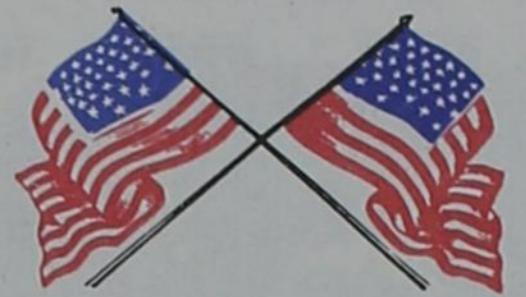


The Bovina Blade



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HEY NOW YOU'RE AN ALL STAR....Bovina's Little League All Stars received their trophies Tuesday night. They are standing (l-r) Isabel Ramirez, Jeremy Curtis, Aaron Quiroga, Jesus Rochus and Christian Rojas; kneeling (l-r) Delfino Sanchez, Jamie Chavira and Ricky Sanchez; sitting (l-r) Aaron Ramon, Juan Navarro, Jason Sheena and Denise Larrea. See all team photos next week in *The Bovina Blade*. photo by Becky London

Chamber's July 4th Celebration Planned

Bovina's Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has an entire day of activities planned for Bovina citizens starting at 9:30 a.m. with a parade and concluding at 9 p.m. with fireworks.

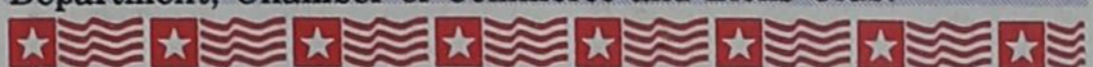
The annual celebration will kick off with a parade at 9:30 a.m. that will travel from the Fire Department to the City Park. Prizes will be awarded to the top entry winners. Entrants need to live up at 9 a.m.

A barbecue lunch will be served to hungry participants from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for \$3 a plate. Price includes brisket, potato salad, beans, onions, bread and tea.

There will be the water balloons, a dunking booth, snow cones, cotton candy, face painting, fishing for children and an inflatable "space walk" adventure for the kids. Folks can also enjoy free watermelon at the football field provided by Bovina's Volunteer Fire Department.

A spokesperson for the Chamber said that an estimated 400 people attended the festival in 2000. This year 500 are expected.

At 8:30 p.m. veterans will be recognized at the football field. At 9 p.m. a fireworks display will be presented. This year's fireworks are sponsored by Bovina's Volunteer Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club.



County Rural Routes To Have Address Changes

The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network in conjunction with Parmer County is issuing 9-1-1 addresses to rural residents. Soon to be gone forever are the Rural Route and Box numbers as well as the Highway Contract and Box numbers presently in use by rural residents.

The purpose of this project is to provide emergency service personnel with a more efficient way of locating rural residents and businesses in an emergency. No longer will residents struggle to instruct 9-1-1 emergency personnel with how to reach a rural location in the midst of a crisis.

New "city style" addresses are being implemented for all rural residents. City style addressing provides a structure number and a road name for each rural residence or business.

For rural residents and businesses receiving mail on a route delivery, the US Postal Service will convert the 9-1-1 physical addresses to mailing addresses. According to the US Postal Service, this conversion will help with the automated sorting and processing of mail. For residents or businesses that utilize a

PO Box, your mailing address will not change. Your residence or business will be issued a 9-1-1 physical address only.

The Regional 9-1-1 Network is requesting your help. If you have misplaced your 9-1-1 address or were never given a 9-1-1 address, you are encouraged to call 1-800-687-7911.

For structures not yet addressed be prepared to provide detailed directions to your location. Your name will be placed on a list to receive a 9-1-1 address. Most callers can expect to receive their 9-1-1 address within four to six weeks.

Your questions and comments are welcome. Please contact the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network at 806-372-3381 or 1-800-687-7911. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5



METHODIST PASTOR QUITA JONES

Bovina Has New Pastor In Town

Bovina's First United Methodist Church got a new pastor June 13. Quita Jones moved here from Kress June 13 bringing her first message to her congregation Sunday, June 17.

She replaces Rev. Don McNerlin, the former pastor at the church, who retired in June.

Pastor Jones grew up in Silvertown on a farm and ranch. She graduated from Silvertown High School and attended classes at Mountain View Community College in Dallas and Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

She worked for the past fifteen years at Central Plains Mental Health in Plainview. Most recently she was the director of mental health admissions and had also been a counselor. She is a licensed chemical dependency counselor and certified mental health professional.

Just earlier this month

Pastor Jones was licensed by the United Methodist Church as a full time local pastor.

Her parents are Chestena Tiner of Nocona and the late R.C. Kitchens.

She has two children. They are Steven and his wife Debbie of Hale Center and their son, Stephen, 13; and April and Layne Young of Tulsa and their children Casey, 11 and Anndee, 3.

Pastor Jones said, "I am so excited to be in Bovina. Everyone I have met at this church and around town have welcomed me here. Bovina is a really friendly town. I'm happy to be here."

She also added an invitation for everyone to attend the Methodist Church's services. Their weekly schedule is Sunday School at 9:45, and worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night, an adult Bible study is held at 7 p.m.



THE FRIONA PUBLIC LIBRARY hosted a summer reading program during June that highlighted various Parmer County residents connected to flying. The program's theme was "The Library and Beyond." Several Bovina children attended the sessions. Last Tuesday, the program was held at Benger Airport in Friona where various kites, parachutes, balloons and Jim Zehner's airplane were demonstrated. Above right, the Whittens, Sherry, Megan and Colby enjoyed the outing.

My Turn
By
Carol Ellis

A MAN AND HIS DOG were walking along a road enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to the man that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog had been dead for several years. He wondered where the road was leading them. Soon they came to a high, white marble wall along one side of the road. At the top of a hill, the wall ended in a tall archway that glowed in the sunlight. A magnificent gateway in the arch looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led up to the gate shone like pure gold.

The man and the dog walked toward the gate and saw a tall man seated at a desk to one side. The dusty traveler called out, "Excuse me, but where are we?"

"This is Heaven," the tall man answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the traveler asked.

"Of course, sir. Come in and I'll have some ice water brought right up for you." The tall man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," pointing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked.

"I'm sorry sir, but we don't accept pets." The traveler thought for a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued on in the direction he had been going. At the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road which led through a farm gate that looked as though it had never been closed. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree, reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any water?"

"Sure. There's a pump over there," the man said as he pointed to a place that could not be seen from the road outside. "Come on in and help yourself."

"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl beside the pump." The man and his dog went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long

drink himself, then gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man beside the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," was the answer. "Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell." "Well, doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?" the traveler asked.

