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Bull Town Bulletins

By
Bill Ellis



A COUPLE OF weeks ago, Carol cautioned me somewhat when I used my exaltation, "Rain, damn you, rain!" from the TEXAS play. "Maybe, out of respect for our ministers, and others who might take offense, you ought to have said 'Pray for rain,'" she suggested.

But Ye Ed reminded her that he was just quoting a well-known statement, and that it seemed that our current (then) situation called for more drastic measures. Besides, I reasoned, the ministers and other Christians are no doubt praying for rain.

Well, whatever the cause, be it prayers, pleadings, or just our longtime tradition of always getting a good rain at school graduation time, we received our rain! And, up until Tuesday of this week at least, it had fallen without any bad hail, which is always a concern when the rains come.

The past week reminds us of the old story, you've probably heard a hundred times, but for our newcomers, we'll repeat it:

A traveler from a distant state stopped to gas up, at a small place (probably Bovina or Friona). Noting that things looked to be about to die due to lack of rain, he remarked to the station attendant: "It sure looks dry around here. What is your average rainfall, anyway?"

"Oh, about six or eight inches," came the reply. "That's sure not much rain," ventured the traveller.

"Maybe not, but you ought to be here the day we get it."

NOW, WE'RE trying to recall, but having seen the TEXAS production several times, we can't remember that there's a corresponding line that would indicate "That's enough for this week--now we need some sunshine!"

APRIL AND MAY were great months for the birdwatchers in this area. Our neighborhood had a large flock of cedar waxwings in April. They look like bandits with their little black masks. They went on their way once the weather warmed up a bit.

Carol says the purple finches are misnamed because they are really a deep red. We've had all shades of finches (some people call them song sparrows) from bright red to orange to a golden peach color. And the goldfinches aren't really gold, either, but are the brightest yellow you can imagine.

The blue grosbeak that we had last year didn't come back and neither did the towhee, but we did have the rose-breasted grosbeak which is a startling-looking black and white bird and also the black-headed grosbeak which most people mistake for a robin. This one has a rust colored breast like a robin and is almost the same size. The difference is in the black wings with white bars.

We've had quite a variety of buntings and maybe even a Western bluebird. We had indigo and lazuli buntings, both of which are a beautiful blue color, one darker than the other. But the most surprising bird is the painted bunting with the red breast, blue head and green wings. It looks almost like a parakeet or some other tropical bird. We just couldn't believe that it was real, especially when he tried to hide out in our snowball bush. His red chest really stood out amongst those white snowball blooms.

Two little hummingbirds visited our feeder at various times, but we don't believe they are a pair since one has the ruby throat and one is solid green. Ye Ed lucked out and managed to get some pretty good photos of the little hummer at the feeder.

There are also the usual number of bluejays, little wrens, barn swallows, mockingbirds and, of course, the ones we could stand to do without, which are those squawky grackles and cowbirds.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: When opportunity knocks, it's probably going to be disguised as hard work.



THE RAINS CAME DOWN---When the drought-breaking rains finally came during the month of May, it almost seemed like it all fell in the streets of Bovina, but most farmers are pleased about the nearly four and a half inches that came during the past month.

Seniors Are Feted At Commencement

Thirty members of Bovina High School's Class of 1995 received their diplomas in ceremonies last Friday evening, May 26 at the school auditorium.

Mike Royce was the principal speaker. He is the new head football coach and athletic director, and came to Bovina last December. Royce challenged the graduates to be the best they could be as they went on past their high school careers.

A highlight of the commencement was the awarding of scholarships by Jerry Birdsong, high school principal. Those receiving scholarships were as follows:

Chamber of Commerce: Brooke Charles and Benji Mitard; Bovina Lions Club: Brooke Charles; First Bank of Bovina: Cynthia Reyna and Zeke Lara; Texas State Teachers Association and Bovina Classroom Teachers: Richard Beauchamp; West Texas A&M Residential Hall: Gina Villarreal; Salutatorian: (South Plains College) Isabel Viernes; Valedictorian (University of Texas at Austin) Andy Espinoza.

Honor graduates were Andrew Espinoza, Isabel Viernes, Roberta Borquez, Cynthia Reyna, Brooke Charles and Sally Noriega.

Class officers were Sally Noriega, president; Roberta Borquez, secretary; Brooke Charles, treasurer; and Gina Villarreal, student council representative.

Honor guards were Angie Uriegas and Jay Grisham. Ushers were Carmen Campos, Jose Perez,

Book Club Members Recognized

Bovina Elementary School students that are members of the Century Book Club have been recognized recently.

Students that read 100 books were Christopher Bachicha, Kristen Montgomery and Diego Ruiz.

