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**IT'S SPRING
BREAK TIME!**
Children Will Be Out
Of School Next Week!

Parmer County Is Approved For Livestock Aid By LAP

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 239 Texas counties have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).

LAP, administered by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock

producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last October.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000 crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive

months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

For more information on LAP, visit the USDA-Farm Service Agency website at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm or contact the local USDA Service Center.



ALEX OWENS, ELIZABETH ALONZO & RAYMOND CHISOM ARE OFF TO AUSTIN FOR FREE THROW COMPETITION. SEE STORY-PAGE 2.



THE DARK SIDE of life seems to hold a great fascination for all of us. As an observer of human nature, I have noticed that all age groups get a real thrill out of "evil." It starts with telling scary stories at slumber parties, and ghost tales around the campfire. What I can't understand is why we place evil on such a pedestal. For instance, Billy the Kid, who was nothing but a young punk murderer, is the only real-life criminal to have had a ballet produced about his life (and death). Ballet, for goodness sake, is one of the highest art forms; the epitome of grace, beauty and movement set to music. Why a murderer?

Remember those popular Broadway musical productions which glorify the big city street gangs? "West Side Story" and "Grease." Of course, there was also a musical written about the slut-wife of a two-bit despot dictator, Evita Peron. Some really beautiful music has come from all of these. Why are we so inspired by evil?

Make a note of this and stash it in your memory bank: I predict that there will someday be a big Broadway musical written about those sleaze-bags who so recently ruled Washington, "The Clintons." Oh, sure...there will be movies, both TV and big screen movies, and there have already been hundreds of books written about them. I'm talking about a full-fledged Broadway production such as "Guys and Dolls," "Cats," "Oklahoma," etc. The end of the Clinton saga is still being played out in real life, but there is probably already someone out there who is at work on just such a project.

Now, to balance this, I must point out that we are also inspired by higher purpose. Down through the years, religion has provided the basis for many great works. We have such productions as "Joseph's Amazing Colored Dream Coat," "Jesus Christ, Super Star," and of course Handel's "Messiah," among others. I'm not going to get preachy here. I'm just presenting an idea for you to ponder and come to your own conclusions.

I used to get a kick out of those really bad monster movies of the '50s, and I still like to giggle at "Roadrunner and Wiley Coyote" cartoons. Psychologists tell us that even young children can distinguish between the real thing and fantasy violence such as the comedy capers of "The Three Stooges," and the dramatic good vs. evil in "Star Wars." Such things have little effect on children. Televised sports, such as football, basketball and baseball, also have little effect. However, they tell us that boxing and wrestling DO encourage violence among kids.

Somewhere along the way, Hollywood decided that we needed a lot more realism, and so we got "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," which was the first among the "slice and dice" movies which show a lot of blood and dismemberment. We've gone from there to the current "Hannibal the Cannibal" who has people for lunch. As if the realism on television wasn't enough for kids, parents are actually letting their children go to see awful horror movies like this.

A large part of what children learn comes from TV. The average child watches 26 hours of television every week. That's 1,352 hours in a year. By the time they reach age 12, they will have viewed 14,872 hours each; half as much time as they spend sleeping and far more time than they spend in school. They will have seen thousands of murders, robberies and beatings. A picture is worth a thousand words. Network officials sell advertisers with the idea that one minute of air time will convince the kiddos that they simply must have a certain breakfast cereal, candy bar or toy. But thousands of hours of violence won't induce them to go find a gun and kill their classmates? Let's get real, here.

The thing about our lifelong battle with the dark side is, we adults can choose how we respond to it. We can succumb to it, fight to overcome it, or compromise with it. Children, on the other hand, aren't mature enough to make those choices. They have to be taught to take the high road. Who is going to teach them?

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



Friena-Bovina Now Has Local Calling Connection

Customers of WT Services and Valor Communications in the 250-, 247-, 238- or 251-exchanges are now connected for local calls.

The service was established this week, allowing Friena and Bovina residents local, instead of long-distance, dialing.

Friena residents in 250- or 247- exchanges can dial direct to the 251- or 238- Bovina exchanges. Bovina residents have the capability of local calling to both Friena exchanges.

