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Mustang Football Workouts To Start Next Wednesday

Head coach and athletic director Bruce Scroggins and the rest of the 1999-2000 coaching staff will be rounding up the Mustang players next week to prepare for the '99 season.

August 4 is the first date allowed by the State UIL for high school football practice to be officially organized.

Scroggins said that athletic physicals will be administered on Tuesday, August 3 at the high school gym. Boys report at 9 a.m. dressed in shorts.

Girls will report at 10 a.m. and need to wear swimsuits. Forms can be picked up at the high school office or from Coach Scroggins.

Football equipment will be issued on Tuesday evening, August 3, at the fieldhouse beginning at 5 p.m.

Coach Scroggins says that the first workout will be held at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4. The tentative workout schedule will be 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Scroggins said they would have to see what times are better for most of the players and will probably adjust the workout schedule accordingly.

Bovina will have a new coach this year with a past connection with coach Scroggins. Former coach Jim

Tubbs has taken a position with Slaton.

Replacing Tubbs will be Rick Englehardt. Rick, his wife Tina, and one-year-old daughter Christina have already moved to Bovina.

Englehardt played for Bruce Scroggins at Clovis High School, and was on Scroggins' coaching staff at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

For the past two seasons Englehardt has been coaching

at Eastern New Mexico University as a graduate assistant.

Coach Scroggins had no predictions about this year's team. "We know the skills of some of the players but will have to evaluate the boys during workouts. Our enrollment is on the low end of 2A", said Scroggins. "We play 2A schools that are twice as big as we are, so the coaches have their work cut out for them."



ANDY STORMES

New Officer In Friona

New to the Friona Police Department is Andy Stormes.

He is a graduate of Bovina High School and comes to the Friona PD from the police department at Earth.

He and his wife Lori have three children, Skyla, 6, Tamara, 4, and Tristan, 6 months. Lori is employed at Sheryl Grain elevators in Bovina.

The couple will make their home in Friona.

I'M SORRY that we've gotten to the place where we have to legislate something such as manners, but I'm glad that the Louisiana legislature is requiring school students to address their teachers as Sir and Ma'am and to address other adults as Mr., Mrs., Miss, or Ms. It is a small step toward getting young people to show respect to others, not just adults and teachers, but also to each other.

The dinosaur generation, to which I now belong, was raised on daily admonitions, platitudes and maxims from our Moms, such as:

"Sit up straight, don't slouch. Chew with your mouth closed. Don't make a pig of yourself. Say Please and Thank You. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Keep your elbows off the table. Don't walk around with your mouth hanging open, people will think you're a fool. Pretty is as pretty does. Don't smart mouth your parents. If you pout like that a little bird is going to fly down and snip off your bottom lip. Always expect the worst and when it comes, make the best of it."

And my all time favorite: "Don't do anything you wouldn't want to see written up in your hometown newspaper."

During our formative years, such "Momisms" were barked into our ears from the time we woke up until the time we went to bed at night. But they served a purpose. . . to teach us respect for ourselves and those around us, and to make life bearable for those who had to share our air space. Saying "Yes, Ma'am" and "No, Sir" was a must, even to our own parents.

Being polite to other people, no matter who they were, was the number one rule everywhere. So much so, that I now find I need to have a "No Soliciting" sign on my front door because I cannot be rude to door-to-door salesmen because my mother drummed it into my head never to be rude to anyone if I could keep from it.

The lack of manners being taught in the home has led to modern self-expression in the form of gutter language, wearing tatty attire anywhere and everywhere (even to church in some cases), bad table manners, road rage, and yes, even to children killing each other in school.

Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana may be ranked near the bottom of the list in child-rearing by some leftist, liberal child-advocacy group, but I happen to know many parents in our own community who take great efforts to teach their children manners.

Japan, being a very overcrowded country, has strict laws about people (children and adults) being polite to one another. Perhaps we don't need to go quite that far, but our larger American cities might consider a local ordinance or two in that regard.

If children are taught consideration for others at home AND in school, it should carry on into their adult years. "Thank you" to the Louisiana legislature for a step in the right direction.

Here's a test for you to take on ethics. Don't peek at the answers printed upside down. . . unethical, you know.

Question #1: If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who already had eight kids, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, plus she (the mother) had syphilis; would you recommend that she have an abortion?

Question #2: It is time to elect the world leader and your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three candidates:

Candidate A. . . Associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologists. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks eight to ten martinis a day.

Candidate B. . . He was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college and drinks a quart of whisky every evening.

Candidate C. . . He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer and hasn't had any extramarital affairs.

No cheating. Make your choice before you turn the page around.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



St. Teresa's Annual Jamaica Kermes Celebration Sunday

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona is having their annual jamaica/kermes celebration on Sunday, August 1,

There will be lots of Mexican food, kids games, booths, rides and live entertainment.

