



WHO'S COVERING WHO?.....The Bovina and Friona 8th grade girls jockey for position on a Friona inbound play during the Friona tournament. The girls beat Friona but lost to Farwell in the finals. (ron carr photo)

County Heart Assoc. To Have Speaker

Residents of Parmer County will have an opportunity to hear a knowledgeable informant on the subject of pacemakers at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5 in the Fellowship Hall of the Friona United Methodist Church.

Barbara Friesen B.S.A.-R.N. the pacemaker specialist at Cardiovascular Associates of Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic will be speaking at a meeting scheduled by the Parmer County Chapter of the American Heart Association.

She will be accompanied to Friona by her husband Dr. W. Glenn Friesen, who is a staff member of the Cardiovascular Associates. He will also speak.

Floyd Reeve, president of the local chapter, cordially invites everyone in the area who is interested to attend this important meeting.

BLAME IT ON EL NINO! If your golf game goes bad...if you catch the flu...just blame everything on El Nino. It already seems to be the trend for 1998.

The exit of an old year and the entrance of a new year always make me feel old. For the past several years, I've been trying to ignore birthdays, but it's harder to ignore a new year. Just try ignoring it and someone will remind you that you've written '97 on all your checks since January 1.

It has occurred to me that I might be joining the "over-the-hill" crowd. Lately I've been opening my morning paper to the obituary page to check out the ages of the people who've passed on, hoping to find that most are over age 100. Statistics show that once you pass age 65, your chances of reaching age 75 run one in two. Once you pass age 75, your chances of reaching age 85 run one in four.

Suddenly everything seems to take a little longer than we think it should, except of course, for getting older. That just happens to us without any effort at all on our part. The difficult part about reaching middle-age is the realization that sooner or later, we grow out of it, and then once over that proverbial hill, we just pick up speed on the down-slope. An "all-nighter" now means not having to get up to go to the bathroom and "happy hour" is an afternoon nap.

I'm not fond of the labels the rest of the world puts on those of us in the AARP group, such as: golden oldies, seasoned citizens, chronologically gifted, old geezers, etc. I prefer to think of this as reaching the "Wonder Years" when we wonder how we ever got this old and why won't our insurance pay for a face lift.

In spite of the fact that stairs are steeper, groceries are heavier, newsprint is smaller, and everything is farther away, I do enjoy the fact that folks sometimes treat you nicer as you get older. People open doors for you, call you Sir and Mam, tell you how well you look, and give you discounts for stuff. When we visit our kids and grands, my son-in-law gets up and lets me sit in his recliner.

Another one of the nicer things about aging is the fact that other people's opinions of you don't seem to matter as much as they did when you were young. I think back to younger days, when trying to impress someone, such as teachers, employers, upperclassmen, dates, etc., seemed so important. I have come to the realization that no one ever achieves complete self-confidence in their lifetime, and I no longer feel that I need the approval of everyone on the planet.

It is easier to remember something from 30 years ago than it is to remember what I'm supposed to do tomorrow. Forgetfulness and procrastination give us a lot more time to hunt for the things we've lost, such as glasses, keys, purses, pill bottles, shoes, etc. Of course, nothing is ever lost or forgotten. We've simply filed the information away for awhile.

Technology has come up with a solution to the problem of forgetfulness. There is now a little pocket-size electronic gadget, costing between \$250 to \$600, that will record what you are supposed to do and when you are supposed to do it. But first you have to punch into it, all the information about your daily activities and then you have to remember where you put the gadget. It might be easier (and cheaper) to just put a sticky note on the fridge. If you are especially forgetful and you have something extra important that you need to remember, make three sticky notes. One for the fridge, one for your bathroom mirror and one for the dashboard of your car. It also helps if you can remember where you parked the car.

I hope you are all aware that I happen to have a perfect "10" body attached to a 29-year-old mind, but both of these are currently enclosed in an antique display case. Frankly, I plan to blame this condition on El Nino.

Mid-School Essay Winners Announced

Middle School students were challenged by Principal Robert Rumph to hone their writing skills with an independent writing contest.

All essays were judged by an outside person and cash was awarded to the top three entries.

The Bovina Blade is pleased to spotlight the winners and publish their winning essays.

The first place prize of \$50 was awarded to 8th grader Kathy Perez. She is the daughter of Adam and Irene Perez.

Her composition as it was originally submitted, titled *One Mistake*, appears elsewhere in the Blade.

In future issues, we will print the other two prize winning essays.



MY TURN
By Carol Ellis

Aldermen Hold Jan. Meeting

The Bovina city council met in regular session Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Kenneth Waters, Linda Marshall, Kevin Hughes, and Charles Wilkins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. and Alderman Waters opened with a prayer.

Hughes moved to pay the bills, Marshall seconded, motion passed.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Marshall made a motion to accept Resolution 98-1: Rezoning block 75 lots 1-10 from District "A" single family dwelling district to a District "B"--two family dwelling district. Wilkins seconded, motion passed.

Tom Hyer with WT Services in Hereford approached the council to discuss the new cable and telephone system coming to town. No actions were made on this discussion.

Hughes made a motion to close the City Hall from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for the noon hour starting February 1, 1998. Marshall seconded, motion passed.

The council entered closed executive session at 10:14 p.m. Open session resumed at 11:10 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Alonzo, City Secretary.



TYSON KERBY
Freshman Tyson Kerby was selected as student of the week at Bovina High School.

Tyson was nominated by teachers Lawrence Widner and Mike Newman, who said he does an excellent job in the classroom and represents the school well in UIL events.

He is also a dedicated athlete and a "champion snow sledder."

City Hall To Close at Noon Hour

Effective February 1, 1998, Bovina's City Hall will close from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for the noon hour.

The noon closing was passed at the Alderman's meeting on January 8. The one-hour closing will be effective daily as of Feb. 1.

Citizens are asked to plan to transact business with the city before noon or after 1 p.m.

BISD Nuttall's Contract Extended To 1999-2000

The board of trustees of Bovina ISD met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 1998. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with all members present except Estilla Ortiz.

Minutes from the previous meetings were read, amended and approved.

Vouchers were paid and Ortiz arrived at 7:15 p.m.

The principals gave their reports.

A discussion was held on bids/contracts for facilities construction and renovation. Mike Beauchamp made a motion to accept the contracts as recommended. Joe Steelman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on hiring an environmental consultant for asbestos abatement. A motion was passed to give Superintendent Sue Nuttall the authority to hire a consultant for the abatement.

A motion was passed to make changes to the high school computer labs for Internet installation and

other recommended additions.

The board discussed waiver days for technology training in January. A motion was passed to accept Superintendent Nuttall's recommendation on training.

Superintendent Nuttall's recommendation regarding the January 22 and 23 technology training waiver days is to exchange the waiver days for the dates of February 16 and April 9. This will make the January days holidays and the February and April dates staff development days.

Justin Brozek made a motion to approve the additions to the substitute

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Jr. Livestock Show Is Set January 22-24 In Friona

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 22-24 at the Friona Community Center-Showbarn.

Judges will be Eddie Smallwood, barrows; Bill Binder, lambs; and J.D. Ragland, cattle.

Binder and Ragland were judges for the county show last year, too.

The weigh-in for all animals will be January 22 from 1-5 p.m. Barrows will be classified as weighed. At 5 p.m., steers will be classified, followed by lambs.

On January 23, the lamb show starts at 8 a.m., followed by the goat show. The barrow show starts at 12 noon.

On January 24, the steer show begins at 8 a.m., followed by the heifer show.

The premium auction sale begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, but preliminary sale events will begin at 5:30.

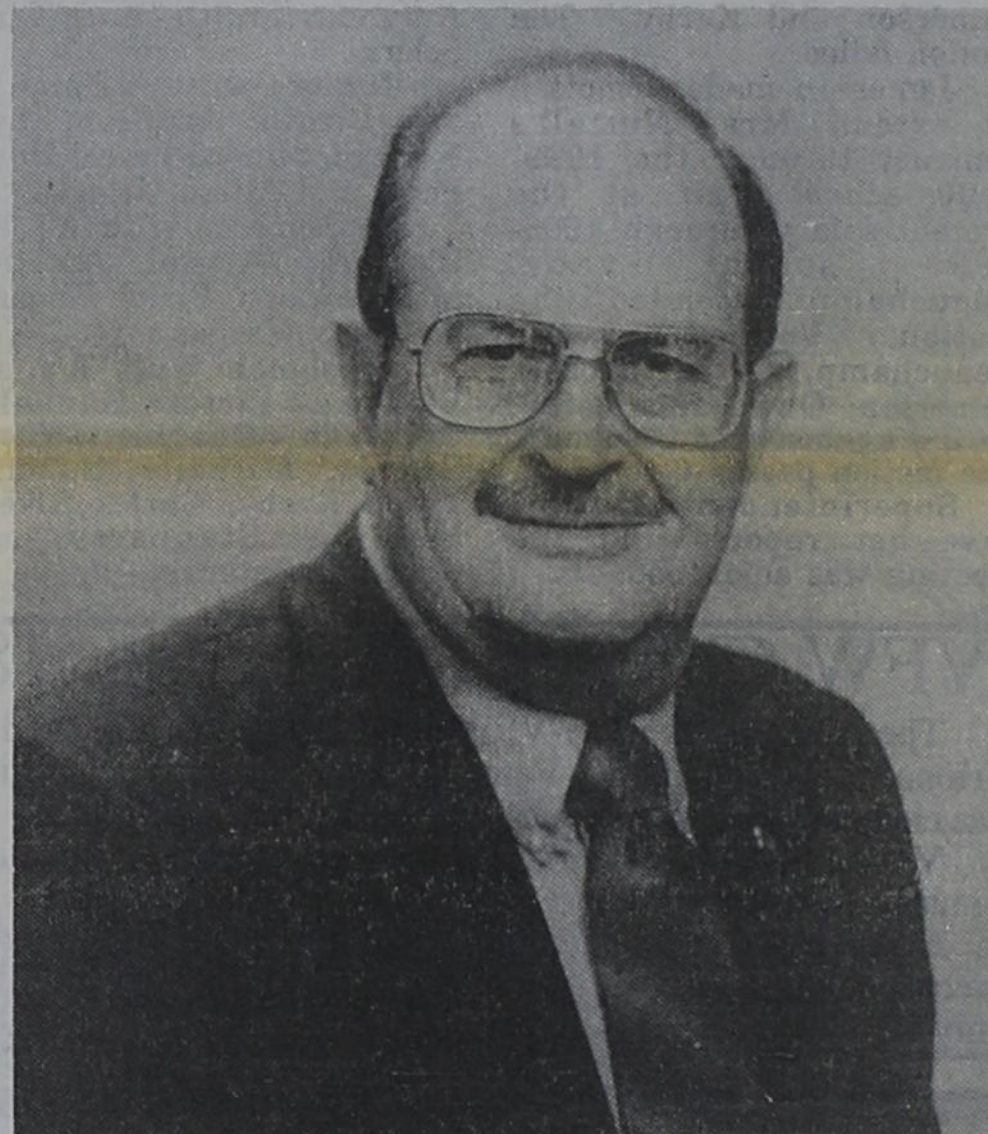
Parmer County Extension Agent Cody Hill said he expects about 250 barrows, 28 steers, 95 lamb and 20 goats in this year's show.

Concert Is Scheduled

The Ambassador Singers from Korea have been traveling the USA touching lives since 1980. They are young people from South Korea consisting of children to college-age students who love to sing about the Lord and share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

They will be in concert Monday, January 19 at Friona First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. They will be touring much of the USA during the month of January, praising the Lord in song.

"Don't miss this great opportunity to receive a blessing," says Mark Taylor, music director at Friona's First Baptist Church.



ORDIE "REGGIE" JONES

Former Bovinan Retires From USDA, Army Reserve

Mr. Ordie R. "Reggie" Jones, Soil Scientist at the USDA Conservation and Production Research Laboratory, Bushland, Texas, retired January 3, 1998 after 37 years of Federal Service.

Jones was raised on dryland and irrigated farms at Memphis, Kress and Bovina. His wife is the former Sandra Patton of Bovina. They have three children, Regina and Randy Jones, both of Amarillo and Ronna Gilliam of Hondo, Texas.

