

The Bovina Blade

Congratulations To Bovina's Chamber Honorees for 2001!

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Bovina Leads Way In Census Growth

For all the cities and towns in the Panhandle/South Plains area that showed losses, or smaller gains than expected, Bovina stood proud, according to preliminary census results released during the past two weeks.

Bovina's 2000 population was announced at 1,874. This was an increase of 325 from the 1990 population of 1,549, a hefty 20.9 per cent. The percentage increase was the largest of any town with 1,000 or more population in 1990, and second only to Tulia in growth numbers among 55 cities and towns listed.

Tulia grew from 4,699 to 5,117, a growth of 418. However, the Swisher county seat can attribute most of that growth it received to a prison built there during the 1990s.

Bovina even outgrew neighboring Friona in terms of numbers and percentage. Friona went from 3,668 to 3,854, an increase of 166, and 4.5 per cent.

Farwell's new census figures have not been quoted as yet, but with Friona and Bovina growing by a combined 491, and the county's growth announced at 153, some areas had to show decreases.

Dimmitt's population dropped slightly, from 4,408 to 4,375, a 0.7 per cent drop from the city's 1990 total.

Muleshoe's population was not included in our source's records, but recent estimates put the Bailey County seat's total at around 4,200, which would be a drop of approximately 600 from that city's 1990 population.

Littlefield's population changed by only 18 in the ten-year period, a gain to 6,507. Hereford dropped by 148, to 14,597. Plainview had a modest gain of 2.9 per cent to 22,336, and Denver City, down in the oil patch, had the largest decline, -22.5 per cent, from 5,145 to 3,985. This is a testament to the decline in the oil industry in that area.

Candidates Named For May 5 Elections

City council 7, school board 6. Not a softball game score but the number of candidates that officially filed for the upcoming city council and school board elections.

Three openings were available on the city council as terms for Charles Wilkins, Kevin Hughes and Linda Marshall were expiring.

Hughes and Marshall filed for re-election but Wilkins did not. In addition to Hughes and Marshall, the following candidates will be listed on the May 5 ballot: John Blackwell, David Bermea, Joe

Olvera, Keith Payne and Mike McCallum.

On the school board, three openings were also up for election. Terms for Mike Beauchamp, Norma Whitten and Joe Steelman are expiring. Beauchamp and Whitten decided not to run for re-election.

The six candidates for the May 5 school board election will be: Joe Steelman, Isabel Carrasco, Justin Brozek, Vicente Terrones, George Villarreal, and Josue Gonzales.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY?

There is a neat little book currently at the top of the best-seller list entitled "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Dr. Spencer Johnson. Don Taylor, who writes the *Amarillo Globe-News* business column "Minding Your Own Business," discussed the premise of this book in his column last Sunday. Our "Number One Son" Stan gave us a copy of "Cheese" for Christmas, so I had already read it and was quite interested in Don's take on the book.

"Cheese" is synonymous with Change. The book is simply a parable about the changes that confront us in life, or rather the way we confront, or fail to confront, inevitable changes when they come along. Characters in the parable are two little mice, "Sniff" and "Scurry" and two little people, "Hem" and "Haw." The little people are about the size of mice but act in many ways like regular size modern day human beings.

Life is pretty simple for Sniff and Scurry. When someone moves their cheese, they just head out into the maze and start searching for more. Hem and Haw, being people, react a little differently. They keep returning to the place where the cheese was first located, hoping someone will show up with a new pile of cheese for them. Eventually, Haw realizes that lack of action is causing a negative effect on their well-being. He begins to laugh off their lethargy and he thinks "If you don't change, you can become extinct." Once Haw decided that it was time for action, things began to look up. He headed out into the maze and eventually located a new supply of cheese. But, having learned from their past mistakes, Haw remained alert for new changes which might be coming in the future.

Don Taylor says he likes the idea of being prepared to confront change when it happens, but he disagrees with the reactive nature of the book. Someone else is moving the cheese and the characters go looking for it. He says it would be better to be the person in charge of moving the cheese, rather than to allow your very existence to depend upon being a cheese finder.

Being a nosy newspaper lady, my first reaction to the parable was to ask the time-honored "Five Ws." Who moved the cheese? What was the purpose? When did this happen? Why was it moved? Where did they put it? I believe that being well-informed is the key to staying on your toes and alert to any changes that might occur and be ready for them.

