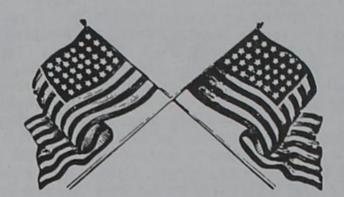
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School Board Has Been Busy in Summer Meetings

force. The summer school session has ended. But the Bovina Independent School District Board of Trustees continue to meet during the summer to attend to BISD business.

Here are some highlights of BISD board meetings held on June 7, June 28 and July 5, 2001.

At the June 7 meeting, the board approved a salary schedule for the Technology Coordinator, approved contracts from the Region 16 Education Service Center for the 2001-02 school year and as the school depository for 2001-03

Band Director Bill Shelly presented proposed band uniforms for consideration; a special budget meeting was Randy Ragland, Brian Jones,

board approved a waiver for three additional staff development days for the 2001-02 Bovina Blade will publish school year.

Executive Session meeting, the board accepted the resignations of Libby Holman, Kendra Cowen, Heather Neal, Richard Engelhardt and Tena award to Ron Carr, Bovina Engelhardt.

meeting was primarily for training on the board's role in the budget process and consideration of the proposed budget for 2001-02.

In personnel action at the approved FirstBank Bovina June 28 meeting, the board accepted resignations from Cindy Cargile and school nurse Lou Behrendsen

The board then approved the hiring of Joey Sims,

Summer is here in full approved for June 28 and the Douglas Schwartz, Donna Plummer and Michelle McGillis. (Editor's note: the ool year.

After an official Closed BISD personnel in later issues.)

At the July 5 board meeting, the board presented a statewide Media Honor Roll Blade editor, for the news-The June 28 board paper's "ongoing responsible and exemplary nature of reporting on this community's public schools."

Band Director Bill Shelly and assistant Jim Barnard were publicly recognized for their outstanding work in the Bovina ISD music program.

The board approved a bid from Maynard and Associates of \$9,788 for student accident insurance and \$549 for catastrophic coverage for the 2001-02 school year.

The 2001-2002 Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct was approved; the teacher appraisal calendar was set; also the 2001-02 Employee Handbook and the District Advanced Academic Services Plan were approved.

In a final item, the board ired Tanya Moroney as a 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 K'Dawn Scroggins, high school; Matt Branstine, middle school; and Darla Sealey, elementary.

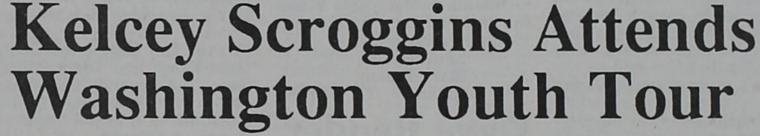
A VISIT WITH Congressman Larry Combest was a highlight of Kelcey Scroggins' Government in Action Youth Tour. Kelcey, at right above, represented Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative on the tour. Left is Amy Terry of Friona. See Kelcey's report on her trip in the story below.

1st Baptist **VBS** Starts **Next Week**

First Baptist Church at 308 Third Street will hold its annual Vacation Bible School next week, July 16-20 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Built around an action adventure journey through the deserts of Egypt and the Middle East, the week will be filled with exciting Bible stories, a search for the secret of the Stone Tablets, a kiosk of crafts, fun music in the Music Courtyard and themerelated refreshments and recreation for all Truth Trackers.

The expedition is open to children age 4 to 6th grade. Pre-registration will be held Saturday, July 14 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for all who would like to enter the coloring contest. Children who attend pre-registration will be given a coloring sheet and a treat. Call 251-1632 for more information.



Kelcey Scroggins, daughter of Bruce and K'Dawn Scroggins,

First, I met with the

Amy Terry from Friona. We hit it off right away and decided to stick together the rest of the trip.

After we talked for awhile we decided to go out and meet some more people be-cause everybody was probably just as nervous as we were. We met many different

Monk. First Bank Bovina,

\$50 savings bond--Abel

Beauchamp, David Curtis;

Floral Expressions by

Celia, \$10 and \$15 gift

certificate--Hector Guevara;

\$25 gift certificate--Virgie

\$25 -- Dorothy Stowers;

Sandra Johnson, CPA,

\$10--David Shelby and Stan

Miller; Kerby Welding, 12

pack Cokes--Dorothy Stowers

(2), Lupe Garcia, D'Lynn

Jamerson; Kevin's Auto,

organizer -- Stormes family;

bird feeder--Dorothy Stowers;

watering can--Chad Jennings.

Diego Terrones, Anna

Castaneda; Pansies, Posies,

Potpourri, bird house and

candle--Suzan Hughes;

Hector Guevara; Sherley Grain, \$10--Abel Terrones,

Northside Motors, \$10--

Gallman Equipment,

(2),

body was so nice I knew it

The next morning we boarded the tour buses and headed out. That night we stayed in Jackson, Tennessee, and the next night was spent in Bristol, Virginia.

