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Extra copies of the Blade's big Christmas 2001 issue were printed and are available at Dorothy's.

Junior Livestock Show Set

The Bovina Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, January 19, at the Bovina Show Barn.

Lamb, goat, swine and steer competition will be held, with lamb showing starting at 8 a.m. Showing will continue throughout the morning with a break for lunch and swine showing starting not earlier than 1 p.m.

Ag instructor Jarrod Sowder urges everyone to come out and support the ag students as they prepare for the Parmer County Livestock Show January 23-26 at the Community Center in Friona.

January Is School Board Recognition Month in Texas

January is School Board Recognition Month and Bovina ISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions trustees make to their communities.

"Volunteer school board members serve countless hours working to improve public education," said Michael Downes, Bovina superintendent. "In difficult times, school trustees develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility in Bovina ISD for an annual

budget of \$4 million; 575 students ages 4 to grade 12; 104 employees; and 3 campuses.

"School trustees have a tremendous responsibility preparing today's students—and tomorrow's leaders—for productive roles in our society. School board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our school children," said Downes.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service

ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," Downes said.

"These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their commitment and dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools," he said.

The men and women serving Bovina ISD are: Justin Brozek, school board president; Joe Steelman, vice-president; Susan Kerby, secretary; and Ricky Jamerson, Josefina Alonzo-Coffey, Vicente Loe Jr., and George Villarreal, school board members.



JOSE JUAN VELA

BHS Student Earns 2002 All-State Band Honors

The Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) has announced the selection of the 2002 ATSSB All-State Band. More than 7,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in twenty different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands.

The top ten in each region advanced to one of five area auditions held last weekend. Only 240 of these 1,300 students were selected for all-state honors.

Jose Juan Vela, a member of the Bovina High School Band was selected as a

member of the all-state band. He plays the tuba under direction of directors Bill Shelly and Jim Barnard.

This is Juan's first time to perform as a member of the ATSSB All-State Band. He is the son of Juan and Guadalupe Vela of Bovina.

The all-state bands will meet in rehearsals in the Scottish Rite Auditorium in downtown San Antonio, February 20-23 and will present a concert beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the same site.

Tx Legislation Aims To Reduce Unwanted Calls

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn joined senior citizens in three cities to inform Texans about the State's new "no call list" for telemarketers. The legislation, which went into effect January 1, 2002, gives Texans the opportunity to let companies know they do not want to be bothered with telephone solicitations. Joining the Attorney General in San Antonio, Houston, and Fort Worth were state representatives from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

"The Texas 'no call law' is one more line of defense for the consumer," Attorney General Cornyn said. "And because the law gives my office the authority to prosecute violators, you can be assured that I'll seek the maximum penalties against companies that refuse to comply."

A law breaker could be fined up to \$1,000 for each violation, or up to \$3,000 per violation if it is committed willfully or knowingly. That means penalties would be substantial, especially for those who use automated calling systems and make hundreds of thousands of calls a day. The first "no call list" will be published in April, and telemarketers will have 60 days to comply; that

means the Attorney General's office will be able to enforce the law beginning in June.

With FBI studies showing that fraudulent telemarketers direct nearly 80 percent of their calls at older consumers, Attorney General Cornyn and AARP are showing Texans how easy it is for anyone to sign up.

Texans can call toll-free 1-866-TXNOCALL (869-6225) to register or to have a registration form mailed to them. The form is also available on the Internet at www.TexasNoCall.com where on-line registration is also available. The cost is \$2.25 for each residential phone

number and is good for three years; notices will be sent out as the renewal period approaches.

"It's a cheap price to pay for the opportunity to get a little freedom from unwanted telemarketers," Attorney General Cornyn added. "The law will not completely stop all unwanted telephone calls, but it will certainly help in reducing the number of calls, and it'll give me a strong legal case when I go after those who break the law."

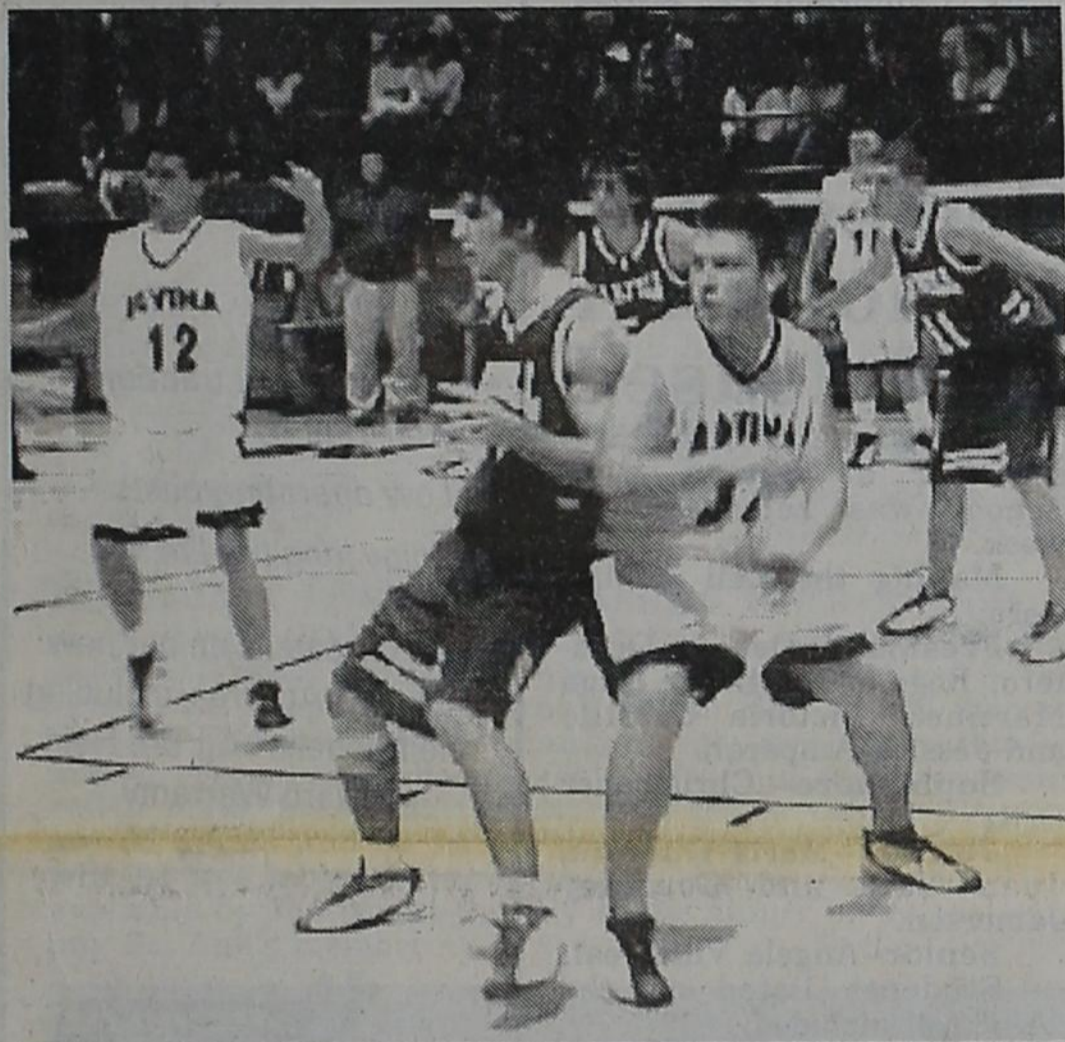
As of Tuesday, January 8, 2002, more than 81,000 Texans had already signed up to be on the "no call list."