There have been a lot of changes in the newspaper business in the many years since we first printed off a little school "newspaper" on a purple-ink mimeograph machine. I'll bet there have been a lot of changes in your business, too, whether it be in agriculture, insurance, building, automotive, education, food, clothing, real estate, banking, health care, or what have you.

Technology of the past few years has brought about the most astounding changes in our lives; some for the better, some worse. Much of this technology locks us into being way too dependant on utility power. That's scary. Our very lives are plugged into the wall by an electric cord. If someone pulls the plug, you have an awfully lot of little Hems and Haws scurrying around in the dark looking for their lost cheese. California comes to mind.

The "Good Old Days" are fun to look back on with nostalgia. But how good were they really? Would you prefer riding from one place to another at 70 miles per hour in your comfy SUV, or riding around at two mph in a buggy while staring at a horse's back side? Talk about air pollution!

Stay in touch with what is happening around you (who, what, when, where, why). Be prepared for change and don't let the world pass you by.

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



WIN TOP AWARDS....Rose McCain and Jack Raines were named Woman and Man of the Year at Thursday's Chamber banquet.

Chamber Honors Given

Six Bovina residents were honored with awards at the 41st annual banquet of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Thursday evening.

Jack Raines and Rose McCain were named Man and Woman of the Year. Sue Fowler was presented the Heritage award. Kathy Graves was named "Teacher of the Year." K'Leigh Scroggins and Yancy Graves were selected as Outstanding students.

Also, (Mr.) Pat Kunselman was honored for 50 years service to the Bovina Fire Dept. Virgie Cary will represent Bovina on the area volunteer program.

More details and pictures in next week's Blade.

IN INTERVIEW

Combest Discusses Refunds, Energy Problem, Farm Bill

Congressman Larry Combest discussed President Bush's proposed income tax plan, as well as energy costs affecting farmers, and the hoof and mouth disease problem in England in a telephone "conference call" interview this week with a few members of the press in his 19th Congressional District. Publisher Bill Ellis was involved in the discussion.

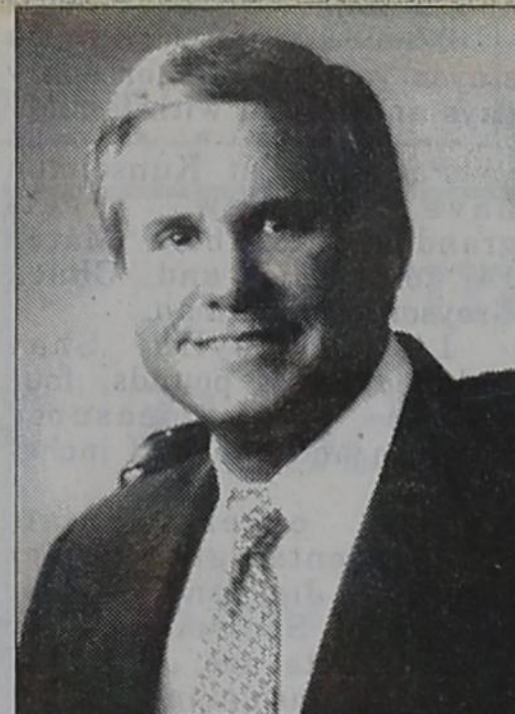
"The disaster bill that we wrote last year plainly stated that high energy costs would qualify farmers for assistance, as well as crop losses. I expect that the higher energy costs may also cause other things the farmers need to increase in prices, such as fertilizer," the congressman said.

The congressman said that he expects a bill to be introduced in congress to help farm producers who experience high energy costs.

Combest, who is chairman of the House of Representatives' Agriculture Committee, said his committee is working to develop a new farm bill. His committee is in the process of reviewing the information collected at hearings around the country last year from farmers and farm organizations.

Combest said he would like to see a new bill passed this year, but due to the fact that information is still being collected, that may not be possible.

"I do think that whatever



LARRY COMBEST

program the legislature passes will have a better fate when it reaches the president than those we previously sent to Mr. Clinton," Combest said.

Responding to a question by Ellis, the congressman said that it "will definitely be more enjoyable" having a president not only in your own party, but from your Congressional district.

Cong. Combest said that federal officials are monitoring the hoof and mouth disease, as well as the "mad cow disease," which is now plaguing Great Britain.

"We need to be very, very careful to keep these diseases out of our country. We have not had a case of hoof and mouth disease in the U.S. since 1928," Combest stated.

