

Bull Town Bulletins



By Bill Ellis

CITIES AND TOWNS develop rivalries. That goes without saying. But a couple of cities down south of us have been involved in an unusual conflict. The conflict developed when the Sweetwater VFW post wanted a cannon to grace the front of their VFW building. This particular cannon had been displayed in Colorado City for over 50 years.

We heard about this city vs city fracas from George and Carolyn Witten of Colorado City when they were in Friona last week for Lee and Jo Witten's 50th anniversary. George, who is Lee's brother, told us about the fuss, and gave us a copy of the *Abilene Reporter-News* which gave details about the situation.

Many of our readers had a chance to re-familiarize themselves with the Sweetwater-Snyder-Abilene area when the Chieftains played--and won--games at both Snyder and Sweetwater this past fall. We thought you'd enjoy this.

Colorado City is on I-20, about 20 miles west of Sweetwater. It's straight south of Snyder. The two cities appeared to this writer a lot like Friona and Hereford, who have always been friendly neighbors. Colorado City (like Friona, in class 3A) and Sweetwater (like Hereford, in 4A) had never had any trouble--until the cannon incident.

The weapon is a 75mm German Howitzer that was brought to the U.S. following World War I. It was loaned to the Colorado City American Legion Post when it opened in 1924. The Colorado City Legion post closed in 1979, and Sweetwater VFW members noticed that the old cannon looked rather neglected, with weeds growing all around it, and the wheels having sunk into the ground and rusting.

The Sweetwater vet organization petitioned the U.S. Army to let them move the old cannon and got the permission. However, when Sweetwater vets came to Colorado City to move the old war relic, that's when the stuff hit the fan.

This was the first that anyone in Colorado City had heard about the efforts to move the cannon. For about a two-week period, it must have appeared that World War III was about to break out between these previously friendly neighbors. The only question was: "Which side was gonna have the cannon?"

The "battle" was fought to a great deal through the newspapers, radio stations, et al. Our Witten friends sent us clippings from their *Colorado City Record*. We never did see a Sweetwater paper, but the episode was well-covered by the Abilene paper, as well as the *Dallas Morning News*.

The Sweetwater group was turned back by Colorado City police on their first attempt to secure the cannon. The former C.C. Legion building is now occupied by the Mitchell County Boys Club, whose official called the cops and reported that the cannon was about to be stolen.

After the first rebuff, representatives from both communities affixed a chain and lock, chaining the weapon to a flagpole, to keep the cannon in place until the conflict was settled. The Sweetwater group threatened to get the Federal marshal to enforce the Army's order to hand the cannon over.

One of the main-stays in the ordeal involves WWII veteran Syl Monks. He is in sort of a predicament, since he lives in Colorado City, but is a member of the Sweetwar VFW that went after the cannon. Monks may have to move to Sweetwater after the events of this month.

On the second attempt to move the weapon, the Sweetwater vets were met by

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Elementary Sci-Fair Winners

Kids of all ages took over the elementary gym last Monday for their creative science fair entries.

Principal Darla Sealey announced the winners:

SECOND GRADE: Mrs. Steelman's class: 1. Lemon Power-Amber Bandy; 2. Dirt-Priscilla Lara; 3. Mechanical Fan-Titiana Salas. Mrs. Widner's class: 1. Air Balloon-Martin Ramos, David Rojas; 2. Clouds-Zachary Morgan; 3. Why Is the Sea Salty-Elisa Smith.

THIRD GRADE: Mrs. Burney's class: 1. Measure a Rock-Vanessa Navarrette 2. How Far-Saul Martinez; 2. Paper Capers-Irma Rocha; 2. Polar BRR-Billy Sherbon; 3. M&M Facts-Suxey Ovale; 3. Comparing Popcorn-Andrea Garza. Mrs. Sides class: 1. Song in Bottles-Gregorio Navarrette and Hector Carrillo; 2. Kookie Kapers-Yvonne Espinoza and Elizabeth Ortiz; 2. Fish and Chips-Eddy Segovia; 3. Car Racing-Marco Castenada and Josh Rameriz.

Mrs. Beall's class: 1. Hot Head-Edda Robles and Juana Roldan; 1. Carton 'N Cotton-Josh Guevara and Ryan McClaran; 2. Candy Factory Facts-Dusty Riley and Laura Rocha; 2. Take It Easy with Simple Machines-Vanessa Garcia and Luis Munoz; 3. Swing in Time-Karla Rivera, Cody Jamerson, Dorothy Martinez.

FOURTH GRADE: Helen Deen's class: 1. Toothpaste-Elizabeth Alonzo 2. Seeds & H2 O2-Crystal Morris. 3. Sugar-Friend or Foe-Charlotte Rumph. Kathy Graves' class: 1. Satellite-Dustin Lara; 2. Como Crecen Las Semillas-Rosa Garcia. 2. How Seeds Grow-Jessica Amparan. 3. Helicopter-Jose Valadez; 3. Mystery of Friction-Giselle Alvarado.

FIFTH GRADE: Miss Brown's class: 1. Homemade Seismograph-Troy Turner. 2. Growing Stalactites and Stalagmites-Diana Carrillo and Yuri Vela; 3. M&M Count Crunch-Adriana Ramirez and Nancy Amaya. Mrs. Halbrook's class: 1. Moving Marbles-Kim King and Sarah Morgan; 2. Crystal Columns-Myra Banuelos and Wendi Gomez; 3. Sturdiest Soap Bubbles-Michael Nieto and Abraham Rocha.

Mr. Martin's class: 1. Floating Inside-Ricardo Rojas and Martin Carrillo; 2. Diving Bell-Matthew Villarreal; 3. Magic Balloon Bottle-Gorden De La Rosa and Chris Ortiz.



REIGNING IN 1997.....Basketball king and queen for the 1997 Bovina basketball homecoming celebration were seniors Jason Kerby and Lisa Hromas. (Ron Carr Photo)

Bovina City Council Holds Regular Meeting

The Bovina Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 1997. Present were Mayor Hromas, Aldermen Beauchamp, Olvera, Anderson, Waters, and Venable.

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Alderman Waters opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Beauchamp moved to pay the bills, Venable seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Anderson made a motion to accept the lowest bid for the Dodge paint job to Paint & Body in Clovis for \$1,906.18. Venable seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The Extension Ordinance was passed after the first reading.

