

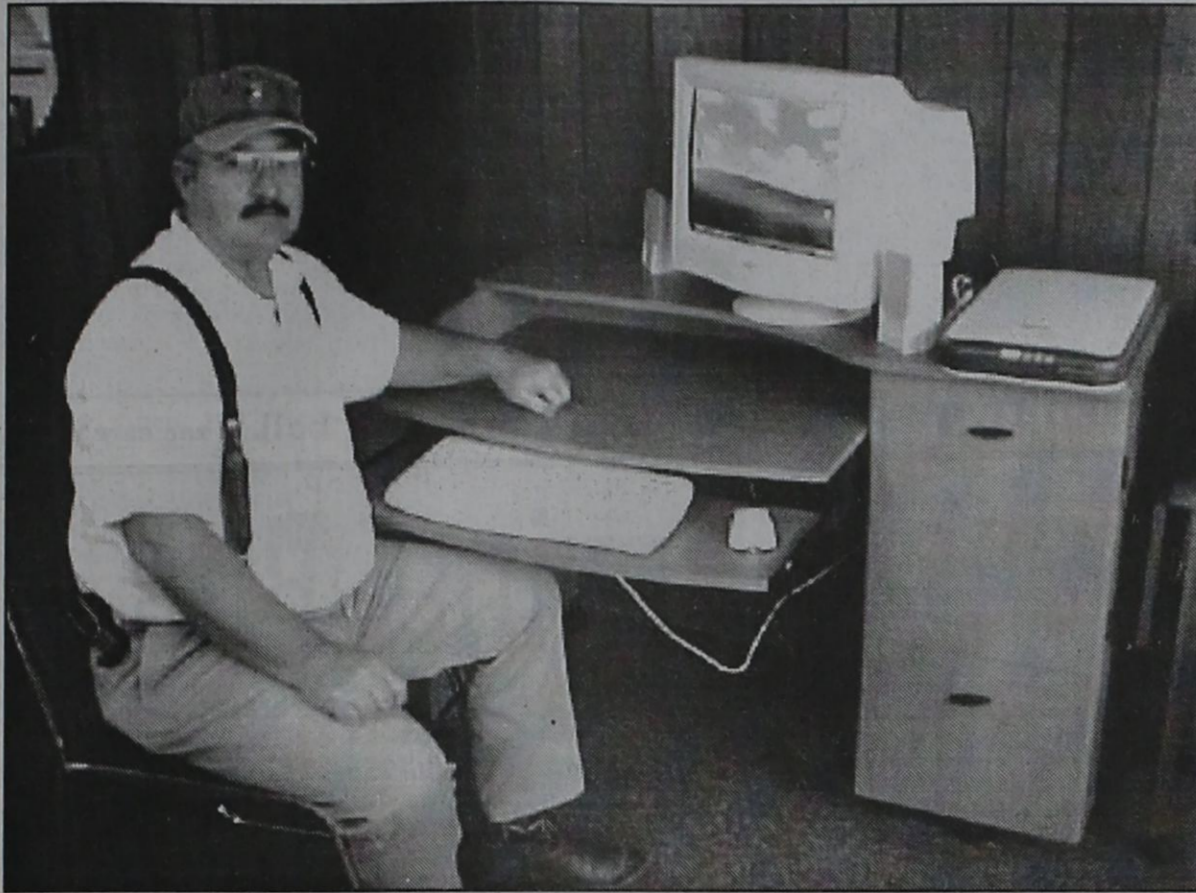
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CITY COMPUTERS---City Manager Ernest Terry demonstrates the newly installed "Public Access" computer terminal located in the foyer at Bovina City Hall. The computer is available for use by Bovina residents at no charge and is the first of several such computers to be made available around the city.

New Computers Available For Use By Bovina Residents

The first of several computer terminals for Bovina was installed at City Hall this week. Others are now being located at St. Ann's Catholic Church and at the Church of Christ.

These will be available for use by the citizens of Bovina free of charge. Experienced personnel will be available to help anyone who needs assistance getting started.

In addition, a fast internet service is being included and there are also no fees for using the "net."

City Manager Ernest Terry says "The only cost to the City of Bovina was the \$70 for the desk and our time if anyone needs our help."

The computers are the result of a \$525,000 Texas TIF Grant to the Bovina Community Network (BCN) project for the city, which was awarded last September.

Terry also noted that an efficient tax program will be installed on the City's

computer in time for "income tax filing" next year, so that anyone can come in and do their personal taxes. The program will have all of the required forms for printing, and the file can be sent

electronically to the IRS.

The local school systems will also be included as a beneficiary of the TIF grant which provides computer access to small communities around the state.



DEBRIS from destroyed buildings is piled up on the Coker farm near Lazbuddie as friends and neighbors helped with the cleanup. See story above for more.
ron carr photo

Council Discusses Land Acquisitions

The Bovina City Council met in regular session Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Present were Aldermen Kevin Hughes, Mike McCallum, Stan Miller, John Blackwell, Mayor Galen Hromas, city manager Ernest Terry, city secretary Bonnie Scaff, chief of police Leon Saddler, public works

superintendent Andy Garza, city attorney Kathryn Gurley, and Charles Wilkins.

There were no new changes made to the City code and only the possibility of changing the required age of a mobile home brought into the city limits was discussed. No action was taken.

Terry reported that the

new front mower for the cemetery had been received.

Charles Wilkins spoke to the council with his opinions and concerns regarding the land acquisition. He expressed concern whether land acquisition would be the right course of action for city water and if the water would be the quantity or quality of water the city needed.

The council approved the appointment of Mike Prather as an alternate judge on a temporary basis.

At 7:55 p.m. the council

went into closed session to consult with attorney Gurley and discuss the purchase of land from Thomas Rhodes and Houston Bartlett.

The council came out of closed session at 8:55 p.m. No action was taken on the proposed land purchases. The council adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

In a separate action, city manager Terry said that a new police officer has been hired and will begin work on July 1.

My Turn

By CAROL ELLIS

EVERY WEEK WE GET A chance to get it right, all over again. Last week, in Good Old Bill's discussion about publishing this paper for forty years, he mentioned our every-week deadline. But we're so used to working against that deadline now, that we've turned into last-minute people. I used to be a "plan-ahead" person. Bill is right! That deadline really affects your life in many ways.

Do young people in their early twenties ever feel secure about making mature decisions regarding their work, their life, their family? Bill started out as a news and sports writer, and I as a commercial artist in advertising layout. . . both geared toward big city newspaper careers. Bill still gets to cover sports (Chiefs, Mustangs, Squaws, Fillies, etc.) and still loves writing about the high school competition. (Ask him the name of any high school team mascot in Texas, and he can tell you almost all of them.)

