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Bovina High

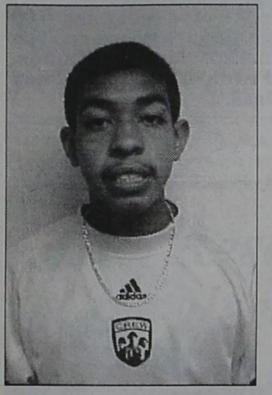
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School School
Graduation Is Saturday, May 27

Top Three Middle School Honor Students



CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ Valedictorian

School District board members

will host a reception honoring

the high school students that

School at the NASA

sponsored Texas Fly High

Downes and newly elected

school board president Ricky

Jamerson announced that the

students will be honored at a

split reception in the BISD

Board Room on Monday, May

22, at 3:30 p.m. and again

developed a video presen-

tation of their experiences

questions and talk about

their experiences during the

get a first hand look at

attend one of the sessions and 1:30 p.m.

exactly what the students did May 27 at 7 p.m.

The students have

2000 mission.

at 4:15 p.m.

NASA visit.

represented Bovina High

Superintendent Michael



YURIELA VELA Salutatorian

during the training and the

1317 if you have any

questions about the program

or the reception. Please try to

attend and meet the

School

Events

22, at 11 a.m. in the

assembly is May 23 at 9 a.m.

High School Honors Assembly is Monday, May

Middle School awards

Kindergarten graduation is May 26 at 10 a.m.

High School graduation is

Call the school at 238-

Reception Set For "Fly High

The Bovina Independent and what they went through

flight.

auditorium.

school at 3 p.m.

which will be shown at both times and the students will assembly is May 25 at 1:30 be available to answer p.m.. Students will get out of

Everyone is invited to Students get out of school at

2000" Students On Monday



SANDRA MORENO Historian

Wanted! Blood Donors

Stop by the EMS Building on 3rd Street on Tuesday, May 23, from 4-7 p.m. and donate to the Blood For Life

Blood donations to the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo save lives, maybe yours someday. Remember to stop in and

Bovina TxDOT Employees Recognized For Safety

Seven Bovina employees were recognized last month at the Texas Department of Transportation's Lubbock District Awards Banquet held in Plainview.

Matthew Askew, Jr., Dolores Bachicha, Chris Hunt. Judy Hromas and Roy Lloyd were all recognized at the annual banquet which is held in honor of employees who have gone years without a driving accident or personal injury. Employees are also recognized for years of service.

Askew was recognized for 25 years as a safe operator and 25 years service award. Bachicha has five years of service, safe operator and no personal injury. Hunt was recognized for five years of

Hromas and Lloyd were each recognized for ten years of service.

Adam Mejia and Daniel Putman were recognized for being the first and second month.

Eighteen maintenance sections, including Bovina, competed in the district Roadeo. Mejia and Putman will travel to Austin this summer to compete in the statewide event.

"Safety is extremely important in our business,"



SERVICE HONORS.....TxDOT employees honored recently were, l-r, Adam Mejia, Dolores Bachicha, Matthew Askew, Jr., Judy Hromas and Roy Lloyd. Not pictured are Chris Hunt, Daniel Putman and Lehmon Jacobs.

said Ken Sylvester, Lubbock place winners in the Bovina District safety coordinator. program." "Roadeo", also held last "The banquet is our way of recognizing employees who put safety first on the job."

incentive for employees to practice safety in every aspect

of their jobs, Sylvester added. "Many of our employees

"That says a lot for our safety

The Lubbock District rates tenth statewide in vehicle collisions. And, the The awards are an accident rate dropped five percent last year, which is the third year in a row that the rate has been reduced.

"We're doing something have gone 15 years or more right if we're seeing without an accident or a reductions and not increases, personal injury," he said. Sylvester said.



FAN-OF-THE-YEAR Kay Venable is congratulated by Coach Bruce Scroggins at the Bovina Sports Banquet last Tuesday.



OUTSTANDING ALL-AROUND....Selected as Fillie and Mustang Of The Year were K'Leigh Scroggins, daughter of Bruce and K'Dawn and Josh Quintana, son of Celia and Earl.

and I'm not telling which one it is. But I will say that I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. . .the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. All I want for my birthday is not to be reminded of my age.

A LONG TIME AGO I reached the age of refusing to acknowledge birthdays, but here is another one today,

Carol Ellis

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we are little children? Any person under ten years of age, gets so excited about aging that they think

"How old are you, little girl?" "I'm four and a half!" You are never 37 and a half, but the four-year-old is four and a half going on five.

When we get into our teens, nobody can hold us back. We simply jump up to the next number. "How old are you, young lady?" "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're going to be 16 . . . eventually. Then the great day of your life happens -- you become 21.

Even the words sound like a ceremony. You BECOME 21!!! Then you turn 30. What happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. "She TURNED; we had to throw her out." What's wrong? What changed? You BECOME 21; you

Then you are PUSHING 40...stay over there! And you REACH 50. How does it happen that you become 21, you turn 30, you're pushing 40, you reach 50 and then you MAKE IT to 60. By then you build up so much speed you HIT 70. After that, it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday. You get into your 80s; you HIT lunch, you HIT 4:30. Don't buy any major appliances at this age. Heck, don't even buy green bananas.

