

Bull Town Bulletins

By
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ON THE EVE OF the kickoff of the state lottery, which was adopted in part to help the state's sagging coffers, we are reminded of a story we read some years ago that pointed out that if Texas' early leaders had responded to the offer of a famous inventor, we might be paying little if any state taxes today.

Jack Maguire, author of the longtime feature, "Talk of Texas," pointed out that if President Mirabeau B. Lamar of the Republic of Texas, or Sam Houston as governor, had responded to an offer by inventor Samuel F.B. Morse, the state might have been considerably better off financially.

In 1838, Morse offered his new invention, which he called the "electromagnetic telegraph" to the fledgling republic as a gift. At that time Morse had already developed the special code system of dots and dashes which still bears his name, and had a working model of the telegraph.

Morse had become good friends with Memucan Hunt, who was minister to the United States from the Republic of Texas. He apparently learned from Hunt that the new republic was destitute, and seeking revenue from any means possible.

In April of 1839, Hunt wrote a letter to President Lamar telling him about Morse's written offer. But for some reason or other, Texas never formally accepted the gift of the new invention.

Why the gift was not accepted is a big mystery. It is assumed that even with new republics, some "red tape" exists.

It is a well-documented fact that the new nation of Texas fell so deeply in debt that this hastened its decision to join the union, and give up on its public status. In fact, it wasn't until the Compromise of 1850, at which time the state received \$10 million for relinquishing claims to a vast area of land that now is part of some five states, that Texas ever managed to dig itself out of debt.

It had been estimated that if the gift had been accepted, the worldwide royalties, by the year 1916, would have been large enough to pay all of the expenses of the state government.

It also was expected that the continuing royalties might have created a permanent endowment fund that, if invested properly, could have saved state taxpayers millions of dollars.

Presidents Lamar and Houston--you let us down! Why couldn't you have answered Morse's letter?!!

WE HEARTILY ENDORSE the action by the higher courts in recent weeks that led to the execution this week of Roger Keith Coleman in Virginia, convicted of the rape and murder of his sister-in-law in 1981.

The appellate courts have decided to place a limit on the number of appeals that can be filed on behalf of criminals on death row, and to tighten up other rules in this regard.

In effect, this should eventually cut down on the number of murderers and other criminals that we as taxpayers are supporting for years while they make a mockery of our legal system.

For far too long, the crooks and criminals have had all the rights, and crime victims have had very little.

It is heartening to see this small step toward justice taken. Perhaps there is hope for our system yet.

HAIL AND FAREWELL... By this time next week, we'll have developed a new habit for late-night television viewing.

Johnny Carson ends his 30-year reign as king of the talk show hosts this Friday.

Johnny and Ye Editor have some numbers in common, but we'll wait until out next "turn" to bore you with those details!

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: Man is distinguished from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter.

BHS Athletes Win Three State Medals

Bovina High School's three athletes each won a silver medal at last weekend's state meet, but they had to battle the elements about as much as they did their opposition.

A near-monsoon hit the Austin area during the state track and field meet, and the rain caused a delay in virtually every final event, and then contributed to a wet track for the participants.

Corey Kirkpatrick placed second in the 300-meter hurdles race; Cain



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

Mustangs Get Forfeit Playoff Win

The Mustang baseballers, who qualified for bi-district in their first season, got an unexpected gift this week when Briscoe decided to forfeit rather than play their scheduled bi-district game with Bovina.

The forfeit win puts Bovina into the area round of the playoffs. They will play the winner of Lorraine vs Eula either next Tuesday or Thursday at a neutral site.

"We would rather have played the game, but we're pleased about getting to advance," said Coach Rock Stanley, who had his team play three practice games this week.

School Winds Up

Bovina Schools will dismiss Wednesday, May 27, which is the last regular day of the 1991-92 school term.

Post Office Celebrates Olympic Spirit Week

The United States Postal Service, along with the United States Olympic Committee, has designated the week of May 11 through May 17 as "U.S. Olympic Spirit Week." The objectives are: to focus attention on the Olympic spirit and raise funds for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team; and

To establish a community ground swell of support for the Olympic athletes competing in the Olympic Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain; and

To allow community members to join their local post office in an Olympic celebration; and

To send our community's best wishes to the athletes competing in Barcelona, Spain, by signing a piece of the world's largest postcard and sending postcards of our own to the team; and

Whereas, schools, teachers, students, civic and social groups, business and trade organizations will participate in striving to attain these objectives.

The Bovina Post Office had their big celebration on Thursday, May 14, with many participants.

Honored guests were the fifth grade classes and their teachers; Mrs. Brenda Wilson; Bob Owen; and grade school principal, Mrs. Nuttall.

Neal placed second in the shot put, and Donna Griggs took runnerup in the high jump. Miss Griggs was going after her second possible medal in the girls' 300-meter hurdles, but slipped on the wet track and fell.

Kirkpatrick's hurdles race was scheduled for 8:50 p.m., but was not started until 11:30 p.m. A lengthy delay is particularly hard on the running event contestants, and making matters worse was the fact that the moisture from the rain drains into the first lane, and that is the lane the Mustang star had drawn.