As a young working mother, I got to enjoy the best of both worlds. The kids loved going to Pearl McLean's day care center during the three or four days that I worked at the paper each week and we all loved being at home together the rest of the week. Down at the newspaper office, Bill and I have always enjoyed sharing the common goal of getting the paper put together every week.

There have been many changes in the business over the years. Somehow my work in the production end of it has evolved into spending many hours at the computer; scanning, digitally re-touching, and printing all the photos that appear in *the Blade* and *Star*. During this recent graduation week, that amounted to over 400 pictures for both papers.

A weekly newspaper is in the rather odd position of being both a public service and a private enterprise. Anyone in such an endeavor as this, should definitely have taken some business courses, in addition to the usual journalism stuff. Fortunately Bill has a good head for business and agricultural-related things, having grown up on a farm in neighboring Bailey County. Plus, he learned a lot from Joe Osborn who was, way back then, the owner of the *Friena Star*.

Joe is the son of Friena pioneers, the late Sloan and Ilene Osborn. He was (and still is) a lawyer in Austin, many miles away. Out-of-town ownership of any business is difficult, but Joe evidently had a lot of faith in Bill's ability to get it right. Every couple of months or so, Joe came up from Austin to visit his home folks and to touch base with the young editor of his newspaper.

When Bill and Joe would sit in our living room and go over things, I could hear those lawyerly wheels churning. Joe was interested in every detail of the paper, no matter how small. He would weigh everything as to how it might affect the readership, the advertisers, the town, and the business. Joe's insights in our living room were better than any business courses available at any college. He gets credit for our being able to meet our deadline every week, while also meeting our payroll and paying that huge weekly printing bill. (So, see. . . I don't really hate lawyers. They are just fun to make jokes about when writing a column.)

We learned that two people could both work in this business and earn about the same as one person. But the perks are fantastic. You get to go to a lot of neat events, meet a lot of interesting people, and sometimes you get to park in the "reserved for media" area at the airport.

Of course, we also learned that this is definitely not a "5" enterprise; you are "on call" just about all the time. Otherwise, we would have been handed the traditional "old watch and given our retirement about five or ten years ago. As it is, you'll have to put up with Good Old Bill and Mamma Carol for awhile longer.



40 Years Ago

Happy Father's Day



A KIDS INC. coach conducts practice for his team prior to a recent game. The kids play on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Bovina baseball field.
ron carr photo

New Ownership Told For Friena Dairy Queen

The FrienaStar/Bovina Blade received notice on Thursday that Roundtable Corp. of Lubbock will acquire ownership of the Dairy Queen restaurant in Friena.

At the present time, Roundtable Corp. operates 12 Dairy Queen restaurants in various cities and towns in Texas. The Thursday announcement will add 29 additional locations to the Lubbock corporation's chain.

"For the past year and half, we have improved both customer service and employee satisfaction. We have also updated and improved our facilities in order to create a positive image for Dairy Queen restaurants," said a company spokesman.

The local Dairy Queen may be temporarily closed for a short transitional period. Facility improvements and renovations are also being scheduled, the news release stated.

"The commitment that Roundtable Corp. has to its customers and employees and their communities is evidenced by our active involvement in local schools, community groups, and their philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network. Our mission statement is 'To exceed the expectations of our customers and employees,'" the news release added.

The 12 Dairy Queen locations being added to the Lubbock-based corporation are Claude, Crosbyton, Denver City, Dumas, Earth, Friena, Fritch, Groom, Hereford, Hobbs, N.M., Idalou, Lockney, Olton, Seagraves, Slaton, Stinnett, Sunray, Wellington and Wolfthor.

"Whether you want hot eats, cool treats, or if you're looking for a great employment opportunity, Roundtable invites you to come rediscover your local Dairy Queen restaurant," it was stated.

Tornado Strikes Near Lazbuddie

Don't tell Joe Don Coker and his friend Mike Blackburn it wasn't a tornado that struck the Coker place Wednesday night.

Coker and Blackburn were standing outside a barn at the farm four miles south of Highway 86 on FM 1172, when a funnel dipped out of the cloud overhead and touched down about only a few yards east of the house.

"When the dirt started flying, we took off for the cellar," Blackburn said. Coker's wife April and a brother-in-law joined them in the cellar while the tornado ripped through three quonset buildings, moved a farm tractor about 20 feet toward the house, snapped electricity poles, and tore part of the roof off the barn where the two had been standing.

The twister continued north, scattering the debris, overturning two center pivot sprinklers and snapping off about 15 more poles along FM 1172. Sheet metal could be seen hanging from power lines and trees. REC workers were on the scene Thursday

morning repairing the lines.

Windows in the house were also broken and the house was full of dirt and debris afterwards. Donnie and April Coker spent Wednesday night with relatives.

By Thursday morning, friends and neighbors gathered to assist with cleaning up the mess. Pickups pulling trailers, front loaders, graders, farmers and teenagers all were on hand to help.

Amarillo TV meteorologists did not describe the twister as a tornado. Instead they referred to the rotating cloud as a "dustnado."

Donnie Coker said, "You tell everybody that what came through here last night was a tornado, not a dustnado." From the looks of the place, he was right.

Since the Cokers did not have insurance to cover the damages, friends have established a Love Fund to assist with the rebuilding.

Donations to assist the Coker family may be sent to: Coker House Account, Security State Bank, P. O. Box J, Farwell, Tx. 79325.

Wheat Yield Well Below Last Year

Yields reported have been 12-15 bushels per acre with a few in the 20-25 bushel yield. Irrigation farmers can expect 40-50 bushels per acre, depending on how they watered, which is about 50% of a normal year.

Wheat harvest is underway mainly for dryland acres. Due to the condition of this year's crop, elevator managers don't expect the harvest to last very long.

First loads reported by

area elevators were:

Sherley Grain-Bovina, June 7, Les McCain; Sherley Grain-Lazbuddie, June 1, John Young; Sherley Grain-Rhea, June 8, John Gurley.

Also, Friena Wheat Growers, June 9, Danny Smith; West Friena Grain, June 7, Jerry London-Hub Farms; Attebury Grain, June 6, Russell Dorward.

The first load at FWG tested 58.7 pounds to the bushel and the moisture content was 14%.



MORE EFFICIENT mailing and postage service is in place at the Bovina Post Office. Computerized weighing and postage scales now in use are shown by Postmistress Lenore Falcon.
ron carr photo

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-June 12, 1957
"No serious complaints," water superintendent John Wilson commented Monday when asked about how local folks reacted to the 50 cent increase in water rates and the compulsory sewer charge. This was the first month for the additional charges to be made.

Twenty members of Bovina Boy Scout Troop were awarded Tenderfoot badges in a special Parents' Night program last (Tuesday) night, in the American Legion Hall.

