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COMPETITION HAS BEEN fierce in the summer Kids Inc., baseball league. Teams have been playing at the Bovina field and also traveling to Friona for games. This youngster takes a hefty swing as the catcher lunges for the ball. ron carr photo

School Board Hires New Band Director

The Bovina School Board met in regular session June 10, 2002. All board members were present.

Staff present were Darla Sealey, Matt Branstine, K'Dawn Scroggins, Sandy Downes, Luanne Landess, Linda Douglas, Wendy Branstine and Bruce Scroggins.

Visitors present were Phillip Lowery, Craig Hanna and Marie Venable.

After hearing and approving previous minutes and financial reports, board discussion items included: recognition of Wendy Branstine for her success in acquiring student scholarship funds; the superintendent was

authorized to enter into a performance contract with Johnson Controls, Inc. but the financing for the contract was tabled. Johnson Controls is a company that consults with school districts about cost and operating efficiency.

Also, the Region 16 ESC contracts for 2002-03 were approved; the matrix for Advanced Academic Services was approved; discussed the class ranking policy; and scheduled a special budget workshop meeting at 7 p.m. on June 27.

Also, the board approved the 2002-03 Title I performance measures as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act.

Rick Jamerson made a motion to purchase the mobile home located at the ag farm from Jarrod Sowder for a price of \$24,000. Steelman seconded the motion which passed 6/1 with Isabel Carrasco voting against.

No resignations were received at the meeting. Bryan Jones was offered a term contract for the 2002-03 school year. After a closed session from 10:53 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., the board passed a unanimous motion to hire William Kester, PhD, as band director. He is currently the junior high and high school band director in Cisco, Texas.

Area Has Steady Heat, High Wind

The Friona/Bovina area has experienced another week of high temperatures, with high winds accompanying the heat most days.

Farmers with small cotton have been busy running their sand fighters, and until Thursday the wind had blown virtually for a week, from early until late.

Wednesday's high temp of 100 was the second for the month and season. June of 2001 ended with just one day with the temp 100 or above. And, although there were five days in July of '01 that topped 100, a difference was in the moisture.

A total of 5.95 inches was measured for May, 2001, compared to only .47 inch this year.

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, June 14	84-62
Saturday, June 15	96-56
Sunday, June 16	88-57
Monday, June 17	93-63
Tuesday, June 18	98-66
Wednesday, June 19	100-69
Thursday, June 20	92-70
Rain: .19 inch June 15;	
.12 inch June 16.	

Class of '82 Reunion Saturday

The Bovina Class of 1982 will have its 20-year reunion Saturday, June 22. Members have planned a picnic at the home of Diane Heard, 809 9th St., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the evening, the group plans a "20-year Prom" at the Colonial Park Country Club in Clovis.

Any members of the class who have not been contacted are invited to attend. Former fellow BISD students and teachers are also invited to stop by the picnic and visit.



July Fourth Schedule Announced For Bovina

Here is the schedule of events for Bovina's Fourth of July celebration:

*10 a.m. American Pride Parade. Prize for the best entry and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the best bicycle/tricycle. Line up on North St. between the ballpark and fire station.

*11:30-1:30 Barbeque lunch at City Park. \$3 per plate.

*Activities and booths in the park all day.

*Live music in the park. Anyone is welcome to perform.

*Merchant Prize Giveaway drawings in the afternoon. You must be present to win.

*Free watermelon provided by the Volunteer Fire Department during the music at the park.

*Free street dance at the Fire Station beginning at 9 p.m.

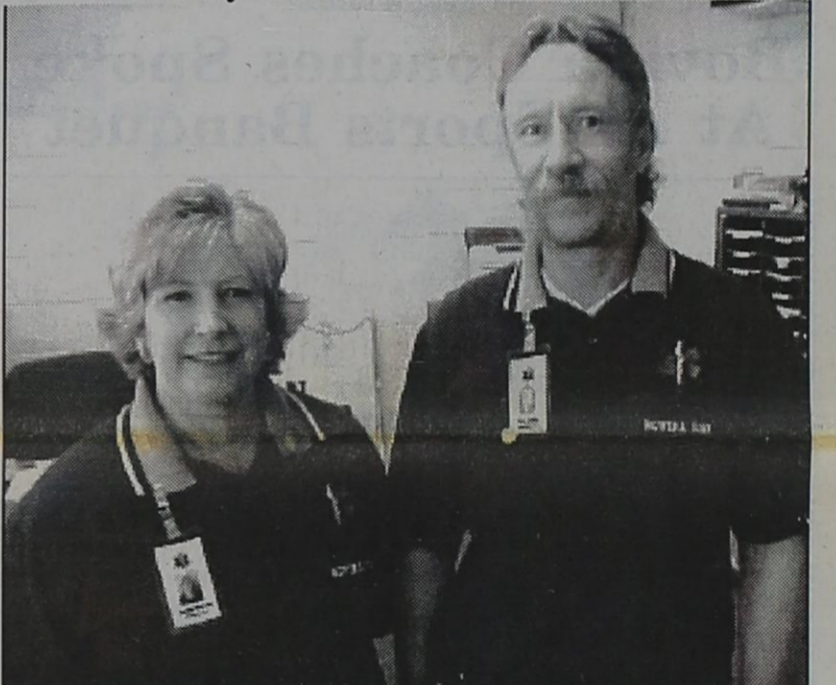
*Veteran's recognition prior to the firework display.

*Fireworks display at the football field at dark, presented by the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

For parade entries contact Deanna Curtis at 806-251-9930 or Billy Smith at 806-251-1677.

For booths or to play music in the park contact Wendy Branstine at 806-251-1003 or Debbie Weems at 806-251-1434.

Make plans to come out and enjoy your hometown July 4th activities.



NEW CERTIFIED Paramedics on the Bovina EMS are Donna Mitchell and Stan Miller. Bovina EMS now boasts three state-certified paramedics. Congratulations and thanks to you both.

Farm Bill Provisions Expand EQIP

The 2002 Farm Bill made new provisions and added additional funding to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Farmers and ranchers have the opportunity to apply for additional 2002 funds totaling approximately \$24 million for needed conservation practices.

EQIP is designed to promote agricultural production and environmental quality through technical assistance, cost-share

payments and incentive payments to assist crop and livestock producers with environmental and conservation improvements on private lands.

New program provisions and changes were made to improve program delivery and streamline administrative concurrence. Producers no longer have the bidding down option; all cost-share practices are set at a 75 percent cost-share rate. Producers will also be able to utilize program funds within the first year of their contract, and the payment limitation increased to \$425,000 per producer for the life of the farm bill.

"These current provisions will be incorporated into all new contracts approved this year in Texas," said Jon Weddle, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program manager in Lubbock.

Interested producers can contact their local NRCS office in their county USDA Service Center. Applications can be made through June 28, 2002. Those producers having made prior applications in 2001-2002 should contact their local NRCS office to review their applications. More information is available on the USDA Website at www.usda.gov/farmbill.

An additional farm bill provision was made with the creation of the Ground and Surface Water Conservation Area under EQIP. Funding for this special emphasis area is specified for the purpose of water conservation on land above the Ogallala Aquifer.

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I'M SURE BY NOW most of you have heard the news that McDonald's restaurants may eventually use more imported beef for their burgers, because they prefer lean beef.

