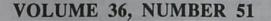
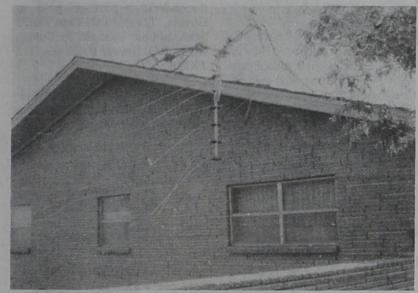
THE NEWSPAPER THAT WORKS FOR A BIGGER, BETTER BOVINA

The Bovina Blade





CROP DAMAGE....This corn crop was destroyed in Saturday night's barrage of hail, wind and rain. This particular field is located northwest of Bovina on FM 1731.



WRAPS ANTENNA .... The storm caused high winds that blew over the concrete fence at the Reagan Looney farm about a mile west of Bovina on Highway 60. Pictured is the antenna that was lying on the roof following the storm.



"In The Agricultural Center Of Parmer County" SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1992

# Violent Weather Pounds Bovina

At about 9:30 p.m. Saturday, all hail broke loose in the Bovina area. The electricity went out so the alarm could not be sounded. The Fire Department and Police Department combined to go through the streets of Bovina warning the citizens that a tornado and severe thunderstorms were headed our way. Two tornadoes were spotted, but we were very lucky to only have minimal damage from them.

Kubin Air reported that the top of their hangar was blown off and some damage done to their barn. An antenna at the Reagan Looney residence was wrapped around their roof and the back part of a concrete fence was torn down. Terra had one end of their building sucked or blown in and a tree at Ridgelea was split in half. Trees did a lot of damage to highline wires, fences and some homes.

It was reported that we received about three inches of rain which flooded the basements of the Eddie Don Lides, Leon Schillings and Dino Garcias. Highway 60 toward Clovis was closed due to flooding, causing some travellers to get stranded in Bovina. They were put up at the First Baptist Church.

Hail as big as softballs and golfballs fell, hurting the farmers the most. There are many farmers who lost their crop and many others that probably got at least 50% damage or more. It will be hard to tell just how much damage was done until harvest.

The Houston Bartlett place got some windows knocked out as well as their skylite. Marion Carson had some windows knocked out at his home and the Bob Wilsons had a forty foot evergreen tree rooted up and set on top of their house. They also had their barn door sucked in and then sucked back out.

Aletha also told me that Kregg Wilson had one of his best bulls hit by lightning (yes it died) and that it rained so much that it washed some of his bales of hay into the lake.

We had a succession of at least three or four storms that lasted a good three to four hours Saturday evening and night. I know that we all feel sick about the crops but we should be very thankful



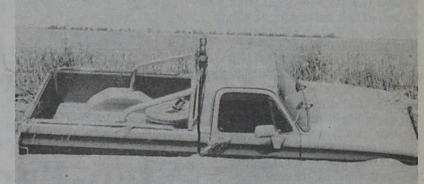


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HEAVY RAINS caused flooding at the home of Leon and Martha Schilling north of town. Their garage and basement were water soaked. The road in front of their home was under water.



WIND DAMAGE....This tree at Ridgelea School was split by the wind.



**BIRDSEYE** VIEW....This is an aerial view of standing rain water at Wilson's hill on FM 1731 west of Friona.



MORE WATER....The portion of Frio Draw which runs behind the Ralph Wilson home west of Friona seemed to be one of the locations with the swiftest running water.



FLOOD WATERS....One of the heaviest concentrations of high water was at the ten mile corner intersection of FM 1731 west of Friona. that no one was hurt.

# Fourth Of July Worship Service

The fifth annual Community Worship Service will be held in the City Park July 5 at 10 a.m.

Steve Venable, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will conduct the services. Grady Sorley will be leading the singing and, also during the services, the veterans will be recognized.

Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy a dinner in the park after the service.

## **Emergency Farm Loan Applications Accepted**

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by early freeze, low water temperature, and heavy rainfall are being accepted at the Farmer Home Administration office located at 109 3rd Farwell, FmHA Acting County Supervisor Edward C. Luebken said today.

Parmer County is one of seventeen in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the early freeze, low water temperature, and heavy rainfall.

Edward C. Luebken said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000.00 whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit form private commercial lenders, the interest is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Edward C. Luebken said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until February 2, 1993 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming

season," Edward C. Luebken said. FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Farwell is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Thank You

We want to thank our photographers, Lisa McLellan and Scooter Russell, for getting out and taking all the storm pictures. Also, our thanks to Glen Herring, Friona pilot, for taking Lisa flying and enabling her to get the aerial flood water shots WASHED UP....This pickup, belonging to Victor Sarinana, was swept off the road north of Bovina during the torrential rainfall Saturday night. No one was injured in the incident.



WADING....Shown are Floyd Jarrett and Sean Dalton as they take advantage of a little fun at the side of Sherrill Lumber following the rain that dumped over three inches of rain in Bovina in a short time.



WET VIEW....Water could be seen standing everywhere after Saturday evening's thunderstorms. This shot was taken Sunday afternoon west of Friona.

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# German **Festival** July 11

The 20th annual Nazareth German Festival is scheduled in conjunction with Suds N Sounds for Saturday, July 11.

