

MY TURN



By Carol Ellis

EXACTLY! How many times have you heard that exclamation lately? Television interviewers and interviewees seem to have gotten hung up on using this word as a term of agreement. They say it just about every other breath.

Its getting to sound almost as irritating as listening to those over-paid pro-sports dudes who say "y'know" every other breath while they're being interviewed.

Mr. Webster says "exactly" is an adverb used to show "conforming perfectly to the requirements or conditions of the case."

"Exactly!" sounds okay for members of the prissy in-front-of-the-camera crowd, but a few days ago I heard a native-born Texan say "Exactly!" and I thought to myself "Omgosh! Its spilling over into the mainstream of Texan Talk." That's not good, because we Texans have always had our own colorful ways of expressing ourselves without resorting to media-speak.

In fact, when it comes to terms of agreement, I can think of close to thirty different ways that Texans and other southern folk can agree with you about something without ever saying "exactly." How many times have you heard the following statements?

"Dang right! Yes-siree-bob! Shore 'nuff! You ain't just whistlin' Dixie! Right as rain! You betchal I'm square with that. You gotter right there! That's a big ten-four, good buddy! Thumbs up! I hear what your sayin'. You sure nailed that one! That's my opinion!"

"You're on the right track now. I couldn't agree with you more. That's a fact! Hail-yez! Bet yore sweet bibby! I reckon! You better believe it! Shichyeh! Right on, brother! That jibes with my thinking on the matter. Un-huh! You said a mouthful there! Yep! I certainly concur."

That last one is reserved for college profs and members of high school debate teams. Despite what others think, Texas does have a few high-brow folks.

I take the preservation of the Texas language very seriously. If Stephen F. Austin, the father of our country (Texas is our country, right?), were to return here in 1996 and hear Texans saying things like "exactly" he'd probably think something was out-of-kilter, catty wompus, annie-goglin and possibly even whomper-jawed.

Some other modern-day terms of vocal usage that would have our old Texas founding father baffled would be...

Downsizing. What's your take on that? Pushing the envelope. Clueless. Window of opportunity. Call waiting. Cut to the chase. Top of the line. The whole nine yards. Sound bites. No-brainers. Street smarts. Reading someone the riot act. Catch 22. Falling through the cracks. Way! Putting a positive spin on something, and Yo!

He'd probably think all that sort of jargon was pert-near hogwash and bullcorn, signifying nothing.

The old fellow would, most likely, tell us that anyone who talks like that is "not the sharpest tack on the board. His elevator doesn't go all the way to the top. He just fell off the hay wagon. He's about two bricks shy of a load; two taters short of a bushel; two enchiladas short of a combination plate; two heifers short of a herd; etc."

See, I'm trying very hard not to write about the election campaign. Just wait till the next time you read "My Turn." I will probably have given up by then and will be spreading my political opinions around.



WHERE IS THE GUN?.....Kevin Hughes earned his certificate as a Certified Concealed Handgun Instructor from the State of Texas during a session in Austin, June 3-7. Hughes will be holding classes in the area for those interested in a concealed handgun license.

August Sales Tax Remittance

Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp's August City Sales and Use Tax Comparison showed an increase over 1995 for Bovina and Friona.

Bovina's payment this period was \$3,009.19 compared to \$2,931.27 for the same period last year, an increase of 2.65 per cent. However, for the year-to-date, Bovina's tax receipts are down 12.51 per cent.

In 1996, Bovina has received \$17,362.69 compared to \$19,846.40 for the same period in 1995.

Friona's receipts for the current period were \$18,504.58, a 43.66 percent increase over 1995 receipts of \$12,880.41.

Total receipts in Friona for 1996 are \$153,414.82, a 78.23 per cent increase over the 1995 receipts of \$86,072.77 for the comparable period.

Bovina's city sales tax is one percent, while Friona's is now at two per cent, accounting for Friona's significant increase.

Schools' Meal Rates Are Given

Meal prices at Bovina ISD cafeteria for 1996-97 are as follows:

Adult meals: Employee lunch, \$2; visitor lunch, \$3; take out tray 25 cents; breakfast, 50 cents.

Student meals: lunch; grade PK-5, 90 cents; grade 6-12, \$1.00; reduced price (all grades) 40 cents.

Breakfast: students (all grades) 50 cents; reduced price (all grades) 30 cents.

A La Carte menu: Dessert, 50 cents; Bread, 50 cents; meat, \$1.00; vegetable, 50 cents; salad, 75 cents; french fries, 50 cents.

K. Hughes Earns Gun Certificate

Kevin Hughes recently completed Department of Public Safety requirements for the Concealed Handgun Instructor certification.

Hughes attended the DPS Instructors course in Austin June 3-7.

He plans to offer classes in Parmer County and says the course will be a minimum of 10 hours and a maximum of 15 hours, depending on the experience of the students.

Those interested in a concealed handgun license must fill out proper papers and submit to an extensive background check in addition to taking the course.

He says that a part of the class is actually shooting their weapon. Hughes has built a firing range to accommodate this requirement.

For more information or applications contact Kevin Hughes at Kevin's Auto.

Bovina ISD Open House Scheduled

Tuesday, August 27, has been set as open house at Bovina schools.

Ridgelea open house will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The main campus open house will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Parents, grandparents, and the entire community are invited to visit the school.

Open house is an opportunity for parents and community members to meet the teachers and visit classrooms.

After the open house, everyone is invited to join faculty and staff at the football field as Athletic Director Bobby Ortiz introduces the new coaching staff and the 1996-97 Bovina Mustangs.

The Bovina faculty urges everyone to attend and support the school.

Aldermen Hold Aug. Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session August 8, 1996. Present were Mayor Hromas, Aldermen Beauchamp, Olvera, Venable, and Waters.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Alderman Waters moved to pay the bills, Venable seconded, motion was unanimous.

Beauchamp made a motion to give first option on the landfill by the lagoons to Don Bandy. The rent is \$300 for one year and may be increased within a year. Bandy will have to fence the cattle in and when his lease expires the city will reimburse him for the cost of the fence. Venable seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Closed session was entered concerning personnel. Open session resumed at 9:30 p.m.

The senior citizens came and asked the council for help with the utility bills. The discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Roy Smith, DARE Officer, and Paula Wilson, City Manager of Friona, appeared before the council to discuss the DARE program. The council decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

Venable made a motion to have a policy for insufficient funds checks and charge \$25 for all returned checks. Beauchamp seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Waters made a motion to maintain current tax rate of .4719. Venable seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Beauchamp moved to pay 1/3 of the \$7000 owed to Allen's and send \$2,333.33. Venable seconded, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Mayor Hromas declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Boosters To Raffle Tickets

The Bovina Booster Club is selling raffle tickets for season passes to the Mustangs football games.

