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Good News In
Bovina
For The Past
44 Years

Local Banquet Honors Outstanding Citizens

There were some hand-clapping gospel songs and plenty of "hallelujahs" as Barbara Collins provided a special brand of entertainment for the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday March 12.

Mrs. Collins, from Hedley, who won the 1997 New Country Female Entertainer Rising Star Award, sang a medley of selections and the capacity audience joined in on "I'll Fly Away" and "Amazing Grace."

Les McCain gave an excellent performance as emcee for the evening's program. His quick wit and steady stream of one-liners kept the audience laughing between bites.

Speaking of bites, the always juicy and tasty steaks were just right again this year. It is hard to beat the annual steak and potato menu for the banquet.

The meals were served by

several high school youngsters who did a fine, efficient job of keeping tea glasses and bread plates filled.

President Bob Owen presided over the program and introduced the other 1998 officers: Suzan Hughes, vice-president; Virgie Carey, secretary; Johnny Rumph, treasurer; and Sherri Whitten, reporter.

In the awards ceremonies, the outstanding youth awards went to Bovina High School seniors Jamie Stanberry and Tony Beauchamp.

Jamie is the daughter of Dean and Wendy Stanberry. Tony is the son of Mike and Debra Beauchamp. Both students have shown excellent academic records and participation in athletic and extracurricular activities. Their leadership qualities have made them a credit to their school and their hometown.

Bovina's "Educator of the Year" is Norma Villarreal.

She currently serves as president of the Bovina Classroom Teachers. In addition to her teaching duties, she is involved in her community and church, and teaches ESL classes at night to parents and other adults in Bovina.

The 1998 "Heritage Award" went to two people, Dean and Juanita Hastings, who are pioneers of the Bovina area and have given many years of service to the city and to the Methodist Church. Dean is a Bovina native and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for many years. The couple has two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bovina's "Woman of the Year" title for 1998 went to Dorothy Stowers. She owns and operates a beauty shop in Bovina, but finds time to be a major supporter of all activities of Bovina schools. She is one of those dependable people that can be called on for help at just about any school or community happening. Her three daughters are Robbie, Jessica and Christen and she also had three grandchildren.

Leon Ware was announced as the 1998 Bovina "Man of the Year." He also grew up in Bovina and graduated here. He has been active on the school board, city council, Parmer County Appraisal Review Board and on the Farm Service Agency. He is also very involved in school and church activities. He and wife Shirley have been married for 43 years, have three children and eight grandchildren.

At the end of the evening, Alice Stone won the drawing for the wicker plant stand and the tulip centerpieces were sold to attendees.

Association To Meet Monday

The Parmer County Retired Teacher and School Personnel Association will have a meeting at Friona State Bank Monday, March 23 at 3 p.m.

The district president will be the guest speaker.

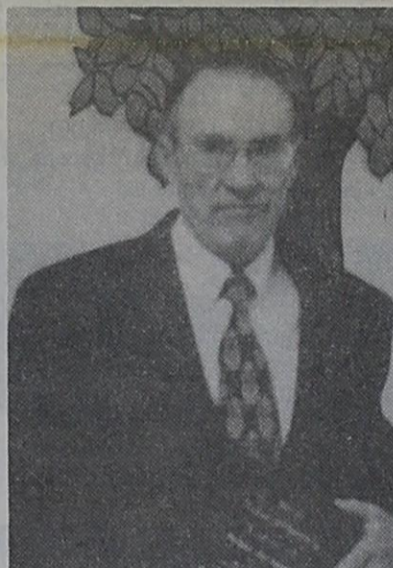
All retired teachers and school personnel are urged to attend.



DEAN & JUANITA HASTINGS
1998 HERITAGE AWARD



MOM'S THE BEST...Christen Stowers shares congratulations and roses with her mother Dorothy Stowers for her selection as Bovina's Woman-of-the-Year.



LEON WARE
Man-of-the-Year



NORMA VILLARREAL
Educator-of-the-Year

Republicans To Meet March 28

Parmer County's Republican party will hold its county convention at 8 p.m., March 28, at the Farwell Community Center. Anyone interested in the Republican party is welcome to attend.

Contact Teena Hughs at 247-2377 for further information.



PRESS SECRETARY VISITS....Co-publisher Carol Ellis is shown visiting this past week with Keith Williams of Washington D.C. Williams is Press Secretary to Representative Larry Combest. Williams was making a tour through the Panhandle area to touch on the political views of local folks. He chatted with newspaper people in Canyon, Hereford, Friona, Bovina, Farwell and Muleshoe on Tuesday.

BISD Has March Meeting

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, March 9. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with all members present except Mike Beauchamp.

The minutes were read and approved and vouchers were paid. Beauchamp arrived at 7:10 p.m.

The principals gave their reports and Therman James reported on the construction project.

The counsel passed a motion to change order number two on the roof for the new administration building.