Venable moved to table de-annexation, Olvera seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Beauchamp moved to repair Avenue B water well, and install a clear view and a squeeze valve. Venable seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Venable made a motion to buy a chlorinator, Olvera seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Beauchamp moved to accept Officer Anthony Eberhardt's resignation, Olvera seconded, motion

carried unanimously.

Anderson made a motion to implement a monitoring station at the Roll Off Box (Dump Ground), and hire a part-time employee from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., two to three days a week. All dumping will be billed from the city hall, charging a fee of \$5 for pickup or trailer, and \$10 for a truck. Employee must check in at city hall. Venable seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Waters moved to table opening Hartwell Street from 2290 to Bester. Olvera seconded. For were Waters, Olvera, Beauchamp, and Anderson. Alderman Venable abstained.

Venable moved to buy a dual pager for Billy Smith. Beauchamp seconded. For were Venable, Beauchamp, Anderson, and Waters. Alderman Olvera was against.

Mayor Hromas declared a closed session at 9:35 p.m. and reopened the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

After reviewing all the police applicants, the council decided to interview Michael Lindsey, Rafael Torres, Jr., Paul Ortega, and Ryan Alan Hitt for patrol officer on Tuesday, February 18 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Hromas declared the meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

Fillies End Basketball With 12-16

The Bovina Fillies finished the 1997 basketball season with an overall record of 12-16 and a 4-6 district showing.

The Fillies managed to beat Olton 46-38 and Highland Park 57-43 to win their final two district games of the year.

Senior Lisa Hromas led the scoring in the final two games with 23 total, followed by junior Bonnie Quintana at 21, seniors Kasey Bell 17, Lori Beauchamp 14 and D'Anne Jones 20.

Hromas, Beauchamp, Jones, and Bell, all seniors, completed their Fillies basketball careers, leaving at least six varsity players returning next year.

Bovina School Board Sets Election For May 3rd

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 10 with all members present except Susan Kerby, and Mike Beauchamp.

Minutes from the special meetings of January 22 and January 30 were read and approved. Also, minutes of the January 13 meeting were approved.

Josie Alonzo addressed the board.

Brozek moved to pay the vouchers, Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

School principals gave their reports.

Steelman moved to approve the campus and district improvement plans, Brozek seconded, passed unanimously.

Steelman moved to approve tuberculosis testing for 7th grade students, Owen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The board declared a school board election date of May 3, 1997, for the expiring terms of Joe Steelman and Ricky Jamerson.

Owen moved to appoint Les McCain as election judge and Pat Read as absentee judge, Steelman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Jamerson moved to approve fund raising projects for band and senior class,

Brozek seconded, motion passed.

A discussion was held concerning disposal of old computers but no action was taken.

Steelman moved to purchase the Grasshopper lawn mower, Ortiz seconded, motion passed.

Owen moved to contract with Southwest Drug Deterrent Services for the remainder of the 96-97 school year and to adopt FNF local policy, Ortiz seconded, motion passed.

Steelman moved to approve the Written Hazard Communication Program, Jamerson seconded, motion passed.

Brozek moved to add Gilda Garner to the substitute teacher list, Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Brozek moved to extend the contracts of Jerry Birdsong, Robert Rumph, and Darla Sealey for one year, 1997-98, Steelman seconded, motion passed.

Jamerson moved to extend Bobby Ortiz's contract for one year, 1997-98, Ortiz seconded, motion passed.

Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports. Steelman moved to adjourn and Brozek seconded.

Police Arrest Suspect In Allsup's Robbery

Acting on a lead, Friona Police have arrested Vivian Cisneros, Jr., 24, for the January 11 robbery of the west Allsup's store.

Allsup's clerk Tory Snyder was seriously beaten during the early morning robbery, resulting in an undisclosed amount of money taken.

According to Police Chief Randy Gerries, Cisneros was raised and lived in Friona, and was visiting Friona at the time of the robbery.

When case investigation identified Cisneros as a suspect, an arrest warrant was issued. Friona Police Captain Tim Roberts and Sergeant Steve Jones traveled to the Houston area last weekend and arrested Cisneros at a residence in Humble, Texas. They were assisted in the arrest by th

Texas Rangers.

Cisneros, whose bond was set at \$75,000, was returned to Friona by the two officers, booked into Friona jail, and subsequently transferred to the county jail in Farwell, where he awaits a grand jury hearing on aggravated assault charges.

Snyder picked Cisneros' picture from a police lineup and identified him as being in the store prior to the robbery. Police officials say that Cisneros has admitted to the robbery.

At press time, Tory Snyder continues to improve and has been released from the hospital, however he is still under regular doctor's care for the serious head wounds suffered during the incident.

