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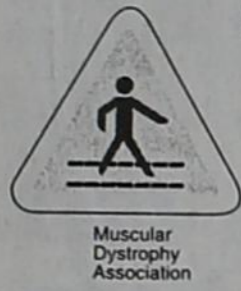
## FBC Has Special Plans Set

First Baptist Church, Bovina has set Sunday, August 26, 2001 as "Western Days". The community is invited to come to this casual, western attire, event.

Refreshments will be served at 10:30 a.m. outside, weather permitting, and a Sunday School lesson will held for all ages.

Morning worship will be at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary under the direction of interim pastor, Gene Hawkins of Lubbock.

Everyone is encouraged to dust off their boots and hats and join in the fun.



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## Bovina Classes of '45-'53 Set Reunion September 8

Plans are being made for a Bovina High School class reunion for the classes of 1945 through 1953.

The group will meet on September 8, 2001, from 3-8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Clovis. This will be the fourth time the group has gathered for a reunion over the years.

If you would like to be part of a buffet dinner at 5 p.m. the price is \$12 per person. If you would like to just visit your old friends and classmates, please bring your pictures, school annuals and memorabilia and come on by.

For reservations or more information, call Kathryn Gromowsky at 806-265-3396.



LINE 'EM UP...The Mustangs offense is coming together with a batch of new players this year. Above, quarterback David DeLaRosa (3) gets set to hand off to promising running back Johnathan Chisom (28). Coach Scroggins is grooming new and inexperienced players this year due to a big graduating class last year. ron carr photo



MEDIA HONOR ROLL.....Superintendent Michael Downes, right, presents Bovina Blade editor Ron Carr with a Media Honor Roll certificate. The honor is given by the Texas Association of School Boards for fair and balanced reporting and providing information to the community about public schools.

## T. Schilling Critical In Lubbock

--Bulletin--

Todd Schilling was critically injured at the family farm just off Farm Road 1731 north of Bovina Thursday afternoon, when his leg was caught in a cornheader.

Schilling, the son of Leon and Martha Schilling, was transported by Bovina Ambulance to meet the Lifestar Helicopter at Friona.

He was transported by Lifestar to Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.

Schilling and his wife Lisa and four children live south of Bovina.

## World War II Vets Can Receive Diploma

Veterans of World War II who dropped out of school to join the service, or widows of such veterans are eligible to now receive a high school diploma, according to Superintendent of School Michael Downes.

Downs has application forms to be used by eligible WWII veterans to apply for a diploma, as authorized by the Texas Education Department.

The completed form, along with a copy of the veteran's discharge notification form, must be submitted to the school district where the veteran was enrolled.

Under the TEC code, an eligible veteran for the program is one who: \*Is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States; \*Was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1951, and \*Left high school before graduation to serve in World War II.

Applications may be requested at the Bovina ISD Superintendent's office. The application form is also available on-line at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us>.

The implementation of this program to award high school diplomas to eligible World War II veterans acknowledges the service of those who left high school before graduation to serve in World War II.

The application form was designed to be user-friendly and thereby support the efforts of eligible veterans to receive a high school diploma.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE columnists is a fellow you probably have never heard of, or read after, unless you lived in the Houston area.

This word merchant's name is Leon Hale, and he writes a daily column for the *Houston Chronicle*. I wouldn't have had the privilege of knowing about Mr. Hale and his folksy, down-to-earth style had it not been for Friona native Doris Lange of Houston.

Doris' parents were the late Rose and "Os" Lange, who were Friona pioneers. Carol and I loved the Langes to death. A sweeter couple never lived. A few years ago, Doris began to send me some of Leon's columns. I think Doris said at one time Mr. Hale's column reminded her of me, or Carol and I, or some-such.

In any case, I'm very flattered, just to have my name mentioned in the same sentence as Hale's. He is a real pro, and I enjoy his writing very much. Maybe Mr. Hale won't mind if I quote some items from the columns that I have saved, just to re-read or whatever. I think most of my readers can relate to these subjects:

"My friends and I were sitting around in the sun, baking our bones and talking about memories. Old guys do that a lot. They're especially interested in "first times." "Do you remember the first time you ever drove a car? Mel asked.

"Sure, I remember the first time I ever drove a car. It was my father's Willis Knight, and it had a bad clutch, so I couldn't make it go without a lot of bucking and pitching. All the cars that man ever owned ended up with bad clutches because he was a clutch rider.

"Mel nodded. "My Dad rode clutches, too. It was a common habit among people who learned to drive in Model-T Fords. The first car I ever drove was a Chevy. A '36, I think, and its transmission was half shot."

"I remember the power; of being in control," Mel said. "Putting your foot on the gas and feeling all that power respond. What was it we used to call the accelerator?"

"The foot feed." "Funny thing. Sometimes I have trouble remembering the zip code I live in, but 'foot feed' popped out of my mouth in half a second and I hadn't heard or even thought about the term in 40 years.

Mel laughed. "Right, the foot feed. I like the way that sounds. But you talk about power, one time my dad took me to the depot, when I was maybe 6 or 7, to watch a train come in. We walked out and stood by the engine, up close to the tall wheels. Even when it was standing still you could feel the power of that steam locomotive. It pulsed, sort of, and you could feel it right here, in your stomach. It scared me.

"Did you ever drive a tractor--a big one?"

"Oh hey, a tractor," he said. "One time in OK City I had to go on a construction job and the guy running one of those big Catepillar tractors let me drive it a little way. Man, it makes you feel like God, like you could knock over a tall building. Warns you inside," Mel added.

"That sounds like my Mom. In spring sunshine she'd go out and lay on the door of the storm cellar and soak up the heat and say, 'This is the first time I've been warm inside since last September.'"

"Sometimes that's the kind of stuff we talk about, while sitting in the sun."

Thanks, Mr. Hale, and to Doris for sharing your great columns with me. Hale often writes about his "Old Codger's Club," and those are hilarious, too. Maybe I'll share one of those columns with my readers one of these days.

### Bull Town Bulletins By Bill Ellis



## Council Hires Full Time City Manager

Bovina's city board of aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, and hired a full time city manager.

