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Good News In
Bovina
For The Past
44 Years

BISD Has Special Meeting For New Phone Systems

The board of trustees of Bovina ISD met in special session on Monday, April 27. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. with all members present except Susan Kerby.

A GTE representative addressed the board regarding phone systems. A WT Services representative then addressed the board regarding the phone system.

Joe Steelman made a motion to accept the GTE proposal for all the school with the addition of five busy light field attachments. Ricky Jamerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Steelman then made a motion to reject the bid to put concrete in the lawn area in front of the administration building. Justin Brozek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cheerleader uniforms were discussed and the meeting was adjourned.



PAULA BORQUEZ Student Of The Week

Earning student-of-the-week honors is BHS senior Paula Borquez.

She was nominated by teacher Linda Lewis as an excellent student who is dependable and a hard worker.



All The Best For MOMS

On MOTHER'S DAY May 10th



JASON KERBY

Jason Kerby Selected As WTC Favorite

Bovina native, Jason K. Kerby, was recently selected as a campus favorite at Western Texas College in Snyder. Twelve favorites were elected by a student vote sponsored by the WTC Student Senate.

Jason is a freshman at WTC, and is the son of A.L. Kerby Jr. and Susan Kerby of Bovina. He is a member of the Student Senate and the WTC Chapter of GCSAA and is enrolled in the GLT program.

The male and female favorites with the top number of votes will be named Mr. and Miss WTC at the annual spring formal. Students were able to vote via a questionnaire handed out in on-campus classes. In all, six female students and six male students were named campus favorites.

The formal will be held in the cafeteria. Music will be provided by The Music Express of Lubbock.

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Cost-Share Program To Begin

A signup period begins Monday, May 4 and runs through May 29 for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Eligible landowners or operators may sign up at the NRCS office in Friona or the FSA office in Farwell.

EQIP is a cost-share incentive program designed to treat conservation problems through the use of conservation practices used to treat the land.

A high priority for 1998 will be water conservation practices such as irrigation pipeline to new sprinkler systems and trickle irrigation systems.

Other practices such as grass seeding, terraces, waterways and livestock pipelines and tanks are eligible for the program and producers are encouraged to apply for these type practices.

EQIP offers up to 75 percent cost-share with a \$50,000 limit per person.

For more information on EQIP please contact the NRCS office in Friona.



1998-99 BHS CHEERLEADERS....Tryouts were held and these ladies will serve as cheerleaders next year. From left, top, Yvette Marquez, Rita Navarro, Letie Vargas, and Amber King. Below are Veronica Herrera and Christen Stowers.

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ROOF DAMAGE NOTED

Hail Damage Hits Excel Last Sunday Afternoon

Last Sunday's hailstorm caused considerable damage to Excel Corp's Friona plant, mainly to its roof and cooling apparatus located on the roof.

Carol Aistrup, Excel spokesman, said that insulated ammonia piping on the main plant's roof were damaged by the wind and hail. Also, the plant's main office suffered water damage to its roof and ceiling and air conditioning. The damage is expected to run between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

"We had no idea that we had that kind of damage until after we got to work on Monday," Ms Aistrup said.

Plant production was not affected by the damage.

Several farmers in the area around Excel also

suffered damage to their wheat crops.

Teddy White, who farms just south of the plant, had a field completely leveled.

Loren Martin and Jarrell Wright, who are located north of Highway 60, also were hit.

VOTE SATURDAY!

Elections for three seats on the school board and two city alderman positions will be held Saturday, May 2, 1998. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voting for the school board election will be held at the high school. City ballots may be cast at the EMS building.

For Bovina mayor, incumbent Galen Hromas is running unopposed.

In the race for the two alderman seats are Kenneth Waters, Jessie Stone, and Richard Bonham.

The seven candidates for the school board are: Elizabeth Ortiz, Mike Beauchamp, Norma Whitten, Josie Alonzo, Rick Anderson, Gloria Zolman, and Joe Olvera.



PRINCIPALS FOR ONE DAY.....Bovina Elementary principal Darla Sealey is surrounded by students who have attained the 200 point level in the accelerated reading program. As a reward, each one got to be principal for a day. From left, David Rojas, Emigdio Flores, Zachary Morgan, Henry Hubert, and Jessica Amparan.

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PEOPLE WHO WRITE COLUMNS should be allowed to brag about their grandchildren once in awhile, just as long as they don't make it a weekly habit.

The newest branches on our family tree happen to be two lovely little ladies; one is a "rug rat" age 4, and one is an "ankle biter" age 11 months.

Except that the ankle biter might more appropriately be called an "ankle gummer," since she has no teeth. This is an Ellis trait that we proudly pass along to the grandchildren. None of our three children had any teeth before age one. Their grandparents were getting pretty frantic, never having heard of such a thing, and they were on the verge of ordering some baby dentures when the first little buds finally made their appearance on little pink gums.

Our rug rat, "Little Miss Melodrama" loves to help out in the kitchen, making cookies, decorating cup cakes, chopping potatoes and eating lots of raw ones in the process. Miss M's mommy wrote down some of her recipes for us. The recipe for sandwiches is pretty wild: "Tomatoes and stuff, jelly, peanut butter, ham and bread." Her recipe for ice cream sundaes goes like this: "Chocolate, cherry, nuts, eat it." Notice there's no ice cream included in the list of ingredients.