Kirkpatrick and the runner who placed first both hit their first hurdle, but then came on strong. He had made up his stagger disadvantage by the time he rounded the curve, and then ran away from the rest of the field, in spite of his very wet lane.

"For what he had to work with, he did remarkably well. I had told him to try to block out the elements and just do his best. It's great to see a kid get a medal who has worked so hard," Coach Bobby Ventura said.

Kirkpatrick's time was 39.4. There was a one-second difference between first and second, and about a half-second between Corey's time and third place.

Neal also was affected by the wet track, since he uses a "spin move"

in throwing the shot put. His first throw was 40 feet, and his second was 45. On his third, he launched the ball 49 feet, nine inches, which was the toss that won him his medal. His fourth and final throw was around 47 feet.

The winner had thrown 51-1-3/4, and Ventura figured that was within Cain's reach "on a dry field." The other contestants used the conventional throwing style.

"When you're willing to pay the price, great things happen. I feel privileged to have coached two of the greatest athletes to have come out of Bovina High School," Ventura said.

Miss Griggs, who had placed third in the state meet a year ago, cleared 5-4 to capture the second-place medal. First place was won by Teresa Vaughn of Bronte, who set a class A state record with a leap of 5-8.

She had the fifth-best qualifying time in the hurdles race, and was running well when she slipped on the wet turf and fell. "Donna wasn't going to settle for anything less than first, and was doing her best. I'm very proud of her for being willing to take the chance and competing like a champion all season. She has represented Bovina extremely well," said Coach Robison.



Highway Project Reviewed

Progress on Highway 60 construction was discussed this week by Rhea Bradley, resident engineer for the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation.

"The project between Friona and Bovina is ahead of schedule. The portion of the highway east of Friona is slightly behind schedule, but is catching up," said Bradley.

"You couldn't ask for any better cooperation than we have had from the businesses along the highway. We realize that they have been affected by this project, but they have been very understanding," Bradley said.

The portion of the highway east of Friona to the Deaf Smith County line is due to be finished by October of 1992.

The new (southbound) lanes between Friona and Bovina are scheduled to be finished by the end of this calendar year. When they are finished, the contractor will then tear up the old lanes, which will be the northbound portion of the four-lane, and re-construct it.

Baseball Tryouts Are Slated

Youngsters are needed to sign up for baseball if Bovina is to have a baseball league this summer.

Tryouts have been changed to Tuesday, May 26 at 6 p.m.

The age groups are: Bronco, 11-12 year olds; Pinto, 7-8 year olds; Shetland, 5-6 year olds; Mustang, 9-10 year olds; and girls softball, 7-12 years old.

City Hall To Close

The City Hall in Bovina will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Doors will open at the usual time on Tuesday, May 26.



BAND HONOREES--Those students receiving awards recently at the Bovina School Band Concert are: (back row, left-right) James Grisham, Johnny Dopp, Tammy Stormes and Jay Grisham; (front row) Mona Martinez Quiroga, Lori Beauchamp, Paulene Borquez and Derrick Vanegas.

CHEERLEADERS HONORED....The cheerleaders were honored at the Athletic Banquet for their dedication and hard work. Pictured (left-right) are Stephanie Rackley, Ione Molinar, Nancy Vargas, Donna Griggs, Kim Kirkpatrick and Brooke Charles.



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



CROWNED....James Grisham and Mona Martinez Quiroga were honored as Band King and Queen at the spring concert held Thursday, May 14. James is the son of Richard and Velma Grisham and Mona is the daughter of Johnny and Ellice Martinez.



PENNY JOHNSON and LARENCE BURKLOW... Phillip and Frances Johnson of Bovina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Penny, to Larence Burklow of McCamey, Texas. He is the son of Diane Griffith and Larry Burklow. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, June 20 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bovina. The bride-elect is a graduate of Bovina High School. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Lubbock Coronado High School and is employed by Curtis Construction in San Antonio. No invitations are being mailed locally.



BOYS HONORED....Among those honored at the Athletic Banquet were (left to right) Brian Stanley, Rusty Venable, Cain Neal, Darren Hromas, Hector Guevara, Corey Kirkpatrick and Leonel Salazar.

REFLECTIONS

....from The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago-May 28, 1957

Bovina people were scared, alarmed, and/or excited, depending on the individual, Friday morning shortly before noon when a tornado, and possibly more than one, was sighted south of town. Citizens were warned of the potential danger by the fire siren. There was, most observers felt, little doubt that the destructive winds would miss the city of Bovina. However, it was close enough to town--some two or three miles--to offer much potential danger.

J.W. Wright was elected president of Bovina Lions Club in a regular bi-monthly meeting Thursday night at Bovina Restaurant. Wright has served as Tail Twister for the past year.

Saturday afternoon Boost Bovina Drawings are no more, Bovina Jaycees, who sponsored the drawings through the cooperation of local merchants, decided at a recent meeting to terminate the drawings because of lack of merchant participation.

