

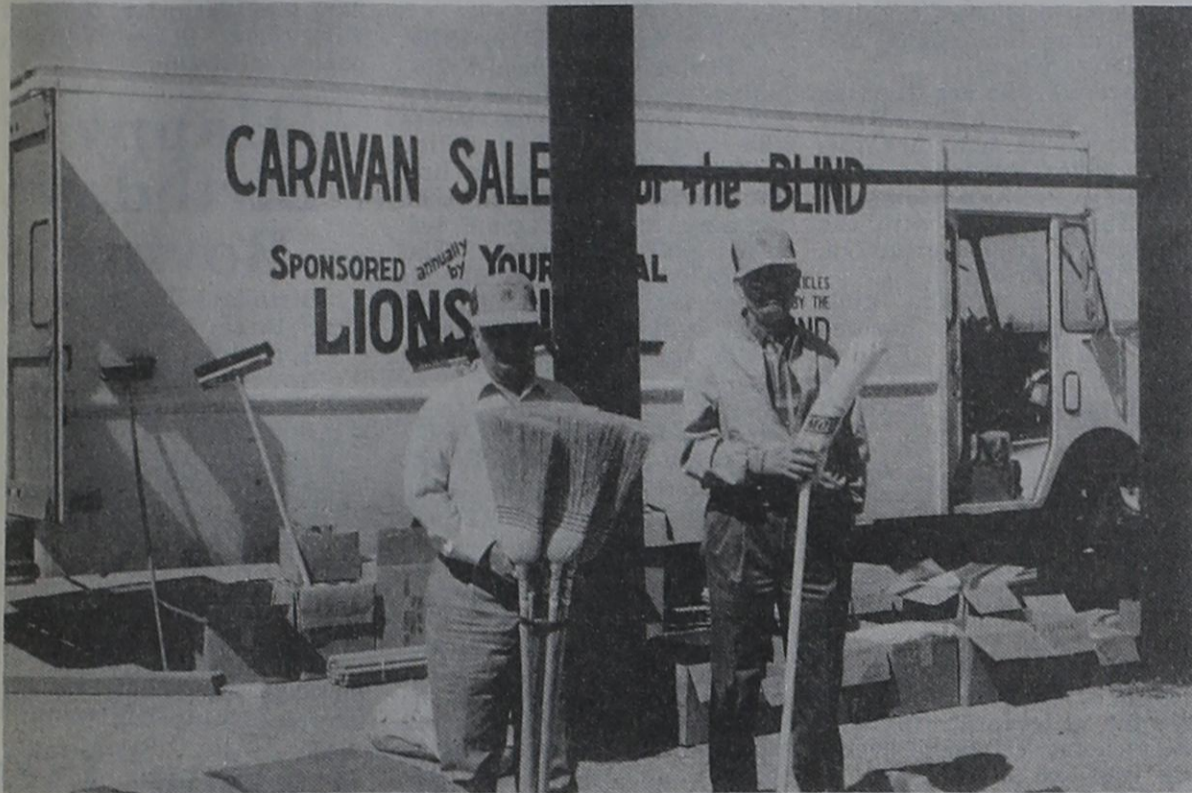
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CLEANING UP BOVINA.....The Bovina Noon Lion's Club held their annual all-day broom and mop sale last week during the sunny weather. The group raises money for the blind and for other local needs.

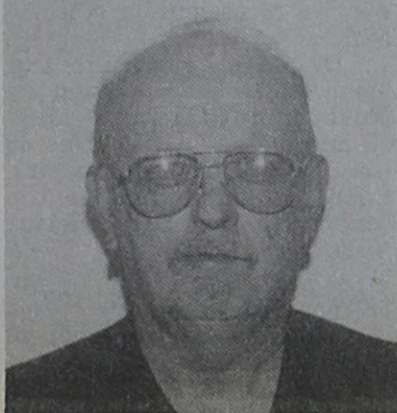
Friona PD Capt. Yerger To Be Interim County Sheriff

BY RON CARR

Friona Police Captain Walt Yerger, 51, was selected by Parmer County commissioners to fill the county sheriff's post effective May 1. Yerger will serve the 6 months remaining due to the resignation of Sheriff Rex Williams.

Yerger will then run for the sheriff's position in the November election.

Ten applications were received by commissioners to replace Williams. Submitting applications were Bryan Thurmond and Gary Blair, both current deputies; Roy McGaa, Farwell Police Chief; also Mel Clark, John Armstrong, Richard Bonham,



WALT YERGER

Ted Zolman, Roy Smith, Friona Police Chief Randy Geries, and Yerger. Commissioners then nar-

rowed the field to four finalists; Thurmond, Blair, Geries, and Yerger. Oral interviews were conducted last Wednesday.

According to Randy Geries, city officials called him Wednesday morning and made him an offer to remain as Friona Police Chief.

Geries said he accepted the offer, then appeared before the commissioners, withdrew his name, and offered his support for the appointment of Captain Yerger.

Geries said he was grateful to the city for its show of support and confidence and was happy about the opportunity to remain as Friona Chief of Police.

Yerger moved to Friona in June, 1997, to assume his role as Friona Police Captain. He has 28 years in law enforcement and was an instructor at Amarillo College's Law Enforcement Academy prior to his move to Friona.

Yerger and his wife Evelyn will continue to live in Friona. He said, "I have five grown children and one grandson and now have the time necessary to devote to the job as Parmer County Sheriff."

At a Parmer County Crimestoppers meeting in Farwell Thursday night, Deputy Gary Blair, one of the finalists, told the group, "I have known Walt Yerger for a lot of years. He is a superb investigator and we look forward to working with him as sheriff."

City Council Cancels Plans For Bovina Daytime Curfew

The board of aldermen met in regular session Thursday, April 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Galen Hromas, aldermen Kenneth Waters, Linda Marshall, Radford Venable, Kevin Hughes and Charles Wilkins.

Guests were Garry LaDuke from South Plains Waste Services, Jack Reid and Denny Graham from Duncan Disposal and Joe Olvera.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. with Waters opening with prayer. Previous meeting minutes were read and approved with changes.

Daytime curfew ordinance was read for the second time. Water moved that the City not pass the second reading of the ordinance. Marshall seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This means the ordinance will not go into affect.