Saturday marks the grand opening of Bovina's newest business. The recently-completed Phillips service station, east of Warren Auto Supply on Highway 60, will swing open its doors in a formal welcome to the public.

A total of 184 people toured the Bovina Jaycee-sponsored "Atoms for Peace" exhibit which was in Bovina Wednesday afternoon of last week, says Charles Don Smith, Jaycee chairman for the showing.

40 Yrs Ago-June 13, 1962
A new and different warning system is now being used at the two railroad crossings in Bovina. Announcement of the warning system has been made by Dean Hastings, Santa Fe agent here.

Dave Wines escaped serious injury Sunday afternoon when the 1954 Chevrolet he was driving went out of control as he was approaching highway 86 from the south on FM Road 1731 in Bovina.

County wheat farmers were trying to harvest into full swing this week, with nightly in the form of showers, leaving the grain too wet to harvest.

A new observation well for the artificial ground water recharge program will soon be added to the High Plains Research Foundation.

35 Yrs Ago-June 14, 1967
High, damaging winds, believed by some to be

tornado type, hit the Bovina area late Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Eddy Wilmon has resigned as work unit Conservationist of Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Bids for the construction of Bovina School's new elementary classroom building will be opened Thursday, June 29, Superintendent Otis Spears announces.

Sheriff Chas. Lovelace reports that tires and wheels taken in a burglary at Watts Tire Co. approximately three weeks ago, were recovered Friday night near the underpass east of Farwell.

30 Yrs Ago-June 14, 1972
Bovina City Council has agreed to cooperate with a federal government program to hire four young people during the summer months.

Three directors to the seven member board of Bovina Medical Clinic will be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation next month, according to Earl Stevenson, board chairman.

Nine members of the 15-member board of directors of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture met Wednesday noon of last week at Bovina Restaurant. The board voted to sponsor a monthly "Good Guy" award.

Sixteen boys, age nine through 12, participated in the local Phillips 66-sponsored Pitch, Hit and Throw baseball contest at Bovina's baseball park Saturday morning. Four winners, one in each age group, will advance to district competition which will be in Amarillo Saturday.

25 Yrs Ago-June 15, 1977
A Farwell family was terrorized last Sunday night when two or three men held them at knifepoint, tied them, then beat and robbed them, the Parmer County Sheriff's office reported.

The All-Star's traveled to Levelland on Thursday, June

2, to play in the State Basketball Tournament. Coached by Laura Barlett and Dianna Naegle, ten girls made the trip and did themselves proud. The team got runner-up to the state champions.

The speech and theater department, West Texas State university, was announced the 1977-78 recipients of the 14 departmental scholarships which are given each year. Among the students who will receive scholarships for next year is Ben McCain, Bovina senior.

20 Yrs Ago-June 16, 1982
Danny Cochran, 28, has been named as the new high school principal for Bovina. Cochran is a Booker native, and has previously been principal at Poteet.

Parmer County was once again hit by stormy weather last Thursday evening, and the loss toll was again high in some areas. The greatest loss from the Thursday storm appeared to be Bovina Feeders.

Mark Lanham, formerly of Vega, will take over the reigns of the Bovina Mustang basketball team next year, it was announced by school sources Tuesday.

15 Yrs Ago-June 17, 1987
Mearle Morgan has been appointed to serve Bovina as Municipal Judge. She will be working two hours each week day.

Todd Ware was one of 400 students attending an energy symposium in Austin last week.

The Bovina Medical Center board of directors held their annual meeting Monday, June 8. Two new board members were elected. They were Linda Marshall and Dennis Willard, who were elected to replace Ellen Estes and Eugene Scott.

10 Yrs Ago-June 13, 1992
Ken Sorley marketed the first load of wheat to Sherley Grain on June 4, according to elevator spokesman Harry Johnson.

The crops around the Bovina area have had maximum water damage in recent weeks. The area's cotton and wheat also sustained some damage from hail and high winds.

5 Yrs Ago-June 14, 1997
Athletic Director and Head Coach Bobby Ortiz has selected Ryan Bridenstine along with three other new coaches to round out the 1997-98 coaching staff.

Two new tables were purchased for the school courtyard. The fund-raising projects held by the student council during the year funded the table purchase.

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MISSED IT. Two Kids Inc. players go after a ball. zac carr photo



Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

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

Emmagene Calaway had company over the weekend. Her son and daughter-in-law, James and Beverly Calaway of Capitan, New Mexico came to celebrate Emmagene's birthday.

The family members went to K-Bob's in Clovis, New Mexico for a steak dinner on Sunday and had a great time visiting.

Emmagene added that Beverly was recently elected as County Treasurer in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Alice and Jessie Stone and their son and his family, Randy, Doreen and Megan, drove to Cofax, Iowa Sunday to visit Jessie's sister and her family, Brenda and Greg Corwin for a week. While there they visited the Corwin's son, Michael Killion and daughter and her family, Shyla and Jamie and their three children.

After traveling the 16 hours to Cofax, the family members got a call on Monday from Jessie's other sister and former Bovinan, Barbara Trimm (Truman's wife) of Lonestar, that their father, Louis Stone, had passed away.

Tuesday morning the Stones began the 13-hour drive to Dekalb for the Wednesday funeral. The Stones' other son and daughter and her family met them there. They are Jason Stone of Bovina and Teresa and Junior Lopez and their son Brandon of Friona.

The family members returned home to Bovina Thursday, very tired from all the driving.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of June 16-22, 2002.
Jun 16 Beth Bermea
Jun 19 Betty McClaran, Raymond Drager
Jun 22 Janie Sherbon
Add names of friends or family to our birthday list by calling 251-1523.

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



JESSICA BRITO fields the ball

Did you know? Summer is beat known for baseball and each year stadiums fill up with fans ready to cheer their favorite teams. You've probably heard of players, managers and owners being ejected from baseball games.

But have you ever heard of an organist being given the boot? In 1985 at Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, Florida (home of the Philadelphia Phillies during spring training), organist Wilbut Snapp played "Three Blind Mice" following a call by umpire Keith O'Connor. The umpire was not amused and saw to it that Mr. Snapp was sent to the showers.

Francis Hawkins traveled to Victoria, Texas, with daughter Kim Gober of Lubbock and her roommate, Pat Adair last week to see Francis' son and family, Dr. Lane and Liz Gober and children, Jeff and Chelsea. Chelsea, 19, is a junior at Tulane University in New Orleans. Jeff, 15, is a high school student.

Former Bovina resident Robyn Norris was in Bovina visiting family members Thursday and Friday. She and her sister, Becky, shopped in Clovis Friday and celebrated Becky's birthday with her husband Mike and son Ty that evening.

Saturday Becky, Mike and Ty, drove to Amarillo to stay the night and have some fun. Ty, 3, enjoyed swimming in the hotel's

indoor pool and playing at Wonderland Park.

