

# The Bovina Blade

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ATTENDING the 20 year reunion of the Bovina High class of 1983 were: (back row, left to right) Eloy Flores, Jesse Ramon, Jeff Steelman, Frank Landry, Dale Gilbreath, Lisa Schilling, Beverly (Barrett) Willard, Karl Willard, Clara (Koelzer) Dye, Bret Whitten. (front row, left to right) Luz (Duran) Salas, Lisa (Shepherd) Tubbs, Francisco Gonzalez, Vickie Shepherd, Andy Alexander, Patti (Sherrill) Brown, Joe Pat Wright, and Jon Riddle. Also attending, though not pictured, were Jerry Lanier and Greg McClaran.

## Bovina Class Of 1983 Mark 20th Anniversary

On Friday and Saturday, July 11th and 12th, members of the Bovina High School class of 1983 marked the 20th anniversary of their high school graduation with a reunion in Bovina.

Twenty of the 38 graduates attended the reunion events, and with spouses and kids, about 50 people partook in two days of fun and activities.

The festivities began on Friday night with a reception at Ridgelea Elementary. While the grown-ups visited and got reacquainted, the children played on the playground. Some remarked that there were a surprising number of kids under ten years of age, as many are waiting to start their families. After a welcome announcement and a recap of those not in attendance, the classmates visited and "caught up on old times" for approximately 3 hours before retiring to prepare for the next day's activities.

On Saturday morning, the group met at the Friona Country Club and swimming pool for coffee, danish, more visiting, swimming (mostly by the kids, since most attendees at a 20th reunion decline to

be seen in a bathing suit by their old classmates), and a golf scramble.

The 2-day event concluded on Saturday night with a banquet held in the Bovina United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Barbecue brisket and ribs provided by a professional catering outfit, supplemented by sides and desserts provided by the class members themselves, made for a fine meal enjoyed by all. Once again, there was plenty of visiting, laughter, posing for pictures, and an informal election to hand out "awards" to various classmates.

In the less-than-formal vote, Bret Whitten and Clara (Koelzer) Dye were chosen as class members who had changed the most since graduation. Dale Gilbreath was determined to be the one who had changed the least. Several male class members staged a filibuster and no vote was taken in the "most hair lost" category.

Lisa Schilling was the attendee who had traveled the farthest, making the trek from Seattle, WA. Lisa (Shepherd) Tubbs was recognized as the first

grandmother, and Wendy (Hall) Chaney was named, in absentia, the newest mother, since she is expecting a child in November.

The group also took time to recognize their absent classmates David Villareal, who is currently serving in the U.S. military in Iraq, and Kenny Carrell, working as a UN peacekeeper in Kosovo.

The organizers wish to thank all who attended the reunion, and express their regrets to those who were unable to attend. The class also would like to thank the Bovina ISD for the use of the Ridgelea facilities, Stan and Darlene Miller, the Bovina United Methodist church, the Bovina Blade, Jeff Steelman, Clara Dye, Patti Brown, Sherri and Bret Whitten, Jesse Ramon, Eloy Flores, Lisa Schilling, Jon and Niki Riddle, and anyone else regrettably overlooked for their donations of time, energy, and food to the effort.

The class of '83 is proud to represent Bovina and the school district, and wish the very best for the current and future graduates of Bovina High.

## Athletic Physicals Tuesday

Coach Kent Torbert has announced that Bovina Athletic Physicals will be given Tuesday, July 29 at the Field House.

7th grade boys and girls are at 3 p.m. and 9th grade boys and girls are at 4:30 p.m.

Any student that does not have a physical on file at the school can attend one of the above sessions. Any questions call Coach Kent Torbert at 251-9915.

## Friona PD Silent Hero

Friona Police Dispatcher Juanita Carrasco has been honored by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) with a Silent Hero Award.

Mrs. Carrasco, an 11-year veteran as a Friona police dispatcher, will attend a gathering in Plano, Texas, and receive additional recognition during an August 27 Telecommunicator Awards Luncheon sponsored by CSEC.

The Silent Hero certificate says in part, "in recognition of exemplary conduct in the field of emergency telecommunications. Your professionalism, dedication, positive attitude and tireless efforts to

## Caprock's Night Move Cowboys..

reprinted from *Cargill International News Magazine*

BOVINA, Texas - It's 4 A.M. and 47,000 cattle slumber and stir softly in the crisp air of an October night in the Texas Panhandle. Then the hush of the night is pierced by the rebel yell as seven cowboys on horseback enter a pen.

"Yee-hah!" "Up-ah, up-ah!" "Heyheyheyhey!" Lumbering to their feet, the 100 cattle in the pen shuffle, then trot away from the riders, who advance side-by-side to direct the cattle out of the pen into a 16-foot-wide alley.

In the alley, the cattle start moving faster. Light-colored steers flash by a pool of light from one of the feedyard's lightpoles, followed by a sparkle from silver buckles on leather chaps as the cowboys move their horses into a trot to keep up with the cattle.

Despite the movement of 600 tons of cattle, the procession is surprisingly quiet. There's the rush of hooves, the snort of horses, the occasional bellow from one of the cattle and the clank of metal gates. Periodically, a rider lets out a yell.

"Let's golet's golet's go! Yah!"

The early wake-up call occurs a few times a week at Cargill's Caprock Feedyard No. 5 here in Bovina, a metropolis of cattle on the scrub-covered High Plains of Texas. The cattle are headed on trailers to the Excel plant in nearby Friona, just a dozen miles up the road, where they will be processed soon after sunrise.

