

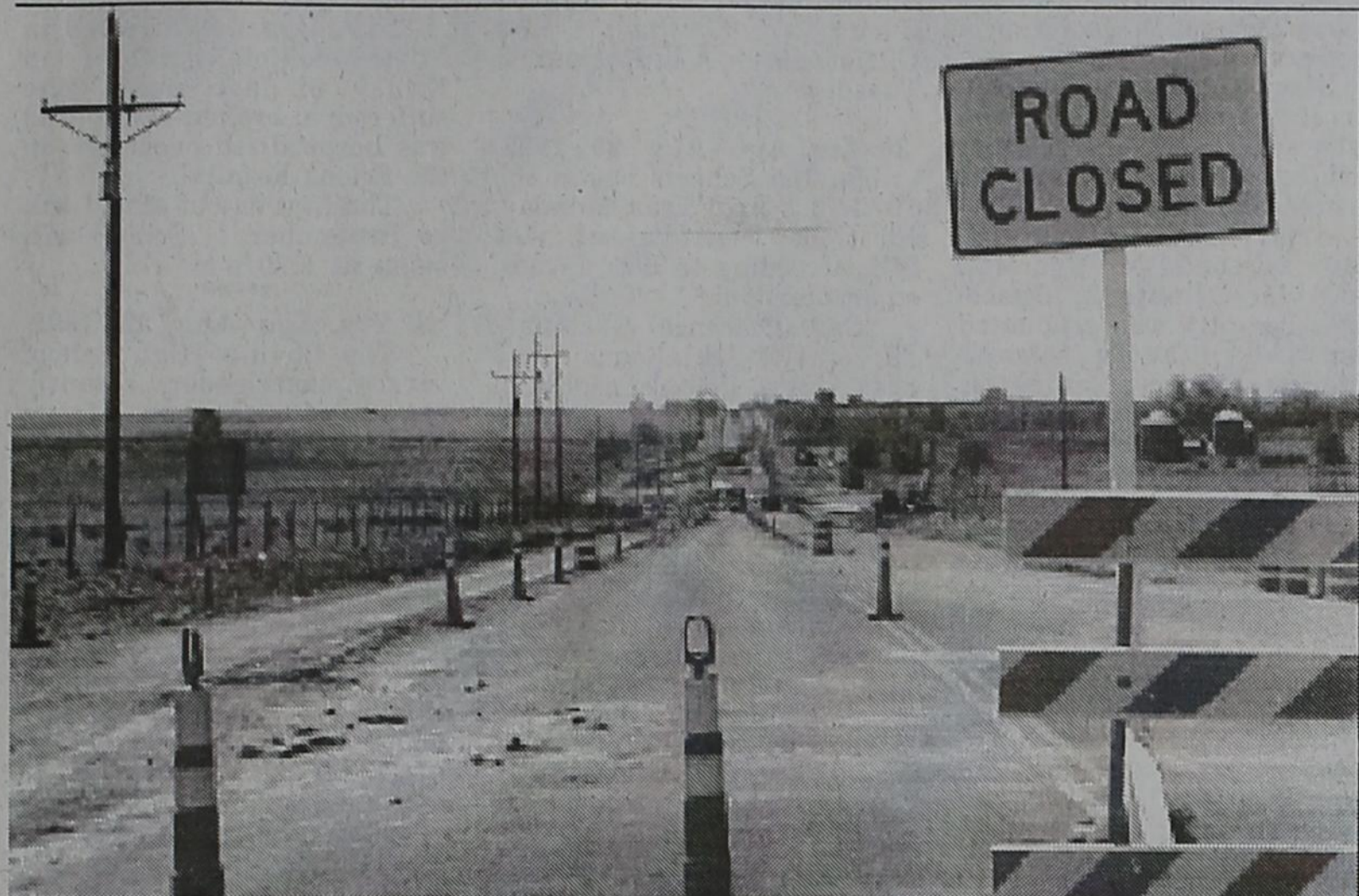
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YOU CAN'T SEE IT FROM HERE but there is a real mess at the bottom of the draw on FM 1731. The "Road Closed" sign tells the story after Monday night's 3-inch rain that soaked the southern half of Parmer County and the mud due to construction on the road caused several vehicles to get stuck. TxDOT closed the highway. ron carr photo

BISD Announces GED Class For Residents

The Bovina Independent School District will offer a GED class for area citizens beginning September 3 in the Bovina ISD videoconference lab. The class will meet weekly on Tuesday nights from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The Government Equivalency Diploma (GED) program is designed for individuals who have not received a high school diploma. Participants will receive instruction to prepare for the GED examination. There is no charge for the

course. The Bovina ISD video-conference lab utilizes two-way visual and audio communication. The instructor, Sydney Rieff, will teach the course from a video site in Amarillo. Class participants in Bovina will have live interaction with the instructor to answer and ask questions. Orientation for the program will begin during the week of August 26. Interested individuals may call 251-1336 to sign up for the classes.

DAVE BARRY writes a humorous column which is carried by hundreds of newspapers from coast to coast. At least MOST of his columns are humorous.

One of Barry's recent columns wasn't a bit funny to farmers. Regan Kirk is a rancher in San Saba, and a member of the Texas Farm Bureau's board of directors.

From here on is Kirk's reaction to Barry's tirade. I thought he said it pretty well:

"Dave Barry is a funny guy, no doubt about it. I've enjoyed his writing for years, but I have to admit that finding myself on the barb of his wit has been just a little unpleasant.

Barry is way off base in a recent column with his attack on farmers.

In that, I don't think he is any different from the many editorial writers and talk radio personalities who have unreasonably attacked the farm bill, and Barry should temper his razor wit with a good dose of common sense.

I don't think there has been any legislation more misunderstood than the farm bill. Barry and other writers depict farmers huddled "in their root cellars for fear of being struck by bales of taxpayer-supplied cash raining down on the Heartland."

If this portrait of farmers on a gravy train were in any way true, we'd find hoards of investors and farmer wannabes lining up to get into the business. In fact, the opposite is true. Farm flight is a serious problem that is getting worse, and one that this year's farm bill only partially addresses.

