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Reception To Welcome New Superintendent

On Monday, March 27, the Bovina ISD Board of Trustees will hold a 2 p.m. meeting to name the new school superintendent selected from among the three finalists.

A reception will then be held in the school cafeteria at 4 p.m. so the community can meet and welcome the candidate chosen.

The name of the person will not be revealed until after the board meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the reception on Monday, March 27, at 4 p.m.

Stock Auction Sets Record

The auction sale for the 2000 Jr. Livestock Show totaled \$107,920, which was an all-time record, it was announced this week by Alan Monroe, spokesman.

Buyers are thanked in advertisements inside

School Bd. Terms Up For Election

Superintendent Sue Nuttall has announced that there are only two places open for the Bovina School Board election in May.

Members whose terms are expiring are Joe Steelman and Ricky Jamerson. Mike Beauchamp has not resigned, as reported in last week's paper.

Anyone interested in running for the school board must sign-up by the deadline of Wednesday, March 22.

Because of spring break next week, applications will only be available in the mornings at the superintendent's office.



SUPERINTENDENT NUTTALL....After 22 years in education, most of it in Bovina schools, Superintendent Sue Nuttall will officially retire as of March 31. ron carr photo

Sue Nuttall Retiring: Has Served BISD For 22 Years

At the end of March, Sue and A. L. Nuttall can go fishing any time they want to instead of hoping the fish will bite during school breaks.

Sue will retire as of March 31 after 22 years in teaching and administration. She currently serves as Bovina ISD Superintendent, a position she has held since 1994.

In 1975, Friona superintendent Tom Jarboe encouraged her to teach a fifth grade class in Friona schools which she agreed to do. It was her first teaching assignment as she was

working on her teaching certificate.

After that first year, she didn't teach again until moving to Bovina High School in January, 1980.

Beginning in the 1980-81 school year she taught fourth grade at Bovina Elementary for the next nine years. She was hired as elementary school principal beginning in the 1989-90 school year and held that job for five years.

Mrs. Nuttall then served as Bovina High School principal for one year, 1993-94, before moving into the superintendent's position.

Ironically, the man who got her started in teaching in 1975, Tom Jarboe of Friona,

IN HEAVY TURNOUT

Challengers Win In Two County Races

It was a tough day for two incumbent office holders in Tuesday's primary election.

In a record primary turnout, Sheriff Walt Yerger lost to Randy Gerles, 777-409. Gerles is currently serving as Friona's Chief of Police.

In a race of interest to Friona area voters, incumbent county commissioner Johnny Tannahill was out-pollled, 228-200, or 53 per cent to 47 per cent.

A record-setting 1761 Parmer County voters took part in the Republican primary. Another 553 voted in the Democratic primary, and the total vote, and the grand total, 2313, represented 55 per cent of the county's 4213 registered

voters.

The good turnout was exceptional in light of the fact that Friona's schools were in spring break on Tuesday. However, that also helped push the early vote to an all-time high for the primaries.

Gerles won five of the county's nine boxes, as well as the early vote.

Surprisingly, Yerger's majorities included one of Gerles' "old stomping ground" boxes, at Farwell. In addition, Yerger won at Lazbuddie, and had a one-vote win at Rhea, and split even, 17-all, at Oklahoma Lane.

But Gerles had big wins in most of the county's larger precincts. He won going away at Friona 101, 199-71, led at the Friona Community Center, 71-14, 68-34 at the Bovina EMS box and 58-12 at the Friona Fire Station box. The county native also led in early voting, 203-100.

Yerger's margin at the Farwell box was 107-104, and at Lazbuddie it was also a slim majority, 30-28.

Tannahill, who had beaten seated commissioner John Mars four years earlier, came up short this time, but the outcome was in doubt until a late hour, due to the closeness of the race.

It was the first political venture for Frye, 37, much as the 1996 race featured Tannahill's first foray into politics. Frye won Friona 101 (Calvary Baptist Church), 145-125, and also led in early voting, 83-75.

To no one's surprise, Governor George W. Bush led Parmer County's GOP voting with 1092 tallies, a whopping 93.5 per cent of the votes. Bush received more votes in

the eight-man field in Parmer County than did Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, unopposed, who was marked by 1069 voters.

Republican primary voters gave incumbent Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht a 521-329 win over challenger Valorie Davenport, but gave challenger Charles W. Matthews an 839-705 win over Michael L. Williams, who was Gov. Bush's appointee to the Railroad Commission. Williams won statewide, however.

Continuing county voters' penchant to favor the challengers, they were not kind to incumbent Justice Al Gonzales, favoring Rod Gorman, 510-334. Gonzales led in state voter totals.

Another incumbent justice, Brian Quinn, did better with county voters, getting a 513-236 majority.

In the non-binding proposition to allow student-initiated prayer at school sporting events, county voters favored those statewide, giving the measure a thumbs up, 1120 to 21, a 98.2 per cent margin.

In the Democratic primary, Parmer voters favored Al Gore, 227-130 to Bill Bradley.

In the Demo primary race for County Tax Assessor, Bobbie Pierson was favored, 347-196 over Jesse Cantu, Jr., even though Cantu has experience in the tax office. Ms Pierson will meet Teresa Ancira, unopposed on the GOP ballot, in November.

In Precinct 3, Ed Corn edged Ronald Byrd, 134-129. He faces incumbent commissioner Jerry Davis in November.

IS IT JUST ME, or have our sports in America, especially on the professional level, become more and more violent in nature?

The most recent single episode I can cite was in pro ice hockey, where the player skated completely across the rink and whacked an opposing player in the side of the head with his stick (from the back, no less), and knocked him out cold.

Come to find out, this player (I don't keep up with names) is known for his violent play. He has served as "bodyguard" for some of the sport's better known players, so his "hatchet man" persona apparently has been earned.

Football, by its very nature, is more violent than most sports. In recent years, we have seen a hulking defensive player pick up a quarterback behind the line, and dunk him on his head. This play ended the career of the QB.

Then the past season, Dallas' Michael Irvin was treated about the same way by a defensive player tackling Irvin. It ended his season, and perhaps his career as well.