The inconvenient hour is carefully chosen, notes Lonnie Busch, feedyard manager. Excel can start its production line right on time, maximizing its efficiency. And the cattle are processed promptly, which is better than having them stand around for hours at the packing plant getting nervous and losing valuable weight.

In fact, while the industry benchmark for a steer's weight loss between leaving a feedyard and processing is 4 percent of body weight, Bovina's night-shipped cattle shrink less than 1 percent, according to cattle scheduler Mickie Herring at Excel in Friona. The Bovina Feedyard's percentage of "dark cutters" - beef discolored by a flush of stress-induced hormones - is also quite low, ensuring more potential for premium beef. Dark cutters represent a loss of \$200 per

head, so there's a lot of money to be saved by keeping cattle from getting stressed.

That makes night shipping a three-home-run customer solution for Excel. "It helps the plant in yield and overall quality," Herring says. "And we've got 1,900 employees here, so the consistency of what we do is important. We don't have to jockey our workers' schedules back and forth. We know we can start on Caprock 5's cattle first thing in the morning - because when they say they'll be there at a certain time, the cattle are there."

To ensure that reliability, several Caprock feedyards

coordinate their efforts. For instance, when icy roads or lightning storms prevent one of the other Caprock yards from getting their cattle to the plant on time, Bovina's riders saddle up early to make sure Excel can keep operating efficiently.

Caprock's nighttime cowboys are a special breed. They're all part-timers. Some

have cattle of their own. One is finishing his degree in ag communications. Another crafts custom-made spurs. The common denominator is that they're all skilled riders who know how to read cattle.

"A calf has a brain, a horse has a brain and you have a brain - and you've got to work it all out in the pen," says Darren Newton, the cattle manager who oversees Caprock's night shipments. "It's easy to get frustrated, and it's intense. This is the hardest thing I've ever had to train someone on."

Back in the feedyard, rider Clyde Jenkins follows 16 head into "the box" - a curved, solid-walled steel pen about 20 feet square - swinging a heavy door shut behind him. His horse snorts a cloud of steam in the night air, then Jenkins moves his mount toward a steer he has determined is the leader. The leader trots through a curved chute called "the snake" and clatters up the ramp to a transport trailer. Most of the other cattle follow.

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CAPROCK COWBOY Matt McLennan herds cattle for Excel hours before sunrise.

courtesy photo

## First Baptist Church Will Celebrate Centennial Year

First Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on August 2 and 3, 2003. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the church located at 3rd Street and Avenue D for visitation then at 6:30 p.m. there will be a free hamburger supper.

At 7:30 p.m. Gary Morgan, who was the pastor in 1996, will be the featured speaker. Those giving testimonies at this time include Manny Longoria, who was the associate pastor in 1999, and long time members, Don and Juanda Murphy. Virgil Goodwin, who was the pastor in 1954, will also be in attendance.

On Sunday morning the celebration will begin with a time of fellowship. There will be coffee and donuts beginning at 9:30 a.m. The church service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Gene Hawkins, who was the interim pastor in 2001, as the featured speaker. Betty Hawkins, former song leader, will bring the special music. J.L. Bass who was pastor in 1981, will also be in attendance.

There will be a barbecue meal served in the fellowship hall of the church at 12:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. Larry Heard, who was the pastor in 1970, will bring the sermon.

Former music director Grady Sorley will present a mini-concert with his wife Dorothy. During the service Richard Grisham, who was the pastor in 1985, will give his testimony and long time member, Les McCain will give a special rendition of The Old Ragged Flag.

"We are looking forward to seeing all the former members and present members too. Everyone is invited to fellowship and worship with us during this special weekend of celebration," said Aaron Reed, pastor of First Baptist Church.

For more information please call Suezy Smith at 251-1677 or the church office at 251-1632.

## Postmaster Moving To Springlake

Bovina postmaster Lenore Falcon has transferred to the Springlake Post Office as postmaster. The Officer-In-Charge (OIC) is Randa Hodges, who comes to Bovina from Spade to be in charge of the post office until a new postmaster is assigned.

## July in Texas

You know it's July in Texas when....

\*Birds use potholders to pull worms from the ground.

\*Trees are whistling for the dogs.

\*The best parking place is determined by available shade.

\*Potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

\*Cows are giving evaporated milk.



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**Out Here**  
by ron carr

Around the newspaper office when mistakes are made we usually blame them on the new person.

If there aren't any new people, the 'newest' person gets the blame. I'm not the newest person here, but I am the new owner. So I caught the blame for last week.

With any luck at all, most of you didn't catch the mistakes in last week's papers. I know a few did because they mentioned it. In case you missed them, here they are. Confession is good for the soul although we could debate it.

The "date line" was missing on the front page of last week's *Friona Star*. The date line on the front page of the *Bovina Blade* was there, but it was the wrong date. To show we are not complete morons, the dates and page numbers were correct on all the inside pages of both papers.

And, there were three separate articles that were in the papers two times each. Might have been a few other typos too. I didn't have the heart to look.

So there. If you didn't notice our errors, forget that you read this. If you caught them, good for you. We like for people to read the paper and actually pay attention.

For now and probably for the next few months, all mistakes will be justified with the phrase, "Must be the new owner." After that, the employees get the heat.

You've probably noticed that there are a few things that look different in the papers. My production staff of Dana Jameson, Nathan Parson and Sherry Carr are all new employees. Nathan has been here since last December, but that is still fairly new.