Parmer County History Books Now Available

A limited number of the Parmer County history books "Prairie Progress," (volume II) are being made available through the Friona Senior Citizens Assn.

The books, which were donated by Crafters Printers of Lubbock, are being sold for \$10 each.

To order a book, call Donita Martin at 250-3638; Hannah Lookingbill, 295-6805, or Teddy Tucker at 250-2845. The books will also be available at the Friona Star office.



MUSTANGS Jake Steelman (12), Jeremy Ortiz (34) and Josh Kerby in the background, push and shove on defense against the Farwell Steers. ron carr photo

Mustangs 1-1, Fillies 0-2 In District 3-1A Basketball

The holidays are over and school is back in full swing. Let's catch up on Fillies and Mustangs basketball activities for the last few weeks.

The teams played Lazbuddie just before the holidays, the Silverton tournament during the holidays, and two district games during the last week.

They travel to Hart tonight, to Springlake-Earth Tuesday, then host Sudan on Friday, January 18 in the Bovina gym.

Here are some game updates:

Lazbuddie 55, Fillies 37
Christen Stowers led scoring with 16 points and Jennifer Cantu added 13, including three 3-pointers. Fillies 44, Pampa Ac. 42

The Fillies won the first game in the Silverton tournament over Pampa Academy as Jennifer Cantu poured in 22 points.

Silverton 46, Fillies 38
The Fillies couldn't catch a break from the referees as host Silverton made 18 of 26 free throws to the Fillies' 5 of 10.

Jennifer Cantu scored 18, Christen Stowers 11, to lead Fillies scorers.

H. Park 58, Fillies 42
In this third game of the Silverton tournament, the Fillies lost to Highland Park, who led the game all the way.

Once again, Jennifer Cantu led with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Teammate Christen Stowers contributed 16.

Kress 45, Fillies 38
The Kress Lady 'Roos proved too tough in the district opener as the Fillies went 0-1 in 3-1A.

Leading the scoring was Christen Stowers with 9. Others were Cantu 7, A. Martinez 7, M. Salazar 6, J. Reyna 5, C. Jamerson 2 and K. Cantu 2.

Farwell 88, Fillies 39
Ouch! The Lady Blue was way too much for the Fillies in this one. Farwell used their

height advantage, depth and playoff experience to dominate the Fillies from the opening tipoff.

Jennifer Cantu managed to toss in 26 points followed by Stowers 5, Salazar 4, and Martinez 4. The girls managed only 3 of 17 from the free throw line while the Lady Blue toed the line for 32 shots (made 21) in the hard fought, physical contest.

MUSTANGS UPDATE

Mustangs 43, Laz 39
Jeremy Ortiz had 12, Eddie Garcia 11, and B. J. Sheppard 10 to lead Bovina to victory as the holidays began.

Mustangs 77, Pampa 21
In a Silverton tournament game that wasn't even close, sophomore Johnathan Chisom came off the bench to score 20 points. B. J. Sheppard 18, Josh Kerby 10, Jake Steelman 10, Eddie Garcia 8, Jeremy Ortiz 5 and Nemecio Rodriguez 4.

Mustangs 42, Silverton 53
Free throws were the deciding factor as the Mustangs dropped a tourney game to Silverton. The Mustangs went to the line only 8 times in the game and converted 5 points.

Silverton was allowed 34 trips to the free throw line and were good on 29 of them. Over half of Silverton's point total in the game came from free throws. For the Mustangs, Jeremy Ortiz and Eddie Garcia fouled out.

B. J. Sheppard led scoring with 15 and Josh Kerby had 9.

Mustangs 66, Hart 55
The Mustangs got a chance to face a district foe when they met the Hart Longhorns in the Silverton tournament.

In an outstanding performance, B. J. Sheppard finished with 28 points, Ortiz had 10, Kerby 8, R. Chisom 6, J. Chisom 5, J. Casas 3 and Steelman 2. Bovina won third place in the tournament.

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BACK TO BICKERING as usual on Capitol Hill! So much for hugging one another and promising to set aside party differences and work together for the good of all. Was that just four months ago?

Right now more people are more worried about the economy than they are the war on terrorism, and the Dems are fighting hard to keep the President's economy plan from going into effect.