Mike learned a big lesson that night when he and Ty climbed a tall stairway to ride a ride-always look at the end of the ride and see what people look like when they get off! They thought they were going to ride a tall slide on a potato sack but instead rode a water ride that soaked them both while setting in a small raft.

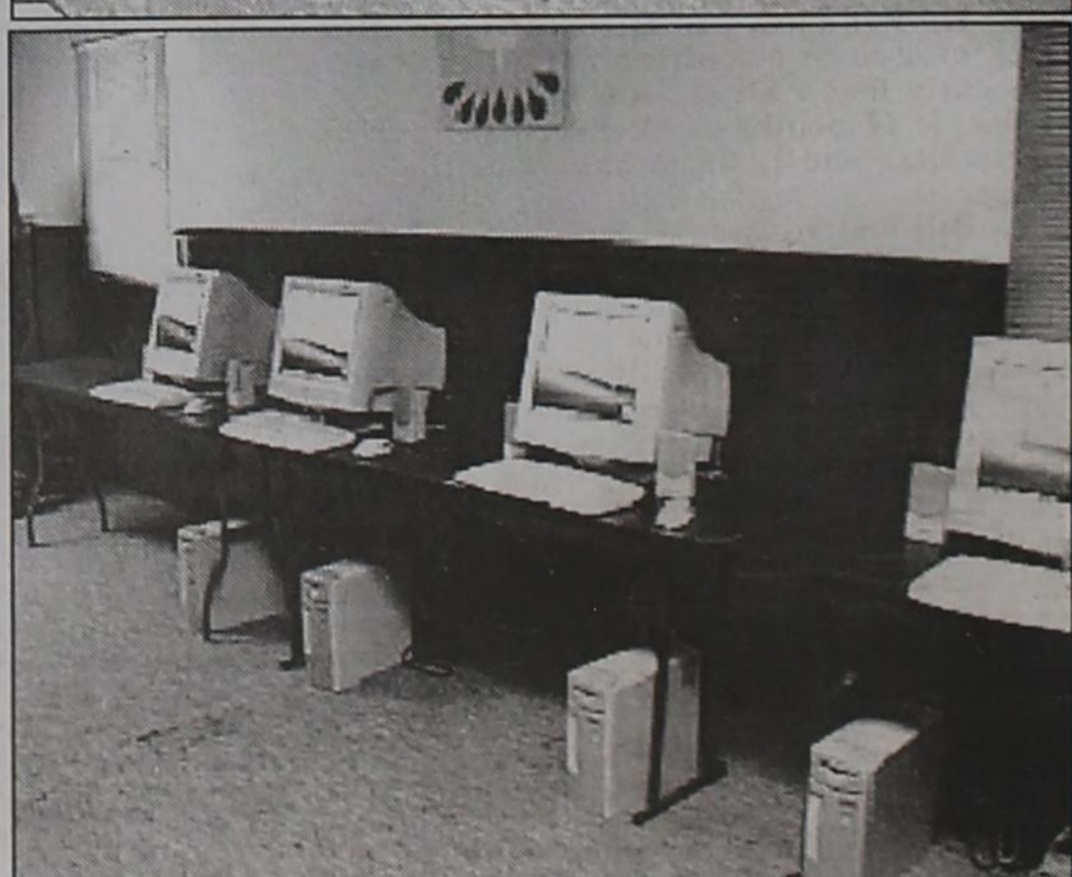
Sunday the family members attended Ty's first baseball game. The Amarillo Dilla's lost 14-2 but they had fun.

R. Trevino Buried In Bovina

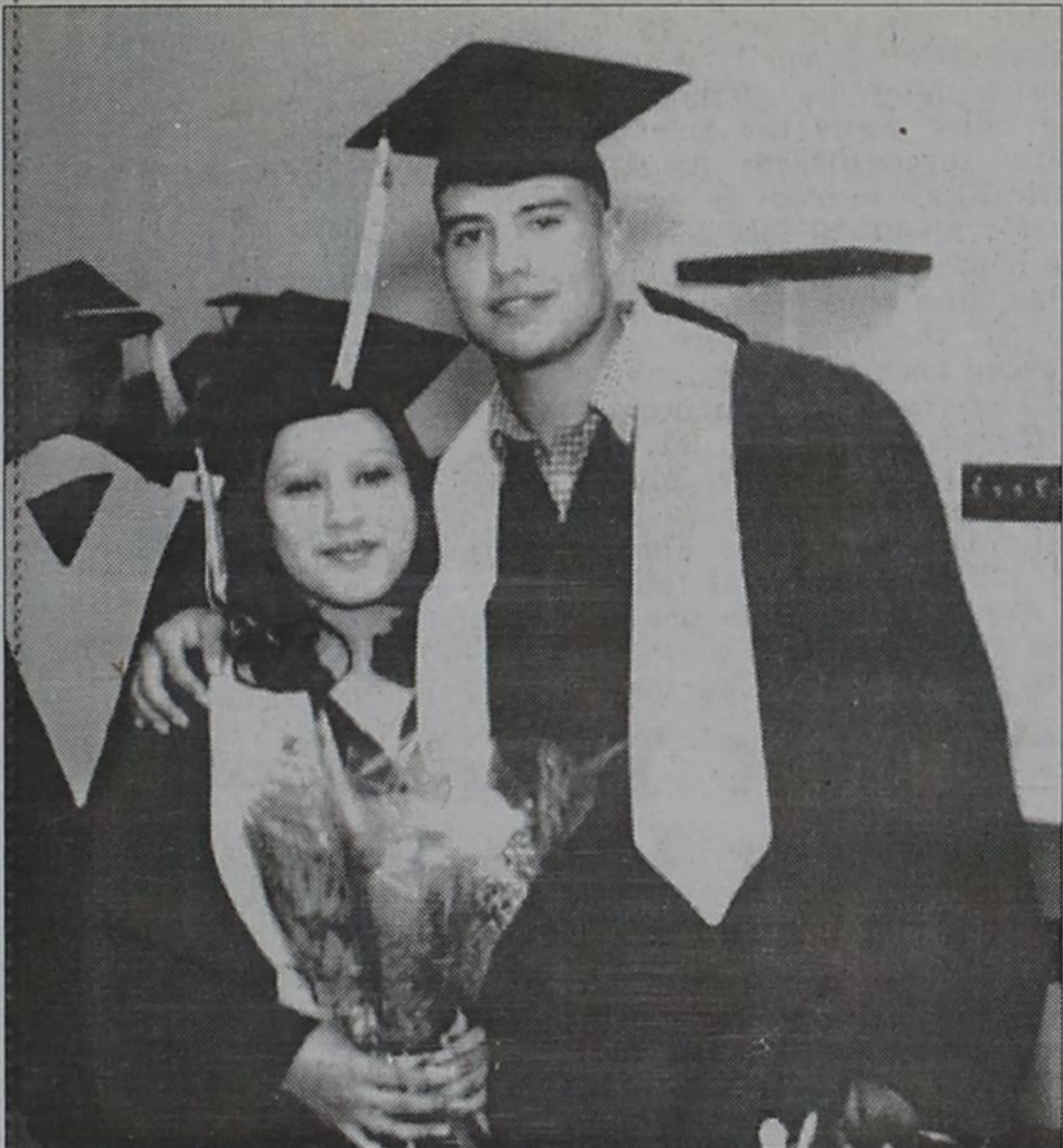
Graveside services for Ramon Trevino, 63, were held Saturday, June 8, at Bovina Cemetery, with Rev. Joe Trevino of Bovina and Eilazar Lara, Jr., of Lubbock officiating.