## Can We Talk About The Newspapers For A Minute?

With new people come new ideas. And that is a good thing. We want the paper to have a nice visual appeal as well as articles of local interest.

To all our friends and readers that have told us the paper looks good, we appreciate your support.

We also open our minds to suggestions, ideas and criticism. Call us or stop us on the street if you have something to say about the paper: good, bad or indifferent. We like to know what you think.

We also could use your help with news or photo opportunity leads. For many years, Scooter Russell and June Floyd wrote columns of happenings around town. Family reunions, illness reports, or out-of-town visitors found their way into Scooter and June's columns.

I called them the "good time" girls. Everybody in their columns, whether they had a gall bladder operation or dinner at K-Bob's, ended up having a good time.

At this point, unless we can find a reliable, industrious person to fill their "town talk" shoes, we won't have the regular column as a feature of the paper. However, we will print, in story form, any news or information submitted about family reunions, visitors, vacations, or other news of local interest.

One thing I have found in my years here: people like to read about other people but sometimes don't want other people reading about them.

We have begun including warranty deed information which we receive from the county clerk's office. It is under the heading "Court-house Notes." You probably won't see the Sheriff's Report in our pages. We will leave that to our colleague Mike Pomper and the Stateline Tribune.

We have changed the Around Town section to County Calendar. Under this

heading, we will print upcoming events that will take place in Parmer County. If you have a church function, school event, rodeo, Chamber activity or any other scheduled activity coming up, send us the information and we will print it in the County Calendar.

We will be simplifying our rates for classified ads, card of thanks, engagement and wedding announcements. The new fee schedule will be published in the near future.

With the cost of printing and mailing on the increase, there will likely be an increase in our subscription and advertising rates by the end of the year. We will keep you advised.

Finally, it is quite possible that we will sooner or later combine the *Friona Star* and *Bovina Blade* into one "county" newspaper. Don't panic yet.

Many of the pages in the *Star* are already included in the *Blade*. It has been that

way for many years. We don't intend to overlook our loyal *Bovina* readers. Combining the two papers will be cost effective, allow for more complete coverage, and promote the communities of *Friona* and *Bovina* to a larger audience. At least we think so.

I realize to some this won't be a popular decision at first. But, it works in *Castro County* where they cover *Nazareth*, *Hart* and *Dimmitt* in the same paper. And in *Floyd County* they cover *Lockney* and *Floydada* in the same pages.

What the new guy asks is that you give us an opportunity to deliver a new and improved newspaper, full of county news, local news and good times too.

Our phone number is 250-2211. It's toll free from *Bovina*.

And if none of this works? I still have three new employees to blame it on.



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# Bovina Reflections

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...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1968

Chuck Stallings, airplane spray pilot of Bovina, escaped serious injury Wednesday afternoon of last week when his plane crashed three miles north of Pleasant Hill.

Two representatives of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department are in College Station this week attending the 39th annual Texas Firemen's Training School.

John H. Aldridge, 63, a Parmer County resident for the past 62 years and prominent Farwell lawyer for many years, passed away at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona early Sunday morning following a heart attack.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 25, 1973

Bryan Fillpot of Bovina competed in the regional AAU track meet at Waco Saturday in the 440-yard intermediate class.

25 Yrs. Ago--July 26, 1978

Mike Read and Jim Rhodes, attended the 50th anniversary convention of the Texas Future Farmers of America in San Antonio. Read was awarded the Lone Star Farmer Degree.

20 Yrs. Ago--July 27, 1983

Two hogs were allegedly slaughtered and stolen from Lawrence Widner's farm last week. Three men were arrested and charged in the theft incident.

Gateway Produce has reopened for the summer on a limited basis.

It was stated that there are approximately 450 acres of potatoes in the Bovina area this year.

Debbie Ulibarri, the former Debbie Whitecotton, was a spring graduate of Texas Tech University. Her parents are Billy and Paula Whitecotton.

Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers hosted the Radford family reunion over the weekend with about 40 members of the family present. It was the first time in 30 years that the family had been together.

15 Yrs. Ago--July 27, 1988

The corn crop in Parmer County is looking better than it has in years, thanks to better-than-average summer rainfall.

Funeral services for Herman Wallace Grissom, 65, of Farwell, a former resident, were held at the First Baptist Church in Farwell.

Workmen are busy at the Bovina School as central heating and refrigerated air conditioning is being installed this week.

Funeral services were held this week for John Gee, former Bovina resident for many years, who owned and operated Gee's Cleaners.

10 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1993

The Bovina Post Office was closed most of the day Monday, July 19, because of a break-in.

According to Leon Saddler, Bovina Police Chief, someone or several individuals busted a glass door leading from the lobby of the post office in the business office, sometime after 1 a.m. Monday morning.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1998

Rain, sleet, & snow don't slow the mail but this accident in Friona kept the mail truck, from making it to Bovina on Thursday, July 16. The accident occurred at Highway 60 and 5th Street in Friona as the truck was headed for Bovina's regular afternoon pick up. No one was injured.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of July 27, 2003.

July 27--Joel Barrett  
July 29--Virgil Tritsch, Jay Be Barrett, Martha Guyman, David Cruz, Cliff Rocha, Daisy Marquez  
July 30--Gabe Garner, Bobby Johnson  
July 31--Phyllis Steelman, Sara Sorley, Derrick Saddler, Rebecca Johnson

August 1--Clyde Blalock, Hattie Turner, Scott Johnson  
August 2--Jack Turner  
Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

## The Gossip Column

The information we gather for this column is not gossip but if we called it the Facts Column you wouldn't read it. Help us out. If you have info of interest about local happenings call it in to 250-2211.