The following piece is a rather enlightening little parable about tax cuts. The ratios are roughly accurate: 10% of the taxpayers pay about 60% of the taxes collected; 30% pay 37%; and the bottom 60% of taxpayers collectively pay only 4%.

PARABLE:

Every week, ten men met at a restaurant for dinner. At the end of the meal, the bill would arrive. They owed \$100 for the food that they had shared. Every week they lined up in the same order at the cash register to pay the bill. The first four men paid nothing at all. The fifth, grumbling about the unfairness of the situation, paid \$1. The sixth man, feeling a little put out, paid \$3. The next three men paid \$7, \$12, and \$18 respectively. The last man was required to pay the remaining balance of \$59. He realized he was paying for not only his own meal, but the unpaid balance left by the first five men.

The ten men were quite settled into their routine, when the restaurant threw them into chaos by announcing that it was cutting its prices. Now dinner for the ten men would only cost \$80. This clearly would not affect the first four men. They still ate for free. The fifth man announced he would now pay nothing either. The sixth man lowered his contribution by one-third and paid only \$2. The seventh man deducted \$2 from his usual payment and paid only \$5. The eighth man paid \$9 instead of his usual \$12. The ninth man paid \$12; which came to \$6 less than before. This left the last man with a bill of \$52.

Outside of the restaurant, the men began to compare their savings, and angry outbursts began to erupt. The sixth man yelled: "I got only \$1 out of the \$20 in cost reduction, and he got \$7," pointing at the last man. The fifth man joined in: "Yeah! I only saved \$1, too. It is unfair that he got seven times more than me." The seventh man cried, "Why should he get a reduction of \$7 when I only got \$2 off?"

The nine men formed an outraged mob, surrounding the 10th man. The first four men followed the lead of the others: "Even though we weren't paying anything in the first place, we didn't get any of the \$20 reduction in cost at all; where is our share?" The nine angry men then carried the 10th man up to the top of a hill and lynched him.

The next week, the nine remaining men met at the restaurant for dinner. But when the bill came, there was no one to pay for it.

And here is what our Native American People think about the whole affair:

"When white man found this land, Indians were running it. No taxes --- no debt --- plenty buffalo --- plenty beaver --- women did most of the work --- Medicine Man no charge --- Indian men hunted and fished all the time!

And the white man was dumb enough to think he could improve on that system!



My Turn

by Carol Ellis



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY MRS. BLACK...These family members attended the 80th birthday celebration for Laverne Black December 29. The are (back row) her son and daughter-in-law, Joe Don and Sharon Stevens, and her grandson and his family, Chuck and Amy Hartman and their son Dylan. Front row, granddaughter, Jennifer Stevens, sister, Bettie Mae Hartman and Laverne Black. Read more about the celebration in this week's *Bovina Bits*.

Bovina Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-Jan. 9, 1957

Installers from Automatic Electric Company have arrived in Bovina to begin installing dial equipment in the new Bovina Dial building located between Ave. A and Ave. B on the alley west of Second Street.

Farm income in Parmer County pushed to the highest point in history in 1956, in spite of history's greatest drought in the Plains states, the annual county agent's report showed this week. Gross income totaled \$26,500,000 from the sale of cash crops.

40 Yrs Ago-Jan. 10, 1962

Time is running out for payment of 1961 taxes with 21 days left before January 31 deadline, taxes of Bovina Independent School District are about 15 per cent collected, according to Mrs. Pearl Dodson, school tax collector. Statement of condition of First National Bank of Bovina at the close of business December 31, 1961, shows that deposits are increased from the same time a year ago.

The trailer house home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kesler was destroyed by fire here Tuesday morning.

Burglars made another of their all-too-often attacks on Bovina businesses over the weekend. Their efforts netted little gain, however, as they broke into Charles Oil Co. service station and Paul Jones Texaco station on Highway 60.

35 Yrs Ago-Jan. 11, 1967

Bovina Volunteer Fire Department was called to Bovina Gin Co. Friday morning to help control a fire in the burr pit which began during blowing dust and high winds which gusted to 60 miles per hour. The fire department quickly extinguished the threat to nearby cotton trailers and the gin plant.

Ground work was laid Wednesday noon at a meeting of the Bovina City Council and Santa Fe officials from Amarillo for better protection of vehicle drivers at the two railroad crossings in town, one on Third Street and the other at the east end of Main Street.

Proposed building programs for Bovina Independent School District were discussed in an open meeting Monday night cafeteria.

30 Yrs Ago-Jan. 12, 1972

The contract of Superintendent L.F. Jacobs was extended for an additional year at a regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees of Bovina Independent School District Monday.

Six Bovina businesses were burglarized Monday night, according to Parmer County Sheriff Charles Lovelace. Entrance to the buildings was made by prying doors open.

Burning trash, spread by high winds, resulted in a \$20,000 to \$26,000 blaze late Saturday afternoon at the brick farm home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ensor, about two miles south of the Oklahoma

Lane community.

25 Yrs Ago-Jan. 12, 1977

Snow, which began late Saturday afternoon, and a brisk north wind combined to chill anyone venturing out of doors, severely restricted visibility and caused hazardous driving conditions for motorists during the weekend. Approximately three inches of snow fell in the Bovina area, although drifting prevented accurate measurement.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bovina City Council was held on Thursday, January 6 with an agenda of ten items to be considered. The council accepted a bid of \$11,900 from Sherrill Lumber Co. for remodeling and renovation of City Hall.

20 Yrs Ago-Jan. 13, 1982

The Bovina Christmas Card Project netted \$1,212.68 As of Tuesday, January 12, a total of 60,701 bales of cotton had been ginned.

Butch and Ben McCain, newscasters for Channel 4 in Oklahoma City, were recently interviewed for "P.M. Magazine," a nationally telecasted show which features local interest stories, it was announced Friday by Robbie Robertson, their agent.

Porter V. Roberts, who is in his third year as Parmer County Judge, has announced his candidacy for re-election.

