

# Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

## \$1,000 pledged to repair Texico pool

A local businessman stopped by the Tribune office last Friday after reading the story in last week's paper about the Texico city pool being closed, likely for good.

His children used the pool and he stressed how important it was for kids in the Twin Cities, since only a few have parents who have memberships at the country club.

So this businessman, who wishes to remain anonymous at this time, said the two businesses that he owns would each donate \$500 toward repairing the pool -- \$1,000 in all.

He urged others to come forward with donations, too, in order to provide enough money to repair the pool.

And he hoped that, somehow, the Texico city council could take a second look at its budget to see what funds might be available.

Persons who would like to donate funds are asked to contact Mike Pomper at the Tribune, 481-3681, with their pledges. No money will be accepted at this time.

At last week's Texico council meeting, it was said that about \$5,000 is needed for all the repairs.

This includes repairing a leak under the concrete, electrical work, painting and preparation, a new pump, and filters.

Also, work is needed at the bath house and a new roof is needed for the pool house, reported street Supt. Matt Meeks.

The businessman who offered the donation wondered if school groups or others could do the labor on the pool house, for example, if someone could purchase the wood.

One idea is for Texico school vocational students to help out.

It is hoped that Texico school officials take a look at this problem to see how they might help.

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A special, very important "thank you" to Leigh Ann Woods, who is leaving the Border Town Days Committee after 11 years of handling the parade lineup.

Ablly assisted over the years by Tori Meeks, each year they rounded up entries for the big parade.

They did a superb job. And they are appreciated.

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I'm very pleased to write about how outstanding the Farwell athletic banquet was on Tuesday.

It's been about six years since this banquet hit the lower depths and was an embarrassment to those who attended.

I remember that time well. I went to then-Supt. Richard Boothby the next day and gave him a choice, to hear directly from me what I thought about that banquet or to read about it in the paper.

He chose the former. And by the end of our meeting, his face had turned red.

Since then, school officials have worked hard to improve the affair. And this year, they hit the top level. As Tiger

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The top award at the athletic banquet, All-Around Athletes, went to Tyler Chadwick and Ashley Crawford.

## Chadwick, Crawford receive Farwell's top athletic honors

"In all my years here, this is the most success ever for Farwell High School athletics," said Supt. Lary Gregory at Tuesday's varsity athletic banquet held at the Farwell Community Center.

The top awards went to Ashley Crawford, All-Around Lady Blue, and to Tyler Chadwick, All-Around Steer.

The banquet capped off a tremendous year for Farwell, which included:

- The girls' basketball team advancing to state for the first time in school history.
- The boys' basketball team winning Bi-District and Area championships.
- The football team winning District.
- The boys' golf team advancing to regionals.
- Both the boys' and girls' tennis doubles teams getting to regionals.
- Several tracksters getting to regionals, and one -- Brett Curtis -- advancing to state.

Several special "thank you's" were given out. J.R. Ivins was appreciated for his team and individual photos. The coaches profusely thanked Sherry Christian for her help. The strong

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## Schwertner joins Farwell school board

Local Texas elections were held on Saturday. Here are the results:

### Lazbuddie School Board

There were two posts open on the Lazbuddie school board since incumbents Steve Foster and Robert Gallman didn't seek re-election.

Elected to the board were Terry Jesko, with 70 votes, and Keith Hicks, with 67.

Also running were Ricky Black, 63 votes; Mike Nichols, 13; LeShea Mason, 15, and Kyle Kimbrough, 41.

### Farwell School Board

Four candidates sought the two open seats on the Farwell School Board.

Incumbent David Norton was re-elected with 83 votes. Mark Schwertner was elected with 46 votes.

Also running were Roberta Howard, with 43 votes, and Greg Acktinson, with 29.

Incumbent Charles Christian didn't seek re-election.

### Farwell Hospital District Board

There were five Farwell Hospital District Board seats open.

Four incumbents seeking re-election won without opposition -- Tom Nichols, 78 votes; Mike Ratke, 77; Jerry Monk, 79; and Jack Allen Kirkland, 81.

Incumbent Joe Haseloff didn't seek re-election. Since no one else signed up to run, the board will pick a replacement.

And soon, the board will need to pick another replacement since board member Beth Harrington will be leaving.

### Bovina Schools

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## Heltons named BTB parade marshals

The Border Town Days Committee named Hal Helton and his mother, Dardanella Helton, as this year's Honorary Parade Marshals.

The Heltons, who own Helton Oil Inc., which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, will ride in the BTB parade and receive awards at the Day in the Park ceremonies.

Helton Oil was started in 1949 by Dardanella and her late husband Joe. The business has grown to 5 outlets employing 10 persons.

Helton Oil has been very active in the Texico-Farwell community with the Heltons serving in important capacities in local club, church and governmental entities.

In other business at the BTB meeting:

-- No one has been found yet to replace Laurie Vandiver as head of the queen's contest.



Hal Helton and his mother, Dardanella Helton.

Anyone who is interested in this position is asked to contact BTB Chairman Jeff Actkinson at 481-3361.

-- Much of the discussion involved the past practice of parade entrants throwing candy from moving vehicles.

Concern was shown for the safety of youths who run toward the vehicles or floats.

Law enforcement officials are working on ways to re-route highway traffic during the parade.

After much discussion, the committee voted that each float must designate walkers to hand out candy to children instead of throwing it from the moving vehicles.

Obviously, this rule is in effect for only those who wish to give out candy.

-- The theme for BTB, set for July 31, is "Reflections of the 1900s."

-- The parade lineup will be handled by Marsha Swerczek,

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The page featured below comes from the Feb. 13, 1908, special issue of "The Farwell Times." The Tribune is publishing all 32 pages of that special

issue, which featured biographies of local leading citizens of the time, plus features and advertisements. We hope you enjoy this look back at our area's history

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**BTD meeting**

who replaces Leigh Ann Woods.

She can be contacted at 482-9067.

Persons who want to be in the parade need to call her. She will also line up the antique vehicles and tractors.

The bicycle contest will continue as it has in the past. Even if there are not many contestants, those who are interested should have a chance to show their creativity and interest.

Rev. Richard Laverty is in charge of getting the buttons made. This is a key fundraiser.

New ideas were discussed for the events at the Day in the Park. These included:

A jail to lock up people, or with a scary looking person inside; a pile of sawdust with hidden coins for children to search for; a photographer taking pictures of children riding the rain or wearing old fashioned costumes as a fundraiser.

The parade may include an Ugly Pickup Contest. If you would like to have your vehicle participate, call Mrs. Swerczek in Texico.

Frances Kube reported that there will be another ex-Farwell students reunion the night before BTD, on Friday.

**Election**

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Elected to the Bovina School Board were incumbent Susan Kerby, 125 votes, and Josie Alonzo-Coffey, 141.

Also running was incumbent Justin Brozek, 104 votes.

**Bovina City Council**  
Elected were incumbents Kevin Hughes, 77 votes; Charles Wilkins, 80, and Linda Marshall, 69.

Also running was Bill Gist, 32 votes.

**Farwell City Council**

There was no election to the Farwell City Council since the incumbents had no opponents.

Thus, mayor Jimmie Mace and councilmen John Carlson and Jerry Stover were re-elected.

**Friona City Council**

Three seats were open.

Elected were Mark Neill, 137 votes, and Mark Osborn, 141. Re-elected was John Gurley, 129 votes.

Also running were Sandra Turner, 123 votes; Clint Mears, 84, and incumbent Robert Jones, 108.

**Friona School Board**

Incumbents Jayson Grimley, with 276 votes, and Alan Monroe, with 322, were re-elected.

Also running was Dee King, with 120 votes.

**Farwell**  
Monday - fried chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

Tuesday - ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce leaf, dill spears, chips, cookie, apple sauce milk.

Wednesday - beefy nachos, taco salad, corn, apricot cobbler, milk.

Thursday - chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, apple sauce, milk.

Friday - sub sandwich, lettuce leaf, dill spears, chips, apple slices, ice cream milk.

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Wednesday - enchilada casserole, refried beans, salad, crackers, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday - hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday - sandwiches with tator tots, lettuce, pickles, cookies, milk.

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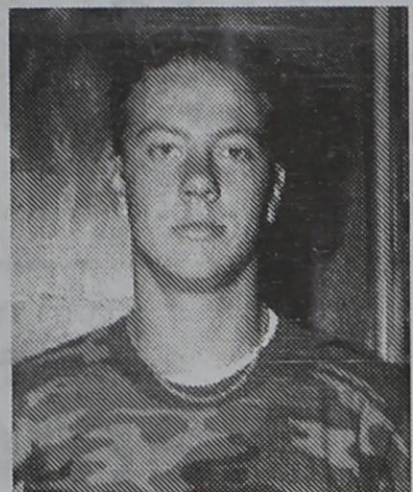
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July 20, at the Clovis Holiday Inn.

Charlie Phillips will again headline this event.

The committee hopes more musical units will enter the parade. All musicians and musical groups are encouraged to participate.

This year's giveaway will be hosted by the Farwell Volunteer Fire Department as a fund-raiser.



Brett Curtis

**Curtis wins triple jump at regionals**

Brett Curtis will represent Farwell High School at the Texas State High School Track and Field meet in Austin May 14 and 15.

Brett won first place in the triple jump during regional competition in Abilene April 30 and May 1. His jump of 45-11.75 and a second place finish in the high jump (6'-8") gained him two berths in the state competition.

The Farwell boys varsity track team was in a three-way tie with Hamlin and Jim Ned after Friday's competition for 7th place. They dropped completely out of the 1st through 10th place standing after Saturday's competition.

The Farwell Lady Blue track team had no top finishers for the regional competition.

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**New cotton co-op progressing**

by Teresa Mesman

Ron Riley, manager of the Parmer County Cotton Growers Coop, is pleased with the progress of the newly formed cooperative.

The month of April was the time for area cotton growers to contract for the marketing pool. Riley reports that a little over 16,000 acres were contracted last month. He is now signing growers up for the Denim Mill option. Contracting for this option will continue through the month of June.

The Denim Mill option qualifies cotton to be sent to the denim textile mills in Littlefield or New Braunfels, Texas.

Construction on the new gin facilities is currently only two to three days behind schedule due to the rains last week. The gin is slated to be completed in early September and Riley is optimistic that this goal date will still be met because the overall construction schedule is still on course.

Riley is seeing that the area farmers are optimistic about their crops this year.

"The farmers that I've spoken to that haven't had a chance to get their corn planted are really thinking about planting cotton," he said. "We're going to be up and running by that

time and they'll have a great place to bring that crop!"

Ron Riley considers this area to be a great place as well, particularly since moving here is like coming home to him. He was born and raised in Portales.

"I'm kin to nearly all the Terry's and the Riley's in and around Portales and Clovis," he laughingly stated.

He graduated from Portales High School in 1966 and attended Eastern New Mexico University for a time. He met his wife Carolyn in Portales where her family served as house parents at the Church of Christ Children's Home outside of Portales. They married in 1967 and are the proud parents of four children.