Our farmers and their children are leaving the farm, and they won't come back under an economic climate that has been miserable for the past decade. The farm bill isn't about welfare, as Barry suggests.

The farm bill exists to preserve the ability of America to feed itself. We cannot afford to let food production leave our shores.

There is one compelling reason to support farmers in America. Our primary competition in the production and export sale of most agricultural products is the European Union. Currently the EU spends approximately four times more than the new U.S. farm bill budgets to support its farmers. The EU has resisted all efforts to reduce these expenditures.

Why? I can only speculate, but I think it may have something to do with Europe's World War II generation remembering what real hunger is like.

Leaving our own farmers to fend for themselves and competing against the treasury of a foreign government would absolutely ensure that our food would be grown somewhere else.

When Barry and others attack agriculture by referring to "rich farmers," they point to the six-figure net worth of some food producers. What they leave out is that the implements of food and fiber production are very expensive. The cost of equipment, crop inputs, government regulations and land continue to rise. Commodity prices have approached historic lows.

Without the farm program, in many segments of agriculture, there would have been very little or no profit at all for the past six years. Congress had little to gain politically by passing this bill in the face of a full frontal assault from agriculture's detractors. Congress did its job. The bill was passed to save U.S. agriculture.

Those bales of cash are considerably smaller than Dave Barry would have you believe. The farm bill amounts to less than 1 percent of the federal budget. It costs each taxpayer about 14 cents per day. That's \$51.10 a year and considerably less than the prices all of us would pay if our best farmers were forced from the land.

That would not be funny at all."

Bull Town Bulletins

by Bill Ellis



COACHES Tony Epps and Hector Guevara are preparing the defensive and offensive lines for the season opener at Texico next Friday. The first test will be tomorrow during a scrimmage in Clovis. ron carr photo



BRIAR HEAD is the new speech and language pathologist for Bovina ISD. She will work from the Ridgela building. Briar is a recent WTA&M graduate and is from Hereford.



CHRISTINA VINCENT is the new migrant student coordinator at BISD. Her office is located at Ridgela School. She lives in Canyon and her husband is a school principal in Amarillo.

THE BOVINA BLADE'S 43RD Annual Football Contest Kicks Off In This Issue

It is football contest time for you loyal *Bovina Blade* players. The annual contest, now in its 43rd year, kicks off in this issue. The first entry blank is listed inside.

Thanks to our contest sponsors, we are again offering weekly cash prizes of \$20 to the winner, \$10 for second place and \$5 for third. The contest will run 13 weeks.

Also, now listen up, there is a \$150 grand prize to the contestant that has the highest number of correct games picked in the thirteen weeks. We tally each contestant's weekly score and keep a running total for the contest period. The player with the highest score wins the \$150.

In order to stay in the running for the big money, you need to be consistent and enter the contest every week.

There are 14 games each week, plus a tie-breaker game. Each week's schedule of games will include high school, college and pro. Considering the weekly top prize of \$20 over 13 weeks, plus the grand prize of \$150, there is a total of \$410 to be won by someone.

So play hard and do your best to play every week. Last year's winner, A. M. Wilson, had a total of 129 points, a weekly average of 9.9 correct guesses.

Entries are due in by 5 p.m. each Friday. There are several ways to enter.

Bring them by the Fantasy Beauty Salon on Third Street and drop them in the mailbox in the hallway.

Mail entries to P.O. Drawer B, Bovina, TX 79009. Mailed entries must

be clearly postmarked by 5 p.m. each Friday.

Fax entries to 806-250-5127. Faxed entries must also be received by 5 p.m. each Friday. The newspaper does not fax well, so if you are faxing it is a good idea to copy the form and fax the copy.

Be sure to put your name on your entry and if you live out of town we need your mailing address too.

Be sure to write or print legibly. Make sure we know which team you picked especially if you use team initials or nicknames. If we can't figure out who you picked it counts as a wrong guess.

The tie-breaker is used to determine weekly cash winners in case of a tie. The contestant closest to the actual score wins the tie-breaker.

Winners will be determined by Tuesday of each week and announced in the next paper. Winners and point totals are also posted on the bulletin board at the Third Street location.

We appreciate the support of our contest sponsors who make this fun competition available. Do business with them whenever you can and tell them thanks.

The 2002 sponsors are: Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, W.T. Services, EXCEL, Lowe's Grocery, Charles Oil & Gas, Fast Stop Conoco, Caprock Industries, FirstBank Bovina, Charles Pump Co., and Sherley Grain.

Mustangs Scrimmage Saturday

The Bovina Mustangs varsity will participate in a 3-way scrimmage Saturday, August 24, at 2 p.m. at Leon Williams Stadium in Clovis.

The Mustangs will square off with the Clovis JV and Eunice, New Mexico.

Next Friday night, the Mustangs will travel the few miles to Texico, New Mexico, where they open their season against Texico's Wolverines. Game time is 8:30 p.m. Texas time.

The home opener will be at 7:30 p.m. September 6 at Mustang Field against the Lorenzo Hornets.

BISD Schedule Announced

Bovina ISD has scheduled six early release days and one full day for staff development for the 2002-03

school year. The Board of Trustees approved the staff development waiver at the regular August meeting.

Classes at all Bovina ISD campuses will dismiss after lunch on September 18, September 25, October 9, October 30, November 20 and December 11. The early release days will be used to provide curriculum and technology training for teachers at all campuses.

The district has also scheduled staff development for the entire day on September 30. Dr. Henry Spencer will be in Bovina on that day to provide teaching strategies for working with at-risk students with emphasis on advanced learners.

Meet The Mustangs August 29

Come out to Mustang Field and meet the 2002 Bovina Mustangs on Thursday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Afterwards, enjoy the watermelon provided by the Bovina Booster Club and the Bovina Lions Club.

Support the Mustangs as they prepare for the 2002 football season.



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Sheriff's Dept. Finds Load of Stolen Goods

Investigating a complaint of a theft from Blockbuster Video in Clovis led Sheriff Randy Gerles and county deputies to a major theft operation near Lariat.

