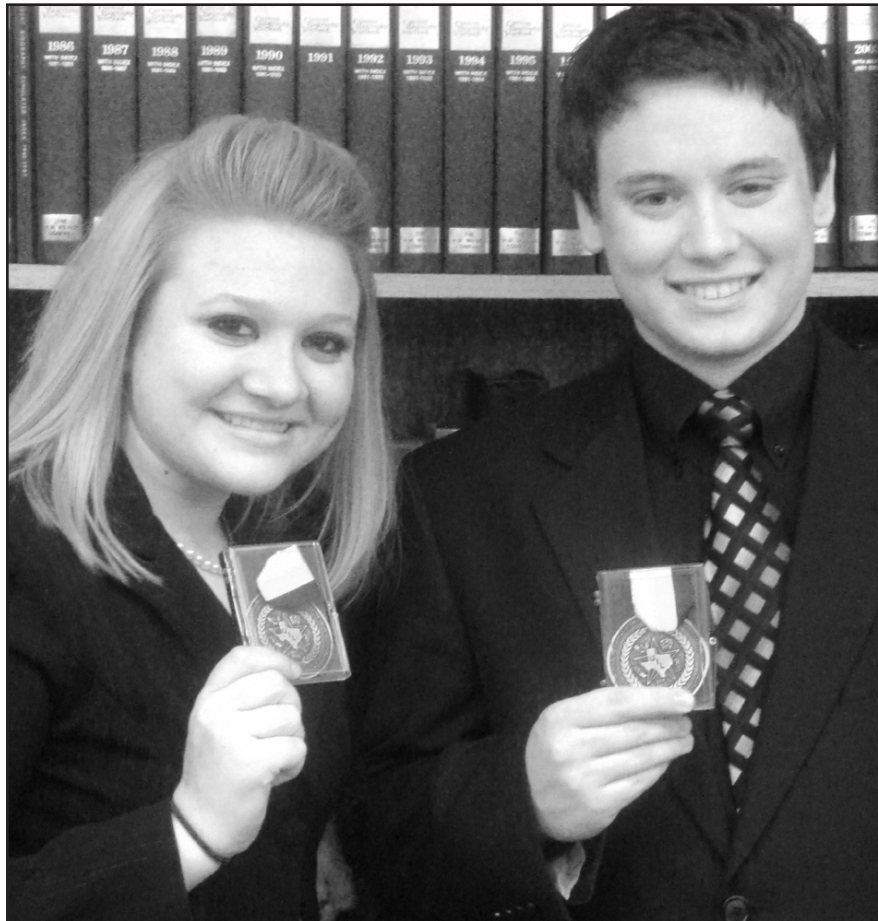


On to state!

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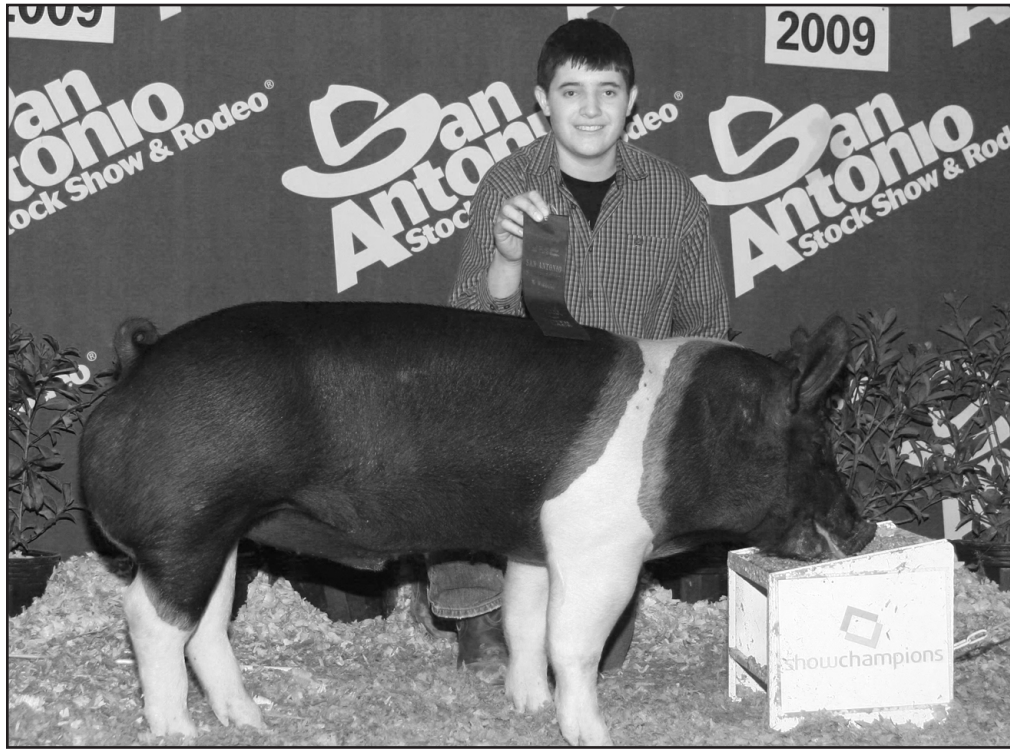
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Juan Guillen



Colton Weaver



Shea Scott

Lazbuddie students place at state stock shows

Here's how the Scott, 7th Place Duroc Hampshire Barrow. Lazbuddie ag students Barrow; and Colton San Angelo: Logan have done at state shows Weaver, 9th Place Mason, 2nd Place Spot. so far:

Fort Worth: Logan Mason, 9th Place Shorthorn Steer; and Chase Timms, 12th Place Exotic Steer.