Those that have read 200 books were Emigdio Flores, Jennifer Reyna, Daniela Quintero and Silvano Silva.

Eliseo Salazar has read 300 books.

In order to be a member of the Century Book Club, students must have read 100 books or more.

Special Awards Presented

The President's Academic Fitness Award was presented to Bovina Elementary School students in grades four and five that maintained a 90 or above grade point average. They also must have scored in the top 85% or higher in reading or math on a standardized test.

Students must be recommended for this award by a teacher or other faculty member, must be an outstanding citizen and have positive leadership qualities.

The 1994-95 recipients included Briselda Rodriguez, Christen Stowers, David Garcia, Danny Martinez and Stephen Olivarez.

Alex Dopp and RoseAnn Cantu.

The class song, "Yesterday," was presented. The class motto was "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe," by Anatole France.

Class sponsors were Carolyn Beauchamp, Linda Lewis and Bruce Beets.

The class colors were maroon, white and black.

Members of the class were Richard Thomas Beauchamp, Crystal Elaine Bishop, Roberta Yvonne Borquez, Julia Castillo, Ashley Brooke Charles, Andrew Jesus Espinoza, Jaime Flores, David Gonzales, Alma Guevara and Elizabeth Marie Kessler.

Also, Ezequiel Lara, Enrique Marez, Thomas Lance McClaran, Benjamin Mitard, Aracely Noriega, Yesenia Perez, Charlotte Lee Quintana, Melinda Lee Ramon, Arnold Reyna and Cynthia Ann Reyna.

Also, Luis Humberto Robles, Gerardo Rubalcava, Karen Machell Saddler, Simon Salazar, Lisa Serna, John Wayne Stormes, Troy Lance Teague, Josefina Viernes, Maria Isabel B. Viernes, and Gina Villarreal.

Students earning the Texas Advanced Academic Seal were Beauchamp, Ms Borquez, Ms Charles, Espinoza, Ms Noriega, Ms Quintana, Ms Reyna, Ms Isabel Viernes and Ms Villarreal.

Class members who were members of the National Honor Society were Beauchamp, Ms Borquez, Ms Charles, Espinoza, Mitard, Ms Noriega, Ms Quintana, Ms Reyna, Ms Viernes, Ms Isabel Viernes and Ms Villarreal.

Processional and recessional were played by Mike Teague. Brooke Charles gave the invocation and Sally Noriega gave the benediction.

Ms Villarreal led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Misses Borquez and Reyna read the class history.

Isabel Viernes gave the

Honor Roll Released For Year

Eleven Bovina Elementary School students made the "All A" list for the entire school year just ended.

Those making "All A's" were: Crystal Morris, Victoria Carrillo, Trey Widner, Emigdio Flores, Randa Englant, Kasi Birdsong, Amber Widner, Courtney Jamerson, Kris Galvan, Christen Stowers and Angela Villarreal.

Students having "A's and B's" for the 1994-95 school year were: Juan Carrillo, Kody Hawkin, Daniela Quintero, Jennifer Reyna, Luzana Chavez, Jeffrey Casas, Roger Martinez, Elizabeth Alonzo, Rebeca Carrillo, Marta Gomez, Hugo Martinez, Kristen Montgomery, Christopher Ortiz, Adriana Ramirez, Troy Turner, Matthew Villarreal, Maritssa Salazar, Agustina Ruiz, Jill Sorley, Josh Kerby, Jake Steelman, Trent Black, Destiny Cruz, Silvano Silva, David Garcia, Danny Martinez and Jerry Sherbon.

Slow-Falling Rain: Farmers Jubilant

Parmer County farmers were mostly all smiles this week, after a week of slow-falling rain that deposited between three and four inches of the much-needed commodity on their farmland.

A strip in the southern part of the county, stretching from Farwell to Lazbuddie sustained some bad hail damage. For a portion of the area near Lazbuddie, it was the second round of storms, they having suffered damage from an apparent tornado the first part of May.

But in the general area, a week's

worth of rain all fell as gently as it could have been ordered. Bovina's official gauge caught 2.75 inches of rain since last Wednesday, and a total of 4.40 inches for the month of May.

Mike Beauchamp said he had received between four and five inches of rain on his place, with no crop damage to speak of.

The month's moisture was a considerable improvement over the .64 inch that had been received in the official gauge for January through April, bringing the calendar year's total to 5.04 inches.

Farmers and agricultural officials alike were ecstatic about the nice rain.

"It has been great. We had a slim chance (for crops to get a good start) before the rain, without running the wells non-stop. Now they're all cut off," said Harry Johnson of Sherley Grain.

Johnson said it appeared that farmers in the immediate area received from four to five inches of rain, mostly without any damage at all.