Here's what we heard this week:

Parmer County Farm Bureau chief Glen Morton is leaving to take over the Farm Bureau business in Lamb County (Littlefield, Olton, Sudan). Said he plans to live in Olton.

After more than 20 years as a Friona police dispatcher, Donice Jones is moving her stuff to city hall Monday to assume her new job as city water clerk. She replaces Judy Gurule who took a job at First National Bank of Hereford.

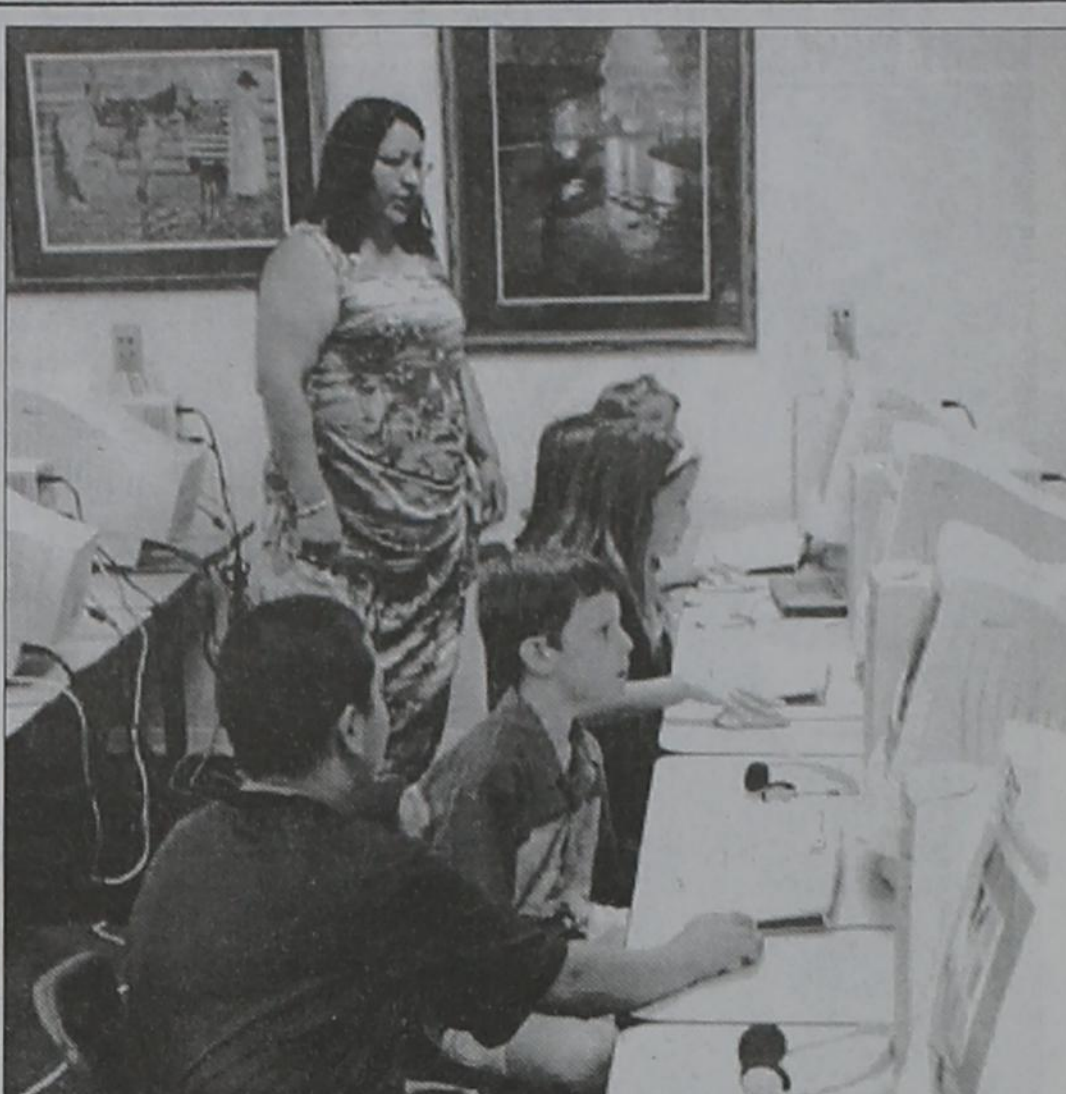
Speaking of Hereford, the Hereford Brand publisher, Mauri Montgomery, with 23-years at the Brand, has been replaced. The new publisher is Brian Brisendine but that hasn't been officially announced yet so don't tell anybody. Mauri took over the publisher role four years ago

when Speedy Nieman died. He also worked as a Brand sportswriter and advertising manager at the paper.