Like most of you, my first reaction to this statement was that McDonald's was very un-American in this plan, and I've even heard some say they had eaten their last quarter-pounder from the place with the golden arches.

Ye Editor, wanting to get to the bottom of the imported beef situation, called his friend Burt Rutherford, executive VP of the Texas Cattle Feeders Assn. (TCFA), who we usually see at least once a year, when the TCFA sponsors the Hall of Fame dinner at the Panhandle Press Assn.'s annual convention. You can guess what's on the plates at this particular banquet.

Glad I called him, too, because Rutherford explained a few things concerning the export and import of beef, which sheds a whole new light onto the situation.

"There is no shortage of lean beef in the United States, but the shortage basically comes in the area of inexpensive lean beef," Rutherford told us.

"The U.S.' exports of high-quality beef far outweigh its imports of primarily lower quality products. In addition, the U.S. beef industry has added a lot of value to the beef carcass, specifically the chuck and round portions, which now are more in demand domestically as well as being exported more, as well," the TCFA spokesman said.

"While the U.S. beef producers would like to be able to supply all the beef needed by the quick-service restaurants it makes better economic sense for the U.S. beef industry to accept lower value imported lean trim beef from abroad, than to grind more valuable domestically produced cuts into hamburger, thereby lowering its value," Rutherford said.

Also, in defense of McDonald's, the recent announcement actually said that McD's plans to run a test in 400 of its restaurants, using imported lean beef. Traditionally, McDonald's has used all-U.S. beef, while its chief rival, Burger King is the one that looked abroad for its lean meat.

Incidentally, Wendy's Restaurants, whose founder, Dave Thomas died in the past year, continues to use all U.S. beef products, including much from our immediate area.

One reason the American beef processors can't supply more lean beef is that the leaner cuts abound in cows, including dairy cattle, and younger calves. Packing plants have no plans to slaughter more of these types of cattle.

Another reason the TCFA isn't pushing the panic button is that most of the imported lean beef comes from Australia and New Zealand, which combined supplied 56 per cent of all imported beef in 2001.

These countries are also limited as to how much beef they can export to the U.S. through Tariff Rate Quotas, measured by a certain number of metric tons they can export. And-both virtually filled all of their quotas during the year 2001.

Therefore, beef imports are not expected to increase as a result of McDonald's recent announcement.

"Our main concern at the TCFA is that there might be an attempt by Australia and/or New Zealand to increase their import quotas, and we would fight such an increase vigorously," Rutherford said.

Our thanks to Burt Rutherford for assisting us in this essay.



Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis

MARIJUANA CASE

R. Puckett Charged; Farmland Seized

Last week, the Lazbuddie marijuana case was more of less broken wide open, after an eight-month investigation by the Parmer County Sheriff's department.

On October 18, 2001, the Parmer County Sheriff's office had staged a raid on a farm located one and one-half miles from the Lazbuddie school.

During the raid, more than 200 pounds of marijuana were recovered from a corn field and a barn on the property.

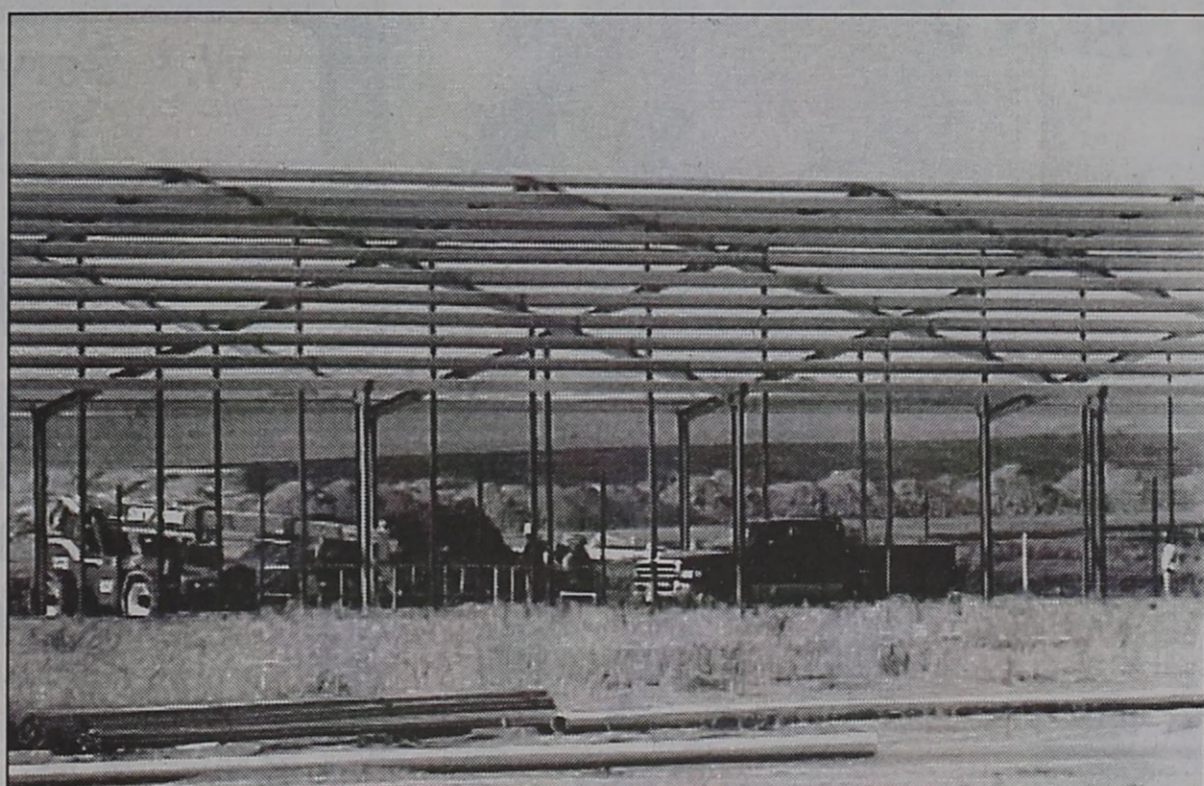
William Vernon Puckett, 74, of Lazbuddie, was arrested on charges connected to the marijuana seizure, was found guilty and placed on probation.

On Thursday, June 13, 2002, District Judge Gordon Green ordered that the Lazbuddie land, a half section (320 acres) be forfeited to the state. This ruling is expected to be appealed.

Evidence introduced in court stated that the land owner is Ronnie Puckett of Lazbuddie.

On Friday, June 14, Ronnie Puckett, 47, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana between 50 and 2,000 pounds.

The younger Puckett was released after posting \$10,000 bond. The case is pending before the grand jury.