"No. I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out all the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

A Dog's Prayer

By Beth Norman Harris

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of mine. Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

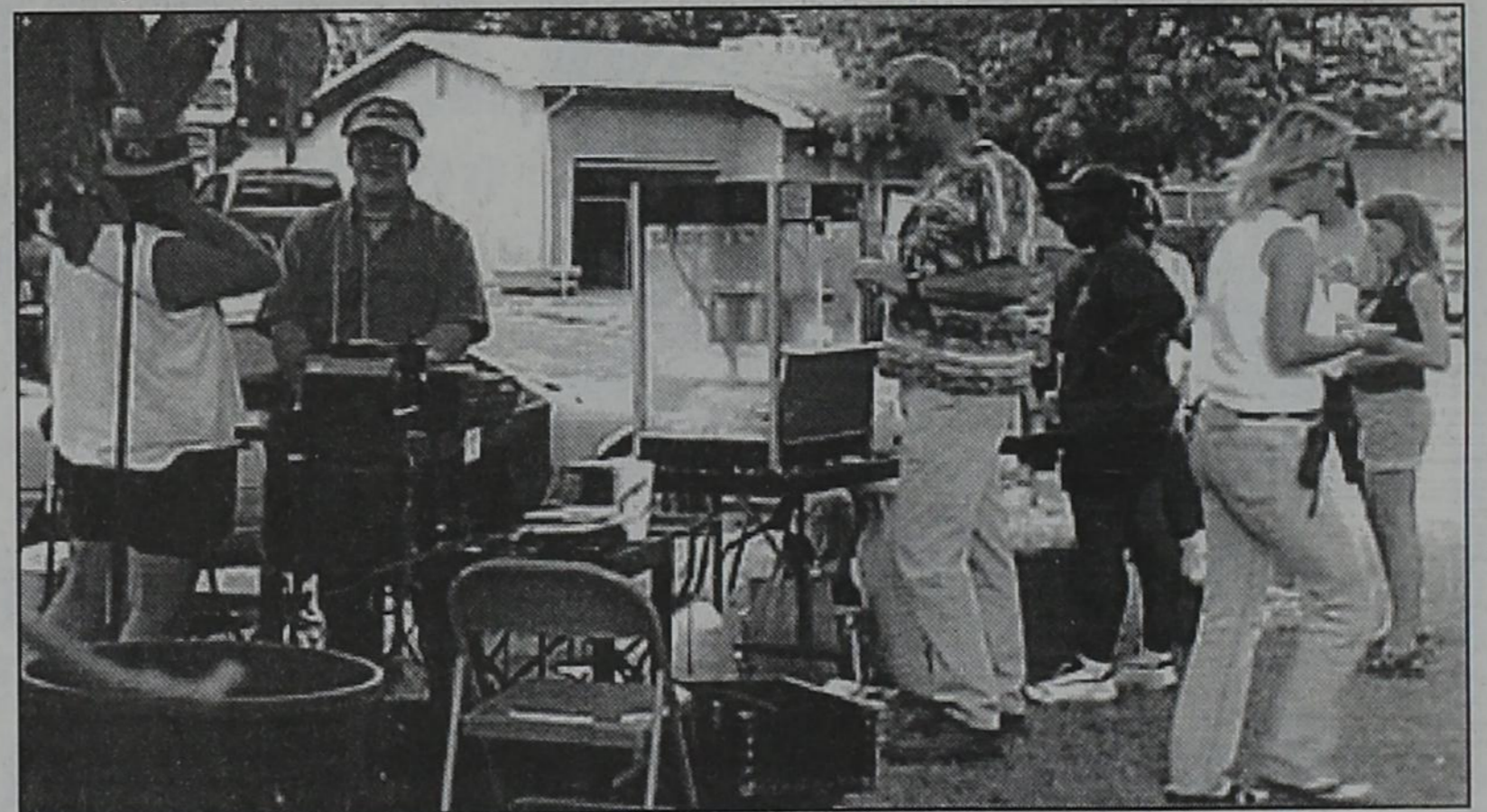
Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Though, had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather, hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest --- and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I draw, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

---In memory of Chester



PLAYDAY IN THE PARK....Volunteers helped make this event be a big success for youngsters in the Bovina area. The three-day event was sponsored by First Baptist Church. See "Bovina Bits" for further coverage.

--Becky London photo

WITH FLYING COLORS Hospital Passes Medicare Survey

Bill Neely, Administrator at Parmer County Community Hospital, expressed his appreciation and thanks to the physicians, department directors and employees who helped make the first Medicare Survey, under Critical Access designation, a success.

The three-day survey was conducted by the Texas Department of Health recently, and revealed **NO DEFICIENCIES!** The surveyor recommended a continuation of Medicare certification.

The survey focused on Federal regulations requiring our local hospital to be in

compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws along with requirements related to the health and safety of patients.

The survey encompasses emergency services and staffing; governing body responsibilities; committee functions; policy and procedures; dietary practices; laboratory, radiology and pharmacy services.

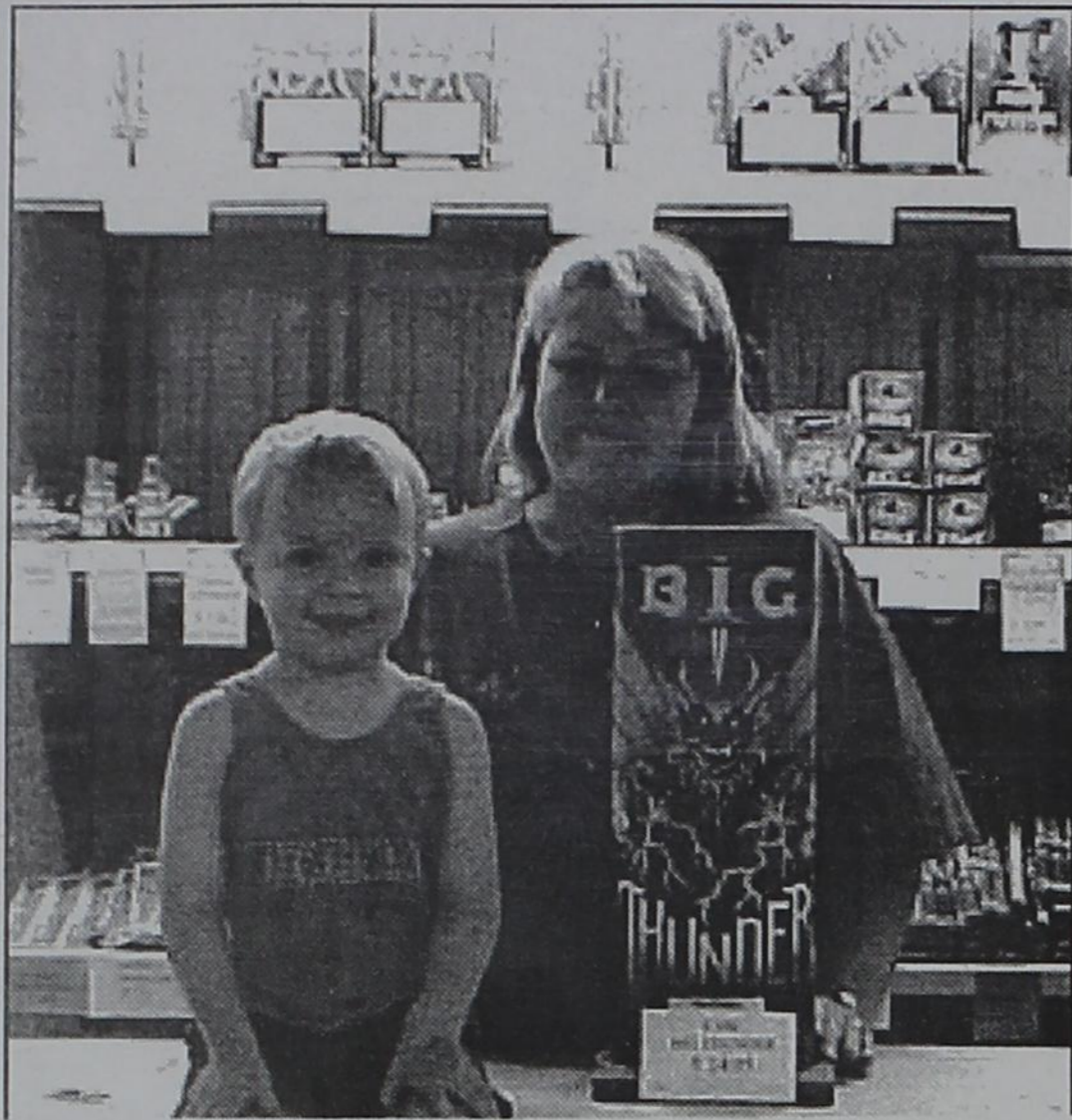
Also, patient record keeping; swing bed participation; social, occupational and physical therapy service; admission, patient transfer and discharge rights;

Also, equipment and supplies commonly used in

life-saving procedures; blood and blood products; standard plant maintenance; adherence to life safety code regulations; and assessment of overall patient care.