San Antonio: Logan Mason, 4th Place Medium Wool Lamb; Chase Timms, 16th Place Medium Wool Lamb; Juan Guillan, 4th Place Cross Barrow; Shea

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Thursday – chicken strips, gravy, potatoes, buttered peas, peaches.
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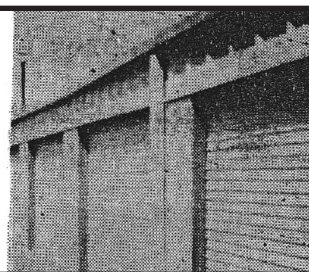


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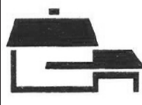
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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Contractors of Proposed
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 Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 6187-69-001 for Install Concrete Rail, Set and Inlet in Parmer County will be opened on April 15, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the District office for an estimate of \$89,149.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

Farwell City Council receives dog pound complaint

Farwell homeowner Gregg Williams spoke passionately to the Farwell City Council on Tuesday about the conditions of the city dog pound.

He stated that after a recent trip to the pound he found the pens were covered in filth and he felt that the concrete floor, chain link fence and a roof weren't enough for the animals that had been caught.

He also brought literature that stated the city's use of truck exhaust to kill stray dogs was

against the law. He said that the city could purchase a machine that uses compressed carbon monoxide that would work quickly, but he didn't know the price.

Mayor Jimmie Mace said that this issue had come up several years ago and that the city was in compliance with state laws at the time, but he would see if anything had changed. He also said that new regulations might be coming from the state level that could change the conditions.

City policy is that any animal, whose owner can't be contacted, will be put down after 3 days. If a dog has tags, the city will call the owners.

In this case, a dog that was like one owned by Mr. Williams was found and he was contacted as a possible owner. It wasn't his, but he paid to have ads placed in a local newspaper to find someone to take the dog.

In other news, the council:

- Discussed door-to-door vendors in the city. City Inspector Lee Hutchins said that he had a vendor stop by his

Crist heads school board

The Texico School Board on Monday elected new officers:

Cary Crist, president; Tim Foote, vice president, and Duwain Hill, secretary.

In other business, the board:
 Hired Michelle Blaske as a substitute.

-- Approved the pre-application for the building project.

-- Okayed the 2009-2010 school calendar, with days off for the Roswell Fair and for Columbus Day.

-- Bought new volleyball uniforms.

-- Will discuss a "needs list" from the teachers at the next meeting.

house who didn't have a permit. Hutchins stated that there are currently no people or groups who have a license to go door-to-door. He also brought a permit request form that he has put together for the city. The cost to be a vendor is \$25.

The council asked him to also look into the regulations to see if they can include temporary stands, tents and mobile units like moving concession stands and ice cream trucks.

- Heard that the fire department bought a

new truck chassis to become a future water tanker. The work is being done at Tedson Trailers in Texico.

- Agreed to spend \$3,060 to put in a new garage door on the fire department. The old door broke. Mace stated, "The city is strapped for cash, but we have to protect our investments."

- Received a report from Police Chief Larry Kelsay that he has just been to a conference on crimes against women, and he has been distributing ID kits to local kids.

Cates resigns as elementary principal

The Farwell School Board on Tuesday received two resignations:

-- Gary Cates has resigned as elementary school principal but not as girls' varsity coach.

-- Jon Beaubien has resigned as a 4th grade teacher.

In other business, the board:

-- Met in executive session with lori and Gary Haseloff to discuss a personnel matter.

-- Heard that enrollment is 514, up from 511 last month.

-- Agreed to have roof repairs and buy a school bus.

-- Employed all the certified personnel for the 2009-2010 school year.

Courthouse Notes

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

Lewis Bradshaw – Jerry Landrum, L11 B3 Hillcrest Add Farwell.

Old World Tuscany Properties – Jonathan Olvera, S15' L3 all of L4-5 B33 Bovina.

Janet Buske et al – Buske family partnership, L5 B63 Friona; L11-12 B88, Friona; tract 1 of West Loop Drive; L17-18 S/2 L19 B34 Friona.

Phyllis Coburn – Juan Lopez, L18-20 B13 Farwell. Robert Smith – Boehning Family Farms, NW/4 S4 EK Warren.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Bidders

The Farwell Independent School District is currently accepting bids for roof repairs at the high school and elementary schools.

Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 10, 2009, and will be presented to the Board of Trustees on April 14, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the school administration building.

