

Bull Town Bulletins



By
Bill Ellis

WHEN YOU HEAR on radio or television about the 115-degree heat in Las Vegas, or Phoenix or Tucson, your first reaction is "Those poor people!"

However, if you voice this reaction to someone who lives in that region of the Southwest, they are quick to inject--"Yes, but it's dry heat."

That brings us to our personal reaction to our season's hottest weather, when the mercury flirted with the 100-degree mark (but never quite made it, according to my official U.S. government digital thermometer, which hit 98.4): "Yes, but it was dry heat."

If you've ever lived or visited in the Fort Worth-Dallas area, or Houston, or the Tulsa-Oklahoma City area, and heard the reports this week (especially in Oklahoma) of 103 degrees; 105, 107, and yes, even 109 degrees, you have to give a silent prayer of thanks for these "old baldies" known as the High Plains of Texas.

Folks, when it's 109 degrees in mid-Oklahoma, or in the Fort Worth-Dallas Metroplex, or greater Houston--you have a problem--and high living expenses isn't the first one that comes to mind.

Carol's parents, the late Ethel Shipley and Frank F. Stone, lived in Fort Smith, Arkansas for most of their latter years. Mrs. Stone's brothers owned and operated Shipley Bakery, which originated the Holsum bread label.

If I hadn't married Carol, there is a good chance that I never would have visited Fort Smith, Arkansas. And, since trips are most often taken in the summer, Ye Ed experienced first hand what the mid-summer weather is like in that area.

If memory serves correctly, the elevation of Fort Smith is right at sea level, which accentuates the city's "soggy" summer reputation.

On our last trip to Fort Smith, the mercury climbed 'way over the 100-degree mark. I saw a bank sign that was flashing 120 degrees in mid-afternoon. When it finally got dark and was close to bedtime, it had only dropped to an even 100 degrees. Plus, it was probably about 75% humidity, as is usually the case.

Ye Ed was born and bred on the Texas plains and has never been noted for his fast pace (anyone at the office will verify this). I got around in that climate about as fast as the tortoise who was racing the hare.

On that last trip to Arkansas, the first thing we did upon arriving at Fort Smith was to locate a nice air conditioned motel, get registered, and then go out to Carol's folks. We knew from past visits that they would insist that we spend the nights in their house.

We also knew that unless things had changed (and they had not), that the only thing they used in their house to beat the heat, or more correctly, move it around a little bit, was a floor fan. Apparently they were waiting until it REALLY got hot before installing an air conditioner.

So, we had an excuse--"Oh, we were afraid you wouldn't have room, and besides, we've already registered and paid at the motel." I never made too many decisions to out-wit my late mother-in-law, but this was one time when I did.

Years ago, Carol and I took our kids on a trip that included the state press convention in Houston. They were having their own version of the Texas heat wave for our benefit.

Our car air conditioner was acting up, and at one point it clouded up and began to rain while we were in gridlock on the freeway. We lowered our windows to let some air in, only to find out we were in a giant steam bath. It was raining hot water.

When I die, if I have to choose between Fort Smith, Houston, or Hell, Ye Ed might be tempted to try the third choice. We've been to those others several times already.

We may get hot in the daytime out here in West Texas, but our Panhandle nights must be the most comfortable of those anywhere on the entire globe.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Ron Carr

Leslie and Rose McCain are content where they are, living on the farm north of Bovina where they farmed and raised their boys, Ben and Butch.

Ben and Butch are not content. Not yet anyway. The McCain brothers left a successful television career in Oklahoma City and went to Hollywood where they hope to find success in acting and comedy.

Ben recently visited home again and enjoyed the peace and quiet back on the farm. As Ben says, all his daddy, Leslie, ever wanted to do was farm, but he encouraged the boys to follow their own careers.

Rose McCain was born January 31, 1931 in Pep, Texas. She attended Pettit schools and was enrolled in nursing school when she met Leslie McCain on a blind date. They went to Littlefield for a coke. That was in September.

They married three months later, December 30, 1951.

Leslie McCain was born June 2, 1925, in Paducah in Cottle Co.

During World War II, he served in the Navy Seabees in the Pacific from 1944 to 1946.

They moved to the farm in Bovina in 1953. Son Ben was born in 1955 and Butch was born in 1958. Show business was near for the boys even from birth.