30 Yrs. Ago-May 31, 1962

Bovina and Parmer County voters will join those in the rest of the state in a trip to Dallas Saturday for the second time in as many months. The election this week is the second Democratic primary.

T.O. Lesly, who farms near Hub and is a member of Bovina Roping Club, suffered a broken leg while practicing calf roping Sunday afternoon. The accident occurred at the club's arena west of Bovina.

Signing-up of property owners for Bovina's latest proposed paving project is nearing completion. Alderman Alvin Glasscock, who had been helping with sign-up work with several other volunteers, said this week that only 12 property owners are yet to be signed for the street improvements.

25 Yrs. Ago-May 31, 1967

Bovina's city council, in an action-taking mood during a special meeting Monday night, voted to bring Bovina Cemetery under the city's jurisdiction. In the action of the cemetery, the council was answering a request by officers of Bovina Cemetery Association--for the city to assume control of the burial grounds.

American Legion of Bovina placed American flags on the graves of men buried in Bovina Cemetery who served their country during time of war when the nation observed Memorial Day Tuesday.

About 40 miles of U.S. Highway 60 will receive a new seal coat of asphalt and gravel in the

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next few weeks, according to the Texas Highway Department.

Rev. J.B. Fowler, Jr. was returned to Bovina Methodist Church when appointments were read Thursday at the Northwest Texas Conference annual meeting in Abilene.

Fourteen Bovina student artists of Dean F. Merritt will exhibit their paintings in the Student Art Exhibition to be held Sunday, June 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Clovis Youth Center.

20 Yrs. Ago-May 31, 1972

Mustang Theatre, after being closed for the past few years, will be open on weekends this summer, beginning this week.

The Bovina High School Senior Class of 1972, numbering 34, marched across the stage of Bovina Schools auditorium and received diplomas Friday night.

Mrs. Gwen Clements, local piano, organ and theory teacher, was installed as president of Panhandle Music Teachers Association in Amarillo Tuesday, May 16.

Annual meeting of stockholders of Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc., was held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina.

The longest day of the year--June 22--when the sun never sets in Alaska and her neighboring countries--21 scouts from Oklahoma Lane, Farwell, Texico and their sponsors plan to view the spectacular midnight sun at Anchorage, Alaska.

15 Yrs. Ago-June 1, 1977

Eugene Griffin has been named the new manager for Southwestern Public Service Company in Bovina. The announcement was made by Jake Webb, district manager in Hereford, and will become effective July 1.

It has been announced that Heidi Corn Shelby, a junior at McMurry University, Abilene, Texas, has been placed on the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.86. Mrs. Shelby is a

graduate of Bovina High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corn of Bovina.

10 Yrs. Ago-May 26, 1982

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

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

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

graduates of Bovina.

5 Yrs. Ago-May 27, 1987

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

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

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

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

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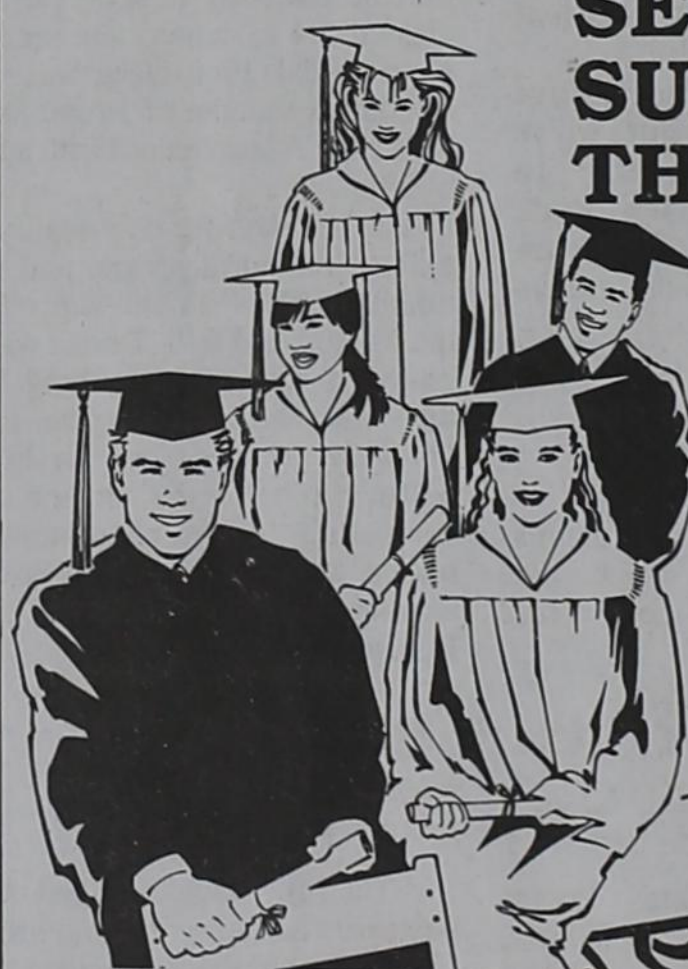
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Extension Homemakers Council Met May 12

The Parmer County Extension Homemakers Council met Tuesday evening, May 12 at the Rhea-Hollene Activity Center at Rhea.