If you are interested in placing a bid, contact Supt. Larry Gregory, Farwell ISD, Box F, Farwell TX 79325. You may call him at (806) 481-3371 for a specification list.

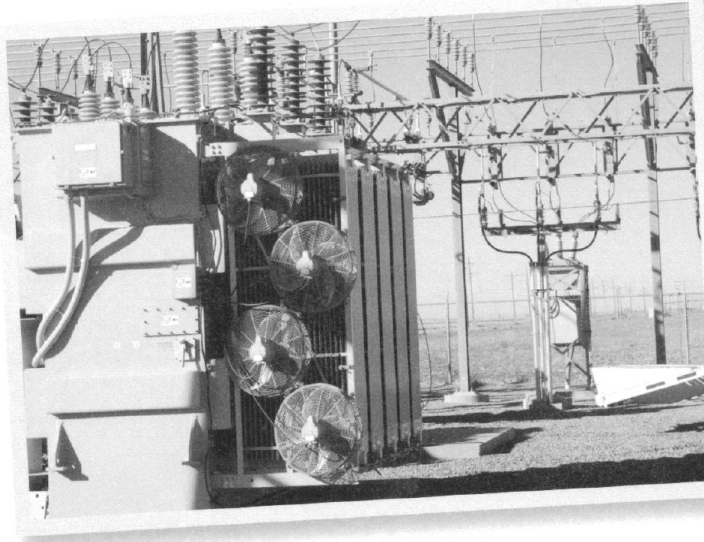
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Crime increases

One out of every 31 Americans is now caught up in the corrections system – either in jail or on probation.

This statistic is more than double the percentage of 25 years ago.

One more nail in the coffin as to America's ethics and morality.

We are almost getting to the point where it's "okay" to be a criminal.

Let's start with illegal drugs – now the largest cash crop in several

states, such as Washington and Tennessee.

And don't give me that stuff that marijuana is putting folks in jail. That doesn't happen unless it's a continuing offense involving sales.

And the number of illegals caught up in the justice system doesn't keep the stats low, either. About 30 percent of all inmates in federal prisons are illegals.

Let's face it – if you want to talk about a growth industry in the U.S., look no further than your local jail.

And the problem is just not for the big cities. When I came to Parmer County in 1984, our weekly sheriff's report usually had 1 or 2 items.

You can see yourself how many folks are listed each week now.

Congratulations to Parmer County Sheriff

Randy Geries and his staff for the arrest of a Bovina man on charges involving child porn and sexual assault.

I realize that a man is innocent until proven guilty in our criminal justice system, and I agree with that.

But if the charges are held to be true, then a thank you needs to go to our sheriff's department for removing this danger to our community.

You have been hearing recently about California's \$40 billion budget deficit and the draconian measures needed to resolve the issue.

Here are some stats from the Los Angeles Times:

-- Forty percent of all workers in L.A. County (4 million out of \$10 million) are working for cash and not paying taxes because they are mostly illegals working without a green card.

-- Nearly 35 percent of all inmates in California

detention centers are Mexican nationals here illegally.

-- More than two-thirds of all births in L.A. County are to illegal Mexicans. Their births are paid for by taxpayers.

So how did the California Legislature deal with its budget crisis?

Why, they raised taxes, of course, made some cuts and plan to borrow a lot of money.

Did they attack the illegals problem they have? No.

You saw the stats last week of unemployment going over 8 percent, worst in 25 years.

Sector after sector showed layoffs, with one exception:

Government jobs have increased.

And you probably thought it silly for me to write columns over the years at high school graduation time urging kids to get government jobs.

Widner family presents scales to Parmer County Stock Show

The family of the late Lawrence Widner presented a set of scales to the Parmer County Stock Show board in his honor.

On hand for the presentation were family members Keith, Chris and Terry Hunt, Larry Widner and Linda Merritt.

Widner was involved in the county stock show for 33 years.



Chelsi Woods to wed Jerry Landrum

Mike and Leigh Ann Woods announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Chelsi Woods, of Farwell, to Jerry Landrum, of Farwell, son of Jerry and Lorena Landrum. The wedding will be March 22 at the Java Loft Coffee Shop in Clovis. Jerry is a 1996 graduate of Farwell High School and employed at Cargill Meat Services. Chelsi is a 1998 graduate of Farwell High School and employed at Security State Bank.

Farwell girl golfers finish 2nd

Farwell's girls golfers finished 2nd at the Farwell Invitational Meet on Monday.

Scoring were Danielle Cockerham, 101 (1st medalist); Keila Jennings, 105 (tied for 2nd medalist); Brooke Hall, 107; Emily Agee, 131.



Sharon Gandy, Lezli St. Clair, and Jana St. Clair.

Baby shower given

Lezli St. Clair, wife of Cole St. Clair, was honored with a baby shower Saturday in the home of LaDonna Scott of Muleshoe.