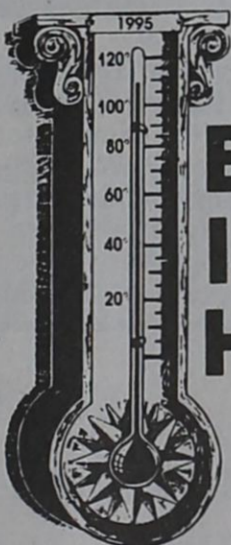
Rose says the same doctor that delivered both boys also delivered Larry Hagman, who later gained fame as J.R. Ewing.

Leslie and Rose are obviously proud of the boys, but equally proud of the farm and their lives together for almost 44 years. When they married after only three months of courtship, the family warned that it would never work.

Looks like to me it has worked pretty well.



Leslie and Rose McCain



BOY
IS IT
HOT

Hole-in-One For Local Golfer

In June, local Bovina resident, Harry Charles, scored a hole-in-one at Shadow Hills Golf Club in Lubbock.

The ace was recorded on hole number 3, 158 yards, and he used a 5-wood.

Witnesses were Earl Conrath, Bob Peterson, John White.

White Water Rafting Thrills Local Residents

Two local WTAMU students from Bovina, Johnny Dopp and James Grisham, went white water rafting down the Rio Grande River this past weekend.

They traveled with a group from the Church of Christ Bible Chair at WTAMU to Sipapu Ski Resort in northern New Mexico on Friday, July 7. Then Saturday afternoon, they rafted down an eight-mile stretch of the river, which took about three hours.

"The park guide with us said we came at the best time

ever because this summer is the highest the Rio Grande has been since 1906," the two said. "Of five rafts we saw going down at the same time, we were the only ones that made it without capsizing or losing anyone. After we got out of the "Sow's Hole" rapids, we picked up four out of the water, including another river guide, and had twelve in the raft when we finished."

As you can see in the accompanying photo, James and Johnny got drenched, but enjoyed a thrilling ride!



VETERANS HONORED....These World War II veterans were honored at the City Park Worship Service held July 2. Shown are: (left to right) Billy Sides, Pat Kunselman, Tony Ivy, Marvin Ezell, Les McCain, Webb Gober, J.T. Hammonds, Jack Patterson and Robert Wilson.

Authorities Hold Fort Worth Man After Two-State Chase

By B. SCOTT HUNT
Globe-News Staff Writer
CLOVIS, N.M.--A 19-year-old Fort Worth, Texas man was arrested on Friday after barreling through parts of Parmer County, Texas, and Curry County, N.M. at speeds ranging from 70 to 100 mph, authorities said.

The man, Christopher Ryan Stephan, was stopped just east of the Clovis city limits on Highway 60-84 about 10:48 CDT, officials said.

Officials had chased Stephan for about 25 miles and for about 30 minutes before stopping him, officials said. No one, however, was hurt in the chase, officials said.

Officers stopped Stephan by shooting at his 1988 GMC Jimmy, hitting its radiator, Curry County Sheriff Mike Jackson said.

Chief Deputy Named

Bryan Thurmond has been named Chief Deputy by Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams. The sheriff's office has not had a chief deputy for several years. Thurmond joined the Parmer County Sheriff's Department three years ago. He and his wife, Brentz have two children, Garrett, 5, and Nolan, 4. The family lives east of Bovina.

The Parmer County Sheriff's Department has four deputies, including Chief Williams, and one D.A.R.E. officer.

"He swerved to the left when gunfire started. In doing so, he ran over some roadway signs, and we were able to stop him at that point," Jackson said.

Jackson said they fired at the Jimmy as a last resort.

"We decided we needed to do something to stop him because he gave no indication that he had any regard for anyone else's safety," Jackson said. "We couldn't let him come in the (Clovis) city limits. So we had to do something to immobilize the vehicle. We just couldn't risk him going through that populated area."

The chase began in Parmer County, officials said.

Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams said an employee of a gas station in Lazbuddie called him about 10 a.m. CDT to report an erratic driver in a white Jimmy with a maroon stripe heading north out of town.

"I sent one of my deputies thataway," Williams said. "About five miles east of Bovina, he met this subject, and he was all over the road. Deputy Tracey Bridges turned on him and activated his lights and siren."

"And as soon as he saw him, he floor-boarded it and took off," Williams said.

Bridges gave chase westbound on State Highway 86 headed toward Bovina, Williams said.