Special events will include horse shoe throwing, a volleyball tournament, 3-on-3 basketball, and the main event is a powerlifting contest.

The powerlifting competition will be at 2 p.m. at the St. Teresa's Parish Hall. To enter the powerlifting call David at 265-3860. Beach volleyball is \$25 per team to enter.

Activities will begin about noon and last until evening. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities.

Teacher Resignations Are At A Mininum This Year

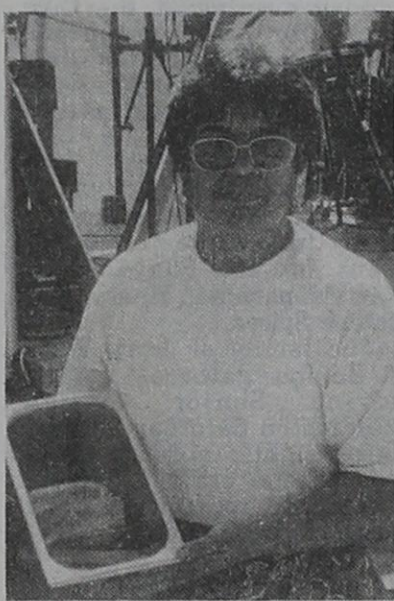
The Bovina School Board and school administrators are enjoying this summer more than last.

Turnovers last year in Bovina ISD caused the school board to hire over 20 new teachers and coaches. According to Superintendent Sue Nuttall, the situation is much better this year.

So far, at press time, only six resignations had been received. The Board will need to hire replacements for the following teachers: ESL



HOT TAMALES...Judges in the "Best Tamale" contest at St. Ann's jamaica last Sunday sample the entries. From left are Megan Carr and her dad, Blade editor Ron Carr, Jason Schilling, and K'Dawn Scroggins. The near-100 degree temperatures did not diminish the fun and enthusiasm enjoyed by all who attended.



GRACE ORTIZ was the first place winner in the best tamale contest at St. Ann's jamaica. Second place went to Maria Robledo and third place winner was Isabel Leal. ron carr photo



AMONG THE HUNDREDS of visitors to the St. Ann's jamaica celebration last Sunday was Vernie Schacher enjoying a chalupa, one of the many food items available along with the games and music. ron carr photo

Bovina ISD Pre-register August 3-5

Bovina ISD will be having pre-registration on August 3, 4, & 5. New and returning students may come by the high school library from 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m., and 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday or come by the school offices from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday.

Parents must accompany students in grades 6-12 in order to make a change or pick up schedules. Personal information, emergency release forms, open campus for high school and lunch forms will be filled out at that time.

Returning students will need to bring updated immunization records, and all new students will need to bring birth certificates, social security cards, and immunization records.

All parents for students in all grade levels must be present to sign necessary paperwork.

If you have any questions call 238-1317 and ask for Michelle, Celia, or Gloria.



Aldermen Meeting Minutes

The Bovina Board of Aldermen met in regular session on July 8, 1999. Present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Jessie Stone, Linda Marshall, Kevin Hughes, Charles Wilkins, Kenneth Waters, and city manager Ed Barrett.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Mayor Hromas opened with a prayer.

Alderman Hughes made a motion to pay the bills, Stone seconded, motion passed.

Wilkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 99-3, suspending exemption of automobile taxes. Hughes seconded, motion passed.

Marshall made a motion to table discussion on GTE phone bills long distance service. Stone seconded, motion passed.

Hughes made a motion to pass Ordinance 99-7-1, authorizing the city administrator to be authorized as a signatory on all city checking accounts. Stone seconded, motion passed.

Wilkins moved to purchase Quickbooks for accounting software. Waters seconded, motion passed.

Hughes made a motion to pass Resolution 99-4, consideration of the sale of Lot 4, Blk. 36, located on the corner of 2nd St. and Avenue D to WT Services. Stone seconded, motion passed.

Hughes made a motion to allow Police Chief Leon Saddler to use the patrol car on days off inside the city limits and that family members may not be in the patrol car at any time. Wilkins seconded. Voting for were Hughes, Wilkins, Stone and Marshall. Against was Waters.

Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Stone seconded, motion passed.



J. D. JONES

(Editor's note: Jimmie Dawn Jones is the daughter of Joe and Denise Jones of Bovina. She is a junior at Farwell High School. This poem was published in the 1999 volume of "CELEBRATE! Texas! Young Poets Speak Out.")

A Teacher

Once I had a teacher named Mrs. Franse,
And if you were willing to work, she'd give you a chance.
She was a really nice teacher,
But at times, she reminded me of the Baptist preacher.
She would give me an extra grade,
For simple poems I had just made.
If I ever thought that I might not pass,
She'd explain better what we had gone over in class.
She gave us assignments such as book reports,
And since they were my favorite, mine always involved sports.
The first time I ever had her as a teacher was my sophomore year,
And so now I can tell you I know the true meaning of the word fear.
If she ever reads this, God help us all,
Because I have a feeling she'll give my parents a phone call.
She was one teacher who I believe to be sincere,
And I hope that many days are ahead in her career.

