

Bovina ISD Announces Plans For Kids Meals During Summer

Bovina Independent School District will participate in a summer food service program through the Texas Department of Human Services in June and July.

The program will run concurrently with the summer school program from June 16, 1997 through July 15, 1997 (except July 3 and 4).

Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Bovina School Cafeteria at 500 Halsell

Street. The summer food service program provides free meals to all children age 18 and younger. Adults will be charged \$2.25. No proof of income, registration or meal tickets are required.

People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political beliefs. Anyone who believes that they have been

discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D. C. 20250.

Note: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.



TOPS.....1996-97 Fillie-of-the-Year, Lori Beauchamp, is flanked by co-winners of Mustang-of-the-Year, Martin Reyna and Tony Beauchamp. Awards were presented during the annual All-Sports Banquet on Thursday, May 15.

THIS HAS BEEN without a doubt one of the most unusual spring seasons we can recall for the western Texas Panhandle-High Plains, and Ye Editor has spent all but one of the last seasons in his home area. (You may fill in the blank if you wish, but no prize is being offered for being correct!)

In late winter, we had a warm spell. Most of the basketball season was played in spring-like weather. Then-just in time for the track, golf, tennis and other outdoor sports, the weather went to h_____ (There's another blank).

In fact, long about mid-April, when all the fruit trees were blooming, our area was hit with not only a freeze, but one that lasted for most of a 48-hour period. It was bad enough that wheat farmers are still anxious about what kind of effect it may have on their crop.

In late April, the heavens opened up and the area got the most general rainfall it had received in at least 18 months--maybe 18 years. Most areas received at least six inches of moisture. It was enough to do some good in the sub-soil moisture department, which you couldn't say about many "wet spells" in the last few years.

The worst part about the last month or so is that the temperatures have stayed somewhat below normal. The cold, wet spell may turn out to be hurtful to the area's corn and cotton, as it hinders their growth and development. The wet spell may have also delayed planting of these two crops. Farmers are used to having them up and going by this time.

Agricultural observers note, however, that the weeds always manage to take off, regardless of how wet or dry it is. Controlling the weeds may be a problem for farmers this growing season.

Naturally, we're not complaining about the moisture--at least not yet. Those who have lived in these parts for any length of time know that it won't be long until farmers and gardeners will be watching the sky in hopes of seeing a rain-cloud.

Until then, we may just have to "tie a knot and hang on!"

BEN EZZELL was a longtime newspaper publisher at Canadian, in the northern Panhandle. He was a good role-model of many of us "fledgling editors" who came along in the late '50s or early '60s.

Our late friend's daughter, Laurie Brown, is now involved with publishing the Canadian Record, and she also helps the Canadian High School newspaper get their paper together.

Laurie printed some of the comments of these "junior journalists," under the heading "Ever Wonder Why....."

For instance, the writer in this month's issue of "The Cat's Tale," posed the question: "When a cow laughs, does milk come out of its nose?"

Also, "If you throw a cat out a car window, does it become kitty litter?", and "How did a fool and his money get together in the first place?"

Lindsay Ricketts and Kathryn Knight were the writers. They also pondered: "When you choke a Smurf, what color does it turn?", "Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets?...If you shoot a mime, should you use a silencer?" and "What's another word for thesaurus?"

The one we personally liked was: "Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injection?"

I guess this just goes to show that even in high schools there are "slow news days." We're glad we saw Laurie's writing quoted. Her dad's verbal creations were watched by his local residents as well as state and federal elected officials.

THE HEARTS OF everyone in the community go out this week to the family of David Murphy. It's always tragic when a family loses a child, regardless of their age. And this particular family had suffered this type of tragedy on two other occasions.

When a loss of this nature strikes in a small community, it seems that it's double-tough, since everyone in a community Bovina's size identifies with everyone else.

We hope that Don, Juanda, Rodney, Darlene and Mattie Murphy know that their friends and neighbors are lifting them up in their prayers.

Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



Bovina ISD Improvement Team Meets

The Bovina ISD District Improvement Team met on May 7, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. with the following members present: Martha Morris, Sue Nuttall, Robert Rumph, Chris Cupit, Darla Sealey, John Broeker, Ron Dyer, and Linda Lewis.

Jeff Steelman withdrew from volunteering to help with the parking problem. Darla Sealey volunteered to take his place.

Discussion was held about the calendar and early release days and "comp" days. It was decided to leave the calendar as is and present it to the board.

A discussion was held concerning a stipend for DIT members for the 1997-98 school year and the \$1,000 above base in the salary schedule.

A motion to pay \$500 to each "elected" DIT member was passed.

A motion was made to have a school wide breakfast on May 30 and hold DIT elections at that time. A motion was made for a May 20 dinner for DIT members with board approval. The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.



JACK RAINES Owner of Parmer County Spraying Service, was honored at the athletic banquet for his continued support of the Bovina Athletic program.



LISA HROMAS Valedictorian



LORI BEAUCHAMP Salutatorian



MINERVA VITOLAS Historian

Bovina High School Graduation May 30

Graduation exercises for Bovina High School graduates are set for 8 p.m. Friday, May 30.

