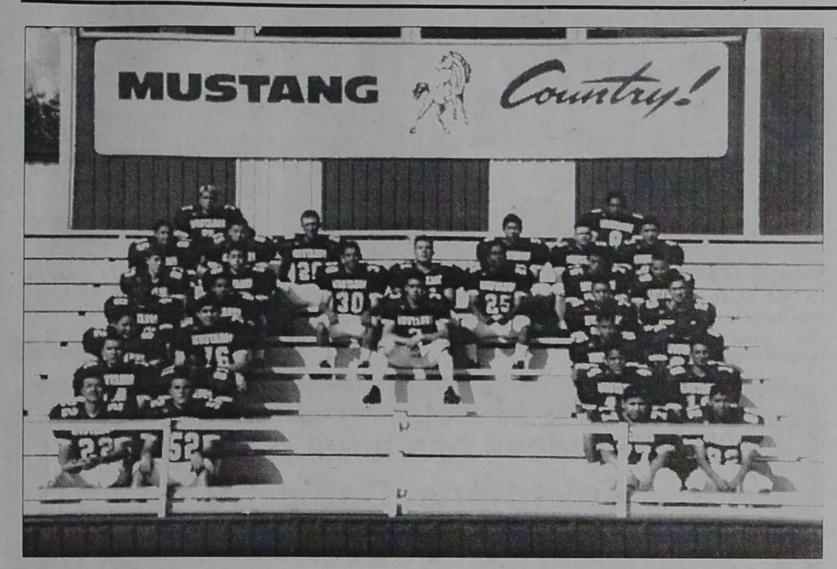
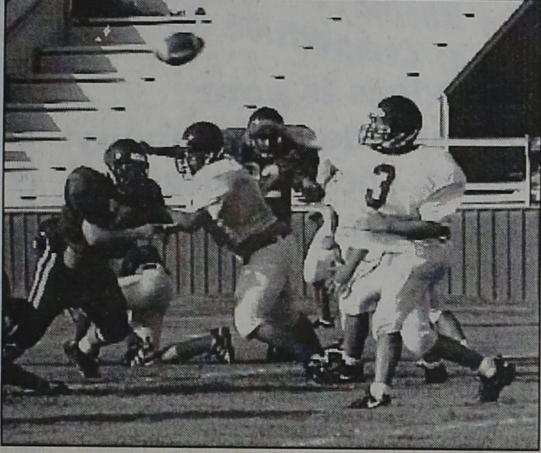
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THE 2001 BOVINA MUSTANGS, top, get set to suit up against Hagerman, NM, tonight. Above, quarterback David DeLaRosa (3) will lead the Mustangs against the 2A New Mexico state champions. ron carr photo

MY FRIEND CLARENCE Martin brought home from our recent trip to Canada a sheet Town which included the following Bullestatements: The piece is entitled "REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS HARD TO LEARN." (So it happens in other Englishspeaking countries as well as our own!) This must be why the

tins Bill Ellis

participants in Spelling Bee contests may ask the person pronouncing the words to use a particular word in a sentence.

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

We must polish the Polish furniture. 5. He could lead if he would just get the lead out.6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum. 9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

10. I did not object to the object.

11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row. 13. They were too close to the door to close it.

14. The buck does funny things when the does are present. 15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line. 16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to

17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail. 18. After a number of injections, my jaw got number.

19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.

20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests. 21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

22. A minute is a minute amount of time. LET'S FACE IT: ENGLISH IS A CRAZY LANGUAGE! For instance, there is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger. Neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English

muffins weren't invented in England, nor French fries in Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat, not bread. We take English for granted. But

if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly; boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig! And, why is it that writers write, but fingers don't "fing," grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham? If the plural of

tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose,

two geese. So one moose, two meese? One index, two indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends, but not one amend? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposite? How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and quite a few are

alike? Have you ever run into someone who was combobulate, gruntled, ruly or peccable? And where are all those people who ARE spring chickens, or who would ACTUALLY hurt a fly? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes

off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all). That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible. However, when the lights are out, they are invisible. Why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it?