By: Jimmie Dawn Jones
Farwell High School

The answers to Question #2 first: Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt. Candidate B is Winston Churchill. Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.
The answer to the abortion question (Question #1): If you said Yes, you just killed Beethoven.

REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--July 29, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilborn visited several weeks ago in Wichita, Kansas, with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hollaway and children, Richard and Debra.

Mrs. Loucile Foster arrived home Monday from two weeks in California. Accompanying a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Williams, Mrs. Foster visited friends there.

Visiting Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McCutchan were Mr. and Mrs. John Fielder of Dimmitt.

35 Yrs. Ago--July 29, 1964

Alexander Orlovsky, 17-year-old youth from West Berlin, Germany, is the third exchange student in Bovina. He will make his home for the next year with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Charles and family.

Miss Margaret Jo Venable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Venable, underwent plastic surgery Tuesday

Services Held Tuesday For J.D. McKay

Graveside services for Jerry Dean McKay, 55, were conducted at the Hart Cemetery Tuesday afternoon of this week, with the Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor of Bovina's First Baptist Church, officiating.

Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

McKay passed away Thursday, July 22, in Gainesville, Florida. He was born December 18, 1943, in Deport, Texas. He married Carol Sue Duncan August 8, 1964, in Amarillo.

He owned and operated Jerry's Barber Shop in Gainesville, Florida for the past nine years. He lived in Bovina from 1973-76, and later lived in Dimmitt for two years, before moving to High Springs, Florida in 1990.

He had worked as a barber for 34 years, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Carol Sue, and two sons, Ricky McKay of Whitharral, and Ron McKay of Gainesville, Florida; his mother, Veda McKay of Bovina; a brother, Larry McKay of Athens, Alabama and a sister, Wanda Thurman of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer McKay in 1994, and by two brothers, Danny Lynn McKay in 1978 and Benny Ray McKay in 1989, and an infant child in 1971.

4-H Youths Compete In Activities

The Parmer County Extension Service released the results of several activities in which county youngsters have participated.

Over 156 shooters participated in the Deaf Smith County 4-H trap shoot. The Parmer County 4-H team was high team. Members of the team are Jay Seaton and Kolby Wilkerson of Lazbuddie.

Rick Seaton of Lazbuddie is the team coach. Members of the junior division and their placings in the meet were Jay Seaton, first; Kolby Wilkerson, third; and Wayne Terry of Lazbuddie, fifth.

In District 2 record book competition, placings were as follows: senior division--Leesa Patterson, first, agriculture achievement; Clint Patterson, first, swine; Dan Patterson, second, swine; Jade Mahaney, third, home economics achievement; and Tray Thorn, seventh, horse.

Senior record books placing first in district competition get the opportunity to compete at state. State winners will receive a trip to Washington, D.C.

There were over 200 4-H'ers from across the state competing in the State 4-H dog show. Debbie Harling of Bovina was the coach. Placings in the novice obedience class were: Ashley Hartzog of Farwell, first; and Montana Jones of Farwell, second.

morning at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Miss Venable was injured in an automobile accident several months ago.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 30, 1969

W. M. Decker, chairman of the board, and J. W. Smith, president of the Bank of the Southwest, Amarillo, announced the election of Gabe D. Anderson, Jr. of Bovina to the bank's board of directors.

Mrs. Elmer Stark, the former Dottie Quickel, and her son and daughter, Sabra and Kervin, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Quickel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. McCutchan recently hosted the McCutchan family reunion at their cabin on Lake Vallcito at Bayfield, Colorado.

25 Yrs. Ago--July 31, 1974

Ted King, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. King of Bovina and a standout halfback on the Friona Chieftains' 1973 football squad, is one of the top high school players from Texas and Oklahoma selected to play in the 25th Annual Greenbelt Bowl Classic, August 10 at Childress.

Billy Shelby, Bovina's two time all-state tailback-linebacker, has signed a letter of intent to play football at McMurry College in Abilene, according to information received here from Head Coach Don Newsom.

20 Yrs. Ago--July 25, 1979

Mark D. Gunnels, Bovina High School principal, has resigned to take a similar position at Stinnett.

A severe thunderstorm swept across Parmer county this past Monday evening causing damage to some crops in the area. There were reports of over three inches of rain and golfball-sized hail in

some parts of the area.

A new business, Plants Plus, has opened its doors for business. It will be run by Sue Fowler and her son, Robert. Grand opening was last weekend.

L. M. Grissom received an award for 45 years of service to Bovina Wheat Growers at last Friday's annual meeting.

15 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 1, 1984

Don and Gladys Spring are now open for business in their new photography studio located at Don's Medicine Chest.