Ten free passes will be given away. The raffle tickets sell for \$1.00 each.

If you wish to purchase a season ticket, or a raffle ticket, contact Susan Kerby, Ella Jo Stormes, Dorothy Stowers, or any member of the Booster Club.

Tickets will be sold from now until the first game.



SOFTBALL CHAMPS...Johnny Martinez and Zef Villarreal were members of the Bovina softball team that captured first place in Clovis' TGIF Summer Softball league. They are shown with their first place trophy. The team was sponsored by Charles Oil and Anderson Trucking.



FIRST YEAR, FIFTH GRADE.....New Bovina fifth-grade teacher Michele Halbrooks huddles with her class to begin a fresh school year. She graduated from ENMU in December. She lives in Clovis where husband David is a fireman at Cannon Air Force Base.



NEW FACES FOR NEW TEACHER.....There is more than one new face in kindergarten this year. Cynthia Cargile begins her second year of teaching with this group of smiling children. Cargile taught at Muleshoe last year. She graduated from ENMU and lives in the Lariat/Farwell area with husband Wade and daughters Leslie, 14, Tara, 12, and Danielle, 9.

Bovina Elementary School Earns "Recognized" Status

Bovina Elementary has received "Recognized" status from the Texas Education Agency.

In order to receive this status, a campus must have at least 70% passing each subject area and at least 94% attendance rate.

According to Principal Darla Sealey, "We are very proud of our students. I am also proud of our faculty and staff who work diligently with the students. They are dedicated and truly care about the students."

Sealey continued, "We are fortunate to have some of the best programs in education. Since the addition of programs like Write to Read, Classroom Phonics, and Saxon Math and Phonics, we have seen a steady increase in our TAAS scores."

"We are excited about being back at school and look forward to working with our children. We welcome parents to visit the school or become a volunteer. We

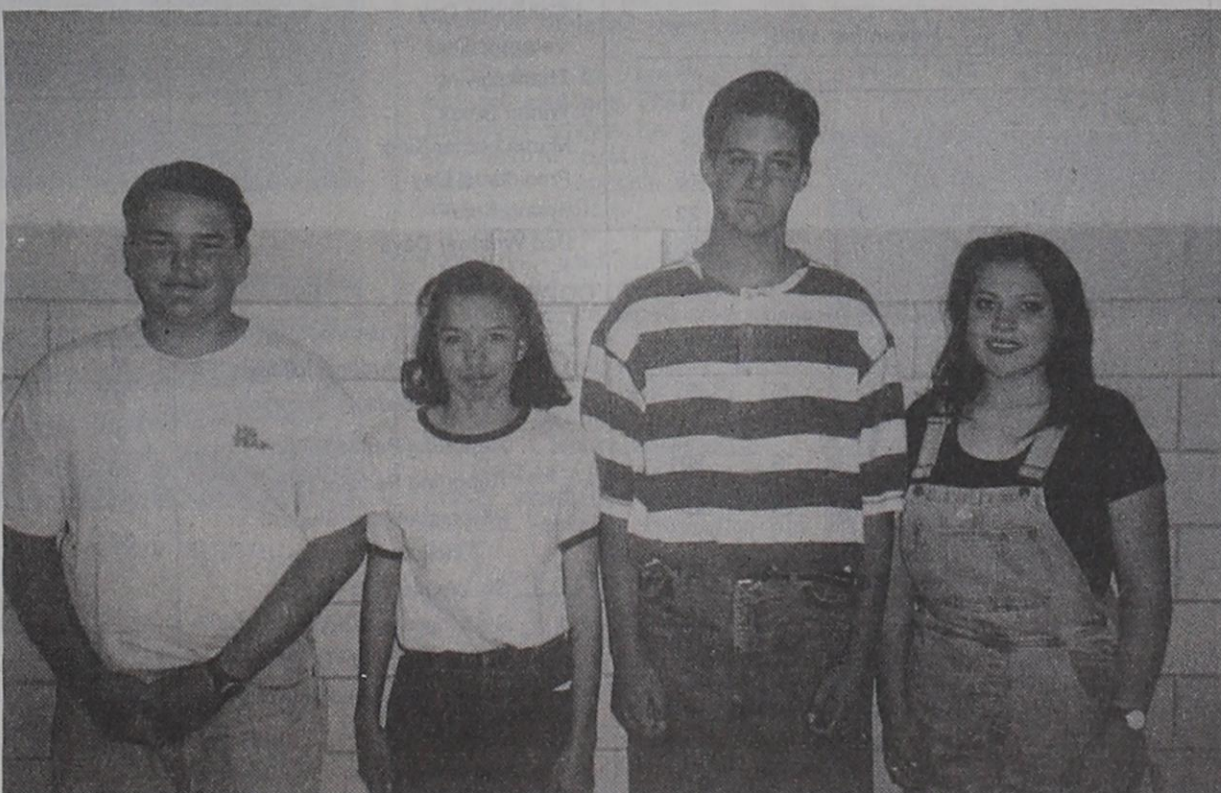
have several ways parents can help the school and believe parent involvement is the key to student success," Sealey concluded.

New personnel at Bovina Elementary includes: Cynthia Cargile, kindergarten; Michele Halbrooks, fifth grade; Jackie Winton, Floripa Palacios, and Stefanie Redwine, special education assistants; and Aracely Nieto, bilingual ESL educational assistant.

Joe Looney Observes Her 90th Birthday

Joe Looney will be honored on her 90th birthday with a party at the Senior Citizens Building on September 1 from 2-4 p.m.

The party will be hosted by Joe's family and, according to the family, your presence is all the gift Joe wants. Everyone is invited to attend.



STUDENT LEADERS....Officers for the 1996-97 Bovina Student Council are getting things organized for the year. From left, freshman Walter Kessler, parliamentarian, sophomore Brandie Munoz, secretary, sophomore J. T. Roach, vice-president, and junior Carol Gomez,

Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-SEP 5 1956
J. T. Hammonds, who has owned and operated Hammonds Service Station, a Phillips station on Highway 60 in Bovina, for the past seven years, has sold the business to Melvin Sudderth.
Mrs. Nettie Lea Wilson was honored Friday evening at a party held in the dining room of the Bovina Restaurant.
Neil Smith and Sonny Brito have been named captains of the 1965 Bovina Mustang football team. Bob Willis is beginning his second year as head of the Mustangs.