Mr. Trevino, a former resident of Parmer County, died Friday, June 7, in Amarillo after a lengthy illness. He was born August 31, 1938 in Robstown, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosalinda Garcia and Lionires Trevino of Austin, Tx; three brothers, Anselmo Trevino and Gilbert Prieto of McKinney, Tx, and Joe Trevino of Bovina; three sisters, Modesta DeLeon of Amarillo, Margie Trevino of Dallas and Ramona Lara of Bovina; and six grandchildren.



COMPUTERS have been installed at city hall, the Church of Christ, and, above, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. photos courtesy of mike mcallum



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Hortencia Bermea, 62, Services Held Thursday

Funeral services for Hortencia Maldonado Bermea, 62, were conducted Thursday at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona, with Father Ed Sweeney officiating.

An additional mass will be held Saturday, June 15, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Menard. Burial will be at Garden of Memories in Menard.

Mrs. Bermea passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at her residence.

She was born December 7, 1939, in Lampassas. She married Edmund Bermea December 7, 1959, in Menard.

The deceased had lived in Friona since 1967, moving here from Menard. She was an active member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Guadalupe Bermea on July 13, 1961.

Survivors include her husband, Edmund of the home; four daughters, Theresa Mercado of Kileen; Lesa Bermea, Rachel Avalos and Erika Montana, all of Friona; two brothers, Joe Mandonado of Marble Falls and Guadalupe Mandonado of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Also, five sisters: Alice



HORTENCIA BERMEA

Castillo of Hereford, Ruth Gonzales of Fort Collins, Colorado; Ninfa Shepherd of Santa Clara, California, Estella DeLeon of Camp Wood, Tx., and Janie Maldonado of San Angelo. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers are Anthony Tijerina, Andrew Tijerina, Bruce Ramos, Vincent Castillo, Edward Castillo and Rudy Bermea.

Resident's Grandson Cited For Heroism

Lieutenant Shawn T. Bailey, who was serving aboard the Navy's Knightrider 13, along with three other crew members, have been given the Naval Helicopter Assn.'s "Aircrew of the Year," award for 2001, according to a statement from the U.S. Navy.

Lorraine Welch of Friona is Bailey's grandmother. Monte Welch Bailey of San Antonio is his mother.

The citation from the U.S. Navy read as follows:

"For meritorious achievement while serving as Search and Rescue Crew aboard the Knightrider 13, on the night of August 2, 2001. Lieutenant Bailey, Lieutenant Farnsworth, Petty Officer Chapman and Petty Officer Muencharath performed their demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

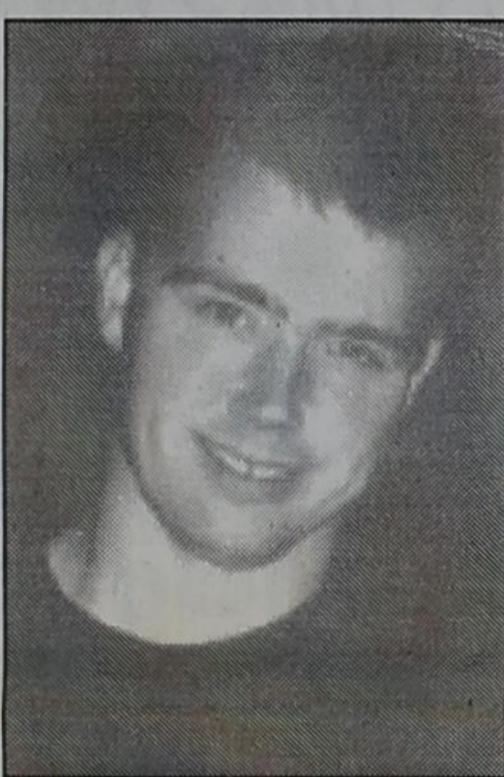
"During extremely hazardous conditions in the path of approaching Tropical Storm Pabuk, utilizing Night Vision Devices, the crew displayed extraordinary airman-ship and skill during all facets of a daring airborne rescue.

"Demonstrating exceptional flight crew coordination, they located the 100-foot U.S. Coast Guard Cutter, Galveston Island, 50 nautical miles off the coast of Guam and safely rescued a severely injured Taiwanese fishing boat captain.

"Positioning the HH-46D Seaknight helicopter over the stern of the wildly pitching and rolling vessel, Lt. Bailey skillfully hovered over a 12 by 12 foot area near a 40-foot mast to extract Petty Officer Muenchrath, medical personnel and the victim.

"In conditions demanding the best of instrument scans to back up the pilot, Lt. Farnsworth expertly handled administrative communications, kept a running log, continually apprised the crew of both the fuel state and

Resident's Grandson Cited For Heroism



SHAWN BAILEY

time to "bingo," and diligently monitored engine performance instruments for signs of salt encrustation. P.O. Chapman overcame two hoist boom failures and a Night Vision Device impairment to complete five complex hoisting evolutions in less than 20 minutes.

"Under severe fuel and time constraints on the extremely turbulent deck, P.O. Muenchrath prepared each individual for hoist and ensured the victim experienced no further trauma during the transfer as he bravely handled the rescue hook and dangerously whipping cable without incident.

This crew's skillful and selfless efforts during challenging environmental conditions while utilizing Night Vision Devices over the small pitching and rolling craft, saved the Taiwanese captain's life.

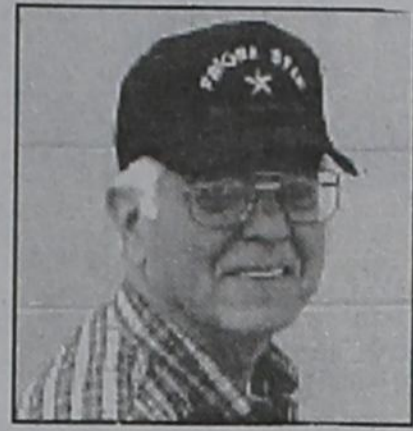
"The crew of Knightrider 13's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected great credit upon themselves and were in keeping with the rotary traditions of Naval Rotary Wing Aviation."

