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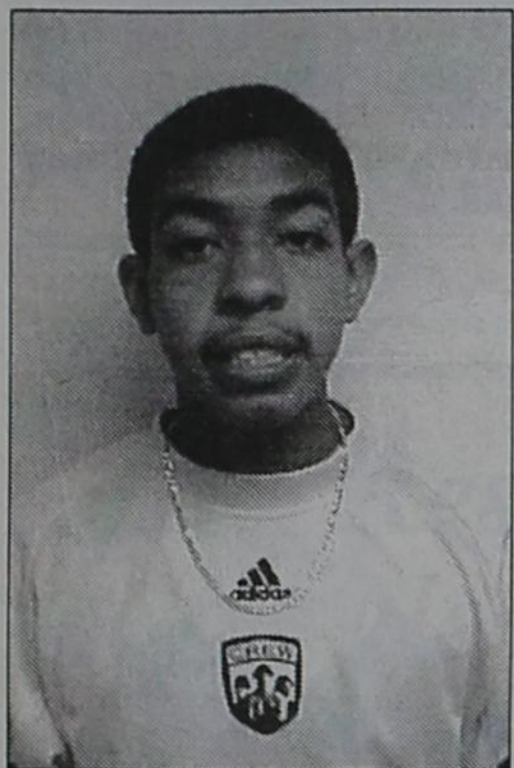
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Bovina High School Graduation Is Saturday, May 27

Top Three Middle School Honor Students



CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ
Valedictorian



YURIELA VELA
Salutatorian



SANDRA MORENO
Historian

Reception Set For "Fly High 2000" Students On Monday

The Bovina Independent School District board members will host a reception honoring the high school students that represented Bovina High School at the NASA sponsored Texas Fly High 2000 mission.

Superintendent Michael Downes and newly elected school board president Ricky Jamerson announced that the students will be honored at a split reception in the BISD Board Room on Monday, May 22, at 3:30 p.m. and again at 4:15 p.m.

The students have developed a video presentation of their experiences which will be shown at both times and the students will be available to answer questions and talk about their experiences during the NASA visit.

Everyone is invited to attend one of the sessions and get a first hand look at exactly what the students did

and what they went through during the training and the flight.

Call the school at 238-1317 if you have any questions about the program or the reception. Please try to attend and meet the students.

School Events

High School Honors Assembly is Monday, May 22, at 11 a.m. in the auditorium.

Middle School awards assembly is May 23 at 9 a.m.

Elementary school awards assembly is May 25 at 1:30 p.m.. Students will get out of school at 3 p.m.

Kindergarten graduation is May 26 at 10 a.m. Students get out of school at 1:30 p.m.

High School graduation is May 27 at 7 p.m.

Wanted! Blood Donors

Stop by the EMS Building on 3rd Street on Tuesday, May 23, from 4-7 p.m. and donate to the Blood For Life program.

Blood donations to the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo save lives, maybe yours someday. Remember to stop in and donate!

Bovina TxDOT Employees Recognized For Safety

Seven Bovina employees were recognized last month at the Texas Department of Transportation's Lubbock District Awards Banquet held in Plainview.

Matthew Askew, Jr., Dolores Bachicha, Chris Hunt, Judy Hromas and Roy Lloyd were all recognized at the annual banquet which is held in honor of employees who have gone years without a driving accident or personal injury. Employees are also recognized for years of service.

Askew was recognized for 25 years as a safe operator and 25 years service award. Bachicha has five years of service, safe operator and no personal injury. Hunt was recognized for five years of service.

Hromas and Lloyd were each recognized for ten years of service.

Adam Mejia and Daniel Putman were recognized for being the first and second place winners in the Bovina "Roadeo", also held last month.

Eighteen maintenance sections, including Bovina, competed in the district Roadeo. Mejia and Putman will travel to Austin this summer to compete in the statewide event.

"Safety is extremely important in our business,"



SERVICE HONORS.....TxDOT employees honored recently were, l-r, Adam Mejia, Dolores Bachicha, Matthew Askew, Jr., Judy Hromas and Roy Lloyd. Not pictured are Chris Hunt, Daniel Putman and Lehmon Jacobs.

said Ken Sylvester, Lubbock District safety coordinator. "The banquet is our way of recognizing employees who put safety first on the job."

The awards are an incentive for employees to practice safety in every aspect of their jobs, Sylvester added.

"Many of our employees have gone 15 years or more without an accident or a personal injury," he said.

"That says a lot for our safety program."

The Lubbock District rates tenth statewide in vehicle collisions. And, the accident rate dropped five percent last year, which is the third year in a row that the rate has been reduced.

"We're doing something right if we're seeing reductions and not increases," Sylvester said.

A LONG TIME AGO I reached the age of refusing to acknowledge birthdays, but here is another one today, and I'm not telling which one it is. But I will say that I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. . .the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. All I want for my birthday is not to be reminded of my age.

"MY TURN"

by
Carol
Ellis



Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we are little children? Any person under ten years of age, gets so excited about aging that they think in fractions:

"How old are you, little girl?" "I'm four and a half!"

You are never 37 and a half, but the four-year-old is four and a half going on five.

When we get into our teens, nobody can hold us back. We simply jump up to the next number. "How old are you, young lady?" "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're going to be 16 . . . eventually.

Then the great day of your life happens -- you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You BECOME 21!!