His mother, Carlene Jones lives in Bovina. He has a brother, Dr. Donald Jones of Farwell and two sisters, Brenda Riddle of Bovina and Kathy Boozer of Canyon.

After graduating from Bovina High School in 1955, he earned a B.S. degree in Agronomy from Texas Tech University (1960) and an M.S. degree in Biology from West Texas A&M University (1971). After finishing at Texas Tech he performed a tour in the Army and spent one year on the family farm before starting his career with the USDA Agricultural Research Service at Bushland.

Jones initially worked as a Hydraulic Engineering Technician in the Dryland Engineering and Ground Water Recharge research programs. He achieved Research Associate status in 1968 and began his professional research career as

a Soil Scientist in 1971 after completing his Masters Degree.

Most of Jones' research career has dealt with the development of cropping, tillage and conservation practices to enhance soil and water conservation and dryland crop production in the semiarid southern Great Plains.

His long-term research on the efficient use of precipitation and soil water showed that soil water storage is greater with no-tillage because evaporation is reduced when crop residues protect the soil surface and tillage does not disturb the soil.

Other research showed the value of using adapted crops and cropping systems to obtain the most economical returns for producers and of controlling or eliminating runoff for dryland crop production. He achieved the latter by developing effective furrow diking and land leveling systems.

The residue management, cropping system, and water conservation practices developed by Jones and other scientists at the Bushland Laboratory have been widely adopted by area producers, enabling them to increase both production and profits while protecting the environment.

Jones has also worked

closely with the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association in transferring research information through a series of producer meetings. He traveled to China in 1994 as an invited lecturer for an international dryland farming training course.

Jones is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society of America, International Soil Science Society and the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS).

In 1990, he was elected as a Fellow of SWCS. He also served on the board of directors for SWCS from 1991-1994 and was chairman of their membership campaign committee in 1995-1996. Jones is an ARCPACS Certified Professional Agronomist, Soil Scientist, and Crop Specialist. After retirement, Jones plans to be an ARS collaborator, to do farm management and crop consulting, and is involved in the management of the family farm at Bovina.

Jones has also completed a 32-year career in the US Army Reserve and attained the rank of Colonel. He activated and commanded the 2nd Battalion, 89th Regiment Field Artillery Training Battalion, located in Amarillo. He is currently 1st Vice President of the Texas State Rifle Association.

Letter To The Editor

(Note: The following letter was sent to Ron Carr after his column about Ms. Amundson had already appeared last week.)

Mr. Carr:
When we talked today I forgot to make a very important statement. What I have done, I am not proud of.

I want other kids to see that the result of making poor decisions is where I am at today. Not to mention Michael, Ronald and B. J.

Jail is no place for such young people, but it is the consequence of our actions.

I would like for your article to reflect that if just one kid reads it and turns his or her life around I believe it would serve its purpose.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to maybe help someone else.

Sincerely,
Kirstin Amundson

KA: Thank you for the letter and sharing your feelings. I hope it helps too. RC

Middle School Has Six Week Honor Roll

Bovina Middle School announced the third six weeks honor rolls for the 1997-98 school year.

Students with all A's are Sandra Guevara, Courtney Jamerson and Maritssa Salazar, seventh grade; and Chris Ortiz and Yuri Vela, sixth grade.

ISD Report..

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teacher list. Ricky Jamerson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ortiz made a motion to accept the resignation of Starlia Clayton. Brozek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A motion was passed to hire JoAnn Luscombe for the elementary physical education position.

The board went into closed executive session at 9:08 p.m. and came out of the closed session at 10:15 p.m.

Jamerson made a motion to extend Superintendent Nuttall's contract through the 1999-2000 school year at the present salary. Beauchamp seconded the motion. Voting for were Beauchamp, Jamerson and Susan Kerby. Voting against were Bob Owen, Brozek, Ortiz and Steelman. The motion failed.

Steelman made a motion to take no action on the Superintendent's contract. The motion died for lack of a second.

Owen made a motion to extend Mrs. Nuttall's contract through the 1999-2000 school year according to the salary schedule now in place. Voting for were Ortiz, Owen and Brozek. Voting against were Steelman, Beauchamp, Jamerson and Kerby. The motion failed.

Jamerson made a motion to extend Mrs. Nuttall's contract through the 1999-2000 school year at the present salary through 1998-1999 school year. Beauchamp seconded the motion. Voting for were Beauchamp, Ortiz, Brozek, Jamerson, Owen and Kerby. Voting against was Steelman. The motion passed 6 to 1.

Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports and the meeting was adjourned.

Eighth graders with A's and B's are Rocio Antillon, Jennifer Cantu, John Guzman, Veronica Herrera, Scotty Johnson, April Martinez, Danny Martinez, Kathy Perez, Eduardo Porras, Jessica Reyna, Briselda Rodriguez, Fidelfa Saucedo, Christen Stowers, Stephanie Tamez, Mitchel Vela, Noemi Viernes and Angela Villarreal.

Seventh graders with A's and B's are Josh Kerby, Annabel Loe, Miguelina Lopez, Carlos Moreno, Austin Clayton, Jake Steelman and Juan Vara.

Sixth graders with A's and B's are Mayra Banuelos, Kasi Birdsong, Martin Carrillo, Sandra Moreno, Jolyne Ortiz, Morgan Clayton, Maria Perez, Abraham Rocha, Ricardo Rojas and Juan Roldan.

BHS Has Six Week Honor Roll

Bovina High School has released the names of the students who made third six week honor roll for the 1997-98 school year.

Students with all A's are, Albert Larrea, Priscilla Martinez, Wanda Munoz, Sarah Rocha, Luke Steelman and George Villarreal, seniors; J.T. Roach, junior; and Adam Ramirez, freshman.

Seniors with A's and B's are Chris Arias, Tony Beauchamp, Esequiel Flores, Jose Garcia, Rebecca Gomez, Crystal Leal, Pedro Marrufo, Francisco Nieto, Manny Quintana, Veronica Ramirez, Juan Rueda, Yvonne Quintana, Santiago Serna, Amanda Smith and Chris Solorio.

Juniors with A's and B's are Liseth Antillon, Lory Noriego, Monica Perez, Noemi Perez and Alfred Uriegas.

Sophomores with A's and B's are Marisol Antillon, Melissa Cano, Blake Clements and Lety Vargas.

Freshmen with A's and B's are Victor Banuelos, Cameron Charles, Yancy Graves, Michelle Guzman, Tyson Kerby, Carlos Rivera, Melanie Stanberry and Christian Zatarain.



MORE POINTS.....Earning 100 points in the accelerated reading program were Jeffrey Casas and Eliseo Salazar. They are both 5th graders in Mr. Martin's class. (ron carr photo)



TWO POINTS.....Jessica Reyna (50), 8th grade Fillie, puts up a shot as three Friona players look on. The Bovina girls and 8th grade boys won second place in the Friona tournament. (ron carr photo)

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Jan. 15, 1958

Effective on last month's bills, the water rate minimum was raised from 3,000 to 4,000 gallons per user. The minimum charge remains at \$2.50.

35 Yrs Ago-Jan. 16, 1963

Nine members of Bovina Volunteer Fire Department were elected to officers for 1963 at a regular meeting of the organization Monday night. The men and their officers are Jim Russell, captain of Team No. Two; Pat Kunselman, secretary; Henry Minter, captain of Team No. One; R.L. Hopingardner, assistant chief; D.R. Bushnell, cook; Alfred Mills, custodian; Odie White, cook; Bill Denney, chief; Weldon Moody, custodian.

30 Yrs Ago-Jan. 17, 1968

A second hearing has been slated for 10 a.m. Thursday, February 1, in county court as seven youths implicated in starting fires in the area will appear before County Judge Archie Tarter. Several abandoned houses in the area burned to the ground in recent months, as well as a haystack belonging to Charles Corn.

25 Yrs Ago-Jan. 17, 1973

Construction work got underway again this week on the new parsonage of First Baptist Church of Bovina following a delay caused by the holiday period and the following snowstorm. The three-bedroom, two-bath home, which will have a brick exterior, is in Ridgelea Addition.

20 Yrs Ago-Jan. 18, 1978

Leader in American Agriculture's farm strike effort called attention to their strike goals in an unusual manner on Wednesday of last week, by stopping a number of Santa Fe freight trains to the east of Bovina.

15 Yrs Ago-Jan. 19, 1983

A fund drive spearheaded by Marie Venable

raised \$890 and provided coveralls for sixteen members of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

A former Bovina resident, Shirley Hemke, was named "Administrator of the Year" by Bethesda Care Centers, a nursing home association in Colorado and Nebraska.

Brian Jones was Farmer County champion in the 1982 Longest Tailfeather Contest. His feather measured 25-3/8 inches.

10 Yrs Ago-Jan. 13, 1988

A new bus barn for Bovina Schools is under construction by A & S Steel Builders of Amarillo. The building has been delayed, partially by bad weather but should have already been completed, according to school officials.

5 Yrs Ago-Jan. 16, 1993

The Bovina Boys team won first in the Round Robin Bovina Basketball Tournament here last weekend. Ball players are Sammy Rodriguez, Rusty Venable, Matt Hromas, Darren Hromas, Lance McClaran, Jimmy Bonham, Ezekiel Lara, Cruz Marrufo and Ray Reyes.

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu JAN. 19-21

***MONDAY**-Beef stew, cole slaw, crackers, cinnamon rolls and a variety of fresh assorted fruit.

***TUESDAY**- Open face hot turkey sandwich, cream potatoes and mixed vegetables.

***WEDNESDAY**-Mexican casserole, crackers, tossed salad and corn

***THURSDAY**- Teacher inservice day NO SCHOOL!!

***FRIDAY**- Teacher inservice day NO SCHOOL!!

*Hamburger basket or sandwich bar is an alternate choice each day.

VFW Chicken Dinner Jan. 18

The American Legion-VFW building at 6th and Euclid in Friona has a new name, Veteran's Hall. However, nothing has changed about the popular chicken dinners held there.

Veterans will host a chicken dinner again on Sunday, January 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Come enjoy good fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, tea, and homemade dessert. All this for only \$6 adults and \$3 children. Carryouts will be available.

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JANUARY 22-24

51st Annual Parmer Co. Jr. Livestock Show Set

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show has been an annual event for the past fifty years and is once again scheduled for next weekend, January 22-24 at the Friona Community Center-Showbarn.

Youngsters from Friona, Farwell, Bovina and Lazbuddie will compete in the 51st county-wide event.

Judging will be held all day Friday, January 23, concluding on Saturday morning with the steer and heifer shows. The premium auction sale will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the showbarn, with preliminary sale events starting at 5:30 p.m.

There will be a goat show again this year. This division was added last year, after it was dropped in 1986. "The goat show allows students a chance to show an animal without having the expenses involved in showing the larger animals," a show spokesman commented.

Weight-in and classification of all animals will be held from 1-5 p.m. Thursday, January 22. Barrows will be classified as they are weighed in. Steers will be classified beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, followed by the lambs.

The lamb show kicks off the judging Friday at 8 a.m. followed by the goat show. The barrow show is scheduled to begin at 12 noon.

Steer judging will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, followed by the heifer show.

Judges for the County Show will be J.D. Ragland for steers and heifers; Bill Binder, lambs; and Eddie Smallwood, barrows.

Grand Champion animals at last year's show included: Jeffery Seaton of Lazbuddie, steers; Shana Foster of Lazbuddie, lambs; Clint Patterson of Farwell, barrows; and Alicia Smith of Friona, heifers.

Buyers of last year's Grand Champion animals were: steer, Parmer County Implement Company; lamb, Leal's; and Legend's, barrow.

Showmanship honors in the 1997 show were awarded to: (lambs) champion junior, J'Lond Jarecki of Friona; reserve champion junior, Keith Hunt of Friona; champion senior; M'Kell Jarecki of Friona; reserve champion senior, Edward Terry of Lazbuddie.

Barrow showmanship recipients were: champion junior, Amber Widner of Bovina; reserve champion junior, Rowdy Mitchell of Farwell; champion senior, Jason Kerby of Bovina; reserve champion senior, Tyson Kerby of Bovina.