Joe Steelman made a motion to adopt school calendar number two for the 1998-99 school year with the following changes: February 15 and 16 will be holidays; February 17 will be a teacher inservice day; April 5 will be a snow day; and May 10 will be a regular school day. The motion passed five to two. Voting for were Steelman, Beauchamp, Ricky Jamerson, Bob Owen and Susan Kerby. Voting against were Justin Brozek and Estella Ortiz.

Motions to adopt textbooks as presented, approve the student handbook changes for band for the 1998-99 school year, approve the new professional contract, approve the new job descriptions for nurse, athletic director, coach and band director, all passed unanimously.

Motions to approve the 1998-99 athletic budget, the 1998-99 band budget and the technology plan also passed unanimously.

A motion passed to adopt the resolution to tax automobiles in 1998 passed.

The board cast ballots for Education Service Center Board of Directors.

The board voted unanimously to table the high school graduation.

Brozek made a motion to table the supplemental pay for bus driving duties for contractual personnel. Jamerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on a plaque for the new administration building but the board did pass a motion to put a plaque on the field house.

A motion passed to buy one hundred seats and back covers for the auditorium seats.

The board passed a motion to allow the Little Dribblers Association the authority to use the concession stand during their games.

Owen made a motion to approve recommendations for teacher contracts as presented. The motion passed six to one. Voting for were Owen, Beauchamp, Steelman, Brozek, Jamerson and Kerby. Voting against was Ortiz.



BYE AND BYE...I'll fly away, o' glory, I'll fly away....Barbara Collins entertains at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet amidst the 'springtime' decorations.

SHE WROTE ARTICLES for the newspaper for 43 years, but she didn't care a hoot about major news stories. She cared about the people, their events, their joys and sorrows, their kids and grandkids.

And she knew them all... everyone in Parmer County and just about everyone in the surrounding counties. She knew where they were from, what their occupations were, how long they had lived here, which of their kids were from the first or second marriage, and how to spell all their names correctly. We're going to miss her a lot.

June Floyd died this week, on Wednesday. She knew better than to die on us on a Thursday, which is "press day," because that would throw the whole staff into a panic.

She started out as the old time "country correspondent" in 1955 and endured about eight or nine different editors of the Star before Bill Ellis took it over in 1962 and the Blade in 1971. A few years ago she made the comment that she had done just about every job there is to do around a newspaper office and printing plant except to run the presses.

At one time, the three newspapers in Parmer County were connected to an offset printing plant in Friona, "Plains Publishers," with a staff of about 30 people, which was only the second of such plants in the state of Texas at that time. This company printed papers as far away as Denver and Albuquerque; military base papers from Roswell, Clovis and Altus; and many of the area weekly papers....Olton, Vega, Hart, Happy, etc. And June was a big part of it all; setting type, meeting deadlines, running the addressing machine, even chasing the train down the tracks while throwing bundles of newspapers onto the train.

June was born in Beckham County Oklahoma, the second in a family of seven children. Her family moved about quite a bit and she attended schools in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1932. She furthered her education by working at secretarial jobs in Amarillo while attending night school.

She believed mightily in education, accuracy in reporting, strong family values, a healthy life style, and the goodness of her fellow human beings. In the 36 years that I knew June Floyd, I never heard her say a derogatory word about anyone. If you had a problem of any kind, June was always there wanting to lend a hand.

Her very most favorite thing to do, was to spend quality time with her nine grandchildren, and recently her first great-grandchild. She also loved needlework, quilting, gardening, outdoor exercise, and canning her home grown food. For several years after she and husband Glenn moved into town, June walked just about everywhere she went, no matter what the weather. She especially loved walking in the snow. She didn't rely on electronic gadgets for her entertainment. This unique lady was the only person I've ever known who didn't own a television set and didn't want one.

Goodbye, June. You will never be forgotten.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



JAMIE STANBERRY & TONY BEAUCHAMP
1998 STUDENTS-OF-THE-YEAR

Candidates File For City & School Elections

The March 18 deadline saw eleven Bovina citizens file for positions on the city council and for the school board of trustees.

Incumbent mayor Galen Hromas filed for re-election and will be unopposed.

Filing for alderman were incumbent Kenneth Waters, Jessie Stone, and Richard Bonham.

The terms of Waters and Radford Venable expired and Venable did not apply for re-election. Seven candidates filed for the school board election.

Incumbents filing for re-election were Elizabeth Ortiz and Mike Beauchamp.

Also filing were Norma Whitten, Josie Alonzo, Rick Anderson, Gloria Zolman, and Joe Olivera.

The seven candidates will be vying for three seats on the school board.

The elections will be held on Saturday, May 2.

REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 19, 1958
Den IV, the fourth den in Bovina since last October, will be organized early in April, says Robert E. Wilson, Cubmaster of Pack 40.

Despite a tremendous forward and guard effort for the full 32 minutes of the Fillies State Basketball Tournament attempt, the locals were defeated by Sugarland in Austin, Friday afternoon. The score was 65-54.