First Woman Candidate For Cooperative Board

A new chapter of Cooperative history is being written with the 47th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone (WTRT) March 20 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

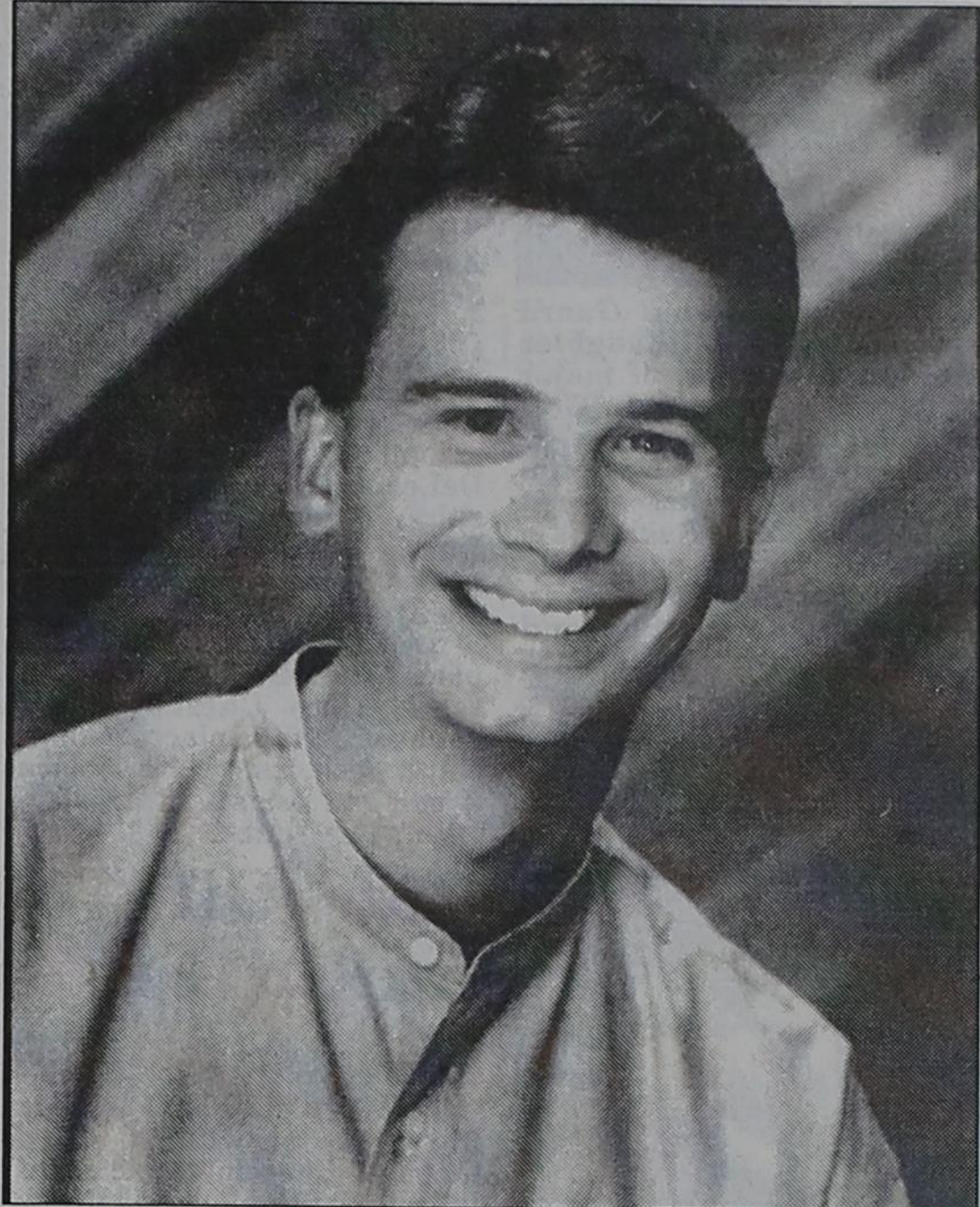
So far as can be determined from the Cooperative's records dating back almost 51 years, a woman will be included among the field of candidates for the board of directors for the first time as members elect directors for the Milo Center, Westway and Tharp exchanges.

Janice Brumley was named by the Cooperative's nominating committee in February as a candidate for the Westway seat on the board.

This year's annual membership meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. March 20 at the Hereford Bull Barn with a supper catered by Branum's Steaks and Barbecue of Hereford, followed by the business meeting, election and drawing for door prizes at 7 p.m.

Incumbent directors Carl Strafuss, Milo Center; Ernest Flood, Westway; and Jimmie Cockerham, Tharp are all standing for re-election. Strafuss will be unopposed in his bid for another term. He has served as the Milo Center exchange director since 1975. Through the years he has served as president, vice-president and secretary of the board.