After a two year experiment contracting for a city manager with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC), Bovina's

aldermen decided several months ago to hire a full time manager.

The hiring process brought almost 20 applicants. The council narrowed the candidates down to three and at last Tuesday's meeting, Ernest Terry of Lubbock was offered the position and has

accepted. Mr. Terry will be moving to Bovina and assuming his duties some time during the first half of September.

According to his resume, Terry has over 30 years of professional administrative, managerial and supervisory experience, mainly related to the healthcare field.

He will be leaving a position as instructor at American Commercial College in Lubbock. He also served as Director of Education at International Business College in Lubbock.

Terry has served in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army. He was an aviation electronics technician in the Navy from January 1968 to December 1975. He also served in the Army Medical Service Corp from August 1978 to October 1990, retiring as a Captain.

After his 1990 retirement, Terry worked in healthcare administration in El Paso, Georgia, North Carolina and Las Vegas, Nevada before moving to Lubbock in July 1999.

He is a graduate of the University of El Paso and has a Master of Arts degree in public administration from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri.

## Area Farmers Glad To Get Much Needed Rain

Bovina, Rhea, Oklahoma Lane, Lazbuddie and Hub. All farmers in these areas are a little happier these days as most reported around 2 inches of rain the last 10 days.

Cotton farmers are especially smiling as the much needed rain came just in time and should boost cotton growth and production.

Wayne Smith at Bovina Gin said he received about an inch of rain at the gin but cotton farmers are reporting 2 inches for the most part.

The area around Bovina did receive erratic amounts. While one farmer would report no rain, a neighbor might receive an inch.

Harry Johnson at Sherley

## Board Has Full Agenda In Final Summer Meeting

The Bovina School Board met in regular session August 13 in their final meeting before school begins Monday, August 20.

Curby Brantley and Ron Procter of the County Appraisal office reported to the board regarding the 2000 certified totals and calculated tax rates for Bovina ISD.

The board discussed the possibility of additional sports programs for 2002-03. Superintendent Downes and the staff will survey students and parents to determine interests in different sports such as volleyball, softball, and baseball.

The 2001-02 Bovina ISD budget was approved. Downes said the general fund expenses in the budget for 2001-02 will be \$3,387,940,

an increase of \$300,000 over last year.

Downes attributed the approved increase to the recent purchase of a new school bus and school upgrading such as new carpet at Ridgelea.

The board also approved a \$2,500 matching grant as a technology allotment for the \$25,000 Planning Grant received. Money is to be used toward the development of public computer labs for local citizens.

Downes reported to the board that Bovina ISD had approved the transfer of 23 students after receiving letters from other schools. Of the 23 transfers, 13 went to Friona, 6 to Farwell and 4 to Lazbuddie.

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## '69, '70, '71 Classes Set Reunion

Bovina High School Class of 1970 has invited graduates from the classes of 1969 and 1971 and former classmates to a reunion September 21-22, 2001 in Lubbock.

The reunion will begin with a Friday night dinner. A "best ball" tournament will be held Saturday. The deadline for entering the tournament is August 21, call 806-225-4437, 915-651-4082 or email [sorleypc@earthlink.net](mailto:sorleypc@earthlink.net).

Reunion attendees can make reservations at Lubbock's Park Hotel by calling 806-797-3241. To get the best rate, tell them you are with the 1970 Bovina class.



TEACHERS STUDY TOO!...The cafeteria was crowded with teachers, administrators and staff last Tuesday as they gathered to hear nationally known motivator Jamie Vollmer's talk on Building Community Support. School starts Monday, August 20. ron carr photo



JAMIE VOLLMER is shown in photo at left addressing Bovina teachers and staff.



THE ELLISONS

# Ellison Family Has Reunion

BY PAT READ

The 40th Ellison reunion was held August 3-5 weekend at Nogal Inn, Nogal, New Mexico.

The weather was prefect and everyone enjoyed the nice cool mountains. All kinds of tournaments from two legged races to "42" were held on Friday and Saturday. Sunday, church services were held at the outdoor "Chapel in the Pines".

One hundred thirteen people attended: Peggy Spence, Ashley and Brook Baker of Midland; Pat Read of Bovina; Cindy and Zam Zamzow of Three Rivers; Shirley and Brittany Ellison of Dearborn, Illinois; Howard

and June Ellison of Apache, Oklahoma.

Also, Rhonda Rhodes, Terry Howard and Reagan Armstrong of Englewood, Colorado; Roger, Sherri, Jennifer and John Bowers and Anna of Lubbock; Leanne, Brittany and Zachary Holt of Tularosa, New Mexico; Fred and Dorothy Wilson of Amarillo; Jay, Cindy, Victoria, J.J. and Allison Glover of Yuma, Arizona.

Also, Jerry and Kathy Denny and Kelli Denny all of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Mark, Susan and John Moudy of Happy; Larry, Elaine and Blake DeVaney of Melrose, New Mexico; Keith

and Lori Cummings of Tucson, Arizona; Aaron, Karen and Abby Sawyer of Amarillo; Pat, Suzanne, Brandon and Dusty Sims of Dumas; Scott, Tina and Jalee Sims of Amarillo.

Also, Thomas and Virginia Rhodes, Katherine, Gregg and Jena Rhodes, all of Amarillo; Kathy Grissom of Muleshoe; Kevin, Holly, Stetson and Slanton Taylor, Craig, Lisa, Alysa, McKenna and Mickaela Ellison, all of Lubbock; P.J. and Michael Kalil and Ellen and J.R. Ellison, all of Brenham; Ellison and Doris Glover of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Also, Jon Denney of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Janean and C.W. Grissom of Taiban, New Mexico; Jerry and Douise Ellison, Vick, Denise, Curt and Micha Christian and Shelby Teltschick, all of Farwell.

Also, Gina and Spencer and Ted and Tamra Gallager, all of Gun Barrell; Crystal and Jonathan Aikens and Cris Cooper, all of Wildorado; Justin Ortiz and Lauren Inman of Amarillo; Shella and Shannon Early of Round Rock; Murry, Garrett and Madison Glover of Tijeras, New Mexico; Kristy and David Shaklee of Wautoma, Wisconsin.