Then you turn 30. What happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. "She TURNED; we had to throw her out." What's wrong? What changed? You BECOME 21; you TURN 30.

Then you are PUSHING 40...stay over there! And you REACH 50. How does it happen that you become 21, you turn 30, you're pushing 40, you reach 50 and then you MAKE IT to 60. By then you build up so much speed you HIT 70. After that, it's a day by day thing. You HIT Wednesday. You get into your 80s; you HIT lunch, you HIT 4:30. Don't buy any major appliances at this age. Heck, don't even buy green bananas.

Then a strange thing happens. . .when you get into your 90s, you start going backwards! "I was JUST 92." If you make it over 100, you are proud of every day and you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half."

Sometimes I think I understand the meaning of it all; and then I regain consciousness. The main reason why women over age 50 don't have babies is because they would put them down and forget where they left them. But the nice thing about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, at least someone else does.

Happy hour is now a nap, and a night out means sitting out on the patio. Getting "lucky" means I found where I parked the car in the parking lot. It takes twice as long in the mornings to look half as good and the twinkle in my eye is usually just a reflection from the sun on my trifocals. It takes longer now to rest up than it did to get tired in the first place.

Here is my top ten list of the advantages of aging:
10) If you whine a lot, people will usually let you have your way.
9) Senior discounts.
8) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
7) You don't have to worry about avoiding temptation; it will avoid you.
6) No one expects you to run into a burning building to save someone.
5) Things you buy now won't wear out.
4) There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
3) Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.
2) In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.

And the Number One reason why getting older is not so bad: It sure beats the alternative.



FAN-OF-THE-YEAR Kay Venable is congratulated by Coach Bruce Scroggins at the Bovina Sports Banquet last Tuesday.



OUTSTANDING ALL-AROUND....Selected as Fillie and Mustang Of The Year were K'Leigh Scroggins, daughter of Bruce and K'Dawn and Josh Quintana, son of Celia and Earl.

W. Erwin and M. Newman Resign Positions at BISD

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 11, 2000.

The Board canvassed votes from the May 6, 2000 election. Steelman moved to approve the election results, Coffey seconded, motion passed.

The Board then held installation of newly elected board members Ricky Jamerson and Vicente Loe.

In reorganization of the board and election of officers, Coffey made a motion to nominate Jamerson for board president.

Beauchamp nominated Whitten for vice-president and there were no other nominations. Whitten was elected by a 5/1 vote, with Whitten voting against.

Beauchamp nominated Susan Kerby for board secretary, Coffey moved that nominations cease and Kerby was elected.

Under the meeting's action items:

A. Anderson made a motion to approve calendar #1. The motion died for lack of a second. Beauchamp moved to approve calendar #2. Kerby seconded. The motion passed 5/1 with Anderson voting against.

B. Beauchamp made a motion to leave stipends the same as the 1999-2000 school year. Jamerson seconded. Motion passed 5/1 with Whitten against.

C. Anderson made a motion to accept the bid from Marin Roofing for DuroLast roof for a total of \$420,000. Beauchamp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

D. Beauchamp moved to approve \$12,600 for the purchase of used school owned instruments. Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

E. Kerby moved to approve the EDNET 16 Interlocal Agreement, Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

F. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the addition of fencing for the playground area, Kerby seconded, motion passed unanimously.

G. Beauchamp made a motion to approve raising the credit limit on the school credit cards to \$10,000, change the name on the card from Sue Nuttall to Michael Downes and to increase the number of cards to three. Jamerson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

H. Jamerson made a

motion to approve advertising for bids for the TIF Grant project. Beauchamp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

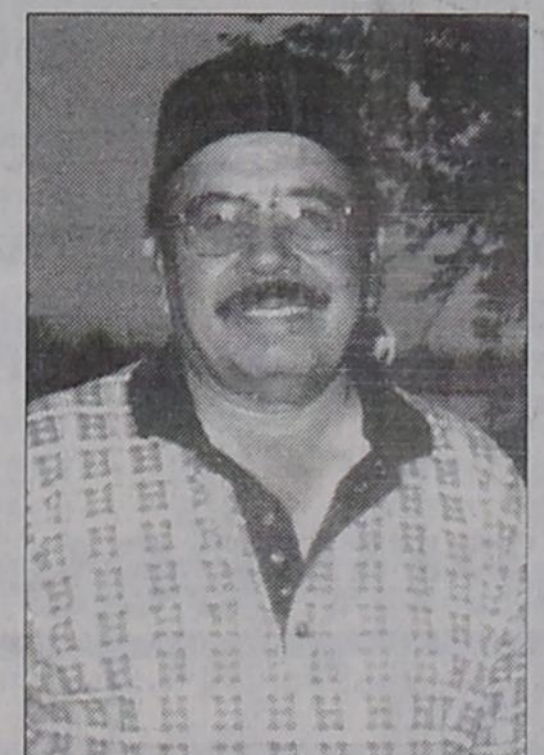
Superintendent Downes reported to the board on the following: Board training at WTAMU; TASB 2000 Delegates Assembly; TASB/TASA convention; Speech therapy program; preliminary TAAS report; summer school program; and moving the football stands.