Neely added "Results of the survey is proof of the dedication and professionalism of those responsible for the delivery of health care to the residents of our area."

The Friona Star/Bovina Blade adds their congratulations to the staff members of Parmer County Community Hospital. Our area is fortunate, indeed, to have a local medical facility that is keeping up its standards as well as those in much larger areas.



MOM CAN I HAVE THIS ONE... Sharon Serna at Road Runner Fireworks shows Ty London one of their many large explosives for July 4th. They are located at Rhodes Crop Care on Highway 60. The stand is owned by Mike and Dee Wieland of Clovis, New Mexico. *photo by Becky London*

Farwell Man Buried In Clovis Monday

Funeral services for John W. Lorenz, 91, of Clovis, New Mexico were held Monday, June 25, 2001 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clovis with Pastor Scott Blazek officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery in Farwell.

He died Friday, June 22, 2001 in his home in Clovis.

He was born August 17, 1909 in Warda, Texas to Herman Sr. and Martha Foerster Lorenz.

John married Elizabeth A. Busch April 16, 1933. He started farming in South Texas. He moved to Anton in 1942, later to Witharral and Cotton Center and then to Farwell in 1954. He farmed until he retired. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, John Lorenz, Jr., two brothers, Ernest and Louis Lorenz and two sisters, Hulda Marburger and Emma Statham.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth of the home in

Clovis; four sons, Jerry and Delbert of San Acacio, Colorado, Royce of Clovis and Maurice of Orange; three daughters, Wyoneta Buckner of Lubbock, Nadine Andrews of Lsa Vegas, Nevada and Joyce Lorenz of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Also, four brothers, Willie and Herman of Lubbock; Albert of Plainview and Marvin of La Grange; two sisters, Minna Bohot of Giddings and Gertrude Zoch of Fort Worth, 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rick and Justin Trotter, Jason, Scott and Kevin Lorenz, Allen Graham, Alfred Penland and John Lorenz Adams.



YOU LIGHT UP MY NIGHT... Fireworks stand owners Michael and Raechel Howard want to light up your night with this giant package of fireworks this July 4th. Michael is Chief Deputy of Parmer County and Bovinans know Raechel Howard as Pat Turner and Jack Turner's daughter, a Bovina High School graduate. Stop by and see their display this holiday on Highway 60 at Don Fortenberry's barn. *photo by Becky London*

Bovina PD Receives Vest Grant

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm announced that the Bureau of Justice has awarded the City of Bovina a \$378 federal grant for new bullet-proof vests for the Bovina police department.

"I am pleased that some of the tax dollars sent by Texans to Washington are being returned to help save lives among law officers here in Texas," the senator said.

According to Gramm's press release, the funds provided in the grant allow each agency the funds to purchase one bullet-proof vest per officer per year. In addition, cities can also use the funds to purchase approved stab-resistant vests. The Bulletproof Vest Program was first established by the Bulletproof Vest Grant Partnership Act of 1998.

Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler said the grant called for matching funds by the city to purchase the vests.

A. Espinoza Receives WT Degree

Degrees were conferred on 575 students at West Texas A&M University during commencement exercises May 12 at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo. The University awarded 429 baccalaureate and 146 master's degrees.

Andrew J. Espinoza of Bovina received his Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in engineering technology.

NRCS/USDA Is Relocating

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office currently located at 1306 West Ninth Street will be relocating to Farwell sometime during the first week of July.

The new office will be co-located with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) service center office in Farwell at 109 Third Street. The phone number will be (806) 481-3311 until further notice.

Please direct all your NRCS and USDA inquiries there in the future. They will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Chester Haney Is Buried In Bovina

Private burial services for Chester Harold Haney, 73, were held Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

He died Monday, June 25, 2001 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Chester was born June 16, 1928 in Dickens. He was an Army veteran and served in the Korean Conflict.

He moved to Portales five years ago from Bovina. He retired from the Texas Department of Transportation in 1993, after 25 years.

He is preceded in death by his first wife Bobbie Haney, June 29, 1995.

Chester married Dorothy Johnston in Portales January 5, 1996.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy of Portales; a son Dewayne Haney of Littlefield; two brothers, Lloyd Haney of Kilgore and Tommy Haney of Lubbock; four sisters, Betty Richards of Portales, Vera Blodgett of Ft. Lupton, Colorado, Oleta Bruton and Faye Machen, both of

Portales; and a granddaughter, Amber Haney.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of July 1-7, 2001.

Jul 1 Brandie Munoz
Jul 2 Martha Schilling, Edna Woelfel, Christy Thatcher
Jul 3 Shannon Wilburn, Liz Kessler

Jul 6 Janie Sudderth
Jul 7 Sharlet McCormick

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

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

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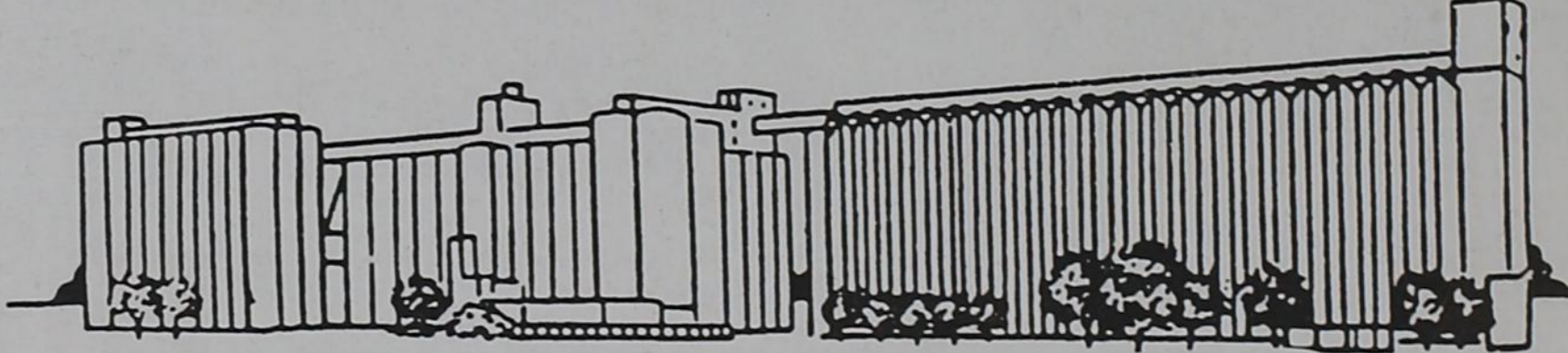


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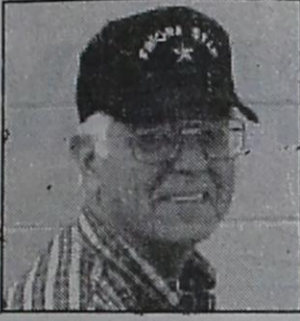
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"I Can't Imagine"

WARNING: The following column contains graphic language and violence. Parental discretion is advised.

Some things in life are impossible for average unwashed citizens to imagine.

An imagination is a wonderful thing. Imagination can take us to faraway lands, make us rich and famous, or help while away a lazy afternoon.

