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Good News In
Bovina
For The Past
44 Years



EDUCATORS TO RETIRE... A retirement celebration to honor Lawrence and Carolyn Widner of Bovina is set for Saturday, May 16 at the Holiday Inn at 2700 Mabry Drive in Clovis, New Mexico. The celebration will last from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. (cst). All friends, co-workers and former students are invited to attend. Mr. Widner has been a science and vocational-agriculture teacher and Mrs. Widner has been an elementary reading and first grade teacher since 1975. Their children, Laura McMillin of Shallowater, Terry Hunt of Friona, Linda Merritt of Nazareth and Larry Widner of Bovina encourage everyone who has been touched by this couple to attend and share special memories.

THERE ARE A LOT of things you hear people say that just make your day. For instance, when you hear your home repair person say "You weren't planning on living here while we do the work, were you?" Doesn't that just make your day! Or the roofer climbs down off the top of your house after the big wind storm and says "I hope your homeowner's insurance is paid up."

Or how about when your lawyer says "We could always take our chances with the jury." Or "It's a shame this didn't happen last year before they changed the law."

And doesn't it just make your day when your teenage daughter's prom date shows up at the door and says "Oh, gee! Were we supposed to dress formal for this?"

You know you're in for a long recovery period when your doctor says "It's a real simple procedure. We do a couple hundred of these every year." And you know it's going to hurt like heck when the nurse comes in and says "This may make you a little uncomfortable for awhile." And you know you're going to be broke for a very long time when your insurance company says "We're sorry. Your policy only covers two hundred dollars after deductible for that particular medical procedure."

How about when your weight loss clinic advisor says "I think we're going to need to start the program over again." Or when your hairdresser takes the curlers out of your new perm and you hear her say "Uh, Oh!"

Your little precious person says "Gee, Mom! You weren't saving that cake on the kitchen table for anything special were you?" Or, how about this one... you know you're going to be in for many years of animal care and vet expenses when little precious whines "Can I keep him, huh Mom? Can I, puh-leeeeeeeeee? He won't be any trouble. He won't eat much and I'll clean up after him. I promise!"

Then little precious grows up and phones home to say that he's met the love of his life. Said "love" turns out to be a large tattooed female impersonator named "Moose." Just makes your day, doesn't it?

It just makes your day when the Highway Patrolman leans into your car window and asks "Do you know how fast you were going?"

It just makes your day when your auto mechanic says "You can't drive it this way. We've been having trouble getting parts out of New Jersey lately, so we're probably going to have to keep it in the shop for several days."

You're chatting with your best gal pal, telling her all about last night's family outing, and she says "Oh, I didn't realize they'd allowed that restaurant to open back up again. How did the food taste?" Leaves you feeling a little ill, perhaps?

Doesn't it make your day when you hear these words on the intercom "This is your captain speaking. (with a bored-sounding voice) There will be a slight delay. Nothing to worry about, folks. We'll be remaining on the tarmac while the ground crew checks us over again. Just routine."

Doesn't it make your day when you finally get off on your big relaxing fishing trip and the fellow at the bait and tackle shop says "Nobody's catching! anything around here right now. You should'a been here last week when they were really bitin'! Best I've ever seen!"

Once a mom, always a mom! It doesn't matter how old you get, it still really makes your day when you hear your mother say "You ought to have known better than that."

Here are some miscellaneous "makes your day" items: "Some assembly required." "Close your books and get out your paper for a pop quiz." "The computer is down." "I'll only take a moment of your time." "Sorry, it's on back-order." "One size fits all." "Give me all your money." "In order to serve you better." "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you!"

But the absolute worst "makes your day" is when your spouse says "Sit down, honey! There's something I've got to tell you."

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



Lions To Host Mother's Day Dinner

The Bovina Lions Club invites everyone to bring mother to lunch on Mother's Day Sunday, May 10, at the school cafeteria.

The Lion's will serve their annual chicken dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, slaw, rolls, tea, coffee, and ice cream for dessert.

The cost is only \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years. Carryouts are available for \$6.50.

Bovina Clinic Reopens

Buena Vista Health Care Systems of Clovis has reopened the Bovina Health Care Center last Monday, May 4.

Dr. W. Khalfe, M. D., is the new physician. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a major interest in diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Khalfe completed internship and residency in internal medicine at New York Medical College Lincoln Hospital.

Patients of all ages will be seen at the Bovina Clinic. For appointments please call 806-238-1260.

Call if you have news, classifieds, photos or advertising!

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WE LOVE YOU, MOM

Blessed Am I

<p><i>As I look into your deep dark brown eyes My heart swells With love</i></p> <p><i>It is so amazing to me This ability to love My love for you, Is so immense I find it astounding</i></p> <p><i>I anticipated your birth Longing to behold Your tiny face Hold your tiny hands</i></p> <p><i>How I love you my precious child I promise to love and protect you To teach you Right from wrong And hopefully, Show you faith, In God above</i></p> <p><i>I will be a faithful Mom Only Heaven Will be able to take Me from your side</i></p> <p><i>Many scraped knees Will I attend Broken toys, I'll fix</i></p>	<p><i>We will play ball, Trucks and Baby dolls....</i></p> <p><i>And as you grow My darling child I pray You will know God and that He</i></p> <p><i>Will be Your best friend His love for you Outshines my love for you For you see, My precious child Long before the earth Was even formed God, in Heaven, Thought of you With so much love!</i></p> <p><i>He planned your birth And chose me To be your Mom How blessed am I!</i></p>
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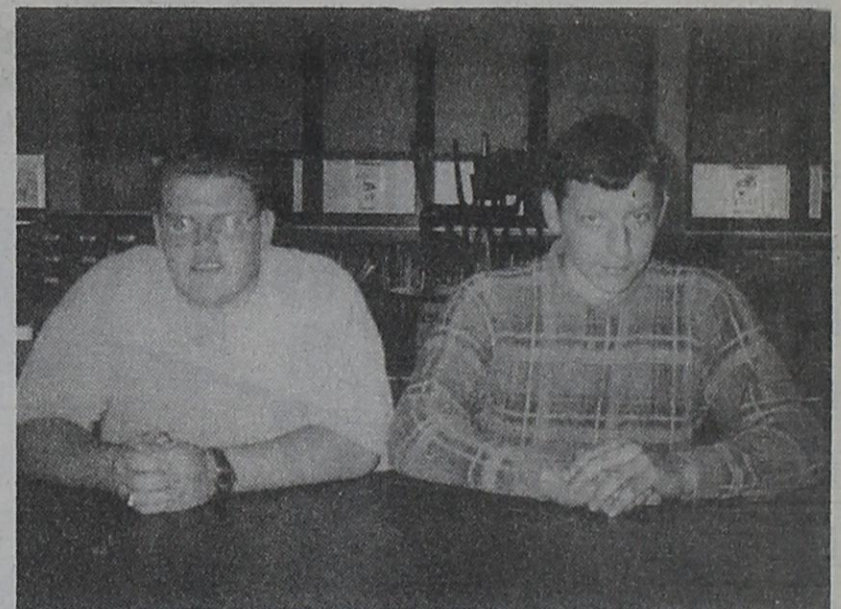
TOP SOLOISTS.....Melanie Stanberry, left, a BHS freshman and fifth grader Charlotte Rumph entered the solo competition at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo. Both girls played clarinet solos and received a I rating. They were accompanied on piano by Robert Rumph. The Mustang Honors Band received a II+, missing a I rating by only one point.

Diagnostic Clinic Set For May 14

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

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

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



DERRICK SADDLER ALVARO MARTINEZ Students of the Week are junior Derrick Saddler, left, and sophomore Alvaro Martinez. The young men were nominated by teachers Lawrence Widner and Margaret Durben as hard-workers, good students, who participate well in many UIL activities.

