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Class of '83 Reunion Set July 11-12

The Bovina High School class of 1983 will hold its 20 year reunion Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12. A reception is tentatively scheduled at Ridgelea Elementary on Friday, July 11 at 7:00p.m., pending final approval from the school.

Saturday morning events will include swimming, golf, continental coffee and tea, and catching up with old friends.

A banquet will follow on Saturday night, July 12. Details will be given as class members RSVP.

Members of the BHS class of '83 who have not been contacted by email or phone will receive an invitation by mail.

Any class member who has not received their invitation information should call Andy Alexander, reunion organizer, at 250-3567. All the graduates of '83 are encouraged to contact him as soon as possible to ensure an accurate count for the banquet.

The organizers are asking everyone's help in making sure all of the class of '83 receives the information. If you know a classmate who has not been contacted, please forward their information to Andy.



PRAIRIE ACRES resident Lamuriel Stowers took a Harley ride during the weekend's nice weather. She is the 80-year-old mother of Roy Lee Stowers, who decked mom out in a leather cycle jacket and took her for a ride around Friona on his Harley.

*Happy
Father's
Day*
Sunday, June 15

Co-Op Gin Hosts Annual Meeting

About 125 people enjoyed a steak dinner catered by Desperadoes at the 41st annual Friona Farmers Cooperative Gin stockholders meeting Tuesday, June 10.

Co-op officers and gin manager Jerry Butman presented reports. Jimmy Rogers of Williams, Rogers, Lewis & Kaufman of Plainview gave the co-op's audit report.

Rogers stated that the gin had a "break-even" year in 2002, with a net loss of \$2,028. However, he noted that \$330,000 of new equipment had been paid off from the operating budget.

The gin processed 33,832 bales in 2002. Although no dividend was paid because of the "break-even" year, a cottonseed premium was paid at approximately \$10 per bale.

Manager Jerry Butman

told the group that this was the earliest he could remember that the cotton crop had been in trouble. Butman said rain, cooler weather, and some reported hail has caused maybe 65-70% of the cotton acres to be already lost. Some producers said Butman's estimate might be a little high, but that there has definitely already been a loss of cotton acreage.

Dick Cooper of PCCA, Robert Lacy of PYCO and Johnny Anderson of Cotton Warehouse also presented reports to the stockholders.

Mitchell Wiseman and Gene Welch were elected to serve of the board of directors. Dennis Anthony retired from the board after serving for 17 years. Butman and Board President Bill Carthel extended thanks to Anthony for years of service to the co-op.

Bovina Girls' Cage Camp Next Week

Next week, June 16-19, 2003, Bovina girls can take advantage of the Fillies basketball camp. For aspiring Fillie basketball stars, the place to be is at the Bovina gym next week.

3-4-5 grade girls will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

6-7-8 grade girls meet from 1-3 p.m.

High school age girls will meet from 4-6 p.m.

The camp instructor will be Laurie Epps, daughter of Bovina coach Tony Epps. Miss Epps was a standout player for Clovis High School and New Mexico State University.

Registration fee will be \$10 per girl. Applications can be picked up at the local Allsup's, Fast Stop Conoco and Lowe's Grocery. For more information you can call Tony Epps in Clovis at 505-760-3126.

Board To Oversee School Sick Leave

The Bovina school board met in regular session on June 9, with all members present except Joe Steelman. Several staff members and visitors were also present, including Christina Vincent, a bi-national teacher from Mexico.

The board heard an audit report from Sandra Johnson, approved an educational consulting contract with A&J Enterprises, LLP, and discussed personal use of school vehicles.

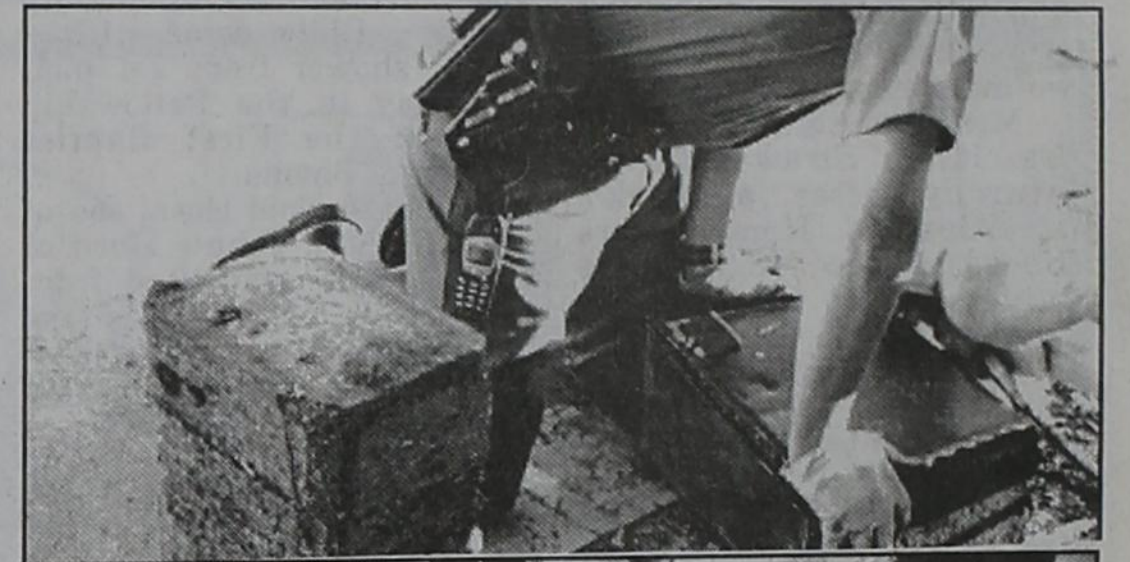
School sick leave policies were discussed. A motion was passed to organize an oversight board to administer the sick leave pool. A motion was