LaDuke, Reid and Graham approached the council to discuss the trash disposal service. No actions were made on the discussion.

The bid on the trash truck was opened from Southwestern Equipment Company. It was for \$98,460 for a 1998 Freightliner FL-80 with 33 yard impac body. The council decided to not vote on the matter at this time.

Venable made a motion to appoint JT Hammonds as Election Judge for the general election. Marshall seconded and the motion passed.

The board passed a motion to table the purchase of a generator for the lift station until more prices can be obtained.

A motion was passed to drain lagoon number three and to put a V-notch sharp-crested weir in a different location at the lagoons.

Hughes made a motion to terminate \$200 monthly

payment for 911 service to the City of Friona. Venable seconded and the motion passed.

The council went into closed session at 9:50 p.m. and reopened the session at 10:55 p.m.

Waters made a motion to not accept the bid on the trash truck. The motion died for lack of second.

Hughes then made a motion to accept the bid for the trash truck. Venable seconded. Voting for were Venable and Hughes. Voting against were Waters, Marshall and Wilkins. The motion failed.

Marshall made a motion to table the bid on the trash truck until Thursday April 23, 1998 at 9 p.m. in order to open one year bids for private trash disposal service. Voting for were Marshall, Waters and Wilkins. Venable and Hughes voted against. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Kids, Inc. Baseball Tryouts Sun.

It is almost "batter up" time for youngsters in the Kid's Inc. summer baseball program.

Tryouts will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Friona baseball park in south Friona.

Boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years are invited to play. After Sunday's tryouts, coaches will have a "draft" to select their teams.

There is a \$20 cost per child to play this season. Further information is available by calling Kids Inc. president Rick Barnett at 247-2210.

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WINTER AGAIN?....A mild wet winter has produced some beautiful blooming fruit trees and flowering shrubs all over town. Temps dipped down into the 30s on Thursday, threatening to freeze budding beauties around the Panhandle area.

THEY'RE COMING TO TAKE ME AWAY...HEY, HEY! "Your money or your life!" I hope you got your taxes ready by last Wednesday or filed an extension.

The first three and one-half months of each year, we worry about getting that annual tax return filled out, finding enough money somehow to pay the check, and get the whole mess into the mail on April 15 by the time the local Post Office closes at 4 p.m. Then for the nine and one-half remaining months of the year, we can sit back and worry about getting audited. Currently, one in every six persons is in trouble with the IRS.

Of course, a lot of the problems are caused from the multitude of complications in the current tax code. The tax return was a simple one-page form back in 1913. Now there are 569 different tax forms and the tax code itself is more than 17,000 pages and growing every year. Twenty years ago you could mail your tax return with one stamp. Due to the government's "paper-work reduction act," it cost me and the Good Old Boy \$1.24 to mail our 24 page return last week. I figure that's about the average.

The IRS toll-free hotline gets about one hundred million calls each year and gives out more than 24 million wrong answers. That's almost 25% of the questions being answered incorrectly. So you can see that the 100,000 workers at the IRS are just about as befuddled over all this as is the ordinary tax payer.

The IRS is actually not the villain in this respect. The blame for all of this can be placed on Congress. IRS folks are there simply to make certain that John Q. Public is complying with all those complex rules, and only Congress can change them.

I happen to think that most people are honestly trying to get it right and don't mind paying their fair share to keep this great country running properly, but the IRS seems to believe that it is dealing with a nation of cheaters.

The average American taxpayer has to work almost 185 days, more than half the year, to pay for the costs of federal, state and local government. Then you get the next 180 days to earn the money to feed, clothe and house yourself and your family.

The number of two-earner families has more than doubled since 1960, when there were 30 million moms and dads both working to try to make ends meet. Now there are over 60 million double-income families, plus the hours in the average work week have also increased from 40 hours to 44.

If these young families somehow manage to sock away a few after-tax dollars into a savings account with an eye toward the "American Dream" of making a down payment on a home, they'll get to pay taxes again on that tiny bit of interest their savings account has earned. That's double-jeopardy anyway you look at it, but the government labels it as "capital gains tax."

If you purchase anything on credit, you'll be paying almost four times the amount of interest that your little savings account can earn. Plus, you no longer get to take a tax deduction for a portion of the amount of interest you've paid on those credit purchases.

Add to all of this the worry over a possible nightmarish tax audit, and you can see that the average working people in this country are under a back-breaking amount of stress. It is little wonder that high-blood pressure, strokes and heart attacks are taking over the work force.

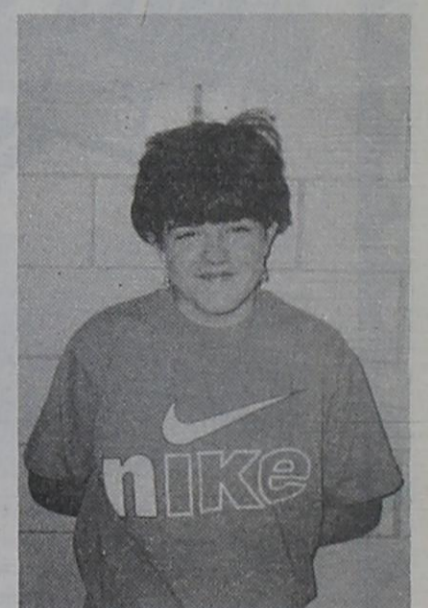
Stopping to smell the roses is almost a luxury that we can't afford.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



AR STARS..... Earning their reading points this week were, l-r, Vanessa Garcia, Cody Jamerson, and Liliana Lopez. Vanessa has earned 200 points. Cody and Liliana have 100. All are in Mrs. Deen's fourth grade class.



