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#### German Sausage Dinner Set

St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona has scheduled their popular German Sausage dinner for Sunday, October 5, from 11 a.m. to 2

Ladies of the church make the sauerkraut and sausage. In addition to German sausage and sauerkraut, the menu will consist of green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, relish plate, french bread, cake, coffee, and tea.

Price is \$6 per adult and \$3 for children 10 and under.

#### V. Steele To Celebrate Her 80th Birthday

The children of Virginia Steele invite everyone to join them as they celebrate her 80th birthday with a reception on Saturday, October 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the EMS building on Third Street in Bovina.

The family asks that no gifts be given. For those unable to attend, messages of greetings can be sent to Mrs. players, and coaches were Steele at P.O. Box 41, Bovina, Texas 79009.

#### **Mustangs:** 4th In Area!

The Bovina Mustangs are ranked fourth in the area this week for class 2A teams, by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Stanton and Idalou, both 4-0, head the list, followed by Lockney (3-1) and the Mustangs (4-0). Others ranked were Seagraves, New Deal, Sundown, Ralls and Tahoka.



HARVEST PEAKS....Following a delay early last week due to rainfall, the corn harvest got into full gear this week. One elevator spokesman estimated Thursday that the harvest might be two-thirds finished. A lot of the crop was cut for ensilage, and was marketed while it was "wet." If the dry trend continues, it is thought that the harvest might finish within a week or 10 days. A better than average yield is being experienced. (Photo by Ron Carr)

## Stangs Smash Smyer 34-13, Aim To Go 5-0 At Lorenzo

BY RON CARR

Last year when the Mustangs opened at 4-0, fans, amazed, delighted, and had begun to believe.

But in game 5, the Lorenzo Fighting Hornets came to town and flew off with a wild and crazy 34-32 win, spoiling Bovina's bid to go into district play with a 5-0 record.

This year, the Mustangs again face the Fighting Hornets, who are 1-3, with the same 4-0 record.

The difference is that the 1997 Mustangs know what it is like to win. They have more confidence and more Lubbock Christian.

So far the Mustangs have met with little resistance in their four victories, trampling Smyer last week 34-13. giving the 'Stangs a 144-25 edge in scoring through four

To continue the 1997 "surprise" series, after scoring a quick third quarter touchdown on a 36 yard scramble by Tony Beauchamp, the Mustangs special teams "surprised" Smyer with an on-side kick.

The Mustangs recovered the on-side boot at Smyer's 47-yard-line and promptly drove to the two, where Tony Beauchamp punched across, Billy Chisom added his second two-point conversion and Bovina had a comfortable (surprise) 28-7 lead.

On their second possession, the Mustangs drove 93 yards behind Albert Larrea's runs of 18 and 22 yards, and sophomore stand-out Lucas Ramos' 6-yard TD.

The Mustangs next drive began at their own 12 and under the steady direction of all-state candidate Tony Beauchamp's option keepers on several plays, he scored on a 12-yard run. After a failed two-point try, the Mustangs

Ahead by an uncomfortable 12-7 margin at the half, Coach Ortiz's charges quickly added the two third quarter scores. Then Santiago

balance this year as they face Vargas earned the special a Lorenzo team who is teams player-of-the-week acoming off a 37-21 loss to ward from coaches for a 65 yard punt return for a score in the fourth quarter.

Grinding it out on the ground, the Mustangs rushed 64 times for 431 yards. The passing game disappeared this week as Bovina completed only one pass in five attempts for seven yards.

Speaking of balance, against Smyer seven players gained rushing yardage. Preliminary figures showed these rushing stats: Beau-champ 13-101, Ramos 10-44, Reyna 7-46, Quintana 9-47, Larrea 11-87, Chisom 10-65, Vanegas 4-13.

Coach Ortiz said that the boys tended to play at Smyer's level during the first half, but a talk by coaches at half time motivated the team to a higher level of play during the second half.

