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P.C. Hospital District Election

Parmer County Hospital District announces that three (3) Board of Director positions will be up for election on Saturday, May 6, 2000.

The three (3) expiring terms are currently held by: Dale Schueler, D.V.M.; Dennis Anthony and Brett Whitten, D.V.M.

Any person wishing to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate must file an application with the secretary of the board of directors not later than 5 p.m., March 22, 2000.

Candidate applications may be picked up at Parmer County Community Hospital business office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week.

To be eligible as a candidate for director, the person must be a resident of the district and a qualified voter. An employee of the hospital district may not serve as a director.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000. Earliest date for submission of application for absentee ballot to be voted by mail is March 7, 2000.

Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to: Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Area Receives First Moisture

The area received the first measurable moisture of the year 2000 early Thursday, when a booming thunderstorm deposited .33 inches of rain on the parched fields and city lawns.

It's not nearly enough, but maybe a start. Some small hail also accompanied the early-morning shower.

Week's temps: Fri., Feb. 25: 53-25; Sat., Feb. 26: 58-34; Sun., Feb. 27: 72-35; Mon., Feb. 28: 73-37; Tues., Feb. 29: 65-34; Wed., March 1: 65-39; Thurs., March 2: 56-30.

THOSE OF US WHO have lived in Parmer County for most of our lives are aware of how the political scene has changed so drastically in the past 30 or 40 years.

Time was when the primaries were held, the Democratic ballot contained about 95 per cent of the candidates, and the Republican ballot had the other five per cent. Most of the times, all of the names on the GOP ballot were those running for the presidential nomination.

Back in the 1950s and 60s, all of the county office-holders were Democrats. The races for every office from county commissioner to the sheriff and county judge were decided in the Democratic primary. Winning the Democratic nomination was tantamount to being elected.

In those years, if there were races for the presidential or senate nominations on the Republican ballots, most Parmer County voters ignored the Republican primary to cast their vote for precinct and county office-seekers in the Democratic primary. If they wanted to vote for the Republican candidate (for president, etc.), it would have to wait for the November general election.

If George W. Bush and John McCain had been vying for the Republican nomination hereabouts in, say, 1964, not as many Texans would have taken the trouble to vote in the GOP primary. Well, maybe they would have if G. W. Bush had been running, but they didn't bother to go to the GOP primary to vote for Barry Goldwater or Senator John Tower.

Parmer County voters have for years been conservative in nature. As early as the 1950s, county voters went for Eisenhower for president, but that was in November.

When Ye Editor saw the 2000 primary ballots, it hit me full force as to how much things had changed.

In earlier years, you couldn't beg candidates to run on the Republican "ticket," even if it meant the candidates might have a "free ride" into the general election.

My Aggie buddy, Jim Dixon says that several years the Democratic voters went every year to a county convention in Farwell, with a good crowd going. Republicans, of which he was one, had to do a lot of arm-twisting just to have a county chairman.

This year, the biggest contested race, for County Sheriff, will be decided in the Republican primary. The same is true in the race for county commissioner for Precinct 1, where both the incumbent, Johnny Tanahill and his opponent, Kirk Frye, are on the GOP ballot.

Only one county race, for county tax assessor-collector, plus the commissioner's race at Farwell, are contested in the Democratic primary on the county level.

With most of the interest regarding the presidential primary being in the Bush-McCain race for Texas voters, it appears that the biggest turnout—including that in Parmer County—will be at the Republican polls.

Who would have thought that this "turn-around" would happen in Parmer County in a relative short time? Not me, truth be told. And definitely not Dolph Moten, my predecessor at the Bovina Blade, another "old Aggie." Dolph may cancel his subscription when he sees this!

So—be sure and vote! Early voting just has about a week left. Check details elsewhere in this issue.

Area Is Under High Fire Danger

The South Plains and the Panhandle are under an **EXTREME FIRE DANGER** warning, according to the region's Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Les Rogers.

Current high winds, low humidity and a heavy fuel load have created the potential for wind-driven fires.

This week, Rogers asks that residents postpone all outdoor burning. The South Plains and the Panhandle will not be out of extreme danger until significant rainfall and spring green-up has occurred.

Rogers suggested that smoking materials be distinguished in vehicle ashtrays rather than out of a window or on the ground. He warns that hot catalytic converters also can ignite dry vegetation whether in a field or on the side of the road.

And if welding out-of-doors, Rogers says to be sure to water down the surrounding work area and have a fire extinguisher nearby.

L. Molone Will Speak At Chamber Banquet

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet is just around the corner. March 16 is the date for the best Chamber meal in several counties.

Chamber officials remind you that you should pay your membership dues by March 6 in order to be included in the chamber program.