Deaf Smith Electric's Annual Meeting Set

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from the remainder of 1999 and a portion of 1990 totaling \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 27. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served. Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow Bishop's first performance. Position one candidates are incumbent Vick Christian and nominee Jerry Roach. Position Two candidates are incumbent Jerry Roberts and nominee Jared Blankenship.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy will be making their first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting. The group has enjoyed tremendous success for the past two decades and they have shared the spotlight with

nationally known entertainers on stages throughout the United States.

Their act ultimately defines the word entertainment. The audience will enjoy strong vocals, rich harmonies and a variety of musical styles which include classic country, nostalgic rock-n-roll of the 50s and 60s, Rhythm & Blues, gospel and patriotic music. In addition to great music, the on-stage banter of Mike and his wife Dale (Sweet 'N' Sassy) is reminiscent of Lucy and Ricky Ricardo.

Mike and Dale are joined by a group of multi-talented, "hand picked" musicians who perform on over a dozen instruments collectively and are each experienced entertainers in their own right.

Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy and the band are known as one of the hardest working show bands on the road today. They travel more than 80,000 miles per year and have entertained hundreds of thousands of people in almost every type of venue from state, county and regional fairs to cruise ships and casinos. They always succeed in giving their audiences a show they won't soon forget.

The USDA has been instructed to take whatever steps are necessary to make sure that contaminated meat does not enter this country, Combest said. Among the steps the USDA is taking are inspections at ports of entry and at airports. Those who visit countries involved will also have to be disinfected upon re-entering the country.

Asked by one of the publishers if he thought the disease epidemic in England might be a result of terrorists, Combest admitted that this was a possibility. Having served on the House Intelligence Committee, Combest stated that bio-terrorism is a definite threat.

The congressman said that the epidemic will be a "terrible expense" for British farmers. He added that neighboring Canada is as concerned as the U.S. leaders are, if not more so.

Regarding Pres. Bush's proposed tax reduction, Combest said: "We finally have a president who is interested in REDUCING taxes rather than RAISING them."

"Bush's plan will completely fund all programs, such as Social Security and Medicare, which are locked in and protected. There would still be a 'trillion dollar' surplus," Combest said.

He added that Bush compares the tax overpayment like an electric bill, which a customer had paid. "If your utility bill is

overpaid, you either get a refund, or the amount is credited to your next bill. The 'electric company' doesn't keep your money and use it for something else. I don't know why there is such a stigma among Democrats, that if they have a tax overage, they want to start a new program," he said.

The president's program would give every person who pays taxes some relief. It also would eliminate the "death penalty" (estate taxes) and "marriage penalty" from the tax structure.

"I am happy the House passed the bill, and am hopeful that the senate will pass it as nearly close to the president's program as possible," he concluded.

Baptists Set Revival April 1-5

Bovina's First Baptist Church has planned revival services beginning Sunday, April 1 through Thursday April 5. Evangelist David Burk and musician Mills Caraway are coming to Bovina for the services.

The revival will kick-off with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 7 p.m. Nightly services for the rest of the week will be at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

Boy Scout Leader Needed

District Executive Rhett Stevens of the Boys Scouts of America is trying to locate a scout leader for a boys troop in Bovina.

Please contact Bovina Elementary Principal Darla Sealy, 238-1317 or Mr. Stevens, 358-6500 for more information.



GOOD NEWS and door prizes were the order of the day at West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative's annual stockholder meeting Tuesday, March 20 at the Bull Barn in Hereford. Tom Hyer, WTRT manager, left, gave a report to the 735 attendees. Right, re-elected as directors were Jimmie Cockerham and Ernest Flood.

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Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

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When you have news items. (e-mail: case@wtrt.net)

M.H. and Dixie Carson drove to Cedar Park two weekends ago to pick up their grandson, Caleb Strawn, son of Joan and Mike Stawn. Caleb stayed with the Bovina couple last week for his Spring Break.

Friday the Carsons, Caleb, another grandson, Stormy Carson of Clovis; Galen and Elaine Carson and Richard Carson all went to see the Lady Raiders beat the tar out of Pennsylvania, 100-57 in post-season play. Joan met the family members there and returned to Bovina with them.

Saturday Joan and Caleb went home to Cedar Park.

Joanna Clayton came to Bovina this week to spend time with her parents, James and Sandra Clayton during her Spring Break from school. Joanna is a special Education Teacher at Foster Elementary in Arlington. She brought her two children, also on their Spring Break, Shauni, a second grader, and Jordan, 4.