Williams said he radioed the Bovina Police Department as the Jimmy neared town. Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler tried to slow the suspect, who attempted to ram Saddler's patrol car," Williams said.

"He came right on through Bovina in excess of 80 mph," Williams said.

The Jimmy continued west on Highway 86 until it connected with U.S. Highway 60. The Jimmy then headed westbound on Highway 60 in the eastbound lanes of the divided highway.

Williams said he and Deputy Gary Blair entered the chase west of Bovina in Blair's patrol car.

"This other deputy and I got in front of him and cut across the highway and attempted to slow him down," Williams said. "He cut behind us and went across the median, doing 100 miles per hour."

The Jimmy drove for about seven miles in the wrong lanes," Williams said. Oncoming traffic pulled to the side when they saw the convoy of police cars and the Jimmy racing down the wrong side of the highway, he said.

Williams said he shot at the Jimmy about five miles east of Farwell when traffic cleared.

"I told the deputy just to pace him, and I got the shotgun out and shot both front tires out from the Jimmy," Williams said. "It was about the only option I could think of. The only reason I done that is to try to prevent him from killing somebody down the road. I didn't want to hurt the guy. I just wanted to stop him."

The Jimmy, however, continued at speeds of about 80 mph riding on just the front wheel rims, Williams said.

"I think it'd be pretty dang hard (to control the vehicle)," Williams said. "But he was a good driver. In

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RAFTING EXPERIENCE....James Grisham and Johnny Dopp (right middle) are shown here shooting the rapids on a raft on the Rio Grande River in northern New Mexico last Saturday, with a group from the WTAMU Church of Christ Bible Chair.

First Baptist VBS Was A Great Success

First Baptist Church finished five sessions of Vacation Bible School, Saturday, with a "Family Night" program and hot dog picnic in the new playground. The youth group highlighted this program with a great drama presentation about the crucifixion.

Pastor Richard Grisham reported a total enrollment in VBS of 231, which included 145 children, 25 youths and 61 workers.

The worship service theme each session was "Windows On The World." Different boys and girls carried the United States flag, the Christian flag and the Bible as the age groups marched into the auditorium at the beginning of each session.

An offering was taken to help the Indian Hills Baptist Church in Silver City, New Mexico, which has been burned out by an arsonist five times in the last two years.

"We appreciate all who allowed their children to come to Vacation Bible School this year," says Richard Grisham, pastor and VBS director. "We hope all the children and young people had a great time and learned much about Christ and the Bible. I also appreciate all the workers who helped make VBS possible again this year. And we thank the Lord for the good weather and His watch over us all week!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!

July 16--Sandy Guest, Nannie Rhodes.

July 17--Jeri Been.

July 18--Tony Castenada, Jr., Connie Garza, Padya Hughes.

July 21--Darla Stormes, Kevin Koelzer.

July 22--Bud Venable, Julie Grisham, Vanessa Garcia.

(If someone in your family, or someone you know, is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523 on Mondays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and put their name on our birthday calendar.)

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu

Week of July 17-21

MONDAY--salmon patties, cream potatoes, green beans, biscuits, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY-- bologna and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY--nachos with meat, salad, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY--barbecued franks, corn, au gratin potatoes, cornbread, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY-- hamburgers, fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit and milk.



TRAILER BUS....Mark Englant picked youngsters up on this trailer each day and delivered them to the First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School.



ENJOY BIBLE SCHOOL....Sara Sorley, Misty Pruitt and Julie Grisham enjoy a fun moment during First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School.

Looking Up!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

Since this is summer vacation time, let me share with you my acrostic for a good one!

V-that stands for vacant. That's the way you want your mind to be while you're away! (I've already been told my mind is ready to go!) Leave behind all the mental "stuff" of daily living and relax! Vacant is also the way your bank account will look when you return!

A is for action! Especially if you have kids! They will all be "bored out of their gourd" after five minutes in your vehicle. But it will be an active vacation if you stop every time one of them is

thirsty, hungry, or needs to go to the restroom!

C stands for casual! That is the way you dress on vacation. No formal wear allowed! No suits! No ties! No makeup! Just T-shirts, shorts and sandals, even if you plan to hike up "Prickly Pear Peak" or picnic in "Poison Ivy State Park"! Later, when everyone is scratched, sunburned, and itching all over, you can say, "I told you to go prepared!"

Dad, I need to stop again!