The main hail damage was in the Lazbuddie area, where crops were battered pretty well east of the community, and the cotton suffered between Lazbuddie and Clay's Corner.

"Most of the farmers who lost cotton will probably replant with milo," Johnson said.

"But the corn is in great shape. It's too wet for the farmers to do any field work. The moisture will help the irrigated wheat, and will allow it to mature evenly. A good rain like this will make amends for 'dry spots' in the crop," Johnson said.

This has certainly been an unusual spring, Johnson stated "It has been the driest, the windiest and the coldest spring we've ever had," he commented, probably to the surprise of no one living here.

Maggie Moore, official rainfall recorder, logged .72 inch the first week of May; another .73 the second, .20 the third week, and 1.23 inches for the week ending May 27, and another 1.52 for the May 29-31 period.

"Most of the rain has been excellent. We had a little sleet-like hail to start one of the rains, but there wasn't enough to hurt anything," she said.

Jarrell Wright, longtime area resident-farmer in the Parmerton vicinity, said he had received 3.5 to four inches of rain during the

weeklong rainy spell.

"As far as I could tell, virtually all of it fell just right. Most of my cotton hadn't come up prior to the rain, and now some of the little plants are beginning to break through the ground.

"I'm hopeful that we'll get a good stand. I'm glad it hadn't already come up, since it (the weather) got as cold as it did," Wright said.

He also indicated that he had his "sandfighters" ready in case the wind gets up.

Joe Allen, manager of Sherley-Anderson's Rhea elevator, said the Rhea community got in on the general rain. "We had about three inches since a week ago Thursday. "We had another 1.8 inches earlier in the month, so that makes around 4.8 inches for the month," Allen said.

Since the Rhea area is virtually entirely dry-land from a farming standpoint, the rain was a God-send.

"Some of the row-crops had been planted, but most were waiting for a rain. They can get their planting done now. The farmers were really getting concerned about the lack of moisture, but this saved the day," Allen said.

The longtime Rhea-area resident said they would need some more rain later on in order to help the subsoil moisture. "Just about everybody says they got a very good rain--the kind that will do some good. It was a slow, soaker!" Allen concluded.

Elementary Honor Roll Is Released

Principal Darla Sealey, Bovina Elementary School principal, released its sixth six weeks honor list this past week.

ALL A'S

Victoria Carrillo, Crystal Morris, Emigdio Flores, Luzana Chavez, Trey Widner, Randa Englant, Christopher Ortiz, Kasi Birdsong, Destiny Cruz, Courtney Jamerson, Josh Kerby, Jill Sorley, Jake Steelman, Amber Widner, Kris Galvan, Christen Stowers, David Garcia and Angela Villarreal.

A'S AND B'S

Jessica Amparan, Kody Hawkins, Daniela Quintero, Jennifer Reyna, Elizabeth Alonzo, Rebeca Carrillo, Marta Gomez, Dustin Lara, Hugo Martinez, Kristen Montgomery, Eliseo Salazar, Hugo Aguillon, Jeffrey Casas, Roger Martinez, Mayra Banuelos, Teresa Brito, Brandi Holguin, Maria Perez, Romualdo Ruiz, Adriana Ramirez, Matthew Villarreal, Troy Turner, Ricardo Rojas, Trent Black, Austin Parson.

Also, Adolfo Perez, Cristina Carmona, Annabel Loe, Agustin Ruiz, Maritssa Salazar, Ivan Vela, Juan Vara, Rocio Antillon, Tabitha Englant, Amber King, Kathy Perez, Yesika Ramirez, Jessica Reyna, Briselda Rodriguez, Diego Ruiz, Silvano Silva, Noemi Viernes, Paula Chavez, Veronica Herrera, April Martinez, Danny Martinez, Fidelfo Saucedo, Jerry Sherbon, Alonzo Vela and Alejandra Aguillon.

Summer School Starts July 3rd

Bovina Elementary Summer School will be held from July 3 through July 28. This includes both summer reading for students in grades kindergarten-fifth grade and the limited English proficient summer program for students who will be in kindergarten and first grade.

Summer reading students in grades kindergarten, first and second grades will attend from 8:30-10 a.m. Students in grades three through fifth grades will attend from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Summer reading will be held at the elementary main campus. L.E.P. students who will be in kindergarten and first grade will attend from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Ridgelea. Lunch will be provided for all students.



GRADUATION EXERCISES---At the Bovina 1995 Senior Graduation last Friday evening, (left to right) The Class History was read by Roberta Borquez and Cynthia Reyna; Andrew Espinoza gave the Valedictory Address and Isabel Viernes gave the Salutatory Address.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--June 8, 1960
Marian Carson and L.M. Grissom were elected to the board of directors of Bovina Wheat Growers at an annual meeting held with 200 people attending.

