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 VBS Starts Next Weekouglas Schwartz Donna McGillis. (Editor's Mote: the Bovina Blade will publish
pictures and profiles of new pictures and profiles of new
BISD personnel in later issues.)
At the July 5 board
meeting, the board presented meeting, the board presented award to Ron Carr, Bovina
Blade editor, for the newsBlade editor, for the news-
paper's "ongoing responsible and exemplary nature of public schools."
Band Director Bill Shelly
and assistant Jim Barnard and assistant Jim Barnard were publictanding work in the Bovina ISD music program.
The board approved a bid from Maynard and Associates
of $\$ 9,788$ for student accident of $\$ 9,788$ for student accident
insurance and $\$ 549$ for 2001-02 school year. Student The $2001-2002$ Studen
Handbook and the Studen
Code of Conduct was appro Code of Conduct was appro-
ved; the teacher appaisal
calendar was set; also the 2001-02 Employee Handbook
and the District Advanced and the District Advanced
Academic Services Plan were In a final item, the board hired Tanya Moron
kindergarten teacher The 2001 school board
president is Justin Brozek. Other board members are George Villarreal, Vicente
Loe, Josie Alonzo-Coffey,
Susan Kerby, Rick Jamerson and Joe Steelman. Superintendent is Michael
Downes. School principals are Downes. School principals are
K'Dawn Scroggins, high
school; Matt Branstine, midschool; Matt Branstine, mid-
dle school; and Darla Sealey,

## Bovinans Enjoy Holiday Festivities



ACCEPTING a statewide Media Honor Roll award at
ACCEPTING a statewide Media Honor Roll award at
the July 5 school board meeting is Blade editor Ron Carr, left. Board member Rick Jamerson makes the presentation on behalf of the BISD and the school board. The award is given to local
coverage of public school activities.


A VISIT WITH Congressman Larry Combest was a
highlight of Kelcey Scroggins' Government in highlight of Kelcey Scroggins' Government in
Action Youth Tour. Kelcey, at right above, represented Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative on the report on her trip in the story below.

## Kelcey Scroggins Attends Washington Youth Tour

##  Bruce and $R$ Rawn Scrogins, porticipated din a o outh hour to    Smith Electric Cooperative on Thot orennent in Act ion YOuth Tour in $J$. Youth Tour in fune. It wais definitely an experience I will definitely an experience I will remember throughout my life. <br> lite or was so nare on June nowing anybody and met ing ant anybody and meetthe first people I met was Amy Terry from Friona. We decided to stick together and After trip. <br> we decided to go out and <br> cause everybody was prob- <br> ably just as nervous as we were. We met many different

ody was so nico and every The next morning we
boarded the tour buses and

 The next morning we
finaly arrived in Washintton .C. and that vevening A we ancened at diner perform-
Theatre.
The West End Dinner
Theatre at was a very excitin

 Rural Youth Day where we
 around the U.S.S to hear how


One again the annual
Independence Day celebration
 of the day with the parade,
Chen apar ativities and the
Chamer of Comere and







 won the s15 first place prize
with h his John Deere pedal
prat

 place After the parade locals



 painted for the thaid ay or
Jump in
stantion


TOOTIN' ALONG the July 4 parade route on Third Street were members of the Bovina Schools band, under direction of band director Bill Shelly.


Martinez; large pizza--Travis
Monk. First Bank Bovina,
$\$ 50$ savings bond --Abel





 slo-David Shelby and Stan
Mililer. Kerby
Welding, 12
 (2), Lupe Garcia, D'Lynn
Jamerson;
Kevin's
 watering can-Chad Jennings.