The citation was signed by L.J. Cortellini, U.S. Navy captain, who is president of the Naval Helicopter Assn.

Out Here

by Ron Carr

Gamblers Busted In Farwell



Texas laws concerning gambling are convoluted, confusing and downright hypocritical.

We have the state lottery. When sales drop off, lottery people devise ways to get citizens to spend more money gambling to increase revenue for the state coffers.

Down in Arlington, or over near El Paso, you can spend a day enjoying the horse races and of course bet a bunch on the nag of your choice. All legal and all in the comfort of a private club if you like.

If you are an Indian (excuse me, a Native American) the federal government will provide land and license so you and your tribe can open a full blown casino and not even pay taxes.

I haven't spent a lot of time studying how 8-liner machines became legal then not so legal in Texas. I've never played one.

I didn't even play slot machines when I was a regular visitor to Las Vegas. I didn't like the odds and I thought it was pretty boring.

Eight-liners, so-called because they are slot machines with 8-lines, at one point must have been legal in Texas. They were designed as harmless entertainment where you could put in a dime or quarter and win a coupon good for a trinket of some kind.

The value of the trinket could not exceed 10 times the amount you put in, with a maximum value of \$5.

The problem is, as often happens when gambling and sin is involved, 8-liner owners found ways to fudge the rules, offering customers

opportunities to win more than trinkets and cupie dolls.

If they only gave away trinkets and cupie dolls, the parking lots along Highway 84 in Farwell wouldn't be full of fancy cars and trucks.

Folks overlooked the 8-liner parlors in Farwell in spite of rumors that they were paying out more than trinkets. A few grumbled but most looked the other way. After all, they weren't hurting anything.

Fact is, things were so good, two more 8-liner parlors opened in the last year or so. The original one, Border Games, had operated for going on four years, apparently without a problem.

Or so they thought. Things changed abruptly this week. On Wednesday, June 12, about 33 law enforcement personnel executed simultaneous search warrants at the three casino game locations in Farwell.

Sheriff Randy Geries said that Border Games, Winner's Touch and George's Gold Strike were closed down and all 8-liner machines and related gambling paraphernalia were confiscated.

The search warrants were executed at 3 p.m. Wednesday and law officers worked well past midnight, filling three yellow rental trucks with the confiscated items. Cleaned them out and stored the stuff away for evidence.

Several months ago, Sheriff Geries initiated an undercover operation at the three businesses. The undercover investigation was handled by personnel from the Texas Attorney General's Office and the Department of Public Safety Special Crimes

Division.

Officers found gambling violations at all three locations. A typical violation was one where "cash" prizes and prizes that exceed the state limit were given to winners at the stores. Geries said there were other violations of state laws governing 8-liner parlors.

The businesses, all located along Highway 84 in Farwell, were charged with gambling promotion, keeping a gambling place, possession of a gambling device and possession of gambling paraphernalia. All charges are Class A misdemeanors.

Only the owners of the businesses were arrested, although under state law, both employees and customers could have been arrested and charged too.

Officers from Farwell, Bovina, Friona, DPS Troopers, Sheriff Geries and his deputies and the Texas Rangers participated in the raids.

So Parmer County is free of gambling for now. The debate will continue whether the 8-liner parlors were really

Rep. Combest's Father Has Died

Rep. Larry Combest's father, L. Nelson Combest of Amarillo, passed away Sunday at the age of 88. Rep. Combest issued the following statement Monday:

"I appreciate the thoughts and prayers of my friends and colleagues during this very difficult time."

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 West 11th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, 79101.

gambling halls and whether the three businesses were really hurting anybody (wink, wink).

The owners no doubt have lawyers already and are preparing to challenge the validity of the state 8-liner laws and the Sheriff's gambling allegations.

Sheriff Geries did the right thing in enforcing the violations of state gambling laws.

Some will say that it would have only been a matter of time "before somebody got killed out there." Others are sure that now the gambler customers will use that money to feed their family and tithe at church.

Don't bet on either. There are some things in life that even a big dose of goodness can't change.

Like the lure of trinkets and cupie dolls!

4-H Photo Show Results

The District 2 4-H photography show was held recently with placings as follows:

JUNIOR 1-CATEGORIES
Crystal Reyes--third, Texans Building Character; fourth, Animals.

Participant: Landscape and Scenic.

Michelle Wauson--participant, People; participant--Humor; and participant--Plants/Flora.

JUNIOR 2-CATEGORIES
Alisha Wauson--fourth, Landscape/Scenic; participant--Humor; participant--People.

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Charlsie Eubank Submits Life Story

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for submitting in this week's issue. This month we are featuring Charlsie Eubank.



CHARLSIE EUBANK

By CHARLSIE EUBANK
I was born January 5, 1907 in Greenville, Texas, Hall County, to Edd and Sara Courtney.

I had one brother. His name was William but we called him Bill. He learned to ride a bicycle, but I never did. I did learn to play the piano and spent a good deal of time playing it.

My parents had a farm. I loved to help work on the farm. We would raise a garden every year and we canned a lot of fruit and vegetables.

We moved NW of Idalou, Texas, and that was when I met Gilbert Eubank. We were married on July 12, 1925 in Slaton, Texas. Gilbert said he didn't want any children, he wanted a house with a picket fence around it. We went on to have seven children: four boys and three girls.

The girls took piano lessons and I helped them learn to play. I played for church services and my own enjoyment.

We had a neighbor who had an old mule that kept coming to the house at night. One night Gilbert decided to tie him to the tree. Well the kids had misplaced the rope, so he used a chain to tie him to the tree. Later that night we heard a commotion out where the mule was. Upon checking, the mule had wrapped the chain around the tree, fell down and was choking. We all went out in our night clothes and tried to help him, but he died before

got to hold them. We ran out of gasoline on the way home and had to buy some at a truck stop. After we left the station, Gilbert learned he had put diesel in the gas tank. We could barely get up the hills and the truck smoked all the way home.

In 1956, after all the kids had married, except for one, we moved to Bovina, Texas, where we farmed until Gilbert died in 1973.

My friends and I helped to build the Senior Citizens Building in Bovina. We did hand quilting and sold quilts to the public to raise money. This paid for the building and some of the inside work.

I lived in the family home in Bovina until 2000 and then I moved to Prairie Acres and enjoy being here very much. The people are very nice and the atmosphere is great.

we could get him loose. Gilbert explained to the neighbor what had happened and paid him \$10 for the mule.