Annual dues are \$25 for a business and \$15 for a family. For more information contact any Chamber member or Bovina Pump, First Bank or Town and Country Veterinary.

You can mail dues to Bovina Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 418, Bovina 79009.

Chamber President John Blackwell has announced that the speaker for this year's

banquet is Leonard Molone, noted banquet emcee and speaker and Baptist minister.

Mr. Molone currently resides in Bullard, Texas and has been the featured speaker at many banquets throughout Texas.

He is a 62-year-old ordained Baptist minister with a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University. He received his Master of Divinity in 1971 from Southwestern Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from the same seminary in 1993.

He is currently the intentional interim pastor at the First Baptist Church of Van, Texas and has served congregations across Texas and New Mexico.

Finalists Chosen For Superintendent's Job

The search for a new Bovina ISD superintendent has been narrowed to three finalists. The vacancy is a result of the retirement of current superintendent Sue Nuttall as of March 31.

Former Superintendent Bob Owen, now retired, will serve as interim superintendent until a new superintendent is officially on board.

The application and screening process was handled for the district by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Tom Jarboe, a former superintendent at Friona ISD, now retired, was appointed by the TASB to coordinate the application screening.

A total of 18 applications were received for the position. Jarboe's committee then narrowed the list to six. Each of the six applicants were interviewed by the Bovina School Board. From those interviews, the board selected three finalists.

The finalists are: Michael Downes, High School Principal, Memphis, Texas; Harold Hinsley, Band Director, Dimmitt, Texas; and Edwin Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Diboll, Texas.

The finalists will be interviewed again by the school board on March 9, 10, & 11. One applicant will be interviewed each day. The board will decide on and announce the new superintendent by the last week in March.

Fund To Aid Former Bov. Resident

A fund has been established at the First Bank in Bovina to help with medical expenses for Deborah Michaels, daughter of Charlie and Isabelle Gilbreath. Deborah is a former Bovina resident and was a member of the Bovina girls state champion track team back in the 1970s.

As of now, Deborah is scheduled to go to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston March 29, for three days of testing. It is undetermined how long she will be in Houston.

This young mother of two sons, Justin 11, and Jason 4, is still making an effort to keep things going for herself and her family.

Deborah is still teaching at River Road, near Amarillo and has taught there for the past eighteen years.

She has had surgery twice, taken chemotherapy for two and one half years and has had five radiation treatments.

Donations are appreciated.



EARLY VOTING continues next week through March 10 at the County Clerk's office in Farwell. Shown is County Clerk Colleen Stover and early voter Harlin Obenshain of Farwell. ron carr photo

Early Vote Shows Big Turnout Is Possible

With early voting having gone on for over a week, plus a pair of early voting days in Friona and Bovina, early indications are that the turnout for the March 14 primaries may be very good in Parmer County.

A county sheriff's race that has become somewhat heated is expected to draw a larger number of voters than usual into the Republican primary. Incumbent Sheriff Walt Yerger and challenger Randy Gerie are the principals.

In addition, Precinct 1's commissioners race has the incumbent, Johnny Tannahill, being challenged by Kirk Frye in the Republican primary.

When you add to this the race for the presidential nomination between Texas Governor George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain, signs point to the probability that the Republican primary may be the "main draw" in Parmer County this year.

Two more early-voting days remain for both Friona and Bovina. Voters may cast their ballots in Friona on Tuesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 9 at Friona State Bank, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Texas Public School Week Is March 6-10

The Bovina ISD will be observing Texas Public Schools Week next week. No special events are planned but the public is invited to come and have lunch with children and grandchildren.

There will be no school on Thursday, March 9, because the Bovina Middle School will host the District UIL Middle School academic contest that day.

Participating districts will be Olton, Hale Center, Sundown, Morton, Farwell and Bovina.

Only students participating in the middle school UIL events will attend school that day. Classes will resume at the regular time on Friday, March 10.

The Parmer County Spelling Bee will be held in Friona at the junior high auditorium at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8.

The junior bee will have 12 participants, three each from Farwell, Bovina, Friona and Lazbuddie. The top three junior winners at the county bee will have the option to participate in the senior bee which will also have 12 participants.

Also on Wednesday, a NASA visitor will be in Bovina to talk to the students in the Texas Fly High program. They will discuss the mission and science of the shuttle.

In Bovina, the early voting was being held Friday, March 3, and will be held again next Friday, March 10, at First Bank.

Early voting at the County Clerk's office in Farwell will end on Friday, March 10.

Families with children in Friona schools are alerted that the FISD's spring break will be held the week of the election, and if you plan to go out of town, you are urged to cast your ballots at one of the dates stated.

