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**LITTLE BOY, BIG HORSE!...**Kids and adults have been enjoying the Friday night Junior Rodeo Playdays. Rowdy Rhodes, son of Tiffany and Chad Rhodes, gets ready to mount up. *zac carr photo*



**SOME OF THE** teenagers participating at the Bovina Junior Rodeo Playdays added speed and excitement in the barrel racing. *zac carr photo*

ONE OF THE POINTS of interest during our recent trip to Canada was being able to compare money, both the value of and physical makeup, between our two longtime neighboring countries.

Some were pleasantly surprised that when they traded their U.S. dollars for Canadian currency, they were paid back with anywhere from \$1.50 to \$1.60 in Canadian dollars for every U.S. dollar.

And, while some of the "tourist traps" may have hiked their prices somewhat so that we U.S. shoppers would think "This is about what it would cost at home" (not taking note of the dollar value difference), most items could be bought for a nice discount due to the better value of our U.S. money.

One of my purchases was a "sort of" Western hat, so as to have it to wear at the Calgary Stampede. In Banff, the hat cost me \$50 Canadian, which would be about \$33 American. The last dress hat I bought was in Lubbock, and it cost \$80. I'm hoping it will be the last dress hat I ever need.

Ye Editor has fooled around as an amateur coin collector ever since I was in junior high, so I was very interested in the Canadian coins, as well as their "paper money."

The Canadian government has switched, cold turkey, from dollar bills to dollar coins. Their first dollar coins came out in the mid 1980s. They decided that in order to make sure their citizens used the dollar coins, they would simultaneously quit printing dollar bills (who would've ever thought?!?!)

The Canadian officials then went a step further, when in recent years they introduced a \$2 coin. This apparently was done to cut down on the number of coins one had to carry.

The dollar coins, made of copper with a slight golden look, has a loon (a water bird) on its reverse. The Canadians quickly nicknamed the coins "loonies."

When the \$2 coin came out, they felt the need for another nickname, so they called it the "twoonie." (Get it? Looney-Toonies, just like the old cartoons).

I was personally fascinated by the \$2 coin. It unusual design uses a silver-colored coin with a copper center, just slightly smaller than a penny.

The two-toned coin is very easy to detect. It has Queen Elizabeth's face on the front, and a polar bear on the "tails" side of the coin. Our tour guide said it's the first coin ever struck showing the queen's face on the front, with a "bear behind."

I was a little surprised to see that Canada's coins have Queen Elizabeth's face on every coin from penny up to the dollar. The reverse of the coins are all different. If they want a suggestion, I'd say "Why not use Princess Diana on at least one of your coins, and give the queen a rest?"

The Canadian currency is likewise much different from ours, mainly in that it comes in a variety of colors. Only one, the \$20 bill, had any green at all on the note. It also honored Queen Elizabeth.

The other bills I came across had pictures of two of Canada's favorite prime ministers, including their first, Sir John McDonald, who served from 1867-73, and again from 1878-91. All of the bills were in pastel colors. Most criticism of our U.S. currency is the government's refusal to get away from the old "drab green" on all of our bills.

I had intended to get back home with more of a variety of these Canadian bills and coins, but when you're married to someone who espouses the "Shop till you drop" philosophy....well, you know what I mean!

**Bull  
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tins**

**By  
Bill  
Ellis**



## Mustangs Hit The Heat-School Starts August 20

It is only August 3 but for some, summer vacation is about over. Just ask school officials, teachers, coaches and the Bovina Mustang football squad.

Monday, August 6, is the opening of football season as high school teams can officially begin workouts. The Bovina Mustangs, under direction of head coach and athletic director Bruce Scroggins and his staff, will report for workout on Monday at 8:29 a.m.

Scroggins expects to have about 25 boys report for varsity and 13-14 for junior varsity. Practice times will be adjusted for 7-8 grade, JV and varsity. All players will report at the 8:29 a.m. time on Monday.

Three new coaches will be a part of the 2001 staff: Joey Sims, Randy Ragland and Brian Jones were hired this year. In addition to coaching duties, Sims will teach speech, health and theater and is head coach of boys basketball; Ragland is a math teacher; and Jones will teach geography.

The Mustang football squad will look to leadership from four returning seniors: David Garcia, Jeremy Ortiz, David DeLaRosa and Rene Flores. DeLaRosa is expected to take over as quarterback after a backup role last year.

Junior running back Nemecio Rodriguez should anchor the offensive backfield after earning all-district honors as a sophomore.

The Mustangs will scrimmage at Kress on August 23 and open regular season on August 31 at home against Hagerman, New Mexico.

New teachers will report for orientation August 9-10. All teachers report August 13 for a week of inservice.

All students report for the first day of school on Monday, August 20 at 8:10 a.m.

Some of the new teachers for the 2001-02 year are:

Matt Brinestine, middle school principal, and his wife Wendy, the new school counselor, come to Bovina from Dalhart.

Coach Joey Sims' wife Tammy will be a part-time P.E. teacher. A new state law this year requires all elementary school students to have 30 minutes of P.E. each day. Mrs. Sims will assist P.E. teacher Luann Luscombe to fill the state requirements. The Sims come to Bovina from Ft. Worth.

Also, four new elementary school teachers are on board. They are Douglas Schwartz, Donna Plummer, Michelle McGillis and Tanya Moroney.

Former school nurse Lou Behrendsen resigned to accept (Continued on Page 5)

## Monday Shower Helps Attitudes

The "surprise" Monday evening shower at least helped local residents' attitude, and did at least a little good, although more of the moisture is badly needed.

In the town of Bovina, around half an inch was received.

The city of Friona seems to have received as much as anywhere in the local area, as 1.55 inches was measured. Added to the .20 inch from the previous Saturday, the calendar month of July kept from being a "zilch" and added 1.75 to the year's total.

Cody Hill, County Extension Agent, said that all of the county's crops are badly needing rain. "The corn looks good from the road, but that crop is taking it hard. The ears are not developing like they need to be. Corn needs a rain within the next two weeks, or it will be too late," he said.

Hill said the cotton is loading up fairly well, but needs more moisture. Insects in the cotton crop is "about average," he said.

The area south of Farwell got about two inches on Monday.

## Purse Snatcher Under Investigation by FPD

As housekeeping supervisor at Prairie Acres, Kay Funk goes to work early, usually around 4 a.m.

At 3:30 a.m. Monday, July 23, Ms. Funk stopped at Town & Country for a customary fountain drink purchase. A young male was on the pay phone outside as she entered the store.