Joanna spent time with family member and friends in the area.

Mike and Debra Beauchamp enjoyed having all three kids home last weekend. Daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Jeremy Tharp of Laverne, Oklahoma were on their Spring Breaks. Lori is student teaching at an elementary school and Jeremy is a coach at the high school in Laverne.

Tony also came home for Spring Break. He is a junior at Texas Tech. Oldest daughter, Angela, not a student, came home for the weekend too.

Bovinans Pat and Pat Kunselman have a new great-granddaughter. Their granddaughter and her husband, Jamie and Chuck Greyson are the parents of Kaylin Shay, born March 14. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured nineteen and one half inches long.

Kaylin's grandparents are John and Tammy Kunselman of Spearman. Her other great-grandparents are Scooter and Jim Russell, also of Spearman.

Her great-great grandmother is Doris Wilson of Clovis.

As reported earlier this year, the Methodist ladies had their annual quilt sewing time in January and February. They have recently completed 97 quilts and have sent them to their future owners at the orphanage in Brazil.

The ladies met every Tuesday in January and February. They cut squares, sewed, ironed, put backs on the tops and tacked the quilts during each meeting.

The quilts were dedicated March 11 and were shipped March 14 in 13 boxes by parcel post.

Lloyd and ZoNelle

Dickerson who run the Agape Institute were in attendance for the dedication as were their daughter and son-in-law, Bobbye and David Dixon.

Coach Bruce Scroggins took six golf students to Alamogordo last week to compete. They left Bovina at 5 a.m. and played in 80 degree weather against several schools.

One school from around El Paso was of particular interest. The coach for Santa Teresa was Roy Gerrela, a former professional football player with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Roy was the kicker for the Steelers in Super Bowl 10 and the kids enjoyed seeing his ring and meeting him.

Coach Scroggins said the tournament was just for practice to prepare them for district competition April 9 in Clovis. Good luck to our golfers!

Michael and Sandi Downes and their children, Bree, Matthew and Misty drove to Vernon last week to visit family. They visited with Michael's parents, James and Glenda Downes and Sandi's parents, Newell and Rikki VanPelt.

The Bovina family then drove to Dallas and stayed the night with Sandi's sister, Suzy Isbell. They bought a pug for Misty to take to her house in Lubbock. Misty is a sophomore at South Plains College.

Sandi said they had fun with the new dog, Milton, and had a nice time traveling on Spring Break.

First Baptist Church's associate pastor, Manny Longoria and his family, wife Berta and sons Oscar and J.C. went to Marshall for their Spring Break. Bro. Manny's sister, Melissa, was married Saturday March 10th and he conducted the services.

The Longoria family stayed in Marshall for a few days and visited with family.

Pat and Pat Kunselman have a new great-granddaughter born March 14 to Jamie and Chuck Greyson of Spearman.

Little Kaylin Shay weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured nineteen and one half inches long.

Her other great-grandparents are former Bovinans Jim and Scooter Russell of Spearman. Her grandparents are John and Tammy Kunselman, also of Spearman.

Kaylin's great-great grandmother is Doris Wilson of Clovis.

Pat said she had not been able to go see the new baby yet but is hoping to real soon.

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Extension Club Has Meeting

Bovina's Home Extension Club met for their March meeting in the home of Suezy Smith. Suezy and Latrell Muhler hosted the meeting with the theme of "March Madness-Latrell's and Suezy's Kitchen. The best place in town to get a square meal."

Guests included Karen Kirkpatrick, Martha Schilling, Kay Williams and Joyce Read.

The menu was presented as a three course meal and the guests ordered from a strange choice of thunder wagon, hill of ants, Popeye's girlfriend, hay maker, etc.

One lady ended up with a toothpick and mashed potatoes. Another one got an olive, salad and several utensils.

The night was fun and exciting for everyone. Anyone who would like to join the ladies in their monthly meetings, call any member and join the fun.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of March 25-31, 2001.