The Irvin incident happened when the Cowboys were playing at Philadelphia. If you kept up with it, you may recall that a large chorus of the Eagle fans stood up and cheered their player's "work." Some commentators remarked that Philadelphia fans were the worst in the NFL, and that this event should be shameful to the citizens in the "City of Brotherly Love (?)"

The resurging popularity of pro wrestling is another instance of fans wanting more violence. Wrestlers have for years introduced "blood" into their matches, even if it were a red-dyed substance they carried on their person. But apparently the sport has gained new popularity because of its tendency to more blatant physical abuse. I wouldn't know for sure. I attended one wrestling match as a youth and that was it.

Boxing fans have for years demanded that their "guy in the ring" knock his opponent out. Just going the distance for a victory isn't good enough. The fans tend to boo when the fighters dance around, or stand in the ring hugging each other (what's this about?).

This "new found resurgence of violence" in sporting events is not, of course, new. During the first century, officials treated their citizens by throwing Christians to the Lions in the sporting arena.

Criminals at this point in time were crucified, in the manner of Christ, hung up on a cross until they were dead. I expect that crowds came to view these proceedings.

At about this same time, Roman gladiators "jostled" in the arena. If I understand it right, the event wasn't over until one or the other of these early-day sports heroes killed off the other one.

We have all heard about the beheadings which were in vogue in many of the world's early monarchies.

In "more recent" years, hanging criminals turned into a "production." People came for miles to witness the event, with many bringing a lunch, a quilt, probably their kids, and spend most of the day while waiting for the main event, so anxious not to miss out on the gory sight. Glad I wasn't alive then. (There was no "death row," with hundreds or thousands waiting their turn. Criminals received a quick trial, and probably an even quicker execution!)

Some people would like for states' execution be telecast so they could watch them. Give me a break!

Apparently humanity has always had an inbred nature that hasn't allowed mankind to advance much past the animal kingdom in some respects. With all of our technology, many of us must still require an occasional dose of violence.

Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



(from the back, no less), and

Chamber Award-Winners

Citizens honored at Thursday's Chamber banquet were as follows:

- *Outstanding Youth--Alvaro Martinez and Marisol Antillon.
- *Outstanding Educator--Darla Sealey.
- *Heritage Award--Virgie Cary.
- *Special Award--Mike Beauchamp.
- *Woman of the Year--Juanda Murphy.
- *Man of the Year--Jessie Stone.

Details and photos in next week's issue of the Blade.

Resignations Given By Seven Teachers

The Bovina ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on March 13, 2000. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with all members present except Beauchamp, Jamerson and Anderson.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and corrected. Item 18 should read: "Steelman made a motion to extend Bruce Scroggins' contract as AD through the 2001-2002 school year. Jamerson seconded."

Jamerson arrived at 7:22 p.m. and Beauchamp arrived at 7:35 p.m. Whitten made a motion to pay the vouchers. Steelman seconded and motion passed.

The principals then gave their reports. Steelman made a motion to approve the school's Technology Plan. Beauchamp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Beauchamp made a motion to approve the textbook adoption for 2000-2001 school year. Coffey seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Steelman moved to approve the fundraising for the Bovina ISD. Jamerson seconded, motion passed.

Steelman moved to approve the change order for the sprinkler bid. Beauchamp seconded the motion. Voting for were Steelman, Beauchamp, Jamerson and Kerby. Against were Whitten and Coffey. Motion passed 4/2.

Whitten made a motion to approve participation in

Friona AEP Cooperative for 2000-2001. Jamerson seconded, motion passed.

Beauchamp made a motion to approve special education course descriptions. Steelman seconded, passed unanimously.

The board cast votes for Region 16 Education Service Center Board of Directors.

Steelman made a motion to purchase wireless field timers. Jamerson seconded, motion passed.

Whitten moved to approve the purchase of backhoe for tractor. Beauchamp seconded, passed unanimously. Jamerson moved to approve Proposal 1 for refinishing the gym floor. Coffey seconded, passed unanimously. Painting the gym was tabled.

Beauchamp made a motion to reject the bid for sloped tops for gym dressing room lockers. Steelman seconded, motion passed.

On personnel issues, Steelman made a motion to accept resignations of Linda Davis, Polly Bryant, Robin Bailey, Mike Martin, Pat Turner, Carolyn George and Gladys Spring. Coffey seconded and motion passed.

Beauchamp made a motion to renew teachers' contracts as recommended by principals. Jamerson seconded. The motion passed 5/1. Voting against was Whitten.

Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports. Whitten moved to adjourn and Coffey seconded.



MANNING THE POLLS at the Bovina EMS building during Tuesday's primary elections were election officials Jean Wiseman and J. T. Hammond. The county had an above average turnout for this year's elections. zach carr photo

Census To Open Center In Friona

The Census Bureau has long realized that reliability of data increased when individuals can respond directly to a written questionnaire. The Census Bureau will establish approximately 40,000 Questionnaire Assistance Centers where individuals can get the assistance they need to fill out their own questionnaires through out the country. The QACs are designed to the following four objectives:

The location(s) and hours in our area are as follows:
St. Teresa's Church
HCR 2 Box 1-A
Friona, Texas 79035
Hours: Mon, Wed, Thur, 5:30-8:30, Sat and Sun. 1-5 p.m.

*To assist persons needing assistance with completing their census questionnaire;

*To provide assistance to those with language barriers to complete the questionnaire;

*To assist persons who believe they did not receive a questionnaire; and

*To answer general questions about the census.

The Census Bureau will furnish each QAC with Language Assistance Guides in 49 languages, plus a large print guide, to help respondents complete their official Census 2000 questionnaire. A Census 2000 Language Identification Flash card will also be available to assist QAC staff in determining which language guide is appropriate to assist the respondent.

The Census Bureau is establishing a Questionnaire Assistance Center in our area. The hours of operation have been determined to make the center accessible to as many as those needing help in completing their questionnaires.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 16, 1960
For the second year in a row, Lee Terry, son of Mrs. Fleta Terry, was overall winner of the Science Fair, Friday at Bovina Schools. He won over 67 other entries with his tesla coil. Lee is in the fifth grade.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Ollie Williams, 91, were conducted at Bovina Methodist Church Monday afternoon.