When she exited the store and headed for her car, the young man ran toward her at full speed and knocked her to the pavement. She fought with him but her head hit

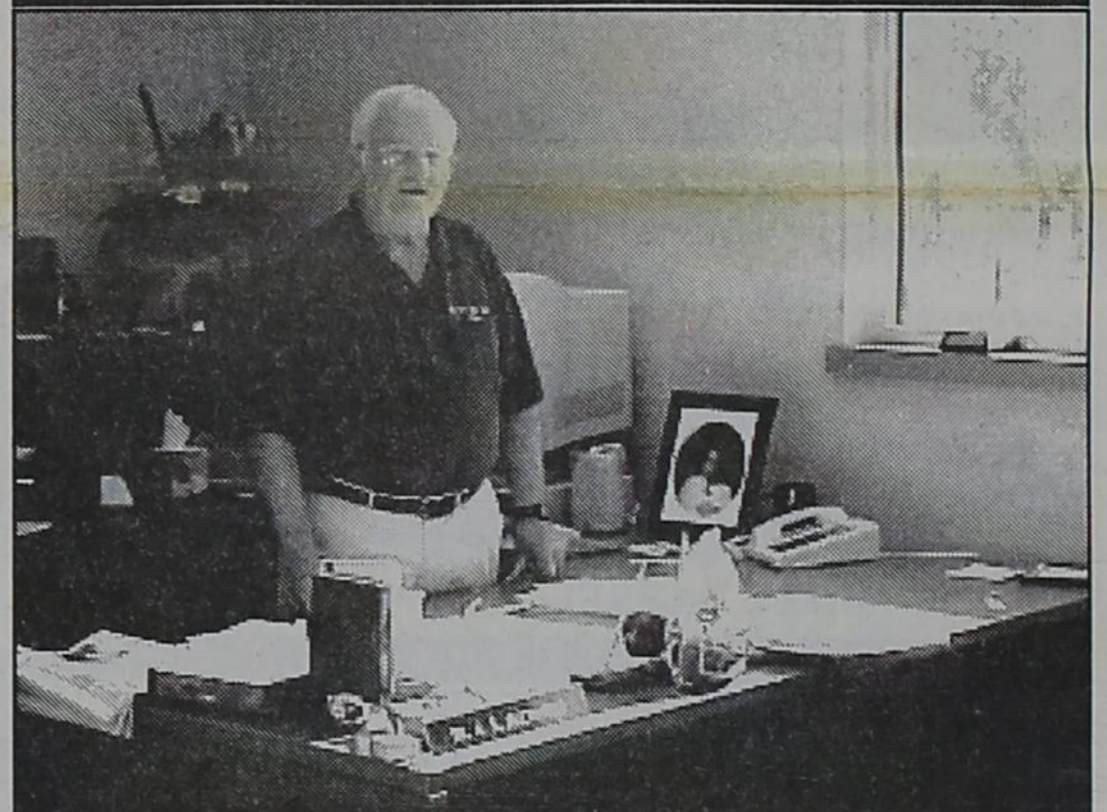
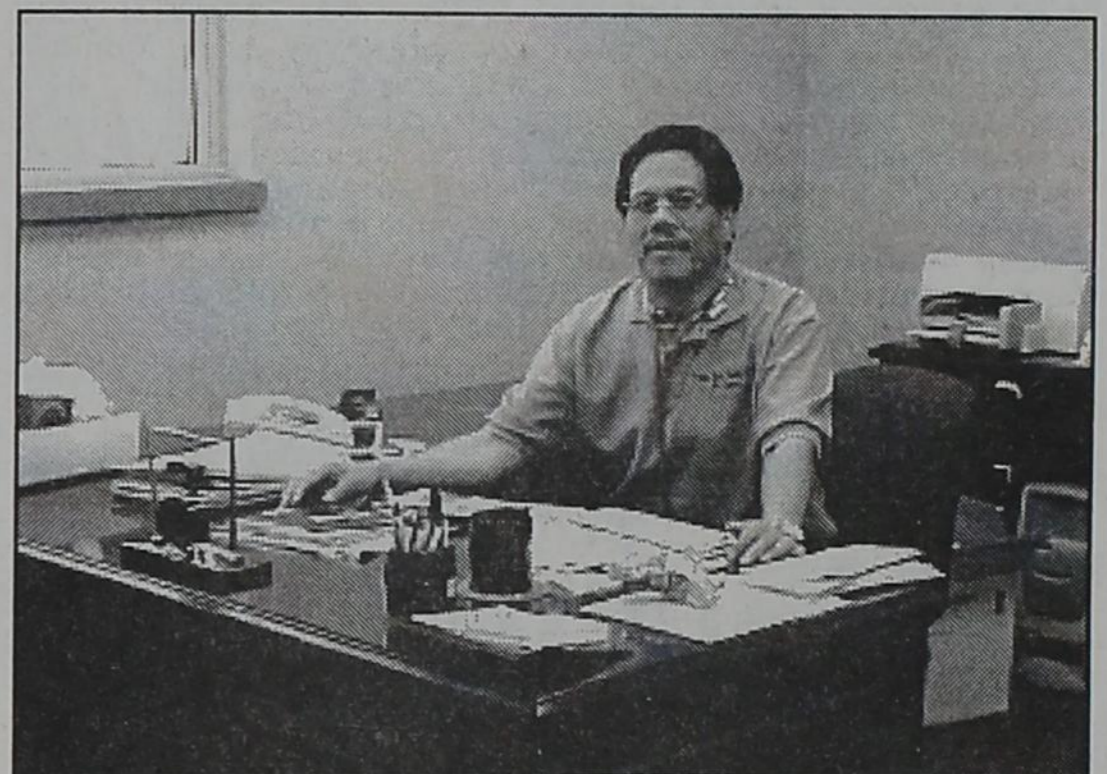
the concrete as he grabbed her purse, kicked her and fled on foot.

She was taken to Parmer County Hospital by Friona EMS and held for observation. She was released later that day but was off work for a couple of days. She "had a big knot on her head" and was sore from the fall and assault.

Police Chief Scott Given said they have a suspect in the ongoing investigation and expect to make an arrest in the next few days.



**FRIONA'S NEW DOCTOR.**Dr. Jeff Dickson saw his first patient, Cecil Maddox, on Wednesday, August 1, at the new Friona Rural Health Clinic. When Maddox was Friona junior high principal, Dr. Dickson was one of his students. *ron carr photos*



**NEW QUARTERS...**The Friona Rural Health Clinic moved into their new building this week. Getting settled in new offices are, top, Dr. Felipe Jubay and, below, Dr. Bob Alexander. *ron carr photos*

## City Manager & Software On City Council Agenda

The Bovina city council is making progress toward hiring a full-time city manager.

For the last two years, Bovina has contracted with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for a city manager. The PRPC

employee would travel from Amarillo to Bovina one or two days a week to attend to city business.

The two-year test period with a PRPC manager convinced the city council that a permanent, full-time city manager was affordable and necessary.