The German Sausage dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sausage and kraut will be served along with all the trimmings. Adults will be served for \$5 and children under 12 will be served for \$3.50.

Arts and crafts will be exhibited from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

During the afternoon, there will be children's games, a Care Link helicopter, adult and children's raffles, Texas Cloggers and a program by Teri Loudder.

Suds and Sounds will be sponsored by Rough Riders & Knights of Columgus from 6 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Ball Park. Gates will open at 4 p.m. Admission will be \$10 per person.

The annual outdoor concert and dance will salute the great live music heritage of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains. This charity event will benefit the Knights of Columbus State Deaf Program. The Maines Bros. Band will be preceded by Slow Motion, Envoy Express and The Rough Riders.

Prairie Acres Party Line

## By Carol DeLeon

We're very happy to announce that the repairs on the roof are sound. Saturday night was certainly a good test for finding any leaks. I'm sure that was an exciting night for everyone, but it sure was for the staff and residents here.

A big congratulation is in order to one of our staff members, Brandy Chaney, on the birth of a healthy baby girl.

We want to wish Susie Pruitt the best of luck and happiness. She has moved to Buffalo, Oklahoma to be closer to her daughter. Like I said we wish her well, but we will also miss her.

Thank you's go to : Friona Methodist Ladies for doing hair care last week; Bovina Church of Christ for hair care this week; Mr. and Mrs. Loy McRae, Otha Davis' brother from Sunray, for the coffee that he donated for the staff to enjoy: Lillian McLellan for the beauty shop supplies; Gladys Wilson for sharing her beautiful flowers with us; Anna Mae Thomas for playing the piano and organ for the residents at noon; Don and Eva Kimbrough and Maxine Bolding for the flower arrangement they donated in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Hyde. Now, I want to announce Elda Hathcock as being voted "Resident of the Month" and Sharon Craig, LVN as "Employee of the Month".



ROAD DAMAGE....Approximately two miles of caliche was washed away on the new stretch of Highway 60 east of Bovina.



TWO FEET OF WATER....Sheriff Rex Williams views the flooded Highway 60 out of town and said at 2 a.m. Sunday morning the water was two feet deep causing stranded motorists to spend the night in Bovina.



## ... from The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago-June 12, 1957

Twenty members of Bovina Boy Scout Troop were awarded Tenderfoot badges in a special Parents' Night program last (Tuesday) night, in the American Legion Hall.

About 43 youngsters enrolled Sunday and Monday at the beginning of the Methodist Vacation Church School, Mrs. Thomas Beauchamp, superintendent, says.

30 Yrs. Ago-June 13, 1962 A campaign to help finance the \$15 million Salk Institute Building at San Diego, California, is beginning this week in Parmer County, announces Joe W. Jones, county chairman of the National Foundation.

A new observation well for the artificial groundwater recharge program will soon be added to the High Plains Research Foundation.

25 Yrs. Ago-June 14, 1967 High, damaging winds, be-

lieved by some to be tornado type, hit the Bovina area last Tuesday afternoon of last week. Eddy Williams has resigned as

work unit conservationist of Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation Service, effective Friday of this week. Mike Dosher of Farwell 4-H

Club was named champion Parmer County 4-H horseman at the annual show Saturday afternoon at the also be teaching.

Bovina arena.

20 Yrs. Ago-June 14, 1972 Three directors to the seven

member board of Bovina Medical Clinic will be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation next month, according to Earl Stevenson, board chairman.

Bovina's City Council has agreed to cooperate with a federal government program to hire four young people during the summer months.

15 Yrs. Ago-June 15, 1977

A Farwell family was terrorized last Sunday night when two or three men held them at knifepoint, tied them, then beat and robbed them, the Parmer County Sheriff's office reported.

The speech and theatre depart-ment, West Texas State University, has announced the 1977-78 recipients of the 14 departmental scholarships which are given each year. Among the students who will receive scholarships for next year is Ben McCain, Bovina senior.

### \* \* \* \* 10 Yrs. Ago-June 9, 1982 The Bovina School system has hired three new teachers. They are Danny Cochran, high school prin-

cipal; Marka Herbert, who has been hired as the new homemaking teacher; and Mrs. Karen Helton will

The Mission Bautista Belen had a record turnout for the Bible School last week with 59 children attending.

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5 Yrs. Ago-July 1, 1987 Buck Autrey, an employee at Allsup's Convenience Store in Bovina, was working Tuesday morning at 1 a.m. when two men robbed the store.