Firemen Get \$900 For MS

Bovina Volunteer Firemen went door-to-door collecting funds in Bovina to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The money, from small change to big bills, is still being counted, but officials give report the total at approximately \$900.

Stan Miller, Andy Garza, Sammy Stormes, Joe Olvera and Charlie Teague covered all of Bovina, knocking on doors and asking for donators to "Fill the Boot".

Hannah and Heather Miller, Jennifer Garza, Scott Gordon and two of Stormes' granddaughters also helped in MS effort.

Mustangs Open Here Tonight

The Mustangs open the 2001 season at home tonight against Hagerman, New Mexico. Kickoff time is 8 p.m. at Mustang Field.

Quarterback David DeLa-Rosa and running back Nemecio Rodriguez are expected to play. Both were hampered by injuries and did not scrimmage against Kress last

Coach Scroggins expects his team to be much improved over last year. "I think we are going to surprise some people," Scroggins said.

Watermelon Thanks

Bailey Farms will be supplying watermelon to the Bovina ISD cafeteria, free of charge for the next three

The new business that came to Bovina recently is donating the sweet melons so Bovina's students and teachers can enjoy them before the end of the season.

Cathey Riley, head of Bovina's cafeteria, said that the melons are a big hit during lunch time. Thanks, a bunch to the folks at Bailey Farms!



BOB HORTON NEW COACH

Thieves Are Apprehended After 12-Hour Manhunt

leave your keys in your vehicle, even if you are at home. Or it could be just good advice from law enforcement not to jump in the back of a pickup being stolen, even if it is yours.

In either case, 23-year-old Farwell resident Jarrod Franse is safe and sound after two men tried to steal his truck and made him mad.

Franse's 2000 Dodge Dakota pickup was parked in front of his Farwell residence around 6 p.m. Sunday, August 26, when he noticed two men on the street looking

When they opened the door of the pickup, which had the keys in the ignition, he came out of the house to confront them. They jumped in, started the pickup, and drove off with Franse in the back of the truck.

that it made him mad when they drove off with him beating on the window, so he just dove in the back and started screaming at passersby "they stole my truck."

The two Clovis men, 18 and 16 years of age, were looking for a vehicle to steal when they spied Franse's Dodge Dakota. They sped away east on Highway 84, with Franse frantically trying to get help.

An unidentified motorist number and pulled off the highway in Lariat to call the

The lesson could be don't Sheriff's office. Sheriff Randy aggravated kidnapping and Geries, assisted by Parmer County deputies and others, began to look for the trio and the white pickup. Details and location of the truck were sketchy.

> Meanwhile, the two hoodlums were trying to dislodge Franse from the back of the pickup, driving at speeds estimated at over 100 mph. Franse broke out the passenger side window of his truck and proceeded to pummel the thief in the passenger seat.

In apparent frustration, the two stopped the pickup in Castro County, three miles south of Highway 86 at the Greg Sides residence. The boys ran into a nearby haygrazer field.

Parmer County Chief Deputy Michael Howard used ve off with Franse in the his drug dog, Arno, who is also a trained "apprehension He would later explain and attack" dog. Arno captured Joe Angel Roldan, 18, about 9 p.m.

Officers searched for the 16-year-old suspect until 2 a.m. and decided to resume after daylight. A Castro County resident called authorities at 6:30 a.m. Monday to report the suspect was spotted about 3 1/2 miles south of the haygrazer field.

Franse suffered some minor bruises during the melee. Sheriff Geries said Franse was very fortunate wrote down the license that the outcome was not more serious.