He is engaged in farming and livestock operations near Ford in north-central Deaf Smith County and served on the board of directors of the



LYNDY PHILLIPS

Magician Will Headline Chamber Banquet March 22

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet, March 22, will feature the comedy magic of Lyndy Phillips.

For over 28 years, Phillips has been performing and entertaining. He began entertaining at the age of seven in melodramas during summer celebrations in his hometown.

In elementary and high school, Lyndy was reciting poetry, reading prose, storytelling, acting or speaking. His interest in illusion and magic tricks began at the age of 10 and five years later he performed his first magic act for his high school and community.

While attending college, Lyndy studied speech and communications and performed in his first Broadway musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Today he travels the country entertaining in schools, churches, public and private organizations, and corporations with speaking and comedy magic. He appears with ventriloquist Dennis Lee on video and television in The Nana Puddin' Show.

Whether Lyndy is speaking or performing an illusion he will bring a smile to your

St. Ann's Sets Annual Meal

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 11.

Serving time is 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Texas Time) in St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

The menu includes German sausage, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, homemade bread, desserts, tea and coffee.

Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under six years of age. Take-out plates will be available at no extra charge.

Sausage will be available by the pound by ordering from any St. Ann's Society member and at the dinner.



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face and encouragement to your heart.

Tickets to the Chamber banquet are available from any Chamber member or at the door. Purchasing your tickets in advance help the meal planners with a more accurate food count. Tickets are \$12.

Nominations for the annual awards are being accepted. The awards are Man of the Year; Woman of the Year; Heritage Award; and Students of the Year.

Nominations can be mailed to the Chamber at PO Box 418, Bovina, 79009; or drop your nominations by the BISS administration office to Darlene Miller.

Any questions or for further information about the banquet or the Chamber contact Suezy Smith at 225-4990 or 251-1677.

Cost-Share Assistance Available

Applications for cost-share assistance for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are being accepted and ranked for the 2001 program year.

Parmer County is one of nine counties in a Water Conservation Priority Area to help stabilize the decline of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Special emphasis will be to fund the applications with the greatest water savings, environmental and economical benefits. Priority practices available include converting sprinklers to low pressure systems, irrigation pipeline to new sprinklers, replacing leaky pipelines and subsurface drip irrigation.

The deadline to apply for EQIP is March 30. Contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Farm Service Agency to make an application.

(Information taken from the WTRT Co-Op Connection newsletter, written by Jim Steiert.)

Great Plains Ag Credit Sets Annual Meeting

The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit, PCA will be Saturday, March 10 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza.

The business meeting begins at 4 p.m. Joel Zeff, award-winning comedian and creative speaker from Dallas, will be after dinner entertainment. Kent Watson from Claude will provide dinner piano music.

Great Plains Ag Credit, formerly the Amarillo and Plainview Production Credit Association, is a major agricultural lender in the North and South Plains of Texas having in excess of 945

farmer-rancher stockholder/borrowers.

Troy Christian of Farwell serves as board chairman. Other board members include L. Mike McLain of Gruver, vice chairman; Dennis Anthony of Friena; Danny Dettner of Panhandle; David Doshier of Vega; Joe Everett of Stratford; Earl Harkins of Hereford; Joe Stokes of Hale Center; and Dwight Teeple of Lockney.

For additional information, contact any of the Association's offices in Amarillo, Plainview, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Dumas, Floydada, Friena, Muleshoe, Olton or Tulia.



NEW ARMY MAJOR...Mississippi Army National Guard member Anita R. Easley of Byram, Mississippi, daughter of Juana Maria Reyes of Bovina, has new rank of major pinned on by State Aviation Officer, Col. Barron L. Goff (left) and Easley's husband, Glenn (right) during a recent promotion ceremony at the Mississippi Army National Guard headquarters in Jackson. Maj. Easley has served in the National Guard for over 15 years. Maj. Easley is a systems administrator for the Guard and is currently serving as commandant of Headquarters, State Area Command, Mississippi Army National Guard. She and husband Glenn, have two children; daughter, Victoria, 5 and son Tyler, 3.



ON YOUR MARK...Fillie runner Veronica Herrera gets set to start the 400 relay at the Morton meet. Helping out is David Garcia. photo by K'dawn scroggins

Fillie Tracksters Earn Medals At Morton Meet

Christen Stowers placed 3rd in the girls high jump at the Last Frontier Relays at Morton. She cleared a jump of 4'8". Christen also placed 3rd in the triple jump, stretching to a distance of 31'3". K'Leigh Scroggins earned a 2nd place medal in the 300 hurdles with her time of 51.34, finishing behind Quisenberry of Springlake-Earth who won with a time of 49.79. The Bovina girls 400 relay team finished 3rd with their time of 57.14. Sudan won 1st at 52.56, followed by Whiteface at 55.85. The 400 relay team runners are Christen Stowers, Veronica Herrera, April Martinez and K'Leigh Scroggins.