Jamerson made a motion to accept the resignation of

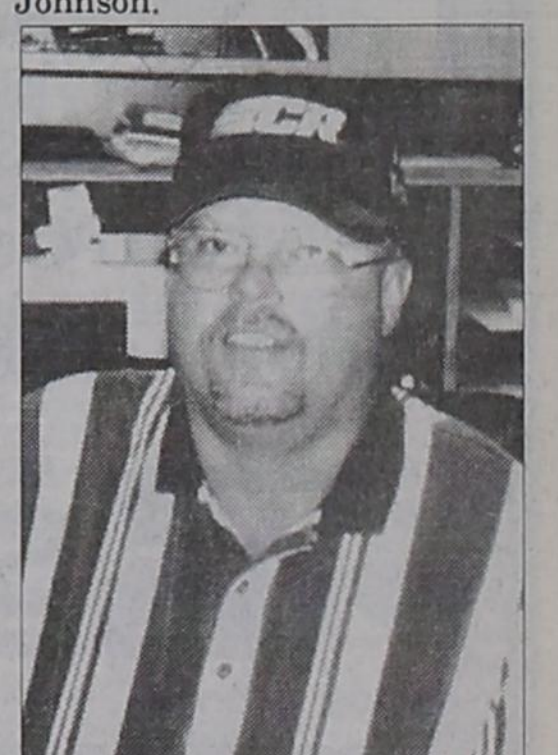
Wayne Erwin. Kerby seconded the motion, motion passed 4/2 with Whitten and Anderson voting against.

Whitten made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Newman, Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Anderson made a motion to accept superintendent's recommendation of individuals for teaching positions: They are Sandi Downes, April Eschberger, Kevin Eschberger, Gina Holmes, Shawn Holmes and Randy Johnson.



VICENTE LOE
School Board Trustee



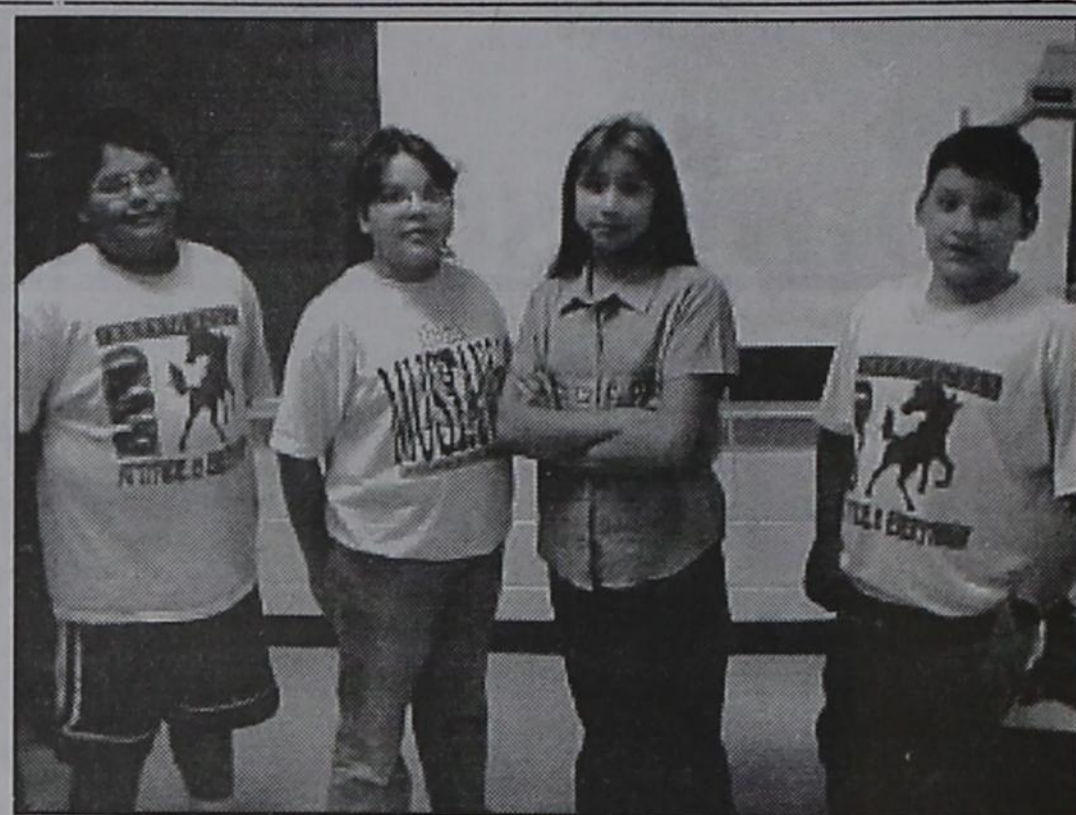
RICKY JAMERSON
School Board Trustee



FUN AT THE BANQUET.At the end of the all-sports banquet, senior athletes were especially honored and each was given one of the Mustang and balloon centerpieces.



GREAT DECORATIONS were evident as this view of the "razzle dazzle" wall behind the head table at the Sports Banquet. From left are Hector Guevara, Denise Anderson, Mike Newman, Mike Martin and Bruce Scroggins.



MARTIN STARS.Awarded for earning 100 points in the reading program were 5th graders, l-r, Sonia Murillo, Martin Ramos, Crystal Amparan and Frank Martinez. They are all in Mr. Martin's class.