Gerles and his deputies arrested Michael Wolfe, 37, and Shannon Wolfe, 35, of Farwell. They were charged with theft and remain in Parmer County jail on \$10,000 bond. Charges are also pending in Oklahoma and New Mexico as well as in Deaf Smith County and Castro County.

The Sheriff's department confiscated the stolen property at a rural location near Lariat. Inventory is still being taken but Gerles said so far they have five trailers,

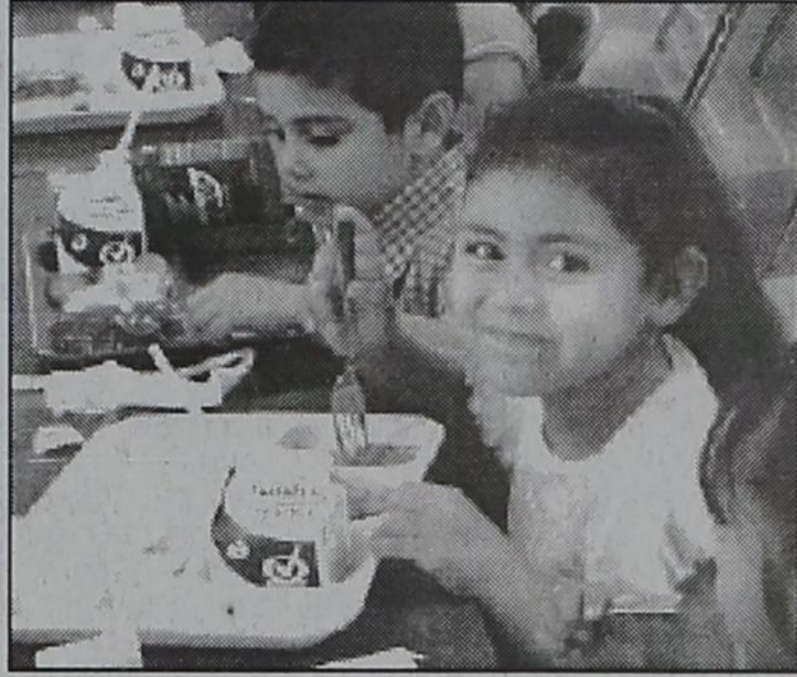
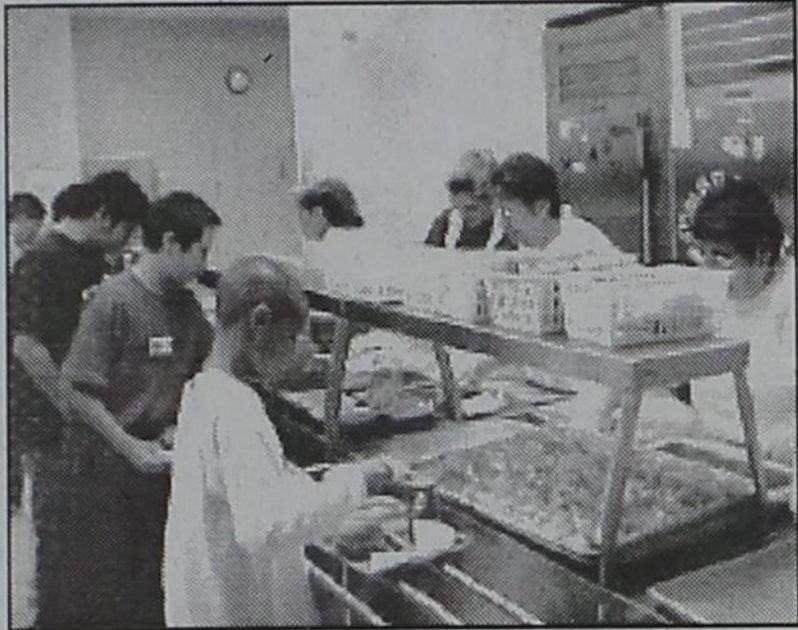
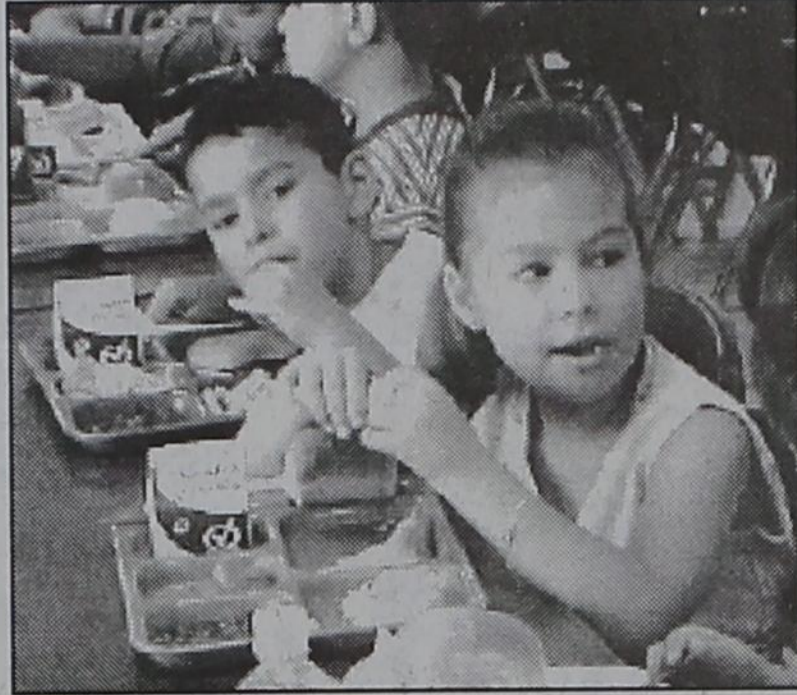
eight air compressors, three welders, three acetylene torch units, and numerous hand tools, drills, grinders, tool boxes, towing chains, etc.

Sheriff Gerles said his office is still sorting out all the stolen items. They have been moved to a barn in Farwell. Any person who has had items stolen or missing can contact the law enforcement office they reported it to or call the Parmer County Sheriff's office.