Little kids often have big imaginations. A kid's world is not big and real and dangerous. Kids imagine fairies, or dragons, or sports fame. Little girls imagine themselves as Britanny Spears. Little boys can become Tiger Woods or Alex Rodriguez.

By adulthood reality sets in and imagination dims. A look in the mirror or the checkbook affirms we didn't quite become Britanny or Tiger. Our imagination, if we have any left, is used up on what life will be like after the kids leave home and the Social Security checks start.

There are many events that even in imagination we just can't comprehend. Grunt, groan and strain your brain, it just doesn't soak in. For instance, I can't begin to compute the vastness of the universe: a billion galaxies, each with a billion stars. I've tried. The more I find out about space and planets, the less I know.

I can't imagine what it must have been like to be on TWA flight 800 when it exploded in mid-air. I have flown millions of miles in my lifetime. The horror of sitting comfortably one minute and being blown apart the next is beyond my imagination.

And so it was that I heard many people, mostly women, exclaim "I can't imagine" when talking about Andrea Yates drowning her five children. She snuffed out five little imaginations in a

gurgling, flailing frenzy. At six months old, Mary was too young to have an imagination.

I'm trying to imagine what happens when you hold a child's head under water until they drown.

Have you ever had a friend "dunk" you at a swimming pool? If they do it when you are not ready, and water starts up your nose and your breath is cut off, you come up sputtering, coughing and throwing up water, all the while gasping for some precious air. It hurts and it is scary.

I'm trying to imagine how the 2-, 3-, and 5 year-old boys felt as they realized their mother, the number one person in their lives, looked down at them and pushed their heads under the water.

I'm trying to imagine what Andrea Yates was thinking while her boys were flailing and kicking.

I'm trying to imagine her repeating the process five times. And what 7-year-old Noah thought as his mother chased him around the house, dragged him to the bathroom and he realized what was about to happen.

Did he beg for his life? I'm sure he did. Did he scream for daddy? Did he fight? No doubt he did all that, and the last thought he had in life was, "No mommy. No. Please mommy. Don't."

But she killed all five of them. She called the police. Then she called her husband Rusty at work. When the policeman arrived she told him she killed her children.

Later on she told them how she had drowned them one by one in the bathtub.

Reports say that the community is sympathetic toward her. Poor Andrea they say. She is really sick. One guy who owned a home-school book store said, "We shouldn't rush to any judgments and

say she is a monster." Excuse me but a skunk with rabies is still a skunk.

If there is a heaven, I can imagine these five children were given a free pass thru the express lane.

I can't imagine what the daddy, Rusty, must be going through. You leave for work and before your coffee break, your five kids are dead.

Rusty told the TV cameras that he still loved Andrea. He said she had been really sick. He said she wasn't really a mean person. "She was a devoted, loving mother," another friend told us.

Her court appointed lawyer plans to enter a not guilty by reason of insanity plea. To be successful she would have to show that she was so mentally impaired she couldn't see circumstances for what they really were.

Her attorney said, "For instance if she believed her children to be devils, she's entitled to acquittal."

"If you believe the thing you destroyed was not a person, the verdict is your conduct was not criminal," he said.

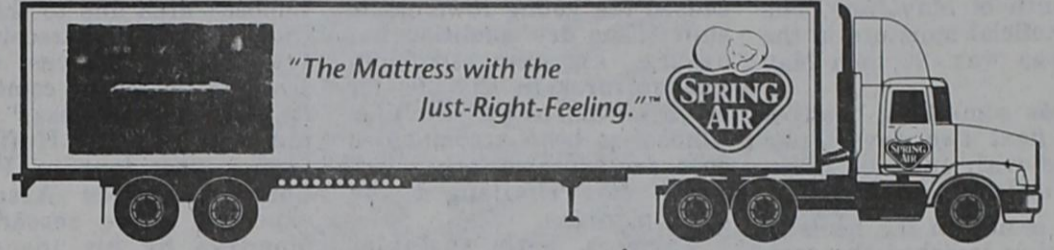
So now Andrea Yates is society's problem. Yours and mine. Should she be executed? Life in prison? Rest of her life in a mental institution?

How about if we just excuse what she did and let her go. Should we hug her and tell her everything will be alright?

Here are a couple of bits of info you might have missed about Andrea: she was the captain of her high school swim team; she named her first son Noah; she was valedictorian of her high school class.

Five innocent kids murdered by their mother and we are supposed to feel that she is the victim? I can't imagine.

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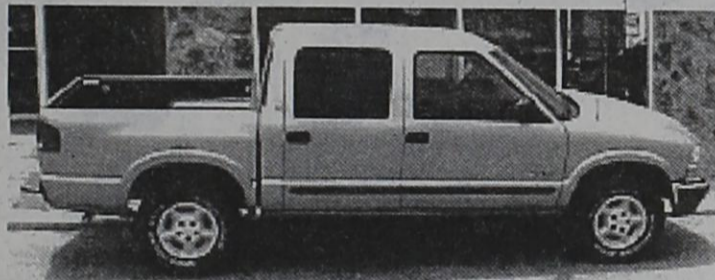
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JUNE WAS DRY!

Row Crops Badly Needing Rainfall

For the year to have started with the most beneficial rainfall in a number of years, fickle Mother Nature has "turned the faucet off" as if none of us had paid our water bills for the month of May/June. The last beneficial moisture in the local area was .87 inch May 12.

Unless something changes in the next two days, June will end with only .06 of an inch of moisture, on June 8.

This comes on the heels of a May that lavished the area with five to six inches of rainfall in a one-day shower which fell in the most beneficial manner. That was on Friday, May 4, and Friona's official NWA gauge registered 5.95 inches.

May ended with 6.82 inches in the official gauge, and a five-month total of 10.99 inches for Parmer County.

But the fact that it hasn't rained locally in 47 days has caused the young rowcrops to suffer. The dry condition has been aggravated by temperatures in the 90s for much of the month of June, which has been accompanied by a dry southwesterly wind, which has challenged the small plants.

Farmers with sprinkler irrigation have been working to save their crops in Parmer County, particularly on the heels of the announcement in the past week that the Lubbock area may lose up to a million acres of cotton, due to the dry weather for the most part, but also by a devastating hailstorm that cut a large swath through the South Plains early in June, wiping out thousands of acres of crops, ruining trees and roofs in the Lubbock area.

Cotton farmers in the South Plains are holding their breath this week, as the deadline of June 25 was

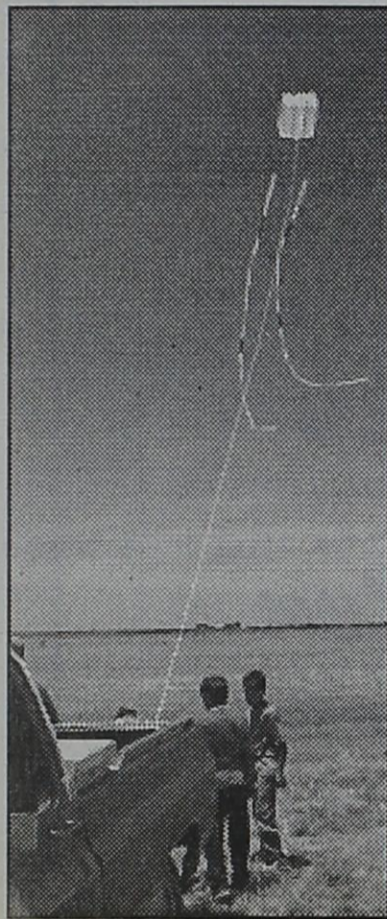
reached, when farmers could apply for federal Farm Service Agency aid, which would help them replant with maize or other grains.