Besides the contested county races mentioned above,

County Attorney Charles Aycock is running unopposed for re-election on the Republican ballot. Teresa Ancira is unopposed for the GOP nomination for the County Tax Assessor's position being vacated by Doris Herington.

There are no names on the Republican ballot for county and precinct chairmen. Voters may cast write-in votes for these positions.

(The sample ballot in this issue, courtesy of First Bank and Lowe's Pay-n-Save.

Polling Places For March 14 Primaries

Here is a list of the polling places for the Democratic and Republican Primaries in Parmer County on March 14, 2000.

PRECINCT	LOCATION
101	Calvary Baptist Church
201	Bovina EMS Bldg.
202	Friona Community Center
203	Rhea Community Center
301	Farwell Community Center
302	Okla. Lane Methodist
303	Bovina Ridgelea School
401	Lazbuddie School
402	Fire Station-Friona

Two Places To Be Open On School Bd.

Bovina ISD Superintendent Sue Nuttall has announced that there will be two places expiring on the local school board this May.

Members whose terms are expiring are Joe Steelman and Ricky Jamerson.

Anyone interested in being a candidate for a position on the board should pick up an application at the superintendent's office. The deadline for filing is March 22, 2000.

Holdover members of the board are Mike Beauchamp, Norma Whitten, Rick Anderson, Susan Kerby and Josie Alonzo-Coffey.

The city and school board elections will be held on Saturday, May 6.



Water District Officials Elected In Parmer County

Directors and County Committee members in District Directors' Precincts Three and Four of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Number 1 were sworn in during January and February.

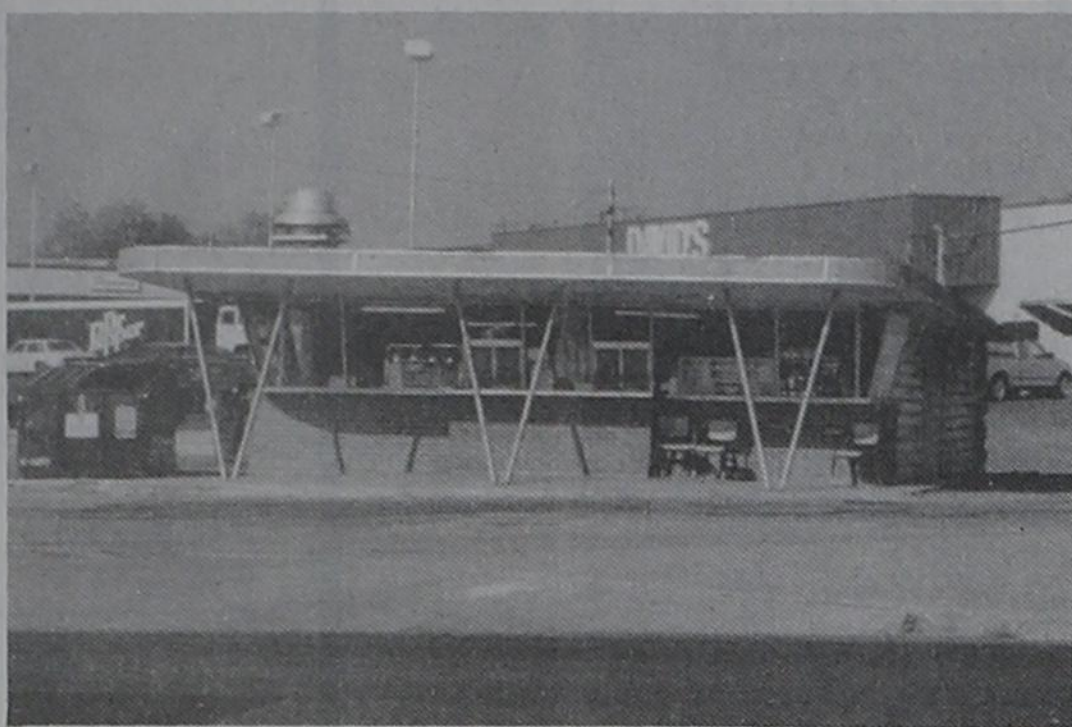
Director Dale Gober of Bovina and Precinct Four District Director Robert Meyer of Canyon.

Precinct Three County Committee members elected from Parmer County are Mitchell Wiseman and Ellen Williams.

Members of Friona and Precinct Four District Committee members elected from Parmer County are Mitchell Williams, Todd Williams, and Pat Ware, all of Friona.

Out Here
 By Ron Carr
 "See Ya' At Tacker's!"