THE STEEL construction for the massive feed storage barns at the High Plains Dairy is nearing completion. June is National Dairy Month and Parmer County can now boast two dairies under construction which should boost and diversify the local economy. Welcome Lone Star and High Plains Dairies. ron carr photo

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade



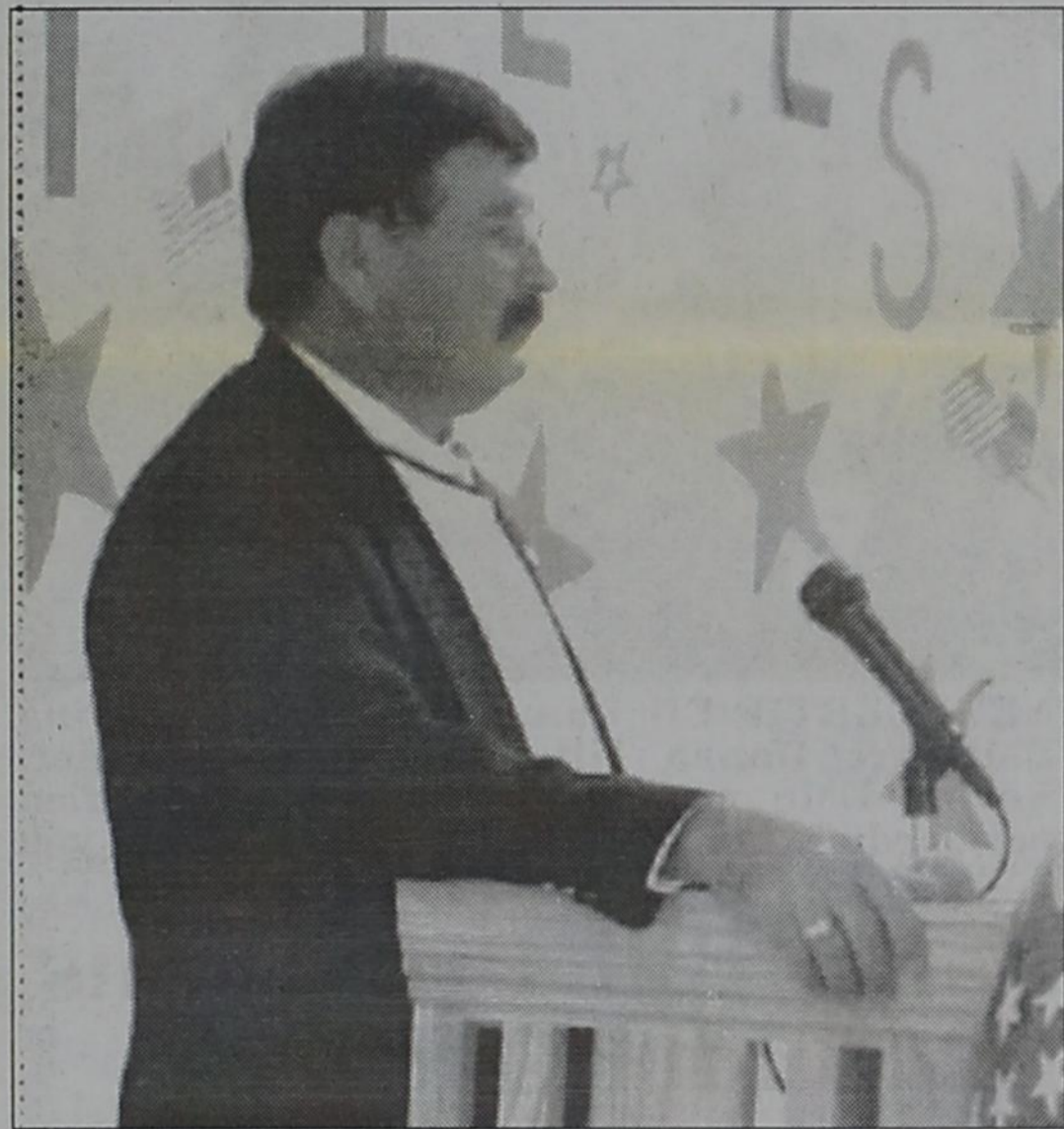
FIFTH-SIXTH GRADE DIVISION: (back row): Coach Mejia, Peter Messer, Gabe Garner, Peter Howard, Archie Sharp, Brook Martin, Kelly Shields, Shandy Koetting and Coach Phillips; (front row) Skylar Conatser, Kayla Lambert, Alex Sharp, Morgan Wood, Marlee Sargent and Haley Hill.

G. Garner Attends Owl Tennis Camp

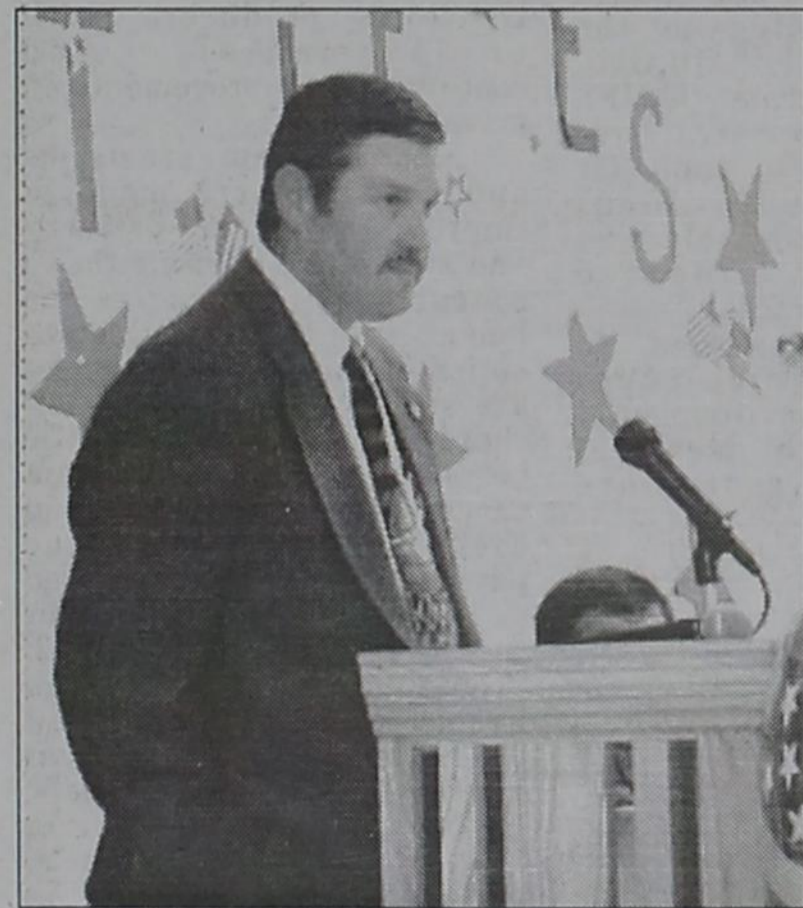
Gabe Garner, of Bovina recently attended the 2002 Owls Tennis Camp in Hedley, Texas during the week of June 3rd-7th. The camp is committed to help each player work on physical and mental skills needed to develop a solid tennis game. The camp had 3 divisions with a total of 40 children attending. He was

included in the 5th - 6th grade division along with 13 others. His division was under the direction of Coach Daniel Mejia of the Hedley ISD. Coach Mejia gave a big thanks to the community and students for their participation and hard work, which made this year's camp a success.