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 17, 1965
Barry McCutchan suffered first and second degree burns on his face and arms in a butane explosion Thursday morning at the Clarence Jones farm west of Bovina.

Don Stone is the new president of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. He was elected, along with other officers for 1999, at a meeting of the board of directors Monday noon in Bovina Restaurant.

30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 18, 1970
Danny Adrian Martin of Sudan, 20-year-old Texas Tech student and former resident of Bovina, was a victim of a car-truck accident near Winters Saturday. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident about 37 miles west of Abilene and 20 miles north of Winters.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 19, 1975
The Bovina Mustang High School Band, under the direction of Joe Blatchford earned Division II ratings in concert and sight reading in

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the Region XVI Interscholastic League competition Tuesday of last week at Dimmitt High School.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 19, 1980
The annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 20 and a guest speaker will be Mike Ditka, coach of special teams and receivers for the Dallas Cowboys.

Bovina High School Mustangs and Fillies places five players on the District 3-A all-district basketball team and two received honorable mention. They were: Ed Chisom, Blake Sudderth, Kathy Williams, Belinda Shelby, Laura Widner and Connie Shelby.

15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 20, 1985
Nellie Crook celebrated a birthday in her honor held at the Senior Citizens Center in recent days.

Led by four first place finishes by Marie Pesch, the Bovina Fillies finished a strong second in their own invitational track and field meet held in Bovina.

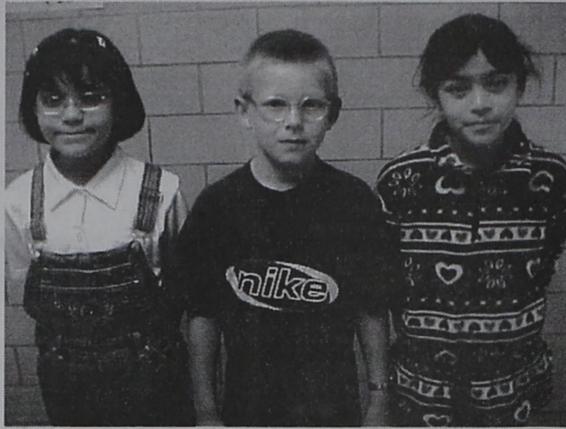
The Neighborhood Crime Watch signs arrived this week and will be placed along city limits and on the east and west sides of Highway 86, north and south on 1731, east and west on Highway 60 and on FM 2290.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 21, 1990
Mike Beauchamp and Pam Bell were honored Thursday by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce as the community's Man and Woman of the Year.

Randy Stone and Libby Marshall were chosen as Outstanding Youth and Bob Owen, Educator of the Year.

5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 18, 1995
Steve Venable and Phyllis Steelman were honored Thursday, March 9, 1995 at the thirty-fifth annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Benji Mitard and Brooke Charles were chosen as Outstanding Youth and Amos Steelman, recognized with the Heritage Award.



READING PROGRAM WINNERS... These three students have surpassed 100 points in the elementary reading program. Earning their t-shirts were, l-r, Cynthia Munoz, 3rd grade, Mrs. Johnson's class and Peter Hiebert and Yadira Vela, both 3rd graders in Mrs. Bellar's class.

VFW Chicken Dinner Mar. 26

The Friona VFW Post will be hosting another of their finger-lickin' good fried chicken dinners on Sunday, March 26. Better come on by because this will be their last Sunday chicken dinner until the fall. The Veteran's Hall is located at 6th & Euclid in Friona.

The serving times will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Takeouts will be available. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years.

In case you have forgotten, the menu includes crispy fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread and butter, homemade desserts, iced tea and toothpicks.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Bill:
Thanks for the mention in your March 3 "Bulletins."

This is a discouraging situation to which you refer. The pendulum will swing the other way as we give the Republicans enough rope to hang themselves--I predict!

In closing, may I remind that Bovina voted Democratic when I ran the Blade.

Regards,
Dolph Moten

Yes, I knew you always plugged the Demos, and that Bovina voters always responded. I salute you for that! --Bill Ellis

Editor's note:
In response to a lady subscriber who wondered why we charged more for out of town subscriptions than local ones. "The postage you pay

is the same," she charged.

Fact of the matter is that out of county papers cost us a little over four times as much, per copy, as in-county copies, to mail. The lower local rate was established early-on by the post office as an incentive for smalltown newspapers to publish.

If subscription prices were all we had to offset our production costs, there would be no Bovina Blade. We rely on our loyal advertisers to help offset production costs such as printing, salaries, supplies, etc.

By the way, we charge \$25 per year at Friona for out-of-county subs, so please don't tell any of them that we charge only \$15 at Bovina. --B.E.

Track Results

The Bovina girls varsity track results at the Springlake-Earth meet were:
800m run, Melissa Cano, 1st, 2:35; 400m run, K'Leigh Scroggins, 1st, 1:06.9
400m relay, Melissa Cano, Christen Stowers, April Martinez, K'Leigh Scroggins, 3rd, 4:37.7.

Triple jump, Christen Stowers, 5th, 30' 3"; high jump, C. Stowers, 5th, 4' 10"; Letie Vargas, 4' 6".

The JV boys competed in the Morton Last Frontier Relays and won 5th overall with 56 points. Individual results were:

400m relay, 2nd place, 51.1, David Garcia, Jake Steelman, Jose Amaya, Andrew Tapia; 800m run, David Garcia, 2nd; Jose Amaya, 4th.

300m hurdles, Jake Steelman, 3rd; 110m hurdles, Jake Steelman, 1st. 1600m run, David Garcia, 3rd.

Individual boys results at the Springlake-Earth meet last weekend were:

400m relay, 5th, 50.4, Garcia, Amaya, Tapia, Rodriguez; 800m run; David Garcia, 5th, 2:25.61; Jose Amaya, 4th, 2:25.60.

Discus, Yancy Graves, 2nd, 110'. Triple jump, Josh Quintana, 4th; Jason Stone, 6th.

The 7th and 8th grade boys participated in the Springlake-Earth track meet last weekend. Individual results were:

Seventh Grade: Alex Espinoza, 1st, 110m hurdles; Danny Salas, 1st, triple jump; Danny Salas, 3rd, 100m dash.