approved to change the sick leave to five state days and two local days. Only one local day can be used each semester.

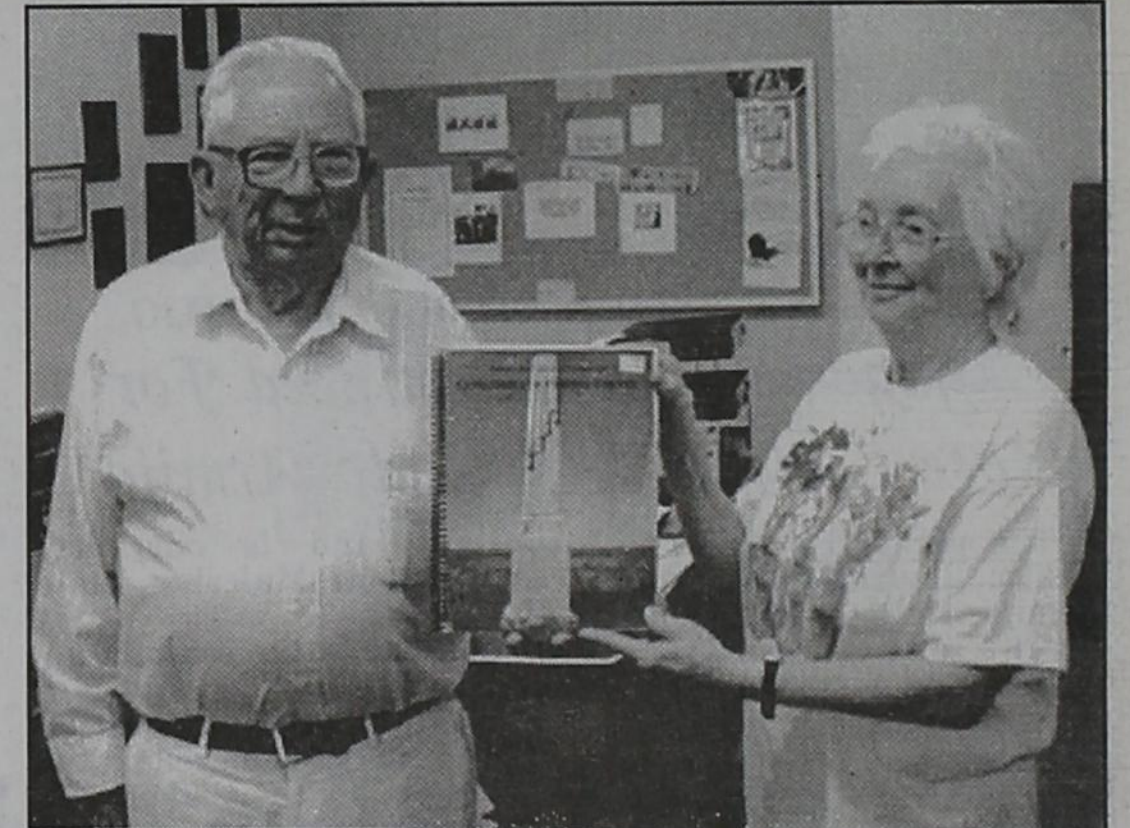
In personnel matters, the board accepted the resignation of Barbara Charles and discussed the superintendent's contract with no action taken.

A probationary teacher/coach contract was extended to David Combs for the 2003-04 school year. A probationary contract was also extended to Kay Jackson for the 2003-04 year.

School principals, the athletic director and the superintendent gave reports.



DPS TROOPER Izzy Carrasco, below, and some of the 162 pounds of marijuana he found during a recent traffic stop. courtesy photos



COUNTY CEMETERIES---Hugh Moseley and Mary Johnston, representing the County Historical Commission, show off the newly completed book "The Cemeteries of Parmer County" now on sale for \$15.00. The book contains listings of every cemetery in the county.