Bovina Coaches Spoke At All-Sports Banquet



BOVINA HEAD COACH SCROGGINS



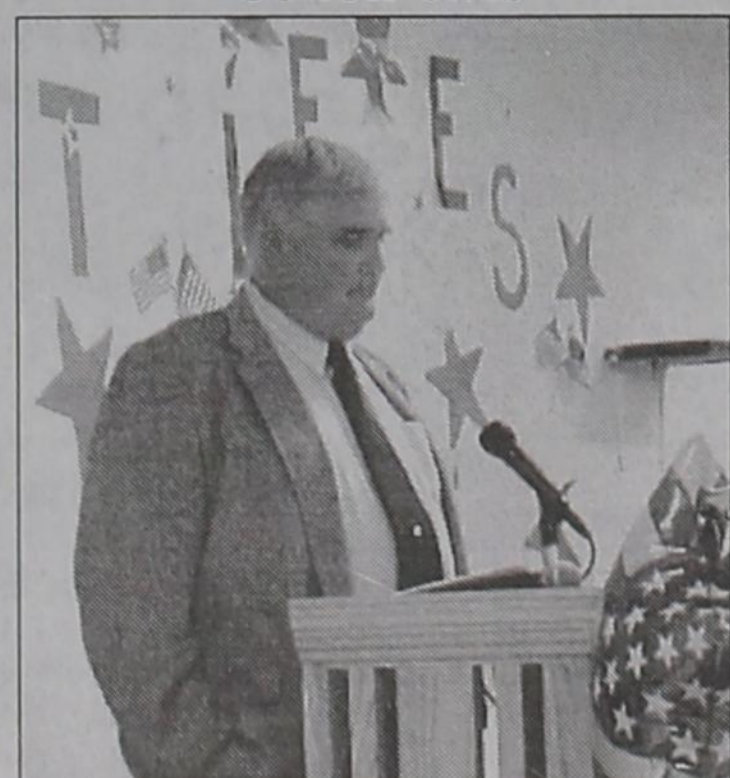
COACH WEEMS



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45 Yrs Ago-June 19, 1957

Long-awaited construction began Tuesday morning on the widening of Highway 60 where it goes through Bovina. The present width is now 20 feet and will be increased to a width of 80 feet.

The tax rate increase, which Parmer County taxpayers have been asked to approve July 25, will be only for increasing revenue for the acquisition of farm-to-market roads, it was pointed out this week by A.D. Smith, county judge.

Plans are being made for Bovina's fourth annual Fourth of July community picnic. Lions Club directors and committeemen are busily laying groundwork for the celebration, which is just 15 days away.

Mrs. E.A. McCollum, Bovina, was announced last week as a \$250 winner in Affiliated Food Stores' weekly drawing. Mrs. McCollum registered at Wilson's Food Store here.

A policy change at the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona will put medical patients on a "cash" basis, according to an announcement made this week by hospital officials.

40 Yrs Ago-June 20, 1962

City of Bovina has new people in its two most important appointive posts this week.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Martin is new city secretary and Paul Holcomb is water superintendent. Both assumed their new duties Monday.

Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is having five signs constructed to be erected on highway entrances to Bovina, Mack McCracken, manager, announced.

Thunderstorms Sunday night and Monday brought relief in form of moisture to the lengthy spell here. The rain, in some areas, was combined with hail which did some damage to ready-to-harvest wheat and young row

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of June 23-29, 2002.

Jun 23 Matthew Hromas, Laura Tritch, Wanda Burney.

Jun 25 Bobby Martin

Jun 27 Louise Hutchins, Briana Pollard

Jun 28 Mike London

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!

crops.

James Lee Calaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calaway, was one of the top ropers in Clovis Junior Rodeo which was held last week.

35 Yrs Ago-June 21, 1967

City of Bovina is on the threshold of its third paving project in history. Some 31 blocks are involved in the program.

Team roping, heading and healing of steers by two ropers, will kickoff Bull Town Days, 1967, at 1 p.m. Thursday, August 17, C.E. Trimble, general chairman of the three-day celebration, announced this week.

Membership dues to Water, Inc., aimed at supporting a first-year budget of at least \$200,000 were set in Lubbock recently at the initial meeting of the non-profit organization's executive committee.

Fifteen years of breeding work have provided Texas growers with a "shorty" wheat for irrigation and other high production areas.

30 Yrs Ago-June 21, 1972

Preliminary plans for Bovina's ninth annual Bull Town Days got underway recently as Bovina chamber directors named Tom Bonds chairman for the second consecutive year.

Mrs. Jean Ann O'Neal is the new supervisor of the Parmer County Surplus Commodity Office in Bovina.

Burglars of an unusual variety struck at the Harold Hawkins home west of Bovina some time early Tuesday morning. When Mrs. Hawkins went to the kitchen about 5 a.m. to prepare breakfast, she found two

Farm Bill Expands EQUIP...

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The projected ground and surface water funding for this special area in Texas is approximately \$6 million. The focus will be on water conservation showing primary concern for water quantity.

Farmers and ranchers will have the opportunity to install more efficient irrigation systems through cost-share contracting.

Producers interested in making an EQIP application for the Ground and Surface Water Conservation Area should contact their local NRCS field office for the application period beginning June 17 - July 12, 2002.



A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS

large cats on top of the cabinet gnawing on a ham.

25 Yrs Ago-June 22, 1977

Joel Nelson announced this week the opening of Bovina Car Wash, a self-service automobile washing facility, at Avenue A and Boyce Streets, two blocks west of First State Bank.

Monday night's rain resulted in Bovina receiving one-quarter of an inch of moisture. The rain was accompanied by high winds and extremely hard gusts.

20 Yrs Ago-June 23, 1982

A late model pickup, which was owned by Kevin Hughes, was demolished when it was involved in an accident Thursday, June 17. Driving the vehicle at the time of the wreck was Gabriel Guevara, who was west bound on a county dirt road, when he lost control of the pickup and overturned the vehicle 1 1/2 times, with the truck coming to a stop on its wheels in a wheat field.

15 Yrs Ago-June 24, 1987

Officer Donnie Brown reported that he had investigated incidents at the Bovina Cemetery where several items were broken or moved. There have been four headstones turned over, four vases broken off the stones and one taken, which was valued at \$75.

10 Yrs Ago-June 20, 1992

West Texas State University took the first step in rejuvenating its inter-collegiate football program on December 20, 1992, when Athletic Director Mike Chandler named former Bovinan Ron Steele as the twenty-third head football coach at WTSU.

5 Yrs Ago-June 20, 1992

The ambulance building on Third street has a brand new sprinkler system for their newly seeded lawn, which is quickly turning green and growing. Larry Mitchell, EMS director for the past 16 years, wants to keep the building clean and nice for the city.

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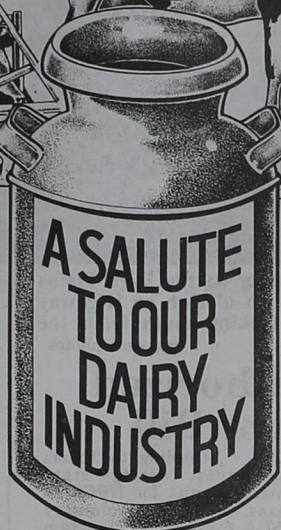
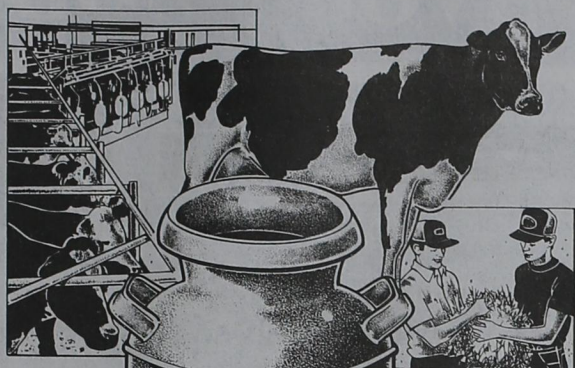
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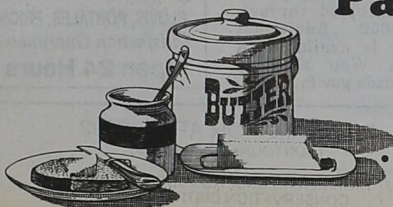
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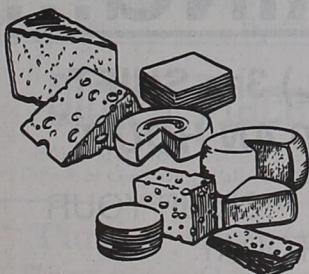
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Friona Sr. Citizens Progress

The Friona Senior Citizens group, which was re-organized in June of 2000, remains an active, viable group, and a number of things have been accomplished during the past year by the organization.

