

# The Bovina Blade

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!

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TWELVE PAGES



**THE CHARLES OIL** hamburger cookout last Friday attracted a crowd of hungry customers. It was Charles Oil's customer appreciation day. Enjoying the event were, l-r, Harry Johnson, Bob Sparks, Kenneth Johnson and Les McCain. *becky london photo*



**IT HASN'T BEEN** very good golf weather so far, but Bovina's student golfers have bundled up and teed off anyway. Here, junior golfer Kelcey Scroggins putts during a tournament at the Farwell Country Club.

**BEWARE: ATTACK CAT-** reads a sign on the garage entryway at the Ellis home on Maple Street. Ron Carr had been with us at the papers just a short time when we went for a weekend visit with our kids in Lubbock. I had brought our "news camera" home for the weekend, and Ron called me asking its whereabouts.



**Bull  
Town  
Bulle-  
Tins**  
By  
Bill Ellis

I told him it was on the coffee table in the living room, where I had left it the night before. I instructed Ron how to get into the house, which was locked.

Ron's story from here: "I got into the house and headed for the living room. I spied the camera, and went to pick it up. About the time I did, your (our) cat (napping on the top of the couch by the coffee table), stood up, arched her back and made the loudest hissing noise I ever heard. I almost dropped the camera!"

Getting over the surprise, Ron took the camera and decided to make his exit, before he got cat-bit. As he rounded the corner into the hallway leading to the garage, darned if the cat hadn't beat him there, and gave him another "hiss," sort of saying "and don't come back, either!"

We found Miss Kitty (which also went under a pseudonym "Amazing Grace") on a trip to Ruidoso in the fall of 1996. She was under the porch of the cabin we had rented for the weekend.

"MK" was our constant companion when Carol and I would walk around the area. She would run up ahead, then stop and look back at us, more like a dog, as if to say "Are you coming, or not?"

At the end of the weekend, after we had offered M.K. table scraps which were much appreciated, Carol went to town and bought a small "pet porter," and lined it with a towel, and was about to leave a week's supply of food.

I told her that the weather there was about to turn really cold, and that if she wanted to save the apparently unattached kitty, she'd better just put her in the travelling case and bring her with us back to Texas, which she did.

If you've had cats, you know that the cat does the choosing, as to who they belong to. Kitty chose Ye Editor, and set up shop in my home office. We fed her back there, as we could rig the door to where the pups couldn't come in to bother her food.

Whenever I'd be at my computer, Kitty would sit on the couch at my elbow, and usually take a nap. Many times I would feel a closer presence, and I'd turn my head and discover M.K. sitting on the arm of the couch, which made us eye-to-eye. She would stay there as long as I was in the room. I tell everyone that I shared office space with a cat.

Kitty and Chester, our elderly Pekingese became good friends. In warm weather periods, when we'd put them out for a time, they would take a leisurely stroll side by side down the back walkway.

I'll miss Kitty's "help" on my writing. She developed a bad infection this week and we lost her. We buried her in our backyard pet cemetery.

Like Ron, everyone who met Miss Kitty had a story to tell.

Republican and Democrat: A Republican and a Democrat were walking down the street one day when they ran across a homeless person.

The Republican gave the person his business card and told him to come to his business the next day for a job. He then took \$20 out of his pocket and gave it to the homeless man.

A little later they met another "street person." The Democrat, not to be outdone, walked over to the man, gave him directions to the welfare office, and then reached into the Republican's pocket and gave him fifty dollars.

Now, you get the difference between the GOPs and Demos.

## Candidate Deadline Is Wednesday

As of Thursday, March 15, there had not been any official filings for vacancies on the school board and for city alderman.

The deadline for filing as a candidate for alderman or school board is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 21.

Applications are available at city hall or the superintendent's office. The election is May 5.

## County Shows Small Gain: Census Report

A small gain is better than a loss! Parmer County's official census count came to 10,016, according to figures released by the Bureau of the Census this year.

Although a small gain (153 people, and +1.6 per cent), Parmer County was one of a few counties in the

Panhandle/South Plains which did not show a population decrease.

By comparison, neighboring Bailey County lost 417 people during the 1990s decade, to 6,594: a 6.7 per cent decrease.

Deaf Smith County lost 592 people, standing at 18,561, a decrease of 7.4 per cent, and Castro County (Dimmitt) fell by 785 people, to stand at 8,285 in 2000, a drop of 8.7 per cent.

Figures for the cities and towns in Parmer County were not released when the county totals were revealed this week. One source said they may not be released for "several more weeks."

Latest population estimates by the Texas Almanac listed Friona with 3,785 people, Bovina with 1,766, and Farwell at 1,485.

The Lazbuddie community had 248 folks, according to Almanac estimates.

Other county figures listed for the 2000 headcount showed Cochran County (Morton) at 3,730, down 647 of 14.8 per cent; Swisher County (Tulia) with a gain of 245 to 8378. Swisher's gain can be attributed to Tulia's small prison unit.

Lamb County (Littlefield), lost 363 people, to 14,709, a 2.4 per cent drop; Floyd County lost 726 people, standing at 7771, an 8.5 per cent drop.

Lubbock (city) fell below its hoped-for 200,000 population, coming in at 199,564. This was a seven per cent gain from 1990. Amarillo's total came to just over 173,000. Part of Amarillo lies in Randall, with the main portion in Potter County.

## 2001 Chamber Banquet Set Next Thursday

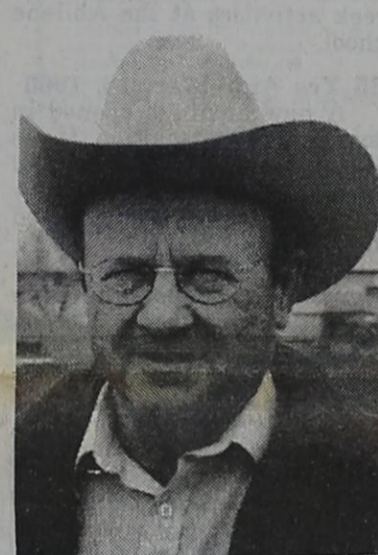
The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Thursday, March 20, at the school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are available from any Chamber member or at the door. All tickets are \$12 each.

In addition to honoring the Man and Woman Of The Year, the Heritage Award and Students of the Year will also be named.

Entertainment will be provided by comedian/magician Lyndy Phillips of Amarillo. Phillips travels the country entertaining in schools, churches, public and private organizations and corporations with his speaking and comedy magic.

For information about the banquet contact Suezy Smith at 225-4990 or 251-1677.



**BOARD CANDIDATES**---Two local men are running for the Tharp seat on WTRT Cooperative Board. Jimmie Cockerham, left, has held the Tharp seat since 1967, and has served as president, vice-president, and secretary of the board through the years. Pictured at right is Richard Carson, a Parmer County native, and graduate of BHS and Texas Tech U. The election will be held March 20. (See story below.)

## WTRT Annual Meeting Is Tuesday, March 20

The 47th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is set for Tuesday, March 20, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with a catered supper. The business meeting will get underway at 7 p.m. Three directors will be elected for the Westway, Tharp and Milo Center exchanges.

WTRT General Manager Thomas A. Hyer will give his report on Cooperative business activities of the past year. Drawings for door prizes will also be held.

## Building Sold; Use Copy Drop For News

Bill and Carol Ellis announce the sale of the "Blade Building" on Third Street to Dean and Arlene McCallum of Agri-Plan Insurance, which will continue in their location.

You may drop off photos, etc., for the Blade to Dorothy Stowers at Fantasy Beauty Shop.

Our 'phone number at the Blade will remain the same, 251-1523. Call us with your news and advertising. Our FAX number is 250-5127.

## New Toll Free Number For Sheriff's Office

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries has announced an agreement with West Texas Rural Telephone Company which provides residents with toll free dialing to contact the Sheriff's Office.

"Until now, to make a call from Friona, Bovina and the surrounding areas was a long distance call," Geries said. "West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative has come to help our community by providing a new number to contact the Sheriff's Office."

The new number is 295-3303. It will access the Sheriff's Office toll free from the following prefixes: 250 & 247 in Friona; 251 & 238 in Bovina; 265 in Hub; 225 in Tharp; 295 in Parmer; and 357 in Summerfield.

The service is provided as a community service by WTRT, Inc. "I would like to thank Tom Hyer, manager, and Dick Thompson for their work in making this possible," Geries said.

## Personnel Is Main Topic Of School Board Meeting

The Bovina School Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 8. The meeting was moved back from the regular Monday night date because of spring break.

After minutes from the previous meeting were approved and monthly vouchers were approved for payment, the board heard the financial report. Also discussed were the proposed addition of a room for the distance learning lab and the status and condition of the school-owned piano.

The board approved all conforming textbooks for the 2001-02 school year.

Superintendent Michael Downes gave a legislative report. He also discussed the Texas Association of School Boards training, a grant report and a report on the "High Schools That Work" national conference.

The board went into closed executive session at 8:25 p.m. and returned to regular session at 10:30 p.m.

In action taken after the closed session:

\* The resignation of counselor John Broeker was accepted.

\* A motion to give notice of non-renewal to Hector Guevara was made and seconded. The motion passed 5/2 with Loe and Coffey voting against.

\* A motion to extend a probationary contract to Jimmy Arias was made and seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6/1 with Whitten

voting against.

\* Probationary contracts were also extended to teachers Kayla Cowen, Kendra Cowen, Lisa Gallegos, Debby Weems and Wesley Weems. The motion to extend these contracts passed unanimously.

\* A motion to extend a term contract to Cynthia Alexander passed 6/1 with Whitten voting against.

\* Term contracts were extended by a unanimous vote to the following teachers: James Barnard, Linda Douglas, Sandi Downes, April Eschberger, Gina Holmes, Randy Johnson, Robert Lees, Betty Rich, and Susan Southerland.

\* Coffey made a motion, and Jamerson seconded, to extend term contracts to the following teachers: Denise Anderson, Peggye Arnold, Christy Barksdale, Carolyn Beauchamp, Barbara Beall, Barbara Charles, Cindy Cargile, Chris Cupit, Helen Deen, Bill Drumma, Michael D'Uva, Margaret Durben, Rick Engelhardt, Tena Engelhardt, Kathy Graves.

Also, Libby Holman, Judy Jennings, Mitzi Johnson, Luanne Landess, Joann Luscombe, Bobby Martin, Martha Morris, Heather Neal, Wayne Richardson, Christine Salas, Bill Shelly, Tina Sides, Phyllis Steelman, Sarah Stevens, Janie Sudderth, Jan Thieman, Norma Villarreal, and Kenneth Wolske.

The motion to extend these term contracts passed 6/1 with Whitten voting against.

May there always be work for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

--- An Old Irish Blessing



**ENJOYING REFRESHMENTS** during the open house at Friona Heritage Estates last Sunday were Juanita and Dean Hastings. The assisted living facility is now open and accepting applications for residents.

# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade



**45 Yrs Ago--Mar. 14, 1956**

The first annual FFA Project Show, with 34 animals entered, was called a success by Roy M. Crawford, vocational agriculture instructor of Bovina High School and advisor to the boys who put on the show.

The Bovina FFA boys have divided themselves into four teams to play in the FFA sponsored donkey basketball game Friday night at Willford Gymnasium. The four teams' opponents will include members of the school board, members of the Lion's Club, the lady teachers, and a team of FHA girls.

**40 Yrs Ago--Mar. 15, 1961**

Roy M. Crawford, vocational agriculture teacher of Bovina High School, was named "Citizen of the Year" at the first annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agricultural Banquet Thursday night in the school cafeteria.