PATTERSON HONORED---At the Parmer County Crime Stoppers meeting on May 20, Jack Patterson, a member of the group since its beginning in 1993, was given a plaque honoring him for his service. Group member Frances Kube said Patterson has been their number one fund-raiser and "the number one Crime Stopper" all these years.

IN GEORGIA

Patterson Tells Of His Younger Years

by BILL ELLIS

This writer has known Jack Patterson for over 40 years, and about the time I thought I knew all about him, there was still more to learn.

Patterson stopped by this week for us to snap his picture for winning an award from the Parmer County Crimestoppers.

Perhaps as a salute to the old publisher on his retirement, Patterson came in the door singing this song:

That Old-Age Pension Check

When that old-age pension check comes to the door
Dear old Grandma won't be lonesome anymore.
She'll be waiting at the gate, every night she'll have a date.

When that old-age pension check comes to the door.

All the drugstores will go bankrupt on that day,
Cosmetics then will be back here to stay.
Life will just begin at 60, and we'll all feel pretty frisky,
When that old-age pension check comes to the door.

Jack explained that he remembered the song (which had several more verses) being on a record which was played on the "talking machines." As the economy improved after the depression, some folks were able to afford the early-day "Victrolas."

His family wasn't one of those. In fact, he recalled walking over to a neighbor's house to listen to a heavyweight championship boxing match on one of the battery-powered radios.

Jack had more than a passing interest in the sport of boxing. His full name (my first time to know), is Jack Dempsey Patterson. He did have an uncle Jack, one of his namesakes.

However, when the Pattersons searched for his birth record for Social Security purposes, they found he was listed as "Boy" Patterson, which is another common occurrence for that time period.

Jack Dempsey was a popular champion at the time Jack was born in 1921. "I got to see Jack Dempsey at his restaurant in New York one time when my infantry division was about to ship out to Europe," Patterson said.

In fact, Patterson said that fighting was a popular pastime when he was a kid. "We'd have our dogs fight each other, and if yours lost, we might say, 'Well, I bet you can't whip me, though!'"

Jack, who has always been an avid hunter, and was a leader in stocking pheasants in Parmer County, told us how he killed his first squirrel, at the age of 11.

His father gave him his 16-gauge shotgun, and Jack killed a pair of squirrels on just two shots. The squirrels were busy collecting hickory nuts. It wasn't just sport, either, as our friend said they ate a lot of squirrel or rabbit meat when he was a child.

Jack was the 11th child of 19 born to Ancelina (Milsap) and John Patterson in western Georgia.

Due to the size of his family, and the absence of money at that time, Patterson said he didn't get his own pair of shoes until he was five.

A neighbor lady, who had a "little money" saw Jack out in the winter weather without shoes, and gave him a dollar with which to purchase a pair of shoes.

"Mother had to order them from Sears-Roebuck. Our general store didn't stock shoes. She got a couple of sticks, and broke one off to be the length, and the other for the width of the ordered shoes, and sent the sticks along with the dollar to Sears, and that's how I got the shoes," Patterson said.

The longtime resident of the Rhea community said his family often traded rabbits to the general store for some of life's necessities. These included flour, salt, snuff and tobacco, he said.

"We raised chickens, but we hardly ever ate any eggs, as we took ours to the store, also to trade for other groceries or goods," Jack said. One exception to the egg deal was at Easter-time, when some of the eggs were used for the children's egg hunts.

"I don't ever remember being hungry. We hunted and fished, and always raised hogs for their meat. We'd render the hog fat for lard, which was stored in large containers and served as the shortening for mother's cooking," he said.

When Patterson was 18, he joined the C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps). His main job was working as a lookout for the forest service. "A buddy and I more or less lived in a 40-foot tall lookout tower. We also helped fight fires, built roads in the mountains, and built picnic grounds," Patterson explained.

"I was paid \$30 a month, and the CCC sent \$22 of that amount home to my parents, and that was a big paycheck at that time," Patterson said.

Patterson fought under the noted General George Patton in Europe during World War II. He was a part of the "Battle of the Bulge," one of the war's bloodiest battles, which led to the Allies' victory over Hitler's forces to end the war.

He and his wife Ona recently attended the 54th reunion of members of the 94th Infantry, which was held in Houston. "Patton's soldiers always appreciated Patton. He was always at the very front of our lines. He would have liked nothing more than being killed in battle," Patterson said.

Ironically, the famed general was killed in a vehicle wreck while on a hunting outing shortly after the war's end.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs. Ago--June 11, 1958
Officers of the Bovina Lions Club are to be named Thursday at 7:30 p.m. when the civic organization meets in the Bovina Restaurant.

Rev. Davis Edens, formerly of the First Methodist Church of Rochester, was appointed early last week as pastor of the Bovina Methodist Church. He fills vacancy made by the retirement of Rev. W.R. Beard, who served as pastor here for three years.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson was the site of the regular monthly meeting of the Bovina Quilting Club Thursday of last week. The members gathered at midmorning and spread a covered dish luncheon at noon. They completed a quilt for the hostess.