Members of the organization who have not done so already are reminded that dues for the year are again "due." The charge for dues is \$30 per person or \$60 per couple.

Dues are being collected at the meals and/or the senior socials.

The most visible of the projects and improvements which have been accomplished for the Friendship House during the past year include:

Just recently, *new carpet has been installed at the Senior Citizens' Friendship House. Earlier, a new metal "cook shack" was built adjacent to the building, where grilling and frying can be done without interference from the weather. Also, earlier this year, the interior of the building was repainted.

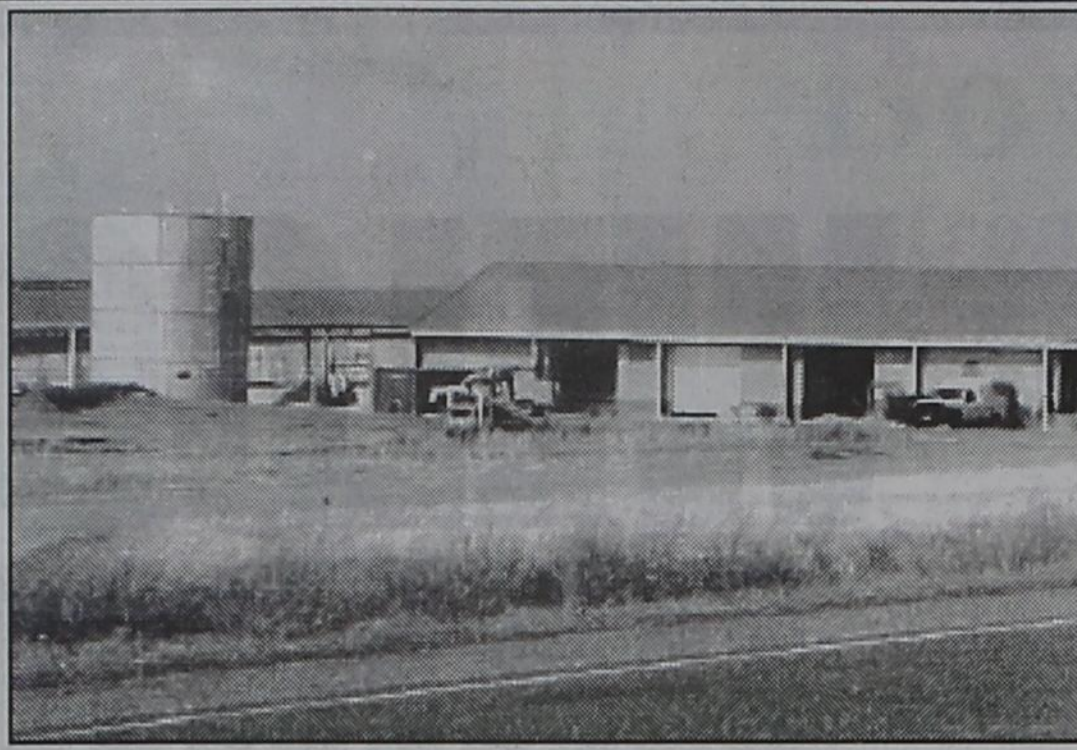
Membership entitles you to attend the monthly evening socials at the Friendship House. The socials include a meal or refreshments and an entertaining program.

The senior meals are operated separately from the Senior Citizens Friendship House, but the two groups work closely together.

A fine group of volunteers work hard to provide tasty and nutritious meals for everyone on Mondays and Thursdays at noon each week for the small donation of \$3.00.

Even those who are on low-salt or sugar-free diets are being accommodated. Plus, there is a lively game session following the meals for those who care to participate.

In order to provide these activities, meals, programs, etc., and to continue the upkeep on the beautiful Friendship House building, the organization does need everyone who is financially able to pay their yearly dues.



PARMER COUNTY can now celebrate National Dairy Month in June with the addition of two dairies in the county. Above, the steel is up on the construction of the feed barns at High Plains Dairy.



CONSTRUCTION is progressing on the High Plains Dairy located about 6 miles east of Hub on Highway 86. These views are taken looking south from the highway.

ron carr photos

Around Town

Genealogical meeting Jun 28

The local Genealogical Society will meet at the Friona Public Library on Friday, Jun 28, at 10 a.m. The program is tentatively scheduled to be a Spanish-Texas historical discussion led by John Baca. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Special Olympic swimmers need help

The Friona Chieftains Special Olympics kids will start swimming next week and are in need of sponsors. Items needed are towels, t-shirts, shorts, sun screen, swim shoes. Donations of these items or cash to help toward their purchase will be appreciated. There are 11 athletes and 3 coaches. If you can help with any of this please call Donna Mullins at 250-3285 (home) or 250-2788. Thank you.

Fireworks sales start Monday

Local fireworks vendors will be able to begin sales on Monday, June 24 and run through midnight July 4. Laws governing sales are set by the State of Texas. Due to the continuing drought, everyone is urged to use extreme caution with fireworks. As a reminder, fireworks of any kind are not legal to shoot within the city limits of Friona and Bovina.

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.

Top Students Are Honored At Texas Tech University

Several local students attending Texas Tech University were among those listed on the President's List and Dean's List for the spring

2002 semester. Students earning a 4.0 grade point average, while enrolled in 12 or more qualifying semester hours, made the President's List. Students carrying 12 or more qualifying hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, earned their place on the Dean's List.

Friona students named to the President's List are Josh Burleson, sophomore, COBA; Deon Gallman, senior, animal science; Audra King, sophomore, early childhood; and Marvin Kerr of Lazbuddie, senior, exercise and sports sciences.

Making the Dean's List were Kelly Fernihough, sophomore, pre-physical therapy; John Fitzgerald, sophomore, architecture; Sarah Hendley, junior, human development and family studies; Matthew White, sophomore, COBA; and Amber Wylly, sophomore, pre-physical therapy.

Rachel Burleson received her Bachelor of Science Degree in multidisciplinary studies. She graduated summa cum laude in commencement exercises held Saturday, May 11.

Brent Beene earned his Master of Science Degree in interdisciplinary studies.

EQIP Reauthorized In New Farm Bill

With passage of the 2002 Farm Bill, farmers and ranchers now have an opportunity to install needed conservation practices on their property with assistance from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

EQIP was reauthorized when President George W. Bush signed the bill into law on May 13, 2002. EQIP is part of the Conservation Provisions section within the new legislation. Although reauthorized, EQIP has undergone a facelift to simplify the administrative concurrence process and improve delivery of the program.