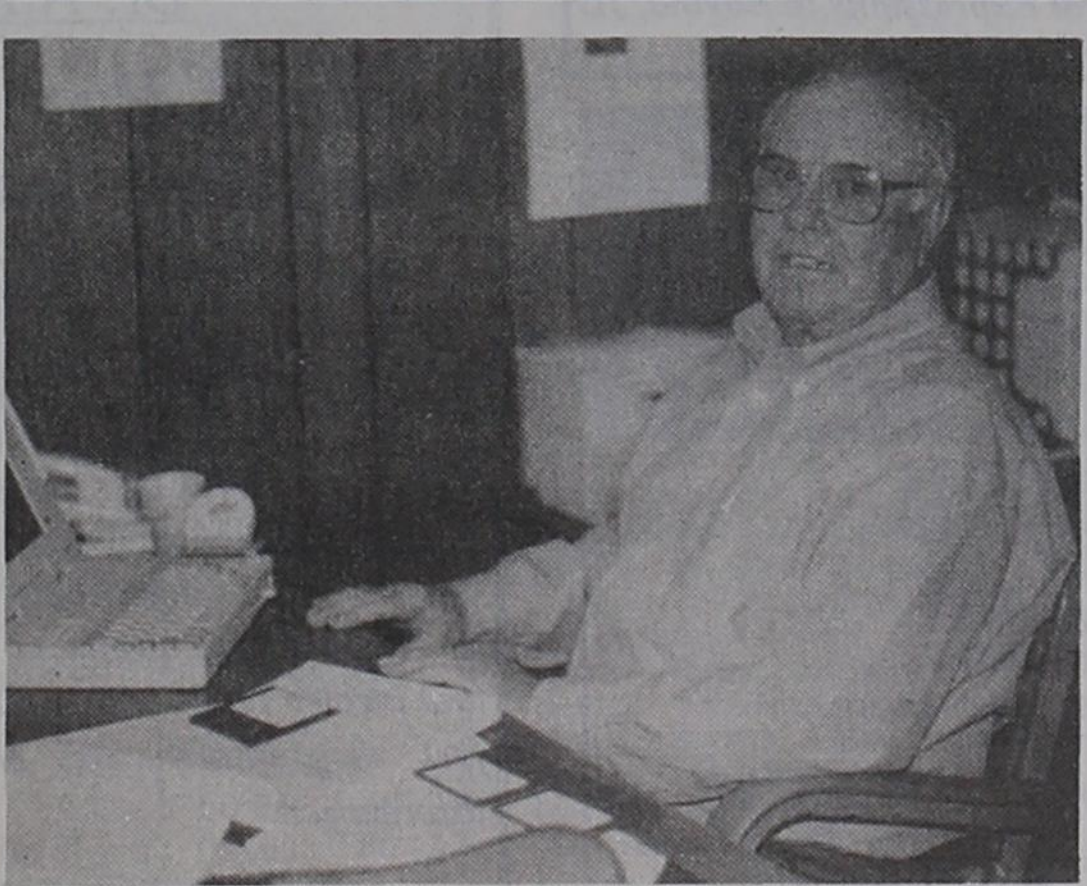


BEAUTY AND THE BEAST?.....Miss Texas, Michelle Martinez, entertained and inspired Bovina students last Monday as she encouraged them to set goals. School principals Robert Rumph and Jerry Birdsong welcomed her to Bovina. (Ron Carr Photo)



NEW ADDITIONS....These four youngsters have joined an exclusive group at Bovina Elementary by earning a T-shirt for 100 points of reading. Shown amidst the Science Fair exhibits are 100-point winners, l-r, Sergio Salas, Elizabeth Alonzo, Crystal Morris, and Matthew Villarreal.

Final Count: February, 1997
105,678
bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.
Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey



ORDER IN THE COURT.....J. E. Sherrill is shown at his desk at city hall. Sherrill accepted the position of Municipal Court Judge as of November 1, 1996, replacing previous judge Mike Prather.

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REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1957
February 16-23, National FFA Week, has been proclaimed as such in Bovina by J.E. Sherrill, Jr., mayor. The local chapter, under the advisorship of Roy M. Crawford, will observe the week by presenting an assembly program in the school during the week.

More money is needed in the right-of way fund if the county is to continue to accept the farm roads which are included in the state highway department program, county officials say.

Bovina School trustees named Mrs. Roy B. Dodson to succeed Mrs. Letha Turner as tax assessor-collector of Bovina Independent School District at a meeting at the school Thursday night.

35 Yrs Ago-Feb. 14, 1962
Contracts of school administrators and two high school coaches were renewed at the regular meeting of the school board Monday night.

Street improvement was the highlight of the regular city commission meeting Tuesday night of last week. Meeting with Mayor Emmett Tabor and commissioners Bud Crump and Al Kerby was city engineer Ralph Douglas of Mulshoe.

Nancy Alline Cumpton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Cumpton, Bovina, is one of three students at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, who earned a perfect 3.0 or straight A average for the fall semester.

30 Yrs Ago-Feb. 16, 1967
More planning steps toward a new six-room grade school classroom were taken Monday night by members of board of trustees of Bovina Independent School District.

Several Bovina merchants will begin using the new "Yes Stamps" here this Saturday. The stamps have an immediate cash value.

25 Yrs Ago-Feb. 17, 1972
The strike by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union against Missouri Beef Packers is in its second week, as union members continue to picket the plant. "We are killing cattle, and are continuing to hire employees," said plant manager Howard McLean this week.

20 Yrs Ago-Feb. 16, 1977
Webb Gober was sworn in as a member of the board of directors of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in ceremonies in Lubbock the latter part of January.

Arlene McCallum is chairperson for the Parmer County Heart Association. A fund drive to raise money will begin February 20.

15 Yrs Ago-Feb. 17, 1982
Ricky Sheperd and Connie Shelby, both seniors at Bovina High School, were chosen as the 1982 King and Queen in ceremonies at half-time. Sheperd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sheperd and Miss Shelby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lee Shelby.

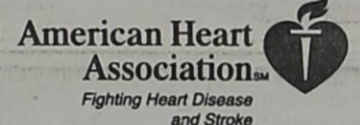
The Bovina chapter of the Young homemakers of Texas hosted their spouses to a Sweetheart banquet held on February 11 in the First United Methodist Church.

10 Yrs Ago-Feb. 18, 1987
Bovina's first baby for 1987 was Krystal Lyn Fuentes, daughter of Mary Lou Fuentes, born on January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Norton of Farwell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on March 8 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Farwell.

5 Yrs Ago-Feb. 15, 1992
Juan Reyna and Donna Griggs, both seniors at Bovina High School, were named Homecoming King and Queen as a highlight of last Friday's Bovina-Sudan double-headers.