T definitely represents time, or a lack of its awareness. Slow down, sleep till noon, and enjoy the scenery! You won't need an alarm clock or even a watch because your teenager will say every five minutes, "Dad, it's time to eat," even if you are just pulling out of the last McDonald's parking lot!

I equals "interstate" and "idiot." That's when your spouse yells, "You idiot! You should have gotten off of the interstate at the last exit." Of course he or she has the map.

O is what your kids say to get your attention: "O, Daddy! Do we have to stop at every single 'hysterical' marker?"

Finally, **N** means, "Next year can we go to Disney World instead of camping out in Aunt Lana's backyard?"

Now that you're all set to go, have a great vacation! Pray for a safe one! Things are looking up!

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 YEARS AGO--JULY 20, 1960

The farm home of Earl Roberts near the Oklahoma Lane community was broken into last Wednesday an several hundred dollars worth of household goods were stolen.

Mrs. John Ferguson was released from Parmer County Hospital at Friona Wednesday. She was suffering from food poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Willard and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ware returned from vacationing at Lake Texoma.

30 YEARS AGO--JULY 21, 1965

Alan Ray Wilcox was inducted into the U.S. Army recently and has been stationed at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. for basic training. Wilcox attended Bovina Schools and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Wilcox.

City of Bovina has its first police car. It's a new 1965 Dodge Dart purchased last week. Meeting in special sessions Thursday and Friday, the council voted to furnish an automobile for Marshall Bill Denney and to buy the car.

Herman Estes, secretary of Bovina Volunteer Fire Department, is expected to represent the organization at the 36th annual Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M University next week.

25 YEARS AGO--JULY 22, 1970

Vegetable harvest in Bovina, which increases employment locally and gives the economy a boost is underway. First loads of cabbage and cucumbers were processed at the facilities of Gateway Produce Co. here last week.

A Bovina man, Luis Rodriguez, 21, was shot in the leg Sunday in a fracas involving him and three others in FM Road 2290 on the west side of town.

20 YEARS AGO--JULY 23, 1975

One man was killed and another critically injured in a one-vehicle accident early Wednesday morning of last week near the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and FM Road 1731 in Bovina.

Mitchell Aicher, a 1975 graduate of Clovis High School, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

The bottom began dropping out of leaden skies over Bovina in the early morning hours Monday and Tuesday noon, some four inches of rain had been recorded here.

Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Griffin and son Jason, will be leaving this Thursday for Mountain Home, Idaho. Bill is to report for duty on August 3.

15 YEARS AGO--JULY 23, 1980

Three people were sent to Parmer County Community Hospital last Thursday with injuries following a wreck at the eastern edge of the city at 9:25 a.m.

Kim Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ware, was one of 2000 students to graduate from Texas Tech

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University in Lubbock.

Gary Tidwell and Lezli Williams announce their approaching marriage to be September 6.

Mike and Debra Beauchamp are parents of a baby boy, Anthony Wayne, born July 19.

10 YEARS AGO--JULY 21, 1985

The 13-year-old all-stars competed in the District Tournament last week in Hereford. They were defeated by Hereford and the powerful Plainview team in the second round.

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rhea will be observing their 75th anniversary on Sunday, July 28, with a full day of activities.

Tommy Hutto spent three days in West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe last week. Tommy was suffering from a virus. In April, he was hospitalized for a bacteria infection.

5 YEARS AGO--JULY 21, 1990

The International Education Forum, a state department designated high school exchange program, is now seeking families in the Bovina area to host foreign high school exchange students for the 1990-91 school year.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce directors gathered for their regular meeting on July 16 at Bovina Restaurant.

Those present for the meeting were Coleman Young, Dickie Clayton, Bob Stoddard, Jerry Roach, Richard Grisham, Sue Coleman, Scooter Russell, Tami Kunselman, and Susan Hughes.

During the past sixteen years, through the Coffee Memorial Blood Center alone, Bovina residents have contributed 452 pints of blood for area hospitals, according to Bobby Thomas, community relations manager for the Blood Center.

OUT HERE By RON CARR



Since Bull Town Days are coming up next month, I decided to stop at the big bull statue and historical marker there between the Sands Motel and El Rancho Restaurant.

I asked a few people around town what the historical marker said, but nobody seemed to remember.

So here is what it says about your town, Bovina: Elevation 4070 feet.

"Early in the 20th century, this was one of the largest cattle shipping points in the United States.