On February 20, in the year of our Lord 2000, Mr. H. B. Tacker died in Hillsboro, Texas at the age of 87. He was born in Oklahoma in May of 1912, the youngest of nine children. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University on a football scholarship and married his wife Mildred in 1939. That same year I was born in Hillsboro, Texas.



Tacker's Drive Inn (circa 1997)

Tacker's became the rally point for teenagers to meet, flirt, talk about nothing in particular, and sample some of the best burgers and shakes in Central Texas.

The menu back then was simple too as I remember it. Hamburgers, hot dogs, Coke or Pepsi (maybe a Cherry Coke), fries and shakes. If they had chicken strips or nachos, I don't remember it.

Back then all north and south highway traffic from Dallas/Ft. Worth to Waco and beyond came through the heart of Hillsboro. Right down Waco Street, past the courthouse, stopping at our three redlights, past the hotel, the Chevy dealer, and Tacker's Drive Inn.

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The Interstate that skirted Hillsboro would not come until several years later. Simply put, Tacker's became the hangout for us teenagers. It was a hamburger joint. As the name implied, it was a drive-in. There was no inside seating.

I think the movie "American Graffiti" was a lot like those days in Hillsboro. We didn't know that there was nothing to do in Hillsboro back then.

There were no speakers outside to push a button and place your order. As I remember it, there were no carhops to bring your order either.

After all, there was no television, no computers, video games, or other modern diversions. In 1997 I went back to Hillsboro for my 40th class reunion. We drove around town taking pictures of old landmarks. I stopped across the street and took a picture of the old Tacker's Drive Inn. It is over there on this page, kind of shabby now but I guess still pumping out hamburgers, etc.

You had to get out of your car, go to one of the two windows and order. Then you could wait in one of the chairs in front or go back to your car, most of the time sitting on the fender or trunk, looking cool until they called your name.

During my high school days, Tacker's was the hub of most all teenage social activity. I loved that place. I think it should be a law that all small towns have a Tacker's Drive Inn.

Calling your name for your order consisted of one of the employees sliding up the window and yelling, "Hey Ronnie, your stuff is ready."

Thank you Mr. Tacker. Rest in peace.

You could smell the food as soon as you drove onto the parking lot. It was always noisy as we kids sat around on each other's vehicles laughing, kidding, or on occasion fighting.

It was a time of no car air-conditioners so we sat around Tacker's in our cars (mine was a 1949 Plymouth) with our windows down and radios blaring Chuck Berry, Bo Diddly, or the latest Fats Domino tune.

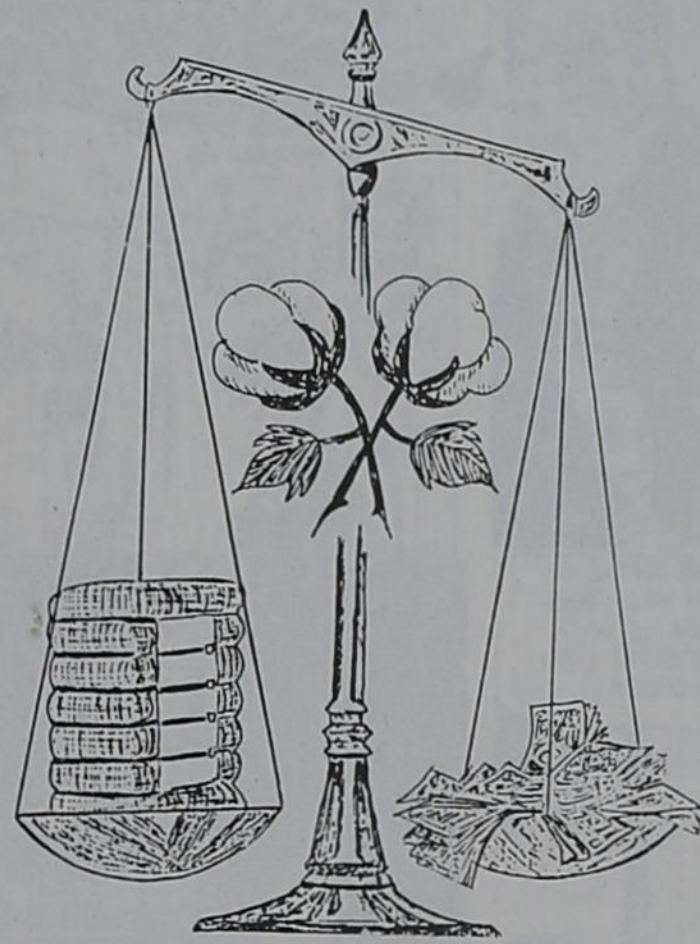
Pat Hill had a 1950 Mercury like the one James Dean drove in Rebel Without A Cause. Alva Richardson cruised by on Waco Street in a shiny 1955 Chevy hardtop complete with fender skirts and spinner hubcaps.