 Murrili, Dovid Curtis and
Don Fortenberry;

## Southwestern Public


 Srittany Montoya, Billy
Smith, Saul Martine,
Christian Rojas, Sylvia
DeLeon (2). Town \& DeLeon (2). Town \&
Country Veterinary Clinic, rabies shot--Sylvia DeLeen
and Dorothy Stowers; The
Bovina Blade, 1 year
sbscription--Francisco Villa vould look at us funny.
 pretty there, but very hot.
We were ready to We were ready to get into an
air-cond itioned
build ing Luckily next on our agenda was the Kern ond Cent tor all was neat ietting to see different countries from around the worile and of
cours. the building was
leautitu
was Later that evening, after visiting the evening, Burau of
Engraving and Print of Engraving and Printing
(where they make the the
money), we got to eat and money), we got to eat and
shop at Union Station.
Unfortunately, while I was shopping I had my wat
stolen right off my wrist. up really fast right behing me and bumped into me my watch was mas missing. It
was pretty scary was pretty scary
That night
That night i was on the
phone to my mom telling her phone to my mom telling her
that it was scary here, the people are not friendly and
they've never heard of Dr. Pepper.......e were definit But I guess I was ju
lucky not to have my mon or purse stolen. The next day
was one of the best parts was one of the best parts of
the trip. I got to meet our
Congressman, Larry Combest. abscription--Francisco illa welcoming to us. He even

## Local Blood Drive

 Set For WednesdayCoffee Memorial Blood Center from Amarillo
will be in Bovina next week Wednesday, July will be in Bovina next week Wednesday, July
18 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Ambulance Center.
Bovina people are asked to please come out and support those who need blood. It could be or you or someone you know.
Donators as reminded to eat a good meal
fore donating.


## Out Here

by Ron Carr

"No To W's Faith-Based Initiative"

We don't have "inner cities" out here in Parmer
County. As folks say in rural
Cole America, if you blink you
miss Bootleg, Lazbuddie and
HI-JINKS AT HI-PRO....Legends are made of cherry pies. Left, V'Lesha Wilcox looks on as Betty Smith delivers her pie to Bill Stovell's kisser. Right,

Legend Of The $\$ 200$ Cherry Pie BY RON CARR It started as a bake sale fundraiser and soon became
the stuff that small town the stuff that sma
legends are made of. V'Lesha Wilcox, , daughter
of Terry and Varla Wilcox, is a member of the West Texas Lady Bulls, a $14-\&$-under
girls AAU basketbill regional AAU Bulls won the Amarillo which qualified them for the National Tournament in Lafayette, Louisiana, it takes 20 . travel to an out-of-state tournament for 10 days. Hence,
the bake sale to raise mone for the trip. legend become entertwined to make the story even better. hard. She would bake pies cookies, cakes, etc., and take them out to sell them. One of where mom, Varla, works. V'Lesh this particular day cake pie as cherry cheesegoodies for sale. The Hi-Pro employees were mulling the price of the pie when, the
legend goes, Eldon Reeb he would give $\$ 50$ to see the face with Bill Stovell in Bill is a 30 -year Hi-Pro ger of Hi-Pro Animal Health In fact yesterday, July 12, hamburger lunch surprise party to celebrate Bill's 30th Anyway, Eldon Reeb's


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Rhea. you watch national
If at all, you know most news at all, you know most
politicians plead for more money and more help for America's "inner cities."' I'm not sure why it is the
responsibility of folks who live responsibility of folks who live
in wide open spaces to send
tax dollars to national polititax dollars to national politi-
cians so they can give it to cians so they can give it to
crooked local politicians in the over-crowded inner cities. The term inner city
never used in a positive never used in a positive way.
When politicians preach about the inner cities, they talk about gangs, poor people,
crumbling schools and crime crumbling schools and crime. inner cities are the pits. The only gardens tended in inner cities grow marijuana Lo hear the politicians tell it). belong to drug dealers (and crooked politicians). The only entertainment for poor fam-
ilies in the inner city is going to church on Sunday and praying for a better life (or
more government money) more government money).
Instead of champagne they drink cheap Mogen David $20 / 20$ wine, "Mad Dog
$20 / 20^{\prime \prime}$ to inner 20/20" to inner city street
people. Instead of toys, inner people. Instead of toys, inner
city kids play with old tires up Sets Meeting