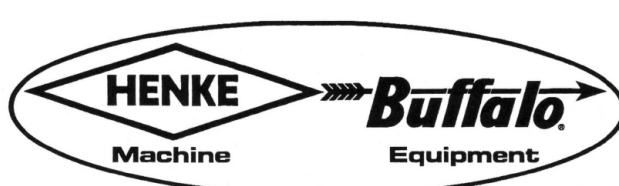
Guests were served punch, cinnamon rolls, and mini quiches. The table was covered in blue and decorated with a teddy bear propped in front of a small red wagon stacked with alphabet blocks and tied with red and blue balloons.

Staci St. Clair, Lezli's sister-in-law, recorded the gifts as they were opened.

Honored guests included Lezli's mother, Sharon Gandy, of Tahoka; Cole's mother, Jana St. Clair, of Muleshoe; and his aunts, Janis Woodall, of Lubbock, and Brenda Black, of Muleshoe.

Hostesses were LaDonna Scott, Paulette Foster, Ellen Gallman, Linda Martin, Marca Morris, Vicki Morris, Vickie Burch, Terri Loudder, Sheryl Engleking, Stephanie Foster, Debbie Weir, Sarah Black, and Celie Parham.

Cole and Lezli have recently moved to Friona. Cole is the manager of Attebury Grain at Black. The baby is due April 15.



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<p>Muleshoe</p>	<p>Please attend church services</p>	<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Bovina Church of Christ Mike Prather, minister Sun. - Bible study - 9:45 a.m. Sun. - Worship - 10:45 a.m. Wed. - Bible class - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie</p>	<p>K. Barnett & Sons Offering construction services 2405 W. 7th St., Clovis (575) 762-4407</p>
<p>MULESHOE LIVESTOCK AUCTION Muleshoe, TX • Sale Every Saturday Clayton, C.L. & Thurman Myers • 272-4201</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. Worship-10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Lazbuddie Methodist Church Rev. Ken Peterson Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship -- 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Church of God in Christ Mennonite Farwell Country Church James Koehn, Orië Nightingale - ministers Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Agri-Plan, Inc. Crop Insurance 109 3rd St. Bovina • 251-1167</p>
<p>DON POOL CONSTRUCTION AND COLORADO RIVER CONCRETE P.O. Box 2103 Clovis, NM 88102 GB 98 - License 88304 Office (575) 742-2900</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. winter 7:30 p.m. summer</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico Sunday Mass - Noon Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell Rev. Kyle Clayton Sunday School -- 9:45 a.m. Worship -- 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Children & Youth -- 5:45 p.m. Wed. Prayer meeting -- 6:30 p.m. www.fbcfarwell.org</p>	<p>roden-smith pharmacy RODEN-SMITH VILLAGE - 801 E. LLANO ESTACADO CLOVIS, NM 88101 PHONE 762-3848 David Lansford, R. Ph. - owner/manager</p>
<p>Parmer County Cotton Growers Co-op Gin 762-3313 cotton@pcggrowers.com</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Lariat Church of Christ Wesley Roach - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ Phillip Steyn -- preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship ; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.</p>	<p>"We Grow For You" KELLY GREEN SEEDS All Varieties Small Grain Seeds Wheat - Barley Oats - Rye</p>
<p>Five Area Telephone Cooperative (806) 272-5533 302 Uvalde Muleshoe, TX</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Of Bovina Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship & youth, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina Rafael Marin, pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. Wednesday worship, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Bovina United Methodist Church Sunday School - 9:45 Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday study, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>New Light Missionary Baptist Church Rev. Bryan Phillips Sr. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mst Worship - 11 a.m. mst Bible Study - Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. mst</p>	<p>BCEC Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association 2100 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (575) 769-2141 Plains Regional Medical Center Home Health/Hospice PREBYTERIAN www.pbs.org</p>
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Farwell participates in Friona, Morton track meets

Farwell participated in the Friona Track Meet last weekend:

Varsity Boys

200 dash - Colton Christian, 2nd; Brody Grimes, 3rd.

400 dash - Matt Billingsley, 3rd.

800 run - Christian Meza, 6th.

1600 run - Clemente Meza, 4th; Christian Meza, 6th.

3200 run - Josh Olivas, 6th.

110 hurdles - Landry Actkinson, 6th.

300 hurdles - Actkinson, 4th.

400 relay - Bo Mitchell, Colby Read, Victor Mendoza, Caleb Christian, 3rd.

1600 relay - Grimes, Colton Christian, Caleb Christian, Read, 3rd.

High jump - Grimes, 5th.

Pole vault - Caleb Christian, 2nd; Austin Wright, 5th.

JV Boys

100 dash - Beau Martinz, 3rd.

800 run - Trevizo, 4th; Luis Delgado, 5th.

110 hurdles - Lincoln Devault, 6th.

300 hurdles - Torrey Davis, 6th.

400 relay - Beau Martin, Hunter Black, Colton Capps, Rhett Martin, 1st.

800 relay - Beau Martin, Black, Mason Howard, Rhett Martin, 1st.

1600 relay - Black, Rhett Martin, Devault, Mason Coburn, 3rd.

High jump - Rhett

Martin, 3rd; Beau Martin, 4th.

Pole vault - Russell Schilling, 3rd; Tyler Schilling, 4th; Seth Meeks, 5th.