Originated as the Hay Hook line camp of the XIT-famed ranch that received over 3,000,000 acres of land in payment for building the Texas State Capitol, 1882-1888. One of the earliest structures in Parmer County, division number eight headquarters of XIT, stood 400 yards northeast of the site of this marker.

The shipping pasture, 640 acres in area, was 1 mile east.

The Pecos and Northern Texas Railroad built to this point in 1898, and cattle for eastern markets were loaded here. Train crews called the place 'Bull Town', but the community chose the name Bovina when establishing the post office in 1899.

This was the first post office in Parmer County, created 1876, named for Martin Parmer (1778-1850), patriot and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Although known to explorers as early as the 18th

century, county had few inhabitants before 1907, when it was organized with Bovina one of its leading towns.

By 1915, Bovina had 200 people, 2 churches, a bank, a school, and a hotel for prospective settlers.

It is now a market and supply center for rich area of irrigated farms and still produces fine cattle."

The date in the lower right hand corner of the historical marker says 1968, which, I assume, is the year the marker was placed there.

The marker, the bull, and the old wagon behind it are in full view of all the traffic that flows along Highway 60 every day and night.

It is there so curious travelers can stop and learn more about the fine city of Bovina. But I have to tell you that as a newcomer, your marker area is not a pretty sight. Grass and weeds and trash litter the ground. The old wagon needs some maintenance as one of the wheels looks like it is about to fall off.

A local old-timer told me that little wagon was worth a lot of money. The bull statue needs some sprucing up too.

Who is supposed to take care of the place? I don't know yet. When I find out, you will be the first to know. In the meantime, when the weather gets cooler, why don't you stop by and pull a weed.

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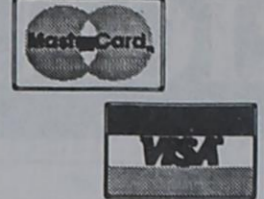
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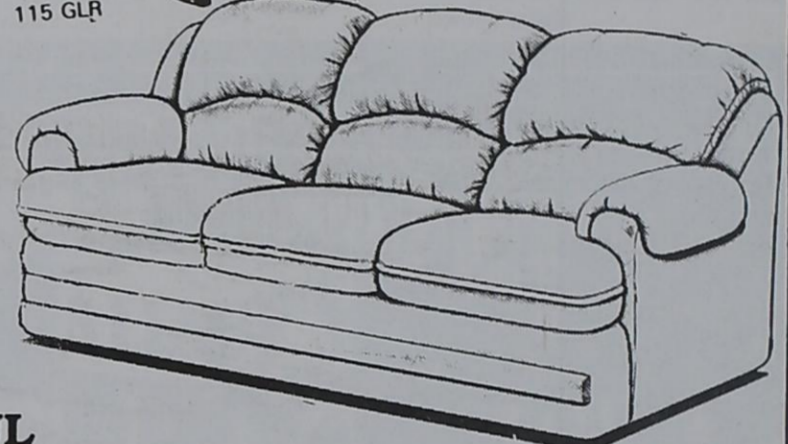
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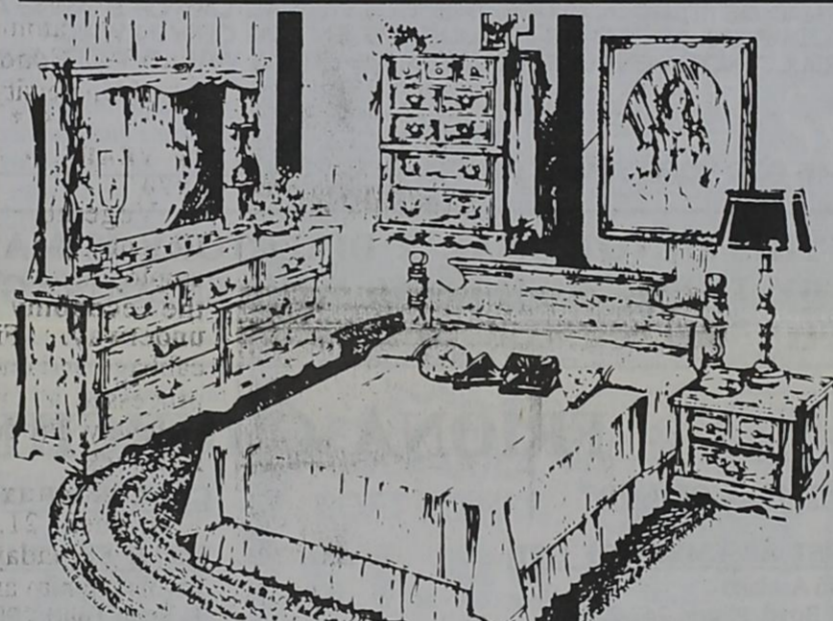
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Area Boasts Great July 4 Celebration

By Betty Louise Rector
One of the fun things that is offered in our area is the yearly Fourth of July, four-day celebration and sale at Joe's Boot Shop in Muleshoe.