Also, Troy and Lillie Christian and Shelby, Laney and Collin Christian, all of Farwell; Macey and Taner McDonald of Lewisville; Trevor Warren of San Antonio; John and Jana Levens of Tularosa, New Mexico and Debra Elvers of Lubbock.

# School Board Aug. Meeting

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Downes said that when all students return to campus, the official enrollment should be around 580-610 students. He also reported that Bovina has received an increase in the National School Lunch and Breakfast reimbursement which will amount to about \$3,000 for the year while feeding the same number of kids.

In personnel action, the board accepted the resignation of Jimmy Arias and approved one year teacher-coach contracts for Tony Epps and Robert Horton.

The board adjourned their meeting at 12-midnight after a full agenda.



IT IS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TIME AGAIN...Blocking and tackling and TV cameras signal the start of another Friday night football season. Top, Channel 10 sports guy Jason Zelensky, at right, shoots some footage of the Mustangs line drills. He said the Channel 10 high school special will be shown August 30. Below, A great catch by B.J. Shephard as he leaves the defensive safety behind. Signs of good things to come, we hope. Good catch B.J. ron carr photos

# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**45 YRS AGO-AUG 29 1968**  
Superintendent Warren Morton is making preparations to begin his first year as head of Bovina Public Schools. Morton, his wife and two school-age children, recently moved to Bovina from Chillicothe, where he served as superintendent of schools for the past four years. Morton succeeds W. H. Willoughby, who resigned to accept a similar position at Gruver.

Ralph W. Yarborough, who was appa.F. "Os" Lange, pset favored Price Daniel in the gubernatorial race, carried Parmer County Precinct 3 (Bovina) in Saturday's runoff election by a 107 to 106 margin.

Bovina School Band will present a brief, public outdoor concert in the patio of the school building Friday, August 31, at 7 p.m. Wayne Stevens, band director has announced.

**40 YRS AGO-AUG 30 1961**  
Mrs. Lady Armstrong returned recently following a visit to Spokane, Washington, where she visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Mager.

Bovina Schools hit its highest opening day enrollment in history Monday with a, 485 total. Superintendent Warren Morton says he expects the figure to swell over the 500 mark within two weeks. A total of 456 registered at this time a year ago.

**35 YRS AGO-AUG 31 1966**  
Another rain, totaling as much as four inches in parts of the area, fell here Sunday night. The moisture came while the area was still water-soaked from last week's heavy downpour.

Kindergarten classes will be conducted in Bovina this year by Mrs. W. E. Williams, a veteran first grade teacher in Bovina Schools. Mrs. Williams says she expects to have a minimum of 13 students when classes begin Tuesday.

Mike Grissom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom, won first place in a tennis tournament last weekend in Clovis. Mike was in the 16-25 year-old division. He will be awarded a trophy by tournament sponsors.

**25 YRS AGO-SEP 1 1976**  
Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in Bovina for Wilbur Charles, 81, who

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passed away about noon Wednesday after a short illness. Charles was serving as Justice of the Peace for the Bovina precinct, a position he had held for the past eight years. He was a retired farmer.

Gladys Spring has been named news editor for the Bovina Blade, it was announced this week by publisher Bill Ellis. Mrs. Spring replaces Lou Nuttall, who recently resigned the position after holding it since 1970.

Superintendent L. F. Jacobs reported Monday that school enrollment-is up over the first day total of 501 students. As of August 30, kindergarten through fifth grades had 251 students, junior high has 133 students and high school reported 148 students. This brings the total to 532.

**20 YRS AGO-SEP 2 1981**  
Tammy and Dennis Willard were pictured on Page 1 with the newest addition to their family, twins Joshua Trent and Jeremy Brent, born August 18 in Lubbock. They have a sister, Amber.

Robert Ulibarri is the newest member of the Bovina High School coaching staff. Ulibarri served as a member of the scouting team and prior to that was an assistant to Paul Topliff when he was head coach at Texico.

**10 YRS AGO-SEP 3 1986**  
Travis Stanberry, two year-old son of Dean and Wendy Stanberry, suffered second-degree burns when he pulled a pan of grease off the stove. The grease burned the left side of the youngster's body, arm, and face.

Bovina Junior High School cheerleaders attended Cheerleading Camp at ENMU in Portales. Cheerleaders are Crystal Trim, Donna Griggs, Christy Scott, Mendy Rhodes, and Keri Mitchell. Sponsor is Virginia Rhodes.

Bill and Suezy Smith will be honored with a reception hosted by their children, Arlene Smith, Darlene Smith

and Kevin Smith, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. \* \* \* \*

**10 YRS AGO-AUG 31 1991**  
Steve Cockerham was injured when a bull charged his horse while he was trying to pen the bull. He received a serious eye injury and a fracture to his wrist.

Parmer County employees and elected officials were given a raise in the 1991 proposed salary schedules, in a split vote by the commissioners in a recent meeting. \* \* \* \*

**5 YRS AGO-AUG 31, 2001**  
Bovina scored four touchdowns to Nazareth's one Friday night. Coaches selected Joe Villarreal as offensive player of the week and Luke Steelman as defensive player of the week.

The 1996-97 Bovina Cheerleaders performed for the Meet the Mustangs open house at the school Tuesday night. They are Becca Gomez, Evang Casas, Gina Beauchamp, Lety Vargas, Kasey Bell and Lori Beauchamp.