Producers who request EQIP assistance will be able to use program funds in the first year of the conservation contract. Further the program increases total payment amounts to \$450,000 per individual for the life of the new Farm Bill. Changes also include elimination of both the Geographic Priority Areas (GPA's) and "bidding down" process for cost share assistance.

The revised program emphasizes conservation practices relative to livestock production and eliminates animal unit caps on large confined livestock operations.

Of benefit to many producers is the cost share incentive for defined limited resource or beginning farmers and ranchers. Qualified producers may be eligible for up to 90 per cent cost share for needed conservation practices. Final rules for qualified producers are pending.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has administrative and technical responsibility for

L. Patterson Receives Scholarship

Leesa Patterson of Farwell has received the \$5,000 Bill Piehl Scholarship.

She submitted her application in February and passed the first hurdle in the Texas Foundaion Scholarship process. The second hurdle meant going through an interview at Texas A&M in College Station.

Her parents are Gary and Cindy Patterson of Farwell.

EQIP. According to Tomas Dominguez, acting state conservationist for NRCS in Texas, "EQIP is a voluntary USDA conservation program for farmers and ranchers to treat soil, water and related natural source concerns on eligible land. Passage of the new Farm Bill represents not only an agency commitment to conservation, but an opportunity for landowners across Texas to install needed conservation on their lands."

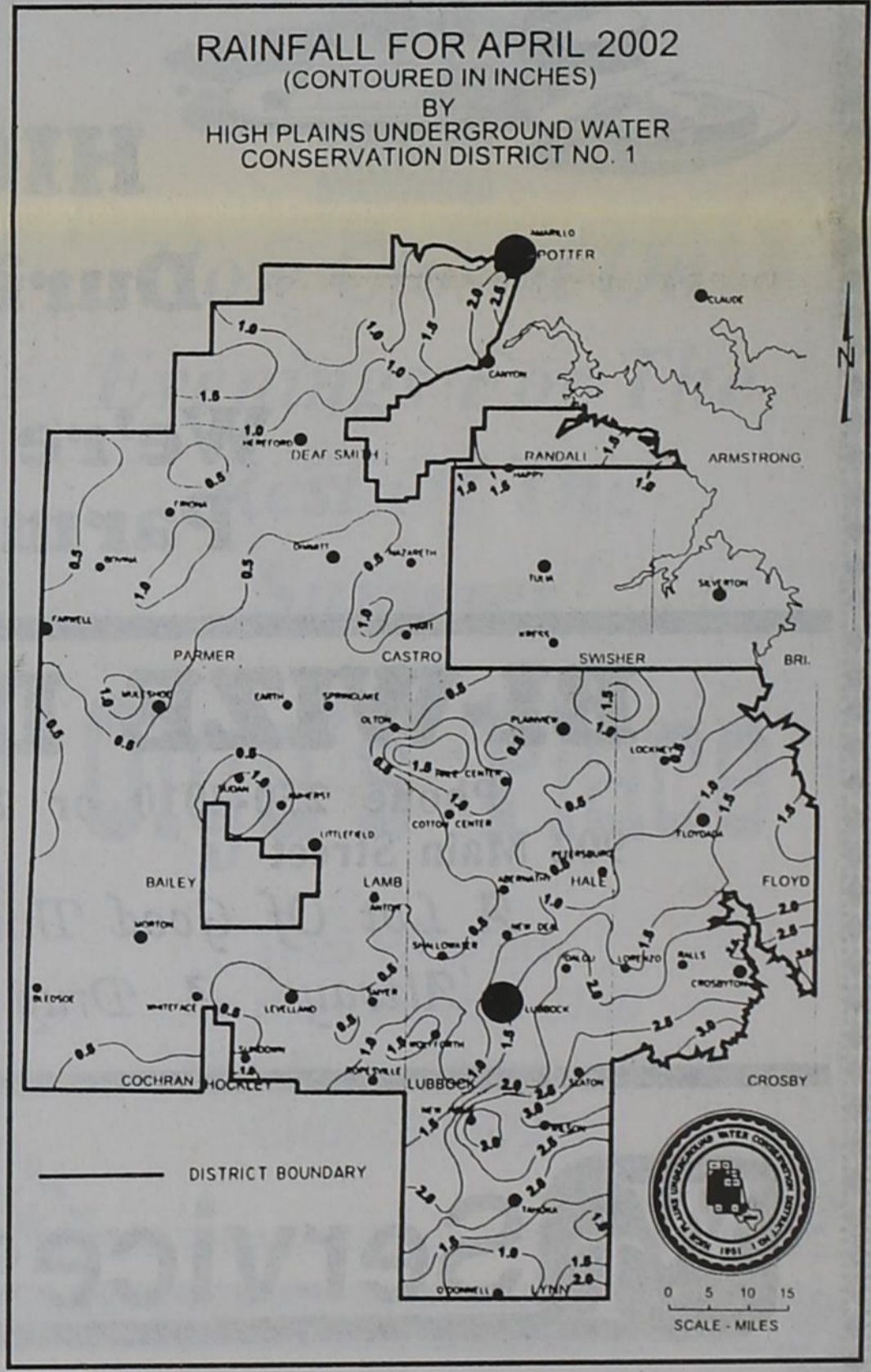
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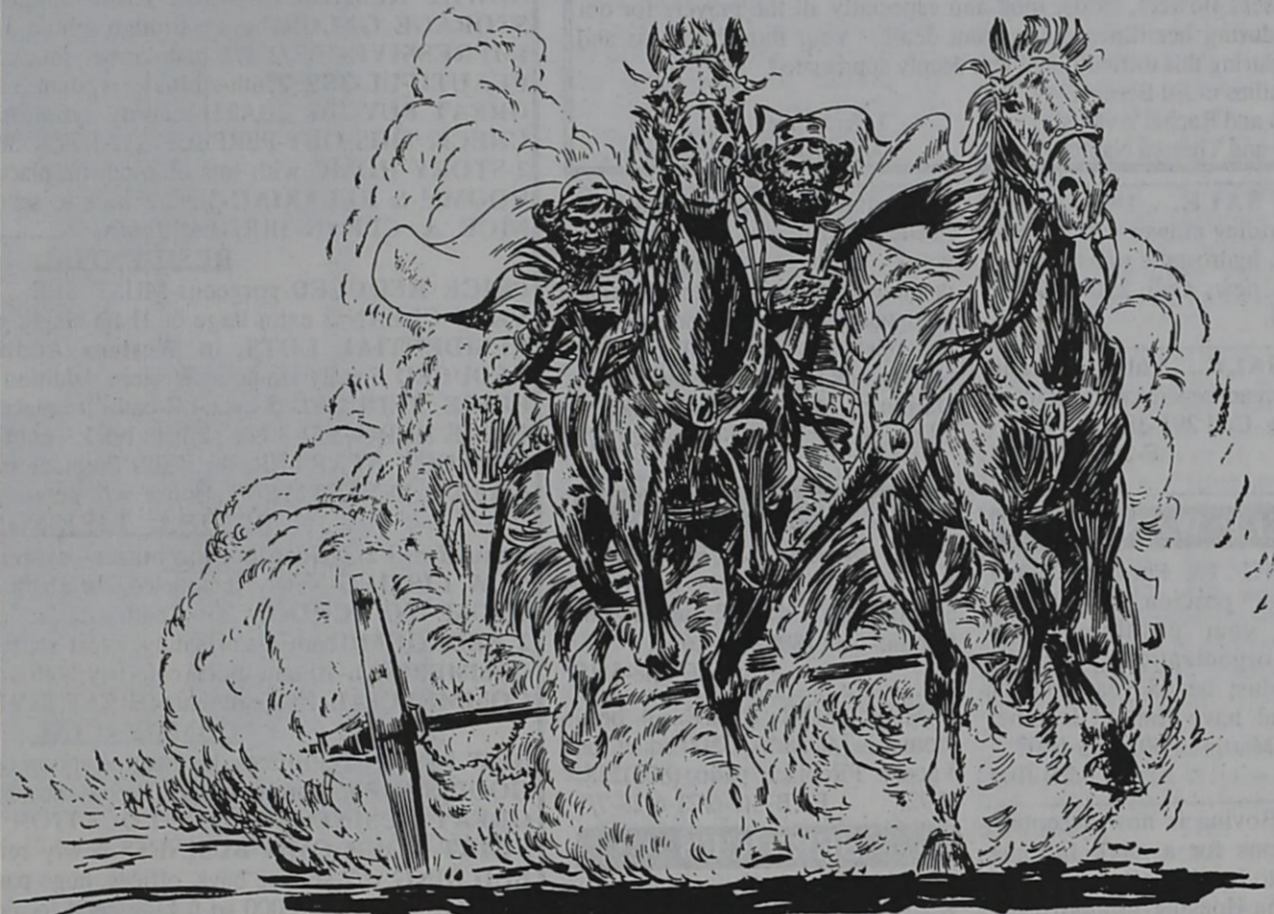
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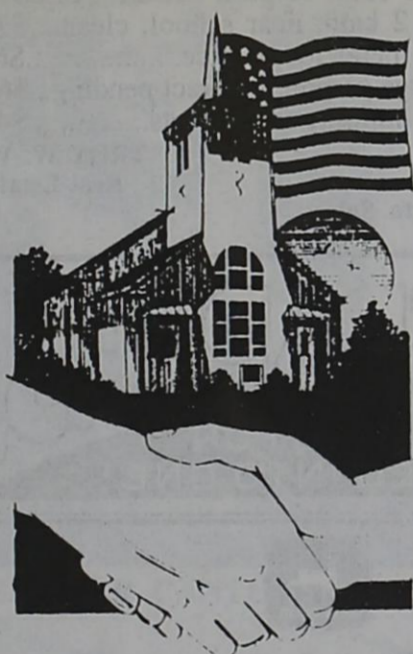
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 1:45 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:15