Then a strange thing happens. . . when you get into your 90s, you start going backwards! "I was JUST 92." If you make it over 100, you are proud of every day and you become

a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half." Sometimes I think I understand the meaning of it all; and then I regain consciousness. The main reason why women over age 50 don't have babies is because they would put them down and forget where they left them. But the nice thing about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, at least someone else does.

Happy hour is now a nap, and a night out means sitting out on the patio. Getting "lucky" means I found where I parked the car in the parking lot. It takes twice as long in the mornings to look half as good and the twinkle in my eye is usually just a reflection from the sun on my trifocals. It takes longer now to rest up than it did to get tired in the first place. Here is my top ten list of the advantages of aging:

10) If you whine a lot, people will usually let you have your way. 9) Senior discounts. 8) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. 7) You don't have to worry about avoiding temptation; it will avoid you. 6) No one expects you to run into a burning building to save someone. 5) Things you buy now won't wear out. 4) There's nothing left to learn the hard way. 3) Your joints are of a second. Beauchamp more accurate than the National Weather Service. 2) In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.

And the Number One reason why getting older is not so bad: It sure beats the alternative.

W. Erwin and M. Newman Resign Positions at BISD

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 11, 2000.

The Board canvassed votes from the May 6, 2000 Steelman moved to approve the election results, Coffey seconded, motion passed.

The Board then held installation of newly elected Jamerson and Vicente Loe.

Coffey made a motion to unanimously. nominate Jamerson for board president.

Beauchamp nominated Whitten for vice-president and there were no other nominations. Whitten was elected by a 5/1 vote, with Whitten voting against.

Beauchamp nominated Susan Kerby for board secretary, Coffey moved that nominations cease and Kerby was elected.

Under the meeting's action items: A. Anderson made a motion to approve calendar

#1. The motion died for lack moved to approve calendar #2. Kerby seconded. The motion passed 5/1 with Anderson voting against.

B. Beauchamp made a motion to leave stipends the same as the 1999-2000 school year. Jamerson seconded. Motion passed 5/1 with Whitten against.

C. Anderson made a motion to accept the bid from Marin Roofing for DuroLast roof for a total of \$420,000. Beauchamp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

D. Beauchamp moved to board members Ricky approve \$12,600 for the purchase of used school owned In reorganization of the instruments. Jamerson board and election of officers, seconded, motion passed

E. Kerby moved to approve the EDNET 16 Interlocal Agreement, Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

F. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the addition of fencing for the playground area, Kerby seconded, motion passed unanimously.

G. Beauchamp made a motion to approve raising the credit limit on the school credit cards to \$10,000. change the name on the card from Sue Nuttall to Michael Downes and to increase the number of cards to three. Jamerson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

H. Jamerson made a

motion to approve advertising for bids for the TIF Grant Beauchamp project. seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Downes reported to the board on the following: Board training at WTAMU; TASB 2000 Delegates Assembly; TASB/ TASA convention; Speech therapy program; preliminary TAAS report; summer school program; and moving the football stands.

Jamerson made a motion to accept the resignation of



VICENTE LOE School Board Trustee

Wayne Erwin. Kerby seconded the motion, motion passed 4/2 with Whitten and

Anderson voting against. Whitten made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Newman, Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Anderson made a motion to accept superintendent's recommendation of individuals for teaching positions: They are Sandi Downes, April Eschberger, Kevin Eschberger, Gina Holmes, Shawn Holmes and Randy Johnson.



RICKY JAMERSON School Board Trustee



FUN AT THE BANQUET..At the end of the allsports banquet, senior athletes were especially honored and each was given one of the Mustang and balloon centerpieces.



WELL, UMMMM, BEATS ME! They are either emergency room nurses or fried chicken servers. Serving at the Mother's Day fried chicken dinner were, l-r, Jeff Steelman, Durward Bell and Wayne Erwin.



YOU GOTTA' PAY....Manning the toll booth at the Mother's Day Lions Club fried chicken dinner was Lion Rouel Barron. Looks like he got a plate of chicken too.

ThankYou

I would like to thank all the people of Bovina who voted in the recent school board election. Thanks to everyone that supported and voted for me. I will try my best to fulfill my obligation as school board member.

Vicente Loe



GREAT DECORATIONS were evident as this view of the "razzle dazzle" wall behind the head table at the Sports Banquet. From left are Hector Guevara, Denise Anderson, Mike Newman, Mike Martin and Bruce Scroggins.

AT AGE 75

B. P. Ray Buried In Bovina Monday

B. P. RAY, Jr.

E. Ray of Texico, N.M.; five

sisters, Bea Coppinger of Dallas, Joyce Smith of Nixon,

Ira Turner of Greenville, Inez

Taft of Floyd and Ida Bell

Waller of Waco; one brother, Byron Johnson of Merit, and

Pallbearers were Joe

Walton, Allan Myers, John

Dixon, Kregg Wilson, Sam

Mrs. Kesler

Buried Here

On Tuesday

Funeral services for

Barbara Marie Kesler, 78, of

Dumas, were held Tuesday

afternoon at Bovina's First

Baptist Church, with Rev.

Cemetery, under the direction

of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral

Mrs. Kesler died Saturday,

She was born May 18

1921, in Bovina. She married

Jack W. Kesler June 24,

1944, in Farwell. He died

writing the BHS school song.