Mar 25 Mark Englant, Ireneo Ortiz

Mar 26 E. G. Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson

Mar 27 Carolyn Beauchamp, Jessie Stone

Mar 28 Matthew James Guest, Charolette Cockerham, Juanda Murphy

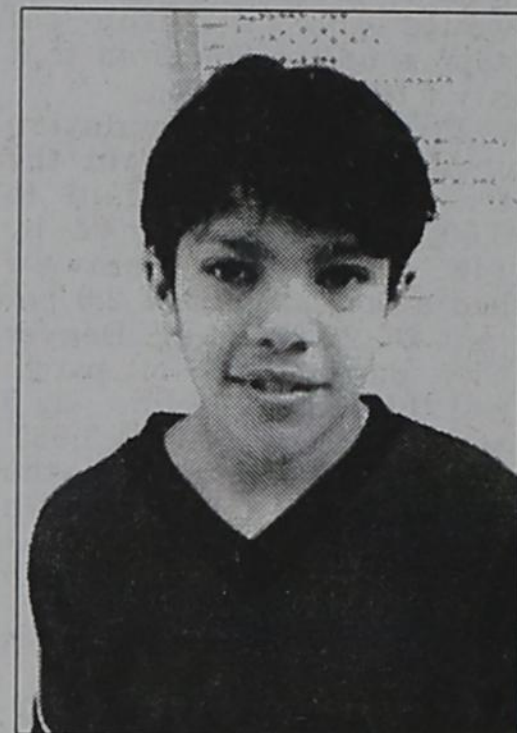
Mar 29 Grace Stormes

Mar 30 Jimmie Cockerham, D'Anne Jones Baker, Andrea Villarreal

Mar 31 Leah Mason, Kim Rundell

To add a name, or make corrections, to our birthday list, call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

QUILTS FOR EVERYONE...2001 United Methodist Women's Project netted 97 quilts for an orphanage in Brazil. Ladies who helped are (standing l-r) Sara Owen, Minnie Kelso Carlene Jones, Jean Wiseman and Polly Mills; also, (sitting l-r) Gwen Pryor, Sue Fowler, Mary Evelyn Steelman, Martha Schilling and Gwen Clements. Not pictured are Juanita Hastings, Thelma Barron, Mary Carr, Cecelia Schueler, Donalita Hawkins, Joy Trimble, Frances Willard and Erra Jamerson. See more info in Bovina Bits.



ESAU SAUCEDO is a fourth grade student in Mrs. Neal's class. He has reached the 100 point level in the elementary school accelerated reading program.



DENISE LARREA is a fourth grade student in Mrs. Downes' class. She has reached the 100 point level in the elementary school accelerated reading program.

Kid's Inc. Board Meet Set

The Friona Kid's Inc. baseball board meeting will be held at 9 p.m. Monday, March 26 at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

All board members are urged to be present. Boys and girls from age 5-16 are eligible. Tryouts for this year's Kid's Inc. season are tentatively scheduled for April 21.

VFW Chicken Dinner April 8

The famous, finger-lickin', fried chicken of the local VFW vets and auxiliary will be served on Sunday, April 8 at Veterans Hall, 6th & Euclid in Friona.

Serving time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Takeouts will be available. Cost is \$6 adults and \$3 for children under 12 years. Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, white gravy, green beans, salad, homemade desserts, bread and drink are on the menu.