We had to work hard on the farm, but had a lot of fun, also. One day Gilbert noticed that his pigs were unusually hungry and they weren't eating their food, so he was on the lookout to see why. He would out why. One of the kids was dropping a wire over an electric fence into their food to watch them jump. After the spanking he got, that didn't happen anymore.

Our best vacation I can remember was when we loaded a 38 Ford truck with a mattress, sleeping quilts, for the kids to sleep on the ground, and a 55 gallon drum full of gasoline.

We traveled throughout New Mexico and Colorado. Gilbert had put a squeeze bulb bicycle horn on the mirror and when we saw something interesting, he would squeeze the horn and point for the kids to look. We went to Carlsbad Caverns and the zoo in Albuquerque, where we saw baby lions and



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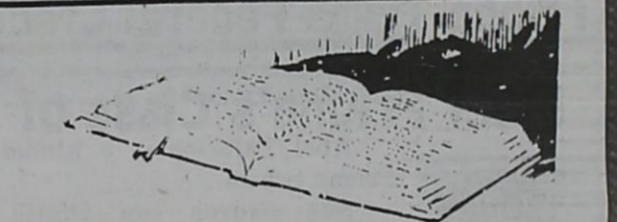
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Abayomi Salinas is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.
His parents are Aaron and Rufina Salinas. He has two sisters, Clara and Kessly and one brother Yurban. Grandparents are David and Maria Luz Salinas.
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The 2002 Parmer County steer validation will be held on June 25 at Lazbuddie Feeders, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors in Parmer County are required to have their animals validated to qualify for shows locally and statewide.

For more information, call the County Extension Office at (806)481-3619.

Cookbook Is Available Here

A few copies of the "Green Thumbs in the Kitchen" cookbook are available at the Friona Star for \$5.50. The book originally sold for \$15.00.

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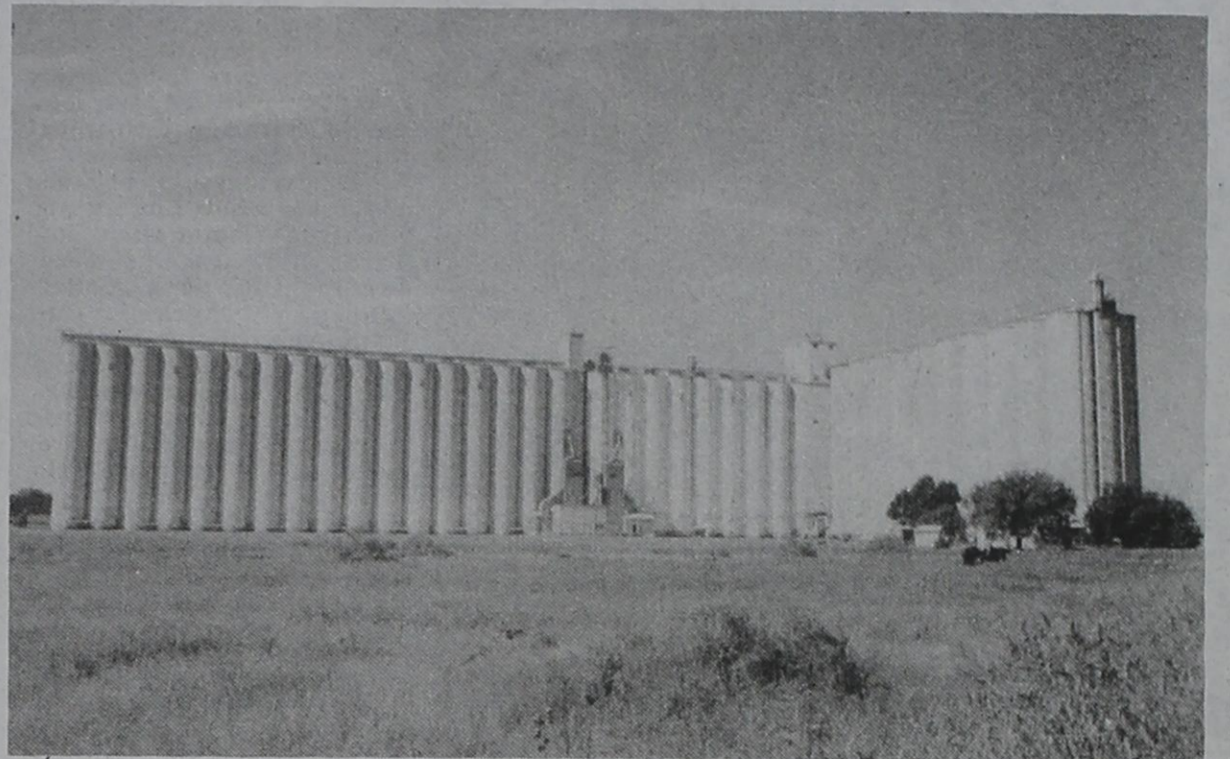
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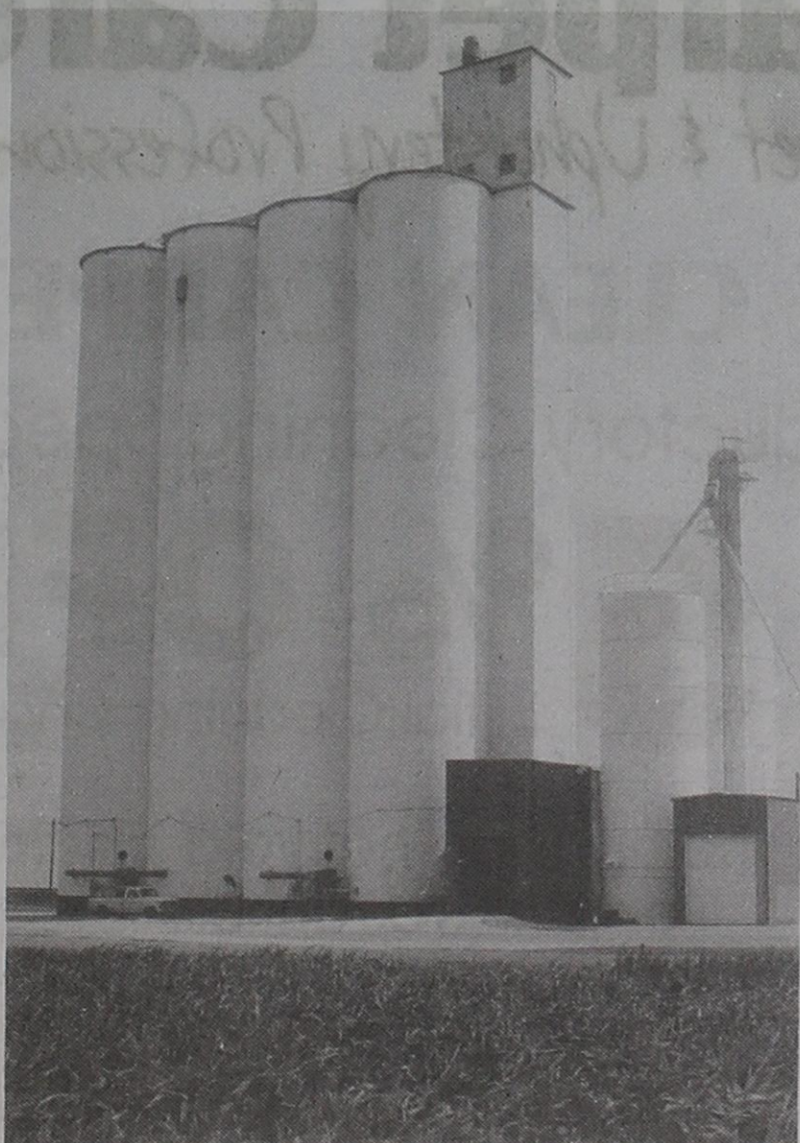
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25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY....Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Willard of Clovis, New Mexico, will be honored with a reception in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 22 from 3-5 p.m. MDT at 120 Waters Court in Clovis. Family members will present a short program at 4 p.m. Willard and the former Tammy Christian were married on June 18, 1977 at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. Hosting the event will be the couple's children, Amber and Ryan Strebeck, Joshua Willard and Jeremy Willard, all of Lubbock, and other family members. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. No invitations will be mailed locally. The family requests no gifts, please.