The FSA deadline was extended a week in the Lubbock area due to the fact that a small area received a little rain in the past week. "Even if the cotton comes up, it will be useless," said producer Wayne Huffaker, former president of Plains Cotton Growers Assn. "I expected to be zeroed out Monday by his insurance company after replanting. But due to the little dab of rain, I must now wait another week," he told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Huffaker said that the last day to plant maize is July 1.

Plains Cotton Growers reported last week that 750,000 to 800,000 acres of dryland cotton are at risk. Some 350,000 to 400,000 acres of irrigated cotton already has been declared lost because of hail and wind.

If the dryland acres fail, the South Plains will have lost about a third of its cotton-producing acres.

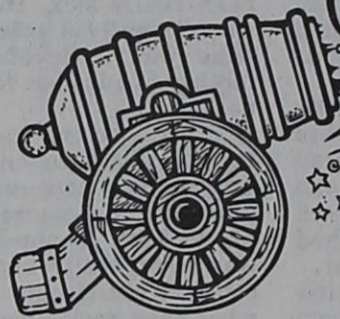


ONE OF THE many kites in the air during the library day at the airport, left. At right, pilot Jim Zehner and Library Director Darla Bracken, back right, and some of the children and parents, look over Zehner's airplane. Zehner took Mrs. Bracken for her first ever airplane ride. ron carr photos

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Two Area Students Are Awarded Sybil B. Harrington Scholarships

The Amarillo College Foundation announced two 2001 graduates, Matthew Royce White, Friona High School, and Kati Danette Mimms, Lazbuddie High School, were awarded Sybil B. Harrington Scholarships.

White was president of the Math Club, speech team and National Honor Society; served as Computer Club secretary; Biology Club treasurer; Thespian Troupe #1379 officer. He was a Student Council member and named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He represented Friona High School on the Science Bowl team and UIL teams in math, science, current events, persuasive speaking and cross-examination debate. In addition to academic representation, White played varsity tennis, placing second in district and qualified at regional in tennis doubles.

He plans to major in biology and pre-medicine at Texas Tech University, Lubbock. His parents are Michael and Tammie White of Friona.

Mimms was National Honor Society president; Spanish National Honor Society; Robotics Club; and Family, Career and Community Lead-



MATTHEW WHITE

ers of America. She served as drum major, Technology Student Association secretary and Future Business Leaders of America historian. In addition, she played basketball, tennis and track at LHS.

She was selected as Student of the Month and placed in computer science and piano at UIL state level.

The daughter of Clay and Reta Mimms, she plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and pursue studies to prepare her for a career in



KATI MIMMS

secondary education.

Mrs. Harrington endowed the Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship through the Amarillo College Foundation in 1989. The fund encourages and assists outstanding students to pursue higher education. Students receive up to \$3,500 for tuition and fees a year and may re-apply for up to three additional years. Since 1990, more than \$2 million has been awarded.

Clinic Set July 16-18

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on July 16, 17 and 18.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by an RN in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

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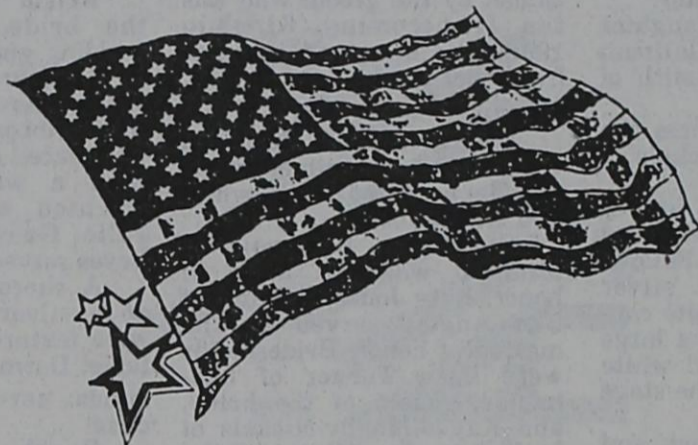
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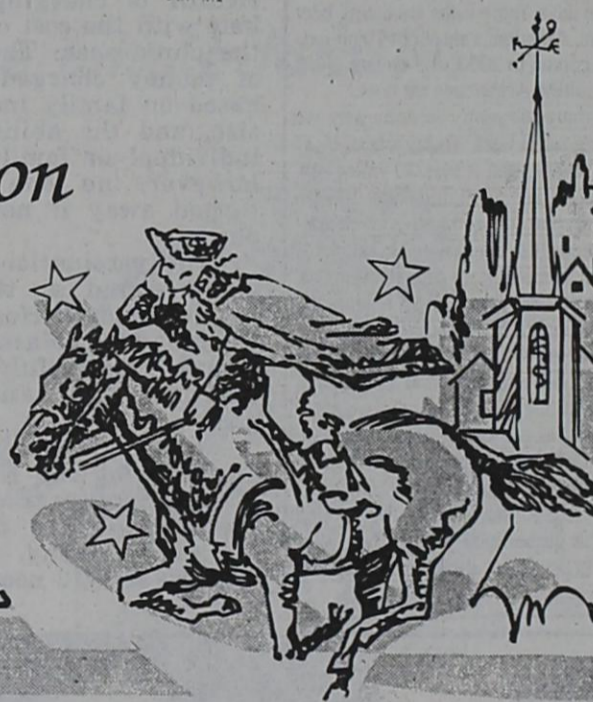
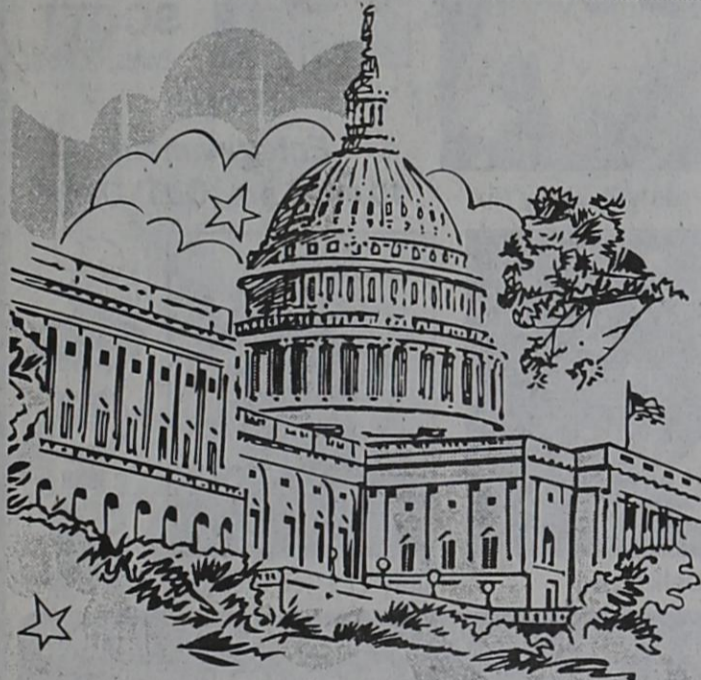
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Kimberly Smith, Guy Nickels United In Church Ceremony

Kimberly Joy Smith of Lazbuddie and Guy Wayne Nickels of Muleshoe exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 2 at 6 p.m. in Trinity Christian Fellowship in Muleshoe. The ceremony was performed by Rey Don Stanford, pastor.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie and Dale Gallman of Bovina and Tim Smith of Friona.

Parents of the groom are Nicky and Debbie Nickels of Muleshoe.

Black and silver decorations, complimented with red roses, decorated the Fellowship Hall. A spiral silver candelabra holding white candles, green plants and a large centerpiece of red and white silk flowers accented the stage setting.

