

The Bovina Blade

Good News in Bovina For the Past 40 Years

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"Meet Your City Employees"



PAT KUNSELMAN....Bovina's city clerk is a fixture around city hall. She has been a city employee for 21 years. She and her husband, Pat, have three children, Rick, Vickie, and John, who graduated from Bovina schools.



HOLIDAY WHEAT ROLLS...Logan Nichols of Farwell was working at Sherley Grain on July 4 as the wheat harvest kept rolling in spite of the holiday. He checks out a load of wheat brought in by April Gober. The healthy harvest is now about over, with excellent yields being reported. (Ron Carr Photo)

TOURIST SEASON is upon us. While traveling home east from New Mexico, you'll need to be on the lookout for vehicles with license plates from places like Vermont or Michigan. Likely as not, they'll pull over when they reach the site of the Caprock Feed Yard just west of Bovina. They'll whip out the video cameras and pan the width of the cattle pens.

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



Feedlots are pretty full right now and it is quite a sight for folks from the northeast who aren't used to seeing large expanses of steaks on the hoof. They don't realize that cattle feeding operations in this immediate area can hold up to 90,000 head at one time. But, of course, all of our feedyards don't happen to be located right at the edge of Highway 60 on the slope of Running Water Draw with good visibility for those who are traveling through.

It wasn't but about three short months ago that I was among the trails of tourists who were causing traffic hazards by pulling over to gaze at breathtaking fields of bluebonnets down in the Texas Hill Country. I'm glad that citizens in each region of our country are working to retain the individuality of their area so that travelers can enjoy them. Especially in light of the fact that all of our towns and cities are beginning to look just alike.

The same fast food places line the highways leading into every village and hamlet. The same malls squat low on the edges of every mid to large-size town, with Sears, Penneys and WalMarts selling all the same merchandise as in the previous town. It's almost as though you never left home.

Pulling over to take pictures or just to gawk and enjoy the flowers, mountains, canyons, grazing deer, or acres of cattle pens, etc. was simply unheard of when I was a kid. If you were planning a 750 mile trip to visit relatives in another state, then the best way to make it was to head out before daybreak, take sandwiches to eat along the way, and not stop until you got there. Thank goodness, we would occasionally have to stop for gas. Since my mother had the world's smallest bladder, we'd have to stop a lot more often than Dad would have liked. "What? Again? We've already stopped three times!" he'd say.

Bill says his folks were the same way about never stopping the car on trips. "That's the turn-off to go to Mammoth Cave," they'd point out as they zoomed on by. Or "The log cabin where Davy Crockett grew up is right down that road a ways." Little munchkins bouncing up and down on the back seat shouting "Are we almost there yet?" probably made our drivers more anxious to arrive at our destination and get it over with.

Stopping along the way for ice cream, taking photos of old fallen-down barns, staying overnight in little out-of-the-way places, tracking down back roads to bed-and-breakfast inns, antique shops, and abandoned cemeteries... now that's my idea of the way to take a trip. The Good Old Boy is usually indulgent with me if we're not on a short time schedule such as trying to catch a plane, or going to attend someone's wedding or funeral.

They (the wise ones) tell us that life is a journey and we shouldn't be in such a hurry to get there. "Getting there" is the end of the journey when you are stretched out in an expensive wooden box at the front of the church with people strolling past saying things like "Doesn't she look natural?" and "She was a really nice person."

It is sort of sad to think that we might get to the end of the journey without ever having stopped to smell the bluebonnets, or yes, even perhaps the feedyards along the way.

Blade Is Honored By Bovina ISD Recognition

The Bovina Blade was named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by Bovina ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Reporters representing more than 300 Texas newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the nomination included media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by

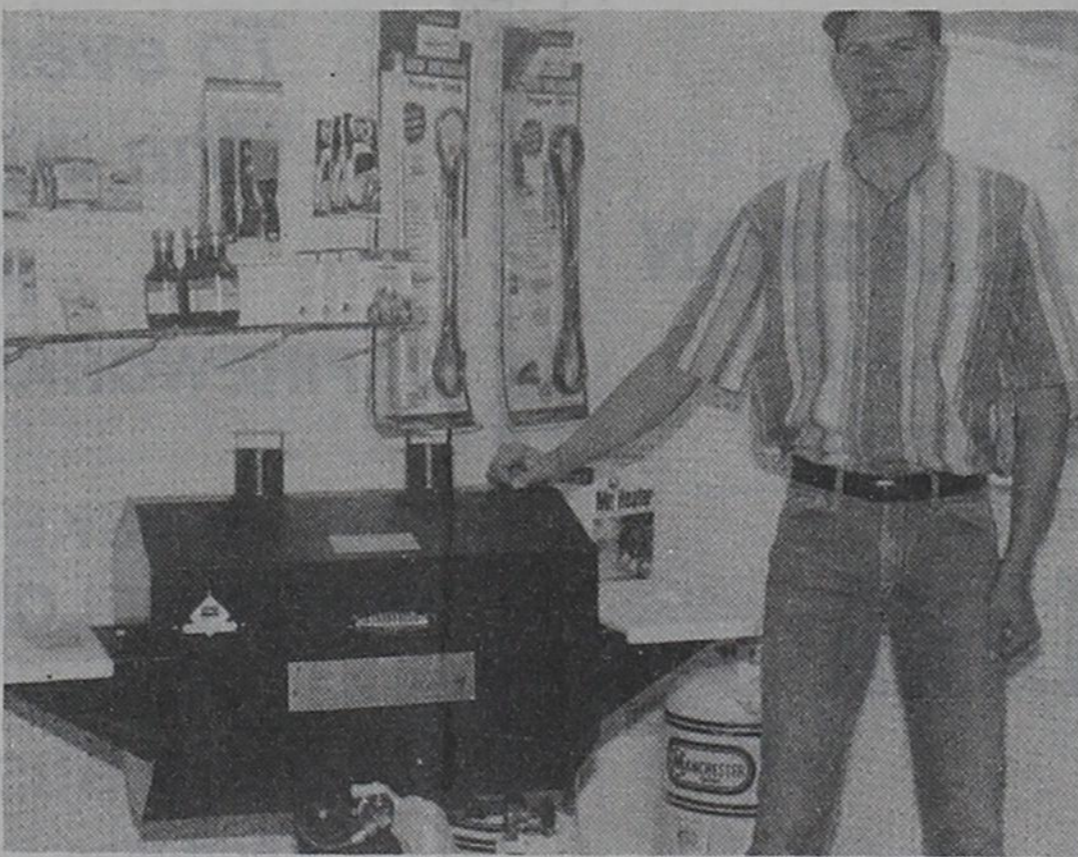
local teachers and students. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Jannie Hayers, TASB president.