The last time Miss M came to visit us, her mommy was busy with "Baby Climbs-a-lot," so I fixed a breakfast of bacon and eggs.

"Mommy always has hot biscuits for breakfast," she told me. So I hurriedly popped some biscuits into the oven. When I offered Miss M a hot biscuit, she politely said "No, thank you."

"I thought you said Mommy always makes hot biscuits for you?"

"She does," the little darling replied, "but I never eat them." Pickey eaters also run in the Ellis family.

Her mommy has recently had a bad bout of the flu, so sweet little Melodrama decided to be the nurse. She fluffed the pillows and brought a magazine for her mother to read. And then she even showed up with a surprise cup of tea.

"I didn't know you even knew how to make tea," Laura said.

"Oh yes," little M replied. "I've watched you put the tea bag in a cup of water and put it in the microwave and punch the buttons. But something happened and the tea bag broke open and little black speckles were floating in the tea. I don't know where the strainer is, so I used the flyswatter instead."

"You what?" Laura screamed.

"It's okay. I didn't use your new flyswatter. I got Daddy's old one out in the garage."

The Divine Miss M has been trying to help Baby Climbs-a-lot learn her colors. Here are her instructions:

"Be sure to play with your food at dinner time and watch Mommy turn green. Get up on a chair and flip the light switch on and off real fast. Then Daddy will get real mad and turn purple."

"If you break a balloon and then cry real loud, you can watch Mommy turn red while she blows up another one. Leave your roll-around toy on the front doorstep and when Daddy falls down on it, he'll turn black and blue."

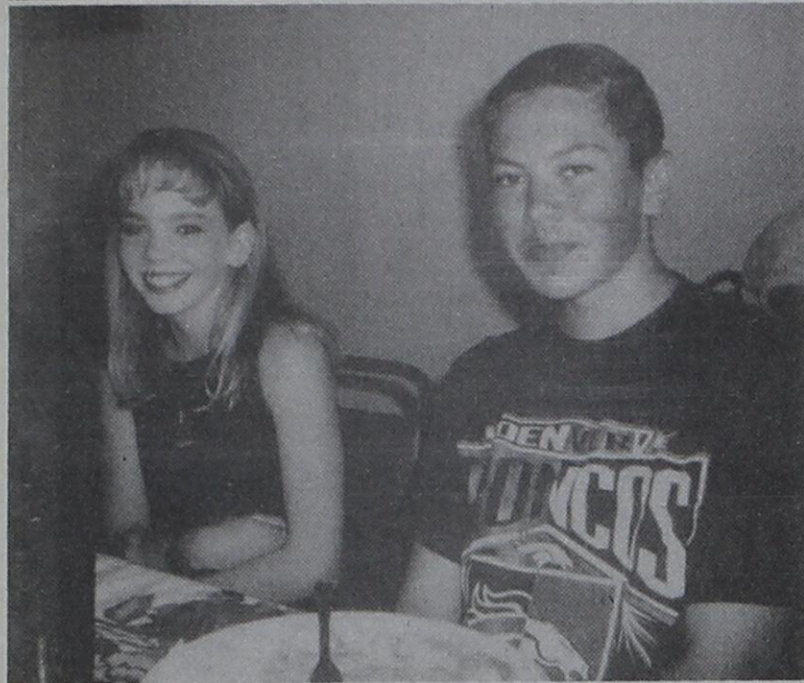
"Bring Mommy that wonderful dead lizard you found and watch her turn white. Mommy's lipstick is pink and it works just like a crayon when you decorate the walls."

The precocious little dear holds up four fingers to show how old she is and says, "On my next birthday I'll be a real handful!" We figure she's probably right about that!

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis





LION'S HONORS.....Invited for lunch with the Bovina Noon Lion's were middle school students-of-the-month Christen Stowers and Jerry Sherbon.

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-April 30, 1958

The first Teen-Age Rodeo in Bovina will be staged Saturday morning on the Bovina baseball field under the direction of the Bovina Junior Chamber of Commerce. Charles D. Smith, member of the Jaycees, is chairman of the event. The purpose of the Rodeo is to develop and encourage safe driving habits, and is a contest of driving skills and knowledge. Before the driving test, a written test was given Wednesday to the contestants. About 20 entries are expected to enter the contest, with 17 already signed up, according to Smith. The written and driving tests will be conducted with the assistance of a patrolman of the Department of Public Safety. Winner of the contest will enter the regional Teen-Age Rodeo in Plainview, May 11.

35 Yrs Ago-May 1, 1963

A midnight fire destroyed a combination barn and grainery on Frank Burnett's farm seven miles northwest of Bovina. Burned with the building was some grain and ground feed, according to reports. Some 15 members of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department answered the call to the fire at midnight Sunday night. The flames were out of control when they arrived at the scene, however. Size of the building was approximately 24 X 40. Firemen kept the flames from spreading to other farm buildings. They guarded the fire for about two hours and returned to town around 2 a.m. Monday. Origin of the fire was unknown.