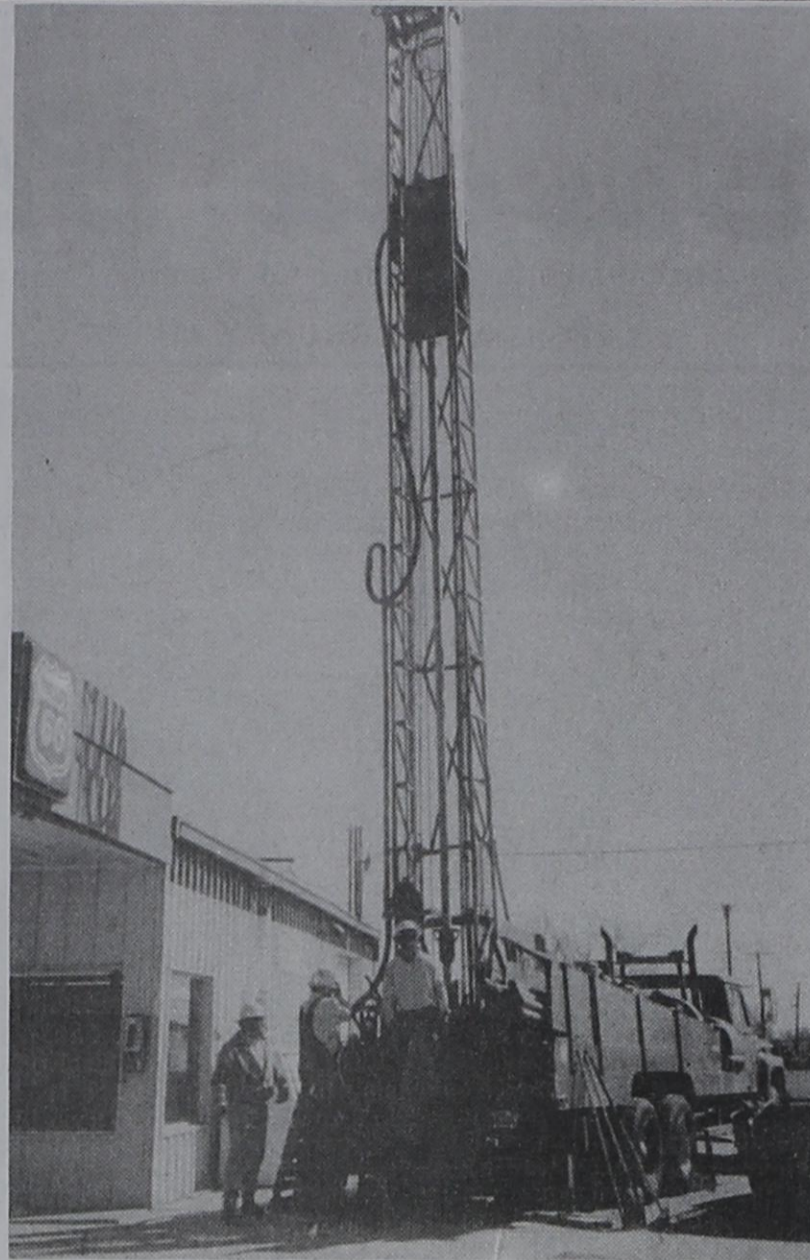
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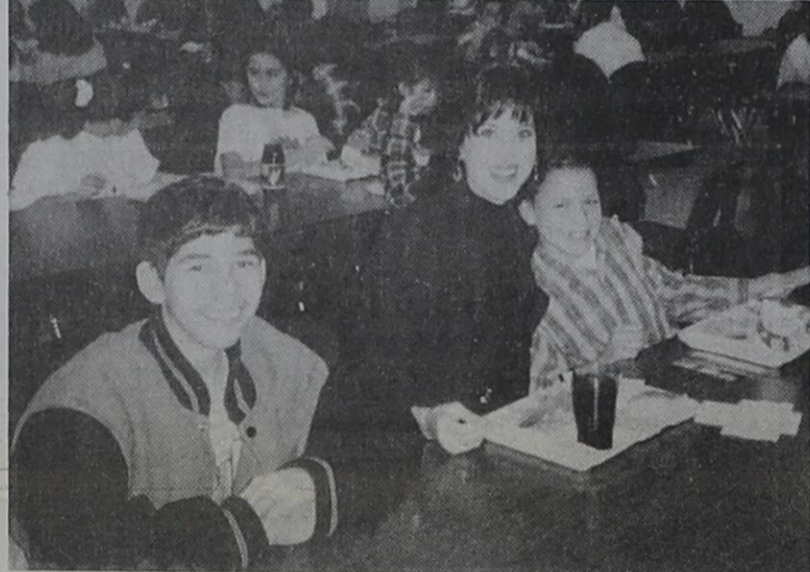
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DRILLING FOR OIL?.....Not exactly. This crew was spotted at Charles Oil last week. They were drilling for soil samples to make sure the underground fuel tanks were not leaking. (Ron Carr Photo)



CLEAN YOUR PLATE.....Miss Texas, Michelle Martinez, surrounded by admiring students, enjoyed the culinary delights prepared by the cafeteria ladies last Monday. Miss Martinez visited the school system and presented an inspiring message to the youngsters: "No reserve, no regrets, no retreat". (Ron Carr Photo)

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Sch. Board Sign-Up Starts Feb. 17

According to superintendent Sue Nuttall, February 17 is the first day for candidates to sign up for the school board election.

There will be two positions open as the terms of Joe Steelman and Ricky Jamerson expire.

Persons wishing to run for the school board can sign up at the superintendent's office beginning February 17.

The election for school board will be Saturday, May 3.

Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Lance and Donann Teague Saturday, February 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Donna Ware's home 7.5 miles west of Bovina on FM 2290 or 2.5 miles east of the Pleasant Hill crossroads. Selections are at Celia's Floral Expressions in Bovina, JC Penney, Roden Smith, and Wal-Mart.

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ESSAY CONTEST

SWCD Announces Contest Winners

Each year the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors a coloring, poster and essay contest for local children. All school winners will receive a ribbon.

The county winners of the coloring and poster contest will receive trophies. County winners of the essay contest will receive a monetary award.

The first place county winners of the essay and poster contest will have their entries sent to the regional contest.

"We sponsor these contests to encourage soil and water conservation and help the children become aware of such concerns at an early age while making it fun and rewarding," said a spokesperson for the district.

"The Parmer County S.W.C.D. would like to thank all the children who participated and congratulate all the winners. We would also like to thank all the teachers who worked this into their already full classroom curriculum. Thanks, also, go to all the people who were involved in the judging of these contests."

Winners are as follows:
COLORING CONTEST
Friona Primary and Elementary Schools
Kindergarten--Yari Rey, first place; Cody Prieto, second place; Monica Acosta, third place.

First grade--Julissa Saenz, first place school, third place county; Stefanie Tirado, second place; Randall Zamora, third place.

Second grade--Tiffany Vazquez, first place; Sandra Arenas, second place; Marie Tirado, third place.

Bovina Elementary School
Kindergarten--no entries.

First grade--Daniel Segovia, first place; Carina Landaverde, second place; Ruby Vela, third place.

Second grade--no entries.
Lazbuddie Elementary School

Kindergarten--Morgan Smith, first place; Frankie Rodriguez, second place; Stefanie Welker, third place.

First grade--Shayla Scisson, first place; Rochelle Smith, second place; MaKayla Grahn, third place.

Second grade--Castle Crawford, first place; Jennifer Pesch, second place; Montana Steinbock, third place.