Roldan was charged with

unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He is in Parmer County jail under a \$100,000 bond for the kidnapping and a \$10,000 bond the vehicle

The juvenile was charged with the same two offenses and is being held in the juvenile detention facility in

Lubbock. Sheriff Geries said that in addition to all of his Parmer County deputies being called out, the DPS, Castro County Sheriff Department, Muleshoe Police Department and Dimmitt Police Department assisted in the arrests.

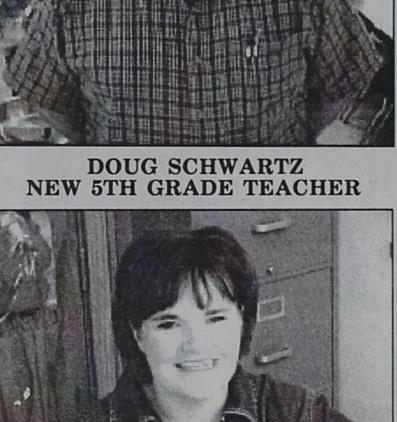
Nominees Needed For GT Program

The Bovina Independent School District is accepting nominations from the community for students who might be eligible for Advanced Academic Services, formerly known as the Gifted and Talented Program.

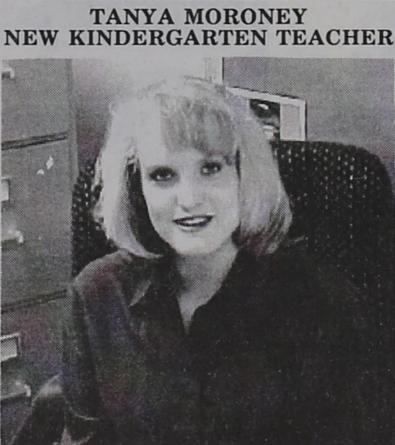
Any student currently enrolled in Bovina Schools is eligible for nomination.

Nominees will be screened and tested with parent approval. Referral forms are available from Carolyn Beauchamp in Room 113. There is no deadline for nominations.

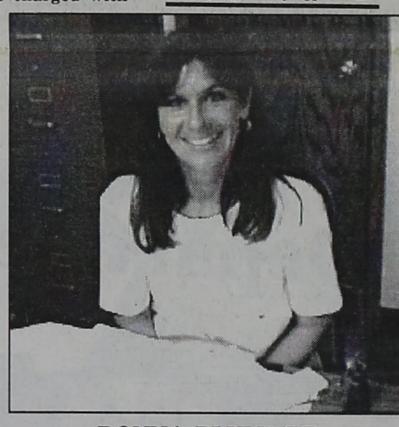




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45 YRS AGO-SEP 12 1956 Bovina Junior Chamber of Commerce discussed ways and methods to increase business in Bovina at a regular meeting Saturday noon at

Bovina Restaurant.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith
were honored Friday evening with a surprise housewarming for their new home. Several families met in the Griffith home for an evening of "42"

and visiting.
BULLETIN---Parmer Co. has been returned to a drought status by the USDA and subsequently is eligible for government drought relief.

40 YRS AGO-SEP 13 1961 Nuptial vows were exchanged between Suezy Estes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes and Bill Smith of Farwell, Saturday after-

Happy Birthday

September 2-8, 2001 Sep 3 Kristopher Guest, Virginia Rhodes

Sep 4 Margaret Durben Sep 5 Jean Wiseman, Lance McClaran, Tommy

Sep 7 Jerry Wilburn, Leon Schilling

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call 251-1523 and add your names to our birthday list.

When you see names that should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.) call the newpaper and let us know. Thank you.

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noon at the First Baptist weekend produced a batch of Church.

Mrs. Paul Jones hosted a coffee in her home Thursday morning for several of her

Bovina Lions added approximately \$250 to their treasury Friday during their annual broom sale. "We sold over \$950 worth of mer-chandise," Lions president Tom Bonds reports.

35 YRS AGO-SEP 14 1966 The first load of milo was brought in to Sherley Grain Co. at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday of last week for the fourth straight year by Jim Heard,

who farms south of Bovina. Shortly after, three more loads arrived.