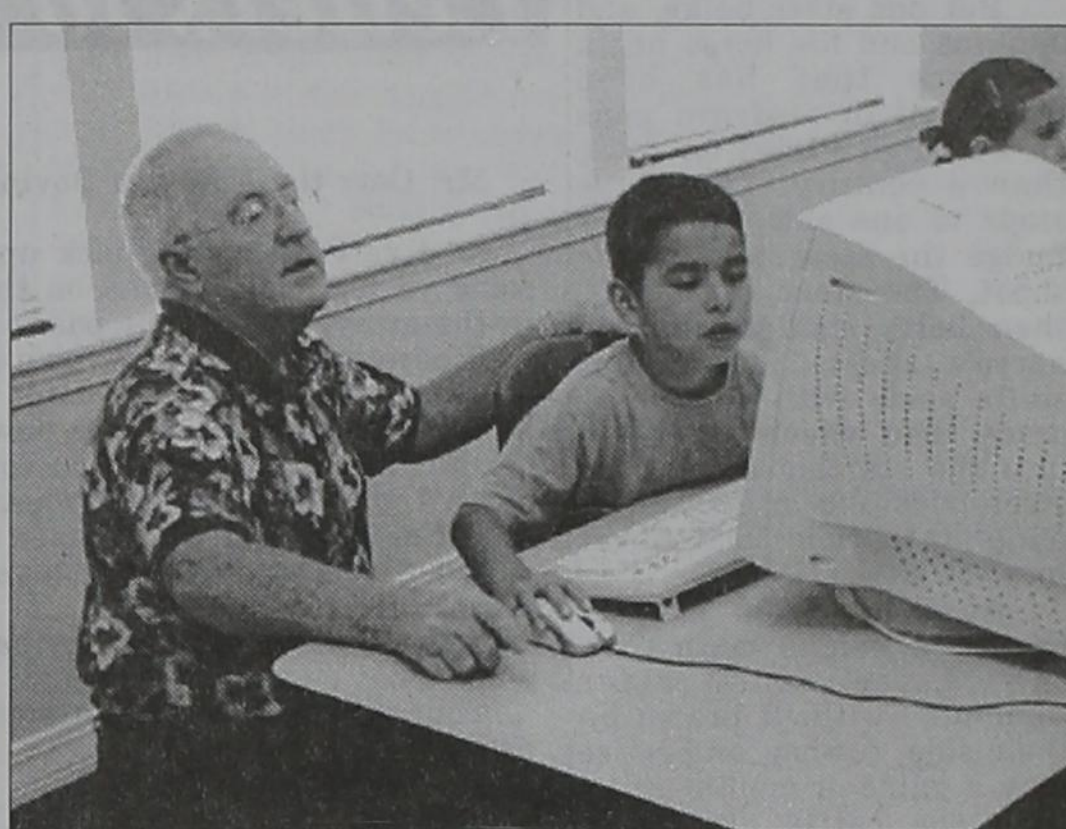
Friona and Bovina are getting new postmasters. Jack Glover has taken over at Friona replacing retired postmaster Larry Rogers. Jack is from Muleshoe. In Bovina, Lenore Falcon is taking over the Springlake post office. In the interim, Randa Hodges moves over from Spade to run the Bovina post office.

Bovinans Doyle and Gilda Garner have migrated to Weatherford, Texas. Doyle's mom Laquita said they moved June 28. Gilda will be teaching kindergarten and Doyle will work in maintenance for the school district. Gilda earned her teaching certificate at Eastern New Mexico and Wayland Baptist Universities. It will be a change since Weatherford is a big 5A school district. We wish them both well.

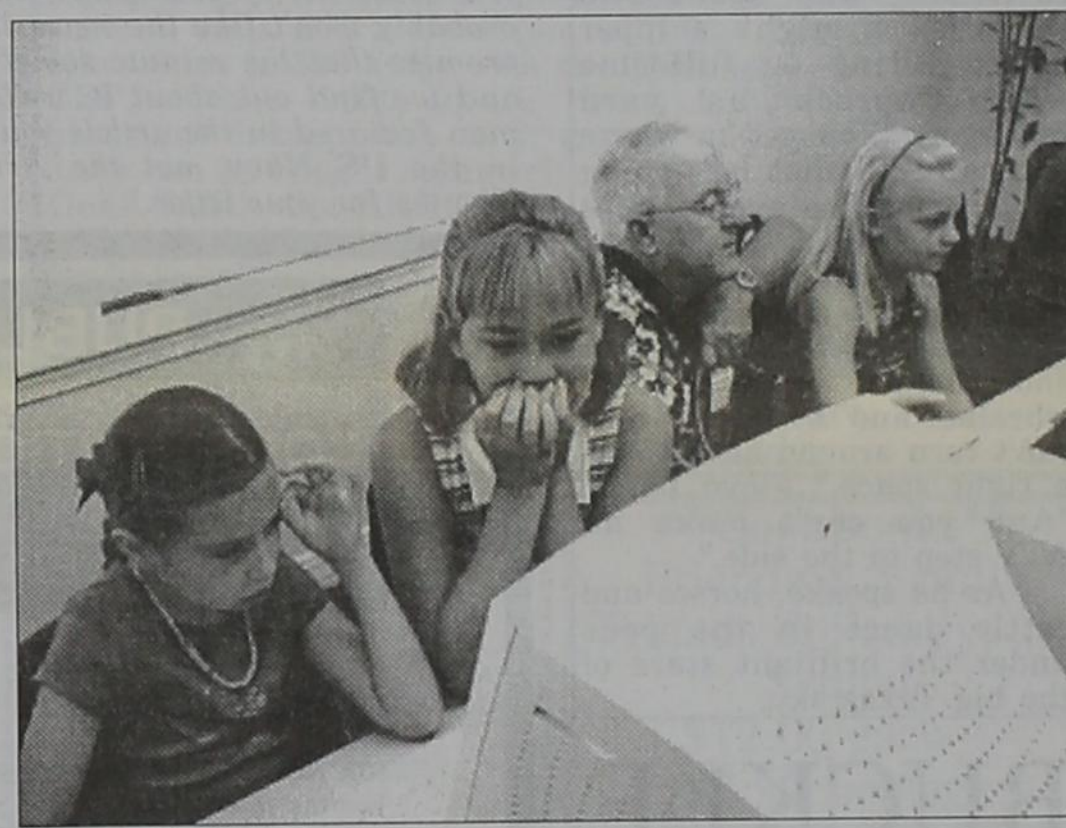
We hope to expand this experiment into a weekly column. Your help is needed. Let us know about items of interest. We'll check them out. Thanks for your support!