Wilbur Charles and fill the unexpired term. Mrs. Estes was recommended and appointed by the county commissioners court to fill this position for Bovina.
The son of a Bovina couple has been assigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, following graduation from the freight traffic specialist course at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Airman Benito Arizmendez, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Benito Arizmendez, was trained to arrange for shipment of government property by military and commercial carriers and will serve with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

35 YRS AGO-SEP 6 1961
Jay Harris was the winner of round number one of the Bovina Business Cotton Bowl Football Contest. Harris correctly picked ten winners of the same number of games.
A pair of break-ins of businesses on Highway 60 Monday night netted burglars roughly \$50 in cash and cigarettes.

10 YRS AGO- SEP 8 1986
Bill Boling of Farwell was the winner of the first week's football contest.
Funeral services for Calvin Cook, 81, were held this week at the First Baptist Church.
Charlsie Eubanks' grandson, Benny Eubanks, 32, of Lovington, was killed in a two vehicle accident at Lovington, New Mexico.

30 YRS AGO-SEP 7 1966
John Wilson has been named water and sewer superintendent for the City of Bovina.
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rea of Oklahoma City are the parents of their first child, a daughter, born Wednesday, August 28. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rea of Bovina.

Area corn producers are invited to attend a Corn Field Day this week on the Gene Smith farm at Lazbuddie.

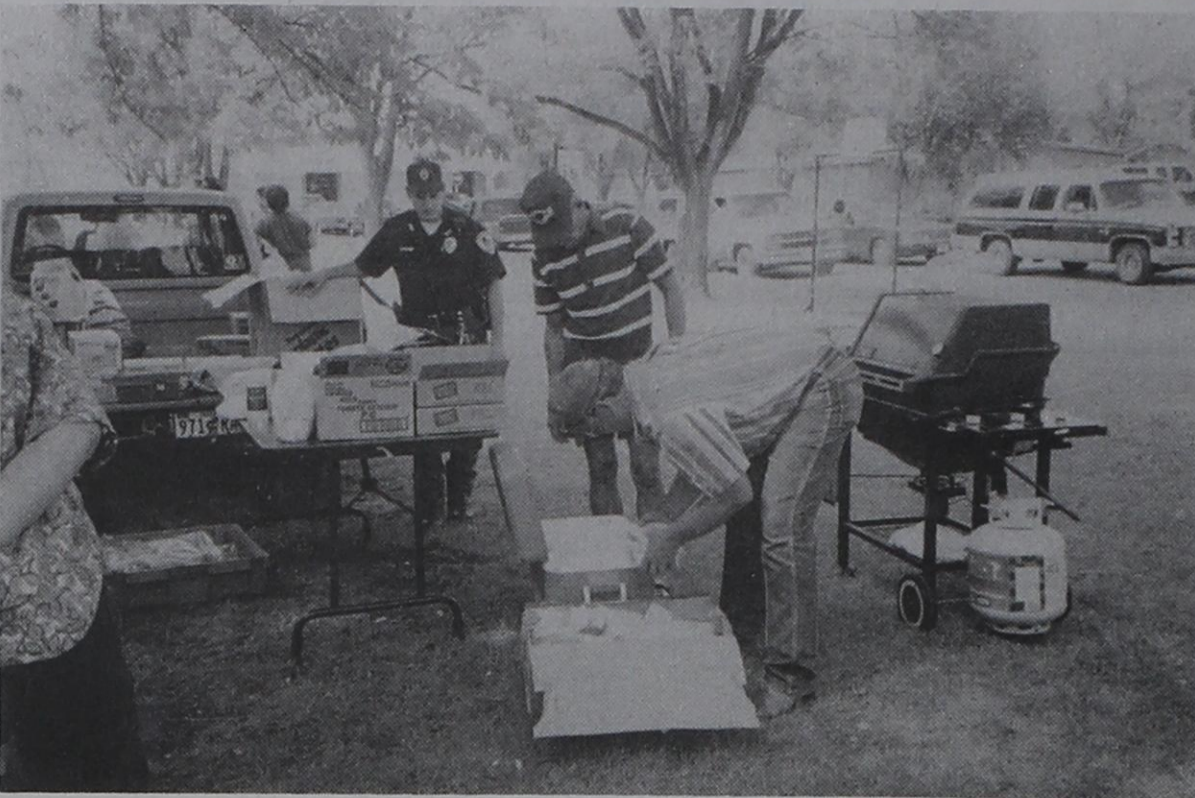
25 YRS AGO-SEP 8 1971
Parish Hall of St. Ann's Church will be the scene Sunday for the annual Mexican dinner, sponsored by Guadalupanas Society.
Twelve members of Thrifty Club met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. H. H. Kelso. Those present spent the afternoon covering hangers.

5 YRS AGO-SEP 14 1991
Dean Stanberry was the first week's winner in the Bovina Blade football contest in a tie-breaker with seven other contestants, all of whom picked 10 of the 14 games.
The 1991 Bovina High School cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleaders Association Camp in Plainview this summer. They earned three excellent, two superior, and one squad achievement award ribbons.
The Bovina Mustangs were impressive in their opening game of the 1991 football season here last Friday, scoring a 26-0 win over the Whitface Antelopes.

A surprise birthday party for Mrs. T. C. Wiseman was held in the home of the Harold Hawkins' Sunday night following church services.
Bovina Roping Club will sponsor an open cutting contest Saturday at the new Bovina Roping Arena, according to a spokesman for the organization.

Seniors Had July Luncheon
The Bovina Senior Citizens group played host to some special guests at their luncheon meeting held on July 31, 1996.
Julia Leake had six of her family members present: daughter Kay Williams and her daughter Kathy Rundell with her children Kami and Charlie Rundell.
Also out-of-towners Margie Owens of Austin and Alleene Leake from Canyon.
After lunch a short business meeting was held and then everyone enjoyed games and visiting.
Regular members present were Joe Looney, Sid Lloyd, Ethel Johnson, Dorothy Ellison, Erna Jamerson, Oma Lee George, La Trelle Miehler, and Howard and Minnie Kelso.