Cecelia Schueler, chairman, called the meeting to order. One visitor, Gay Taylor of Rhea, was recognized. The roll call was answered by Mary E. Steelman and Christine Cupit of Bovina; Glenda Sifford, Mary Reed and Carla Mann of Friona; Cecelia Schueler and Gay Taylor of Rhea; and Debbie Pollard of Farwell, County Extension Agent-Home Economics.

Minutes of the March meeting were read by Christine Cupit.

Local Dr. Member Of AAFP

Dr. Robert S. Alexander of Friona has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

The requirements call for members to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years. The Academy, the country's largest medical specialty association with more than 69,000 members, was the first national medical group to require members to keep up with medical progress through continuing education.

Dr. Robert S. Alexander has been an AAFP Active member since 1970. As a family physician, Dr. Alexander is qualified to work in all major medical areas and trained to treat up to 90% of all patients. Family physicians care for all family members—all ages and both sexes.

The Academy, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, was instrumental in establishing the medical specialty of family practice in 1960. The Academy is the advocate for patients and endeavors to educate the public in all health-related matters.

Mary E. Steelman gave the treasurer's report. She had mailed the checks for the winners of the 1991 Parmer County Fair.

Mrs. Schueler reported on old business. Some money raised at the Christmas Bazaar was used for the sound system at the Community Center in Friona in January 1992.

Projects for 1993 were suggested: a room to keep the chairs and tables in at the building and possibly a small freezer.

The community building has been booked for the 1992 Christmas in November Bazaar to be held Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14.

Programs were planned. A group is needed to be in charge of the concession stand for two days. If you or a group are interested in this project, please contact Carla Mann at 247-3298 or 247-3250; Cecelia Schueler, 295-3855; or Mary E. Steelman, 238-1252.

The council will serve refreshments at the County 4-H Fashion Show to be held at Prairie Acres in Friona on Saturday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and see what the 4-H youngsters have made.

Debbie Pollard, agent, gave information about a name change of Extension Homemakers Clubs to Family Community Education in the future. The various clubs and council will apply for state tax numbers since we are all part of a non-profit organization, the Texas Extension Homemakers Association.

The council will meet Tuesday, August 25 at 8 p.m. at the Community Room of Friona State Bank. Club leaders taking the training for the September club programs, "When Food Is Out Of Order," will meet there the same evening at 7 p.m.

Carla Mann, Parmer County T.E.H.A. chairman, called a short meeting. The club reports need to be kept up to date to turn in to her in December. The dues of \$4.00 per member will be due by January 1, 1993.



PRAIRIE ACRES HONOREES--Ina Coker, pictured at left, was honored as "Resident of the Month" in April at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. She has resided there for two years. She is posing happily here with Patti Widner, who has worked in housekeeping and laundry for the past seven and one-half years. This month's honoree for "Resident of the Month" is Lora Mae McFarland, pictured at right. She has also lived at Prairie Acres for two years. Shown with Lora Mae is Maggie Torres, who has been a nurses aide for the past six years.

Airport Meeting Slated

Airports and aviation needs of communities in Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall and Swisher counties will be discussed at 10 a.m., May 20, in the meeting room of First National Bank, 300 N. Main, Hereford.

PCS Adds To Service

Panhandle Community Service is extending utility assistance through its Energy Crisis program for electricity and gas bills. This is extended to the low income, handicapped, elderly and disadvantaged/disabled families in Parmer County.

Office hours are Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Farwell office hours are Fridays only from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at 401 Third St. Friona location is 703 Main. Contact Mary Alice Trevino at 247-2037.

Area Receives Overdue Rain

The Friona-Bovina area received its first significant moisture for the month of May, and topped the inch mark in many areas for the first time since late March.

The rainfall came on the evening of Wednesday, May 20, and was fairly general although very light to the west and in the Rhea community.

Friona's official measurement was 1.58 inches, and Bovina received 1.1 inches, according to Maggie Moore, weather recorder.

Keith Garner, who farms north of Bovina, reported 1.4 inches, and the same amount was reported by Jerry Roach, four miles south of Bovina.

Coleman Moseley, who farms three miles east of Bovina, received an inch, although Les McCain, whose place is four miles west of Bovina, had just .4 inch.

Most farmers in the Friona area reported around an inch of rain, and Floyd Reeve said he received something over an inch southeast of town.

W.M. Massie said he received .8 inch three miles north of Friona. Reports in the Hub area indicated .7 to .8 inches of rain in that area.

The moisture should be just

right for the young rowcrops, most of which are up and looking good. However, it could have come earlier to have been beneficial to what had started out to be a bumper wheat crop. The scanty moisture received during the past two months undoubtedly will adversely affect the wheat crop's yield, although the later wheat could be helped by this week's rainfall.

Temperatures

Date	Hi-Low
Saturday, May 11	87-53
Sunday, May 16	80-53
Monday, May 17	80-53
Tuesday, May 18	83-55
Wednesday, May 19	80-55
Thursday, May 20	78-54
Friday, May 21	77-54

Defensive Driving

Central Plains MH/MR, operating under Texas Safety Association license #605, will be offering a Defensive Driving Course on May 26 and May 28 at 715 Main, Friona.