15 Yrs Ago-Jan. 14, 1987

Worley Mills has sold three of its four grain elevators to Sherley-Anderson-Pittman. Joe Olvera was nominated by the Bovina Supermarket and was chosen as employee of the month by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Carl William "Bill" Lowe graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Entomology. He is the son of Gene and Barbara Lowe.

10 Yrs Ago-Jan 11, 1992

A contract has been awarded for the second stage of the widening of U.S. Highway 60, from State Highway 214 (North) in Friona to the east city limits of Bovina.

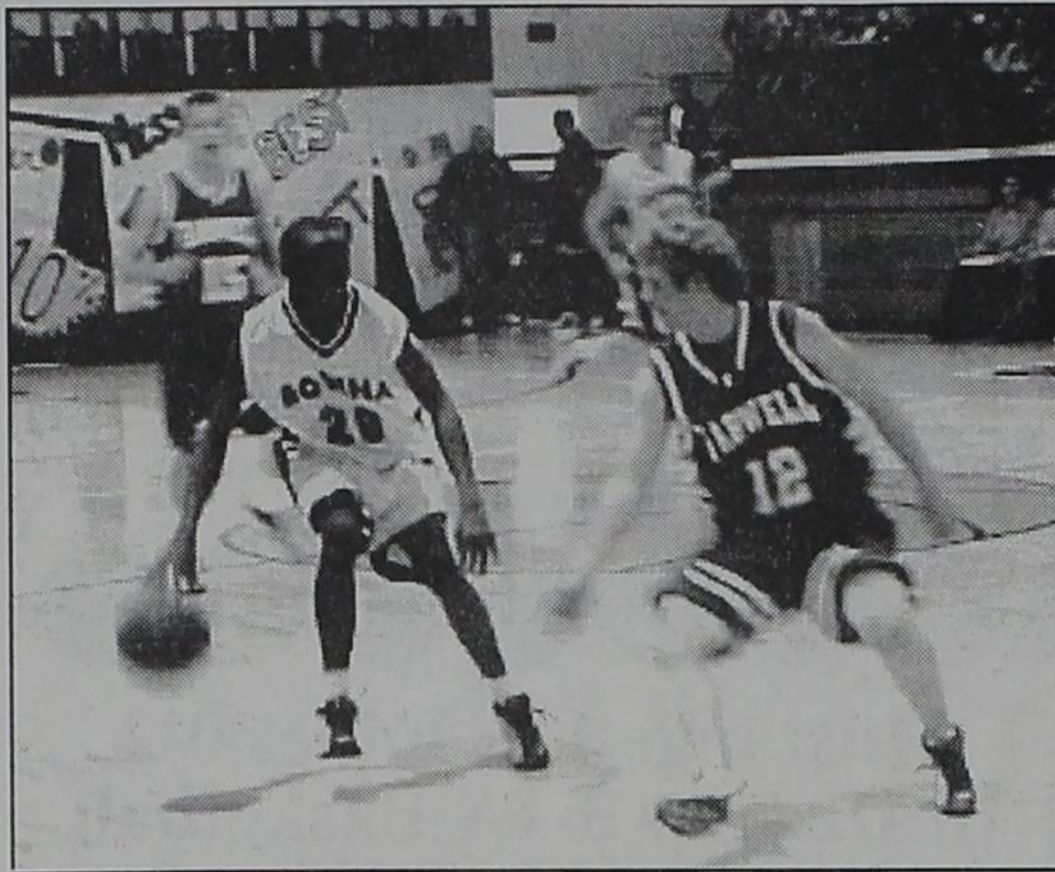
Former Bovina resident Ronald Steele has been named as coach for West Texas State University's newly revived football program.

Marci Butler and her sister Belinda Lee Dale have been named to the Deans' Honor Roll for the 1991 fall semester at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. The girls are daughters of Don and Nita Dale and are graduates of Bovina High.

5 Yrs Ago-Jan. 11, 1997

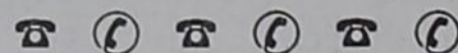
The Bovina Junior Livestock Show, scheduled for January 11, has been canceled due to the weather. According to ag teacher, Lawrence Widner, the prediction of extremely cold temperature prompted the cancellation.

As of January 9, the total number of bales of cotton was 102,477.



MUSTANG VARSITY BASKETBALL ACTION FROM THE TRINITY CHRISTIAN AND FARWELL GAMES.

ron carr photos



J. Robledo Funeral Services Held Here

Rosary and Vigil for Javier "J-Bar" Robledo, 67, of Bovina, was held Wednesday, January 9, 2002 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Funeral Services were held Thursday, January 10, 2002 at St. Ann's with Father Juan Carlos Barragon officiating.

Burial followed at Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

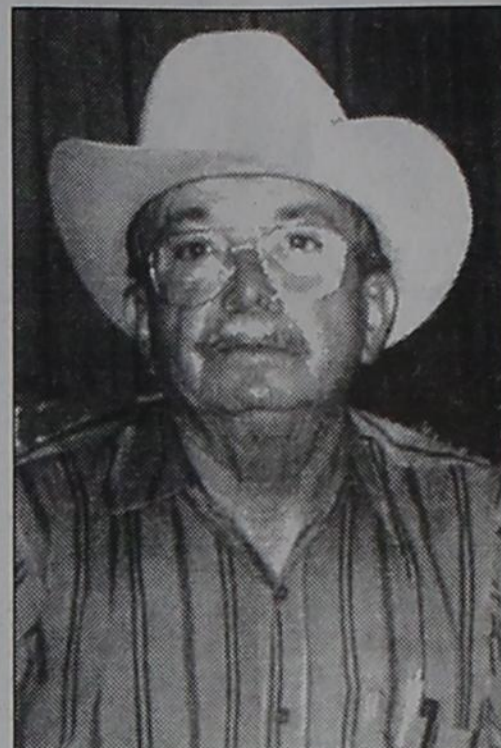
He passed away Monday, January 7, 2002 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Javier was born August 11, 1934 in San Juan. He married Maria Barboza February 17, 1957 at San Juan.