WELL, UMMMM, BEATS ME! They are either emergency room nurses or fried chicken servers. Serving at the Mother's Day fried chicken dinner were, l-r, Jeff Steelman, Durward Bell and Wayne Erwin.

AT AGE 75

B. P. Ray Buried In Bovina Monday

Funeral services for B. P. Ray, Jr., 75, of Bovina, were held Monday afternoon, May 15, at the First Baptist Church of Bovina, with the Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor, officiating.

Burial, with military honors were held in Bovina Cemetery, with Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ray passed away Saturday, May 13, 2000, in Parmer County Community Hospital.

He was born October 4, 1924, in Celeste. He grew up in Greenville, Texas, and married Johnnie McFarland on October 14, 1947, in Dallas. They moved to Bovina in 1979, where he was a farmer until he retired.

Mr. Ray was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Survivors include his wife Johnnie of the home; a



B. P. RAY, Jr.

daughter, Donna Smullen of Glendale, Arizona, a son, Dan E. Ray of Texico, N.M.; five sisters, Bea Coppinger of Dallas, Joyce Smith of Nixon, Ira Turner of Greenville, Inez Taft of Floyd and Ida Bell Waller of Waco; one brother, Byron Johnson of Merit, and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Walton, Allan Myers, John Dixon, Gregg Wilson, Sam Snell, and Joe Rogers.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of May 21-27, 2000.

- May 21 Art Hunter, Javier Casas, Jennifer Cantu
- May 25 Lauren Gray
- May 27 Estella Ortiz, Rock Stanley

For changes or corrections, or to add a friend or relative to our birthday list, call 238-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.

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YOU GOTTA' PAY....Manning the toll booth at the Mother's Day Lions Club fried chicken dinner was Lion Rouel Barron. Looks like he got a plate of chicken too.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the people of Bovina who voted in the recent school board election. Thanks to everyone that supported and voted for me. I will try my best to fulfill my obligation as school board member.

Vicente Loe

We appreciate our new customers who have already signed up for our telephone, cable and internet services in Bovina. You can sign-up now by calling our office in Friona, 250-5555 or stop by the office at 1010 Columbia at Highway 60. Hours are 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5p.m.

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Mrs. Kesler Buried Here On Tuesday

Funeral services for Barbara Marie Kesler, 78, of Dumas, were held Tuesday afternoon at Bovina's First Baptist Church, with Rev. Gary Morgan officiating.

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

Mrs. Kesler died Saturday, May 13, 2000, in Dumas. She was born May 18, 1921, in Bovina. She married Jack W. Kesler June 24, 1944, in Farwell. He died October 5, 1991.

Mrs. Kesler is credited for writing the BHS school song.

The Keslers moved to Dumas in 1973, from Liberal, Kansas. She was a sales agent for the Avon Company for 27 years. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

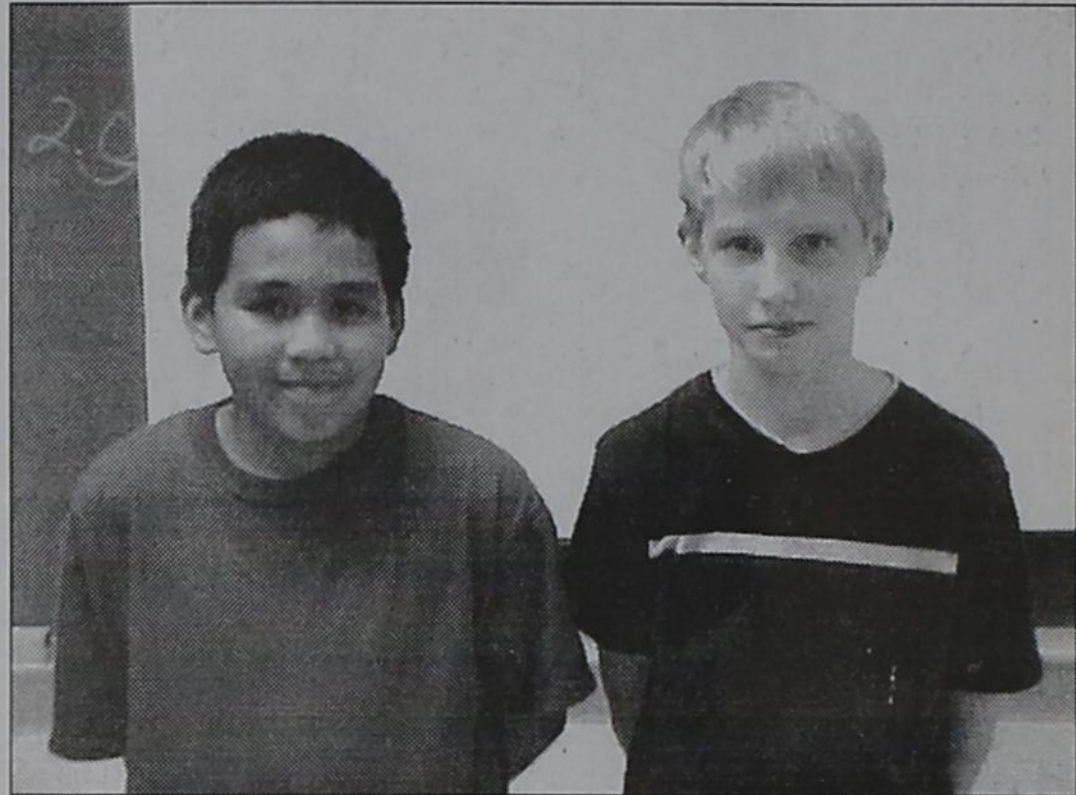
Mrs. Kesler was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Jean, in 1948 and her husband October 5, 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Wireman of Shattuck, Oklahoma; a son, Bill Kesler of Dumas; a sister, Mary Merrell of Bovina, and a brother, Floyd Englant of Bovina, 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