Class will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. It is an eight-hour course and attendance is required both evenings.

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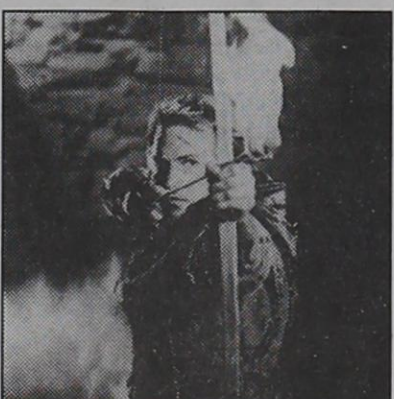
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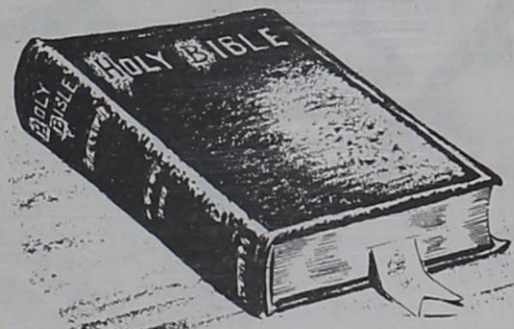
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BY JOHN LEHTI

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MANY OF THE IMPORTANT MEN IN THE BIBLE WERE VISITED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD. MOSES, JOSHUA, ELISHA, ETC. WHEN THE PRESENCE OF GOD WAS FELT THE PARTICIPANTS WERE WARNED THAT THEY WERE TREADING ON HOLY GROUND AND WERE CAUTIONED TO TAKE OFF THEIR SHOES AS AN ACT OF REVERENCE, HUMILITY, AND OBEDIENCE. MOSES, WHEN HE VISITED THE BURNING BUSH, WAS TOLD BY THE VOICE OF GOD TO TAKE OFF HIS SANDALS. (EXODUS 3:5) JOSHUA, OUTSIDE OF JERICHO, WAS INSTRUCTED ALSO TO LAY ASIDE HIS WAR BOOTS AS HE LISTENED TO THE VOICE OF THE ANGEL. (JOSHUA 5:15) THE ESSENCE OF THIS PHYSICAL ACT CAN BE OBSERVED TODAY BY THE PETITIONER IN PRAYER TO GOD.



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By LINDA MARSHALL



U.S. OLYMPIC SPIRIT WEEK....Shown are the fifth grade students that helped raise the flag: Brenda Wilson, who sang the national anthem; fifth grade teachers; Bob Martin, who is holding the Olympic torch, and Miss Sealey; grade school principal, Mrs. Nuttall; alderman, Bob Owen; and postmaster, Laura Bartlett.



OLYMPIC SPIRIT WEEK--This week was observed to focus attention on the Olympic Spirit and to raise funds for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team. Employees of the Post Office decorated with different sport uniforms and equipment. Refreshments were served to the guests who visited throughout the week. Pictured left to right are: Sandra Ware, Laura Bartlett and Cathy Shields.

Dorothy Ellison's oldest brother, R. G. Brown, and his wife, Maxine, were her over the weekend. They live in Phoenix, Arizona.

Paul, another brother, and his wife, Janie Brown, came Saturday from Hale Center. They enjoyed visiting and going to church together. R.G. and Maxine left Monday to go to Hale Center to stay with Paul and Janie.

Everyone in Bovina may already know this little bit of news but I just found it out and wanted to share it with you. There is a Playmore Club in Bovina made up of eight widows.

They meet every third Monday at one of the member's homes to eat supper and play 42. Dorothy said they eat at 6:30 and play 42 until they get tired. Sounds like a lot of fun.

Joe and Esther Steelman have had company over the weekend. Esther's brother from Germany, Adam Mejia, is here and will probably stay until Friday. Also Esther's mom, Patsy, and her two sisters from Memphis were here.

Justin, Delilah, Esther's sister, and Rachael Lemons from Childress were here. They enjoyed going to church and just visiting.

A.M. and Mary Jane Wilson have just returned from a week-long trip to Ruidoso. While they were there they had a family get-together with Rodney, Suzanne, Adam and Kip Murphy; Pam, Kasey, and Will Bell.

Mary Jane said the boys enjoyed fishing and playing golf. When they first got to Ruidoso, they stayed with Wendol and Royce Christian and then moved to their share time house. Mary Jane said they visited with Cap and Sue Neagle and enjoyed the horse races.

Virginia Steele was one of the lucky mothers to have all her children home on Mothers Day. Those that were here included Charolotte and son Larry Acker from Nazareth; Delbert, Tish, Nicki, and Darren Morris from Tulsa; Jay, Krita, Nicole, Kyle, and Ryan Potts from Rhea; Jerry Don from Texico; Tommy, Bonnie, and Blake Scaff from Bovina.

Virginia said they visited and ate and just had a good time.