Seven candidates are entered in the election of two members of the Bovina School Board to be at the school vestibule April 5.

Mrs. Doris Wilson, piano and voice teacher, will present her students in the first general recital of the season Friday in the sanctuary of the local Methodist Church.

Another meeting of local farmers interested in growing vegetables is scheduled Friday at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 20, 1963
Bovina Mustang track team took first place in the Class B division at the Springlake Relays, Saturday.

Judy Strawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Strawn and a junior in Bovina High School, is queen of the Bovina Lions Club.

City of Bovina will clean up its trash grounds. This decision was made at a special meeting of the city council Monday night.

Guest speaker for the third annual banquet of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will be Berl Huffman, coach of the varsity baseball and freshman football teams at Texas Tech.

A meeting was held in the Hub Community Center, Thursday afternoon, designed for everyone who is interested in weed control.

The new house fever has hit Bovina in similar proportions to the flu on the east coast. The extent is so great that a home show would be in order.

30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 20, 1968
Bovina Roping Club is considering sponsoring the erection of a statue of a bull in Bovina and appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities at its meeting Monday night.

Representing Bovina in the Parmer County Spelling Bee on Monday will be Cathy Mast, eighth grade student. The alternate is Kim Douglas, also an eighth grade student.

Bovina Woman's Study Club is among the top five clubs in the state of Texas in the 1966-68 Civic Improvement Program, supported by Sears Roebuck Foundation and co-sponsored by General Federation of Women's Clubs.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 21, 1973
Recent developments have changed the beauty shop business picture in this community. Mrs. Nettie Lea Wilson and Judy Hale have sold Fantasy Beauty Salon on Third Street to Mrs. Dorothy Stowers, who was an operator there prior to the ownership change.

Bovina High Schools' Mustangs Band brought home Division I ratings in concert and sight reading contests at Dimmitt, Tuesday morning, according to Bryant Harris, band director.

Mrs. Wayne Jesko gave a report on the Parish Council meeting at St. Ann's Society Monday night. She reported the youth of the church are selling candy as a means of fund raising.

A financial drive to raise \$75,000.00 to build a livestock showbarn at Friona has reached the \$41,000 mark, announces Jerry Hinkle of Friona, a leader in the drive.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 22, 1978
Recognized as "Man and Woman of the Year" by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at its annual banquet last week were Don Murphy and Yvonne Stevenson. David Murphy and Karla Mills were named outstanding boy and girl.

15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 23, 1983
Joe W. Jones was honored as Bovina's "Man of the Year," and Frances Willard was named "Woman of the Year" at Bovina's annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet last

Thursday night at the School Cafeteria.

Also honored by the Chamber was Margaret Durben, cited as "Teacher of the Year" and Patti Sherrill and Brett Whitten, "Outstanding Young People".

The Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announces the appointment of Harry Charles as chairman of its 1983 campaign in Bovina.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 23, 1988
Charlie Teague was honored as Bovina's "Man of the Year" and Barbara Lowe was named "Woman of the Year" at Bovina's annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet last Thursday night at the School Cafeteria.

Also honored by the Chamber were Gladys Spring as "Teacher of the Year" and Steve Gauntt and Tandra Turner, "Outstanding Young People."

A former Bovina girl, Marsha Shepherd of Levelland, was a member of the Levelland girls' basketball team that recently won their third consecutive state championship.

Dr. Michael Woollends announced this week that effective the end of March he was ceasing his arrangement with Bovina Medical Clinic.

5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 20, 1993
The barn on the Tom Beauchamp farm was destroyed by fire on Monday.

The wind was a big factor in allowing the fire to spread. The Bovina Fire Department was called out to another fire on Monday where the Rick Mayfield property lost several trees from a grass fire.

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu Mar. 23-27

***MONDAY**- Chili beef hotdog, pickle spears, and assorted fresh fruit.

***TUESDAY**-Chicken nuggets, rolls, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables and assorted fresh fruit.

***WEDNESDAY**-Tacos, lettuce and tomato salad, corn and assorted fresh fruit.

***THURSDAY**-Lasagna with ground beef, tossed salad, bread sticks, assorted salad dressing and assorted fresh fruit.

***FRIDAY**-Burger basket, hamburger veggie, ketchup, mustard and a variety of assorted fresh fruit.

*Hamburger basket or sandwich bar is an alternate choice each day.



Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Cold winter weather is still with us this week with some much needed rain. At the first part of the week we had about an inch of moisture from rain and a little dab from snow. Looks like winter is having trouble moving out this year. By the end of March we usually can feel Spring in the air but this year is different.

NEWS AROUND TOWN
Congratulations to our honorees named at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Dorothy Stowers was chosen Woman of the Year; Leon Ware, Man of the Year; and Dean and Juanita Hastings were presented with the Heritage Award. Norma Villarreal received Teacher of the Year and the Youth Awards went to Tony Beauchamp and Jamie Stanberry. All were very deserving. We were out of town but understand the entertainment was outstanding and Leslie McCain did a great job as emcee.