The top three students are: Lisa Hromas, Lori Beauchamp and Minerva Vitolas.

LISA HROMAS, daughter of Galen and Judy Hromas, was the top ranking student in the graduating class and will serve as the valedictorian of this year's graduating class.

She has attended Bovina Schools twelve years and will attend West Texas A&M University, Canyon, this fall.

While a student at Bovina High School, she played basketball and ran track four years; ran cross country two years; played golf one year; was in band her freshman year; FFA, NHS and FCA her sophomore, junior and senior years; competed in UIL events her junior and senior years; and Student Council her senior year.

Lisa was selected Class Favorite her freshman and sophomore years; won the band Musicianship Award and was named Band Queen her freshman year; was a candidate for Homecoming Queen her freshman and senior years; was named Academic All-District in basketball her sophomore, junior and senior years; was selected honorable mention all-district in basketball as a sophomore and junior; all-district in basketball, served as team captain, was selected MVP in track and Homecoming Queen her senior year.

Graduations Scheduled for Bovina ISD

The 1996-97 school year will end this week on Thursday, May 29.

Kindergarten graduation is set for Thursday, May 29, at 12:30 p.m.

Middle school will have graduation ceremonies at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 29.

High school commencement will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 30.

Offices she held included FFA advisor her sophomore year, reporter her junior year and secretary her senior year; NHS treasurer her junior year; FCA treasurer her sophomore year and class vice president her freshman, sophomore and junior years.

LORI BEAUCHAMP has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and will attend the University of Oklahoma following graduation.

She is the salutatorian of the senior class. Her parents are Mike and Debra Beauchamp.

Lori ran cross country, played basketball and golf and was a varsity cheerleader four years; ran track three years; was in FHA and FFA her freshman year; Student Council member her freshman, junior and senior years; contest play her junior and senior years; NHS and FCA her sophomore, junior and senior years.

She made the Academic All-District list her junior and senior years; was selected as honorable mention all-district in basketball, was a regional qualifier in golf, was an honorable mention selection on the one-act play all-star cast and was named Girl of the Year in Golf this year.

Lori likes to snow ski and babysit.

MINERVA VITOLAS will serve as the historian of the graduating class.

She is the daughter of Jose C. and Guadalupe Vitolas, has attended Bovina Schools two years and will be attending ITT Tech in Tucson, Arizona following her high school graduation.

She ran cross country; was in the Foreign Language Club her freshman and sophomore years; NHS her junior and senior years; Theatrics and choir her senior year; was sixth place individual in UIL accounting her junior year; was listed on the honor roll and won third place in UIL math.

Minerca served as freshman class secretary and treasurer. Reading is her favorite pasttime.

BHS Coaching Changes Set For 1997-98

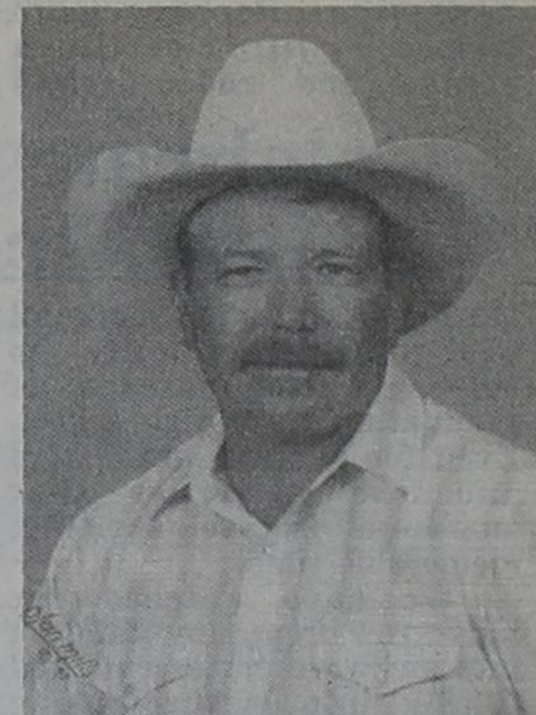
During a brief visit last week, Athletic Director Bobby Ortiz announced that some coaching changes have occurred in the Bovina athletic department.

Three coaches will be leaving the Bovina staff. They are Israel Carrera, Jeremy Tharp, and Frank Wilson. Tharp was head girls basketball coach during the 1996-97 season.

Carrera and Wilson, assistant coaches, served only one year in the Bovina system.

Ortiz said that with school board budget authorization, he was able to hire four new coaches for 1997-98 to replace the three departing staff members.

Names and information about the new coaching staff will be published at a later date.



DAVID MURPHY

D. Murphy Buried Here Wednesday

Services for G. David Murphy, 37, of Bovina were held Wednesday, May 21, at First Baptist Church in Bovina with the Rev. Larry Heard of Pampa and the Rev. Gary Morgan of Bovina officiating.

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

Mr. Murphy died May 19, 1997. He was born January 1, 1960 in Clovis New Mexico to Don and Juanda Murphy.