Beef showmanship awards went to: champion junior, Savannah Black of Lazbuddie; reserve champion junior, Leesa Patterson of Farwell; champion senior, Edward Terry of Lazbuddie; and reserve champion senior, Brice Redwine of

Lazbuddie.

Seaton's grand champion steer was a 1375 pound Exotic Cross and marked the 19th time an Exotic Cross animal has been named grand champion of the county show.

Shana Foster's 121 pound lamb won the mediumwool division before being named Grand Champion Lamb.

Hereford steers have won at least 18 Parmer County titles, perhaps more. The champion's breed is not noted on seven of our "yearly scoreboards" listed here.

A purebred steer has not won the county title since Dana Berend of Friona won with a Shorthorn steer in 1986.

Hampshire barrows have won 18 titles. Crossbreds have claimed ten titles, Durocs eight, Polands six, Chester Whites four and Clint Patterson's champion Yorkshire barrow brings the number of Yorkshire grand champions to three.

By winning two of the four grand champion honors last year, Lazbuddie showmen maintained their lead in overall champions at the county show. Lazbuddie has claimed 95 champion trophies since 1948, to 70 for runnerup Friona, which won one title in 1997. Bovina has captured 27 championships and Farwell 21.

Champions Since 1948

Steer Champions

1948--Maurice Gaede, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1949--Weldon Massey, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1950--Herbert Schueler, Friona; 1951--Donald Jesko, Farwell; 1952--Ben Jordan, Friona (Hereford); 1953--Mary Tatum, Friona (Shorthorn).

1954--Jerry Henson, Farwell 4-H; 1955--Frankie Spring, Friona FFA (Hereford); 1956--Leon Massey, Friona; 1957--Glen Watkins, Lazbuddie; 1958--Jim Roy Wells, Friona (Hereford); 1959--Derrell Jennings, Lazbuddie.

1960--Bobby Redwine, Lazbuddie (Hereford); 1961--Craig Coon, Friona FFA (Hereford); 1962--Risa Howell, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1963--Dwain Phipps, Friona (Hereford); 1964--Rex Wells, Friona FFA (Angus).

1965--Mike Riethmayer, Friona FFA (Angus); 1966--Gary Phipps, Friona 4-H (Hereford); 1967--Jacquelyn Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1968--Mark Haseloff, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1969--Robert Haseloff, Farwell FFA (Hereford); 1970--Gail

Morris, Lazbuddie FFA (Hereford); 1971--Carrie Haseloff, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1972--Mark Haseloff, Farwell 4-H (Cross).

1973--Annette Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1974--Jacquelyn Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1975--Mac Langford, Farwell 4-H (Hereford); 1976--Joan Carson, Bovina 4-H (Charolais-Cross).

1977--David Lust, Lazbuddie 4-H (Angus); 1978--Joan Carson, Bovina FFA (Charolais-Cross); 1979--Dean Church, Friona FFA (Limousin-Hereford Cross); 1980--Phillip Jesko, Lazbuddie FFA (Angus).

1981--Roddy Berend, Friona FFA (Angus-Chianina Cross); 1982--Jeff Lundy, Friona FFA (Hereford-Chianina Cross); 1983--Corrie Lundy, Friona FFA (Maine-Anjou Cross); 1984--Dana Berend, Friona FFA (Chianina Cross).

1985--Dana Berend, Friona FFA (Exotic Cross); 1986--Dana Berend, Friona FFA (Shorthorn); 1987--Michael Head, Friona FFA (Exotic Cross); 1988--Michael

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GRAND CHAMPION LAMB....Shana's Foster's mediumwool lamb was named breed champion and later Grand Champion of last year's Parmer County Junior Livestock Show. She is a Lazbuddie exhibitor and her entry weighed 121 pounds.



WINNING HEIFER....Alicia Smith of Friona exhibited the Grand Champion Heifer at the 1997 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

Stock Show Scoreboard

Champion Trophies Won Since 1948

School	Sheep	Barrows	Steers	Heifers	Other	Totals
Lazbuddie	51*	28	12	3	1	95
Friona	17*	13	26	12	2	70
Bovina	22*	2	2	0	1	27
Farwell	2*	7	10	1	1	21

*Class Winners Only 1960-76

It's Time For The Parmer County Livestock Show!

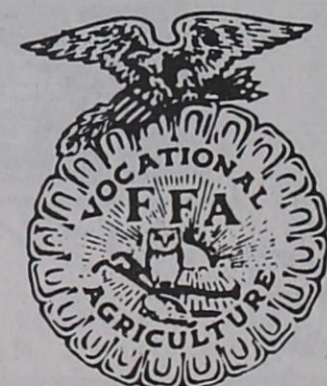
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Champions Since '48....

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Head, Friona FFA (Exotic Cross).
 1989--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA (Chianina-Limousin Cross); 1990--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA (Chianina-Maine Anjou Cross); 1991--Clay Hurst, Friona 4-H (Exotic Cross).
 1992--Lori Bradshaw, Lazbuddie 4-H (Exotic Cross); 1993--Clay Hurst, Lazbuddie FFA (Exotic Cross); 1994--Jason Jesko, Lazbuddie FFA (Exotic Cross).
 1995--Jill Hodges, Lazbuddie FFA (Exotic Cross); 1996--Brice Redwine, Lazbuddie (Exotic Cross); 1997--Jeffery Seaton, Lazbuddie (Exotic Cross).

Sheep Champions

1954--Gerald Hardage, Farwell FFA; 1955--Jackie Sheek, Friona; 1956--Jackie Sheek, Friona; 1958--Jim Greeson, Friona; 1959--Pat O'Brian, Bovina; 1960--fine wool, James Brown, Lazbuddie; medium wool, James Brown, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Pat O'Brian, Bovina.
 1961--medium, David Koelzer, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Jim Roy Wells, Friona; 1962--medium, Steve Young, Lazbuddie; fine wool, John Ward, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Steve Foster, Lazbuddie; 1963--medium wool, Mariana Gammon, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Dwain Phipps, Friona; Southdown, Darrell Mason, Lazbuddie.
 1964--medium wool, Mariana Gammon, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Darrell Mason, Lazbuddie; 1965--fine wool, Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Royce Barnes, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Jerry Roach, Bovina.
 1966--fine wool, David Nelson, Farwell; medium wool, Daryl Kirkpatrick, Bovina; Southdown, Royce Barnes, Lazbuddie; 1967--fine wool, David Nelson, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Wesley Barnes, Jr., Lazbuddie; Southdown, Carrol Foster, Bovina.
 1968--medium wool, Monte Barnes, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Pablo Mendoza, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Monte Barnes, Lazbuddie; 1969--fine wool cross, Randy Waggoner,

Friona; fine wool, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; Dorset, Charles Bentley, Friona; Hampshire, Stephen Sherrill, Bovina.
 1970--fine wool, Pablo Mendoza, Lazbuddie; fine wool cross, Mendoza; Southdown & Shropshire, Mark Barnes, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Karene Hart, Friona; other breeds, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.
 1971--fine wool, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; cross, Larry Johnston, Friona; Southdown, Mark Barnes, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Hugh Rogers, Bovina; other breeds, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.
 1972--fine wool, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Timmy Smith, Lazbuddie; Southdown, Neal Moore, Lazbuddie; cross, Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; other breeds, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.
 1973--fine wool, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie; medium wool, Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA; Southdown, Dennis Willard, Bovina FFA; crossbreeds, Kevin McClaran, Bovina FFA; other breeds, Karene Hart, Friona 4-H.
 1974--fine wool, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie 4-H; crossbreeds, Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA; medium wool, Duane Mitchell, Bovina 4-H; Southdown, Dennis Johns, Lazbuddie 4-H; other breeds, Russell Windham, Lazbuddie 4-H.
 1975--fine wool, Mike Windham, Lazbuddie FFA; fine wool cross, Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA; other breeds, Mark Foster, Lazbuddie FFA; Southdown, Russell Windham, Lazbuddie 4-H; medium wool, Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA.
 1976--fine wool, William Martin, Farwell; fine wool cross, Donny Gustin, Friona; Southdown, Sean Mason, Lazbuddie FFA; other breeds, Lezli Williams, Bovina; medium wool-light, Mark Clayton, Bovina; medium wool-heavy, Lezli Williams, Bovina.
 1977--Randy Smith, Lazbuddie FFA (medium wool); 1978--Tim Garner, Bovina 4-H (medium wool); 1979--Charlie Trimble, Bovina (medium wool); 1980--Sean Mason, Lazbuddie (medium wool).

1981--Casey Riddle, Bovina FFA (Suffolk); 1982--Bret Whitten, Bovina FFA (Suffolk); 1983--Terry Moore, Bovina FFA (Hampshire); 1984--Terry Moore, Bovina FFA (Suffolk).
 1985--Tracy Moore, Bovina FFA (Hampshire); 1986--Donell Garner, Bovina 4-H (Suffolk); 1987--Jennifer Smith, Friona FFA (Hampshire); 1988--Guy Ellis, Friona FFA (Suffolk).
 1989--Jessica Smith, Friona FFA (Suffolk); 1990--Cade Morris, Lazbuddie 4-H (Cross); 1991--Shana Foster, Lazbuddie 4-H (Suffolk); 1992--Monty Schueler, Friona FFA (Hampshire).
 1993--Monty Schueler, Friona FFA (Suffolk); 1994--Kevin Schueler, Friona FFA (Hampshire); 1995--Cade Morris, Lazbuddie 4-H (Suffolk); 1996--Staci Foster, Lazbuddie (Hampshire).
 1997--Shana Foster, Lazbuddie (medium wool)

Barrow Champions

1948--Clyde Hays, Friona (Hampshire); 1949--Roy Miller, Friona FFA (Duroc); 1950--Frankie Allen, Friona FFA (Spotted Poland China); 1951--"Friona FFA" (Chester White); 1952--Bob Geries, Farwell (Berkshire).
 1953--Truman McKillip, Farwell (Chester White); 1954--Jerry Gleason, Lazbuddie (Chester White); 1955--Robert Ivy, Lazbuddie (Poland China); 1956--Don Bandy, Bovina (Duroc); 1957--Kent Glasscock, Bovina (Hampshire); 1958--Calvin Mason, Lazbuddie (Duroc).
 1959--Dickie Geries, Farwell (Berkshire); 1960--E.C. Wilson, Friona (Poland China); 1961--Jimmie Dale Seaton, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1962--Theresa Seaton, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1963--Bobby Gleason, Lazbuddie (Poland China).
 1964--Theresa Seaton, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1965--Bobby Gleason, Lazbuddie (Poland China); 1966--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Cross); 1967--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Cross); 1968--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Cross).



GRAND CHAMPION STEER....Jeffery Seaton of Lazbuddie exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the 1997 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show last year in Friona. His entry was a 1375 pound Exotic Crossbred steer.

1969--Stan Treider, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1970--Randy Bush, Lazbuddie (Poland China); 1971--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie (Duroc); 1972--David Gallman, Lazbuddie (Chester White); 1973--Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie FFA (Hampshire).
 1974--Charleson Steinbock, Lazbuddie 4-H (Duroc); 1975--Mark Mimms, Lazbuddie FFA (Cross); 1976--Mike Windham, Lazbuddie (Cross); 1977--Brent Green, Farwell 4-H (Duroc); 1978--Joe Reeve, Friona 4-H (Duroc).
 1979--Russell Windham, Lazbuddie (Hampshire); 1980--Vandi Tarter, Lazbuddie 4-H (Duroc); 1981--Joe Dan Tarter, Lazbuddie FFA (Cross); 1982--Danna Ralston, Farwell 4-H (Cross); 1983--Beth Johnson, Friona 4-H (Hampshire).
 1984--Susan Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1985--Chad Rhodes, Friona 4-H (Hampshire); 1986--Vandi Tarter, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1987--Clint Hurst, Friona 4-H (Hampshire).
 1989--Susan Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1990--Cammy Hancock, Friona FFA (Yorkshire); 1991--Casey Bradshaw, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1992--Shane Roberts, Farwell 4-H (Cross).
 1993--Dawn Weir, Lazbuddie 4-H (Cross); 1994--Kia Morris, Lazbuddie 4-H (Yorkshire); 1995--Jessica Smith, Friona FFA (Hampshire); 1996--Wade Schueler, Friona FFA (Cross); 1997--Clint Patterson, Farwell 4-H (Yorkshire).