20 YRS AGO-SEP 8 1976
Huston Hoover captured the first week's championship of the annual Bovina Business' Football Contest, proving to be the best on the tie-breaker score after emerging as one of only five contestants to pick as many as 12 of the 14 contest games correctly.
Labor Day produced one of the finest rains of 1976 in the Bovina area, as from one to two inches of moisture has been reported by farmers in the area.
Mrs. Herman (Edna) Estes has been appointed Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 3. She will replace the late Mr.



FIRE IT UP!.....Chamber of Commerce president Bob Owen, center, and Bull Town Days volunteers, unload the truck and fire up the grill for the hamburger cookout in city park. Owen said there were a steady stream of customers and they cooked burgers until 5 p.m.



GIDDYAP Y'ALL!.....Some of the youngsters that saddled up to participate in the Bull Town Days parade clop along past the First Baptist Church on the way to the activities in city park.

Happy Birthday

Week of August 25-31
These Bovina area folks will celebrate a birthday soon.
Aug 25-Paula Guest
Aug 26-Lisa Hromas, Edwin Lide, Kathy Cantu, Patrick Lee Espinoza.
Aug 27-Adeana Carlyle
Aug 28-John Stormes, Buck Lloyd, D. T. King, Noel Ortiz.
Aug 29-Sam Garrison, Pam Bell, Celia Quintana.
Aug 30-Laura Bartlett, Dustin Riley, Justin Brozek, Amy Mirhashemi.
Aug 31-Tim Grissom, Ruth Drager.
If you wish to add a friend or relative to our permanent birthday roster, call the Blade at 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending July 5, 1996, Farmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk
WD, Jose Reyes, Juan M. Mendoza, 0.050 acre tract out of the NE 1/4 of S84, Kelly "H"
Deed, Bernice Siemens, Bernice Siemens, Lot 16, Blk. 4, Mimo Add., Farwell
WD, Clay Ulman Dutton, Jose Rodriguez, Lot 23, Eastview Add., Bovina
WD, R.E. Blankeship, Running Water Farms, Inc., Lot 15, Blk. 2, Ridgelea Add., Bovina
WD, Frances J. Boling, Rick Bolding, Lots 7, 8 and 9, B44, OT Farwell
WD, Dovie Sears, Patrick M. McCarthy, Lot 28 and the E 1/2 of L29-32, Blk. 48, OT Farwell
WD, Dixie Witcher, Patrick McCarthy, all of Lot 28 and the S 1/2 of L29 thru L32, B48, OT Farwell
WD, Billie F. Barkowsky, Patrick McCarthy, Lot 28 and the E 1/2 of L29-32 B48, OT Farwell
WD, Buddy L. Lunsford, Sherri Hall Lunsford, Lots 17-20, B40 OT Farwell
DT, James Glaze, First Bank of Muleshoe, NW 1/4, Blk. x, E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of S 26, Blk. Y; NW 1/4 S27 and pt. of SW 1/4 S71, Kelly "H"

1996-97 Bovina ISD School Calendar

1st Semester (86 Days)
2nd Semester (94 Days)

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| 2nd Six Weeks | 27 |
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| 4th Six Weeks | 30 |
| 5th Six Weeks | 32 |
| 6th Six Weeks | 32 |
| Total School Days | 180 |
| Preparation/Inservice | 5 |
| Total Days | 185 |

| STUDENT HOLIDAYS ONLY DAYS | DAYS |
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| Labor Day (9-2) | 1 |
| Columbus Day (10-14) | 1 |
| Veterans Day | |
| Thanksgiving (11/27-29) | 3 |
| Winter Break (12/23-1/6) | 10 |
| Martin Luther King | |
| Presidents' Day | |
| Spring Break (2/18-14) | 3 |
| Bad Weather Days | 2 |
| Inservice Day (1/6) | 1 |

| STAFF HOLIDAYS ONLY | DAYS |
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Julia Livestock Auction

Monday, Aug. 19, receipts 1644 head. Compared to last week's sale, good stocker calves sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers sold 2.00 higher. Packer cows and bulls traded 1.00 to 2.00 higher. High dressing cows up to 36.00. Cannors and cutters 26.00 to 31.00. Bulls 36.50 to 44.50.

| HEIFER CALVES | | STEER CALVES | |
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| 10 xbrd 461# - 57.00 | 5 mx. 566# - 66.50 | 16 mx. 481# - 65.50 | 25 mx. 546# - 64.25 |
| 13 xbrd 524# - 57.50 | 6 mx. 415# - 65.00 | 5 char. 232# - 79.50 | 7 char. 289# - 78.50 |
| 6 mx. 279# - 65.00 | | | |
| 7 char. 415# - 65.00 | | | |
| FEEDER HEIFERS | | FEEDER STEERS | |
| 7 limox 751# - 61.25 | 14 mx. 879# - 63.75 | 13 mx. 749# - 64.25 | 62 xbrd 666# - 62.00 |
| 10 mx. 602# - 58.25 | 13 mx. 749# - 64.25 | 76 xbrd 732# - 63.50 | 29 mx. 756# - 64.00 |
| 11 mx. 676# - 58.50 | 62 xbrd 666# - 62.00 | 11 mx. 666# - 63.75 | 15 mx. 848# - 63.50 |
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| 26 xbrd 592# - 58.00 | | | |
| 51 limox 700# - 62.00 | | | |

For information or for consignment
Call 995-4184 or
Joe Bell at 806-293-9193

Out Here

By RON CARR



"Daddy, what's that smell?"

"That smell means we are getting close to Nenaw and Papa's house, sweetheart."

"But what is it, daddy?"

"Out here, I think they call it money, honey."

Conversations like this would take place near the end of our 8-hour drive from Dallas to visit grandpa and grandpa in Friona.

The kids in the back seat would sit up and sniff as we got nearer and the gentle hint of many cattle drifted up their little nostrils.

In their not-so subtle child-like manner, they would ask why nenaw and papa would want to live in a place that stinks.

These were city kids with a city daddy. Sometimes I wondered the same thing.

When you come to Parmer County it doesn't take long to realize the importance of cattle to the economy.

After over a year as a resident here, I thought it was time to make my first visit to a feedyard and say hello to those beneficial bovines who spend all their time eating delicious cow food and getting fatter so we can eat them.

Since I spend most of my Mondays in Bovina, it seemed convenient to drive out west a ways and take a look at Caprock Industries' operation. What do I know? They all look alike to me.

Caprock manager Scott Nelson was kind enough to address my dumb questions, give me enough information about feedyards to make my eyes glaze over, and take me for a drive around the grounds.

