

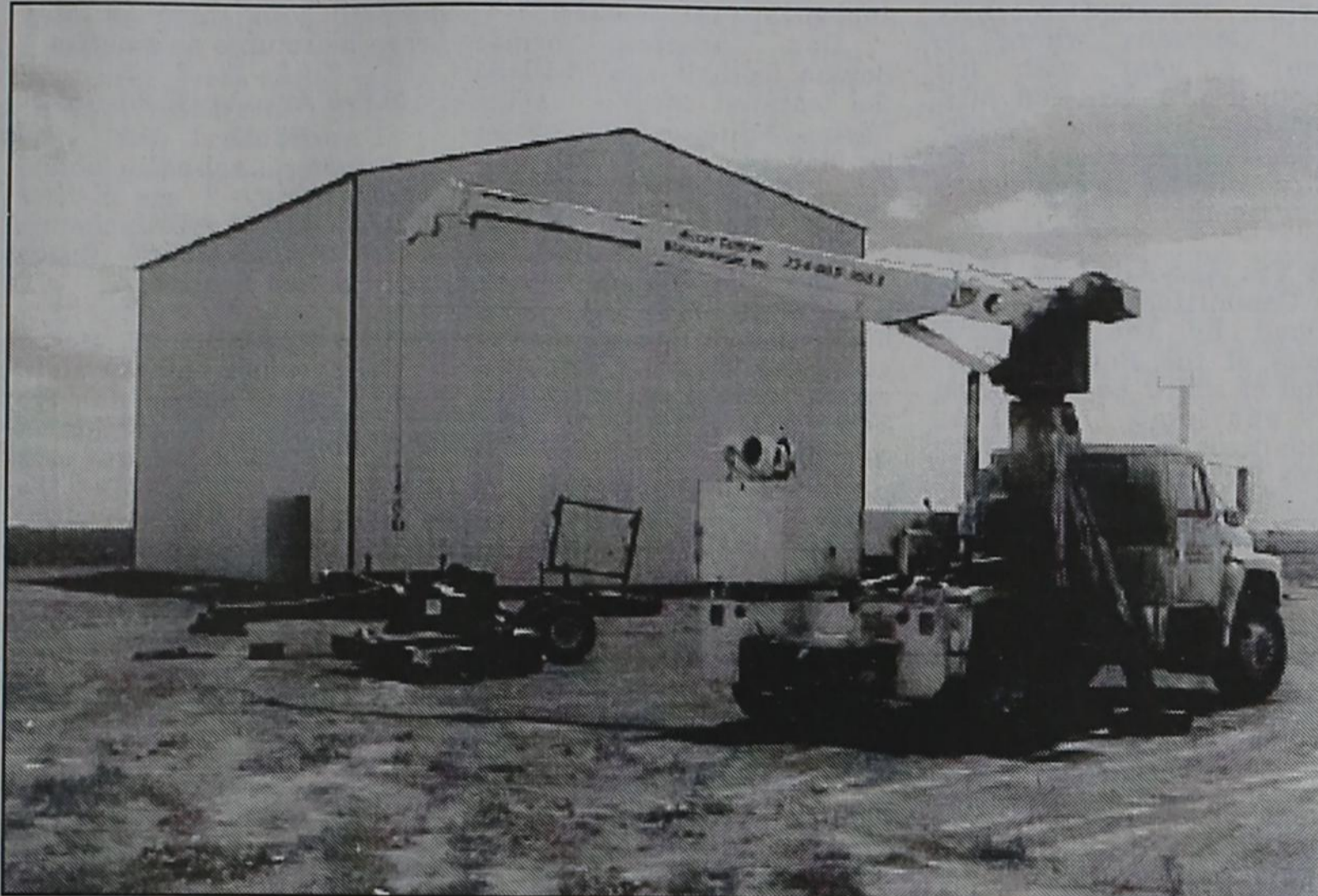
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WORK CONTINUES on the Mixer Center located on Highway 214 south of Friona. The operation, headquartered in Stephenville, will provide sales and 24-hour service on feedmixers and ag equipment.

Bovina Chamber Plans Big July 4 Celebration

Directors from the Bovina Chamber of Commerce met April 18 to recap the 2002 banquet, discuss the annual \$500 scholarships to be given away to two Bovina High School seniors and the upcoming Independence Day celebration.

The annual banquet held March 21, themed "American Pride", was declared a "very successful" event.

The directors then discussed the two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to a boy and girl at the Bovina High School graduation May 25.

The Independence Day activity planning has begun and work will be starting soon. Anyone who would like to be a part of the activities is encouraged to contact a Chamber director.

Activities planned include a parade to the park, barbecue brisket lunch at the park, booths, exhibits and other fun activities in the afternoon, including live music.

Musicians are asked to contact a Chamber director to schedule a time to play during the day.

The Bovina Fire

Department will hold the fireworks show at the football field beginning at dark.

A dance is tentatively planned for that evening at the fire station.

"Plan for a fun filled day at the 2002 Bovina 4th of July celebration," said chamber president, Billy Smith.

City, School Elections Set Saturday, May 4

Early voting for the city and school board elections will end at close of business Tuesday, April 30.

Saturday, May 4, is election day to choose two candidates for the school board and two city aldermen.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Voting for the city election will be in the EMS building. School board voting is held in the middle school outside the cafeteria.

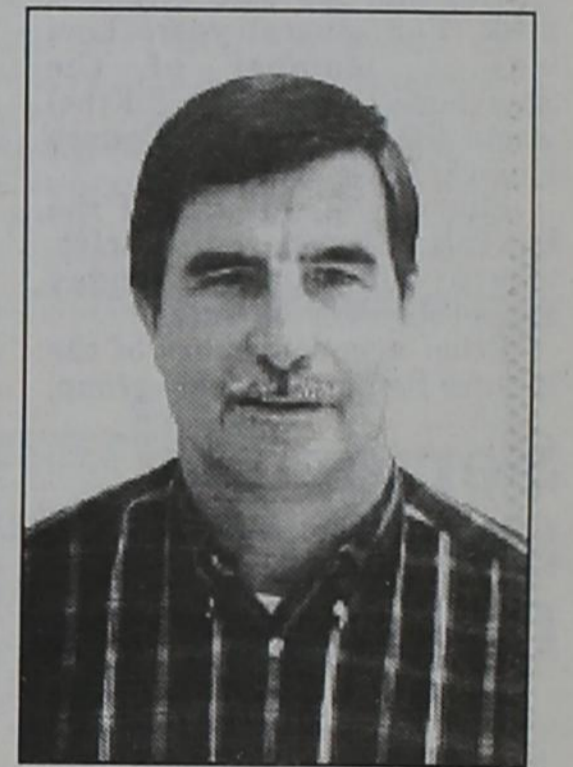
Candidates for the school board are incumbents Susan Kerby and Josey Alonzo-Coffey, and Izzy Carrasco and Vince Terrones.

On the ballot for city council are incumbents Jessie Stone and Kenneth Waters, and Stan Miller. Mike McCallum is unopposed to fill a one-year term vacated by Linda Marshall. Galen Hromas is unopposed for mayor.