Bovina Girl Places 6th In State

Elisa Smith, daughter of Keith and Tracy Smith of Bovina, placed sixth on the trampoline at the Texas state competition of the Junior Olympics.

Elisa is a nine-year-old third

grader at Lazbuddie elementary.

This is her first year to compete. She will attend the Texas State games at the end of July.

Election Results Told For Bovina City/School Board

Newcomer Jesse Stone and incumbent Kenneth Waters were elected to the two alderman seats in last week's city election.

Galen Hromas received 88 votes for mayor. He was unopposed but Marie Venable received 7 write-in votes and Kevin Hughes received 2 write-in votes in the mayor's race.

For alderman, candidate Richard Bonham received 41 votes and Joe Olvera had one write-in vote.

Waters, Stone, and Hromas were sworn-in at a council meeting Wednesday night.

In the school board election, the three vacancies were won by Norma Whitten, 160 votes, Rick Anderson, 133, and Mike Beauchamp, 130.

Acceleration Tests Set For July

Parents wishing to sign up their children for Examination-for-Acceleration Tests must do so by June 5, 1998.

Test will be given to any child in any grade level July 14, 15 and 16, 1998 in the high school library.

For more information contact John Broeker, Bovina school counselor, at 238-1317.

4-H Bucket Calf Day Set May 16

The first 4-H bucket calf weigh day will be Saturday, May 16, at the Farwell Community Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Booklets, forms, and instructions on how to fill out record books will be given. If you do not have a calf but want to participate please come. You will still have time to get a calf and participate.

If you have questions, call 806-247-3852 or 806-247-2817. Ira Holt and Alicia Smith will be glad to help you with questions.

School Band Concerts On Thursday

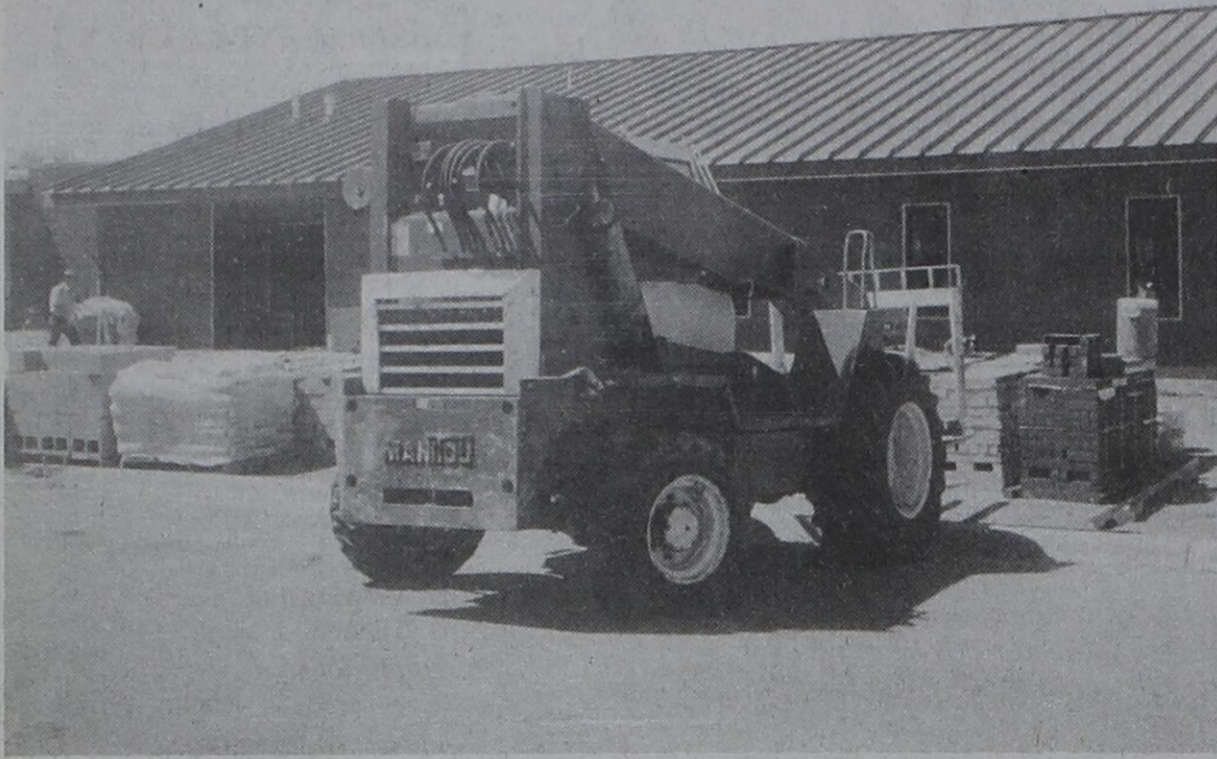
On Thursday, May 14, at the Bovina school auditorium, the Bovina school bands will present their spring concert.

The concert will begin at 9:15 a.m. The bands will perform marches, tonal poems, and movie themes: "Aztec Sunrise", "51 Pegasus", "Star Wars", "Jurassic Park" and "My Heart Will Go On."

Several leadership awards will be presented to elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade



BRICKS AND MORTAR....A forklift grabs another load of bricks as construction continues on the new BISD Administration building. Superintendent Sue Nuttall's office is planning a move about June 1 which is the deadline for completion. After the completion of the admin building, interior remodeling will begin in the school building to expand the middle school office, add classrooms and new restrooms.

Couple Has Baby Boy

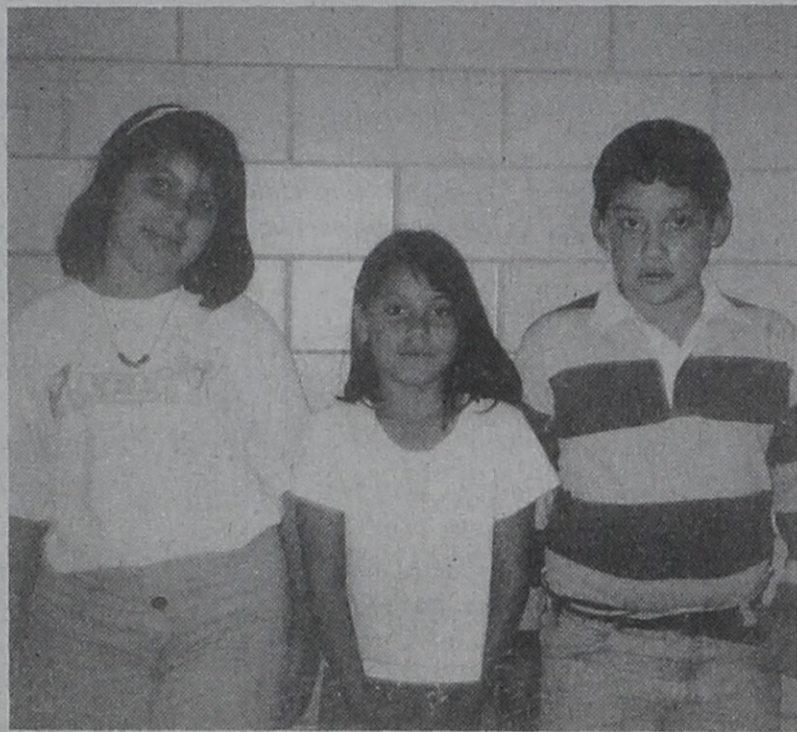
Jessie and Crystal Fuentes are the parents of a son, Elias Michael, born in Muleshoe April 28, 1998 at 12:31 a.m.