Mrs. Kesler is credited for

The Keslers moved to

Dumas in 1973, from Liberal,

Kansas. She was a sales

agent for the Avon Company for 27 years. She was also a

member of the First Baptist

Mrs. Kesler was preceded

in death by a daughter,

Shirley Jean, in 1948 and

her husband October 5, 1991.

daughter, Betty Wireman of Shattuck, Oklahoma; a son,

Bill Kesler of Dumas; a sister,

Mary Merrell of Bovina, and a brother, Floyd Englant of

Bovina, 15 grandchildren and

David Merrell, Dale Merrell,

Mark Englant and James

orial gifts to Dumas Hospice or Dumas Meals on Wheels.

A Dinner Bridal Shower

will be held in honor of Alexandria Dopp,

bride elect of

Wesley Roach Saturday, June 3, 2000

7:00-8:30 p.m. at the

fellowship hall

of Bovina's Church of Christ.

Selections: JC Penney,

Roden Smith &

Homecoming in Clovis,

Pallbearers were Doyle Merrell, Brandon Brashears,

The family suggests mem-

16 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a

Burial was in Bovina

Gary Morgan officiating.

May 13, 2000, in Dumas.

October 5, 1991.

Church of Bovina.

Home.

three grandchildren.

Snell, and Joe Rogers.

Funeral services for B. P. Ray, Jr., 75, of Bovina, were held Monday afternoon, May 15, at the First Baptist Church of Bovina, with the Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor, officiating.

Burial, with military honors were held in Bovina Cemetery, with Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ray passed away Saturday, May 13, 2000, in Parmer County Community Hospital.

He was born October 4, 1924, in Celeste. He grew up Greenville, Texas, and married Johnnie McFarland on October 14, 1947, in daughter, Donna Smullen of Dallas. They moved to Glendale, Arizona, a son, Dan Bovina in 1979, where he was a farmer until he retired.

Mr. Ray was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Survivors include his wife Johnnie of the home; a

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of May 21-27, 2000.

May 21 Art Hunter, Javier Casas, Jennifer Cantu May 25 Lauren Gray May 27 Estella Ortiz, Rock Stanley

For changes or corrections, or to add a friend or relative to our birthday list, call 238-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.

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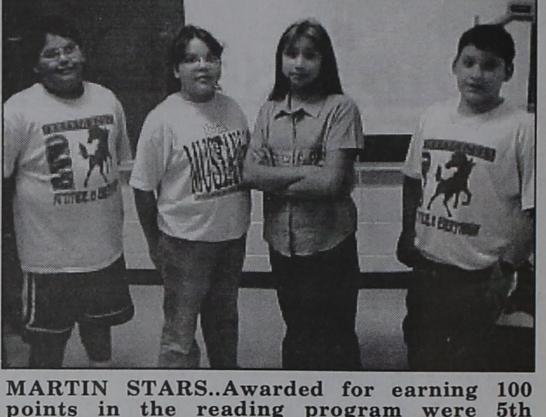
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points in the reading program were 5th graders, I-r, Sonia Murillo, Martin Ramos, Crystal Amparan and Frank Martinez. They are all in Mr. Martin's class.

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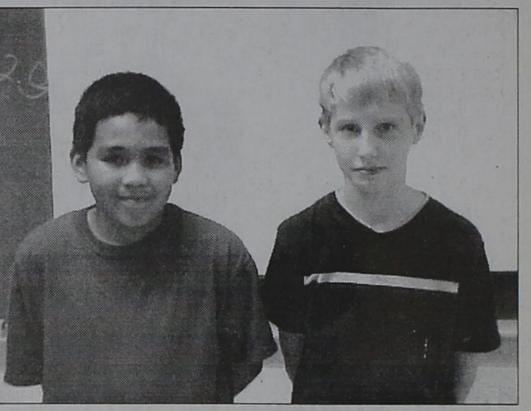
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200 POINT READERS.. Earning a fine total of 200 points in the school reading program for this year are David Rojas and Zachary Morgan.



HITCHIN' UP...This historic old building from Elton and Marie's Flea Market location on Highway 60 is loaded on a Bennett Moving truck for a short trip to its new location just east of town at the Venable's location.

Bovina Elementary Honor Roll Is Given

Elementary principal Darla Sealey released the Fifth Six Weeks honor roll.

ALL A's 2nd grade: Martin Puga, Jesus Anaya, Francisco Guevara, Kimberly Casas, Patrick Expinoza, Gabriel Garner, Bryan Gist, Corbin Holman, Taryn Jamerson,

Ramiro Navarro. 3rd grade: Isaias Castillo, Jeremy Curtis, Hannah Miller, Sandra Ortiz, Aaron Ramon, Kimberly Tamez, Brett Anderson.

4th grade: Daena Carrillo, Lucero Saucedo. 5th grade: Zachary Morgan

All A's & B's 2nd grade: Katie Chavez, Angelica Gallagher, Gilbert Salas, David Saucedo, Alejandra Castro, Emilia Contreras, Daniela Flores, Francisco Garcia, Stephano Orozco, Maribeth Salazar.