Also on the city ballot are proposed sales tax increases

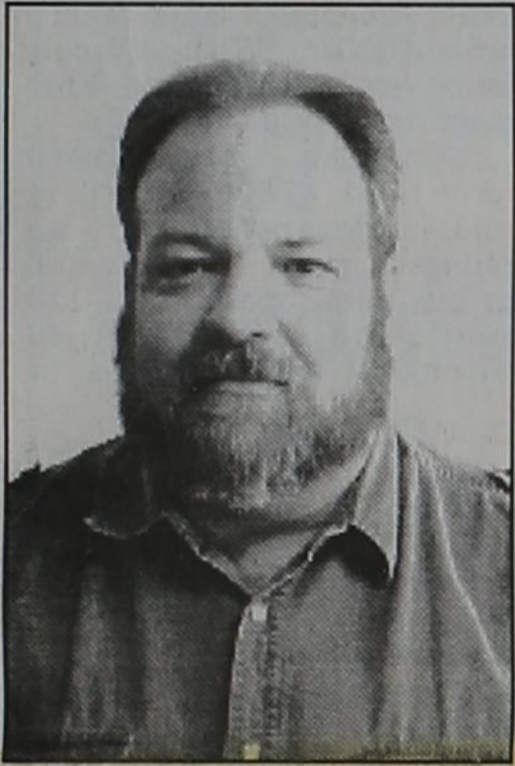
and a property tax reduction.

For more information on the elections call the school office or city hall.

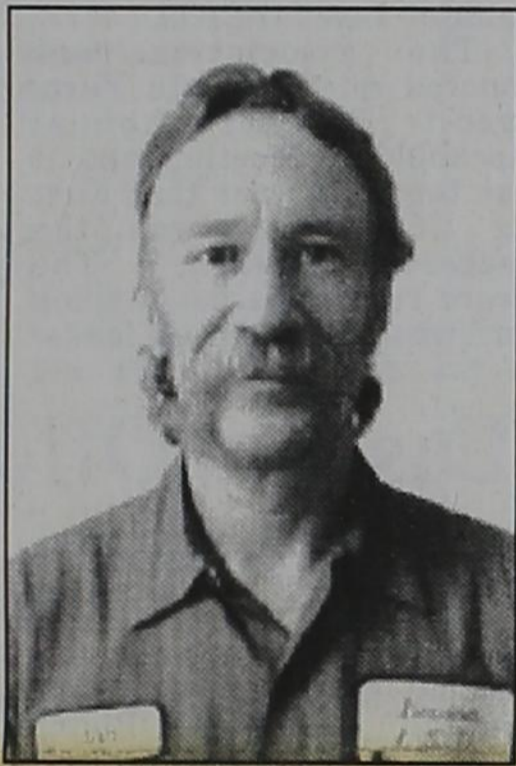


GALEN HROMAS
Candidate For Mayor

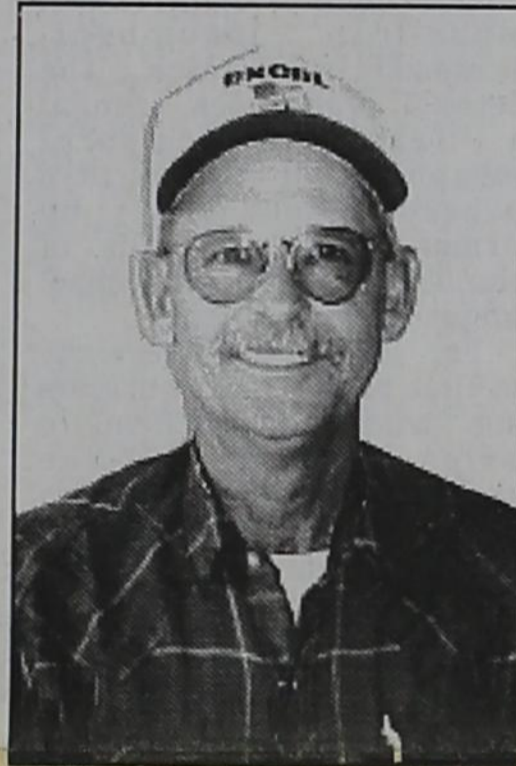
Bovina Candidates For City Council



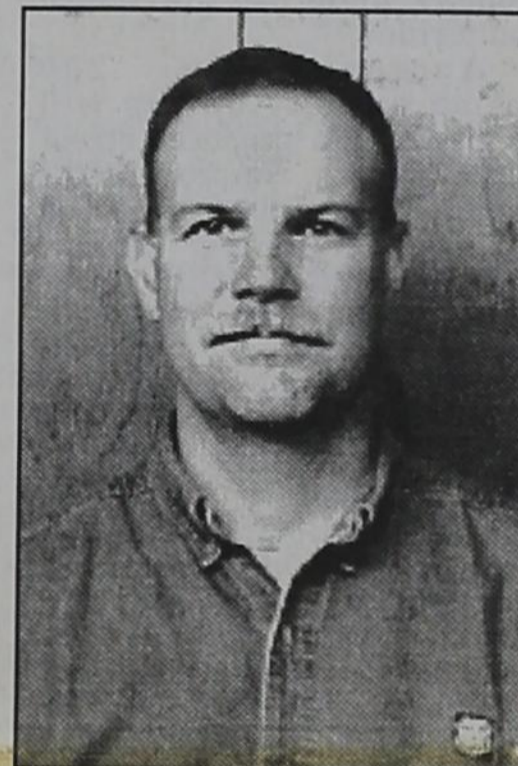
MIKE MCCALLUM



STAN MILLER



JESSIE STONE



KENNETH WATERS

YE EDITOR and spouse returned last weekend from a tour of six Southern states, three of which we had never visited, and had wanted to--Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. The other states we visited were Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi, which we gladly "looked at" again.

The Dogwood trees and azaleas were in full bloom in all of the states we visited, and there were several other varieties of trees and shrubs which caught the collective eyes of the 32 Parmer County residents making the trip.

We were also smitten with the beauty of Callaway Gardens in Alabama, as well as the beautiful grounds of an antebellum home in Birmingham.

Then, there were the sunken gardens at the Biltmore Estate, which many of you no doubt have visited. The tulips were in full bloom, with alternating rows of reds and yellows that caused all the shutterbugs in our group to go wild.

And the Great Smoky Mountains were just that--great, and always "smoky," to some extent or other.

We were a week or two early to see the Magnolia trees blooming, but you can't have everything.

April is a good time to visit the South, as the highest temperatures we experienced were in the mid 80s, and these toward the end of our tour, in Tennessee.

And wouldn't you know it. When Parmer County people go visiting, we occasionally take some of our weather along with us. The states we visited receive anywhere from 40 to 55 inches of rain annually. We were gone 11 days, so we should have experienced an inch to 1.65 inch of rain (going by the average).

Truth is, we only had a day or two when there was enough rain for our tour bus driver, Nelson, to need to turn on the windshield wipers. During our bus tour of Atlanta, it sprinkled lightly, and since we were "on board," it hardly mattered. Come to think of it, it did come a nice rain one evening, while we attended a show. But the rain was over before the show was, and again no problem.

One thing which grabbed the attention of Ye Editor was that while the "Old South" has a heritage of agriculture, in light of the fact that slaves were imported to provide the labor force for the plantations, agriculture is no longer a major force in the states we visited.