# Bovina ISD Lunch Menu August 20-24

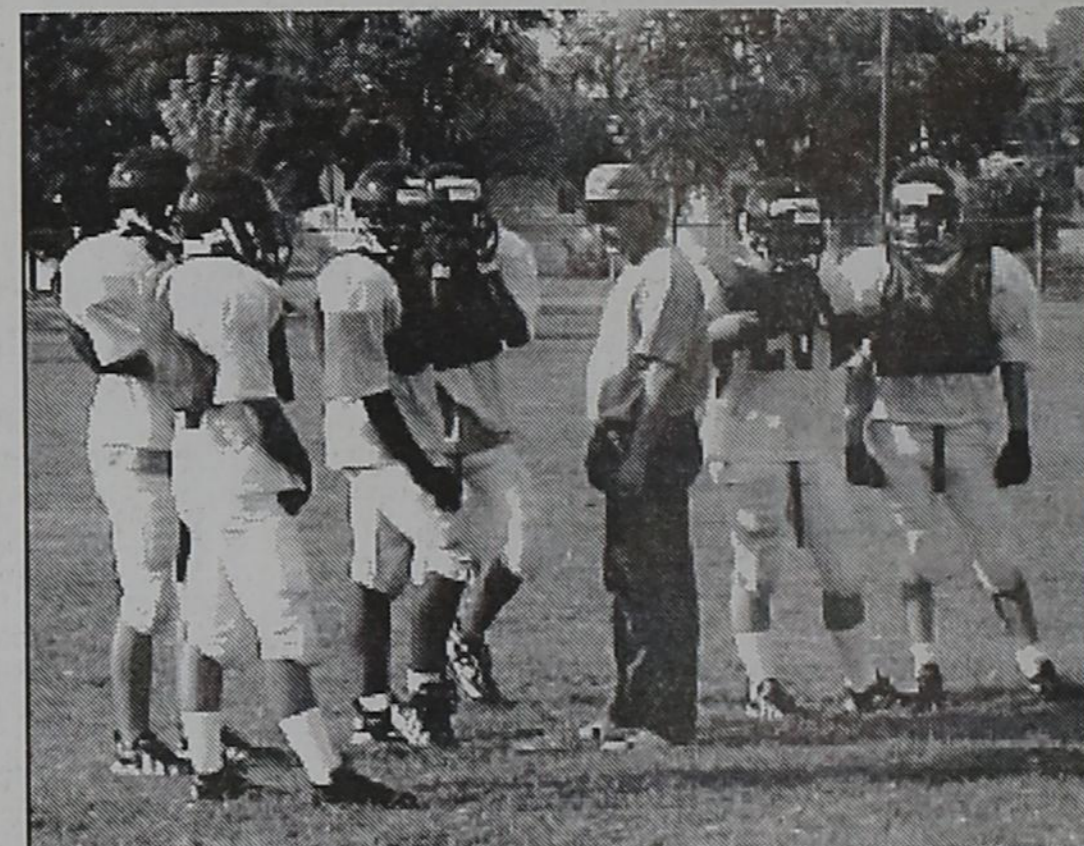
**MONDAY-** Fritos, chili, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, chocolate chip cookies, and choice of milk.

**TUESDAY-** Beef fajitas, cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce and tomato, pickles, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches and choice of milk.

**WEDNESDAY-** Chicken nuggets, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, carrot sticks, tossed salad and choice of milk.

**THURSDAY-** Beef tacos, cheeseburger, onion rings, cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, orange halves and choice of milk.

**FRIDAY-** Fish sticks, pepperoni pizza, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, celery sticks, pears and choice of milk.



COACH RANDY RAGLAND listens to his defensive players during practice. The 'Stangs are practicing in the evening in cool weather this week. ron carr photo

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# Cotton News

(from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.)

By Shawn Wade  
Plains Cotton Growers has asked the USDA Risk Management Agency to consider issuing a deviation allowing "boll count"-based adjustments on dryland cotton severely impacted by drought conditions in 2001.

PCG's request includes dryland cotton planted in the Texas High Plains as well as cotton planted in the Rolling Plains region.

The deviation requested by PCG is identical to the one issued by the Risk Management Agency for dryland cotton in South Texas and the Lower Rio

## Grande Valley.

The deviation would allow growers to immediately receive appraisal on cotton counting only the harvestable bolls on the plant. The deviation also changes the factor applied to the bolls counted to 4.5, or 450 bolls per pound.

Continued hot, dry weather has significantly impacted the condition of the crop that eventually made it to a stand. Dryland cotton in the majority of the affected area has not received significant rainfall during the growing season and has reached cut-out earlier than normal.

The plants display typical drought-induced characteristics, including stunted growth and the production of very few bolls and bolls.

According to Texas Cooperative Extension Service Cotton Specialist Dr. Randy Boman, even the return of

beneficial rainfall would have little impact on the dryland crop except for the initiation of regrowth that has essentially no chance of producing harvestable bolls.

Overall the move to a boll count appraisal methodology is not a significant change, and would not significantly change the crops outcome on the affected acreage.

Evidence of the advanced condition of the 2001 Texas High Plains cotton crop is plain to see as irrigated and dryland fields have rapidly achieved physiological cut-out in many areas.

With plants putting on their last blooms, the crop is expected to mature at a fairly rapid pace unless rainfall returns to the area.

On irrigated cotton rains would probably be more beneficial than harmful as the plant would be more likely to take its full boll load to harvest. On the dryland side however, rains at this stage would most likely only produce regrowth and a fresh crop of squares and blooms that would not produce harvestable bolls.

Those squares and blooms could prove costly though, by sustaining boll weevil populations with a fresh food source as they prepare to enter diapause.

Overall prospects for the area continue to look reasonably poor with dryland cotton not expected to contribute many bales and the irrigated crop only expected to average a bale per acre across the entire region.

Some excellent irrigated cotton is expected to be harvested, but the rest is average or below average in nature.

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Growers and homeowners will have an opportunity to dispose of their waste pesticide containers and leftover crop protection products at a round of Pesticide Collection events during the month of August.

Dates and collection points are as follows: August 18: Plainview, Ollie liner Center; August 20 Ralls, Associated Cotton Growers Ralls Elevator; August 21: O'Donnell, O'Donnell Farmers Co-op Gin; August 23: Sweetwater, Rolling Plains Co-op Compress.

## Clements Buried In Muleshoe

Funeral Services were held for Jim Clements, 91, of Muleshoe, Saturday, August 4, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with Rev. Brad Reeves officiating. Burial followed at Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Mr. Clements died Thursday, August 2, 2001 in Muleshoe. He was born November 9, 1909, in Fisher County, Texas.