Also, Ricardo Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Jeanette Varela, Amanda Cervantes, Cheyenne Dutton, Ricardo Fabela, Sarah Morales.

grade: Oscar Rodriguez, Esau Saucedo, Robert Kelly, Anahis Marinelarena, Lorena Newton, Joshua Parson, Jack Prather. Also, Yadira Vela, Edith

Carrillo, Luis Galvan, Denise Larrea, Megan Martinez, Cinthia Munoz, Jesus Rocha, Christian Rojas, Felysha

4th grade: Samantha Calderon, Jesus Guevara, Job Lara, David Melendez, Anna Rodriguez, Ruby Vela, Dalton Cockerham, James Dewitt, Carina Landaverde, Tomas Fuentes.

grade: Quintero, David Rojas, David Carrillo, Alfonso Espinoza, Beatriz Quiroz, Jessie Reyna, Omar Salas, Yuri Salazar,

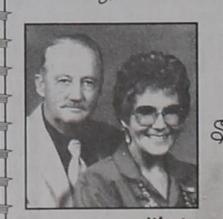
Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Robert and Pat Read

Roses are red Violets are blue It's been 50 years Since you said "I Do"



You don't care for parties We can't "make a big fuss" So here's to 50 years together (and many more) From all of us!!

We love you both very much! Cindy, Zam & Kelly Tamra, Teddy & Justin Crystal, Steve & Johnathan



LOOKIN' FOR A LOVIN' HOME--Vickie Barnett of Los Alamos, New Mexico gets a kiss from 'Big Red,' a shepherd-collie-chow mixed breed dog that she rescued irreparable damage to U.S. from the forest fire which consumed most of Los Alamos last week. Anyone who would like to give the dog a home can phone Vickie's mother, Barbara Barnett of Bovina at 806-225-4016.

Dog Rescued From Fire Needs A Home

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Gerald and Barbara Barnett, damage to her house. formerly of Friona, and the granddaughter of Madge Crow old shepherd-collie-chow mix

One of the dogs Vickie brought with her is a very sweet homeless dog that was rescued from the disaster. Vickie is just keeping this dog she calls 'Big Red,' until she can find a good home for him.

In addition to her job as head of the housing office for the Los Alamos Laboratory, Vickie also volunteers to give temporary foster care to homeless animals for the Los Alamos pound. She said that over 360 pets had been resuced since the fire started, and Animal Control is now worried about mountain lions and bears that have been burned out and may be roaming what is left of the town.

With the "Lab," Vickie has the interesting job of finding temporary housing for new employees, visiting scientists, students working on their PHDs, and other such people who move in and out of the Los Alamos area for short periods of time. So many homes of the working people and retired people have been task to find places for everyone now.

On Wednesday, Vickie received a call telling her that obedient.

Vickie Barnett of Los she could come back into the Alamos, New Mexico was told area to check over her home, last week that she must leave and was told that it was still her home when the forest fires in that area were getting close enough to endanger the houses in town. So Vickie ground. She was told that packed up a few belongings, the grass in her yard was put her cats and dogs in the singed, but her pine trees car and headed for her were still standing, so she parents' home north of assumes that the fire came extremely close and she will She is the daughter of probably have some smoke

Big Red is a male two year who would like to find a loving home in the Friona-Bovina area out in the country or possibly with someone who has a nice sized fenced yard. He is goodnatured, is an outdoor dog, and needs exercise. He would be a great companion for an older couple, but he does seem to enjoy children, too. Vickie is having the dog neutered. If anyone is interested in giving Big Red a home, they can phone Vickie's mother Barbara Barnett at 806-225-

TO BENEFIT AGRICULTURE

Combest Leading Fight For Increased Trade With China

by BILL ELLIS

U.S. Congressman Larry Combest is pressing for the passage of a bill which would cancel trade barriers with China, and give farmers in his district the opportunity to sell more products abroad.

Combest conducted a hearing of the House Agriculture Committee Wednesday with Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. Combest terms the upcoming vote in congress "a critical vote for American agriculture. If we let this opportunity slip by, we will have done agriculture."

The congressman reported on his views of the vote to a group of newspaper publishers in his 19th Congressional District Thursday morning. Bill Ellis, publisher of the Friona Star/Bovina Blade, took part in the discussion.

Attending Wednesday's hearing on the passage of "Permanent Normal Trade Relations" with China in addition to Glickman were reps of the following: National Cattlemen's Beef Assn., National Corn Growers Assn., National Pork Producers Council, U.S. Wheat Associates, American Seed Trade Assn., American Soybean Assn. and the National of Farmer Council Cooperatives.

Combest estimates that U.S. exports to China could increase the U.S. net farm income by \$1.7 billion per

"For the future of agricultural trade, this will be the most important vote we've had in congress since I have been here," Combest told the publishers.

The congressman pointed out that China has already agreed to stipulations to allow them to enter the World Trade Organization. Under their agreement with the WTO, China has agreed to reduce tarrifs from 31 percent to 15 percent, and to eliminate its high export sub-

Co. Extension Agent Plans 4-H Dog Training Project

County Extension Agent Cody Hill has announced a 4-H Dog Project for dog training.

The training instructor is electrician by trade and Collies. across the nation.

She has worked with 4-

Last year two 4-H'ers participated in the state 4-H Dog Show and were very

The Dog Project classes Debbie Harling. She is an are being held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. for the trains and raises Border beginner class and 7:45 p.m. She has been for the advanced class. successful in competition Classes are held in the Farwell City Park.

Adults and youth are lost, that it will be a difficult H'ers in Kansas. Hill says encouraged to attend. There that Harling loves to help is no fee to participate. For young people and adults more information contact the learn to train their dogs to be Parmer County Extension Office at 481-3619.

Amarillo College

An Equal Opportunity Community College

wheat, corn, rice and cotton.