ESTHER STEELMAN watches a group of computer campers.



JIM BOB SWAFFORD instructing Joey Espinoza on the computer. ron carr photo



LEARNING computers at the Bovina Computer Camp are, (l-r), Savannah Barksdale, Shaylee Anderson and Janae McClaran. Instructor is Jim Bob Swafford.

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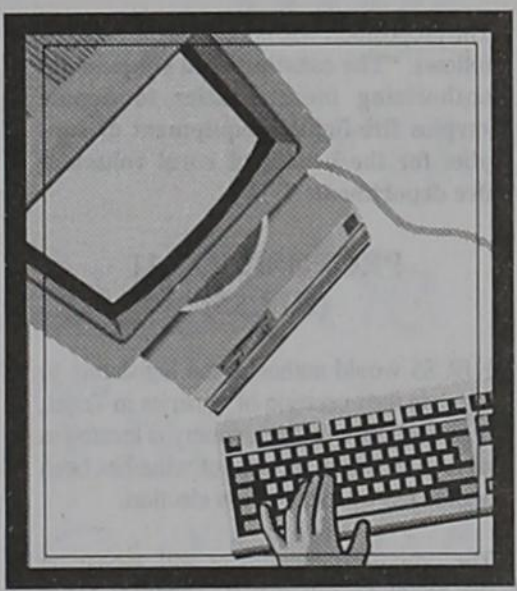
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INSTRUCTOR April Eschberger helps Taran Abeyta of Friona. Children from Lariat, Farwell, Lazbuddie and Friona attended the Bovina Camp.



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**Bovina's Computer Camp**  
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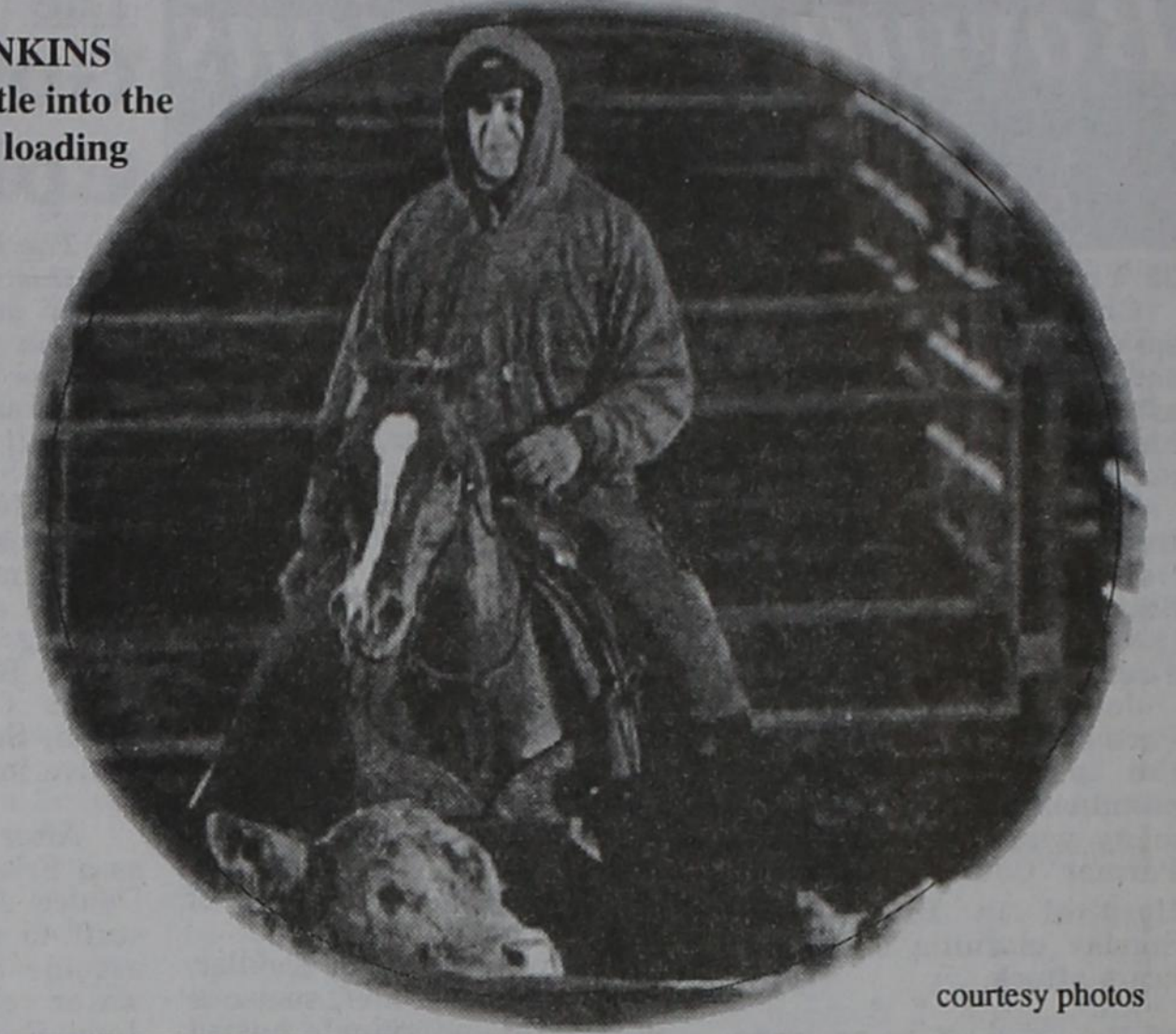
**SUGAR SHACK**