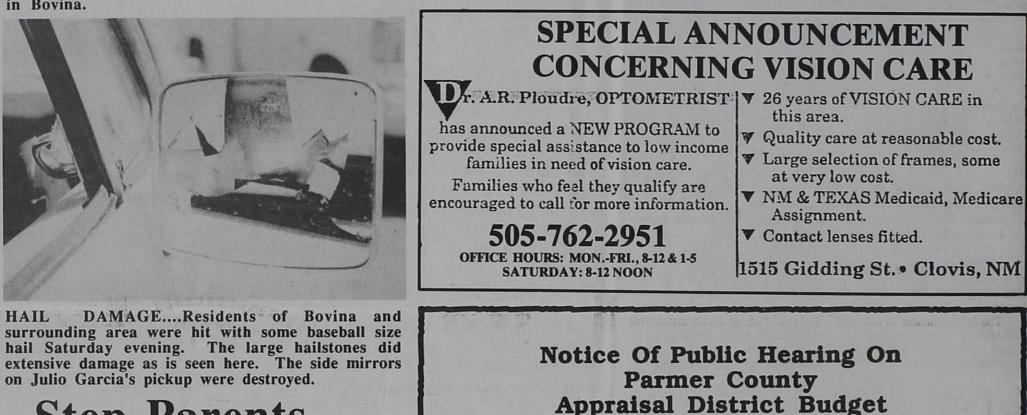
The First United Methodist Church held a covered dish supper on June 14, followed by a "pounding" for their new pastor and his family, Rev. Jeff Taylor, his wife Karen, and their sons, Adam and Sean.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department and the Lion's Club are sponsoring an evening of fun to celebrate the Fourth of July.

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LPC, LCDC, LMFT, Director of Clinical & Substance Abuse Services, Central Plains Center for MHMR & Substance Abuse.

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Step-parenting isn't easy even when things are going good. One area that's frustrating for step-par-

by Ron Trusler, M.Ed., ents (hereinafter referred to as SP) is having a position of authority with the step-kids. They may bet met by skepticism and have to go through a time of proving themselves.

Proving themselves as a worthy "parent" is quite a task. The kids may challenge the SP's decisions and guidance, especially discipline issues. Some kids compete with the SP's in virtually everything from sports to attention of the natural parent (hereinafter referred to as NP). The competition is probably an attempt to lower the SP in status.

The source of authority for the SP must come from not only their earning it, but from the NP. This is done by showing support in front of the children for decisions that are made by the SP, especially in the area of discipline. If the NP disagrees with the SP, that can be settled in private.

An SP may find themselves having to go to the NP to get backup when a child refuses to mind. It is tempting for the NP to take care of the situation with the child. This puts the SP on the same level with the children. The SP is in a competitive situation and must go to the NP to get help.

The situation can be helped by the NP by informing the kids of the parent's support for each other's decisions, even when the SP could be allowed to handle it with the NP present. For example, a child refuses to go to bed at the SP's direction. The NP is not in the room at the time but is informed of the refusal.

Instead of the NP confronting the resistant child, it helps if the NP is just present when the SP enforces the bed time. If asked by the child about the "unfairness" of the situation, the NP can support the SP verbally. When done often enough, children will get the message that the SP is an important person around the house!

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1993 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 9, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Board Room, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows: The total amount of the proposed budget is \$186,900.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$16,576.00.

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

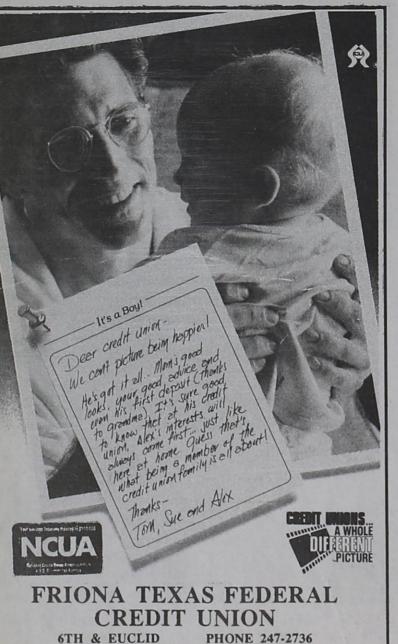
The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

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

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

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

> **Parmer County Appraisal District 305 3rd Street** Bovina, Texas 79009 (806) 238-1405



## Phenomenon Of The West Texas Tornado

we have had this year was an F2 strong tornado that occurred in Parmer County, just northeast of Farwell. On the early evening of March 26, strong thunderstorms began to develop along a dryline in extreme eastern New Mexico. Remember, the dryline is a boundary between dry and moist air and is often a trigger for thunderstorm development. As the dryline moved into the Texas Panhandle, one of the storms developed into a strong thunderstorm.

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Damage was reported at 6:35 p.m. cst, and there was still daylight at this time. Based on a lack of visual confirmation and initial reports of damage, it was not clear whether the storm had produced a strong downburst or a tornado.

The mystery was solved very easily with an on-site damage survey. During the drive to Farwell, it was quickly evident that the thunderstorms had produced heavy rainfall. Water had ponded in fields and ditches. Jim Curtis (Farwell Emergency Manager) and Rex Williams (Parmer County Sheriff), were quite nice in providing details on the damage and taking us on an inspection of the damage.

The inspection revealed damage to two residences just northeast of Farwell. At this time the tornado was confirmed based on two pieces of evidence. First, large trees were found to be completely uprooted. Second, a large wooden beam traveled 200 yards and smashed into a constructed home. Further to the brick home.

Generally, damage caused by large missiles is produced by a tornado. One of the strangest things found in the damage was that one inside the structure were left unend of a large tin metal structure had been lifted completely off the ground and very little damage oc- Bovina, but before doing so, outer curred to the heavy machinery inside.

why no one really saw the tornado. path length, wheel type irrigation One reason was that luckily, no one was at the residences that experienced damage. A couple of people did see the roof fly off the building they were in, but initial thoughts were of downburst winds. As it turns out, the roof was probably torn off by the outer winds of the tomado.