Because of rising fear of encephalitis in the area, as well as over the state, the City of Bovina has begun a schedule of spraying for mosquitoes every day or two, states Edward Isaac, city councilman.

The '39ers Club honored Mrs. Paul Jones on her birthday Thursday night with a fried chicken dinner in the home of Mrs. Joe Wilson.
Mrs. A.M. Wilson enter-

tained the Afternoon Bridge Club in her home Wednesday when three tables of players attended.

30 YRS AGO-SEP 16 1971 Bovina's new park fund

drive has reached a level of \$4475 as of midweek according to an announcement from Ovid Lawlis, drive chairman.-Goal for the fund-raising project locally is \$30,000.

Isaac's Department Store was broken into Sunday night. Merchandise was taken from the store during the break-in, according to Edward Isaac, owner manager of the

25 YRS AGO-SEP 15 1976 The annual Little Buckaroo Rodeo was held Saturday, September 11, at

the roping arena College football's first big

big upsets and they affected contestants' scores in the Bovina Businesses' Football Contest. Scores took a tumble in the second week of the annual fall contest, which had seen good scores for the first week predicting. Capturing first place and \$7.50 was Faron Grissom.

20 YRS AGO-SEP 16 1981 The merging of the Horn Clayton Insurance Company of Bovina and Farwell and the Lone Star Insurance Agency, Inc. has taken effect as of August 30, according to Lone Star President, Ken Rogers, and also according to Ken Horn, manager of the local agency.

Homecoming events are set for September 18. A number of activities are planned.

Julia Moody was the only contestant to get all of the 14 contest games right in the football contest.

10 YRS AGO-SEP 14, 1991 Dean Stanberry was the firs week's winner in the Bovina Blade football contest in a tie-breaker with seven

other contestants, all of whom picked 10 of the 14 games. The 1991 Bovina High school cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleaders Association Camp in Plainview this summer. They earned three excellent, two superior and one squad achievement award ribbons.

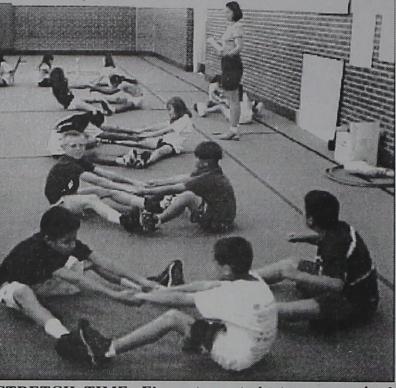
The Bovina Mustangs were impressive in their opening game of the 1991 football season here last Friday, scoring a 26-0 win over the Whiteface Antelopes.

5YRS AGO-SEP 14 1996 Dale Gober received the traditional \$50 bonus that

Sherley Grain awards for the first load of corn each year. The corn was delivered to the elevator on September 3.

Bovina's Mustangs galloped past Anton Friday night with a 35-6 season

opener win.



STRETCH TIME...Elementary students are required to have at least 30 minutes of physical education per day this year. P.E. instructor Tammy Sims leads some exercises. ron carr photo

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu September 4-7

MONDAY- Labor Day! TUESDAY- Salisbury steak, pepperoni pizza, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, tossed salad, fresh fruit, juice bar

and choice of milk.
WEDNESDAY- Pig in a blanket, cheeseburger, chili beans, carrot sticks, French fries, hamburger veggies, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

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turkey, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls, peaches, juice bar and choice of milk.

FRIDAY- Beef hot dog, cheeseburger, chili, pickle spears, French fries, hamburger veggies, cucumber, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.



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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"So You Want To Be A Travel Agent!"

Airlines delivered yet another whammy to travel agents last week.

The travel agents are screaming all sorts of obscenities but as usual it will not do them any good. As a group they have no real clout. Never have.