This feedyard was started around 1967-68 as Parmer County Cattle Company by Cap Naegle and a group of investors that included former zillionaire Bunker Hunt, of the Dallas Hunt Oil family.

Caprock Industries, a division of Cargil Industries, who also owns Excel and a lot of other companies, bought the feedyard in 1986. From 1986 to 1992 it operated as a custom yard.

I learned that a custom yard means "open to the public." If you have some cattle out in the pasture and

want to let the feedyard fatten them up and give them their medicine, the feedyard will rent you your own pen.

A custom yard will charge a deposit per head for each cow, sort of like a cow hotel. In a custom yard, you own the cattle until they are sold. In other words, you take the risks.

For the first 20 days at Caprock, the critters get hay and silage to eat. After that, a nutritionist mixes up delicious formulated rations of fat, salt, nutrients, and proteins. Nelson says the average stay at the cow hotel is 140 days and that Caprock uses 1,000,000 pounds of feed every day. That is a lot of "room service."

Most cattle are brought in to a custom yard when they weigh 600-700 pounds and are sold when they reach a weight of 1100-1200 pounds. The owner of the pen pays the yard for feed and medicine and must figure in any cost due to death loss.

I figured out a couple of things real quick. The more a cow weighs when you bring him in, the less time it takes to reach a sell weight, which costs less.

Also, I figured out that when you crunch the numbers at today's cattle prices of around \$67 per hundred pounds, an 1100 pound steer will bring \$737, not much of a per head profit margin by the time you pay your feedyard bill.

In 1992, Caprock became a "commercial yard." That means they buy the cattle from you and they own them and they take the risks.

Most of Caprock Bovina's cattle are shipped to Excel, Friona, as are many cattle from other Parmer County yards.

To fill their six commercial yards, they have buyers in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida, to name a few.

Caprock's one-time capacity in their six yards is 275,000 cattle. Caprock yards are located in Gruver (2), Dalhart, Bovina, Lockney, and one in Leoti, Kansas.

Scott Nelson has been employed by Cargil for 8 years, first as a kill floor supervisor at Excel. He has worked for Caprock for the last 4 1/2 years.

He is no stranger to feedyards. His dad was a long time feedyard manager and young Scott had plenty of jobs to do.

He manages an operation that houses an average of 31,000 head, but is rated to hold 35,000. Each year his

yard ships 70,000 head of cattle, or an average of 383 head per day.

To ship that many cattle requires 8,200 trucks in and out of the yard each year. The 70,000 cattle sold and shipped is equivalent to 42 million pounds of meat each year.

Caprock here has 34 employees who work in the mill, yard, feeding, cattle, or the office.

The trucks that are used to feed the cattle are now computerized so the driver can automatically calculate the amount of feed used for each pen. That is important in a custom yard to compute the feeding costs for the cattle owners.

Other employees, appropriately called cowboys, ride horses up and down the pen rows looking for cow problems such as sick critters. Caprock is equipped with four cow hospitals where a "lay vet" treats minor problems. "Real" veterinarians make regular visits and are on call for serious problems.

Another feedyard operation is the silage pits. Local farmers sell silage to the yards for feed, especially this time of year. Caprock's five pits hold 40,000 tons of silage, or about 1,800 acres worth.

Nelson says the yard uses 1.2 million bushels of corn each year at the mill or 6,670 acres worth.

As we were driving around the well engineered system of pens, alleys, and gates, I observed that Caprock must be one of the largest yards in Parmer County.

Scott Nelson was quick to point out that it was actually one of the smallest of the seven major yards. For example, he said, West Plains Feedyard's capacity is about 60,000 and Paco Feedyards handles 45,000. At any one time there are 265,000 head of cattle in Parmer County feedyards.

At, say, \$1000 per head, that is \$265 million worth of cattle in Parmer County.

Factor in all the cattle industry related employees' salaries, money paid to cattlemen, to farmers for the grain, to truckers for the hauling, etc. and include how many times the money "turns over" at the grocery store, gas stations, and other area businesses. Not to mention taxes.

The amount of direct and indirect revenue produced for the county seems to be incalculable.

I forgot to mention that there is one steer at Caprock's cattle hotel that has been there for five years. They call him Precious and he now weighs 3,100 pounds, but he ain't going anywhere soon.

When Precious was a calf, he was very sick. One of the cowboys sat up all night with him to keep him from dying. Precious got well and to show his appreciation, he followed the cowboys around wherever they went.

Seems that when it came time to ship his roommates out to the packing house, Precious must have hid or something, because the cowboys insisted they couldn't find him.

Today he serves as a mascot and pet, with a pen of his own where he receives a few fellow cattle as visitors and the Caprock employees stop by to play.

Somehow I wish the cowboys and cattlemen of 1900, who herded their cows to the XIT railroad operation in Bovina, and shipped them to stockyards in Fort Worth or Chicago, could take just one ride around one of today's Parmer County feedyards.

Cattle operations are pretty scientific now but one custom remains from the old days.

Today, when a seller sells and a buyer buys there is not always time for paperwork.

Even with the bigness of the business, most deals still seem to be done with a handshake.

It is nice to know we live in a place where a handshake and a promise mean something.

"Daddy, what's that smell?"

"It's money, honey."



PAMPERING PRECIOUS....Caprock Industries feedyard manager Scott Nelson tries to get Precious to pose for the newspaper camera. But the five-year-old, 3,100 pound steer didn't seem too interested. Precious is the feedyard's mascot and pet. See Out Here column for more.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of Genesis intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times

A BRIDE FOR ISAAC

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...TO HIS STEWARD, ELIEZER, HE OUTLINES WHAT MUST BE DONE...

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WHAT IF I CANNOT OBTAIN A MAIDEN WHO IS WILLING TO RETURN HERE AS ISAAC'S WIFE?

ABRAHAM TELLS HIS STEWARD HE WILL BE ABSOLVED OF HIS OATH, IF HE CANNOT FIND A MAID WILLING TO RETURN WITH HIM TO CANAAN, AND NOW, IN THE CUSTOM OF THESE ANCIENT TIMES, ELIEZER SWEARS TO DO ALL THAT ABRAHAM HAS REQUESTED, IN ORDER TO FIND A WIFE FOR ISAAC!

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

The weather seems to be cooling off a little and things are pretty and green because of the good showers we received lately. We can water our yards to soaking, yet a little shower comes along and does a much better job turning grass green and making the flowers bloom so beautifully.