The large amounts of rain and lack of visual tornado confirmation, indicate the thunderstorm was a

Lyme Disease

One of the strongest tornados This type of storm produces very heavy rainfall and makes tornado spotting quite difficult. Also, many times the wall cloud can develop on the right front side of the thunderstorm. Therefore, even if a spotter is on the right rear side of the storm, rainfall can obscure the view under the normally rain-free base

> The following information are excerpts from preliminary Storm Data Tornado reports that are pre-pared at the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

> Strong thunderstorms developed along a dryline in extreme eastern New Mexico March 27. As the storms moved east into Texas one of the thunderstorms developed into an HP supercell. A tornado (F2) developed in the thunderstorm and touched down just northwest of Farwell. At this location the tornado damaged two residences. A NWS survey revealed evidence of small to large missiles.

West facing windows were completely blown out from both residences. In one of the homes, the wind moved through the attic areas and pushed out through a ceiling located in the garage. At this same residence, a large tree was uprooted and a travel trailer was upended and destroyed.

As the tornado continued northeast, it destroyed power lines and power poles. Seven miles northeast of Farwell, the tornado completely totaled an old wood northeast the tornado lifted a quonset type barn completely over and to the west of its foundation. Several pieces of heavy machinery harmed.

The tornado lifted just south of winds tore the roof off the Caprock Feeders building just south of Still, there was the mystery of Bovina. Throughout the 10 mile systems were overturned.

As the thunderstorm continued moving northeast, quarter size hail was reported in Friona. Then, a second tornado (F1) developed and touched down briefly just west of Friona. Power lines were downed and a grain storage facility was destroyed. One of the tin metal silos was lifted into the air across a major highway and came down to rest Heavy Precipitation (HP) supercell. some 400 yards to the northeast.

## Mia Jennings To Compete

at the pageant.

Mia Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryan Jennings of Lazbuddie, will compete in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant July 5-July 11 in the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

Mia won the title of Miss Lake Meredith by competing in the Miss Texas Preliminary last November in Borger, Texas.

The Miss Texas/Miss America Pageant involves four areas of competition. A 10-minute private interview with the judges composes 30 percent, talent provides 40 percent, and evening gown and swimsuit comprise 15 percent each.

For talent, Mia will perform at the piano "Rhapsody in Blue," by George Gershwin. Mia's first piano teacher, Dr. Cecil Bolton of Oxford, Mississippi, edited the piece for her, and Bob Wood of Nashville, Tennessee, recorded a background orchestral accompaniment tape. Mia will perform her talent compe-

Mia will be a junior at Baylor University where she is a Dean's Honor Roll student majoring in accounting with a piano performance minor. At Baylor, Mia is a member of Delta Delta Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lamba Delta, Mu Phi Epsilon, BSU Big Brother-Big Sister Program, Greek Council for Christ, and various intramural ath-

lected Baylor Beauty and elected Phi Gamma Delta Sweetheart. In the Miss Texas Pageant, Mia is sponsored by the Borger Chamber of Commerce. Her director, Mrs. LaRona Maxwell, encourages all friends who wish to send best wishes to call the Forget-Me-Not Florist & Gift Gallery in Fort Worth at 1-800-1234-MARY. Cards may be mailed to Mia Jennings, Miss Lake Meredith, Radisson Plaza Hotel Fort Worth, 815 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The pageant finals will be

letics. This past spring she was se-





## Are On The Increase

nounced the discovery of a vaccine from the disease," said Lowell effective in protecting lab animals Johnson, M.D., a family physician from Lyme disease. Human clini- on Methodist Hospital's medical cal trials on the new vaccine how- staff. ever, will not begin until later this year. "Until the vaccine is avail- disease is the fastest growing infecable to the general public, it's still tious disease in the country-cases of extremely important for people to the disease have been reported in all

## Courthouse Notes

INSTRUMENT REPORT ENDING JUNE 19, 1992, COUNTY CLERK'S OFF-ICE, PARMER COUNTY, ally feed on forest and marsh ani-TEXAS, BONNIE WARREN, **COUNTY CLERK** 

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### MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Researchers this week an- be aware of, and protect themselves,

Cases

Second only to AIDS, Lyme states, with the exception of Hawaii, Alaska, and New Mexico. A greater incidence of Lyme disease is found during the summer months, when people tend to be outdoors.

The disease is caused by a tiny infectious spirochete which lodges in ticks. These ticks (which usumals, such as deer and mice) can then bite and infect humans.

"In the majority of cases, a bulls-eye shape rash appears anywhere from three to 32 days after the bite," Dr. Johnson said. Other E. Jones, all of N 40 ft. of lot 11 symtoms of the disease include fatigue, fever, headache, chills and WD-Farmers Home Adminis- painful joints and muscles.