The city advertised for a city manager and received applications from experienced managers down to college graduates with no hands-on experience. About 16 applications were received.

The full city council narrowed the applications down to 6-8. Then a committee made up of Aldermen John Blackwell, Kevin Hughes and Kenneth Waters conducted interviews and narrowed the list further to a final three.

That is where the situation stands today. The position has been offered to one of the candidates but the person has not accepted. The final hiring interviews and process could take several more weeks before official hiring.

Jarrett Atkinson of PRPC has been advising the council during the city manager application and interviewing process.

In other action this summer, the council has approved purchase of new computer software to streamline water service billing, keep better records of the cemetery and (Continued on Page 5)



**TAKE FIVE...**This band is testing the sound system and setting up to open the St. Ann's annual jamaica celebration. The jamaica, held Sunday, July 29, was a big success. St. Ann's raised over \$10,000 at the event. *ron carr photo*

# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**45 YRS AGO-AUG 22 1956**  
Labor Day, September 3, will mark the beginning of Bovina Schools for the 1956-57 school year. School buses will run their regular routes and registration of students will be held during the first day of the new school year.

The faculty of the school is "almost, but not quite" complete, according to Warren Morton, the new superintendent of the schools. Morton comes to Bovina from Chillicothe.

"It sure was," Paul Jones replied when asked if the grand opening of his new Texaco Service Station on Highway was successful. Some 300 people registered during the grand opening on Saturday, August 18.

**40 YRS AGO-AUG 23 1961**  
"We took a pretty good country licking." That was the way Coach Hallie Gee summed Monday night's scrimmage session here between his Bovina Mustangs and the Class A Kress Kangaroos.

Three Parmer County men, injured in a head-on collision near Clay's Corner last Thursday morning, are now recovering satisfactorily. Sam White of Oklahoma Lane, who was in critical condition shortly after the accident, is reported "much improved" at a Muleshoe hospital. Two other men, Donny Waller, 23, a Friona farmer, and Leo Ruzicka, 39, manager of West Hub Gin

are reported in good condition, but are still confined to area hospitals.

Elected to head Bovina Rodeo and Roping Club for the coming year are Wendell Garner, president; Al Kerby, secretary-treasurer, and C. E. Trimble, vice president.

**35 YRS AGO-AUG 24 1966**  
General rain, almost uncommon in this area, soaked Parmer County with farmer-pleasing moisture. Weekend totals west of Bovina were reported to be in excess of five inches. The rain was heavier Saturday and Sunday west and north of town than it was south and east.

"This one was the best ever," seemed to be the consensus of opinion Bovinans and visitors in regard to the 1966 Bull Town Days celebration. Named queen of the celebration was Pam Grissom, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom.

Roger's Barber Shop has been sold to Elmer (Mach) McKay, by Jerry Rogers, who has operated the business here since 1959.

**30 YRS AGO-AUG 25 1971**  
The 1971-72 school year got underway here Monday with an opening day enrollment total of a 632 figure, surpassing by 42 last year's enrollment on opening day, and is a new record.

Bovina's eighth annual community-wide celebration Bull Town Days, was staged

here Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as thousands of people turned out for the three-day celebration. Named queen of Bull Town Days '71 was Bonny Jones daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Jones of Bovina. Terri Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willard, was first runnerup.

**25 YRS AGO-AUG 25 1976**  
First-day enrollment in Bovina schools totaled 501, it was announced Tuesday by Superintendent of Schools, L. F. Jacobs.

Bovina's 13th annual Bull Town days celebration ended here on Sunday, after a full four-day run, which saw everything from a horse show to almost anything.

Named Bull Town Queen on Thursday night, to reign over the festivities, was Tamra Read, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Read. She was sponsored in the contest by Bovina's Dairy Freeze.

**20 YRS AGO-AUG 26 1981**  
Dr. L. Lane Gober has joined the medical and dental staff, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, for the practice of nephrology in association with Dr. Douglas Lanier. Lane is the son of Lloyd and Francis Gober.

Parmer County Spraying was the victim of a break-in, in which several things were taken, including a number of important papers, for which a reward is being offered.

Mr. and Mrs. P.O. Dixon of Bovina celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 7. They were feted with a party by their children and approximately 20 people came to the affair.

**15 YRS AGO-AUG 27 1986**  
Bovina exhibitors did well in the goat show at the Curry County Fair last week in Clovis. Tony and Dottie Neal and family had the Reserve Grand Champion of the breed for senior Toggenburgs, junior Toggenburgs, and junior Nubian crosses.

Bovina streets were paved and graveled last week causing little disturbance to Bovina residents. The Caprock Highway Construction Company of Lubbock completed the job last Wednesday.

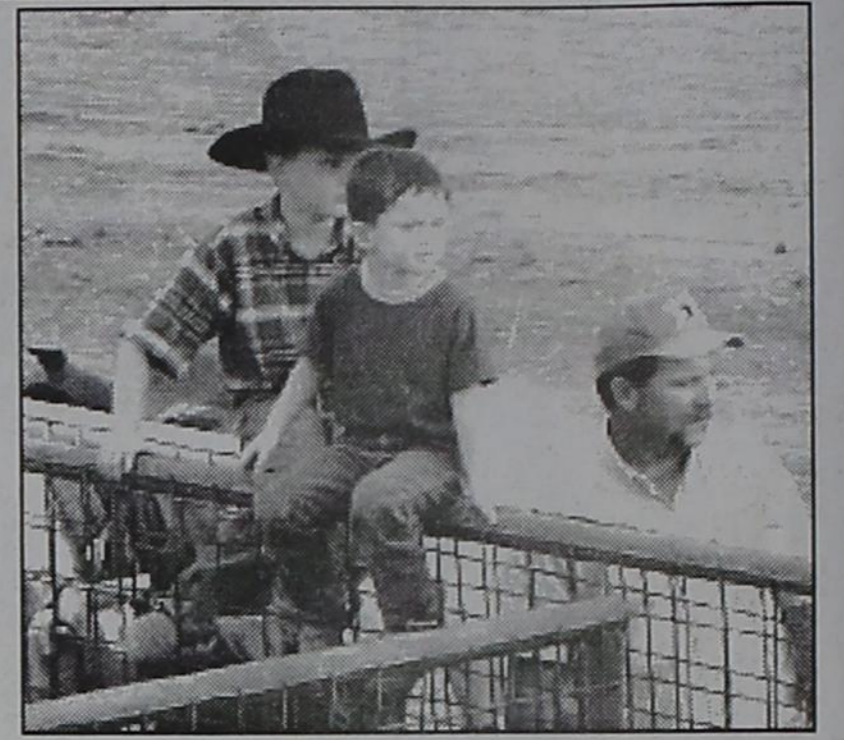
**10 YRS AGO-AUG 24 1991**  
Bovina has measured another 2.3 inches of rainfall during the past week, according to recorder Maggie Moore. This runs the total for the month of August to an even five inches, as the summer of 1991 has proven to be an excellent moisture-producer.