30 Yrs Ago-May 1, 1968

Bovina's bull statue and state historical marker will be located on the north side of Highway 60 between Bovina Restaurant and Sands Motel. The site was made official

Monday night at a meeting of Bovina Roping Club, the organization in charge of erecting the bull statue. Details of the historical plaque which will be erected in connection with the bull statue were made at a meeting of the Parmer County Historical Society here Saturday night. The inscription for the plaque, pointing out how Bovina was once the largest inland cattle shipping center in the world, was agreed on at the meeting. Leaders of the project hope the statue and plaque may be installed in time for the community's Bull Town Days celebration in August.

25 Yrs Ago-May 2, 1973

C.E. Trimble, Bovina farmer-rancher, was injured Friday about noon when he was kicked by a horse on the George Trimble place just south of town. Trimble and Dolph Moten had just returned the mare to a corral and were finishing some chores when the horse kicked Trimble in the chest, breaking four ribs and puncturing his lung. He also suffered severe lacerations to his chin. Moten rushed him to the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona where he was treated and hospitalized. He was released from the hospital Monday morning.

20 Yrs Ago-May 3, 1978

Entries for the annual "Little Buckaroo Rodeo," sponsored by the Bovina Roping Club, are now being accepted, it was announced this week. Entries are to be sent to Rouel Barron, Star Route, Bovina. An entry fee of 50 cents per event will be charged. May 20 is the deadline for entering the events. Divisions are slated for three years and under. Four through six, seven through nine and 10 through 12.

Events will include goat ribbon races, greased pig scramble, water bucket obstacle, flag race, father-son three-legged race and boot scramble. A stick horse race is featured on the younger divisions. Entry blanks are also available at Bovina Super Market and Don's Medicine Chest and may also be left at these locations.

15 Yrs Ago-May 4, 1983

Bovina law officers were investigating five break-ins within the city on Monday night. Places vandalized were the Spudnut Shop, Dairy Freeze, Bovina Wheat Growers, the junior high school and Woodrow's Snooker Parlour. Mel Clark, Bovina City Marshall, said whoever perpetrated the acts seemed more beat on destruction than stealing, as some vandalism was visible at each place.

At Bovina Wheat Growers, for example, the vandals took an object and broke windshields and headlights on vehicles in the station, including a motorcycle. They also completely demolished a stereo-system. At Bovina Junior High, a vending machine was broken into. However, very little money was missed or even available at any of the places.

"We would appreciate the assistance of anyone having information that might help us solve the cases. We will be glad to talk to anyone who has anything to offer," Clark said.

10 Yrs Ago-May 4, 1988

The Senior Citizens met at the Center on April 27 for their regular meeting. Those present were Clifford and Julia Leake, Erma Bradshaw, Charlsie Eubank, Maesie Flynn, Bessie Trimble, Wiley and Velma Lide, Tom and Nannie Rhodes, Elna Byrd, S.N. Teague, Mearle Morgan, Hattie Burnett, Joe and Reagan Looney, Lillian Warren, Jerry Ware, Wayne

Gipson of Roswell, Willie and Ethel Gipson, Butch and Dorothy Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Muleshoe.

Mr. Wilson showed a film to the group. The group enjoyed being together for their regular luncheon and their next meeting will be May 11. This will be the birthday party for those celebrating birthdays in May. You are invited to attend the salad supper each Saturday night and at that time games of 42 and Skip-bo will be played.

5 Yrs Ago-April 30, 1993

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for Kevin's Auto, a new business in Bovina. Former owners are Paul and Ola Lee Jones. New owners are Suzan and Kevin Hughes.

The Friona Division of Excel Beef observes their 25th birthday this week. Excel, which was known as Missouri Beef Packers, began operation the first week of May, 1968, following an Open House and Dedication on April 20.

J. Prather Is Serving In Japan

Marine Pfc. Jim B. Prather, a 1997 graduate of Bovina High School of Bovina, recently reported for duty with 3rd Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

Prather's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and Sailors. This flexibility allows our naval forces to protect U.S. national interests by serving as the principal enforcers of peace-time engagement, deterrence and crisis response around the world.

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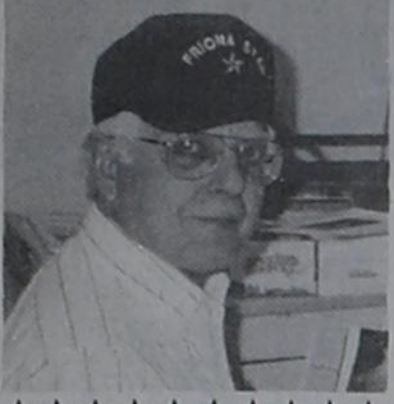


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Out Here

By RON CARR

The Minnow People Are Mad

You've got water people and you've got minnow people and they don't always get along.

The minnow people have filed a lawsuit in New Mexico "seeking immediate final regulatory action" to list the Arkansas River shiner as an endangered species.

The Sierra Club and the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity filed the lawsuit. They are the minnow people.

The High Plains Water District and other agencies oppose the lawsuit. We'll call them the water people.

According to my friend Roscoe Dean Biffle, a true Texan, folks up here in the Panhandle tend to be more

Howdy Doody Turns Fifty

He wore a plaid shirt, bluejeans and cowboy boots. Forty-eight freckles--one for each state then in the union--dotted his face.