Grand opening of E and D Motors' new building on Highway 86 was observed Saturday. Winners of door prizes were J.W. Gooch, motor tune-up, and Jack London, set of spark plugs.

Roger Ezell, Bovina Mustang center, was named to all-district basketball team. Cynthia Patterson, Fillie guard, was awarded a place on the girls district dream team.

Janice Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Richards, pledged Alpha Pi Alpha social club at McMurry College during spring rush week activities at the Abilene school.

**35 Yrs Ago--Mar. 16, 1966**

A new business opened in Bovina this week. It is Birkelbach Machine and Pump Co. located in a new building recently constructed on Highway 86 West.

Three senior girls at Bovina High School who have applied for State FHA degrees have won the honors. Connie Vaughn, Gwen

Christian and Mary Dane will be presented certificates for State Degree at the Area I FHA meeting Friday and Saturday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Crump spent the weekend in Memphis. Mrs. Crump's father had suffered a severe heart attack earlier in the week. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Billy Richards of Reserve, New Mexico.

E.F. Johnson, who farms west of Bovina, was injured in a two-vehicle collision Monday of last week.

**30 Yrs Ago--Mar. 17, 1971**

In a pickup collision with a number of steers that had strayed onto FM 1371 four miles south of Bovina about 7:45 p.m. Thursday, four steers belonging to Leon Grissom of Bovina were killed and Jim Heard, driver of the pickup, was injured.

Bovina Fillies piled up 82 points to win the Springlake-Earth Invitational Track and Field Meet Saturday. Kress ran away with the title in the boys' division, racking up 172 points.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of March 18-24, 2001.

Mar 18 Pat Read, Mary Rose Weber

Mar 19 Alice Stone, Elaine Bishop

Mar 20 Jeanne Kerby, Fidel Baca

Mar 21 Kathy Graves, Tracy Jamerson

Mar 22 Anita Guest, Jonathan Murphy

Mar 23 Becky Herrera, Sara Flores

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

To add names to our birthday list, or for corrections or changes, call 251-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

**25 Yrs Ago--Mar. 17, 1976**

Billy Whitecotton and Billy Smith this week announced details of Bovina Supermarket and Family Center, a new business enterprise they plan to build on the Dimmitt Highway between Eighth and Ninth Streets in Bovina.

Jeri Diane Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ware and a junior at Maud High School, has been selected for inclusion in the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, the nation's leading honorary.

**20 Yrs Ago--Mar. 18, 1981**

Gale and near hurricane force winds whipped the Bovina area this week bringing the first real duster for 1981.

Users of the mail are advised that on Sunday, March 22, first class postage will be raised from 15 cents

to 18 cents per ounce.

**15 Yrs Ago--Mar. 17, 1986**

Marks Lanham was named Man of the Year and Tammy Willard was named Woman of the Year at the annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet.

Two members of the Bovina Fillies, Marie Pesch and Mindy Neal, were named to the girls' area Super Team. The players are chosen from all classifications of schools throughout the Panhandle.

**5 Yrs Ago--Mar. 16, 1996**

Athletic Director and Head Coach Mike Royce, has resigned after completing one year at the school. It is reported Royce accepted a head coach position at Floresville, a 4A school near San Antonio. Coach Bobby Ortiz was hired for the open position and was given a two-year contract.



**WISE UP RALLY...**The RocRageous/Wise Up Rally came to Bovina on March 2. The upbeat event is designed to teach kids to "Wise Up" and be anti-drug. photos by darla sealey



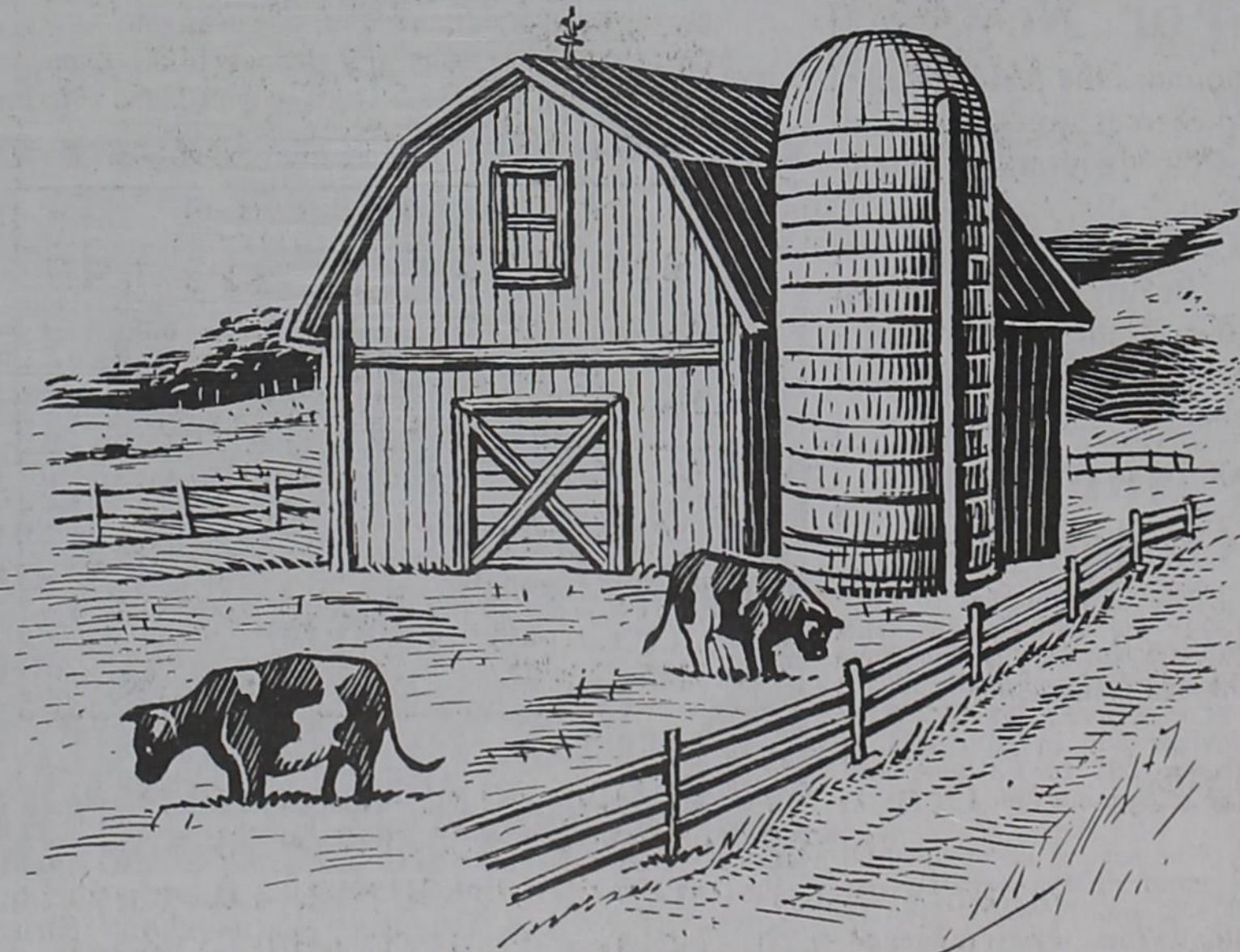
**BOVINA sixth grader David Rojas is shown leaving the microphone during the Parmer County Spelling Bee on March 7. In addition to David, Bovina was represented by Michael Ortiz and Aaron Ramon. County winner was Samuel Billingsley of Farwell. ron carr photo**

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## National Ag Week March 17-24, 2001



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You are the future.  
Thanks for the commitment.

## FIRST BANK



# BOVINA



101 Third Street

251-1442



**A LARGE CROWD** visited Friona Heritage Estates' open house last Sunday. Refreshments were served in the facility's spacious dining room area. The assisted living center is now available for occupancy. Call 250-5599 for information.



**FRIONA CHIEFTAIN** Special Olympics Track Team members practice at the Chieftain track. From left are Ruben Diaz, Jessica Ripley, Raul Rios, assistant coach Logan Spencer, Zachary Graves, Felissa Dominguez, coach Donna Mullins and Paul Salinas. Not pictured are assistant coaches Raymond Diaz and Ross Paiz. The team will compete in an upcoming meet in Wheeler.

### School Board Candidate Workshop Set

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting aspects of board service, featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information call Brenda Canul at TASB, (512)467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB web site at [www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org) for other dates and locations.

# AUCTION

**Thursday, March 22, 2001 — Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.**  
 LOCATED: From Farwell, Texas, 8 1/2 Miles East On Hwy. 145;  
 Or From Bovina, Texas, 9 Miles South On F.M. Hwy. 1731, Then 1/2 Mile West On Hwy. 145.  
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 The Following Will Be Sold At Public Auction:

- TRACTORS —**
  - 1-1989 Case IH 7130 Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Radio, T.H. Wts. 18,442 Rubber
  - 1-1988 John Deere 4650 Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Radio, P/S Trans, D.H. Wts. Q.H. 18,4x38 Rubber
  - 1-1988 Case IH 7140 Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Radio, T.H. Wts. Q.H. 18,4x42 Rubber, Duals 5,900 Hrs.
  - 1-1985 Versatile 876, 4 Wheel Drive Tractor, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Radio, 3-pl. 4 Hyd Outlets, 20 8x38 Rubber, Duals
  - 1-1984 Case IH 2594 Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Radio D.H. Wts. 20,8x38 Rubber
  - 1-1983 Case IH 2394 Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Radio, T.H. Wts. Q.H. 20,8x38 Rubber, Duals, 9,000 Hrs., Recent Overhaul On Eng., Trans & Rear End
  - 1-1971 John Deere 5020 Diesel Tractor, Cab, D.H. Wts. 1964 Farmall 806 Tractor, Salvage
  - 1-1956 John Deere 40 Gas Tractor, W.F. 3-pl. SN 65413, Runs, Good Condition
- COMBINE, CORNHREAD —**
  - 1-1992 John Deere 9650 Diesel Combine, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Radio, Monitor W/John Deere 930, 30' Header
  - 1-John Deere 843 Cornhead
- COTTON STRIPPERS, MODULE TARPS —**
  - 1-International 1400 Self Propelled 3 Row Cotton Stripper, Cab, A/C, Hdr., Recent Eng. Overhaul
  - 1-International 95 Self Propelled 2 Row Cotton Stripper, Blower, Hdr., Shredded & Clean
  - 1-Cincor Boll Buster 30-Cotton Module Tarps
- TRUCKS, GRAIN/SEED TRAILERS, PICKUP, SUBURBAN, BRONCO, ATV'S, TRAVEL TRAILER —**
  - 1-1988 Freightliner Conventional Truck, 9 Speed, Wet Kit
  - 1-1985 Freightliner T.A. Truck Tractor, 3406 Gal. Eng., 13 Sp. Trans., Sleeper
  - 1-1980 International 2275 Truck Tractor, 290 Cummins, 10 Sp. Trans.
  - 1-1981 Merrit 42 Hopper Bottom Grain Trailer, T.A.
  - 1-Fruhauf 40 Seed Trailer, T.A.
  - 1-1975 Chevrolet C-65 T.A. Grain Truck, 366 Eng., 5 Sp. 2 Sp. 22 Metal Grain Bed, T.C. Host, 9,000 Rubber
  - 1-1973 Chevrolet C-60 T.A. Grain Truck, 366 Eng., 5 Sp. 2 Sp. 20 Metal Grain Bed, T.C. Host, 9,000 Rubber
  - 1-1990 Chevrolet 1 Ton 4x4 Flatted Pickup, 350 Eng., A.T., A/C, P/S, PB
  - 1-1990 Chevrolet S.W. Pickup Bed, Came Off Above Pickup
  - 1-1989 Chevrolet Suburban 4 Wheel Drive, 350 Eng., A.T., A/C, P/S, PB
  - 1-1970 Ford Bronco, 302 Eng., 3 Sp. Trans., 4 Wheel Drive
  - 1-1995 Yamaha 350 Warrior ATV 4 Wheeler
  - 1-1981 Honda Big Red ATC 3 Wheeler
  - 1-Lakerwood 16 S.A. Travel Trailer, A.C. Bumper Pull
- EQUIPMENT —**
  - 1-Blu Jet 9400 Land Tractor Minimum Till Plow, Heavy Duty, Like New, Used Very Little
  - 2-John Deere 7100 Max Emergo 3 pl. 6 Row Plateless Planters, Double Rows, Roll, 1 Has Markers
  - 1-Bush Hog 3 pl. 6 Row Disc Bagger, G.W.
  - 2-John Deere 400, 3 pl. 30' Rotary Hoes
  - 1-John Deere 400, 3 pl. 21' Rotary Hoe
  - 1-Roll A Cone 3 pl. 6 Row Rotary Hoes
  - 1-John Deere 3 pl. 28' Rotary Hoe
  - 1-Krause 3 pl. 8 Row, 30' Cultivator, Big Bar, Rolling Fenders, G.W.
  - 1-Roll A Cone 3 pl. 6 Row Sift Shank Cultivator, D.S.B., G.W.
  - 2-Yetter 4083 3 pl. 6 Row Cultivators, G.W.
  - 1-585 3 pl. 8 Row, 30' Hyd. Rodweeder Rig, D.S.B., G.W.
  - 1-Hamby 3 pl. 6 Row PTO Rodweeder Rig, D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W.
  - 1-Hamby 3 pl. 8 Row, 30' Knifing Rig, D.S.B., S.T.M., G.W.
  - 1-Hamby 3 pl. A.A. 6 Row Fertilizer Rig, T.S.B., L.T.M., G.W.
  - 1-Litton 3 pl. 8 Row, 30' Rolling Cultivator, S.B.
  - 1-Case IH 165, 5 Bottom Spinner Mouldboard
  - 1-Schubs 5 Bottom Packer/Clobuster
  - 1-Moline 4 Bottom Spinner Mouldboard
  - 1-International 140, 4 Bottom Spinner Mouldboard
  - 1-Schubs 4 Bottom Packer/Clobuster
  - 1-Caldwell 3-pl. 11 Shank V-Ripper, G.W. W/LH Mulch Harrows
  - 1-Big Ox V-7 Shank Ripper, G.W.
  - 1-Dorr 3 pl., 7 Shank Ripper, Coulters, G.W.
  - 3-Hamby 3 pl., 21' Chisel/Sweep Plows, T.S.B., L.T.M., LH Mulch Harrows
  - 1-3-pl. 7 Shank Stubble Mulch Plow, G.W.
  - 2-Hamby 3 pl., 5 Shank Stubble Mulch Plows, T.S.B., L.T.M., G.W. W/LH Mulch Harrows
  - 1-International 770, 18' Offset Disc, Nice
  - 1-International 760, 18' Offset Disc
  - 1-King 14' Offset Disc
  - 1-Noble 3 pl., 28' Spring Shank Field Cultivator, T.S.B., Dual G.W. W/LH Mulch Harrows
  - 1-Deutz Ales 1300 D.T. 28' Spring Shank Field Cultivator, W/LH Mulch Harrows
  - 1-John Deere 707, D.T. 4 Row Shredder
  - 1-IHC D.T. 4 Row Flail Shredder
  - 1-John Deere 503, 3-pl., 6' Shredder
  - 1-Sevis D.T. 2 Row Shredder
  - 1-Case IH 5200, 3-pl. Grain Drill, D.D.W.'s, 8' Spacing, Hyd Row Markers
  - 2-International 510, 16-10" Grain Drill, 1 W/Slant Wheels
  - 1-John Deere 3 pl., 6 Row Lister, 4"x7" Bar, D.G.W., Markers
  - 1-Hamby 3 pl., 21' Tool Carner W/12 John Deere 71 Flex Planter Lines, Metal Boxes, Guide Cones, Markers
  - 1-Hamby 3 pl., 6 Row Cultivator, D.S.B.
  - 1-Big 12 D.T. Or 3 pl., 6 Row Cultivator
  - 1-Hamby 3 pl., 6 Row Middle Runner, D.S.B., L.T.M., G.W.
  - 1-John Deere 71 Flux, 6 Row Planter, Metal Boxes
  - 1-John Deere 3 pl., 5 Row Lister, John Deere Orchard Shanks
  - 2-Litton 3 pl., 6 Row Rolling Cultivator
  - 1-Big Ox 3 pl., 8 Blade 1-IHC 3 pl., 6 Row Cultivator
  - 1-Johnson D.T. V. V. Chisel 1-John Deere 12 Oneway
  - 2-Winkles D.T. 24 Double Blade Land Float
  - 2-Winkles D.T. 16 x30 Land Planes
  - 1-3 pl. Hyd. Boom
  - 2-4 Section Harrows 1-John Deere, 1 International
  - 1-Krause 12 Row, 30' Folding Cultivator
  - 1-Yetter 12 Row, 30' Folding Cultivator
  - 1-Hamby 12 Row, 30' Folding Sift Shank W/Drivers, W/Spray
  - 1-Hamby 12 Row, 30' Rodweeder, Ussible Shank, Rolling Packers
  - 1-Roll A Cone 12 Row, 30' Ripper/Diker
  - 1-Hamby 12 Row, 30' Vegetable Rolling Scratcher
  - 1-Schaller 16 Disc 1-Hancock 17 Land Float
  - 1-John Deere 6 Row Rotary Hoe
  - 1-Litton 8 Row, 40' Rolling Cultivator
  - 1-Johnson 8 Row, 40' Cultivator
  - 1-8 Row, 30' Sift Shank Cultivator
  - 1-John Deere 9 Row Lister W/G.W. & Markers
  - 1-John Deere 14' Shredder
  - 1-8 Row, 30' Rodweeder 1-Hamby 21' Sweep Plow
  - 1-Krause 8 Row, 30' Cultivator
  - 1-8 Row Big Red Cornhead Cultivator
  - 1-Hamby 13 Shank Ripper W/A A
  - 1-International 5700 D.T. H.F.W. Chisel/Sweep Plow W/LH Mulch Harrows
  - 1-John Deere L2, 3 Section, 10 x14" Space Deep Furrow
  - 1-Calkins D.T. 28' Rodweeder Rig
  - 1-Hamby 3 pl., 28' A.A. Fertilizer Rig
  - 1-Yetter 3428, 3 pl., 28' Rotary Hoe
  - 1-Crustbuster 3700, 3-pl., 20', 8" Space Grain Drill
- IRRIGATION —**
  - 1-Newman 100 HP V.H.S. Elec. Well Motor W/Panell
  - 1-International 605 Irrigation Engine, Has Not Been Used Since Overhaul
  - 6-International 446 Irrigation Engines, 1 Good W/Radiator, 5 Need Repairs
  - 6-Ford 460 Irrigation Engines, 1 Needs Repairs
  - 1-Chevrolet 292 Irrigation Engine
  - 1-Chrysler 440 Irrigation Engine, 1 Season On Valve Juc
  - 100-Jts. 7x20' Galled Pipe, 40' Rows
  - 2-Waterman Surge Valves, 19-12"x7" Hydrants
  - 1-Lot T.S. Elbows, End Caps, Fittings
- TRACTOR & TOOLBAR MAKEUP —**
  - 1-Hamby 3-pl., 21' D.S.B. Tool Carner
  - 1-3-pl., 20' Double Diamond Bar
  - 2-Sets Row Markers
  - 2-Sets Guide Cones
  - 1-Lot Various Size Shanks & Clamps
  - 1-Water Furrow Bullets
  - 1-Lot Sweeps, Chisels, Knives
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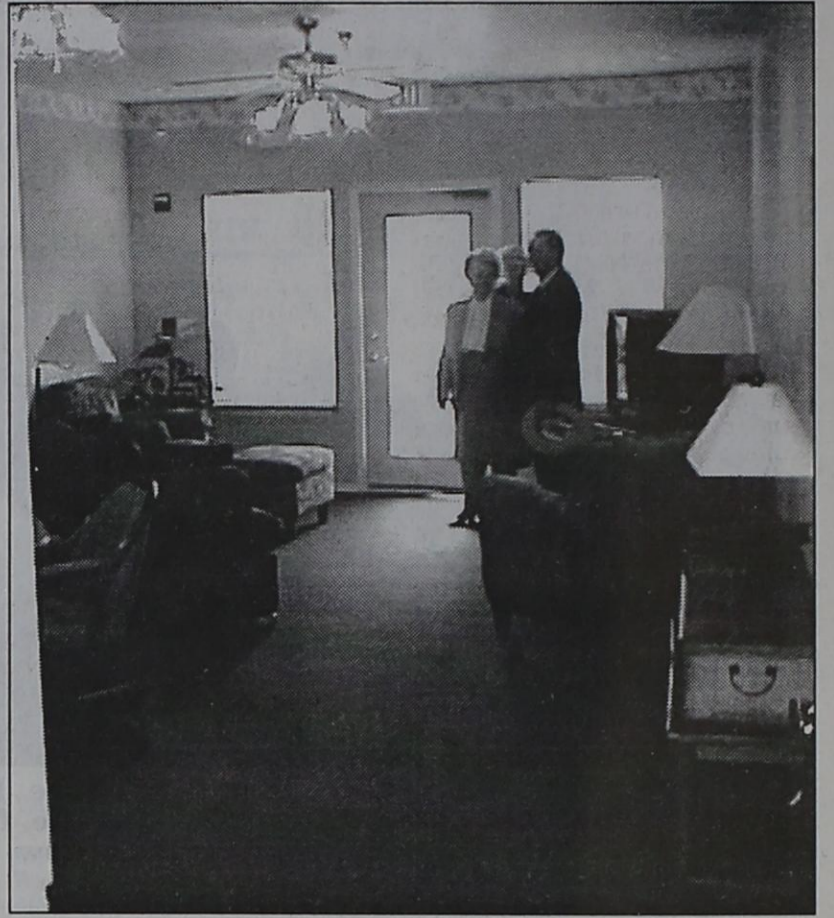
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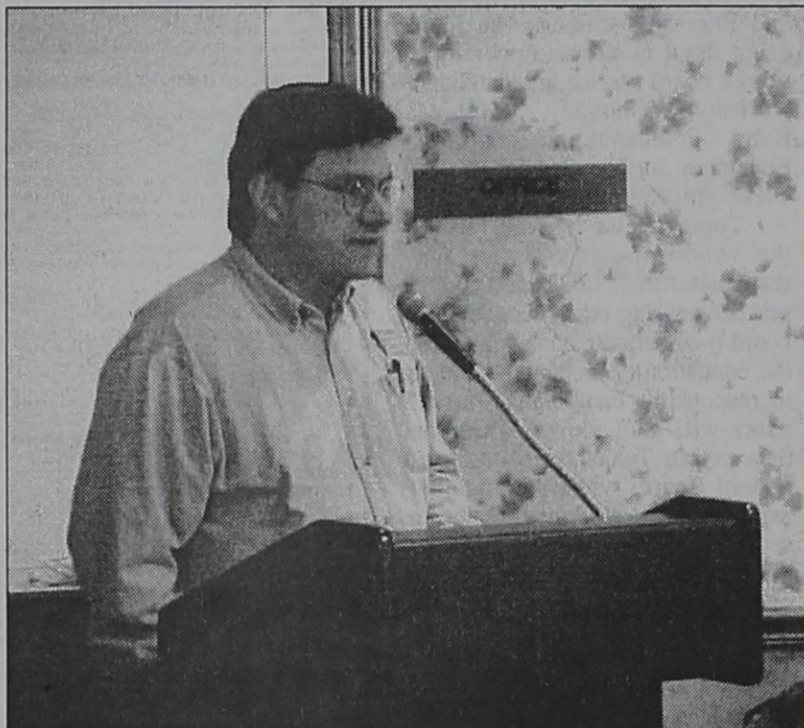
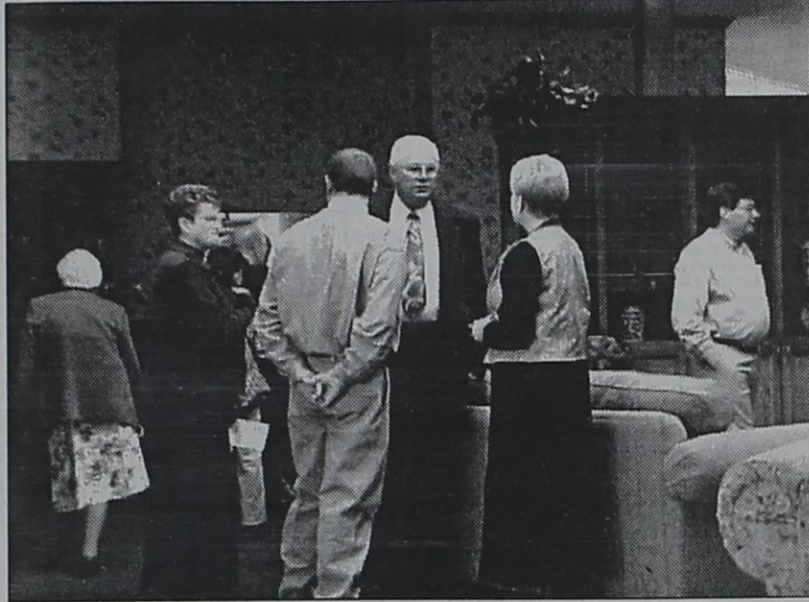
# Heritage Estates' Open House