Prompt treatment with antibiotics is successful in most cases. "But, if left untreated, the disease tration, Santos Carranza, all of lot can lead to arthritis, irregular heartbeat, meningitis, facial paralysis and other nervous system complica-

Dr. Johnson suggests the fol-WD-Sam Rodriquez, Charles lowing tips to protect yourself against Lyme disease:

\* Stay away from mice habi-Eldon Ray Strickland, all of lots 11 tats, such as tall grass, wood piles, stone fences and scrub pines.

\* When hiking, wear light-col-Aguirre, all of lot 4, Blk. 3, West ored clothing, which makes it easier to spot ticks. Tuck long pants into socks or boots.

\* Spray repellent on clothing

\* After outings, check clothing, skin and pets for ticks.

\* If you should discover a tick, grab it close to the skin's surface with tweezers. Pull it out straight back, slowly--crushing it could dis-

\* Wash hands, and disinfect the Nicholas Slahor-Kelly Krewson; area with alcohol or hydrogen peroxide.

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## Moisture Can Cause **Irritation In Ear Canal**

Swimmers aren't the only can- should see a physician." didates for swimmer's ear, a potentially dangerous condition caused by moisture in the ear canal.

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"Swimmer's ear is not really a sports-related condition," says Dr. Dan Franklin, an otolaryngologist at The Methodist Hospital. "Anyone who takes a shower, perspires when exercising, or, for that matter, lives in the humidity of Houston can get it."

Swimmer's ear is a layman's term for inflammation and infection in the external ear canal. It happens when water breaks down natural skin barriers, allowing bacteria to infect the ear's soft tissues.

Pain in the ear is the most common symptom of the condition. Other, less common symptoms can include fever and hearing loss.

Franklin says swimmer's ear is usually preventable by keeping the ear dry. "Over-the-counter ear drops containing acid and alcohol can help keep the ear dry," he says. "But once an infection sets in, you

P. Simmons Receives

## Certification

Patricia A. Simmons, RN, of the Long Beach branch of South Mississippi Home Health, was recently certified in chemotherapy administration, following a 2-1/2 day course at South Mississippi Home Health. The course was approved for continuing education credit by the Mississippi Nurses' Association.

Ms. Simmons received her Associate's degree in Nursing from Jeff Davis Junior College in 1981 and has been employed by SMHH since August 1987. She resides in Gulfport, Mississippi and attends Michael Memorial Baptist Church. Ms. Simmons is married to Roger Simmons and is the mother of three children, Linda, Becky, and Kathy.

South Mississippi Home Health was established in 1969 and is the largest private home health agency in the state, serving 30 counties with 14 regional offices.

Patricia grew up in Bovina and graduated from school here. Her And the late French Crook. Rhodes of Canyon. \*\*\*\*\* Rhodes of Canyon. \*\*\*\*\*\* Parmer Country

Treatment is two-pronged: keeping the ear canal clean, and applying antibiotic ear drops.

Franklin issues a special warning for people with immune system deficiencies, such as diabetics, leukemia patients, and organ transplant recipients. "If these people have symptoms of swimmer's ear. they should see a physician immediately and receive aggressive treat-ment," he advises. "Otherwise, the infection can spread to the bones of the ear and become very difficult to get rid of."

# Clinics Are Set

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

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Clinics will be held in Hereford at the Texas Department of Health Office, 205 West Fourth, Suite B, on July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

## Sr. Citizens Met June 24

The Senior Citizens met June 24 for their regular meeting.

They visited, played games and discussed plans for the booth they will man on July 4th. They will be selling homemade baby quilts and other quilts of different sizes. They urge you to come by and do your Christmas shopping early.

Those present at the meeting were Clifford and Julia Leake, Maesie Flynn, Dorothy Ellison, Ethel Johnson, Idella Owens, Hattie Burnett, Bessie Trimble, Edna Scott, Edna Woelfel, Oma Lee George, Charlsie Eubank, Sid Lloyd, Jerry Ware, Mamie Lyon of

Erma Bradshaw has recently returned from a trip to California and Oregon. She first went to Lubbock where she visited with her grandson, Darrell, who is from Washington, D.C. He took her to the airport where she flew to Oakland, California and was met by her daughter, Ella Bishop, and her

granddaughter, Leigh. Erma then went to Pleasant Hill, California to visit with Rick, Teresa, Darran and Ashley MacLean. Teresa is her granddaughter and Ashley is her greatgranddaughter that she had not seen before.

Erma then went to San Rafael to visit with her grandson, Larry Ralls. She said she got a lot of visiting done and saw some beautiful country.

On June 13, her granddaughter, Leigh, married Marty Richonson in a beautiful church wedding. Erma got to meet Marty's family from Michigan and she said they were very interesting to visit with. This young couple had already bought them a home before they got married and they had their rehearsal dinner in their new back yard.

Erma and her daughter, Ella, went to church Sunday and then she left for Portland, Oregon on Monday. She visited with her brother, J.W. Hulsey, and he took her sightseeing. She said she saw many beautiful wildflowers and wild cherries and blackberries were growing everywhere. She also saw some wonderful country with waterfalls, springs and parks. Erma really enjoyed seeing her brother because it had been five years since she'd seen him.

On the way home, they ran into some turbulent weather and the plane had to fly north of their route to get into Dallas which made them two hours late. She had a four hour layover in Dallas before getting to depart to Lubbock.