He married Wilmoth Cooper on October 15, 1930, in Dickens County, Texas. She passed away December 13, 1994.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jimmie Murl Clements, on September 14, 1994, and two sisters, Lottie Struve and Lena Henry.

Mr. Clements was a retired farmer and a member of First United Methodist Church. He lived independently, in his home and enjoyed gardening.

He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Gwen Clements of Bovina; three grandchildren, Denise Jones of Clovis, Buddy Clements of Shallowater and Janie Villarreal of Amarillo; five great-grandchildren, D'Anne and Brock Baker, Jimmi Dawn Jones, Montana Jones and Blake Clements, all of Bovina and Sean Clements, of Japan; and a great-great-grandson, Kaleb Baker of Bovina.

Pallbearers were great-grandchildren, D'Anne and Brock Baker, Jimmi Dawn and Montana Jones, Blake Clements and a nephew, Jerry Clements of Lubbock.

## Patterson's Brother's Rites Set

Theodore R. Patterson, 74, of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at Regency Health Care Center.

The funeral will be Friday, August 17, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Ballew and Rev. Clyde Parker officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairy Valley Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Lenzie and Janie Anclena Milsaps Patterson; a great granddaughter and brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie Lee of the residence; daughter Michelle Waits of Varnell, Georgia; two sons David Patterson of Dalton, Georgia and Rick Patterson of Chatsworth, Georgia; six sisters, Janice Durham of Dalton, Mae Dunn and Polly Dunn of Chatsworth, Pauline Ballew and Edna Childers both of Cleveland, and Annie Dean of Dalton; and two brothers, Jack Patterson of Friona and Poley Patterson of Chatsworth.

Also, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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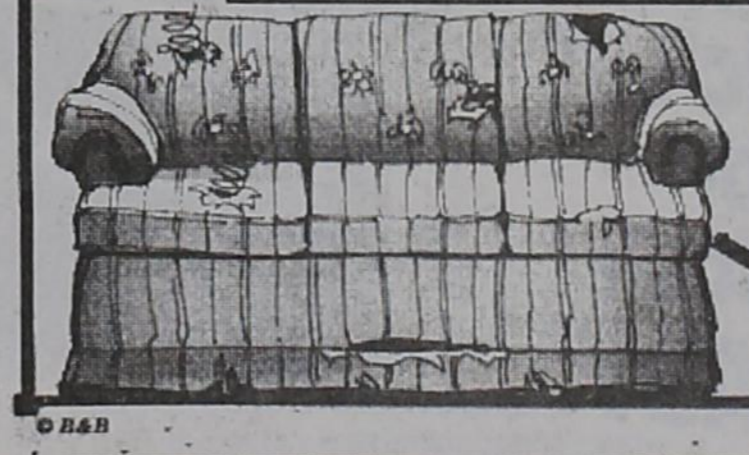
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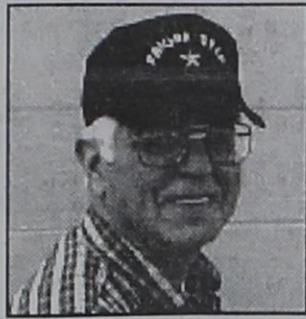
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by Ron Carr

## "Stem Cells or Wedding Bells!"

Here is a scary thought. Former oil well driller and baseball team owner George W. Bush is now making life and death embryo decisions. Not really. All he did last week was tell the "biotech human genome medical engineering labs" that are already experimenting on stem cells from dead embryos that the government is going to give them some of your tax money.

Can't kill any more though, Saint Dubya has decreed. That is not the moral thing to do.

I've been trying to keep up with all the stem cell research and cloning brouha. Like 99.9 percent of the people in America, I don't have a clue what they are talking about.

My first question though was why the Federal Government of America needs to have anything to do with it.

One thing I have learned: there are a whole bunch of embryos and stem cells already being worked on and I didn't even realize it.

So far stem cell research has been a private enterprise. Many of the Bio-researchers are listed on the stock exchanges and sources say they have a ton of money already.

But that didn't seem to matter to Dubya. The candidate who said he wouldn't give tax money to stem cell research. The candidate who said that government should be smaller and spend less.

Prayer is an awful powerful thing to our saintly leader but politics is even stronger I reckon.

As I understand it, married or unmarried couples who can't have kids together

can shop around for another lady's embryo, implant it and have their own baby.

Ladies can also store a few embryos in a freezer in case things don't work out and they might need them later. They can be thawed like a 6-oz. package of Green Giant peas and perhaps turn into a little human.

Then you've got this cloning deal. It all started with Dolly the sheep. Let me ask you: did Dolly look pretty much like all other sheep to you? I mean you could put Dolly in a herd and I couldn't pick her out if I had help. Maybe she looks and acts like her momma which no doubt makes her daddy count sheep at night.

There is already a human cloning company named Clonaid (sounds like a nasal decongestant!) There is a doctor in Italy that says he is going to clone a human by November. One can only hope that all the outer extremities are in their proper places.

Somewhere I read that stem cells are so small that 10 of them side-by-side would be the same width as a human hair. It is amazing to me that they ever found a stem cell in the first place.

Not only are they neat for research, the stem cells continue to reproduce forever. The politicians and scientists call that a "line" of stem cells. We have 60 lines in the world that are currently reproducing from the dead embryos they once inhabited.

Are you still with me on this? It is a big moral argument, which in itself is ironic that America is suddenly concerned about embryo morality or any other kind of morality for that matter.

The question is this: is an

embryo a person? Politicians, pundits and Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson argue incessantly about when is a person a person. When is a life a life?

I gotta' tell you, I don't know. I am a pro-choice person. Sorry Republicans but I think most of you just talk about pro-life things because it will get more votes. Embracing embryos is touchy feelier than aborting an embryo.

I think a woman and her doctor and family are more qualified to make those decisions than a bunch of Armani suited politicians who never had a labor pain in their lives.

So, now we take an embryo, kill the eggs and harvest the stem cells. By doing that we could perhaps some day help paralyzed people walk, cure diabetes, leukemia, arthritis or Alzheimers. I'm all for it.