HOUSING MANAGER Rhonda Bentley is shown here with the first resident of Friona Heritage Estates, Effie Hicks.



THE DAY ROOM at Friona Heritage Estates was furnished in honor of T.I. and Melba Burleson by their daughter, Kay Burleson Cash, trustee of the Cash Foundation.



JEFF PRICE, Ombudsman for the Area Agency on Aging of Amarillo, addressed the crowd at the Open House.



MAYOR CLARENCE MONROE welcomed the visitors to Friona Heritage Estates' Open House Sunday afternoon.



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## Annual Meeting

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

**Milo Center: Carl Strafuss (unopposed)**

**Tharp: Jimmie Cockerham & Richard Carson**

**Westway: Ernest Flood & Janice Brumley**

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# Com. Combs Says Ag Week Is Time To Honor Our Farmers, Ranchers

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 20 is National Ag Day and March 18-24 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

"During this week, we honor the farmers and ranchers whose dedication and commitment to the land and people of Texas extends all year," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week is the time to honor the hardworking individuals in our state's food and fiber industry. It is also a good time to recognize the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives."

"In this new millennium, Texas' farm and ranch families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy that ensures people worldwide have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural and other agricultural products," she said. The commissioner kicked-off National Agriculture Week in Texas with a proclamation signing Monday, March 19 at the State Capitol.

Agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches and approximately 80 per cent of the land is involved in some form of agricultural production. From the Gulf

Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most diverse state in the nation in agricultural production.

"For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers and their families have worked hard to build an industry that accounts for about seven per cent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Texas is the nation's second leading state in agricultural production," Combs said.

Although agriculture provides a job for one out of every five working Texans, less than two per cent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching activities.

Agriculture touches the lives of each and every one of us in ways no other industry can. But in today's urban society, many consumers are becoming so far removed from the agricultural process that they often take it for granted. Whether reaching into their closets for a fresh cotton shirt, or into the refrigerator for milk, juice or eggs—most consumers are confident the items they reach for will be there.

Most folks are not aware that agriculture products are used to make crayons as well as cosmetics. And they may not know that just about everything else they use, from soap, mouthwash and shaving cream, to the asphalt they drive on—all start on the farm. That's why it is crucial

that we increase consumer awareness and teach consumers about agriculture and the impact it has on our lives.

One reason why agriculture is taken for granted is that the dependability of our food and fiber sources is rarely in question. At least 20 per cent of the country's workforce is employed in the agricultural industry. That means that more than 22 million people have one of the many thousands of jobs in agriculture, whether it

involves the selling and trading of food and fiber, or marketing, producing, processing or transporting it.

American farmers play a huge role in feeding the rest of the world as well. Last year, U.S. agricultural exports exceeded \$50 billion. As one of the nation's major exporters of agricultural products, Texas ranks sixth in the value of its agricultural exports with \$2.5 billion in 1999, creating 39,000 jobs in the state. And, the Texas grain industry figures prominently in those numbers. Texas exported almost \$500 million worth of grain products in 1999 and the economic impact of the food and feed grain industry to the Texas economy is more than \$2.6 billion.

Through good times and bad, America's farmers and ranchers continue to provide consumers with an abundant supply of safe food at bargain prices and with a quality that is second-to-none.

Agriculture continues to reach out to consumers and to change with the times. New research is constantly producing better tasting and longer lasting fruits and vegetables, and foods like pork and beef have become leaner over the years to appeal to health conscious consumers. And many of the products we use are being made with convenience in mind as lifestyles move at a faster pace. We can be proud the agricultural community is doing a great job keeping up with the changing tastes and lifestyles of consumers.

"It is incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber, and many times do so against difficult odds," Combs said. "Yet they continue to produce a quality, cost effective product that serves people worldwide. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who continue to enrich our lives. Please join me in thanking our farmers and ranchers for their dedication to agriculture."

## Plan Now For Garden Butterflies

Butterfly gardening is a fun, fantastic way to enjoy insects, nature's most abundant form of life. Gardening for butterflies requires knowing local butterfly species, host plants for the developing caterpillars for foliage feeding and flowers that are attractive to the adults for nectar feeding.

Caterpillars feed only on specific plants, usually wild plants or weeds. Excellent plant hosts include: common milkweed or butterfly weed for monarchs, parsley, dill or fennel for the black swallowtail, canna for skippers, and nettles and thistles for brush-footed butterfly species.

Nursery flowers that are excellent nectar sources for adult butterflies include: white or blue mist flower, assorted colors of lantana, red scarlet sage Indigo spires sage, butterfly weed and Mexican mint marigold. Many different flowering plants provide the flower nectar the adults need for energy.

People often wonder if the caterpillars are causing more harm than good. The caterpillar begins feeding on foliage immediately after hatching and must be allowed to feed on plant parts to develop into a cocoon or chrysalis. As a general rule, butterfly larvae have a tendency to feed alone or sparsely distributed, as where pest caterpillars tend to hatch in masses.

For more information about butterfly gardening, contact your local County Extension Office in Farwell at (806)481-3619.



**MONTHLY HONORS at Prairie Acres Nursing Home for March went to employee-of-the-month Patti Widner, activities director, and resident-of-the-month David Woodruff.**

## Texas Agriculture

### Did You Know....

•Texas is the second largest agricultural state, accounting for about 7 per cent of the total U.S. agricultural income. This generates \$80 billion for the state's economy.

•The top five agricultural producing counties are Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Erath and Lamb. The top two agricultural regions of the state are the South Plains and the Panhandle.

•The Lone Star State ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, which is 14.1 per cent of the U.S. total.

•Texas is also a top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's other top crops include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

•Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/ greenhouse.

•The nursery/greenhouse industry in Texas is a \$9.76 billion industry that employs 222,000 people.

•Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

•Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people—94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

•Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of farms and ranches with 226,000 as well as in farmland with 130 million acres.

•Eighty per cent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

•Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 per cent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

•There are more than 100 different organizations and associations in Texas that represent the farmers, ranchers and businesses that grow, process, transport, market and sell the state's agricultural products.

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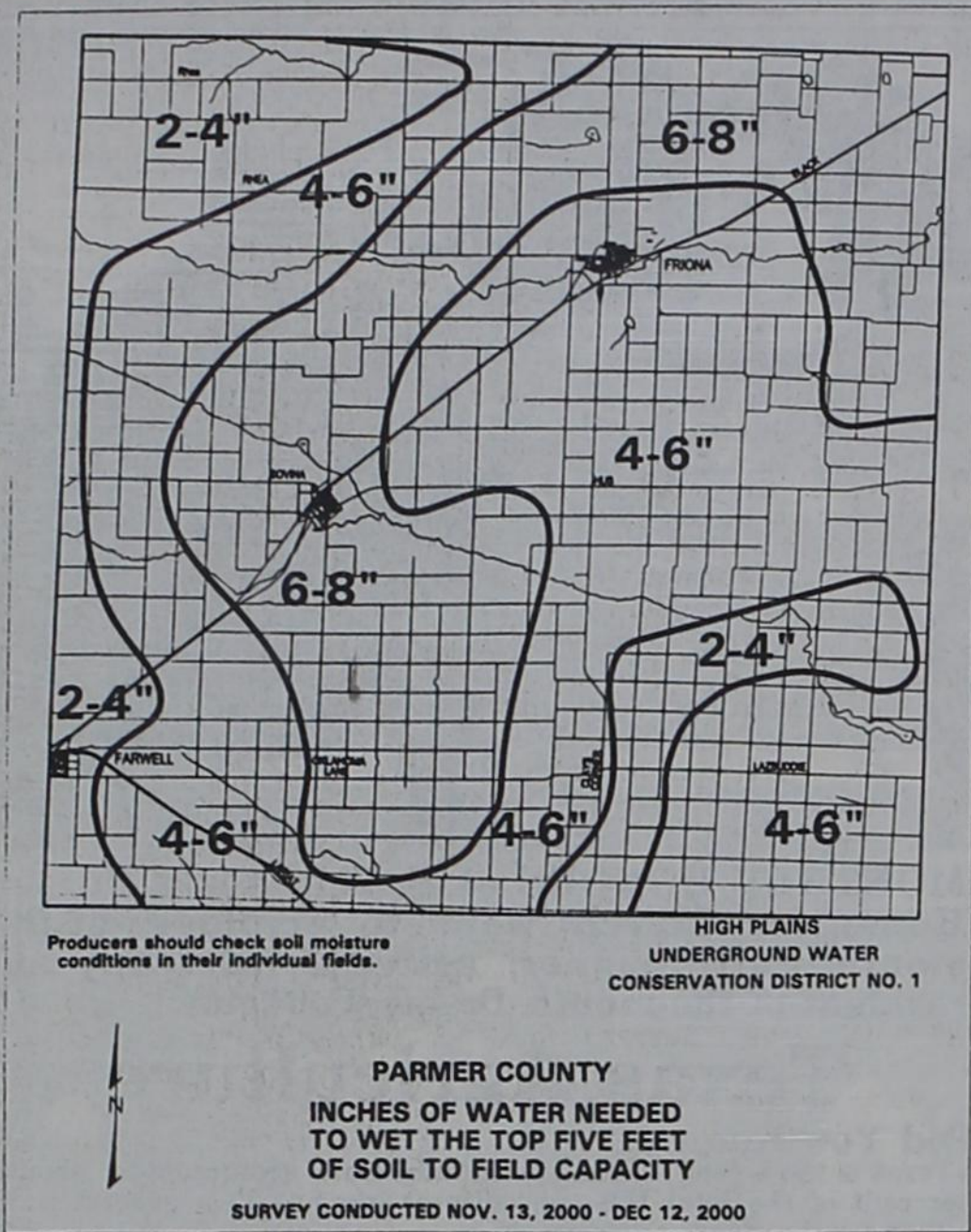
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# More Rain Is Needed To Bring County Soils To Field Capacity



Parmer County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 may need from two to eight inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity prior to spring 2001 planting, according to pre-plant soil moisture survey data released by the Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

At the time the pre-plant soil moisture readings were made in November and December 2000, approximately 17 percent of Parmer County needed from two to four inches of moisture to bring the soil to field capacity. About 51 percent of Parmer County needed about four to six inches of moisture, and the remaining 32 percent needed from six to eight inches of moisture.