After finishing the 1990 football season with a flourish and narrowly missing out on a playoff berth, the Bovina High School Mustangs are being given the nod as one of the two district teams that should advance past the district round in 1991.

**5 YRS AGO-AUG 10, 1996**  
Robert Rumph is the new Bovina Middle School principal. He comes to Bovina after 8 years as band director at Canyon High School.

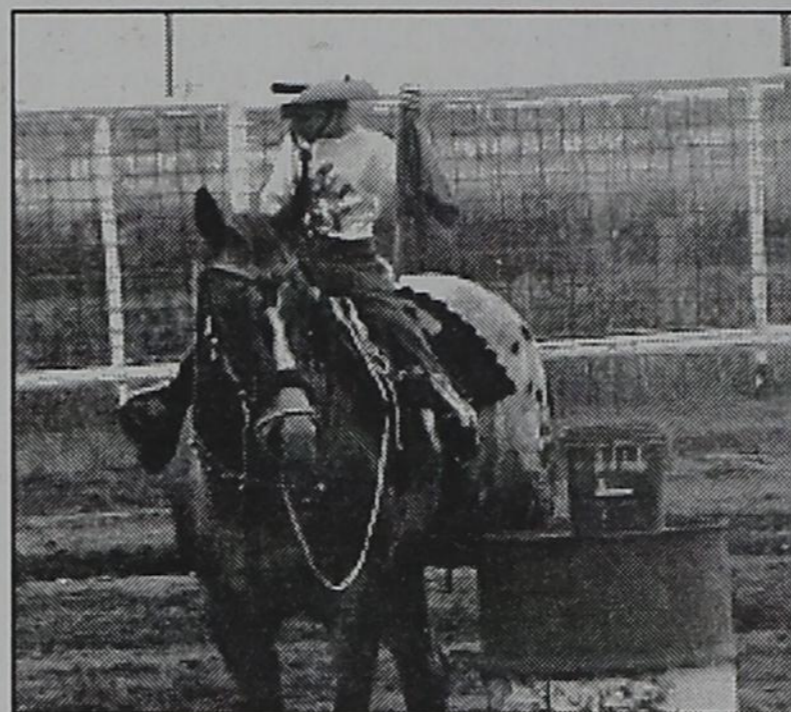


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JUNIOR COWBOYS ON THE FENCE

## Junior Rodeo Assn. Playdays

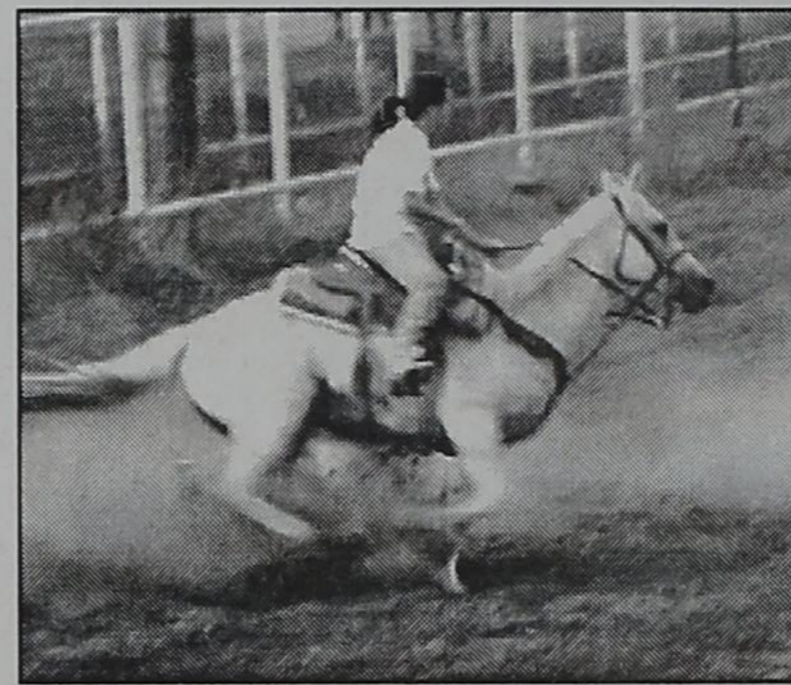


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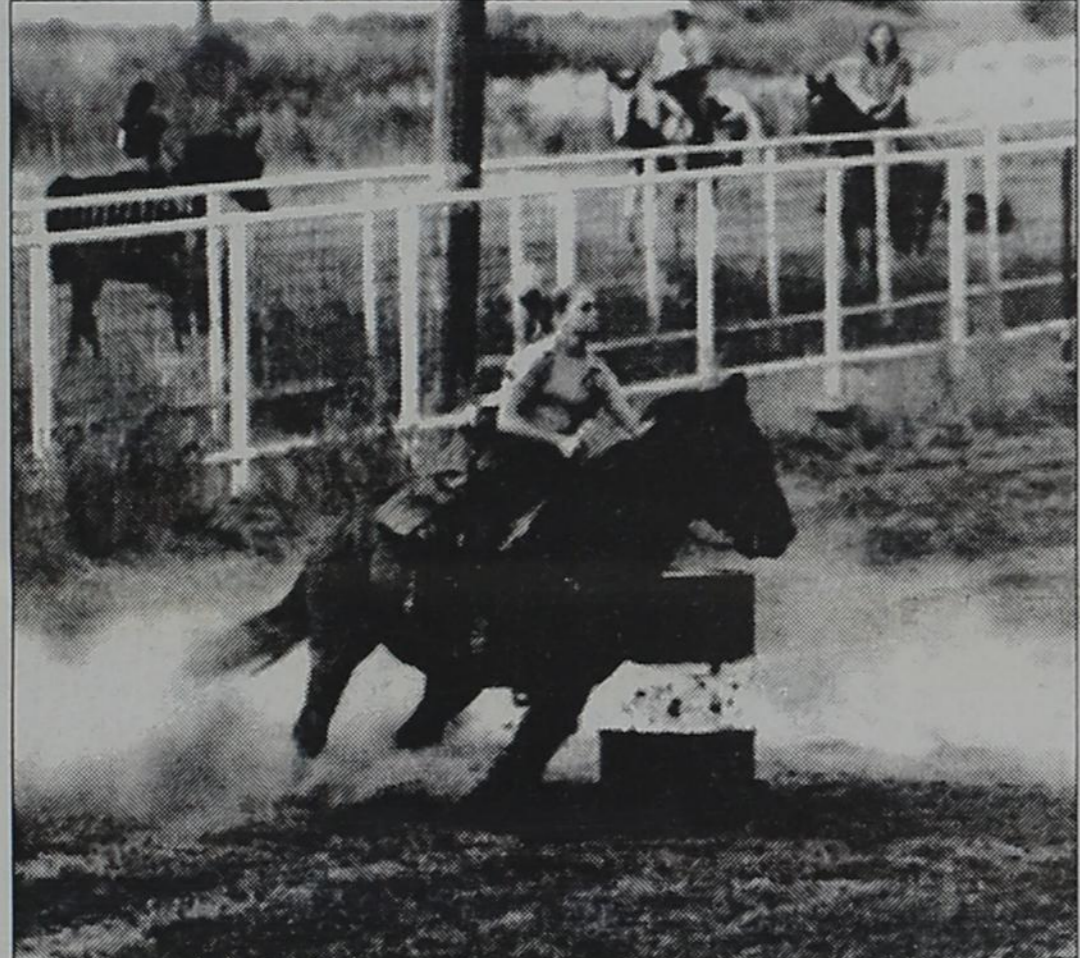
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## Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of August 5-11, 2001.