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 FOR RENT....1 bedroom apartment. Call 250-3818.
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FOR SALE....Antique hand cranked cream separator, cream cans and other. Call 295-3855.
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City of Bovina is now accepting applications for a clerk fulltime position to handle management of the Bovina Housing Authority and accepting payment of city utility bills. Some computer and accounting experience/knowledge will be a plus. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some clerical experience is a must.
 B-tfnc-6/14

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 F-tfnc-5/3

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 F&B-4tc-5/31-6/7-6/14-6/21

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 GREAT COUNTRY HOME w/barn and lots of room.....\$139,900
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 The Zolman family would like to thank you, the community of Bovina, for all of your prayers, cards, gifts and other love for Michelle and her family during this trying time for Michelle.
 God Bless you ten-fold for lifting us up in our hour of need.
 Ted, Gloria and Michelle Zolman
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 NEW LISTING...3 BR, 1-3/4+1/2 BA, corner lot, new AC.....\$68,500
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 3 BR, 2 bath brick, basement, 2 car.....SOLD.....\$80,000
 Small office/studio with 1/2 bath to be moved.....\$5,000
 2 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car garage, refrigerated A/C.....\$60,000
 2 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, brick, good starter home.....\$37,000
 Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex...SOLD...\$23,900...\$21,900
 3 BR, 2 bath, brick, basement, metal shop.....\$85,000
 residence only.....\$65,000
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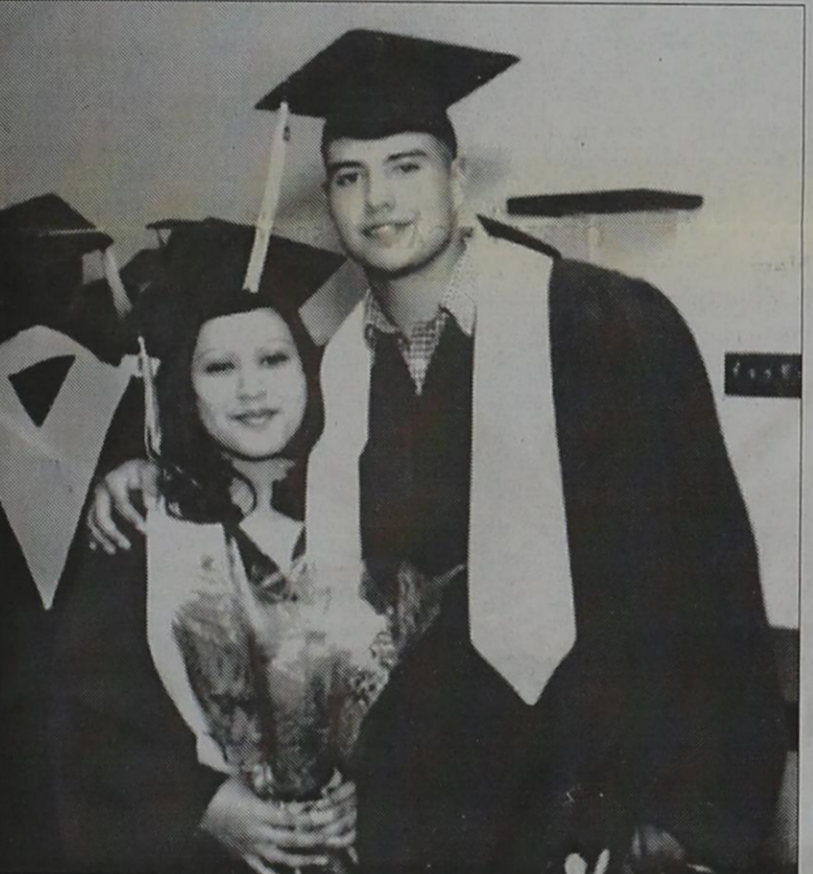
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Jack and Ona Patterson returned to their home in the Rhea Community last Thursday after spending nearly three weeks traveling. They began their trip with a four-day stay in Knoxville, Tennessee at Jack's Army 94th Infantry Division WWII reunion. They had fought in France and Germany under General Patton. There were about 50 veterans and their spouses present.

Following the reunion, the Pattersons went to Chatworth, Georgia and stayed with Jack's nephew and his wife, Kirby and Sherry Patterson.

Jack and Ona's daughter, Sandra Blacksten of Amarillo, had been sent to Boston by her school where she works for a conference so she stopped in Atlanta on her way back to Texas and joined her parents for the week in Georgia.

After several days of visiting in Chatworth, the Pattersons and their daughter went to Blueridge, Georgia to stay with Ona's brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Janette Ritchie.