Steve Pierson suffered injuries in a motorcycle accident that put him in the hospital for surgery to correct his problems.

Rouel and Thelma Barron will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception held in their honor August 12.

10 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 2, 1989

The fire department was called on Monday to the home of Robert Read west of town. Read was burning weeds near their home, the wind changed and he lost control of the fire.

A cookout was held Sunday evening at the City Park for the volunteer firemen and their families. Steaks and hamburgers were served to approximately eighty-five people.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 30, 1994

Marty Spicer and his family from Dallas came and spent a few days with Marty's parents, Henry and Nelline Spicer.

The family of Jerry Ware of Bovina gathered at the Bovina Senior Citizen Building on Saturday, July 9. Thirty-eight family members from four states played, visited, ate, took pictures and watched home movies.

Joe Looney's Rites Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Joe Looney, 92, of Bovina, were held Monday at First Baptist Church, Bovina, with Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Looney died July 23, 1999 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

She was born September 1, 1906 in Odell, Texas and married Reagan Looney on December 23, 1923 in Bovina. He died August 11, 1992.

Mrs. Looney was a member of Bovina's First Baptist Church and was the oldest member of the church. She was a member of the Bovina Senior Citizens group and was a fifty year member of the Eastern Star and also belonged to Women's Study Club. She had been a resident of Bovina since 1921, moving from Odell.

She was preceded in death by her son, D.C. Looney, in 1960.

Survivors include one son, Howard Looney of Clovis, New Mexico; one daughter, June Gay McMeans of Bovina; one brother, Bobby Vassey of Bangor, Wisconsin; ten grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rush Looney, Stewart McMeans, Mike McMeans, Bobby McMeans, J.B. McMeans, Traton Looney and R.D. Looney.

The family suggests memorials to Bovina First Baptist Church, 308 Third Street, Bovina, Texas, 79009.

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JOE LOONEY

ENMU Names Interim Dean

Dr. Merlene Olmsted, associate professor and chair of Family and Consumer Sciences at Eastern New Mexico University, has been named interim dean of the College of Education and Technology for 1999-2000. She replaces Dr. Larry Byrnes who accepted a position as dean of the College of Education at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

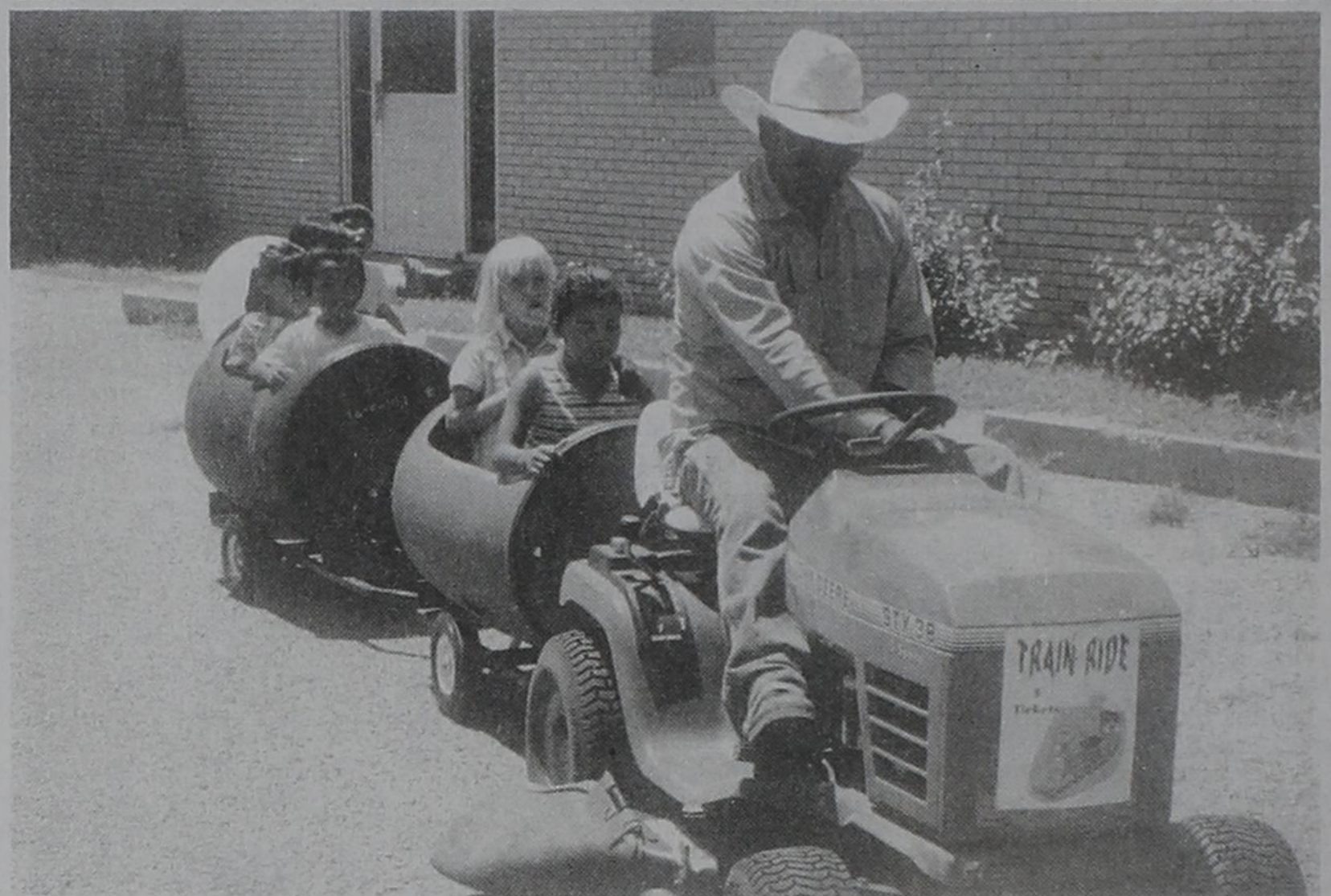
Dr. Olmsted came to Eastern in 1992 from Walla Walla College in Washington where she was chair of the Home Economics Department. She received an Ed.D. in educational leadership from Spokane University.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of August 1-7, 1999.