Joe erects two tents that house boots and hats and camouflage netting for shade over tables and chairs.

Starting at 7 a.m. on July 1, there is a chuck wagon breakfast--where else but beside the monument to the lowly Mule.

From 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. each day, there are country/western bands playing continually. This year, Joe featured Hank Thompson, Bubba Cox and Lariat, Leon Rausch and the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys, Gil Prather and Tommy Allsup and the Boys. (Joe also has two more tent sales and entertainment during the year.)

Prizes are drawn hourly for boots, belts, buckles, jeans and many other nice items. I was the lucky person at one drawing, and am now the proud owner of a pair of Rocky Mountain red jeans. Everyone who buys a pair of boots gets a free barbecue sandwich. The drinks are free all day.

Joe and Darla Rhodes started their business 24 years ago in the bedroom of their home at Lariat, Texas, with ten pairs of boots. Their motto was "If we're up, we're open."

The business expanded rapidly, and soon, in addition to their used boots, they were selling new boots, seconds, and a line of first quality boots. The business was, and is a family affair. They moved to their present location "at the junction" in 1986.

The inventory has expanded to include everything a person needs to be dressed as a cowboy, or dressed in the "Southwestern" style. Hats, jeans, skirt--you name it and it is there. The shop now offers 10,000 pairs of boots, 12,000 belts and 2,000 hats and western wear for the entire family.

In addition to the western swing music that went on all day, and the food that we consumed, we discovered that Darla Rhodes is the sister of Sharon Petty, the wife of Vernon Petty.

Vernon went to school in Friona, and lived at the Hub when I lived there. In fact, the old house that stands next to the Walters home is where the Pettys lived. We enjoyed a long visit with Vernon.

Of course, there can be nothing in this area that can't be changed into a get-together for "Winter Texans." So we imposed on Raymond and Charlene Treider and got together for the fun.

At 10 a.m. on the Fourth, we gathered for the parade. Then at 11 a.m., Wink and Biddie Mae Cash from Clovis, Max and Shirley Steinbock of Lazbuddie, Raymond and Charlene Treider of Muleshoe, Delbert and Elaine Runyon of Edwardsville, Illinois and Lloyd and I got a place to sit under the shade and kicked back to listen to the music of Leon Rausch and Bob Wills' Texas Playboys and Jody Nix and The West Texas Cowboys.

You haven't lived until you watch two fiddlers, one right-handed

and one left-handed fiddle at the same time. If they had worn matching clothes, it would have looked like they were standing in front of a mirror. And boy, could they fiddle!

We could only stand so much fun, so about 4 p.m., after we had eaten all the free food and drinks we could hold, we drug ourselves to the Treiders for a rest under the air conditioner, visiting and a sandwich before the fireworks.

Others that we saw at Joe's extravaganza were John and Iva Lee Littlefield, Jewel Taylor, also Winter Texans and Davy Carthel from Friona.

Next year, on July 1, 2 and 3, take a ride to Muleshoe, listen to the music at Joe's, enjoy the food and drinks, maybe buy something, and then on the Fourth, take in Friona's entertainment. I guarantee you will have a "Fourth to remember!"

Local Youths May Apply For Loans

As costs increase each year at colleges and universities across the country, many families find it difficult to pay for a student's educational expenses. Thanks to the generosity of citizens across the Panhandle, area students have a source of assistance right in their own back yard.

The Opportunity Plan, Inc. of Canyon provides low-interest loans and scholarships to help students attend the college or university of their choice. Established in 1954, the program has provided financial assistance to more than 9,000 students. A total of \$2,500,000 is currently on loan to area students. During 1994, \$65,000 in scholarships was awarded through The Opportunity Plan program.