Since December 2000, the area has received some winter precipitation that may have slightly improved soil moisture conditions.

The pre-plant soil moisture survey provides general soil moisture information for the entire five-foot soil profile

## Youths Win At SA Show

The 2001 4-H and FFA major livestock show circuit ends each year in San Angelo, Texas.

Parmer County 4-H'ers exhibiting their barrows March 8 and 9 in San Angelo were: Logan Mason, Ryan Mason, Suzanne Mason, Wayne Terry, Jay Seaton, Dan Patterson, Alisha Wauson, Sarah Herington, Brice Haney, Keith Hunt and Steven Hunt.

Youth placing their projects were: Dan Patterson, Champion Black OPB; Suzanne Mason, Reserve Black OPB; Suzanne Mason, first place light OPB; Ryan Mason, third place Duroc; and Logan Mason, sixth place OPB.

since most crops have the ability to extract moisture from that depth.

"It is extremely important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields so that they can make the best possible pre-plant irrigation decisions to conserve water and save fuel costs," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist.

There are several factors that can influence a producer's decision whether or not to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity. These include the availability of irrigation water, the type of irrigation system used, irrigation water management and rainfall received prior to the growing season.

"If a producer is growing a non-irrigated crop, then he will very likely be concerned with storing moisture throughout the entire five-foot soil profile, since most crops can extract moisture from this depth. However, producers using LEPA center pivot systems many only need to concern themselves with storing moisture in the top two to three feet of the soil profile, since they can apply more-frequent applications of water," said Crenwelge.

If the producer determines that a pre-plant irrigation is needed, it is recommended that it be done early enough in the year to avoid water evaporation losses caused by warm temperatures and high winds. In addition, pre-plant irrigation should also be applied early enough in the year so that the moisture can soak into deeper parts of the soil prior to planting. This deep moisture can be used by the crop if irrigation and/or rainfall is not adequate to furnish moisture in the upper portion of the soil profile.

A Water District publication, *Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance*, can guide producers in assessing their soil moisture conditions. Anyone within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area can

request a free copy by contacting the District headquarters in Lubbock.

It is important to keep soils in a condition that can easily absorb any precipitation that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. Techniques such as furrow diking keep rainfall in place so that it can soak into the soil.

"Since there is some moisture already in the soil, producers can help keep it there by limiting tillage practices that might turn

moist soil to the surface, where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," said Crenwelge.

Copies of the regional and/or Parmer County pre-plant soil moisture survey maps are available at your local USDA-NRCS office or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com).

## PROCLAMATION

The role that Texas farmers and ranchers play in the lives of people worldwide often goes unrecognized. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry--AGRICULTURE.

In this new millennium, Texas' farmers, ranchers and their families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy, which ensures that people everywhere have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticulture and other agricultural products.

Agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas, generating \$80 billion annually for the economy. One out of every five working Texans has a job in agriculture. Agriculture touches our lives in many ways. Texas farmers and ranchers grow a lot of the food people eat every day--onions, pecans, peaches, cabbage, melons, spinach, cucumbers and potatoes. Texas also is a big producer of cotton, cattle and poultry. In addition, trees are used to make computer paper, goat's milk to make cheese, corn for cereal and for laundry detergent, and animal fats and proteins to make toothpaste and crayons. Also, antifreeze is a pork byproduct and oyster shells are used for artificial reefs. This list is endless.

Agriculture also has a major role in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment. As we go forward in the new millennium, agriculture will continue to meet the basic needs of the world while providing opportunities for progress beyond food and clothing.

It is important that we all understand agriculture because it helps us to realize that everyday things, such as bread, blue jeans, laundry detergent and peanuts all come from one industry. It also gives us a sense of where things come from and how the global cycle of growth, consumption and conservation is forever necessary.

Because of their commitment to and love of agriculture, Texas farmers and ranchers will continue to do what they do best--produce food and fiber to meet growing global demands.

Therefore, I, Susan Combs, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18 to 24, 2001, as NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS and urge all Texans to recognize those producers who help add quality to our lives.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 19 day of March, 2001.

Susan Combs, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture

Join us in celebrating the achievements of the American farmer during National Agriculture Week.



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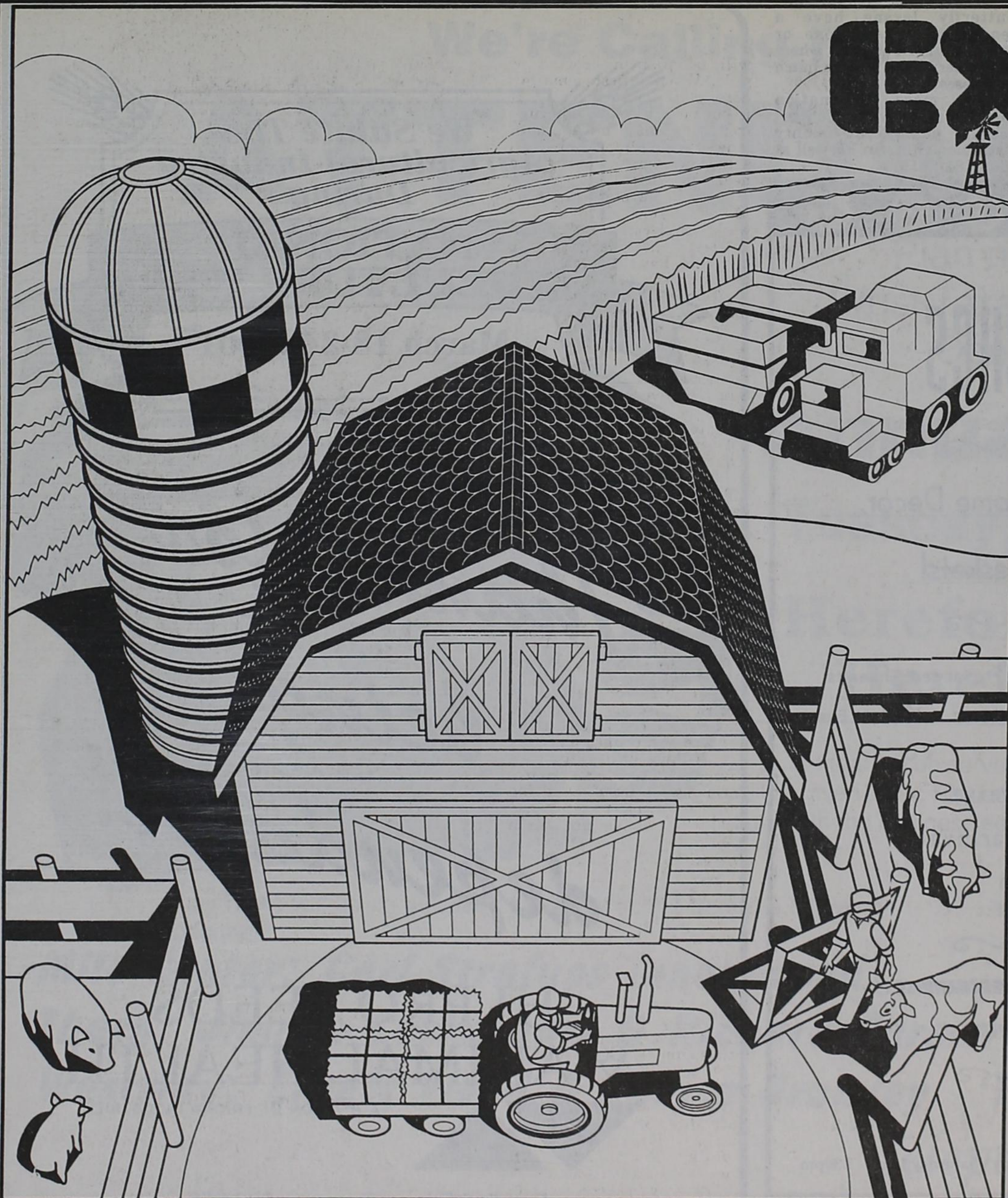
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**CAR DRAWING** St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona and St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford are holding a drawing to give away a car. The vehicle is a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera with only 40,400 miles on it. It is maroon exterior with gray cloth interior, a 4-door with AM-FM cassette radio. Tickets are a \$10 each donation and the drawing will take place on April 1 at 7 p.m. The money raised at each parish will be kept in the parish. Money raised at St. Teresa's will go towards the building fund. St. Anthony's proceeds will go to the school roof fund. For tickets call one of these numbers: 247-2871; 247-3536; 250-3237; or 295-6143.

## Drawing For Digital Camera by Press Ass'n.

Ron Carr, managing editor of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade is a member of the board of directors of the Panhandle Press Association (PPA). The PPA will give away an Olympus D-360L 1.3 megapixel digital camera at its convention in Amarillo April 5-7. The camera is a \$300 value and has been donated by Hertner's Camera in Amarillo. Ron has 25 tickets to sell for the drawing. They are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. You do not have to be present to win, so call or come by the Star office, or call 250-2211, and help the PPA and maybe win a nice camera. Thanks!!

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Get your tickets from a PPA board member, at the office of this newspaper or at the convention.

# Out Here

by Ron Carr  
"Hug A Farmer:  
It's National Ag Week!"

Next week, March 18-24, is designated as National Agriculture Week.

It probably won't get much attention in downtown Dallas. Or up in Harlem. Big city folks take food and clothing for granted.

Asked where bread or green beans or denim jeans come from, the reply would likely be "from the store."

I know because I lived in Dallas for 30 years. There aren't many tractors in downtown Dallas. City folks wouldn't know a combine from an Army tank.

I make no claim to being a farmer myself. Even though I was born "out in the country", by the time I was old enough to recognize anything, we lived in town, on the pavement, in Hillsboro, Texas.

I had relatives that farmed. As a lad I played on my great-grandpa's farm. He had hogs. And chickens running loose. Granny made soap out of hog lard and could wring a chicken's neck with one snap.

He plowed with a team of mules. It was a short walk down a worn path to the outhouse.

During high school I was only vaguely aware of what the PPA boys did besides wear their blue and gold jackets sometimes. I rode my bicycle to and from school, on the pavement.

After high school, I went off to Dallas, joined an airline, owned a travel agency, and spent most of my adult life traveling the world, unaware that somewhere a farmer was working from daylight 'till dark to harvest crops which I might eventually eat.

I ate many great steaks without worrying about how they got to the supermarket

or the restaurant table. When I had sausage for breakfast in a big hotel, it didn't matter that a farm family had gambled on another good season of weather to provide it.

I still wouldn't pretend to know enough about farming to make a living at it. But, after six years here in Parmer County, the importance of agriculture and the men and women who live the farm life, have become more apparent.