When she got to Lubbock, she stayed there a few days with Cotton and Avis Bradshaw. She said she really enjoyed the trip but was cer-

Floyd and Ann Lee have had medicine. company for about a week. Floyd Leon and Pat Englant and their daughter, Bonnie; Cassie and Josh Stevens have been here from Lamesa, California. Cassie and Josh are the Englants' great-grand-

children. While here, they went to church and have eaten out. When the big storm hit, they got the back glass knocked out of their van, so they are having to get it fixed.

Saturday, the Joe Blacks went to Amarillo where they spent the night at the Fifth Seasons Inn. They went to Wonderland Park and then took the boys out to the airport.

Brandon told me that he saw a big plane go up into the sky. They really enjoy their short trips and the boys also enjoyed swimming.

Saturday night, the production, "Texas" got rained out and a bus load of people from Roswell, New Mexico got stranded in Bovina trying to get home. They stayed at the Baptist Church until about 5 a.m. and then headed home.

Nita Dale was telling me that they had gone to Lubbock to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Paladi from Cass City, Michigan and when they arrived in Bovina, they couldn't get home. They stayed at the Baptist Church for about three hours and then started trying to make their way home. The Paladis' are down visiting their son, Linn, who is dating Belinda. \* \* \* \* \*

Durward and Fern Bell returned home recently from a trip to Tacoma, Washington. One day, they rode a ferry into Canada and saw sights there.

They visited with their granddaughter, Capi and Bill Baker and family. Bill is in the Army and works at the new Madigan Hospital. Fern said it was a beautiful hospital and he works in

# Linda's Lines By LINDA MARSHALL

Accompanying the Bells on their trip were their daughter, Karen, and son, Cody, of Grand Junction, Colorado.

teresting sights they saw were the Butchart Gardens in Canada, and Mt. St. Helen's Volcano in Washington. The state of Washington is known as the Evergreen State and the cedar and furr trees along the route were beautiful.

The Bells were gone two weeks and their grandson, fourteen-year-old few weeks.

Dorothy Looney had enjoyed having all her children home for a visit. They are: Jim, Lynn, Amy and Andi Cabe from Sherman; ing.

Richie, Lee, Rory and Ryan Bentley from Midland; Herman and Kay Hodges from Deer Park; and Rush Looney from Fort Worth.

A friend of Amy's, Melanie, Some of the many pretty and in- came down with them. Dorothy said they did plenty of visiting and the kids are building a carport while down here. They are also visiting with Joe and Reagan Looney and Howard Looney.

Montie Howell was taken to Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford by the Bovina Ambulance Service, Monday afternoon. She Cody, came home with them for a has been diagnosed as having kidney stones.

Quote for the week: God may not promise a comfortable journey, but he does guarantee a safe land-

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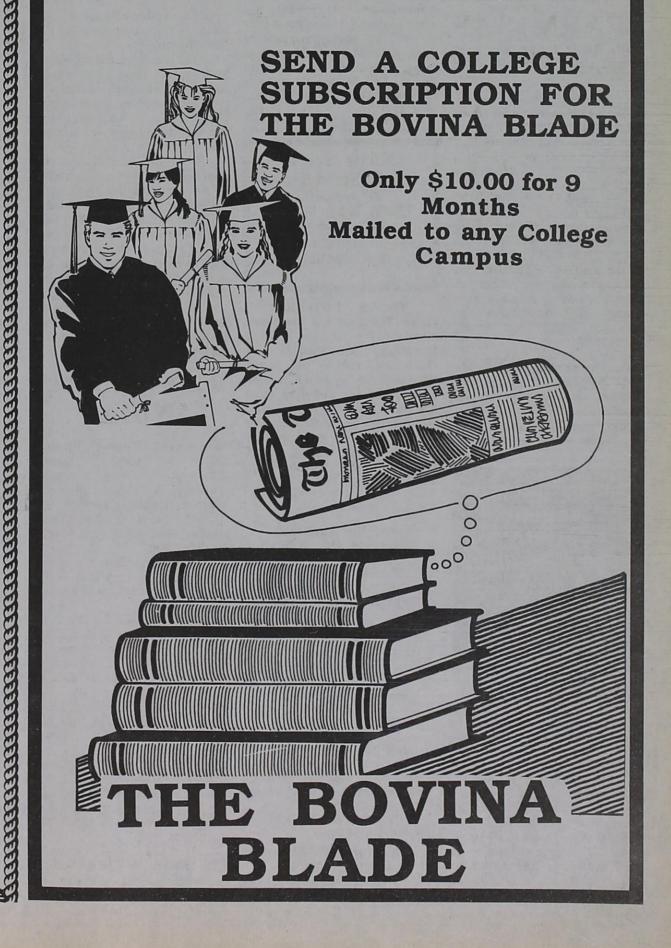
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APPARENT DAMAGE....Water apparently overflowed this culvert causing part of the asphalt to wash out as Frio Draw raged for the first time in several years.

## Southwest Outdoors

With Mel Phillips Where is that Checklist? Okay. Okay. So I didn't have time to look at my trip check list. Not to worry, after all I am a professional outdoor writer and recently placed fourth (out of 225 anglers) at a major bass tournament.