Four inches of rain fell in Bovina and area crops suffered much damage.

Sears-Roebuck Foundation has notified Roy Whistler, who has led efforts to get a doctor in Bovina, that it will not cooperate with Bovina in building a medical center.

Tuesday afternoon to wash down a diesel spill at the corner of Third and Main Street. A tank truck being filled from a storage tank owned by Charles Oil Co. apparently overflowed sending diesel fuel running into gutters.

Chuck's Riverside team leads LL divisions completing the first two weeks of baseball.

A total of 73 girls have signed up for a softball league co-sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club and Jaycee-ettes.

Michael O'Hair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Hair of Bovina, was graduated with honors from Texas Tech Wesleyan College

June 11, Sherley Grain received its first load of barley.

15 Yrs. Ago--June 11, 1980
Stephen Sherrill has been selected for the 1980 Outstanding Young Men of America Award.

Preston Nix has been hired as youth pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bovina and he comes from Waco.

A.G. White will be honored on Father's Day and will have his two daughters, Doris Wilson and Ruby Wilson, and family members with him. He will celebrate his 100th birthday in August.

Grand opening of the new Senior Citizens building will be held on June 22 and the public is invited to attend.

10 Yrs. Ago--June 12, 1985
Chantel Ward of Sherley Grain presented a check of \$50 to John Dixon who delivered the first load of barley June 3. The dryland crop was harvested on the Goolsby place five miles north of Bovina.

5 Yrs. Ago--June 9, 1990
Father Timothy Dran, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina and St. Teresa's in Friona, will be celebrating 40 years of priesthood this month.

Artie Fay O'Hair's daughter, Sonja Perkins O'Hair, made a 4.0 grade point average for the semester and was on the dean's honor roll for the spring semester at Clovis Community College.

News Briefs....

Among those attending the graduation of Adam Murphy from Abilene Cooper High School were Don and Juanda Murphy, A.M. Wilson, Pam and Greg Bell and children, Casey and Will. Adam is the son of Rodney and Suzanne Murphy of Abilene. The Murphys and Wilson are his grandparents.

Visiting in Bovina last week were Darlene and Buddy Foster and Rebecca of Midlothian. They also visited out at Oklahoma Lane with his parents, Wayne and Louise Foster.

(Editor's note: due to the death of Scooter's mother, we missed having the 'Scoops' this week. Please call Scooter next week with your news.)



CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY....The Sudderth family cordially invites you and your family to join us in celebrating Obereta Sudderth's 80th birthday with the gift of your presence on Saturday, June 10. The celebration will be held in the First Bank Community Room, Bovina, from 2-4 p.m.

Looking Up!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

This Sunday, June 4, I will finish out my tenth year as pastor of First Baptist Church of Bovina. My first Sunday as pastor here was June 2, 1985. Overall, it has been a good ten years for us. That is good because a decade is definitely a large chunk of one's life!

Julie remembers little of life before she moved here. Bovina is the only home she has known. James and Jay have also grown up here, as the family portraits in our home's entry-way so readily attest.

Even our cat, Sugarfoot, has spent ten of her dozen years of existence (and perhaps six or seven of her nine lives) at 703 Ridgela Drive. Parsonage life is all she has ever known. But she still purrs a lot!

Velma and I have not grown older, uh, we, uh--yeah, we have merely matured. Pastoring a Baptist Church will certainly do that to you! And we have grown to love and appreciate not only our church members, but all you good folks of Bovina. Thanks for being so kind to us.

During our ten-year tenure at First Baptist Church, I have preached 855 sermons (give or take one or two), baptized 96, performed 21 marriages (only three not local); and five of which have terminated in divorce, and preached or assisted in 80 funerals (only eight not local). And our "UPS brown" Astro van, which was new when we moved here, now has 161,000 miles on the odometer. So, we've been around.

Sometimes, as another Sunday rolls around, I wonder what more I can say after over 800 sermons. (I'm sure there are a few who wonder if I have ever said anything yet! Ha! Jack Patterson told me just this past week, "Preacher, I really enjoyed your sermon, especially that last part when you said, 'You're dismissed!'" But then I realize, it's not so much my voice that people need to hear. Rather, it is the Word of God that should be heard, received and applied to daily living.

A certain reader of *The British Weekly* wrote this provocative letter to the editor:

"Dear Sir: It seems that ministers feel their sermons are very important and spend a great deal of time preparing them. I have been attending church service quite regularly for the past 30 years and I have probably heard 3,000 of them. To my consternation, I discovered that I cannot remember a single sermon. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else? Sincerely, ..."