Next week then, I ask that each of you take a minute to give thanks for farmers and their impact in the world, especially in places like Parmer County. Hug a farmer. It's National Agriculture Week.

The economy of Parmer County depends on agriculture. Think about what life would be like around here without businesses like Excel, Hi-Pro, ConAgra and feedyards like Friona Feedyard, Paco, and Caprock.

The drug store, the bank, the hospital and yes, even this newspaper, depend mostly on the rise and fall of the economy of agriculture. And this year may not be looking good.

Farmers I have talked to are not sure right now what this year will bring. The high cost of natural gas, which powers most irrigation wells, have caused concern and indecision for our area farmers.

One farmer said his peak monthly natural gas bill last year exceeded \$50,000 to drive his center pivot and power his 20+ wells. Even a city boy like me knows that is a lot of cost to absorb on an already marginal crop season.

Farmers are faced with higher costs plus lower crop yields. Cotton, wheat, milo and corn are selling at below cost levels. Options are dwindling for farmers.

From what I know, most of our farmers around here will be planting cotton or milo. When I first came out here, corn was a big crop. It is not now. Drought and high irrigation costs have diminished the number of corn acres in Parmer County to near non-existent.

Lot of farmers want to convert from natural gas wells to electricity. Problem is, Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op does not have enough capacity to meet the demand.

Tommie Weems at DSEC told me they would have to build two new substations to handle the amount of new electricity that has been requested. It would take 80 miles of overhead lines, 32 miles of underground lines just to handle the 23,000 horsepower that has been requested for 330 new meters.

It costs around \$2,000 per well to convert from natural gas to electricity. A farmer with 20-30 wells is facing a huge investment.

It costs around \$8,000 for one diesel engine to replace one natural gas well engine. Then you would need a supply of diesel, which is not cheap either. Replacing 10-12 engines is a \$100,000 plus investment.

Farmers converting to electricity are not guaranteed that electric rates won't go up just like natural gas did.

All these utility increases effect the cost of fertilizing too. Farmers do a lot of fertilizing and watering to increase yield which is then used up in

## Winds of March....

Residents of the area enjoyed mostly mild weather during the past week.

No moisture was registered, leaving the moisture for March at 1.94 inches. Moisture for the calendar year stands at 4.43 inches, and since October 1, 2000, 10.4 inches have been recorded. Week's temps:

Friday, March 9: 57-38;  
Saturday, March 10: 65-34;  
Sunday, March 11: 56-30;  
Monday, March 12: 63-31;  
Tuesday, March 13: 68-35;  
Wednesday, March 14: 70-31; Thursday, March 15: 50-31.

**Hospital Auxiliary Sale Set Mar. 23rd**  
Farmer Co. Hospital Auxiliary members are having a rummage sale Friday, March 23 from 9 a.m. until noon. Items can be donated Tuesday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

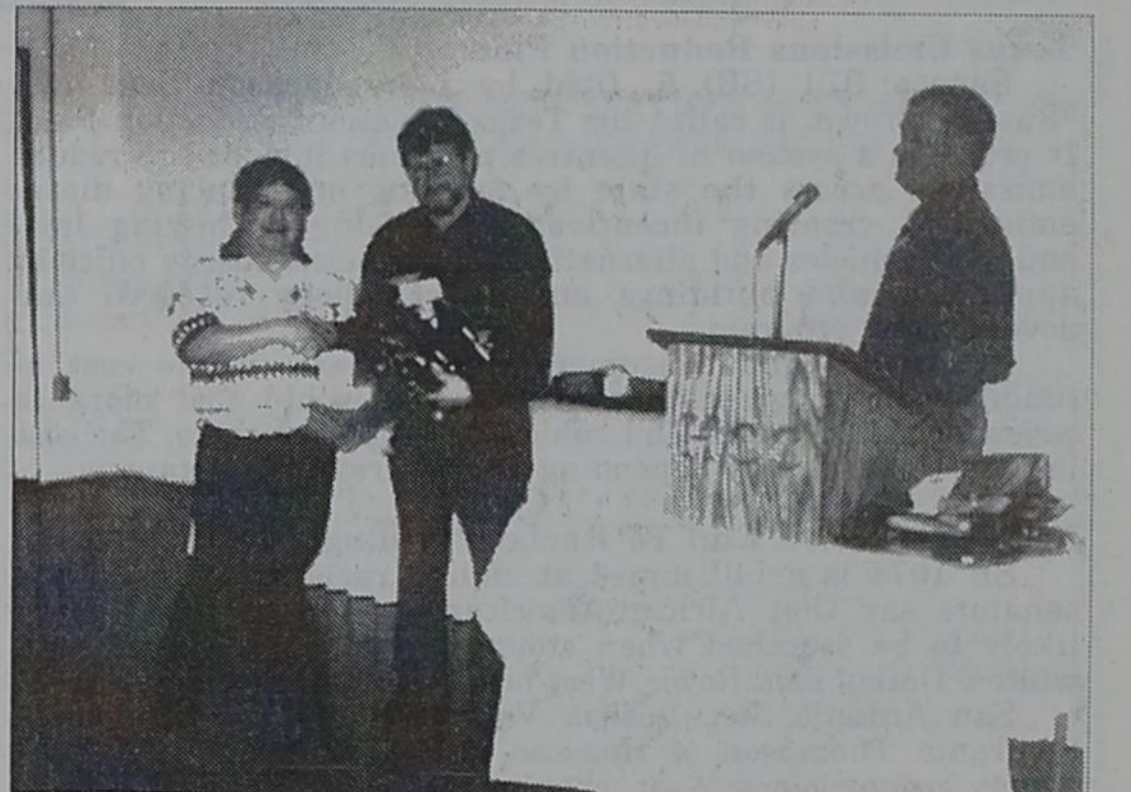
## Excel Gives Awards

Excel Friona held a 25 and 30-year service award banquet at Hereford Country Club on February 24. A total of 14 Excel employees were recognized for their dedication and length of service.

Three of those recognized were from Friona: Pedro Hernandez, Mariano Rodriguez and Inocencio Cruz.

Each employee received a nice Excel jacket, a watch with the Excel logo plus a \$25 gift certificate from Bath & Body Works for their significant other.

Hernandez works in low trim in the slaughter division; Rodriguez is a maintenance supervisor; and Cruz works in fab maintenance.



Pedro Hernandez is congratulated by Hector Villarreal



Mariano Rodriguez receiving awards from Damron Box



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**Keeping an Eye on Texas**

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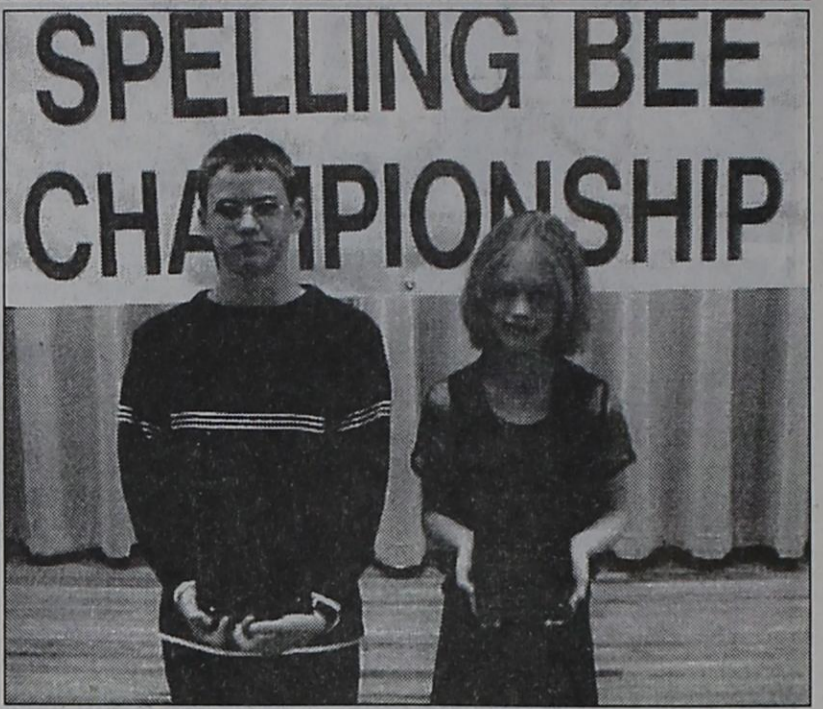
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Of the \$25 billion spent on education in Texas, only about half are actually spent on classroom instruction. The rest pay for district and school administration; plant services such as maintenance and security; other operating expenditures such as transportation, food services, and extracurricular activities and non-operating expenditures such as debt service and facilities.

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)), Texas Education Agency



**THE PARMER COUNTY SPELLING BEE** was held at Friona junior high's auditorium on Wednesday, March 7.



**WINNERS** in the Parmer County Spelling Bee were, left, senior bee winner Samuel Billingsley, an eighth grader from Farwell. Brittany Schacher was the junior bee winner. She is a fifth grader at Lazbuddie. Samuel will advance to the regional bee in Canyon. Fifteen students participated in the County Bee.

**TEXAS SENATE REVIEW**

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUSTIN?**  
(We receive a weekly report from Texas Senate Media Services about various actions of the Texas Senate during their current session. We will publish a summary of the report each week during the 140-day biannual session.)

**Texas Emissions Reduction Plan**

Senate Bill (SB) 5, filed by Lake Jackson Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, is called the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan. It proposes a system of incentive programs intended to reduce emissions across the state by focusing on reducing diesel emissions, creating incentives for leasing or buying low-emission vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles, energy efficient appliances and buildings and a technology research and development program.

Businesses and consumers would share in the cost of funding the program. For example, it would cost more to renew driver's licenses and vehicle inspection stickers. The cost increases would vary depending on the area of the state.

**Legislators Seek End To Racial Profiling**

SB 1074 is a bill aimed at ending racial profiling. State senators say that African-Americans and Latinos are more likely to be searched when stopped by a police officer than whites. Dallas Sen. Royce West briefed media on the bill. San Antonio Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and State Rep. Senfronia Thompson of Houston, law enforcement and civil liberty groups joined West when he announced the bill.

A key proposal of the bill is the installation of video cameras in law enforcement vehicles. Recorded tapes would be subject to review in order to properly examine all police encounters with the public.

**Senate Passes Amended Colonia Bill**

The Senate voted final passage Tuesday of a bill sponsored by Brownsville Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., that would help county governments combat the spread of unincorporated subdivisions commonly known as colonias.

The bill would allow county governments to adopt rules controlling lot size, the size, number and location of buildings on lots and infrastructure standards for unincorporated areas.

**New Awareness Brought To Mental Illness**

Houston Sen. John Whitmire advocated more funding for

mental health and retardation programs. Whitmire said necessary services are inaccessible by many suffering from mental disabilities. Texas ranked 41st in the nation for mental retardation funding and 43rd in mental health funding. He said the lack of funding has led to an influx of homeless and a larger prison population.

**Children's Healthcare Issues**

Arlington Sen. Chris Harris sponsored a bill that passed the Senate that would make the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) an option for court-ordered medical support of a child. State law requires anyone paying child support to also provide health insurance but does not list CHIP as a coverage option. CSSB 236 would authorize the use of any potential health insurance product, including CHIP, to be considered in meeting the medical support requirement under the child support system.

**Other Senate News**

SB2 is the creation of the Texas Water Policy Council with members from the TNRCC, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Department of Agriculture. Three public members would also serve on the panel. The Texas Water Policy Council would coordinate state water policy initiatives.