KASI BIRDSONG

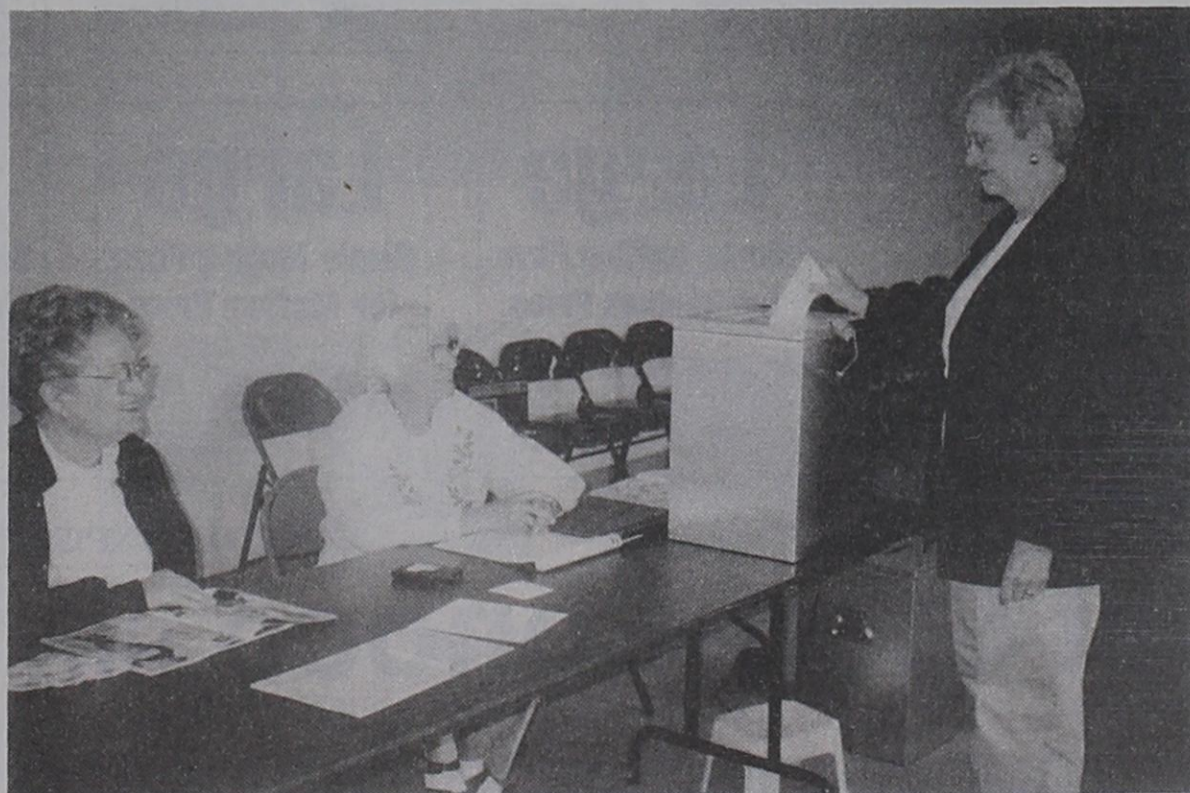
Kasi is headed for State Bible Drill Contest in Lubbock. She won the area competition in Farwell. State finals are at Calvary Baptist in Lubbock April 18.

Wilcox Enters Guilty Plea In Lubbock

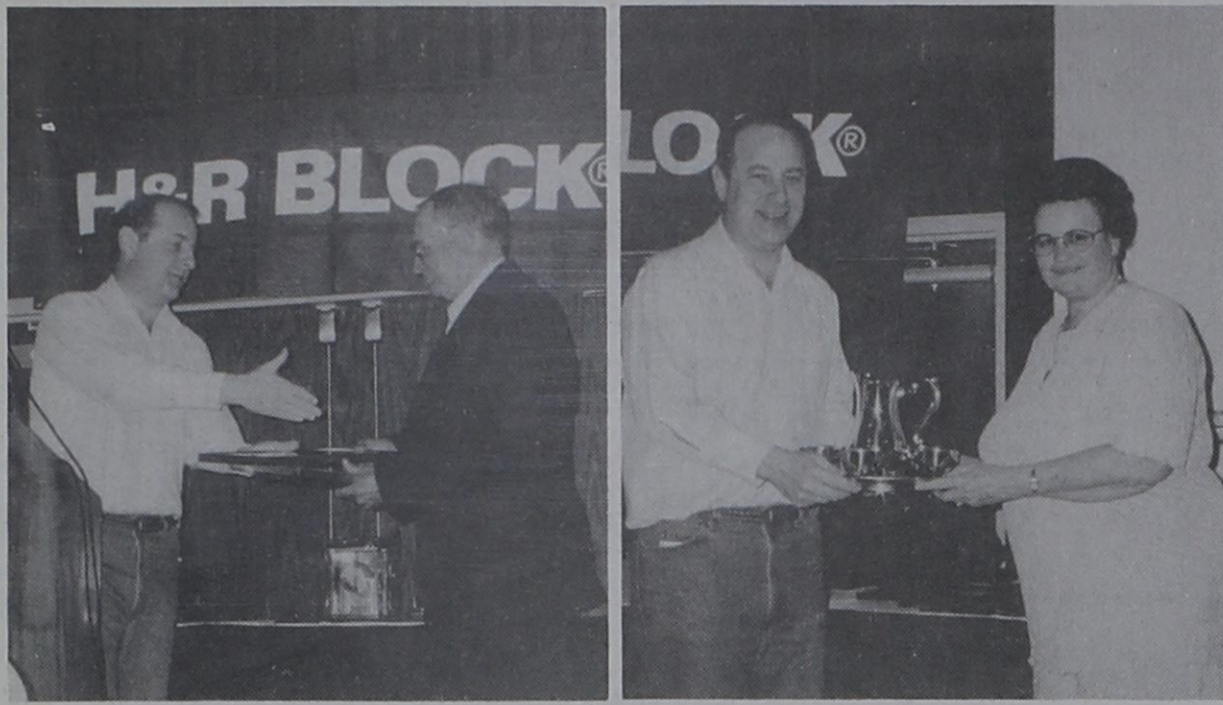
Terry Wilcox, former owner of Friona Motors, plead guilty to bank fraud in U. S. District Court in Lubbock.

According to Wilcox's attorney, Howard Bailey of Lubbock, the plea was entered on Thursday, April 9. Court documents showed Wilcox cost Lubbock National Bank \$75,201 and Friona State Bank \$27,201 through fraudulent transactions.

Bailey said it would be at least ninety days before a sentencing hearing is held.



ONE OF SIXTY FOUR.....Light voting was the rule in last Tuesday's Republican Primary. According to County Clerk Bonnie Warren, only 64 county voters cast ballots. Here are Jean Wiseman, Anne Corn and Shirley Ware at the EMS building in Bovina.