In most cases, local school boards passed a formal resolution to add names of media from their communities. The Media Honor Roll will appear in the August/September issue of TASB's Texas Lone Star, and certificates were created for presentation at the local level.

TASB is a voluntary, non-profit association established nearly 50 years ago to serve local Texas school districts. It includes 1,048 school districts and county school boards, 45 junior colleges, 56 tax appraisal districts, 63 cooperatives, and 20 education service centers. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$20 billion and employ more than 460,000 people.



HONOR ROLL....Bob Owen, school board president, presents Blade editor Ron Carr with a Media Honor Roll certificate for fair and balanced school reporting.



KENNETH WATERS

PRPC Okays Grant For Local Water Well

On July 10, city alderman Kenneth Waters appeared before the board of directors of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo. For the third year in a row, Waters represented Bovina in their attempt to receive a grant for an additional water well.

This time it worked. At least at the regional planning level, the \$250,000 grant was approved. Now it must be approved at the state level. However, Waters said that the state normally takes the

regional recommendations for grants.

According to alderman Waters, the total cost of drilling and activating the new water well is estimated at \$354,000. The city will be required to raise the money difference of \$104,000 to finance the well.

However, Waters stated that the city has about two years to fund their share of the project, since the grant money is used first during well construction.

Bovina has three water wells now. Waters said that this year, because of the abundant rain, the existing wells have not been strained. Last year, during the extreme drought, the city's water system was on the verge of rationing.

Because of the lowering of the aquifer levels, city officials say that a fourth water well is necessary to maintain the present level of service.

The BJRA is selling raffle tickets for a \$500 gift certificate from Aucutt's General Store. Tickets are only \$1 Call 825-2700 for a ticket—Drawing is 7/26.



FIRE PRACTICE.....Members of the Bovina Fire Department rolled out all the equipment last week for a controlled burn near the Highway 86 and 60 intersection. The volunteers took the opportunity to test equipment and as training for some of the newer firemen. (Ron Carr Photo)

School Board Holds Regular July Meeting

The Board of trustees of Bovina ISD met on Monday, July 14. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Owen, Estella Ortiz, Justin Brozek, Susan Kerby, Joe Steelman, Ricky Jamerson and Mike Beauchamp.

Minutes from the June 16 and July 8 meetings were read and approved and the vouchers were paid.

The Bovina Blade was presented with a certificate of recognition for their coverage during the 1996-97 school year.

There was a discussion on a Bovina High School Drill Team Organization. Brozek made a motion to approve the drill team organization. The motion was passed unanimously.

The board voted to award

'72 Reunion To Be Held August 9

The Bovina High School class of 1972 is preparing for their 25th reunion to be held August 9 in the home of Chris Alexander.

Alexander, along with fellow classmate Greg Hromas of Clovis, New Mexico have planned a busy day for former students and teachers of the 1972 class of Bovina High School.

Alexander said they have been able to contact former students but are still trying to contact former teachers.

"Anyone that was a teacher for the class is invited to attend," Alexander said.

The day will start at 9 a.m. at 1616 West 10th Street in Friona, Alexander's home, with coffee, donuts and memories.

At 11 a.m. the group will go to Friona Country Club for a golf scramble. Cost is \$18 per person. This fee includes green fees and the use of a golf cart.

At 3 p.m. everyone is invited back to Alexander's home for more reminiscing.

A barbeque will be served at 5 p.m. Cost is \$7 a person or \$12 a couple.

For more information, call Chris Alexander at home, 247-2098 or at work, 800-635-5614; or Greg Hromas at 800-346-4937.

the depository contract to First Bank, Bovina Branch.

Beauchamp made a motion to take October 13 as a staff development day for the 1997-98 school year. Steelman seconded and the motion passed.

The board approved the purchase of employee health insurance through TASB and to purchase student insurance with Student Insurance Division, United Insurance Companies.

Brozek made a motion to approve training for teacher substitutes. Beauchamp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on DNA Local policy on Teacher Appraisal System. The board voted to pass the motion for approval of the policy.