For several weeks a real storm of editorial responses ensued. The uproar finally was ended by this letter:

"Dear Sir: I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals--mostly of my wife's cooking. Suddenly, I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I have received nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them, I would have starved to death long ago. Sincerely..."

Although most of my sermons may have been or soon may be forgotten, hopefully no one has died of spiritual malnutrition because of them in the past decade. However, it has been reported to me that a few nearly died of physical starvation once when I went a few minutes past noon! Ha!

Yes, it has been a good ten years. To God be the glory for the things He has done.

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Former Bovina Grad Receives PhD Degree

Mark Teague, son of Don and Dona Teague of Bovina received his doctoral degree from Oklahoma State University May 5, 1995.

Mark graduated from Bovina High School in 1982. He graduated from West Texas State University with a degree in Ag Economics. While attending WTSU he was on the President's Honor Roll.

He received his MA degree in Ag Economics from Oklahoma State University and earned a 4.0 grade average.

He received his PhD degree in Economics from OSU earning a 4.0. He graduated Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta.

Mark received the Research

Excellence Award and represented the doctoral students at the hooding ceremony during commencement exercises.

Mark's wife Melissa, daughter of Gary and Kay Singleterry of Pleasant Hill, and their children Andrew 8 and Megan 6 will be making their home in Phoenix, Arizona where he will be working in foreign investments for American Express.

Mark and his brothers Mike, music director at Trinity Church, and Lance who is graduating from Bovina High School this year, have attended grades K-12 at Bovina ISD.

This is 27 continuing years for Don and Dona to have students in BHS!

Rites Held In Lubbock For Gordon Hastings

Services for Gordon Hastings, 71, of Lubbock, were held Tuesday in Highland Baptist Church with the Rev. Stan Blevins, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Hastings died Friday, May 26, 1995 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

He was born November 19, 1923 in Bovina. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of Highland Baptist Church. He married Cora Lou Haymes on June 6, 1948, in Lubbock.

Hastings was an accountant for R.H. Fulton Enterprises.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Du Wayne Hastings of Georgetown; two daughters, Mitzi Hastings of Lubbock and Tanya Burke of Buda; a brother, Dean Hastings of Bovina; two sisters, Donalita Hawkins of Bovina and Imogene Swim of Roaring Springs; two granddaughters and a great-grandson.

Pallbearers were Kyle Fulton, Kirk Fulton, Calvin Peters, Ray Brannon, Bill Martin and David Barker.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Leukemia Association.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT....One small one-bedroom house and one apartment, 1 BR, across the street east of Bovina School. Call (806) 839-2727. 32-tfnc

CARD OF THANKS

Mere words cannot express our heartfelt thanks for the food, flowers, phone calls, cards, visits and prayers after the loss of our precious husband and dad, Alvoxy C. Kersey. Each act of kindness helped us to make it through a very difficult time. The thoughtfulness of our friends and relatives was greatly appreciated. May God richly bless you.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for group medical benefits for the Parmer County employees. Bids must be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, July 10, 1995, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

Personnel information is available from the County Treasurer. Experience data will be provided upon request, after receipt from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The effective date for coverage is July 15, 1995 and the term is for one (1) year, however, bids for longer than one year will be considered.

Bids should be for the same coverage and in the amounts now provided under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy. Any proposals for more or less coverage should be presented as options and priced as additions or reductions to the premium by classification for the present coverage.

The Commissioners Court will not be considering proposals for a partially self-funded plan at this time.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. 45-2tc

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Bovina Independent School District is accepting bids for Depository Bank for 1995-97. Bids will be considered at the regular July board meeting. Bids must be submitted on or before July 12, 1995. Interested bidders should contact Sue Nuttall, Superintendent at (806) 238-1336. 45-2tc

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The Parmer County CFSA Office, 300 Ave. B, Farwell, TX is taking applications for employment for a position in the office. 45-2tc

Applications will be accepted through June 9, 1995. Candidates will be considered without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliations, personal sponsorship, physical or mental handicap, age, marital status or other non-merit factors. CFSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 45-2tc

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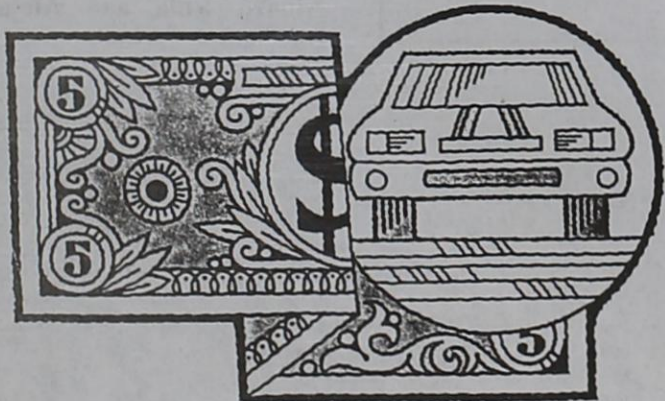
1. The Board of Trustees of the Bovina Independent School District is accepting bids on the following items:

- High School Track Equipment
- High School Basketball Equipment
- Cross Country Equipment

2. Sealed proposal, prominently marked "Athletic Equipment Bid" will be received until 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 1995 at the Athletic Office, Bovina High School, Bovina, Texas. They will be publicly opened and read aloud in the office of the Director of Athletics. Proposals received after the above stated time and date will not be accepted. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

3. Questions regarding this proposal should be directed to: Coach Mike Royce Athletic Director Bovina High School Bovina, Texas 79009 Telephone: 238-1317 45-2tc

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HONORARY MEMBER....Darla Bracken (left), librarian at Friona Public Library, is shown presenting Mary Rose Brito an honorary lifetime membership to the Friona Friends of the Library organization. The presentation was made April 30.

Comptroller Delivers Tax Rebates To Texas Cities

"Despite another month of record employment, local sales tax payments to Texas cities and counties 'cooled' somewhat last month," State Comptroller John Sharp said today as he delivered sales tax rebates to 1,076 cities and 111 counties across Texas.

According to Sharp, Texas businesses created nearly 300,000 new jobs for the year ending March 31, with statewide employment of more than 7.9 million working Texans. As a result, employment in Texas has reached its sixth all-

time high in as many months. Sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaled \$176.7 million, 1.5 per cent above the \$174 million for May 1994," Sharp said. "Rebates to Texas counties were \$17.2 million, a four per cent increase over the May 1994 rebates of \$16.6 million."

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected on March sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reported to the Comptroller in April and those businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February and March.

Friona received \$13,452.89 in sales tax, a 1.34 per cent increase from last year's \$13,274.36. 1995 payments to date total \$52,678.18, a 5.73 per cent increase from 1994 payments of 49,822.75.

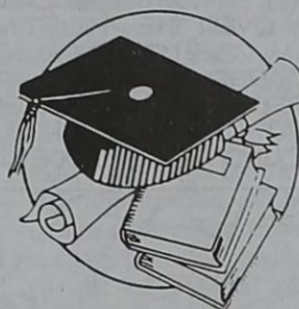
Bovina received \$3,387.35 in sales tax, a 7.65 percent decrease from last year's \$3,667.99. 1995 payments to date total \$14,127.60, a 14.25 per cent increase from 1994 payments of \$12,365.38.

The Parmer County total, which includes Friona, Bovina, and Farwell, totaled \$21,981.55 net payment for this period, a 3.77 per cent decrease from last year's \$22,844.38. 1995 payment to date total \$86,338.85, a 4.64 per cent increase from last year's \$82,504.20.

NICOLE TALLEY graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University's College of Human Sciences, Lubbock, on May 13. After maintaining a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69, she received her degree in human development and family studies with a specialization in early childhood education and will be teaching students in the third through sixth grades. Her parents are Jay and Krita Potts and she is married to Troy Talley, son of Leon and Jeffie Talley, also of Friona. Nicole is a 1990 graduate of Friona High School. While at Tech, she was listed on the spring and fall 1994 President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 average; on the Dean's Honor Roll with a 3.5+ average in the fall of 1993; and received the College of Human Services Honor Graduate Award. She plans to teach in the Lubbock area.



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Lazbuddie Resident Graduates

A Lazbuddie resident is among 752 students who received associate degrees and certificates of proficiency Friday morning, May 12, during South Plains College's 37th commencement exercises in Texan Dome.

Elpidio Pacheco is the recipient of the Certificate of Proficiency in automotive service technology.

"You have worked hard to achieve a goal, and both you and your families should be very proud," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president.

Monthly Clinics Are Scheduled

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for June.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Immunizations are available in Friona at the WIC Office, 703 Main Street, on Friday, June 16 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

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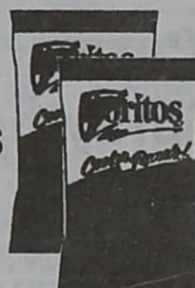
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PRAIRIE ACRES in conjunction with FRIONA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS "ARTIST OF THE MONTH" MRS. JESSIE GORE



ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Mrs. Jessie Gore has been named Guest Artist of the Month and will have several of her oil paintings on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres during the month of June. 91-year-old Jessie painted for 20 years until her eyesight began to fail around 1980. She studied under Lee Kennedy of Sulphur Springs and says she most enjoyed painting flowers and still life, but also did a few landscapes. She is pictured here with Prairie Acres employee, Barbara Armstrong, who has worked at the home off and on for several years. Barbara and Jessie invite everyone to come out and look at the paintings on display.