Elias weighed eight pounds and measured twenty and one half inches long. This is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Tomas and Leonor Fuentes of Bovina. Elias is their eighth grandchild. Other grandparents are David Leal and Linda Holguin of Dallas and the late Gloria Cruz Leal.

Great grandparents are Epifanio and Lucia Vanegas of Bovina, Sara Fuentes of Ithaca Michigan and the late Jesus Fuentes.

Other great grandparents are Siferino and Isabel Leal and Antonio and Angela Cruz, all of Bovina.



BURNEY'S BEAUTIES....Yuri Salazar, Lidieth Rocha, and Frank Martinez, all third graders in Mrs. Burney's class, earned their reading stars.

40 Yrs Ago-May 7, 1958
Alvin Farrell received burns varying from first to third degree when an irrigation motor spit flames from the carburetor while he was "priming" it with gasoline. * * * * *

35 Yrs Ago-May 8, 1963
Gary Stevenson is valedictorian of 1963 Bovina High School graduating class. His four-year grade average is 95.98. Salutatorian is Carole Jean Hastings. Her average is 95.96. Third among the top students is Vivaleah Steelman, with an average of 95.6. * * * * *

30 Yrs Ago-May 8, 1968
A total of 77 entries were judged here Saturday in the 1968 Bovina Appaloosa Horse Show, the sixth year the event has been staged. Equal's Equal was named the Grand Champion Stallion, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis of Levelland. * * * * *

25 Yrs Ago-May 9, 1973
Parmer County is second among 33 Texas counties listed in an area served by Southwestern Public Service Company in beef production in 1972.

A Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week in Bovina was

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu May 11-15

*MONDAY- HOLIDAY
*TUESDAY- Mexican Casserole, spanish rice, pinto beans, crackers and a variety of fresh fruit.

*WEDNESDAY- Chicken fried steak, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables and a variety of fresh fruit.

*THURSDAY- Beef hotdogs, chili, potato chips, pickle spears and a variety of fresh fruit.

*FRIDAY- Pizza Hut pizza, tossed salad, assorted salad dressing and a variety of fresh fruit.

discussed at last week's meeting of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at Bovina Restaurant.

The Parmer County Riata CowBelles will meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) in Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina. * * * * *

20 Yrs Ago-May 10, 1978
The Bovina High School Fillies track team won the state meet in Austin this week. Members of the team were Laura Widner, Belinda Shelby, Pat Shepherd, Denise Read, Sandi Sides, Diane Gilbreath and Fonda Griffin. Their coach is Joel Nelson. * * * * *

15 Yrs Ago-May 11, 1983
Honor graduates for Bovina High School's Class of 1983 are Bret Whitten, with a 96.20 four-year average, and Jan Shough, with a 94.99 average.

For the eighth grade graduating class, the valedictorian is Mindy Neal, with a 93.71 average and salutatorian is Jonathan Gauntt, whose average is 93.28.

A Computer Science Fair was held at Region 16 Service Center on April 30. Billy Scott Sudderth, a sixth grader, and Steven McClaran, a high school junior, participated in the events.

Billy Sudderth won first in the big program elementary division. He wrote a program for the Apple 2 computer called "What's For Lunch?" Steven entered "Problem Solving" for the senior high division. There were nine high schools entering and sixteen elementary schools. * * * * *

10 Yrs Ago-May, 1988
It's that time again! Residents are beginning to mow, rake and clean their yards. City administrator, Doris Strawn, urges you to please bag your grass and leaves if you want them picked up by the garbage collectors. Otherwise, they will not be picked up if they

are left on the ground and not in bags. Please pitch in and help make your place look some better by bagging all debris from yards collected while cleaning up the place. * * * * *

5 Yrs Ago-May 8, 1993
Graduation exercises for the 1993 eighth grade class will be held Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the Bovina High School Auditorium. Amber Willard has been named valedictorian and Lisa Hromas was named salutatorian. The next four high ranking class members are Nora Uriegas, Joey Rackley, John Saucedo and Lori Beauchamp. * * * * *

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of May 10-16, 1998.

May 12-Linda Heard.
May 13-Carolyn Langan, B. L. Marshall, Jerry Ware.
May 14-Billy Johnson, Robert Read.
May 15-Linda (Kelly) Thomas.

May 16-Beverly Robison, Barbarette Sikes.

To make changes or to add a friend or relative to our birthday roster, call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

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Mexican Media Tours, Studies United States Beef Facilities



TOURING U.S. FACILITIES....James Herring (left), CEO of Friona Industries, headquartered in Amarillo, explains the U.S. feeding industry to Mexican reporters on a beef checkoff-funded visit to the U.S. The group visited Friona Industries' Littlefield Feedyard at Amherst through the invitation of the U.S. Meat Export Federation and the Texas Beef Council.

Seven prominent Mexican journalists toured Texas cattle and beef operations April 19-22 to report on the U.S. beef industry's technology and production processes. Their visit coincided with record quantities of U.S. beef entering their country.

The journalists' visit was funded by the \$1 per head beef checkoff program through the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) and the Texas Beef Council (TBC).

The journalists represented national print and broadcast media companies in Mexico. Many of the reporters also publish or broadcast to other Spanish-speaking countries.

"Beef checkoff dollars brought these media to Texas so that they can report factually in Mexico about how U.S. beef is produced," said Gilberto Lozano, director of the USMEF-Mexico office. "This helps our sales because these prominent journalists are better able to respond to myths spread by our competitors worried about the growing market share of U.S. beef in Mexico."

Last year, U.S. beef exports to Mexico hit record levels, according to USDA figures. Sales volume increased 64 percent over 1996 to total 145,959 metric tons. In dollars, sales increased 74 percent to more than \$345 million. Mexico vaulted over South Korea and Canada to win the No. 2 spot behind Japan as major U.S. beef buyers.

On the beef checkoff-funded tour through Texas, the Mexican media representatives learned about every facet of beef production from an embryo to an entree. The program started at Elgin Breeding Service in Elgin where technician Brad Cardwell backgrounded the group on improving beef production through technologies like artificial insemination and embryo

transfer.

The journalists then visited Diamond A Ranch at Dime Box, owned by Jerry and Julie Armstrong, to view a cattle operation and to learn about production processes.

The following day, the media traveled to the Texas Panhandle to visit Littlefield Feedyard, owned by Friona Industries, Inc., at Amherst. Friona CEO James Herring briefed the journalists on how the company works with Mexican cattlemen to feed cattle. He also provided an hour-long interview on the beef industry to Eduardo Torreblanca, director of financial news for Televisa, a national network that will broadcast the interview to Mexico, Central and South America, Spain and Northern Africa.

The media representatives then visited the Excel plant in Plainview to look at fabrication of a beef carcass and food safety measures, including USDA government inspection and HACCP protocol. They then closed the visit out in Dallas with a tour of the state-of-the-art Freedman Food Service plant and briefing on cattle industry economics by Bret Fox, a Cattle analyst with Cattle-Fax.

After the tour, the media said their eyes were opened to the efficiency of the U.S. beef industry.

"The dominance of the (U.S. beef) industry and the capacity of its resources were what impressed me the most," said Marco Campillo, a business report for TV Azteca, another national network. "Its use of technology to not only produce for the U.S. consumer, but also for the consumer in my country and Japan was also highly impressive."

Aurelio Bueno, business writer for *El Financiero*, said he now better understands the production system of U.S.

beef.

"I know more about the genetics of cattle to how beef comes out of the plant!" Bueno said. "This tour has helped me understand how the product is developed from the beginning of an egg to when it is eaten as a cut of beef."

TBC and USMEF have cooperated on educating foreign media teams about U.S. beef for five years, said Alan Smith of Caprock Industries, Amarillo, a member of the boards of directors of both TBC and USMEF. Most of these media teams have been from Mexico, but last year USMEF brought a team from Japan. Several other Asian countries also have indicated an interest in sending a team in the future.