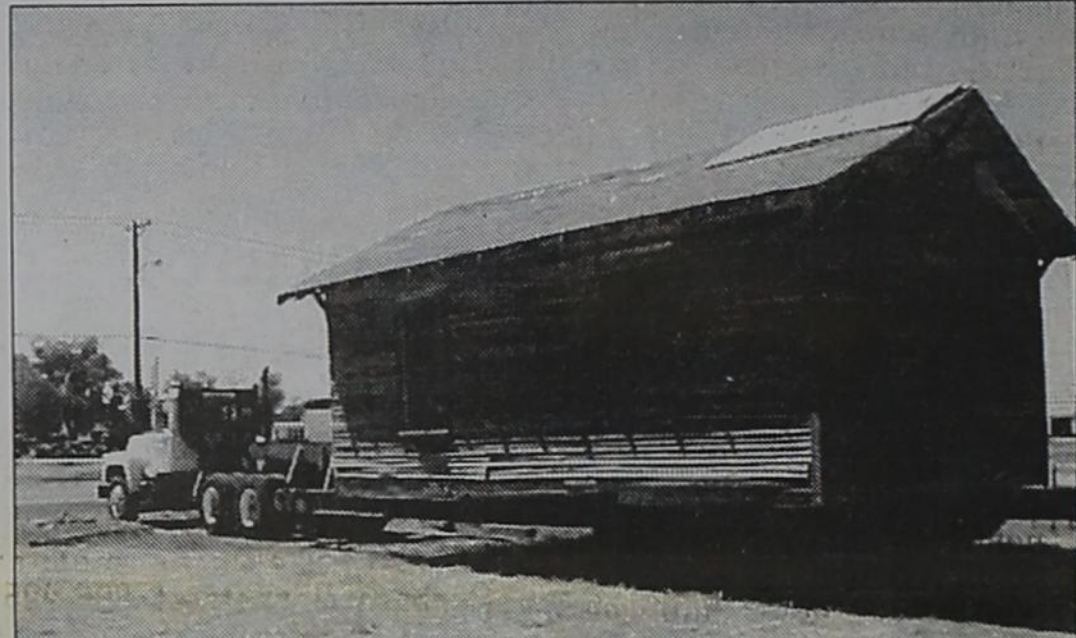
Pallbearers were Doyle Merrell, Brandon Brashears, David Merrell, Dale Merrell, Mark Englant and James Wright.

The family suggests memorial gifts to Dumas Hospice or Dumas Meals on Wheels.

A Dinner Bridal Shower will be held in honor of Alexandria Dopp, bride elect of Wesley Roach Saturday, June 3, 2000 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Bovina's Church of Christ. Selections: JC Penney, Roden Smith & Homecoming in Clovis.



200 POINT READERS.Earning a fine total of 200 points in the school reading program for this year are David Rojas and Zachary Morgan.



HITCHIN' UP...This historic old building from Elton and Marie's Flea Market location on Highway 60 is loaded on a Bennett Moving truck for a short trip to its new location just east of town at the Venable's location.

Bovina Elementary Honor Roll Is Given

Elementary school principal Darla Sealey released the Fifth Six Weeks honor roll.

ALL A's

2nd grade: Martin Puga, Jesus Anaya, Francisco Guevara, Kimberly Casas, Patrick Expinoza, Gabriel Garner, Bryan Gist, Corbin Holman, Taryn Jamerson, Ramiro Navarro.

3rd grade: Isaias Castillo, Jeremy Curtis, Hannah Miller, Sandra Ortiz, Aaron Ramon, Kimberly Tamez, Brett Anderson.

4th grade: Daena Carrillo, Lucero Saucedo.

5th grade: Zachary Morgan

All A's & B's

2nd grade: Katie Chavez, Angelica Gallagher, Gilbert Salas, David Saucedo, Alejandra Castro, Emilia Contreras, Daniela Flores, Francisco Garcia, Stephano Orozco, Maribeth Salazar.

Also, Ricardo Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Jeanette Varela, Amanda Cervantes, Cheyenne Dutton, Ricardo Fabela, Sarah Morales.

3rd grade: Oscar Rodriguez, Esau Saucedo, Robert Kelly, Anahis Marinelarena, Lorena Newton, Joshua Parson, Jack Prather.

Also, Yadira Vela, Edith Carrillo, Luis Galvan, Denise Larrea, Megan Martinez, Cinthia Munoz, Jesus Rocha, Christian Rojas, Felysha Villa.

4th grade: Samantha Calderon, Jesus Guevara, Job Lara, David Melendez, Anna Rodriguez, Ruby Vela, Dalton Cockerham, James Dewitt, Carina Landaverde, Tomas Fuentes.