Open House Set Sunday

Open House and ribbon-cutting will be held Sunday, March 11, from 2-3:30 p.m. for Friona Heritage Estates, the county's new assisted living facility. Tours of the facility will be available. Guest speaker: Jeff Price of Amarillo.

Spring breaks

Spring break for Bovina and Friona schools is Mar 12-16. WT A&M also has spring break next week, although the campus will remain open Mon & Tues. Clovis Community College will close at 4:40 p.m. Fri, Mar 16, for spring break. The campus will reopen at 8 a.m. Mon, Mar 26.

Thursday Rain Totals 1.94 Inches

A slow-falling steady rain Wednesday night into Thursday measured 1.94 inches as of 9 p.m. Thursday. This brings the moisture for calendar year 2001 to 4.46 inches, and since October, a total of 10.4 inches have been measured—just over five months. Temperatures for the week varied from 69 degrees on Tuesday to a low of 34 Sunday morning.

West Texas single adult conference

All area singles are invited to the West Texas Single Adult Discipleship Conference, Mar 23-24 at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock. The theme is "Under Construction: God's Blueprint for Health in a Broken World." Reservations and \$10 fee may be phoned or mailed. Southcrest Baptist Church, 3801 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79423. For info call 792-3363 or 797-9000, ext. 58.

Parmer Co. 4-H'ers Win In Houston

Parmer County 4-H'ers participated in the 2001 Houston Livestock Show February 21-March 3. It takes many months of preparation before 4-H'ers leave to take and exhibit their livestock projects.

This year Parmer County was well represented at all the major livestock shows.

Exhibitors were Ryan Mason, Logan Mason, Matthew Billingsley, Samuel Billingsley, Karli Schilling, Kari Schilling, Luke Schwertner, Leesa Patterson, Tyler Vandiver, Lindsay Vandiver and Josh Johnson.

Placing barrrows at the show were: D'Anna DeLeon, second place Cross; Jennifer DeLeon, third place Hampshire; Ty Gonsler, third place Duroc; Suzanne Mason, fifth place Spot; Dan Patterson, eighth place Hampshire.

Also, Josh Curtis, ninth place Chester; Tyson Kerby, tenth place Chester; Drew Johnson, 12th place Hampshire; Josh Kerby, 18th place Cross; and Angela Billingsley, 19th place Duroc.

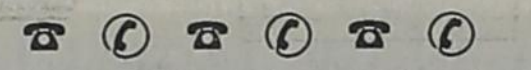
Kids Off To Austin For Contest

The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with St. Ann's Catholic Church, participated in the annual free throw contest for local youngsters.

Each participant gets 25 free throws and the kids with the most shots advance. Local kids competed at Bovina gym. Winners here received certificates.

The winners advanced to compete at Nazareth where the winners received plaques, and at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo where they received medals.

On March 17, the three winners will now compete in free throw competition in Austin. Traveling to Austin will be eighth grader Elizabeth Alonzo, ninth grader Raymond Chisom and seventh grader Alex Owens.

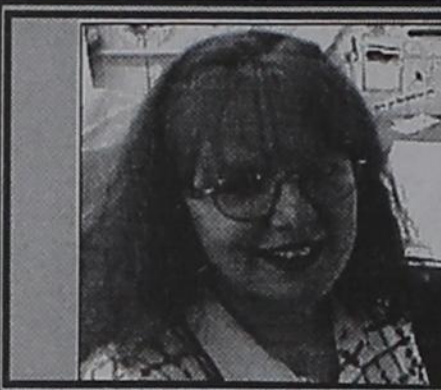


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Bovina Bits

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The big news to hit Bovina this week came Wednesday at 1 p.m. Now if you need to make a phone call to Friona, it's FREE! Thanks to WT Services for saving us all a little long distance money—we can apply the savings to our high gas bills now!

Tiny and Pearly Chisom's daughter Tonia Robinson and her son Desmon Fox, from the Dallas area, were in Bovina for the weekend. They came to see the Chisoms' grandson, Raymond, compete in the free throw contest in Amarillo—see story on the contest elsewhere in this issue.

Tiny said Desmon's birthday was this week on the 8th and Tiny's is Saturday the 10th. Happy Birthday guys!