Farwell Elementary School
Kindergarten--Martha Rosas, first place; Nina Galvan, second place; Johnathan Edwards, third place.

First grade--Bryce Howard, first place school, second place county; Krystal Sepeda, second place; Laura Gilbreath, third place.

Second grade--Hailey McIntosh, first place school, first place county; Lianna Grissom, second place; Jourdan Kirkland, third place.

POSTER CONTEST

Friona Elementary and Junior High Schools--Monica Ortiz, first place school; Brandi Lovvorn, second place school; Juan Carlos Chavez Gonzalez, third place school.

Bovina Elementary School -- Juan Carlos Roldan, first place school, third place county; Diana Carrillo, second place school; Sarah Morgan, third place school.

Lazbuddie Elementary School--Kirby Kimbrough, first place school, first place county; Shawndee Nichols, second place school, second place county; Shonah black, third place school.
Farwell Elementary School--no entries.

ESSAY CONTEST
Friona Junior High and High Schools--no entries.

Bovina Junior High and High Schools--no entries.

Lazbuddie Junior High School/Category #1--Kendra Gallman, first place school; Mayra Hernandez, second place school; Landon Parham, third place school.

Lazbuddie High School/Category #2--Seth Black, first place school, second place county; Kia Morris, second place school; Holly Engelking, third place school.

Farwell Junior High School/Category #1--Gage Gregory, first place school, first place county; Kristin Ford, second place school, third place county; Fidel Ruiz, third place school, fourth place county.
Farwell High School/Category #2--no entries.



ROYAL RIDE.....Giving a whole new meaning to the term "stretch limo" this Royal Limousine waited patiently outside Bovina Schools last Monday as Miss Texas, Michelle Martinez, mingled with the student body. (Ron Carr Photo)

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By RON CARR



This is a holiday weekend, the second busiest candies, cards, and flowers holiday of the year, second only to Mother's Day.

Some of us consider this one of those "temporarily get out of the dog-house days".

Like many other holidays, it has become tradition to give someone you love (or are trying to fool), a red heart full of chocolates, some red roses, or a stuffed animal with a heart on a red ribbon around its neck.

Or you can buy a big, pretty valentine's card with a very tender wonderful love message (written by someone else), and sign your name. Don't forget to put in a couple of bucks too if you really want to say I Love You.

Well, because it is a holiday weekend (President's Day, banks are closed, post office too) I decided to take the rest of this column off and bring in a guest writer.

Actually I found this strong and simple Valentine message in a recent Amarillo Globe-News.

It's about water. It's about perseverance. It's about love, family, and remembering.

Regardless of your race color, creed, or religion, regardless of your actual or perceived status in life, there is a message in this simple story for you.

Sometimes as a writer, you find a piece of writing

that you like and you say, "I wish I had written that". This is one of those. Thanks for the time off. See you next week.

MORENO VALLEY, Calif.---Valentine's Day is a time to say "I Love You".

Some people purchase candy or a card, and others buy gold trinkets to adorn the body. The modes of expressing love are infinite.

In time for this Valentine's Day, Maria, a Mexican immigrant who lives alone in the United States, has completed an act of love for her parents that is expressed in a different way.

Maria's family lives near a small town in southern Mexico called San Cristobal. They are very poor. Once, when food was scarce, her eight brothers and sisters shared one egg among them.

Their home had no running water, and twice each day family members walked a mile to a river to bring water for cooking, bathing, and drinking.

Toting 20 pounds of liquid in pails for long distances makes the body ache, especially the arms, Maria remembers. Yet that is how her family has obtained water for generations.

Sometimes when the rains come, the river overflows and makes fetching water dangerous. Debris, and sometimes cows and burros

are swept away by the strong current and make the water unfit to drink.

Retrieving water can be a traumatic experience. Maria tells how bulls often roamed along the riverbank. There is no leash law for bulls in San Cristobal.

If a hostile bull charged her, there would be no water for washing dishes or drinking that day.

Two years ago, beckoned north by an aunt, Maria left home. After winning a game of cat and mouse with the *migra* at the U. S. border, she reached her destination: a town in Southern California where many of her relatives have formed a San Cristobal annex. A few days after arriving, Maria found a job caring for an infant.

Her *tia's* house was saturated with other relatives. When she heard about a room for rent with another family, Maria moved.

It was 10X10, with its own bathroom and running water. She didn't have to make a treacherous journey just for a glass of water.

In bed at night, Maria's thoughts centered on San Cristobal. One night, recalling the onerous treks to fetch water, she decided to purchase a well for her family back home.

Most of her younger siblings had moved away, too, and her elderly parents had assumed the burden of hauling water from the river. A well would be the perfect gift.

Sending regular installments of money to her parents put restraints on Maria's life here in El Norte. She didn't go to the movies or buy clothing that people in the novelas--Mexican soap operas--wear.

Other than for necessary expenses, all of her earnings from child care went home. She has yet to treat herself to a meal in a restaurant.

Recently, after a year, there was enough money to begin construction. A well-digger, the only one in town, was engaged.

A large drill poked a hole through the earth to reach a fresh spring. When the electric pump was installed, water gushed from the ground.

On that day, her family ceased depending on the temperamental river for water.

Now, each morning, Maria's parents walk a short distance to the well and extract water with ease. They no longer have to combat an angry river that claims the lives of burros, or flee from the menacing bulls.

Thanks to their distant daughter with the huge Valentine heart, life in San Cristobal is a little more comfortable.

 This story of water, love, and life, was written by William O. Medina, a freelance writer from Moreno Valley, California. He can be contacted in care of Hispanic Link News Service, 1420 N. St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Thank you for letting me share it with you. Hope your Valentine's Day lasts all year.

Bill's Column

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a "cursing group" of Colorado City vets. "I would have duked it out right then and there, but a quadruple bypass at age 76 takes those ideas away," Mr. Monks told the *Reporter-News*.

One Colorado City resident, in a letter to his newspaper's editor, said "If the gun is taken, I can assure Sweetwater, and I'm not by myself. I've spent my last nickel in Sweetwater. We have always eaten at the restaurants, bought gas, groceries and other things there."

The latest clippings received this week revealed that the Army's approval was carried out, and the old cannon was moved. The next time you're going through Sweetwater, perhaps you'll want to go downtown and see if you can spot this object of so much turmoil. More than 80 years after it fired its last salvo, the old cannon still packed quite a wallop!