Ortiz, normally con-servative in his comments, praised the offensive line for their performance contributing to the 431 rushing yards. The entire offensive line was awarded for offensive player-

of-the-week. In 2A area rushing statistics Bovina trails only Lockney in the South Plains Area Statistics compiled by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal. Bovina is averaging 421.5 yards per game, while holding opponents to 165.3 per game, third in area defense.

#### Kerby Takes First Place In Week Four Of Contest

Only one contestant, Tyson Kerby, correctly picked fifteen of sixteen games this week in the Bovina Blade Business Football Contest. By missing only the Detroit-Green Bay game, Kerby earned \$20 for his efforts.

Three contestants, Kenny Sherbon, Dorothy Stowers and Carmen Porras, picked Detroit to win.

A husband and wife team, Michelle and Martin Gonzales, took second and third place, correctly picking fourteen games. contestants tied with the Gonzales couple but the final score of 34-13 in the Bovina-Smyer game was the deciding factor.

Michelle was only two points off the score and Martin was five points.

Other contestants who tied with the Gonzales couple but did not earn cash were David Miles, 8; Joe Harris, 10; Frances Willard, 11; Jo Blackwell, 14; A.M. Wilson, 15; Dorothy Harris, 17; and Jessica Stowers, 19.

The most missed games, in addition to the Detroit-Green Bay game, were River Road-Dalhart, Denver City-Seminole, San Diego-Baltimore and Minnesota-Philadelphia games.

Jessica Stowers leads the contest with fifty-one total points. Cameron Charles has fifty and David Miles and Frances Willard have fortynine points. A listing of leading contestants' scores can be found elsewhere in this issue and a complete listing is at the Bovina Blade office.



TURN IT LOOSE .... It's all about football. Coach Bobby Ortiz congratulates freshman Tyson Kerby for his victory in the Bovina **Business Football Contest.** (Ron Carr Photo)



FIRST 100 POINTS......The accelerated reading program is in action at Bovina elementary. Fifth grader Charolette Rumph was the first student to surpass 100 reading points this year. She received an AR t-shirt. Parents should encourage children to read by providing a quiet comfortable place for them to read. The more people read, the better readers they become.

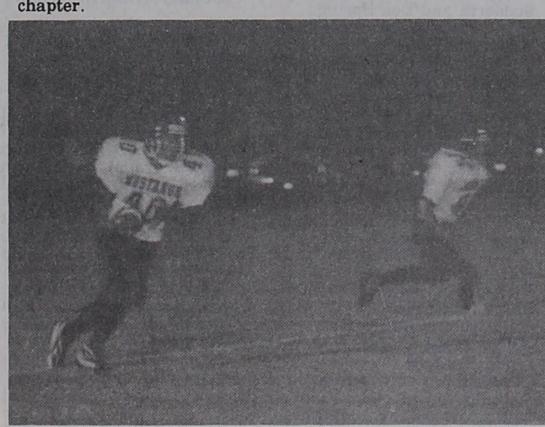
### **Ex-Teacher Meeting** Scheduled For Tues.

An organizational meeting of the local retired school employees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

the few counties in the Panhandle that doesn't have a chapter of the Texas Retired School Employees. Those attending will discuss whether or not to organize a 238-1236. chapter.

The purpose of the state organization is to strive to protect interests of retired teachers/employees with the Texas legislature, and allow the retirees to keep abreast Parmer County is one of on the current happenings in education, as well as enjoy social activities.

All retired school employees are urged to attend. For more information, call Bob Owen at



HIT THE TRAIL...Runningback Billy Chisom is escorted up the field as the Mustangs marched to a 34-13 win over Smyer. (Photo by Anna Ortiz)

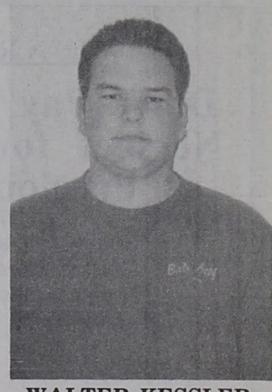
### Student Of The Week

Sophomore Walter Kessler was selected as student-of-the-

Teacher/coach Mike Newman nominated Kessler for his 100 grade average for the six weeks, and activity in UIL, and manager/statistician for the football team.