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- Aug 6 Nadine Paine, Mary Lou Castaneda, Destiny Cruz
- Aug 7 Veda McKay, Leigh Burleson, Marsha Jarecki James
- Aug 8 Celeste Olvera, Tamara Nicole Stormes
- Aug 9 Kelly McClaran, Bryan Gist, Jalen Allred
- Aug 11 Javier Robledo, Karen Saddler Schueler

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

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



THESE little cowgirls line up at the roping arena to hear instructions. Bovina's Junior Rodeo Playdays will continue tonight and next Friday night.

ron & zac carr photos

### Thank You

A special thanks to Stan Miller and Jesse Stone of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department; Andy Stormes and Jason Whitlow of the Parmer County Sheriff's Department; Rodney Sheperd of Charles Oil; Al Kerby, Jr. and our boys, Bobby Johnson, Lupe Salazar and Joe Salazar. They helped when our rig lost a wheel in the middle of the highway south of Bovina on Farm Road 1731 last week. We couldn't have managed without them.

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**YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES....**Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's 2001 Youth Tour delegates are: (back row, left to right) Curt Christian, Tory Roberts, Luke Schwertner and Thomas Roberts; (front row) Kelcey Scroggins and Amy Terry.

### Area Students Attend 2001 DSEC Youth Tour

Each year, many of the nation's electric cooperatives send some of their "best and brightest" students to Washington D.C. The trip is known as the Government-in-Action Youth Tour and blends good old-fashioned fun with modern-day lessons about politics, electric cooperatives and life in general. This year Youth Tour drew more than 1,400 students from all areas of the nation.

Amy Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Terry of Friona, Kelcey Scroggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scroggins of Bovina, Luke Schwertner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schwertner of Farwell, Curt Christian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vick Christian of the Oklahoma Lane community, and Thomas and Tory Roberts, sons of Larry and Kathy Roberts of Clovis, represented Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative during the 2001 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 14-26.

Amy, Kelcey and Luke were sponsored by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative while Curt, Thomas and Tory were sponsored by parents and grandparents.

Traveling with the 84 member Texas delegation sponsored by Texas electric cooperatives were 22 students from New Mexico electric cooperatives and one student

from an Idaho electric cooperative. Accompanied by 13 chaperones, the group traveled on three buses from Texas to Washington, D.C.

President Lyndon Johnson promoted and encouraged the idea of the Youth Tour during the 1950s when, as a senator, he selected outstanding young people and offered them an opportunity to observe their national government at work.

While in Washington, the Youth Tour delegates visited with their congressmen and observed the legislative process in action. Other highlights of the trip included visiting the many attractions of Washington, D.C.

Among these attractions were the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, Ford's Theater, the Washington National Cathedral, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the National Archives, the FDR Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Supreme Court, and the Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam and Korean War memorials.

Special activities included a "Youth Day Town Hall Meeting," where the students voiced opinions and concerns about current social problems. They also participated in the wreath-laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and toured Mount Vernon.



**ATTEND CLOTHING CAMP....**On July 25, Farmer County 4-H'ers attended the annual 4-H Clothing Camp in Littlefield. Local club members participated in creating grooming kits for the food bank, made sand paper t-shirts and learned about consumer education and fashion design. Attending the camp were: (back row, left to right) Alisha Wausom, Barbara Singleterry, FCS agent and Sarah Herington; (middle row) Michelle Wausom and Mikaela Cenicerros; (front) Crystal Reyes and Clara Reyes.

### Sales Tax Holiday Is This Weekend

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander reminds Texas families that most clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free during the upcoming Sales Tax Holiday, August 3-5.

"This is the one weekend when hard-working Texans can keep their dollars in their pockets for their family priorities," Rylander said.

"No state or local sales tax will be charged on clothes and shoes priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "This well-deserved tax break for hard-working Texas families applies to new school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad. Uniforms for school or work can also be purchased tax-free."

"I predict the third annual Sales Tax Holiday will be the best yet, saving families \$39.6 million in state and local sales taxes," Comptroller Rylander said.

In 2000 shoppers saved \$37 million in sales taxes and in 1999 they saved \$32.6 million during the Sales Tax Holiday.

"The slowing Texas economy means many families are spending a bit more cautiously these days," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday is an opportunity to make the dollars go farther, and I expect Texans to take full advantage of it."