Over the years, two student loan divisions have been established by area citizens through The Opportunity Plan to assist students from Bovina. The Grace Paul Division was established in 1969 by the Bovina Women's Study Club to provide loan funds for Bovina students. Mrs. Paul taught 20 years in the Bovina school system.

In 1985, the Dalton K. Caffey

Memorial Division was established by Mr. Caffey's wife, Mrs. Estelle Caffey, and children, Dalton Kim Caffey and Cynthia Caffey Cotton. Mr. Caffey served as superintendent for the Friona school system many years. This student loan division benefits students from Friona and Bovina.

These and other student loan/scholarship divisions have helped more than fifteen students from Bovina achieve their educational goals. One student from Bovina is currently receiving financial aid through The Opportunity Plan.

Loans awarded through The Opportunity Plan program carry an interest rate of seven per cent. Payments and interest on the loan are deferred until after graduation as long as the student is enrolled in school on a full-time basis.

The Opportunity Plan is currently accepting applications for low-interest student loans for the 1995-96 school year. Students who are interested in applying for a loan should contact a member of The Opportunity Plan staff at (806) 655-2528 or P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, Texas, 79015.

Businesses Eligible For Disaster Loans

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Lamb, Parmer, Randall and Swisher counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought which occurred during the year of 1994 and continuing caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic

effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other federal agencies.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD (817) 267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing applications is January 19, 1996.

Due to the drought, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels.

To the extent these problems have caused the business difficulty in meeting its normal obligations, these loans may be of assistance.

The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.

The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four per cent and terms may extend to thirty years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Judy Cummings (left) is Friona Art Association's Artist of the Month for July. Her oil paintings are on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. She is pictured here with Glenda Sifford, Prairie Acres food supervisor. Glenda has been an employee of Prairie Acres 17 years and was named "Employee of the Month" recently. Judy is the immediate past president of the Tri-State Art Association of Canyon. She also belongs to the Muleshoe Art Association and Pintos Art League of Clovis. Judy invites everyone to come on out and visit Prairie Acres and see the art on display there.

Pleasant Hill Community Sets Reunion

The Pleasant Hill School and Community Reunion will be held August 5 and 6.

A dutch treat meal will be held Saturday, August 5, beginning at 6 p.m. at K-Bob's Restaurant in Clovis. Everyone will meet in the banquet room. If possible, an R.S.V.P. would be appreciated.

On August 6, they will meet at the Pleasant Hill Fire Department from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 2 p.m. The meal will cost \$6.50 per plate. Please R.S.V.P.

Bring pictures, annuals, etc. to the reunion for the enjoyment of all those attending.

Contact Marjorie Whitener Watkins at (806) 481-9097 or write her at P.O. Box 888, Farwell, Texas, 79325, or Billie Beets Hill at (505) 763-5051, if you plan to attend and would like reservations for the meals.

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Managing Irrigation Water Is Vital To Area Farmers

Irrigation water management is the process of scheduling water applications to meet crop requirements in a timely and efficient manner, and to effectively use available irrigation water to supplement rainfall conditions, while maintaining crop yield potential and quality through the growing season.

Widespread heavy pumpage of ground water during the past two years as a result of drought conditions has heightened awareness that improvements are needed to

reduce pumping costs and save water. Many producers have equipped their farms with center pivot sprinkler systems which achieve both objectives. While the sprinkler system may achieve the ultimate agricultural water conservation goal, it is not the only alternative available to reduce pumping costs while maintaining adequate water for profitable crop yields across the area.

A small percentage of farms in the Parmer County Soil and Water

Conservation District still have some open, unlined ditches in use, these ditches have water losses of one to two acre-feet per 100 feet of ditch per irrigation season. If the producer plans to continue furrow irrigation during the next several years, PVC pipe could be purchased to transport water, the use of PVC pipe saves money due to reduced pumpage. Adding a surge valve would increase the application efficiency about 20 per cent.

A partial drop center pivot system has the same water savings as surge irrigation, center pivots can apply smaller amounts of water in a more timely manner than surge irrigation, also, center pivot systems reduce labor costs normally associated with furrow irrigation.

Parmer County ground water levels declined an average of 3.46 feet in 1994. This represents a decrease of 283,581 acre-feet of water in storage in the Ogalalla aquifer last year in Parmer County.

Programs and services of the Natural Resources Conservation Service are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

High Speed Chase Through Parmer County

(Continued From Page 1) that high-speed chase, he kept it pretty straight.