The righties like Dubya don't approve of killing embryos even though it doesn't cause them pain as far as we know. He had rather force the Bio-labs to throw them in the dumpster.

Now I don't think doctors and scientists should be monkeying around with human genetics to begin with. Sooner or later they will slip and "manufacture" a deformed monstrosity which no one will want, especially a politician.

They haven't been able to determine what a stem cell will turn into. Suppose they are trying to cultivate a liver and they get a brain. What then?

I know. They are smart and we are not. Many people, like Christopher Reeve and Mary Tyler Moore, want stem cell research. Now they have

it, thanks to Dubya.

The stem cell morality issue will fade away in the next few weeks and another major issue, like naming Billy Jeff Clinton's book, will grab the headlines.

In a couple of years the GAO will discover fraud in the Bio-labs that get government money. By then, Dubya will be somewhere up in Oregon cleaning out some underbrush in the forest.

Dubya hid behind prayer and compassion to break his first campaign promise. I have a feeling it won't be the last but he will make you feel good about it.

Like a long time staunch Parmer County Republican told me last week: "I think we might have sent the wrong guy up there."

During the short trip from Texas to the White House, George W. acquired an enormous amount of insight and wisdom. If you don't believe it, I leave you with a recent quote from Dubya:

"I know what I believe. I will continue to articulate what I believe, and I believe what I believe is right."

So what do you believe?



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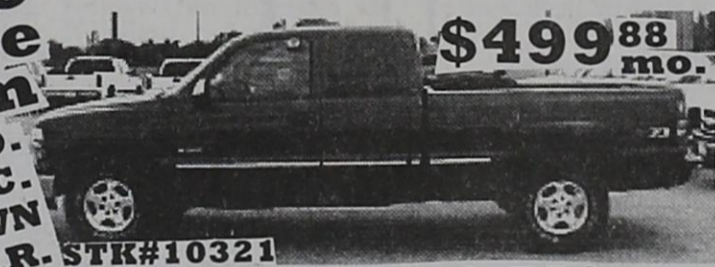
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## Museum Re-Opens

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will reopen its front doors for the first time since its \$6 million renovation on Saturday, August 25, 2001. Visitors will have the opportunity to relive the magic Museum visitors must have felt when they first entered Pioneer Hall in 1933.

If you were one of those first 1600 visitors, the Museum would like for you to be our special guest at the Grand Reopening event. Please give us a call at 806/651-2235 or email us at museum@wtamu.edu, and let us know you will be there.

Opening day festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. with a barbed wire cutting, followed by the public opening of the renovated spaces, living history demonstrations and musical entertainment.

See Pioneer Hall restored to its original art deco architectural style. The original paint colors have been duplicated, and a variety of artifacts have been installed to give visitors a glimpse of what lies beyond.

**People of the Plains: Experiments in Living** compares and contrasts 14,000 years of human occupation. Exhibits illustrate the many ways people of the Plains have met their need for food, clothing, shelter, trade and transportation.

Be there when history repeats itself. Don't miss the grand reopening.

## Stock Show Dinner Set In Friona

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.



**WERE YOU THERE?** This photo was taken at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Friona, Texas, on April 14, 1933. The museum will re-open on August 25 now that major renovations have been completed.

## Graveside Services Held For Ex-Friona Resident

Graveside services for Benthal Moselle Hyatt, 75, of Roswell, N.M., were conducted Tuesday afternoon, August 14, at Friona Cemetery.

Mrs. Hyatt passed away August 8, 2001, at the Heart Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. A funeral service was

conducted Monday morning at Roswell's Baptist Temple, with Rev. Bill Whitehead officiating.

The decedent was born on January 26, 1926, in Blair, Oklahoma, to Porter Oliver Southall and Frances Fannie Southall.

A loving mother and homemaker, Mrs. Hyatt owned a farm near Friona prior to her retirement. She had lived in Albuquerque for some time, moving to Roswell three years ago. She was a member of the Roswell Baptist Temple, and was also a member of the High Prairie Poets organization.

Survivors include four sons: Burl Vance Beene of Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Gilbert Harris Beene of Dexter, New Mexico; Gregory Lynn Nelson-Beene of Bowling Green, Ohio; and Daniel Reid Hyatt of Chicago, Illinois, and two daughters, Elana Marie Beene Willey of Lodi, California and Bennie Jo Miller Roberts of Lovington, New Mexico.

Also surviving are two sisters, Christine Braxton of Weatherford, Oklahoma and Anna Jo Smith of Del City, Oklahoma; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Porter Beene, Bill Beene, Rusty Roberts, Cara Roberts, J. Chase Roberts and Mason Hutchison.

## Gospel Singer To Appear In Hereford

According to Buddy Peeler, owner of KNNK radio station in Hereford, gospel singer Jessica King will appear in Hereford on August 25 and 26.

King, a Southern Gospel Horizon Award Nominee, will be making a swing through West Texas prior to the National Quartet Convention.

She is from Katy, Texas, and has had three gospel singles released which have made it into the Singing News Top 20. Her signature song, "Keep Me In Your Will," was in the year's Top 40 as ranked by Singing News in 2000.

She will appear at Branum's restaurant in Hereford for a dinner concert Saturday, August 25 (reservations required) and on Sunday morning, August 26, at First United Methodist Church in Hereford.

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## 2001 Property Tax Rates in PARMER COUNTY

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for 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:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,405,338	\$421,140
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,405,338	\$421,140
Last year's tax base	\$427,154,407	\$421,140,000
Last year's total tax rate	0.3290/\$100	0.1000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,404,425	\$420,733
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$437,620,691	\$431,360,988
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.3209/\$100	0.0975/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.4184/\$100	
x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.4309/\$100	

This year's rollback tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,404,425	\$420,733
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$437,620,691	\$431,360,988
= This year's effective operating rate	0.3209/\$100	0.0975/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.3465/\$100	0.1053/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000/\$100	0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.3465/\$100	0.1053/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.4518/\$100	

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If PARMER COUNTY adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.4184 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$3.327.