He usually had all the hardtop windows down and his radio blaring on Station XERF from Del Rio, Texas. He would cruise by Tacker's a few times before gliding in so we could all admire his car.

The "drag" in Hillsboro was from one end of Waco Street to the other, about 3-4

miles. Often we parked our cars at Tacker's, then loaded up in one car and cruised the drag. I reckon I drove about 50,000 miles on that 3-4 mile stretch.

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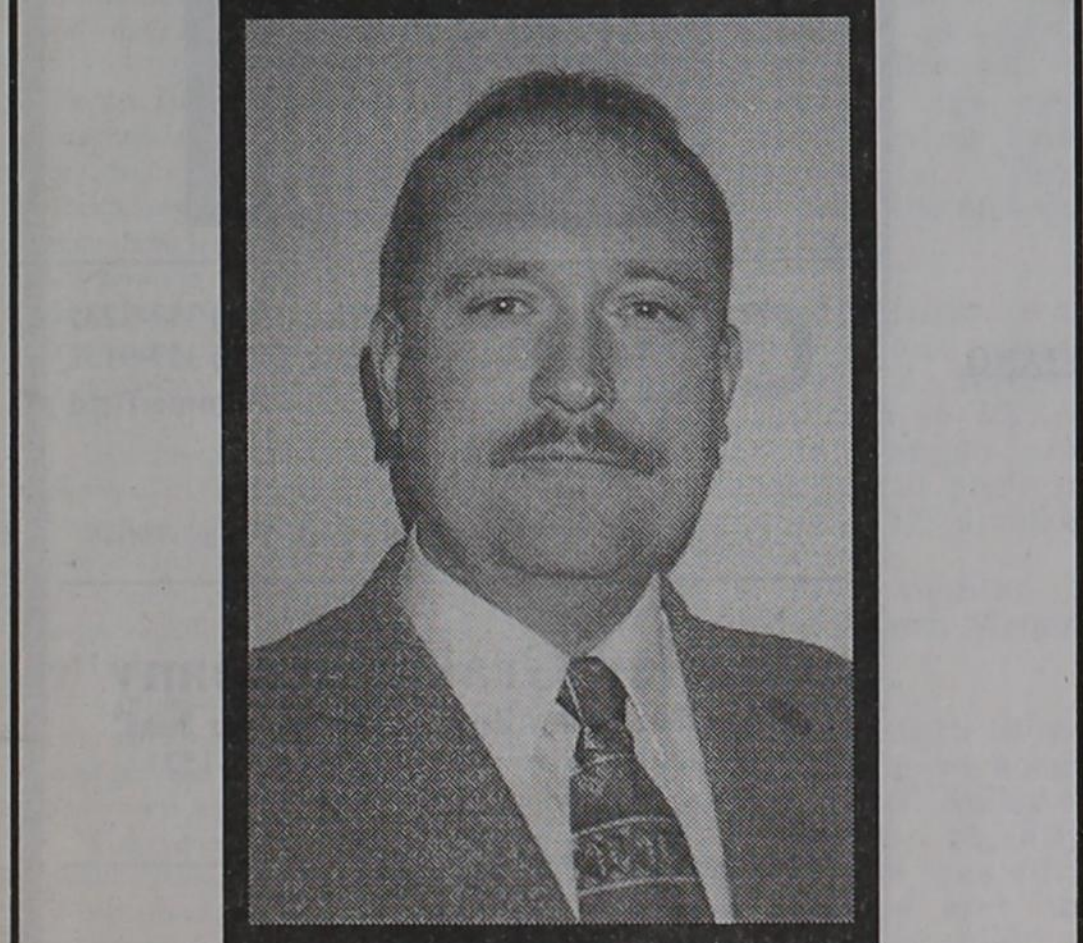
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LET THE PEOPLE GO - LEST OUR FIRST-BORN SHOULD ALL DIE!

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MARK THY DOORS WITH THE BLOOD OF A LAMB!

WHY MUST WE MARK OUR DOORS THIS, FATHER?

SO THE ANGEL OF DEATH WILL PASS OVER US AND THOU SHALT LIVE, MY SON!