Their oldest daughter Jane, lives in Midland as does their daughter Crystal, who is a Psychotherapist. Their oldest son Clarence moved to Farwell with the family to work at the new gin and their son Dereck is a seventh grader at Farwell Jr. High. They are also the proud grandparents of one grandson that lives in Midland.

The Parmer County Cotton Growers Coop is being temporarily headquartered in the Byrd Realty office at 3rd and Ave. D in Farwell.

**Meeks receives scholarship**

Farwell High School senior Megen Meeks was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

It will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per semester for two semesters.

She was one of five seniors in the Deaf Smith area to receive the honor.

Funds for the scholarships come from unclaimed funds.



Megen Meeks

**Marshal's Report**

The Texico marshal's office reports all quiet last week.

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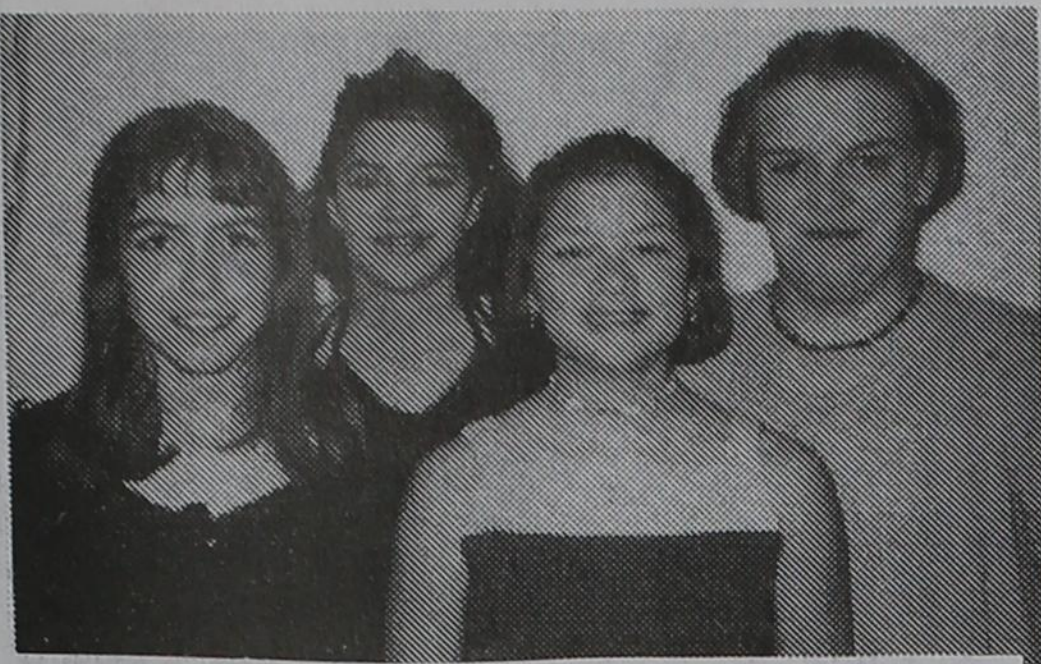
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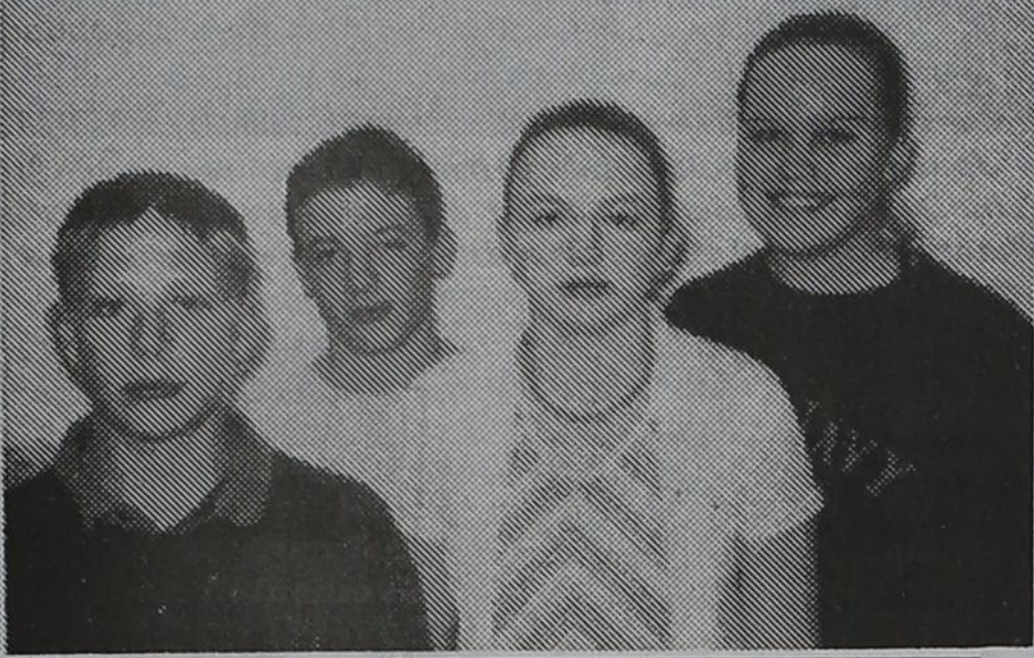
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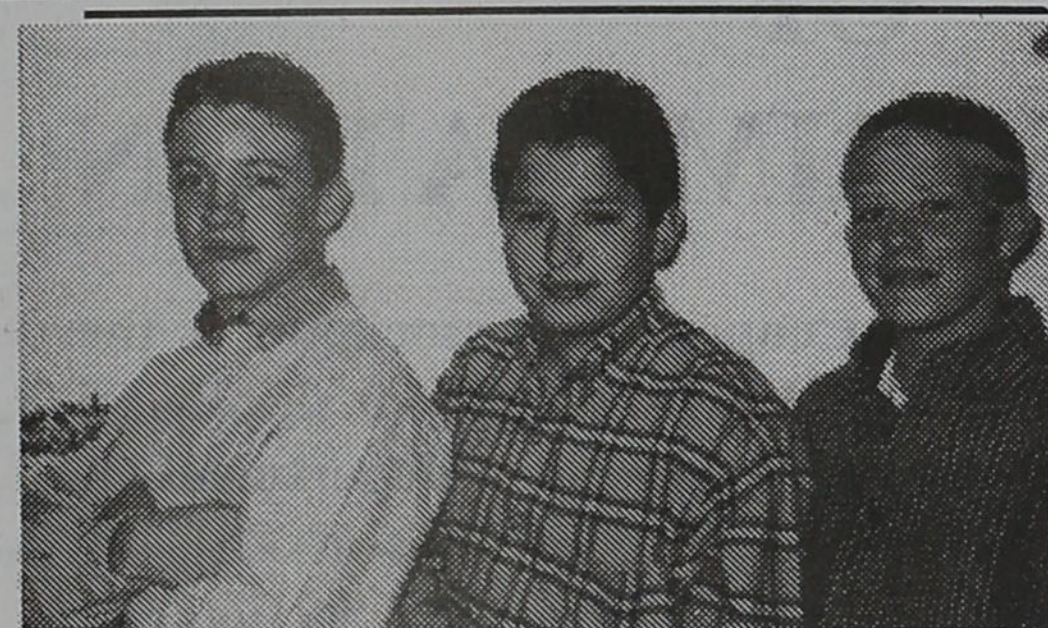
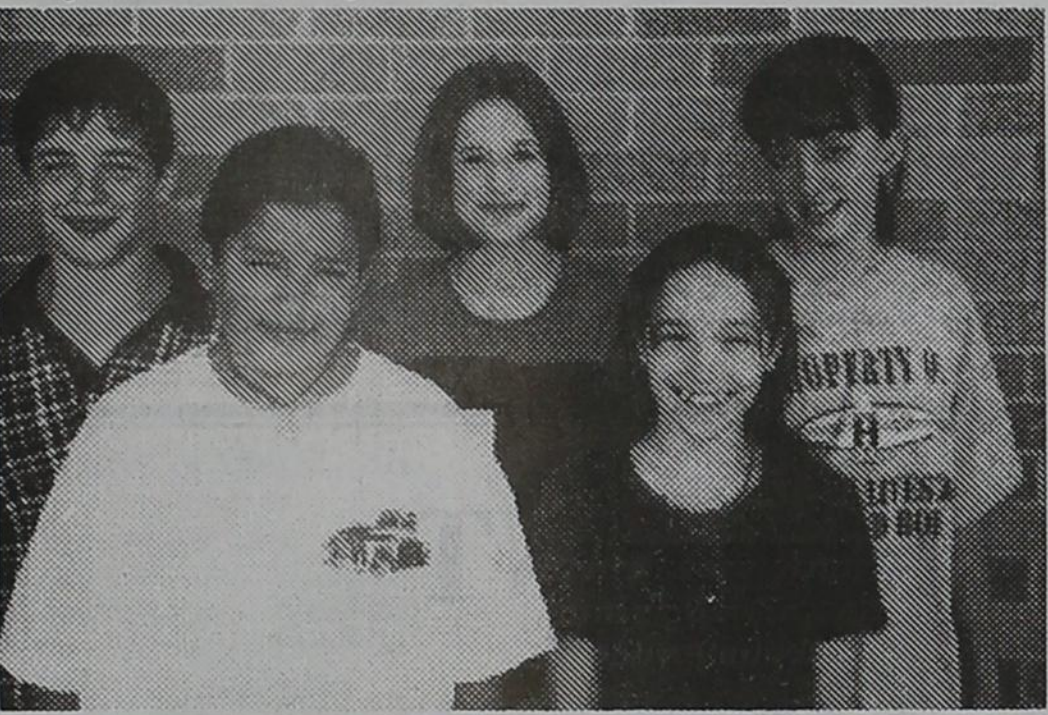
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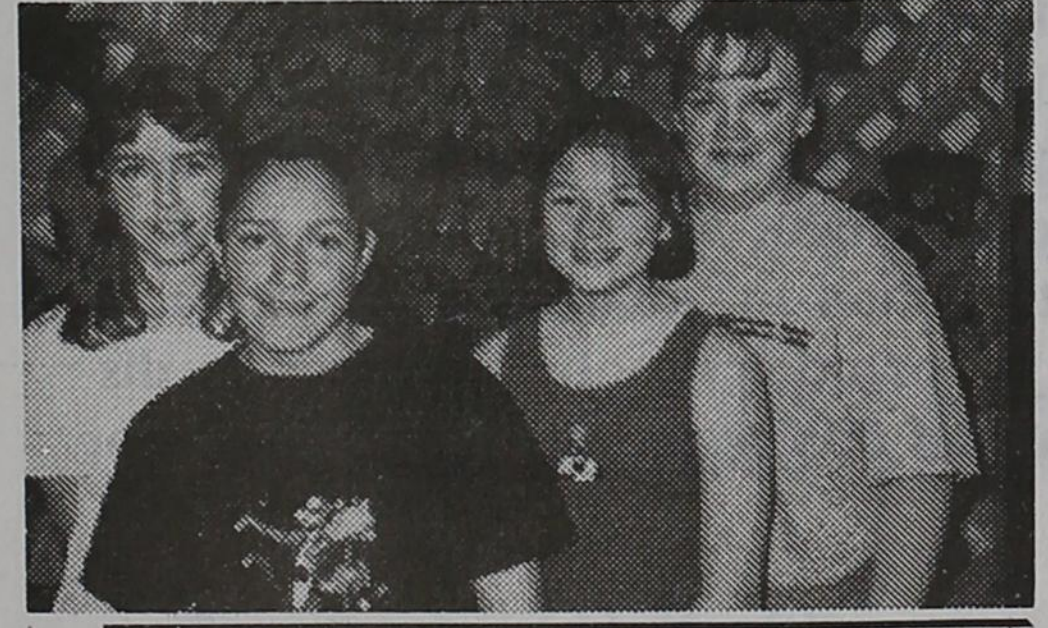
The 7th grade UIL winners were above, from left, Nicole Lewandowski, Suzanne Aragon, Bethenie Sanchez and Kellie Harris. Below, Sterling Via, Shonnah Black, Kolby Wilkerson and Shawndee Nichols.