Robin Bailey and Judy Jennings also nominated him as a good student that spends extra time on UIL activities and they said he is the "chicken-fried steak eating champion in Abilene.1

Congratulations to Walter



WALTER KESSLER

#### **Booster Club Selling T-Shirts** The Bovina High School Booster Club is still selling tshirts for \$10.

To purchase a shirt, call the high school office, contact any booster member or go to any home game. A variety of sizes is still available.

The booster club meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the High School. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.



It'll make you crosseyed." Mothers desperately trying to keep hair out of kids' eyes finally led to cutting bangs straight across the forehead. At least if it was short

HOW MANY OF YOU ever

heard your mother say "Get

that hair out of your face.

enough it wouldn't be hang-

ing down and tickling their little noses. But, oh what misery you had to go through when you decided to grow those bangs

out and then they got to that in-between stage. . .too long for bangs, too short to comb in with the rest of your "do." Can anyone explain to me why all the current female television stars are wearing chin-length bangs hanging down in front of their faces? Last Sunday's edition of Parade magazine

had a huge picture on the cover of Kirstie Alley glaring crosseyed out from under a face full of long tentacles. . .looking ever so much like a hairy tarantula spider about to pounce upon her prey, or perhaps the creature known as "Thing" from "The Several of the current sit-com actresses have adopted this

style and spend most of their time brushing the stuff back so they can see what is going on around them. Is this supposed to be cute, sexy, intriguing, what? It would appear that Michael Jackson started the trend with those greasy-looking black tendrils hanging over one eye. If there truly are outerspace aliens living among us, he must be one of them. Every time I see that character I get an uncontrollable urge to take a bath and wash my hair.

Even good old Martha Stewart. . . queen of the elegantly simple, homey life-style, has a mop of too-long bangs hiding her eyes. . . and that is not "a good thing."

If you've read a few of the previous "My Turn" columns, you may be aware that loud irritating commercials are my least favorite thing. Evidently I'm not the only one. There have been some recent letters to the editor of the Amarillo Globe-News concerning this very subject. One fellow noted that the mute button on his remote control is the most well-used item in

I realize that if we want free television programming, we must put up with the commercials, but they simply don't have to be so loud and irritating. For instance, the one with those two adorable little girls having a picnic under a tree and putting Miracle Whip on their sandwiches. . . that one makes us want to run to the store and buy several jars of the stuff. That just proves that commercials can be effective without knocking you out of your recliner.

It is getting close to sleepy-time when the evening news comes on, but if the pick-up truck commercials are loud enough, they just might wake up all the red-necks dozing in their lazyboy loungers and they'll get up first thing next a.m. and go to the dealership and buy one. Yeah! Sure they will!

One of the letter writers also complained about all those blabbermouth sportscasters like John Madden, Dan Dierdorf and Joe Theisman. The good old boy who lives with me over on Maple Street has a fantastic solution to that problem. He watches the game on televison but turns the sound off and listens to the radio coverage of the same game. He says the radio guys are 100% better at announcing the games anyway. Try it. You might like it.

John Terry is sort of a good old boy. (There's a big difference between a good old boy and a red-neck. I'll discuss this in some future column.) John dropped by awhile back and brought his guitar with him and sang that awful truck song just to see if I'd throw something at him. He's actually a pretty good git-box picker and he didn't sing too terribly bad, so rather than do bodily harm, I just sawed the neck off his guitar. I heard that he had stuck it back together and that's okay with me, if someone will just buy that guy a decent guitar strap for Christmas.