Mile relay, 5th place, Danny Salas, Alex Espinoza, Jeff Casas, Javier Guevara. In the long jump, Alex Espinoza was 6th and Jeff Casas was 6th in the mile run.

Eighth Grade: 400m relay, 2nd place, Sergio Salas, Raymond Chisom, Alfredo Martinez, Claude Tamez.

Mile run; Alfredo Martinez, 3rd place. Discus, 4th, Ricardo Rojas. Mile relay, 5th, Alfredo Martinez, Sergio Salas, Mike Nieto, Raymond Chisom.

DS Rural Electric Meeting Mar. 28

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from a portion of 1999 totaling \$750,000 at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 28. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken, and beef dinner will be served and the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidosa, New Mexico will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect three directors will follow the Flying J Wrangler's first performance.

Position 1 candidate is incumbent Donald Wright. Another candidate for Position 1 may be nominated from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Position 2 candidates are incumbent Clarence Martin and nominee Raymond Hamilton. Position 3 candidates are incumbent Clark Andrews and nominee Frank Bezner, Jr.

Bovina's Academic All-District

Because of Farwell's run into the basketball playoffs, District 4-2A Academic All-District honors have just been released.

Bovina basketball players and cheerleaders selected were:

Boys: Tyson Kerby and Cameron Charles. Girls: Melissa Cano, Marisol Antillon, K'Leigh Scroggins and Christen Stowers. Cheerleaders: Kelcey Scroggins and Courtney Jamerson.

Happy Birthday

Mar 19 Alice Stone, Elaine Bishop
Mar 20 Jeanne Kerby, Fidel Baca
Mar 21 Kathy Graves, Tracy Jamerson
Mar 22 Anita Guest, Jonathan Murphy
Mar 23 Becky Herrera, Sara Flores
Mar 24 Ella Jo Stormes, Dennis Field, Mark Anthony Englant
Mar 25 Mark Englant, Ireneo Ortiz

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Flying J Wranglers, making their first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, have enjoyed tremendous success for the past two decades and are one of the area's most well known groups.

Since 1982 the Wranglers have been performing their own special brand of traditional western music at the Flying J Ranch and Chuckwagon Suppers just north of Ruidosa, in historic Lincoln County, New Mexico.

From late May through Labor Day the Wranglers serve up cowboy "fixins" and a fast paced western stage show that has become a "don't miss" while you are in the neighborhood.

The Wranglers are performing more and more off the Ranch during their off season. The group has performed on the Grand Ol' Opry in Nashville and on the Nashville Network. They recently completed a trip to Japan at the invitation of the New Mexico Japan-America Society to perform at one of Japan's largest cultural festivals.

The Wranglers have performed all over the United States and have also traveled to Italy, Germany, and France to perform at the request of the New Mexico Department of Tourism.

However, New Mexico and this area is home to the Wranglers and they will make you feel at home while listening to memorable western harmonies and tall tales from the Old West.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

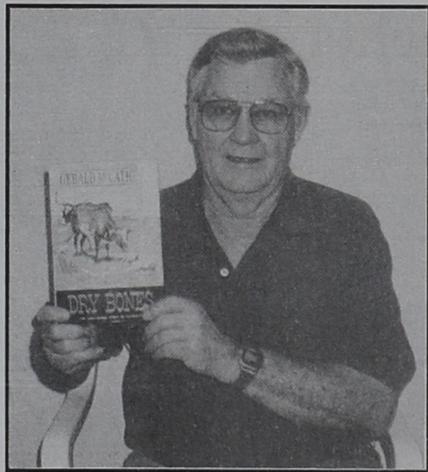
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Canyon	Meadow	Silverton
Coahoma	Midland	Slaton
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A NEW BOOK FROM

GERALD MCCATHERN:

"DRY BONES"

A Sequel to McCathern's first book, "HORNS" it deals with the Driving of Longhorn Cattle into the Texas Panhandle.



Available at the Friona Star, Monday - Thursday. \$24.95

We still have copies of

McCathern's "Quarantine."

Excellent Gifts for the Man in your family!

Gene Brito's Rites Are Held Friday



GENE BRITO

Funeral services for Gene Brito, 68, of the Hub Community were held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Ed Sweeney officiating.

Vigil was held Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Deacon John Nino officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

He died Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Brito was born May 3, 1931 in Bovina. He married Mary Rose Baca September 24, 1954 in Bovina.

He was a lifetime resident of Parmer County. He was employed at West Hub Gin since 1954, became a partner in 1958, selling out his interests in 1997 and retiring.

Brito was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina and a member of the

Knights of Columbus. He held many offices in that organization.

He was a veteran of World War II and was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Brannon while serving in the U.S. Navy.

Brito was preceded in death by a brother, Anthony Brito, in 1985, and a sister, Mary Rose Martinez, in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Rose Brito of the home; three sons, Dennis of Hereford, Rory of Odessa and Toby of Bovina; six sisters, Pearl Cervantez of Bovina, Matilda Baca of Friona, Marie Cervantez of Clovis, N.M., Donna Dominguez of Portales, N.M., Lucy Everett of Earth and Elizabeth Sena of Friona; and a brother, Joe of Ribera, N.M.

Pallbearers were Wayne Jesko, Lee Dennis Jesko, Roy Schilling, Larry Jesko, Rudy Martinez and Salvador Juarez.

Stampede Begins At TEXAS Annual Meeting

A stampede of excitement and a blowout of TEXAS pride will mark the 39th Annual Meeting of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, the non-profit producer of the TEXAS Musical Drama. TPHF members and those interested in supporting this treasured Panhandle tradition should plan on an evening of Texas-style fun, Saturday, April 1 at the American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo.

"The Annual Meeting will serve as a kick-off for our Membership Stampede which will run throughout the 35th Anniversary Season of TEXAS," said Blaine Bertrand, President/General Manager of TEXAS. "The new, evening format of the meeting will create more of a social atmosphere, and still give the TEXAS staff the chance to tell all that is being done to preserve our prairie history beneath the ethereal skies and majestic cliff of the Palo Duro Canyon.

under construction at the Pioneer Amphitheatre. A grant from the Amarillo Globe News, the Meadows Foundation, and many other contributors made the stages a reality.