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Amherst	791	742	up 49	6.6
Andrews	9,652	10,678	down 1,026	-9.6
Anton	1,200	1,212	down 12	-0.9
Aspermont	1,021	1,214	down 193	-15.8
Big Spring	25,233	23,093	up 2,140	9.2
Bovina	1,874	1,549	up 325	20.9
Brownfield	9,488	9,560	down 72	-0.7
Crosbyton	1,874	2,026	down 152	-7.5
Denver City	3,985	5,145	down 1,160	-22.5
Dickens	332	322	up 10	3.1
Dimmitt	4,375	4,408	down 33	-0.7
Earth	1,109	1,228	down 119	-9.6
Floydada	3,676	3,896	down 220	-5.6
Friona	3,854	3,688	up 166	4.5
Hale Center	2,263	2,067	up 196	9.4
Happy	647	588	up 59	10.0
Hart	1,198	1,221	down 23	-1.8
Hereford	14,597	14,745	down 148	-1.0
Jayton	513	608	down 95	-15.6
Kress	826	739	up 87	11.7
Lamesa	9,952	10,809	down 857	-7.9
Levelland	12,866	13,986	down 1,120	-8.0
Littlefield	6,507	6,489	up 18	0.2
Lockney	2,056	2,207	down 151	-6.8
Lorenzo	1,327	1,208	up 119	9.2
Matador	740	790	down 50	-6.8
Meadow	658	547	up 111	20.2
Morton	2,249	2,597	down 348	-13.4
Nazareth	356	293	up 63	21.5
New Home	320	175	up 145	82.8
O'Donnell	1,011	1,102	down 91	-8.2
Paducah	1,498	1,788	down 290	-16.2
Petersburg	1,262	1,292	down 30	-2.3
Plains	1,450	1,422	up 28	1.9
Plainview	22,336	21,700	up 636	2.9
Post	3,708	3,768	down 60	-1.5
Quitaque	432	513	down 81	-15.7
Rails	2,252	2,172	up 80	3.6
Roby	673	616	up 57	9.2
Roscoe	1,378	1,446	down 68	-4.7
Rotan	1,611	1,913	down 302	-15.7
Seagraves	2,334	2,398	down 64	-2.6
Seminole	5,910	6,342	down 432	-6.8
Silverton	771	779	down 8	-1.0
Smyer	480	442	up 38	8.5
Snyder	10,783	12,195	own 1,412	-11.5
Spur	1,088	1,300	down 212	-16.3
Sudan	1,039	983	up 56	5.6
Sundown	1,505	1,759	down 254	-14.4
Sweetwater	11,415	11,967	down 552	-4.6
Tahoka	2,910	2,868	up 42	1.4
Tulia	5,117	4,699	up 418	8.8
Turkey	494	507	down 13	-2.5
Wilson	532	568	down 36	-6.3
Larger cities				
Abilene	115,930	106,654	up 9,276	8.7
Amarillo	173,627	157,615	up 16,012	10.1
Lubbock	199,564	186,206	up 13,358	7.1
Midland	94,996	89,443	up 5,553	6.2
Odessa	90,943	89,699	up 1,244	1.3

B. Redwine Makes Tour

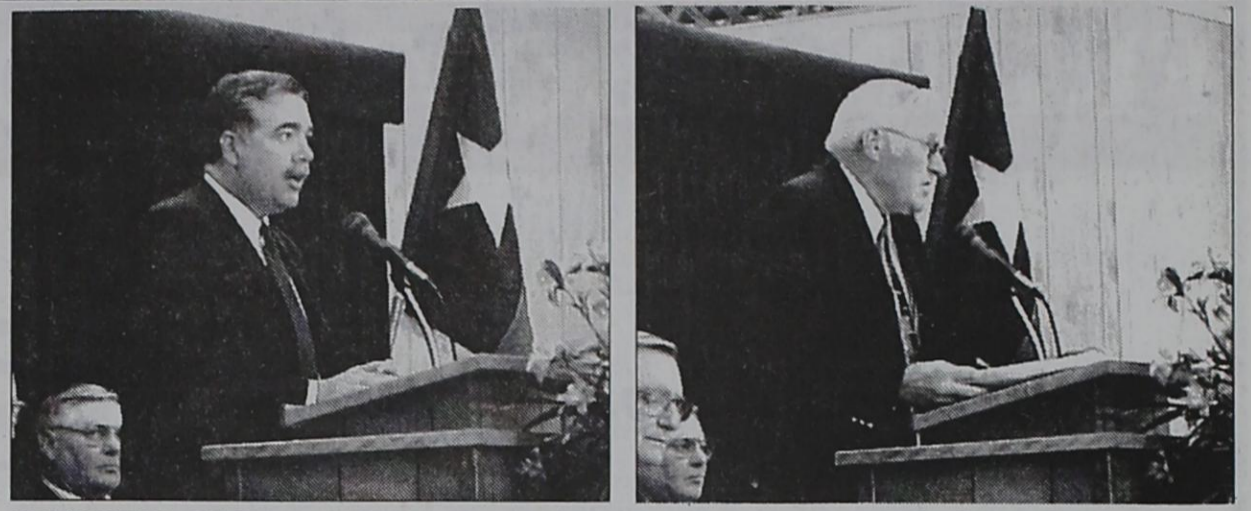
Brice Redwine of Lazbuddie and other students in a wildlife management class at South Plains College, Levelland, had a first hand look at wildlife on an educational tour this week of the Welder Wildlife Foundation, the University of Texas Marine Science Institute and the Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

The Welder Wildlife Foundation is a private ranch near Sinton, Texas, that funds graduate student biological research, according to David Etheredge, assistant professor of biology at SPC and tour sponsor.

As part of the Marine Science Institute project, the students took a trip on a research boat, the Katy, into Corpus Christi Bay and dropped nets in a catch-and-release project collecting fish, squid, mud crabs and aquatic organisms that live on the bottom of the bay.