The Senate voted to pass a proposal that would lay the foundation for a comprehensive agriculture policy. But several senators voiced concerns about what happens when agricultural interests collide with public health and safety factors.

The deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions that are not local or have not been declared an emergency by the governor, was Friday, March 9. As of last Thursday, 1,501 bills had been filed in the Senate. For more information about the Texas Legislature, go to [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).



**SCRAMBLE WINNER...Blake Schilling** was a winner in the February 3 Calf Scramble at the 52nd Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. H-E-B Grocery Company is a sponsor of the event, along with the Calf Scramble Committee. Shown congratulating Blake are (left to right) committee members, James Fahrenthold, Phil Roeber, Blake, Carl Alex Sample and Jim Springs.

**THANK YOU!!!!**

*On Behalf Of The 4-H And FFA Youngsters Of Parmer County, We Wish To Thank The Buyers Who Purchased And/Or Contributed To Purchasing Steers, Lambs And Barrows At The 2001 Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.*

**THANKS!**

We wish to thank the following people for their assistance during the 2001 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show: Vocational Agriculture teachers, judges and County Extension Agent; division superintendents--Sonny Moore, lambs; Richard Haseloff, barrows; Mac Langford, steers and heifers; Mack Heald, general superintendent; Kenneth Gregg, auctioneer; John Mars and Bill Hardin, announcers; Hereford Radio Station KPAN for live coverage; Hi-Pro Feeds for ribbons; Parmer County Farm Bureau for trophies; Donna Schueler for taking pictures; Great Plains Ag Credit for copies; Leigh Monroe, Stan Jones of Clovis, Alan Monroe and Dr. Dale Schueler, bookkeepers; 4-H parents for the concession stand; the clerks and others helping in the ring and all those who assisted in the show in any way.

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- 3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, fenced.....SOLD.....\$28,000

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION

PERMIT NO. 10089-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of Permit No. 10089-001 which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 484,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 300 acres of nonpublic access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on June 5, 2000.

The wastewater treatment facilities and disposal area are located 4,000 feet east of the City limits of Friona in a northeasterly direction on U.S. Highway 60 and on the south side of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (A.T.&S.F.) Railroad in Parmer County, Texas. The plant site and disposal area are located in the drainage basin of Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX. 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues

of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Friona at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Paula Wilson at (806) 250-2761.

Issued: March 07, 2001.

LaDonna Castanuela,  
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THE TURKS, UNDER GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, WERE A CONSTANT THREAT TO THE BRITISH-HELD SUEZ CANAL, ENGLAND'S LIFE LINE TO HER COLONIES DURING WORLD WAR I! IT FELL TO GENERAL SIR EDWARD ALLENBY TO SQUASH THIS THREAT! IN A SERIES OF BRILLIANTLY EXECUTED BATTLES, ALLENBY SUCCEEDED! IN PLANNING HIS BATTLE ENGAGEMENTS, HE AND HIS STAFF STUDIED, ALONG WITH THEIR TACTICAL MAPS, ALL THE RECORDED BATTLES IN THE BIBLE AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, FOLLOWED THE SAME TACTICS THE ANCIENT JEWS HAD EMPLOYED....



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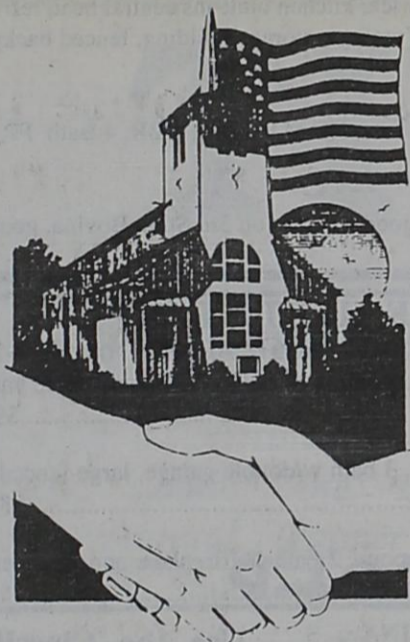
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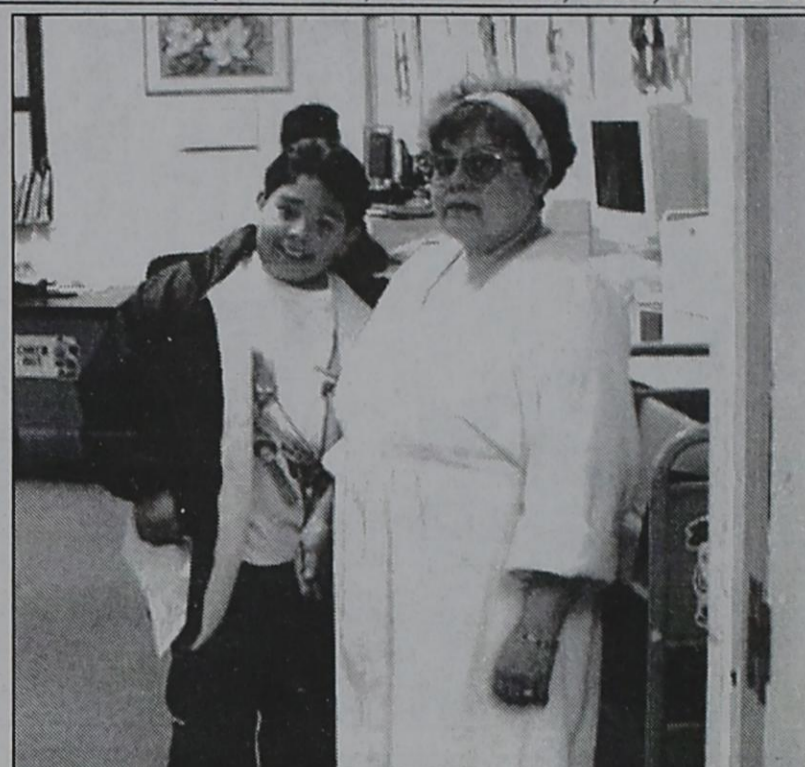


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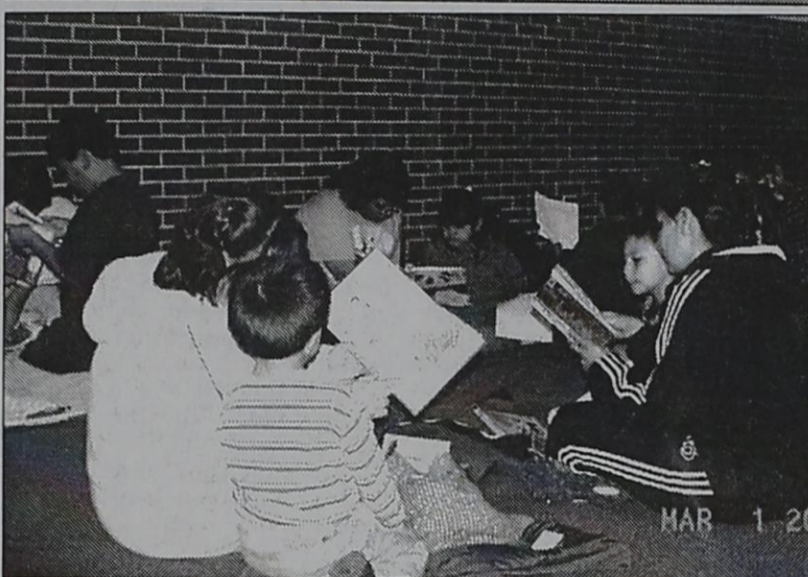
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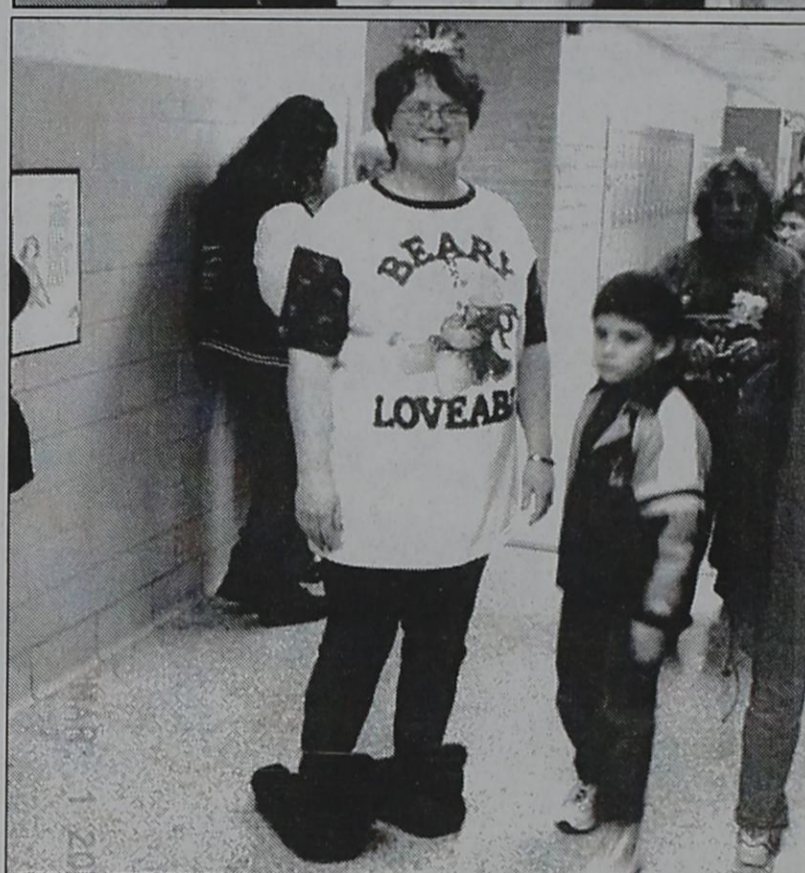


JEREMY ORTIZ, SHOT PUT



**SCENES FROM DR. SEUSS**

Bovina Elementary held a Dr. Seuss night recently. Parents were invited to wear pajamas and read to their kids from Dr. Seuss books. The photos above and right are courtesy of Principal Darla Sealy.



Athletic photos, left, are by K'Dawn Scroggins.



K'LEIGH SCROGGINS, LONG JUMP

**Free Napkins At VFW Chicken Dinner April 8**

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

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

Eating chicken with your fingers is allowed and napkins are free. Bring the family!!



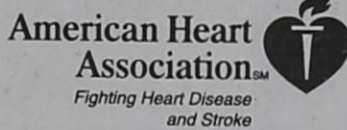
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**Grant Writing Workshop Set**

A grant writing workshop will be held in Amarillo April 10-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M Research Center. The 3-day workshop is being sponsored by the High Plains Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council and the Region 16 Servc Center.

Ron Ayer of the Governor's Office State Grant Writing Team will be the instructor. The cost of attending the course is \$80.

Participants will gain experience in grant writing techniques and will be able to put together a grant proposal in this class. For a registration application please contact the High Plains RC&D office at 250-2220.