David was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina. He was a lifetime resident of Bovina. He graduated from Bovina High School in 1978. He was a farmer and rancher.

David was preceded in death by his older brother, Lynn Murphy in 1972 and by a nephew, Chris Caldwell in 1993.

Survivors include his parents of Bovina; a brother, Rodney Murphy of Abilene; a sister, Darlene Foster of Midlothian and a grandmother, Mattie Murphy of Ballinger.

Pallbearers were Steve Cockerham, Dana Harris, Richard Kelley, Eddie Don Lide, Mike London, Rick Morgan, Mike Read, Steve Stevenson, Blake Sudderth, Rick Taylor and Rocky Bartlett.



BIG TIME FANS.....Selected by the Bovina Booster Club as Fans-of-the-Year for 1996-97 were Galen and Shelby Rhodes, operators of Rhodes Crop Care.

Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-May 22, 1957

Elton Venable, owner of Venable Cleaners, announced this week that United States flags would be cleaned free of charge at his business from now until Memorial Day.

Von Bowen escaped serious injury Friday about 5:30 p.m. when the county maintainer he was operating was hit near the front end by an east bound passenger train at the east crossing in Bovina.

A principal for Bovina High School has been hired, Superintendent Warren Morton announced this week. He will succeed R.E. Everett, who has resigned. The new principal is Roy Whisler, 30.

35 Yrs Ago-May 23, 1962

Rain, marred in some areas by hail, south of Bovina, came to Parmer County this week after a lengthy dry spell. Most places in the immediate area had received an inch or more of moisture by the time clouds went away Saturday night.

Bovina members of Oasis Shrine Club are selling bumper stickers here this week to raise funds for the Seventh Annual Oasis Shrine Club Children Clinic which will be in Hereford June 1 and 2.

Work continued on Bovina's proposed paving project as members of the city council and other volunteers launched a paving sign-up campaign Monday of this week.

Report cards were mailed Monday to students of Bovina Schools, High School Principal James McLeroy announced. Cards not mailed were those for students who have an obligation to the school unfulfilled, the principal explained.

30 Yrs Ago-May 24, 1967

Parmer County commissioners court has been instructed to call a county-wide bond election to provide funds for paying costs of constructing a dam on Running Water Draw south of Bovina.

Bovina Roping Club members will ride in a parade and rodeo grand

entry Saturday at Hereford, Owen Patton, assistant parade marshal, announced.

Bovina has a direct telephone line to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. The line is a result of efforts made by the Bovina Women's Study Club.

Sp-4 Ben Rejino, Jr. received the Purple Heart on April 28 in Vietnam, he informed his parents here this month. Rejino was wounded February 9, while on patrol.

The 1967 senior class of Bovina High School has 21 boys and girls who reached the senior grade level, their final year in school here. When they leave Bovina High School on May 26, they leave behind many memories and uncountable contributions to the school's betterment.

25 Yrs Ago-May 24, 1972

Five prizes were given away to those registering at the grand opening of Stitch Niche, Bovina's newest business, according to Mrs. Dianne Allison, owner and operator of the fabric shop.

Vacation Bible School will be held at First Baptist Church here beginning Monday and continuing through Friday of next week.

Mike Lindley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lindley, and Rush Looney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Looney, were involved in a motorcycle-tractor collision southeast of town Tuesday afternoon of last week. The tractor was driven by Eugene Garcia.

Mrs. Tom Caldwell was elected president of the Band Parents organization at the final meeting of the year recently, according to outgoing president, Mrs. Leon Ware.

20 Yrs Ago-May 18, 1977

Thirty-one graduates of Bovina High School will mark the close of their high school years at 8 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium.

Monday night saw the most serious severe weather threat to Bovina in the current "tornado" season. With funnel clouds sighted between Farwell and Clovis, many local residents decided discretion was the better part

of valor and took proper precautions just incase.

Ben McCain was recently awarded a first place by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association for best weekly radio program.

15 Yrs Ago-May 26, 1982

Members of the eighth grade class will hold their graduation ceremonies May 27, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium, with 41 graduating. The honor students are Blake Scaff, valedictorian; Irma Garcia, salutatorian; Kim McClaran, third; Holli Clayton, fourth; Allan Griffin, fifth; and Donell Garner, sixth.

It seems that the long awaited rains have finally come, but, sadly enough, the good news had to share the spotlight with some bad, since many area farmers lost at least a part of their crop due to hail Monday night.

Jeanna Richards was named valedictorian and Mark Teague was named Salutatorian of the 1982 graduates of Bovina.

10 Yrs Ago-May 27, 1987

Commencement exercises will be held Friday, May 29, with twenty seniors graduating. Valedictorian is Homer Renteria and salutatorian is Anna Villarreal.

Commencement exercises will be held Thursday, May 28, for the eighth grade. Valedictorian is Belinda Dale and salutatorian is Michelle Stanberry.

In Bovina, about two and one half of three inches has been received during the week and more is in the forecast.

SPS Tells Bovina Payment Ctr.