"A research biologist will go with us; the students were able to see a diversity of organisms," said Etheredge. "This is an excellent way for the students to get a hands-on look at wildlife." They also stopped at the Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional instructors going on the trip were Leanna Smith, assistant professor of biology; Joel McKinney, professor of biology; and Dr. Laura Graves, associate professor of history and government.



PRESIDING OVER the WRTT annual stockholders meeting were, left, Byron Boyd, attorney for the cooperative and, right, Floyd Schueler, director from the Parmer exchange and president of the Board of Directors.

Meeting On Alternative Crops Set In Muleshoe

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) has announced an Alternative Crops production meeting for Parmer and Bailey counties.

The meeting will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum on Wednesday, March 28, at 9 a.m.

TAEX agronomists will discuss sorghum production, seeding rate, and irrigation; herbicides and weed control; and sunflower, including a discussion of common concerns in sunflower production and how to solve them.

Industry representatives will be available to answer questions on sunflower pricing, delivery and hybrids. Also, newly available sesame contracts and production will

Saturday Rain Adds To Total

Last Saturday's rainfall measured .48, falling lightly over a period of time. This brings the March rainfall to 2.42 inches, and that for the calendar year to 4.91 inches. At this point in '00, the total was 1.88, all coming in mid-March.

Temps ranged from a low of 32 Sunday to 79 on Wednesday, highest since Oct., '00.

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FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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DID JESUS REALLY CURSE THE FIG TREE ?

IT IS RECORDED THAT JESUS, ON HIS WAY FROM BETHANY TO JERUSALEM, AND BEING HUNGRY, STOPPED TO PICK FRUIT FROM A FIG TREE (MARK 11:12-14). BUT, ALTHOUGH THE TREE WAS IN LEAF, THERE WERE NO FIGS AND JESUS SAID, HEREAFTER, NO MAN WOULD EVER EAT FRUIT FROM THAT TREE!
SOME AUTHORITIES SAY JESUS, FOLLOWING THE ORIENTAL CUSTOM OF HOLY MEN, PUT A CURSE ON THE TREE, FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT FINDING FRUIT. OTHER AUTHORITIES STATE THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE WAS IN LEAF AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE HAD FIGS, JESUS WAS POINTING OUT THAT, WHEN ONE OUTWARDLY SHOWS A GOOD CHARACTER WITHOUT THE FRUITS THEREOF, HE IS A HYPOCRITE, OF NO VALUE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT....



...STILL FURTHER AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THAT, FOR JESUS TO CONDEMN A TREE, FOR NOT GIVING FRUIT, DOES NOT SEEM COMPATIBLE WITH HIS GENTLE LOVING NATURE AND, SINCE JESUS WAS AT JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER, THIS PLACES THE TIME OF YEAR AT EARLY APRIL WHEN THE FIG TREE HAS JUST BEGUN TO LEAF AND GROW FIGS, WHICH THEN MATURE IN LATE JUNE... THUS, ALL JESUS MERELY DID, WAS REMARK THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE HAD ALREADY BEGUN GROWING LEAVES, BUT NO FRUIT, IT WAS BARREN, AND NO ONE WOULD HARVEST FIGS FROM IT WHEN THE FRUIT SEASON ARRIVED!



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Out Here

By RON CARR

"Spelling Is A Good Thing!"

I still remember the word I missed in a Hillsboro Junior High spelling bee. It would be about 50 years ago now.

During all my school years, I was above average in subjects like English, reading, spelling, and writing themes. (Do kids have to write themes these days?)

In anything related to math, algebra, woodworking, or civics, I stunk. In fact, I did so bad in algebra that I didn't even have to take geometry or calculus. Guess the teachers figured I would just be taking up classroom space that some smart kid could use.

I never owned a slide rule or took a drafting course. Multiplication tables were no problem. I breezed those. Anything more advanced than add and subtract was beyond my comprehension.

Memorizing poetry was one of my stronger suits. I had lead roles in the junior and senior plays. In fact I broke my ankle in my next-to-last varsity basketball game and they postponed the senior play until I could walk without crutches.

Look in any of my high school yearbooks. You won't find my picture on the math club page.

I took great pride in my reading and spelling ability. I really wanted to win the school spelling bee that day we gathered in the third floor junior high auditorium.