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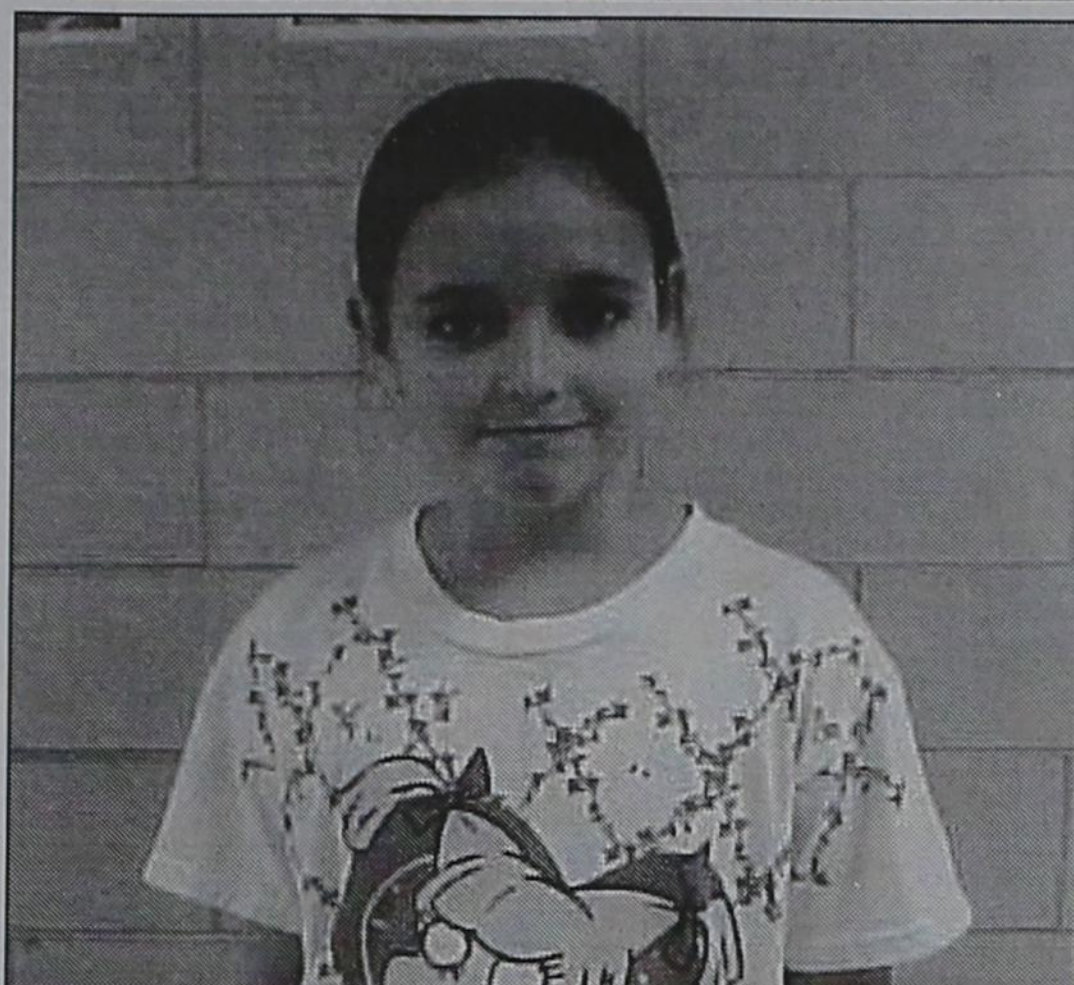
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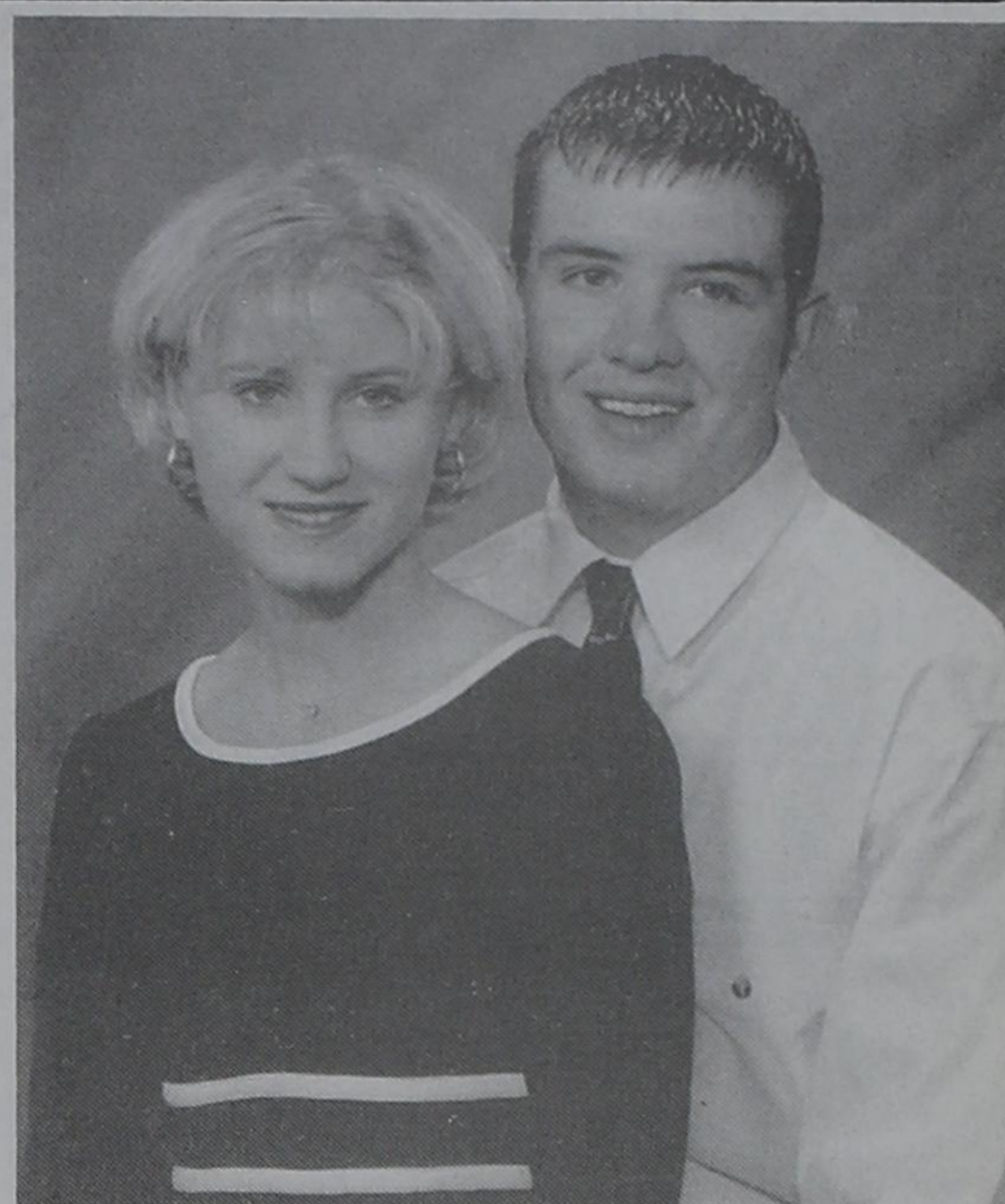
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PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY...Henry Hiebert, a fifth grader in Mr. Martin's class, has earned 200 points in the elementary reading program. Students who reach 200 points get to be "Principal For A Day".