"If we don't pass this bill in congress, all of the other 134 WTO-member countries would have the benefit of trade improvements EXCEPT the United States. To me, passage of the bill is a 'nobrainer, but there is some opposition.

Combest said that the main opposition is coming from organized labor, and that all members of congress in districts where labor unions are big may oppose the bill just on that basis, especially since it is an election year.

"I expect it to be a very close vote. We are hearing more people favoring it lately. If it passes, I think it will be by a slim margin. If it goes down, it might be by a bigger margin," Combest told those in the telephone conference.

Passage of the bill in the senate would be fairly routine, Combest said. And President Clinton has indicated that he would sign such a bill (surprise, surprise). Governor George W. Bush also suports the bill.

The biggest benefactors of the trade bill could be growers of corn, wheat and cotton. Beef producers should be helped, as well as pork producers. Combest pointed out that China is interested in parts of the pig which we mainly consider "leftovers."

Pork producers could expect an increase of roughly

Amarillo Library Used Book Sale

The Amarillo Public Library will hold their annual Used Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4.

Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m.

The sale, including thousands of used books, will be in the basement of the Central Library, 4th and Buchanan.

For more info call 378-

chase of commodities such as approves the PNTR legis- kindness, "he commented. ation, Combest indicated.

China from "flooding the U.S.

sidies and increase its pur- \$5 per head if congress should 'kill them with

Like Russia, China is Passage could also prevent becoming more capitalistic in from "flooding the U.S. than its leaders would like to market" with its exports, admit. A recent visit to China which it is prone to do. by reps of the House Agricul-Although many people ture committee found Amerioppose trade with China due can beef, potatoes and citrus to its human rights situation, fruits, among many other Combest differs. "I think we things, in Chinese food stores.

All Cotton In Weevil Zones Must Be Reported

For eradication to be successful, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel must know the location of all cotton being grown in active zones.

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently adopted

tained in the Agriculture Code, all commercial cotton producers in active zones must report all information about commercial cotton, noncommercial cotton and all cotton #379. grown for ornamental, research or any other purposes.

The reporting may be accomplished in two ways: producers may certify their acreage at their local Farm Service Agency by the final reporting date set by FSA for their area. Or, if producers choose not to certify their acreage through FSA, they must report the acreage to the foundation on a form available through the foundation's district offices. The deadline for reporting the acreage this way is the same as the final FSA reporting

Patches of ornamental cotton, volunteer growth or any unreported cotton can be breeding grounds for boll weevils and need to be monitored in the same way as commercial fields--treating them should infestations

Although foundation personnel are always on the lookout for a field that inadvertently may have not been reported, diligent reporting by growers will ensure accurate monitoring of weevil activity and will help

rules designed to ennance the process of making that information available to the foundation.

More information may be obtained by calling foundation headquarters at 915-672-2800. The text of may be obtained from the Secretary of State's Website:

> http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texr eg/archive/April282000/ADO PTED/4.AGRICULTURE.html

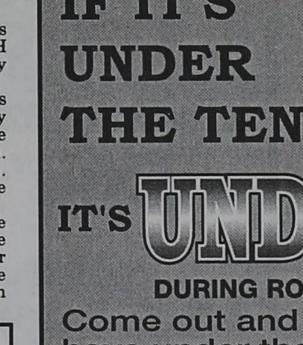
City-Wide Garage Sale

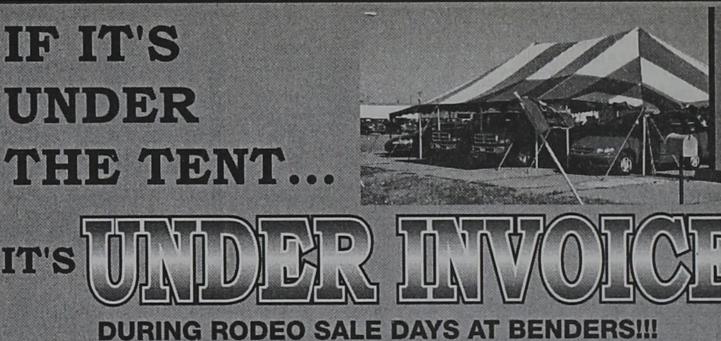
Saturday, June 3, is the date for Dimmitt's 13th annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Sales start at 8 a.m. Shoppers are invited to come early to pick up directories and maps at the stoplight intersection of Highway 385 and 86, at the northwest corner of the Castro County Courthouse.

Dimmitt merchants will feature sidewalk sales and garage sale specials and vendors are expected to be on the square with assorted merchandise items.

For more information contact Bill Sava at the Chamber, 806-647-2524.





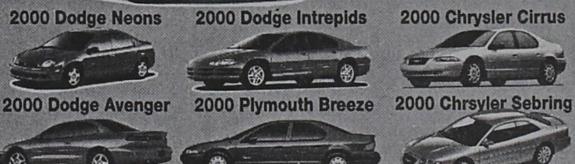
Come out and see what cars and trucks we have under the tent that are being sold as much as \$1000 under invoice! You'll find...