The next morning we finally arrived in Washington, D.C. and that evening we attended a dinner performance at the West End Dinner Theatre.

That was a very exciting time. I had never seen anything like that before.

The next day we went to a Rural Youth Day where we heard lectures about electricity and met with 1,500 other youth from around the U.S.

It was neat to hear how everybody else spoke. We would say "y'all" and they would look at us funny.

Then we went to a youth rally on Capitol Hill. It was pretty there, but very hot. We were ready to get into an air-conditioned building. Luckily next on our agenda was the Kennedy Center.

It was neat getting to see all the paintings and sculptures donated by different countries from around the world and, of course, the building was beautiful.

Later that evening, after visiting the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (where they make the money), we got to eat and shop at Union Station. Unfortunately, while I was shopping I had my watch stolen right off my wrist.

This guy came walking Rhodes Crop Care, \$25 -- up really fast right behind me and bumped into me, then the next thing I knew, Dorothy Stowers, Gracie my watch was missing. It Murrillo, David Curtis and was pretty scary.

That night I was on the phone to my mom telling her Southwestern Public that it was scary here, the Service, \$10--Abel Terrones, people are not friendly and D'Lynn Jamerson, Diego they've never heard of Dr. Terrones, Debby Weems, Pepper we were definitely

But I guess I was just Christian Rojas, Sylvia lucky not to have my money Town & or purse stolen. The next day Country Veterinary Clinic, was one of the best parts of

> He was so friendly and (Continued On Page 2)

(Editor's Note: Bovina senior delegates in Dallas on June and New Mexico and every-14. I was so nervous not would be a fun trip. knowing anybody and meetparticipated in a youth tour to Washington, D.C. This is her ing all these people. One of the first people I met was

report on the trip. Thank you,

I was fortunate to be selected to represent Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative on the Government in Action Youth Tour in June. It was definitely an experience I will remember throughout my life.

other Texas and New Mexico people from all over Texas

Toronas

Bovinans Enjoy Holiday Festivities One again the annual Chamber sold tickets for the Martinez; large pizza--Travis

Independence Day celebration in Bovina was a great success. From the beginning of the day with the parade, then park activities and the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's brisket meal, our veterans being honored, to the conclusion of the evening of the spectacular fireworks display--what a celebration!

There were several entries in the parade that kicked off the festivities at 9:30 a.m. Bea and Buddy Prather took the grand champion prize of \$25 with their mule-drawn wagon. In the bicycle category little Ivan Ramirez won the \$15 first place prize tractor. With bicycles Juan Isabel Villa. Penela was the second place winner of \$10 and Jennifer Home, \$50 savings bond--Garza won \$5 and third Brittany Montoya; Bovina

After the parade locals enjoyed games at the park like putt-putt golf, water balloons, fishing for prizes and other activities. Folks could also have their face and nail painted for the holiday or jump in an inflated "space station".

At 11:30 a.m. the

brisket lunch. For \$3 park goers could enjoy a heaping plate of brisket, potato salad, beans and all the trimmings. Four hundred sixty tickets for brisket were sold.

A little later in the afternoon folks who were still around with their ticket stubs from the brisket lunch won prizes donated from local businesses. The following is a list of donators, prizes and winners.

Agri Plan, 12 pack Coke and Dr. Pepper--Esmeralda Torres and Anna Castaneda; Agro Distributing, lawn fertilizer--Elizabeth Alonzo, D'Lynn Jamerson, Sylvia with his John Deere pedal DeLeon, David Curtis and

> Blackwell Funeral Pump, gift certificate to Red Lobster and 2 movies passes-Hannah Miller; Charles Oil, oil change--Anna Castaneda. Dorothy Stowers and Alfonso Villa; Charles Pump, \$10--Cindy Olguin and Gracie Murrillo.

> Fantasy Beauty Salon, hair cut--Suzan Hughes; Fast Stop, case of Cokes--Saul



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

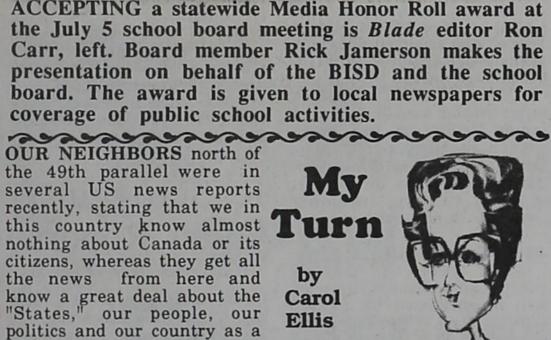
Don Fortenberry; Brittany Montoya, Billy not in Texas anymore. Smith, Saul Martinez, rabies shot--Sylvia DeLeon the trip. I got to meet our and Dorothy Stowers; The Congressman, Larry Combest. Bovina Blade, 1 year subscription--Francisco Villa welcoming to us. He even and Brittany Montoya; W.T. gave us a copy of the Services, phone--Mari Villa.