HONORED BY H&R BLOCK...Dale and Laura Hart were honored at the H&R Block Spring Banquet in Amarillo March 28, 1998. Dale received a 30 year service plaque and mantle clock and two letters of congratulations from H&R Block officials. Laura received a 25 year service plaque, a pewter tea set and two letters of congratulations from H&R Block officials. Bob Brun, Amarillo district manager, presented the awards. Karene Bass and Holly Campbell attended the banquet as guests.

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PRETTY PRISCILLA
She's wearing an AR Star T-shirt for earning 100 points in the reading program. Her name is Priscilla Lara and she is in Mrs. Sides' class.

VFW Taking Brisket Orders

Friena's VFW and auxiliary will smoke only 50 briskets available for pick-up on May 9, just in time for Mother's Day. The 8-10 pound briskets will be smoked, and cut and wrapped if you prefer. The Veterans are selling them for \$25 each, but will cook only 50.
To order contact any VFW or auxiliary member or call Avis Henry at 247-3762.
Also, the Veterans wish to thank everyone for participating in their monthly chicken dinners. Since they do not cook during the summer, the next chicken dinner will be scheduled in September.

Dimmitt Track Results

The Mustangs and Fillies competed on April 9 at the Dimmitt Relays.
Tony Beauchamp finished second in both the 100 and 200 runs.
Beauchamp is listed fifth in the Amarillo Globe News Honor Roll with a 100 time of 10.9. He is also listed fifth in the 200 with a time of 22.4.
At Dimmitt, Santiago Vargas was 3rd in the 800 and 4th in the 1600. The 1600 relay team of Vargas, Beauchamp, Albert Larrea, and Martin Reyna finished 3rd.
In girl's competition at Dimmitt, Melissa Cano was 2nd in both the 800 and 1600.
In the Globe News Honor Roll, Vargas is listed as 10th in the 800 with a time of 2:04.1.
Cano is ranked 7th in this week's Girls Track Honor Roll in the 1600 meters at a time of 5:37.1.

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-April 16, 1958
A fiery speech by Texas Farmers Union President Alex Dickie marked the meeting held last Thursday night for the purpose of organizing a Bovina Local of the Farmers Educational and Legislative Union.
Farmers who are thinking about growing either cantaloupe or tomatoes this year under contracts with Gateway Produce Company are asked to meet with the company's representative, Otto Ables, Friday night.

Members of the girls basketball team were honored with a supper Friday evening, April 8, at Bovina Restaurant. R.T. Harbour was host.

35 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1963
A Saturday noon fire resulted in \$1,000 damage on D.H. Wilkerson's farm. Destroyed by the flames was a stack of bundled feed and a truck.

A total of twenty-one Bovina High School students will be entered in regional Interscholastic League events this weekend at Lubbock.
The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has sponsored donations and purchased a new sign that now adorns the entrance to Bovina Cemetery.

30 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1968
The Head Start program will be held in Bovina Schools again this summer, according to Tom Templeton, principal of the elementary school.

Miss Pam Grissom was named "Texas Most Photogenic Majorette" at the state contest held in El Paso last weekend. The contest was sponsored by the National Baton Twirling Association.

25 Yrs Ago-April 18, 1973
Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church for Earl F. Billingsley, 80, a resident of the area since 1928.

Winfred (Boots) Robinson of Portales was seriously injured Monday afternoon when he fell from the roof of a building being constructed on east Main Street.

20 Yrs Ago-April 19, 1978
Bovina High School Fillies, unbeaten in all three relay events through seven meets this spring, put their stellar record squarely on the line Friday and Saturday at Odessa, in the region 1-A track and field meet. The Fillies qualified virtually an entire team for the regional meet, and will be entered in ten of the 14 track and field events.

15 Yrs Ago-April 20, 1983
Three Bovina High School basketball girls and three boys have been named to all-district teams. They are Lisa Schilling, Shana Gober, Marie Pesch, Richard Shepherd, Greg McClaran and Jon Riddle. Shepherd also was named the district's "Most Valuable Player." In addition, Mustang coach Marks Lanham was named "Coach of the Year" for District 5-AAA for leading the Mustangs to a perfect district record of 10-0 and into the playoffs for the first time in twenty-two years.

10 Yrs Ago-April 20, 1988
Bovina High School's golf teams had a successful spring season. The boys won the district championship, with a score of 333. The girls' golf team placed fourth in the district meet with a score of 526.

Devanee Englant and Noah Villa were chosen as Most Beautiful and Most Handsome at BHS. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Englant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Villa.

5 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1993
The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Fast Stop Conoco, which is holding

a grand opening promotion this weekend.

Funeral services for W.M. (Billie) Sudderth, 76, were conducted from the First United Methodist Church at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, with Rev. Steve Venable, pastor, officiating.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 19-25, 1998.
Apr 19-Terry Schilling.
Apr 20-Floyd Englant, Debbie Widner.
Apr 22-Wayne Stormes.
Apr 23-Scott Johnson.
Apr 24-Josh Kerby, J. W. Wright.
Apr 25-Aubrey T. Morgan, Dalton Cockerham, Trent Black, Penny Dutton, Jack Clayton, Joshua Lucero.
To make changes, or add friends and relatives to our birthday roster, call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu April 20-24

***MONDAY-** Toasted cheese sandwich, potato puffs, pickles spears and a variety of fresh fruit.
***TUESDAY-** Chalupas, cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, corn and a variety of fresh fruit.
***WEDNESDAY-** Chicken fry, cream potatoes, green beans and a variety of fresh fruit.
***THURSDAY-** Frito pie, tossed salad, assorted salad dressing, and a variety of fresh fruit.
***FRIDAY-** Quesadilla, pinto beans, tossed salad, assorted salad dressing and a variety of fresh fruit.
***Hamburger** basket or sandwich bar is an alternate choice each day.

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QUILT OF THE MONTH.... Carol Ellis is pictured with one of two antique quilts which have been loaned to Prairie Acres for display during the month of April. The "double wedding ring" pattern displayed here was an heirloom handed down in Bill Ellis's family and is about 75-80 years old. The "drunkard's path" pattern quilt which is also on display, (not shown in picture) is thought to be nearly 100 years old and was made by Carol's great-grandmother.