5th grade: Hilda Quintero, David Rojas, David Carrillo, Alfonso Espinoza, Beatriz Quiroz, Jessie Reyna, Omar Salas, Yuri Salazar, Isai Saucedo.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Pat Read

Roses are red
Violets are blue
It's been 50 years
Since you said "I Do"



You don't care for parties
We can't "make a big fuss"
So here's to 50 years together
(and many more)
From all of us!!

We love you both very much!
Cindy, Zam & Kelly
Tamra, Teddy & Justin
Crystal, Steve & Johnathan

TO BENEFIT AGRICULTURE

Combest Leading Fight For Increased Trade With China

by BILL ELLIS

U.S. Congressman Larry Combest is pressing for the passage of a bill which would cancel trade barriers with China...

sidies and increase its purchase of commodities such as wheat, corn, rice and cotton.

"If we don't pass this bill in congress, all of the other 134 WTO-member countries would have the benefit of trade improvements EXCEPT the United States...

\$5 per head if congress approves the PNTR legislation, Combest indicated.

Passage could also prevent China from "flooding the U.S. market" with its exports, which it is prone to do.

Although many people oppose trade with China due to its human rights situation, Combest differs. "I think we

should 'kill them with kindness,'" he commented.

Like Russia, China is becoming more capitalistic than its leaders would like to admit. A recent visit to China by reps of the House Agriculture committee found American beef, potatoes and citrus fruits, among many other things, in Chinese food stores.



LOOKIN' FOR A LOVIN' HOME--Vickie Barnett of Los Alamos, New Mexico gets a kiss from 'Big Red,' a shepherd-collie-chow mixed breed dog that she rescued from the forest fire which consumed most of Los Alamos last week.

Dog Rescued From Fire Needs A Home

Vickie Barnett of Los Alamos, New Mexico was told last week that she must leave her home when the forest fires in that area were getting close enough to endanger the houses in town.

She is the daughter of Gerald and Barbara Barnett, formerly of Friona, and the granddaughter of Madge Crow of Friona.

One of the dogs Vickie brought with her is a very sweet homeless dog that was rescued from the disaster. Vickie is just keeping this dog she calls 'Big Red,' until she can find a good home for him.

In addition to her job as head of the housing office for the Los Alamos Laboratory, Vickie also volunteers to give temporary foster care to homeless animals for the Los Alamos pound.

With the "Lab," Vickie has the interesting job of finding temporary housing for new employees, visiting scientists, students working on their PhDs, and other such people who move in and out of the Los Alamos area for short periods of time.

On Wednesday, Vickie received a call telling her that

she could come back into the area to check over her home, and was told that it was still standing, though several neighbors' homes on her street had been burned to the ground.

Big Red is a male two year old shepherd-collie-chow mix who would like to find a loving home in the Friona-Bovina area out in the country or possibly with someone who has a nice sized fenced yard.

He is good-natured, is an outdoor dog, and needs exercise. He would be a great companion for an older couple, but he does seem to enjoy children, too.

Combest estimates that U.S. exports to China could increase the U.S. net farm income by \$1.7 billion per year.

Co. Extension Agent Plans 4-H Dog Training Project

County Extension Agent Cody Hill has announced a 4-H Dog Project for dog training.

The training instructor is Debbie Harling. She is an electrician by trade and trains and raises Border Collies. She has been successful in competition across the nation.

She has worked with 4-Hers in Kansas. Hill says that Harling loves to help young people and adults learn to train their dogs to be obedient.

Attending Wednesday's hearing on the passage of "Permanent Normal Trade Relations" with China in addition to Glickman were reps of the following: National Cattlemen's Beef Assn., National Corn Growers Assn., National Pork Producers Council, U.S. Wheat Associates, American Seed Trade Assn., American Soybean Assn. and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Combest reported on his views of the vote to a group of newspaper publishers in his 19th Congressional District Thursday morning. Bill Ellis, publisher of the Friona Star/Bovina Blade, took part in the discussion.

Passage of the bill in the senate would be fairly routine, Combest said. And President Clinton has indicated that he would sign such a bill (surprise, surprise). Governor George W. Bush also supports the bill.

The biggest benefactors of the trade bill could be growers of corn, wheat and cotton. Beef producers should be helped, as well as pork producers. Combest pointed out that China is interested in parts of the pig which we mainly consider "leftovers."

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For the future of agricultural trade, this will be the most important vote we've had in congress since I have been here," Combest told the publishers.

The congressman pointed out that China has already agreed to stipulations to allow them to enter the World Trade Organization. Under their agreement with the WTO, China has agreed to reduce tariffs from 31 percent to 15 percent, and to eliminate its high export sub-

sidies and increase its purchase of commodities such as wheat, corn, rice and cotton.

"I expect it to be a very close vote. We are hearing more people favoring it lately. If it passes, I think it will be by a slim margin. If it goes down, it might be by a bigger margin," Combest told those in the telephone conference.

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Amarillo Library Used Book Sale

The Amarillo Public Library will hold their annual Used Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4.

Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m.

The sale, including thousands of used books, will be in the basement of the Central Library, 4th and Buchanan.

For more info call 378-3051.

All Cotton In Weevil Zones Must Be Reported

For eradication to be successful, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel must know the location of all cotton being grown in active zones.

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently adopted rules designed to enhance the process of making that information available to the foundation.

Under the rules, which clarify the language contained in the Agriculture Code, all commercial cotton producers in active zones must report all information about commercial cotton, noncommercial cotton and all cotton grown for ornamental, research or any other purposes.