HONOR FOR LOCAL VET---Dr. Dale Schueler (center) is shown receiving the 1997 Diagnostician of the Year award in Ft. Worth from Dr. Konrad Eugster (left), director of Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab in College Station. Pictured at right is Dr. Robert Sprowls, Coordinator of TVMD Lab of Amarillo.

TVMDL Recognizes Dr. Dale Schueler

On Saturday, February 1 during the annual Texas Veterinary Medical Association meeting in Fort Worth, Dr. Dale Schueler received the 1997 Diagnostician of the Year award from the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory System (TVMDL).

Dr. Eugster, executive director of TVMDL, cited Dr. Schueler's dedication in bringing quality veterinary diagnostic services to his clientele. He constantly strives to have the best and most up-to-date information and diagnostic approaches to animal disease problems.

"Dr. Schueler is a role model for young professionals as he has not only reached high standards in his practice but is also involved in his community as a leader," said Dr. Eugster.

"He serves as treasurer of the Parmer County Junior Livestock Board, vice president of the Parmer County Hospital Board and as a third grade Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church," Dr. Eugster concluded.

The Schuelers have three sons: Kevin attends Friona High School; Wade attends Amarillo College and Monty is a student at West Texas A&M University, Canyon.

St. Teresa Ladies Plan For Annual Mexican Dinner

Final plans have been made for St. Teresa Ladies Society's annual Mexican Dinner which is set for Sunday, March 2 in the Parish Hall.

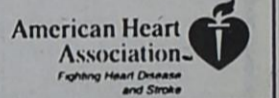
The meal will consist of enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, chips, salsa, cake, tea and coffee. Cost of the meal will be a donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age eight and under.

St. Teresa Ladies Society met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening at the Parish Hall. Ten members were present, one guest, and Father Ed Sweeney.

Installation of officers was held on Sunday morning during the 8:30 Liturgy. The new officers are: President, Matilda Baca; Vice President, Mercedes Williams; Secretary, Maria Davila; Treasurer, Lina Padilla; Historian, Angela Bermea; Senior Citizen Rep, Matilda Caballero; Parish Council Rep, Joann Berend; and Telephone Rep, Hortencia Bermea.

Also on the agenda was the preparation for the Lenten season.

Next meeting of the group will be held March 10 in the Parish Hall.



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CCC Offers Dance Swing Workshop

Country Swing workshops and socials are planned by Eastern New Mexico University Extended Learning, Portales for Friday, February 21, from 6-11 p.m., and at Clovis Community College on Friday, February 28, from 5-10 p.m. Preregistration is recommended for the ENMU workshop and is necessary for the CCC workshop.

Derived from the East and West Coast Swing, Country Swing is one of the hottest dances of country western dances.

The workshop is conducted by long time dancers and Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Club members Schirete and Michael Zick. Cost is \$20 per couple and offers five hours instruction as well as refreshments.

For more information, call ENMU at 505/562-2165, CCC at 505/769-2822 or evenings 505/356-4431.

D. Pitcock Earns Place On Society

Clarendon College's Iota Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kapa recently welcomed 46 honor students into its membership ranks. Lazbuddie resident Dink Pitcock was among those inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

A National Honor Society for Junior Colleges, PTK elects members on the basis of grade-point average and course credit earned. Clarendon College PTK members are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA.

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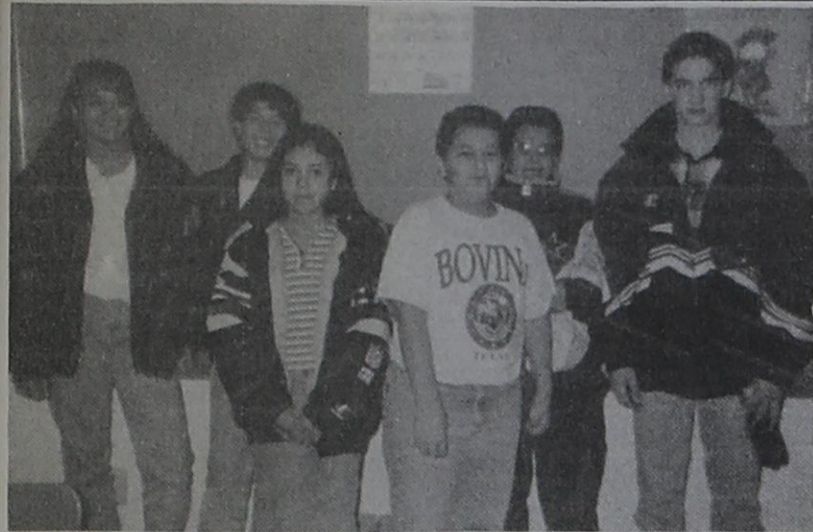
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MID-SCHOOL HONORS...December and January middle school students-of-the-month were selected from all grades by the middle school faculty. From left, Marissa Rodriguez, Maritssa Salazar, Veronica Herrera, Juan Vara, John Guzman, and Cameron Charles.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Garland "Dub" Potts of Amarillo and former Bovina resident many years ago visited friends, Elton and Marie Venable at their place of business and also other friends there.

Potts moved away from Bovina in 1940 and his parents, John and Sally Potts had a shoe store here years ago and they collected the gas bills from residents.

Dub has lived with his wife in Amarillo for a long time and retired from the Pantex Plant there.

Martha and Leon Schilling had a good time with their grandson, Cory, 7, who flew to Amarillo from San Antonio while on spring break. His parents are Glen and Karen Daniels. Karen teaches in a Christian school in San Antonio and Glen is employed in construction.

Cory is the little tyke that underwent two heart surgeries when he was a baby and is now getting along fine.

Lupe DeLeon has undergone surgery at St. Mary's Hospital of Lubbock. She had some problems after she was released and had to return to the hospital for a time but friends thought she would be released by early this week.

The sausage dinner sponsored and served at St. Ann's Parish on Sunday served over 400 people. Those who won the door

prizes were Gloria Helton of Clovis, winner of the 18 inch satellite and Mary Mesman of Bovina won a half beef. The church members appreciated all who came to the annual dinner.

Congratulations to Lance Teague and Donann Reed who exchanged wedding vows in the Community Center at Oklahoma Lane. Hopefully a write up and picture will be in the paper soon. We understand it was a beautiful wedding from friends who attended.