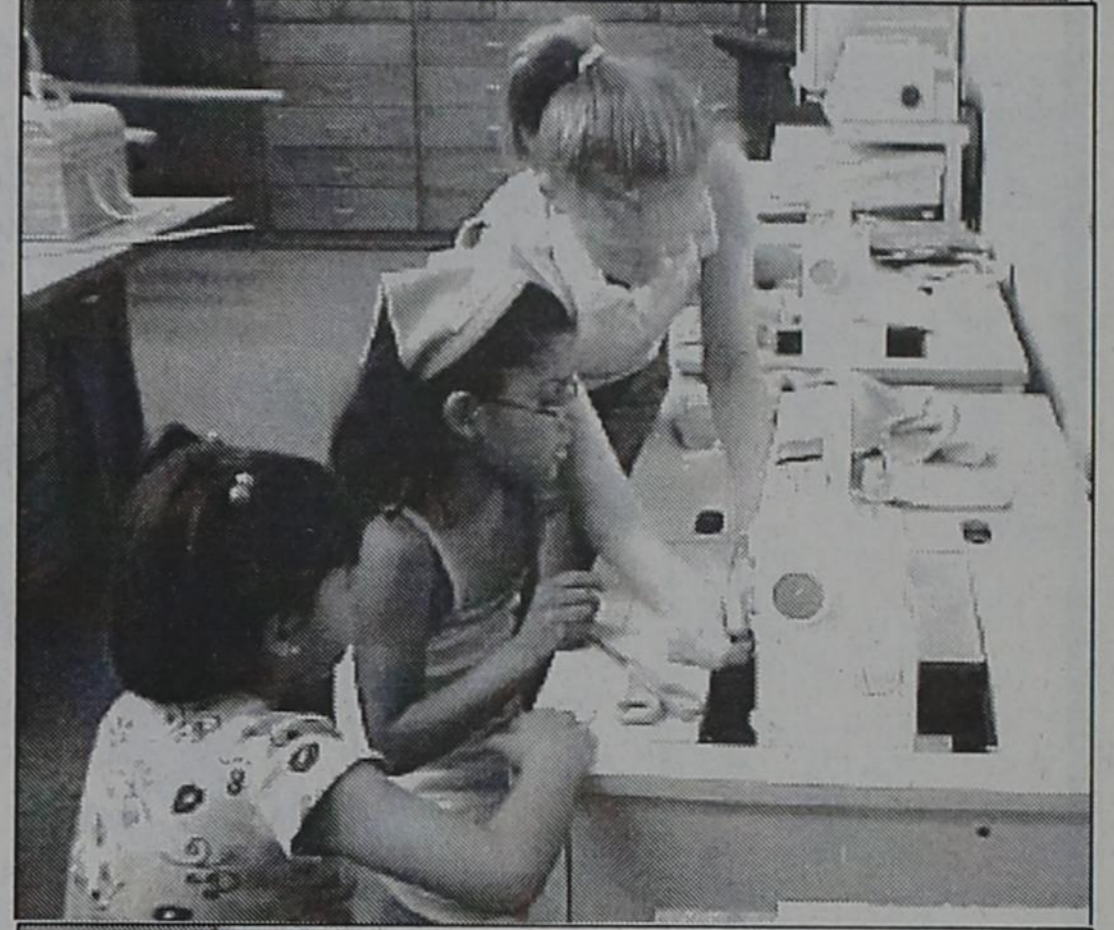
The Sales Tax Holiday

applies to most clothing and footwear priced under \$100. The tax break does not apply to accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases.

Comptroller Rylander's strong efforts to persuade the Legislature to add those items to the list, along with sewing supplies and safety equipment, such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats.

"The Legislature did not make the Sales Tax Holiday a priority," Comptroller Rylander said. "Next session, I will again urge the Legislature to make Texas families and the Sales Tax Holiday expansion a top priority."

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of exempt and non-exempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.



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Thursday, August 9, 2001 ----- Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

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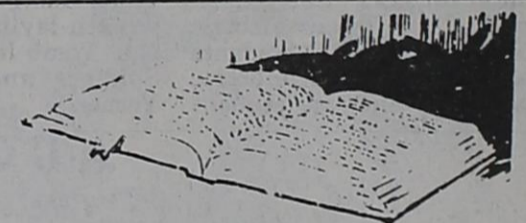
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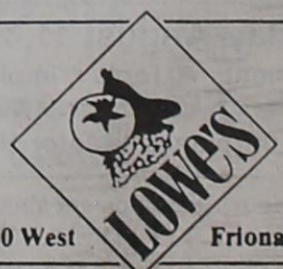


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# Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 806-250-2211 or 238-1146  
When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wrt.net)

Justin and Arlene Brozek and sons Jake and Justus returned home Sunday from an eight day trip across several states to visit family. They first stopped in Colorado for a day. The boys got to pan for gold near Colorado Springs, but no one got too lucky.

The family then went to Longmont, Colorado to see Justin's grandmother, Mary Hipsher. They stayed there for three days. The Brozeks then drove to Kansas to see Justin's parents, Weldon and Paula Brozek for three days.

The lucky winner of the weekend stay in Amarillo and \$100 spending money from Parmer County Crimestoppers was Jaquetta Walter Walterscheid of Farwell.

Gabe Garner celebrated his 9th birthday Monday with friends. His mother took Gabe and brothers Mike and Matthew and friends Brian Gist and Corben and Bailey Holman to the movies to see Jurassic Park III.

Becky London and son Ty joined them there. After the movie the party goes were surprised at the down-pour of rain. Everyone made it safely back to Bovina for cake and ice cream.

Jenna Heard celebrated her second birthday over the weekend at her Mimi and Pa's (Burry and LaVerne Thatcher) house with her mom, Diane, her dad, Wayne Thatcher, from Albuquerque, sister Christy Thatcher, cousins Bobby and Caresa Castillo from Portales and good friend Luis Marquez.

After swimming most of the day, the group enjoyed hamburgers, hot-dogs, cake and ice cream. However, the most entertaining part of the day was watching Jenna open her presents. She was really careful opening the first two, but got the hang of it pretty quick!

Mary Rose Paterson had a friend from Geelon, Australia visiting last week. Caroline Denigan, a research scholar with Adelaide University stayed in Bovina for five days.

Caroline started her journey to America with a stop in England to deliver a paper at Cheltenham Gloucester College of Higher Education.

Once in America, Mary Rose and Caroline, friends for six years, met for the first time in person.

The friends went to see the production of "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon while in the area.

Mary Rose said Caroline will be moving to America sometime in the next eighteen months. She is engaged to a man in Colorado.

## Thirty-One Ways To Have Family Summer Fun

August is the perfect time to celebrate all of the ways families can have fun

together and, in the process, create treasured memories or new traditions. Here are 31 ideas (one for each day in August) to inspire your family.

1. Have family members document a typical summer day by taking photos with a disposable camera.

2. Pack trail mix and thirst quenchers and pedal along a local bike path or scenic roadside.

3. Team up for a backyard game of volleyball, badminton, croquet, or bocci.

4. Make a funny face out of food. Then eat your artwork for lunch.

5. Spruce up plain white T-shirts with fabric paints and design one-of-a-kind summer fashions.

6. Use sketches and old magazine cutouts to create a collage that depicts your family's summer fun.

7. See who can create the most new words using only the letters in your family name.

8. Visit a pick-your-own blueberry farm and make homemade muffins.

9. Pitch a tent for a backyard camp-out. Eat hot dogs, tell ghost stories and play flashlight tag.

10. Check out the newest exhibit at the nearest science or art museum.

11. Pack a supper picnic and take along a Frisbee or kite for some fun.

12. Start a family journal and encourage family members to contribute an entry a day.

13. Make a pitcher of fresh squeezed lemonade. (Each family member should squeeze at least one lemon!)

14. Check out a butterfly guide from your local library and watch Monarchs begin their migration to Mexico.

15. Take a home video of your kids lip-synching their favorite tunes.

16. Use colored chalk to transform your driveway into a giant family comic strip.

17. Organize a round of backyard water games: squirt-bottle tag, a hose limbo line, or a water balloon-tossing contest.

18. Pick up some ripe garden tomatoes and try out a new salsa recipe.

19. Arrange a bouquet of fresh-picked flowers on your kitchen table.

20. Plan a family movie night once a week. Allow a different family member to pick the flick each time. Don't forget the popcorn!