Ellen and Vernon Estes are back in Bovina at their home for a few days and I visited with Ellen on Monday morning. She said they drove down from Las Vegas, Nevada on Sunday and were in rain all the way. She said when they got to Moriarty, New Mexico, they ran into heavy snow. Ellen never changes and always looks attractive and is sweet as ever. She said Vernon is getting along much better. He has had pneumonia and had to be hospitalized recently in Las Vegas.

Sid Lloyd spent a few days in Hale Center with daughter Patsy Webb and her husband, Larry. She went on Tuesday and came home Friday.

Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes had a good time with their grandchildren, Lance, 7,

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and Megan, 4, who were with them a few days during their Spring Break from school. Their parents are Jim and Joy Rhodes of Fairview, Oklahoma.

Later in the week the Rhodes met their daughter and grandson, Pam and Justin of Slaton and the Rhodes' daughter, Mendy and her husband, Scott. The family enjoyed a meal together. Justin came home with the Rhodes and stayed until Sunday.

Floyd and Ann Lee Englant have a visitor this week. Their daughter, Kathy, came on the bus from Green City, Missouri and is spending the week.

I talked with Minnie Kelso this week and she said Howard is getting along fine at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. On Monday of this week they had visitors. Donald and Vickie Jones came from Farwell. Donald's mother, Carlene, was hospitalized in Friona for tests.

Several attended funeral services for Katie Ellison of Farwell. She had been in a nursing home for several years. She lived here years ago with husband, Hubert, who passed away several years ago. Joe Looney talked about Katie being on her first fishing trip along with her husband and the Looneys. Joe said Hubert was the oldest of the Ellison boys. He said once in awhile Katie would catch more fish than Hubert and he didn't take it very well. They had many friends who have good memories of knowing them.

Bobby McMeans of Dallas has been with his grandmother, Joe Looney, for a few days getting some repair work done on her home. He said he has lived in Dallas for a couple of years. Bobby and his three brothers grew up in Bovina and their parents are Bob and June Gay McMeans.

Billy and Suez Smith spent a few days last week visiting with friends and family.

They visited friends, Billy Jo and Wanda Pruitt, of Wichita Falls. Billy and Billy Jo were in the service together years ago.

The Smiths drove onto Longview and visited with an aunt, Gladys Constant, in Fort Worth.

Bovina Golfers Place Fourth In Tournament

The Bovina High School golf team participated in the Friona invitational golf tournament Thursday, March 12. Schools that participated included Friona, Canyon, Hereford, Farwell, Vega and Olton.

Bovina's team placed fourth with a team score of 378. Will Bell was the Bovina team leader with a score of 84. Other team members and scores were Tony Beauchamp, Josh Quintana and Blake Clements, all with a score of 98 and Manny Quintana, 103.

Top players of the team tournament were Jared Avens of Hart and Zac Blades of Canyon each had a score of 82. Avens won the playoff.

Bell and Dan Sharp, of Canyon, each had a score of 84. Bell won the playoff.

The Canyon team lead the tournament with a team score of 351.

Second through seventh place are as follows: second-Hereford, 359; third-Farwell 361; fifth Vega 385; Friona 390; and seventh-Olton 405.

In individual scores Avens lead with 82. Tyson Kerby

of Bovina had 94; T.R. George of Hart had 96; Cameron Charles had 97; Justin Boyd of Friona had 115; John Bennett of Hart had 117; and Levi Steelman had 125.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of March 22-28, 1998.

Mar 22-Anita Guest, Jonathan Murphy.

Mar 23-Becky Herrera, Sara Flores.

Mar 24-Ella Jo Stormes, Dennis Field, Mark Anthony Englant.

Mar 25-Mark Englant, Irene Ortiz.

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

Mar 27-Carolyn Beauchamp, Jessie Stone.

Mar 28-Matthew James Guest, Charolette Cockerham, Juanda Murphy.

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

BHS Student Council TEED/NEED Committee

The Bovina High School Student Council has a committee chaired by Jamie Stanberry called TEED/NEED. TEED/NEED is the Texas Energy Development /National Energy Education Development project.

TEED/NEED is concerned with educating both the student as well as the community about recycling and conserving energy for the best of the environment.

Since the beginning of the school year, the committee has continually taken on new projects with much success. For example, a cardboard and tin recycling endeavor has been in process since November. There has also been a cold lunch day to remind students of the importance of conserving energy.

"Helping those less fortunate than ourselves has always been a priority of our organization," a spokesperson said.

The weatherization project was aimed at providing protection from the winter elements to those people in the community that could not provide protection for themselves.

Currently, the committee is holding a coloring contest with the second and third graders that emphasizes conservation awareness.