My classmates were dropping out one-by-one and I was breezing every word that came my way. I was showing them that big ears and horn-rimmed glasses were not a career impediment.

It was down to the last three of us when the teacher called out my next word: personnel.

I gave a big grin and began to spell, basking in my own good luck for drawing such an easy word. I didn't hesitate: P-E-R-S-O-N-N-E-L-L. Before I could slap myself on the back, she told me to sit down.

It seems I had put an extra "L" on the end. Because of that day I have always remembered the word and have never misspelled it since. Over the years the mere mention of the word "personnel" brought back instant memories of that long ago youthful disappointment.

I think spelling bees affect most people that way. Any kid who was really serious about winning a spelling bee can tell you what word they missed and the correct spelling.

My 12-year-old son Zachary is a bright young fellow. Unlike me, he is excellent in math. He is a straight A student (for now). He likes knowledge games like Trivial Pursuit. Giving an incorrect answer drives him nuts.

Last year he missed a word in the first round of his school spelling bee. The word was "almond". When they gave him the word he knew how to spell it but got so excited he started out, "A-W...L-M-O-N-D."

You can't start over in a spelling bee. If you say a wrong letter, you sit down. When he said the "W" he knew it was wrong and was so frustrated he started crying.

Next time you see Zach, ask him what that word was he missed in the spelling bee. I'm pretty sure he will remember it 50 years from now.

I sat in at the Parmer County Spelling Bee a few

weeks ago. The County Bee doesn't draw a crowd like an athletic event. Too bad. The kids in the bee feel the same kind of pressure.

Kevin Wiseman, junior high principal, is in charge of the county bee. Teena Hughs is the moderator. She gives out the words, pronounces them and gives definitions if asked for.

Various teachers from throughout the county form the three judge panel. They tape record the kids and their spellings in case of any dispute.

The 15 kids took the stage, took a number, then came to the microphone to give their name, grade and school. (Note to teachers: teach the kids how to speak slowly and distinctly. Many of the bee kids could not be understood during this introduction.)

I know it is not nice to laugh during a spelling bee and I didn't. But I wanted to. These little guys are so serious and sometimes their spelling of a word is just funny.

One spelled badminton as "b-a-d-m-i-t-t-e-n." Another turned foreleg into "f-o-u-r-l-e-g-g." Benign became just like it sounded: "b-e-n-i-n-e."

The kids could ask Mrs. Hughs for a definition, which was often only a delaying tactic because they didn't know how to spell it and needed time to think.

One boy asked for a definition of corral. Another needed a definition for comedian.

There were words like regenerative and stentorian which didn't clear up much even after a definition. Both those words were missed.

Mrs. Hughs gave the word antennae. The pronun-

ciation was "antiny." After some frowning, the girl spelled it "antiny". When the bee was over, I asked Mrs. Hughs about the pronunciation and she showed me in the official bee book. Sure enough they had it as "antiny-ee." I would have missed it too.

Samuel Billingsley is an eighth grader from Farwell. A serious studious young man, he won the county bee and will advance to the regional bee in Canyon next month.

Mr. Wiseman said Samuel had been winning bees since he won a junior bee in the third grade. Good luck Samuel. I'll be interested in your success in Canyon.

Parents can do no better than to get their youngsters interested in the spelling competition. Misspelling a word is not a bad thing.

Not even trying. That's a bad thing!

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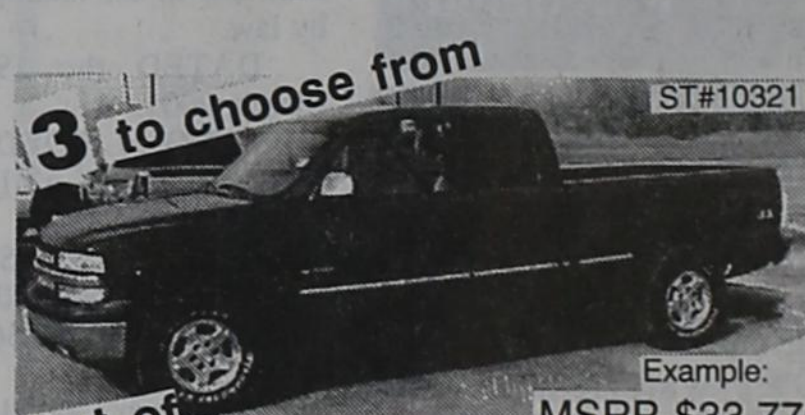


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