The state that had about the "average" number of farms of the states we visited was Alabama, which has only 45,000 farms at the present time. The agricultural industry provides only four per cent of the state's gross income.

Our tour guide announced that one of the states we visited produced around 500,000 bales of cotton annually. I bit my tongue and didn't point out that three or four of our counties on the Texas High Plains (combined) will top that figure with regularity, or it's been a bad year.

You're supposed to learn a thing or two while on tour, and here are a couple of facts that impressed Ye Editor: North Carolina's timber industry fuels that state's economy, as two-thirds of the state is forestland, and one-half of the nation's furniture is manufactured in the Tarheel state. That's one industry we haven't exported to an Asian country--not yet, at least.

Also, when our tour guide asked if we could guess what the main industry of Nashville was, we felt certain it would be their music industry, but nope. Music and tourism come in behind the publishing industry, which is number one, and banking, which is third.

It was pointed out that both Southern and American Baptists have headquarters in Nashville, and both do a "right smart amount" of publishing, as does the afore-mentioned music industry.

Bull Town
Bulletins
by
Bill Ellis



High School Students To Get Computers At Home

Plans are underway to install a computer in the home of all Bovina High School students before the start of the next school year.

The project is made possible through a recent Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant of more than \$500,000 made through BISD.

"As long as a home has a high school student in it, a computer will be installed in that house," said BISD superintendent Michael Downes. "All of the kids will benefit by being able to do research through Internet activities."

At present, there are 129 homes for 165 high school students eligible for the computer installation.

Downes and Mike Prather have been leaders in forming the Bovina Community Network, also a result of the grant. In addition to installing computers in the students' homes, terminals are planned for installation at FirstBank, city hall, the Justice of the Peace's office, EMS building, and the Women's Study Club building. Also at the First Baptist Church, Church of Christ and St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Downes said that negotiations began with W.T. Services last November on the installation and costs of connecting all the Bovina computers to the Web with

School Sets Prom & All-Sports Dates

The Bovina All-Sports banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 14 at the school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$5 per person and are available at the school office or at the door.

Buying tickets in advance is helpful to those who have to plan how many meals to prepare.

Also, the school prom is slated for Saturday, May 11, in Portales, New Mexico.

For information on school activities in May, contact the school office.

W. T. Services as the provider. "W. T. Services has been a valuable partner to us in providing the connection services," Downes said.

At least one parent in the high school student household will be required to take a four-hour introductory computer training class. The cost of the internet service is also included through the grant money.

In time, classes will be offered to interested citizens, including introduction to computers, Microsoft Office products such as Powerpoint, and Web page design.

Digital and video camers will eventually be available to teach computer video techniques. Downes said the Women's Study Club building is being updated and remodeled and will be the "main laboratory" for the Bovina Community Network projects.

Methodist Women's Luncheon

The First United Methodist Church of Bovina invites all adult women to bring a salad and join the fellowship at the Women's Salad Luncheon on Saturday, May 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Music and a devotional will be presented by Pastor Quita Jones.

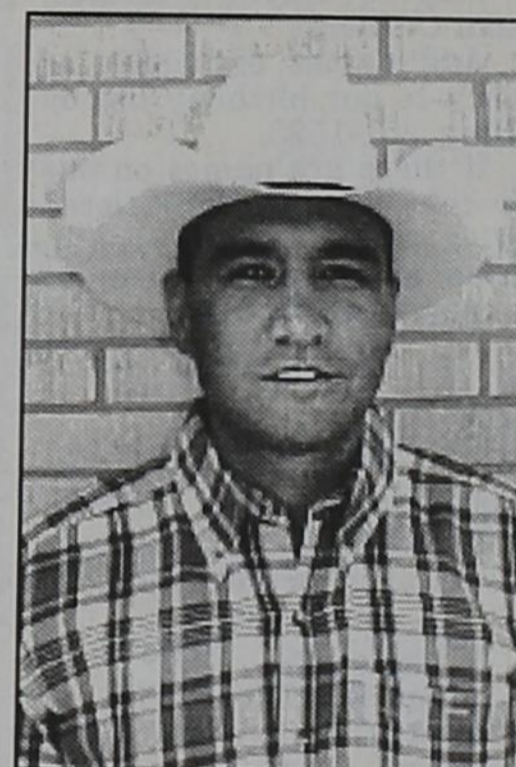
All women of the community are invited to attend. For details or information call the church at 251-1124.

Youth Baseball Meeting

The Bovina Youth Baseball organization will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

All interested parents, coaches or volunteers are encouraged to attend. They will also be electing officers.

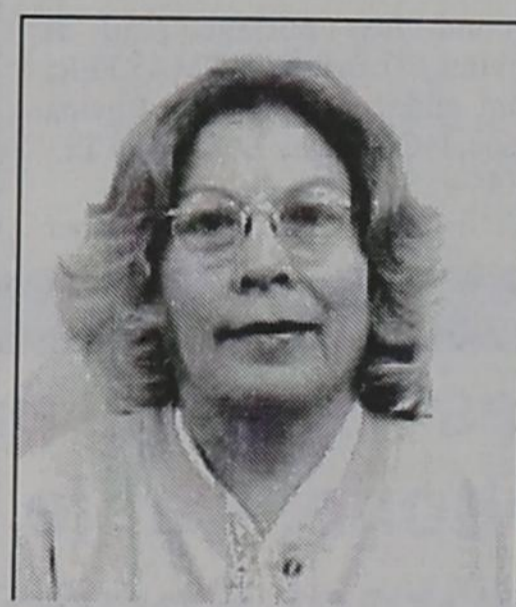
Bovina Candidates For School Board



IZZY CARRASCO



SUSAN KERBY



JOSEY ALONZO-COFFEY



VINCE TERRONES

Wrecked Train Was Headed Our Direction

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train which was involved in the head-on collision with a commuter train Tuesday southeast of Los Angeles was headed for Clovis, N.M., and quite possibly through Parmer County.

Two people in the passenger train were killed, and 260 were injured. The collision caused people in the commuter train to be thrown out of their seats.

Witnesses said the Metrolink commuter train had come to a halt just prior to the crash. The train's engineer was said to have gone running through the car yelling for the passengers to get down.

"I thought maybe there was a bomb on board...then all of a sudden we hit," said passenger Jim Fleming. It was the nation's second deadly train wreck in less than a week.

The accident happened just after 8 a.m., 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles, in the city of Placentia, California. The Metrolink was traveling from Riverside to San Juan Capistrano with more than 300 passengers. The BNSF freight train was made up of 67 loaded container cars, and said to be enroute to Clovis, N.M.

The BNSF line through Parmer County is the company's main route from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Ethel Johnson Was Buried Wednesday

Funeral services for Ethel Mae Johnson, 94, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Bovina Church of Christ, with Mike Prather officiating, assisted by David Bennett.



ETHEL JOHNSON

Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery, under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson passed away Sunday, April 21, 2002.

She was born December 25, 1907, in Oklahoma, and married Levi Johnson on December 23, 1929, in Arapahoe, Oklahoma. He died April 30, 1985.