If you think you may have missing equipment among the confiscated items, you will need to have serial numbers or some other official method of identification to reclaim your property.



A PORTION of the confiscated stolen equipment is shown in a barn near Lariat. The Parmer County Sheriff's department broke up a major theft ring on August 16. See story for details.



SCHOOL HAS STARTED and of course it is time to eat. The school cafeteria was back in action this week, feeding hungry kids and some teachers too. A bunch of happy faces tell us the cafeteria ladies are serving up delicious food. ron carr photos

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 21, 1957
Some 12 prospective Bovina Mustang football players reported to Coach Bob Willis at the field house Friday afternoon for a pre-season meeting.

Stacy Queen and his son, Scooter Queen, announced last week the closing of their business in Bovina, Queen's Custom Slaughtering.

Army 2nd Lt. Jimmy E. Ware, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ware, Route 2, Texico, N.M., recently was graduated from the infantry school's infantry officers' course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Hardy May, a farmer east of Friona, is growing seven different vegetable crops this year, and may be regarded as a forerunner of farming patterns to come.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Rhinehart this week is their daughter, Mrs. William Hagens of New York City.

Plans for the filling and sending of a Christmas box to Indian children were made Wednesday evening by members of the Junior Girls' Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church.

40 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 22, 1962
One new teacher has been signed and one more is needed to complete the faculty of Bovina Schools for the 1962-63 school year.

Pioneer Natural Gas Co. and City of Bovina have reached an agreement on the amount of taxes Pioneer will pay to the city this year. The tax valuation figure agreed to was \$15,000. The firm was disputing a previous valuation of \$31,500.

A good representation--95 --of quality quarter horses from throughout the area were exhibited at the second annual Bovina Quarter Horse Show, Saturday.

A near-capacity crowd attended the public debate at the Lazbuddie High School Auditorium, coming from near and far to hear two area farmers give opposite views on the nation's farm program.

Harvest of cantaloupes began to pick up steam in Parmer County this week, with three new fields being "broken" on Monday.

35 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 23, 1967
L.F. Jacobs is the new superintendent of Bovina Independent School District. Jacobs, who has been the high school principal here since January of 1966, was named to the post at a special meeting of the board of trustees Thursday morning.

One person was critically injured and three others were less seriously hurt in a car-pickup collision four miles east of Bovina on Highway 60 late Monday afternoon.

LaNelle Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian, was crowned queen of Bull Town Days 1967 at a variety show Thursday night in the school auditorium.

A total of 98 persons attended the annual Ex-Student Banquet, Saturday night at Bovina Schools Cafeteria. The annual

event was held in conjunction with Bull Town Days.

Sunbeam Focus Week was observed last week by Sunbeams at First Baptist Church with a Christmas-in-August party, Tuesday.

30 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 23, 1972
Bovina Schools began the 1972-73 school year Monday. First day enrollment was 594, according to L.F. Jacobs, superintendent.

C.C. (Clarence) Christian, 69, of the Oklahoma Lane area, died Friday night at Clovis Memorial Hospital. He had been in ill health for the past several months.

The proposed budget, totalling \$571,780, was accepted by the board of trustees of Bovina Independent School District at a special hearing meeting Monday night.

Kathlee Palmer of Hereford, noted area voice teacher, will give lessons in Bovina each week during the present school term.

Mrs. Corky (Donna) Criswell of Bovina was awarded a bachelor of science degree in summer commencement exercises on the campus of East Texas State University at Commerce

25 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 17, 1977
Pete Polston, owner of Hobo's Chicken and Steak House, Highway 60, has announced that his son, Pete, Jr., is now managing the business and Regan Hall is the assistant manager.

For the 14th consecutive year, Bovina will awaken tomorrow (Thursday) morning with an air of expectancy, a feeling which has been known to residents for the past 13 years when the first event of the four-day Bull Town Days festival is just hours away.

Larry L. Wilson, former superintendent, Darrouzett Independent School District, has assumed a similar position in Bovina.

20 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 18, 1982
Four members of the Bovina High School FFA chapter received their State Farmer Degrees recently at the Texas Future Farmer Convention in Fort Worth. Those honored were Greg McClaran, Jon Riddle, Brett Whitten and Joe Pat Wright.

Dianna Naegle, daughter of Cap and Sue Naegle, graduated from West Texas State University on August 14.

The 19th annual Bull Town Days celebration will be held in Bovina this weekend with a number of events on the schedule, appealing to a variety of interests.

15 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 19, 1987
Things are looking up for the Bovina Mustangs for the 1987 football season. For the first time since he became coach of the Mustangs, Bill Talley had a good group of starters and lettermen returning, and will be basically a junior-senior team.

Services for Warren Morton, 70, former superintendent of schools in Bovina, were held Monday, August 10 in Tyler.

Sid Lloyd was involved in a two vehicle accident on Friday of last week. She suffered a broken wrist and was hospitalized overnight in the Friona hospital.

The first day of school will be September 1. School will begin at 8:20 a.m.

10 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 22, 1992

The Bovina High School varsity cheerleaders recently returned home from cheerleading camp with many new ideas for the upcoming season. They are: Sally Noriega, head cheerleader-Stephanie Rackley, Ione Molinar, Kim Kirkpatrick, and Brooke Charles. The cheerleaders said they expect to be an outstanding squad this year with some new ideas which they hope to implement into their program.

The Bovina Mustang football team is going full blast these days with about 25 boys coming out for varsity.

5 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 22, 1997
Officials have installed four "speed bumps" on the street in front of the school, for the safety of the children, especially the little ones.

Kindergarten students were welcomed by a new teacher this year. Amy Byrd assumed her first role as kindergarten teacher.

Bovina Bits
by Becky

Editor's note: Becky is beginning maternity leave this week. Call the Blade office with your news items, 251-1523, and we'll try to get them in while she is away.

Del Ray, Linda, Derek, Kale, Blake and Scott Sudderth, and Lilly and Danica Michel from Austin, were here this past weekend visiting with Glenden and Janie Sudderth

The Sudderth boys were participating in the Penny Anderson golf tourney at Farwell. Blake and his partner, Lynn Read, placed second in their flight in the tournament.