**NIGHT MOVES**



**KEVIN SCHUELER**  
Strapped up to  
move cattle

**CLYDE JENKINS**  
directed cattle into the  
chute in the loading  
corral.



courtesy photos

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But one steer balks, and Jenkins and his horse begin a dance that has been performed in feedyard pens on the High Plains for more than a century. The horse steps to one side, trying to nudge the steer toward the shoot. The steer fakes left, then bolts straight at the horse's chest. The mount shifts aside with surprising grace, then wheels around to face the startled steer. The steer tries one or two quick feints, then yields and moves into the snake.

At about 1,250 pounds, the steer weighs more than the horse and rider combined, without brawn on their side, cowboy and horse play a game of mental chess with the cattle, executing moves in split-second time.

"You pick out the leader and start working on him," says Jason Floyd, a veteran cattleman who spent two years as a night shipper before hiring on full-time with Caprock as yard manager. "You get to where you can tell what he's going to do before he even makes his move."

Despite all the advances in technology, loading cattle still comes down to a cowboy and a horse. "We've got four-wheelers and ATVs, but you can't turn around an ATV in a tight space," Floyd notes. "And you can't make an ATV step to the side."

As he speaks, horses and cattle dance in the pens under the brilliant stars of the big Texas sky.

**BUCKLE UP**



Summertime is melon time in the Lone Star State, and savvy consumers know that Texas grows some of the finest watermelons, cantaloupes and honeydews around. Right now farmers markets and grocery stores are overflowing with varieties.

Melons taste great with chicken or seafood salads, cottage cheese and various flavored sherbets or sorbets. In fact, the Texas Department of Agriculture's produce Web site, [www.picktexas.com](http://www.picktexas.com), has a recipe for cantaloupe sorbet that is a cool and fat-free way to end a barbecue meal or picnic this summer. Another recipe that can be found on the site is for skewered cantaloupe, which calls for lightly grilling chunks of the fruit and serving them with a honey sauce.

Melons have a natural sweetness that makes them a perfect addition to salads, desserts, drinks or even salsas. Halved cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon provide great bowls for filling. Consumers who choose to include melons in their diets are also reaping the health benefits of eating these low-calorie, no-fat, no-cholesterol fruit. Most melons are also a great source of vitamins A and C.

Texas is a leading melon production state with a \$152 million market having a statewide economic impact of \$298 million. Texas ranks third in the U.S. production of cantaloupes and honeydew melons and second in watermelons.

Last year, nearly 50,000 acres of melons were harvested to produce a billion pounds of melons. The first domestic shipments of melons originate in South Texas in May and June with peak output occurring through September.

**Letters to the Editor**

July 19, 2003  
Bovina Tex 79009

Mr. Carr the Editor of Bovina Blade, or the Friona Star:

It is very disgusting pick up the Bovina Blade. And there is some ya hoo from Friona on the front page getting promotions in the army, one of your police man over there crying help.

Where one of Bovina's own gets his on the back page. This so disgusting that you don't have a reporter over here at Bovina too keep up on the news. It don't cost nothing too call too Bovina from Friona. You could have some one there in your office too check and see whats going on. If we get any law report or anything it all comes out in the State Line Tribune.

We the people wants a home town paper not one that has the Friona gossip. Shoot fire I think the Bovina Shool paper can do better than you.

Your such a sorry editor you won't write this up in the next paper.

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for Bovina  
Joe Black Sr.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: There you go, Mr. Black. Exactly the way you wrote it. If you didn't like last week's Bovina Blade, you probably won't like the news in my column this week either. I promise that the minute something actually happens in Bovina and we find out about it, we'll print it. By the way, the young man featured in the article you mentioned is serving the country in the US Navy, not the Army. And he is not a "ya hoo." Thanks for your letter.)*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

**PROPOSITION 1**  
(HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

**PROPOSITION 2**  
(HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

**PROPOSITION 3**  
(HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

**PROPOSITION 4**  
(SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

**PROPOSITION 5**  
(SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

**PROPOSITION 6**  
(HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

**PROPOSITION 7**  
(HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

**PROPOSITION 8**  
(HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

**PROPOSITION 9**  
(HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

**PROPOSITION 10**  
(HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

**PROPOSITION 11**  
(HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

**PROPOSITION 12**  
(HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

**PROPOSITION 13**  
(HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

**PROPOSITION 14**  
(HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

**PROPOSITION 15**  
(HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

**PROPOSITION 16**  
(SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

**PROPOSITION 17**  
(HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

**PROPOSITION 18**  
(HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

**PROPOSITION 19**  
(SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

**PROPOSITION 20**  
(SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

**PROPOSITION 21**  
(SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

**PROPOSITION 22**  
(HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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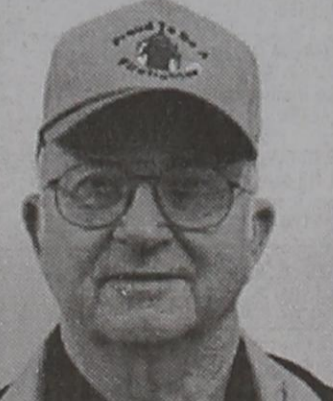
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# County Calendar

Formerly Around Town

## TASP Set at WTAMU

Students who need to take the TASP may do so at WTAMU on one of the following test dates: July 25, 1:00 p.m., July 30, 1:00 p.m., August 15, 8:00 a.m. or August 22, 8:00 a.m.. Remember students must wait 90 days between testing times. Students must pre-register three days prior to the preferred test date. Registration forms are available in the Friona High School office or online at: [www.wtamu.edu/administrative/ss/sds/es/testing/tasp/](http://www.wtamu.edu/administrative/ss/sds/es/testing/tasp/).