Long jump - Black, 2nd; Beau Martin, 6th.

Shot - Jeremy Woodard, 1st.

Discus - Sergio Perez, 6th.

Triple jump - Rhett Martin, 1st; Rane Carpenter, 2nd; Devault, 3rd.

Varsity Girls

High jump - Abby Johnson, 3rd, 4'8"; Brooke Williams, 4th, 4'6".

Pole vault - Taylor Fillpot, 2nd, 7'6".

Shot put - Michelle Wauson, 6th, 29'0".

400 dash - Tiffani Jones, 3rd, 13.49.

800 run - Sarahi Saenz, 3rd, 2:48.11.

100 dash - Holly Bufkin, 3rd, 13.64.

800 run - Keegan Langford, 1st, 27.82.

400 dash - Keegan Langford, 3rd, 65.20; Johnson, 4th, 67.72.

300 hurdles - Kristin Langford, 5th, 56.68.

200 dash - Bufkin, 4th, 29.40.

1600 run - Saenz, 2nd, 6:17.80.

1600 relay - Fillpot, Brenda Delgado, Meyer, Keegan Langford, 2nd, 4:30.55.

Junior High

Farwell Junior High athletes participated in ther Morton Track Meet:

7th Girls (placed 2nd)

Triple jump - Savanna Barksdale, 4th. 21'07.

High jump - K'Leigh Jo White, 1st, 4'2"; Jill Johnson, 2nd, 4'2"; Lauren Carpenter, 3rd, 4'0".

Long jump - Johnson, 1st, 12'11.5; Carpenter, 4th, 12.03.75.

Shot put - Taylor Stancell, 5th, 24'0".

Discus - Stancell, 1st, 59'2.75.

400 relay - Lamb, Carpenter, Alexa Mora, Johnson, 1st, 58.95.

800 run - Sammy Jo Hardisty, 1st, 2:59.6; White, 2nd, 3:14.8; Kelsey Knight, 5th, 3:22.3.

800 relay - Carpenter, Johnson, Brooklyn Lamb, Heather Johnson, 3rd, 2:09.73.

400 dash - Mora, 2nd, 71.20; Gabbie Schilling, 5th, 75.85.

300 hurdles - White, 3rd, 62.90.

200 dash - Lamb, 4th, 32.87.

1600 run - Barksdale, 4th, 7:50; Stephanie Tercero, 3rd, 7:06.

1600 relay - Mora, Carpenter, White, Hardisty, 1st, 5:02.4

8th Girls (placed 2nd)

Triple jump - Madison Rudd, 4th, 24'11; Cassidy Martin, 5th, 23'6".

High jump - Chandler Barnes, 2nd, 4'0; Olivia Schilling, 3rd, 3'10".

Long jump - Chelsea Bass, 2nd, 14'5; Schilling, 5th, 12'9; Rudd, 6th, 12'6.5.

Discus - Caitlyn Stancell, 4th, 56'6".

	24 year Avg 1984 Thru 2007	2007 Rain Totals	2008 Rain Totals	2009 Rain Totals
January	0.45	0.89	0.03	0.00
February	0.37	0.34	0.15	0.41
March	0.97	5.10	0.08	
April	0.84	0.59	0.83	
May	2.18	3.06	1.58	
June	2.42	3.86	2.01	
July	1.92	1.15	3.29	
August	3.40	1.22	5.41	
September	2.10	1.20	0.94	
October	1.73	0.06	3.73	
November	0.64	0.23	0.07	
December	0.68	1.06	0.07	
Totals	17.68	18.76	18.19	0.41

Courtesy of Lonnie McFarland of Farwell.

Pole vault - Chandler Barnes, 3rd, 6'0".

400 dash - Clara Reyes, 2nd, 56.85.

800 dash - Bass, 1st, 2:45.2; Kathya Saenz, 4th, 3'0".

100 hurdles - Reyes, 1st, 19.1; Sierra Moseley, 3rd, 19.79; Rudd, 4th, 20.57.

100 dash - Kayla Cullison, 5th, 15.48; Estrella Meza, 6th, 15.51.

800 relay - Schilling, Barnes, Stancell, Meza, 3rd, 2:11.65.

400 dash - Bass, 1st, 66.63; Cullison, 6th, 77.89; Lydia Gomez, 5th, 76.10.

300 hurdles - Sasha Lara, 1st, 59.34; Rudd, 3rd, 61.70; Martin, 5th, 64.33.

200 dash - Barnes, 1st, 30.88; Stancell, 3rd, 32.60.

1600 run - Rudd, 3rd, 7:05.90.

1600 relay - Moseley, Reyes, Saenz, Bass, 1st, 4:43.32.

Farwell wins Sweepstakes at Plains UIL meet

Farwell High School earned 98 points at the UIL Meet at Plains last weekend, earning the Sweepstakes trophy in the Class A division out of 20 schools.

Placing were:

Ready Writing: Casey Knight, 1st; Nina Galvan, 5th, and Brooke Hall, 6th.

Literary Criticism: Robin Scott, 3rd.