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Used Oil Recycling Centers Open

The Panhandle Environmental Partnership is setting up a network of used oil collection sites in the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The Partnership is a program of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), which made the program possible with a grant of almost \$300,000.

The Partnership is opening the sites in cooperation with the region's local governments, giving "do-it-yourselfers" convenient locations to dump used motor oil. Dumping used oil in unauthorized places is illegal. Oil can seep into soil and contaminate underground supplies of water, thus endangering the health of thousands of area residents who depend on underground water for drinking and agriculture.

While some area residents already have access to used oil recycling centers, others do not. Until now, many residents in smaller communities have had to carry used oil to distant or inconvenient recycling stations.

"Rural residents are no less environmentally conscious than urban dwellers, but recycling has been slow in coming to many rural communities because of the high cost of implementing programs," said Gary Pitner, PRPC executive director. "But through cooperative efforts, we can offer rural communities the same convenient oil-recycling facilities found in larger areas."

The recycling stations consist of one, 465-gallon fiberglass tank that sits inside a small fenced area. "Do-it-yourselfers" can pour oil directly into the tank and deposit used oil filters in a nearby container.

Borger-based CEG Industries will collect the oil and filters when containers are full. CEG will deliver the waste oil to the Phillips 66 Co. refinery in Borger, where it will be re-refined and recycled back into petroleum products. All this is free-of-charge to residents. The network will consist of more than 100 stations in the 26-county area.

In Parmer County, deposit centers are located at Friona, Bovina and Farwell.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Metro housing prices

The average sales price of a home in northeast Tarrant County was more than twice the cost of a home in Palestine. The median price in Texas was \$79,400 in 1994.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas A&M Real Estate Center.

City/region	Median price: Jan.—Dec. 1994
NE Tarrant County	\$102,400
Austin	\$96,400
Dallas	\$92,700
Irving	\$90,200
Denton	\$87,300
Houston	\$78,200
Bryan/College Station	\$77,700
San Antonio	\$76,300
Tyler	\$73,700
Midland	\$72,300
Corpus Christi	\$72,100
Beaumont	\$69,600
McAllen	\$69,600
Killeen/Fort Hood	\$68,100
Fort Worth	\$65,800
Lubbock	\$64,700
Amarillo	\$64,200
Longview/Marshall	\$62,100
Texarkana	\$61,400
Victoria	\$61,400
Abilene	\$60,500
San Angelo	\$60,200
Brownsville	\$59,100
Wichita Falls	\$57,000
Odessa	\$51,500
Sherman/Denison	\$50,500
Palestine	\$48,500



DURING 1994

Average Home Value Increases In Texas

"Just a few years ago, many Texas neighborhoods were cluttered with 'For Sale' and 'Foreclosure' signs, and homes sold for bargain prices. Today, home prices are rising and, in many areas, builders can barely keep pace with the demand for new homes," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

"Because of Texas' expanding economy and strong job market, many newcomers are moving into the state. At the same time, affordable interest rates have convinced renters to become home buyers, and home owners to trade up to more expensive houses," Sharp said.

The current issue of Statement, a publication of the Comptroller's Property Tax Division, provides a detailed comparison of home sales in 46 Texas cities in 1994, including the number of homes sold in each area and the median selling price.

"The statewide median price of a home in Texas last year rose 2 per cent to \$79,400. That means half of the homes that were sold were priced higher than \$79,400, and half were priced lower," Sharp said.

"Statewide, 115,124 existing homes were sold in 1994. In addition, 110,900 new homes and

apartments were built--the highest number since 1985.

"Though rising mortgage interest rates have slowed the demand for homes somewhat, I expect about 210,000 new home construction permits to be issued in the next two years, and I expect sales of existing homes to continue rising at an average rate of 2 per cent per year," Sharp said.

"Home sales activity last year varied widely from region to region. In some cases, cities located near one another experienced different housing trends. For example, the median price of homes in Denton rose nine per cent to \$87,300, while the median home price in Irving declined five per cent to \$90,200. Likewise, while home prices were up in Northeast Tarrant County, home prices dropped by four per cent in Fort Worth.

South Plains Opry Is Set For Summer Debut

Remember the days when summer meant music under the stars for the whole family?

Those days are back with The South Plains Opry, a family-oriented musical venture presented this summer by South Plains College and the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce.