Only a 20 per cent chance of moisture is predicted for the latter part of the week.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

Peggy and Charles Hargrove are in for a good time this year as their ten-year-old granddaughter, Ashley Marie Ford, will be staying with them and going to school in Bovina.

They have had fun getting her ready for school and getting school supplies.

Jack and Ona Patterson had company over the weekend. Their daughter, Sandy Blackstein, and Sandy's daughter-in-law, Kerri Shamblin, and her son Clay, Jack's little fishing buddy, came from Amarillo.

They enjoyed a good time together and attended church on Sunday before Sandy and family returned to their homes in Amarillo.

Jimmy and I went to Hereford on Sunday and took his mother, Mae Russell out to dinner. We had a good visit.

Robin Smith of Hereford came to Bovina Saturday and spent the night and day with her grandparents, Billy and Suezy Smith. Robin's parents are Kevin and Crystal

Smith of Hereford. They went rafting on the Rio Grande over the weekend.

Suezy was telling me that her parents, Herman and Edna Estes of Coleman are getting along real well now and are just waiting for their house to sell and then they will move to Bovina. It will be good to have them back here.

Darlene Foster, daughter of Don and Juanda Murphy, is hospitalized in the Baylor Medical Center in Wichita Falls. Juanda said the arthritis that Darlene has has caused a blood clot behind her right knee.

Darlene entered the hospital on Friday and will be spending a few days. She and her husband live in Midlothian.

Sandra Clayton went to Whiteface on Monday to spend some time with her dad, Earl May, who has been ill.

Mallie Mason, one-year-old daughter of Bryan and Leah Mason, celebrated her first birthday with a party at her home. Family members were served hotdogs, cake and ice cream. They were: Mallie's aunt and uncle, Sharon and Donnie Terrie of Clovis and their three daughters, Briana, Dava, and Kayla; also her uncle Jeffrey and aunt Kristi Steelman and son Scott were there.

Also attending were Mallie's granddad and grandmom, Dickie and Mary Evelyn Steelman of Bovina and her big sister, Ashton.

Haylee Hughes was honored on her birthday with a party for family

members and her mother said later. Haylee and her friends would be treated to a trip to the Discovery Center in Amarillo.

Those attending the party were Haylee's grandparents, Gannie and Papa Joe, Joe and Jane Sealey of Clovis; Haylee's aunt, Darla 'Weizer' Sealey of Bovina. Haylee's parents are Kevin and Suzan Hughes.

Suzan was telling me about Kevin winning an elk hunt in Vermaho, New Mexico. They attended a banquet, Elk Unlimited, held in Clovis this summer.

A friend, Dale McCormick, and Kevin put each other's names on their tickets and Kevin is going to get to go. They were given a permit and guide but they furnish the expenses of the lodge and food. Someone else from Bovina may go with Kevin, according to Suzan.

Nelline Spicer and her

daughters and families had a fun weekend at Angel Fire, New Mexico. They are Nena and Mike Veazey and daughter, Kylee, of Hereford and Key and Joe Stanton and daughter, Kristi, of Farwell. They drove up on Friday and came home Saturday night.

Erma and Carl Schrader had company last week. Erma's daughter and her husband, Dyalthia and Larry DeFever of Amarillo came Thursday and went to Clovis to the horse auction.

Larry and Dyalthia raise Palamino show horses in Amarillo. Erma said they had fun at the auction and a nice visit in Bovina.

SMILE: An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up until midnight to make sure the old one leaves. Have a great week...Scooter.



By Carol McIntosh

We would like to begin by saying Happy Birthday to the following: residents, Hattie Turner, August 1, 1902; Marie Roden, August 3, 1911; George Jones, August 12, 1911; Ben Israel, August 14, 1946; Marvin Childers, August 15, 1912; Eula Parrack, August 22, 1905; Trixie Powers, August 24, 1911; Juan Marquez, August 28, 1941. Employees are: Beth Shelton, August 4; Esther Paulk, August 7; and Janie Cruz, August 9.

Also, congratulations go to Lester and Sylvia Roth on their anniversary, August 26, 1935.

We want to welcome Mary "Trixie" Powers to Prairie Acres. Come say "hi"!

Lillian Jones, who has been a resident since February 12, 1996, was voted "Resident of the Month." Lucilla Trevino, a Certified Nurse Aid since November 4, 1993, was voted "Employee of the Month." Congratulations!!

I want to thank the following folks: Jean Hamilton for the cantaloupe (which the residents said was wonderful); Charles Christian from the Oklahoma Lane area for the peas that the residents shelled; Tommy and Jean Hamilton for the clothes and several men's caps; Hazel Britt for the medical supplies; and Bill and Margaret Wilshire for the beautiful and delicious fresh potatoes and onions.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In memory of Eula Akens: Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hurst, John and Jo Blackwell, Bill and Margaret Wilshire, Kenneth and Mary Ford, Lillian McLellan, Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr., Luella Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hinkle, Wana Brewer, Jarrell and Karen Wright and Marlene Drake.

In memory of Jose DeLaPaz: John and Jo Blackwell.

In memory of Troy Hutson: Jerry and Beth

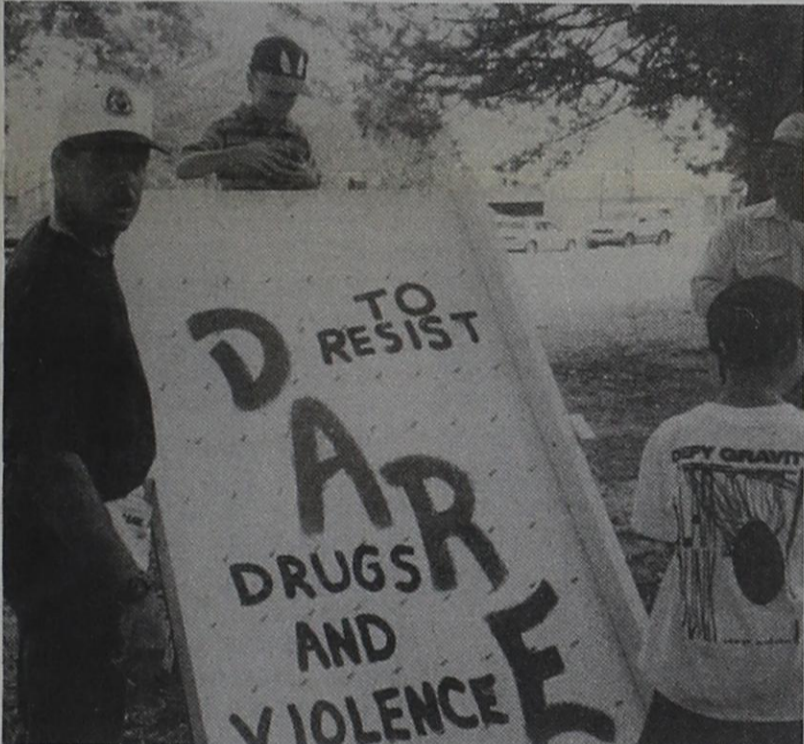
Swine Training Is Scheduled

The 1996 Master Volunteer Swine Training will be held September 7, 17, 18 and 19. This training is for volunteers to increase knowledge and skills of a 4-H swine project and how it fits into the total 4-H program.