Mrs. Johnson had been a resident of the Bovina/Oklahoma Lane area for 71 years. She had lived at the Clovis Retirement Ranch for the past year.

Shortly after their marriage, the Johnsons moved to Parmer County, where Levi's father had bought a half-section of land seven miles south and two miles east of Bovina, which had a two-room house.

"We farmed, raised hogs, chickens, milked cows and raised a garden. We lived through the dust storms and the Depression. Levi developed a herd of Shorthorn cattle, and we sold Grade-A milk. For several years Levi was a member of the Shorthorn Cattle Assn." Ethel wrote for the Parmer County History Book, Vol. II.

She was a member of the Bovina Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday School for over 50 years.

Ethel was a member of the Bovina Senior Citizens' group,

and was a charter member of the Oklahoma Lane Demonstration Club.

In 1999 she was given the Heritage Award by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. She was active in helping with the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales.

Survivors include a son, Billy Johnson of Bovina; a daughter, Betty Lowrie of Midwest City, Oklahoma, a brother, Ralph Ashby of Edmond, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bubby Marshall, Jon Lin Riddle, Joe Black, Sr., William Gromowsky, Larry Dopp, Herb Howell, Kenneth Johnson and Harry Johnson.

The family suggests memorial gifts be made to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 1356 N.M. 236, Portales, N.M., 88130.

Services Set For Oppliger

Grant Given Oppliger, 20, of Farwell, a student, died Monday, April 22, 2002 in Thomas County, Kansas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at First United Methodist Church in Clovis, New Mexico. The Reverend Steve McElroy will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery in Farwell.

He was born August 18, 1981 in Amarillo to Don and Joil Oppliger.

He died following an automobile accident. He attended schools in Farwell and graduated from Farwell High School in 2000. Grant was attending the University of Colorado at Boulder where he was a sophomore.

He was a member of Hamlin United Methodist Church in Farwell and attended First United Methodist Church in Clovis.

Grant is survived by his parents of Farwell; one brother, Benjamin Oppliger of the home; his grandmother, Charlotte Christopher of Blair, Nebraska; and his grandfather Edward Oppliger of Columbus, Nebraska.

Pallbearers will be Jourdan Nichols, Shane Roberts, Clint Corn, Tyler Chadwick, Ryan Roberts and Joel Barrett. Honorary pallbearers will be the Farwell Class of 2000 and all of his friends at the University of Colorado.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 28 to May 4, 2002.

Apr 28 Elias Fuentes
Apr 29 Coleman Young
Apr 30 Kay Williams, Genevieve Ezell

May 3 Kelly Wilburn
May 4 Skylla Stormes, Blake Clements

Add names of friends or family to our birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If there are names on our list that need to be deleted due to a name change, death, moved away, etc, please let us know also. Thank you!

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Bill Ellis.....Publisher

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-April 24, 1957

As elsewhere across the country, the Post office situation of shorter hours and no window service on Saturdays was short-lived in Bovina. Saturday before last was the only Saturday for the office to be closed all day. Last Saturday saw the situation back to normal with the window open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

With the paving decision making election just eight days away, a majority of citizens seem to feel the election will carry or as one fellow put it, "It'd better carry." He was, no doubt, thinking of the town's future when he made that statement.

Bovina Implement Co., with moving operations from North Street to its new location on Highway 60 completed, will observe the grand opening for its new building Thursday.

A new restaurant for Bovina is on the drawing board. Mr. and Mrs. C.C. (Cash) Richards have purchased the lots just east of Sudderth "66" Service Station on Highway 60 and their plans are to build a restaurant there.

40 Yrs Ago-April 25, 1962

"Take Your Medicine," a comedy in three acts, will be presented by the senior class of Bovina High School Monday night in the school auditorium.

Approximately 200 Bovina property owners will be involved in proposed street improvements. Improvements include installing curbs and gutters on Third Street, highway 86 within city limits, and on Farm-to-Market Road 1731 from Highway 86 to south city limits.

In a regular semi-monthly breakfast meeting Thursday, directors of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture recommended that the city paint additional parking lanes on Main Street.

"About 70" families in Bovina have signed for cable T.V. service. That was

BSA Hospice Training Class Is Set

BSA Hospice is presenting its Spring 2002 Volunteer Training and Community Education Class starting Monday, May 6 and continuing through May 23.

This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care, or desire personal growth and enrichment.

An evening class will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for three consecutive weeks. Class sessions will be held at the BSA Hospice Facility. 2.4 CEU's will be awarded by Amarillo College.

For more information or to pre-register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, (806)212-8715 or toll free 1(800)315-6209.

reported this week from O.M. Hammonds, who plans to install Hi-Tower Cable Service here.

Eddie Corn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corn of Bovina, returned recently from Germany where he spent a year with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Swoboda. Eddie attended school at Schoenwald for approximately eight months.

35 Yrs Ago-April 26, 1967

Committees have been named by the executive group of the Bovina Clinic Fund of which Leon Grissom is chairman. These committees will begin laying plans for the fund drive and other aspects of the campaign immediately. Grissom announced this week.

Joe F. Langer, resident of Bovina since 1918, and his four children, have donated a half-block of land to the Bovina Clinic Fund to be used as a clinic, convalescent home, or a hospital, according to the executive committee which accepted the contribution last week.

Richard Roberts, high school mathematics teacher here for the past six years, has resigned his position to accept a similar position with the Borden County Schools at Gail.

30 Yrs Ago-April 26, 1972

U.S. Senator John Tower, Republican incumbent, discussed economics, the Vietnam War, stock scandal in Texas, agricultural community and weather at a barbecue sponsored by Parmer County friends of John Tower at Farwell School Cafeteria Friday night.

For the sixth time since the first of the year, burglars have struck business firms in Bovina. Victims of the burglars Thursday night were Gee Cleaners and Gaines Hardware Company. Gaines also lost some \$600 in a break-in in March.

Named Best All-Around Athletes in Bovina High School for the past year were Twyla Hutto and Shannon Davis. The two were recognized at the annual Athletic Banquet Thursday night in the Bovina School Cafeteria.

25 Yrs Ago-April 27, 1977

The Bovina City Council has chosen James o. Davis to be city deputy marshal.

The Fillies' track team survived near-tragedy at the Region I meet at Odessa last Friday and Saturday, and still emerged in good shape for the state meet, qualifying all three of their relay teams and one individual for the big meet, to be held May 6-7 in Austin.

20 Yrs Ago-April 14, 1982

Coach Paul Topliff offered

his resignation as coach in Bovina High School and will be taking a position at Lubbock Cooper High School.

The Bovina Supermarket will be celebrating their tenth anniversary this week.

Don Cumpton, former Bovina football star, will be the featured speaker at the Bovina Athletic Banquet set for May 14.

15 Yrs Ago-April 29, 1987

Two-year-old Troy Frank Turner was injured in an accident at his family's farm home last Thursday. The youngster was struck by a vehicle in front of the family's home located near the Hub community.

Lisa Schilling, daughter of Leon and Martha Schilling, was selected as outstanding senior at West Texas State University in Canyon and received this award last Thursday, April 23 at 3 p.m. at the awards assembly. Lisa graduated from Bovina High School in 1983 and her major is administrative services.