Pay-N-Save at 800 West Highway 86 is now accepting payments for Southwestern Public Service Company from 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

"We are pleased to offer our customers who wish to pay in person this new location and longer hours," said SPS President David Wilks. "We appreciate working with local businesses to provide this service. Of course, customers can continue to pay by mail or automatic bank draft, which may be the most convenient option of all."

Customers must bring their bills with them when making a payment. The payment centers can even accept payments to restore disconnected service. After payment, the customer will receive a verification code, and can then call SPS to restore service.

The new payment centers are being opened throughout the SPS service area. They are managed by Integrated Payment Systems, a subsidiary of First Data Corp., which is also the parent company of Western Union. First Data is the nation's leading provider of such services through a network of 40,000 locations across the country.

Bovina High School's outstanding athletes were honored at the annual all-sports banquet last week. Receiving the Mustang Award was Steve Gauntt and Mindy Neal was presented with the Filly award.

5 Yrs Ago-May 23, 1992

Virgie Cary has been selected as the 1992 Bovina Mustang "Fan-Of-The-Year" and was recently honored at the annual Athletic banquet held at the High School.

All three of the Bovina athletes who competed at last weekend's state track meet came home with silver medals. Cain Neal, who medaled in the shot put, Donna Griggs, high jump and Corey Kirkpatrick, 300 meter hurdles.

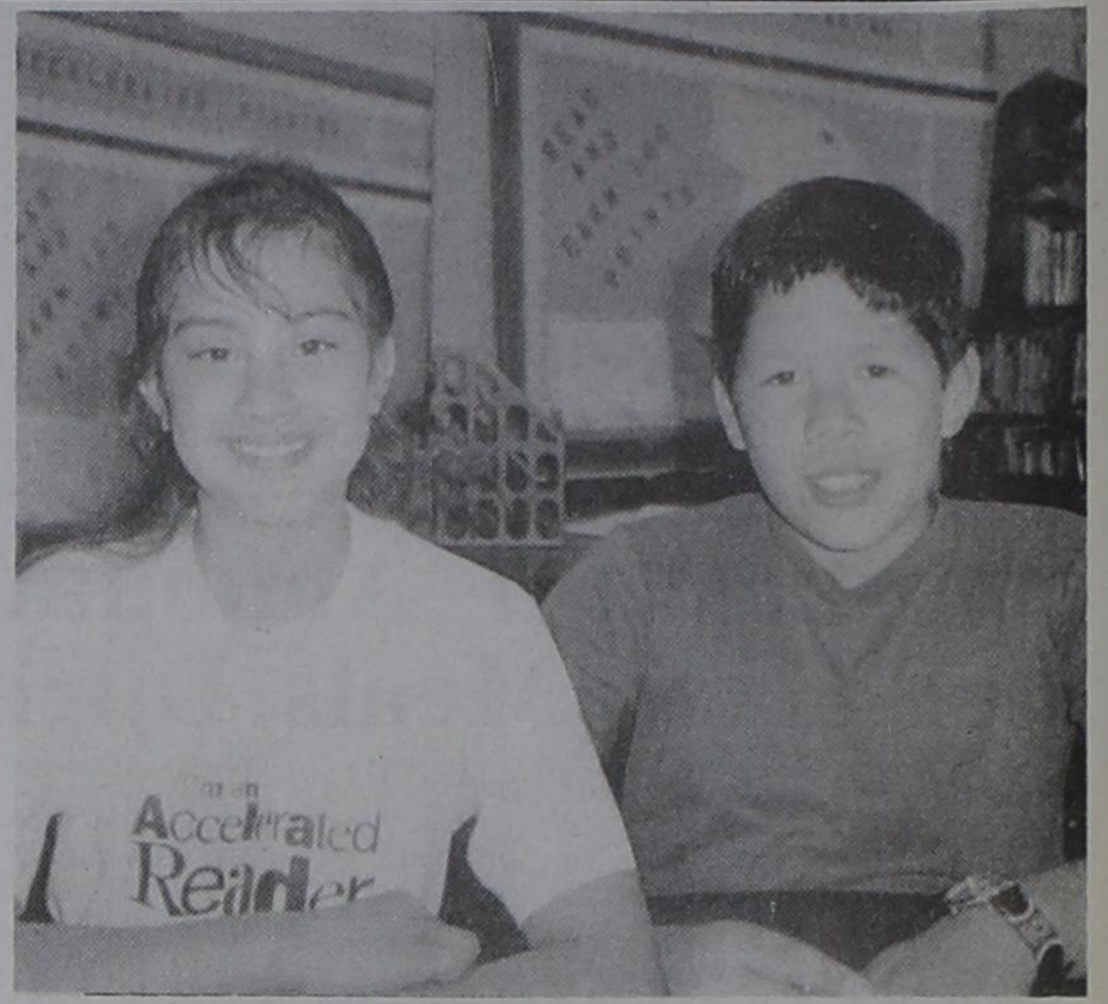
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BIG TIME READERS.....These two fifth graders in Mr. Martin's class piled up a lot of reading points this year. Nayeli Ovalle passed 400 points and Ricardo Rojas climbed over the 300 point level as the school year ends.