The board approved the appraisal calendar for 1997-98 and school lunch prices were approved for the new year too. Prices were approved for the same amount as the previous year.

Steelman made a motion to accept milk, fuel and oil bids as presented. A copy can be found at the superintendent's office. Jamerson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resignation of Kara Brown, fifth grade teacher, was accepted by the board.

At 9:34 p.m. the board went into a closed session. The session ended at 9:57 p.m. A motion was then passed to hire Libby Holman as a second grade teacher and Starlia Clayton as elementary p.e. teacher.

Jamaica At St. Ann's is Scheduled

A jamaica has been set for Sunday, July 27, at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

In addition to traditional food booths, crafts, and games, a co-ed volleyball tournament is being organized.

Each co-ed team must have three males and three females. Entry fee will be \$20 per team.

To enter a team in the tournament, contact Celia Quintana at 238-1122 or 238-1317, or Anna Ortiz at 238-1461.

City Will NOT Participate In D.A.R.E.

In last week's issue of the Bovina Blade, it was reported that the Bovina city council voted to participate in the D.A.R.E. program. This was a mistake on the Blade's part. We apologize for any misunderstanding this may have caused concerned citizens.

Shower To Fete K. Mitchell

A bridal shower for Keri Mitchell, bride elect of Michael Waldie, will be Saturday, July 19, 1997, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the home of Karen Kirkpatrick.

Selections are at Celia's Floral Expressions, Roden Smith, Dillard's and JC Penney's.

Hostesses are Karen Kirkpatrick, Ella Jo Stormes, Alice Stone, Debra Beauchamp, Honey Sue Gist, Suzan Hughes, Donna Ware, Shelby Rhodes, Mendy Warlick, Carolyn Beauchamp, Kay Venable, Celia Tienda, Yvonne Stevenson, Tammy Willard, Lori Stormes, Bonnie Clayton, Barbara Charles and Laura Bartlett.

Wedding Reminder

Keri Ann Mitchell and Michael Don Waldie, both of Lindsborg, Kansas, will wed Saturday, July 26 at 5:30 at the First United Methodist Church in Bovina.

Keri is the daughter of Larry and Donna Mitchell of Bovina. Michael is the son the Jerry and Oma Waldie of Madisonville, Texas.

The wedding and reception is open to friends of the couple and family.

BJRA Has Top Winners

The BJRA has been holding playdays each Saturday at 7 p.m. at the riding association in Bovina.

Due to lack of space, we are unable to print all scores for the playday from last Saturday. Top winners were:

5 and under: barrels, flags, poles and stakes Holly Bufkin; and goat ribbon race, Jake Ware.

6 and 7 year olds: barrels, flags, poles and goat ribbon race, Macy Martin; stakes, Johnathan Edwards.

8 and 9 year olds: barrels and flags, Salida Edwards; poles, stakes and goat throw, Justin Ware.

10-13 year olds: barrels, flags and poles, Shasta Copley; stakes, Amber Lide; and goat tie, Shey Ford.

14-18 year olds: barrels, flags, and poles, Lashawna Brooks; stakes and goat tie, Kristen Ford.



Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Hot weather is with us this week with 95 degrees expected as the high for every day. Guess that is the way it is supposed to be in the summer.

CORRECTION: I made a big boo-boo last week! Sue Nuttall caught a thirty inch pike (not 19 inches) in Conchas lake when she and A.L. and the Jack Turners were fishing recently. Catching one that big sure needed to be reported correctly. Good job, Sue.

Bonnie Clayton had a good time with her daughter and family over the weekend. Holly and Lynn Read and new baby girl, Kennedy Nicole, of Lubbock came to Bovina during recent days.

Sid Lloyd's sister, Mamie Lions of Arizona, had been visiting her in Bovina for several days. Last weekend Mamie's son, Jimmy Ray and Bonnie Philpot came from Loveland, Kansas for a few days. They came to Bovina on Saturday and left on Monday.

One evening, they met with other relatives, Bobby and Judy Philpot and their son, Bruce and his family, all of Clovis. The Philpots had two grandsons who belonged to their other son, so they had a good time and enjoyed a good meal at Furr's Cafeteria.

Don and Junda Murphy made a trip to Baylor Hospital for Juanda's checkup and she's getting along so well that she didn't even have to stay overnight as a patient. They spent the nights with their children on the way down and coming back. Darlene and family live in Midlothian and son Rodney and his family live at Abilene.

My second cousin, Tommy West of Dimmitt, passed away on Thursday of last

week and funeral services were held in Dimmitt on Saturday. Tommy is survived by his dad, wife, and two children. He died of lung cancer and only lived a short time after he became ill.

A lot has been going on at the First Baptist Church. Vacation Bible School was held all last week with 275 children enrolled.

Stephanie Birdsong was director for the Bible School. She said she could never have done it without her fifty workers who volunteered. She said she appreciated all their help. This week the church has hosted a tent revival and a many people have attended.

Kenny Ford of Friona was honored on his birthday Sunday with a cookout at the home of his daughter and family, Stephanie and Jerry Birdsong and daughters of Bovina. They enjoyed a good evening.

Jack and Pat Turner went to Breckenridge to help Jack's brother and sister, Olan and Frankie, celebrate their anniversaries. Olan and his wife and Frankie and her husband all live in Breckenridge.