Aunt Edna Estes had surgery on Wednesday, May 6, at Mission, Texas. She stayed with her son, Kenneth, while recuperating. Kenneth lives at Mission where he works with the Rio Grande Children's Home.

Susie Smith went down to Coleman over the weekend to see Uncle Herman and Aunt Edna. Susie said that her mother was getting along O.K.

Susie also told me that the Cornerstone singers from the Rio Grande Children's Home in Mission were going to be here on June 14, to sing at the morning worship services at the First Baptist Church. They will be on a two week concert tour.

As of this writing, Jon Lin Riddle had open heart surgery and is still in ICU at High Plains Baptist. I talked to Brenda this morning and he is getting along right on schedule.

In case you didn't know, the angioplasty did not work so this caused Jon to have surgery on Sunday morning.

HIP! HIP! HOORAH! Our three track stars did themselves proud at the state track meet. Corey, Cain, and Donna all came home with silver medals. The weather did not cooperate at all but our three stars did not let this dampen their spirits; they stayed in there and came out WINNERS!

Bovina has always been very good to support our youth at athletic events. The state track meet was no exception.

Those that went to give support included: Lily Behrendsen; Debra Campbell; Carol and Brandon Glasscock; Randy Kirkpatrick; Garry, Carolyn, Jennifer, Richard, and Gina Beauchamp; Tom Beauchamp; Grady and Dorothy Sorley; Brenda Griggs; Sherrie and Brandi Ventura; Tony, Dottie, and Byron Neal; Mindy Scheffler; Kody and Mandy Wilson; Lance

McClaran; Brooke Charles; Sally Noriega; Kory Mitchel; Marion and Dixie Carson; Joan Strawn; Robbie Mersiosky; Mike, Debra, Angela, Lori, and Tony Beauchamp.

If someone was left out I am sorry but you know it is hard to remember everyone that you see or may have even seen them. Coach Ventura wanted to thank everyone for all the support that was given to the boys and Donna.

The 1991-92 school year is coming to a close and to the graduating seniors I just want to say congratulations and good luck in the future. To the eighth grade graduates, I want you to work hard in high school and get that diploma.

The Bovina Eighth Grade took their field trip on Friday, May 8. They went to Lubbock to the Science Spectrum where there was a special presentation on Christopher Columbus and a special promotion on animals.

They also enjoyed a movie,

Athletes Receive Sendoff

The Bovina Booster Club hosted a send-off for the community's three track stars on Thursday, May 14. The event was held in the field house with refreshments of milk, coffee, juice and doughnuts being served to approximately seventy-five people.

Decorations included a good luck balloon bouquet on the table with posters that said, "Go 4 the Gold" and "You Can Make It Happen." At 8:35, the school's Suburban pulled out with everyone wishing them good luck.

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Moudy, Mike, Dalene Sims and boys; Pat, Suzanne Sims and boys; Scott Sims; and Bessie Trimble.

Congratulations to Kenneth and Arla Waters on the birth of their new baby boy. He was born May 13, 1992 at 2:14 p.m. The bouncing baby boy was named Reagan Cole Waters, and he has an older brother, Corben.

Quote for the week: "I must do something" will always solve more problems than "Something must be done."

Jr. High Students Are Recognized

The Bovina Junior High Awards Assembly was held Wednesday, May 13, in the High School Auditorium. Those receiving awards were:

Sixth grade science--Tony Beauchamp; seventh grade life science--Amber Willard.

Eighth grade earth science--Henry Renteria; impromptu speaking--Jason Kerby.

Eighth grade american history--Angie Uriegas; UIL modern oratory--Carmen Campos, Henry Renteria, and Angie Uriegas.

Sixth grade math--George Villarreal; seventh grade math--Melanie Jansen; eighth grade math--Kevin Mitchell.

Most improved boy in math--Jose Perez; most improved girl in math--Carmen Campos.

Sixth grade English--Luke Steeman; computer literacy II, first semester--Jose Perez; second semester--Angie Uriegas.

Keyboarding, first semester--Norma Hernandez; second semester--Wanda Munoz.

Reading improvement--Geneva

Gomez; social studies--Maricela Guevara.

Computer literacy I, first semester--Nora Uriegas; second semester--Lennie Brito and Lori Beauchamp.

Sixth grade reading--Priscilla Martinez and Pauline Borquez. Seventh grade English--Lisa Hromas; eighth grade English--Jay Grisham. Jr. High Citizenship--Jay Grisham and Angie Uriegas.

Soil conservation essay winners, first place--Mandy Wilson; second place--Jay Grisham; third place--Amber Willard; fourth place--Henry Renteria.

Certificates of Merit were presented to National Spelling Bee participants.

UIL ribbons were presented. Junior High Teacher Award for Best All Around Boy and Girl--Henry Renteria and Mandy Wilson.

Students receiving perfect attendance were: George Villarreal, Jason Kerby, Pablo Martinez, Nora Uriegas, Marlee Balderrama, Carmen Campos, and Angie Uriegas.

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All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures.

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Wages paid on this project must be no less than the general prevailing rates of wages. A detailed wage scale is included in the Specifications.