GOOD JOB, CHRISTY.....Christy Thatcher, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Deen's class, has earned her 100 reading points T-shirt and her picture in the newspaper. Way to go, Christy.



NIKKI JO PAGE and JASON KERBY..... Norman and Belinda Page of Aspermont, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki Jo, to Jason Kerby, son of Al and Susan Kerby of Bovina, Texas. The bride elect graduated from Aspermont High School in 1998 and attends the Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Bovina High School in 1997 and will graduate from Western Texas College in May with a degree in Golf Course Operations. Nikki is the granddaughter of Clara Walker of Aspermont. Jason is the grandson of Al and Jeanne Kerby of Bovina and Charlene Treider and the late Roy Lee Farley of Muleshoe. A June 3rd wedding is planned in the Central Baptist Church of Aspermont at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

We just returned home from an over three thousand mile trip with our trailer. We went to Colorado and visited with a daughter and her family, then to Moriarty, New Mexico and visited with my brothers and their families, then to Phoenix, Arizona and spent a few days with our grandson and his family. We had a great time with all of them.

It was just as dry all over our travels as it is here. It did rain a day and two nights in Arizona and that was the first they had had this year. In Colorado there was little snow, but cold windy days.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...
Don and Juanda Murphy have been to Marathon, which is seventy miles north of Big Bend helping to build a building. There were

thirteen men from this area's Baptist association who worked on the building. The women cooked the meals and the group held revival services in the evening.

Juanda said they went by Midland and visited with Furne Harris. Furne's son, Dana, lives forty miles from them and spends every night during the week with her. She is also getting Hospice care. Her husband, Jay, is still in the hospital.

We were all sad to learn about Paul and Ola Lee Jones when we returned home. Paul died at his home and Ola Lee has gone to Florida to be near her only son, Randy and his wife and son, Austin.

They were fine people and will be greatly missed.

Our daughter, Tami Kunselman, has recently been promoted to an officer at the First National Bank in Spearman. She has worked there since 1993 and her husband, Arty, son of Pat and Pat Kunselman of Bovina is Plant Manager at the Hansford Hospital in Spearman.