Becky Jones, pianist, and Chris Smith, brother of the bride on the trumpet, accompanied vocalists, Heather Engelking as she sang "From This Moment" and "The Rose," Rey Don Stanford as he sang "Parents' Prayer," and Guy Nickels as he sang "Cross My Heart."

As the bride's stepfather, Dale Gallman, presented her in marriage, she was attired in a formal length white Italian satin gown with alencon lace. The gown featured a halter top with a v-neckline. The sleeves and neckline were outlined with pearls and crystal beads.

The bodice was covered with alencon lace, pearls and crystal sequence. The back was a lace-up corsette. The basque waistline allowed the full ballgown skirt to fall to the floor with a scalloped cathedral length train, with

the skirt and train accented with alencon lace and finished with a matching hemline.

Following bridal tradition, for something old, she wore a tiara that she had been presented in 1996 when she was crowned Homecoming Queen by the groom who was the Homecoming King in 1996. She borrowed earrings from her aunt, Judy Dennis, and mother.

She carried red, black and white roses in a silver tussie mussie accented with white and silver ribbon.

Stephanie Bardwell of Midland was the maid of honor. Katy Jones-Williams of San Angelo served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Leah Turner of Lazbuddie, cousin of the bride, and Kayla Magby-Nickels of Lazbuddie, sister-in-law of the groom.

They wore long black crepe dresses featuring empire waistlines and square necklines with two broad straps crossing in the back.

Chad Nickels and Trey Nickels of Lazbuddie served brother as best men. Grooms-men were Carey Williams and Jim Rogers, both of San Angelo.

Serving as ushers were Timmie Smith, Judd Glover, Christopher Smith, Russell Black, Cameron Turner and Shane Kirk.

Kennedi Nickels of Lazbuddie, niece of the groom and daughter of Chad and Kayla Nickels was the flower girl. The ring bearer was Keenan Wilson of Muleshoe, cousin of the bride and son of Andy and Krista Wilson.

Candles were lit by Chance Barrett, cousin of the

bride, and Durrel Hunter, cousin of the groom.

Garrett Crimm of San Angelo, six year old son of Shane and Shelly Crimm, was the "Best Buddy."

The reception was held at Trinity Christian Fellowship.

Krista Wilson, cousin of the bride, registered the wedding guests.

The three tiered wedding cake was decorated with white ribbons and drapes and was placed on a table covered with a white satin cloth accented with black bows. Julie Gaasch and Socorro Reyes served the bride's cake.

A chocolate cake setting on a silver and black cloth were featured on the groom's table. Dawn Weir and Regina Jones served the groom's cake.

Punch was served by Kylee Veazey and coffee was served by Kayla Glover, cousin of the groom.

Programs were presented by Amberlee Steinbock and Montana Steinbock. Favors were handed out by Emily Agee, Crystal Jesko, Cassie

Steinbock and Mariah Steinbock.

Special guests included Betty Smith, grandmother of the bride; Ed and Donna Nickels and Josie Flowers, grandparents of the groom; John and Iva Lee Littlefield, great-grandparents of the bride; Johnnie Kimbrough, great-grandmother of the groom; Judy and Jack Dennis and Larry Jesko, aunt and uncles of the bride.

She wore a black skirt with a red pineapple top as she departed for a Western Caribbean cruise. Following the cruise, they are making their home in Muleshoe.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High school and is a 2000 honors graduate from Angelo State University. She is a teacher in the Muleshoe Independent School District.

A 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, he attended South Plains College, Levelland, and Angelo State University. He farms in the Lazbuddie community.



Mrs. Guy Nickels

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

With Independence Day right around the corner, people across the state are priming their grills and getting fired up about the Fourth. The holiday is a big day for outdoor barbecuing, and beef is a mainstay at many of these celebrations.

The Fourth of July and Labor Day tie for being the second-highest beef consumption days of the year. This year, Americans will consume 20 percent more beef on the Fourth of July. Memorial Day, the No. 1 day for beef consumption, saw a 25 percent increase.

These days, more folks are eating beef in general. Americans ate about 70 pounds of it per person in 2000, and on any given day 77 million Americans eat beef.

And there are many reasons why we are eating more beef. Today's beef is 27 percent leaner than it was 20 years ago, and people are realizing that it's an important part of a healthy, well-balanced diet. It's packed with nutrients like zinc, iron, protein and B vitamins. And the industry has done a fantastic job of catering to today's busy consumer; we now have fully cooked beef products like pot roast and fajitas that people can just toss in the microwave.

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Immunization Clinics Are Set In Friona

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

Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lock-jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus 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, however, 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, July 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:15 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be available at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, July 16 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

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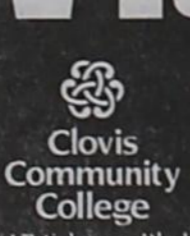
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When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wrt.net)

Joe and Laverne Black attended the Black family reunion June 17-19 at Camp Billy Joe in Canton, Oklahoma. Around 65 people attended the event for the descendants of Joe's father's brothers and sisters. Only one sister, Catherine Jamerson, 92, of Moore, Oklahoma still survives.

After the reunion, the Blacks went to Stonewall, Colorado and stayed at the Picket-Wire Hotel at night. They then went to Chara, Colorado, Lamar Colorado and then to Lakin, Kansas to see a cousin, Robert Duncan, who was unable to attend the reunion.

The Blacks stayed all night with Joe's brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Maxine Black in Booker and then with his brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Billie Black of Dalhart. They returned to Bovina last Thursday.

Gladys Wright's son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Carole Jean Wright of Albuquerque were in Bovina this weekend. They also visited with Carole Jean's parents, Dean and Juanita Hastings.

Jerry competed in Clovis with his gas-powered mini boat at Green Acres park. He won a first and second place trophy in his efforts.

Sunday after church Gladys, son Joe Pat of Muleshoe, the Hastingses and the Wrights all went to Clovis and had lunch and watched the boat races.

Billy and Suezy Smith and their daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Stan Miller went to their home in the New Mexico mountains north of Mora, toward Angel Fire. The Millers' daughters Hannah and Heather and cousins Justus and Jake were also there. The boys' parents,

Arlene and Justin, were unable to go.

Saturday night some local friends, Jerry and Judy Hill, joined the family for dinner. They cooked steaks on the grill and cooked fried potatoes on the outdoor fireplace.

The weather was nice and it sprinkled a few times-just enough to keep the breeze cool.

The kids worked on a little club house in the woods they started last year and just a had a great time.

Joe and Santos Salazar's daughter, Linda Aguilar, has been a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo now for a month.

Thursday her father said she is still undiagnosed and is in ICU. She had some improvement but was still very sick.

Linda grew up in Bovina and still lives here. Her children are David and Arturo. She had worked at Prairie Acres Nursing Home for a while. Keep this family in your thoughts and prayers people-Linda needs Bovina's support.

First Baptists' Play Day in the Park was a big success. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings children and youth gathered for games, food and fellowship. The biggest night was Tuesday with 84 kids registered.

Throughout the three days, kids enjoyed popcorn, hot-dogs, cotton candy all for FREE.

Wednesday night Crystal Morton, a Flying Queen of Wayland Baptist University, came to give a basketball demonstration to the kids. Everyone had a great time and representatives say they look forward to doing it again in August.

A.L. and Sue Nuttall are

back from their place in South Dakota. They have been gone for about six weeks. While they were there, A.L.'s son, Ron of Denver, stayed with them for a week.

Sue and J.B. Barrett attended a wedding in Denver, Colorado. J.B.'s nephew, Randy's, son, Ty, was married at a golf course Saturday there.