The Lloyd/Brand family reunion was held at the Farwell Community Center in Farwell on Sunday with 75 attending. Suez and Billy Smith, of Bovina, and other members of their family attended.

Sunday morning the group had coffee and donuts about 10 a.m. then had the noon meal and in the afternoon enjoyed homemade ice cream.

Members of the family came from Arkansas, California and Texas. Those who came the farthest were members of Jerry Brand's family from Stockton, California.

On Wednesday of last

week, Suez's brother, Kenneth Estes, and his family came from Mission, Texas. Both he and his wife work at an orphanage there. They returned home Saturday.

Suez and Billy are having a good time with their granddaughter, Robin, who is visiting from Hereford. Her dad is Kevin, the Smith's son.

Dorothy Sorley's mother, Ethel Jones, has been a patient in the Hale Center hospital but was expected to be released the early part of this week.

Shirley Garrison's dad of Ralls was hospitalized with what was thought to be a kidney infection but Shirley said their main concern was torn skin and a torn muscle thought to be caused from someone mishandling him.

Kenny Garrison's sister, Cleta Green of Oklahoma City, has had problems. She underwent surgery that was cancerous and later it was discovered that she had bone cancer.

Cleta is an x-ray technician at a hospital there and is now undergoing chemotherapy. Shirley said her sister's spirits were high and she was beginning to feel much better.

Some of our Bovina people attended the Garth Brooks concert in Amarillo this past weekend. They are Lori, Tony and Angela Beauchamp, Kimberly Kirkpatrick, Jennifer Beauchamp Ellis and her husband, Chance; and Brooke and Cameron Charles.

We understand there were 22,000 tickets sold at \$25 each making about one million dollars and it was repeated the next night. Just before the crowd started

to enter the gate, it was discovered some of the bleachers were put up wrong and had to be corrected. They had to be detained until nine o'clock. Those who went to the concert said it was "wonderful."

Visitors in the home of Eddie Gayle and Phyllis Steelman are Phyllis' brother and family, Wayne and Carmen Tucker, and their son, Charlie and Jamie Tucker and three children from Titusville, Florida. Phyllis said they would be going on to Yellowstone National Park and then come back by before they go home to Florida.

Next week Phyllis' other brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Verna Tucker and their daughter, Laura, her husband John, and their three children will be visiting in Bovina and they too are from Titusville, Florida.

Two of Terri Sorley's nephews, Trent and Zane Hill, are visiting from Sterling, Colorado. Their dad is John, Terri's brother. She said they would be visiting a while longer and will be working with Ken, Terri's husband.

I asked about little Sindy, the Sorley's youngest daughter who had a long bout with leukemia. She said she had a checkup recently and they said she is "perfect." So we're all happy to hear that.

Jim and I returned from three days in Eagle's Nest and had our trailer in the camping area in the Cimarron Canyons. It was so very pretty because of the good rains and very cool. At night the temperature was in the low thirties and during the day it only reached in the

low seventies. The lower camp ground was full of campers and when we reached the top one, Tolby, it only had three vacant spots left and was full by the next day so there were people everywhere.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of July 20-26.

Jul 21-Darla Stormes, Kevin Koelzer.

Jul 22-Bud Venable, Julie Grisham, Vanessa Garcia.

Jul 23-Sharla Cruz, Linda Dopp, Joe Black.

Jul 24-Lindsey Pruitt, Courtney Jamerson, Marti Mayfield.

Jul 25-Nate Munoz.

Jul 26-Doug Johnson, Joyce Hammond, Amber Lide, Gladys Wright.

To add a friend or relative to our birthday roster, call the Blade at 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

Shower To Fete Wilsons

A bridal shower to honor Leslie Wilson, bride of Kody Wilson, will be held at the First Bank of Bovina, Saturday, July 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Selections for the couple have been made at Dillard's, JC Penney's, Wal Mart and Floral Expressions by Celia.

Hostess are Tammy Willard, Carolyn Beauchamp, Frances Willard, Pam Bell, Mary Trienen, Norma Whitten, Donna Mitchell, Barbara Charles, Sherri Whitten and Ella Jo Stormes.

Thanks...

From the Bovina Chamber of Commerce

To everyone who helped make the July 4th celebration such a successful day!

FIREWORKS: Volunteer Fire Department, Lion's Club & Chamber
BRISKET: Lowe's Pay N Save
WATERMELON: Volunteer Fire Department

OTHER BUSINESSES WHO CONTRIBUTED:

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| Agri-Plan | Sandra Johnson, CPA |
| Anderson Trucking | Sherley Grain |
| Bovina Blade | T-Bone's Equipment |
| Bovina Gin | Oklahoma Lane Ag Center |
| Bovina Pump | Terra |
| Charles Oil & Gas | Fast Stop |
| Dudley's | Hot Stuff Pizza |
| Floral Expressions | Smash Hit Subs |
| Kerby Welding | First Bank Bovina |
| Kevids Auto | Hromas Construction |
| Northside Motors | Town & Country Vet Clinic |
| Rhodes Crop Care | Ramon Trucking |
| Fantasy Beauty Shop | |

Thanks to everyone who participated in the parade, food and game booths and volleyball tournament.

Thanks to Debra Beauchamp for singing before the fireworks display and to Pastor Gary Morgan for presenting the invocation.