Tami also serves on the Administrative Council of the First United Methodist Church, a member of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and just finished serving as a Director on the Chamber Board.

Tami worked at the *Blade* office for a number of years and also at Charles Oil Company for a time.

I talked to Sid Lloyd on Monday morning and she said she is feeling better than she has since she moved to Hale Center. She fell a couple of weeks ago and spent a week having tests run in the hospital. They changed her medicine and she is feeling real well.

Juanita Hastings was telling me about their granddaughter, J.J. Wright. She is a freshman at WTAM University in Canyon and recently took fourth place in the "English Riding" division at the W.T. shows.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Carol Jean Wright of Albuquerque.

I talked to Ruth Boyd and she was telling me about their son-in-law, Bill Kelley of Hewitt, Texas, who recently passed away. He was fifty years old and he and his wife, Gail, had three children, who are all in college.

Bill worked as a pharmacist and suffered complications from diabetes.

Ruth and Earl Dean went to Hewitt for almost three weeks and were with Gail and the children before his death and afterwards.

Gail grew up in Bovina. We express our deepest sympathies to his family.

Elsa Galvan teaches school in Clovis and recently she went to a workshop in Los Angeles, California. It

was an exciting time for her, besides on the 16th floor of a Holiday Inn, she was able to see Ben and Butch McCain on KCBS Channel 11, as they interviewed movie stars.

She said the Mayor gave them proclamation to the city and she saw them interview Dick Van Dyke and also Mary Hart.

I visited with Flossie Rhinehart and she was telling me that her sister-in-law, Jessie Sisk of Woodland Park, Colorado had been in the hospital for three weeks. Jessie and Cecil Sisk lived in Bovina for many years.

Jessie has MS and is now confined to a wheelchair. Their son, Royce, lives in Colorado Springs and their daughter, Judy, lives in Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Flossie was also telling me about her grandson, Vance Malone, son of Sandra Malone. He has an interesting occupation. He and others have formed a company and he travels all over the world making advertising videos.

He is now traveling in Italy and France. She said he makes all kinds of videos, advertising everything from beer to cars. Vance lives in Portland, Oregon.

Juanita Hastings entered the Clovis Hospital on February 11, and was hospitalized for six days suffering from pneumonia. She said she would have pneumonia and get over it and then it would come back but she is feeling much better now.

Pat and Pat Kunselman have returned home recently from a trip to Big Bend. They took their trailer and met Mark and Mary Tom Charles.

The Charleses live in El Paso and Mark grew up in Bovina and left here years ago.

Pat said it really was dry in that part of the country, too.

Patsy Mejia of Memphis has been in Bovina visiting her daughters Esther Steelman and Gilda Garner and their families. The Steelmans went to San Antonio for the stock show and said Patsy went with them and stayed to spend time with a brother, then went on to Fort Worth and visited with her sister.

Happy Birthday

- Mar 5 Zachary Graves
 - Mar 7 Tina Sides, Nell Roach, Bobby Haney, Charles Gilbreath, Libby Holman
 - Mar 8 Charollette Wilburn, Kay Venable, Bonnie Scaff, Tiny Moore, Sonja Maria Murillo, Jane Trotter, Desmond Fox
 - Mar 9 Jimmy Gilbreath
 - Mar 10 Oma Patterson, Kimberly Lide, Tony Chisom
 - Mar 11 Nelline Spicer
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Crop Insurance Deadline Nears For Texas Farmers

Ronald L. Berryhill, Director of the Risk Management Agency's Regional Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma reminded farmers that they only have until March 15, 2000, to take advantage of an estimated 25 percent premium discount on higher levels of crop insurance protection.

"We're trying to make higher levels of protection affordable," said Berryhill. "Farmers should contact an agent immediately to discuss coverage options on crops insurable in their county."

In addition to higher levels of coverage, the catastrophic level of insurance protection (CAT) is also available to producers. For only \$60 per crop per county, farmers may obtain a low level of protection. Limited resource farmers may not have to pay the \$60 fee for CAT coverage if they fill out a waiver available from their crop insurance agent.

Farmers who need more information about sales closing dates or their insurance options should contact a crop insurance agent. A listing of crop insurance agents is available at local Farm Service Agency offices or at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

Isaacs Welcome Daughter

Edward and Murvat Isaac of Lubbock are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Sarah Amal Isaac. She was born February 11, 2000, at 4:58 p.m. at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

She weighed seven pounds and was nineteen and one-fourth inches long. Sarah is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Edward and Helen Isaac of Lubbock, formerly of Bovina. Sarah is their third grandchild.

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