Local Blood Drive Set For Wednesday

Coffee Memorial Blood Center from Amarillo 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 for you or someone you know.

Donators as reminded to eat a good meal before donating.



nothing about Canada or its citizens, whereas they get all the news from here and know a great deal about the "States," our people, our politics and our country as a

Friona folks are certainly on the cutting edge! About two weeks after the above report hit the news media, forty local citizens packed their bags and headed to Alberta, Canada just to have a look around. Well, okay, that's a stretch. . . but we did enjoy our recent week long tour of the Canadian Rockies, where it was much cooler than it is here in the Texas Panhandle, but the weather is just about as unpredictable there as here. The old adage "If you don't like the weather, just stick around for a few minutes and it'll change," could really be applied in Alberta.

In fact, we discovered many similarities between our two countries. For instance, as we traveled through the plains area just east of the mountains, we saw a large flat expanse with farms and cattle ranches. We began to wonder if we had indeed left Texas at all. The two major cities of Alberta are great rivals. . . Calgary and Edmonton, both built by the oil industry. The refineries in that area supply all of the oil needs for the entire expanse of Canada. Immediately I thought of our rival Texas cities of Midland and Odessa; though Calgary and Edmonton are much larger in population than our two Texas oil towns.

One major difference that we noticed was, there are no large advertising billboards clustered along the highways. We were quite impressed and enjoyed the beauty of traveling along without garish billboards blocking our view of the land.

Tourism is getting to be a major industry in Canada. We met a lot of tourists from the States, as well as many from other countries; primarily Europeans and Asians. When you ask a person where they are from, they usually give you the name of their country; Germany, UK, France, Japan, etc. But when you ask a Texan where he's from he always says "I'm from Texas." Most people were able to single out members of our Texas tour group by our twangy accents and guys wearing boots. Makes ya' proud, don't it!

I noticed that we had about two hours more daylight time each day in Alberta. By the same token, I presume their winter days are a good bit shorter than ours. Our tour guide mentioned that the growing season is quite short, so they have to concentrate on crops that mature quickly. Canola is one of their major crops and the fields are very pretty.

We spent a couple of nights in a little Western-style town called Jasper, with a population about the same as Friona. It was established by the railroad coming through in the early 1900s at almost the same time as our little towns here in Parmer County. Same deal. . . settled because of the railroad coming through. We felt right at home!

In the nicer Canadian restaurants, pricing of small meals for children went like this: "Children 6 through 12 pay their age. Those under age 6 eat free." Seems fair! Also, the little sign that you put on your hotel room door knob said "Privacy Please" which I thought was a bit more polite than our rather cranky-sounding "Do Not Disturb" signs.

One major difference which was noted by several members of our tour group. . .the crossword puzzles in the Canadian newspapers are MUCH harder than ours.

Letters To The Editor

I'm writing this in regards wrote to the paper.

should take time to honor the all the debris left and Lord on His day. Instead of thought that we as citizens of taking it away from Him. this great country and city By playing tournaments and should take more pride in the other activities.

His word is what this

This Star.

Yours Truly, Joe Black Thanks for your submission

"Let's go to church Sunday night. You used to, before the days when worldly attractions become so strong. Are you willing to sacrifice the value of Sunday evening church activities and of your own influence on others for a television program (or something else)? If so, your Christianity has lost something.

Let's go to church Sunday night. You used to, before you acquired that circle of unchurched friends who have had more influence on you than you have on them. Surely you aren't willing to sacrifice the influence of Sunday night church services for a little social circle that is unwilling to use six other nights for its fellowship.

Let's go to church Sunday night. You used to, when friendships based on the common lordship of Christ were the friendships dearest to you. Would it be right if we turned out the lights and joined the host of other churches that have found it necessary to cut the Lord's Day in half?

Let's go to church Sunday night. Our fathers did, when services began at lamp lighting time. Their religious devotion helped make our country what it is today. Is your faith as strong as theirs? Will it be in the future? What about the world in which your children will live?"

* * * * * Dear Bill,

There are two issues that I would like to address. First, I would like to applaud Norma Whitten for her editorial and say amen to all that she wrote. I would also like to add that if we as parents would not let our children participate in these activities on Sunday and Wednesday night, then they would not take place on these

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The other issue that to the letter Norma Whitten concerns me is the mess that was left in the streets, By me being a firm parking lots and other places believer in things God can do by people that shot off fireworks. As I was walking The people--Gods people-- Thursday morning I noticed way it looks.