- Aug 1 Clyde Blalock, Hattie Turner, Scott Johnson
- Aug 2 Jack Turner
- Aug 3 Mac Glasscock, Skyla Cockerham, Michael Jansen
- Aug 5 Amber Drager
- Aug 6 Nadine Paine, Mary Lou Castaneda, Destiny Cruz
- Aug 7 Veda McKay, Leigh Burlison, Marsha Jarecki James

To make changes or corrections, or to add a friend or relative to our birthday list, call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.



SCENES FROM ST. ANN'S jamaica celebration included bands, game booths, the kids train and little visitors trying to win prizes and stay cool in the near 100-degree Sunday afternoon heat. ron carr photos



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Out Here

By RON CARR

"You Can't Buy A Belt Without A Buckle!"

Have you made plans for the tax holidays?

They are next week, ya' know. Three days of no state sales tax on your back-to-school purchases.

Thanks to Senate Bill 441, which the state legislature passed and George W. signed, Texans will enjoy 72-hours of luxurious tax-free shopping August 6-8 on items that cost less than \$100 each.

That is the secret to enjoying this new state holiday. You can spend as much as you like as long as each item costs less than \$100.

The example given was that you can buy as many shirts as you need as long as each one is \$99.99 or less. But if you splurge and buy your Little Lord Fauntleroy a \$110 shirt, well, you have to pay the tax on the entire \$110.

To paraphrase an old philosophy, if I could afford to

Irrigation Courses Scheduled

Zoning Principles for Landscape Irrigation will be August 19 (8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.) at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, Pavilion Classroom, 17360 Coit Road, in Dallas.

Fundamentals of Irrigation System Hydraulics will be August 26 (10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) at Texas A&M University Campus, 401 Rudder Tower, in College Station.

Irrigation Water Management of Commercial Landscapes will be July 29 (8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.) at Corpus Christi. Details on course location will be provided upon receipt of registration. This course will also be held August 27 (8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.) at 401 Rudder Tower in Texas A&M University Campus.

If you would like more information on these courses contact Cody G. Hill at the Parmer County Extension Office, (806) 481-3619.

buy my kid a \$110 shirt, I wouldn't worry about the tax.

Anyway, this holiday, which begins at 12:01 midnight on the first Thursday in August and ends at midnight on the first Sunday of August, is being touted as a period in which Texans will save \$69.2 million in state sales tax.

I don't know where they got that figure, but it is impressive isn't it? Of course if you are like most Texans and don't have kids going back to school, you don't care about any of this.

Sorry. Maybe in a couple of years when the state leaders meet again, they will throw a just-for-the-heck-of-it-let's-help-everybody tax holiday.

Newly elected State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, who I suspect is former governor Ann Richards in disguise, declared that cutting taxes was one of the 10 priorities she "laid out for Texas in the 21st century." She didn't say what the other nine were.

On her official website, www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/holiday/, CKR lays out those necessary back-to-school items which will be tax exempt. You can look it up.

At the same site, she lists some items that do not qualify for the tax exemption. Then, in apparent frustration with the chaos this "holiday" will cause, she writes "we could not put every item that qualifies on the list...so after this year we will revise the rule and list to address questions that come up during this first holiday."

What that means is "we have this deal so screwed up, no one will be able to understand it so we will fix it next year. Maybe."

Ms. Keeton Rylander says that if any of you have a question about what items are included in the tax holiday, you can call her toll-free assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Operators are standing by. Shipping and handling does not apply.

I guess I shouldn't be surprised at what comes out

of politicians fertile imaginations, but I nearly always am.