Frances Willard just returned from visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Beverly Willard and their four children, Taylor, Zachary, Bryce and Mitchell. She drove to Dallas last Thursday and had a great time with the family. During her stay they went to a play at the Willards' church. Frances said it was quite a production.

Former First Baptist

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of March 11-17, 2001.

- Mar 11 Nelline Spicer
- Mar 12 Susan Kerby
- Mar 15 Stefanie Marie Bowman, Michael Carson, Lawrence Gray
- Mar 16 Luke Steelman, Jack Patterson, Bill Gist
- Mar 17 Alan Hromas, Patricia Anaya, Ovid Lawlis, Britton Barrett

To add a name to our birthday list, or for any changes or corrections, call 251-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.

Church pastor and his wife, Richard and Velma Gresham, stopped in Bovina Tuesday to see friends. They had lunch with Carolyn and Jack Rains in town. The Rains' granddaughter, Lindsay lives with the Greshams at Texas City. She attends high school there now and will graduate in May.

The Greshams went to Erra Jamerson's home for a reception at 2 p.m. Several Bovina folks stopped in to visit with the couple. While they were in the area the couple were able to see their mothers. Bro. Richard's mom lives in Plainview and Velma's mother lives in Lubbock.

Friends say Thelma Barron has been hospitalized this week. She was to return home Thursday after being released.

Bovina's Little Dribblers started practices this week. Games start the week of March 19. See you there!

Tommy Scaff is home recuperating. Wife Bonnie said doctors never came up with a diagnosis for his recent

illness but, "if they don't find something that's better than finding something bad," she said.

Tommy spent time in the ICU in Amarillo from Sunday until Thursday and then was taken by ambulance to Lubbock and was treated until Friday. He'll be home for awhile resting up and then will return to work.

Don't forget about the annual St. Ann's German sausage lunch this Sunday, March 11. It's a tradition for Bovina folks to go support the Catholic church and eat a great meal. You can't beat the great food for just \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

A lot of people have asked about the birthday party scheduled for Jack and Ona Patterson that was set for March 11. Well, Jack is still a patient at Baptist/ St. Anthony's Rehab unit, room 210 in Amarillo.

Friends say he is progressing well and the family is rescheduling the event for the couple for sometime in April. Keep getting better Jack!

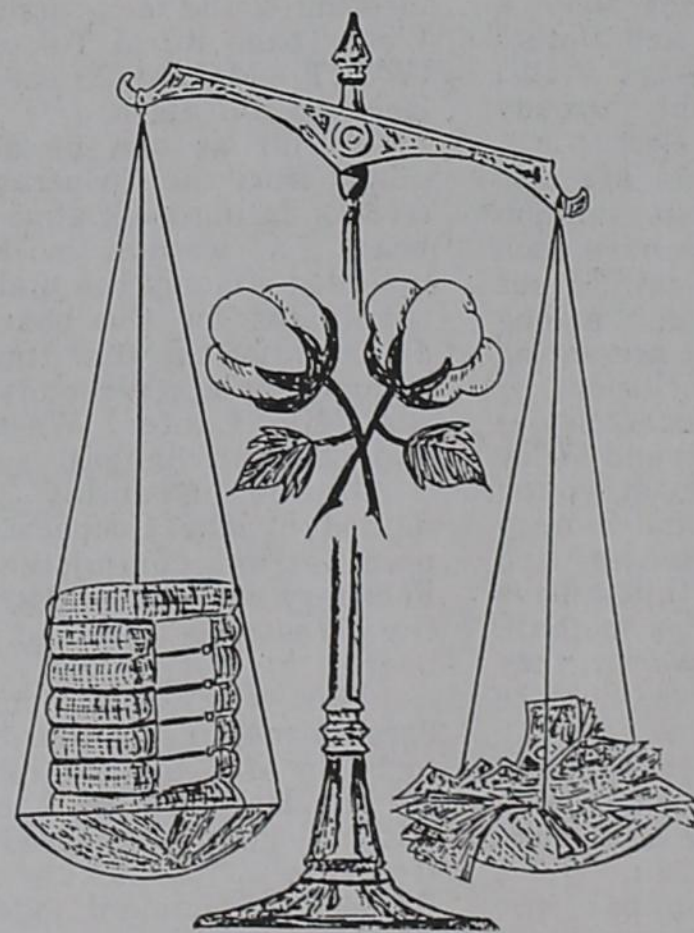


OUT ON THE ICE...In last week's Bovina Bits Alma Clayton reported that her grandson, Kelly Hance recently returned from a 6 month job in Antarctica, his seventh year to do so. Here is Kelly and a few of his penguin friends.