Services Are Held For Marie Roberson

Services for Marie Roberson, 85, of Friona, were held Wednesday, April 15 at First Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Waide Messer, pastor officiating.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney, Texas with Rev. Jerry Griffin Thursday, April 16 under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Miss Roberson died April 13, 1998 at Praire Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She was born June 13, 1912 in Forney.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Friona and had lived in Friona since 1951 moving from Forney.

Miss Roberson was a sales clerk in a ladies shop for many years. She also had worked for the *Friona Star*



MARIE ROBERSION

and Plains Publishers in the 1960's.

Survivors include a sister, Inez Hamilton of Friona.

Bovinan's Sister Is Buried In Plainview

Services for Fay Harmon, 64, of Hereford, were held last week in Plainview with Charley Pierson of Dell City and Billy Pierson of Houston officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday, April 14, 1998 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Born June 30, 1933 in Silverton, she married Haskell Harmon on October 31, 1954 in Plainview. She graduated from Plainview High School. She attended the Assembly of God Church.

She attended licensed vocational nurse school in 1973, worked at the old Plainview hospital as a nurses aide, was employed by

the Lockney, Floydada and Deaf Smith County Hospital in Hereford, where she retired in 1983.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Norma Fay Davis of Austin; a son, Ronnie Eugene Harmon of Plainview; a brother, Homer Dudley of Plainview; five sisters, Lurine Dudley and Dora Biggerstaff, both of Plainview, Alma Lee Pierson of Bovina, Jimmy Crabtree of Muleshoe and Lenora Pierson of Hereford.

Five grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Ex-Resident Tom Crump Dies At 49

Tom Crump, 49, died Tuesday, April 14, 1998, from complications related to a brain tumor.

Tom was born in Memphis, Texas on December 6, 1948, to Bud and Bernice Crump. He grew up in Friona and Bovina, and graduated from Bovina High School in 1967.

After serving as a security police officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-72, Crump graduated from Amarillo Barber College in 1973. He moved to Austin in 1976, and was co-owner of Up Against the Wall custom picture framing.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, A.E. (Bud) Crump, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Hayes and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crump.

Survivors include his mother, Bernice Crump Wyble, step-father, Leo Wyble, both of Amarillo; three sisters, Carolyn Richards of Pflugerville, Cindy Kunselman of Austin, and Cathy Avery of Hereford, a brother, Eddie Crump of Leander.

Eight nieces and nephews also survive.

Services Held Saturday For Elmer Northcutt

Services were held for Elmer Northcutt, 84 of Cuervo, New Mexico, Saturday, April 11 at Broadview Church of Christ in Broadview, N.M. with Bob Martin officiating assisted by Don Thomas.

Burial followed at Hollene Cemetery.

Northcutt died April 9, 1998 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He was born June 18, 1913 in Bellyview, New Mexico.

He married Mavane Kemp November 26, 1938 in Clovis, New Mexico. He farmed and ranched in Deaf Smith County and in Ima, New Mexico.

Mr. Northcutt was a member of the Church of Christ in Broadview. He was a great supporter of FFA & 4-H youth projects.

Survivors include his wife, Mava of the home in Ima, New Mexico; children Jerry and Pam Northcutt of Broadview; Bill and Wanda Page of Grady, New Mexico;

and Tom and Judy Northcutt of Houston.

Also grandchildren, Kemp and Todd Northcutt, Rod Page, Lisa McCasland, Bryan and Scotty Northcutt; fourteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Gladys Polk of Clovis; and one brother, Bob Northcutt of Lubbock.

Northcutt was preceded in death by his parents, one son, two grandsons, two sisters, Millie Pearce and Lola Marie Northcutt and nine brothers, Cecil, Ralph, Bernie, Wes, Curg, Fred, Johnny, Loyd and Floyd.

Pallbearers were grandsons Kemp and Todd Northcutt, Rod Page, Stacy McCasland, Ted Tatum, Ted Rush, Tyrell and Greg Northcutt.

Honory pallbearers were all neighbors and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Christian Childrens Home in Portales, New Mexico, Boys and Girls Ranch or Grady Alumni Scholarship Fund.

City Lady's Father Is Buried In Seagraves

Rosary services for Prudencio Garza, 79, of Seagraves were held Friday, April 10 at Head Family Funeral Home in Seagraves. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11 at St. Paul's Catholic Church with Father John Casey officiating. Burial followed at Seagraves Cemetery.

Garza died April 9, 1998 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He was born December 5, 1918 in Gonzales, Texas to Santos and Ramona Garza. He married Juanita Villarreal June 13, 1946 in Yorktown. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

He was a lifetime Texan, and a farm laborer. He moved to Seagraves from Lamesa in 1959.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita of Seagraves; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gilbert and Clara of Brown-

field and Jimmy and Silvia Garza of Brownfield; eight daughters and sons-in-law, Petsa and Juan Losoya of Odessa; Lupe and Johnny Ortiz of O'Donnell; Virginia and Johnny Zepeda of Seagraves; Mini and Kenneth Dority of Dallas; Rose and Don Boren of Friona; Annie Garza of Dallas; Linda Garza of Seagraves; and Mary and Michael Voigt of Ft. Worth.

Also, four brothers, Martin, Dionicio, Valente and Panfilo Garza all of Lamesa; fourteen grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Garza was preceded in death by one daughter, two brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were Juan Losoya, Jr., Kevin Ortiz, Kristopher Zepeda, Kerry Ortiz, Santos Garza and Larry Villarreal.

Honorary pallbearer was Ponfilo Garza Jr.



TOP FARMER....Phil Brockman of Lazbuddie (left) was named "Conservationist of the Year" by the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District. M.C. Osborn, chairman of the district board, is shown presenting Brockman a plaque.

Comp. Sharp Sends Sales Tax To Cities

State Comptroller John Sharp has delivered a total of \$158.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,089 Texas cities and 118 counties. The amount represents an 11.4% increase over April 1997 payments.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

The net payment this period for Parmer County cities totaled \$19,713. Revenue breakdown was Bovina, \$1,734; Farwell, \$2,977; Friona, \$15,001.

Over the same period last year, Bovina showed a 19.93% increase. Friona's increase was 7.02%, while Farwell's revenue was down 7.74%.