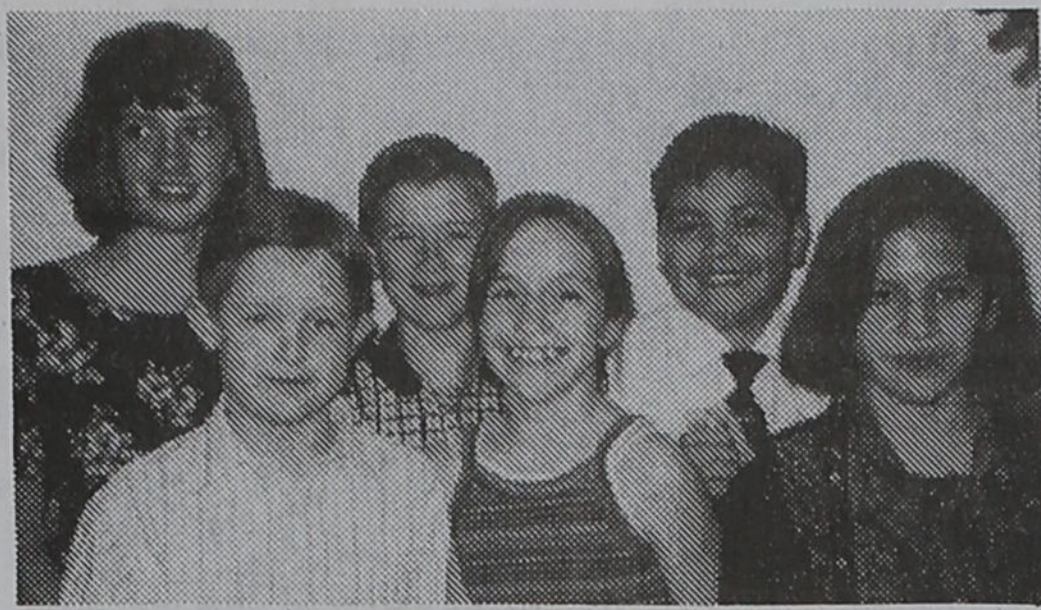
Outstanding Students were, above from left, Shawndee Nichols, Ana Hernandez, Nicole Lewandowski, Miriam Hernandez and Tobin Redwine. Below are, from left, Robby Martin, Raul Mata, Brittany Brakebill, Kaylee Burnett and Mandy Haney.



On the 7th grade A/B Honor Roll were above, from left, Kolby Wilkerson, Raul Mata and Sterling Via. Below, from left, Nicole Lewandowski, Amanda Martinez, Bethenie Sanchez and Kelli Harris.



The top 8th grade students were Andy Martin, left, son of Linda and Tommy Martin, and Tobin Redwine, son of Debra and Bobby Redwine.



The 6th grade UIL winners were, back row from left, Mandy Haney, Trevor Gartin and Lucas DeLeon; front row, Brett Mimms, Kaylee Burnett and Taryn Burnett.



Students of the Year were Tobin Redwine, son of Debra and Bobby Redwine, and Shonnah Black, daughter of Sarah and Ricky Black.



On the 6th grade A/B honor roll were, from left, Mandy Haney, Kaylee Burnett, Ana Hernandez, Melanie Winders and Chris DeLeon.



On the 7th grade A/B Honor Roll were, from left, Tobin Redwine, Andy Martin, Brady Mimms and Lucas DeLeon.

### Redwine, Black named Lazbuddie JH Students of the Year

The Lazbuddie Junior High School academic banquet was held on April 20. Students honored are featured in the adjacent photos.

#### Fire Calls

The Farwell ambulance was called to 204 Ave. A on May 2 to transport a person to Clovis hospital.

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On the 8th grade A Honor Roll were, from left, Katy Loudder, Shonna Black, Shawndee Nichols and Robby Martin.



The 8th grade UIL winners were, from left, Brady Mimms, Michelle Puckett, Lucas DeLeon, Brittany Brakebill and Andy Martin.

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**Athletic banquet**

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Booster Club was acknowledged. Gary Cates, who has resigned as boys' varsity basketball coach, was given a special fun award by the other coaches. And it was announced that the free throw contest winners were Doug Boyd and Chelsi Woods.

The Principal's Award, for student athletes with the highest grade point average and participating in at least two sports, went to Britney Hunt, 4.0 gpa, and Jourdan Nichols, 3.8 gpa.

Britney Hunt also received the Farwell Chamber of Commerce award for a student athlete without having a grade poing a "B."

The Student Council sportsmanship awards were won by Ramsey Bennett and Brett Curtis.

The U.S. Marine Corps' Distinguished Athlete Awards went to Tyler Chadwick and Megan Miller.

Winners of the football honors were: Tyler Chadwick, offensive player; Michael Ancira, defensive player; Matt Schwertner, WIN; and Michael Ancira, Big Hit.

Girls' basketball awards went to: Ashley Crawford, MVP; Megan Miller, WIN; and Chelsi Kaltwasser, defense.

Boys' basketball awards went to: Brett Curtis, MVP; Clint Corn, PRIDE, and Tyler Chadwick, defense.

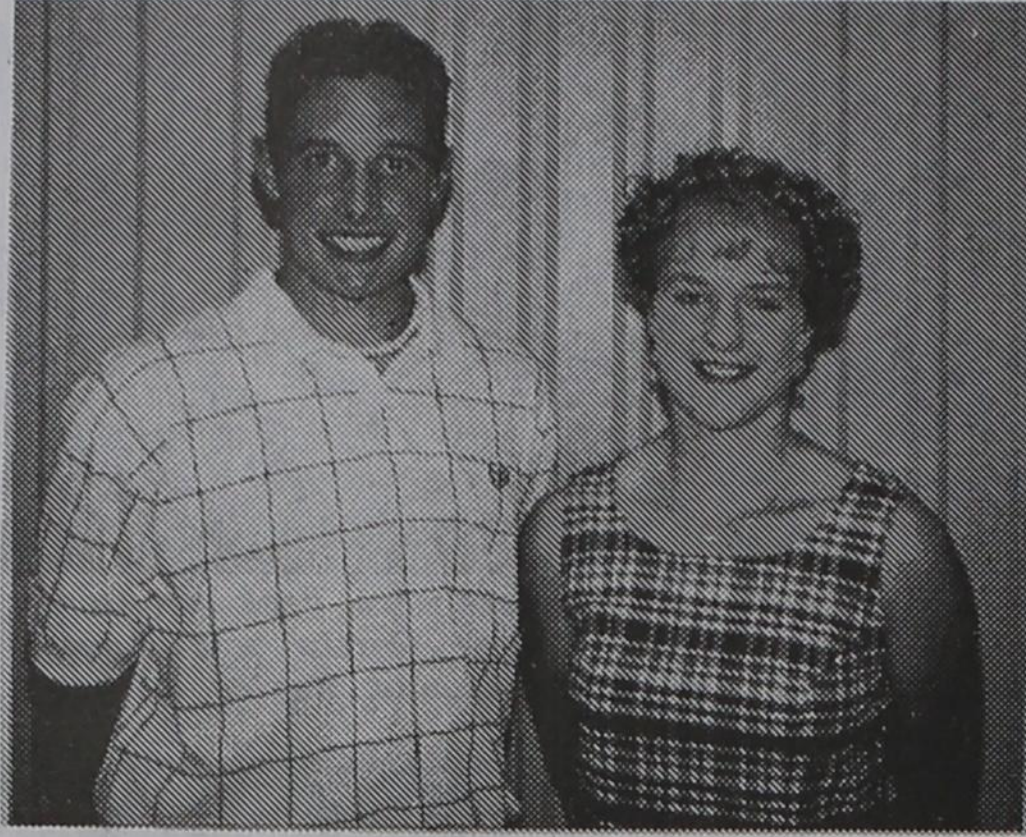
Most Valuable Player awards were given to: Brett Curtis, boys' track; Ramsey Bennett, girls' track; Lisa Herington, girls' golf; Tyler Chadwick, boys' golf.

It was noted that Tyler Chadwick was the district champion. And Ramsey Bennett set a school record in the 300 hurdles.

Other Most Valuable Players went to: Cristie Tabb, cross country; Ruben Marquez, power lifting; Kinzi Woods and Jessica Chandler, girls' tennis; and Shane Roberts and Tyler Chadwick, boys' tennis.

It was noted that Marquez had a 1,195 lift this year.

The doubles teams of Woods and Chandler, and Chadwick and Roberts made it to regionals.