Christy Thatcher, Garrett Timmons, Ruby Vela, Albert Aleman, Ruben Chavez,

Justin Guevara, Ruben

Lopez, Joseph Salazar and

and B's are: Henry Hiebert, Zachary Morgan, Jessie Reyna, Beatriz Quiroz, Joseph

and B's are: Diana De la Rosa, Victor Garcia, Holly

Johnson, Dorothy Martinez,

Joann Martinez, Paola

Martinez, Luis Martinez,

Elizabeth Ortiz, Dusty Riley,

Irma Rocha, Bacilio Viernes,

Marco Castaneda, Desirea

Maple, Dina Garcia, Suxey

Ovalle, Sandra Perez, Karla

and B's are: Giselle Alvarado,

Jeffrey Casas, Emigdo Flores,

Gloria Rocha, Eliseo Salazar,

Fifth graders with A's

Rivera and Laura Rocha.

and Jennifer Reyna.

**Shot Dates** 

Are Given

scheduled for October.

B) and Hepatitis B.

available.

For October

Immunization clinics

offering vaccines that give

protection against several childhood diseases are

whooping cough (pertussis),

help with the cost of keeping

the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be

based on family income and

Office, 109 Third Street in

Bovina on Monday, October

13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

size, and the ability to pay.

Cruz and Isai Saucedo.

Third graders with A's

Fourth graders with A's

Daniel Segovia.

GO MUSTANGS......1997-98 cheerleaders pictured at the recent parent's night game are 1-r, Amy Venable, Tricia Kessler, Marisol Antillon, Rita Navarro, Melissa Cano, and Lety Vargas. (Photo by Anna Ortiz)

### **Bovina Elem Has** Many On Honor Roll

There are twenty-seven Ortiz, Trent Quintanta, children at Bovina Elementary who earned all A's on their first report card for the 1997-98 school year. Fifty-three students had A's and B's on their report cards.

Second graders with all A's are: Joseph Berma, Daena Carrilo, James DeWitt, Claudia Flores, Joe Garcia, Marisela Garcia, Jose Gutierrez, Hortencia Lara, Elizabeth Munoz, Jacob Rivera, Alan Rueda, Lucero Saucedo, Abriel Terrones, Daniel Valadez, Carina Landeverde, Kelsi Birdsong and Bethany Rumph.

Fourth graders with all A's are: Zane Anderson, Vanessa Garcia, Cody Jamerson, Saul Martinez and Zachary Quiorga.

Fifth graders with all A's are: Jessica Amparan, Rebeca Carrillo, Victoria Carrillo, Roger Martinez and Charlotte

Second graders with A's and B's are; Peter Blatz, Dalton Cockerham, Zulema Garcia, Ignacio Gonzales, Haylee Hughes, James Lara, Anahis Marinelarena, Andrea

#### Campus Improvement Team Meets

The elementary school Campus Improvement Team met on September 16 at 2

Members present were Darla Sealey, Sarah Owen, Carolyn Widner, Barbara Charles, Kathy Graves, and Tina Sides.

Members reviewed the revised improvement plan of reading, writing, and math TAAS activities.

Percentages in the expected outcomes were adjusted to reflect more attainable goals. A tentative date of September 25 was set to observe the Shurley Method at Lazbuddie Schools.

The group voiced concern over the increasing drug influence in the community. They agreed to consider effective ways to show support of drug eradication.

Hiring, training, and rotation of substitute teachers was also discussed.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of October 5-11. Oct 5-Tonya Koelzer, Kari Oct 6-Burl Taylor, Polly

Oct 8-Jeff Steelman. Oct 9-Arnold Hromas, Yolanda Ramon, Virginia Steele, Cherise Ventura.

Oct 10-Alexandra Castaneda, Martha Morris, Al Kerby, Sr., James Koelzer Oct 11-Taryn Jamerson.

To add a friend or relative to our Blade birthday Drawer B, 79009.

#### Bovina ISD Lunch Menu OCT. 6-10

\*MONDAY- Chicken noodle soup, toasted cheese sandwich, pickles, carrot sticks, fruit and

\*TUESDAY- Tacos, salad, corn, fruit and milk.