The girls enjoyed movies and shopping. The family also visited Grandmother Obereta Sudderth at Prairie Acres in Friona.

Opal Bowen's Rites Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Opal Bowen, 95, were held Monday, August 19, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, Rev. Aaron Reed officiated.

She died Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at Bender Terrace in Lubbock. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bowen was born November 16, 1906, in Mallard, Texas. She married Von Bowen December 22, 1928, in Wellington, Texas. He preceded her in death December 31, 1988.

Mrs. Bowen lived in Lubbock the past ten years, moving there from Bovina. She was a retired postal clerk and a member of the Women's Study Club in

J. Salazar In Marines

Marine Corps Pvt. Jaime Salazar recently reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

He is a 1997 graduate of Bovina High School.



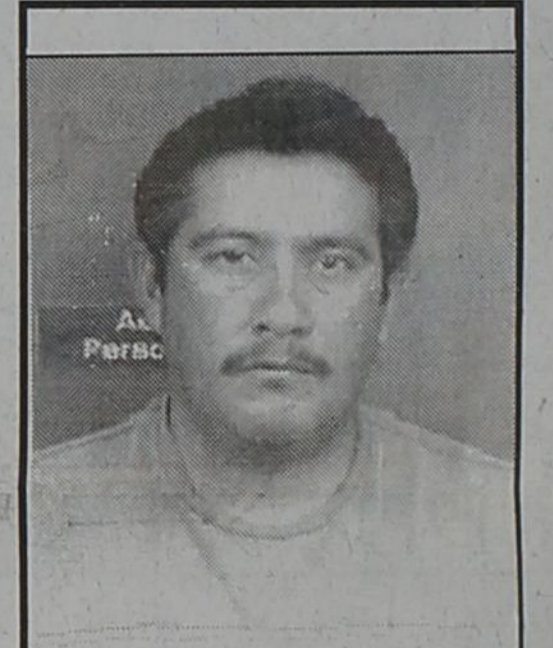
OPAL BOWEN

Bovina. She is survived by one sister, Ruby Bishop of Dallas and numerous nieces and nephews.



JEFF CASAS will likely be the Mustang quarterback to start the season.

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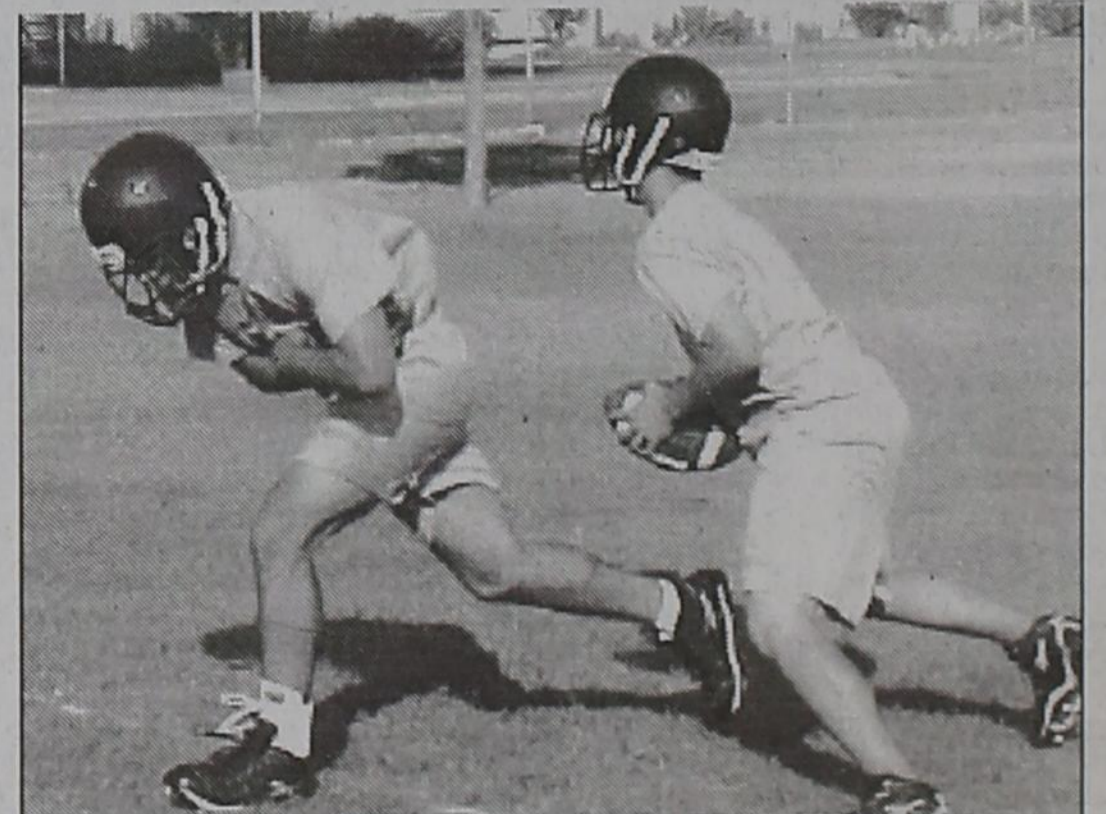


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The following person has registered with the Bovina Police Department as a convicted sex offender.
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JOHN NELSON, left, has been a pleasant surprise for coaches as he works out in the Mustang backfield. The Mustangs scrimmage in Clovis at 2 p.m. tomorrow. ron carr photos

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of August 25-31, 2002.