40 Yrs. Ago--June 12, 1963
Parmer County's first load of 1963 wheat was delivered to Sherley-Anderson Elevator Thursday by Henry Ivy, who farms three miles north and two miles east of Lazbuddie.

Mrs. Bob McMeans and Mrs. Ralph Straw returned Saturday after a week's activities at Homemakers College at New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen and Regina and Glenda Kelly, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kelly, and Diane Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Kelly, will leave Saturday for a holiday trip to Rockaway Beach, Mo.

35 Yrs. Ago--June 12, 1968
Medical Corpsman Garry W. Beauchamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beauchamp of Bovina, was wounded recently in Vietnam. His company was ambushed. Beauchamp was wounded as he was helping an injured Marine. He had been in Vietnam four months.

Wendol Christian will be the general chairman of Bovina's Bull Town Days celebration. The three-day event is scheduled for the third weekend in August--Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 15, 16 and 17.

30 Yrs. Ago--June 13, 1973
Three directors to the seven-member board of directors of Bovina Medical Center, Inc., will be elected at the annual meeting of the cooperative next month, announces Earl Stevenson, board chairman.

Mrs. Tommy McCormick, the former Miss Debbie Roddy, will be feted with a bridal shower from 2-4 p.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Richard Noel Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Horn of Bovina, was graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Friday, with a master of divinity degree.

25 Yrs. Ago--June 14, 1978
Rev. Dick Richards is the new pastor of Bovina's First United Methodist Church.

The wheat and barley

harvest was getting underway for 1978 in the Bovina area this week. Calvin Talley, who farms in the Pleasant Hill area, brought the first load of barley to a Bovina elevator on Monday morning to Sherley Grain.

Parmer County's Health Officer, Dr. Paul Spring, warned this week of the probability of a bad mosquito season, and the danger it brings regarding encephalitis.

City Marshal Jerry Atchley is investigating two burglaries that took place early last Saturday morning. He said they have several very strong leads.

20 Yrs. Ago--June 8, 1983

Jeri D. Ware of Maud, Texas, received her bachelor of science (B.S.) degree in physical therapy in graduation ceremonies from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Jeri was graduated for Texas Tech in Lubbock. Candidates for degrees were honored at the school of allied health sciences commencement ceremonies, May 21, on the UT Health Science Center campus. Jeri's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ware of Maud, and she is the granddaughter of Jerry Ware of Bovina. Jeri was born while the Wares lived in Bovina and they lived here until she was seven years of age.

15 Yrs. Ago--June 8, 1988
Roger Scaff of Bovina is

among 346 students named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring 1988 semester at South Plains College. To be selected for the Dean's Honor List, students must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours. An additional 164 students were named to the President's Honor List, maintaining a 4.0 or straight A grade point average. "We are very proud of the outstanding scholastic excellence achieved by our honor students at SPC," said Dr. Robert Cloud, vice president for academic affairs. "They have proven to be highly successful in their college careers."

10 Yrs. Ago--June 12, 1993

Plans for a 90th Anniversary Celebration are going well at First Baptist Church of Bovina. Dates for the celebration will be the weekend of June 26-27.

This will be a time of homecoming and reunion, and all members, former members, and friends of First Baptist Church are invited to participate.

Mayor Keith Knight this week tendered his resignation to the City of Bovina.

5 Yrs. Ago--June 12, 1998

Lawrence Widner is retiring from teaching science and vocational ag at Bovina for many years, but he leaves behind a whole group of youngsters who have learned to build valuable objects in the school's metal workshop.



SHANE SELF & ROBIN RAY

Robin Ray/Shane Self Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Ray of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Leigh, to Shane Dustin Self, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Self of Springfield, Colorado.

The couple plan to be wed July 12 at 3:30 p.m. CDT, in the chapel at Central Church of Christ in Amarillo. They will reside in Amarillo.

The bride-elect graduated from Lubbock Christian University with a BSIS degree in Education. She teaches Spanish at Amarillo High School.

The prospective groom graduated from the University of Southern Colorado with a BS degree in Civil Engineering Technology. He is an owner in Mason Dairy Contractors, L.P. in Amarillo.

Friends of the couple are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception immediately following.

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Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of June 15-21, 2003.