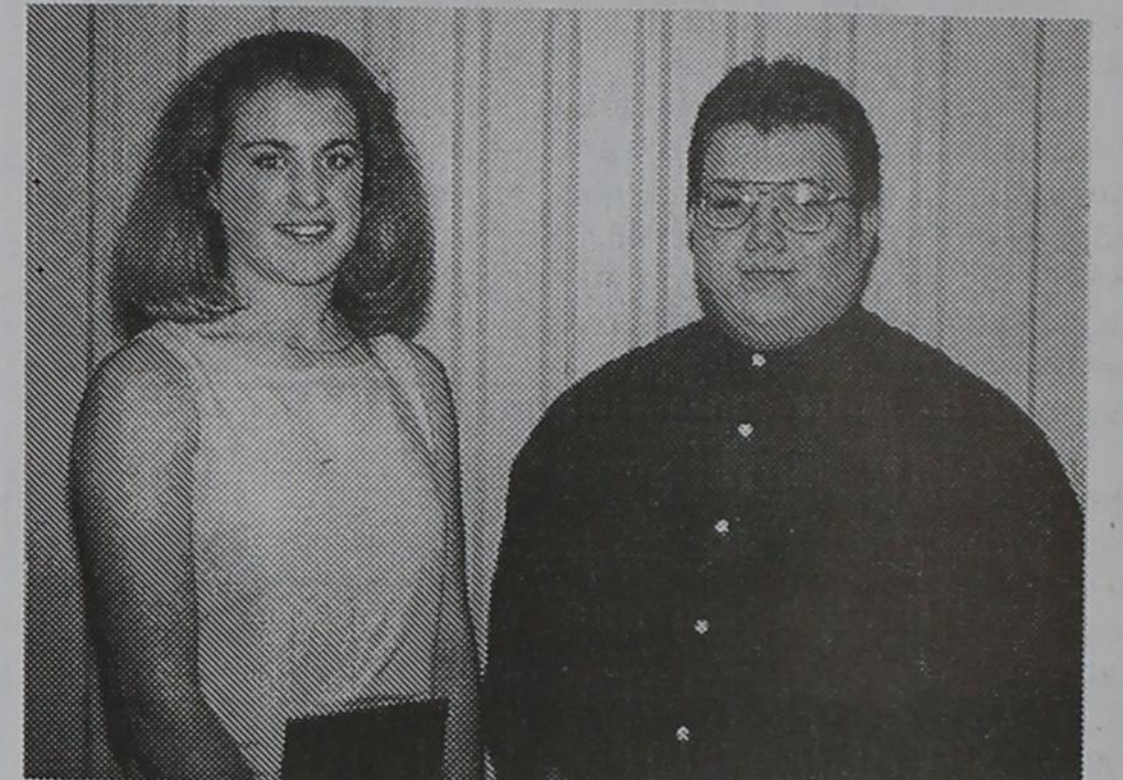
The Marine Corps' Distinguished Athlete awards were given to Tyler Chadwick and Megan Miller.



Jourdan Nichols and Britney Hunt received the Principal's Awards. Ms. Hunt also received the Farwell Chamber of Commerce award.



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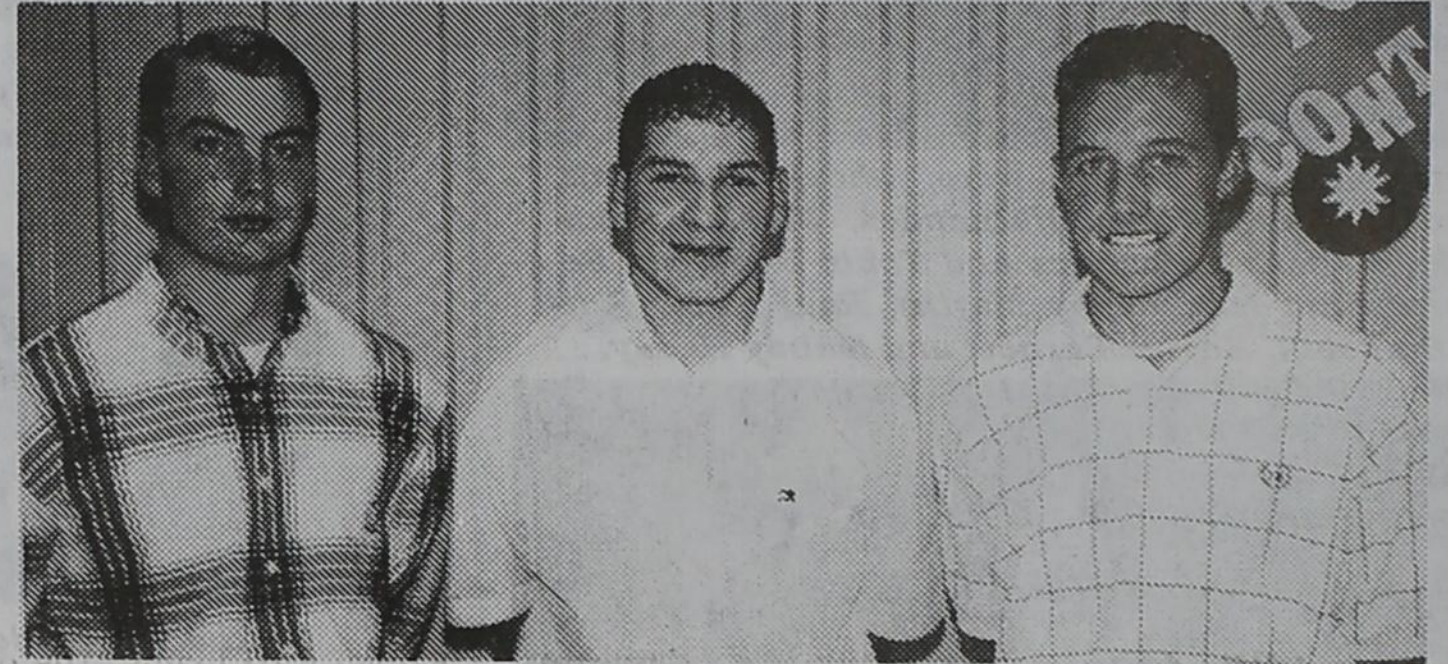
Girls' basketball honors went to, from left, Megan Miller, Ashley Crawford and Chelsi Kaltwasser.

**Cheerleaders announced**

Fawell varsity cheerleaders for next year will be:

Megan Miller, Leesa Patterson, Jessica Chandler, Cassie Street, D'Anna DeLeon, Kenzie Gabriel, Lacey Actkinson, and Carrie Stevenson.

The mascot will be Karissa Foster.



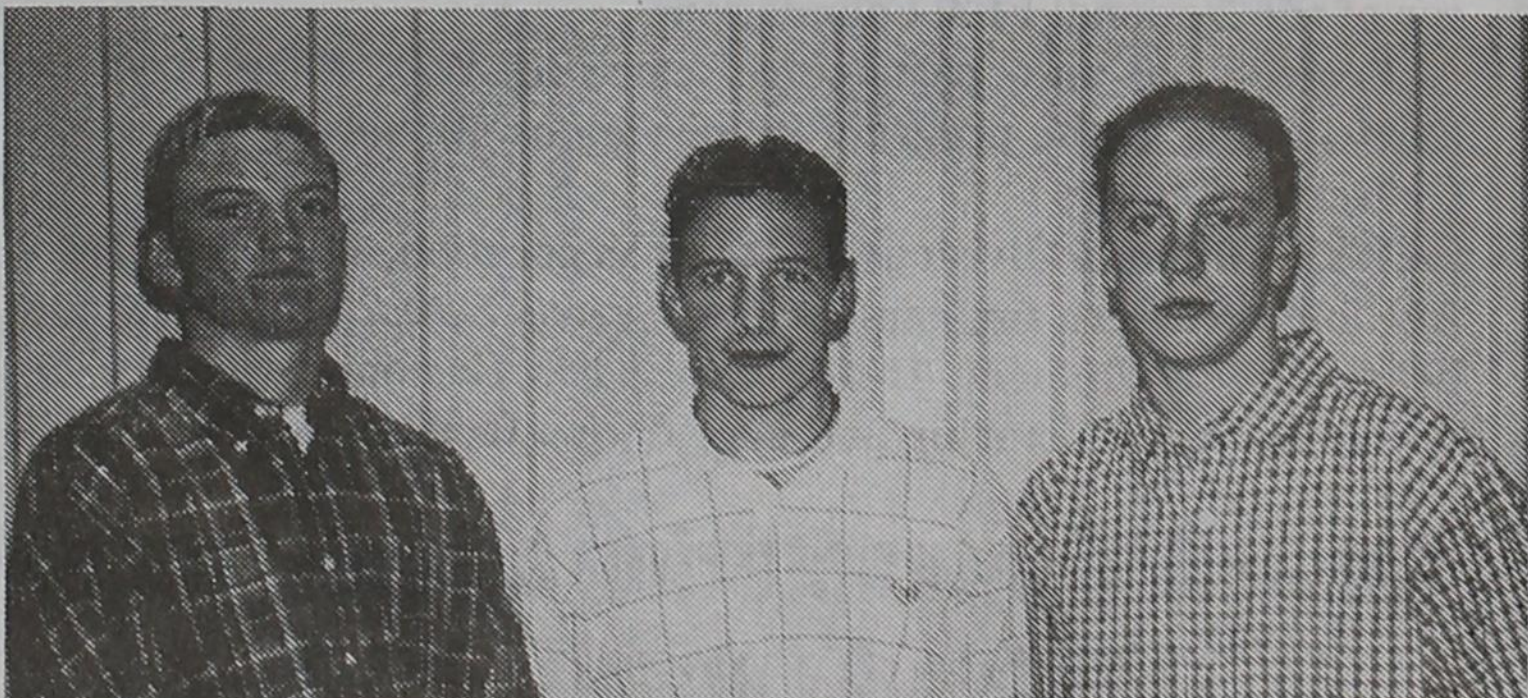
Football honors went to, from left, Matt Schwertner, Michael Ancira and Tyler Chadwick.



Tennis Most Valuable Players were, from left, Kinzi Woods, Jessica Chandler, Tyler Chadwick and Shane Roberts.



Most Valuable Player honors went to, from left: Tyler Chadwick, boys' golf; Lisa Herington, girls' golf; Ramsey Bennett, girls' track; and Brett Curtis, boy's track.



Boys' basketball honors went to, from left, Clint Corn, Tyler Chadwick and Brett Curtis.

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# If a tornado comes, do you know what to do?

by Teresa Mesman

With the news of the devastating tornadoes that hit Oklahoma City and Kansas this week, I began wondering just how residents in this area are alerted to take cover from tornadoes that are sighted in the region.

I knew that the cities of Farwell, Bovina and Friona had tornado sirens in town that were turned on to warn the city residents. But what about those families that live in the country, like mine?

I contacted Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger about the situation. He felt that this was a very appropriate subject to discuss with the onset of the severe weather season.

"Currently, if we are contacted by the National Weather Service alerting us to possible tornadoes for the area, we have it put onto the cable service to run an alert via television, although this only serves the city residents for the most part. For the rural families, we will make as many possible phone calls to families to alert them. Most of the time this will also start a phone network of sorts, too which helps get the word out. We'll also put as many deputy patrol cars out into the country with sirens and public address systems going to warn folks," Yerger explained.

However, Yerger was quick to state that the rural sections are the weakest link in the communication of impending tornadic activity.

The rural sections of Parmer County receive television broadcasts via translator towers from the four major networks out Amarillo that carry weather warnings. KVII-ABC channel 43, KAMR-NBC channel 45, KFDA-CBS channel 26 and KICT-FOX channel 47 all do an excellent job of keeping track of the weather conditions all over the Texas Panhandle. Rural residents are urged to tune in to one of these network affiliates for up to the minute weather watches and warnings.

I was also curious about how West Texas Rural Telephone came into play in warning rural residents about tornadoes. I knew that, in some cities, the phone companies had a triggering mechanism on their phone systems that would systematically ring residential telephones to alert residents to take cover.