Thank You

We wish to express our gratitude and thanks for the many expressions of kindness shown to our family. It warms our hearts to have so many dear and caring friends and we truly appreciate your loving thoughtfulness at this time. Thank you for caring.

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We have watched our kids grow from tiny children into awkward adolescents and finally into mature young adults. Teenagers, too, look forward to completing one phase of their lives and moving onto another.

We proudly reflect on the achievements of our sons and daughters, and look ahead toward their bright futures. It is without doubt a time for celebration.

For too many teens and parents alike, celebration means alcohol. Nothing can ruin happy times as quickly and effectively as the deadly

mix of drinking and driving.

Nearly 40 percent of fatally injured drivers age 15-20 were drinking prior to their crash. The sad truth is that alcohol-related fatalities are nearly twice as high for drivers age 16-17 as for drivers 25 and older.

The rate for 18-20 year old drivers is nearly three times as high. We need to rid ourselves of the "not-my-kid" mentality, and talk openly with our teens about the dangers of drinking, drinking and driving and riding with friends who have been drinking.

Together as parents and concerned citizens, we can help ensure the future of our youth by encouraging our teens to drive safely and soberly. This year lets celebrate with style and leave alcohol out.

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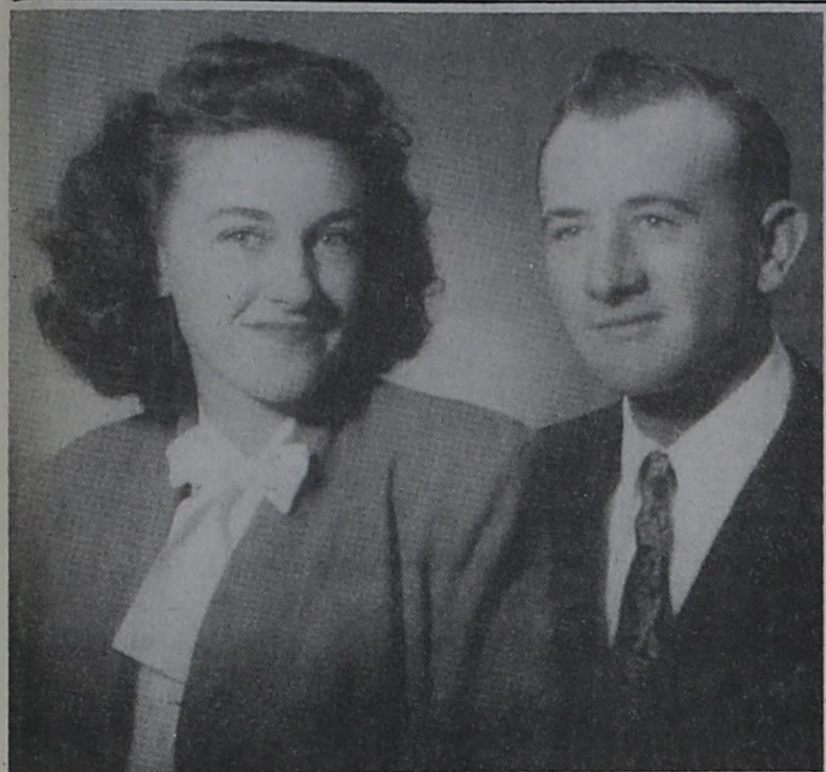
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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...The children of M.H. and Dixie Carson will be hosting a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for their parents on Saturday, May 31, 1997. The event will take place at the Parmer County Community Center beginning at 4 p.m. and will continue into the evening. Invitations are not being sent locally but all friends of the family are cordially invited to attend.



MOTHER'S DAY VISIT.....Prairie Acres hosted a special party in celebration of Mother's Day. Shown at the afternoon reception are Barbara Barnett and her mother Madge Crow. (Ron Carr Photo)

REC Objects To Utility Deregulation Proposal

Texas' electric cooperatives contend that a proposal to deregulate the electric utility industry by 2001 may not be in the best interest of electric cooperative consumers.

The co-ops are concerned that several key elements of the draft bill are not fully understood and they say that more time is needed to review them, according to Mike Williams, president of Texas Electric Cooperatives, the statewide association that represents the 75 distribution cooperatives and 11 generation and transmission cooperatives.

"Dramatic changes are being proposed that will impact how the electric industry in Texas operates. We believe that this proposal needs more time to be fully understood and to allow for thoughtful examination by legislators and the public to assure that these suggested changes are indeed in the public interest," said Williams.

"Unfortunately, this proposal does not necessarily assure lower electric rates or reliable service for our cooperative members."

Electric cooperatives serve approximately three million consumers in 244 of Texas' 254 counties, primarily in rural and suburban areas.

It is not clear that deregulation of other industries has benefitted rural Texans, Williams noted. "However, we continue to support any industry restructuring that benefits all customers of electric cooperatives in Texas."