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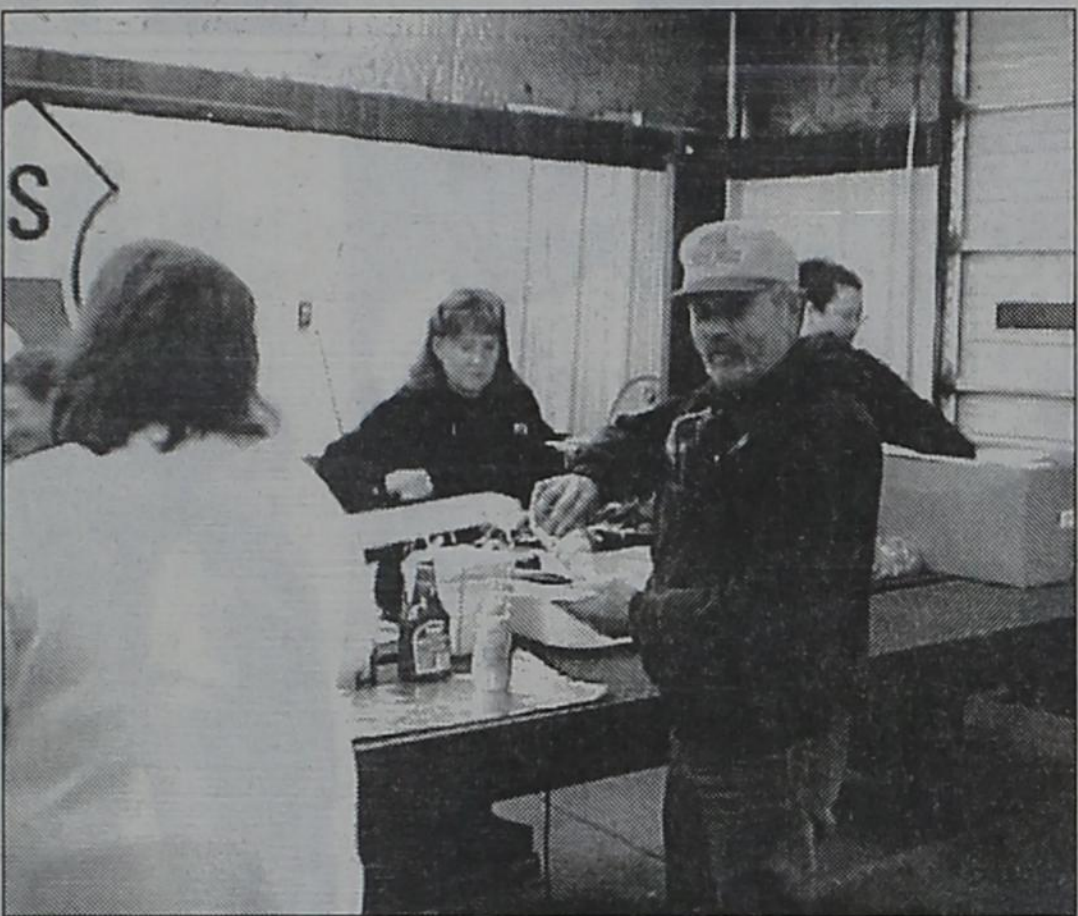
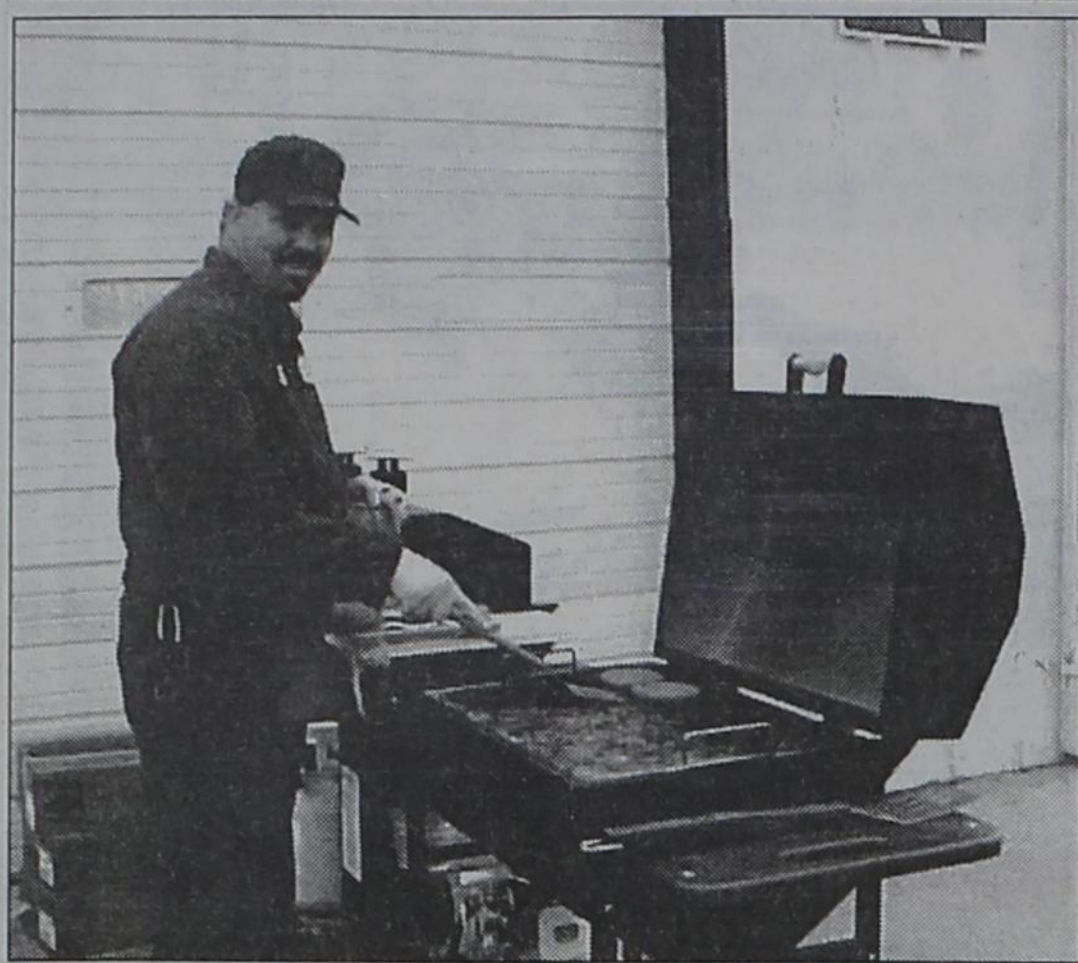


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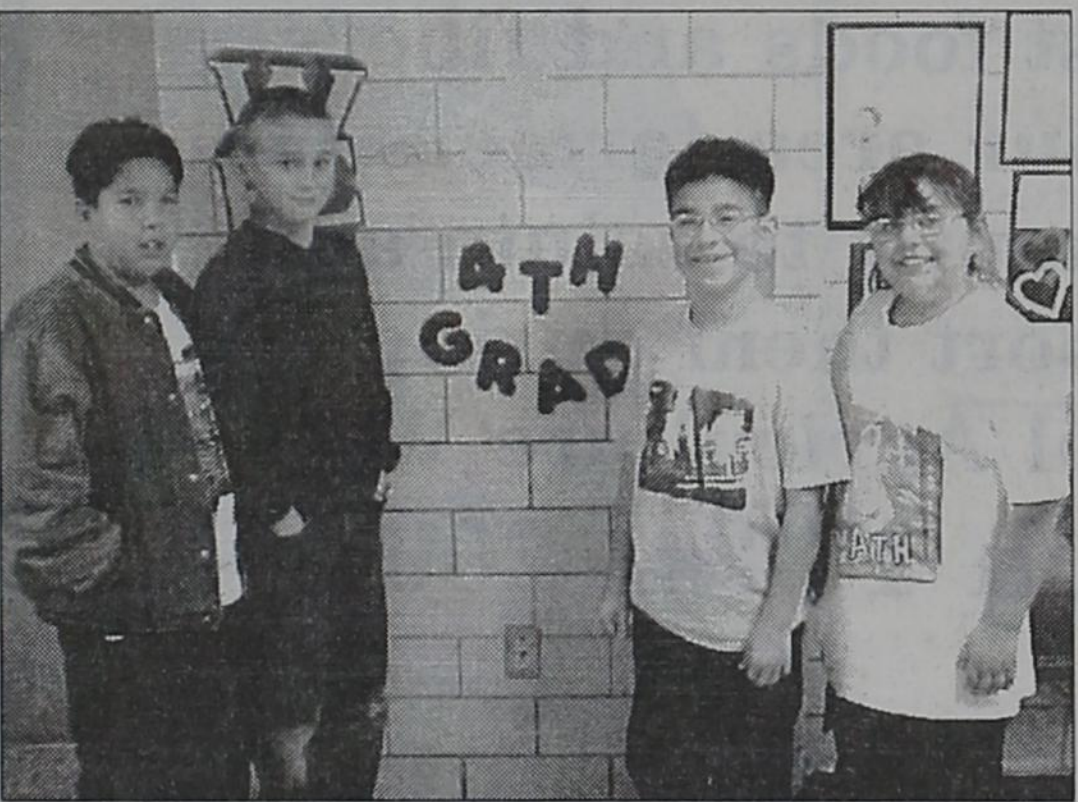
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SCENES FROM THE Charles Oil hamburger cookout, above. Top, Charles Johnson cooks burgers on a grill like the one to be given away in a later drawing. Sign up at Charles Oil. photos by becky london



# Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 238-1146 or 250-2211  
When you have news items. (e-mail: case@wtrt.net)

Veda McKay's niece Bonnie Lou Contreras of Onolaska, Texas, passed away last Friday after suffering with emphysema and asthma for quite a long time. Bonnie and her husband, Louie, have four grown children. At the time of her death, Louie was also hospitalized at the Veterans' Hospital with pneumonia.

Bonnie was buried Monday in Houston. Her mother is Mary Ida Blythe, Veda's sister.

Charles Oil had a great turn-out last Friday for their cook-out. They served about 160 folks hamburgers and the fixins'. As people came in for the free food, they were signed up for the Holland Grill to be given away May 25.

With each oil change purchased until May 25, names will be entered for the give away.

James and Sandra Clayton went to Arlington last week to see their daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Shaun Windle and their kids Jordan and Shauni. The Claytons spent a night with the family then headed to Seabrook to see their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Karen and little Mitchell. Jordan, 4, went with the couple and Sandra said he was really fun to travel with.

After a couple of days with Mark's family, the Claytons returned Jordan to his parents and they headed back for Bovina.

About 400 people attended St. Ann's annual German Sausage meal Sunday for lunch. Chairmen for the event were Karen Schilling and Colita Langford. It's always great to see Bovina people supporting local organizations. St. Ann's would like to thank everyone who attended!

Charles and Isabell Gilbreath had company this week. Their son and daughter-in-law, Dale and

Tracy from Andrews and their three children, Kaitlyn, Korbin and Kyler came to town for couple of days. Wednesday Charles, Dale and the children went to Ute Lake to fish.

This weekend the Gilbreaths expect their son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Patti from Iowa. Chuck's daughters attend school in Texico and will be on Spring Break next week. The girls are Melissa, Rachel and Laura.

Don and Gladys Spring and her mother, Sarah Dean of Friona, spent time in Arkansas with family recently. They drove to Bellevista to see Gladys' sister and brother-in-law, Florence and Billy Sifford and their two grown sons, Kenny and David. Just down the road at Bentonville, they also visited Don's brother, David Spring.

Don and Gladys stayed in David's home and Mrs. Dean stayed with the Siffords. Gladys said they had a great time and no car trouble this time.

Lots of people with school age children, went somewhere this week. Call with reports of out-of-town company and trips taken. Call, 238-1146 or 250-2211. Thanks and have a great week!

Jack and Ona Patterson returned home Wednesday after spending about three weeks in Amarillo. Jack was a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital and Rehab following his second surgery in about three weeks time. Ona said he is laughing, walking around and visiting company.

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BOVINA FILLIE Christen Stowers is shown competing in the Springlake-Earth Relays just before the spring break. K'Leigh Scroggins brought home the only medal from the meet, finishing second in the 300 hurdles.

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