West Texas Rural Telephone cooperative does not have this type of system for widespread warning. They have a system for the volunteer Fire Departments, but in order to serve the area that they cover, it would require too much electrical power to ring all the phones at once. The

representative that I spoke with stated that WTRT stays on top of the phone service during severe weather with their emergency operation systems in order to keep the phone service up and running. This, of course, is extremely critical during the storms for communication to the electrical service companies, fire and police departments and Emergency Medical Services.

With the lack of warning devices available to rural residents, Sheriff Yerger urges the use of common sense and instinct.

"It's always better to be safe than sorry if you're suspecting a tornado," said Sheriff Yerger. "It may seem like a rather dumb thing after the fact to have sat in your basement or hallway for three hours but it's better than having to deal with the 'if only's' or the 'what ifs' in the event of an actual tornado."

Many times a persons instinct will tell them if a tornado is coming. Symptoms from "just a feeling" to hair standing up on the back of one's neck or arms, a severe headache, trouble breathing, or feeling the thickness in the air to even smelling one coming have been reported for decades as instinctual signs. Feeling the air will go from hot to cool or cool to hot almost instantaneously is another sign to pay heed to as well.

Another common sign, that comes almost too late is "hearing" a tornado coming. The sound of a thundering freight train is the sound tornadoes have been most likened to.

The Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico are directly in the section of the United States known as "Tornado Alley." While there have been tornadoes spotted each season for the past decade, and some have touched down and done damage, the region hasn't experienced or had a big threat of tornadic

activity for the past several years. This has been due to the droughtlike conditions that set in across the region and the state of Texas. The conditions that usually spawn tornadoes from the moisture coming up from the Gulf of Mexico hasn't been prevalent in the past five years, according to meteorologists at the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

They also explained that this season is expected to be one of the most severe for tornadoes, high winds, lightning and thunder storms, hail and rain. This is due to the double whammy that the southern portion of the U.S. is experiencing from one year of the El Nino weather pattern that has then been immediately followed by the La Nina weather pattern.

Drought-like conditions stabilized the warm air in the atmosphere into a settled geographic region - right over this portion of the U.S. Now, gulf stream winds and moisture fronts from the Gulf of Mexico are now penetrating this area. This by itself does not cause tornadic activity, but coupled with the cooler air coming over this region from the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans from both directions and the combination of hot and cold atmospheres colliding bring about the right conditions for tornadoes. This is simply put, but the science of creating a tornado is very simple. It's figuring out where and when a tornado will touch down that's the hard part.

Tornadoes are nothing to mess around with and getting to safety quickly is the only way to deal with them. Several weeks ago, the Tribune carried an ad from the Five Area Telephone Service in Muleshoe that outlined the steps of tornado safety. I hope that everyone paid heed to these steps or will at least take the time to outline a safety plan with their families.

The first thing is to determine the safest place for cover in your home. If you have a storm shelter or basement, then you are almost guaranteed a safe haven. If you don't have access to a place like that, then go to a central location in your home that is window free and surrounded by load bearing walls. A centrally located bathroom is considered ideal due to the depth of the plumbing and the load bearing nature of central rooms. If you are outdoors, seek shelter in a deep ditch, well house or under a strong structure, such as a railway trestle or highway overpass.

Never, ever try to outrun a tornado in a car or on foot. Forget what happened in the movie "Twister," the actual odds of surviving are slim to none.

If you have any questions or concerns about the weather or impending storms/tornadoes and are not getting information from the television or local authorities, you can call the National Weather Service in Lubbock at (806) 745-1058 or in Amarillo at (806) 335-1121.

## 80th birthday celebrated

Evelyn Mitchell celebrated her 80th birthday at her Farwell home on May 5.

Cake and punch were served by Shannon Radford and Ashley Wideman.

She spent the afternoon visiting and taking pictures.

Attending were her daughter, Shirley Mitchell; Blane, Cody and Randall Radford; Cary, Joy, Shannan and Brady Radford; Julie Ashley, and Bryan Wideman.



Evelyn Mitchell

## Recipe of Week

### BEEF TENDERLOIN

- 1/8 cup coarse salt
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 tsp chopped shallots
- 1/2 tsp chopped rosemary
- 1/2 tsp chopped sage
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1 1/2 lbs beef tenderloin

Three hours before cooking, rub salt over tenderloin. For marinade, blend vinegar, shallots, rosemary, sage, black pepper and red wine in blender. Pour the marinade over beef. Let rest one hour, turning and bathing every 15 minutes. Grill to desired temperature. Yields 6 servings.

## 3-on-3 hoop tourney scheduled

A Farwell 3-on-3 basketball tourney will be held on May 14-15.

Proceeds will go to the Farwell AAU teams. The deadline is May 11. To enter, call Jana Pitcock at 769-9071 or Dawn Diaz at 481-3840.

Prizes will be awarded to first place teams.

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**Farwell School cafeteria raided!**

As a fun thing to do on April 21, Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa made the spaghetti and other police officers helped serve it to Farwell School students. Pictured above is state trooper Craig Hunt doing his thing. Below are, from left, McGaa, Parmer County sheriff's deputy Junior Lopez and Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger.



**Rain falls**

"Raining, raining, raining" was the key phrase to describe the end of last week. The region received differing amounts of rain, but the beneficial moisture will be a boon to the crops. Sherley-Anderson-Pitman grain elevators in Farwell received 1.50" of rain total. Reports from farmers south of Farwell reported amounts from 2" to 2.10". Sherley-Anderson grain in Lazbuddie reported 1.50" and 1.08" for the areas east of Lazbuddie. Sherley-Anderson grain in Lariat reported .04" for April 29, .34" for April 30 and .41" for May 1.

There were no reports of hail or wind damage from around the region. Pea to marble size hail fell several times during the passing of the storm fronts. Wind speeds up to 45 miles an hour were reported in Curry County and Northeastern Parmer County.

*Courthouse Notes*

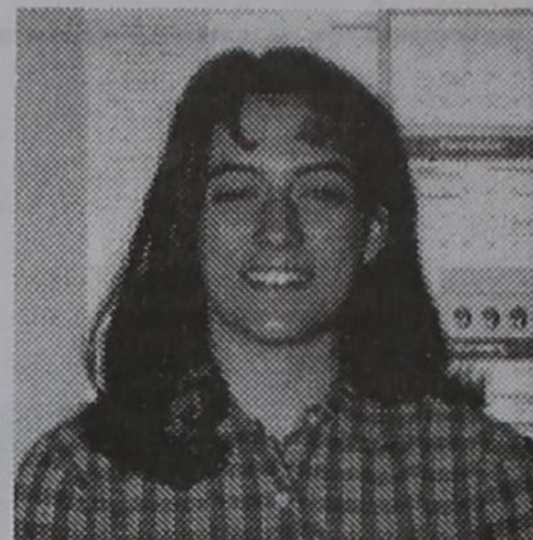
The following warranty deeds were recorded in the Parmer County clerk's office last week:  
 Wade Cargile -- Preston Cargile, lots 13-16, Blk. 37, Farwell.  
 Thomas Hamilton - JeDon Gallman, lot 1 & N2 of Lot 2, Blk. 8, Staley Add.  
 Vicki Chilton - Farwell Schools, lots 11-16, Blk. 38, OT Farwell.  
 James Southword - Harold Southword, E1/2 S17; T4 1/2S, R5E, Capital.  
 Margaret Kelley - Harold Southword, same as above.



In back from left are David Campos, Bart Guillen, Kyra Kimbrough and Joaquin Campos; in front, Kenton Randolph, Andrea Solano, Leticia Mendoza and Dylan Haney.

**Lazbuddie pupils recognized**

Students of the Month for May at Lazbuddie Elementary School are:  
 Pre-kindergarten: Kenton Randolph, son of LynEldon and Pat Randolph.  
 Kindergarten: Andrea Solano, daughter of Osvaldo and Maria Solano.  
 1st grade: Dylan Haney, son of Greg and Netta Haney.  
 2nd grade: Bart Guillen, son of Gavino and Esperanza Guillen, and Leticia Mendoza, daughter of Juan and Hortencia Mendoza.  
 3rd grade: Joaquin Campos, son of Johnny and Sylvia Campos.  
 4th grade: Kyra Kimbrough, daughter of Kyle and Kim Kimbrough.  
 5th grade: David Campos, son of Johnny and Sylvia Campos.



Chelsi Kaltwasser

**Kaltwasser qualifies for state UIL meet**

Farwell High School's Chelsi Kaltwasser will compete in the state academic meet in computer applications. She placed first at the district meet in Hale Center and 2nd at the regional contest in Abilene, thus qualifying her for the state contest. Chelsi will be accompanied to Austin by her mother, and Dorris White, computer applications coach. Chelsi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kaltwasser. The contest will be May 8 at 8 a.m. at the University of Texas campus.

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**LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

Notice to Bidders  
 The Farwell Independent School District is accepting sealed bids for parking lot paving at three locations on school property. For complete specifications, contact Supt. Larry Gregory at 481-3371.  
 Bids will be accepted until 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 1999, at the Farwell ISD superintendent's office, Drawer F, Farwell, TX 79325, at which time they will be opened by the school board.  
 The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
 Larry Gregory  
 Superintendent

Notice to Bidders  
 The Farwell Independent School District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the house and boxcar at 611 Seventh St., Farwell, TX. The house is to be moved at buyer's expense within 30 days of purchase.  
 A bid on the boxcar can be made separately.  
 Bids will be accepted until 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 1999, at the Farwell ISD superintendent's office, Drawer F, Farwell, TX 79325, at which time they will be opened by the school board.  
 To see the property or if you have any questions, contact Supt. Larry Gregory at (806) 481-3371.  
 The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
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Notice to All Persons Having Claims Against the Estate of Hattie Turner  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Hattie Turner, deceased, was issued to the Independent Executor on the 31st day of March, 1999, in the proceeding indicated below his signature hereto, which is still pending, and that the said Independent Executor now holds such Letters.  
 All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County of Parmer, are hereby required to present the same to him, Jack Turner, the Independent Executor of the said Estate at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.  
 The mailing address is HCR 1, Box 44, Bovina, Texas 79009, being in the County of Parmer and State of Texas.  
 Dated this the 20th day of April, 1999.  
 Jack Turner  
 Independent Executor  
 Estate of Hattie Turner  
 Deceased, No. 2366, in the  
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Ordinance No. 291  
 An order establishing regulations for grave sites and landscaping in the new (east) portion of the cemetery.  
 Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Texico, New Mexico, on April 29, 1999.  
 Marie Christian  
 Mayor

Attest:  
 Teresa Harth  
 City Clerk

**Financial Focus**  
 by Glen O'Rear

More than 11 years have passed since the day the stock market lost 508 points and 22 percent of its value - Oct. 19, 1987. Anyone in the financial services industry can tell you what they were doing that day. It was difficult to obtain a reasonable evaluation of what was happening: the biggest challenge was to stay calm and not panic.  
 Of course, we now know that investors who sat tight and stayed the course were rewarded. Mutual fund shareholders may have fared the best. According to Lipper Analytical Services, almost every growth and growth and income fund with history of 10 or more years has more than doubled since the crash.  
 In 1987, the year of the crash, mutual fund assets were less than \$800 billion. Today, they're approaching \$5 trillion.  
 There are many reasons for this growth. Foremost are the huge expansions in the number of funds and the variety of investment options. At one time, investors achieved portfolio diversification by selecting a few stocks in different industries. But effective diversification was possible only in larger portfolios. Mutual funds offered small investors the first opportunity for real diversification. Then the industry began assembling more specialized funds to offer different objectives and varying degrees of risk.  
 Today, investors can choose from an extensive menu of mutual fund types. They can go from global investing to owning part of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index; from health and technology to gold and precious metals; Pacific region investing to the emerging European markets. It's all accomplished by selecting from almost 8,000 different mutual funds.  
 Through all this growth, one thing about mutual funds remains the same: they are designed for long-term investing. Good markets and quick profits can make investors shortsighted, likely to sell at the first decline. But as history has shown, if your objective is clear and you've selected the proper funds, hang in there. You'll likely be rewarded.  
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**Banter**

Woods would say, they were on their "A game."