Along with the coloring contest, a poster contest is being held among the fourth and fifth graders. As for the faculty they are being given a list of energy saving habits.

As for the future, plans are

being made to have a car-pooling contest, a clean-up day, and an energy quotient survey for the middle school.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Bovina Blade:

Please renew my sub-cription to the Blade for another year.

I enjoy reading Scooter's Scoops because her news is about some of the people I knew when we lived in Bovina in 1960, 61 and 62. Two of my daughters, Karen and Leticia graduated from high school and my son Steve graduated from the eighth grade there.

I worked at the Spud Nut Shop for Lula and Otis White and at the Drive-in for Mrs. Howard Kelso. I also wrapped meat for Possum Richards when he needed help during deer season.

Our family really liked Bovina because the people there were so friendly. We moved there from York, Nebraska, a cold and unfriendly town. We were elevator rats. My late husband worked for Chalmers Construction and helped build a big addition to the elevator there.

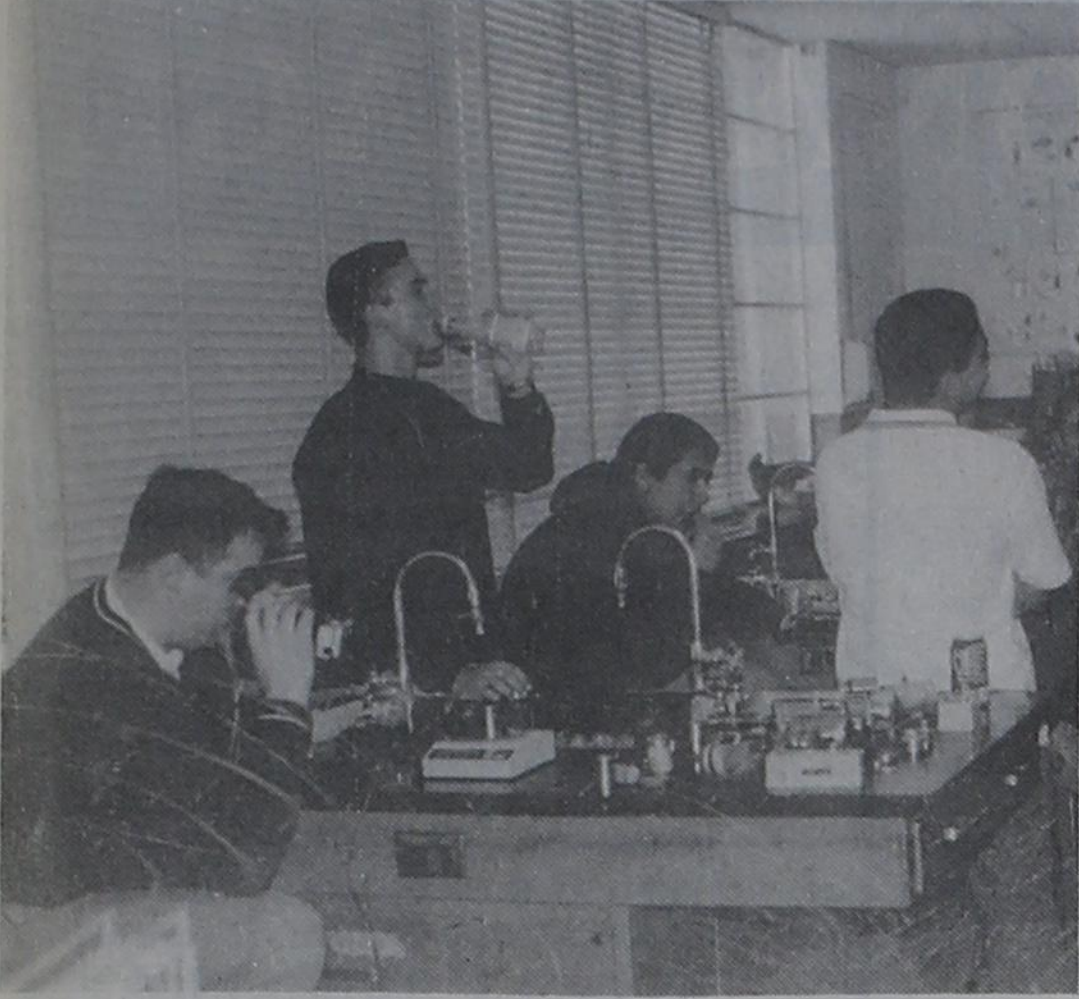
I enjoy reading Ron Carr's column and I'm sure glad he has found something else to write about, besides Billy Jeff.