Sixteen hours of training will be provided through this program. Volunteers will be expected to give back fifty hours to their respective county 4-H program.

The registration fee will be forty dollars per person and the deadline to register is August 27. For late applicants there will be a \$10.00 late charge.

If anyone is interested they may call the Parmer County Extension Office for registration information at (806) 481-3619.



HELPING KIDS!...DARE officer Roy Don Smith and other DARE volunteers had their game booth in city park during the Bull Town Days celebration. The kids could earn coupons for prizes and proceeds go to further the DARE program in Parmer County Schools.

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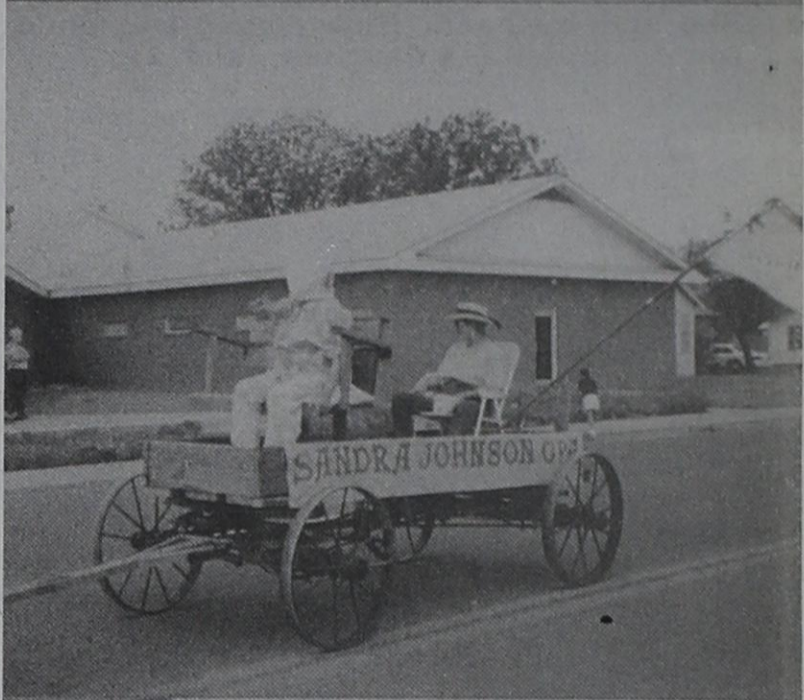
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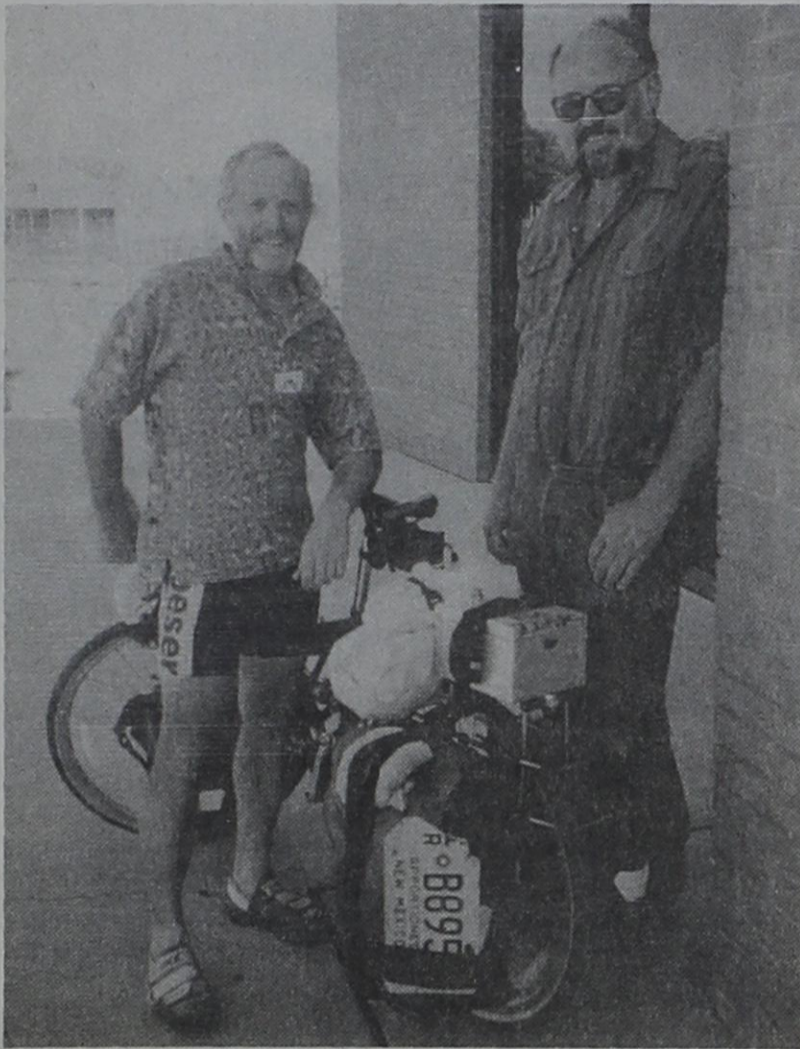
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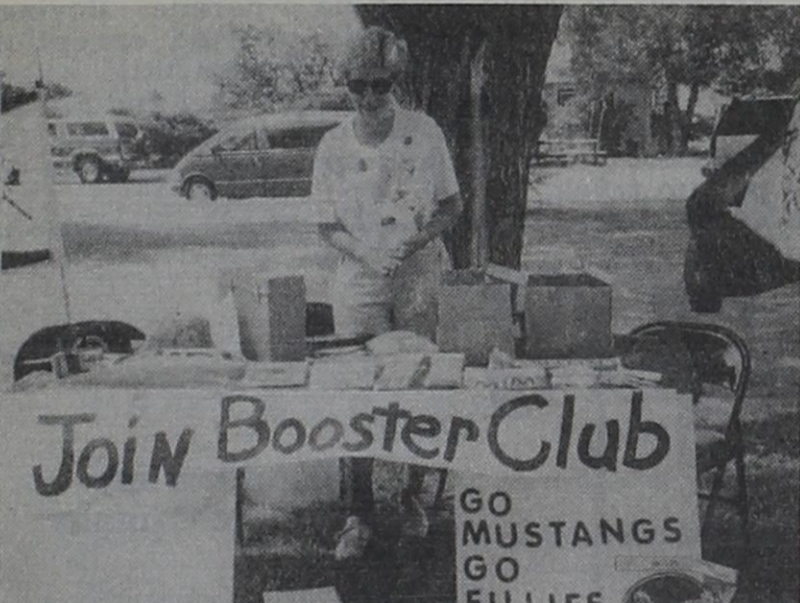
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SECRETARY IN GOD'S OFFICE.....The new secretary of First Baptist Church is Lyna Coleman. Lyna and her family live in Farwell. She and husband, Ricky, have two children, son Jered, 11, and daughter Jami, 14.