Accounting: 1st Place -- Nina Galvan, Mikaela Cenicerros and Laney Christian; 1st Place Individual, Galvan; and 2nd Place Individual, Cenicerros.

Newsriting: Sara Scott, 6th.

Editorial Writing: Brooke Hall, 5th.

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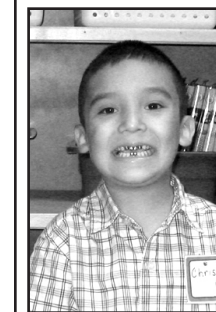
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Sheriff's Report

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

Last week, it was reported that Claude Alexander Miller II, 58, of Bovina, had been indicted in federal court in Amarillo on charges of aggravated sexual abuse, production of child porn, and possession of child porn and receipt of child porn.

On March 3, Miller was indicted on state charges of aggravated sexual assault and possession of child porn which occurred in Parmer County.

In other police news:
On March 3, Guadalupe Rubio, 17, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz., pending in county court.

On March 3, Orlando Zamora, 27, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI 2nd open container, pending in county court.

On March 3, John Randall, 58, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI 2nd, pending in county court.

On March 4, Silas Garcia, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a Hale County warrant. He paid fine and was released.

On March 3, Miguel Larios, 33, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of public intoxication. He was released to the Border Patrol.

On March 3, Manuel Mendoza, 18, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on charges of DWI 2nd and failure to identify, pending in county court.

On March 5, Nicholas Lemmons, 23, of Amarillo, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of motion to revoke (possession of marijuana under 2 oz.), pending in county court.

On March 5, Abraham Gutierrez, 34, of Wichita Falls, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of community supervision (DWI 3rd), pending in district court.

On March 5, Amanda Mascarenas, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of assault, pending in county court.

On March 6, Dustin Ward, 25, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of motion to revoke (DWI), pending in county court.

On March 7, Silvia Mendiola, 47, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on charges of theft

and forgery, pending in district court.

On March 8, Michele Demais, 21, of Clovis, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending in county court.

On March 8, Brandon Cook, 20, of Clovis, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI, pending in county court.

In 287th District Court on March 3, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Luis Alberto Arguelles, 28, of Friona, charged with violation of community supervisions (DWI), had his community supervision revoked and was given 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 4454 court costs and \$1,000 fine.

Batter up!

Farwell Little League will hold sign-ups for all area children ages 4 1/2 to 18 for the 2009 season.

The first sign-up will be at Farwell Elementary on Thursday, March 26, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The second sign-up will be held at Texico Elementary on Thursday, April 2, from 3:45 to 5 p.m. mst.

The final sign-up will be held at the Farwell Little League ball fields on Saturday, April 4, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The age for playing t-ball has caused some confusion in the past. To be eligible for play in the 2009 season, the child must turn 5 by Sept. 1, 2009.

The divisions for play in the Farwell Little League are T-Ball, Coach (Machine) Pitch, Minors, Majors and Babe Ruth.

The cost is \$40 for one child. There is also a family discount for families with more children playing. This discount is \$25 per child after the initial \$40 registration. This discount is only eligible for immediate family. Nieces, nephews, cousins, etc. do not qualify for the family discount.

At the time of sign-up, you must provide a copy of the birth certificate for each child you are registering. Please do not bring originals ... copies only are accepted. The registration costs must also be paid by cash or check at the time of sign-up.



Tiffani Jones



Bo Mitchell

Mitchell, Jones get MVP honors

Farwell's Bo Mitchell was named Defensive All-District MVP in basketball.

Also named All-District were Landry Actkinson and Mason Coburn; and honorable mention, Matt Billingsley and Lincoln Devault.

Academic All-District honors went to Actkinson, Billingsley, Rane Carpenter, Luke Carpenter, Lincoln Devault, Mitchell and Josh Olivas.

Farwell's Tiffani Jones was named Offensive All-District Co-MVP.

Also named All-District were Keegan Langford, Kristin Langford and Laura Martinez.

Academic All-District honors went to Laney Christan, M ikaela Ceniceros, Keila Jennings, Jones, Keegan Langford, Kristin Langford, Martinez and Michelle Wauson.

The Hartley family would like to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy in the recent loss of our dad and granddad,

Earl Hartley

Our family deeply appreciates all those who brought food, helped serve, sent flowers or a card. Those who called with kind words, or just thoughts of us those days. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

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Parents are Juan & Alma Ferrel. Siblings are Mari, Carmen & Jaqueline. Grandparents are Jose & Maria Ferrel, & Francisco & Oliva Tapia.

She likes to play with dolls. Her favorite color is pink. Her favorite food is pizza.

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Folks, please don't forget that the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet will be on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

It promises to be a fun event with some great entertainment.

The cost is \$15 and includes a steak dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets are available at the door.

Hope to see you there!

A big congratulations to the Texico Wolverines and Lady Wolverines on their victories in the opening round of the state playoffs. We know it is going to be a tough week but we are hopeful that the teams can bring home more state basketball championships.

Track season is in high great now:
-- Texico Junior High hosts a meet on March 19; the varsity teams head to the Dexter Meet on March 20.