Sincerely, Mildred Lehenbauer
Ames, Oklahoma

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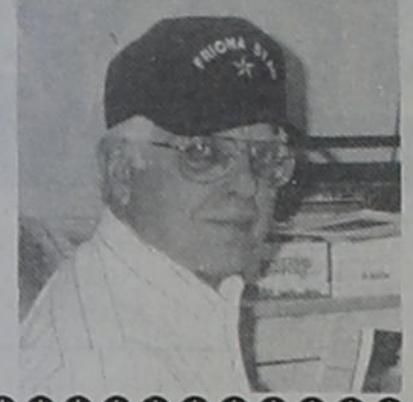


GAME FILMS?...Coach Bobby Ortiz, left, films the fierce Friona physics competition as Tony Beauchamp swigs orange juice for energy. The tough Mustang bridge building team brought home a trophy after "waxing" Friona in the contest. See story for results.

ron carr photo

Out Here

By RON CARR



Which of the following leisure activities are most common in the Oval Office at the White House?
 a) Kathleen Willey
 b) Slick Willie
 c) Free Willy
 d) All of the above.

Don't get all in a snit. I'm not writing about Billy Jeff this week. Well, not exactly.

I do have a question about record keeping at the White House. Kathleen Willey appeared on 60 Minutes Sunday night. The next day, the super efficient Clinton machine produced letters that Willey had written Billy.

It took three years to produce Hill Rod's law firm records when they had been sitting on the White House dining room table all the time.

The fine first family still has not produced all the records pertaining to the firings in the White House travel office, nicknamed "Travelgate." Even though the records were subpoenaed several years ago.

How about those files from the FBI, most of which belonged to their political enemies. They still don't know who ordered them.

They do not know who hired the Head of White House Security, the rotund young dude named Livingstone. He ordered the files but doesn't know who told him too. They fired him.

When Vince Foster committed suicide, the Clintons went through his files and kept investigators away for several days, then said they didn't have any records...yadda, yadda, yadda!!!

You get the picture. So how is it that overnight they found letters that Kathleen

Willey wrote to Billy Jeff.

There must be thousands, maybe millions of letters written to the president every day. From schoolchildren to campaign donors to old friends, letters arrive by the sack at the White House Mail Room.

Maybe there are a couple of staffers that sort all the White House mail and put "special letters" in a special place.

Now everyone seems to be nailing Mrs. Willey for her TV confession. The power of the government is pounding poor Kathleen, accusing her of being a groupie that has been stalking Billy Jeff.

If we had the travel budget here at the newspaper, I would go to Hot Springs, Arkansas and research Billy Jeff's high school biology grades, especially his anatomy tests.

He said he might have kissed her forehead. She says it was the lips. It is not the first time Billy has been confused about parts of the female anatomy.

They are blasting Willey because they say she is shopping around for a book deal. (I hate to tell her that one grope doesn't make a very interesting book.) But if James Carville and the other talking heads aren't careful, she may have a good case for slander pretty soon.

On a nicer political note, Congressman Larry Combest's press secretary, Keith Williams, stopped by our Friona Star office this week.

Keith is a former journalist who grew up in Lubbock. He now lives "on Capitol Hill" in Washington, D. C. He works in Combest's Washington office along with the other 8-9 staff members. His wife works at the Smithsonian.

He has worked for Com-

best for eight years and says that a couple of times a year he travels the Congressman's Panhandle district, visiting with citizens and the local newspapers.

After his visit here Tuesday afternoon, he was on the way to Farwell to visit Mike Pomper at the Stateline Tribune and then to Muleshoe to see Rick White at the Muleshoe-Bailey County Journal.

It was very nice to meet Keith and know that congress members realize there are people still living out here in the boondocks.

And if you think this is a silly column that never goes anywhere, listen up. My Out Here column has been read "on CAPITOL HILL." By Keith and others in Larry Combest's office. So there.

Keith says that Combest's office in Amarillo forwards press articles to D. C. He said he especially enjoyed the recent column I wrote about the polls that are taken by the Parmer County Improvement coffee bar bubba club.

Of course, now that I think about it, he might have just read that column Tuesday morning sitting in a Lubbock donut shop.

I'll bet he told Mike in Farwell and Rick in Muleshoe that he read their columns too. Darn those politicians anyway.

The really great benefit of Keith's visit is that now I have my very own private press secretary contact in Washington D. C.

He left us his card and his telephone number and his fax number and even told us to get in touch with Mr. Combest's office anytime.

My own personal contact in Washington. YES! I am creeping closer to the big time. Politics and power and money and women are so

close I'm getting dizzy with the thoughts.

Do you realize that now that I know Keith, a real live press secretary and a great American, that I can do my very own leaking in Washington? I mean the potential is staggering.

"Hello, Keith? Ron Carr here. Do you think I might be able to get one of Ken Starr's subpoenas? I'd like to get a look inside that grand jury room so I could report back to my readers what big government is all about."

"How about if we could have our own 9 a.m. briefing every day like Mike McCurry does? I can do a pretty good Sam Donaldson."

All you skeptics just button it up. I have friends in high places. Better back off and give me some room.