First Ag Credit, FCS Earns Top Rating

First Ag Credit, FCS received the Pacesetter Award recently for achieving the highest possible rating in 2001 by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT).

The association was honored at the Tenth Farm Credit District Annual Stockholders Meeting and it was the third year that First Ag Credit has won the Pacesetter Award. The award recognizes outstanding performance by the ag lender in the areas of growth and

financial operations. "We are proud to have received this award as it commensurates our dedication to financing agriculture and rural America," said Terry Dane, CEO. "With difficult times in agriculture, this award is truly an honor."

Five candidates are seeking the three seats on the City Board of Alderman. They are Jeff Steelman, Linda Marshall, Charles Wilkins, Don Bandy and Kevin Hughes.

10 Yrs Ago-April 25, 1992

Candidates for the upcoming school board election May 2 are Esther Steelman, Mike Beauchamp, Dennis Willard, Jerry Roach and Richard Bonham.

5 Yrs Ago-April 26, 1997

High winds Monday night caused some minor damage around town. A portion of Elton Venable's roof was torn down. The winds ripped the sheet metal roof off the entire length of the building's porch. A light pole was "leaned over" at the football field.

District Offers Programs To Civic Organizations

Looking for an educational program for a civic meeting? The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has programs available to interest a number of civic organizations.

High Plains Water District staff members are always available for presentations to meeting groups of any size. In the past, High Plains Water District staff has made presentations to civic organizations, service clubs, school children, church groups, political organizations, or places of business.

The High Plains Water District believes the best way to conserve our water supply for future use is to educate the public. The presentations explain the Ogallala aquifer and other sources for water, how the aquifer is being mined and how people can

conserve water in their homes, yards and businesses.

To schedule a presentation or for more information, contact Erica Goss, Information/Education Specialist for High Plains Water District at erica@hpwd.com or www.hpwd.com, or by telephone at (806)762-0181.

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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"Accountants Ain't Always Accountable"

I figure Arthur Anderson has been dead for a while. Maybe there never really was an Arthur Anderson, I don't know. What I do know is that the hotshots that have been running his accounting company better be glad he can't rise again. When I was a sales

representative for Braniff Airlines in the late 60s in Dallas, Arthur Anderson was one of my accounts.

As the saying goes, all we were really selling was service. As an airline sales guy we didn't have a catalog of products our accounts could order from. The job was mainly public relations.

I recall the Arthur Anderson offices as being quiet, reserved and a good bit somber. The people that worked there wore business suits and all combed their hair in the same direction.

Receptionists and secretaries talked in whispers and tiptoed quietly up and down the hallways. Even these years later I remember how they seemed to think they were better than me.

The Enron "scandal" is way too big and complicated for us eggheads to understand. My sister, Gena, probably understands it, but she is a CPA. They talk about offshore partnerships, hedging, inflating assets and other mumbo-jumbo meant only for the top 1% of smart people to understand.

What I do know is that Arthur Anderson, one of the "BIG FIVE" accounting firms should have blown the whistle on Enron long ago. That is what accountants and auditors do, I think. But then again, when your firm is being paid \$1 million a day, whistleblowing can give you severe heartburn.

The reason any of us have accountants (whatever happened to bookkeepers) is because we don't know how to handle the money ourselves, and accountants can guide us through loopholes we would never find.

When your accountant smells something fishy in your books, they are supposed to straighten you out. If you don't want to straighten out, they usually resign from doing your accounting.

At Enron, the better-than-we-are hotshots, who were supposed to protect the interests of Enron stockholders and employees, didn't. They lied, jumped in bed with the crooks running the company, and profited along with them.

At Enron, Anderson did consulting on taxes and internal auditing. But, both projects put the outside auditors in the position of having to assess work done by their own company.

According to an article in a recent New Yorker magazine, the relationship was further comprised by the fact that Enron's management

included many former Anderson employees. Among them were Enron's president, vice-president and chief accounting officer.

Auditors were in the ticklish position of judging former colleagues and prospective bosses. Lynn Turner, a former chief accountant at the Securities and Exchange Commission estimated that investors lost \$100 BILLION in the six years preceding Enron's collapse due to faulty, misleading or fraudulent audits.

Corporations lie and inflate their profits which makes the stock go up so the insiders can exercise options and drain off money the company didn't earn in the first place. And the accountants figure out how to hide the scam from the public.

Even stockbrokers who earn commissions off your stock transactions, don't always fess up to what they know about corporations.

In 1998, SEC chairman Arthur Levitt gave a speech in which he said: "Accounting is being perverted. Auditors who want to retain their clients are under pressure not to stand in the way. Auditors and analysts are participants in a game of winks and nods."

He continued, "Today American markets enjoy the confidence of the world. How many half-truths and accounting sleights of hand will it take to tarnish that faith?"

Arthur Anderson, the prestigious and much-smarter-than-you-and-me Big Five accounting firm, for three years signed off on Enron financial statements that inflated their earnings (profits) by \$600 million.

A lot of knucklehead investors, little common ants like us, bought Enron stock based on what the God of Accountants, Arthur Anderson, told us. This company is making a lot of money, so get on board and let's all make money. Except the hotshots made the money, not the ants.

And Arthur Anderson lied. There should be some unique and severe penalty for lying like that and hurting people's money and future.

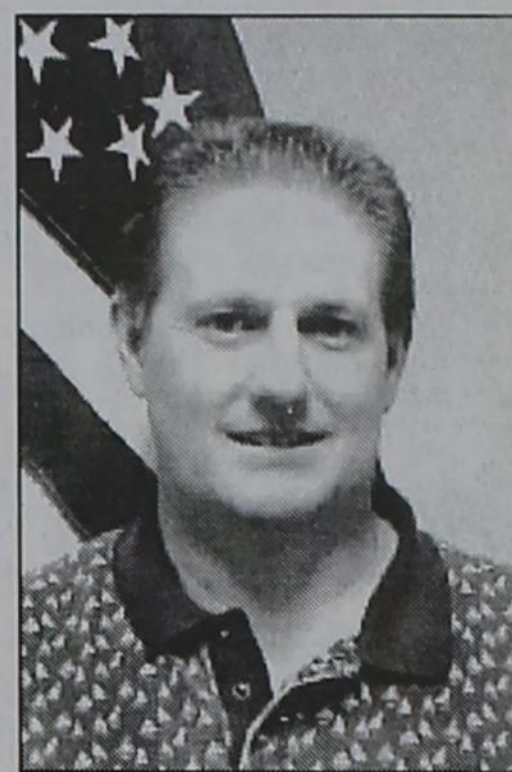
Let's see, what punishment would bring them the biggest dose of humiliation and shame.

I've got it. They could be made to write a column in a weekly newspaper every week for the rest of their lives in some place no one has ever heard of.

Naw, that's too mean!

M. Vandiver Named County IPM Agent

Monti Vandiver has been named the Extension Agent-IPM for Bailey and Parmer counties. IPM (Integrated Pest Management), is a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining the use of all practical methods of pest control including biological, cultural, physical and chemical methods, in a manner that is effective, economical and environmentally sound.