I am for families having a world and our country was good time and shooting off fireworks but would ask them is quite a to clean up their mess. We coincidence. My Aunt at have a city ordinance against Moore, Oklahoma sent me shooting fireworks in town one of their church papers. I that is not enforced mainly thought this article went real because we want this to be good with what Norma wrote. an enjoyable time for I'd appreciate very much if families. I would like to also you'd print this writing in the note that some people are Bovina Blade and Friona trying to sleep and fireworks being shot after 11 p.m. are inconsiderate to these people.

> Thank you, Linda Marshall

* * * * * Dear Mr. Ellis:

Pat Turner brought me a copy of your beautiful editorial this morning.

What a glorious tribute to a magnificent person (my mother).

The minister at the memorial service talked about the parable of the talents, and how well she used the life she was given. She used that parable often in raising

Should you ever have time for coffee or lunch during a visit to Amarillo, I would love to meet you in person.

Bovina is definitely richer for an editor with your visionary compassion. Sincerely,

Mary Emeny Amarillo, TX. 79105

Dave Bender **Buried In Bovina Jul 9**

David "Dave" Bender, 93, died Friday, July 6, 2001 at Shattuck Nursing Home in Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Graveside services were held Monday, July 9, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Bovina Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home. Pastor James Shires of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Shattuck officiated.

Mr. Bender was born May 22, 1908, in Ellis County, Oklahoma. He was a Seventh Day Adventist and a World War II veteran.

He lived in the Shattuck, Oklahoma, area most of his life. He moved to the Friona-Bovina area for several years.

He farmed and ranched in the Shattuck and Friona and Bovina areas. He moved back to Oklahoma in the late '50s and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for a number of years in Higgins, Oklahoma. He retired from the railroad and remained in Shattuck.

He was preceded in death Jr. by two brothers, Adam and Carl Bender and four sisters; Emily Griffith, Hilda Kretz, Esther Bender and Mary

Survivors include a daughter, Patsy Zachary of Woodward, Oklahoma; two sisters, Evelyn Bender of Higgins, Oklahoma and Genevieve Ezell of Bovina; and two grandchildren, Joe Zachary of Lubbock and Pattie Calk of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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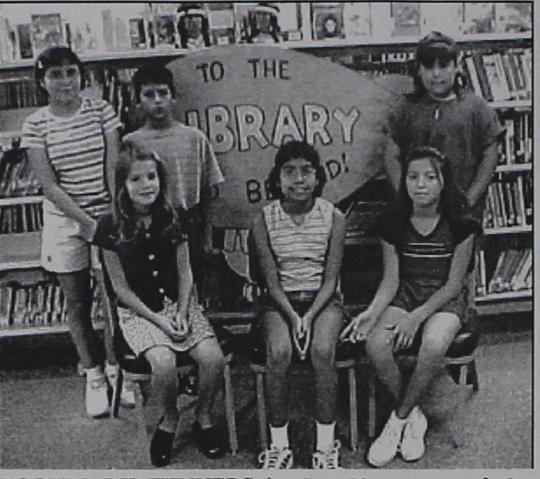
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BOOKMARK WINNERS in the older group of the Library Summer Reading Program were, I-r, back, Desiree Cordova, Alonzo Rojas, Ashley Trevino, Front, I-r, Megan Whitten, Marie Tirado, Julissa Saenz. Not pictured, Britney Robledo.

Friona Library Attracts 205 Summer Readers

Beyond!" Discover your world...was an excellent the Friona Public Library.

Including the summer school classes, 205 children participated in the four-week program.

Members were treated to four wonderful programs, according to Head Librarian Darla Bracken: Donnie and Chance Lewellen on scuba diving; Ann Boggs, the Goofy Good Fairy; and Eddie Miller, Bruce DeFoor and Jim Zehner and their amazing flying machines in a grand finale at Benger Air Park.

Contests included in the Decorate-a-Dragon Craft Contest; guess the number of eggs (gumdrops) in the Dra-gon's Nest and the Bookmark Contest. Winners were announced at the Happy Landing Party held June 29 at the Library. Refreshments of pink lemonade and thumb print cookies were served to 59 members and 22 parents

Bookmark winners were: in the younger group, Regan Anthony was 1st followed by Eduardo Rojas, Mario Vega, Julie Wiseman and Kaylyn

In the older group, Julissa Saenz was 1st place, followed by Marie Tirado, Alonzo Rojas, Megan Whitten, Desiree

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of July 15-21, 2001. Jul 15 Christian Drager Jul 16 Sandy Guest Jul 17 Jeri Been

Jul 18 Tony Castaneda, Jul 19 Connie Garza,

Padyn Hughes Jul 21 Darla Stormes, Kevin Koelzer

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call 251-1523 and add your names to our birthday list.

When you see names that should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let us know. Thank you.

"To the Library and Cordova, Britney Robledo and Ashley Trevino.

Bookmark judging was theme for summer readers at done by Carol Ellis, artist and Friona Star co-publisher.