Steve Louder, president and general manager of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, agrees with Mike Williams' statements and asks that customer comments be directed to his office in Hereford, phone (806) 364-1166 or send written comments to Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Box 753, Hereford, Texas, 79045.



PRAIRIE ACRES SPOTLIGHT.....Honored during May at Prairie Acres are Maggie Torres, nurse's aide, as employee-of-the-month. She has worked for Prairie Acres since April 8, 1986. Ella Landrum was selected as resident-of-the-month. She has been a resident since March 10, 1997 and is the mother of Neely Landrum of Bovina. (Ron Carr Photo)

\$1,000 Cargill Scholarship Awarded To Local Youths

Three area students have been recipients of Cargill Scholarships.

Roy Homfeld, a 1997 graduate of Adrian High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship. He is the son of Jerry Homfeld of Adrian, Texas and plans to study agricultural engineering at Texas A&M University.

Joanna Brumley, a graduate of Community Christian, received a \$1,000 scholarship toward studying human sciences/dietetics at Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Mike Brumley of Hereford.

Sy Olson, a Hereford High School graduate received a \$1,000 scholarship. His parents are Steve and Ginger Olson of Hereford. He plans to study animal science/vet-med at Texas A&M University.

The 250 scholarships are awarded by Cargill to 1997 high school graduates from U.S. farm families in 43 states. This year's scholarship program, in its twelfth year, attracted 2,385 applicants.

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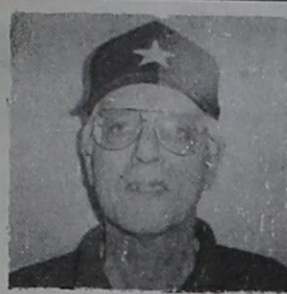
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Out Here

By RON CARR

...a person who pretends to be better than he really is, or pious, virtuous, etc. without really being so.

...depraved, unprincipled; in theology, rejected by God; a depraved, corrupt person.

The above two definitions came from the 1961 Webster's New World Dictionary we keep here at the newspaper office. It is an old dictionary, but some words never get old.

Maybe you figured out already what words are defined up there. If not, well let's talk.

When I was a kid, the grown-ups would use these two words to criticize people who were not quite what they seemed to be.

Seems I heard them most often during those frequent Sunday family gatherings when the adults thought we were playing. It takes creative skill to appear to be playing when you are actually eavesdropping on the grown-ups.

This was during an age when you didn't learn everything you knew from television, music videos, or Nick At Night.

The only access kids had to good, juicy information was eavesdropping. At my grandmother's house, we could come in the back door, circle through the dining room, and hide behind the front bedroom door which opened into the living room.

It was in the living room where the adults did their heavy after dinner talking.

One ploy was to leave the smaller kids playing out back, making noise, so the adults thought all the kids were out there and wouldn't suspect us being behind the door.

Inevitably, one of my aunts would stand up and say, "I am going out to check on the kids". This caused a chaotic scramble to get outside before she did.

Grandma's hardwood

floors always gave us away. Not to mention my cousin Charles who panicked and knocked everyone in a pile so he could get away first.

Our defense was the time-honored alibi used by children since civilization began. It is still used today. "What are you kids doing in there?"

"NOTHING!!!"

It was during these young years when I began to discover that people and things weren't always the way I had them figured.

Kids (and adults) often suffer when someone they looked up to, is looked down on by others.

When a happy situation is suddenly changed forever and yanked from your grasp, never again to be the same.

Those childhood memories came back to me this week. How suddenly perceptions can be reversed and myths are exploded.

I thought about that when Mr. Squeaky Clean Frank Gifford got caught with a blonde broad in a New York hotel room last week.

See, Frank Gifford's daughter Vickie is married to the Kennedy fellow who has carried on that several year relationship with a then 16-year-old babysitter.

Frank loudly denounced Mr. Kennedy for philandering about on his daughter and grandchildren. Frank didn't think it was right for a married man with kids to play around. Of course Kathy Lee was by his side all the way.

It is probably a safe bet to say that Frank Gifford was one of only thousands of married guys that were in a hotel room in America last week with a female person to whom they were not wed.

But the difference is none of those thousands of guys are Monday Night Football announcers that are married to a lady who has a morning TV talk show.

None of those guys have made millions of dollars writing books about family values, and virtues, and squeaky clean living. Books that many people read and believed.

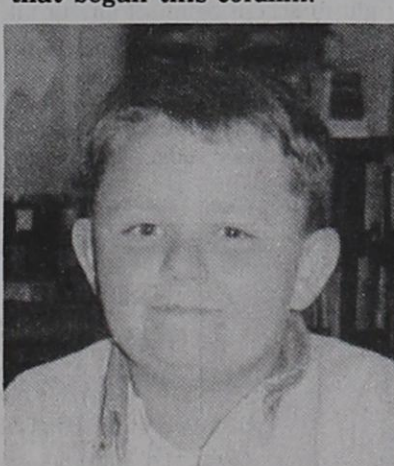
"Aww, Frank and Kathy Lee are so precious. Did you read their book? They must be so happy with one another."