Fifty years ago last December, Howdy Doody began his 13-year run on television. He would become the first Children's TV superstar.

During the show's heyday almost 30,000 pieces of mail arrived each week addressed to Howdy. In 1948 he ran for president and received over one million votes--more than independent candidate Henry Wallace.

The studio audience, or "Peanut Gallery," seated 40 children. Ticket demand was so strong that pregnant women requested seats four years in advance for their unborn children.

In 1950, Howdy-licensed items, including comic books and records, earned \$15 million, or \$100 million in today's money. Three Howdy albums were on the *Billboard* Top 20 at the same time.

He became NBC's top moneymaker. By 1953 Howdy's daily audience was 15 million, more viewers than Barney currently attracts weekly--and four times more American households now have television sets.

There were three Howdy Doodys. The original resides in a display case in Buffalo Bob's North Carolina living room. Twin brother Double Doody is in the Smithsonian. The third, Photo Doody, used for publicity pictures, recently sold for over \$113,000.

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passionate about water than minnows. As Roscoe says, "If you ain't got water, you don't need no minnows."

He leaned out the window of his '87 Club Van. "As I see it, the only thing little fish are good for anyway is to feed the big fish. Kind of like politicians."

The minnow people say that pumping water out of the ground from the Ogallala Aquifer should be restricted to save the Arkansas River shiners. They didn't say what we were saving the little fish for.

They also want the right to release water from Lake Meredith to sustain the minnow habitats downstream. Water in Lake Meredith is used to supply water to Amarillo residents and about eleven other areas in the Pothandle.

The water people think that it is more important to use the already limited water supply to irrigate crops, take a bath, and wash their cars.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to put the Arkansas River shiner on the endangered species list in 1994 but they haven't done it yet. That is what the Sierra minnow people are filing a lawsuit over.

The USFWS contends that the fish is threatened "by habitat destruction and modification from stream dewatering and depletion due to diversion of surface water and excessive ground water pumpage, water quality

Diagnostic Clinic Set

The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay.

Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Thursday, May 14, 1998: Farwell Elementary School Library 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Bovina Ridgela Elementary School 10-11 a.m.; Lazbuddie School Library 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Friona Elementary School Library 2-3:30 p.m.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Beene, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.

degradation, and construction of impoundments."

If you can understand that statement I'll buy you some fried shiner at the Long John Silver's drive-thru.

It has been pointed out at numerous hearings that listing the Arkansas River shiner as endangered would jeopardize private property rights and public water supplies.

For two years, 1994-96, Congress imposed a moratorium on any new listings of endangered or threatened species.

In 1996, Billy Jeff Clinton stayed in town long enough to lift the moratorium, but by then the USFWS decided not to classify the minnows in the emergency category which made the minnow wackos really mad.

The Sierra Club is one of the most radical and fanatical wacko organizations in the U.

Friona Beats Bovina 4-3 In Soccer

The Friona Pumas soccer team defeated the Bovina Cobras 4-3 last Sunday in Bovina.

Friona and Bovina teams are members of the 12-team Northwest Soccer League, composed of teams from Bovina, Friona, Clovis, Hereford and Plainview.

Two games are scheduled on Sunday, May 3, at the soccer field in Friona. At 12 p.m. noon, the Friona Pumas take on the Hereford Milan.

Then at 2 p.m., the Bovina Salamanca hosts the Plainview Chivas.

S. They are the same group who tried to save some owls in the Northwest by driving spikes into trees, endangering loggers who cut into the spikes with their logging saws.

Now, in order to save some minnows, they want to endanger the drinking water supply to the eleven-member cities served by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

The minnow people think farmers are using up too much underground water to water their crops and cattle. Better to let humans starve than mess with the minnow playhouse.