- Aug 25 Paula Guest
- Aug 26 Lisa Hromas, Kathy Cantu, Patrick Lee Espinoza
- Aug 27 Adeana Carlyle
- Aug 28 John Stormes, Buck Lloyd, D. T. King, Noel Ortiz
- Aug 29 Sam Garrison, Pam Bell, Celia Quintana
- Aug 30 Laura Bartlett, Dustin Riley, Justin Brozek, Amy Mirhashemi
- Aug 31 Tim Grissom, Ruth Drager

To add names of friends or family to our birthday list, call 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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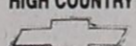
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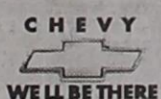
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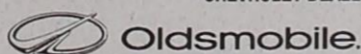
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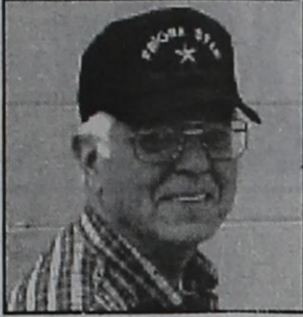
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by Ron Carr

"The Fence Gang's Final Season"

That's my "Fence Gang" over there. They are seniors this year.

From the left are Corbin, Cody, Andy, Adam, Nathan, Matthew, Chris, Ty and Brian. More about each of them in a minute.

These little munchkins are big munchkins now. If you've read my columns over the years you've heard me mention the "Fence Gang." Next Friday night they take the field against rival Dimmitt for the first game of their final season as Chieftains.

Back during the 1997-98 football seasons, this gang was in the 7th and 8th grade. During the Chieftain varsity games, they would watch from behind the chain link fence up and down the field.

Sometimes they played touch football behind the stands. Or hung around the concession stand and wanted people. You could also find most of them at out-of-town games.

I worked the sidelines at games taking Chieftain action pictures. At least once a game, this bunch would crowd up to the fence and yell at me to take their picture. If I even pointed the camera toward them, they would each scramble to be in front and out would come a row of silly grins.

Sometimes I would walk over and take their picture. Other times I would walk over and pretend to take their picture. It was the only two ways I knew to shut them up.

Local fans knew these kids would be good when they were in junior high. They won games. They had spirit, enthusiasm and natural ability.

Adam and Nathan have been on the Chieftain varsity since they were freshmen. The others played some varsity as sophomores and were all starters as juniors last year.

And now Chieftain fans have high hopes for this group of kids. We've all waited for them, cheered for them and built our expectations on them.

These kids are gonna' be good. I predict they will beat 3A Muleshoe on September 20 just because they want to. I predict they will win district 5-2A outright in spite of what Floydada brings.

The playoffs? Two to three games deep at least. More if they gut it up and really want to. This is the year we've looked forward to. Fourteen seniors returning, most are starters or experienced players.

No matter what, I've had a good time watching these young men get to this point. They have been a lot of fun.

They have always been polite, cooperative and respectful to me throughout the years no matter what the sport. I have enjoyed, and will enjoy this year too, taking their pictures and counting them as friends.

That's Corbin Neill at left. Running back, linebacker. His older brother Tyson and dad, Mark, were FHS athletes. His mother is Lisa.

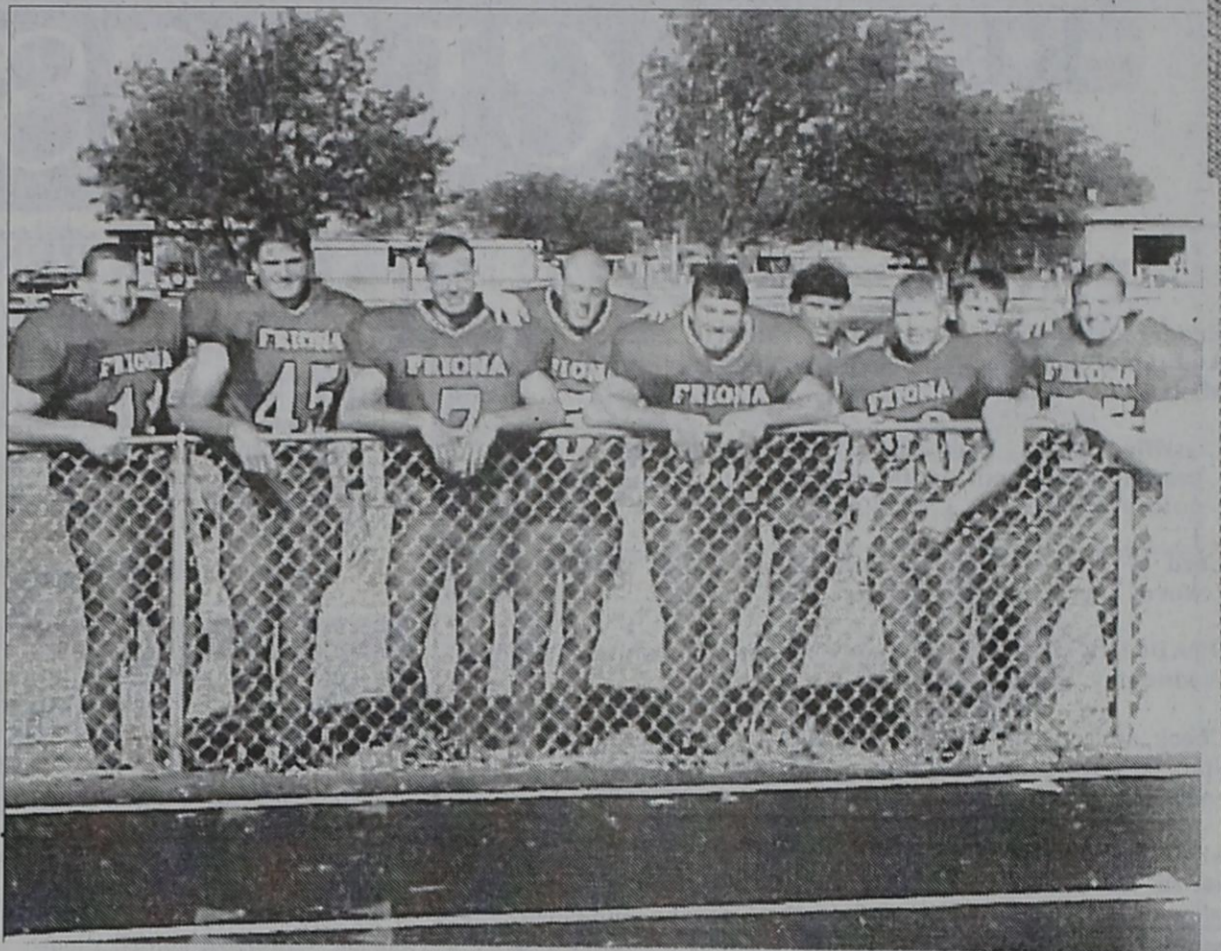
Cody Grimsley is next. Son of Jimmy and Barbara Grimsley. He was a little boy for a long time. Now he is a 6-foot+, 180 pound defensive end and tight end. His brother Kyle quarterbacked the Chiefs to the state 3A semi-finals in 1996.