"Because Texas has such a great beef infrastructure, we can show foreign journalists the complete production picture of the beef industry in a short time," Smith said. "Thanks to the state's beef producers, we have been able to use checkoff dollars to educate foreign media, who in turn educate foreign media, who in turn educate their consumers, about the many positive qualities of U.S. beef."

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Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 1998, to March 31, 1998, inclusive:

Jury Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	4,050.12
Amount received since last report.....	9,442.33
Amount paid out since last report.....	11,014.00
03-31-98 balance.....	2,478.45
General Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	169,430.91
Amount received since last report.....	813,632.23
Amount paid out since last report.....	915,457.37
03-31-98 balance.....	67,605.77
Farm to Market Fund	
Balance last report, December 31, 1997.....	68,040.43
Amount received since last report.....	376,947.31
Amount paid out since last report.....	332,090.55
03-31-98 balance.....	112,897.19
Right of Way Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	27,317.12
Amount received since last report.....	134,502.96
Amount paid out since last report.....	145,000.00
03-31-98 balance.....	16,820.08
Lateral Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	7,992.96
Amount received since last report.....	0
Amount paid out since last report.....	7,992.96
03-31-98 balance.....	0
Permanent Improvement Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	23,663.62
Amount received since last report.....	9,615.67
Amount paid out since last report.....	29,600.00
03-31-98 balance.....	3,679.29
Revenue Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	76,586.53
Amount received since last report.....	49,860.96
Amount paid out since last report.....	69,899.65
03-31-98 balance.....	56,547.84
Juvenile Probation Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	3,223.41
Amount received since last report.....	571.44
Amount paid out since last report.....	0
03-31-98 balance.....	3,794.85
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	3,237.10
Amount received since last report.....	1,687.06
Amount paid out since last report.....	2,684.30
03-31-98 balance.....	2,239.86
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	118.64
Amount received since last report.....	2,085.00
Amount paid out since last report.....	1,040.00
03-31-98 balance.....	1,163.64
Caliche Fund	
Balance last report, filed December 31, 1997.....	28,115.11
Amount received since last report.....	123.73
Amount paid out since last report.....	27,000.00
03-31-98 balance.....	1,238.84
Recapitulation	
Jury Fund.....	2,478.45
General Fund.....	67,605.77
Farm to Market Fund.....	112,897.19
Right of Way Fund.....	16,820.08
Lateral Fund.....	0
Caliche Fund.....	1,238.84
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	3,679.29
Revenue Fund.....	56,547.84
Juvenile Probation Fund.....	3,794.87
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....	2,239.86
District Check Collection - 287th Fund.....	1,163.64
TOTAL.....	268,465.81
List of Bonds and other Securities on Hand	
Certificates of Deposit	
Farm to Market.....	265,000.00
Tex Pool Investments	
Farm to Market.....	419,147.97
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	25,015.64
General Fund.....	802,998.05
Jury Fund.....	73,557.78
Right Of Way Fund.....	157,946.52
Caliche Fund.....	7,003.29
TOTAL.....	1,750,669.25

Treasurer's Report from January 1, 1998, to March 31, 1998. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of April 1998.

Bonnie Clayton, County Judge

Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 27th day of April 1998.

Shot Dates Are Given

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for May.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines will be available.

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 to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main St. in Friona, on Friday, May 15 from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3:45 p.m.;

Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS Office, 109 Third Street, Bovina, Monday, May 11 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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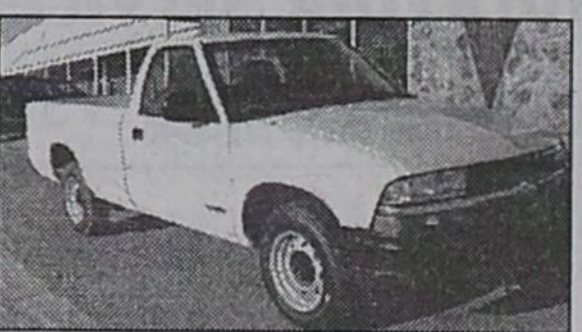
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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the book of 1 Samuel intending to show some of the customs of those ancient and traditional times.

SAMUEL AND SAUL

SAUL, IN SEARCHING FOR HIS FATHER'S LOST ANIMALS, HAS LOOKED DILIGENTLY THROUGHOUT THE LAND, NOW, WITH HIS SERVANT, HE COMES TO RAMAH...

BEHOLD NOW, THERE IS IN THIS CITY A PROPHET! SURELY HE CAN TELL US WHERE TO FIND THE LOST ANIMALS!

NAY NOW, WE CAN NOT GO TO HIM!

IF WE GO FOR HELP TO THE PROPHET IN RAMAH, WHAT CAN WE BRING HIM? OUR BREAD AND WINE ARE ALL GONE AND WE MUST BRING A PRESENT TO A MAN OF GOD!

BEHOLD, I HAVE HERE AT HAND THE FOURTH PART OF A SILVER SHEKEL! THAT WILL I GIVE HIM!

SO, WITH THIS SMALL OFFERING, SAUL AND HIS SERVANT APPROACH THE CITY, WHERE, AT THIS EXACT MOMENT, A GROUP OF MAIDENS ARE EMERGING TO DRAW WATER FROM THE WELL...

Next Week THE MEETING!

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Martha Rucker Whatley Submits Her Life's 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 *The Friona Star*. This month we feature Martha Pauline Rucker Whatley

By RAY WHATLEY

Martha Pauline Rucker Whatley was born in Lloyd, County October 1, 1917, to John and Mae Rucker. She had three brothers and a sister. They all attended school in Quitaque, Texas.

Polly talked a great deal about riding to school in a rather large box mounted on

a wagon frame with no window except for the driver up front.

Polly and her parents moved to Lockney in 1934. Her dad was in poor health and Polly did most of the farming with horses that summer. It was also that summer that she met a young man named Raymond (Ray) Whatley.

That fall she went to Plainview to live with her sister and attended high school. During the summer she lived with her parents and did the farming.

In those days not many people owned cars, even though gas was 9 cents a gallon, but we managed to

see one another during those difficult times. Did you ever ride six in a Chevrolet Coupe. Great fun, that was a way of not having to walk. It was 17 miles from Lockney to Plainview and I would hitch a ride to Plainview and walk her to the show and hope some how to catch a ride home.

Well she married the guy, Ray, on June 5, 1938 in Lockney and lived happily ever since. No, it isn't that type of a fairy tale! We had a very hard time, but you know, in those days when you got married it was supposed to be forever.

We moved to New Mexico in 1938, then moved to California in 1940 where our oldest son Edwin was born. In 1946 we moved to Clovis, New Mexico where we built our first new home. Polly did all the papering and I did all the painting. Neither made remarks about the others work.

Polly had started her art work when she was 15 and as the years went by, you could see an improvement in each picture she painted. She painted as if she were a part of the scenery.

We had another son, Paul, in 1948, and Polly really started showing the real way a mother should be. School, church, band and baseball were the avenues the traffic flowed.

Cooking, sewing on a treadle sewing machine, knitting all became a part of the trade of a house wife until 1958. We moved to Friona and Polly became a proof reader for *The Friona Star*, showed us her English work in paragraphing the paper.

In 1959 Polly was offered a job with Farmers Electric Co-op as a bookkeeper, where she worked 21 years and retired in 1980.

To describe Polly as a person would be someone like this: A very active person, a

very friendly person, a person everyone who knew her loved her. A great wife and mother. Polly was a very active member in the Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School for the children, active in the Womens Society of Christians Service, in which she has a lifetime membership.