Remember, this is marketed as a tax waiver to help the poor parents that have to buy back-to-school supplies before school begins in mid-August. Except it does not apply to school supplies. Scissors, glue, and wide-ruled notebook paper are not part of the holiday.

That most important of school necessities, the backpack, is not included in tax-free purchases.

I did look over the list of items you can purchase during the 72-hour armistice. Some items are logical.

Dresses, gloves, pants and trousers (what's the difference between pants and trousers?), socks, and underclothes are available for savings.

But I found a few items on the tax holiday list that raise serious questions about their back-to-school qualifications.

Take for instance bridal apparel, diapers and baby clothes. All are on the list. If you buy a wedding dress and a package of Pampers you don't have to pay the tax.

Could George W. be suggesting that unwed teenage mothers should buy bridal apparel and have plenty of diapers before school starts?

Other back-to-school items our elected officials decided not to tax are swim suits, tuxedos (not rentals), pajamas, lingerie, and boots (cowboy or hiking, but not climbing, fishing, or ski boots).

The exempt item that really puzzled me though, was "belts with attached buckles." Apparently you cannot buy your kid a belt without a buckle and expect their pants to stay up during recess.

Over on the list of "can't buy" the entry says "belt buckles without belt." You do not have to pay sales tax if you buy a belt with a buckle, but don't try to sneak a buckle without a belt through in your shopping cart.

Isn't that a great example of the thought that goes into these bills that come out of Austin? I'm sure Teel Bivins or Pete Laney could explain the logic of the belt with no buckle rule if I cared enough to ask.

Another official explanation given was directed at those who have already tried to figure a way to beat the system. This is the rule as it applies to a pair of shoes: "Items that are sold in pairs cannot be sold separately."

For example, if a pair of shoes costs \$150, you can't buy one shoe for \$75 in order to qualify for the tax break, then buy the other one later.

The rules conclude with this comforting reassurance: "Components that are normally priced as separate articles may continue to be sold as separate articles..." which should be a big relief to sales clerks across the Republic of Texas.

Are you getting any of this? Does a student in your family need new lingerie or pajamas to start the school year off right?

If you want your kids to be on time, too bad. The tax applies to jewelry and watches. Need a wallet for their lunch money (some kids do pay for lunches) too bad. Handbags, briefcases and wallets are not exempt.

Reminds me of the old Sunday Blue Laws when certain items could not be purchased on Sundays. Sheets of plastic covered the forbidden items to keep sinners from being tempted on the Lord's Day.

It is nice that our state government has our best interest in mind. Maybe somewhere a youngster will get a new outfit they thought they could never have.

Maybe the savings will mean a little extra food on the table for some families. I hope so.

At press time, the real boss around here, Momma Carol Ellis, says that my fellow employees and me don't get the holiday off.

Oh well! At least my belt already has a buckle.



COUNTY YOUTHS SAMPLE JOB SKILLS...Three students from Parmer County learned tips on successful job interviews, building teamwork and communication skills and other basic workforce abilities this past week at the third annual Camp for Young Entrepreneurs, co-sponsored by South Plains College in Levelland. Campers stayed in college dorms during the two-day camp and received certificates on completion of activities. Pictured (from left) Monica Gonzales and Crystal Dow, both of Friona, and Jade Mahaney of Farwell. The camp is presented by SPC, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, West-Tex Resource Conservation and Development Area, Northwest Texas Small Business Development Center, South Plains Tech Prep and Small Business Administration and funded by a grant from Texas Rural Communities. (SPC Photo)

Tierra Blanca Creek Field Day Planned

Sponsored by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and the Panhandle Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts a field day and tour will highlight the Tierra Blanca Creek Water Quality Demonstration Project on August 17.


The Tierra Blanca Creek Demonstration Project is the joint effort of Texas A&M Extension Service and Experiment Station, state and federal agencies and local landowners to protect the water quality of the Panhandle.

The programs goal is to persuade producers to voluntarily implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) into their daily operations by establishing the programs' positive efforts and benefits through demonstration sites.

BMPs include efficient irrigation, reduced tillage, integrated pest management, manure management, rotational grazing, vegetative filter strips and water quality management plans. The majority of the demonstrations are sited in Parmer, Castro, Deaf Smith, and Randall counties.

Registration and bus loading will be at the West Texas A&M University Equine Center at 8:30 a.m. Touring includes Timber Creek Veterinary Clinic, WTAMU Dairy, the Tierra Blanca Creek Property Owners Association and private demonstration sites. Lunch will be provided. Buses return to departure site at 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact Lanny McDonald at (806) 354-5847.



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By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Hot temperatures are with us this week and several days it rose to 100 and over.

Jim and I took our trailer and went to Colorado and it was hot there too, only the mornings and evenings were cool, as it used to be in this part of the country. Seems the hot temperatures last way into the night these days.