South Plains Opry, featuring talented young performers from SPC's Creative Arts Department, will have four free performances in June on the Courthouse Square in Levelland. The season will wind up with a Fourth of July performance at the SPC track.

Performance dates and times are 8-9:30 p.m., June 8, June 15, June 22 and June 29 and 8 p.m. July 4 at the SPC track. Admission is free.

The SPC Showmobile will be located on the east side of the square for the downtown performances. Avenue G will be blocked off during performance time.

"This is a terrific thing for Levelland," said Bob Evans, director of the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce.

He is working with John Hartin, chairman of SPC's Creative Arts Department, and Cary Banks, commercial music instructor at SPC, in the month long summer production.

Hartin noted, "We hope this show will help attract people from throughout the region to Levelland and show visitors all that Levelland has to offer. We'll have a different theme for each week's show and hope to have special guests lined up as well."

Performers include SPC students Jodi Jenkins, bass player from Levelland; Shun Harvey, vocalist from Morton; Dustin McNabb, vocalist from Amherst; Corie Williford, vocalist from Cotton Center; Kori Parkinson, vocalist from Levelland; Scott Rankin, vocalist from Levelland;

Patrick McCarroll, vocalist from Joshua; Gabriel Talamantes, vocalist and keyboardist from Littlefield; will be SPC students selected by audition. The group is under the direction of Cary Banks.

"We are encouraging people to bring their lawn chairs and blankets for a great evening of country music entertainment," said Evans. "The Showmobile will be in close proximity to the grassy area on the north side of the Courthouse

Square."

The Daily Grind and A.J.'s Restaurant have indicated they will remain open during performance times, Evans noted. "We are encouraging businesses to stay open or leave their lights on their stores so the public can be aware of their merchandise," said Evans.

In case of bad weather, the evening of the scheduled performance, the show will be cancelled.

Calendar Compiles Statewide Events

Summer's on the way and to help you enjoy it, the Texas Events Calendar, a compilation of statewide events covering the months of June, July and August, has just been released by the Texas Department of Transportation's Travel and Information Division.

Summertime in Texas brings many Juneteenth and 4th of July celebrations as well as festivals featuring music, fruits, vegetables, art, theatre, fishing, rodeo and you. Ride the Texas State Railroad between Rusk and Palestine. Canoe the Texas Water Safari from San Marcos to Seadrift.

Have a milk shake at the Hopkins County Dairy Festival in Sulphur Springs. See the 30th anniversary season of "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Eat a peach at the Parker County Peach Festival in Weatherford. Enjoy live chamber music at the Victoria Bach Festival. Catch a big one at South Padre Island's Texas International Fishing Tournament.

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The Texas Events Calendar is


free for the asking by calling 800/452-9292. Professional travel counselors at the department's Texas Travel Information Centers answer this toll free number. They provide Texas trip planning, helpful statewide travel information, and free travel literature. The service is available daily to callers anywhere in the United States and Canada from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Area Man Is Aboard AC Carrier


Navy Airman Recruit John R. Armstrong, son of John and Sharon Armstrong of Farwell, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

The 1994 graduate of Farwell High School joined the Navy in September 1994.

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**MECA WEST
Meca West
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Funeral services for Meca West, 90, were conducted at the Avenue Baptist Church in Hereford Friday morning, with Rev. Jeff McBeth, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pewaukee, Wisconsin officiating. Burial was in Hereford's West Park Cemetery.

Mrs. West passed away Tuesday morning, May 30, at High Plains Baptist Hospital following an illness.

She was born October 13, 1904 at Vinita, Oklahoma. She married Birch West on January 9, 1922, at Mobeetie. Mr. West passed away October 20, 1966.

A homemaker, Mrs. West had lived in Hereford since 1927 having lived at her residence at 915 East 15th Street for 48 years. At the time the Wests built the home, it was about a mile from town, but today has become a part of Hereford's northern section.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Virgil in 1934 and Fred in 1988, and a daughter, Peggy in 1934.

Survivors include two daughters, Scooter Russell of Bovina and Jane McBeth of Pewaukee, Wisconsin and two sons, Preston and Oliver L., both of Moriarty, N.M.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, including Janee Russell and Tami Kunselman, both of Spearman, and Tracy Wright of Erie, Colorado (all three raised in Bovina); 30 great-grandchildren, including Jason Griffin, Rene' Rindlisbacher, Gena and Jamie Kunselman, all of Spearman, and Russell Wright of Erie, Colorado.

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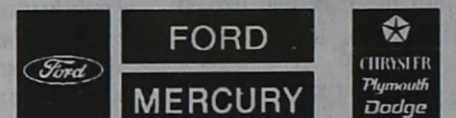
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