"Our goal is to involve many new people as supporters of TEXAS," Bertrand said. "TEXAS exists because people from this area supported the TEXAS dream in the 1960s. Now, 35 years later, we have a mature production that has been acclaimed the best-attended outdoor drama in the nation for many years. With the maturation comes the need for facility repairs and improvements to keep TEXAS a proud and strong tradition," Bertrand said.

Members and those who wish to join the non-profit TPHF should call 806-655-2181 to RSVP for the meeting by March 24. Cost for the evening is \$20.

Paul Serff of the Texas Travel Industry Association will provide Texas travel facts from the state's \$35 billion industry that plays a large part in making tourism the third largest industry in the nation. Serff is President/CEO of the Austin-based organization that is a branch of the Texas Department of Economic Development.

TEXAS guests during the 2000 season will be the first to view the astounding new side-stages that are currently

Plateau thinks families should be

talking more.



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Mark Walters Finds A New Career In Nursing

Seven different careers--that's the number of jobs the average person can have in the 21st century workplace, according to many labor market experts.

For some workers, changing careers is a simple transition on the ladder of success. For others, it is a major reassessment of priorities and goals.

For many, it means returning to the classroom, many years after a diploma has been earned. The prospects is often a bit scary, but the results are usually well worth the effort.

For Red River Technology Center student Mark Walters, the decision to return to school and study to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN) was prompted by a job layoff. Becoming a LPN was

something that appealed to him after volunteering at the Duncan Compassion Care Center.

He noticed that students from the Technology Center nursing program volunteered there every week, taking blood pressures and getting hands-on experience. He enjoyed driving the Center's van, but "really helping patients" was even more appealing.

Before making the final decision to commit to full-time nursing studies, Walters enrolled in First Responder, first aid, and CPR classes.

Then, after taking an interest inventory and talking with a male friend who was a critical care RN, Walters decided to take the entrance test for the Technology Center's nursing class.

All the positive elements were in place--classes were conveniently located, the program could be completed in one year and a job with a good future would be available after graduation. Becoming a registered nurse was also possible.

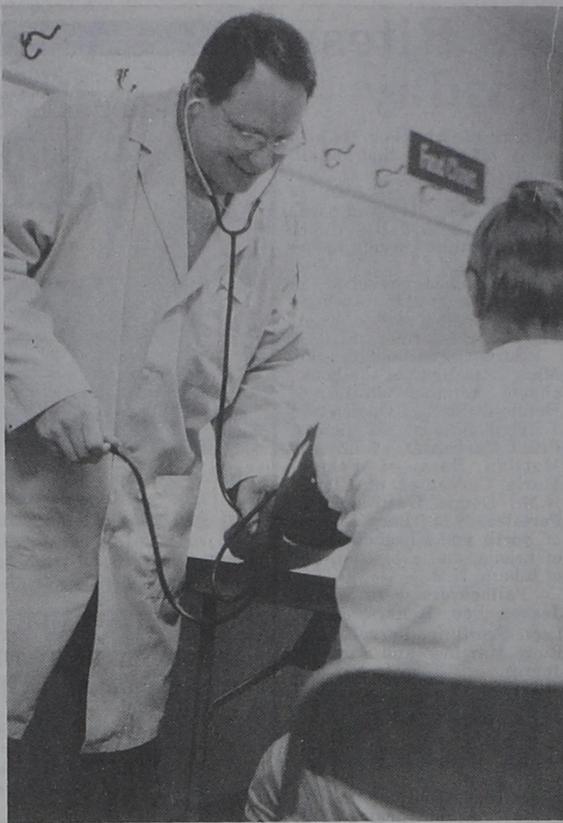
The fact that Walters is the only man in the Class of 2000 practical nursing program does not bother him one bit.

"My female classmates are all friends. We're all in this together--I'm just another member of this class, like everyone else. I was proud to be elected chaplain of our HOSA chapter, and I enjoy participating in our student organization's activities.

"My parents think it's great, and my wife and son are very supportive," Walters added. "I just want to do the very best I can." Mark is the son of Joe and Johnnie Walters.

Walters has enjoyed all his clinical rotations, and after finishing his studies in July, he hopes to work in a hospital environment.

"What we learn in our classes is extensive so we can take care of our patients in a professional manner, but caring for people is equally important, and that's why I want to be in this field," he said.



HANDS-ON...Mark Walters, a practical nursing student at Red River Technology Center, checks the blood pressure of a patient at the Duncan Compassion Care Center. He and classmates volunteer weekly at the clinic.

Genealogy Society Met February 25

The Parmer County Genealogy Society met at 10 a.m. on February 25 at the Depot since the library was closed for renovation.

President Judy Cummings welcomed Nancy Edelman, Olive Massie, Mary Johnston, Angela Balli, Paula McBroom and Linda Knowles.

Several members discussed their successes in locating family information on the Internet. The members re-elected Judy Cummings as president and Linda Knowles

as secretary-treasurer for the 2000-2001 year.

"How to Easily Organize Your Genealogy Stuff and Find It Fast" by Robert Ragan was purchased as a guide to effectively organize the material for the new genealogy area being provided by the library.

The next scheduled meeting will be at 10 a.m. on March 31 at the library. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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March sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in February.

A total of \$25,045 was paid to Parmer County cities: Bovina \$2,428; Farwell, \$4,783; and Friona, \$17,834. The total is 25.21% more than was received in the same period in 1999.