Longtime readers know how I have said that the Lazbuddie athletic banquet was second to none. Over the years, this banquet has remained top-notch. But now, Farwell has also reached that level.

Farwell folks who missed Tuesday's banquet missed a great, great show. And before I forget, a special thanks needs to go to the Farwell Booster Club for their welcome hand in the activities. The club was strong this past year.

The video shown (although the sound system wasn't working, darn!) was really nifty.

The food was delicious. Rick Ketcherside and the folks who cooked the steaks should get a standing O for their efforts. Really tasty. And, obviously, the Farwell cafeteria ladies did their usual super job.

But what really impressed me about the Farwell affair were the programs which listed every -- I repeat, every -- varsity athlete in each sport and had something positive to say about them.

I fully realize that this took a lot of extra work by the coaches. But I cannot state enough how important this is for the students and their parents.

Some of you folks may have had star athletes as your children. But for most of us, our kids were not the stars. To be able to read something positive about them from the coaches is very, very special. And truly appreciated.

Those programs will remain as family mementos for their rest of those students' and parents' lives.

Another nice touch to the banquet was having the junior high and JV athletes stand and be recognized. A strong plus!

Gosh, it feels good to write about this banquet on such a positive note. Congratulations to Supt. (and athletic director) Larry Gregory and his fine staff -- good job!

P.S. And what makes this really special is knowing what a fine group of coaches that work at Farwell Schools, both as professionals and as persons. Farwell is very fortunate

at this time.

Speaking of banquets, I just want to mention what I have said in the past couple of years about the Farwell honors banquet.

The banquet was held in April at the Cannon Air Force Base officers club. It featured a professional musician, a wonderful buffet supper and a speaker.

As I have written in the past, it's great when a school gives its honor students top-notch treatment, too.

Too often, the emphasis is put on the athletics. And I think that is wrong.

So I completely concur with what Farwell Schools have done the past few years -- give the honor students the same respect that the athletes receive.

Farwell School is a leader in this respect.



Another note on the Farwell athletic banquet:

I've only lived here for 15 years and obviously don't know who all the star athletes at have been.

But I believe I am on safe ground when I say that Tyler Chadwick is the finest all-around athlete ever to play for the Steers.

Tyler, the son of James and Tanya Chadwick, had a year most of us can only dream about.

He is the first Farwell athlete ever to go to regionals in three sports -- golf, tennis, and track.

Add to that the fact that he was a starter on the football and basketball teams! And those teams were not too shabby.

The basketball team won Bi-District and Area, and the football team, which Tyler quarterbacked, won District.

Am I missing a sport?

Tyler is only a junior, and will be back next year. But he already has made his mark.

Congratulations, Mr. Chadwick -- you have earned the right to be called the finest athlete ever to wear the blue and white of Farwell High School.

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From Teresa Mesman:  
Alert the media! I found myself in the kitchen and made -- totally from scratch, two pies this past weekend.

This would normally not be such an earthshaking event, but to those who know me and/or have tasted my cooking, this feat of accomplishment is one for the record books.

It was raining and the boys and I were housebound. They wanted something sweet to eat. The selection of sweets on-hand in my pantry ranged from a log of Almond Bark that was so old and hard that it is now a hot plate trivet to a boxed cake mix with a picture of Betty Crocker's great-grandmother on the front. It had definitely been awhile since I had bought anything sweet to eat or prepare.

I lamely offered a stick of gum to one son and handed the wrapper to the other to lick the sugar off as a gesture of my best intentions.

It then dawned on me that I had a new pie recipe to try out. I said a prayer for guidance, bit my lip and set out to make the pies.

I told myself to strictly follow the ingredients - a pinch of salt is not a handful, a cap of vanilla is not a cup of vanilla and so on. I have had trouble in the past with my liberal approach to adding ingredients in my cooking! I once thought that if it called for a teaspoon of something then a cup of the stuff should make it taste even better!

I mixed, I whipped, I

poured and voile' ... a substance and shape that resembled a pie developed before my children's amazed eyes. My oldest son checked the pies in the oven several times to insure that they weren't about to blow up or cause smoke damage. (Yes, another problem we've had in the past.)

I was so proud of my accomplishment that I called my mother. She wept and was speechless.

I called my grandparents, from whom I gleaned the new pie recipe several weekends ago. I proudly reported the event. I heard the sound of someone falling over shrieking "Is the family okay?"

My grandmother paused and drew in a deep breath before stating, "I'll call the relatives."

But the true test of my bake-fest would be given by my loving husband.

If he didn't turn right around and leave the kitchen at first sight, they would be appealing-looking.

If he didn't spit out, gag or constantly chew without being able to swallow or speak, then they were neither toxic or disgusting tasting.

The moment of truth came at lunch. I announced beforehand that I had made dessert and quickly added that it was from a new recipe.

Berny crossed himself. Part of our lunchtime prayer was "be with us as we partake of this blessed food and, oh yes, the new dessert. May we be able to continue our day in

good health."

I presented my chocolate cream pie to my husband. He looked, smelled and poked at it without wincing. I think he even grinned.

He took a bite.

He pondered the taste.

He took another bit.

And another.

I was about to seizure from

anticipation.

"Well?" I stammered. "What do you think of it? I mean, you haven't gagged or asked if I was trying to hurt you or anything?"

"It's pretty good," he stated. "It's so good that this time, honey, I think we'll have to destroy the evidence!"

**Judge denies Armstrong request**

Ronald Armstrong, 20, who was involved in the shooting death of Red Prather, owner of Play-o-rama in Texico, in December 1997 had asked for a sentence reconsideration hearing.

He was sentenced in February to seven years in prison and five years of supervised probation afterward.

Last Friday, District Court Judge Stephen Quinn upheld the original sentence.

Armstrong had pled guilty in October 1998 to conspiracy

to armed robbery and accessory to armed robbery.

The other two involved in the case are Billy Galvan and Michael Treadway.

Galvan pled guilty last September to armed robbery and was sentenced as an adult to nine years in prison, with six suspended, plus five years probation.

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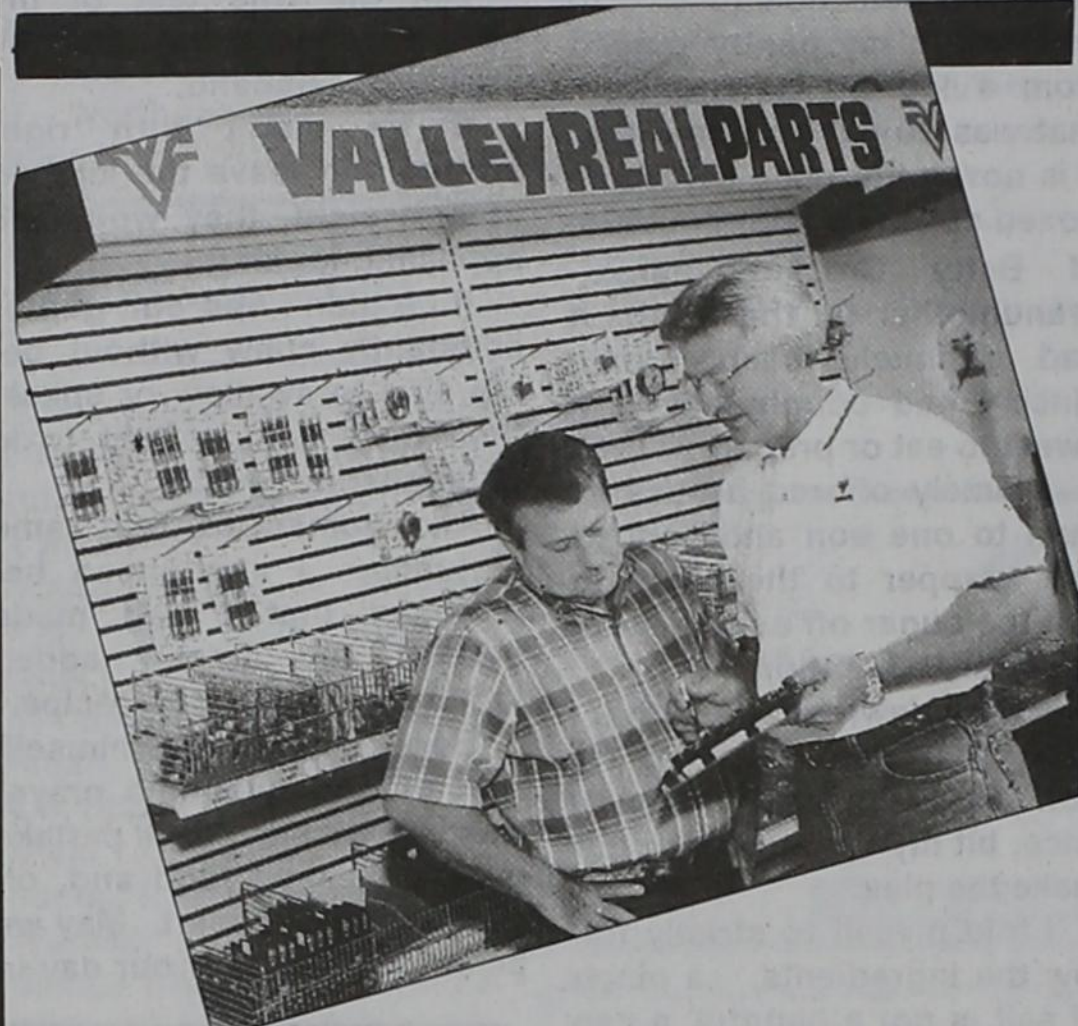
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## Lady Wolverines win district meet

The Texico Lady Wolverines captured the district 7AA track championship with 138 points -- 4 better than Ft. Sumner. Eunice had 62 points and Jal had 54.

Nine Lady Wolverines have qualified for state and will be heading to Albuquerque:

Elizabeth Richards, triple jump, long jump, high jump and 1600 m. relay.

Jennifer Roberts, 200 dash, 400 dash, 800 m. relay and 1600 m. relay.

Lindsay Gilbert, shot put, discus, triple jump.