-- Farwell and Bovina varsity teams will participate in the Cowboy Relays at Plains on March 13.

-- The Bovina Middle School teams are entered in the Bobcat Relays at Dimmitt on March 14.

The sports calendar also calls for the Texico Wolverines to open their baseball season on March 20 at the Portales JV.

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Johanna Pettrey, CNP

Johanna Pettrey is a licensed registered nurse and certified nurse practitioner. She has been providing a wide range of primary healthcare services to adults and children in our community for the last six years. Ms. Pettrey received her bachelor's in nursing from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and her Master's of Science as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Georgetown University in Washington, DC.



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Reeve, Barnett vie for Deaf Smith post

The 71st annual meeting of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will be March 24 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Registration and a fish, beef and chicken dinner open at 5:30 p.m., with the business meet-

ing following the dinner.

Capital credits totaling \$1.5 million will be returned to members.

After the short business meeting, the Texas Crossroads Band will perform.

Drawings for prizes

valued at \$1,500, including the grand prize of a pair of airline tickets, will end the program.

There will be three director elections:

Position 1 – candidates are incumbent Clark Andrews and Steve Olson. This area is in Deaf Smith County.

Position 3 – candidates are incumbent Donald Wright and

Donny Carpenter. This area is in Castro County.

Position 2 – incumbent Floyd Reeve and Ricky Barnett. This area is in Parmer County.

Reeve has lived in Parmer County for 65 years. The family lives near Friona. Reeve is a director of the Parmer County Farm Bureau, a past master of the Masonic Lodge, a past director of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the

board for the Friona Methodist Church.

A farmer-rancher, he also has served on the Friona School Board, the Friona Wheat Growers Board and Parmer County Appraisal District Board.

Barnett is a lifelong Parmer County resident. His family attends the Friona Methodist Church, where Barnett serves on the administration and finance committee. Barnett farms and is

involved in Kids, Inc.

He is president of the Farm Bureau, serves on the Friona School Board, is a past president of the Friona Lions Club and is involved in Kids, Inc.

Delegates picked

Bailey County Electric Cooperative picked students from Sudan and Muleshoe for its 2009 Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest.

Marshal Head and Skylar Sowder will go to Washington, D.C., in June.

The Latest

Mike Rodriguez, KIJJ radio station manager, called to give an update on their situation.

Rodriguez, station general manager, said he is in the process of buying the AM part, the Spanish station.

He said program changes are being made in the FM part, which is for sale. Due to the economy, some cutbacks have been made and some ministries not distributed any more.

The Parmer County Commissioners meeting was rescheduled until next Monday due to a conference.

Amanda Embry, of rural Farwell, has had a lengthy article published in Christian Women Magazine.

She teaches Sunday School at the Farwell Church of Christ.

Tony and Tammy Farkas now live with their two children in Lubbock.

Tammy, a Lazbuddie girl, works in the ad department at the Lubbock newspaper.

Bovina school projects updated

The Bovina School Board on Monday received an update on its building projects.

Under way are chip sealing the parking lot, putting a ban at the Ridgelea track and replacement of some glass.

The board also hired all its certified staff, approved the 2009-2010 school calendar without any major changes, and set the next board meeting for April 14.

Healthy Baby Coalition plans info meeting

The Parmer County Healthy Baby Coalition will have an informational meeting for a Community Health Worker Certification Program March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

Community Health Workers also known as Promotoras, will be trained to work in the community, educate/teach, mentor, identify and access resources, and act as a liaison for the new and expectant mothers they will be working with.

According to Texas state rankings, out of 254 counties, Parmer County ranked 198th for infant mortality, 204th for low birth weight babies, and 250th for births to women who received inadequate prenatal care.

For the combined years of 2000-2004, the infant mortality rate for Parmer County was 2,037 (per 100,000) compared to only 644 for Texas for the same time period.

There were 538 babies born in Parmer County during 2002-2004. Out of the total births, 44% of mothers received no prenatal care or inadequate prenatal care. In addition, 39 babies born in Parmer County during these years had a birth weight of less than 2,500 grams and 69 babies were born pre-term.

Anyone interested in more information may attend the meeting or may call Parmer County Community Hospital at (806) 250-2754 and ask for Heidi Eichenauer.

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Bert and Johnie Williams' farm barn burns near Pleasant Hill; a natural gas problem was believed to be the cause.

Smokey Gast runs for Farwell mayor.

Ruby Hillock was named an area FHA officer.

Mrs. Ken Hanks was honored with a "blue shower," having a baby boy.

Farwell High was accepted into the National Honor Society.

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Bovina Banter

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and wondered if we can accomplish those goals. For some, the vision may still be vague. But the Bible teaches us not to look at what man can do (that won't be very much), but rather look at what God can do!"

Well said, Rev. Mullins.

Jeremy Curtis will be power lifting on Saturday in Levelland at Regional. He will compete for a chance at State; only the top two are eligible to advance. Good luck Jeremy!