Shoot, I forgot to ask Keith why they call him a secretary. Oh well. I'll have my people get back to his people.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending March 11, 1998
 Parmer County, Texas
 Bonnie Warren, Co Clerk

WD-A.M. Wilson, Suzanne Murphy, Pamela F. Bell, A77 Ac tr. of SW 1/4 S5 T6S R3E Cap Synd.

WD-Agri-Sprayers, Inc., Bovina Gin, Inc. 2 tracts of S15 S15 T7S R2E Cap Synd.

WD-Dorothy Wenner, Lonnie Merriot, SW 1/4 S15 D & K Sub.

Deed-Clyde Woodard-Sidney Woodard-William Woodard-Shannel Woodard, All S1/2 SE1/4 S13 N1/2 NE1/4 S24 T3S R3E Synd.

WD-James H. Jennings, Robert Smith, A 5.185 ac tr of W/pt of S101 Kelly Sub "H".

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Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 1998
 6:00 p.m.

Hereford Bull Barn
Hereford, Texas

A meal will be served for all present and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with the business session getting underway at 7:00 p.m.

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

Milo Center: Carl Strafuss

Westway: Ernest Flood, Jr. and Randy Boeckman

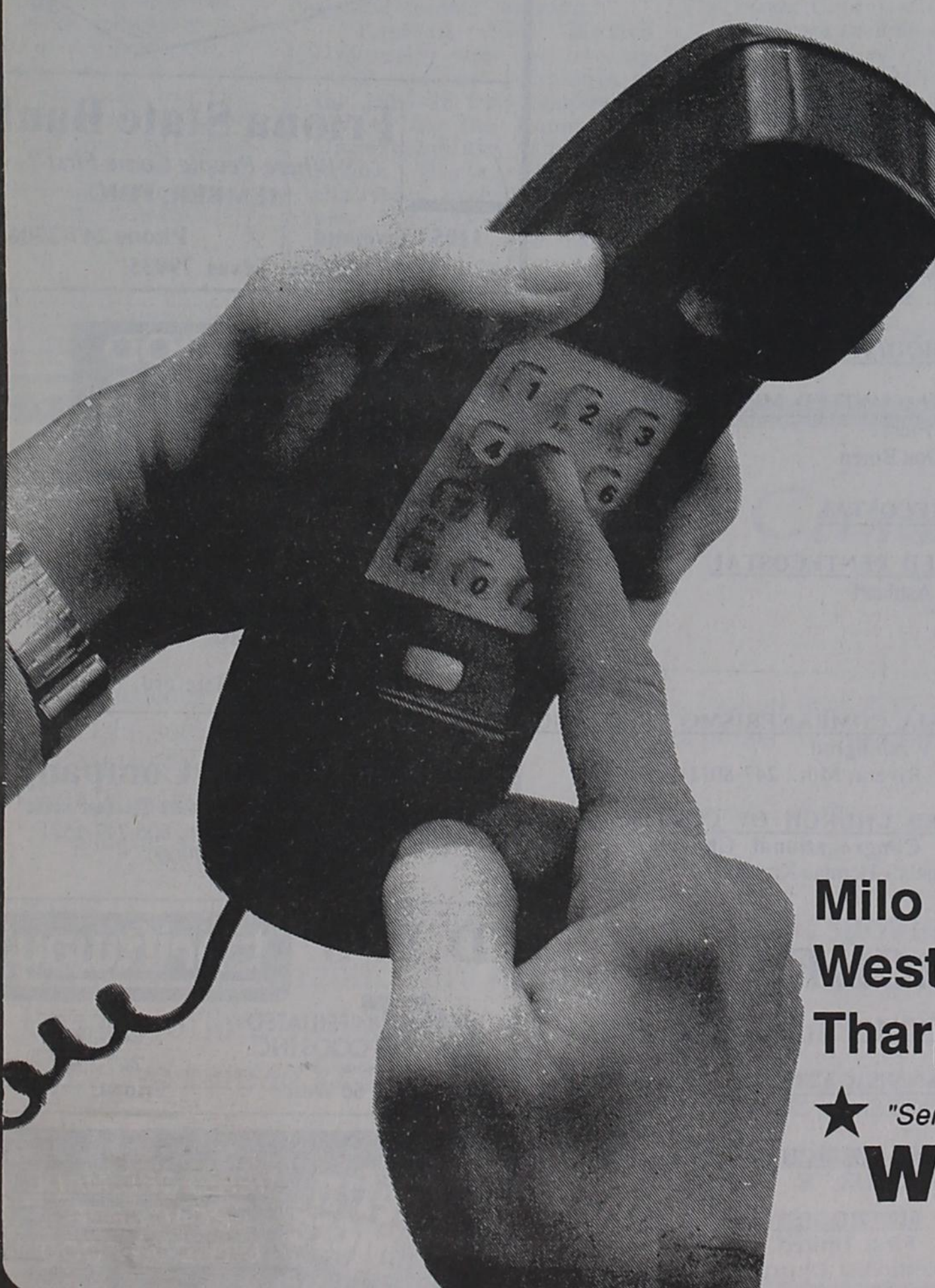
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K. Ellison's Services Are Held In Farwell

Services for Katie I. Ellison, 89, of Farwell were held Monday, March 16 at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church. The Rev. Beth Harrington officiated.