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- Regular & Quad Cab
- Gas & Diesel

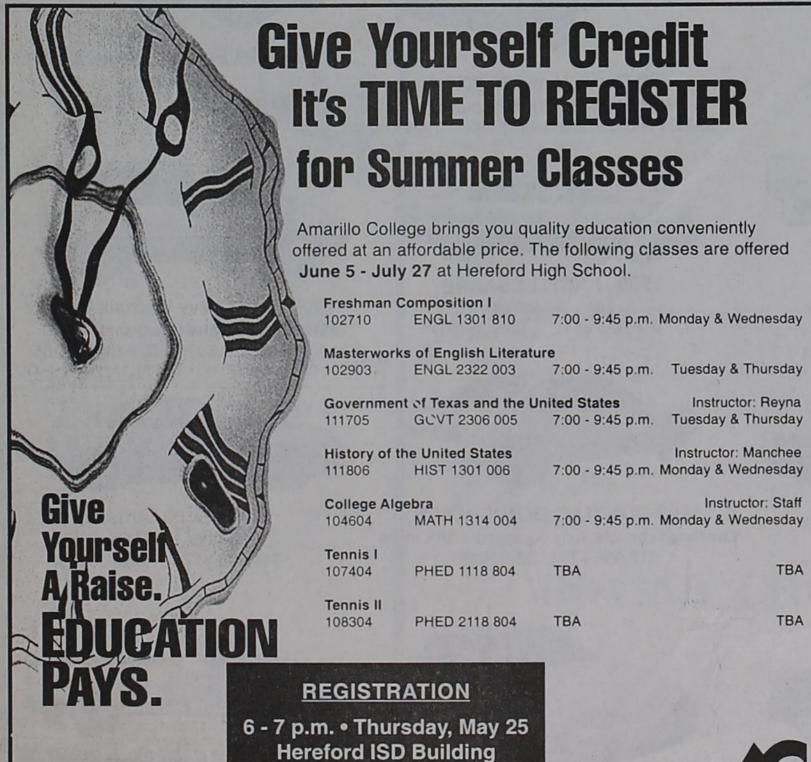








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601 N. 25 Mile Avenue

For more information, contact

Bryan Hedrick at 363-7627.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to Ruth Brownd and her daughter Wanda Brownd. They enjoyed not having to cook as they dined at the Lions Club Mother's Day chicken fry.

the Texas Agricultural strations, school curriculum

Extension Service. This enrichment projects, youth

Parmer County Extension Cites

farm tours, result demon-

development projects and

meetings, exhibits, news

articles, websites, phone and

sciences program addressed

the issues of (1) building

strong family units; (2)

health, safety and lifestyle

changes; and (3) leadership

development. Approximately

12,000 face-to-face program

30,000 contacts were made

through mass media sources

These programs were planned and implemented

with the assistance of the

family and consumer sciences

advisory board., the better

living for Texas task force

and the safe communities

task force. Grants totaling

over \$32,000 were obtained

through the Department of

Human Resources and the

Safe Communities Coalition to

the issues of water quality

and conservation, economic stability and economic deve-

lopment. New technologies

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The family and consumer

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be moving on. For the last two years, ministry. Ben has coached cross

also a history teacher.

coaches and teachers to be music. announcing plans to move on Especially 26-year-old coaches like Ben.

But Ben is not moving on High School in 1992. to another coaching and teaching job. He will be

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The Extension staff is now

busy beginning work on issues identified by key leaders for 2000-2003. Issues the Extension staff will be working on include: (1) building self-worth in youth; (2) developing leaders from management.

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giving up teaching for now to In a couple of weeks, Friona coach Ben Kirton will become a student as he follows his heart into the

Actually he will be country, track and girl's studying for the "music junior varsity basketball at ministry and hopes to use his Friona High School. He is musical talents to direct church youth choirs and It is not unusual for influence others through God's

Ben Kirton was born in as another school year ends. January, 1974, in Amarillo. He graduated fifth in his class at Amarillo's Highland Park

> He is the second of five boys. An older brother is a coach. His next younger brother is salutatorian at Highland Park High this

> The next younger brother died tragically from complications of a ruptured appendix when he was only sixteen. The youngest one is now four-years-old.

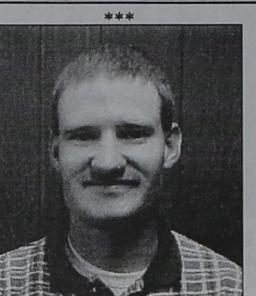
At Highland Park High, Ben made it to regionals three years as a cross country runner and was a shooting guard on the school's basketball team which also made it to the regional playoffs his senior year.

And young Ben Kirton also played the trumpet in the high school band from If you would like further sixth grade through twelfth grade plus two years at WTAMU where he enrolled in contacts were made through 99 come by the Parmer the fall of 1992 as a music

> And, he ran on the W.T. cross country track team for three years.

As often happens early on in life, he met a girl at W.T.
They liked each other and
got married at the end of
Ben's sophomore year and her freshman year.

So he changed majors to become a coach so he could count on making a living for marriage began to fray ethnic groups; (3) profitable a future family. She was agriculture; and (4) water studying for a law enforcement career.



Out Here

By Ron Carr

"So Long Ben! Thanks For Stopping By!"

BEN KIRTON

Ben officially graduated from W.T. in 1998 after earning credits through a student teaching program which had taken him to Memphis, Texas a year earlier. He taught history, coached cross country and JV and junior high basketball.