21. On a sunny day, put on a shadow show and make your shadows dance, jump and tag each other.

22. Go out to eat at an ethnic restaurant and order a new dish for everyone to sample.

23. Create mini sculptures of your whole family (pets too!) with modeling clay.

24. Invent a secret code together and leave each other messages that only you and your family members can decipher.

25. Teach your kids your favorite childhood jump rope or marble game.

26. Look at the night sky and count all of the constellations you can identify.

27. Have a make-your-own sundae party with another family in the neighborhood.

28. Visit your town's historical society. See if you can find old pictures of your neighborhood or relatives of people you know.

29. Help your kids and their cousins stage a talent show for the grandfolds.

30. Hide pennies around the yard and send your kids on a hunt.

31. Plan a special end-of-summer supper and serve your family's favorite foods.



**BOVINA JUNIOR RODEO PLAYDAYS is continuing tonight and next Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Roping Arena. Above, Courtney Bunker, daughter of Suzanne and Tracy Bunker; and Kendall Barnett, daughter of Ricky and Erin Barnett, sit on Gus and wait their turn.** ron carr photo

## BISD Ready For School....

(Continued from Page 1)  
a nursing position at Hereford Regional Medical Center. The new school nurse is Rachel (Bermea) Avalos. Mrs. Avalos is from Friona.

Misty Downes is the new PEIMS clerk. She replaces Michelle Gonzales who accepted the PEIMS clerk position in Friona. PEIMS is a Public Education Information Management System program.

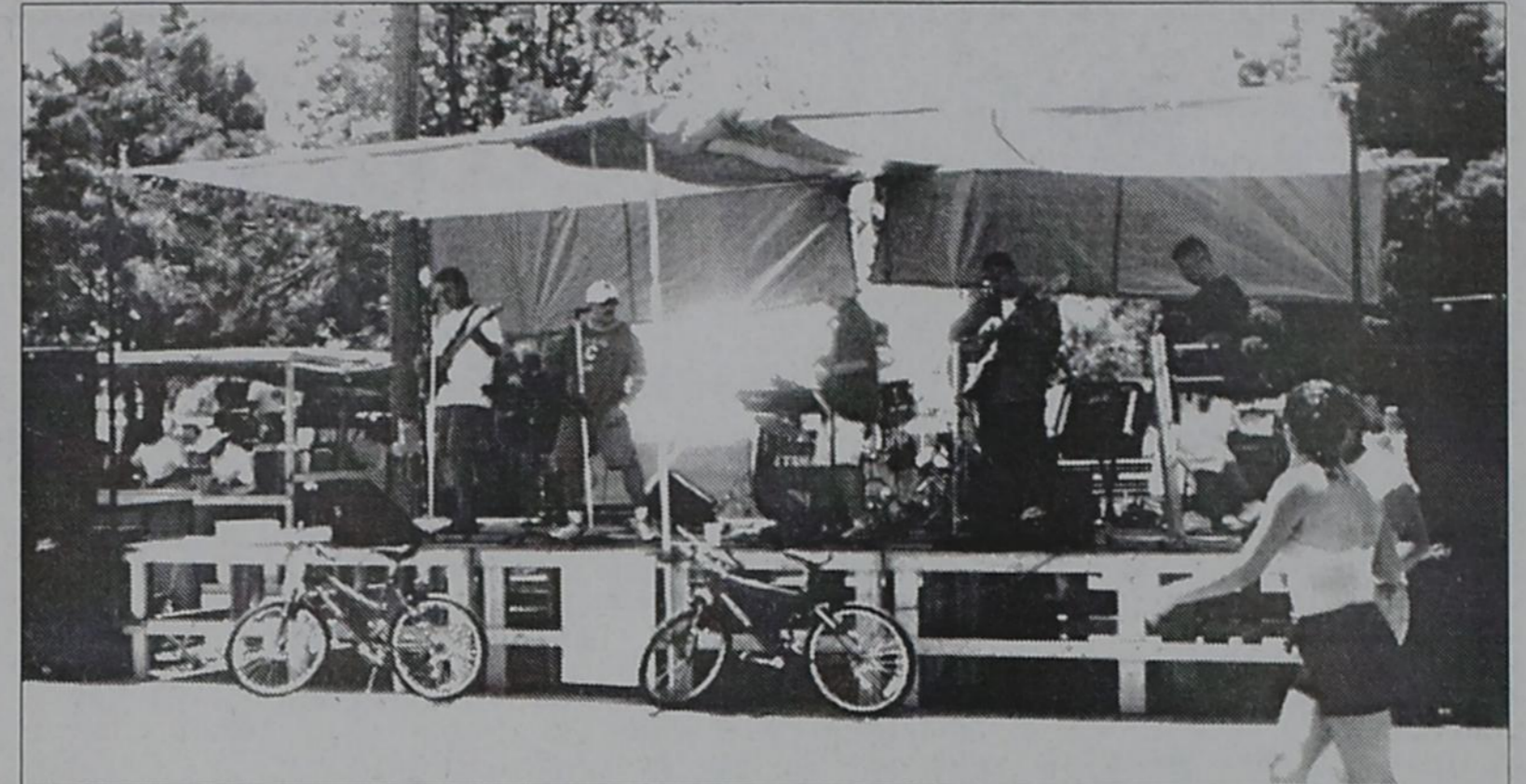
With the addition of the computer learning lab at the school administration building, Superintendent Michael Downes will be moving three employees into offices in the administration building.

The relocations will include PEIMS clerk Misty Downes, Migrant Education coordinator Christine Salas and Technology Coordinator Rhonda Thatcher. All three positions will maintain permanent office space in some converted storage space in the administration building.

We will continue to report on new teachers and happenings at Bovina ISD as the 2001 school year progresses.

Welcome back to all the new and returning teachers and staff. We will be happy to publish news items about your students and class projects. Please put information in our Bovina Blade mail drawer in the high school office or call us at 251-1523. Leave us a note. Let us know how we can assist.

Good luck and much success as another school year begins!



**FATHER JUAN CARLOS, St. Ann's priest, lower left, presides over the jamaica celebration on Sunday, July 29. Games, music, and food were abundant. ron & zac carr photos**

## Stock Show Dinner Set

The Parmer County Stock Show Dinner will be held at 7 p.m. August 25 at the Friona Community Center.