He had lived in Bovina for the past 44 years, moving here from San Juan. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was retired from Charles Oil and Gas Company in Bovina.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, two brothers and two grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of the home; two daughters, Martha Guzman and Gracie Murillo, both of Bovina; six sons, Roel Robledo of Bovina, Eleazar, Rolando and Roberto Robledo, all of Amarillo, Victor Robledo of Colfax, Iowa and Hector Robledo of Chula Vista, California; two sisters, Socorro Cobo of Hereford and Mercedes Lurea of San Juan; eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



JAVIER ROBLEDO

Pallbearers were Galindo Garcia, Andres Garza, Manuel Hernandez, Ricky Vargas, Francisco Gonzales and Jesus Anaya.

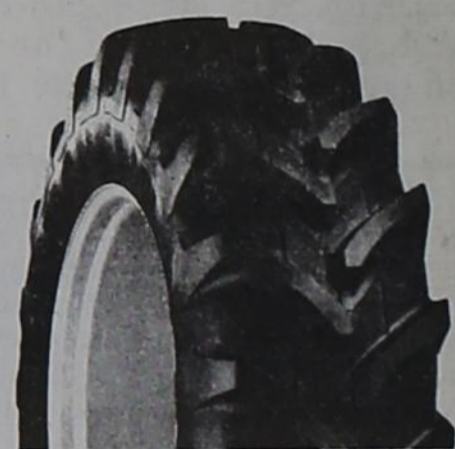
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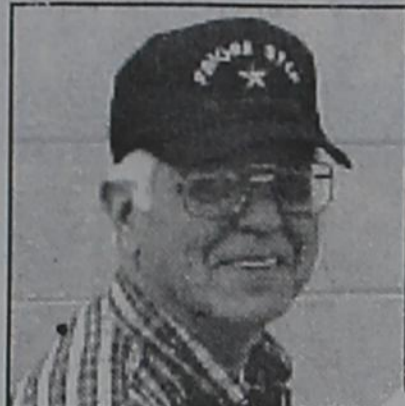


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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"No Child Left Behind"

The federal government took over public education last Tuesday.

History has shown that once the federals implement a new program or take over an existing one, there is no turning back. The government only grows. It never shrinks.

Last Tuesday, at a high school in Ohio, President Dubya signed a \$26.8 BILLION education bill guaranteed to make all

children smart as a whip. (When I was a kid, adults used to say that. I never figured out what smart as a whip really meant).

Dubya originally only asked for \$22.5 BILLION, but he settled for \$26.8 BILLION to make Senator Ted Kennedy and the Democrats feel better.

You may recall one of George's campaign promises was "We will leave no child behind." You can make a lot

of friends with statements like that. Who is going to argue when child welfare is involved.

The problem is, there are no standard kids in America. Let me rephrase that for you: kids are not all the same in their intelligence levels, family backgrounds, or personal interests. They are not the same in height, weight or body fat.

Some like drama class, others prefer drugs. Some know what they want to be early on in life. Others never seem to figure out what they want to be even after they become adults.

Dubya says that every child in "Amurca" should have the same opportunity to get a quality education. Doesn't that sound great? It is not practical but it sure makes everybody feel good.

There was a time a few years ago when the Republican party advocated shutting down the Department of Education. Now, our Republican party president is set to spend \$26.8 BILLION in 2002 on education.

So Dubya and a lot of other Washington politicians spent some more taxpayer money to travel all the way to Ohio to sign the education bill, even though the Constitution of the United States of America does not give the federal government any powers when it comes to education.

Dubya gave his familiar "hunt 'em down, smoke 'em out rah-rah!" terrorism speech then praised Senator Ted Kennedy for his work on the education bill. Ted Kennedy could have been president himself years ago if he hadn't of got drunk and drowned that girl then lied about it.

Instead he had to settle for 40 years in the Senate where he has grown ever more fat and angry and socialist-leaning over the years.

In fact, the education group was traveling later on Tuesday to Kennedy's home state of Massachusetts to praise themselves for their marvelous insight into what is best for the parents and children in America.

See, the government's theory is that we just can't afford to have dumb folks in America. Dumb kids grow into dumb adults that knock around in deadend jobs and end up on some form of government welfare.

Smart adults get better paying jobs or open their own businesses. They make more money, therefore they pay more taxes to support the ever-expanding government programs. And to provide those secret, midnight pay increases for our senators and congressmen (and women).

The education bill requires a yearly test for all

children in grades 3-8 in reading and math, beginning in 2005. (Between now and then if your kids are dumb or in a cruddy school, they will just have to live with it).

Some experienced educators are against another standardized test, especially one that is provided by the federal government.

Another worry is that teachers will be teaching the test and leave out a more diverse, well rounded curriculum. Dubya says "failing" schools will be closed. Students in low performing schools will be allowed to go to a better school or get money for tutoring or a private school.

It makes sense to me that a school would teach to the test so the majority of kids will pass, thus keeping the federal government off their backs and securing their jobs for another year.

To repeat, all of this government feel-good education stuff does not take into account that there are no standard kids.

Matter of fact, these same politicians like to brag that America's diversity is what makes the country great. My Webster's Ninth Collegiate defines diversity as "the condition of being different". You can't be different if you are required to be standard.

What I do know is this: 1) if I had known how important it was to be smart, I would have paid more attention in Miss Tarpley's Latin class; 2) I have five kids, all of whom knew how to read by the time they got to second grade, and 3) the federal government is now in the position to threaten state agencies, school administrators, school boards, teachers, students, and parents with sanctions if kids don't pass government approved tests.

So far I don't hear many Americans complaining about the federal education bill. Especially Republicans. That is disappointing.

The federal government took over the public education system last Tuesday.

Remember the date. It may show up on your kid's test someday.