1986--Vandi Tarter, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1987--Clint Hurst, Friona 4-H (Hampshire).
 1989--Susan Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1990--Cammy Hancock, Friona FFA (Yorkshire); 1991--Casey Bradshaw, Lazbuddie 4-H (Hampshire); 1992--Shane Roberts, Farwell 4-H (Cross).
 1993--Dawn Weir, Lazbuddie 4-H (Cross); 1994--Kia Morris, Lazbuddie 4-H (Yorkshire); 1995--Jessica Smith, Friona FFA (Hampshire); 1996--Wade Schueler, Friona FFA (Cross); 1997--Clint Patterson, Farwell 4-H (Yorkshire).

1987--Michael Head, Friona FFA; 1988--Michael Head, Friona FFA; 1989--Brett Thomas, Lazbuddie 4-H; 1990--Shannon Cochran, Friona 4-H; 1991--Amy Hartzog, Farwell 4-H.
 1992--Jarrah Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H; 1993--Jarrah Redwine, Lazbuddie 4-H; 1994--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA; 1995--Rusty Simmons, Friona FFA; 1996--Alicia Smith, Friona FFA.
 1997--Alicia Smith, Friona FFA.

Goat Champions

1984--Greg Salyer, Friona 4-H; 1985--Shannon Cochran, Friona 4-H; 1986--Blake Kelley, Farwell 4-H; 1996--Kolby Wilkerson, Lazbuddie.

Turkey Champions

1986--Mendy Rhodes, Bovina 4-H.

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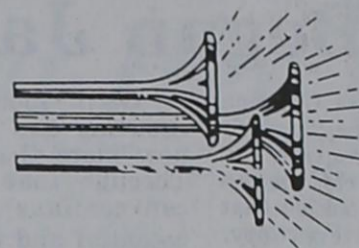
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Out Here

By RON CARR



WARNING: The following column contains grumbling about politics in general and Billy Jeff in particular. Read at your own risk and sign your name if you write.

Late one night a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into the path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs. "Give me your money," he demanded.

Indignant, the affluent man replied, "You can't do this-----I'm a U. S. Congressman!"

"In that case," replied the robber, "give me my money!"
--from Reader's Digest

"You can get by on charm

for about 15 minutes. After that, you better know something."

This saying does not apply to Billy Jeff Clinton. He seems to have enough charm to get by with anything and everything without knowing much about either.

Nothing he and his lovely wife Hill Rod does for the next three years will be considered either wrong or bad for America. The majority of the American public has accepted Billy Jeff as a "do-no-evil" guy.

We have adopted this all-American apple pie family as our own live, modern version of Ozzie and Harriet.

They are ours. They are

so sweet and cute. They smile a lot and are so concerned about our kids and our families too.

Their little daughter is in college now, so Daddy Clinton got a good-old dog named Buddy to keep him company since the family cat, Socks, has the personality of a polecat. We are so fortunate to have such role models leading America.

It seems to me that the Clinton family will have had a pretty good 8-year run. There are lots of perks and benefits to being the adopted first family.

Talk about child care, how about this. U. S. taxpayers spent about \$500,000 to fly Chelsea to enroll in Stanford University.

NBC and CNN reports that it costs \$40,000 per hour to fly Air Force One. That is airplane operating cost. It takes about five hours to fly coast-to-coast. Then five hours back to D. C.

Ten hours of flying time at \$40,000 per hour to enroll Chelsea as a college freshman. Was that alright with you to spend that money? Yes, probably so. After all, he's so cute.

It was a nice gesture for Billy Jeff and Hill Rod to go visit the troops in Bosnia too, don't you think? Of course they only spent about 12 hours in the country, but what is another few million here and there. Besides, they love to travel.

The lies, deceit, and stonewalling of the Clinton administration is legendary by now, but nobody cares.

George Bush is remembered for his "Read my lips, no new taxes" statement which of course was not true either.

Bill Clinton opened a

speech last year by saying "The era of big government is over." Everyone applauded, then forgot about it.

Bill Clinton and the Democrats believe in big government. People receiving social security, medicare, and medicaid like big government too, especially their own benefits from it.

None of the politicians, Democrats or Republicans, want to pass term limits legislation. None of them want to or will pass any laws that regulate campaign contributions.

Billy Jeff flies around in Air Force One to \$5,000-a-plate Democratic fund-raisers and the people don't even get to keep the plates.

What about global warming. When meteorologists on the Amarillo TV stations can't accurately predict the weather 10 days from now, how in the heck do they know what it will be like 30 to 100 years from now.

We all just laid down when the environmental wackos banned freon. Not much of a whimper because they scared the crap out of you about freon snuffing out the sun and we would all freeze to death.

Or was it going to deplete the ozone which would make the sun so hot we would fry to a crisp. I can't remember any more what I am supposed to be scared of.

I really haven't got time to be scared of everything the government warns me about, much less Oprah. If she said it was raining, I wouldn't grab my umbrella until I looked outside.

(Oops! Criticizing Oprah is worse than making fun of the Clintons. Sorry!)

Anyway, Billy Jeff and Hill Rod are having fun whether you are or not. They have a nice big house, a private airplane, helicopter, plus \$200,000 per year salary (even though USA Today said the Clintons reported 1997 income of \$1.2 million.)

They get pretty good vacation too. Three weeks at Martha's Vineyard this summer, a few days on Hilton Head in South Carolina, then on to a 3-day vacation in St. Thomas.

In 1998, they have scheduled trips to visit India, Pakistan, China, Russia, England, Chile, and South Africa.

But you don't care how much he travels, do you? He is our boy. They're our fam-

ily. Leave them alone. He will take care of us.

Folks, governments at all levels are regulating more and more of your life. Do you see that? They are telling you what you can do and can't do.

Why can't the bars in California decide on their own whether to let their customers smoke? You don't want to go in a smoky bar, find one that is not or stay home.

A non-smoker person is better than a smoker person and should be given more rights. That is the way it works today.

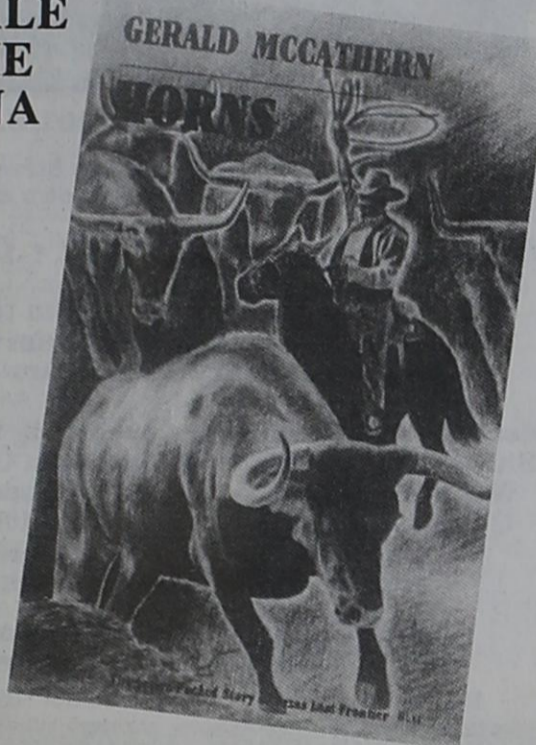
Sooner or later, the food police, the thought police, or an environmentalist nut will take away something you like, then you won't be so happy.

Bill Clinton and his administration have been unaccountable to anyone for their actions. But you can't see that, can you?

Well, you don't get to vote for him again. You will have to support him and Hill Rod though when they become ex-presidents and draw their pensions and you pay for their staff, etc.

I'm afraid you've adopted this family for a long, long time. I hope it is worth it.

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The cost of Girl Scout cookies is \$3 per package. Order from a Girl Scout in your neighborhood, or call the cookie hot-line 1-806-745-2855 and the order will be given to a Girl Scout in your area.

All proceeds from the sales remain in our area to benefit Girl Scouts by funding the girl programs and providing troop funding for troop activities, trips and service projects.

For most girl members, Girl Scouting is fun and the cookie program is a part of that fun, along with summer camp, travel opportunities, friendships, career exploration and learning new things with adults who care.

Each girl who participates in the cookie program learns how to set realistic goals and how to work to achieve them. They also learn good sales techniques, record keeping and public relations.

Through the selling process, girls gain experience and self-confidence. Income derived from the cookie program enables girls to benefit from the strong value-centered programs offered through Girl Scouting.

Girls today, need Girl Scouting and public support now more than ever before. Through that support, girls can continue to reach their potential and become leading citizens of tomorrow.

Lafuente Receives Award

Anita Lafuente was the recipient of the 1997 Constantine Memorial Environmental Stewardship Award. Award ceremonies were held at the recent 27th Civil Engineer Squadron Awards banquet held at the Landing on Cannon Air Force Base.

The award was based on dedication to the environmental arena, exceptional job performance, and maintaining Air Force core values. Lafuente serves as the environmental secretary within the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron.

This award was created in the memory of John Constantine, who died of brain cancer and was an environmental engineer who headed up the Installation Restoration Program for Cannon AFB.

Lafuente was presented a CE crystal triangle and was awarded a \$390 scholarship by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

She and her husband, Joe, have two daughters, Felicia and Natasha, all of Friona.



HONORED WITH AWARD...Anita Lafuente was presented a CE crystal triangle and certificate by Mr. Daniel Barnett, Chief of the Environmental Flight, as the recipient of the 1997 Constantine Memorial Environmental Stewardship Award at Cannon Air Force Base.

FHS Grad Dies In Hereford

Les Jarecki, 45, died Thursday, January 8, 1998 at his home in Hereford. He was born April 27, 1952, in Columbus, Nebraska and moved to Friona in 1956.

Les graduated from Friona High School in 1970 and joined the Navy after graduation. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

For the past 25 years he was employed by Energas in the Corrosion Protection Division.

Survivors include his parents, Florian and Lorraine Jarecki of Friona; a son, Thomas Jarecki of Hereford and a daughter and



LES JARECKI

grandson, Marsha and John Anthony Levario, both of Amarillo.

Also surviving are two brothers, Tom of Amarillo and John of Friona; three sisters, Debbie Johnson of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Pam Steward of Lamesa; and Susie Burton of Evansville, Indiana; ten neices and nephews and a special friend, Linda Vermillion of Hereford.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jordan Levario.

The family requests memorials be made to the Les Jarecki Memorial Fund, c/o Hereford State Bank, 212 E. Third, Hereford, Texas, 79045.



A. R. Parson Completes Marine Corps Operation

Marine Lance Cpl. Albert R. Parson, son of Thomas E. and Ruth C. Parson of Friona, recently returned from a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

During the deployment, Parson's unit participated in several live-fire exercises, an

attack exercise with Marines from the Republic of Korea and various types of combat training. Marines from Parson's unit also visited Korea, Mount Fuji and Iwo Jima.

The 1995 graduate of Friona High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

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Barnwell To Enlist In Air Force

Brian K. Barnwell, son of Karn Barnwell of Carlsbad, New Mexico, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on November 10, 1997, according to SSgt Gonzales, Air Force Recruiter.

Brian graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1993, and is currently scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on February 12, 1998. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Brian is scheduled to receive technical training in the material munitions systems career field.

In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force



NAOMI PIERCE

Naomi Pierce Submits Story About Her Life

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Naomi Sherrod Pierce.

by Naomi Sherrod Pierce

I was born October 2, 1907 in Tell, Texas to Joe and Nora Sherrod. I have five brothers and three sisters. My Dad was a Baptist preacher. He had a church where he preached then he went to do some sermons by horse and buggy.

My mom was a twin! She went with my dad to a lot of his services. We had an old pump organ. The neighbors would come over and we would sing gospel songs and play the organ. Those were happy times for us!

I started school at the age of five in Tell. We lived there until I was thirteen and then moved to Lorenzo, where Dad bought a section of land, eight miles south of Roberson.

Two of my brothers and some hired hands helped farm the land. They grew cotton.