He took an opportunity to move from 1A to 3A when he was hired in Friona for the 1998-99 school year. "It was a good deal for me," he said, "because I didn't have to coach junior high basketball

But the call to the ministry, which Ben says he received at the age of 12, just wouldn't go away. He stayed busy coaching basketball and track. He even laid out a one-mile oval around Reeve Lake and organized the first ever official cross country track meet here in Friona.

along life's path, the around the edges and finally to Missouri. Ben began to pay always.

more attention to God's call and plan for his life.

After school is out next week, and the next week's basketball camp, Ben will be planning his move to Dallas. În August he will begin classes at Christ For The Nations Institute's campus in the Oak Cliff area. It is a non-denominational religious training university

He plans to go to school full time and find some parttime employment as a supplement. The goal is to complete the required three years in two years and one summer.

In addition to playing the trumpet, Ben took up piano during his W.T. years and has an above average singing voice which he hopes to fine tune during his music ministry schooling.

He hopes to eventually become a music minister at a church somewhere in the Panhandle. He says if that works out it's fine, but more important he has finally answered the call and put his future in God's hand wherever that may lead.

I reminded Ben during our chat that if he completes his schooling as planned, he will still be just 29 years-old.

I feel better after talking to young people like Ben Kirton. It is nice to know that he is focused on a goal and has so many years in front of him to minister to others through music and personal example.

On behalf of the students, parents and residents of Parmer County, we are glad to have had you in our midst for a couple of years. When you see Ben around over the But, as often happens next couple of weeks be sure ng life's path, the to extend a hand and wish him the best.

May all your dreams ended last year. She moved come true Ben. God bless you

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Program Council identified

key citizens from all

geographic and demographic

areas of the county to serve

as study group members.

Sixty-nine residents were

invited to participate in the

in March of 1994 to identify

the current and arising

critical issues facing the

county. After these issues

were identified, the executive

board worked to prioritize the

(1) building strong families; (2) water quality and conservation; (3) economic

stability; (4) health, safety

and lifestyle changes; (5)

economic development; (6) leadership developments. The Parmer County

Extension Agents have

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programming period of 1995-99. The staff utilized committees, task forces and

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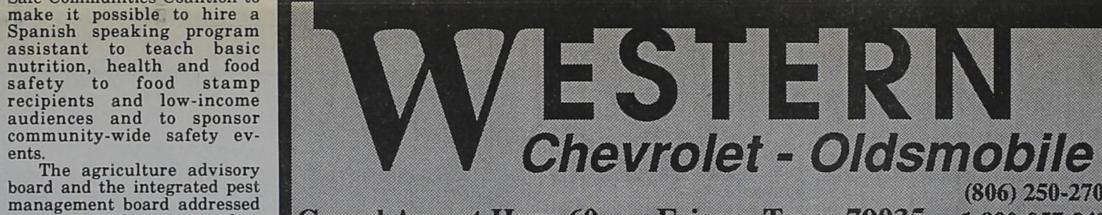
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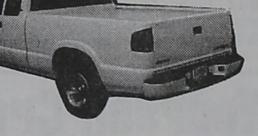
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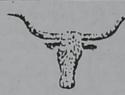
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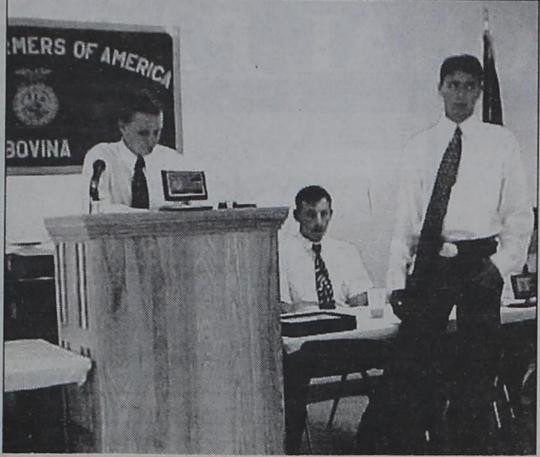
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Secretary needed. Expected to answer phones and be able to work well with others. Must have know-ledge of computers, 10-key, and all other general office equipment. Call 295-3003 for interview.

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Bovina ISD is now accepting applications for Head Start health assistant and elementary educational paraprofessional. Applicants must be a high school graduate. Bilingual preferred. Applications may be picked up from Darlene Miller in the superintendent's office. Position begins on August 7, 2000. Applications are due by May 12. B-tfnc-4/28

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Laura and Houston Bartlett and four other generations of their family met for lunch at Leal's Sunday for Mother's Day in Muleshoe.

Those present were Laura's mother, Viola Hadaway of Earth; and Laura's sister and family, Gaye and W.B. Scarborough of Dimmitt and their son Shannon Pellham of Hereford.

The Bartletts' son, Bart of Bovina, and his daughter Laurie Perez of Clovis and her sons Tyler, 6, and Lawrence, 8 months, were also there. Rocky and Mary Bartlett of Bovina also joined the group.

Mike and Debra Beauchamps' daughter, Lori Tharp of Laverne, Oklahoma, was in Bovina over the weekend. She went to the Lions' Mother's Day chicken dinner with her parents and grandparents, Grady and Dorothy Sorley Sunday for Mother's Day.

The Beauchamps' son, Tony is home for the summer from Texas Tech University. He just completed his sophomore year.