The Bovina couple stayed in a motel with other family members and visited with J.B.'s brother and sister-in-law, Montie and Bonnie Barrett, of Lubbock.

Erra Jamerson had a nice visit to Dallas recently. She spent three days with her grandson, Dr. Kirk Scott. They ate out a lot and shopped too. Erra said Kirk is really good about making sure she gets to go and do everything she wants and needs to when she's in Dallas. What a nice guy!

Meeting Set To Discuss Senior Meals

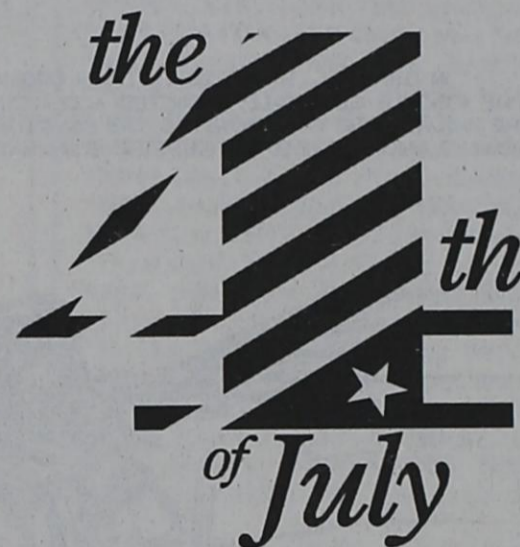
Bovina residents are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting at the Bovina Senior Citizens Center, 106 North Street, on Monday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

A discussion will be held about the possibility of a seniors meal program at the Senior Center.

Participation in this meeting will help determine the need for this service. Several people from Friona who are involved in the senior program there will be on hand to answer questions.

Please attend and lend your input to this effort to generate interest in activities at the Bovina Senior Citizens Center.

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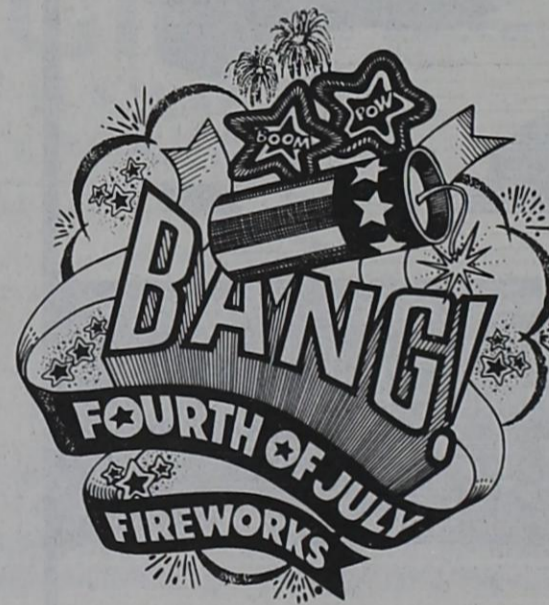
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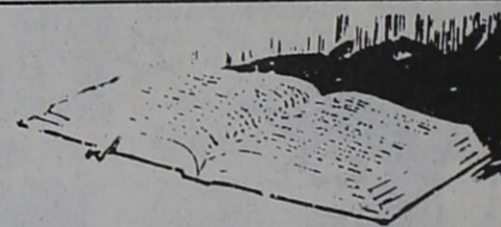
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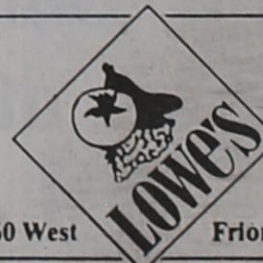


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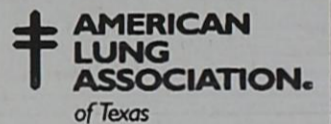
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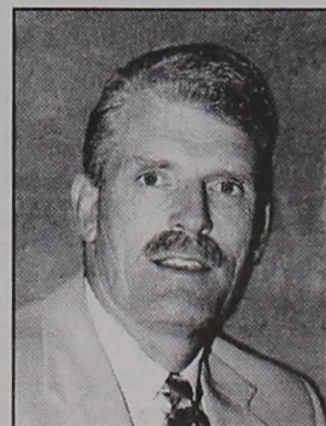
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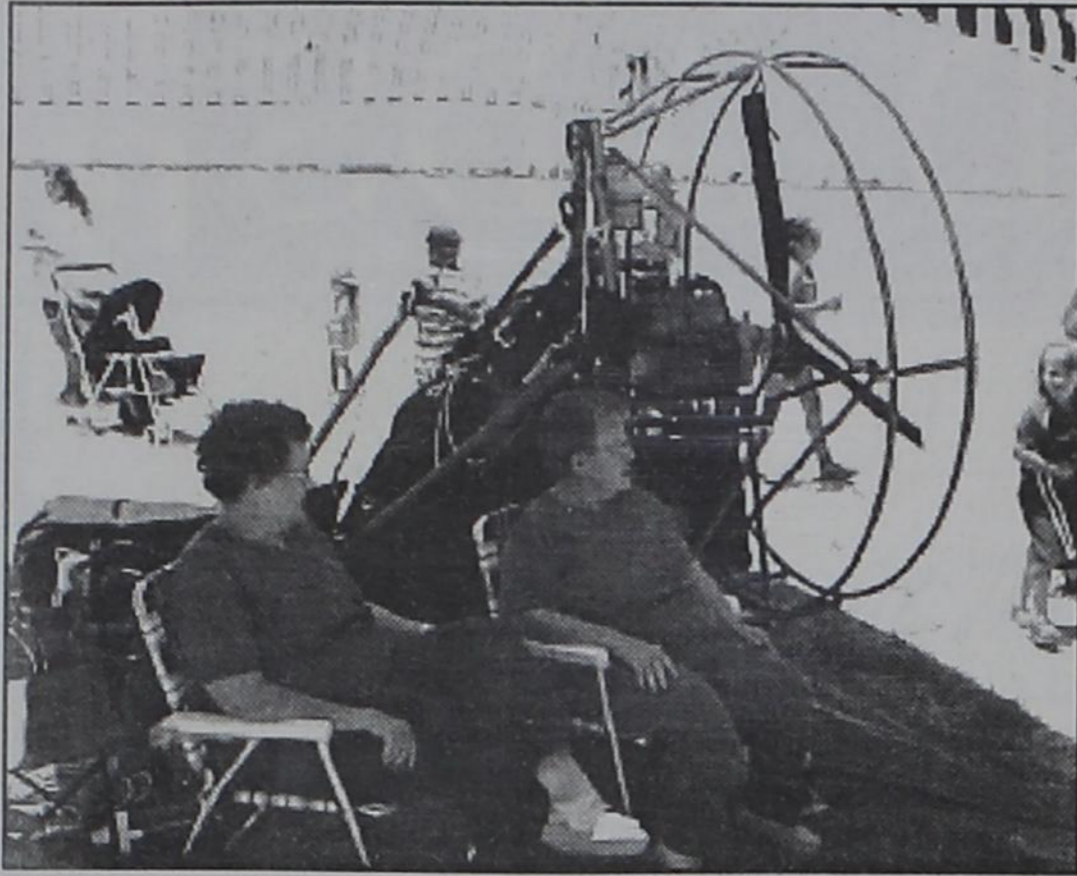
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RUTH MILLER & TINY TAYLOR found some shade at Benger Airport during the Library's outing. Ruth's son, Eddie, flies the powered parachute apparatus shown. ron carr photos



THE WIND helped out at the library outing as these boys wrestle with the big soccer balloon.