PRAIRIE ACRES honors for January go to J. A. Loflin, left, resident-of-the-month and Nathan Brockman, employee-of-the-month. Mr. Loflin is a resident at Friona Heritage Estates.

Darrell Buske Submits Life Story For Printing

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Darrell Buske.

By DARRELL BUSKE

I was born December 11, 1939 in Hereford, Texas to J.B. and Lucille Buske.

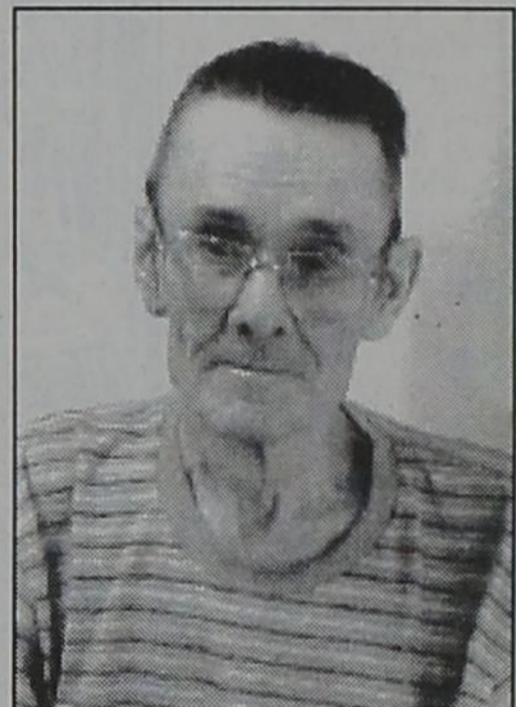
The first nine years of my life we lived in Amarillo. I went to school through the fifth grade and then we moved to Friona. I finished school here.

My parents were farmers and ranchers. We always ran alot of cattle. I helped dad and also worked at the gin and elevator.

One of my best memories was the car I had as a kid. It was a 1960 Chevrolet, 4 speed. Boy, would that car run! I never got too many tickets, but I sure liked to drag race. I would go to Lubbock to drag race. It sure did get costly. In 1963 I blew the engine in my car and that put a stop to my racing.

My dad sure was glad to see the end of my racing. Funny thing was he sure did like to borrow my car. I think he liked to show off in front of his friends.

I was married to Bernice Massey on April 21, 1971. We were only married seven



DARRELL BUSKE

years when she passed away. The heater in our home broke and we both got asphyxiated. I lived through it, although I sure was sick but she didn't make it.

I enjoyed bowling and was in a league for five years. The bowling alley closed down and that was the end of my bowling.

I met Harley Merritt when we moved here to teach and we became good friends.

I have some advice for everyone. Never start smoking. Don't even pick up the first one to start. It is very habit forming. I was a smoker and would still be smoking if it hadn't been for having a stroke.

Around Town

Winter Bible study at FBC

The First Baptist Church of Friona will kick off a Winter Bible Study on Sun, Jan 13 at 4 p.m. with a meal and an introduction to the study of Genesis. The church will be studying the first 11 chapters of Genesis at 5 p.m. each Sunday thereafter. Debby Stovall will be teaching the children the same and will do crafts also. The Bible study is for everyone, including youth, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Girl Scout cookies on sale Jan 7

Girl Scout cookies went on sale Jan 7. Two new cookies have been added to the traditional favorites. The new ones are the All Abouts and the Ole' Ole'. Check 'em out. If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout by Jan 16, call Pam Kendrick, 250-2158 or Melanie London, 250-3741 to order.

VFW Chicken Dinner Jan 20

The local VFW and auxiliary will hold their "good old fried chicken" dinner on Sunday, Jan 20, at the Veterans Hall, 6th and Euclid, in Friona. Serving time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 adult and \$3 for kids 12 and under. Menu is fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, drink and dessert. Takeouts are available, phone 265-7463.

St. Ann's German sausage dinner Feb 3

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will sponsor their annual German sausage dinner on Sunday, February 3, from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina. The menu is German sausage, creamed potatoes & gravy, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread, butter, desserts, tea or coffee. Donations are \$6 adults and \$3 for children under six. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann's member.

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Mustang Basketball...

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Bovina 60, Kress 47
The Mustangs opened district play with solid victory over Kress. Once again, B. J. Sheppard led scoring with 27 points. Garcia had 11, Kerby 9, J. Chisom 8, Ortiz 2, Casas 2 and R. Chisom 1.

Farwell 84, Mustangs 46
Farwell came into the

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game rated 2nd in state 1A and they managed to prove why.
The Mustangs held their own through most of the first half but the depth and experience and talent of the Steers proved too much for the younger Mustang squad to overcome.
The Farwell Steers had six players in double digit scoring. For Bovina, B. J. Sheppard managed 21 points. Garcia had 7, Ortiz 6, Steelman 5, Kerby 4 and R. Chisom 1.
In other action Tuesday, Hart beat favorite Sudan and Kress beat Springlake-Earth in overtime. As tonight's district games continue, Farwell leads District 3-1A at 2-0, but all other teams are 1-1, including Bovina.

Friends and family helped Laverne Black celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday, December 29 at Bovina's Senior Citizens' building. Family members who were in attendance to share the day with Laverne and Joe were her son and daughter-in-law, Joe Don and Sharon Stevens and their daughter, Jennifer of Canyon; her daughter Bettie Mae Hartman of Memphis, Tennessee and her son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Amy Hartman and son Dylan of Athens, Texas.

The guest list included Albert and Edna Kelso Bell of Clovis, New Mexico; Minnie Kelso, Dorothy Ellison, Donilita Hawkins, Emagene Callaway, Marie Venable, Oma George, Mike Teague, Edna Scott, Mrs. J.B. Barrett, Gwen Pryor and Deane Cherry. The weather report for that cold day kept many family members and friends from attending.