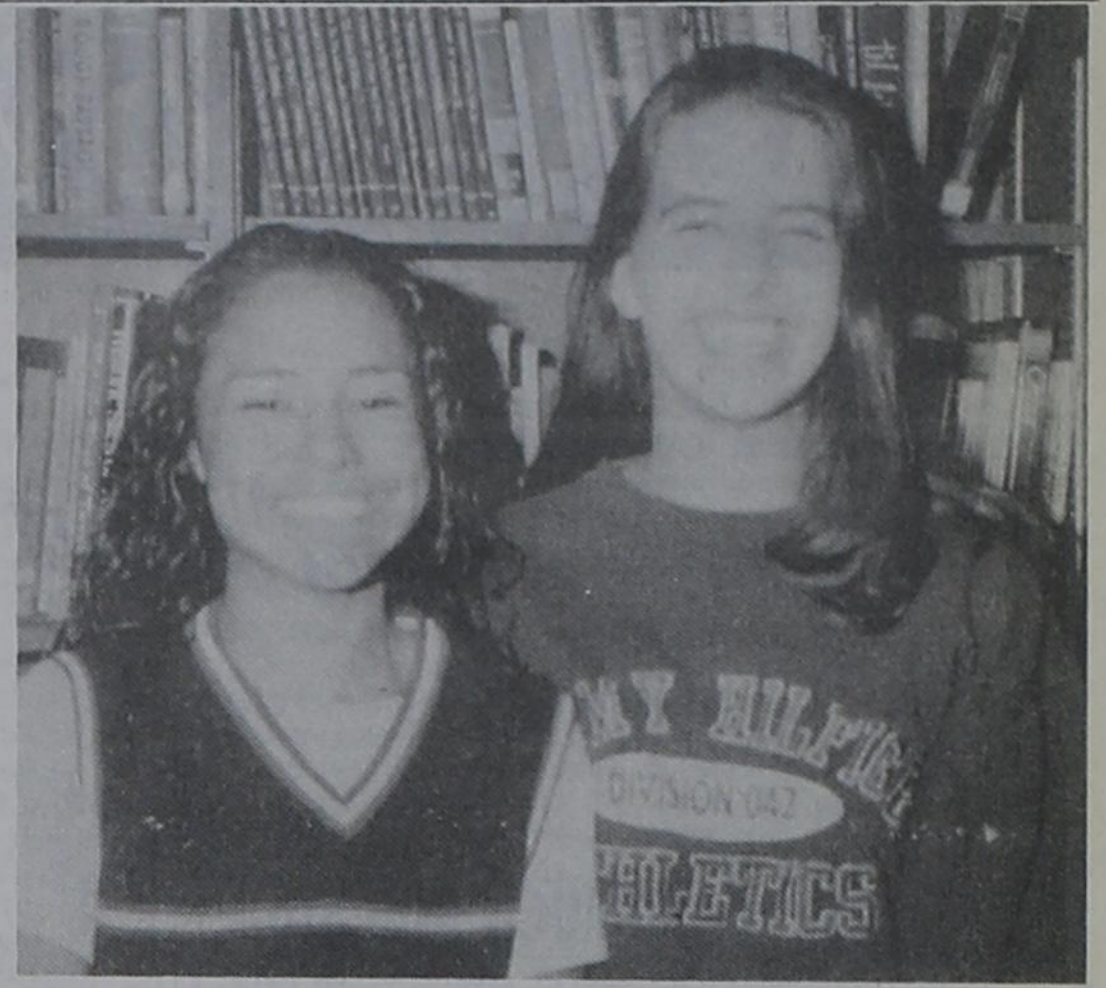
You can only imagine what the Parmer County Implement coffee bar bubba club had to say about the minnow people's philosophy. "You want me to sacrifice my wheat crop for a what?"

Not being a great animal person, I don't care much if I ever see an Arkansas River shiner. If all the Bengal Tigers suddenly disappeared, it wouldn't bother me either. Elephants are good, but I'm not inviting one over this weekend.

In 100 years kids will sit at home and watch a digital zoo by popping in an animal CD, complete with sounds and smells.

Take your own survey about the Arkansas River shiner disaster. Ask the next 100 people you see whether the Arkansas River shiner has had a major impact on their lives.

Careful who you ask though. If it is a mad minnow person, you might end up with a shiner you didn't want.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS....Scottie Brown and Rachel Rodriguez, Lazbuddie students, have qualified for the Regional Track Meet to be held Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2 at South Plains College in Levelland. Brown placed second at district and will compete in the 3200 meter run. Miss Rodriguez placed third at district and will be able to compete in the 800 meter run. Parents of the students are Scott and Claire Brown of Muleshoe and Bernardo and Billie Rodriguez of Lazbuddie.

Musical Show Set May 9 In Dimmitt

The Carlile Country Showcase will present an evening of bluegrass, classic country, and gospel music at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt on Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

Scheduled to perform are the U. S. Pickers from Plainview; Stephanie Silhan of Morton; Jerry Jaquess of Lubbock; and several of Dimmitt's finest performers.

The U. S. Pickers performed at the Carlile in October, 1996, to an enthusiastic crowd. They are a full band consisting of Joe Bass, guitar and vocals; Elton Bass, mandolin, vocals; Donna Jones, guitar, vocals; Cecil Jones, bass, vocals; and

Betty Jones who sings and plays several instruments. They play bluegrass and gospel music.

Stephanie Silhan has also performed at the Carlile. She plays guitar and sings gospel favorites and original compositions. Jerry Jaquess has performed around the Lubbock area. He sings old-time country and bluegrass and plays guitar.

The show is sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and the Carlile Theatre. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Chamber office or the Carlile Theatre, or by calling 806-647-2091. Group discounts are available.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.....The children of Rolland and Dorothy Lusk of Clovis, N.M. will host a 50th anniversary reception in their honor on Saturday, May 9, at the Clovis Carver Library from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The hosts are their children Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Lusk, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lusk and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Lusk. The couple was married May 13, 1948 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Mr. Lusk is part-owner with two sons, of Lusk Onion, Inc., and Hi-Plains Truck Brokers, Inc. Mrs. Lusk is a retired bookkeeper and is currently a housewife. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. The celebration is open to friends and relatives. The family requests no gifts, please.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Several of our people enjoy camping up around Red River, Angel Fire or Eagle Nest and have spent time shopping and visiting with the Weathers at the Weathers' Store just as you go into Eagle Nest.

We received a letter this week from Martha Weathers and she told us that her husband, Allen, passed away in January. They lived in Roy, New Mexico where Mr. Weathers was a rancher. Every summer they came to Eagle Nest and managed the store that is there on the lake. He passed away with a sudden heart attack as he returned from going to the mailbox. Martha was in Dallas at market at the time. Allen was 97 years old.