My sisters and I had to help in the house. My oldest sister married when I was thirteen years old! I had to learn to cook and Mom did all the sewing. We did all our laundry with a rub-board. We also raised a garden every year.

I was a "tomboy". I followed my brothers, Charlie and Roy around and did whatever they were doing. They got me in a lot of trouble!

Dad didn't like for the boys to ride the calves cause it would make them swayback.

So whenever Dad and Mom were gone the boys would put me on the barn roof and I would watch out for Dad and Mom, and they would ride the calves and I would tell them when I saw them coming.

Mom never liked living at Lorenzo, so we moved to

Lubbock in 1921 but Dad didn't like Lubbock so we moved a few miles out of Lubbock. On November 11, 1925 all the school children in Lubbock marched behind a band, carrying a flag from the courthouse down Broadway to lay the cornerstone for Texas Tech University.

I had always known Wilburn Pierce, as my Dad was their preacher. Wilburn grew up to be a Baptist preacher. We married on February 23, 1932. He was 24 and I was 23.

After three years of marriage we had Norman and then Stanley. I would have loved to have had a girl but we didn't. People always said we had the meanest boys in the county.

Norman is six feet, five inches tall. He lives in Rapid City, South Dakota and he is a preacher. He is married and has three girls including a set of twins and a son.

Stanley is six feet, seven inches tall. He lives in Clovis, New Mexico. He farms and supplies horses for movie companies in California.

He has supplied horses for "Young Guns" and "City Slickers" and three other movies.

Stanley is married and has two girls and two boys. Norman and Stanley both went to college at Texas Tech.

Wilburn and I moved to Clovis in 1975 or 1976, after he had retired. Wilburn lived at Prairie Acres for two years and then passed away.

We had been married 62 years and 15 days. My advice for a long marriage is to try not to get mad at the same time and to be as good to your spouse as he is to you.

Wilburn wouldn't ever fuss, he would always put on his old hat and go for a long walk and when he came back everything would be fine.

I came to Prairie Acres the last of September of 1997. I was always active in church. I enjoy sewing, crocheting and embroidering. I made shirts and pants for my boys. I have seven grandchildren.

All I have ever known is a preacher's way of life, after all, my dad, husband and son have all been preachers.

I am the last survivor of the Sherrod family—all the rest have passed on. My grandad lived to be 104. Also my oldest brother lived to be 104.

Texas Instructors Meet Certification Standards

According to a new report issued by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), 96 percent of teachers in Texas classrooms during the 1996-97 school year met state certification standards.

The report, "Who Is Teaching in Texas Public Schools," shows only 3.68 percent, less than 9,000 out of 242,344 teachers, lacked full teaching credentials. Of that number, only 851 individuals do not have a college degree.

The SBEC was created by the Legislature in 1996, "to design a system of educator preparation and certification to ensure the public that only fully certified educators are employed in each position that requires certification in the public school system."

Teacher organizations opposing efforts to establish stiffer continuing education and recertification have charged that a major problem

for concern lies with the high numbers of uncertified classroom teachers.

"Fast growth of student populations in our urban and suburban districts, coupled with the difficulty in recruiting teachers, by some of the rural districts, has necessitated hiring some uncertified teachers," said Mark Littleton, SBEC executive director.

"Of course, we would like to be at 100 percent, but realistically, in a state this large with more than 1,000 independent school districts, we're relieved that we have only a 3.68 percentage gap to close."

The report indicates that greater percentages of state certified teachers are teaching in subject areas that are not their areas of specialization. According to Littleton, SBEC will be working to close this gap also. Budget constraints

in local districts often dictate assigning certified teachers to teach courses for which they have not earned the prescribed number of college hours.

Texas is a leader among states in gathering information and statistics that identify issues and trends in the employment of non-certified individuals for certified teaching positions. This information will enable SBEC, in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local school districts, to find ways to solve the problems of non-certified teachers.

The data used to prepare "Who Is Teaching in Texas Public Schools?" was obtained from the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) 1996-97 school year employment records and records maintained by the SBEC which identify all certificates issued in Texas.

College Scholarship Deadline Is April 10

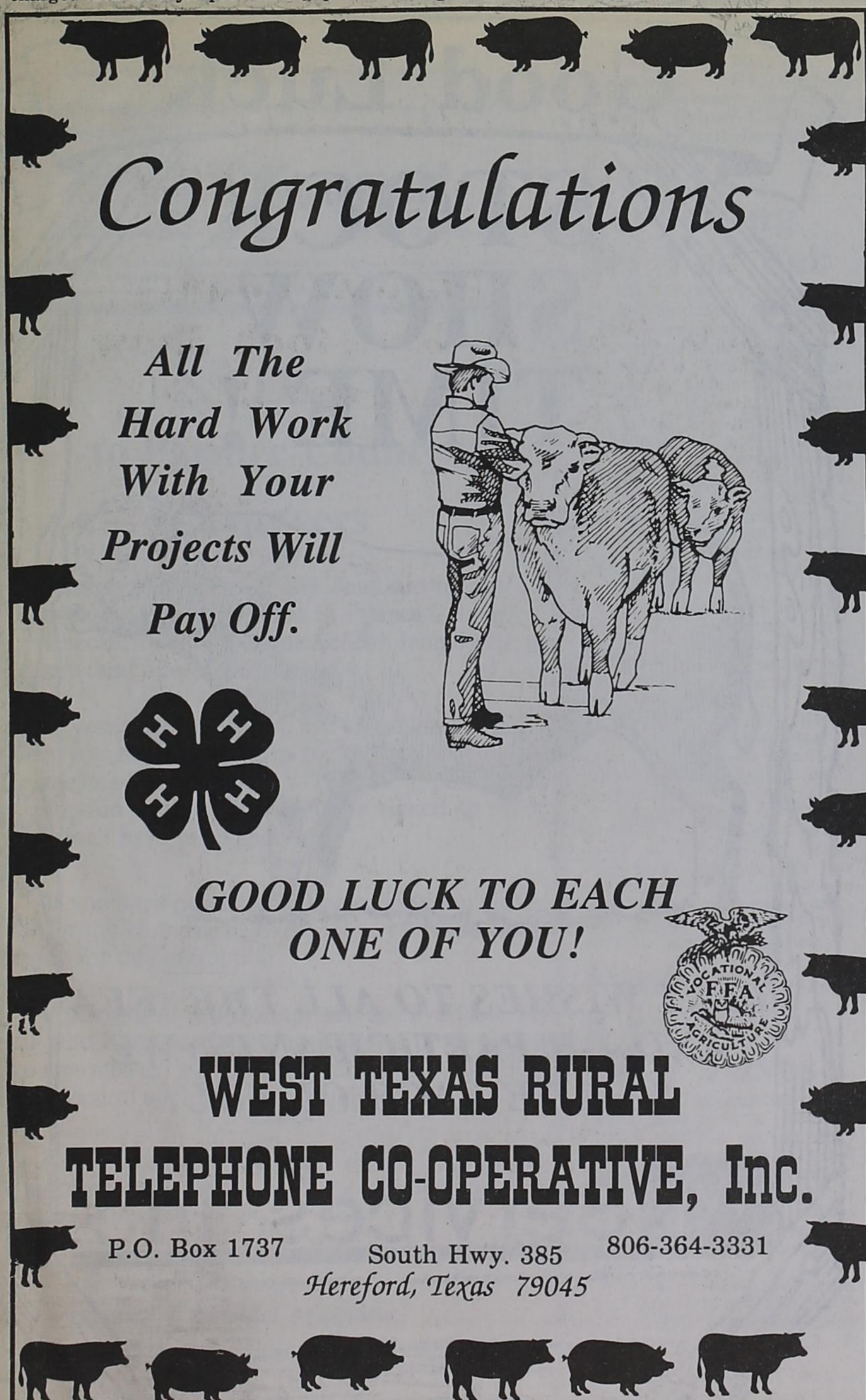
High school students with a grade point average of "B" or better and college students with a GPA of "B+" or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only).

To receive an application, send a request by March 16, 1998 to Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation at 721 North McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012; fax a request to (847) 295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecsf.org".

All requests for


applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1997-98 academic year.


Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 10, 1998. Two hundred and fifty winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded.




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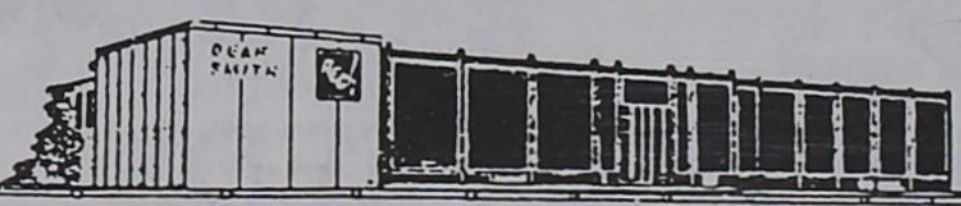
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Area Depth-To-Water Level Measurements Being Made

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District staff are now making annual depth-to-water measurements to determine the effect of 1997 pumpage on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the 15-counties served by the District.

These water-level measurements are taken in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. The water-level observation wells are spaced throughout the District at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

Measurements are made in January and February to allow water levels in these wells to stabilize from pumpage during the previous irrigation season.

Water District Technical Division staff, with assistance from members of the Agricultural Division, make the measurements by lowering a steel tape into the well to a pre-determined depth.

The last several feet of

the tape are coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the measurement.

After the depth-to-water level measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the measurement, and the date the measurement was made is affixed at the well site.

Landowners/operators are invited to visit with District personnel while the water level measurement is being made. The blue High Plains Water District trucks are clearly identified with the District's name and seal.

Water District personnel measure the same observation wells each year, and the current depth-to-water measurements are compared to measurements made in previous years to determine

average annual changes in the water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District.


The data is also used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the District are published each year in the Water District's free monthly newsletter, The Cross Section.


Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the depth-to-water levels at one-year, five-year, and 10-year intervals are also published in the newsletter.



50 YEARS OF SERVICE.....Mike Hanes, chairman of the Prairie Acres Board, presented employee service pins this week to, l-r, Janie Balderas, LVN, 5 years; Diana Perez, med aide, 5 years; Glenda Sifford, dietary manager, 20 years; & Beth Shelton, bookkeeper, 20 years. (ron carr photo)



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TEXANS BIG ON REGULATORY REFORM

During my travels around Texas I get an earful of what's on people's minds. Last month, a Henderson County rancher told me federal environmental regulations are more of a problem than insect infestations and other natural disasters.

He longs for the "good, ole days" when the big challenges were the weather, market fluctuations and pesky insects.

A lot of Texans feel that way: sick and tired of being overly regulated and second-guessed by intrusive government. Responding to my annual questionnaire, 86 percent of you said you support Congressional efforts to roll back excessive regulation by federal agencies; 71 percent said that private property owners have a role to play in the effort to protect endangered species.

Here are some other Texas opinions on this sore subject:

From Fort Stockton: "Congress should require that all regulations, existing or new, are justified by honest, audited, proven science. Data provided by the Environmental Protection Agency is not always representative or correct. In addition, all regulations should be subject to a cost/benefit analysis before they are imposed."

From Coppell: "Congress should impose 'sunset' laws to require periodic legislative review of government rules and regulations. If not reauthorized, those rules and regulations would fade from the law books."

From Brady: "The size and scope of all environmental agencies should

be reduced. They operate with tunnel vision. They are too powerful, and ignore the rights of property owners."

From Rusk: "I say don't just roll back the environmental laws, repeal them."

From Kirbyville: "I consider myself a good steward of my land. I voluntarily protect endangered species on my property. But I expect and demand that the federal government butt out."

From Rochelle: "I have worked with the Environmental Protection Agency in the past and was often amazed at the extent to which its representatives were removed from reality. I had just run a long, extensive road test of methanol powered cars, when the EPA proclaimed that this was the answer to pollution problems and that cars could be converted for only "about \$3000." Our data certainly did not support such enthusiasm. The EPA chose to ignore the fact that methanol costs twice as much as gasoline, but only got slightly better than half the mileage per gallon. It reduced the emissions we measured, but greatly increased some that were not yet regulated. The whole program was and is a real loser."