We had a good time with daughter, Tami Kunselman and her daughter, Gina of Spearman. They came Saturday afternoon and stayed until Sunday about noon.

Mary Richards was hospitalized in the Friona Hospital after falling at her home. I talked with her daughter, Janice, and she said her mother didn't have any broken bones and had been released.

Donna Morgan's mother, Linda James of San Angelo, came to Bovina and took Donna and Brother Gary's children home with her during Bovina school's "ski

break".

Marie and Elton Venable's daughter and her husband, Margaret Jo and Owen now live in Lubbock and Marie was bringing me up to date on their two sons.

The oldest boy, Neal and his wife, Jennifer, live at Cape Canaveral, Florida, where Neal is in the Air Force working as an x-ray technician. His wife, Jennifer, substitute teachers and is going to college.

Margaret Jo and Owen's other son, Logan, attends Coronado High School in Lubbock and will graduate this year. He plans to go to Texas Tech following graduation.

Owen's father has recently passed away and he went back to New Hampshire for funeral services.

Sandra Clayton spent four days with her dad, Earl May, of Levelland last week. She said he took four days of drip kemo so she spent this time with him.

Tomas Fuentes III, son of Tomas and Nancy Fuentes Jr., and grandson of Tomas and Leonor Fuentes of Bovina, had surgery at University Medical Center in Lubbock Thursday, February 6.

Doctors operated on his hip area in hopes that he

may one day walk. He was discharged Saturday, February 8 and is doing very well. Tommy lives in Farwell with his parents and goes to school there.

The family would like to thank everyone for prayers during this time.

Ed Hutto has been in the M.D. Anderson hospital in Houston taking experimental treatment for cancer. Friends said he may get to come home to Clovis for a few days but will have to go back. Ed lived in Bovina many years and still stays in touch with Bovina residents.

Vanegas/ Gonzales Will Marry

Epifanio and Lucia Vanegas of Bovina announce the engagement of their daughter, Juanita, to Jose Gonzales, son of Jose Gonzales, Sr. and Maria Gonzales Salas of Loretto Zacatecas, Mexico.

The couple will exchange vows at 5 p.m. March 22 at the Knights of Columbus in Clovis, New Mexico.

A reception and dance will follow the ceremony. The couple will reside in Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

Invitations will be sent.

Bovina Parents Meet With Board

At the regular meeting of the Bovina ISD School Board on February 10, a parent and community group met with board members to ask what had been done about a policy requested by a similar group at the January meeting.

The policy requested addressed personal behavior of parents, community members, and particularly board members at athletic events or other school functions.

Superintendent Nuttall reported to the Board and to guests attending the meeting, that research regarding such a policy had been done. Other school districts had been consulted, as well as the school lawyer.

According to Nuttall, school districts do not

generally have a written policy on how to deal with those persons who engage in unacceptable conduct such as verbal abuse. She stated that it is left within the discretion of the school administration to make a determination as to whether that person should leave the school premises and if the person should be banned from future school events.

Schools do not need a written code of conduct to eject undesirable persons from school property. She then read a letter to the Board from legal counsel supporting this position.

The Board agreed that this was the way that future incidents, if any, should be handled and that they fully supported school administrators in carrying out such responsibilities.

Mustang Cagers Finish Successful '97 Season

Under the tutelage of new coach Derrick Byrd, and with a load of young talent, the 1997 Bovina Mustangs ended their season with an overall record of 16-8. Their first year in District 3-2A competition resulted in a respectable 5-5 district record.

Powerhouse Lockney ran away with the district title, but the battle for second place and a playoff berth went down to the final week of the season with the Mustangs in the thick of the hunt.

The Mustangs split their final two games, losing to Olton in what should have been a win, then edging Highland Park in overtime in the final game. This gave Bovina the 5-5 record, but Hale Center managed a 6-4 district record to advance to the playoffs.

Through the 24-game season Luke Steelman totaled 379 points, a 15.8 point-per-game average. Of Steelman's

point totals, he made 34 out of 109 three-point shots and 43 out of 72 free throws.

Tony Beauchamp was a close second in the point derby, scoring a total of 374 points, a 15.6 per game average. However, Beauchamp had only one three-point shot made out of 2 attempts, but 65 of 123 free throws.

The combination of Steelman's outside shooting (34 three-pointers) and Beauchamp's excellent inside shooting (153 two-pointers) should put the Mustangs on sound footing next year as both Steelman and Beauchamp are juniors. Between them they had 393 rebounds in the 24 games, Beauchamp 243, Steelman 150.

Also with strong 1997 showings were Adan Perez and Martin Reyna, with 251 and 205 points respectively. Perez was especially effective from three-point range as he

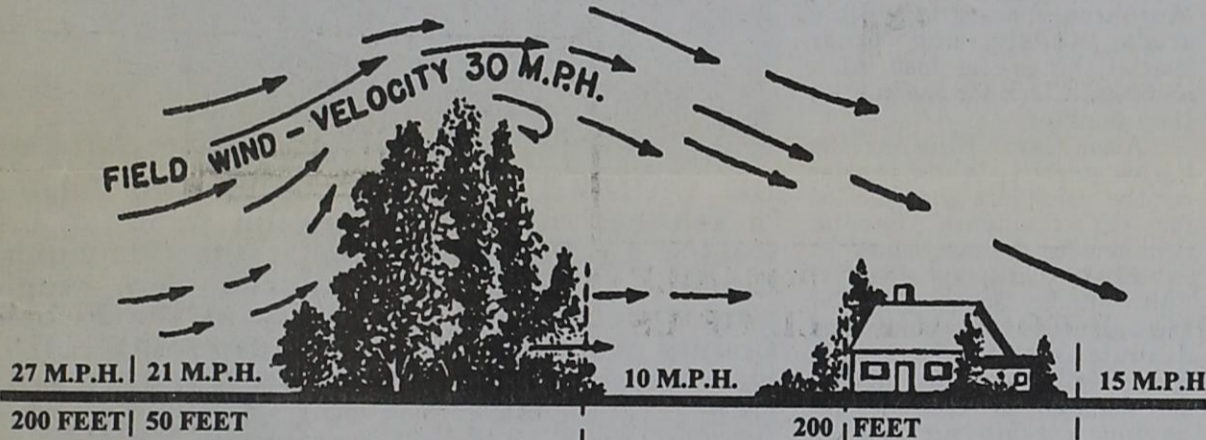
sunk 28 out of 93 attempts. Reyna netted 83 of 150 two-point goals and 33 out of 53 free throws.