Olton Methodists Host Revival June 16-21

Olton Methodists are celebrating their centennial year and will conduct an Old Fashioned Brush Arbor Revival June 16 through June 21. Former pastors and men who have gone from this church into full time ministry will be preaching. Jim Fullingim will direct music. Regular worship hours will be observed Sunday, June 16 with the Rev. Sharon Wiese, pastor, preach-

ing the 10:30 morning worship hour. Fullingim will present a concert at 6 p.m. Weekday services will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a fellowship hour. Preachers include the Rev. Tommy Ewing, June 17; Rev. Elton Wyatt, June 18; Rev. Robert Harrell, June 19, 20 and Rev. Bill Stegemueller, June 21. An invitation is extended to all.

425,000 Children Expected To "Read Across Texas"

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed Jun. 3, 2002, "Texas Reading Club Day," the official kick off for the Texas Reading Club, "Read Across Texas!". More than 425,000 children are expected to practice their reading skills and participate in a variety of free programs at their local public libraries throughout the summer.

A partnership between the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and Texas libraries, the Texas Reading Club is a summer reading program that encourages children and their families to become library users and lifelong readers. This year's theme, "Read Across Texas!" invites children to explore the culture, history, and geography of Texas through the portal of books and their local libraries.

Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd notes, "Research has shown that children maintain or improve their reading skills if they participate in some kind of summer reading program. That's what makes the Texas Reading Club so important. The interactive programs offered at the local level stimulate kids mentally, physically and culturally, while fostering a lifelong love of books and reading."

Almost 700 Texas libraries are hosting a creative summer reading program for their communities using the "Read Across Texas!" theme. Local libraries bring the theme to life with special story times for all ages, reading incentives and prizes donated by local businesses, reading certificates, special speakers and programs, and prize drawings. Artwork for this year's program was created by noted illustrator and artist James Warhola.

New this year, Singer/Songwriter Willy Welch composed the official Texas Reading Club 2002 theme song, "Reading Across Texas." The playful song will be used by librarians in their programs this summer. The song is recorded on Welch's CD *Don't Eat That! Snappy*

Tunes for Kids of All Ages, Copyright 2001 (ASCAP), Playing Right Music, Dallas, Texas. Listen to the song on the State Library's Web site. <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/trc/2002/manual/intro/themesongs.html>.

The Texas Reading Club often brings the whole community together. The local schools begin promoting the program through announcements and posters before the school year ends. Local businesses donate money or in-kind gifts for use during the program. Speakers from local businesses and organizations such as the police department, hospitals and veterinary offices volunteer to host educational programs at the library. Library volunteers and Friends of the Library groups help plan special events such as hot air balloon demonstration, community-wide picnics, and magic shows. The Texas Reading Club focuses entire communities on a common goal: to foster the love of reading and books in children.

Particularly in smaller communities, where there may be few free of inexpensive activities available for families, the Texas Reading Club provides an array of free educational and fun activities for the duration of the summer. In addition, children practice their reading skills so they begin school again prepared for success. As a public librarian noted, "Teachers tell us that children who join the reading club do better with maintaining and improving their reading skills over the summer."

Since 1958, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has worked with local libraries to implement the Texas Reading Club. The State Library provides each year's theme, along with an idea manual, posters, bookmarks, reading logs and certificates to local libraries. The libraries use the materials to plan programs for their communities. Visit <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/trc/2002/index.html>.

Around Town

Senior Social Set For Next Saturday

Friona Senior Citizens will meet at 5 p.m. Saturday June 22 at the Friendship House for an ice cream and cake social. The Five Friends will provide musician entertainment.

VBS at Calvary Baptist Jun 24-28

Calvary Baptist Church of Friona will hold Vacation Bible School Jun 24-28, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Children who were in kindergarten thru 6th grade last school year are welcome to attend. The theme of the VBS will be Amazon Outfitters. Pastor Petty says they will be running the wagon again this year so be ready to ride to the Amazon and see what is happening. For info call the church office at 250-3000.

Summer drama workshop Jun 17-28

The annual summer drama workshop in Friona is set for Jun 17-28. All ages from elementary to high school. Registration forms available at the Friona High School office, or from Allison Johnston or Joy Morton. For more information call 250-5870 or 247-3797.

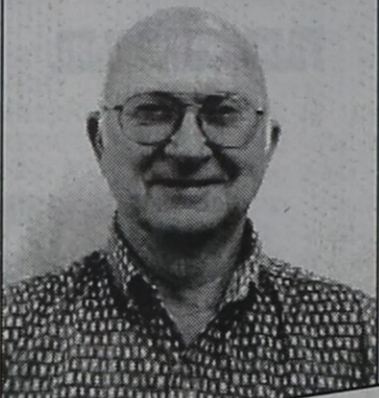
UMC women selling frozen berries

The United Methodist Women are selling Oregon frozen berries again this year. To order, or for information, call Deke Kendrick 250-3134 or Betty Reeve 265-3415. Deadline for ordering is Jul 8.

Softball tournament in Muleshoe

A Friend's of the Library men's softball tournament will be held in Muleshoe July 12, 13, 14. Cut off date is Jul 10. Class D & E. 12 teams limit. Entry fee \$120. Team roster of 13. Contact Nathan Hill 272-6891; Richard Orozco 272-3576; or the library 272-4707.

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