Hugo Aguillon, Elizabeth \*WEDNESDAY- Lasagna, Alonzo, Luzana Chavez, Dustin, Lara, Hugo Martinez salad, green beans, garlic toast, fruit

and milk. \*THURSDAY- Chicken fry, potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit

\*FRIDAY - Beef burrito, chili, con carne and beans, cheese, corn, salad, fruit and milk.

\*Hamburger basket or sandwich bar is an alternate choice

### FB Contest **Standings**

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), After four weeks of the measles, rubella, mumps, HIB Bovina Blade Business (Haemophilus Influenzae Type Football Contest, these are the total scores of the leading The Texas Department of contestants, out of a possible Health is charging fees to sixty-four points.

51-Jessica Stowers. 50-Cameron Charles. 49-David Miles and Frances Willard.

48-Tyson Kerby and A.M. Influenza and pneu- Wilson mococcal vaccines will be 47-Martin Gonzales,

Jeanne Kerby and Carmen The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 46-Adam Mejia.

45-Bobby Johnson and 704 Main St. in Friona, on Friday, October 24 from 10 George J. Villarreal. a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m. 44-Gilda Garner, Susan Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS

Kay Roach 43-Jason Kerby, Donnie McDonald, Kenny Sherbon, Jerry Sherbon, Jan Smith, Christen Stowers and Robert

Kerby, Travis Lockmiller,

Tapia. 42-Denise Anderson, Blake Clements, Danny Harris, Daniel Hernandez, Josh Kerby, Luis Mejia, Mike Raymond, J.T. Roach and Jerry Roach, Del Ray Sudderth and Don Spring.

41-Frances Johnson, Stacy Roach and Dorothy Stowers. 40-Jo Blackwell, Bernardo Cervantes, Dorothy Harris, Doug Johnson, Luke Steelman, Blake Sudderth, Janie Sudderth, Levi Steelman, Eufemia Torres, Francisco Torres, Angela Villarreal and George L. Villarreal.

39-Walter Kessler and Dean Stanberry. 38-Carol Cervantes, Joe

Harris, Phillip Johnson, Virginia Steele, Glenden Sudderth, Scott "Woot" Sudderth and Liz Torres.

37-Janie Sherbon and Linda Sudderth.

Johnson, 36-Becky Deborah Raymond, Flossie Rhinehart, Jake Steelman and Roy Lee Stowers. A complete listing of all

contestants can be found at

the Bovina Blade office.

REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago-Oct. 2, 1957 First grader Johnny Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Charles, became a captive of his own chair Monday morning at school. Johnny was getting out of his chair, feet first, in the small space between the seat and the back rest, and was doing a good job until he tried to pull his head through, it

Kay Hartzog was elected sweetheart of the Bovina Chapter of Future Farmers of America Monday afternoon. Celia Berry, a sophomore, was named plowgirl.

The increased school enrollment has created a shortage of teachers problem. Superintendent Warren Morton is attempting to find another teacher for a section of the fourth grade. Bo's Highway Cafe, which

has been in operation next door to Read's Gulf Service Station for some six weeks, will observe its Grand Opening Saturday.

35 Yrs. Ago-Oct. 3, 1962 Women dominated the fourth week of Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest. They captured first and second place prize money and lead for the grand prize continues to be held by Mrs. Patsy Sherrill. Bovina Volunteer Fire

Department members kicked off a fund-raising project last week in an effort to get enough money to purchase a new fire truck for the City of Bovina.

The Parmer County roster, call 238-1523, or write Commissioners Court recently approved a budget for the coming year of \$325,240.

Viewing a watershed project in Brady last week were Charlie Jefferson, Robert Calaway, Dean McCallum, Bedford Caldwell and Warren Embree. The group studied the flood control program which is in effect there.

30 Yrs. Ago-Oct. 4, 1967 Ronald Mitchell of Lubbock, began duty here Monday night as the new marshal of Bovina. He was

named to that position last week by the city council. Chas. Lovelace, who is serving as sheriff of Parmer County, has authorized this newspaper to announce his candidacy to succeed himself, subject to the Democratic

Primary next May. Bovina Clinic Fund has increased to about \$43,000, according to Alfred Moody, a member of the financial

committee. Plans are on the drawing board for a new Gulf service station and wholesale plant to be erected on Highway 60 on the corner of Gardner and North Streets, according to Tom Bonds, of Bonds Oil Company.