But that does not keep them from threatening all sorts of mean retaliatory actions against the bad old airlines who have had the attitude that travel agents stink for at least the last 20

Now the airlines have reduced pay to travel agents down to a miniscule "why bother" level. Agencies across America banded together this week to show them airline guys a thing or two.

In a show of sheer power and clout, many agencies closed their offices for two hours on Thursday. (At least a few said they were going to, but I bet not many

actually did.)

There. That ought to show those several hundred million airline passengers a thing or two. Not to mention scaring the flaps off of American, United and Delta.

For decades the

foundation of a travel agent's business, i.e., their income, was commission earned on airline tickets. The commission income on an airline

ticket was quick and easy.

Lots more folks bought airline tickets more often than cruises and tours so naturally an agent looked to air income

The numbers were very simple. An airfare consists of three parts: the fare plus the tax equals the total. The fare goes to the airline, the tax to the government and the total is what you, the customer,

was deducted from the fare. The bigger the fare, the more commission the agent earned. Standard commission percentages were 5% in the 60s, increasing to 7%, then 10%, in the 70s. It stayed at 10% until 1995.

so if a customer bought an expensive ticket, say a \$2,000 roundtrip fare, a travel agent was paid \$200 for booking the flights and issuing the ticket.

A \$100 fare earned \$10 commission, \$500 fetched \$50, and so on Agents worked

and so on. Agents worked hard to build up their monthly air volume. A half million a month in ticket sales brought in \$50,000 in gross monthly income or \$600K a year just for writing airline tickets.

You can see the lure here. Big money; an exciting, romantic, exotic industry; and free or reduced rate travel benefits. As travel agents used to say, "It sure beats working for a living."

But that fantasy has ended. In 1995, the airlines made a drastic change in the commission structure. Led by Delta, they "capped" travel agent commissions at 5%, or \$25 for a one-way ticket and \$50 for a roundtrip, whichever is less.

So the example of a \$2,000 fare that had earned \$200 commission, was now capped at \$50, a 75%

reduction in income.

Since 1995, the airlines have gradually reduced commission levels and pay rates to 1960 levels.. Then last week, American Airlines again reduced the cap rate to \$10 for a one-way or \$20 for a roundtrip ticket, regardless

Our \$2,000 example today earns \$20, a below-the-poverty-level one

took United, Delta and Northwest about 28 seconds to follow along American's reduction.

Some industry veterans say that the next step will be to eliminate travel agent commissions on airline tickets, a situation the airlines have wanted for years.

Travel agents say that airlines can't get along without them. Closing for a measly two hours on a Thursday is not going to

prove that point.

Agents need to stop issuing airline tickets altogether for a week, or a month, if they want to get anyone's attention. But they won't do that either. They will keep issuing tickets at the measly rates because they can't not write airline tickets.

Many agents charge service fees now to issue an airline ticket because they can't pay their overhead on the low commission income. Travel industry leaders advise agents to sell leisure travel, i.e., tours and cruises, where commissions are still in the 10-15% range for now.

Trouble is, people don't buy cruises or tours as often as they do air tickets. Leisure travel is seasonal, so agents do well during vacation season and die when fall comes and school starts.

The Web-surfers and

Internet junkies have also hurt "brick and mortar" travel agency business. I know folks right here in Friona that have traveled recently with airline tickets purchased through their home

So why am I writing about it? Nostalgia. For 20 years I owned a travel agency in downtown Dallas. The airlines for the most part were our friends. I traveled Travel agent commission percent commission rate. It the world, mostly free,

because my agency sales volume earned respect from the carriers.

Airlines don't respect travel agents anymore. Some frequent fliers say the airlines don't even respect their customers anymore.

I'm glad I was a part of the travel industry during the glory years when Pan Am ruled the air and Braniff hyped their Flying Colors.

I'm sad too though. Long ago, everybody I knew wanted to be a travel agent. Not anymore.

The fare, tax and total game is gone for good..