Maybe this prayer would show her life style:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace Where there is hatred, let me show love

Where there is impurity, pardon

Where there is doubt, factor

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is darkness, light

Where there is sadness, joy

O, divine Master, grant that

I may not so much seek To be consoled, as to console

To be understood, as to understand

To be loved, as to love For it is in giving, that we received

It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned

It is in dying that we are born into Eternal Life.

Polly Whatley, came to her new home at Prairie Acres! Thank you Prairie Acres staff for your hospitality.



MARTHA PAULINE RUCKER WHATLEY

Deaf Smith Electric Coop Gives Five Scholarships

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has announced the recipients of five DSEC scholarships. Each \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per semester for two semesters. These scholarships are available to immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

The following students received scholarships: Kaci Wethington, Nazareth High School, daughter of Melvin and Joy Wethington; Shyla Wylly, Friona High School, daughter of Gerall and Mary Beth Wylly; Amber Matthews, Dimmitt High School, daughter of Jerry and Sherri Matthews; Rachel Embry, Farwell High School, daughter of Weldon and Sherry Embry; and Amber Brumley, Community Christian School of Hereford, daughter of Mike and Janice Brumley.

The scholarships are made possible with the passage of a new Texas law, HB 3202. Previous to the passage of HB 3202, unclaimed funds from DSEC capital credit checks were sent to and retained by



SHYLA WYLY

the state. The new law allows those unclaimed funds to be used for scholarships and/or economic development.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's board of directors elected to provide scholarships to students within the DSEC service area through a scholarship fund. The five students were chosen from a field of highly qualified candidates by a select committee of men and women representing the entire service area.



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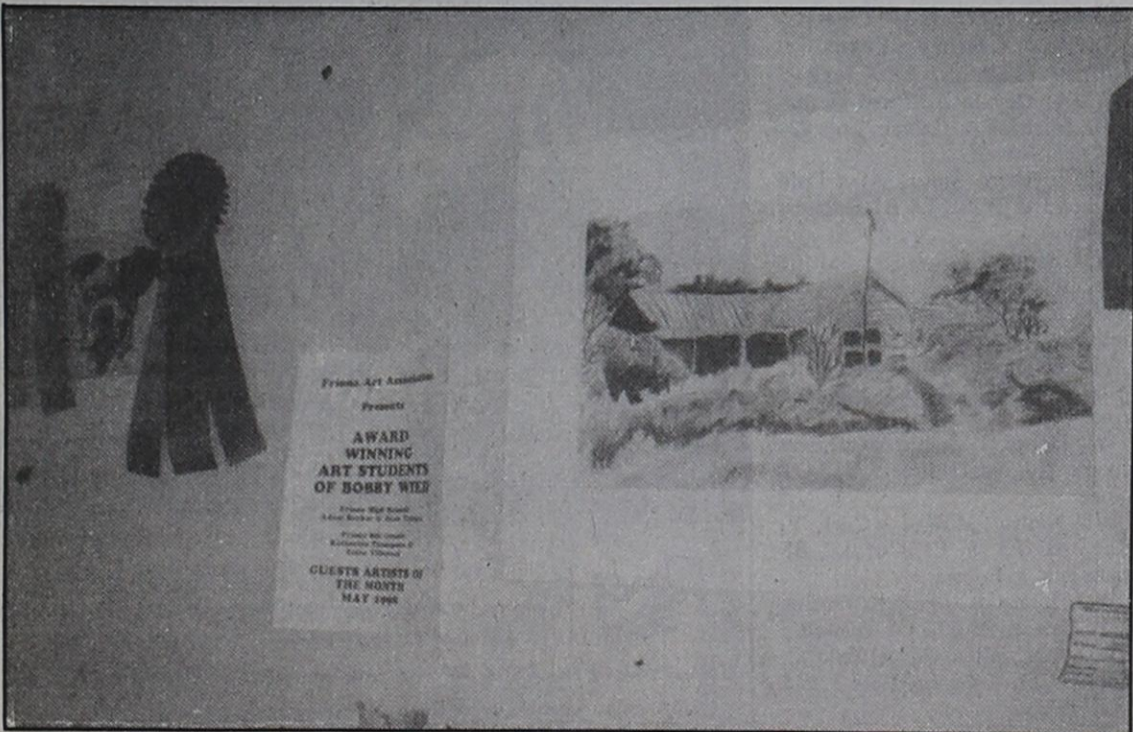
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ARTISTS OF THE MONTH--Friona Art Association has announced that four award-winning art students of Bobby Wied will serve as the Guests Artists of the Month for May. The artists are: Friona High School students Adam Barker and Juan Tafoya; and Friona eighth graders Katherine Thompson and Zaira Villareal. These youngsters have won ribbons in several student art shows around the Panhandle area in recent weeks. Their works will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres for the remainder of the month.

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Sincerely,
The John S. Thompson Family

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for their prayers. Also, for the food and phone calls and every act of kindness during the illness and death of our mother. A special thank you to all the nurses at Prairie Acres.

The Family of Fairrie Parker

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- WD-Shirley S. Brill and Herber C. Brill, Michael A. Galvan, Lots 23-26 B32 OT Farwell.
 - WD-Joyce S. Smith, Alan Dale Sikes, Lot 3 & W 61' L4 B1 Hillcrest Addition.
 - WD-Ronald Byrd, Santos Cuevas, Lots 4-6 B22.
 - WD-John David Pena, Joe Luis Santellana, L13 & part of L14.
 - WD-Alton Ray Johnson, estate, Nicolas Vela, Part of L1 B36 OT Bovina.
 - WD-Debra S. Stanberry, Danny Stanberry, All lots 11 thru 15 B32 OT Bovina.
 - WD-Nedra McKee, Carl P. McKee, All L1 & E1/2 of L2 B3 Western Add to Friona.
 - WD-Hubert L. Gohlke, Florine Coburn, Lots 21-26 B23 OT Farwell.
 - WD-John Allen, Jr, Alfredo C. Merino & Christi Garcia, Lots 3 & 4 B70 OT Friona.
- ENDING APRIL 29, 1998**
- WD-Larry D. Broyles, Beardean Broyles, W1/2 S21 Harding Sub.
 - WD-A.T. Morgan, Ellsworth J. Rogers, Jr., All L9 B2 Ridglea Sub.
 - WD-Jackie L. Clark, Ubaldo Delgadoillo, S1/2 Lt & all of L6 B65 Friona.
 - WD-Lovelle Childs, Estate Walter F. Walker, Ind, Exec Donald J. Hazelwood, (beneficiary), Elvis H. Childs, An Undivided 1/2 Int. in the N10' of L28 all L29, 30 & 31 & S5' of L32 Blk 60 Farwell.
 - WD-Buddy Lunsford, Glenda Clemmer Bly, E1/2 of L14, 15 & 16 B34.