However, all three cities have shown an overall increase in 1998 over the same period in 1997; Bovina, 9.36%; Farwell, 11.54%; and Friona, 6.14%. Total 1998 county revenue payments to date are \$99,014.42, compared to 1997 revenue of \$92,223.78.

For the 1998 period, Bovina has received \$8,843; Farwell \$17,806; and Friona, \$72,364.

The First Texas Federal Land Bank Association will host a retirement reception for **CARELEAN HAMILTON** Sunday, April 26th from 2 PM until 5 PM at the Bailey County Coliseum on West Highway 84 in Muleshoe. Mrs. Hamilton has worked for the Federal Land Bank Association and the First Texas Federal Land Bank Association-Muleshoe office since January 1, 1973. She previously worked at Friona State Bank when she and her husband, Gene, lived and farmed in the Rhea Community. She also worked at First National Bank of Muleshoe when they moved to Bailey County. Everyone is invited to come by and wish her a Happy Retirement!

Screening Clinic Set

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on May 6 and 20, 1998.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 359-4673 or 1(800) 377-4673 for more information.



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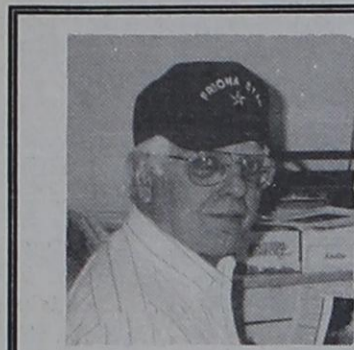
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 <p>'94 Nissan 4-door, Low Miles..... \$8,995</p>	 <p>'96 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, One Owner..... \$SAVE</p>	 <p>'97 Suburban 3,900 Miles, Must See..... CALL US</p>

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Out Here

By RON CARR

curmudgeon; n. 1. miser, 2. a crusty, ill-tempered, old man (or woman).

I don't have a clue about how most things work. I must have been at recess when God handed out handyman certificates.

I even tried to read one of those "How Things Work" do-it-yourself books once. I stopped at the chapter on how to install a garbage disposal.

It is guys like me that keep mechanics, plumbers, and electricians in business. I don't have a clue and they do.

Real early in life I figured out that I needed to pick a career that did not require a toolbox. So I became a pretty good travel agent for a long time.

The tools for a travel agent back then were some brochures, a telephone, and a line of bull. Talking my way through life seemed like such a good idea and just think how much money I have saved on Lava soap.

I have a tough time talking to people who do have a clue. My old chevy started making a bigger noise than usual so I took it over to Gaylord Stowers' Shop and described the knock to Joe Bob Mann.

He said it was a gadget called a camshaft. When Gaylord came in, Joe Bob asked his opinion. Gaylord started the car, listened for about two seconds and said "it's the camshaft" while Joe Bob had one of those "see-I-told-you-so" looks.

They both tried to explain exactly what a camshaft did in the operation of a car. When they got to the piston/cylinder part, I

pretended like I was listening. All I really needed to know was about how much it would cost and when I could pick it up.

Joe Bob fixed my car. When I picked it up, he even showed me the old camshaft. It looked like a new one to me, except a couple of those little bumps were worn off.

As I got ready to leave, Joe Bob suggested that I might want to pay more attention to the oil. I didn't have the courage to ask him where the oil stick was.

My old chevy runs real good now. In fact, my life runs real good as long as there are people like Joe Bob around to keep my things fixed.

On his 80th birthday an old friend told me that the longer he lived the less he knew. I laughed and said, "aw shucks, that's not true".

Well guess what? He was right. As we get older, we know less and we get grumpy, cynical, opinionated, and lose patience. We compensate for the younger folks knowing more than we do by becoming curmudgeon's. (see definition above)

That is our defensive position in the battle of life. Now that I am getting older, I can see that being grumpy has benefits. It is the same reason God gave skunks a stinky smell to use for defense.

If you are grumpy enough, you can keep people away. I find that handy. Not only being grumpy but making sure people know you are grumpy.

I thought about this when I discovered a book on my bookcase called The Portable Curmudgeon. It has more than 1,000 outrageous,

irreverent quotations from a list of world-class grouches.

Since I don't have a clue on anything else to write about this week, I thought I might share some famous curmudgeon quotations:

From W. C. Fields:

* A woman drove me to drink and I never even had the courtesy to thank her.

* Anybody who hates dogs and loves whiskey can't be all bad.

* Once during prohibition I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water.

Once on Groucho Marx's television show, a woman who had 22 children told Groucho she "loved her husband". Groucho said, "I love my cigar too but I take it out once and a while."

Charles De Gaulle said, "In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant."

Politics is the diversion of trivial men who, when they succeed at it, become important in the eyes of more trivial men. George Jean Nathan.

Being in politics is like being a football coach; you have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important. Eugene McCarthy

All politics are based on the indifference of the majority. James Reston

And as Billy Jeff is off once again to make friends in South America, I thought this would be an appropriate curmudgeonally ending to an otherwise defenseless column.

"We who are liberal and progressive know that the poor are our equals in every sense except that of being equal to us." Lionel Trilling

See you all next week!



EASTER PARADE AT PRAIRIE ACRES.....The residents had some Easter fun on Good Friday as the Prairie Acres auxiliary provided food and decorations and Easter bonnets to everyone. ron carr photos

-AUCTION-

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1998-10:00 A.M. BULL BARN, HEREFORD, TEXAS
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 3 BR, 1 bath, metal siding, single C/P, clean, need to sell.....\$29,900
 298 acres with CRP, 2 wells, a real deal.....at \$400/Acre
 2 BR, 1 bath, 2 car C/P, Corner Lot.....\$25,000
 3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car, 6 yrs. old, excellent shape.....SOLD.....\$67,900
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 3 BR, 2 baths, 2 car, 5 yrs. old, fenced yard.....\$64,000
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 2 Single Family residences, good rental property.....SOLD.....\$28,000
 3 BR, 2 bath, 2-car, fenced yard, built 1993, heat pump.....\$58,750
 3 BR, 2 bath, 1 car, metal trim, Refri A/C, BEAUTY. Near HS...\$69,000
 3 BR, 3 bath, 2-car, F/P, ± 2700 sq. ft. COUNTRY HOME.....\$79,900
 3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, fenced, nice storage, clean.....SOLD.....\$38,500
 1.15 acres with 3 BR country home, 2 carport, 5 miles out.....\$35,000
 2 BR, 1 bath with siding, corner lot, GOTTA SEE.....\$23,400
 Small office/studio with 1/2 bath to be moved.....\$5,000
 9.5 acres w/country home, 1.5 miles to Bovina, on highway.....\$65,000

FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

399 *Facts About The* **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

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

SAMUEL AND SAUL

THE LORD TELLS SAMUEL THAT THE ISRAELITES HAVE NOT REJECTED THE PROPHET BUT THE LORD HIMSELF BY ASKING FOR A KING, NOW.....

...THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME AND SERVED OTHER GODS...

...NOW THEREFORE HEarken UNTO THEIR VOICE...

...BUT SHOW THEM WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM IF A KING RULES OVER ISRAEL...

...AND SAMUEL SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE...

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Rural Hero For 1997 Is Named

Stanley H. (Stan) Davis of Port Neches has been named rural hero for 1997, according to Ben Bullard, president of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council.

Davis was honored Monday, April 6 here at the Texas Safety Association's 59th annual Texas/Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition. The annual award honors an individual who has performed a heroic act of human lifesaving related to farming or ranching.

On October 12, 1997, Stan Davis, Charles Davis, Elton Laday, Elton Laday, Jr., and Ray Block were penning cattle for Clyde Allison in southern Orange County near Port Neches. Allison's pastures are on the Neches River Ship Channel, and the only way to move cattle is by barge. The particular pasture is about 20 minutes, by barge, to or from Block's Landing on the ship channel.

The statement nominating Stan for this honor by Charles Davis, brother of the recipient, gave the following account of the incident.

"The cattle are loaded on the barge and hauled to Block's Landing, on the Jefferson County side of the river. We had penned the cattle and moved all of them, with the exception of one large load.

"We were having trouble loading this last load of cattle on the barge. It was impossible to work a horse in the pen. After working for over an hour, Clyde Allison got into the pen on foot. He was trying to make the cattle take the chute onto the barge.

"All of a sudden, one of the bulls penned Clyde in a corner of the fence. This bull was hooking Clyde with his horns. Everyone started yelling and roping at the bull. When the bull finally turned toward us, Stan jumped into the pen and threw Clyde over the fence. We could tell that he was badly hurt.

"We then put Clyde into the boat. Stan and Ray Block started to Block's Landing with him. It is about a 15 to 20-minute boat ride to the dock. Clyde was bleeding from the right leg, left arm and had several cuts on his head. Stan applied tourniquets to his arm and leg until EMS arrived. The EMS told Stan that he had saved Clyde's life.

"Clyde had surgery on his left arm and right leg and received more than 200 sutures. Clyde's recovery was speedy and he is still working cattle."



NEW POWER PLANT...Ground is broken for the \$145 million Mustang Station being constructed near Denver City, by the board of directors of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, representatives of bankers CoBank and Societe Generale, and by Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer and Stan David, city manager of Denver City.

Golden Spread Electric Co-op Breaks Ground

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Amarillo, opened a new chapter in its proud history of service to customers in Texas and Oklahoma when it broke ground on April 2 for Mustang Station, a \$145 million electric generating plant near Denver City.

The first phase of the 486-megawatt plant will produce some 285 megawatts and is expected to be in service in the spring of 1999. The second-phase addition will begin production in January of 2000. Mustang Station will be fueled by natural gas and will eventually require about 20 employees.

"This state-of-the-art facility will equip us to meet the needs of our member-customers for years to come," said Robert W. Bryant, president of Golden Spread EC. "It truly is a power plant for the 21st century."

The primary customers for Mustang Station will be the 100,000 member-consumers served by the 11 Golden Spread member cooperatives in the South Plains and panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma.

Changes Announced For License Renewals

Trips to driver license offices will become less frequent for Texans in coming years as the Texas Department of Public Safety extends license expiration dates. Licenses will be valid longer, and the new system eventually should reduce lines in driver license offices.

"Eventually, all Texas driver licenses and identification cards will be

Golden Spread's subsidiary, GS Electric Generating Cooperative, will purchase a 50 per cent interest in Mustang Station when the generating units are completed. Denver City Energy Associates is the plant developer and will own a 50 per cent upon completion.

Denver City Energy Associates is an equal housing partnership formed by Quixx Corporation of Amarillo, an affiliate of Southwestern Public Service Company and LS Power, an independent power producer based in New Jersey.

Golden Spread, organized in 1984, is one of the first generation and transmission (G&T) cooperatives to move from formation to generation without the assistance of federal financing. Although eligible to seek federally

guaranteed financing through the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Golden Spread chose to arrange financing with Denver-based CoBank, and Societe Generale, a bank based in Paris, France.

At a time when electric utility restructuring is moving forward at the federal and state level, with the Texas Legislature expected to consider restructuring during the 1999 legislative session, Golden Spread is adopting innovative approaches to power supply. Its new power supply portfolio and member sales agreements are designed to lower costs for consumers and enhance the competitive position of the electric cooperative and its members. Mustang Station is critical to Golden Spread's future success as a competitive electric supplier in the marketplace.

SPC Girls Basketball Camp Set For June

Applications are now being accepted for all girls interested in attending Lady Texas Basketball Camp, which will be held during consecutive weeks in June at

South Plains College. The camps, under the direction of South Plains College women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin, are open to all girls in fifth grade through high school.

"We feel we have one of the better camps around," said South Plains College women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin, director for the camps which will be held June 14 through 19 and June 21 through 26. "We try to keep a small ratio between instructors and campers. It's a good environment to learn fundamentals."

The purpose of the camps is to provide an opportunity for girls and young women to improve their basketball skills in a fun environment. The fundamentals of basketball are stressed, with sportsmanship, team play and self-confidence emphasized as well.

The camps will be held in Texan Dome on the SPC campus. Other facilities for use by the campers are an indoor swimming pool, indoor racquetball courts and tennis courts. In addition, campers also may spend time at the SPC Student Center, which features a video arcade, pool and ping pong tables and a giant-screen television.