Jun 16 Beth Bermea
Jun 19 Betty McClaran,
Raymond Drager

Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

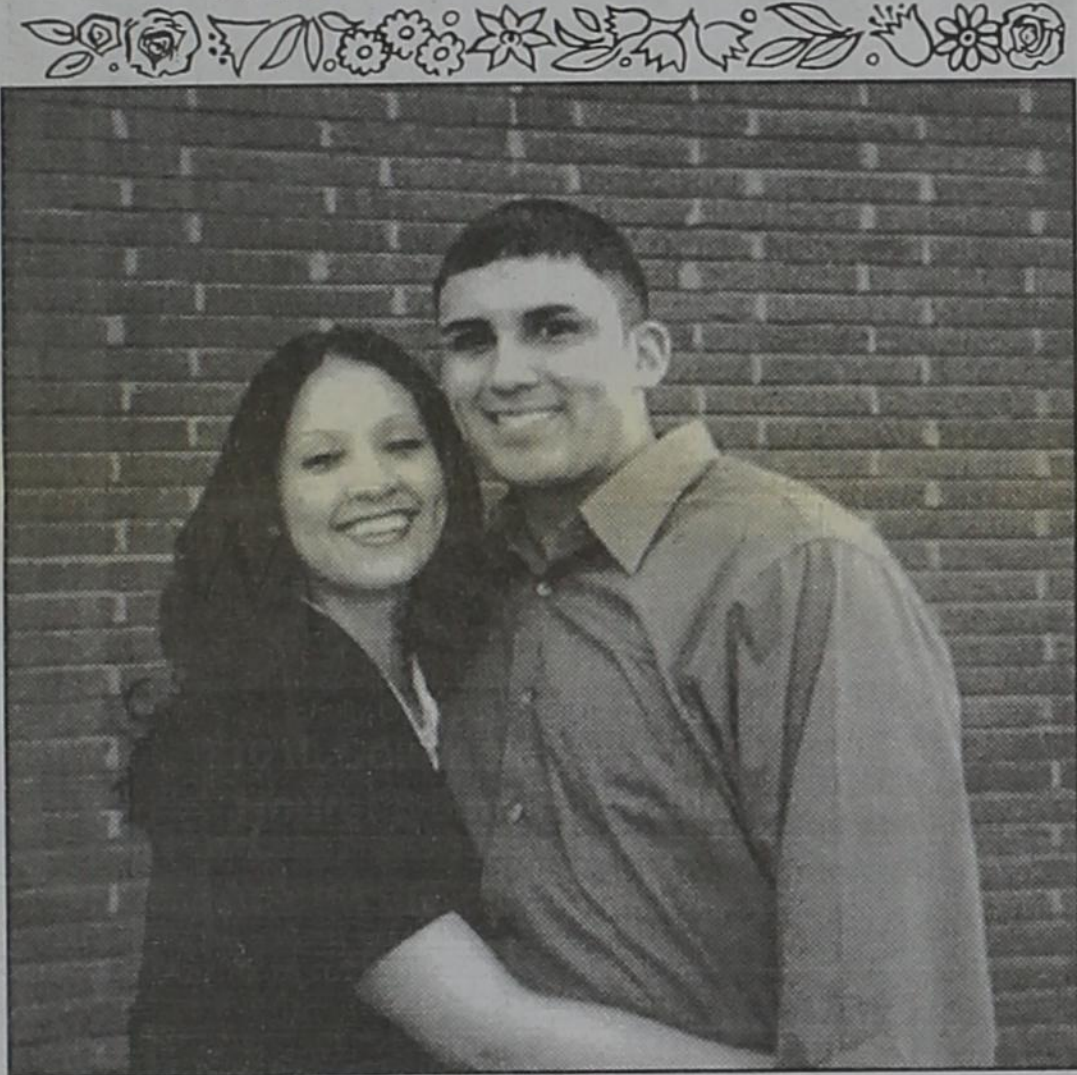
AARP Course Scheduled

The AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Safety Program has been rescheduled for Monday, June 23 and Tuesday, June 24, from 5:30p.m. to 10:00p.m. at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

Taking this course will enable you to receive a reduction on your liability insurance for three years.

For further details please call Joann Mills at 247-3526 or Claire Blanco at 250-3120.

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ROSE ANN CANTU & CONRADO ARMIJO

Engagement Is Announced For Rose Cantu & Conrado Armijo

The parents of Rose Ann Cantu, Bovina, and Conrado Armijo, Dell City, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage on June 21, 2003 at 3 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe.

Rose Ann, the bride-to-be, is the daughter of Ben and Delia Cantu of Bovina. She is a graduate of Bovina High School and Clovis Community

College and is currently employed at Muleshoe State Bank.

Conrado is the son of Tony and Vickie Armijo. He is a graduate of Dell City High School and is employed as the manager of the bakery at United Supermarket.

Friends of the couple are invited to attend the wedding ceremony on June 21st.

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Grace Baptist Bible School dates

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Relay For Life cancer walk Aug 8

Preparations are under way for the 2003 Relay For Life cancer walk. The date is Aug 8 at the Friona high school track. For team info call Shana Fleming at 265-3207.

Library program to feature magician

The Library Summer Reading Program at the junior high auditorium on Wednesday, Jun 18, at 10 a.m. will feature magician Monte Holder who will give a program on the Mystery of Magic.