Perez sank 72 of 149 two-pointers and 23 of 35 free throws. Perez and Reyna led in free throw percentage with 65.7 and 62.3 respectively.

Rounding out the starting five, Herman Marquez contributed 140 points for a 5.8 per game average. He and Reyna led the team in assists, Marquez with 106 and Reyna with 126. The duo also led the team in steals, Reyna 55 and Marquez 54.

As a team, the Mustangs had a field goal percentage of 45.4, a free throw percentage of 56.9, and a point average of 59.7 per game.

All five 1997 starters return next year, which should give Coach Byrd reason to smile as the Mustangs will no doubt be a favorite in District 3-2A basketball.



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Multiple row windbreaks have distinct advantages over a single line of trees. First, specie composition can be diversified to ensure that the integrity of the planting is not diminished if one row of trees becomes infested with insects or disease. Generally, insect and disease are confined to a species.

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Schools Recognized For Scores

Superintendent Sue Nuttall received notice from Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Moses, that Bovina Elementary and Bovina Middle School met the criteria for recommendation as a Title I Commended School.

To attain the status of Commended School for the 1996-97 school year a campus must have 70 per cent or more of the participating Title I students pass the reading and mathematics sections of the TAAS tests in the 1995-96 school year.

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God Bless You,
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We would like to express our gratitude to the community of Bovina by saying THANK YOU for every expression of love, care and kindness you have extended our father, Rev. Porfirio Mejia, during and through his triple heart bi-pass this past year.

Rev. & Mrs. Isaiah Mejia

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for the caring and concern Bovina friends expressed to us during the illness and death of our loved one.

The cards, prayers, food and memorials meant so much to us. Thank you Bovina friends and neighbors.

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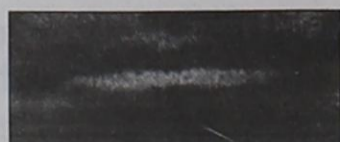
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Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL MCINTOSH
 We want to welcome Sue Bennett to our home. Come by and say hi sometime.

I want to thank the following: the churches for the monthly birthday parties, Elda and Wanda Hart for the homemade lap robes, Gertie Murphree for having Bible study weekly and other special things she does, Alan and Nita Clark for the puzzles they donated.

Also, Carol Ellis for the jigsaw puzzles, Wana Brewer for the calendars she donated for the residents, Cecelia Schueler for the magazines.

Also, Calvary Baptist Faith Sunday School Class for the valentines they made and decorated resident doors with, Eva Kimbrough for clothes she donated, all churches for having worship services on Sunday afternoons, all the ladies who donate their time and talents to come do haircare each Tuesday, Karen Wright for bringing and serving cake and ice cream to the residents and to Jo Anne Thomas for the magazines.

We hope that everyone has a very sweet Valentine's Day.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

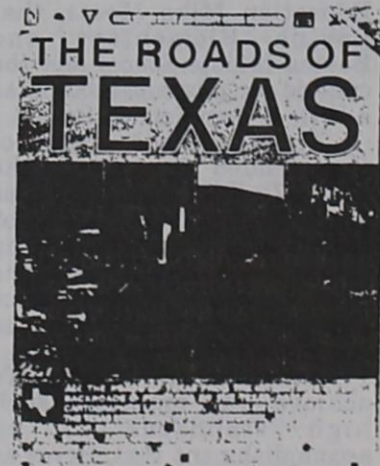
In memory of Vic Benedict: John and Jo Blackwell. In memory of A. Wilson Copley: Estis and Zonah Bass, Charles and Pat Bass, Troy and Karene Bass and Barbara Bass.

In memory of Doyle Cummings: Baker and Margaret Duggins, John and Jo Blackwell. In memory of Dave Goodman: Joe and Betty Talley.

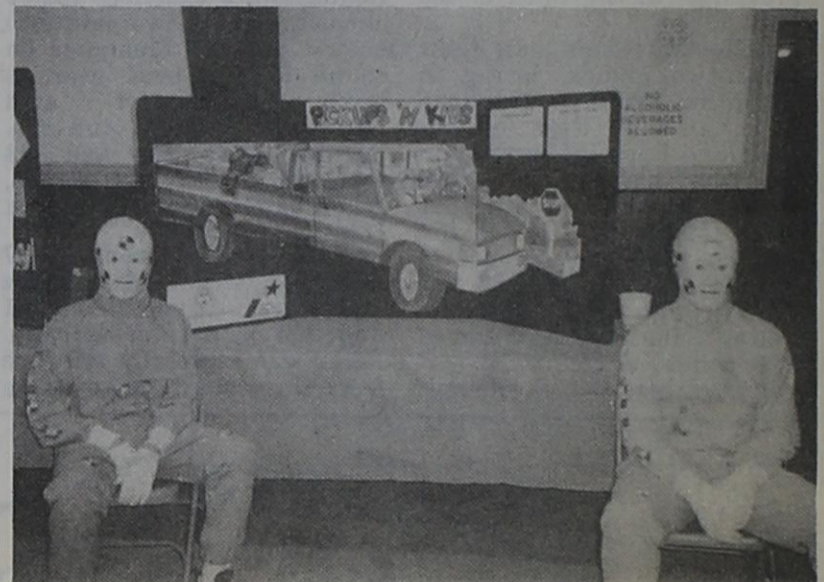
In memory of Norbert Schueler: Floyd and Glenda Schueler, John and Jo Blackwell, Joy Morton, Tommie and Jean Hamilton, Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr., and Mrs. John T. Wilson.

There was also a donation made to the Love Fund as a Christmas gift in Honor of Hollis Horton, Jr. from Parmer County Pump Employees.

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BE CAREFUL DUMMY.....The two famous "crash-test" dummies were on hand at last week's Ag Day exhibition at the Community Center. Area school children were taught about pickup and car safety at the Parmer County event. (Ron Carr Photo)



MOO AND OINK.....Employees of Excel entertained the kids at the Ag Day exhibition at the Community Center. (Ron Carr Photo)

To Our Favorite Valentines, We Love You



Lianna & Alexa Grissom
 Parents: Tim & Shannon Grissom
 Grandparents: Edward & Monty Allen; Leon & Charlene Grissom.
 Great-grandparents: J.G. & Frances Baker