Checklists are for the occasional outdoorsman, right? W-R-O-N-G!! At least according to Jay Friemel of Canyon, who was kind enough to share several copies of his checklist with me. His list includes the following: water wagon, depthfinder, motor, gas can, seat, flippers, waders, tackle boxes, poles, net, coolers, food, rain coat, sun glasses, sunscreen, sleeping bag, and finally clothes.

Why would Jay choose to share his checklist with me? Perhaps because I forgot item number six on his list during a recent trip to Lake MacKenzie. Using a pair of swim fins to control a waterwagon is easy. Using no fins in quite impossible. But by sharing Jay's flippers, we were each able to barely control the waterwagons. When the wind reached about 30 mph, we decided to call it quits.

The fishing had been great but a quick look at my foot revealed a huge blister on my big toe. Serves me right because I failed to review my checklist. They were posted in my tool room, in my clothes bag,



and on the inside of the garage door but I was in a hurry.

Moral of this story: 1. Check lists like all good advice are worthless if ignored; 2. on any windy day, one flipper beats the heck out of none; 3. Jay is a nice guy.

In the summer, big bass feed at night. On Sunday morning, July 12, starting at midnight and ending at 8:00 a.m., Lake Baylor will be the site of a Moonlight Madness Big Bass Tournament. Entry is limited to the first 100 anglers. Early registration if postmarked by Monday, July 6, is \$50. If space is available, entry fee at the lake will be \$60. Based on a full field, the winner makes \$2,000, while the second biggest bass takes home \$1,000. Call 806-353-3654 for details.

During July and August, Fun Tournaments are scheduled for Lake Meredith on the first Thursday and at Lake Greenbelt on the third Thursday. Kids Under 17 fish free if accompanied by an adult entry. Based on 100 entries, winner earns \$700. All top ten finishers win money or prizes. Registration opens at 4:30 p.m. and fishing is from 6 until 9 p.m. Entry fee is only \$20 and entry forms are available at Anchor Marine, Billy's Ramp, Parker Boats, Top-O-The-Line Marine and at participating WalMart and K-Mart stores.

# Looking

## By Richard L. Grisham

America has been and is one of the greatest nation on earth. What is it that makes Ameria great? Why has she been so blessed through her two hundred and sixteen years of her existence? Some would say that it is the land itself which has made America great. And no one can deny that the USA has abounded in natural resources and raw materials. Our land has had great forests, abundant water, resevoirs of oil, fertile soil, raw ores, and pleasant climates. As Katerine Lee Bates stood atop Pike's Peak in Colorado and scanned the vastness of our land, she wrote "Beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plains ... " Yes, America is indeed a beautiful and blessed land, but surely it takes more than that to make a nation great.

Perhaps the greatness of our

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Even beginners can practice til they can throw a good loop. The cattle need to be fed and the barnyard animals need tender loving care. Visit the Nance Ranch between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and we'll let you help with the chores.

One of the highlighs of the day is a relaxing ride through the pasture with one of the ranchhands to check cattle or to see if the grass needs a rain.

When you get back to the barn you can get something cold to drink before stepping back in time to the antique farm machinery exhibit or the elegantly-restored headquarters.

Learn about different cattle breeds or how to read a brand. Experience the heritage of the dains in the environment of the Nance Ranch. "The pace is easy at the Nance Ranch. We don't herd anyone around-and the variety of activities provides something for everyone. Do what suits you and meet back under a tree for some ice cream," Mrs. Wieck says. If you like to shop, the gift shop is filled with fine gifts crafted by local artisans and some basic cowpuncher necessities for the kids. For reservations call (806) 488-2265. Admission is \$5.00 per person. A picnic lunch is available at noon by reservation at least one day in advance. The price for lunch is \$5.00.

Most all of us would agree that country can be attributed to its free enterprise system of economy. The USA fathered mass-production, and the consumer oriented economic system is the brain-child of American ingenuity. Because of our freedom to produce and consume, our citizens have been employed or had the privilege of being an entrepeneur. Such affluence has provided us with one of the highest standards of living in the world for many generations. Still others would attribute Americans greatness to her generosity. The Statue of Liberty in New Yrok harbor, with her torch held high and her invitation to the world to take shelter in this land, epitomizes the generous spirit of our people. American's have often helped rebuild the countries we have defeated in battle, sent foreign aid and subsidies to hurting nations, and been the benefactors of countless millions beyond her own borders. Surely such a spirit has made our country great.

Up?

On the other hand, there are those who claim America's greatness comes from her freedoms. No nation has ever enjoyed the liberties of the citizens of the USA. Our freedom is based on U.S. Constitution with its Bill of Rights, particularly the first amendment guarantees of freedom of speech, religion, press, and right to assemble.

As wonderful as all these good things America provides for us and to us, it is my firm conviction that the true greatness of America is found in her people and their faith in God. America did not just happen. Freedon did not merely evolve. Prosperity did not arise out of a vacuum. No, there is ample evidence that God has had His hand on America from the first day the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. God created the natural resources we enjoy, gave us the genius to prosper, instilled within us love for the less fortunate, and gave us the courage to be free. Yes, God has been good to our land and to our people. Yet, we need to be reminded on this 216th anniversary of our nation's freedom, that it is God who has blessed America and it is our faith in Him as American citizens that has sustained us thus far. As King David wrote in the Bible, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). America will endure only as long as we recognize our dependence upon God and practice the righteousness of His divine principles as given in the Scripture. May we continue to



NEW MANAGER....Alice Duncan is taking over the management of the Bovina Allsup's store. Tim Turley has been transferred to Plainview, where he will manage a store there.