Cheryl Scales, discus.

Carrie Rucker, 300 hurdles, 800 m. relay, 1600 m. relay.

Christina Clark, shot put, discus.

Nicole Richards, 800 m. relay.

Pamela Schjang, 800 m. relay.

Following are the results from the district meet with asterisks denoting state qualifying times:

Shot put -- Clark\*, 3rd, 31'7"; Scales, 4th, 28'6"; Lydia Tarrango, 5th, 27'7".

Discus - Clark\*, 3rd, 108'4"; Gilbert, 4th, 94'10 1/2"; Scales, 5th, 91'1 1/4"; Tarrango, 7th, 79'6 1/2".

High jump - E. Richards\*, 1st, 5'0"; Tori Bradley, 5th, 4'4".

Long jump - E. Richards\*, 1st, 15'1 1/2"; Gilbert, 3rd, 14'9"; Roberts, 4th, 14'6 1/2"; Rucker, 5th, 14'5".

Triple jump - Gilbert\*, 1st, 31'0"; E. Richards\*, 2nd, 29'9"; N. Richards, 4th, 28'6 1/2"; Bradley, 5th, 27'3"; Katie Peterson, 6th, 25'8".

100 hurdles - E. Richards, 5th, 18.75; Gilbert, 6th, 18.77.

300 hurdles - Rucker\*, 1st, 50.97; E. Richards, 4th, 53.62.

100 dash - N. Richards, 3rd, 14.01; Schjang, 4th, 14.02.

200 dash - Roberts\*, 2nd, 27.49; Rucker, 4th, 28.55.

400 dash - Roberts\*, 3rd, 62.99.

800 run - Ashley Denton, 6th, 3:02.88.

1600 run - Denton, 3rd, 6:55; Schjang, 5th, 7:48.44.

3200 run - Denton, 3rd, 14:35.74.

400 relay - Texico, 2nd, 54.53; Gilbert, Roberts, Rucker and Schjang.

800 relay - Texico\*, 1st, 1:59.17; Rucker, Roberts, N. Richards, Mayfield.

1600 medley relay - Texico, 2nd, 4:55.36; Schjang, Peterson, N. Richards, Mayfield.

1600 m. relay - Texico, 2nd, 5:01.94; Mayfield, N. Richards, Peterson, Bradley.

The Texico Wolverines finished 2nd in the District 7AA track meet with 126 points. Ft. Sumner won the title with 165

points. Eunice had 95 and Jal had 54. Results were:  
3200 run - Peabody, 1st, 11:04.13; Ortiz, 3rd, 11:27.99.  
Long jump - Burford, 1st, 21'8 1/2"; Smith, 3rd, 20 1/2".  
High jump - Burford, 2nd, 6'0"; Autrey, 3rd, 5'6".  
Pole vault - Norvell, 2nd, 10'6".  
Javelin - Stanley, 1st, 154'8"; Maldonado, 2nd, 141'5".  
400 relay - Texico, 4th, 50.35.  
110 hurdles - Norvell, 1st, 14.67; Autrey, 6th, 17.77.  
Triple jump - Burford, 2nd, 41'5".  
100 dash - Smith, 3rd, 11.25; Kittrell, 6th, 12.08.  
800 run - Singletery, 4th, 2:16.7; Huss, 6th, 2:23.31.  
Discus - Maldonado, 5th, 128'5".  
800 relay - Texico, 2nd, 1:35.76.  
400 dash - Kittrell, 4th.  
300 hurdles - Norvell, 2nd, 43:10; Mayfield, 3rd.  
1600 m. relay - Texico, 2nd.  
200 dash - Kittrell, 5th.  
1600 run - Ortiz, 1st; Peabody, 2nd.  
1600 relay - Texico, 3rd.

The Wolverines finished 2nd at the EPAC track meet with 111 points. Ft. Sumner won with 188. Results were:  
3200 run - Peabody, 1st, 11:14; Ortiz, 2nd, 11:18.22; Zaikowski, 5th, 12:07.

Javelin -- Stanley, 1st, 147'9"; Maldonado, 3rd, 138'10".

400 relay - Texico, 1st, 46.36.

Pole vault - Norvell, 2nd, 11'0".

110 hurdles - Norvell, 2nd, 15.64.

100 dash - Trevor, 5th, 12:19.

Triple jump - Burford, 3rd, 38'4".

800 run - Singletery, 5th, 2:17.43.

High jump - Burford, 1st, 5'8".

Long jump - Smith, 2nd, 20'4 3/4".

Discus - Maldonado, 3rd, 113'11"; Scioli, 5th, 91'1".

400 dash - Kittrell, 6th, 58.49.

Shot put - Lockmiller, 4th, 39'9 1/2"; Maldonado, 5th, 39'6 3/4".

300 hurdles - Mayfield, 3rd, 44.62; Autrey, 6th, 48.97.

Medley relay - Texico, 2nd, 4:11.21.

200 dash - Smith, 2nd, 24.18.

1600 run - Ortiz, 1st, 5:03.06.

1600 relay - Texico, 2nd, 3:48.47.

The Texico Junior High girls' tracksters finished a very successful season with a first place finish at the Ft. Sumner meet on April 29.

Texico entered five meets this season, winning championships at Melrose, Texico, EPAC and Ft. Sumner, and finishing 2nd at Santa Rosa.

Results at the Ft. Sumner Meet were:  
Shot put - Christina Clark, 1st, 31'4"; Rosa Serrano, 7th, 25'3 1/2".

Discus - Clark, 1st, 95'11"; Tori Bradley, 5th, 70'5".

Triple jump - Nicole Richards, 3rd, 25'5"; Barbara Queener, 5th, 23'10 1/2"; Katie Peterson, 6th, 23'2".

Long jump - Carrie Rucker, 6th, 13'1 1/2".

300 hurdles - Rucker, 1st, 51.92; Queener, 55.56.

100 dash - Richards, 4th, 14.37.

200 dash - Rucker, 1st, 29.44.

400 dash - Cherry Mayfield, 2nd, 71.11.

600 dash - Bretni Johnson, 5th, 2:07.54; Lakin Hatcher, 7th, 2:09.70.

1600 run - Crystal Abernathy, 5th, 7:06.88.

400 relay - Texico, 2nd, 57.73; Olivia Garcia, Richards, Rocio Esparza and Queener.

800 relay - Texico, 1st, 2:00.64; Rucker, Richards, Queener and Mayfield.

1600 medley relay - Texico, 6th, 5:35.07; Garcia, Esparza, Mayfield and Bretni Johnson.

1600 relay - Texico, 6th, 5:14.02; Garcia, Peterson, Abernathy and Melissa Johnson.

## Rotary golf tourney held

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club had a tournament last week. It featured a chance to win a truck by getting a hole-in-one -- and Rick Ketcherside was only a few inches off!

First place went to the team of Greg Actkinson, Bob Anderson, Weldon Killough and Jeff Fontanilla.

Second place went to the team of Joel Barrett, Clint Patterson, Jourdan Nichols and Jordan Barrett.

Third place went to the team of Ron Anderson, Eddie Meeks, Chase Hall and Rick Ketcherside.

Fourteen teams entered. And the winner of the last place team prize went to Vick Christian, Todd Christian, Troy Christian and Tom Rhodes.

## Tennis teams fall in regionals

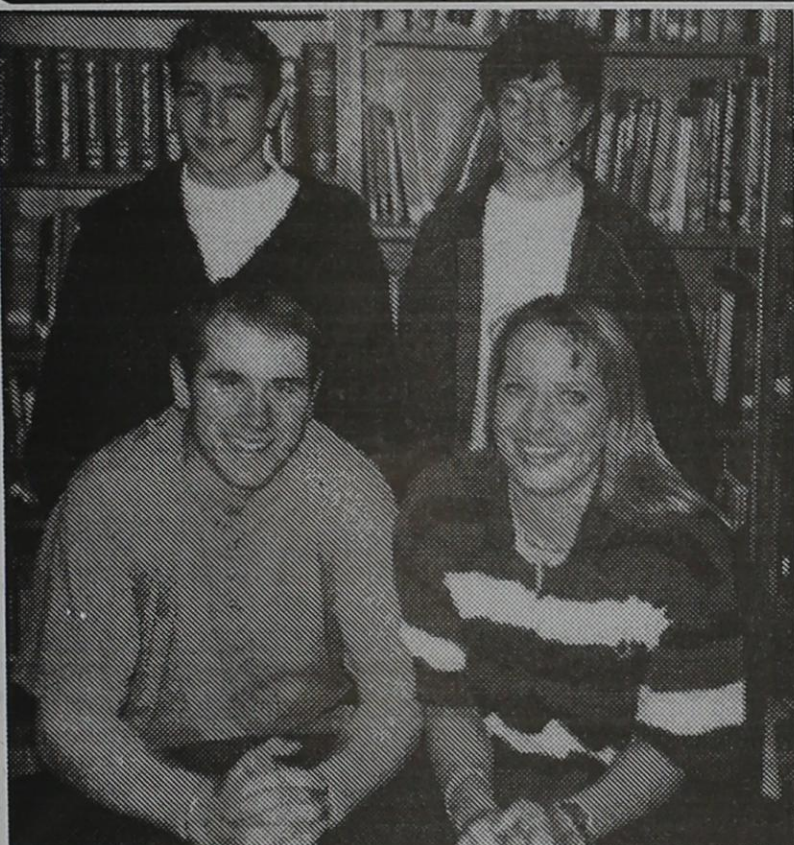
Farwell's two doubles tennis teams that participated in the regionals at Abilene lost in their first rounds.

In the boys' division, Chadwick and Roberts lost to

Simpler and Williams, of Sonora, 6-0, 6-1.

In the girls' division, Chandler and Woods lost to

Smith and Hammond, of Idalou, 6-0, 6-2.



In back are Andrew Martinez and Kera Lewandowski; in front are Jeffery Seaton and Kia Morris.

## Lazbuddie students cited

Lazbuddie high school and junior high Students of the Month for May have been announced.

Jeffery Seaton, 16, is the son of Jimmy Dale and Rickie Seaton and grandson of Jimmie and Tink Seaton. He likes the book "The Boxcar Kids", the celebrity Nicholas Cage, any types of snack, particularly steak and shrimp with extra bread and a Dr Pepper. His pet peeve is people who think they are better than anyone else and aren't willing to help other people.

Kia Morris, 18, is the daughter of Gail and Marca Morris and granddaughter of Gerrie Mote. She likes the book "The Littlest Angel", the celebrity Sean Connery, Kit Kat candy bars as a snack, and steaks and burritos. Her pet peeve is when people don't turn on or off their blinkers.

Andrew Martinez, 14, is the son of Miguel and Simona Martinez and grandson of Rumalda and Praxedes Roblez and Juan Martinez and Cristina Arriza. He likes the novel "Where the Red Ferns Grow", the celebrity Eddie Murphy, the snacks Snickers and a Coke, and burrito supremes. His pet peeve is people who act like someone they are not.