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- NEW LISTING--3 BR, 2 BA, 3 living areas, 1 with fireplace, large kitchen, dining, utility, new carpet.....\$59,500**
- 3 BR, 1-3/4 BA, kitchen/dining/family room with fireplace, 2 car garage, storage building.....\$54,900
- NEW LISTING--3 BR, 2 BA, living room, kitchen, dining, double car garage with cellar.....\$53,900**
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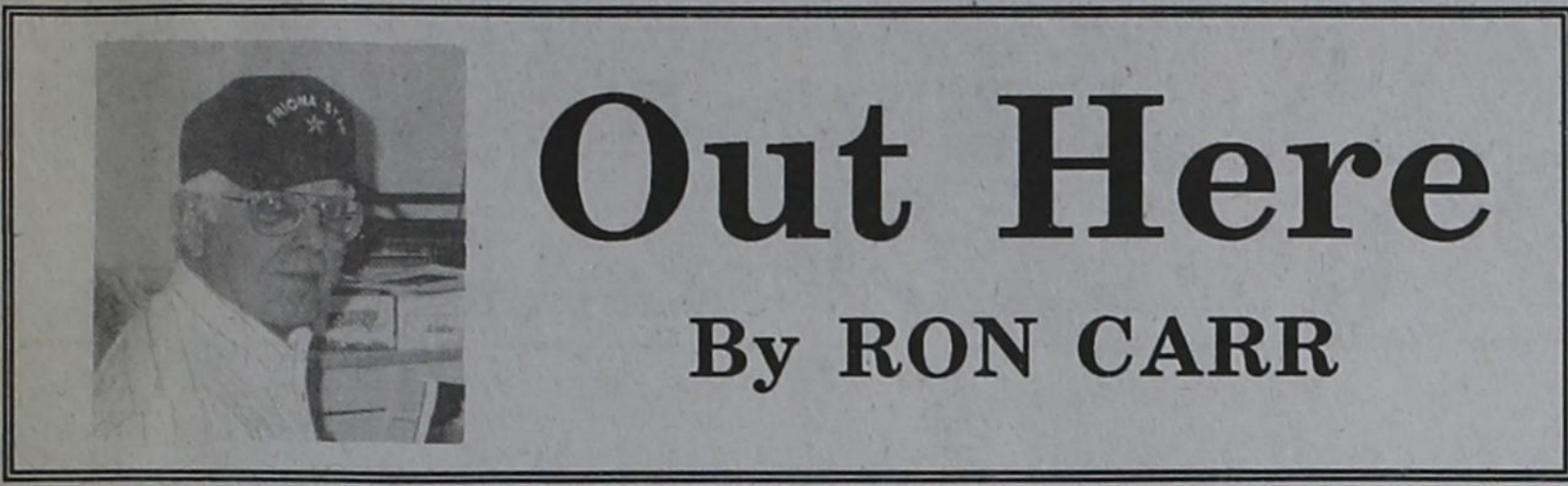
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Out Here

By RON CARR

China: Not The Biggest Stone Wall After All

Last weekend I bought a few items at a store and when I checked out they gave me a big yellow plastic flyswatter as a grand opening promotional gift.

It is bright yellow. The extra long handle has the store's name on it and the "swatter" part is shaped like a hand. Smashing Pan-handle flies should be a lot more fun.

My yellow swatter also had a gold-embossed sticker down near the hole in the handle. It said "Made in China".

For a second I tried to imagine how a yellow flyswatter that looks like a hand could have traveled all the way from China to the United States. I wondered how many other places the swatter had been shipped to before landing in Parmer County Texas.

I wondered if the Chinese person who made the happy flyswatter lived in some remote mountain village whose name ends in "jing".

I wondered if the Chinese worker owned a home or had a car or even got paid for making yellow flyswatters.

Most of all I wondered if that Chinese flyswatter worker had ever heard of an American fellow named Billy Jeff Clinton.

When Billy Jeff looks at China he sees 1.2 billion people, all of whom he considers dumber than he is. He sees 1.2 billion people who would like to have all of our good old American technologies while we buy their flyswatters.

Most of all, Billy Jeff, Hill Rod and Algore saw all those stacks of Chinese money. I'm convinced that, Billy Jeff Clinton, a great Arkansas patriot, would do 'most anything for money and the power that goes with it.

Perhaps you remember that being bought by the Chinese was the most serious of the 8,996 charges leveled at the Clintons.

The really serious flaws of this president are not diddling around with Monica and the girls. After all committing adultery and lying are no big deal. Life is just a big party.

Many Americans choose not to see the continual abuse of power that this administration has used as though it was a job requirement.

Perhaps you remember a Clinton speech in October, 1996, in which he said "There is not a single solitary nuclear missile pointed at an American child tonight. Not one. Not a single one."

I figure he talked all the world leaders into pointing

their missiles somewhere else for that one night so he could make a true statement. Or knowing Billy Jeff's playful use of words, he could claim that the missiles were actually pointed at us grown-ups, not the children.

Either way, last week the CIA and two government officials confirmed that 13 CSS-4 missiles, with a range of more than 8,000 miles, are targeted at the United States. They are located in China.

The report goes on to say that China has 18 of these long range missiles, but the United States has about 6,000 intercontinental range nuclear warheads. It's okay if the good guys have missiles.

At least China is not going to beat us in a nuclear war (yet). They have figured out how to keep us occupied with yellow flyswatters until they can buy enough Democrats to do some real damage.

I do not trust China. I had business meetings with Chinese people when I was a travel agent. They do not think like Americans and they will never change, except to adopt Western fashions and technology.

Regardless of the fact that Billy Jeff considers himself the current savior of mankind, able to bring peace to all nations, he is exactly the type of personality that the Chinese like.

He is gullible, power hungry, influenced by money and women and available for the Chinese influence market.

A recent article in Reader's Digest was about

foreign nations that accept our foreign aid and then swipe our industrial secrets. Here is the way it works:

The U. S. invests up to \$250 billion a year in research. We lead the world in technology and are the largest target for industrial spies that steal technical secrets American companies have already paid research and development costs on.

The foreign countries that steal the results of American research can then make and sell the same products more cheaply, which drives U. S. firms out of the market.

The Reader's Digest article said that American allies like Canada, France, Germany, Japan, South Korea and Israel are plundering American assets.

Guess who is one of the worst offenders at stealing our technology and using it against us. Yes, it is China.

Not to worry, though. Billy Jeff is going to China next month. He will no doubt charm all 1.2 billion Chinese. By the time he leaves Beijing, the Chinese will probably be eating Cheetos, drinkin Bud, and driving Chevys.

It is appropriate that Billy Jeff will visit the Great Wall of China. The longest stone wall in the world being visited by the greatest stonewall expert in America.

The current Democratic White House administration is in bed with China and they don't care if you care or not.

With this administration, the term "Made in China" takes on a whole new meaning.

Classic Cable To Give Away Colorado Trip

Classic Cable will send one local winner and their guest on an exhilarating and adventurous river rafting exhibition to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"This is just one of the many trips we are giving to our customers in appreciation and as a way to say thank you," explained Adina Crawford, Community Relations Manager for Classic Cable.

Classic Cable will give away eight trips for two, to customers in seven of the communities they provide with cable service. The trips will take place June 25 through 28, 1998 along the Arkansas River near Colorado Springs.

The trips will include two full days of rafting, 29 to 35 miles of class II, III and IV

whitewater rapids, three nights of camping at a fully equipped base camp and a complete staff of private guides.

Classic Cable will also include \$300 to cover the travel expenses to Colorado Springs. "This trip is definitely for the adventurous and is guaranteed to be wet and wild," continued Crawford.

Residents can register to win this exciting trip at the local Classic Cable office at 701 Euclid, Friona or customers of Classic Cable will receive an entry form with their monthly statement. One local winner will be drawn on June 1, 1998 and notified by telephone. For more information call Classic Cable at 247-2066 or 1-800-999-8876.

Deadlines Nearing To Sign Up For 4-H Camps

Summer is just around the corner and it's time to sign up for 4-H camps. 4-H

Leadership camp is held on June 9 through 11, 1998 in Levelland at South Plains College.

4-H'ers ages 10 through 12 at the time of the camp may attend. The deadline to sign up is May 15, 1998.

4-H'ers learn to improve their leadership skills, social skills and learn to interact with 4-H'ers across the South Plains. The cost is \$58 per 4-H'er. The Adult Leaders Association has agreed to pay half of the 4-H'ers camp fee.

However, only four boys and four girls can attend so, call soon if you plan on attending. County quota will be filled by first come first served.