> In the Dragon Egg Guessing Contest, two children guessed 600 dragon eggs were in the jar. Clayton Smiley, 8, and Tamra Stormes, 6, tied. A drawing was held and Tamra was the winner of the dragon eggs and jar.

Clayton received a consolation prize of a \$5 gift certificate to Kokomo Joe's snowcones. All decorated dragons received blue ribbons for their "best" categories

Ex-Hereford **Woman Dies**

Norma Lee Young, 41, of Clovis, New Mexico, died Tuesday, July 5, 2001. She was a foster parent and licensed day care provider.

She was born June 29, 1960, in Portland, Oregon. She moved to Clovis in 1993 and married Christopher Paul Young on September 18, 1993. She was a member of St. John's Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at 2 p.m. at St. John's Baptist Church in Clovis, Rev. Joe Callahan officiating. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis under direction of Muffley Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Nicholas and Jeremiah Cabrera, both of Clovis; one daughter, Sara Salomon of Hereford; parents, Juan and Maria Tijerina of Hereford; five brothers, Carlos, David, Danny and Juan Tijerina, Jr., all of Hereford, and Armando Tijerina of Liberal, Kansas; three sisters, Anna Bell Cabrera of San Marcos, Texas, and Lorretta Martinez and Eva Zepeda, both of Hereford; and grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Nicholas A. Cabrera, Jeremiah Cabrera, Nino Salomon, Jerome Young, Dexter Young, Victor Young, Juan Tijerina, Jr., and Armando Tijerina.

Excel Worker Severed Hand Reattached

Doctors at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock reattached the left hand of an Excel worker Monday night.

Joshua Gulley, 18, of Clovis, was working second shift at the Friona plant when the accident occurred at 6 p.m. Monday, July 9.

Gulley, employed at Excel a band saw.

Friona EMS personnel rushed the young worker to Parmer County Community Hospital where doctors worked to stabilize his condition. He was then flown by LifeStar helicopter to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, where doctors reattached his hand. At press time, reports on Mr. Gulley's condition harvesting operations began indicated that he was making on the 300 acres planted in satisfactory progress.

Klein, of Wichita, Kansas, processing plant in Bovina. said that production at the plant was stopped for one-half hour following the accident witnessed the incident.

Bovina Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 YRS AGO-JUL 11, 1956 Approximately 700 Restaurant, Sunday, July 8, according to Nita Turrentine, operator of one of the nicest restaurants in this section of the country.

Because of showers which fell intermittently during the afternoon's activities and a final outburst of rain which caused cancellation of several events planned for the day, Bovina's third annual Fourth of July picnic attracted about number who attended last year's Independence Day coach. celebration.

The Bovina Bulls, who had only one Central Plains League baseball loss to their credit prior to their games with Nazareth on Sunday, plagued by illness, injuries, absence of key players and hard luck, were forced to forfeit to their host Sunday afternoon.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wilson over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. William Beschorner and daughter of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sorley and family and Mrs. Leslie McCain spent Wednesday of last week at Almagordo Lake, near Ft. Sumner, N.M. The group boating and water skiing.

40 YRS AGO-JULY 12,1961 General rains, accompanied by isolated hail and some strong winds, July 14, a four engine Santa soaked all of Parmer County Fe Railway train pulling an during a four-day period from estimated 15 cars, loaded Friday through Monday. Amounts of moisture varied from about two inches in the Bovina, and a tremendous extreme southern part of the amount of wreckage ensued. county to 7.5 inches in the northern part.

of getting the job done this summer." Those were the words of Mayor Emmett Tabor this week in regard to having curbs and gutters installed on Third Street, Highway 86 and FM Road 1731 south in Bovina.

Don Stone is the new minister of Bovina Church of Christ. He succeeds Alfred White, who assumed duties as minister of Olton Church of Christ last week.

Mrs. John entertained several local ladies Friday in her home with a painting party. Mrs. Louis Juareck of Plainview gave instructions on several types of painting including Dresden China painting.

35 YRS AGO-JUL 11, 1966 Tax rate of Bovina Independent School District will be increased by 12 per cent for 1967. This action was taken by the school board Monday night. The tax rate was increased 18 cents per \$100 valuation--from \$1.47 to

Bovina's city council heard an explanation of the General Telephone Company proposal to make direct, no long-distance-charge dialing between Bovina and Friona at a regular monthly meeting Wednesday night of last

Torild Skjerve will be honored with a reception at the Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina Sunday evening. Miss Skjerve is Bovina's exchange student from Norway. She will be returning home July 20.

30 YRS AGO-JUL 14.1971 Bovina High School basketball teams face the possibility of being on probation by the University Interscholastic League for the 1971-'72 season.

That possibility was for one month, was working revealed at a meeting of the in the fabrication area when board of trustees Monday his left hand was severed by night. Charges against the teams were made in the form of two unsigned letters to the UIL headquarters in Austin.