Levi Steelman is doing great from what I hear. He has moved to a new facility called Trust Point Hospital. He is still in Lubbock but he has come a long way! We are so happy to hear he is doing so well. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

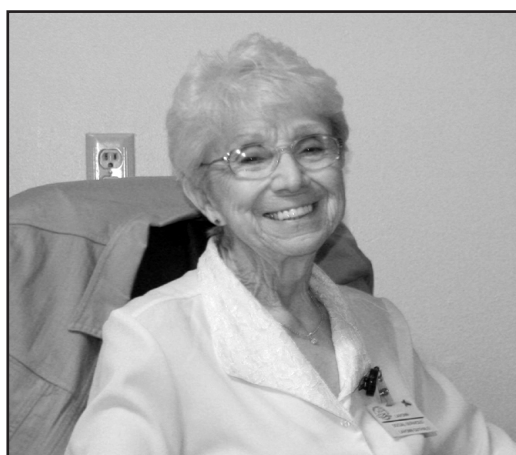
Have a great week and God Bless!

Interesting Fact of the Week: Every time you sneeze, some of your brain cells die. (So when you are sick you may not be the brightest)



Graduates

Bovina High School teacher Denise Anderson, of Texico, received her master's degree in school administration on Friday at Wayland Baptist University.



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The Bovina varsity tracksters will participate in the Cowboy Relays at Plains on March 13.

The Bovina Middle School teams are entered in the Bobcat Relays at Dimmitt on March 14.

City Manager Jana Pitcock said that effective April 1, the cost of having your water reconnected after being disconnected on the 22nd of the month will be \$50 before 5 p.m., or \$100 any time after 5 p.m.

Also, the cost of extending your payment for a later date will be \$25. Each time, you change the date it will cost an additional \$10.

Some school staff birthdays in March: Kay Venable, on the 8th; Zaide DeLeon, on the 14th; and Bill Bizzell, on the 25th.

Some news from Bovina Elementary School:

-- "Jump for George" contest winners recently were: Ridgelea - Angel Lara, Elizabeth DeLaTorre, Nancy Sanchez; Elementary - Miguel Rodriguez, Bryan DeLaTorre, Allen Hernandez, Felipe Lopez.

-- Lionel Martinez won the quilt raffled off by the 2nd grade class.

-- Olivia McQuigg, a kindergartener, has written a book called "Olivia Wish Book."

It will be available soon and the cost for a hardbound copy is \$15. Call the elementary school to reserve a copy.

Named Academic All-District in basketball were Fillies' Kim Casas, Mayra Gomez, Yesenia Guevara, Alicia Lopez.

Bovina Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Banquet on Saturday at 7 p.m. We had a call that a representative from the office of U.S. Cong. Randy Neugebauer will attend.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. See you there!

Bovina Band is selling Krispy Kream Doughnuts to help raise funds for their trip to San Antonio. To order, just give me a call at (575) 693-3984 or contact the Band office at 251-1317 ext. 233.

Alicia Lopez competed at the power lifting Regionals Saturday in Clyde.

Alicia was in 2nd place all day but was beat out



Banquet speaker

Jim Lewis, a noted humorist from Dallas, will headline the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets for the ribeye steak dinners cost \$15 and will be sold at the door. The Chamber will honor Man and Woman of the Year, Educator of the Year, Students of the Year, and present the annual Heritage Award. All are welcome to attend.

on the dead lift, which is the last lift. She represented Bovina very well.

I cannot begin to tell how proud I am of this incredible young lady. Bovina has had a regional qualifier every year since the program began. The dedication of the students and coaches is incredible.

I would like to give a big thank you to Coaches Arias and Guevara for their time and commitment. It is because of people like them our kids cannot only challenge themselves but dare to dream big.

If you are hungry on a Saturday morning, go by the Snow Cone stand on Hwy, 60, They now sell gorditas, burritos and barbacoa from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Gomez is an amazing cook.

A special note from Mike Pomper:

I read the weekly newsletter column from

Rev. Brian Mullins, of the First Baptist Church of Bovina, last week and I thought it was outstanding.

It talks about how Christians are increasingly becoming the minority in our society, with fewer and fewer folks attending church. And how the Bible tells of the last days when there will be a turning away from the truth.

But folks should not be discouraged but continue working toward Jesus' glory.

Rev. Mullins wrote, "We have just spent the last three months defining our purpose and mission, writing new goals, and praying for a new vision for our church. This has been a great time of renewal for us. Every local church needs those things to survive and thrive in their community."

"Some have considered our small numbers

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District Co-MVP

Mustang Jesus Rocha, pictured, was named Basketball District Co-MVP for his great work during the past season. Also, Gael Vela named All-District. On the Fillies' side, named All-District were Yoselin Rueda and Yesenia Guevara; with Alicia Lopez honorable mention.

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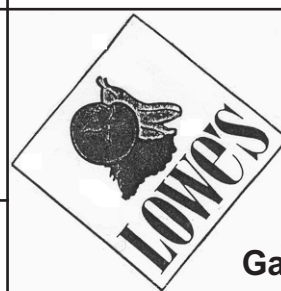
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