Well, I'll tell you, I didn't have a very exciting weekend last weekend but at least I wasn't Frank and had to spend the weekend at home listening to Kathy Lee. Can you imagine? I wonder what Kathy Lee promised would happen if he ever did it again?

I predict they will patch it up, hold hands in public again, then write another book: "How to Get Through Tough Times When Your 65-Year-Old Husband Gets Caught Having Sex With A Younger Blond Woman Who Gets Paid \$75,000 By A Tabloid And Our Perfect Lives Ended Up On National TV." Millions of Americans will buy it.

"Aww, they are so strong and wonderful!"

If this had happened when I was a kid hiding behind the door, the grown-ups would be calling Frankie a hypocrite and an old reprobate, the two definitions that began this column.



KODY HAWKINS
Kody Hawkins, a 4th grader in Mrs. Deen's class, earned 100 points in reading and helped our Blade editor several times during the year too. Thanks Kody. Have a good summer.

During the last two weeks, I explored the topics of rumors and lies. Add hypocrite/reprobate and you have the third and final part of my trilogy dedicated to what I think may be wrong with the world today.

Lest you think I myself am being hypocritical, I can save you the trouble of digging into my past. It has been, shall we say, colorful. If you are that interested, ask me, but be warned that honesty can be frank and earnest.

I just do not like hypocrites, do you? Especially those who know they are being hypocritical and continue to do it deliberately and expect me to buy into it.

Sorry, I have been one and didn't like myself that much either. But, like you, I do enjoy watching people like Frank Gifford squirm, blowing in the wind like a Parmar County windsock.

Hiding behind the door and eavesdropping on other people's lives just seems to make life easier for all of us.

It is really annoying to get caught, ain't it Frank? Makes you feel real stupid and tends to mess up a nice day. As the song says, "It ain't easy being easy".

As the women of the world would say, "You should have thought about that before you went to her room".

(The men of the world ain't saying much one way or the other.)

Ah yes, it is truly a humanitarian world, now ain't it Frank? Peace and forgiveness are everywhere.

"Hey Frankie, you old reprobate, tell me the truth, what were you kids really doing in there?"

"NOTHING!!!"



READY READERS....These youngsters join over 90 fellow students in earning at least 100 points in the 1996-97 reading program. The latest additions are, l-r, Catalina Nicolas, 5th grade, Mr. Martin's class; Aaron Chavez, Yvette Amparan, Justin Hale, & Priscilla Lara, all 2nd graders in Mrs. Steelman's class; Daniel Garcia, 5th in Martin's class, and Alex Espinoza, 4th grade, Mrs. Deen's class.



THE ELITE....200-point winners in the reading rodeo this year gather in the library. They are Eliseo Salazar, 4th Deen's class; Martin Carrillo, 5th Brown's class; Roger Martinez, 4th, Deen's class; and Troy Turner, 5th, Brown's class.

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IT'S BEEN A GOOD YEAR.....Selected as students-of-the-month at Bovina Middle School for April and May were, l-r, Tyson Kerby, Nemecio Rodriguez, Elizabeth Vitolas, Sammy Espinoza, Annabel Loe, and Karisha Landrum.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



This has been an unusual week, as far as the weather is concerned. On Sunday the temperature reached ninety degrees and on Monday it was coat and sweatshirt weather as the cold winds and rain came in.

We had lots of thunder and lightning and a good rain in Bovina. The temperature dropped to the forties and a wind chill of twenty-seven. Rainy weather is predicted for the entire week.

Our hearts were saddened this week as one of our young people died. He was David "Dave" Murphy, son of Don and Juanda Murphy. He was only 37 years old.

David spent a lot of time at our home during the years he was growing up and our children were at their home lots of times, as we lived across the alley from the Murphys for years. We recalled many cute things about David when he was a small child. When he was about five years old and was playing his first baseball game, Jim took off work and we went down to see his game.

Shortly into the game, David lost interest and sat down and began playing in the dirt while in the outfield. It's odd how so many memories come back. David was such a cute little thing and was our only boy as we had the three girls, so we enjoyed lots of times with him.

Our prayers are with the family as we all share their grief.

Sid Lloyd and daughter and son-in-law, Julia Ann and Reyes Olona from Belen, New Mexico attended Sid's granddaughter's wedding in Abernathy.

Becky Webb and Billy Don Hughes exchanged wedding vows on Saturday. Becky's parents are Larry and Patsy Webb of Hale Center and are former residents of Bovina. Becky was born in Bovina and lived here several years.

Also attending the wedding from Bovina was Becky's aunt, Polly Mills. Becky's aunt and uncle, Joyce and Art from Farwell were there. Art officiated at the wedding.

Edna Scott and Erra Jamerson attended the high school graduation of their granddaughter, Kathy, daughter of Larry and Carol Scott of Abilene, former Bovina residents.

Kathy graduated a year early and received a \$1,000 scholarship. Her sister and brother attended the graduation. They are Christy, who is a court reporter in Jackson, Mississippi and her brother, Dr. Kirk Scott, a dentist in Dallas. Dr. Scott is presently going to school to become a surgeon who will perform certain types of plastic surgery on people's faces.