MONTI VANDIVER

He was born and raised on a farm on the South Plains of Texas. He attended school in the Muleshoe Independent School District, except for a short stay in House, New Mexico. Upon graduating from Muleshoe High School, he enrolled at Lubbock Christian University where he graduated cum laude with a BS in agriculture, plant science and BS in agriculture, ag business.

He married Lyn McDaniel from Roswell, New Mexico. They have two daughters, Cyndi and Cami Jo. Cyndi is a junior at Muleshoe High School and Cami is an eighth grader at Watson Junior High. Lyn is currently employed by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and serves as district supervisor for the Muleshoe District, Northwest Plains Zone.

After fifteen years of production agriculture, Monti accepted a position with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, to help start the

Northern High Plains Zone. He continued there until accepting a position with Texas Cooperative Extension, Extension Agent-IPM, in January of 2002.

Through research and scouting, the Bailey-Parmer Integrated Pest Management program will provide producers the tools to manage pests in ways that are effective, economical and environmentally sound.

If you would like to participate in the Bailey-Parmer IPM program or would like more information about the program, stop by the IPM office at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, office 305, or call (806)481-3300.

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 2002, to March 31, 2002, inclusive:

Jury Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	52,034.09
Amount received since last report.....	41,225.01
Amount paid out since last report.....	30,922.85
03-31-02 Balance.....	62,336.25
General Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	475,610.65
Amount received since last report.....	1,458,493.49
Amount paid out since last report.....	1,565,962.98
03-31-02 Balance.....	368,141.16
Farm to Market Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	124,043.69
Amount received since last report.....	1,012,966.20
Amount paid out since last report.....	505,783.16
03-31-02 Balance.....	631,226.73
Right of Way Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	17,293.76
Amount received since last report.....	311,949.25
Amount paid out since last report.....	220,000.00
03-31-02 Balance.....	109,243.01
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	2,821.70
Amount received since last report.....	49,022.63
Amount paid out since last report.....	3,059.00
03-31-02 Balance.....	48,785.33
Permanent Improvement Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	18,712.01
Amount received since last report.....	28,123.82
Amount paid out since last report.....	0
03-31-02 Balance.....	46,835.83
Revenue Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	102,160.74
Amount received since last report.....	70,280.96
Amount paid out since last report.....	44,129.62
03-31-02 Balance.....	128,312.08
Juvenile Probation Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	623.92
Amount received since last report.....	290.00
Amount paid out since last report.....	0
03-31-02 Balance.....	913.92
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	2,966.55
Amount received since last report.....	3,955.62
Amount paid out since last report.....	5,411.97
03-31-02 Balance.....	1,510.20
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	2,878.88
Amount received since last report.....	4,661.31
Amount paid out since last report.....	5,746.31
03-31-02 Balance.....	1,793.88
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	1,736.40
Amount received since last report.....	432,271.89
Amount paid out since last report.....	407,068.10
03-31-02 Balance.....	26,940.19
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	62,651.48
Amount received since last report.....	1,689.55
Amount paid out since last report.....	27,543.39
03-31-02 Balance.....	36,797.64
Parmer County Law Enforcement Center Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	0
Amount received since last report.....	120,000.00
Amount paid out since last report.....	0
03-31-02 Balance.....	120,000.00
Lateral Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2001.....	3,065.29
Amount received since last report.....	0
Amount paid out since last report.....	3,065.29
03-31-02 Balance.....	0

Recapitulation	
Jury Fund.....	62,336.25
General Fund.....	368,141.16
Farm to Market Fund.....	631,226.73
Right of Way Fund.....	109,243.01
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	48,785.33
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	46,835.83
Revenue Fund.....	128,312.08
Juvenile Probation Fund.....	913.92
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....	1,510.20
District Check Collection - 287th Fund.....	1,793.88
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	26,940.19
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	36,797.64
Parmer County Law Enforcement Center Fund.....	120,000.00
Lateral Fund.....	0
TOTAL.....	1,582,836.22
List of Bonds and other Securities on Hand	
Certificate of Deposit	
General Fund.....	1,400,000.00
Farm to Market.....	809,561.64
Investments	
General Fund.....	2,151.02
Farm to Market Fund.....	252,990.72
Jury Fund.....	698.88
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	987.67
Right Of Way Fund.....	92.35
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	604.73
TOTAL.....	2,467,087.01

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22nd day of March, 2002.

Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge

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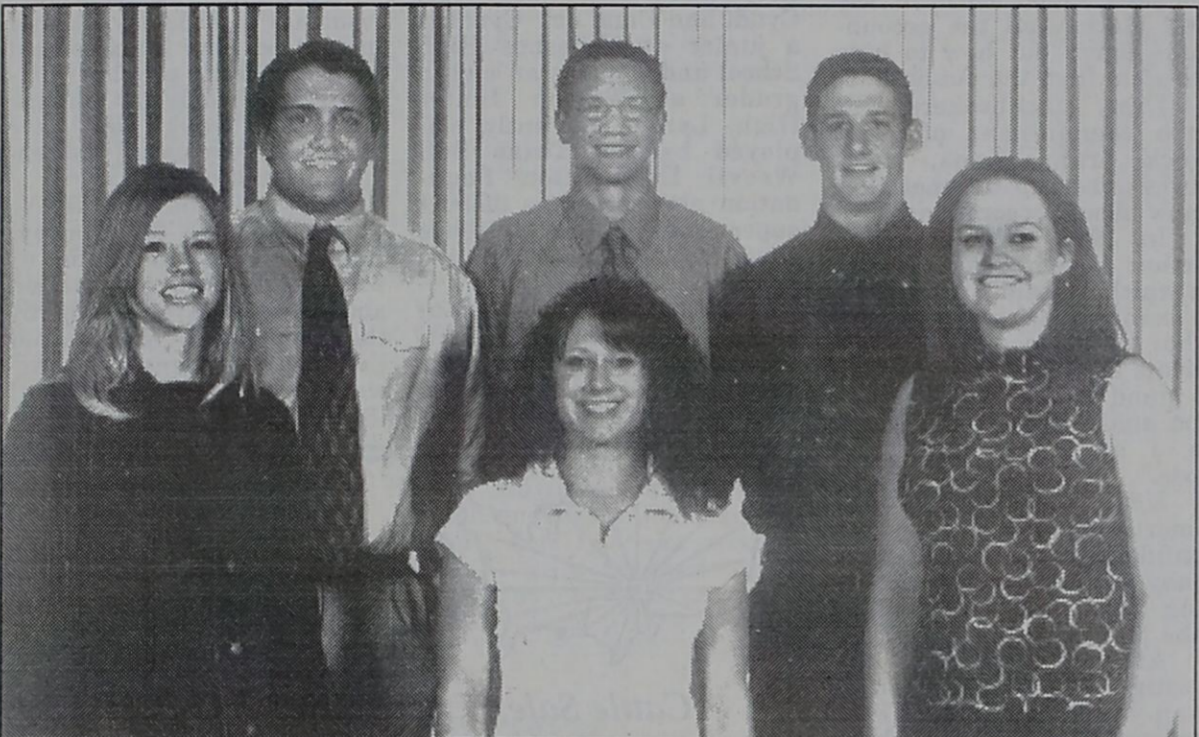
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LAZBUDDIE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED....Six students from Lazbuddie High School were honored for academic excellence April 10 at a Celebration of Educational luncheon hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 400 students honored at the luncheon. The State Board of Education sponsored statewide programs recognizing academic excellence by more than 14,000 students in Texas public schools. Pictured in the back row (left-right) are Jay Seaton, Tobin Redwine and Andy Martin; front row, Savannah Black, Kayla Kimbrough and Shawndee Nichols.