The reporting may be accomplished in two ways: producers may certify their acreage at their local Farm Service Agency by the final reporting date set by FSA for their area. Or, if producers choose not to certify their acreage through FSA, they must report the acreage to the foundation on a form available through the foundation's district offices.

Patches of ornamental cotton, volunteer growth or any unreported cotton can be breeding grounds for boll weevils and need to be monitored in the same way as commercial fields--treating them should infestations appear.

Although foundation personnel are always on the lookout for a field that inadvertently may have not been reported, diligent reporting by growers will ensure accurate monitoring of weevil activity and will help save effort and money.

More information may be obtained by calling foundation headquarters at 915-672-2800. The text of the rules may be obtained from the Secretary of State's Website: http://www.sos.state.tx.us/text/ag/archive/April282000/ADOPTED/4.AGRICULTURE.html #379.

City-Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, June 3, is the date for Dimmitt's 13th annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Sales start at 8 a.m. Shoppers are invited to come early to pick up directories and maps at the stoplight intersection of Highway 385 and 86, at the northwest corner of the Castro County Courthouse.

Dimmitt merchants will feature sidewalk sales and garage sale specials and vendors are expected to be on the square with assorted merchandise items.

For more information contact Bill Sava at the Chamber, 806-647-2524.



Give Yourself Credit It's TIME TO REGISTER for Summer Classes

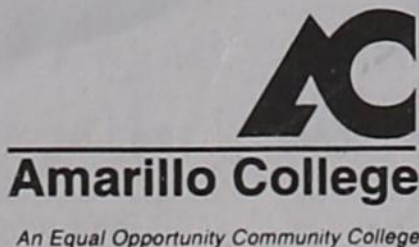
Amarillo College brings you quality education conveniently offered at an affordable price. The following classes are offered June 5 - July 27 at Hereford High School.

Table listing classes such as Freshman Composition I, Masterworks of English Literature, Government of Texas and the United States, History of the United States, College Algebra, Tennis I, and Tennis II.

REGISTRATION

6 - 7 p.m. • Thursday, May 25 Hereford ISD Building 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue

For more information, contact Bryan Hedrick at 363-7627.



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Table showing savings on used cars and trucks with monthly payments. Includes models like 1998 Ford Escorts, 1998 Chevy Cavaliers, 1999 Chrysler Sebring Convertible, 2000 Dodge Caravans, '95 Buick Lesabre, '96 Olds Achieva, '95 Pontiac Grand Am, '98 Pontiac Sunfire, 2000 Dodge Neon, '96 Chevy Monte Carlo, '99 Saturn, and '97 Ford Expedition.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to Ruth Brownd and her daughter Wanda Brownd. They enjoyed not having to cook as they dined at the Lions Club Mother's Day chicken fry.

Parmer County Extension Cites Results of Educational Efforts

The 1995-99 Long-Range Extension Program for Parmer County was constructed to serve as a guide for developing the educational efforts of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. This document was utilized to plan, implement, evaluate and report on education efforts within the county.

The executive board of the Parmer County Extension Program Council identified key citizens from all geographic and demographic areas of the county to serve as study group members. Sixty-nine residents were invited to participate in the process. This study group met in March of 1994 to identify the current and arising critical issues facing the county. After these issues were identified, the executive board worked to prioritize the issues listed.

The issues identified were: (1) building strong families; (2) water quality and conservation; (3) economic stability; (4) health, safety and lifestyle changes; (5) economic development; (6) leadership developments.

The Parmer County Extension Agents have addressed all the issues identified for the five year programming period of 1995-99. The staff utilized committees, task forces and needs assessment surveys to develop programs and methods of disseminating research based information to

the county residents. Methods used included workshops, clinics, screenings, special interest programs, field day, farm tours, result demonstrations, school curriculum enrichment projects, youth development projects and meetings, exhibits, news articles, websites, phone and personal contacts.

The family and consumer sciences program addressed the issues of (1) building strong family units; (2) health, safety and lifestyle changes; and (3) leadership development. Approximately 12,000 face-to-face program contacts were made through family and consumer sciences programming efforts. Another 30,000 contacts were made through mass media sources and exhibits.

These programs were planned and implemented with the assistance of the family and consumer sciences advisory board, the better living for Texas task force and the safe communities task force. Grants totaling over \$32,000 were obtained through the Department of Human Resources and the Safe Communities Coalition to make it possible to hire a Spanish speaking program assistant to teach basic nutrition, health and food safety to food stamp recipients and low-income audiences and to sponsor community-wide safety events.

The agriculture advisory board and the integrated pest management board addressed the issues of water quality and conservation, economic stability and economic development. New technologies were presented to producers

Out Here

By Ron Carr

"So Long Ben! Thanks For Stopping By!"



In a couple of weeks, Friona coach Ben Kirton will be moving on.

For the last two years, Ben has coached cross country, track and girl's junior varsity basketball at Friona High School. He is also a history teacher.

It is not unusual for coaches and teachers to be announcing plans to move on as another school year ends. Especially 26-year-old coaches like Ben.

But Ben is not moving on to another coaching and teaching job. He will be giving up teaching for now to become a student as he follows his heart into the ministry.

Actually he will be studying for the "music ministry" and hopes to use his musical talents to direct church youth choirs and influence others through God's music.