Mary Louise Jacobs underwent surgery in Lubbock to remove a growth

from her esophagus. Friends said the growth had caused food to go into her lungs which then caused pneumonia several times and she had to be hospitalized.

They think this will cure the problem and the procedure took only about twenty minutes. She is getting along real well, according to friends.

Our sympathy to Brother Gary Morgan, pastor of First Baptist Church, whose grandfather, Sam Morgan of Burnett, Texas passed away. The funeral was held Monday morning.

Veda McKay underwent surgery in Lubbock and had a tumor removed. It was not malignant and she is getting along real well and is now home.

We understand Rev. Porfirio and Patsy Mejia have moved back to Memphis, Texas. They have been in Bovina several months. At one time they pastored the Mexican Baptist church here. Their daughters who live in Bovina are Esther Steelman and Gilda Garner.

Laverne and Joe Black had a good Mother's Day. Laverne's son and his family, Joe Don and his wife and two daughters came from Canyon for the day. The family had dinner at the school cafeteria and had a good visit before they returned to Canyon.

Houston and Laura Bartlett recently flew to Alaska and attended Houston's late sister's grandson, Chris' graduation from AAU College in Anchorage.

Laura said it took almost twelve hours to fly to Alaska but they were able to stay from May 3 until the 10th and saw lots of pretty sights.

She said the temperature was in the 50's and from where they stayed one could see the ocean and beautiful mountains. This was their first trip to Alaska.

Lily Limbocker of Olton came to her neice's home, Ann Lee and Floyd Englant, and spent Sunday. She was the late Bessie Webb's sister.

Leon Wares Have New Grandchild

Juan and Connie Martinez of Okinowa, Japan are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Rebecca Elaine.

Rebecca was born on Wednesday, April 30. She weighed six pounds, twelve ounces and was twenty-one inches long.

Her older brother, Samuel, is two and one half years old.

Grandparents are Leon and Shirley Ware of Bovina and Bruno and Maria Martinez of San Antonio.

Great grandmothers are Jerry Ware and Lois Smith, both of Bovina.

The family went to church together on Sunday, ate out and spent time with Ann Lee's sister, Polly Mills in Bovina.

A.L. Nuttall recently drove to South Dakota and visited with his mom, Lucille Nuttall, and A.L.'s brother and families.

THINK ABOUT IT: Real prayer always does one of two things: It either frees us from the trouble we fear or else it gives us the strength and courage to meet the trouble when it comes...Have a good week...Scooter.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of May 26-29

MONDAY--chicken fried steak, green beans, potatoes, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY-- hamburger, fries, lettuce, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY--sub sandwich, potato chips, lettuce, tomato, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY--barbecued beef on a roll, pickles, potato chips, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY--no school.

TDH Issues Alert

On Contact Lenses

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has cautioned people not to buy contact lenses from vendors who do not require a prescription. The warning follows a TDH investigation of vendors selling tinted, soft contact lenses at flea markets in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and in Amarillo.

Investigators say the vendors did not require a prescription, used unsanitary handling and storage practices and offered little or no instruction about the proper use and cleaning of the lenses.

Though the vendors were selling primarily non-powered, tinted lenses for cosmetic rather than corrective purposes, state and federal laws require a written prescription from a licensed practitioner before contact lenses of any kind can be sold to consumers.

Health officials say a prescription is needed for proper size and curvature of the contact lenses and indicates that the lenses are appropriate for the wearer.

In Texas, ophthalmologists and optometrists can prescribe and dispense contact lenses. Opticians can dispense them to consumers who have legitimate prescriptions.

Tom Brinck, chief of TDH's medical devices branch, said the same contact lenses were being tried on by many customers at the flea markets despite TDH's obvious concern about disease transmission.

He said permanent eye damage can occur from infections caused by these unsafe handling practices and by improper care and cleaning of the lenses. Cuts

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Bids will need to be mailed to City of Bovina P.O. Drawer KK Bovina, Texas 79009 or bring them to the City Hall at 205 North St. Bovina, Texas 79009

Last day to bid is Friday, June 6, 1997 at 5:00 P.M.

If you have any questions Please call (806) 238-1116 Ask for Sarah Alonzo, City Secretary

Bids will be opened at our June meeting 43-3tc

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Sue Nuttall, Supt. P.O. Box 70, 500 Halsell Street Bovina, Texas 79009

Bovina I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in part or as a whole. 43-2tc

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A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's office.

The equipment to be considered on trade-in is a 1980 John Deere 410B Backhoe, Serial Number T0410BB722364. Any questions concerning the trade-in equipment should be directed to Raymond McGehee, Precinct #4 Commissioner, at 806/965-2334 (home) or 806/965-2316 (bam).

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The equipment to be considered on trade-in in Precinct #1 is a 1986 John Deere 770B, Serial Number DW770BX512281. Any questions concerning the trade-in equipment should be directed to John Tannahill, Precinct #1 Commissioner, at 806/247-3336 (home) or 806/247-3713 (bam).

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