Another camp set for June 15-19 is the 4-H Electric camp and it's time to sign up. The camp is held close to Cloudcroft, New Mexico and 4-H'ers spend a week in the mountains developing leadership skills, conducting 4-H electric projects and spending recreational time with 4-H'ers from across District 2.

Unfortunately, only two boys and two girls ages 14 or older may attend from each county. The cost of the camp is \$58 which the Parmer County Adult Leaders Association pays half of the cost.

Deadline for the 4-H Electric camp is May 15, 1998. If you plan to attend, come by the office so you can fill out an application.

CUSTOMER NOTICE

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (West Texas Rural or the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking approval to implement rates, terms and conditions for the following new, optional services offering: **CALLER ID SERVICES, ENHANCED CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES, and OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.** This request has been assigned Tariff Control Number 19209. These services will be available to all residential and business customers where technical facilities permit, excluding pay telephone services.

Caller ID Services:

Calling Number/Name Delivery (Caller ID) delivers calling party information to parties being called. Calling party information may indicate the directory number/name of the calling party or may indicate the number/name of the calling party is private or unavailable.

Anonymous Call Rejection permits a customer to automatically reject calls from callers who have blocked their number/name, either through the use of per-call blocking or per-line blocking.

Enhanced Custom Calling Services:

Call Return enables a customer to automatically return the last incoming call. If the call back number is busy, this feature allows a user to camp on or queue the called party. When an on-hook condition is detected, both numbers will ring to establish the call.

Call Screening permits a customer to block an incoming call and/or calls from a maximum of ten (10) specified telephone numbers within the customer's local calling scope, Extended Area Calling scope, or Long Distance Telecommunications Network (where facilities permit) and functions as a screening service for the customer. A customer may create, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers. In addition, if a customer receives an unwanted call from an unknown telephone number, the customer may block future calls from that unknown number by immediately dialing the Selective Call Rejection activation code after the unwanted call is terminated. The Cooperative's equipment will review all incoming calls and will block those from numbers that appear on the customer's list. Blocked telephone numbers are directed to a Cooperative recorded announcement. Standard call completion will occur if a call originates from a central office that is not equipped for CLASS.

Call Trace allows a customer to request an automatic trace of the last incoming call. Call Trace may be activated at any time during or immediately following the call to be traced. The Cooperative retains this information and will provide it only to appropriate law enforcement authorities upon proper request from the customer subscribing to the service.

Preferred Call Forwarding allows a customer to preselect a maximum of ten (10) telephone numbers that can be forwarded to a customer-specified telephone number. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and will forward calls to the customer only if the caller's number appears on the customer's screening list. When a call is placed to the customer from a number not on the screening list, the caller receives an announcement indicating that the called party does not wish to receive calls at this time.

Priority Ringing permits the customer to preselect a maximum of ten (10) telephone numbers that can be given a distinctive alerting signal, ring or call waiting tone for priority calls. A customer creates, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and provide the appropriate signal, ring or tone for these numbers that appear on the customer's list.

Repeat Dialing enables a user to automatically place a call to the last outgoing call. The last outgoing call is defined as the last number dialed. If the called number is busy, this feature allows a customer to camp on or queue the called party. When an on-hook condition is detected, both numbers will ring to establish the call.

Special Call Acceptance permits a customer to select a maximum of ten (10) specified telephone numbers within the customer's local calling scope, Extended Area Calling scope, or Long Distance Telecommunications Network (where facilities permit) from which the customer wishes to accept calls. A customer may create, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers from which the customer is accepting calls. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and will allow calls to ring on the customer's telephone only if the caller's number appears on the customer's screening list. When a call is placed to the customer from a number not on the screening list, the caller receives an announcement indicating that the called party does not wish to receive calls at this time.

Other Miscellaneous Services:

Cancel Call Waiting allows a customer with the Call Waiting feature to cancel the operation of Call Waiting for one call. The customer dials the Cancel Call Waiting code and dial tone is heard. Without hanging up, the customer then places the call. During this call only, the Call Waiting feature is inactive. Call Waiting tones will not interrupt this call.

Do Not Disturb allows the called party to automatically reject calls if the calling party does not have the called party's special Personal Identification Number (PIN). Those callers without the PIN will either receive a busy signal or an announcement saying that the called party is not accepting calls at this time.

Personal Ringing allows up to three different telephone numbers to ring at a premises without installing additional local exchange access lines. Incoming calls to each number are identified by different ringing patterns.

Toll Restriction Service denies the local exchange user access to the long distance telecommunications network while permitting the user access to the local exchange network.

Enhanced Toll Restriction Service allows subscribers of the Toll Restriction Service feature to access the Long Distance Telecommunications Network for calls placed to 1+800 and 1+888 numbers only.

Toll Restriction Service with PIN Override prevents the origination of toll calls from an access line except for those calls where a PIN is entered prior to placing the call. This override function is only valid for the single call placed immediately after the PIN is entered and is deactivated at the end of that single call.

Warm Line Service provides that a preselected 7- or 10- digit telephone number will ring whenever the subscribing customer's telephone is off-hook for a minimum of thirty (30) seconds. The designated number may not be public emergency numbers such as police, fire, ambulance or 911 service where available.

In association with the deployment of Caller ID Services, "per-call blocking" and "per-line blocking" will be automatically available, free of charge, to all West Texas Rural customers. "Blocking" prevents the caller's number and name from appearing on the Caller ID display unit. Any customer who wishes to block his or her number and name on a per-call basis, simply needs to press *67 on their touch-tone phone, or dial 1167 on their rotary phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking automatically blocks a customer's number and name on every call without the need to press *67 or dial 1167. If a customer selects per-line blocking, he or she can unblock their number and name, free of charge, on a single call by dialing *82 or 1182 on their phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking will be offered, at no charge, to any customer upon the customer's request. All requests for per-line blocking will be automatically reactivated at the end of this single "unblocked" call. Per-line blocking will automatically be granted free of charge. It is not necessary to subscribe to Caller ID to have per-call or per-line blocking. Per-call or per-line blocking will display a message such as "private" or "anonymous" on the Caller ID display unit. Blocking will not be provided on calls from payphones.

The proposed effective date for the new services is July 1, 1998 for all exchanges serviced by the Cooperative. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Cooperative is \$21,115 for the first year of service, which is less than 1.20% of the Cooperative's gross annual intrastate revenues. The following monthly rates have been proposed for these new services:

SERVICE	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS
Calling Number/Name Delivery	\$6.50	\$6.50
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$1.00	\$1.00
Call Return	\$1.50	\$1.50
Call Screening	\$1.50	\$1.50
Preferred Call Forwarding	\$1.50	\$1.50
Priority Ringing	\$1.50	\$1.50
Repeat Dialing	\$1.50	\$1.50
Special Call Acceptance	\$1.50	\$1.50
Do Not Disturb	\$1.50	\$1.50
Personal Ringing with two numbers	\$3.00	\$3.00
Personal Ringing with three numbers	\$6.00	\$6.00
Toll Restriction Service	\$.50	\$.50
Enhanced Toll Restriction Service	\$1.50	\$1.50
Toll Restriction Service with PIN Override	\$1.50	\$1.50
Warm Line Service	No Charge	No Charge
Usage Sensitive Services		
Call Trace, per successful trace	\$7.00	\$7.00

For answers to any questions regarding these new, optional Caller ID Services and Enhanced Custom Calling Services, or other services, please contact your local business office at (806) 364-3331.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding should notify the PUC as soon as possible, but no later than June 21, 1998. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission of Texas toll free at 1-888-782-8477 or in Austin, (512) 936-7120. Hearing-and-speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the PUC at (512) 936-7136.