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Immunization Clinics Set For March

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for March throughout several Panhandle communities.

Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lock-jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however, no one will be turned away if not able to pay.

Additionally, flu shots will also be available at the clinics to be given to the general public.

The vaccinations will be administered at the WIC Office, 607 Main Street, Friona, Friday, March 16, from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be available at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, March 12 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

EX-RESIDENT

Mrs. Shipley's Rites Conducted Saturday

Funeral services for Gladiola Shipley, 85, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon, March 3, at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Mission Garden of Memories, Clovis, N.M., under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shipley passed away at her home in Dimmitt, having been in failing health for some time.

She was born November 23, 1915, in Normangee, Texas, on the Leon/Madison county lines. She was the daughter of the late Carrie Belle Gilbert and Marvin Alexander Black.

She married Donald Shipley June 10, 1933, in Portales, N.M. She had been a resident of Dimmitt since 1977, moving there from

Friona. She also was a former resident of Plainview, Chickasha, Oklahoma, and Clovis, N.M. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

She grew up in Clovis, where she went all the way through their schools, as did her future husband, Don.

Mrs. Shipley was preceded

in death by her parents, as well as a brother, Roger Black, and a sister, Ruby Guthrie.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Shipley of the home in Dimmitt; a son, Don Shipley of Waco, a daughter, Dona Lee Mathos of San Angelo; a brother, A. L. Black of Friona, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Jackson Is Buried At Plainview

Funeral services for Zola Fern Jackson, 69, formerly of Friona, were held at Lemons Memorial Chapel in Plainview, Monday, March 5, 2001, with Rev. Lance Cybert of First Baptist Church, Quitaque, officiating.

Mrs. Jackson passed away March 3 at her home in Quitaque.

She was born May 27, 1931, in Roosevelt, Oklahoma. She married Edward Henry Jackson February 18, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. He passed away September 16, 1999.

Mrs. Jackson moved to Friona as a child, where she attended school. She then moved to Plainview, where she had lived the past 30 years. She was a Baptist.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Buster and Goldie Haney, as well as a son, Troy Jackson, and a brother, Lavon Haney.

Survivors include a daughter, Cathy Purcell of Quitaque; two sons, Gary Jackson of Plainview and Samuel Jackson of Ft. Worth; two brothers, Gail Haney of Plainview and Roy Haney of Tampico, Illinois; two sisters, Marjorie Jack of Paris, Texas and Doris Dorsett of Santa Rosa, California.

Nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Faye Wilson's Rites Scheduled Sunday

Funeral services for Faye Wilson, 92 are set for Sunday, March 11, 2001 at 3 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Alvin Petty, pastor officiating and Rev. Don Boren assisting. Burial will follow at Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

She passed away Thursday, March 8, 2001 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

Faye was born at Pleasant Hill, New Mexico October 15, 1908 and married Elroy Wilson

November 28, 1931 in Clovis. He preceded her in death December 25, 1982.

She lived in Friona since 1926, moving here from Pleasant Hill. She and her husband owned and operated Plains Hardware, retiring in 1978. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Leroy Cox of Friona; a sister, Evelyn Tuckness of Amarillo; and two grandchildren, Carrie and Clint Cox of Friona.

Open House & Ribbon Cutting

Sunday, March 11
2-3:30 p.m.

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Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

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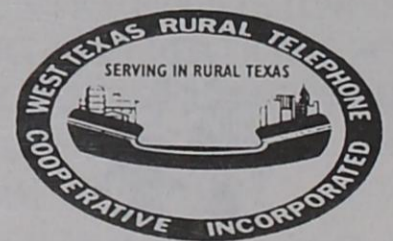
There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:

Milo Center: Carl Strafuss (unopposed)

Tharp: Jimmie Cockerham & Richard Carson

Westway: Ernest Flood & Janice Brumley

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FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

IN THIS MODERN DAY AND AGE, WE HAVE BECOME USED TO LARGE SIZES—HUGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS, TOWERING BASKETBALL STARS ETC. BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IF WE WANT TO TOP WHAT THE BIBLE TERMS AS GIANT. THESE TWO SEVEN-FOOT BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND AN AVERAGE-SIZE FIVE-FOOT, TEN-INCH COACH PALE IN COMPARISON NEXT TO THE BIBLE'S GOLIATH.