GERMANY? HEAD EAST.....Walter Schmidt, a school superintendent from Freiburg, Germany, stopped in Friona on his bicycle journey from San Francisco to Jonesboro, Arkansas. Schmidt is shown trading tales with Connie Dodson outside the post office. See story.



BOOSTIN' BOVINA.....Susan Kerby and Booster volunteers stayed in the shade during the Bull Town Days celebration. Membership in the Booster Club is a good way to show your support for the young people who carry on the Mustang and Fillie tradition.

Changes Are Made In U.S.P.S. Collections

The U.S. Postal Service announced today changes in mail collection procedures that will increase security of commercial airlines carrying U.S. Mail.

"The changes are designed to enhance security measures and to protect the traveling public, postal employees and postal contractors who transport U.S. Mail," said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Runyon added that the changes exceed FAA requirements and are one of several important steps the Postal Service is "prepared and willing to take to improve the level of safety and security of the airlines and the mail." Officials declined to discuss all of the security measures planned or already in place.

The typical consumer or business will notice very few changes, nor will there be any impact on service. Express Mail is not affected.

The changes, effective August 16, affect packages mailed to international or domestic addresses deposited in mail collection boxes, such

as street mail boxes, lobby and apartment drop boxes/receptacles, even rural customer mailboxes.

Customers will have to bring packages to post offices for entry with retail clerks, domestic mail bearing stamps and weighing 16 ounces and over, and all international mail or military APO/FPO mail weighing 16 ounces and over and which in some cases may also require a customs declaration form.

The Postal Service will retain a record of the international and military APO/FPO mailing and the customer will be advised of this when the item is mailed.

Packages found in collection boxes will be returned to the sender if the addressee is outside the local area identified for overnight First-Class Mail.

Packages returned to senders will have an accompanying explanation advising them in the future to deposit this mail at the post office. Previously applied postage may be used when the item is re-mailed at the post office.

Fair Board Tells Schedule Of Events

The Parmer County Fair Board recently completed its plans for the second annual Parmer County Fair to be held September 5-7 at the Friona Community Center.

Entries will be accepted Thursday, September 5 from 5-9 p.m. Food entries will be taken Friday, September 6 from 8-9 a.m. A \$1.00 fee will be charged for each entry.

Judging will take place on Friday from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon Exhibits will be open to the public from noon until 6 p.m. that day.

On Saturday, activities get underway at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Parmer County Fair Board. Breakfast will be served until 8:30 a.m.

The exhibits will be open to the public until 1 p.m.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m., a hamburger lunch will be served. This is being sponsored by the Pioneer

Heritage Society and Museum.

All activities start at 9:30 a.m. with a pet show. The turtle race and frog jumping contest will commence at 10 a.m., followed by the bucket calf show at 10:30 a.m.

Children of any age are welcome to enter these contests at no charge.

A homemade ice cream contest will be held at 11 a.m. Once the judging is concluded and winners are announced, the ice cream will be offered to fair goers at no charge. Anyone can enter this contest.

The youth lead show, Junior 4-H Fashion Show and a spinning demonstration will be held from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fair entries can be picked up from 1-1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in the fair can pick up a fair book at the Chamber of Commerce, Friona State Bank or the Library.

Mr. Schmidt Of Germany Bicycles Thru Parmer Co.

BY RON CARR

On Friday, August 16, another adventurer passed through Parmer County on Highway 60.

This time, it was 58-year-old Walter Schmidt of Freiburg, Germany. I talked to him at the Friona Post Office where he had stopped off to send some mail home.

We were alerted by Connie Dodson, who happened to be at the post office, that another stranger was passing through.

Mr. Schmidt bought his \$2000 Cannondale bicycle in San Francisco and headed east, bound for Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Why Jonesboro? His son is a helicopter pilot there. He said that he was taking the bicycle back to Germany with him. The same model would sell there for more than twice the price he paid in the U. S.

He said that he left San Francisco four weeks earlier and that it would take another two weeks to reach Jonesboro.

After many years operating a gas station in Freiburg, Schmidt has been a school superintendent there for the past 18 years.

tomatoes, cantalopes, oranges, bananas, bottled water and V8 vegetable juice.

Schmidt said that he eats fruits, vegetables, and water mostly because meats and starches are "too heavy" for the strain and muscle power needed for pedaling the bike.

Weather permitting, he usually camps along the road, opting for a motel as needed for a shower and shave and a good night's sleep on a real mattress.

The night before we talked to him was when Parmer Co. had the heavy lightning and thunderstorms. He had pitched his bedroll near an abandoned house on Highway 86. When the rain started, he moved inside the dusty old building to wait out the storm.

Such is the life and times of a road adventurer.

We asked for permission to take his picture. Then he opened a lock box on the back of his bicycle, took out a camera, and asked for permission to take ours.

He had an old New Mexico license plate he had found along the road that he was taking back to Germany as a souvenir, along with our picture.

Then, helmet in place and feet locked onto the pedals, Mr. Schmidt headed east again on Highway 60, bound for Germany.

Shower To Honor The Callenders

A shower honoring Mrs. Donell Garner Callender, bride of David Callender of Lubbock will be held Saturday, August 24, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the First Bank Community room.

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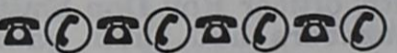
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