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 ST., BOVINA, TX., 79009.

Name of person preparing this notice: RONALD E. PROCTER  
Title: CHIEF APPRAISER  
Date prepared: August 6, 2001

## 2001 Property Tax Rates in PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL. 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:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$502,761	\$0
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$502,761	\$0
Last year's tax base	\$288,115,186	\$0
Last year's total tax rate	0.1745/\$100	0.0000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$502,062	\$0
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$298,018,240	\$0
= This year's effective tax rate	0.1684/\$100	0.0000/\$100
x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.1734/\$100	

This year's rollback tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$502,062	\$0
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$298,018,240	\$0
= This year's effective operating rate	0.1684/\$100	0.0000/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.1818/\$100	0.0000/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000/\$100	0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.1818/\$100	0.0000/\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.1684 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$742.

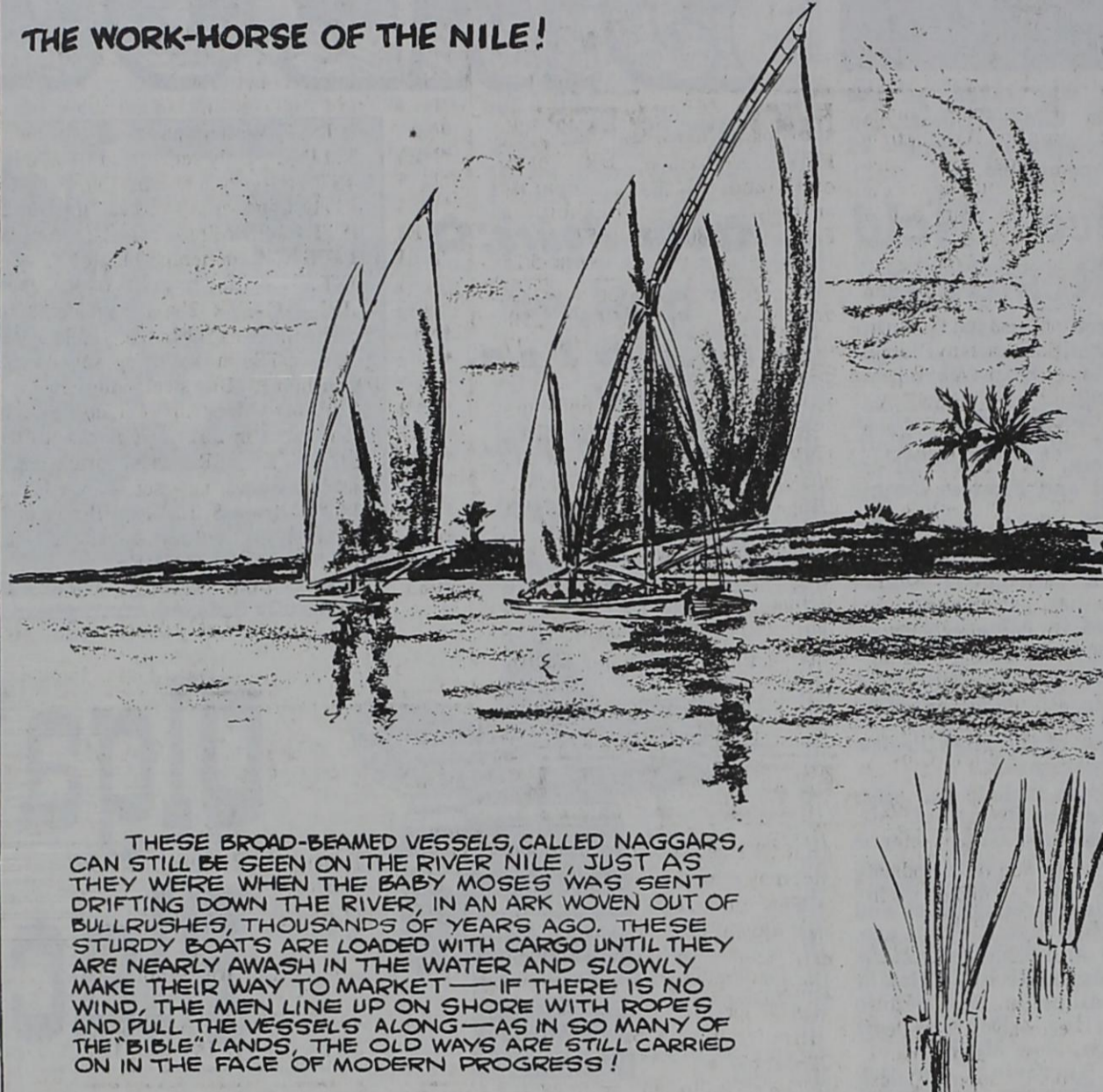
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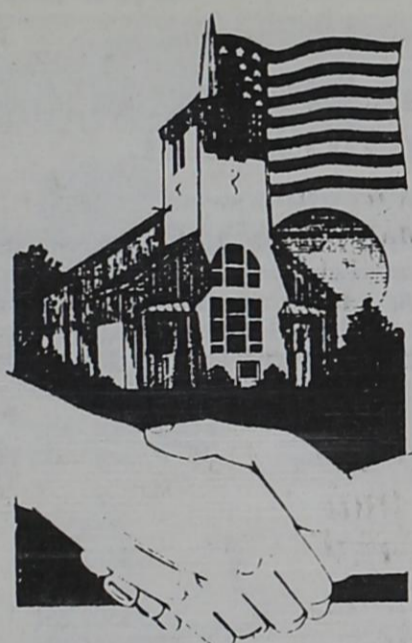
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**HOLD HIM UP LIKE THIS.....** Coach Tony Epps is urging the defense on during practice this week. Coach Epps and the other coaches will get a look at their work tonight as the Mustangs host the Clovis sophomores in a 6 p.m. scrimmage. ron carr photo

**Football Contest Starts Next Week**  
Heads up football fans!  
The annual *Bovina Blade* football contest begins with next week's issue.  
Once again players will be able to win weekly prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5, plus a grand prize of \$150.  
Look for the entry blank in the Friday, August 24, issue which will have games of the weekend of September 1.  
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Aug. 31	Hagerman	Here	TBA
Sept. 7	Lorenzo	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Olton	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Open		
Sept. 28	Sundown	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Vega	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Whiteface	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Farwell	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Anton	Away	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Springlake-Earth	Here	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Sudan	Away	7:30 p.m.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of August 19-25, 2001.  
 Aug 19 Brooke Charles  
 Aug 20 Nathan Spence, Tracy Wright, Roberta Carlyle, Katherine Gromowsky  
 Aug 21 Rachel Turner, Howard, Joy Trimble, Maria Serna, Brandon Black, Johnathan Chisom  
 Aug 22 Janee Russell  
 Aug 23 Sharla Cruz, Audelia Serna  
 Aug 24 Jake Steelman  
 Aug 25 Paula Guest  
 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.