Immunization Clinics Set

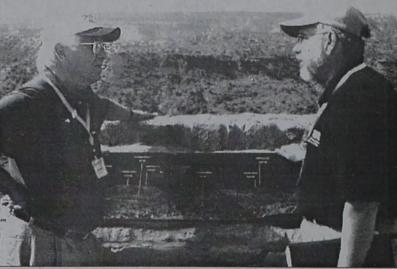
Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for September throughout the Panhandle.

Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lock-jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilis Influenzae Type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, but no one will be turned away if not able to pay.

The vaccinations will be administered at the Texas Department of Health WIC Office, 607 Main Street, Friona, Friday, September 21, from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be available at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, September 10 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.



SHOOTING THE CANYON....The Texas Press Association of Austin recently sponsored a photography seminar in Amarillo for member newspapers. Participants met at the Holiday Inn and toured the Palo Duro Canyon to learn about different photo techniques. The photography session is one of many educational seminars the TPA sponsors around the state. Shown above at Palo Duro Canyon with Ron Carr, left, is TPA member services director Mike Cox, a frequent contributor to area newspapers.

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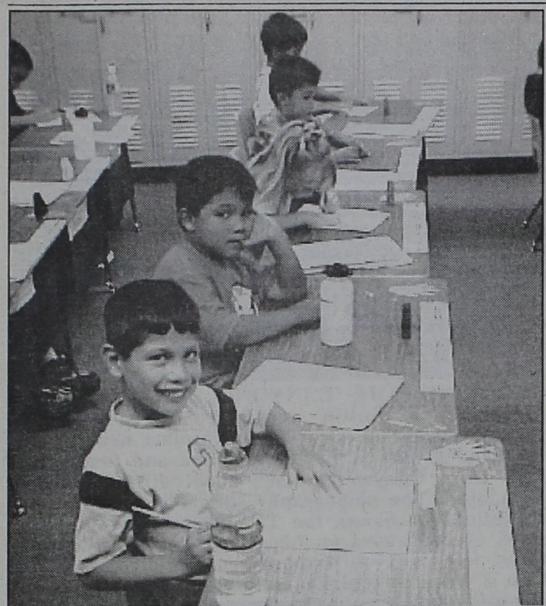
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Bovina Bits

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

recently. They stopped in Bovina and got Jerry's in San Diego.

mother, Gladys and took her to Wichita Falls to see her Scott and the crew of the USS family.

area, she also visited with her mother, brother and other view the film "Castaway". sister, Balma Dunham, Eugene Varner and Betty Aday.

her family, Jerry and Carole the events really happened Jean went to Ft. Worth to and they have even been on get their daughter, J.J. She another adventure. We will is a junior at West Texas have a follow-up story on the A&M University in Canyon and studies equine science. She has been in Ft. Worth for the summer as an intern.

Her parents helped her apartment.

Carole Jean, J.J. and Jerry all spent some time with the Hastings and Gladys in Bovina for a few days.

Juanda Murphy had surgery last week in Lubbock. Reports were on Thursday that she was doing better.

Jack and Ona Patterson's granddaughter and two great-grandsons, Cara, Zack and Kord Fisher of Memphis,

We received a note from the Navy this week concerning Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Curtis. His went to Odessa for the wife, Elizabeth, is the weekend. After a trip to daughter of Elodia Serna of Toys R Us, we returned with Bovina. Scott is on a six- a small train set. We have month deployment to the been playing trains ever since!

Jerry and Carole Jean Western Pacific Ocean and Wright of Albuquerque, New Arabian Gulf while assigned Mexico were in town visited to the amphibious assault

Boxer were treated to dinner Gladys stayed with her and a movie on the flight sister, Louise Summers. deck. The event started with While in the Burkburnett a steel beach picnic, the crew took a seat under the stars to

A lot of folks have commented about the Carson After leaving Gladys with story from last week. Yes, all have a follow-up story on the family's trip through Yellowstone National Park

Todd Schilling is back move back to Canyon into an home recuperating after being a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock since Thursday, August 23.