Tx Tech forage/livestock tour Jun 17

A field tour and chuck wagon cookout will highlight Texas Tech's sustainable forage/livestock/crop systems research projects. The tour and cookout will be at Tech's ag field lab near New Deal, off Hwy 27, exit 14, 6.4 miles east on FM1729 and turn right. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. For more info call 806-742-2828 or email kelly.j.jones@ttu.edu.

Men's community breakfast Jun 18

The monthly Men's Community breakfast will be held from 7-8 a.m. Jun 18 at the Calvary Baptist Church. All men of the community are invited to attend.

Allen Receives Sales Award

Frankie Allen of Friona, local representative for Bankers Advertising Company, was awarded the Ralph C. Morgan Productivity Award for sales in 2002 at the company's National Sales Meeting recently. This honor award is given to the salesperson that most effectively uses all the resources available to him.

Allen says of the award, "I am gratified to receive this award and I wish to thank my family, my customers, and my support team at Bankers for making it possible for me to succeed this past year."

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TX-DOT AWARDS---Bovina Maintenance Technician Matthew Askew Jr. (left) was presented a 10-year No Personal Injury award at a recent Awards Day luncheon for Texas Dept. of Transportation employees. Maintenance supervisor Lehmon Jacobs (right) accepted a three-year No Lost Time award for the Bovina Maintenance Section. Daniel Putman (not shown) received a 20-year Safe Operator award and Daniel Hernandez (not shown) was recognized with a 15-year No Personal Injury award.

LET THE "SON" SHINE

A farmer was having problems with a flock of crows who were destroying his cornfield. He took his shotgun and took careful aim—and bang. He crawled over the fence to pick up the fallen crows and found the family parrot had been in the flock. There he was, badly ruffled, with a broken wing, but still alive. It seems that the parrot was just being sociable and had joined the crows. He found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time. The farmer gathered up the parrot and gently carried him home. When the children saw him they asked, "What happened?" Before the farmer could answer the parrot spoke up and said, "Bad Company!"

The same thing can happen to us today. Paul said, "Bad company corrupts good morals. Don't be a parrot caught running with the crows."

Have a great week! (TLT)

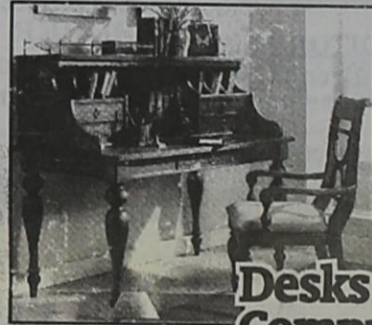
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SCHOOL BOARD president Justin Brozek, left, presents Juan Vara his diploma.



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Valedictorian



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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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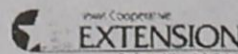
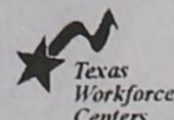
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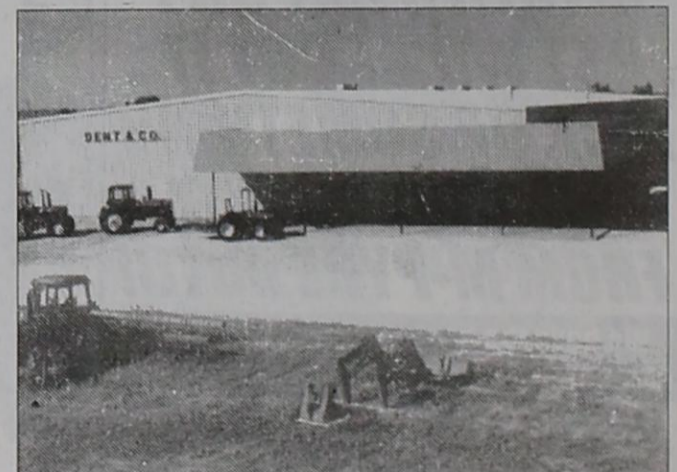


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THE BIBLE HAS BEEN THE WORLD'S "BEST SELLER" FOR MANY YEARS. ONE CAN TRAVEL TO THE FAR CORNERS OF THE EARTH AND STILL FIND A COPY OF THE BIBLE WAITING FOR HIM THERE. IT HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO 195 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND MILLIONS OF COPIES ARE SOLD EACH YEAR. IN A SINGLE YEAR, ENOUGH COPIES ARE DISTRIBUTED TO AVERAGE 47 FOR EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY HOUR, NIGHT AND DAY. WITH SO MANY EDITIONS AND SO MANY PRINTINGS OF THIS GREAT BOOK, OVER THE YEARS, SMALL WONDER THAT THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL ERRORS MADE IN ITS PRINTING! HERE ARE A FEW:

THE BREECHES BIBLE: IN 1560 AN EDITION OF THE BIBLE SAID ADAM AND EVE "SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER AND MADE THEMSELVES BREECHES."