25 YRS AGO-JUL 14, 1976 Harvesting and processing of vegetables by Gateway Farms, Inc., got underway here Monday. Cabbage was the first crop to be brought to the processing shed here as cabbage, according to R.R. Excel spokesman Mark Lusk, manager of the

20 YRS AGO-JUL 14 1981 The Bovina Restaurant and counseling was provided now has a new manager, for several employees that Geneva Phillips. Owners are Alvin and Gwen Sears of

Dimmitt.

First place winners in the persons registered at the Pee Wee League were formal opening of Bovina's sponsored by Sherley Grain newest business, Bovina and coached by Manuel Hernandez, Jr.

Two inches of rain fell over the weekend. Fairly good rains spread over a large area of the country.

Five members of the Bovina Senior League team have been chosen for the all-star team from Friona, which will be competing in a district tournament. They were Bernard Koelzer, Johnny Villarreal, Valente Bazaldua, 300 persons-about half the Jose Gomez, and Frankie Perez. Edward Terry is the

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15 YRS AGO-JUL 23 1986 Bovina's Bronco League all-stars finished second in the district tournament held last week. The team lost only to the tournament champion Friona team during the playoffs.

Earl and Celia Quintana of Bovina will soon be sharing in a partnership of a new bakery in Texico. The bakery, called "Ina's Bakery" will be located on Highway 60 and State Line Road, across from LaDonna's Fina

Station. Misti Boozer and Stacey Whitecotton were among the 1,900 Texas Tech University students who qualified for the spent the day swimming, academic honors list at the end of the 1986 spring semester.

> 10 YRS AGO-JUL 20 1991 At about 2 p.m. Sunday, with 30-35 semi-tractor trailers, derailed just east of

Parmer County farmers are all smiles this week, "We have full intentions following one of the best general rains to hit this area in a- number of years. Bovina recorded 4.75 inches during a four day period.

> 5 YRS AGO-JUL 13, 1996 While drought has turned life sour for many area farmers, there's sweet news for Bovina area sugar beet growers. The regional beet crop is off to an excellent start. And better yet, growers can anticipate the highest price in years, says Roger Hill, president of Holly Sugar Corp. in Colorado

K. Scroggins Gives Report... (Continued from Page 1)

Constitution and a book

about how laws are made. He was nice enough to take time out of his busy schedule to take photos with each of us and even posted some of them on his Web-Site. As we left, he gave us some Texas peanuts, just in case we were homesick.

That evening we attended the Twilight Tattoo where the local military forces put on a show. We saw rifle throwers, live bands, and they even put on a show about the story of America. It was all very interesting.

Over the next few days we toured the FBI, visited the Washington National Cathedral, the FDR Memorial, Washington Monument, and Smithsonian Institution (which was amazing).

We also visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and visited the Jefferson Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.

As you can see our schedules were pretty tight but we got to see and do so

Saturday, June 23, we boarded the buses again to head home. On the way we stayed in Chattanooga, Tennessee and visited Lookout Mountain. We also stayed in Forrest City, Arkansas before our final night back in Dallas.

On our last night we had a costume party and everybody had a chance to talk about how much fun they had on the trip. I enjoyed being in the big city and meeting all of the new people, but I was homesick and ready to get back home where I can drink Dr. Pepper and the people are friendly.

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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, the three share a laugh. The Legend of the \$200 cherry pie is born.

Legend Of The \$200 Cherry Pie

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It started as a bake sale fundraiser and soon became the stuff that small town 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 basketball team.

The Lady Bulls won the regional AAU tournament in Amarillo which qualified them for the National Tournament in Lafayette, Louisiana, July 20-28.

But it takes money to travel to an out-of-state tournament for 10 days. Hence, the bake sale to raise money for the trip.

This is where fact and legend become entertwined to make the story even better.

V'Lesha was working hard. She would bake pies, cookies, cakes, etc., and take them out to sell them. One of her best stops was Hi-Pro where mom, Varla, works.

On this particular day V'Lesha had a cherry cheesecake pie as part of her goodies for sale. The Hi-Pro employees were mulling the price of the pie when, the legend goes, Eldon Reeb said he would give \$50 to see somebody hit Bill Stovell in the face with it.

Bill is a 30-year Hi-Pro veteran. He is general manager of Hi-Pro Animal Health. (In fact yesterday, July 12, Hi-Pro employees threw a hamburger lunch surprise party to celebrate Bill's 30th Hi-Pro anniversary.)

Anyway, Eldon Reeb's comment about giving \$50 to see Stovell hit with the pie



A CRUSTY VETERAN, Bill Stovell and the crusty remains of the legendary pie.

caught on. Other employees started waving money. "Count me in, too!" they shouted. Pie-in-the-face pledges soon totaled \$200, not a bad price for V'Lesha's cherry cheescake confection.