The opening paragraph on the write-up in their newspaper said it real well. It read: "Surely he'll be remembered for his smile, his sweet disposition and his devotion to his love of 52 years, Martha."

They were like family to us. We had been taking a trailer on their lot for six months out of the year since 1976.

Congratulations to Joyce and David Kube of Farwell on the birth of their first child, Emily Kendal. She was born April 4 at 6:20 p.m. at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces and measured nineteen and one half inches long.

Grandparents are Billy and Kathryn Harbison of Rio Hondo, Texas and Martin and Frances Kube of Farwell. Great grandmother is Mrs. W. A. Burkett of Harlington, Texas.

Joyce has three daughters and David has two sons. Little Emily will have lots of fun with three sisters and two brothers.

Joyce and her family lived here for many years and she went to school in Bovina. She was also one of our editors here at the *Blade*, and was one of my favorites! Anyway, congratulations!

We received word this morning about Royce Sisk, a former resident and 1971 Bovina High School graduate. Royce is an auctioneer and lives in Phoenix, Arizona. He underwent surgery for ulcers and it was discovered he had a malignant tumor in his stomach. He is now taking chemotherapy treatments in Phoenix. Royce's parents are Cecil and Jessie Sisk of Woodland Park, Colorado. They are former residents of Bovina and Friona.

Family members said friends are holding a Cowboy Dinner and an auction in Colorado for him on May 15. The proceeds will go toward helping with his medical expenses. The doctors are optimistic. If you would like to send Royce a card you can write: Royce Sisk, P.O. Box 54341, Phoenix, Arizona, 85078-4341.

Pernie Free was hospitalized in Hereford then was taken to Amarillo and then returned to Hereford for surgery for gallstones. She is now home and her condition has much improved.

Her daughter, Cherry of Bakersfield, California, is with her. Cherry said Pernie is getting along real well. Cherry came on Tuesday of last week and will go back to California on Thursday of this week.

Flossie Rhinehart's daughter, Sandra, and friend, Don, came by and spent the night with her. Don is a painter and was making bids on a job in El Reno, Oklahoma. They had a nice, short visit.

Lois Smith suffered a stroke on Sunday and was taken to Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis and was still a patient on Tuesday. Her daughter is Shirley Ware.

Family members said Ed Hutto has been hospitalized in a Lubbock hospital but is now back at his home in Clovis. He lived in Bovina

many years and we still think of Ed and Alta as our people.

Butch Woltman of Clovis and former Bovina resident, is hospitalized at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis suffering with blood clots. His aunt, Dottie Ward, said he had two located in his lower left leg and two more further down but he is getting along fine. Butch thought he would be out of the hospital by the weekend.

Amos Steelman fell and broke his hand sometime back, but still has it in a cast. His daughter, Evelyn Joyce from Glen Rose, Texas is here with him and is planning to spend a couple of weeks.

Opal Bowen has been hospitalized but is now back in the nursing skilled care. She has been in Lubbock for sometime but lived in Bovina for many years and also across our street. She is such a sweet person! She has family that see to her in Lubbock.

Edna Scott and daughter, Dinah of Clovis, attended the Indian Pow Wow, "Gathering of the Nations" in

Albuquerque. Edna said it was absolutely spectacular. She said there were beautiful colors and dances included those seventy-five and over to the little toddlers who could barely keep their head gear on. Those participating in the dance included 2,000 people and the seating included one hundred thousand people. All seats were filled. Edna said it began on Friday and lasted until Sunday. They were there on Saturday and sat for six hours. Edna said they were afraid to leave their seats at the same time so they took turns.

The Pow Wow is held at the "Pit" which is the stadium where New Mexico State University plays basketball. It is underground, primarily.

Edna said it was absolutely amazing how well behaved the crowd was and there was never any confusion. Between some of the dances, the speakers told of the pride of being Indians and how they came from as far away as Canada. Most of those in the crowd were Indians.

It was beautiful weather while they were there, but when they woke up Sunday morning in their motel, they said there were "snow balls"

falling. They came home that day.

I visited with Beth Hutto Waddell on the telephone this week. She said her son, Kevin, will be graduating from medical school.

Kevin has already delivered 60 babies. He and his wife, who is a microbiology lab supervisor, will be going to Ohio for two years of residency.

Beth lived in Bovina and graduated from high school here. Her parents are Ed and Alta Hutto. Beth and husband, Don, have two children, Kevin and Mandy. Mandy is married to a service man and will soon be going to England for four years. They have two children.

Beth said Houston is so huge and there is so much crime that she would like to live in a smaller place. She said they never had a freeze this year and they always have to fight mosquitoes, fleas, roaches and termites. The mildew is always a problem in that area too.

It was good to talk with Beth. She struggles all the time with MS. Her mother, Alta, came and spent some time with her recently.

Thanks for helping with the Scoops this week!

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Cast three votes by marking an "X" in three of the boxes below. It is permitted to vote up to three times for one candidate, but mark only three "X"s in the boxes below.