From Eddy: "Some of these regulatory agencies act as if they are the law. It is extremely difficult for a private citizen or property owner to overturn one of their decisions, no matter how wrong. This is not democracy."

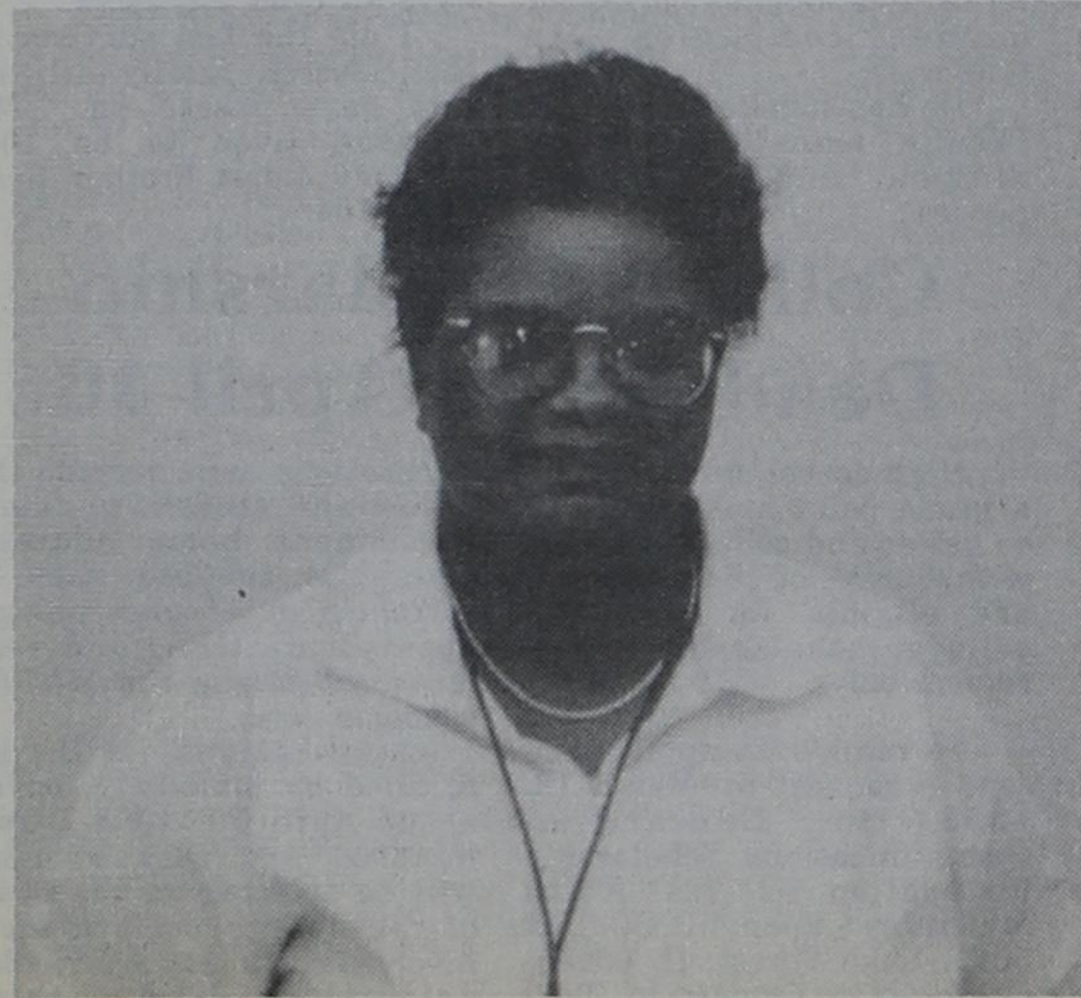
From Clifton: "Don't expect landowners to limit their use of their own property to accommodate any species. Evolution has always eliminated species. Why should we interfere with nature?"

From Onalaska: "I am for preserving valuable environmental resources, but in a way that demonstrates common sense — and preserves the constitutional protection of private property. Property owners should have a major role in deciding on efforts to protect species."

From Tomball: "Please give relief from federal regulations. They cause conflict and nullify any benefit to owning private property. You don't really own it, you just get to pay for it, while someone else tells you what you can and cannot do with it."

From Junction: "We need less federal government and more state and local government."


It seems to me Texans have a realistic view about the limits — and limitations — of government. Regulation has to be balanced against the need for America to stay productive and competitive, and, most important of all, free.





HONOR EMPLOYEE.....Selected as employee-of-the-month for January at Prairie Acres was Carol Jackson, LVN. (ron carr photo)

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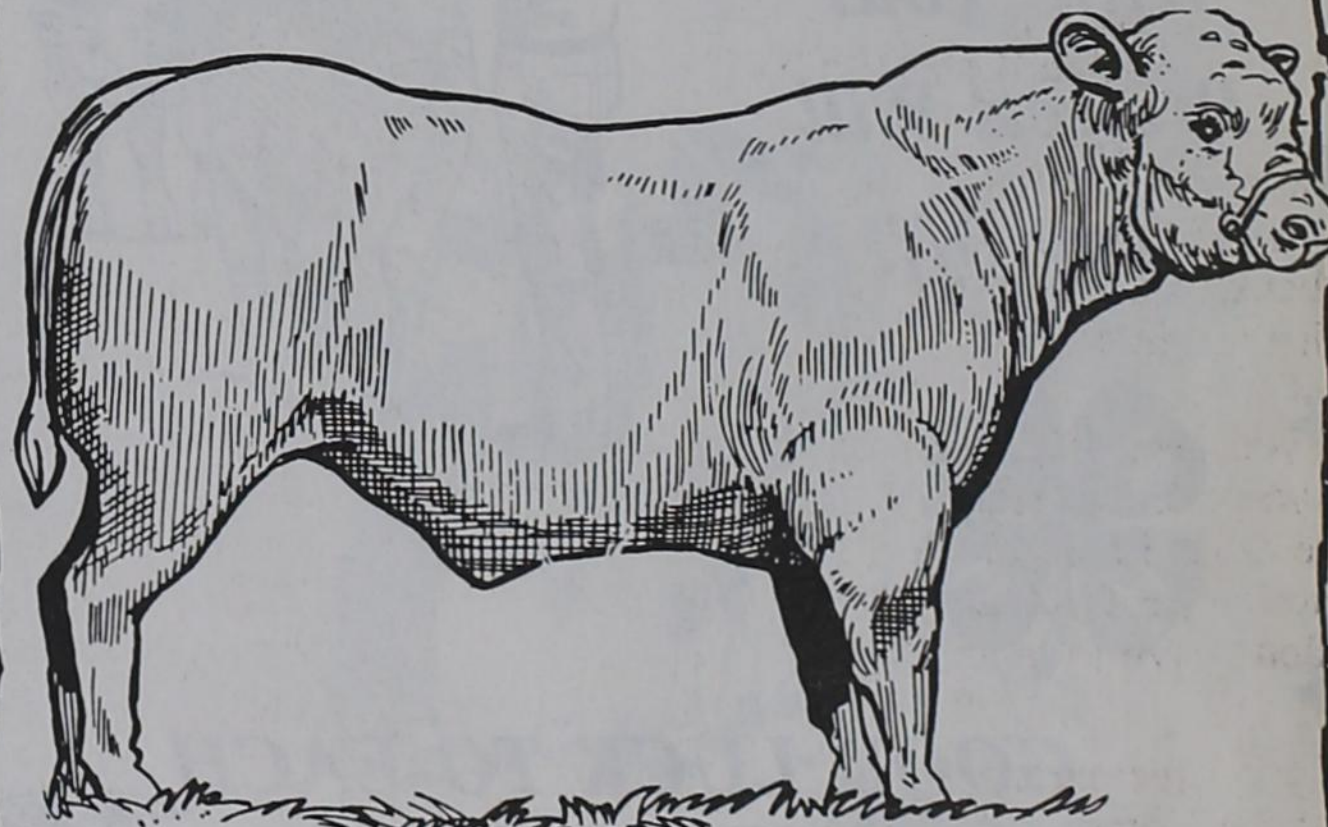



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Friona Junior Livestock Show Results Are Given

The Friona Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 10, at the Friona Community Center.

Results of the show follow:

SHEEP

Finewool Lightweight: 1. (reserve champion) Kelby Monroe; 2. Jordan Monroe; 3. David Drake.

Finewool Heavyweight: 1. (champion) J'Mae Randolph; 2. Josh Edenfield; 3. Will Hughs; 4. Lauren Hughs.

Finewool Crosses: lightweight: 1. (reserve champion) J'Mae Randolph; 2. T. J. Randolph; 3. Ashley Hunt; 4. Josh Edenfield.

Crosses heavyweight: 1. (champion) M'Kell Jarecki; 2. Joni Johnson; 3. Cassie London.

Southdowns: 1. (champion) J'Mae Randolph; 2. (reserve champion) Keith Hunt.

MEDIUM WOOL

Lightweight: 1. Cassie London; 2. J'Lon Jarecki; 3.

David Drake; 4. David Woody.

Second: 1. M'Kell Jarecki; 2. Joni Johnson; 3. Ashley Hunt; 4. Cassie London; 5. Keith Hunt; 6. Kevin Schueller; 7. Kelby Monroe; 8. Kevin Schueller; 9. Chantell Lewellen.

Third: 1. (champion) J. Jarecki; 2. M. Jarecki; 3. Luke London; 4. Ashley Hunt; 5. Joni Johnson.

Heavyweight: 1. (reserve champion) Cassie London; 2. Josh Edenfield; 3. Beau Barnett; 4. Breanne Barnett; 5. Josh Edenfield.

Grand Champion Lamb-J'Lon Jarecki. Reserve Grand Champion-Cassie London.

MARKET GOATS

1. (champion) Kendra Carr; 2. Luke London.

HEIFERS

1. (champion) Joni Johnson; 2. (reserve champion) Alicia Smith; 3. Joni Johnson.

STEERS

1. (champion) Alicia Smith; 2. (reserve champion) Zach Barrett; 3. Joni Johnson (hereford); 4. Joni Johnson (black).

PIGS

CHESTERS

Lightweight: 1. (reserve champion) Breanne Barnett; 2. Kelby Monroe; 3. Trey Widner.

Heavyweight: 1. (champion) Keith Hunt; 2. Charee Lewellen; 3. Storm London.

DUROC

Lightweight: 1. (reserve champion) Jeremy Campbell; 2. T. J. Randolph; 3. Kelby Monroe; 4. R. J. Barrett.

Heavyweight: 1. (champion) Kendra Carr; 2. Luke London; 3. J'Lon Jarecki; 4. Chantell Lewellen; 5. Zach Barrett.

YORKS

Lightweight: 1. Amber Widner; 2. T. J. Randolph; 3. Wendy Garner; 4. Ryan Potts; 5. Ryan Potts.

Heavyweight: 1. (champion) Andy Carthel; 2. (reserve champion) M'Kell Jarecki; 3. Chance Lewellen; 4. R. J. Barrett; 5. Zach Barrett.

CROSSES

Lightweight: 1. Kevin Schueller; 2. Jeremy Campbell; 3. Amber Widner; 4. Trey Widner.

Middle weight: 1. (champion) M'Kell Jarecki; 2. Molly Carthel; 3. R. J. Barrett; 4. Steffan Busch; 5. Ashley Hunt.

Heavyweight: 1. (reserve champion) Jeremy Campbell; 2. Cassie London; 3. Luke London; 4. Beau Barnett; 5. Wendy Garner.

HAMPS

Lightweight: 1. (champion) Jeremy Campbell; 2. (reserve champion) Molly Carthel; 3. Andy Carthel; 4. Ryan Potts; 5. Kevin Schueller; 6. Storm London.

Heavyweight: 1. Keith Hunt; 2. Chantell Lewellen; 3. Beau Barnett; 4. Jerrod Carr; 5. Steffan Busch; 6. Charee Lewellen.

SPOTS

1. (champion) Amber Widner; 2. (reserve champion) Charee Lewellen; 3. J'Lon Jarecki; 4. Trey Widner.