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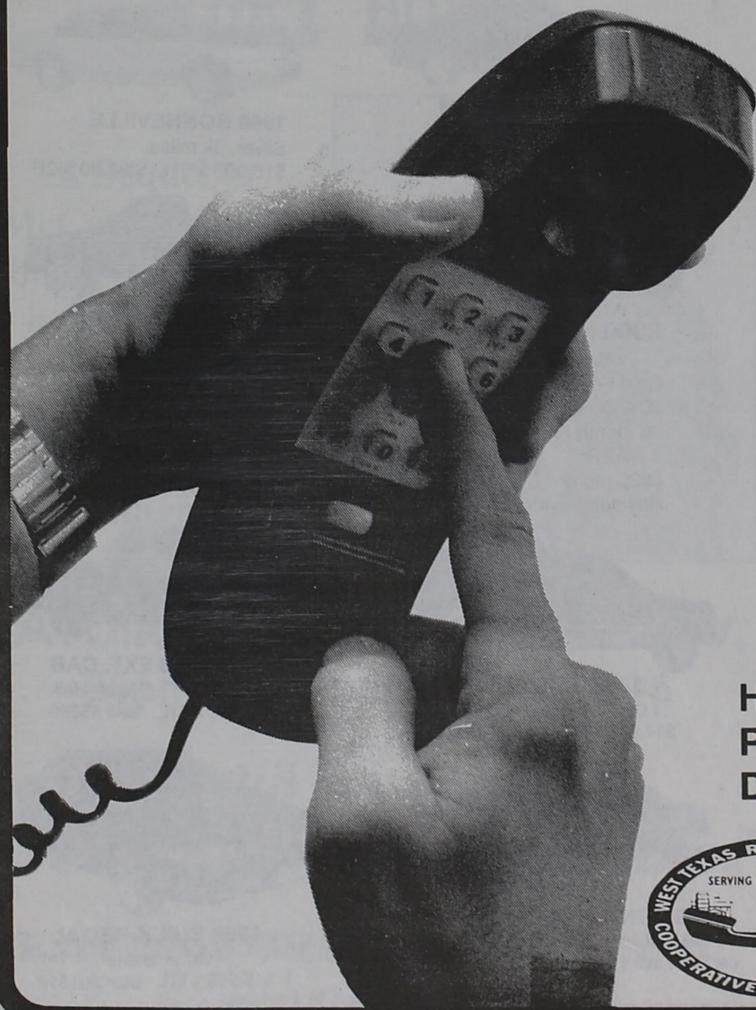
A meal will be served for all present and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with the business session getting underway at 7:00 p.m.

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

- HUB: Mr. Charles Myers, Jr. and Mr. Terry Copley**
- PARMER: Mr. Floyd Schueler**
- DAWN: Mr. Dick Fellers and Mr. Harold Sides**



West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



Telephone Co-op Sets Meeting March 21

Patrons of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will come together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of their Cooperative, and will elect three directors at the annual meeting of the membership at 6 p.m. March 21, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

This year's meeting comes a few weeks in advance of the actual 50th anniversary date of the incorporation of WTRT on May 5, 1950. Special commemorative favors will be presented to members in attendance in recognition of the anniversary.

Proceedings get underway promptly at 6 p.m. with a catered supper and the business meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The terms of office of incumbent directors Charles Myers Jr. of the Hub exchange, Floyd Schueler of the Parmer exchange, and Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange are expiring this spring. All three incumbents are standing for re-election.

Schueler will be unopposed in his bid for another term as the Parmer exchange director. Harold Sides will be a candidate for the Dawn exchange board seat held by Fellers, and Terry Copley will be a candidate for the Hub exchange seat held by Myers.

In keeping with WTRT bylaws, all of the candidates were named by the Cooperative's nominating committee at their meeting on February 5 at the Hereford Country Club.

Fellers, born and raised in Deaf Smith County, first came to the Cooperative board as Dawn director in 1984 and has served as board president, vice-president, and secretary. He and his wife, Pamela and their sons Randy and Will are active in farming and livestock operations in the Dawn area. Fellers has served as a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank of Happy. He and Pam have four grandchildren.

Schueler is currently serving as president of the WTRT board of directors. He has served as the Parmer exchange directors since 1985. A native of Parmer County, he farms in the Rhea community and has served as a member and officer of the Rhea/Hollene Volunteer Fire Department.

He and his wife, Glenda, are the parents of two daughters. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Myers has served as the Hub exchange director since 1973. He has held board offices including president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. He is a Parmer County grain and cotton farmer.

Myers served on the Economic Development and Finance committees of the National Telephone Cooperative Association during his tenure with the board, and is currently a member of the NTCA's Education Committee.

Charles is a member of the board of directors of the Parmer County Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Loree, grew up at Lamesa, where they farmed for a number of years before coming to Parmer County. They have a grown son and daughter, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Copley, 49, grew up at Mulshoe, where he graduated from high school. He operates Terry Copley Construction and T&S Concrete in Friona. He had previously worked with Panhandle Concrete in Friona for 23 years, and was engaged in hog production southeast of Friona for a number of years.

He has worked with youth in livestock projects and in the 4-H program over the years. His wife, Vickie, works as a typesetter and layout compositionist at the Friona Star.

Sides, 47, grew up at Vega and is a graduate of Vega High School. He and his wife, Shirley, have farming and livestock interests in the Dawn area with their sons, Brandon and Jason. They also have a son, Brent, a resident of Austin, and a daughter, Crystal, who will graduate from North Texas University this spring.

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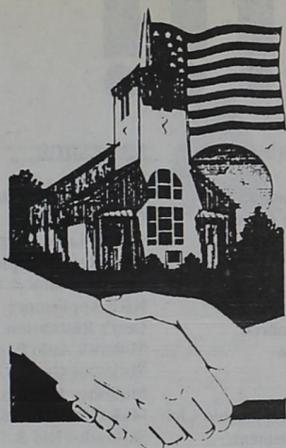
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The Family of Jacy Anna DeLeon would like to express our sincere appreciation to each and every one for the special cards, flowers, food, support and expressions of care during the loss of our loved one.

We would also like to acknowledge groups that we cannot thank individually: Excel Maintenance, Excel Friona, Classmates and Friends and Classmates '98 and my special family at Prairie Acres.
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 Oretta Schueler Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
 I would like to express my appreciation and love to everyone who has called, come by or sent cards or memorials in memory of my sister, Emma "Cutie" Battles. My family and I want you to know how much we appreciated and need the support.

Thank you again
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THANK YOU

The Friona coaching staff would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to each and every one who helped in any way in the Chieftain Relays over the past weekend.

As you all know, there is no way we could ever be able to have this meet without the help of all of our wonderful fans. We truly appreciate the donation of your time and efforts in helping us to produce a quality meet for our athletes.