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Plains Cotton Growers Attend 41st Gathering

The 41st gathering of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. membership allowed growers the opportunity to hear the latest news from Washington, DC as well as learn more about the world cotton situation and how it will affect producer prices over the next growing season.

Featured speakers at the PCG meeting were Congressman Larry Combest, Dr. Mark Lange, National Cotton Council Director of Economic and Information Services, and Ms. Carla West, NCC government relations representative from Washington, DC.

In addition, growers were brought up to date on the latest news from PCG regarding producer led efforts in initiate boll weevil eradication activities across

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu May 4-8

***MONDAY**-Spaghetti, meat sauce, corn, assorted salad dressing, tossed salad, bread sticks and a variety of fresh fruit.

***TUESDAY**- Chicken fried steak, cream potatoes, green beans, and a variety of fresh fruit.

***WEDNESDAY**-Toasted cheese sandwich, chicken and noodles, pickle spears, and a variety of fresh fruit.

***THURSDAY**- Tacos, lettuce and tomato salad, corn and a variety of fresh fruit.

***FRIDAY**- Chicken salad, baked potato, rolls and a variety of fresh fruit.

*Hamburger basket is an alternate choice each day.

the Texas High Plains, learned about the most recent released from the Plains Cotton Improvement Program to area cotton breeders as well as hearing PCG status reports from outgoing President Jackie Burris and Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

PCG President Jackie Burris presented John Farris, Dawson County Extension Agent, with the 1997 Cotton Agent of the Year Award in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the High Plains cotton industry.

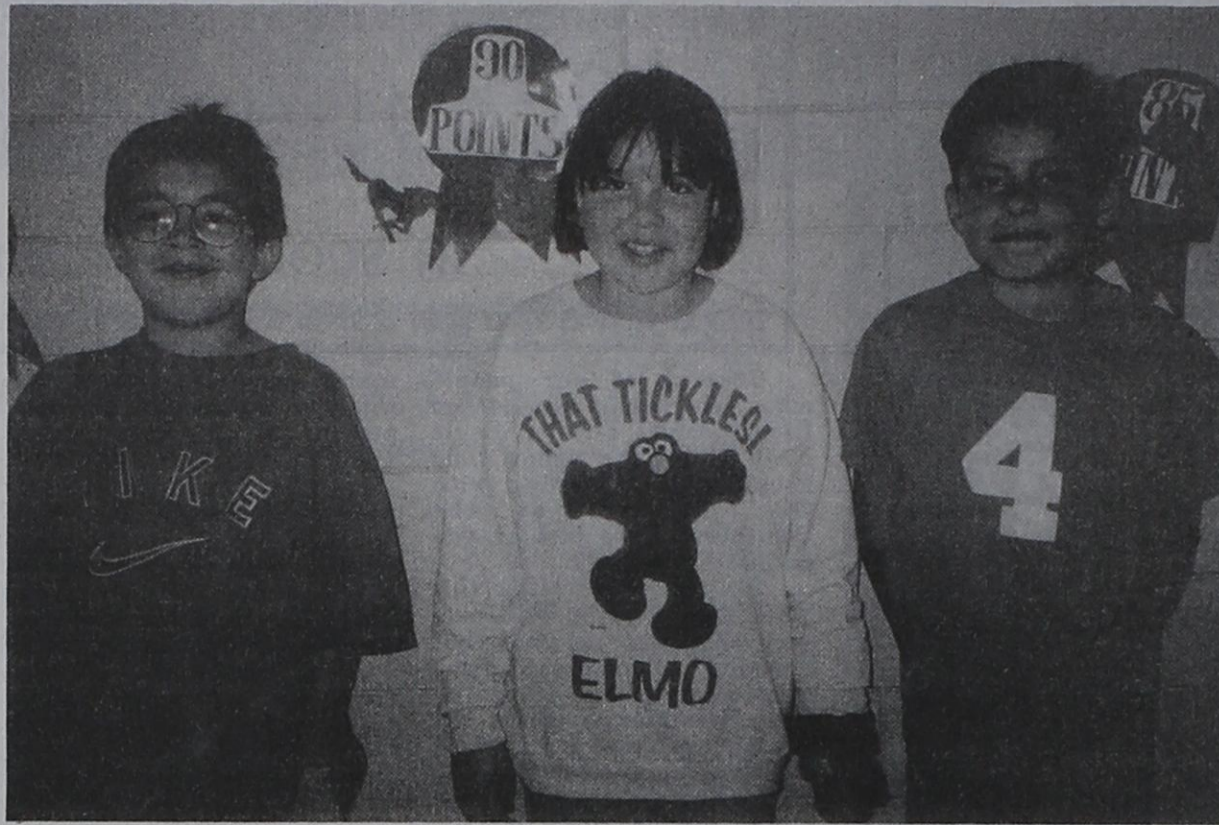
Several new PCG Board members were elected in the most recent round of PCG Director elections. They are: Ken Drake, Cochran; Randy Arnold, Crosby; Danny Nutt, Floyd; Eddie Odom, Martin; Coy Franks and Jade Jones, Motley. Newly elected directors were certified by the membership during the PCG Annual Meeting.

Members of the PCG Board of Directors elected a new slate of officers at their quarterly Board of Directors meeting April 17.

PCG Board members voted unanimously to elect Lubbock County cotton producer Don Langston to lead the organization as President for the next year.