WE LEARN IN 1 SAMUEL 17:4-7, THAT GOLIATH STOOD SIX CUBITS AND A SPAN. THE CUBIT BEING APPROXIMATELY TWENTY INCHES, A SPAN NINE INCHES, PUTS GOLIATH'S HEIGHT AT TEN AND A HALF FEET—A HALF FOOT HIGHER THAN THE BASKET WHICH HANGS TEN FEET ABOVE THE BASKETBALL COURT!

HOWEVER, THE SPY AND AGILE YOUNG LAD, DAVID—WHO, NOT BEING FULL-GROWN, COULD HARDLY HAVE STOOD MORE THAN FIVE FEET AT THE TIME (JUST HALF GOLIATH'S HEIGHT) TAUGHT GOLIATH AND THE WORLD A BIG LESSON—THAT NO MATTER HOW FORMIDABLE THE ADVERSARY, ONE CAN OVERCOME IF HE IS FILLED WITH COURAGE AND A FIRM BELIEF IN THE RIGHTNESS OF HIS CAUSE!

GOLIATH'S COAT OF MAIL, THE BIBLE TELLS US, WEIGHED FIVE THOUSAND BRASS SHEKELS—WELL OVER A HUNDRED POUNDS. THE IRON SPEARHEAD WEIGHED MORE THAN FIFTY POUNDS AND THE STAFF OF THE SPEAR WAS AS THICK AS A WEAVER'S BEAM, WHICH IS A LITTLE THICKER THAN AN AVERAGE MAN'S WRIST—A FEARSOME FOE IN EVERY RESPECT!

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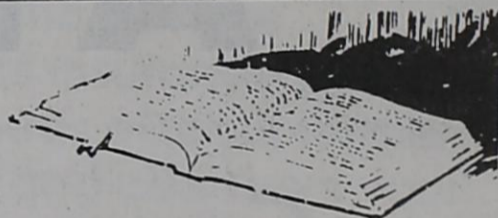
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WTRT Board Candidates Announced

(Continued From Page 1) Ernest Flood has served as the Westway director since 1992 and has served on various local agriculture related boards. A 1965 graduate of Hereford High School, he is engaged in farming and custom-farming in the Hereford area. He and his wife, Carmen, have four sons and four grandchildren. Janice Brumley, the other candidate for the Westway seat, is the wife of local farmer and rancher Mike Brumley. Janice is a 1972 graduate of Hereford High School. In addition to assisting with farm and ranch operations, she has worked in the Farm Services Administration office in Hereford. She is currently employed with Gilliland Insurance of Hereford. She is a long-time member of the Deaf Smith 4-H Parents Association and served as an active leader of 4-H youth for many years. She is a recipient of the 4-H Youth Development Foundation's Salute to Excellence Award presented at the State 4-H Roundup in recognition of her impact on the lives of young people. She and Mike are the parents of two sons and two daughters and they have two grandchildren. (Information taken from the WTRT Co-Op Connection newsletter, written by Jim Steiert.)

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Thank You
Thanks so much for the food, cards, prayers, visits and concern expressed during my recent illness. Frona is a great community to belong to. We love you, Karene and Herman Krauel

PCA Sets Annual Meeting
The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit, PCA will be Saturday, March 10 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. The business meeting begins at 4 p.m. Joel Zeff, award-winning comedian and creative speaker from Dallas, will be after dinner entertainment. Kent Watson from Claude will provide dinner piano music.

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Lois Hutson Submits Story For Publication

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Lois Hutson.



LOIS HUTSON

By LOIS HUTSON

I was born March 14, 1923. My parents were Frank G. and Frieda Marquardt. I was the sixth of eight children. I had one older brother, four older sisters and two younger brothers. It was fun growing up in a large family.

My dad worked in construction as a bricklayer, so we moved around alot while I was growing up. We lived in St. Louis, Missouri and Oklahoma City until I was about five years old. At that time we moved to a farm about 15 miles from Waurika, Oklahoma.

My dad planted crops and raised livestock. My mother always planted a large garden so she could can and preserve vegetables for us. She made rolls and bread everyday. We raised chickens to eat and for eggs. We had cows for milk and cream which we sold to buy things that we couldn't raise.

I was working in a cafe in Waurika when I met my husband. Troy and I were married on August 26, 1944. After we got married we lived on a farm near Henrietta, Texas. About three years later, we moved to Levelland, Texas, where Troy

worked in the oil field.

We moved several times until 1973. After we left the farm he was employed as custodian at Friona Grade School for about twelve years.

I worked in the school cafeteria for several years and then I worked with Troy as a custodian.