Ben Kirton was born in January, 1974, in Amarillo. He graduated fifth in his class at Amarillo's Highland Park High School in 1992.

He is the second of five boys. An older brother is a coach. His next younger brother is salutatorian at Highland Park High this year.

The next younger brother died tragically from complications of a ruptured appendix when he was only sixteen. The youngest one is now four-years-old.

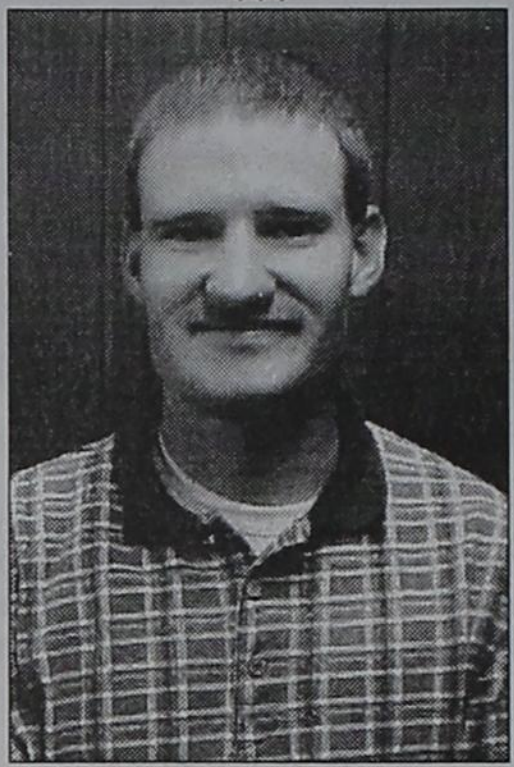
At Highland Park High, Ben made it to regionals three years as a cross country runner and was a shooting guard on the school's basketball team which also made it to the regional playoffs his senior year.

And young Ben Kirton also played the trumpet in the high school band from sixth grade through twelfth grade plus two years at WTAMU where he enrolled in the fall of 1992 as a music major.

And, he ran on the W.T. cross country track team for three years.

As often happens early on in life, he met a girl at W.T. They liked each other and got married at the end of Ben's sophomore year and her freshman year.

So he changed majors to become a coach so he could count on making a living for a future family. She was studying for a law enforcement career.



BEN KIRTON

Ben officially graduated from W.T. in 1998 after earning credits through a student teaching program which had taken him to Memphis, Texas a year earlier. He taught history, coached cross country and JV and junior high basketball.

He took an opportunity to move from 1A to 3A when he was hired in Friona for the 1998-99 school year. "It was a good deal for me," he said, "because I didn't have to coach junior high basketball too."

But the call to the ministry, which Ben says he received at the age of 12, just wouldn't go away. He stayed busy coaching basketball and track. He even laid out a one-mile oval around Reeve Lake and organized the first ever official cross country track meet here in Friona.

But, as often happens along life's path, the marriage began to fray around the edges and finally ended last year. She moved to Missouri. Ben began to pay

more attention to God's call and plan for his life.

After school is out next week, and the next week's basketball camp, Ben will be planning his move to Dallas. In August he will begin classes at Christ For The Nations Institute's campus in the Oak Cliff area. It is a non-denominational religious training university.

He plans to go to school full time and find some part-time employment as a supplement. The goal is to complete the required three years in two years and one summer.

In addition to playing the trumpet, Ben took up piano during his W.T. years and has an above average singing voice which he hopes to fine tune during his music ministry schooling.

He hopes to eventually become a music minister at a church somewhere in the Panhandle. He says if that works out it's fine, but more important he has finally answered the call and put his future in God's hand wherever that may lead.

I reminded Ben during our chat that if he completes his schooling as planned, he will still be just 29 years-old.

I feel better after talking to young people like Ben Kirton. It is nice to know that he is focused on a goal and has so many years in front of him to minister to others through music and personal example.

On behalf of the students, parents and residents of Parmer County, we are glad to have had you in our midst for a couple of years. When you see Ben around over the next couple of weeks be sure to extend a hand and wish him the best.

May all your dreams come true Ben. God bless you always.

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WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR JACOB TO CHOOSE A WIFE, ISAAC SENT HIM TO HIS KINSMAN, LABAN, SO HE WOULD NOT CHOOSE A HEATHEN MAIDEN. NOW....

...THE JOURNEY HAS BEEN AN ARDUOUS ONE FOR JACOB HAS OBEYED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS FATHER ISAAC, AND GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO AVOID ANY CONTACTS WITH THE CANNANITES ON HIS TRIP...

SOON NOW, I SHOULDST COME TO HARAN WHERE MY KINSMAN LABAN DWELLETH.

...AS JACOB APPROACHES THE OUTSKIRTS OF HARAN...

THIS IS THE TOWN WHERE MY KINSMAN LIVES— I SHALL INQUIRE OF HIM!

MY BRETHREN, OF WHAT TOWN BE YE?

OF HARAN ARE WE.

KNOW YE LABAN THE SON OF NAHOR?

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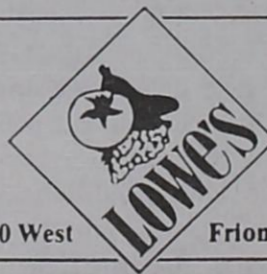


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