Also elected to officer positions were Hale County cotton producer Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg, Vice President, and Parmer County cotton producer Mark Williams of Farwell as Secretary-Treasurer.

Outgoing President Jackie Burris, after fulfilling the maximum two terms allowed under PCG By-Laws, becomes the organizations new Board Chairman.



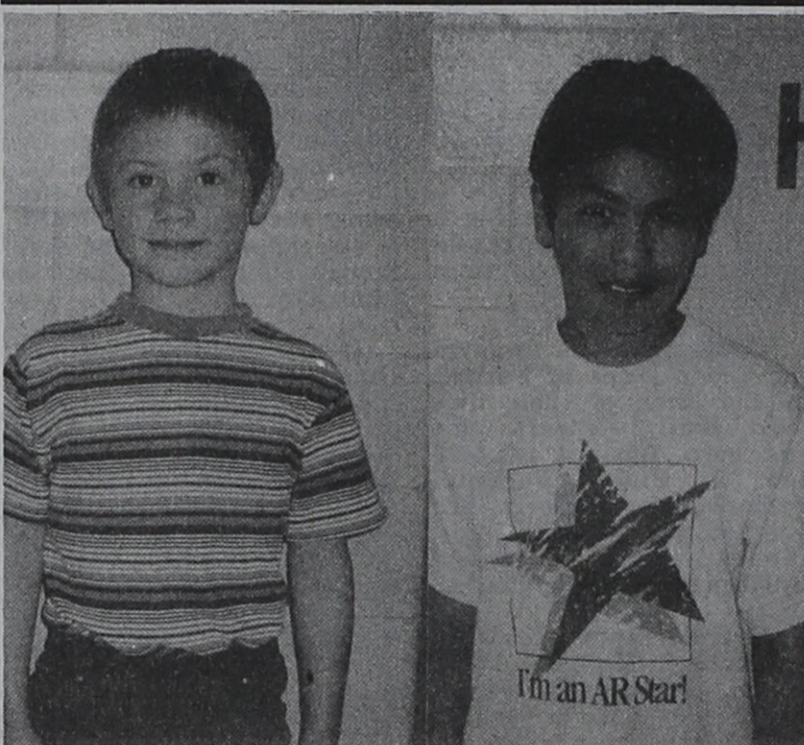
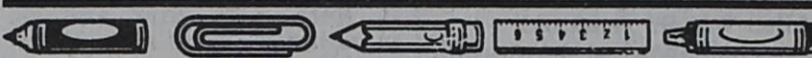
TICKLED ABOUT READING.....Aaron Chavez, Sonia Murillo, and Alfonso Espinoza are 100 point readers in Mrs. Sides' third grade class. Elmo is tickled about it too.



GABRIELLA DE LA CRUZ
She is a third grader in Mrs. Sides' class and has earned her AR Star t-shirt for 100 points in the reading program.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of May 3-9.
May 3 Kelly Wilburn.
May 4 Skyla Stormes, Blake Clements.
May 6 Tami Kunselman, Larry Dopp, Alex Dopp.
May 7 Joyce Gilbreath, Todd Schilling.
May 9 Luis Ortiz.
To make changes or to add a friend or relative to our birthday roster, call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.



READING WINNERS....Jesus Guevara, left, is only a second-grader in Mrs. Steelman's class but he has more than 100 points in the AR Star program. Israel Escobar, a fifth grader in Mrs. Halbrooks' class, earned his t-shirt too.

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Panhandle Beef Conf. In Amarillo

The Panhandle Beef Conference will be held on May 12, 1998 at the Amarillo Civic Center. This year's program will highlight forage management, performance evaluation of cattle, and outlooks for weather and markets.

Cool-season perennial forage production for cattle grazing is a topic of great interest in the High Plains. Dr. Vivian Allen, Texas Tech University, will recap her research and experiences with cool-season forages in the South Plains area. Dr. Larry Redmon, Oklahoma State University, has planned and observed various cool-season forages in Western Oklahoma. The combined observations of these experts will provide some insight for cool-season forage selection and management in the South and North Plains areas of the Panhandle.

Selecting breeding stock to sustain cow productivity but improve growth and carcass traits will be discussed by Mr. David Lust of West Texas A&M University. Trait selection and EPDs are among the tools that will be discussed.

Feedyard performance, carcass traits, cattle value and closeouts can be affected by implant programs. Dr. John Hutcheson, Hoechst-Roussel vet, will address the economics of implants strategies in pasture and feedlot cattle.

The program will close with Mr. Jim Sartwelle of the Texas Agricultural Extension giving the outlook for grain and cattle markets in 1998.

For more information, contact Dr. Ted McCollum at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. Advance registration would be appreciated. Please call 806-359-5401 to reserve your place. Or contact the Parmer County Extension office in Farwell.

Early Childhood Education Clinic

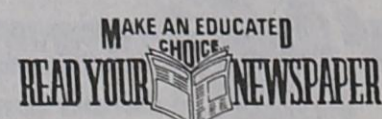
May 14, 1998

Bovina Ridgelea Elementary School

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement representing Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a **FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC** for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at Ridgelea Elementary School, Thursday, May 14, 1998 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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