On the last Saturday of their stay, Jack's sisters reserved the fellowship hall of their church and invited friends and family members to bring food and visit with the Texas Pattersons. Jack said there were 120 people who attended the reception and only about 6 or 8 of them were not actual family members. They had a great time of visiting and catching up with everyone.

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Tulia to visit Phil and Cynthia Zolman.

Michelle picked her left foot up to scratch an itch and when she set it back down the wheel grabbed it. It happened in Nazareth in front of a man's house who happened to be driving out of his driveway and saw Ted and Michelle.

They put Michelle in the man's vehicle and he drove her to the hospital in Dimmitt where she was seen and x-rayed and then sent on to Lubbock.

She was admitted and treated at Covenant Children's Hospital until Tuesday, June 11. She is now being treated as an out-patient with daily hydro-therapy at Plains Regional in Clovis, New Mexico. The wound is pretty serious, but Michelle is a pretty tuff "Motorcycle Chick" (dubbed so by Keith Smith) and she has been very brave as she begins to recover.

Family members report that Marion Carson, who has been a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for the past several weeks following a four-wheeler accident is doing much better. At press time, doctors planned to move him from ICU to rehabilitation. He has been able to communicate some with family members and they are very optimistic about his future recovery.

Wednesday afternoon the family of Doris Wilson helped her celebrate her 95th birthday. Her family members treated Doris, a resident at Sunbridge Nursing Home in Clovis, New Mexico, to watermelon and cantaloupe.

Guests included her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Pat Kunselman of Bovina, their granddaughter and great-grandson, Gina and Conner Coleman of Borger; Doris' niece Lori Carter of Amherst, her daughter, Stephanie Foster of Lazbuddie and her daughter, and Shawna Foster of Lubbock. Also, family friends Scooter and Jim Russell of Spearman were there.

Pat said her mother was very pleased with the celebration and said it was one of her best birthdays ever. Happy Birthday Mrs. Wilson!

Jim and Scooter Russell stopped in The Bovina Blade office this week on their way

to Doris Wilson's birthday party. We had a nice visit with them and enjoyed seeing them.

Les and Rose McCain recently drove to Albuquerque, New Mexico and picked by their son, Ben, who had flown in from Los Angeles, California. The three family members drove to Grand Junction, Colorado to visit the McCain's other son and his family, Ben, Betty, Augusta and Mac, who had recently bought a home there after selling their home in Valencia, California.

Butch is now doing the weather for the Los Angeles NBC affiliate at 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. and will continue to do film projects with his brother, Ben in California.

While in Colorado, the McCain's visited the Grand Mesa National Forrest and the Colorado National Mountain Range. After five days in Colorado, Les and Rose took Ben to the airport in Albuquerque and headed for home in Bovina. Rose said they saw some beautiful country but the highlight of the trip was seeing the two grandkids.

Becky and Ty London



THE RUSSELL FAMILY stopped off for a visit this week. Former Bovina residents Jim and Scooter Russell, granddaughter Gina Coleman of Borger and great grandson, Conner Coleman.

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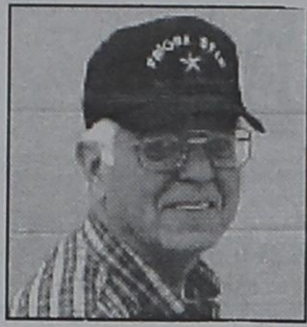
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

V'Lesha

Life doesn't always seem fair.

As someone older and wiser than me once said, "Life is what's happening while you are busy making other plans."

Over the last few weeks our pages have been filled with young people full of smiles and ambition at graduation.

As they embark on a course of successes and failures, somewhere later on a day will come when life isn't fair.

Most of us get past those days. We move on, grateful for what we have and just as grateful for what we don't have. The cycle of fair and unfair will always continue.

As we grow older, we seem more able to accept frailties and mortality. But all of us double our concern when accidents or illness strike a child.

Many a parent has said, "why couldn't it have been me Lord, instead of my innocent child." But children seem to demonstrate a resiliency and a courage and determination that often gets lost on us adults.

Such a child is V'Lesha Wilcox.

Now I know she doesn't consider herself a child. (So I apologize V'Lesha.) After all she is 16-years-old and will be a junior at Friona High School this year.

But I can say with some certainty that to her parents, Varla and Terry, and to her grandparents Gene and Mildred Welch and Frankie Lindeman and all the adults that care about her, she is still a precious child.

You may remember that we reported in our June 7 paper that V'Lesha had been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis (MG), a neuromuscular disorder. Among the symptoms are fluctuating weakness of voluntary muscle groups.

Other MG symptoms are double vision and trouble walking and shortness of breath. V'Lesha had those too and they kept her off the basketball court much of last season.

Folks around here had big hopes for V'Lesha's career as a Squaw basketballer. She was on the varsity in her sophomore year, following in the footsteps of big sister V'Laura who earned a basketball scholarship to Lubbock Christian University after an all-star career as a

Squaw point guard.

We reported that V'Lesha would have surgery on June 11 to remove her thymus gland. Doctors say that removing the thymus frequently lessens the severity of muscle weakness caused by MG.

The improvement, if it occurs, can take some months after the operation. On a more positive note, they say that in some people, the weakness may completely disappear.

Let's all hope so.

Well, on her June 11 operation date, the surgery was called off. Doctors said there was no blood available for standby in case they needed it.

Prior to the surgery, her dad Terry had donated three pints of blood but it wasn't designated specifically for V'Lesha. Somebody else must have needed it.

Now I don't know about you but it must be one of those "not fair" times when you have mentally prepared yourself for major surgery and they tell you, "sorry, can't do it today." What a letdown.

This surgery is not minor. To get to the thymus gland doctors have to cut through and separate the breastbone. Just like heart bypass surgery.

And in today's world, doctors explain every detail of what they are going to do to you before they do it. Personally I had just as soon not know the details. Just put me to sleep and get it over with.

Doctors briefly discussed rescheduling the operation for Saturday but decided against it since there might not be enough blood available on a weekend.

So almost a week after

V'Lesha's original operation date, she had the surgery Monday morning June 17.

And, as it turned out, no blood was needed during the operation, which was successful. This brave young lady will commence the recuperation process now. No one knows exactly how long it will take, but it doesn't seem to matter.

After one day in the Critical Care Unit, the child is safe for now, surrounded by loving family, friends and just average well wishers like me.

They reattached V'Lesha's breastbone with glue instead of staples. They said it would heal better and be easier on her without the staples.

Her family says she will probably get out of the hospital today (Friday, June 21) and be at home soon after. A separate truck will be needed to bring the flowers and teddy bears and stuffed animals back to Friona.

I called down to check on V'Lesha Wednesday. She answered the phone. She sounded cheerful and very positive. I said something dumb like, "How are you doing?" What else can you say to a youngster that has a glued together breastbone. That's the happy ending to the first chapter.

So remember V'Lesha. I take pictures at Squaw basketball games and I want to see you back in the middle of the action. I'll help fill your scrapbook.

And you know what? I predict the first time you step on the court in a game, you can expect a standing ovation.

You deserve it. Here's to your speedy recovery child.

And thanks for starring in my column this week.



V'LESJA WILCOX is shown sitting up in her hospital room just two days following her surgery this week at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.



LITTLE CHIEFS and LITTLE MUSTANGS played at Friona Monday.

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Jose Marcos Sanchez D. is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

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