Thanks to Bob Sparks, Mike Beauchamp, and John Blackwell for helping chamber members with serving brisket plates and Norma Whitten and Mary Evelyn Steelman for cooking the beans.

PRAIRIE ACRES

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FRIONA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

"ARTIST OF THE MONTH"

INGRED McNAMARA



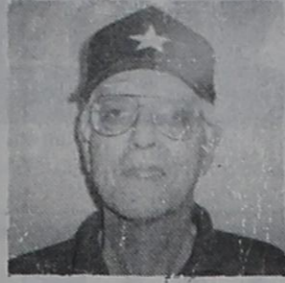
ARTIST OF THE MONTH
.....Ingrid McNamara of Clovis has been named Friona Art Association's July Artist of the Month. Her paintings will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Ingrid has been painting off and on for about twenty years, studying with Virginia Gregory and Bruce DeFoor at Clovis Community College. She enjoys painting in oils and doing pastel portraits. She is a member of Pintores Art League in Clovis and the Friona Art Association.

PRAIRIE ACRES NURSING HOME

The public is invited to view the art in the lobby at Prairie Acres each month.

Out Here

By RON CARR



At a meeting Thursday evening, July 10, a handout was titled "Cost of an Empty Store on Main Street." It is reproduced elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

The next day the newspaper received a letter from Family Dollar Stores headquarters in North Carolina that the Family Dollar on Highway 60 in Friona will close July 26.

The July 10 Clovis News Journal front page announced a new Wal-Mart superstore on North Prince, plus a "smaller" Wal-Mart superstore (only 109,000 sq. ft.) about 20 miles away in Portales.

Both New Mexico W-Mart superstores will have grocery stores in them.

The Clovis news story also said that across Prince from W-Mart another new shopping center may house a 65,000 square foot Jewel Osco grocery store, a big furniture store, and several restaurants.

People I mention the new "supercenter" to seem very excited. Several were so elated they said they "couldn't wait."

Too bad for the long-term economies of Bovina and Friona.

I suppose the "old" W-Mart on Prince had just grown too small. Besides we had seen everything they had. Never could get a good parking space there either.

As shoppers we do need frequent supplies. Sometimes we really don't need anything, just more space to walk around in. Usually we buy something that we didn't realize we needed until we saw it.

"Hey look. I need one of these." And Wal-Mart? Well I reckon they are buying so much stuff from China these days even 200,000 square feet probably won't hold it.

I know. I've seen those warm, fuzzy commercials on TV. A yarn mill in Ohio, with 88 American jobs, was saved 'cause good old W-Mart started to buy some yarn.

How about that W-Mart truck driver who is a pen-pal for a school up in Rhode Island? He writes to them about his adventures around the country. To them, he is a Wal-Mart American hero.

So be it. For all the "God

Bless America" bravado, W-Mart still stocks a lot of merchandise from China, and other foreign places. They don't say much about it.

When somebody questions them publicly, they revert to their "aw shucks" response.

"We still do a lot for 'merica. Just 'cause we buy cheap merchandise by the boatload made by slave labor in communist China, shucks we still support 'merica too."

Let's see. Wal-Mart headquarters is in Arkansas, they love America, but try to keep their China connection secret. Gosh, that sounds really familiar.

They say that they don't hurt small business. After all, when we put the small pharmacies, grocery stores, and auto supply businesses out of business, we always try to hire them to work for us. Shucks.

The meeting I referred to in paragraph one was a presentation to interested citizens about revitalizing Friona's Main Street area, bringing new businesses and customers to downtown Friona and more money into Friona's economy.

By my count, 13 interested citizens showed up. Friona Chamber's executive director Teresa Buske had invited two guests to discuss their efforts to invigorate their downtowns.

The two ladies, Cindy Gasaway of Plainview and Susan Smith of Olton, are coordinators of the Texas Main Street Programs in their respective cities.

One thing stuck out in my mind after listening to them. Rebuilding and attracting people to a downtown district is a long, slow, and sometimes discouraging project.

It takes commitment and creativity. It takes desire and energy, (and money) from businesses and building owners.

Most of all, it takes the support of local shoppers. Local citizens like me and you that would choose to spend more money at home instead of in another state.

I know that many items Farmer County citizens need are not available here. Often, too, we just need a break. A change of scenery.

We need to go shopping, eat in a different restaurant, catch a movie, or go dancing.

Ms. Buske told the gathering that the Chamber and the Friona Economic Development Council were in process of preparing the necessary applications to be accepted into the Texas Main Street Program.

B. K. Buske, current Chamber president, is assisting. Local pharmacist and photographer Don Spring is lending a hand to prepare a slide presentation.

Here is the important part. According to Ms. Gasaway and Ms. Smith, a show of "community spirit" enhances chances of approval.

Also, the state committee gives high marks if "letters of support" are attached with the application.

That's where we come in. Just write a letter to the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture expressing your support of the efforts to improve Friona's downtown business. Letters may come from individuals or businesses.

If you are not sure what to say, don't give up and do nothing. Call Teresa Buske or Annette Loflin at the Chamber of Commerce, 247-3491, for some friendly coaching.

If you are one of those who felt like you wouldn't dare be seen in Family Dollar, sleep well tonight.

They are following Perry's out of town. July 26 is the last day for Family Dollar and it's five employees.

The store had been here for about four years. It is out on Highway 60 West, one of the last places you drive past on the way to Clovis.