County Rural Routes To Have Address Changes

The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network in conjunction with Parmer County is issuing 9-1-1 addresses to rural residents. Soon to be gone forever are the Rural Route and Box numbers as well as the Highway Contract and Box numbers presently in use by rural residents.

The purpose of this project is to provide emergency service personnel with a more efficient way of locating rural residents and businesses in an emergency. No longer will residents struggle to instruct 9-1-1 emergency personnel with how to reach a rural location in the midst of a crisis.

New "city style" addresses are being implemented for all rural residents. City style addressing provides a structure number and a road name for each rural residence or business.

For rural residents and businesses receiving mail on a route delivery, the US Postal Service will convert the 9-1-1 physical addresses to mailing addresses. According to the US Postal Service, this conversion will help with the automated sorting and processing of mail. For residents or businesses that utilize a PO Box, your mailing address will not change. Your residence or business will be issued a 9-1-1 physical address only.

The Regional 9-1-1 Network is requesting your help. If you have misplaced your 9-1-1 address or were never given a 9-1-1 address, you are encouraged to call 1-800-687-7911.

For structures not yet addressed be prepared to provide detailed directions to your location. Your name will be placed on a list to receive a 9-1-1 address. Most callers can expect to receive their 9-1-1 address within four to six weeks.

German Festival Set July 14 In Nazareth

Nazareth's 29th Annual German Festival in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus is set for Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Nazareth.

Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. with an arts & crafts show in the school cafeteria, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club.

A German sausage meal, including German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, beans, salad and fruit, bread, apple crisp, and German chocolate cake, will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Community Hall. Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Frozen sausage will be

Powered Parachutes Punctuate the Sky

BY DARLA BRACKEN

Have you seen a great blue heron in the skies over Friona lately? No? Yes! if you have seen the brightly-colored powered parachute slowly flying overhead. Could it be? yes, it is Lazbuddie native, Eddie Miller, and his powered parachute making one of his leisurely afternoon jaunts into the wild blue yonder.

Eddie Bruce Miller, the youngest son of Roy and Ruth Miller of Lazbuddie, became interested in kites at the age of 8 and has been fascinated by flying ever since. He had made and flown many different types of kites, large and small, through the years and has quite an extensive collection of them and other wind toys. In 1998 he became interested in motorized parachutes through his friend Bruce DeFoor, an art professor at Clovis Community College.

He built his machine from a kit in January 2000 and began flying it in August of 2000. He now has over 90 hours flying time in the machine and also has a Basic Flight Instructor's license. His Blue Heron "Marathon" has 65 horsepower rotax engine which is very lightweight. The top speed of the powered parachute is 26 miles per hour and he has flown at altitudes ranging from 200 to 6,000 feet usually flying at about 500 feet.

When asked about the most amazing sight he had seen while flying his machine, he replied that it was the circular rainbows that were the most awesome sight. "While flying in the powered parachute you experience a great sense of freedom and no feeling of vertigo," Miller said, "and that, although the powered parachutes are FAA exempt, 'safety always comes first'."

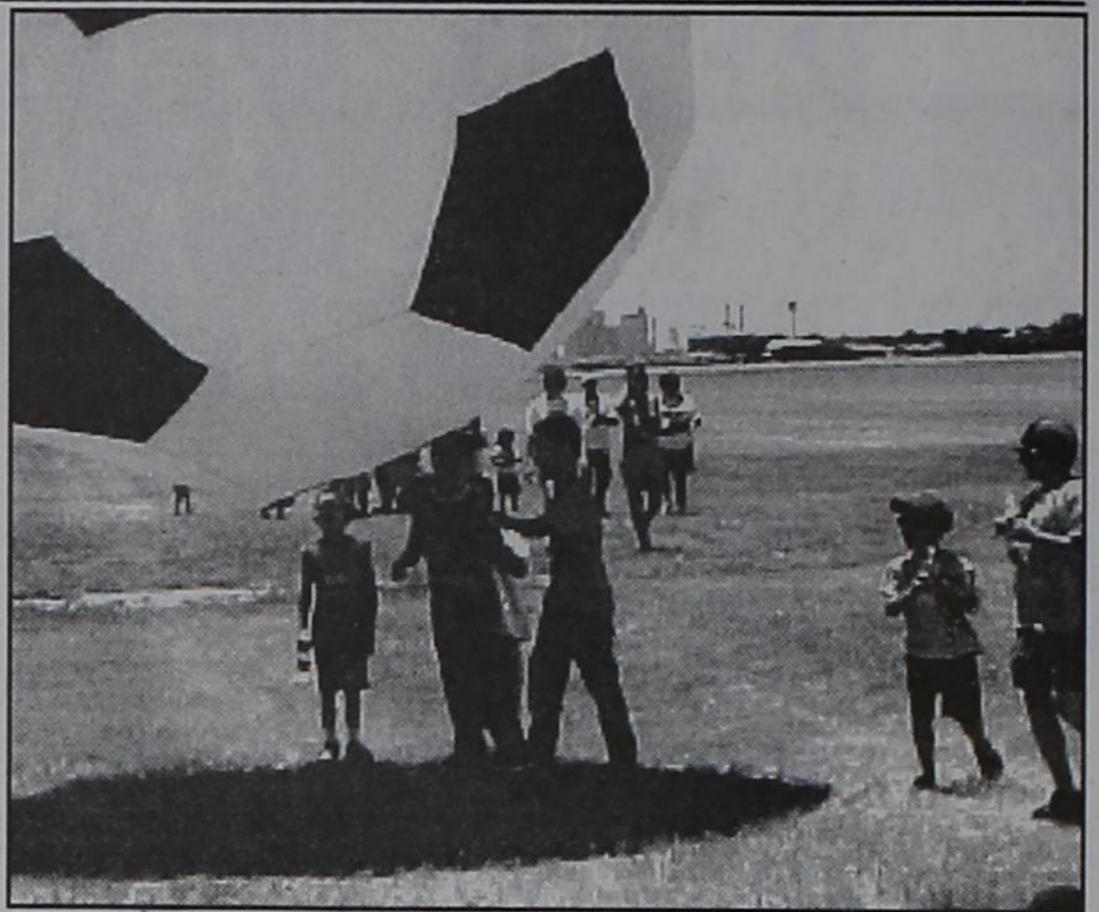
He learned to fly powered parachutes in Florida, but flying kites and riding in kite buggies taught him the most of what he knows about flying.

Last year in Columbus, Kansas at one of the largest powered parachute fly-ins ever held, Eddie and several members of his family met the man who helped design the first square parachute in 1962 while working on a design for a fold-up wing at the University of Notre Dame. With help from a

kite-flyer from Texas, they came up with the design for the ram air or square parachute and attached it to a 3 wheeler with a Volkswagen engine, props, and a whole new era of flight began.

Eddie operates a Blue Heron Dealership from his home in the Lakeview area along with his mechanical repair business. He generally takes off and lands from fields near his home but also flies from Benger Air Park and greatly enjoys his new hobby. He flies not only for his own personal enjoyment, but also to teach others who are willing to learn to fly these machines. An introductory flight is \$25 and an extended flight is \$50; and all flights are instructional flights. Eddie and his wife Debbie have one son, Tyler, who is 10 years old.

Our thanks to Eddie who has been gracious enough to provide a program on powered parachutes for members of our 2001 Summer Reading Club to help them go: "To the Library and BEYOND!"



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JIM ZEHNER PERFORMED A FLY-BY



DARLA BRACKEN & EDDIE MILLER, left, talk to the group of summer readers at Benger Airport last Tuesday. ron carr photos

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2002 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Boardroom, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$205,100.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$2,100.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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