Polly Mills attended the Tidwell family reunion held recently in Danville, Arkansas. Her sister, Joyce, her husband, Art and son, Dale, went with her.

Polly's brother, Larry and Patsy Webb of Hale Center met them there and the Webbs' daughter and family, Becky and Billy Hughes and son, Brennan, also accompanied them to Arkansas.

The reunion was held in the Senior Citizens' building. This was Polly's mother's side of the family and she said there were three of the original nine children still living, that was there.

Two were twins and they are now eighty-five years old. They are Alonzo and Fonzo Tidwell of Danville, Arkansas, and their sister, Lily Limbocker of Olton.

We were saddened this week by the death of Joe Looney. She was only at Prairie Acres a short time before she passed away. She would have been ninety-three-years-old on September 1.

She was an inspiration to all of us and very active until the last. For many Sundays following church, Joe drove her car and took friends to Friona and sometimes Clovis for Sunday dinner. She had a remarkable mind.

When I needed information for stories of long ago, people were always telling me to call either Joe Looney or Julia Leake for details because they could remember and I found that to always to be true.

Our deepest sympathy to Joe's two children, June McMeans, and Howard Looney. I'll miss her too.

Woodrow Wright suffered a massive stroke at his home in recent days. He spent a night in the Friona Hospital and then was sent to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

I talked with his wife, Gladys, and she said the doctors said it was a massive stroke and now he can't speak, and he is in a very serious condition.

Both of his sons have been here with him. Jerry lives in Albuquerque and Joe Pat is a coach at Muleshoe.

Our thoughts are with the family.

Jim and I went to the Michael Martin Murphy concert at the Big Texan in Amarillo last week and tickets were courtesy of Boss Bill, for the twenty-five years I have been with the Blade.

Haven't done all that much in recent years but did appreciate the gift. Our granddaughter and her friend, Gina Kunselman and Cody Coleman of Amarillo went with us for a fun evening and the steaks were wonderful.

While there, one of our former residents saw us and came over and visited. She was Donna Roming Sanders, who lives in Amarillo. She is married to Bob Sanders but years ago she and husband, Ralph Roming, raised their two children, Doug and Diane, in Bovina. It was good to visit with her.

Friends were saying that Evelyn Bozeman passed away. She lived in Hereford with husband, Brother J.L. "Jim" Bozeman, and they pastored the Temple Baptist Church there for several years. They were Ann Heard's parents and Ann and Brother Larry Heard pastored the First Baptist Church in Bovina many years ago.

We were not able to get in touch with the Trishes but understand Laura Trish fell and suffered a broken wrist. She celebrated her 90th birthday recently and that was a bad way to start out a new year but hope she gets along fine. She is in the

Muleshoe hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Jerry McKay, 55. I talked to his brother, Larry, for a short time and he said Jerry was in a car wreck about five or six miles from his home, which is in the Florida panhandle.

I didn't get any details but understand he died a few hours after the wreck. He was survived by his wife, Sue, and two sons. Jerry was preceded in death by another brother, Benny, and his dad a few years ago. Our thoughts are with his mother, Veda, and all the family.

Pat and Pat Kunselman and Pat's mother, Doris Wilson spent the weekend in Spearman with their son and family, Arty and Tami Kunselman and daughters.

Also with the family were Arty's sister, Vickie and Leland Jennings of Flagg. They went out on the lake Saturday night and again Sunday afternoon on a pontoon and had a great time!

Artie Faye O'Hair had a good time with her sons in recent days. Mike O'Hair is from New Boston and his finance, Peggy, came with him and she lives in Louisiana.

Later, her son, Freddie Mac O'Hair came from Longview and spent several days. The family attended the O'Hair family reunion held at Pampa.

Don and Juanda Murphy spent several days at the Skyline Lodge in Platur, Colorado, with some of their family. Their daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Buddy Foster came from Midlothian, Texas. Buddy's daughter and her husband, Michelle and Dean Stover came from Farwell to be with them.

Don said it was really cold and rained everyday.

Several came home for a class reunion and we understand Patricia Crook and her husband, Roger, were

there and also Patricia's brother, French Jr. and his wife.

Hopefully, we can count on some of this group to turn in a report.

Mace Cochran, who lives in a rest home in South Texas underwent surgery recently. We understand that she had to have screws put in a hip recently after she fell and broke her hip, and that the heads of the screws had come off causing severe pain. Hopefully, she can get better soon.

Glenn Hromas wrote with an addition to the family reunion we ran last week:

The hosts and coordinators for the '99 Hromas reunion this year were Glenn, Glenn, Gregory, Rodney and Jeffrey Hromas. Family members were asked to send their favorite recipes. Jeff Hromas produced a 207-page cookbook of great cooking. It is a book to treasure!