Of the five employees, two have taken other Friona jobs. One is going to work in Muleshoe, one will enroll in beauty school, and the fifth plans to stay home with the kids for now.

Net result: an economic loss for Friona and Parmer County.

The thing that intrigues me is that a lot of the stuff people bought at one of the "Marts" in New Mexico or Amarillo was available at Family Dollar. Exact same stuff. Cheap phones, cheap shoes, cheap household

cleaners. Same brands. It was all right here.

Competition is basic to business. Most of the time it is healthy, although most business owners would prefer to be without it.

In small towns like Friona or Bovina, businesses come and go over the years. Some last many years, others only a few months.

The effort to keep as much money as possible in the local economy is the responsibility of each and every one of us.

All is not dark though. A Mr. Paul Sullivan of Dallas has begun remodeling the long-vacant 60-unit Saratoga Gardens Apartments over on east 14th Street. Locals Campbell Electric and Uriel Vega Construction have been contracted to do the work.

Me? As you can tell, I am not a Wal-Mart shopper. Fact, I am not much of any kind of shopper. If I can't find it here, I usually go over to Hereford.

Something about Wal-Mart lying to me and the fact that my last name is not Walton just chaps me good.

Well, see ya! Gotta stop at Bi-Wize for some disposable dishrags and a bottle of bowl-cleaner.

Cost Of An Empty Store On Main Street

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A small building sitting vacant for a year on Main Street of a small town will have the following effect on the community:

- * \$125,000 in sales
- * \$15,000 in salaries (2 entry level jobs)
- * \$6,000 in rents.
- * \$5,600 in business profits.
- * \$875 in property taxes.
- * \$4,750 in bank deposits.
- * \$13,400 in non-real estate loan demand.
- * \$58,500 in property values.
- * \$70,125 in sales elsewhere in the community.
- * \$585 in property management fees.
- * \$3,400 in utilities.
- * \$2,000 in advertising revenues.

An additional \$1,000 in retail sales will mean:

- * \$120 in salaries
- * \$98 in bank deposits.
- * \$45 in profits.
- * \$50 in rent
- * \$5 in property tax collections
- * Ultimately \$561 in additional expenditures in the community

Compiled for the Texas Main Street Program by Donovan Ritkama, Real Estate Consultant.

Cost Of An Empty Store On Main Street

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<p>ALL FLAVORS</p> <p>Coca-Cola</p> <p>6 pk \$1.59</p> <p>12 oz cans</p> <p>\$1.79</p> <p>3 Liter</p>	<p>ALLSUP'S</p> <p>Hot Link</p> <p>69¢ EACH</p>	<p>CHEE-TOS®</p> <p>Cheese Snacks</p> <p>\$1.69</p> <p>REG. \$2.19</p>
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<p>LANCE</p> <p>Potato Chips</p> <p>89¢</p>	<p>WESTERN FAMILY</p> <p>Chip-A-Riffic Chewy</p> <p>\$2.99</p>	<p>SHURFINE HAMBURGER</p> <p>Dill Slices</p> <p>\$1.39</p>	<p>SOLO</p> <p>Party Cups</p> <p>\$1.49</p>
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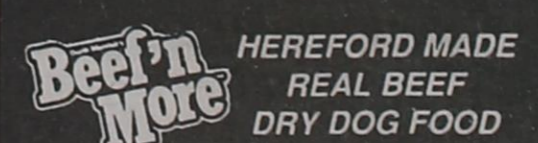
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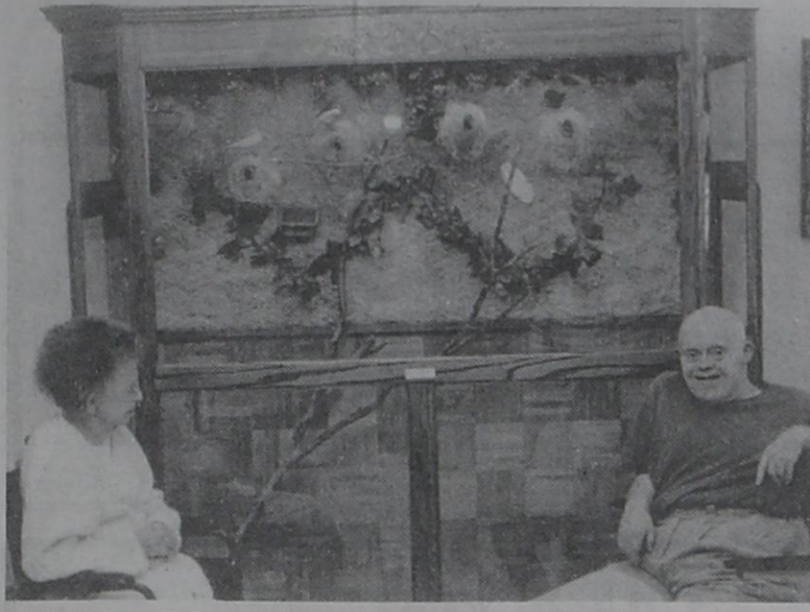
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Prairie Acres Party Line



By CAROL McINTOSH



GONE TO THE BIRDS.....Prairie Acres residents Fern White and Ben Israel admire the new bird aviary in the lobby at the home. The large aviary was built in Nebraska and features several varieties of birds such as finches and quail. The aviary was purchased with funds donated to the Prairie Acres Love Fund. (Ron Carr Photo)



PRAIRIE ACRES SPOTLIGHT.....Featured in the monthly spotlight at Prairie Acres are dietitian employee Eileen Gomez and new resident Jackie Dorsey, who came to Prairie Acres in June. (Ron Carr Photo)

We want to welcome Florence Dorsey and Eva Brand to our home. Come say "hi."