Once again you proved what we already all knew; that the Friona fans and patrons and the best anywhere!!

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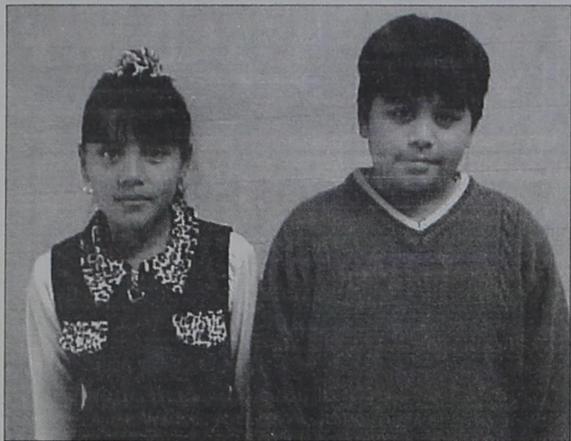
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Census 2000 job testing site in your area is located at:

Friona Redeemer Center, 1304 Virginia St., Friona, TX. 79035 every Monday at 2 p.m.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE NEEDED TO CONDUCT CENSUS 2000. Job opportunities include census taker positions in communities and neighborhoods, and office personnel. All office positions are located at the Local Census Office in Amarillo, TX.

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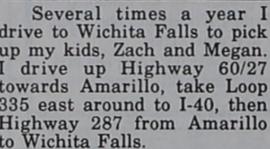


MORE GOOD READERS...Lidieth Rocha is in Mrs. Bryant's 5th grade class and Abriel Terrones is in Mrs. Deen's 4th grade class. Both youngsters have earned over 100 points in the elementary reading program.

Out Here

By Ron Carr

"If I Can Only Get To Childress By Sunday!"



Several times a year I drive to Wichita Falls to pick up my kids, Zach and Megan. I drive up Highway 60/27 towards Amarillo, take Loop 335 east around to I-40, then Highway 287 from Amarillo to Wichita Falls.

Some folks say I should go "the back way." That means Highway 86 through Dimmitt, Nazareth, Tulia, Silvertown, Quitaque and Turkey, and hook up with Highway 287 at Estelline. I

tried that a couple of times. It is mostly a two-lane road until you get to Estelline, is only 20-30 miles shorter, and it doesn't save any time. Besides, as I get older, I like two-lane roads less and less.

I made the 600-mile roundtrip to Wichita Falls on Monday so my kids could visit me during spring break week. Sunday I will drive the 360-mile roundtrip to Childress where their mother will meet me so I can send them back home.

I bring this up because of the current crisis over the price of gasoline. We call it fuel, gas, diesel, petrol, or as my granddaddy used to call it, pushwater.

I make the trip to Wichita Falls 5-6 times a year. On Highway 287 through Childress there is a large abandoned service station. It has been closed at least 5 years.

The reason I noticed this station is because whenever they closed it, they left the price signs up out front. For several years the old sign has read \$1.38.9 per gallon.

I can remember driving by the site last year and thinking, "Wow, gas sure was expensive back then. No wonder they had to close." At the time gas was selling for less than \$1 per gallon.

This week, I saw the \$1.38.9 sign from a distance and thought I had found a bargain in Childress. The cheapest gas I had seen all

day was \$1.49.9. Funny how our perspectives can change in a few short months. Last year \$1.38 was high, this year it is a bargain.

With my van getting about 20 miles a gallon and gas at about "a buck fifty" a gallon, my 600-mile roundtrip costs \$45 for fuel. Throw in another \$15 worth of McDonald's and the one day road trip sets me back \$60.

On the way down last week I tuned in to a KGNC (Amarillo) radio talk show with James Reed. His topic was the gasoline crisis and boy did he get an ear full.

The first caller said that all truck drivers are stupid, that's why they drive trucks. He said they drive over whatever the speed limit is, let their diesel engines idle all the time and don't even try to save money.

The next few calls were from truckers who wanted the name and address of the first caller so they could drive their rigs through his living room.

One trucker said that the fuel bill for his truck has gone up \$160-\$200 PER DAY. Another called and said his fleet of eight cattle trucks was costing an extra \$4,000 PER WEEK.

Some other geek called in and said truckers should just be more efficient, manage their costs better, turn off their engines at truck stops, and in general get a life and quit whining.

I was hoping that the two truckers who had me hemmed in weren't listening at that particular time. I waved and gave a thumbs-up when they passed me at about 10 miles an hour over the speed limit.

Another scholar, who is no doubt a future politician, called to say that we are lucky even if gasoline goes to \$2 a gallon. He rattled off the prices of gasoline in Mexico and Germany and England where a "gallon of petrol" costs \$5.

The next trucker that called suggested that that guy should pack his belongings and "get his a__" to Germany if he knew what was good for him.

About a year ago, oil producers were complaining that oil was down to \$11 a barrel. Workers in America's oil fields had to find jobs in some other profession.

Now thanks to a bunch of shahs and shieks who had a meeting and raised the price to around \$30 a barrel, you and I are paying more and America's oil producers say there are not enough oil field workers left to resume production.

I think if the price of a gallon of petrol had risen slowly over a couple of years or so, we wouldn't feel so bad today. Problem is the price shot up in a six months period.

Small business owners, such as truckers, and others who depend on fuel, such as farmers, took a big expensive hickey overnight.

Airlines are hit hard so fares have to go up. Fares go up and not so many people fly. Fewer people flying means fares go up some more and the losses mount.

Every man, woman and child in America feels the effects of this type of gasoline price increase. The government, who claims to be able to fix everything in your life, can't fix this problem apparently.

Experts say we have plenty of oil in the ground in America but the government won't let them drill for it because of environmental concerns. So we buy it from the shahs and shieks at whatever price they want to charge.

Well, gotta go! Can't be late for my part-time job! Trying to get enough money to make it to Childress and back on Sunday.

Hey Truckers! Wasn't me that called. I love ya, man!

Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Plains Cotton Growers 43rd Annual Meeting to be held April 6, 2000 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Gauging the effectiveness of the various economic and market assistance programs that combined to get cotton producers through a tough 1999 season is sometimes tough.