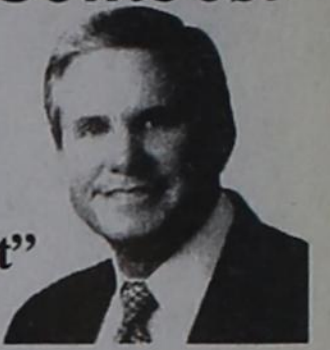
Camp participants may commute daily from their homes or spend the week on campus in a college residence hall. The cost of the camp is \$220 for overnight campers, \$185 for day campers who eat in Texan Hall and \$100 for day campers who do not eat in the dining hall. Included in the camp fee is instruction, insurance, awards and entertainment, as well as certificates, a personalized camp t-shirt and a basketball for each participant.

Camp applications will be accepted as they are received and should be returned as soon as possible. A \$75 deposit should be sent with the application, and the remaining balance will be due at the time of registration. The deposit is non-refundable after May 30, and a \$20 charge will be made on all refunds.

Registration will be held at 2 p.m. on June 14 and at 2 p.m. on June 21 in Baker Center, with camp activities concluding at 3 p.m. on June 19 and June 26, respectively.

For more information, contact Hardin at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2224, or write: Lady Texas Basketball Camp, South Plains College, 1401 S. College Avenue, Levelland, Texas 79336.

Congressman Larry Combest Reporting Home



"Auditing the Federal Government"

Many of you have shared with me your personal nightmares or fear of going through the agony of an IRS audit. No one wishes that on their worst enemy-- well, except maybe, the federal government. The federal government had its first-ever audit, which unfortunately revealed the expected mismanagement and poor-record keeping that leaves taxpayers exposed to waste, fraud, and abuse.

For example, the Department of Defense has actually "misplaced" four boats worth over \$2 million, a floating crane valued at \$468,000, 15 aircraft engines valued at \$4 million each, and one avenger missile launcher valued at \$1 million. The Pentagon also couldn't come up with an estimate for its environment clean-up liabilities that roughly cost up to tens of billions of dollars. Although folks don't usually think in terms of millions and billions of anything, we do understand that we couldn't run our house or family budget without keeping track of what we owe.

In another wrong-headed move, the Department of Defense continues to push for more military base closures although they can't account for billions and billions of dollars from previous base closures. In fact, the Navy underestimated the value of its property by at least \$10.8 billion, while the Army could not substantiate \$132 billion of property and equipment. As a strong advocate for our nation's national defense, we must end this mismanagement to ensure defense dollars go directly to helping the soldiers and sailors in harm's way.

This mismanagement is not just a Department of Defense problem. We know from reports that fraud, waste, and abuse saps \$23 billion a year from Medicare. One of the important responsibilities of Congress is oversight of the Executive Branch. We must ensure that if we need to spend taxpayer funds, we do it smarter than it has been done in the past. I can assure you that armed with these recent findings, I am even more committed to strengthening our nation's defense and ensuring we don't waste precious taxpayers dollars.

Grain Sorghum Contest Rule Changes Announced

Pat George of Tulia, chairman of the contest committee for National Grain Sorghum Producers, announced that several changes have been adopted for the 1998 Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest.

"One division was eliminated and two new divisions were added," George said. "Beginning this year, contestants may enter the irrigated ridge-till division or the dryland mulch-till division; but, the irrigated no-till division has been dropped."

The contest will now have five divisions: dryland conventional till, irrigated conventional till, irrigated ridge-till and dryland mulch-till.

"In addition to the changes in divisions," George said, "we have established a Hall of Fame to recognize contestants who consistently produce the best crop within the framework set by their area's weather and soil conditions."

"These producers deserve special recognition," he said. "When they have won a national first place in a division three times, they will be inducted into our Hall of Fame and be retired from competition in that division. Their accomplishments will be

recognized each year in the handbook."

George said the contest was started in 1985 to showcase good management skills and the scoring method allows for climate conditions to be considered in determining the winners.

The contest is not just about yield, but about using good management practices to produce the most under the limits set by typical weather for the area, he said. That's why we score each contestant against the county's five-year average yield. It allows contestants in areas that don't have ideal conditions to be able to compete.

"The Hall of Fame carries out the purpose of our contest," George said. "The purpose of the contest is to recognize producers who manage their crops well under their area's conditions and to identify new leaders for agriculture."

"Many of our best leaders have come through the contest, since it provides a forum to introduce these producers to NGSPP and the important work that is being done."

Complete rules and entry forms are available from the NGSPP office, P.O. Box 530, Abernathy, Texas 79311; (806)298-4501.

SPC Basketball Boys Camp Set In July

Applications are now being accepted for Texan Basketball Camp, which will be held in July at South Plains College.

The overnight camp, which will be held July 26-30, is offered for all boys in third grade through high school. The focus of the camps is to provide an opportunity for boys and young men to improve their basketball skills in a fun environment.

"We're going to work on their individual fundamental skills," Scanlan said, "and they'll also be able to play in game situations. We want to instill in them things like work ethic and the importance of playing hard and keeping a positive competitive spirit to be successful players."

"They'll be exposed to good teaching and successful coaches. We encourage all who want to participate and think they'll have a great week. We want these camps to continue to grow."

The camp will be held in Texan Dome on the SPC campus. Other facilities for use by the campers are an indoor swimming pool, indoor racquetball courts and tennis courts. In addition, campers also may spend time at the SPC Student Center, which features a video arcade, pool and ping pong tables and a giant-screen television.

Camp participants spend the week on campus in a

college residence hall and eat meals in the campus dining hall. The cost of the camp is \$200 for overnight campers, while those who do not wish to stay in the residence hall may attend as a day camper provided special arrangements are made. Included in the camp fee is instruction, insurance, awards and entertainment, as well as certificates, a personalized camp t-shirt and a basketball for each participant.

Camp activities will include ball handling, dribbling, passing and shooting drills, game situations and various contests, including shooting contests, one-on-one, three-on-three and five-on-five contests, and the ever-popular slam dunk contests.

Registration for the camp will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 26 at Texan Dome. The camp will conclude at 4 p.m. July 30.

Camp applications will be accepted as they are received and should be returned as soon as possible. A \$60 deposit should be sent with the application, and the remaining balance will be due at the time of registration. The deposit is non-refundable.

For more information, contact Scanlan at (806) 894-9611, ext. 2222, or write: Texan Basketball Camp, South Plains College, 1401 S. College Avenue, Levelland, Texas 79336.

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