Prairie Acres has a few new additions that we are very excited about and want to share with you. We are in the process of building a covered patio outside the Horizon Unit so that the residents will be able to go out and have shade.

We were able to purchase this with money donated to the Love Fund in honor of Mary O. Spring. We have also purchased a large bird cage with about 14 very attractive birds. This we also used donations from the Love Fund to purchase.

We hope everyone will take a few minutes to look at this as they come through the front lobby. Hopefully you will enjoy it as much as the resident's and staff do.

There are several Thank You's that I want to mention: Charles and Sandra Turner for the beautiful silver Maple tree that they donated in honor of her father, Carl Martin; Jim and Jane Dixon for the really nice wooden bench that he made and donated (both are in the front yard); Lazbuddie Lutheran Church for the large print Portal's of Prayer; to Ruth Stevick for the marigolds; and to Oleta Kalka for the magazines.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In memory of **Vernon Bleeker**: John and Jo Blackwell. In memory of **Eugene Boggess**: Anna Jo Blackburn, Baker and Margaret Duggins, John and Jo Blackwell, Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr.

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In memory of **Elda Hart**: John and Jo Blackwell and Retta Schueler. In memory of **Odell Holley**: John and Jo Blackwell and Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr. In memory of **Oleta Hudgins**: John and Jo Blackwell.

In memory of **Dorothy Lovelace**: Anna Jo Blackburn. In memory of **Walt Mabry**: Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr.

In memory of **Mae Magness**: Baker and Margaret Duggins, John and Jo Blackwell, Eune and Donita Martin. In memory of **Roy Miller**: Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr. In memory of **Katy Osborn**: John and Jo Blackwell, Lillian McLellan, Rita, Brad, Sandy and families, and Dee and Connie Willard.

In memory of **Elibertha Perez**: Jerry and Beth Shelton. In memory of **Mary Richards**: Joy Morton, John and Jo Blackwell and Jerry and Beth Shelton.

In memory of **Norbert Schueler**: Esther and Bill Meyer.

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In memory of **Cleo Widner**: Joe and Betty Talley.

A generous donation was made to the Love Fund as a love offering of **Mary O. Spring's Birthday**: Sarah J. Haynie and Geraldine A. Wires.

Other donations made to the Love Fund: Bob Kelley and John Dixon.

Sign-Up For New Soil Program Is Next Week

Farmers and ranchers may apply for the new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) July 14, 1997, through August 1, 1997.

The new conservation program, a result of the 1996 Farm Bill, offers a limited number of who have serious soil, water, and other natural resource problems with technical, financial and educational assistance.

According to John P. Burt, Sate Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), "EQIP is not like the former Great Plains Conservation Service Program (GPCP) or Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). This program is extremely limited and is for persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production who would provide the greatest environmental benefits at the least cost to the program.

"Applications will be prioritized after August 1, 1997, according to specific criteria," Burt continued. "After Farm Service Agency (FSA) determines producer eligibility, NRCS conservationists and the producer will make an

Skin Cancer Threat To Residents

Cancer of the skin is the most common of all cancers. About 700,000 cases of skin cancer occur in this country each year.

Skin cancer most often occurs among older, fair-skinned people. A majority of Parmer County residents are spending a lot of time outdoors, such as farmers and construction workers, and those who play a lot of outdoor sports, or sunbathe are at the highest risk of developing skin cancer.

The sun's rays are the strongest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Whenever possible, exposure to the sun should be avoided during these times.

Those who are exposed to the sun should use a sunscreen lotion with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or more, and wear enough clothing to cover the skin as much as possible and wide brimmed hats.

If you must wear a cap, be sure and put sunscreen on your ears. Avoid over-exposure to the sun. Limit your time in the sun as much as possible.

Have a physician look at any unusual sore, lump, or blemish. A change in the way an area of the skin looks or feels may be a sign of skin cancer or a warning that is likely to occur.

Have fun in the sun but remember what's "not so hot" about the sun-skin cancer.

inventory of the natural resources, identify natural resource problems and concerns, determine treatment needs, and agree upon the land management and structural practices the producer will install."

Burt added that the extent of the conservation practice, fields and acres to be treated, and cost-share rate and incentive payment levels the producer will accept, as well as the total program payments, are included in a ranking formula.

Twelve Geographic Priority Areas (GPA), encompassing 167 counties, are the primary target for over \$8.7 million EQIP funds allocated to Texas. Each GPA has similar natural resource problems and concerns which EQIP can address. Water conservation, excessive wind and water erosion, limited water supply, and brush invasion are a few of the specific resource concerns identified in the GPAs.

Producers in counties outside of the GPA are also eligible for the remaining \$4.7 million EQIP funds provided it will solve identified statewide natural resource concerns, such as excessive erosion and ground and surface water quality.

Each application will compete with other applications in their GPA, while those outside of the GPAs will compete against each other. "Contracts will be awarded based on their ranking, regardless of location," cautioned Burt.