He's getting around with crutches and a walker and had a great attitude about his injury and the recovery that lays ahead.

I'm sure just being back home is a big help for the entire Schilling family.

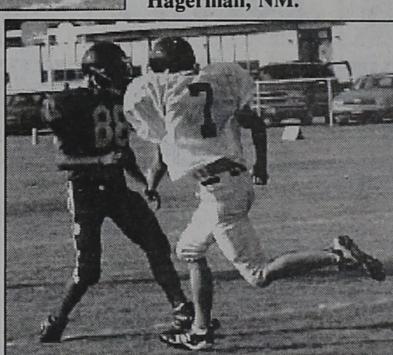
Thanks to everyone who donated money to the local visited in the Patterson home firefighters. The reported last week for three days. total is approximately \$900-one of the most successful "Fill the Boot" campaigns in

Becky and Ty London



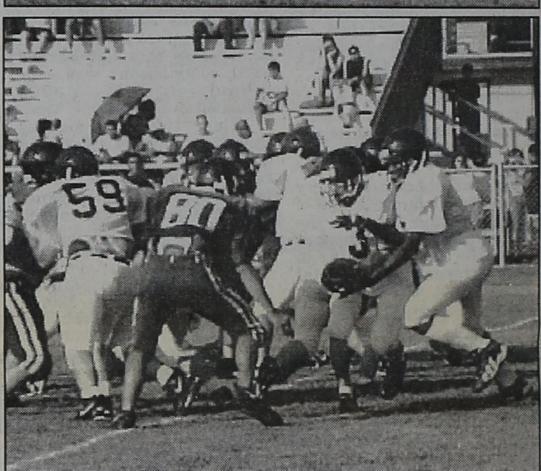


line coach, hopes to have his charges Steelman (7) broke his left arm, ending ready for the opening of the 2001 his high school football career. Jake is season tonight.



NOT LONG AFTER THIS picture was COACH TONY EPPS, right, Mustang taken, Bovina senior receiver Jake ron carr photo, shown in the Clovis scrimmage.

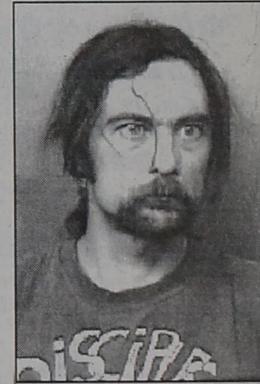




THE BOVINA MUSTANGS, in white jerseys, are shown in these action photos during the Clovis Sophomores scrimmage. The Mustangs scrimmaged Kress last week and open tonight at home against Hagerman, NM.







The following person has egistered with the Bovina Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

Cliff Thelbert Lincoln

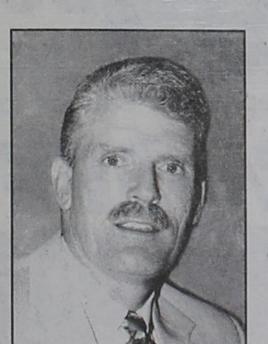
30 Year Old Male 208 B 4th Street Bovina, Tx Convicted of indecency with a child. Victim was a female child-age 3 yrs.

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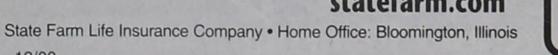
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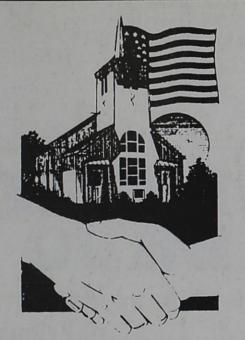
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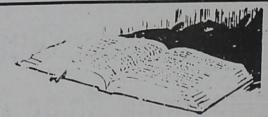
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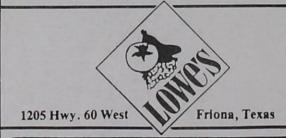
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