Door prizes were drawn for. Rodney was assisted by Marissa Green of Abilene. Then, a skit and reciting was done by Kyla Webb, daughter of Tim and Jamie Webb of Wellington and Cheyenne McManigal, whose parents are Kent and Deborah McManigal of Gunnison, Colorado. These are great-great granddaughters of Mike McManigal of Hereford.

Rodney Hromas spoke on the meaning of reunions, and told a story of a civil war soldier returning home after the war, and the beginning of reunions.

Rodney was in charge of a bingo game, which was a lot of fun. Prizes were certificates to Luby's Cafeteria.

THINK ABOUT IT: Some people can't enjoy life. They blame their parents the first half of their lives and the second half, their children. So it goes...Have a great week and thanks for your help with Scoops...Scooter.



A FRISKY COLT was spotted last week in the pasture at Robert & Pat Read's quarterhorse farm on FM2290 just west of Bovina. Looks like a good mascot candidate for the Bovina Mustangs and Fillies. ron carr photo

THE DREAM

Oh, what a wonderful feeling
I am here in your arms
I can hear your heart beating
Feel the strength and love in your arms

In your arms, I am sleeping
Warm feelings are flowing
I realize you're kissing me
Ever so gentle

As I awake, the kisses deepen
My Love this is where I have longed to be
You draw me into you
And I go freely

One body, One mind, One flesh
I crave you my love
This is a wonderful feeling
As your lips caress my flesh

In the distance I hear a giggle
Yes, now I hear a laugh
Your embrace loosens and I wriggle
I realize this truly was only a dream

Mary Rose Englant

(Editor's note: This poem was a semi-finalist in two national poetry contests and has been published in two anthologies. Mary Rose was invited to California to receive a 'Diamond Homer Trophy' for the accomplishment but was unable to attend.)

Boll Weevil Eradication Showing Impressive Results

According to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in Abilene. Cotton growers in Texas are celebrating July with more than fireworks because the pesky boll weevil is being efficiently eliminated from many cotton growing counties in Texas.

Growers in the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone (SRP) were the first to become involved in boll weevil eradication in 1994. Since the inception of their program, weevil populations have been virtually eliminated in the nine-county region surrounding San Angelo.

"I've farmed cotton in this area for 21 years and we're definitely happy to be seeing cotton yields like this," said Eola producer Kenneth Gully. "We're pleased with the investment we've made in our program and very proud because it's already paying real dividends, and allowing us to compete in the cotton marketplace," added Gully. "I would urge all growers who don't have an eradication program in their area to examine the evidence and I'm sure they'll find that this is the only affordable way to grow cotton. Growers in weevil-infested areas will continue spraying, decade after decade on their own, unless they choose eradication that provides an organized and uniform method of control. That's the only way to permanently end the weevil problem," Gully advised.

In 1995, SRP program personnel trapped 846,080 weevils the last week in June. This year during the same time period the number was 157 weevils, a 99.98 percent reduction. In addition to the reduction of boll weevils, there has been a dramatic decrease in the

amount of pesticides used in the zone.

"Growers are not having to contend with the boll weevil as they have in the past. They are depending less on pesticides and relying more on beneficial insects that prey on cotton pests," said Foundation Program Director Osama El-Lissy. "The program is benefiting growers, landowners, the environment and rural communities whose economies are tied to agriculture," El-Lissy added. "Texas will soon be able to compete with those in other states who have already finished eradication programs and who are growing cotton less expensively," stated El-Lissy.

For several decades, growers in the SRP concentrated most of their pest management strategies on one particular insect. "Prior to the success of the boll weevil eradication program in this zone, the entire cotton production system revolved around this devastating pest (boll weevil), from planting time to harvest management," said Dr. Thomas W. Fuchs, State IMP Coordinator. "Overwintered boll weevil control with insecticides often reduced beneficial insects and opened the door for other pest problems. We are now able to conserve the natural enemies of other pests. The program has enabled growers to more fully utilize proven IPM (integrated pest management) practices and resulted in fewer insecticide applications and higher yields," Dr. Fuchs concluded.

Runnels and Tom Green County IPM Agent Rick Minzenmeyer's observations closely mirror those of Dr. Fuchs. "I've worked and managed the IPM scouting program in the SRP since 1987," said Minzenmeyer.

"Prior to boll weevil eradication, producers' number one problem every year was the boll weevil. Most cotton fields (prior to eradication) would be treated twice for overwintered weevils and then, beginning in late August, begin treatment for in-season weevils until mid-September," Minzenmeyer stated. "Now that the boll weevil is virtually eliminated, our yields have increased and our input costs have been reduced. We can now practice good, sound IPM strategies and utilize our natural enemies more effectively," added Minzenmeyer.

The Foundation, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Department Agriculture (TDA) will review all final data at the end of this year and may declare the SRP the first zone in Texas to have successfully eradicated the boll weevil.

The SRP eradication zone typically averages 220,000 cotton acres in the following Central Texas counties: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green and portions of Taylor.

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