Instructions to Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications, Plans, and other contract documents may be obtained from MERRIMAN & BARBER Consulting Engineers, Inc., 117 N. Frost St., Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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High School Students Honored At Assembly

The Bovina High School's Awards Assembly was held Wednesday, May 13, in the High School Auditorium. Those receiving awards were: U.I.L. Science--Jamie Graves, Cain Neal, Hugo Renteria, Darren Hromas, Tobyn Dyer, and Kody Wilson.

Physical Science academic achievement--Roberta Borquez and Richard Beauchamp; "Mad Scientist"--Cynthia Reyna and Brooke Charles.

Biology I academic achievement--Johnny Dopp and Kody Wilson; "Mad Scientist"--Celia Marin and Matt Hromas.

Biology II academic achievement--Mark Jansen; "Mad Scientist"--Marisela Reyna.

Chemistry I academic achievement--Darren Hromas; "Mad Scientist"--Nita Marshall; introduction to biology--Laura Saenz and Geno Hernandez.

Algebra I outstanding student, second period--Maria Perez; fifth period--Henry Renteria; hardest working student--Cynthia Reyna.

Consumer math outstanding student--Marsha De La Cruz; CLA III--Maria Perez; CLA IV--Myriam Robles.

English III--Darren Hromas; English IV--Nita Marshall; creative writing--Jamie Graves.

Speech--Gina Villarreal; theatre arts--Myriam Robles; practical writing--Norma Flores; literary merit award--Jamie Graves.

One Act Play participants--Pedro Castillo, Jamie Graves, Rusty Venable, Nita Marshall, Rodney Shepherd, Stephanie Rackley, Grace Uriegas, Darren Hromas, Cain Neal, Myriam Robles, Crystal Trim, Jo Linda Hodnett, Roberta Borquez, and Brooke Charles.

English II--Matt Hromas; English I, third period--Roberta Borquez; fifth period--Kody Wilson.

CLA II--Geno Hernandez; CLA I--Leticia Hernandez; poet laureate--Cory Graves; best haiku--Angela Beauchamp.

Best Limerick--Roberta Borquez; best sonnet--James Grisham.

Drug essay contest, first place--Ceila Marin; second place--Donnie Estridge.

Student Aide--Patricia Silva and Kory Mitchell; UIL ready writing--Hugo Renteria, Cain Neal and Kory Mitchell.

UIL spelling--Kory Mitchell and Matt Hromas; UIL news writing--Nita Marshall, Tobyn Dyer and Kory Mitchell.

UIL headline writing--Kory Mitchell, Tobyn Dyer and Andy Espinoza; UIL editorial writing--Nita Marshall, Hugo Renteria and Cain Neal.

UIL feature writing--Nita Marshall, Cain Neal and Donnie Estridge; UIL current events--Donnie Estridge, Kody Wilson and Andy Espinoza; UIL literary criticism--Andy Espinoza.

Gifted and Talented government and economics award--Stephanie Rackley and Kody Wilson.

Foods awards, unusual creativity--Cris Cowger; outstanding achievement--Heno Hernandez and Nita Marshall; outstanding creativity--Cain Neal.

Consumer Education outstanding achievement--Dominga Marin; comprehensive homemaking--Richard Beauchamp, Aracely Nieto, and Brooke Charles.

Housing outstanding improvement--Alma Guevara; outstanding achievement--Rodney Shepherd; Casanova awards--Kory Mitchell, Manny Saiz and Izzy Marufo.

Student Council, Executive Council: president--Grace Uriegas; vice president--Mark Jansen; secretary--J.J. Arias.

Members: Don Estridge, Cory Graves, Darren Hromas, Melissa Rodriguez, Darla Stormes; most responsible committee chairman--Stephanie Rackley.

Outstanding achievement F.O.M.--Elaine Bishop; algebra II--Darren Hromas; Spanish I--Matt Hromas and Kody Wilson; Spanish II--Darren Hromas, Cain Neal and Grace Uriegas; Spanish III--Marisela Reyna.

Linda Lewis awards 1992: pre-algebra--Norma Flores; geometry--Matt Hromas; geometry--Celia Marin; student aide--JoLinda Hodnett; computer math--Corey Kirkpatrick; pre-calculus--Jamie Graves; annual staff--Leticia Arias.

UIL Participation Awards:

Typing I--Stephanie Rackley, Felicia Flores and Richard Beauchamp; accounting--Grace Uriegas, Pedro Castillo and Ione Molinar.

Computer science--Jamie Graves, Cain Neal and Hugo Renteria.

Classroom awards: Typing I--Stephanie Rackley; recordkeeping--Isabel Marrufo and Marsha Delacruz; accounting--Grace Uriegas; typing II/word processing--Pedro Castillo.

Computer keyboarding--Julia Castillo, Leticia Hernandez, and Aracely Nieto; introduction to computer programming--Sally Noriega; data processing--Jolinda Hodnett and Crystal Trim; microcomputer applications--Jamie Graves, Hugo Renteria and Cain Neal.

Introduction to world agriculture science and applied agriculture science technology--Kody Wilson; pre-vocational agriculture science--David Carlyle and Kevin Mitchell.