Glenden and Janie Sudderth's sons and their families were home for the holidays. They were Del Ray and Linda of Austin and their sons Derek and Kale; Scott of Pflugerville and

Blake of Leander. Blake's friend and her daughter, Lilly and Danica Baker were also in Bovina visiting the Sudderths.

Also in the Sudderth home was Glenden's mother, Obereta of Bovina and Janie's sister and her family, Betty White of Dimmitt and her daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Tim Crabtree of Howe and Betty's son, Jimmy White of Austin.

Janie said she cooked a lot of food for the entire week the boys were home and they enjoyed playing cards and other games together.

Durward and Fern Bell's daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Royce Grissom of Grand Junction, Colorado and their son Cody were in Bovina for Christmas. The Grissoms' daughter and son-in-law, Capi and Bill Baker and their son Shandon, also of Grand Junction were also here.

Royce's mother, Marde Wood of Farwell also spent time with the family. The Bells' son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Pam Bell of Bovina and their son Will, who is about to move to Lewisville and daughter,

Kasey of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma were also there.

Les and Rose McCain celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their sons, Ben and Butch, beginning December 20 when the couple drove to Tucson, Arizona where the boys had flown in from Los Angeles, California. The family spent three days in Arizona and toured the Pima Air Space Museum and the Titan Missile Museum and Silo.

The McCains also visited Tombstone, described as "the town too tough to die" and venture on the Bisbee, a well-known artist community and the site of several copper mines. They also visited the beautiful San Xavier del Bac Mission, located on Tohono O'odham Indian reservation, which is referred to as the "White Dove of the Desert".

The McCains then went to Nogales, Mexico and did some shopping. From there they drove into Los Angeles where Les and Rose spent Christmas Eve with Ben in West L.A. The next morning the three drove to Valencia to celebrate Christmas with Butch and Betty and their children Augusta and Mac.

Les and Rose sure enjoyed their grandchildren. On the way home, Les and Rose

spent some time with Ben in Palm Springs. They returned from their trip December 27.

Kregg and Brenda Wilson's family was all together for the holidays. Their son, Dr. Chris Wilson, of Seattle, Washington arrived in Bovina the day after Christmas, had is a resident and was working on Christmas day.

Their son Kody of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and his friend Melanie Majoure were here for a few days. Kody is a computer consultant for the athletic department at the University of North Carolina.

The Wilsons' daughter and son-in-law, Mandy and Brian Rosas of Groesbeck and their son Benjamin were also here. Mandy is a nurse in Waco.

While the family was together, they drove to Midland to see Brenda's parents, Melvin and Eunice Mathis.

The highlight of the family's holiday took place the Sunday after Christmas with little Benjamin, who was born October 17 (the day after Kregg's birthday), being baptized at Bovina's First United Methodist Church. Kreggs' nephew and his wife, Rob and Lisa Dyer of Austin, came for the event.

Ten Students Make Six Week BHS "All A" List

The third six weeks honor roll for Bovina High School has been released. Ten students were listed on the "All A" roll.

Those making the "All A" list were:

Freshmen--Eliseo Salazar, Daniela Quintero, Rogelio Martinez, Hugo Martinez, Victoria Carrillo and Jessica Amparan.

Juniors--Maria Guevara, Courtney Jamerson and Sergio Antillon.

Senior--Kelcey Scroggins
Students maintaining an "A/B" average for the six weeks include:

Freshmen--Edgar Ortiz, Rebecca Viernes, Chad Scroggins, Gloria Rocha, Zaide Marinelarena, Isabel Guevara, Fabian Chavez, Jeffrey Casas, Rebecca Carrillo, Giselle Alvarado and Hugo Aguillon.

Sophomores-- Yuriela Vela, Jolyne Ortiz, Adriana Ramirez, Mayra Banelos, Romualdo Ruiz, Christopher Ortiz, Maribel Ortiz, Crystal Galvan, Abraham Rocha and Hilda Dominguez.

Juniors--Reyna Cecenas, Matthew Downes, Marisol Almanza, Maria Carmona, Miguelina Castro, Richard Lamas, Juan Vara, Annabel Loe, Travis Steelman, Jonathan Olvera, Josh Kerby, Joaquin Marin, Carlos Moreno and Maritssa Salazar.

Seniors--Alejandro Antillon, Lorena Hernandez, Angela Villarreal, Mitchel Vela, Fidelfa Saucedo, Christen Stowers, Rocio Antillon,

3rd-6 Wks Honor Roll Announced

Middle School principal, Matt Branstein, announced the honor rolls for the third six weeks of the 2001-02 school year.

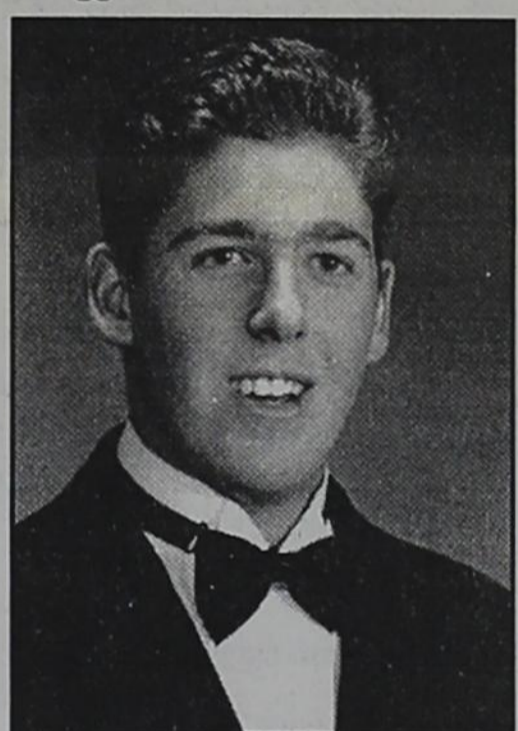
Students who earned all A's were Hilda Quintero and Henry Claussen Hiebert, seventh grade; and Irma Rocha, eighth grade.