"That means some counties may not have any contracts, even though they are located inside a GPA," he said. Burt added that applications for a single conservation practice on an individual field addressing a single natural resource concern may not be competitive in a GPA or with the statewide natural resource concerns.

Acceptance into EQIP will require a five to ten year contract, even if only 1 year of cost-share is needed. Contracts are for a maximum amount of \$50,000 with a maximum 75 percent cost-share.

Though entire farms or operating units are not required to be included in a contract, the proposed area must include that portion with the identified resource concerns which meets resource concerns.

Producers may increase their chances of acceptance by submitting a lower than maximum cost-share rate, enrolling entire operating units in the contract and by agreeing to fully meet treatment needs of all identified natural resource concerns on the farm or ranch.

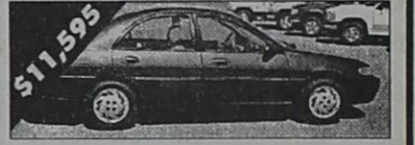
For more information about EQIP, contact your local USDA-NRCS office, Soil and Water Conservation District office, or FSA office in your county or call (817) 298-1214.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Thogal Denton Stanberry, Deceased, were issued on July 15, 1997, in Cause No. 2299, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: LOY DEAN STANBERRY.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Bovina, Parmer County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: Byron J. Boyd
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 16th day of July, 1997.

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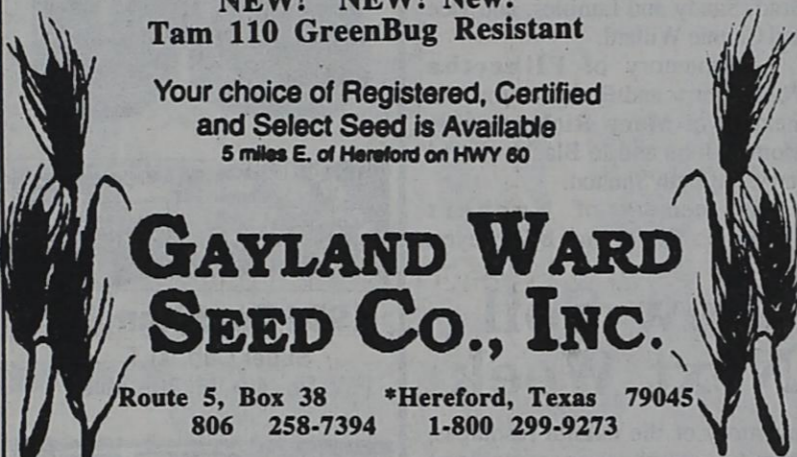
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Parts and labor are covered for as long as you own your GM vehicle. See dealer for details of this limited warranty. Covered parts include:

- Air Conditioning Accumulator
- Air Conditioning Compressor
- Air Conditioning Condenser
- CV Joint/Boot Seal Kit
- Ignition Module
- Ignition Coils
- EGR Valve
- Fuel Injectors
- Fuel Pump
- Ignition Wire Set
- Individual Ignition Wires
- New/Remanufactured Generator
- New/Remanufactured Starter Motor
- Oxygen Sensor
- Shock Absorbers/Struts
- Throttle Body Injector
- Water Pump

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<p>Goodwrench QUICK LUBE plus Lube, Oil & Filter Change</p> <p>Complete chassis lube, AC oil filler, up to 5 quarts quality motor oil, plus 10 point maintenance check.</p> <p>Offer expires 7/31/97. Taxes not included. Applies to most GM vehicles. See dealer for details.</p> <p>\$14.00</p>	<p>Radiator Service/Coolant</p> <p>Drain & flush cooling system. Replace coolant. Clean outside of radiator & air conditioning condenser. Pressure test entire system. Inspect condition of all hoses, clamps & belts.</p> <p>Offer expires 7/31/97. Taxes not included. Applies to most GM vehicles. See dealer for details.</p> <p>\$31.00</p>
<p>Air Conditioning Service</p> <p>Adjust drive belts. Tighten fittings. Check operating pressure. Check for leaks. Clean condenser fins. Performance test system. Includes 1 lb. freon.</p> <p>Offer expires 7/31/97. Taxes not included. Applies to most GM vehicles. See dealer for details.</p> <p>\$58.00</p>	<p>Engine Maintenance Service</p> <p>Replace spark plugs. Set timing & adjust idle. Inspect air filter. Check ignition timing, hoses, PCV valve. (Price for 6- and 8-cylinder slightly higher, 4-cylinder slightly lower.)</p> <p>Offer expires 7/31/97. Taxes not included. Applies to most GM vehicles. See dealer for details.</p> <p>\$67.50</p>
<p>Tire Rotation/Balance/Brake Inspection</p> <p>Inspect for irregular tire wear. Check tire pressure. Rotate per manufacturer's specifications. Inspect tins. Computer balance 4 wheels. Check brake linings, rotors, drums, hydraulic system & master cylinder.</p> <p>Offer expires 7/31/97. Taxes not included. Applies to most GM vehicles. See dealer for details.</p> <p>\$36.00</p>	<p>Off Any Mechanical Service Repair</p> <p>This coupon may be redeemed for \$20 off any mechanical service of \$100 or more. May not be applied with any other service coupon offers.</p> <p>Offer expires 7/31/97. See dealer for details.</p> <p>\$20.00</p>

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