Kera Lewandowski, 14, is the daughter of DeWitt and Tammi Burton and granddaughter of Liz Worm and Bob Cleavland. She likes the novel "Charlotte's Web", the celebrity Drew Barrymore, popcorn and pizza. Her pet peeve is doing chores.



## Students recognized

Farwell Junior High Students of the 5th Six Weeks are, from left, Yvette Favila, Jaimie Diaz, Edy Gomez, Dawson Embry, Jose Cabello and Crystal Morris.

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Their next visit at the Farwell Elementary School's nurse's office will be on May 12 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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

For more information and to answer any questions, please call school nurse Rebecca Smallwood at 481-9131.

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## The Latest

Members of Alpha Rho Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the new home of Tim and Tori Meeks south of Farwell on April 22.

Members began the evening with a tour of the home.

Peggy Goettsch presented a program about growing tomatoes. She talked about the history of the plant, and gave tips for growing and selecting healthy plants.

The Clovis Area Founder's Day dinner will be held on April 30 in Clovis.

The final chapter meeting of the year will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 17 at the home of Cynthia Thigpen. Dinner and a magical gift exchange are planned for the evening.

Thank you noted were received from Texico and Farwell high schools for the \$25 donations made toward Boys and Girls State. Lindsey Rich and Jourdan Nichols will attend from Farwell. Texico will send four students.

Kadi Kirkland, daughter of Jack Allen Kirkland, is the valedictorian at Abilene Cooper High School.

There are about 450 seniors in her class.

Kadi will major in pre-medicine at Texas Christian University.

Kadi's sister, Kaci, is a junior at TCU majoring in elementary education.

Wind gusts in the 50 miles per hour range hit the Twin Cities area on Tuesday.

No major damage was reported.

An ice cream social will be held at Farwell city park on May 23 at 2 p.m. to honor Rev. Beth Harrington (and daughter Whitney), who will be leaving Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church this month.

The public is invited.

The Texico-Farwell Lions Club met Tuesday to discuss the upcoming garage sale, set for May 22.

Persons with items to donate to this fund-raiser are asked to call Dr. N.B. Chasteen or Hal Helton.

Marine Pvt. Jim Watson, son of Jim and Sandra Wat-

son, of Lazbuddie, has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

The Farwell Sharks minor league baseball team has begun practicing. Head coach is Jack Allen Kirkland and his assistants are Darren Haseloff and Robert Fowler.

The team will begin their regular season play Saturday in Muleshoe.

Lazbuddie star runner Scottie Brown finished 8th in both the 1600 and 3200 runs at Class 1A regional competition at Levelland last week.

Members of the Alpha Rho Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi joined members of other chapters in Clovis on April 30 for the annual Founder's Day Dinner.

A brisket dinner was prepared at the Kingswood United Methodist Church.

The Parmer County extension service is sponsoring a Parmer County "Better Living for Texans" program -- a series of four workshops on financial management.

The series will be held May 11, 13, 18 and 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bovina, 308 3rd St.

Child care is provided. They will have the "Kid Character Counts" educational series.

Refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be given.

The free workshops include: cutting monthly bills, basic budgeting, stress and time management, determining wants and needs, spend-

ing and savings goals, finding new resources, lowering expenses, planning for an emergency and starting a savings account.

For more information, call the extension service at 481-3619.

Thirty-five Farwell Junior High reading students enjoyed a swim party in Clovis on April 29 by earning the trip.

Eighth graders were Randy Armstrong, David Wooven, Curt Christian, Nico Soto, Chris James, Juan Sanchez, Chip Guinn, Rene Quezada, Edy Gomez, Liza Olivas, Meagan Norton and Anna Vidaurri.

Seventh graders were Mari Armstrong, Jose Cabello, Tasha Adams, Michael Ulver, Jason Sudderth, Tyler Myers, Kyra Christian, Tara Schilling, Mindi Roberts, Jeremie Chandler, Bryon Hardage and Dulce Nicolas.

Sixth graders were Kasey Adams, Tori Bain, Roper Fulcher, Logan Clemmer, Rowdy

Mitchell, Bill Terry, Sam Billingsley, Amanda Barnes, Holly McIntosh, Danielle Cargile and Carlos Saenz.

ESA sorority enjoyed taco cheesecake with tostado chips, sausage bread and turtle cheesecake on April 12 at the home of Sabina Schilling with Karen Stevenson as co-hostess.

Other members attending were Tammy Jones, Dot Christian, Sherry Christian, Lillie Christian, Angelia Mace, Melissa Carpenter, Pam Carpenter, Jana Barrett, Roberta Howard, Tamera Cooper, Denise Christian, Terri Nichols, Robin Howard, Sheryl Christian, Margaret Aycock and Karen Schilling.

Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger spoke at the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club on Wednesday.

He discussed police cooperation with drug seizures. More than a dozen vehi-

cles, plus two pieces of property, were seized due to the drug busts.

In some cases, the culprits have been allowed to buy back their goods.

Youths from Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church held a luncheon after church on April 25 to help raise money for a mission trip they plan this summer.

The Texico and Pleasant Hill School Reunion will be held on May 8 at K-Bob's

Steakhouse in Clovis.

Visits start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$11 per person.

For more information, call Bud Pearce at 389-5199.

The Lazbuddie Senior May luncheon will be held May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The price for the brisket meal is \$6, with a light plate for \$4. Takeouts are available.

The meal is being sponsored by the Lazbuddie Senior Class.

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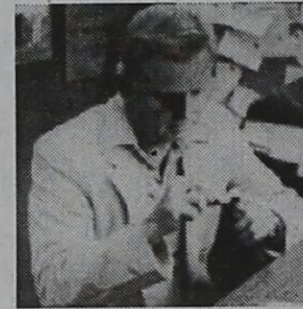
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## Texico Fire Department scores a clean sweep

It was a clean sweep for the Texico Volunteer Fire Department at the annual EMS Region III convention in Ruidoso in April.

Texico nominated three for honors -- and all three won.

-- Diane Price, the Texico training officer, was named EMT Intermediate of the Year for Region III.

-- Helton Oil was named Employer of the Year for Region III. Over the years, Helton has given outstanding support to the fire department, not only financially, but in allowing its employees to answer when fire calls are made.

-- Karen Burns, of Clovis, was named Region III Instructor of the Year.

The meeting was held at the Flying J Ranch in Ruidoso, operated by Farwell High graduate James Hobbs.

Hobb got to chat with former classmates, including Sue Scioli.

This also has been a special few weeks for Diane Price because she and Jeff Queener were married on Saturday, noted Doug Scioli.



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## Meet Farwell's Class of 2011



Kelley Dunnam is a Farwell kindergartener. Her birthday is Feb. 4. Her parents are Louis and Kenda Dunnam and she has a brother, Alex. Grandparents are Jim and Sherry Atwell, and Rodney and Louise Dunnam.

She likes to play with her brother and roller skate, snow ski, ride bikes, ride horses and play with her dogs.

She likes macaroni and cheese, pizza, and corn on the cob. Her favorite color is red.

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## Farwell Convalescent Center Chit Chat

by Debbie Parmer, Activities Director

We want to thank each volunteer who attended the banquet last month. We enjoyed sharing such a wonderful evening with each of you.

Our first party this month will be a Mother's Day ice cream social on Thursday, May 6th, at 3 p.m. This special party will be hosted by Farwell Convalescent Center's Auxiliary. Residents are already looking forward to homemade ice cream. YUM!!!

May 9th-15th is National Nursing Home Week. We have several special events planned as listed:

- May 11th -- Start essay contest.
- May 13th -- Trip and picnic at the Clovis zoo.
- May 14th -- Senior Olympics in Clovis.
- May 18th -- Nonagenarian tea in Clovis, honoring those who are 90 years old and over.
- May 28th -- Special birthday luncheon. Monthly birthday party is at 3 p.m. Awards will be given essay winners.

Also, May 6th-12th is National Nurses Week. The nurses will be honored with a luncheon on Friday, May 7th. All of us at the FCC say "thank you" to each nurse for all the hard work they do, and a job well done.

We want to say thank you to Mrs. Robin Gregory and her Farwell elementary class for the visits this year. Mrs. Gregory's last class visit for the year is May 7th.

May is Old Americans Month. It's just a reminder for us to say "thank you" to our older people. They have been through many years of life's ups and downs. Our older Americans have seen many things and done many things to make our lives easier, and America a better place to live.

We extend a special invitation to the community to come visit our older Americans at the FCC and tell them how much they are appreciated.

Just a reminder: There will be an auxiliary meeting on Monday, May 10th, at 4 p.m. in the chapel at the FCC.

Have a great month!

## Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger:

On April 27, Joe Rodriguez, Jr., 18, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of theft. The case is pending in county court.

On May 3, Vincente Santillones, 40, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

In 287th District Court on April 27, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Octavio Mora, 25, of Farwell, charged with Class "A" misdemeanor assault (reduced from aggravated assault), was sentenced to 1 year in Parmer County Jail, deferred for 1 year; \$241 court costs; \$500 fine, and 80 hours of community service.

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## The First Baptist Church of Farwell

The First Baptist Church of Farwell was actually formed by a group of Baptists who were already part of a fellowship in Texico for 47 years previously. Some of the members of this original group had a dream of having a church in Farwell, and in early March 1953, they met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McManigal to discuss the possibility.

On March 22, 1953, the group met with the names of 126 persons who expressed a desire to organize and become members of a Baptist church in Farwell. The new congregation voted that ordained deacons in the fellowship be installed as deacons in the new church -- Sterlyn Billington, Dick Gerles, Willie Hardage and Joe McWilliams. Bro. Otis Holliday, from Vernon, Texas, brought the first message, entitled "Camping in the Wilderness."

In June 1953, J.D. Horton accepted the call to become pastor. He served until July 1954. Members moved into their own building on Aug. 2, 1953. The church's first revival was held later that month. The next pastor was E.J. Keith, who served from August 1954 to May 1958. He was succeeded by Sidney Cox, who served until 1961. During this tenure, the auditorium was completed.

J.L. Bass was the next pastor, serving until 1971. In 1962, the church purchased a building in east Farwell for a mission, which later became the New Light Baptist Church. This church became self-supporting in 1978.

Bass was succeeded in 1972 by Dr. Cliff Ennen, who served for five years, followed by Dudley Bristow from 1977 to 1982. During this time, the church undertook missions to Central America and helped support opening a children's home there. Pat Riley then was pastor until 1987, followed by Rick Sullivan.

The current minister is Richard Laverty. Al Noblett is director of youth. Bobby Jack Stewart is the interim music director. Billie Blain is church secretary. Mary and Leon London are custodians. Jesse Centu directs the Spanish mission.

"Our desire as we move into a new century is to continue to be the feet and hands of God to lead people to Jesus Christ, and to lead them closer in fellowship with Him," said Rev. Laverty. "The mission of the First Baptist Church of Farwell is to grow larger in our worship and our service to God. We want to be a church that makes you welcome and involved in our ministry to do the work of Our Father."