Easily identifiable are the immediate effects of Loan Deficiency Payments, generic marketing certificates, payment limit adjustments, and supplemental AMTA and disaster assistance payments.

Buried underneath the obvious is the tremendous positive impact Step 2 program payments have had on producer equity values during the 1999 marketing year. Exactly the opposite of the negative impact the loss of the program had on producer equities when Step 2 payments stopped in 1998.

In simple terms producer equity offers are some 8 cents per pound higher with Step 2. Why this occurs is a little more complicated. The bottom line, however, is that Step 2 makes U.S. cotton competitive, but not at the expense of the grower.

Looking at the normal relationship between New York Cotton Futures and the Cotlook "A" Index is the best way to determine the value of Step 2 to the cotton producer. Typically nearby New York trades 2-4 cents below the "A" Index. When supplies of quality U.S. growths are short AND with the availability of Step 2 certificates, however, New York can attain a premium relative to the "A" Index.

Price movements over the past year attest to the impact of Step 2. After Step 2 funds were exhausted in December 1998, New York began dropping relative to the "A" Index. In six months New York moved from a premium

position over the "A" to trading more than 4 cents below the "A" by July 1999. In late summer 1999, however, New York climbed above the "A" when it became apparent that Step 2 would be reinstated.

Since the October 1, 1999 effective date for Step 2, New York has traded at an average of 5.5 cents per pound higher than the "A" Index, or some 8 cents higher than it had traded without Step 2 in effect.

This money directly in grower pockets. Offering prices for cotton sold directly into the market are higher, as are equity values for cotton moving through the marketing loan.

Cotton equity values are fairly easy to estimate. The basic rule of thumb is to take the New York value of the cotton and subtract the loan redemption value, the cost to tender (about 7¢) and any applicable carrying charges.

Doing the math using average loan values and prices indicates that some 8 cents of the equity offer is attributable to the effect of Step 2 payments on demand and use of U.S. cotton in 1999.

Early results indicate that producers inside active Boll Weevil Eradication Zones will have an appreciable advantage during the 2000 growing season over those not yet in eradication programs.

Overwinter habitats surveys conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and supported by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. indicate that warm winter temperatures have done little to seriously affect the mortality rates of dormant boll weevils around the area.

The good news is that the surveys are picking up noticeable differences in weevil numbers inside and outside active eradication zones.

The bad news for growers outside active zones is there are likely to be tremendous numbers of weevils from start to finish during the 2000 growing season. Extra effort will be required to keep the pest from causing significant economic damage.

Boll Weevil management information is available on the internet from local County Extension or Integrated Pest Management Agents or at: <http://www.plainscotton.org/guide98.html>



DENISE LARREA is in Mrs. Johnson's third grade class. She has earned her T-shirt in the school reading program by accumulating over 100 reading points.

basketball could be so exciting. The two teams, that were made up of third and fourth graders were the Scorpions and the Blue Angels. We were hoping for a win from the Scorpions.

The score was 15-17, Angels winning, but at the final buzzer one of our girls made a basket and tied the game! The girls played into double over time and finally, after many great attempts from both teams, the Scorpions made a basket with about thirty-five seconds to go. Our team won.

There will plenty of other opportunities for the girls to even the score. These are the only two teams in their division so they will play a few more times this season.

Stella and Ralph Shirley of Friona recently returned from Zapata, Texas. They reported visiting with Carl and Erma Bradshaw-Schrader, former Bovina residents. The Schraders moved to Nebraska a while back and still receive the *Blade* so they can keep up with Bovina happenings. It is good to hear that they are well and having fun at their winter place.

Roy and Eva Miller of Friona celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last week. Eva has played the organ at Bovina's First Baptist Church for about four years now. They had over 200 family and friends attend the celebration held at their daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Sam Mears', home in Friona last Saturday.

Sunday the couple helped fill four church pews with thirty-three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It was a great sight. Eva's sister Eileen of Lawton, Okla-homa served as pianist.

Have a great week and let us know how you spent your spring break!

Scooter will be out of the office for a couple of weeks so Becky London will be filling in as local reporter. Call the Blade office at 238-1523 or Becky's home at 238-1146 with your news tips.

I talked to Debra (Gilbreath) Michaels, Wednesday. She and her sons, Jeremy, 11 and Jason, almost 5, were in Bovina for their spring break visiting her parents Charlie and Isabell.

Debra was diagnosed with cancer in February of 1997. She has had two surgeries, two years of chemotherapy and five weeks of radiation. Debra was very up-beat and reports that she feels better today than she has in three years. She has an appointment at M.D. Anderson at the end of the month for more tests.

Debra teaches P.E. to sixth, seventh and eighth graders at River Road. She said they hope to spend part of their spring break at Ute Lake with her parents fishing.

Sonny Roach fell Saturday and broke his hip at the Farwell nursing home where he is a resident. His daughter and her husband, Judy and Roger Ezell had been in Bovina last Thursday and Friday for their spring break. Roger is a principal at Plano East High School.

Judy flew back Sunday from Plano to stay with her mom, Dot, and help with her dad while he recuperates from the hip replacement at Plains Regional Hospital in Clovis. Dot said Sonny has alzheimers and will return to the nursing home soon. She said they have good physical therapy available there.

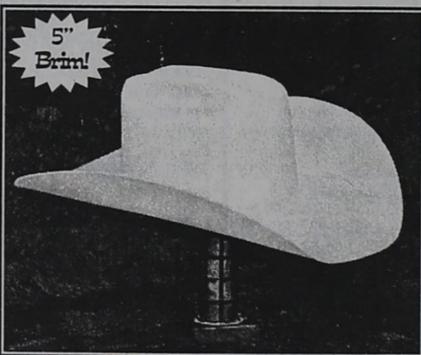
I attended my first Little Dribblers game in Bovina Monday night. It was Mike's niece, Christy Thatcher's, first game too. I don't think any of us thought little girls!

Bridal Shower To Honor A. Anderson

A bridal shower honoring Amanda Anderson, bride-elect of Rusty Venable, will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 2p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the home of Karen Kirkpatrick.

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