## G. Garner Graduates

Gilda Garner graduated from Clovis Community College July 27, 2001 with two Associate Degrees in General Studies and Liberal Arts. She had a grade point average of 3.4.  
 She will continue her education this Fall taking classes at Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico University in Portales to complete her bachelor's degree in education.  
 Gilda is married to Doyle and their children are Gabe, Mike and Matthew.

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**RAIN, RAIN, RAIN!!!**  
This week has been wonderful for Parmer County. The cool temps and rains have been great for spirits and crops!

Jack Patterson's youngest brother, Ted Patterson, 74, of Dalton, Georgia, passed away Tuesday after suffering from brain cancer for two months. His widow is Winnie and they have three children. The funeral is set for Friday at 2 p.m. His obituary is listed elsewhere in this issue.

Other news...Sunday Jack woke up with a terrible pain in his jaw and he and Ona had to go to Muleshoe to see their dentist. The dentist fixed the abscessed tooth and Jack is feeling much better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Graham of Pecola, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Mac McClendon of Albuquerque, New Mexico visited in the home of Elton and Marie Venable last week.

Mrs. Graham and Mrs. McClendon are nieces of Marie and her sister, Helen Blalock.

School starts this Monday, watch out for the school kids who will be walking and those first time drivers. Remember the cross walks and school zones in town. We want to keep our kids safe.

This summer Rita and Norma Villarreal from Bovina and a cousin Norma Alaniz from San Antonio went to visit Rita's son SSG Richard Villarreal and his family, his wife Elida, daughter of Enrique and Maria Guillen from Bovina and their sons Patrick and Rick.

Richard is stationed in Baumholder Germany. Rita's son David Villarreal, stationed in England and his family Linda, Victoria and Emily also joined them while they were in Germany. This was their first chance to see Emily since she was born only 3 months before. They all traveled to Italy and spent four wonderful days. The weather was sunny and hot. In Italy they went to Florence, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Venice & Rome.

In Rome they attended mass at the Vatican. They saw many sites including the Sistine Chapel and the Coliseum. At the other places they visited they had the opportunity to view cameo making, lace making, a glass blower and leather making.

There was so much history it was overwhelming. On the way back to Germany they stopped for breakfast in Switzerland. Upon returning to Germany David and his family had to return to England. While in Germany they went to Concentration Camp Dachau. It was in operation from (1933-1945). 31,591 reported deaths of the Jews have been ascertained for the period 1933-1945.

Norma said it was a place they never thought to ever visit. She also said that Germany was a beautiful place to visit and the food wasn't that bad, but it sure felt good to get back home.

A few days after returning home they then went to visit Rita's other son Edward and his family Dalia, Sarah and Eddie in Edinburg. While there Rita and Norma had a chance to visit many relatives.

Arnold and Amy Hromas celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Sunday by going to church and seeing family.

At church Sunday morning, Justin Brozek sang, "I'll Be Here" and dedicated it to the Hromas couple.

For lunch the couple and their son, Brad, had lunch in Muleshoe at The Carousel with daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Jerry Wilburn of Hereford. Amy said it was a nice, relaxing day. Congratulations to Amy and Arnold.

The annual Donaldson reunion was held at Ned Houk Park, north of Clovis, New Mexico Sunday, July 29. There were 110 family members present from California, Florida, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

The Hastings reunion was held Saturday, July 21 at a Methodist Church in Lubbock. Bovina folks attending included Dean and Juanita Hastings and Donalita Hawkins. Aletha Wilson, Dean and Donalita's cousin, was unable to attend.

The reunion was held for the children of Molly and William Hastings. They had 13 children--Dean, Donalita and Aletha's parents were of those 13 children.

Donalita was able to spend time with her daughters, Darla Peace of Lubbock and Janie Hawkins of Plano. Darla had her grandson, Logan, with her. They all enjoyed him.

Dean and Juanita's daughter, Lawana and son-in-law, David Renfro of Amarillo were there and their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Bobby Redmon of Lubbock and their daughter, Lauren also attended.

The Hastings family enjoyed visiting and had their annual auction to benefit next year's reunion. Family members bring handmade crafts, things from home or new items to auction. What a great idea!

### 2001 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF BOVINA

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for CITY OF BOVINA. 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	\$123,959
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$123,959
Last year's tax base	\$20,978,000
Last year's total tax rate	0.5909/\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$123,805
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$21,762,669
= This year's effective tax rate	0.5688/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.5858/\$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)	\$123,805
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$21,762,669
= This year's effective operating rate	0.5688/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.6143/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.6143/\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If CITY OF BOVINA adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.5688 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$1,647.

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 ST. BOVINA, TX. 79009.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Bovina ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M., September 10, 2001 in BOVINA ISB BOARDROOM.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.1000	\$0.0000	* \$1.1000	\$1,222	\$4,713
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.0043	\$0.0000	* \$1.0043	\$1,137	\$4,798
Proposed Rate	\$1.1000	\$0.0000	* \$1.1000	\$1,233	\$5,106

\*The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$28,768	\$30,138
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$13,768	\$15,138
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1000	\$1.1000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$151.45	\$166.52
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$15.07

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.1035. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.1035.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$788,224
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0