Si quiere recibir la informacion de indentificacion de llamadas (Caller ID) en Espanol por favor llame a nuestra oficina al numero telefonio (806) 364-3331.

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FAST BREAK....These youngsters were a part of Bovina's Little Dribbler participants who completed a successful youth basketball season. Thanks to parents, coaches, and volunteers for helping out. ron carr photo



SALAMANCAS We took our roving Blade camera to the soccer match between the Bovina Salamanca and the Plainview Chivas last Sunday. The Salamancas are in white and the Bovina goalie is shown at right in the top picture. We didn't stay long enough to get their names or the final score, but the action was fast.

ron carr photos



ELIZABETH ALONZO
Fifth grader Elizabeth was top money raiser in the school's Jump-A-Thon. Her rope jumping efforts raised a total of \$165. She is in Mrs. Halbrooks' class.

Bovinan Assists In Special Ceremony

K.C. Morris of Bovina, a member of the South Plains College student honor guard, participated in a brief ceremony Tuesday morning, May 5 to remember the 33 Texas peace officers and 144 peace officers in the United States who died last year in the line of duty.

Representatives of the Levelland Police Department and Hockley County Sheriff's Office were among those on hand for SPC's sixth annual Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony at the college's entrance.

As a chilly wind whipped the flags at the campus entrance, George Lawless, professor of law enforcement technology and chairperson of the college's Professional Services and Energy Department, gave a brief address.

"We want to pay tribute to the people we have known, relatives and friends, who have lost their lives in the performance of their duty,"

said Lawless. He read from Romans 13:1-5, which provides the basis for the work of the peace officer.

"Taps" was played by Jim Greene, an SPC music instructor and "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes by Paul Watson.

A seven-member SPC law enforcement honor guard fired a 21-gun salute; while three students lowered the campus flags to half-mast, and another duo laid a wreath of red and white carnations nearby.

Other members of the SPC student honor guard are Fred Gonzales and Jason Pigg from Levelland, Reggie Jones from O'Donnell, Kevin Jefferson, Veronica Garcia and Will Calfin from Lubbock, Randal York and Jennifer Ferguson from Plainview, Juan Gonzales from Matador and Lea DeLeon and Donna Schulze from Snyder.

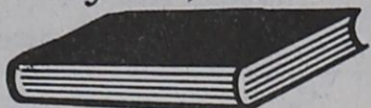
Early Childhood Education Clinic

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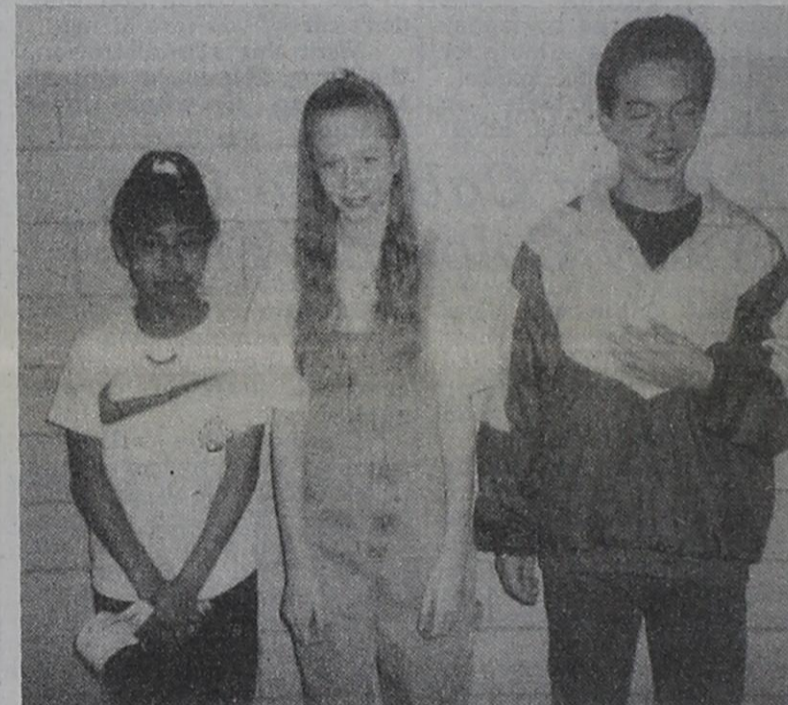
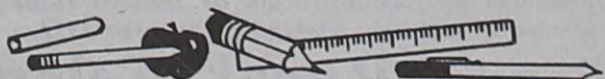
Bovina Ridgelea Elementary School

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

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



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



TOP READERS.....Jolyne Ortiz and Sarah Morgan join newcomer Scott Johnson as the middle school's top three readers for the 5th six weeks. Together they read 48 books during the six weeks.

County Well Represented At District 4-H Roundup

The 1998 District 2 4-H Roundup was held on May 2, 1998 in Levelland, Texas at the Levelland Middle School. 4-H'ers from across District 2 competed in method demonstrations, illustrated talks, consumer judging, fashion design, and share-the-fun contests.

Parmer County 4-H'ers that competed were Linda Armstrong, Karissa Foster, Khallie Foster, Jade Mahaney, Kacey Millsap, Clint Patterson, Leesa Patterson, Dan Patterson, Tara Sanchez, Ginger Sides, Bailey Warren.

1st Junior I--Share-The-Fun, Kacey Millsap and

Bailey Warren.
1st Junior II--Fashion Design (Accessory), Tara Sanchez.

2nd Junior II--Fashion Design (Textile), Tara Sanchez.

2nd Senior--Share-The-Fun (Drama), Linda Armstrong, Karissa Foster, Ginger Sides.

2nd Senior--Pork Method Demonstration, Clint Patterson and Leesa Patterson.

3rd Junior I--Pork Method Demonstration, Dan Patterson.

3rd Senior--Consumer Life Skills Method Demonstration, Jade Mahaney.

Youth Commission Sells Tickets To Golf Tourney

Classic Cable of Friona/Bovina is sponsoring a fund-raising event which includes two trips for two persons each, to the Colonial Golf Tournament in Ft. Worth May 23-24. According to Youth Commission coordinator Anite Pitts, Friona's youth program will be the only recipient of the proceeds of this fund-raiser.

Holders of the two tickets drawn will be the only winners. Only 150 tickets at \$20 will be sold.

J. P. Sims, youth commission member and chairman of ticket sales and other youth commission fund-raisers, said if anyone is still interested, approximately one-half

of the tickets are still available.

The Colonial Golf package is a dream weekend for golf and sports lovers. The \$20 tickets are available by calling J. P. Sims at 247-2040 or city youth coordinator Anite Pitts at 250-2761.

At the May 4 youth commission meeting, members were updated about Classic Cable's Colonial Golf Tournament ticket raffle and about other youth program developments, and the building proposed to house the Youth Center. Pitts said that input from citizens about the youth commission are always welcome.



KEVIN R. WADDELL
Ex-Bovinan's Son Graduates From Tech

Kevin R. Waddell, son of Edina Beth (Hutto) Waddell and Donald D. Waddell, grandson of Eddie and Alto Hutto, will graduate from Texas Tech University School of Medicine at a ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 16, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. in Lubbock. Kevin received an Air Force Scholarship to attend medical school and was recently elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical School Honor Society for his academic performance.

Kevin is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University/Portales (1992) where he received a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Chemistry/Biology and Minor in Spanish. He was employed for two years in Austin, Texas where he participated in pharmaceutical research before attending Texas Tech School of Medicine. During his time in Austin he met Courtney, now his wife of three years. She is a graduate of Texas A & M University (1992) and currently employed as a microbiology lab supervisor.

After graduation, Kevin and Courtney will be relocated to Dayton, Ohio where Kevin has been selected to perform residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wright-Patterson AFB/Wright State University.



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