The cost is \$100 for steaks for two persons. The famous Joe Allen of Abilene, Texas, is the caterer.

To buy a ticket, call Gary Patterson at the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank or Cody Hill at the Parmer County Extension Service office in Farwell.

## City Council Seeks New City Mgr....

(Continued from Page 1)  
expedite billing and collection of ambulance service fees.

A software program from Fund Balance will be installed to manage the city's water service billing. The program will automatically compute the amount of a water bill when the meter reading is input. It will track and bill past due balances and payments will be posted and accounted for through the new software program.

Another Fund Balance software program will be used to track cemetery information such as gravesite locations, prepaid services, family plots and all other pertinent cemetery information.

The council accepted a bid from Specialized Billing to provide fast and accurate billing and collection for Bovina's EMS ambulance calls.

Current ambulance rates range from a basic \$175 up to \$800 depending on the time, mileage and hospital destination of the ambulance.

In some cases payment arrangements must be made, or insurance forms filed and collected. EMS personnel say that collections have been slow at best. Specialized Billing will process, followup and collect ambulance fees for the city and keep a percentage of the fees as compensation.

Jarrett Atkinson, the PRPC representative, is also an EMT. He recommended Specialized Billing to the city council to maximize Bovina's ambulance revenue.

The city council also approved an expense of \$680 to Guthal's Nursery to purchase four trees for city park. The four trees are replacements for dead trees in the park.

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These vehicles can be seen across from the City Barn on North Street. All bids must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. 08-09-01. The City of Bovina reserves the right to reject or accept any and all bids. B-2tc-7/27-8/3

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# Out Here

by Ron Carr

"See You at Hooters: Bring Your Pentagon Card!"

The government and its employees never cease to amaze me. When people go to work for the government it is like they step through a magic looking glass into Oz and henceforth do not inhabit the same planet as other Americans.

In fact, they seem to cease being Americans. Rules that apply to the great unwashed, do not apply to federal citizens. After all their world has benefits that yours and mine do not.

They have health benefits, regardless of height, weight, color or age. They have pensions funded from your common American taxes.

Their world has an endless supply of money, and if things get tight, they can simply confiscate some more.

They can break rules and abuse privileges willy-nilly, then when they get caught nothing really happens.

The reason they can live in their utopian federal world is because less than half of America knows, or cares, how government operates. Fewer than half of qualified voters even bother to vote.

Our elite leaders are trying now to make voting day a holiday so more commoners will vote. Yet another national shopping holiday that would cost employers a lot of money and will not increase the percentage of voters.

The main requirement for

federal employment is a complete lack of common sense. If you have any signs of common sense or logic you need not apply for one of the three hundred and eighty seven kazillion federal jobs.

In fact, common sense is the only character defect that is grounds for dismissal from a comfy government job. Adultery, fraud, lying, cheating, stealing: these are okay and can be smoothed over with both the American people and Jesse Jackson.

But common sense? If you are caught with even a shred of it, if you come out of the closet and exhibit common sense tendencies, you're out. No more government perks for you. Go back to San Diego and string beads.

The Pentagon proves the point. A "four-star no common sense" official at the Pentagon decided to issue Pentagon employees a credit card. Not all Pentagon employees got a credit card. Only 1.8 million of them.

The Pentagon and other federal agencies began issuing credit cards to employees in the 1990s to "make purchases more efficient." Now that is common sense. Give government employees credit cards to increase efficiency. Yessirree Bob, I like the way that sounds.

So if you were a government employee and they gave you a credit card, where do you think you would be

allowed to use it? That's right. For official business.

If you had common sense, would you think it is okay to use a government issued credit card to pick up a few things at Wal-Mart? I wouldn't but then I have a case of terminal common sense.

Many of the Pentagon credit cards had limits up to \$100,000 without credit checks on the employees.

All week, Congress has been investigating Pentagon credit card fraud. Having Congress investigate anything would have about the same result as spitting in the wind.

Government credit card holders did personal shopping at Wal-Mart and Home Depot. They were caught partying at Hooters and nightclubs with names like Bottoms Up. They bought DVDs, computers and pet supplies.

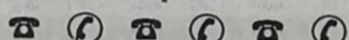
Defense officials have said the cards have sped up purchases and eliminated red tape. They say that the idea

## Hazardous Waste Collection Is Set

A Texas country cleanup, agricultural waste pesticide collection and household hazardous waste site has been set for Thursday, August 16 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe, west of downtown Muleshoe on Highway 84 on the north side of the road.

Banned or unwanted pesticides, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries and household hazardous waste will be accepted. Also, lab wastes from local school districts.

Tire collection is not available at any of these cleanups. Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted.



shouldn't be judged by the instances of fraud.

That is what the government always says. So what. The program works just fine for the most part. One credit card company is said to have "written off" \$59 million in fraudulent debts.

Fear not. George Dubya's administration has issued a statement that takes care of the problem. They said, "We will attend the (congressional) hearings so we can hear the committee's concerns, answer their questions and make sure that any concerns are fully addressed." That's nice.

Someone should be held accountable for preposterous situations like this. Someone with common sense maybe.

Too bad no one in the government qualifies.

## Wheat Production Meeting

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Parmer, Bailey and Castro Counties will be hosting a wheat production meeting on August 10, 2001 at the Friona Community Center. All producers are welcome to attend and CEU's will be given. The agenda is listed below.

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-10:00 Irrigation Efficiency-  
Mr. Leon New -TAEX
- 10:00-10:30 New Varieties ad Production  
Management-Dr. Calvin Trostle-TAEX
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:15 Laws and Regulations-  
Lavon Harmon-TDA
- 11:15-11:45 Disease Management-  
Dr. Harold Kaufmann-TAEX

For more information contact Cody Hill Parmer County (806) 481-3619, Curtis Preston in Bailey County (806) 272-4583 and Rick Auckerman in Castro County (806) 647-4115.

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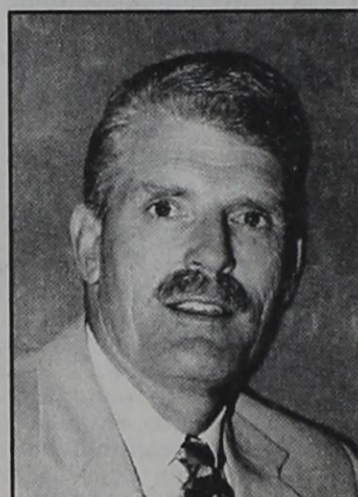
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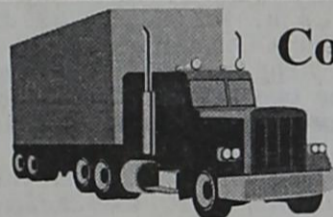
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