# Fourth Of July '92 Has Special Meaning

When Boris Yeltsin stood before a historic joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, as the first elected president in the history of Russia, he proclaimed that his country "has made its choice in favor of liberty and democracy.'

"It is a great honor for me to address the Congress of the great land of freedom," he said.

That's quite a change from the rhetoric of the Cold War when bellicose Soviet leaders vowed to spread communism through the world. Instead the opposite has happened; communism isn't spreading, it's on the run. Democracy is on the march.

We celebrate the Fourth of July by recalling the first historic steps the world took toward democracy. Back in 1776, democracy and liberty were ideas that were not widely applied to government. The American Revolution and the formation of the United States were daring experiments that brought those ideas to life and changed the world.

Unlike the democratic movement in Russia, which looks to the United States and other countries for its example, the leaders of the American Revolution built democracy without a working model or an instruction manual.

Instead, they placed their faith and trust in certain ideals which they set forth in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these

On this anniversary of the signing of that document, those words ring just as true as they did 216 years ago.

Today the American experiment continues. It is by no means a perfect product, we're still working on it. As Winston Churchill said, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms which have been tried from time to time."

For 216 years, people thirsty for democracy have been inspired by the United States as a model of what a free society can achieve. The student protesters in China's Tiananmen Square even went so far as to make the centerpiece of their demonstration a replica of the Statue of Liberty.

For generations people have been willing to leave their homes and families, braving new challenges in this country, just for the chance to pursue their dreams. Dreams of a step up in life were what brought my grandfather from Denmark to a sod hut on the plains of South Dakota.

Our nation's greatness lies in the freedom and opportunity that it offers. Hope brings people to this country and hope drives our nation forward--it fuels our economy and our culture. As long as the United States continues to be a land of hope, there are not limits to the possibilities for our people or for our country.

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WD, Elton Venable, Julian Ovalle, all of lots 3, 4, & 5, Blk. 56, OT Bovina.

WD, Rex Allen Cumpton, Jesse Cantu, Jr., the S/75 ft. of the N/200 ft. of a tract out of League 549, Synd. Sub.

WD, Louise E. Busbice, Christine Barela, the W/25 ft. of lot 6, 7, 8, & 9 Blk. 98, OT Farwell.

WD, Iola Rucker Nelson, Joe M. Stephen, all of lot 11, Blk. 1, Lakeside Add., Friona.

WD, Joe M. Stephens, Jesus Mendoza, all of lots 5 & 6 and the N/20 ft. of lot 7, Blk. 1, Jones Add., Friona.

WD, Stephen D. Adams, Eleanor F. Walker, et.al, all of lot 11, Blk. 6, Lakeview Add., Friona.

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# **Mailbox Vandalism--Everyone Is A Loser**

dead of night the U.S. Mail gets delivered to postal customers across the nation. The elements of nature don't stop letter carriers from getting mail into a customer's mailbox, but sometimes mailbox vandalism does.

Mailbox vandalism comes in a variety of shapes and sizes from the placement of objects inside the mailbox to the actual theft or destruction of the mail receptacle. Letter carriers and customers have reported finding bottles, snakes, snails, food, trash and even small animals inside their mailboxes. These items are usually easily removed and do not disrupt the delivery of mail. On the other hand, firecrackers, shotgun pellets, baseball bats, rocks, and even an occasional pickup truck usually do enough damage to cause an interruption in mail service until the box is repaired or replaced. Beyond the damage to the boxes, which costs the postal customer time and money to repair or place, mailbox vandalism sometimes causes the loss or destruction of valuable and important mail.

U.S. Mail receptacles and the mail inside are protected by Federal law from theft, damage, and destruction. The violations are felonies which carry penalties of between three to five years imprisonment and/or fines between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per incident.

Through the year it has been discovered that the vast majority of incidents of mailbox vandalism are the result of juveniles playing pranks: Juveniles, those under the age of 18, cannot be prosecuted in Federal court, so frequently, even though vandalism is a Federal offense, the local sheriff or police are

Through rain, sleet, snow, or called upon to investigate. They can respond quickly and usually have a good idea which individuals are most likely to be involved. In addition, juveniles can be prosecuted for vandalism of mailboxes under the State law concerning criminal mischief.

The best way to prevent the destruction and vandalism of mailboxes is through education. Parents with young children should take a few moments to explain the importance of an individual's mail to them. They should also let their older children know that what may

be intended as harmless prank is actually against the law and that everyone involved loses; the prankster who can end up in jail; the customer who has to pay for the repair or replacement of the damaged mailbox and mail; and the community who pays the local sheriff or police to investigate the incident.

It's your mail-protect it. Any act of vandalism or information concerning vandalism of mailboxes should be immediately reported to the local sheriff or police, your local postmaster, and the Postal Inspectors at 806-762-7821.