Andy Carthel. Sort of quiet, unless he is going after a pass or a tackle. He'll go through people to get to the ball. Six-five, 160, wide receiver and defensive back. He'll be all-district. Dad is former Chieftain Davy Carthel and mom is Kathy.

Adam Bandy. The ringleader of the Fence Gang and a leader on the field this year. Great kid. All district last year. A shoo-in this year. Older brother Joseph was all-district offense and defense. Dad, Clay Bandy, is former Chieftain quarterback. Mom is Tamela.

Nathan Haile. The professor of the bunch. Second in command to Adam. Will probably become the all-time leading rusher in Chieftain history this year. Best back and linebacker in the district. At six-foot, 185, he'll be a load for any defense to handle. Younger brother Mark is also on the varsity at defensive end. Parents are Allan and Patti Haile.

Heath Gammon. Five-eight, 150, wide receiver and defensive back. Also runs out of the Wing-T backfield. Folks are Mark and Jeanette



THE FENCE GANG BEGINS THEIR LAST HURRAH

Gammon. Mark was also an ex-Chieftain athlete.

Chris Wiseman. Older brothers Landon and Daniel were all-district monster Chieftain linemen. Chris is five-eight, 155, wide receiver, defensive back and also runningback some. Parents are Mitch and Johnnie Wiseman.

Ty White. At one time, the fastest in the 100m on the track team. Started out at runningback. Nature took over. Now he is five-six, 180, and a terror in the offensive and defensive line. Belongs to Noel and Shirley White.

Brian Wiseman. Cousin to Chris. He wore horn rims when he ran with the Fence Gang. Now he has contacts. Must help him. Last year he was all-district kicker, converting 30 of 36 extra points and 4 of 6 field goals, including a 35-yarder. Older brother Kyle was Chieftain lineman. Folks are Kevin and Carolyn Wiseman.

Good luck boys! This is the finale season. I'll take the pictures. You just do your fans a favor and get us to the playoffs. Go Big Red!



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A shower to honor Misty Downes, bride elect of Brad Ulrey is slated for Sunday September 1, 2002. The shower will be held at the First Bank of Bovina Community Room from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Selections can be found at Dillard's in Clovis, and Walmart and Target online.

2002 Property Tax Rates in Hospital Parmer County

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for Hospital Parmer County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$518,453
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$518,453
Last year's tax base	\$298,992,391
Last year's total tax rate	0.173400/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$517,817
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$294,709,407
= This year's effective tax rate	0.175700/\$100
x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.180971/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.000000/\$100
= Effective tax rate	0.175700/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$517,817
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$294,709,407
= This year's effective operating rate	0.175700/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.189700/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
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- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.000000/\$100
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= Rollback tax rate	0.189700/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hospital Parmer County adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.175700 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by \$499.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Tx. 79009.

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 Winners will be named by the Monday following the contest deadline each Friday, if possible. Cash prizes of \$20 for first, \$10 for second, and third prize of \$5 will be awarded.
 Tabulation of individual entrants will be kept all season and at the end of the season the Grand Prize Winner will be named and will receive \$150!
 There is nothing to buy. No requirements other than bring the entry blank, filled out, and delivered to former Bovina Blade office location, in the hall next to Dorothy's beauty salon by 5 p.m. or mailed to PO Drawer B Bovina, TX 79009 (postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday) or faxed to 806-250-5127.
 Only one entry form may be submitted per individual. If more than one form is submitted by an individual, all will be disqualified.
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R.B. MILLER, JR.

Military Service To Honor County Native

The Friona Star/Bovina Blade have been notified of the scheduling of a memorial service, including full military honors by Airmen from Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, for Lt. R.B. Miller, Jr.

The service will be held September 28, 2002 at Friona Cemetery, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Mark Stovall, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Miller was the son of Ralph and Melba Miller Allen, both deceased. He is the brother of Joyce Miller Marshall of Bonham; nephew of Roy and Eva Miller, cousin to Iona Renner and Donna Mears, all of Friona.

Joyce Marshall invites all those who knew R.B. and his family or who want to commemorate this fallen soldier to attend this ceremony.

His family, friends and classmates will be invited to share their memories of him at the service. Following the memorial, everyone is invited to lunch at the Sixth Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Hazel Britt at 250-3222 for the lunch.

R.B. Miller was an F-84 jet fighter pilot, who was reported missing on his first mission on April 25, 1953, during the Korean War.

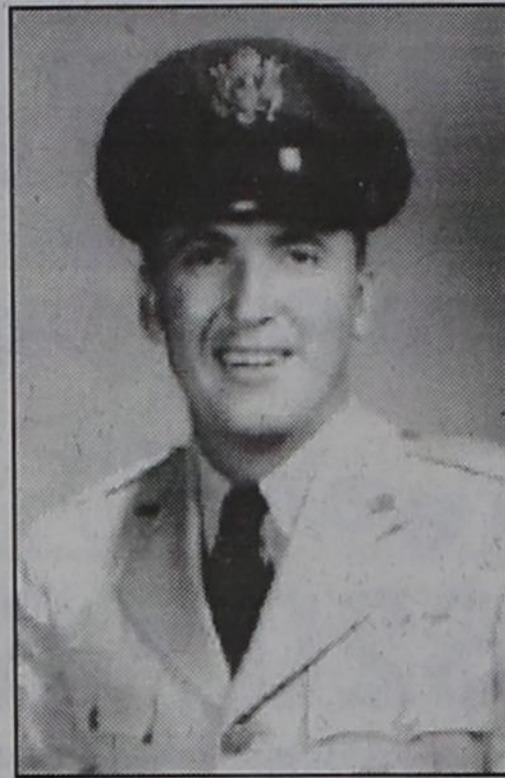
He was a 1947 graduate of Friona High School, where he was selected best all-around boy, won awards in farm skills and many ribbons on his herd of Jersey cows.