Fundraiser Is Success

The area young people that participate in the Friona Chieftains Special Olympics receive positive benefits from their involvement in the group activities, according to director Donna Mullins.

Special Olympics raised a total of \$2,100 at the recent Friona track meet concession stand with help from the following who donated time, money or supplies:

Gayle Murdock, Tina Hughes, Barbara Grimsley, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Dotty Powers, Claudia Arpero, Veronica Orozco, Lupe Estrada, Raul Herrera, Martin Orozco, Travis Monk, Arati Bhakta.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. John Gurley, Kitty Gallman, Sherri Young, Karen Renner, Tammy Gammon, Jo Osborn, Joy Morton, Stephanie Barrett, Sandra Berend, Mendy Warlick, Erin Barnett, Lori Zingerman, Sugar Shack, Dairy Queen, Sonic, Tasty Cream, Frito-Lay and Coca-Cola.

The group is also grateful for all those who volunteered and helped out with the basketball games and equipment:

Dee King Trucking-athletic bags; Cintex-uniforms; ConAgra Beef Co.-sweats; DeLinda Lee-sponsor coordinator; Excel Corp.-letter jackets; Mrs. Mann and the Friona Junior High student council-pep rally; Kirk Wright-transportation; and the Friona Star-news coverage.

Education Forum Meets

MerryLynn Gerstenschlager, a full-time volunteer legislative liaison for the Texas Eagle Forum, will speak at a meeting at the Farwell Community Center on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The Texas Eagle Forum lobbies on education and family issues. Gerstenschlager has testified before various legislative committees and monitors the State Board of Education Committee meetings, where she has presented testimony.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Around Town

Seniors social Saturday Apr 27

Friona's senior citizens will hold their monthly social on Saturday, April 27, at 5 p.m. at the Friendship House. Menu is fish, steak fingers and all the trimmings. Entertainment, just visiting, playing games. All senior citizens are welcome. There is no charge but donations are accepted.

Mt. Olive choir at Calvary Apr 28

The public is invited to hear the African-American choir of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Amarillo. The choir will present a gospel concert at the fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, Apr 28, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge and no offering taken. The community is invited. For more info call 250-3000.

National day of prayer May 2

Friona will honor National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, at 12 noon at the City Park. Everyone is invited to come and pray for our community, state, nation and our leaders. For more information call 250-5661 or 250-2377.

Bovina Methodist women lunch May 4

The First United Methodist Church of Bovina invites all adult women to bring a salad and join in the fellowship at a Women's Salad Luncheon, May 4, at 11:30 a.m. Music and a devotional will be presented by Pastor Quita Jones. All area women are invited. For info call the church at 251-1124.

Olton Women's spring fashion show

The second annual Area Ladies Luncheon in Olton will be held Apr 30 at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 600 Ave. M. Local ladies will bring covered dishes and model new spring fashions from two Olton businesses, the Mini Mall and Bizzell's Dress Shop. No reservations are required. For more info call 285-2292.

Bovina class of '62 reunion Jul 4

The Bovina High School class of 1962 will hold a 40th reunion Jul 4, at the Bovina city park after the Bovina July 4 parade. All friends, oldtimers, and classmates are invited to come and join in the fun and memories.

Friona class of '58 reunion May 25

The Friona High School class of 1958 is planning a reunion on May 25 at Butch and Paula Fairchild's home in Adrian. They need to update addresses of 1958 graduates and former teachers of that time. If you have any addresses please mail them to P. O. Box 68, Adrian, TX 79001.

Ag Producers Meeting Set

The Parmer and Bailey County Extension Ag Advisory Board will hold a meeting April 30 at 12 noon at the Muleshoe Dinner Bell.

The Ag Advisory Board assists Parmer County Extension in planning Result Demonstrations and applied research. The Board's goals are to develop best management practices and evaluate new management techniques that will increase profits for producers and conserve

natural resources.

The guest speaker, Dr. Calvin Trostle, will discuss demonstration opportunities for summer forages, wheat and grain sorghum.

Monti Vandiver, new IPM Agent for Parmer and Bailey counties will discuss demonstration projects for the upcoming growing season. All Ag producers interested in this educational meeting are encouraged to attend.

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The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a **FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC** for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Thursday, May 2nd 2002.

**FARWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.**

**BOVINA RIDGELEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.**

**LAZBUDDIE SCHOOL LIBRARY
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.**

**FRIONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.**

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.

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El Candado de Parmer Servicios de Compartio Arreglo sirviendo los Distritos Independientes de Escuelas de Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, y Farwell, esta ofreciendo una **CLINICA DIAGNOSTICO GRATIS** para ninos de 3, 4 y 5 anos que parecen que tienen una problema en aprendizaje o en desarrollo. Especialistas Certificados van estar trabajando con ninos en esta clinica que va ser localizado en los lugares siguiente, Jueves, 2 de Mayo 2002.

**ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE FARWELL
OFICINA DEL PRINCIPAL
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.**

**ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE BOVINA - RIDGELEA
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.**

**ESCUELA DE LAZBUDDIE - BIBLIOTECA
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.**

**ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE FRIONA - BIBLIOTECA
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.**

Si usted esta interesado sobre el desarrollo de su nino, traiga a su nino a esta clinica. Si usted necesita mas informacion, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educacion Especial a 250-3315.

FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

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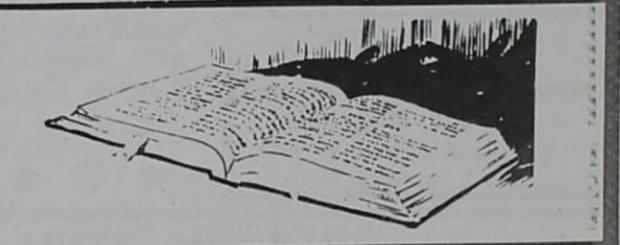
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Darrell Barlow Selected Number One At Energas

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Atmos annually honors the number one employee in each company that exemplifies superior customer service.

This year's Rising Spirit Award for Energas will go to Darrell Barlow of Friona. Darrell will join six other honorees from Atmos subsidiaries at a dinner in Dallas on May 23 to receive recognition from the Atmos Management Committee.

Earl Fischer, Senior Vice President, Utility Operations, for Atmos said, "One huge step (to improve customer service) is recognizing our employees that encompass the attitude and commitment toward quality customer service. The Rising Spirit award was created by the Atmos Management Committee and the Presidents of the Business Units, to annually recognize employees that provide superior customer service."

Barlow has 36 years with Energas. He is a member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department, Calvary Baptist Church and the Friona Noon Lion's Club.

Congratulations Darrell for a well deserved honor.



DARRELL BARLOW



SPECIAL OLYMPICS line up to accept their awards at the end of basketball season. See story on page 2-A.