We have two children, Shirley and Carolyn, both of Friona. We have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Troy passed away in 1996. I have lived alone since that time. I had to have back surgery in December of 2000 and I had to come to Prairie Acres to recuperate.

I think Friona is fortunate to have a nice facility like Prairie Acres. I appreciate the staff here. They take good care of me.



By **RON CARR**

"We Need More Laws, Please!"

Out Here

What we need are a bunch of new state and federal laws.

Society just keeps sinking lower and lower. Learned experts declare that most Americans have the morals and character of a New York alley rat. Most of us ain't worth a cup of weasel spit, much less able to decide things for ourselves.

The only thing that I see to save us is to have our elected lawmakers and legislators make enough laws to cover every human emotion and activity.

For instance, we need new driving laws that prohibit all activity inside our cars and trucks. Lawmakers are after cell phone users already, even though that's why we have cell phones so we can call people while we are on the move.

They say you can't talk and drive so we need a law that all talking in a vehicle (by the driver) must be out of the corner of your mouth only. Eyes must always be straight ahead.

While we are at it, let's have a law that prohibits daydreaming while operating a motor vehicle. Daydreamers need to pull over to a rest area until the daydream is completed and the driver has completely snapped out of the trance.

Reaching over to the back seat with your right arm to swat a rowdy kid at 70 mph should get some jail time. The loud mouth brats who are thus abused by a careless driver/parent should be able to turn them in to the law. Video surveillance cameras should be added to the options list of new vehicles to monitor in-car behavior.

We need to outlaw all

drive-thru windows at fast-food joints. Board 'em up or turn them into flower boxes.

Either that or make laws governing the size of drink holders inside the car. You shouldn't be allowed to buy a giant sized fountain drink without a giant sized cup holder or proof of tip-over insurance.

Forget about handing hot coffee to a drive-thru customer. We already have a proven law about the value of hot coffee poured on a crotch. Selling hot coffee at a drive-thru window should be a high class misdemeanor, fine, jail time and community service.

Our goal here is to eliminate distractions of drivers who are incapable of paying attention anyway. We need laws to replace responsibility in America.

If all this sounds just plain silly, maybe it is. Or maybe it isn't. The Federal Drug Administration has announced that there is an epidemic of obesity across the land. They propose to tax fat foods (like they do cigarettes and booze) in an effort to make overweight folks feel worse than they already do.

There are already a mountain of rules that govern what schools can serve in cafeterias. The greatest meal ever invented for a kid, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, has been outlawed because a few kids are allergic to peanut products. (Girl Scout cookies are still peanutty though, for now.) I think that is an outrage and could have been handled differently, but what do I know?

I was reminded of our endless need for laws while reading over the Texas

Senate Reviews we have been publishing the last few weeks.

Our Texas Legislature is in session for about 80 more days. They meet every two years, so making laws while they can takes on more importance.

As of last Thursday, 1,055 bills (laws) had been filed in the Texas Senate during this session. They passed 19 bills at one time last week because they were "local in scope and without opposition."

I've gotta' be honest, I didn't realize we needed 1,055 new laws in Texas. I'm still struggling with whether its okay to turn right on red. What do these new bills (law) do?

Here's one example: Senator Frank Madla of San Antonio proposed a bill (law) aimed at "reducing the demand for illegal drugs." His wisdom has caused him to create a Drug Demand Reduction Advisory Committee to coordinate Texas' efforts to counter illegal drug use.

I must have been out of

the room when my high school civics teacher, Mrs. Boone, explained how state laws could control the demand for drugs. Whatever possessed Sen. Madla to think that a committee of state bureaucrats sitting around a conference table can control the demand for drugs.

He's not talking about the growers or sellers. He wants to have a law that will make a user not want to use anymore. Is that going to work? Drugs are already illegal. If being illegal doesn't squash the demand, what will the committee add.

See, they have to do something when they go to Austin for the session. Can you visualize the Senators sitting around the chambers doing nothing. "Mr. Speaker, since we already have more laws than anyone can remember, I move that we do not pass any laws this session." All opposed, signify by saying "yeah, right."

By next week we should have over 1,200 new laws. I feel a lot better now! rc

Drawing For Digital Camera by Press Ass'n.


Ron Carr, managing editor of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade is a member of the board of directors of the Panhandle Press Association (PPA).

The PPA will give away an Olympus D-360L 1.3 megapixel digital camera at its convention in Amarillo April 5-7. The camera is a \$300 value and has been donated by Hertner's Camera in Amarillo.


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