Students who earned A's and B's include sixth graders Ruben Chavez, Jaime Alejandro Chavira, Tomas Fuentes, Marisela Garcia, Jesus Guevara, Hortencia Lara, Lucero Saucedo and Dominic Soria.

Seventh graders are David Carrillo, Eduardo Garcia, Frank C. Martinez, Sonia M. Murillo, Jessie James Reyna, Lidieth Rocha, David Rojas, Isai Saucedo and Orlando Shelly.

Eighth graders were Zachary Graves, Jose Hector Carrillo, Marco Castaneda, Diana Delarosa, Dina Kay Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Saul Martinez, Elizabeth Christina Ortiz, Michael Thomas Ortiz, Sandra Perez, Karla Rivera, Laura Rocha, Juana Roldan, Alexandra Owens.

Noemi Viernes, Diego Ruiz, Briselda Rodriguez, Katarina Perez, Danny Martinez, Veronica Herrera, John Guzman, David Garcia, Maria Chavez, Miguel Melendez, Yesika Ramirez and Kelcey Scroggins.



W. Bell Graduates From WTC

Will Bell, a 1998 Bovina High School graduate, completed a golf course management program at Western Texas College in Snyder.

He graduated December 7, 2001 with an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Golf and Landscape Technology.

The past two summers Will completed golf internships at Barton Creek in Austin and Boyne Highland Resort in Michigan.

Will is the son of Greg and Pam Bell and the grandson of A.M. Wilson and Durward and Fern Bell.

He will now be employed as second assistant superintendent of Lake Park Golf Course in Lewisville.

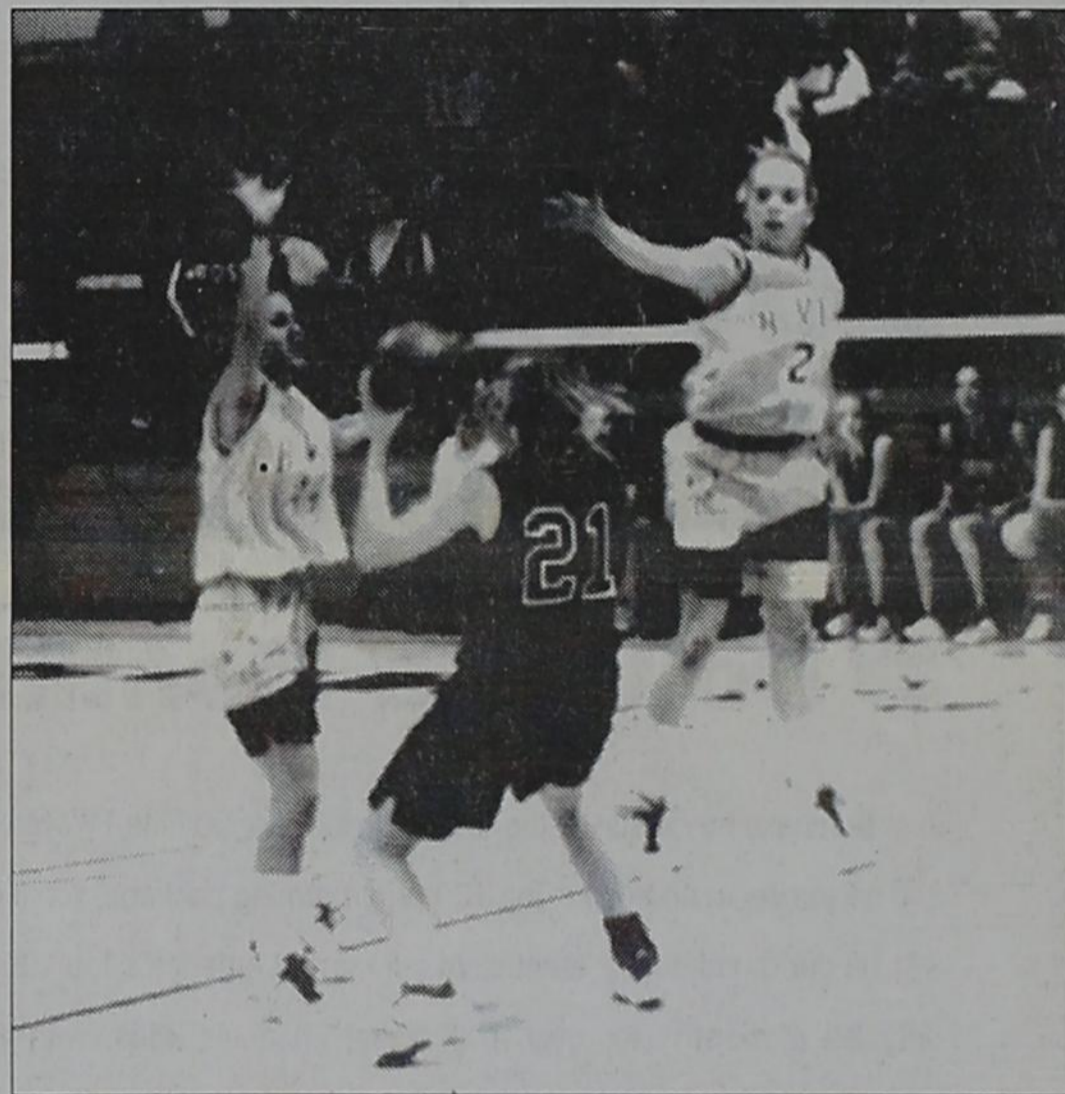
Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of January 13-19, 2002.

Jan 13 Sammy Stormes, Hermilia Perez, Elizabeth Serna, Jo Bunch
Jan 14 Arturo Espinosa
Jan 15 Julia Leake
Jan 16 Christy Barksdale
Jan 17 Irma Hernandez, Billy Lynn Marshall, Mike McCallum
Jan 18 Sarah Owen, Curtis Drager

To add a name to our birthday list call 251-1523.

If there are names on our list that need to be deleted due to death, moved away, etc, please let us know also. Thank you!



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