THE VINEGAR BIBLE: IN 1717, AN EDITION HAD THE 20TH CHAPTER OF LUKE HEADED AS "THE PARABLE OF THE VINEGAR" INSTEAD OF "VINEYARD."

THE WICKED BIBLE: IN 1631, A PRINTER WAS FINED 300 POUNDS BECAUSE HE LEFT OUT "NOT" IN ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS SO THAT IT APPEARED IN EXODUS 20:14 "THOU SHALT COMMIT ADULTERY."

THE TREACLE BIBLE: AN EDITION IN 1568 HAD JEREMIAH 8:22 READING "IS THERE NO TREACLE IN GILEAD" INSTEAD OF "BALM".

THE PRINTERS BIBLE: IN 1702 THE 119TH PSALM, VERSE 161, READ: "PRINTERS HAVE PERSECUTED ME WITHOUT CAUSE" INSTEAD OF "PRINCES."

NOTWITHSTANDING THE ERRORS, THE BIBLE, IN THE THOUSANDS OF EDITIONS PUBLISHED AND THE MANY MILLIONS OF COPIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, CONTINUES TO BRING TO HUMANITY THE SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES SO NEEDED BY THE WORLD AT LARGE!


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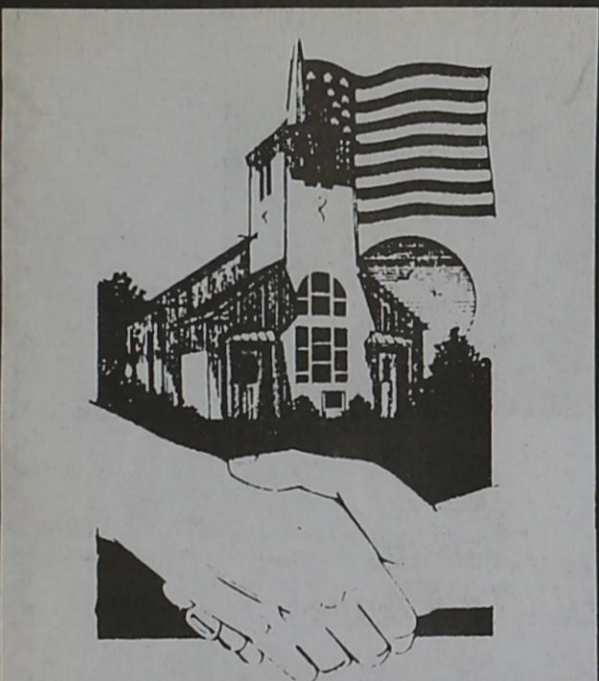
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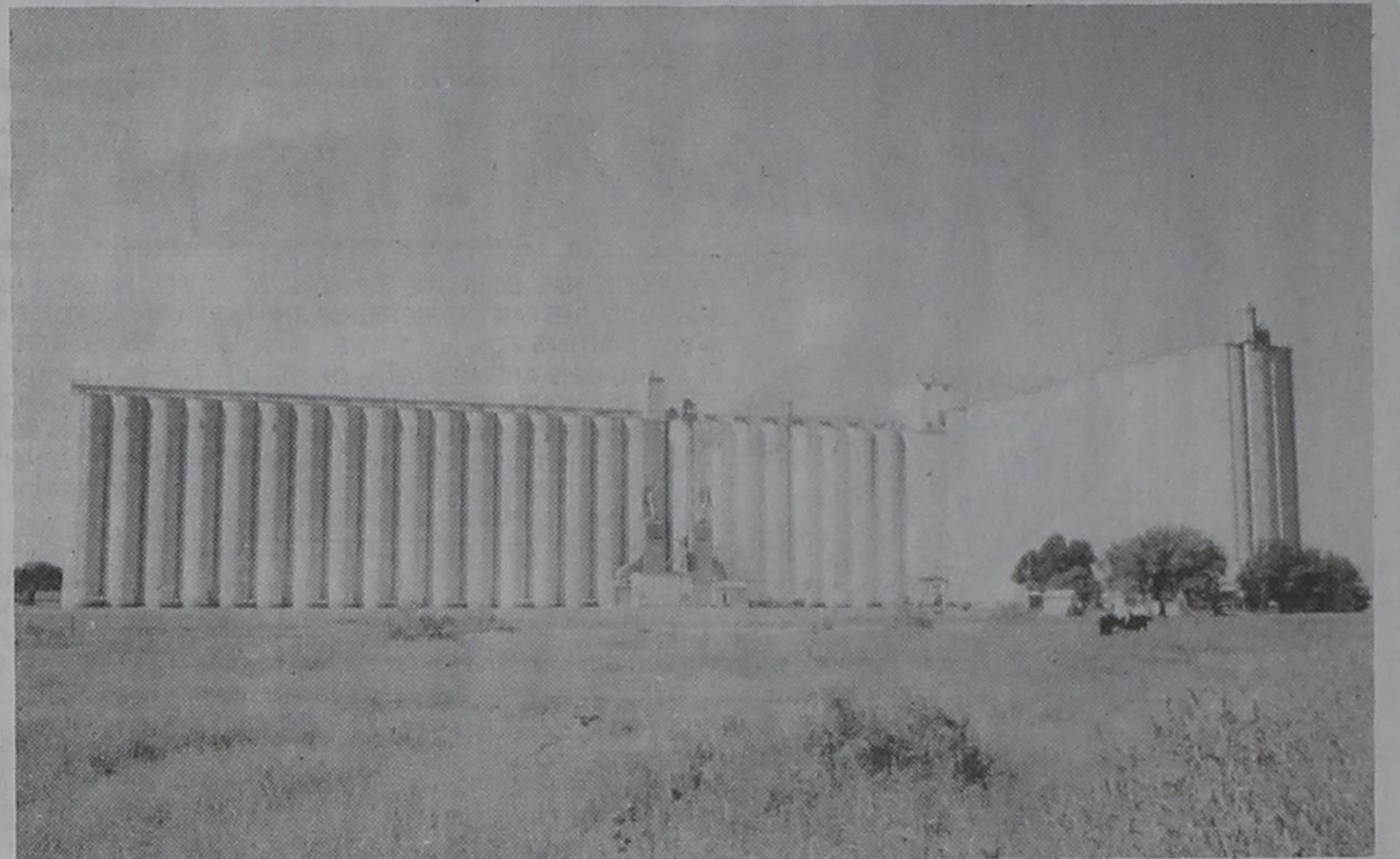
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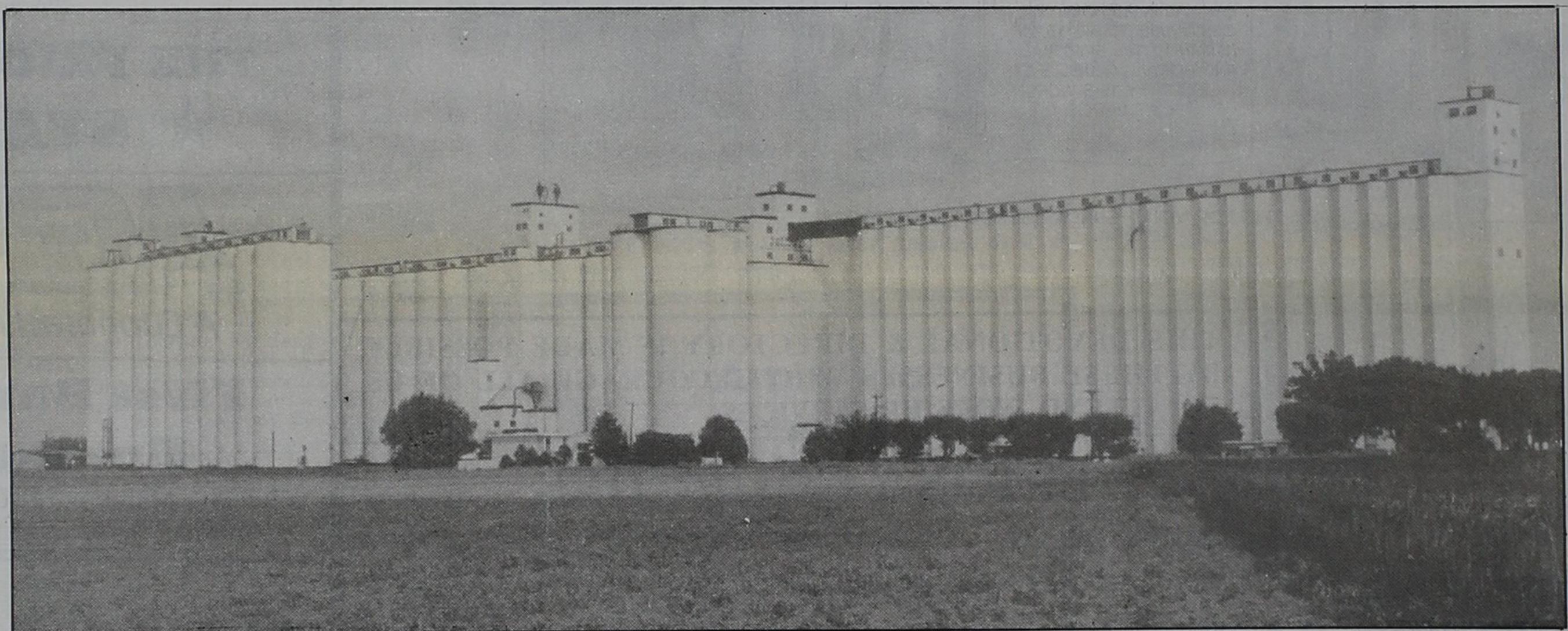


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