He was a player on the first basketball team from FHS to go to the regional tournament. He also played on the football team.

At Texas Tech, where he was active in cattle judging and rodeo, R.B. was a member of the first-place judging team at the Kansas City Royal International.

After receiving his B.S. degree from Tech in 1951, he enlisted in the Air Force as a cadet and received his wings and rating of Jet Fighter Pilot at Bryan AFB in 1952.

Following his death, R.B.'s family received the Purple Heart of Military Merit and the Air Medal. Joyce recently received on his behalf a letter of appreciation and the Korean War Service Medal from the president of the Republic of Korea



R.B. MILLER, JR.

R.B. was a member of the First Baptist Church in Friona, and was commended by his chaplain for his help in building a chapel on the base in South Korea.

Assessment Notices To Arrive Soon

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Northern High Plains eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office, which will forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

A two per cent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 10.

Growers who certified failed acres by the final certification date for their area are eligible to receive a credit for those acres as long as the fields are kept free of cotton capable of supporting boll weevil feeding and reproduction. Failure to keep the fields clean will result in the full assessment being due.

For more information contact your local district office or call the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866)672-2800.

Around Town

Meet the Chiefs & Squaws Aug 26

Meet the 2002-03 Chieftains and Squaws, cheerleaders, mascot, 7-8-9 grades, JV, varsity football and cross country athletes on Aug 26, 7 p.m. at the high school football field. Come support the Booster Club and Coach Bob Ferguson in his new role as head coach and athletic director. Go Big Red!

Genealogical society meeting Aug 30

The Parmer County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting Friday, Aug 30, at 10 a.m. at the Friona Public Library. Topic will be the history and origination of family names. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Storytime at Friona Library

Beginning Sep 5, the Friona Public Library will begin its Storytime programs. The "Reading Road Trip" will be held Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Children who are 3-years-old by Sep 1 are eligible. Register your child for a library card and for this program before Sep 5 if possible. The phone number is 250-3200.

Win a 4-wheeler in FD drawing

For a \$10 donation you could win a new Polaris 4X4 four-wheeler and a trailer to carry it on. The vehicle and trailer will be given away Saturday, September 14, at 4 p.m. in Friona's city park during the annual Maize Days celebration. Support the Friona volunteer department with your ticket purchase. See any Friona firefighter or stop by 4-Way Pump Service. You do not have to be present to win.

FHS class of '62 reunion

The Friona High School class of 1962 will hold a 40th reunion September 13-14. Class members will meet at Leal's in Muleshoe, Texas, Friday Sep 13 at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sep 14, class members will gather at the city park at noon. Friends, family, teachers and anyone interested are invited to meet with them Saturday, Sep 14 at 3 p.m. at the Friona State Bank community room.

FHS class of '87 reunion


The Friona high school class of 1987 will have a 15-year reunion Sep 13-14 during the annual Maize Days celebration. Dr. Jeff Dixon has requested anyone with current addresses or contacts for class of '87 members please send them to him at 906 Euclid, Friona, 79035, or email to jeffd@wtrt.net, or drop the info by his office at the Friona clinic.

Museum needs historical items

The Pioneer Heritage Museum in Friona is accepting donated items for the museum display. If you or someone you know has a little piece of history to donate, contact Mary Johnston, 250-2588; Wendy Carthel, 250-3491; or Darla Bracken, 250-3200. The museum will open once enough items are collected for display.

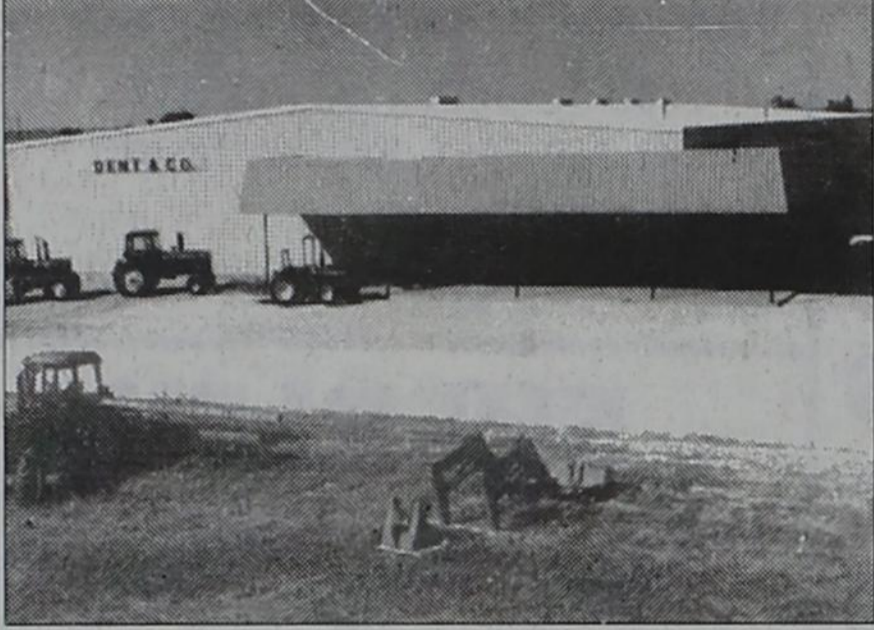
Clovis quilt show Sep 6-7

The Llano Estacado Quilt Guild of Clovis will display contemporary, antique, wall quilts and wearable art at their annual show. A raffle for the Patriotic Star quilt made by guild members will be held. The show is at the Clovis-Carver Library-North Wing, 701 N. Main, Sep 6-7. Hours are Friday 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Jeanette Biddle 505-769-2166 or Judy Matthews 505-769-8072.



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