Clovis Murder Victim Had Ties To Friona

(From Clovis News-Journal)

A Clovis murder victim, Janice Walker, 50, was a former resident of Friona. Mrs. Walker was also the sister of former longtime Friona resident Barbara White.

The husband, David

Walker, 44, was arrested Wednesday by Clovis police. He was charged with voluntary manslaughter, and/or alternative aggravated battery resulting in great bodily harm or death.

Clovis Police Detective Sgt. Gary Gulley said that police responded to the Walker residence at 2904 Horn Street on April 15 after a neighbor saw the couple fighting in the driveway.

When police arrived, Janice was lying unresponsive on the floor in the house, police reports said.

Emergency medical crews believed the woman had passed out from consuming too much alcohol. She was also taking some 20 prescription drugs.

Walker told police that his wife became out of control while she was intoxicated. He pulled her into the house after struggling with her in the front yard, where she passed out on the floor, he told police.

However, an autopsy report from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center said that Mrs. Walker died from blunt trauma to the head.

"Apparently she was pushed down and her head hit the floor," Gulley stated.

Mrs. Walker's daughter, Kimberly Radford of Clovis, was not notified about her mother's death until the Wednesday following the incident (April 24). Police told her they had tried to notify her.

Mrs. Radford said she called Walker after police

notified her of her mother's death. "My words to him were, 'Who killed my mother?'" she said. "He answered 'I did. I killed her. I'm so sorry. I was defending myself.'" The daughter told police that her mother and Walker had been married on Valentine's Day this year, but she had never known of any physical violence in the relationship.

Radford said her mother's drinking problem should not justify her death. "My mom's been an alcoholic for years, that's not a secret," she told police.

Comptroller Pays April Sales Taxes

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered the monthly sales tax rebates to Texas cities and towns.

The April payment covered local sales taxes collected in February and reported to the Comptroller in March. Rylander says the state's share of sales tax collected during the period was \$1 billion, down 1.5% compared to a year ago.

Parmer County's share of the rebate was \$20,641, off almost \$3,000 from a year ago. Bovina received \$1,701; Farwell, \$3,382; and Friona \$15,557.

Total received so far in 2002 in Parmer County is \$94,217 compared to \$113,119 in the same period last year, a decrease of almost 17% in sales tax revenue.

NRCS Announces Stewardship Week

The 2002 Soil and Water Stewardship Week observance is set for April 28-May 5. The objective of this year's national observance is to urge citizens to support improved management and conservation of trees and forests from the nearest city street to the most remote mountain top.

"To maintain our quality of life, each individual must begin to understand and fully appreciate the gift of trees," said a NRCS representative.

Urban forests, trees in front of a store, large trees in many parks, are all extremely important for both ecological and economic reasons.

Besides making our cities look nicer, trees help reduce the ill effects of heat islands, filtering pollutants from our of urban air, help reduce runoff from rainstorms and buffer "wind tunnels" created by

buildings and streets. Trees have long been a conservation tool on farms and ranches. Trees and shrubs are planted as windbreaks and shelter belts around farmsteads, livestock facilities and crop fields. Conservation districts are promoting the establishment of buffer strips along rivers and streams to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

While you may not be a farmer or forester, there are opportunities to exercise a positive forest stewardship role. We can do that by planting a tree in the right place in the right way.

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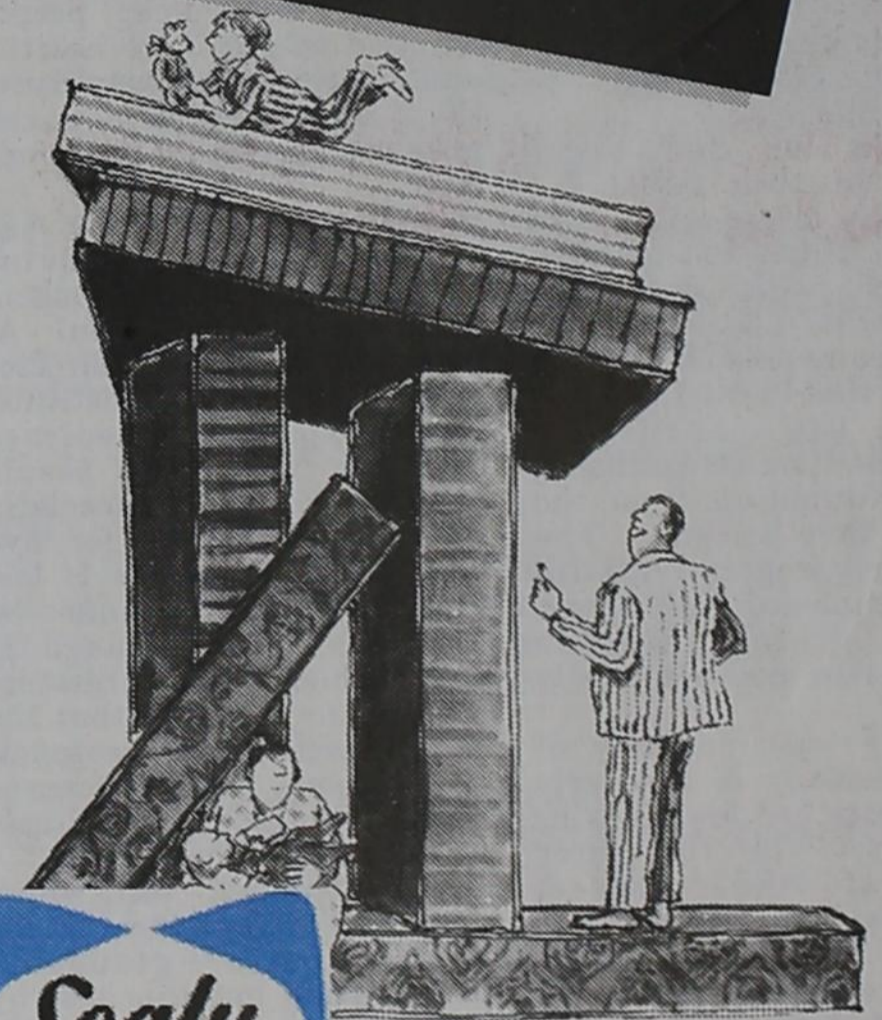
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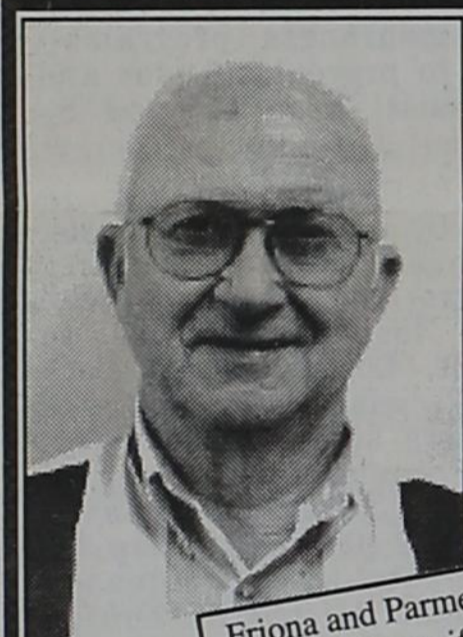
Cancer Screening Set May 15, 22 In Friona

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on May 15 and 22.

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.

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