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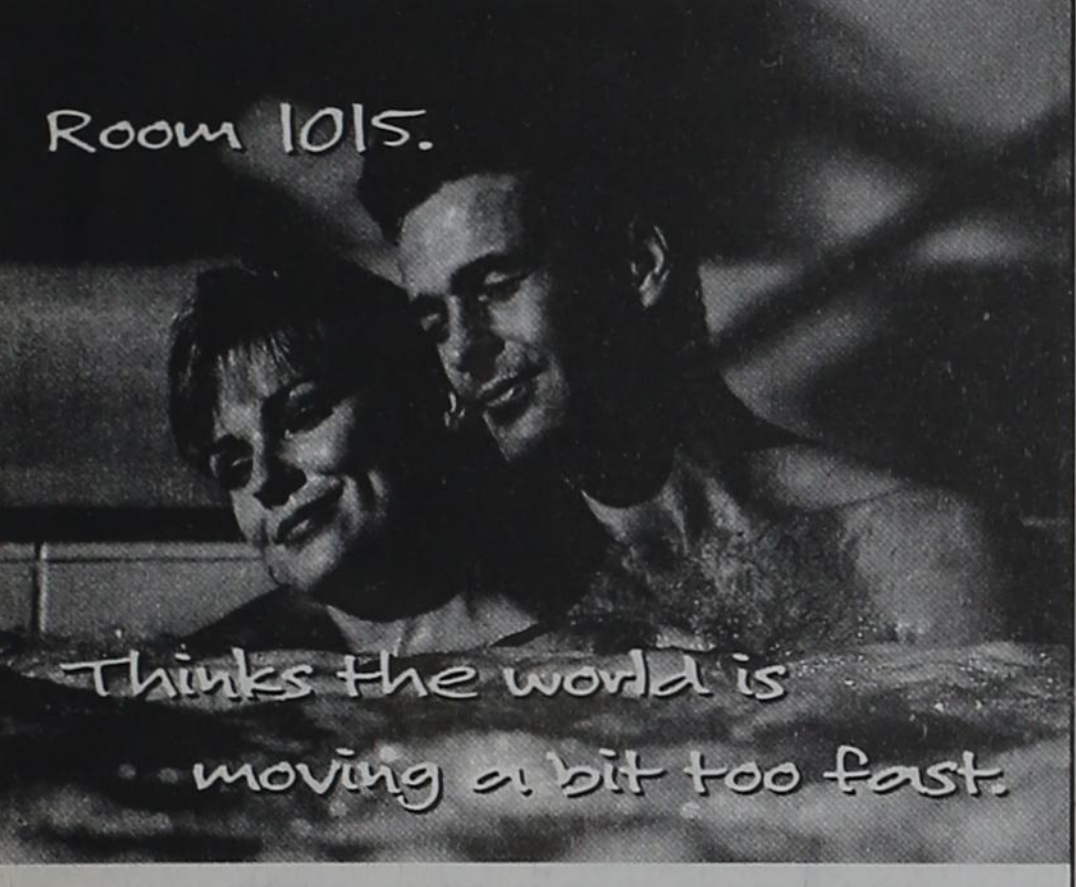
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If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to re-apply for this exemption.

Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased agricultural property. If you purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

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Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 359-4673 or 1-(800)-377-4673 for more information.

Parmer Co. Receives Jan. Taxes

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$155.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties. This month's payments include local sales taxes collected in November and reported to the Comptroller in December.

Parmer County received a total payment of \$18,177.36, compared to a previous year payment of \$16,522.19, a 10.01% increase.

In this month's payment Bovina received \$1,525.28, Farwell \$3,422.01, and Friona \$13,230.07.

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Kathy Perez Writes Essay For Middle School Writing Contest

"One Mistake"

BY KATHY PEREZ

Victoria was 16 years old, and she just moved into town. She was so happy because she was going to the movies with Jonathan, the cutest guy in school. Then she does one thing she really shouldn't have done. Now she must pay the consequences for what she did.

"Mom, is Jonathan here yet?"

"No, not yet, now stop asking, I will call you when he gets here." Victoria was still getting dressed. She was just going to the movies with Jonathan, but she didn't want to look bad.

DING-DONG. The doorbell was ringing.

"Mom, tell him I'm coming please," said Victoria.

Mrs. Gonzalez went to the door and said, "Hello, you must be Jonathan."

"Yes, it is very nice to meet you," said Jonathan.

"Victoria will be down in a minute." Victoria, Jonathan's here," called Mrs. Gonzalez.

"Coming," said Victoria from upstairs.

Jonathan and Victoria left

and were at the movies. They went to see "Romeo and Juliet" by William Shakespeare. When they left they went to the woods to a part they call "Brightness." (It's where teenagers go when they want to be alone.) Victoria didn't get home until 12:00 that night and her mom was very worried. When she got home her mom asked her where she went and why was she home so late.

"I went to the movies and then we took a stroll in the park." Victoria never told a lie, that was the first one. She couldn't tell her mom the truth, could she?

Victoria went upstairs and was going to call Julie, her best friend. She wanted to tell Julie everything, but she wasn't sure how. What would she do? What would she say? What if it got around school that they went to Brightness on their first date? They would think that she was easy or something.

She told Julie and Julie said that she did not have to worry. Her secret was safe with her. She never wanted to go there again! Not even with someone she knew real well. Victoria thought that

was right. She really did not know Jonathan very well. All she knew was that he was the cutest guy at school and the captain of the football team, wrestling team and the baseball team. That's all she knew.

The next day in school she felt bad, grouchy, fat, and ugly. She felt like if she was....like if she was....PREGNANT. What would she do? Then all of a sudden she got up and told Julie to tell the teacher she would be late for 4th period.

Victoria went to the store during that hour and stole a pregnancy test. She went back to the school, went to the bathroom and took the test. She waited and it was pink. She started crying and wondered how she was going to tell her mom. How was she going to tell Jonathan? What would her mom say and what would Jonathan say? He was the father of the baby.

Victoria was half an hour late for class and her teacher wanted to know where she was.

She just smiled and said, "I went to get my medicine from home."

Her teacher, Mrs. Mason, was the nicest teacher in the 11th grade. She decided to believe Victoria and said, "Go have a seat next to Julie."

When she sat down Julie passed Victoria a note, it said "Victoria, why were you late for class?" Victoria told Julie the whole truth and Julie also promised she wouldn't tell anyone, not even Jonathan.

Victoria got home and wrote a letter to her mom saying:

Mom, I went out so you could come home and see this letter. By the time I get back, you might be calmed down from this. I went to school feeling bad. I felt like I was pregnant so I went to the store and bought a pregnancy test. The result is POSITIVE. I am sorry. I don't know what to do! Your daughter, Victoria.

ONE YEAR FROM THEN

I guess now you know. Victoria had the baby. She has a beautiful daughter named Bethany. Bethany is three months old now. So far she grows up with no father.

Victoria told Jonathan she was pregnant and the baby was his. He didn't believe her. He said she was a liar and he was not the dad. He moved to a different town. Victoria loves her baby and takes care of her very well. Her mom helps her but her dad died two months ago. He helped for one month with Bethany. Victoria was just grateful he lived to see the baby.

Ding Dong! The doorbell was ringing.

"Who could it be?" asked Mrs. Gonzalez. Victoria opened the door. It was Jonathan. Her eyes opened wide with amazement.

"Jonathan, what are you doing here? I thought you left town."

"I want to see the baby. Where is it? Is it a boy or a girl?" asked Jonathan, confused about why he came.

"It's a girl, her name is Bethany. She looks like you. She reminds me of you. Every time I look at her I can't stand it because she reminds me of you!" Victoria was screaming now.

"Victoria, calm down please! I just came back from Los Angeles. I had to go. I didn't know what to do," said Jonathan.

"And you think I did? I have a three month old daughter, whom I have raised and took care of. What am I supposed to do? I am seventeen years old and I have a baby. Do you help? No, no you don't help!" Victoria was still screaming and crying.

"I am scared too, Victoria. I can't take this aggravation. I need some help. I need to see my daughter. Please, Victoria let me help!" Victoria decided to let Jonathan help.

They got married a year later when Bethany was a year and three months old.

I think the biggest problem facing young girls today is pregnancy and for the boys it's not facing the problems they have until it's already too late.

This story was written by: Kathy Perez 8th Grade



KATHY PEREZ

BHS Has Semester Honor Roll

Bovina High School announced the first semester honor roll students for the 1997-98 school year.

Students with all A's are Jose Garcia and Luke Steelman, seniors; J.T. Roach, junior; Cameron Charles, Yancy Graves, Tyson Kerby and Adam Ramirez, freshmen.

Seniors with A's and B's are Chris Arias, Tony Beauchamp, Esequiel Flores, Rebecca Gomez, Maricela Guevara, Albert Larrea, Crystal Leal, Pedro Marrufo, Priscilla Martinez, Wanda Munoz, Manny Quintana, Veronica Ramirez, Lupe Rivera, Sarah Rocha, Amanda Smith, Chris Solorio, Jamie Stanberry, Hector Vela and George Villarreal.

Juniors with A's and B's are Liseth Antillon, Lory Noriego, Vickie Ortiz, Monica Perez, Noemi Perez, Derrick Saddler, Ivan Sanchez, Alfred Uriegas, Jose Vitolas and Ashley Zehner.

Sophomores with A's and B's are Marisol Antillon, Melissa Cano, Blake Clements, Walter Kessler, Alvaro Martinez and Lety Vargas.

Freshmen with A's and B's are Victor Banuelos, Marlana Gomez, Michelle Guzman, Patricia Robles, Marissa Rodriguez, Melanie Stanberry, Christian Zatarain and Jonathan Zehner.

Mustangs, Fillies Lose 3-2A Opener To Hale Ctr.

On the road again!.....you might say that is the theme song for the Mustang and Fillie basketball teams this year.

The last time they played in Bovina gym was against New Deal way back on December 2.

In the interim, the Mustangs have put together a respectable 12-3 record on the road to three different tournaments.

The 'Stangs swept the Vega tournament with wins over Adrian, Vega, and Stratford. At the New Deal tournament, the Mustangs once again reached the finals but lost a close game to Tahoka, 54-53.

In the Clarendon tournament, the boys beat Allison 57-49 then hit a wall to finish out of the money with losses to Clarendon 62-49 and Wellington 56-46.

Mustangs coach Derrick Byrd predicted that Hale Center would be a tough way to open district play and proved correct. On Tuesday, the Mustangs and Fillies traveled to Hale Center. Both teams lost.

The Hale Center girls trounced the Fillies 83-33. The leading scorer for Bovina was Bonnie Quintana with 16.

The tough Mustangs met their match too as the Hale Center boys outlasted the Mustangs, scored 17 points in the 4th quarter to Bovina's 2 points and won the district opener 48-28.

Top scorer for Bovina was Tony Beauchamp with 11. The 28 points was by far the lowest score of the season for Bovina, who had been averaging 60.5 points per game.

At least the Mustangs and Fillies get to stay at home Friday night, January 16 as the Lockney Longhorns come to town for the number two district contest.

The Fillies, who are long on spirit but lacking in height have had a distressing season in the won-lost standings. Their 3-13 record is now 0-1 in district too.

For the Fillies, Bonnie Quintana continues her all-district pace with 381 points scored through 16 games, 23.8 point average per game.

Supporting her are Melissa Cantu with 146 points and Evang Casas with 101.

Top scorers for the Mustangs through 15 games were Luke Steelman with 226, Beauchamp with 211, and Adan Perez with 195.

Steelman and Perez have also combined for 81 3-point tosses out of the team total of 101.

Next week, the teams are back on the road for district games at Hart on Tuesday and Olton on Friday.

MS Honor Roll Given

The Bovina Middle School has announced the first semester honor rolls for the 1997-98 school year.

Students with all A's are, Angela Villarreal, eighth grade; Sandra Guevara, Courtney Jamerson and Maritssa Salazar, seventh grade; and Kasi Birdsong, Sandra Moreno, Chris Ortiz, Morgan Parson and Yuri Vela, sixth grade.

Eighth graders with A's and B's are Adriana Aguillon, Rocio Antillon, Jennifer Cantu, Paula Chavez, David Garcia, Veronica Herrera, Amber King, Danny Martinez, Eduardo Porras, Jessica Reyna, Briselda Rodriguez, Diego Ruiz, Fidelfo Saucedo, Christen Stowers, Stephanie Tamez, Noemi Viernes and Victoria Villegas.