Williams said he radioed New Mexico authorities, who jumped into the chase at the state line where Highway 60 joins U.S. Highway 84. The Jimmy continued westbound toward Clovis.

Jackson said New Mexico authorities tried to box the Jimmy in to slow it down, but the Blazer avoided all measures designed to stop it.

As the Jimmy approached Clovis, authorities fired once again at the vehicle, this time successfully stopping it. About 15 officers in about 10 patrol cars participated in the chase, Williams said.

Jackson said Stephan remained in custody Friday night in the Curry County Adult Detention Center in lieu of a \$22,800 cash-only bond.

Wesley Waller, agent for the New Mexico State Police criminal investigations bureau, said Stephan was charged Friday evening with two third-degree felony counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer, two misdemeanor charges of resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor charge of reckless driving and one petty misdemeanor charge of criminal damage to property.

Williams said Stephan also will be brought back to Texas to face felony and traffic charges.

"We're going to write him every ticket we can think of," Williams said. "The only one (traffic law) he didn't break, he did have his seat belt on. Everything else, he's done."



Dr. Nash Is New Cancer Center Head

David Weir, chairman of the board of directors, announced the appointment of Charles H. Nash, III, M.D., FACP, as president and medical director of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. Dr. Nash will assume this position by August 1, 1995.

Dr. Nash currently serves as medical director of La Fortune Cancer Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He received a B.A. from the University of Texas in Austin and his M.D. from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

He completed an internship and residency at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, and a fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at the University of Arizona School of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology.

Dr. Nash has been active in clinical oncology networks throughout the country and served as president of the Oklahoma Oncology Network in 1994. He currently serves on the board of trustees and governmental affairs committee of the Association of Community Cancer Centers. He also serves this organization as a regional ambassador and delegate representative.

Infant Son Is Buried Locally

Graveside services were held at Friona Cemetery at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 1995 for Blare Carl Parker of Friona, two months old.

Rev. Don Larkin of Amarillo conducted the services. Arrangements were handled by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

The infant died July 10, 1995 at his home as the result of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome).

He was born April 18, 1995 in Clovis, New Mexico.

A Love Fund has been established at Friona State Bank for the infant.

Survivors include his parents, Damon Lee and Katie Lou Parker of Friona; one sister, Shayla Renee Parker of the home; a twin brother, Blane Lee Parker of the home; grandparents, C.B. and Cordelia Eddins of Friona and Alton and Elaine Parker of Muleshoe; and one great-grandmother, Lucy Cottam of Hereford.

T. McBroom Dies In Auto Accident

Funeral services for Troy McBroom, 19, of Lazbuddie, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 1995 at Lazbuddie Methodist Church with Bob Turner, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

The teenager died Sunday, July 9 at Parmer County Community Hospital, following a one vehicle accident near Bovina.

He was born September 26, 1975 in Canyon, Texas. A 1994 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, he has been attending Angelo State University, San Angelo. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Orin and Darla McBroom of Lazbuddie; one sister, Lori Stormes of Bovina; two brothers, Casey McBroom of Happy, Texas and Patrick McBroom of Lazbuddie; and his grandmother, Mozell Newberry of Abilene.

Pallbearers were Jon Colby Miller, Chad Nickels, Jonas Hernandez, Dee Martinez, Jody Copp and Bobby Weaver.

The 1994 Lazbuddie High School graduates were honorary pallbearers.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Troy McBroom Scholarship Fund, Attn.: Kim Puckett, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, Texas, 79053.

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Linda Lewis Attends AP Institute In N.M.

Linda Lewis of Bovina High School attended the 1995 Advanced Placement Summer Institute held June 26-30 in Albuquerque.

The New Mexico Summer Institute is an intensive, subject-specific course that provides support and training in the teaching of Advanced Placement courses.

The Summer Institutes are designed to keep AP teachers current with the many changes taking place in AP tests, course materials and teaching methods. In addition, the Institutes keep teachers' skills honed and prepare those new to AP for the challenges which lie ahead.

They are also a collegial forum for the exchange of ideas and information about AP. New Mexicans working

with AP or pre-AP College Board curricula receive free tuition, room and board from a collaboration between the New Mexico Comprehensive Regional Center for Minorities and the New Mexico State Board of Education Special Projects which is funded by the New Mexico Legislature.

The Advanced Placement Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools, colleges and universities.

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