They said, "Bill, you wouldn't deprive this young girl of the opportunity to go to a national basketball tournament, would you?"

Displaying the compassion and caring that has endeared him to millions, and even got him elected Friona's Man-ofthe-Year in 2000, Stovell accepted the challenge.

The employees quickly selected Hi-Pro receptionist Betty Smith to smash the pie in his face. Actually, the legend says that Betty really, really, wanted to do it in the first place.

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front lawn at Hi-Pro. The money was collected. Stovell stuck his face out. The entire incident was over in a matter of seconds.

Most of the red cherries were still stuck to Stovell's face when he drove home to clean up. His wife Marilyn wasn't expecting him at the door at 9 a.m.

She opened the door to find a vaguely familiar man standing there with dried red cherry stuff looking a lot like blood all over his face.

She screamed. He laughed. The legend doesn't say exactly what happened next and we probably couldn't print it in a family newspaper anyway.

The pictures with this story should prove at least part of the legend is true.

Good luck to V'Lesha and her teammates and thanks to the nice folks at Hi-Pro for providing the stuff that small town legends are made of.

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 America, if you blink you miss Bootleg, Lazbuddie and Rhea.

If you watch national 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 in wide open spaces to send tax dollars to national politicians so they can give it to crooked local politicians in the over-crowded inner cities.

The term inner city is never used in a positive way. When politicians preach about the inner cities, they talk about gangs, poor people, crumbling schools and crime. In other words, America's inner cities are the pits.

The only gardens tended in inner cities grow marijuana (to hear the politicians tell it). Luxury cars and big houses belong to drug dealers (and crooked politicians). The only entertainment for poor families in the inner city is going to church on Sunday and praying for a better life (or more government money).

Instead of champagne they drink cheap Mogen David 20/20 wine, "Mad Dog 20/20" to inner city street people. Instead of toys, inner city kids play with old tires

and empty boxes.

city single moms who have six kids with at least five different men can't afford to work and pay day care, much 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. I guess when you are poor to 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 faith-based initiative.

W thinks the federal government should take a big hunk of your tax dollars and give it to religious groups and churches so they can feed a higher quality of vegetable soup to poor homeless folks.

W thinks religious groups 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 is about the only person in America in favor of his faithbased inititatives.

Most churches are throwing a fit. Not because they don't need money to put a little more meat in the soup. They say government money brings government rules.

They say they don't want to 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 meet government approval.

Like every other organization or business in America today, religious groups are not anxious to have federal

lawsuits filed against them Politicians say that inner because they accidently mentioned Jesus to a hungry Muslim.

> Government money breeds fraud. Big hunks of government money begats bigger hunks of corruption, enriching local politicians and leaving hungry people mostly

still hungry. 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, religious 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 go on 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 was a good idea, but if you don't want help, fine. The idea is canceled. Now I need to get back to work for the American people."

Instead, he's running around trying to convince us that faith-based initiatives are authorized by the Declaration of Independence. He's attending church block parties and playing touch football with inner city kids and delivering speeches near the Liberty Bell.

it's all a touchy-leely George W., out to convert America to his brand of 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 based speeches, he went to Kennebunkport, Maine for a long weekend.

Far away from the nearest inner city.

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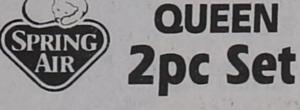


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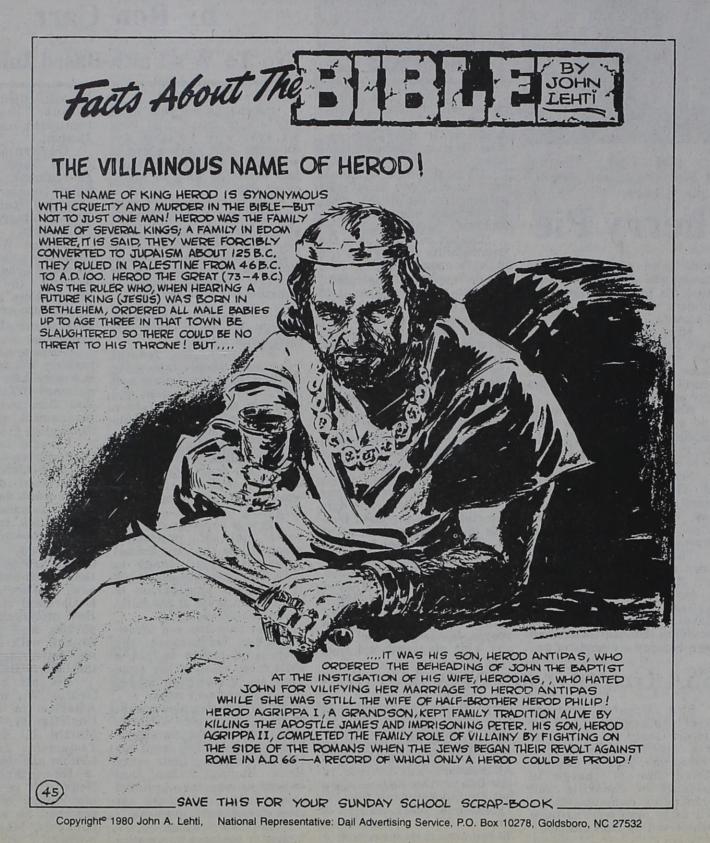
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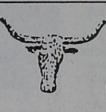
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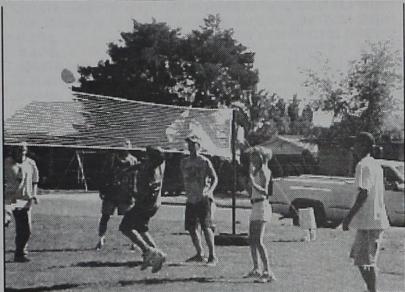
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Resource Con./Dev. Office Maintains Friona Location

The USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service has announced that the High Plains Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Area office will be located in

The office will be housed in the building vacated by the NRCS field office and the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District located at 1306 West Ninth Street in

Thomas Reed has been appointed coordinator of the High Plains RC&D Area and will begin full time duties on July 16.

The High Plains RC&D Area consists of sixteen counties in the extreme Northern

and Western portions of the Texas Panhandle. These counties include Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Parmer, Castro and Swisher. RC&D Areas are federally

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Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 806-250-2211 or 238-1146 When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wtrt.net)

WARNING!!!!

Just a friendly reminder to those who hire help. When you have someone do ANY work for you-set the price up front. Don't assume it will be done for a customary charge.
There have been various complaints lately about folks showing up to do house work, yard work and other things in Bovina and then charging OUTRAGEOUS fees. After the work is done, the home owner feels like they have to pay and end up being victims. You just have to get careless to be vulnerable. Be careful and if the people don't have a reference don't have a reference-don't use

We reported a few weeks back on Bovina Elementary P.E. Coach, Jo Ann Luscombe's daughter, Carlee, 4. She had surgery the last week of May for a lesion on her brain.

Lab results are in and she has been diagnosed with anaplastic astrosytoma-a rare brain cancer for children. The family was headed for Houston Thursday to meet doctors at M.D. Anderson to learn more.

A golf tournament is being held Saturday, July 14 in Farwell to help the family with medical expenses.

We'll keep you updated as we know more.

Rita Mast had company for about ten days during the recent July 4 holiday.

Two sons and their families were in Bovina visiting. They are Buz and Robin Mast of Colorado and their children, Colin, Cory and Shannon and friend Ryan; and Broox and Anita Mast of California and children Art and Jana.

The family had fun at the park with the rest of Bovina. Rita's daughter and son-inlaw, Honey Sue and Bill Gist

and son Bryan live across the street from the park so that was the family's headquarters during the festivities.

Rita's other daughter, Chris Alexander of Friona and her son Christopher were also there with the family. Rita said she had a great time with all her company.

Earl and Norma Whitten attended the wedding of his niece, Kristy Whitten, in San Antonio a couple of weeks ago. She is the daughter of Earl's youngest brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Sheila Whitten.

Earl and Norma's son and daughter-in-law, Bret and Sherri also attended the wedding with their children, Meagan and Colby.

Veda McKay's granddaughter and her family were
in town during July 4th.
They are Tracey and David
Thurmond and children,
Corina and Bradley of Paint
Rock Lake, near San Angelo.

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Minnie Kelso reported on Monday's meeting held at Bovina's Senior Citizen's building.

The most definite answer to everyone's question is: nothing's definite.

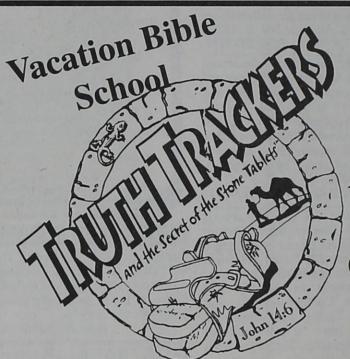
There has been a positive response to the proposal of having twice weekly meals for local folks 50 and older. Friona has a great thing going on with \$3 meals on Mondays and Thursdays. The food is great and the company of neighbors is even

What Bovina needs is volunteers to get this off the ground. They also need some donations and a deep freeze.

If you think you would like to get involved and lend a helping hand, call Minnie Kelso, Erra Jamerson or Dorothy Ellison.

Dean and Juanita Hastings had lots of company for July 4. Their daughter and son-in-law and family, La Juana and David Renfro of Amarillo; and son Chris and Candy McMeans of Lake Meredith and children Courtney, Nathan and baby Jace Dean.

They had fun at the park and had brisket there too. Family friend, Gladys Wright, also joined the family for the 4th.



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