Burial followed at Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ellison died Friday at Plains Regional Medical Center at Clovis. She was born September 8, 1908, in Indian Creek, Texas.

She married Hubert Ellison on December 23, 1925 in Bovina.

She was a member of the Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church of Farwell and a member of the Eastern Star and a former member of the Pilot Club.

She is survived by one son, Jerry Ellison of Farwell; and three daughters, Lillie Christian of Farwell, Jimmie Howard of Canyon, and Lois Terry of Lubbock.

Also surviving is one brother, L.J. Head of Aurora,

Colorado; eight grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Art League To Have Competition

Pintores Art League Spring Fling Art Show will be held at Clovis Community College from May 1 through May 14.

Entries will be accepted on May 1 from noon until 4:30 p.m. and May 2 from 8 a.m. until noon in both professional and student categories. Over \$800 in cash prizes will be awarded, plus merchant awards from supporting patrons.

Student categories are seventh through ninth and tenth through twelfth. Other categories include nineteen-year-olds through senior citizen, any media and professional.

Art that can be entered includes paintings on board or canvas, mixed media, hand built pottery, paintings under glass, drawing and sculpture.

Information is available from instructors. For additional information, contact Doris Wallace (505) 762-0183, Rae Carron (505) 763-5280 or Jackie Hinderliter (505) 763-4994.

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Sue Etta Rushing's Rites Set Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Sue Etta Rushing, 81 of Cooper, are scheduled for Saturday, March 21 in the Delta Funeral Home Chapel with Shane Carrington officiating. Burial will follow in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Cooper.

Mrs. Rushing passed away Monday evening in a Cooper nursing home. She was born in Quanah, Texas on December 24, 1916, the daughter of William Sampson and Nellie Mae Gantt Banister.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Albert Rushing in 1983. She was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Bovina and had farmed here for many years.

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J. Baxter Passes Away Tuesday

Services for Jewell M. Baxter, 96 of Clovis, New Mexico, are set for Friday, March 20 at 10 a.m. at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis with Cecil Bunch officiating.

Burial will follow at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Baxter died March 17 in Clovis. She was born April 8, 1901 in Bell County, Texas.

The Baxters have lived in Clovis for fifty years. They ranched in Melrose until the death of her husband, Lonnie in 1990. He was active in ranching and cattle related business and was a former principal of the Clovis Cattle Commission.

Mrs. Baxter was a charter member of the Cow Belles and was a member of the 21st Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Ralph Baxter of Clovis; a daughter, Sally Galloway of Albuquerque, New Mexico; eleven grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Craig Galloway, Blayne Baxter, Jr. Martin, Clarence Martin, Loren Martin, Jeremy Lusk, John McFarland, Hollis Horton.

Honorary pallbearers are W.G. "Bill" Patton and Billy Baxter.

Services Held Tuesday For Gerald D. Coker

Services for Gerald D. "Bob" Coker, 70, of Amarillo, were held Tuesday, March 17 at Amarillo First Baptist Church Chapel with Reverend Chester O'Brien, retired Baptist minister officiating.

Burial followed at Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Coker was born in Summerfield, Texas and had lived in Amarillo since 1980. He was a farmer most of his life. He was a member of First Baptist and was ordained as a deacon at Fellowship Baptist Church.

He married Betty Jean Turner in 1948 in Friona. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 15.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Coker, of the home; three sons, Jerry Dean Coker of Amarillo; Bob Wade Coker of Plano; and Phil Coker of Hereford; and one daughter, Lora Hanson of Amarillo.

Also surviving is his mother, Ina Coker of Friona; one brother, Floyd Coker of Hereford; one sister, Aline Turner of Wheeler; seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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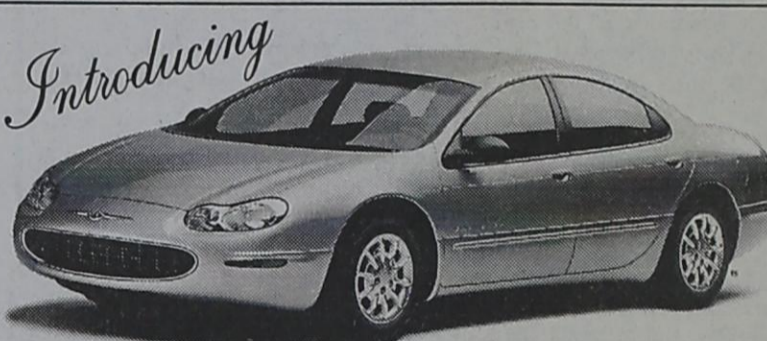
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