Jack Clayton was admitted to the Parmer

Ex-Resident Buried Bovina

Graveside services for Paul C. Smith, 72, were conducted at Bovina Cemetery last Saturday, May 13, under the direction of Mission Park

Funeral Chapel, San Antonio. Smith, a former resident of Bovina, had lived in Amarillo prior to moving to San Antonio. He died at the Alamo city May 8, 2000.

He was born March 4, 1928, in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He had served in the armed forces, and earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech and his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

He was a member of the San Antonio Conservation Society, and the San Antonio Garden Club.

Survivors include a sister, Donna Malcom of Tulia, and a brother, Neil Smith of Clarkston, Michigan.

J. Stowers Receives Award

Jessica Stowers of Bovina received an award for outstanding student in office technology-medical emphasis during South Plains College's recent Student awards assembly. She was among more than 130 students honored by individual departments.
"The departmental aw-

ards are the highest awards bestowed by each department on campus and they represent the highest level of achievement and accomplishments during the school year," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "We are extremely proud of these students."

Stowers, a graduating office technology major, is the daughter of Roy Lee Stowers of Bovina and Dorothy Stowers of Levelland. She has also been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and the SPC Dean's Honor List.

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County Community Hospital in Friona Monday. He is suffering from congestive heart failure and an irregular heartbeat. They had ordered additional tests at press time.

Don and Juanda Murphy went to Dallas for her checkup at Baylor Medical Center last week. They stayed with their daughter and son-in-law Darlene and Buddy Foster of Midlothian. On their way home Sunday they stopped in Ballinger and visited with Don's mother, Mattie Murphy, who will be 91 in July.

Juanda said the weather in the Dallas area was cloudy with nice showers and Ballinger and Abilene were very hot.

Esther and Joe Steelman's son, Luke, is home for the summer. Esther went to College Station last week to help him pack and drive home. He will return next fall to Texas A&M as a second semester junior.

J.T. and Myrna Hammonds' daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Joe Boguslawski, were two of the many displaced residents of Los Alamos, New Mexico, due to the devastating fire.

Joe is the superintendent of a Christian school outside of Espanola, New Mexico so, they were able to stay in a house the school provided. Thankfully, their home in Los Alamos was not damaged.

Glenn and Florence Ritchie's son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, James, Glenda and Jamie Ritchie of Espanola were also affected by the recent fires there.

James, who is a guard at the Los Alamos lab, helped to fight the fire around the complex. He sent his family to Santa Fe for a few hours when the fire got too close to chemicals at the lab. They stayed with his brother and family, Randy, Lenore, Jason

and Regina Ritchie.

M.H. and Dixie Carson went to Austin to see their daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Mike Strawn and their son Caleb.

Other Carsons they visited in Austin were Alan and Casey Carson and their children Stormy and Kit of Friona and Galen and Elaine Carson and their daughter Kristen of Bovina.

While in Austin they attended the musican production, "The Music Man". Larry Gatlin, who is married to Dixie's neice, Janis, was in the play.

Earl and Norma Whitten invited several family members to Bovina Sunday to join them for lunch at the Lions Mother's Day chicken dinner. Their son and daughter-in-law, Brett and Sherry and their children, Megan and Colby were with

Out-of-town guests were Sherry's grandmothers, Louella Drake and Ruth Brownd; her aunt, Wanda Brownd; her aunt and uncle, Betty and Floyd Reeve and their daughter Becky; and Sherry's sister and family, Jana and David Barnett and their kids Beau, Breanne, Briar and Brenner, all of Friona.

Also in Bovina were the Reeves' other daughter, Denae McLellan and her children, Landon and Macy, all of Lubbock.

Norma said they have done this for the last two or three years. The Lions' lunch makes Mother's Day easy and enjoyable for everyone.

Pam Clark reported on a family tradition she and her sisters started in 1992 to honor their late mother, Bessie Webb. The ladies get together yearly the weekend before Mother's Day to spend time together, do something special and exchange gifts.

Pam's sisters are Polly Mills of Bovina, June Muse of Lubbock, Joyce Smith of Cleburne, Texas and the late Anna Lee Englant.

Pam said they now honor both their late mother and sister during the weekend. Over the years they have done various activites from going out to nice restaurants and dressing up, to going to the movies. This year the group went to the movies and ate at Red Lobster.

Gene Hutto, who is a safety coordinator for the county, is doing much better after his knee surgery. He went to Austin last week to attend a safety school. He was released to light duty and started working again this week.

Cody and Gina Coleman of Amarillo hosted a Mother's Day dinner for members of Gina's family.

Those attending included her parents, Arty and Tammy Kunselman and their daughter Jamie, all of Spearman; grandparents Pat and Pat Kunselman and Jim and Scooter Russell, all of Bovina and her great grandmother, Doris Wilson of

Last week the Blade had a couple of mistakes we need to correct. The obituary we printed for Boyd "Max" Gilreath of Abilene said he ran the Dairy Freeze drive-in and was Bovina's mayor. Max was actually in high school and his father, Boyd, did those things. Bill said we were just checking to see if anyone was paying close attention -- and sure enough, they were!

mistakenly reported that Rose and Les McCain's new grandson, William Walker Mac McCain, weighed only six pounds, ten ounces. I was off by a few pounds. Little "Mac" really weighed NINE pounds and ten ounces.

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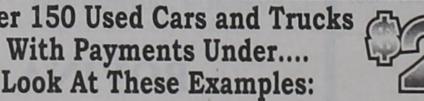


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