## 8:30 p.m.. The afternoon group meets Wednesdays

 group meets Wednesdays,starting July 25 . August 29
from $1: 00$ p. All sessions will be held in
the Den at the BSA Hospice the Den at the BSA Hospice
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$-212-8777$.
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Politicians say
city siniclans say that inner
six moms who
sing six kids with at least inve
different men can't afford to direrent men can't afford to
Work and pay day care, much
less send the tids less send the kids to school
every day.
The politicians don't seem to think that this single mom should bear any responsibility
for the predicament she is in for the predicament she is in. start with and can't go to the movies, having kids is something to pass the time. Now comes President
George W. Bush with his George W. Bush with his
faith.based initiative. G thinks the federal
government should take a big give it to religious groups and churches so they can feed a higher quality of vegetable
soup to poor homeless folks. soup to poor homeless folks. that are already helping the poor, the drug addict and homeless alcoholic, should be
encouraged to do more for them. He says churches can do a better job of improving
people's lives than the federal government can. Amen to that. The only problem is, W America in favor of his faithbased inititatives.
Most churches are throwing a Mit. Not because they ing a fit. Not because they
don't need money to put a little more meat in the soup.
They say government money They say government money
brings government rules. They say they don't want
bring their soup kitchens up to government standards. They say they don't want big brother watching their every
move. Saving a lost soul sometimes requires a brand of tough love that might not neet government approval. ization or business in America
today, religious groups are
lawsuits filed against them ecause they accidently
mentioned Jesus to a hungry Govim. Government money
breeds fraud. Big hunks of government money begats
bigger hunks of corruption bigger hunks of corruption,
enriching local politicians and leaving hungry people mostly George W's faith based George W's faith based initiative doesn't have a
snow-ball's chance in Hades of passing the House and Senate. Even if it does, relig-
ious groups are not obligated to grab at the government grubstake.
There are so many people
bashing W's faith-based idea if I were him I would idea, national TV and announce that there would be no more government money available
to religious groups. I would look straight at the camera and tell the
church leaders. "I thought it church leaders, "I thought it
was a good idea, but if you was a good idea, but if you
don't want help, fine. The
idea is idea is canceled. Now I need to get back to work for the
American people." Instead, he's Instead, he's running that faith-based initiatives are authorized by the
Declaration of Independence He's attending church block parties and playing touch and delivering speeches near and delivering sp
It's all a touchy-feely
George W., out to convert George W., out to convert Christianity. He's quoting Martin L. King, the Old Testament, and Presidents
Lincoln and Coolidge. He's grinning and joking. None of it is working. After
his round of faith. his round of faith based speeches, he went to Kenne-
bunkport, Maine for a long weekend. Maine for a long Far away from the
nearest inner city

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BENDER CHEVROLET of Clovis had two new Avalanches in the July 4 parade. Below, volley
in the park was popular with the young crowd.
Resource Con./Dev. Office Maintains Friona Location
The USDA's Natural Re- and Western portions of the
ource Conservation Service Texas Panhandle. These has announced that the High counties include Dallam, Plains Resource Conservation
\& Development (RC\&D) Area
Moore, Hutchinson, Hansf Oldham, office will be located in Friona. The office will be housed The office will be housed
in the building vacated by
the NRCS field office and the the NRCS field office and the
Parmer County Soil \& Water Conservation District located
at 1306 West Ninth Street in Friona.
Thomas Reed has been
appointed coordinator of the appointed coordinator of the
High Plains RC\&D Area and will begin full time duties on $\begin{array}{ll}\text { July 16. } & \text { may contact the High Plains } \\ \text { The High Plains RC\&D } \\ \text { RC\&D office at 1306 West } \\ \text { Area consists of sixteen coun- } & \text { Ninth Street, Friona, Texas, }\end{array}$ Pooter, Carson, Deaf Smith Randall, Armstrong, Parmer, Castro and Swisher.
RC\&D Areas are federally funded projects of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and are designed to
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