Wildlife and recreation management--Andy Stormes; home maintenance and improvement--Angel Porras; agriculture metal fabrication technology--Rusty Venable and Jose Silva.

Agriculture power technology--Cesar Marquez; introduction to agriculture mechanics--Sammy Rodriguez.

Animal Science--Darla Stormes; landscape design, construction and maintenance--Tobyn Dyer.



GIRLS HONORED...Among those honored at the Athletic Banquet were (standing, left-right) Brooke Charles, Alma Guevara, Stephanie Rackley, Teresa Stone, Cindy Quintana and Kim Kirkpatrick; (sitting) Ione Molinar, Donna Griggs and Sally Noriega.



POSTAGE STAMP WINNERS...The fifth grade students that won the Olympic postage stamp contest are (left to right) Evangelina Casas, second place; Derrick Vanegas, first place; and Ryan Dyer, third place.

Looking Up!

By Richard L. Grisham

Our community is blessed with many good things. At the top of the list is people! Have you stopped to consider all the good, kind folk in our town? If you start counting them one by one (like the hymn about counting blessings), it will surprise you how many wonderful people live right here in Bovina, Texas.

H-m-m-m! Where shall we begin? Let's start with our senior citizens. After all, they have been here the longest! I will not mention any names because I would not want to leave one of them out. But we do have a great group of senior adults around town. Most of them are members of our Senior Citizens group. They meet regularly for fun, fellowship, and to help each other out. I do believe every single one of them would do anything they could to help you if you were in need. They support our town in many ways. Most of them are faithful church members. Many of them get around to visit folk who are sick or in the hospital. Others are always the first to call or send a card of concern. Our Senior

Citizens also do a lot of projects together, such as making quilts or crafts, to support some local projects, or to raise money for some good cause. And they often go places together just to be together as friends! Yes, our senior adults are a real blessing to our town. And they always seem to have the time to stop and talk to you, probably because they have lived long enough to know that our relationships with others are our greatest assets. Our senior citizens are truly a great bunch of folks.

Some of the best people I know are among our teachers, faculty, administration, and support staff at our public schools. I know my children have always received fair treatment and have been blessed by some super teachers. Many have gone "the second mile" for them. I have also found our local educators to be very willing to work with parents when a problem arises. Our school board members have also been very approachable when ever concerns have surfaced. We may not always agree with every decision they make, but I do believe they have the best interest of our children at heart. If what I have seen and heard about other schools across our country is true, then we are indeed blessed at BISD! We are always free to criticize, but we had better look on the positive side too!

And what about our youth? I can think of some pretty great young people from all the various ethnic groups that make up our community, who participate in our local churches, and who are trying hard to be responsible kids. Sure they are young. Sometimes they act in haste, make unwise decisions, or forget to remember! But, hey! I was young once myself (surprised?). So were you! (Double surprise!!) Sure, there are a few youth that get into trouble and give the rest of our young people a bad name. But over all, we have some good kids. They deserve our love and our encouragement. Where would Bovina be without the youth that give us hope for the future?

Finally, there is you. Yes, you! You are a part of what makes Bovina a great place to live! So keep up the good work and keep on being a part of the blessing that makes our town special. You keep Bovina looking up!

School Lunch Menu

Week of May 25-27
MONDAY--lasagna, carrots, corn, rolls, fruit and milk.
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It's A Boy For Couple

Kenneth and Arla Waters are parents of a baby boy, Regan Cale, born May 13 at 2:14 p.m. at the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The infant weighed eight pounds, fourteen and one-half ounces and measured twenty inches long.

The couple has another son, Corben, who is two and one-half years old.

Grandparents are Don and Carolyn Waters of Hereford and great-grandparents are Walker and Edna Freeman of Follett, Texas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

May 27--Estella Ortiz, Rock Stanley.

May 31--Tomas Fuentes, Jr. (Editor's note: If someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Bovina Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so that members of the community may wish them a Happy Birthday!)

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL DELEON

This week, we want to welcome Elda Hathcock from Amarillo to our home.

I want to mention again how much the residents are enjoying being able to sit out on the patio. Along with the clean up, new furniture, painting of the fence and the beautiful weather, it was well worth the effort and hard work to make this possible for them.

Thank-you's this week go to: Lucy Beth Hinkle for the home-made cookies she brought to the nurses for Nurses Appreciation Week; Betty Phipps for the delicious brownies she made and brought for the staff; Boy Scouts for the sliced tomatoes and onions; Mr. Holley for all his hard work around our yard to help keep it looking attractive; First Baptist Church of Friona for recording and bringing up the worship service and for having hair care this week; 6th Street Church of Christ for having hair care last week; and Friona Methodist Church for the carnations that they shared with us on Mother's Day.

Several residents (around thirteen) had a real good time at the Senior Citizens luncheon. As always, the food, visits and entertainment were delightful.

For the month of May, we selected Ina Coker as "Resident of the Month" and Patti Widner was voted "Employee of the Month."

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In memory of Dean Blackburn: Dale and Jane Houlette.

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