## Senior Citizens Party

The Senior Citizens will be hosting a party Saturday, July 26, at 5 p.m. The special guest speaker is from Siberia, Russia and now living in Friona.

## Jesus For Children Day August 1st

First Baptist Church of Friona invites children ages 7 to 11 to "Jesus For Children Day", Friday, August 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. There will be puppets, movies, popcorn and fun. Bring a friend!

## Hereford 10-K Run August 2nd

The Greg Black Memorial 10-K Run will be held August 2, 2003. It will start at 8 a.m. at the Hereford YMCA at 500 E. 15th St.. Entry fee is \$12.00 in advance per person and \$15.00 on the day of the race. All entrants registered and paid by July 25th will receive a free running cap. Contact: ace Director, Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th Street, Hereford, Texas 79045. Forms can be picked up at the Chamber.

## Bovina FBC Centennial Aug. 2-3

The First Baptist Church of Bovina will hold a Centennial Celebration Aug. 2-3. The Saturday program and Sunday services will include former pastors, interim pastors and music leaders. All are invited to come out and help First Baptist celebrate 100 years in Bovina.

## Concert "One A-Chord"

Sunday, August 3rd, "One A-Chord" from Memphis, Texas will be performing at the First Baptist Church of Friona's Evening Service. Mark your calendars and plan on attending the concert.

## Mexican Pile On Lunch Fundraiser Set

The Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting the J.P. Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund Raiser Meal, Sunday, August 3, from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. This years meal will be Mexican Pile On Lunch. The cost for the meal is on a donation basis. Whatever you can give is appreciated. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

### LET THE "SON" SHINE

Solomon said that there are seven things the Lord hates:

- 1). Haughty eyes
- 2). A lying tongue
- 3). Hands that shed innocent blood
- 4). A heart that devises wicked plans
- 5). Feet that run rapidly to evil
- 6). A false witness who utters lies
- 7). One who spreads strife among brothers.

(Prov 6:16)

Have a great week! (TLT)

# Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

July 17, 2003

Despite weekly export sales, as reported by USDA, that exceeded industry estimates, cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange closed lower for the third consecutive day on Thursday and at their lowest point in seven sessions.

As expected, export figures were healthy in USDA's weekly report. Some market observers expected a good week of solid export shipments in light of the recent high Step 2 payment, but thought sales might be slim. Part of their reasoning was the transition between the old and new crop year and a lack of demand on the cash market in response to current higher prices.

The week's export sales were considerably higher than the previous week, but shipments decreased. However, the current marketing year will draw to a close at the end of July, and the latest export figures have traders saying USDA's 11.5 million bale export target for the year will be met.

For the week ended July 10, USDA reported net upland exports reached 230,000 bales. The figure was 7 percent below the previous week and four percent lower than the four-week average. Net upland sales of 116,300 bales were 64 percent higher than the previous week and an 80 percent increase from the four-week average. Meanwhile, net sales of 11,300 bales were made for

delivery in the 2003-04 marketing year.

In other news, market observers kept an eye on Hurricane Claudette which made landfall along the Texas coast on Tuesday. With Texas, the top-producing cotton state, having been battered by bad weather already this year, traders expressed some concern about Claudette and its possible impact on the cotton crop.

Market anxieties were alleviated when it appeared the storm would miss the bulk of the Texas cotton crop. Claudette struck the Texas Upper Coastal Bend and moved inland north of Corpus Christi. Gusty winds and heavy rains of as much as three inches per hour were reported in some areas and caused flash flooding. However, most of the Coastal Bend remained dry, and some rainfall would have been welcomed to help boost crop development. Elsewhere in the state, hot and dry weather prevailed on the High and Rolling Plains with above-average temperatures recorded. Hence, cumulative heat units are rising and boosting plant growth.

Meanwhile, seasonable conditions prevailed in the Far West; however, California's San Joaquin Valley cotton crop is in various stages of growth making water and pest management difficult. Hot, humid weather continued in the Memphis Territory this week in-

creasing water demand. In fact, many farmers have begun irrigating to ease heat stress and to reduce boll shed. Some non-irrigated stands already have blooms at the top due to shallow root systems, and light boll shed has been reported. Therefore, a general rain is needed soon to prevent premature "cut-out" and excessive shedding.

Overall, U.S. cotton crop conditions improved as of July 13, according to USDA. The department's data showed 53 percent of the U.S. crop was in good to excellent condition while 16 percent of the crop was in poor to very poor condition. The crop remains behind schedule with squaring progress at only 71 percent compared to 84 percent one year ago and the five-year average of 84 percent. Additionally, boll setting was at 28 percent compared with 38 percent the previous year and the five-year average of 39 percent.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers decreased in the five trading days ending July 17 as 5,069 bales were sold compared to the previous week when 9,641 bales changed hands. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 49.78 to 51.65 cents per pound versus the previous week's 50.21 to 51.75 cents per pound range.

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