Seventh graders with A's and B's are Kris Galvan, Josh Kerby, Miguelina Lopez, Mike Olvera, Austin Clayton, Jake Steelman and Juan Vara.

Sixth graders with A's and B's are Mayra Banuelos, Teresa Brito, Martin Carrillo, Cynthia Diaz, Crystal Galvan, Sarah Morgan, Maria Perez, Adriana Ramirez, Abraham Rocha, Ricardo Rojas, Troy Turner and Matthew Villarreal.



THE RACE IS ON....This Bovina 8th grader is being pursued by a host of Friona players as she heads for a fast break. The Bovina 8th grade girls defeated Friona but finished second in the Friona tournament with a final game loss to Farwell. (ron carr photo)

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



The first Bovina Blade for 1998 went together pretty smoothly. However, the paste-up crew left an important item off-Scooter's Scoops. We had your news items but because of our two week holiday vacation-we all had cobwebs on our brains. Sorry!

Most agree that we had a beautiful white Christmas and reports are that this was the first in ten years that a measurable amount of snow fell.

It is good to have things headed toward "normal" once again and all the Christmas decorations down and in storage.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Jack and Ona Patterson entertained ten guests who were here from El Paso for the pheasant hunting season and had a great time and a successful hunt.

Jack's brother, Richard Patterson, 83, passed away over the holidays. He became ill on Christmas day and died the next day suffering from heart problems. He lived in Chatsworth, Georgia and was survived by his wife and children and grandchildren.

There were nineteen brothers and sisters in Jack's family. There are now ten surviving. That is probably why Jack is so pleasant and always smiling because they had lots of fun growing up.

The Pattersons had family visiting during the Christmas holidays. Their daughter, Sandy Blacksten of Amarillo came and her son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Kerri Shamblyn and their son Clay. The Pattersons' granddaughter and her husband, Cara and Kevin Fisher and sons, Zach and Kord, came from Memphis, Texas to be with the family.

Rose McCain has returned

home after spending almost three weeks in California getting acquainted with her new granddaughter, Augusta Leslee, daughter of Butch and Betty McCain.

Rose flew to California and Leslie came out for the holidays and they drove home. Their son Ben was also with the family.

Rose said she went to a Hollywood play while there and had such a good time.

I was Christmas shopping during the early part of December at Bealls in Borger. A customer in the store mistakingly thought I was a clerk and asked where an item was. We laughed then began visiting a little. When we got up to the counter, I said I may have to get a job if I kept shopping. When the clerk saw my check and mentioned I was from Bovina, the lady I had been visiting with said, "I used to live there many years ago."

To make a long story short, she was Joyce Lide, who lived about a block from us thirty some years ago and was married to John Lide, Edwin's brother. John died after suffering from kidney problems for three years. About two years later she married Olan Elliott who lived in Farwell. The couple moved to Missouri and now live in Pampa.

She said Olan was a "God send" and is a wonderful husband and father of her three children. Her daughter was with her and agreed that he is such a good daddy. Olan suffered a stroke a year ago but is getting along pretty good.

Joyce has a son, Gary, who lives in Pampa and works in Amarillo and she has another daughter, Janice, who also lives in Pampa.

Graveside services were held for Emily Queen on December 31 at the Bovina Cemetery. She lived in Bovina some forty years ago. She was in the nursing home at Burkburnett and was Bob Webb's mother-in-law. Her daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Bob, and family live in Burkburnett. She lived with them until five years ago when she went into a nursing home there.

She had other relatives in Bovina over the years and we understand she was Scooter Queen's cousin. He ran a barbeque place on Main Street in Bovina when we moved here about forty years ago.

Bob and Arlene were in Bovina for the funeral and spent time with Polly Mills.

Polly Mills had lots of family members visiting over the holidays. Her daughter and son-in-law, Kara and Mike Fulcher and his brother, Von, came from Lorenzo, Texas. Another daughter and son-in-law, Karla and Jarod Withrow and their daughters, Layai and Emily were there from Dimmitt. Her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Dan Goldsmith, and daughters Rachel and Sarah were also there from Dimmitt.

Floyd and Ann Lee Englant hosted Christmas for some of their family. Those there were Randal and Renee James and their sons from Tulia; Mike and Chris Englant from Nazareth and Mark and Toya Englant and their daughter, Randa, of Bovina were with them. Floyd and Ann Lee's daughter, Mary Rose Webber and her three children of Bovina were also with the

family.

Funeral services were held for Effie Shepherd, 57, of Amarillo and former resident of Bovina. She moved to Amarillo about ten years ago from Bovina. Services were held at the Bovina First Baptist Church. She was survived by her husband, James, one son and four daughters and many grandchildren. Her son, Harvey, preceded her in death. We express our sympathies to this family.

Our sympathies to A.L. Nuttall, whose brother passed away. He was Byron Nuttall, 53, of Denver, Colorado. He died Christmas Eve. A.L. and Sue attended services. A.L. said Byron had been ill for some time with problems associated with diabetes.

A.L. went to Denver at Thanksgiving and had a good visit at that time. Byron was survived by his wife, Linda, and one son, Robin, of Denver.

Rita Mast said she had all of her "tribe" with her for the holidays in California. Rita's daughter and son-in-law, Honey Sue and Bill Gist of Bovina and daughter Chris Alexander of Friona drove to California to the home of Rita's other daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Rick Bowers of Carlsbad, California.

Other members of the family present for the get-together were Rita's son and daughter-in-law, Brooks and Anita and their son from San Marcos, California; son and daughter-in-law, Buzz and Robin Mast and their three children of San Jose, California; and daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Al and

their son of California.

Rita said they enjoyed Christmas dinner on the patio at Kathy's home.

Nelline Spicer had all of her children and grandchildren with her during the holidays. Her son and daughter-in-law, Marty and Amy Spicer, and their children, Tamara and Clay, spent several days from the Dallas area.

On Christmas Eve the family went to Nelline's daughter and son-in-law's, Nena and Mike Veazey and daughter Kylee of Hereford and spent Christmas Day with her daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Joe Stanton and daughter Kristi in Farwell.

Artie Fay O'Hair had a good time with son, Freddie Mac, who came for the holidays and stayed four days. They went to Clovis and had fun shopping and eating out and attended church in Bovina on Sunday. Artie's daughter, Sonya, was with her on Christmas Day.

We extend sympathies to the family of Owen Patton, who passed away during the holidays. He had lived in Bovina many years and was a fine man. He was survived by his wife, Arlene and two daughters.

Emmagene Calaway had company New Years Eve. Her grandson and family, Bill and Janet Calaway and children from Las Vegas, Nevada spent the night and left for home New Years Day. They had spent the holidays in Lubbock with Julie, Emmagene's granddaughter.

Larry and Patsy Webb hosted the Webb Christmas

Party at Hale Center, Texas on December 13. This is an annual event for the Webb children. All of the Webb kids can't always be there, but this year all ten were present.

Each family contributes toward the meal and brings goodies. Lots of visiting and gift exchanging went on. Larry got a trailer and hay and the Webbs went for a hayride and Christmas carolling.

Other guests present were the Webb's Aunt Lillie Limbocker of Olton; Sid Lloyd of Bovina; Natasha, a friend of Kendall Webb; and Katiebeth Levetzow and children.

Have a wonderful 1998 and thanks for your help on the Scoops...Scooter.



Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of January 18-24.

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Jan 19-Jay Grisham, Jan 20-Haden Walling, Irma Jo Englant.

Jan 21-Elaine Carson.

Jan 22-Arty Kunselman.

Jan 23-Jana Barrett, Stephine Serna, Michelle Vanegas.

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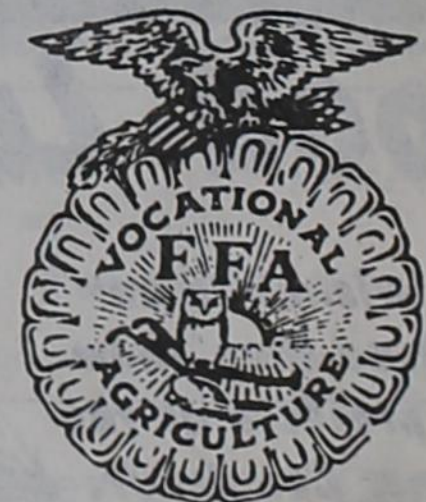
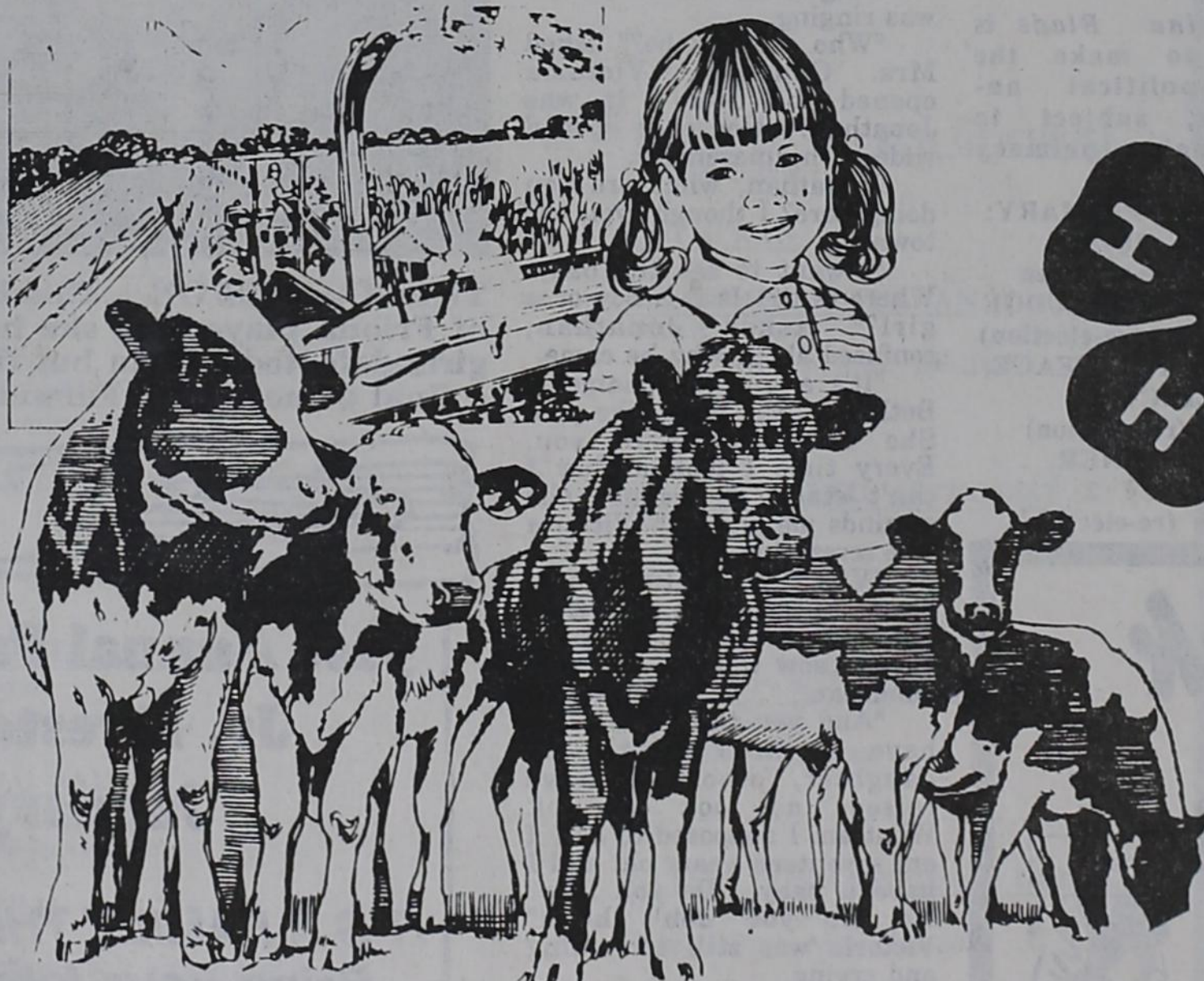
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