25 Yrs. Ago-Oct. 4, 1972 Bovina Wheat Growers' office at Rhea was broken into and burglarized sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning, according to Jim Russell,

general manager. F.S. Pounds, 67, a resident of Bovina for the past 37 years, died about 4:15 Monday in an Amarillo hospital from head injuries suffered when the truck he was driving overturned about 5 p.m. Sunday nine miles north of Bovina.

Water pressure in Bovina may be somewhat lower than usual this week, announces Andy Garza, water superintendent. Repairs are to be made to the city water

20 Yrs. Ago-Oct. 5, 1977 Deputy Sheriff Henry

### Foods Project Slated Nov. 4

The Parmer County 4-H is beginning a Food and Nutrition project for youth in the third grade to nineteen years of age in Friona and Bovina.

The class will meet weekly to prepare for the Food Show that will be held November 4 in Farwell

Youth will learn preparation principles as well as how to plan healthy snacks and meals.

If you are interested in participating in this project, contact Donna Schueler at (806) 295-3585 or call the veterinary clinic at 295-3625 on or before Wednesday, October 8. Come bring a friend, learn and have fun.

Blade an account of the vehicle collision involving occurred Sunday afternoon. Favaela allegedly went through the stop sign at the intersection going approximately forty miles per hour. His vehicle hit Wiseman's 1973 Ford pickup just ahead of the right door, pushing it across the two lanes of the highway, and when it came up against the curb, it turned over in Rouel Barron's front yard.

After a third week scoring fiesta which saw 41 entrants tied with 12 points or better, reality took hold in this fourth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest and only 18 competitors scored above 11 points.

15 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 29, 1982 Jon Riddle, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Lin Riddle, suffered second and third degree burns on his face, arms and chest in an accident associated with the Homecoming bonfire last Thursday evening.

It took the first half for the Mustangs to get the thoughts of an injured teammate out of their minds last week, but once they did, they rebounded with a fury, pounding visiting Dexter, and Kevin Mitchell.

Minter on Tuesday gave the N.M. 44-8 for a Homecoming victory.

Tom Janie and Michael Wiseman, which Beauchamp hosted the Foust reunion in their home over the weekend of September

10 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 30, 1987 The Bovina Mustangs improved their season record to 2-1 with a 14-8 win over Hale Center Owls in the team's home opener last Friday. It will be homecoming for

the Bovina Mustangs on Friday when they host Amarillo Christian at Mustang Field. It seemed like the absence

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of the National Football League games on the contest helped the scores out in the Bovina Blade's football contest this past week.

First place went to Cathie Lanham, on the basis of her tie-breaker prediciton.

5 Yrs. Ago-Oct. 3, 1992 Six young ladies are vying for 1992 BHS Homecoming Queen. They are Brook Charles, Stephanie Rackley, Rosalinda Serna, Iona Molinar, Mandy Wilson and Kim Kirkpatrick. King candidates are Brian Stanley, Andy Stormes, J.J. Arias, Jimmy Bonham, Izzy Marrufo

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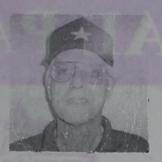
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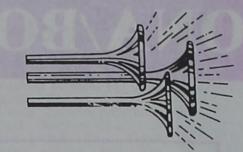
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#### By RON CARR



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The State Fair of Texas opened in Dallas last Friday. My 40th class reunion is in progress in Hillsboro, Texas, as we speak. Class of 1957.

These two events came roaring back from my past this week as I reluctantly decided to make the drive back to Hillsboro and see my classmates from 40 years ago. Hillsboro, the county seat

of Hill County, is stuck in blackland farm country, 30 miles north of Waco and about 60 miles south of both Dallas and Ft. Worth. I was born there, at

home, a short distance out in the country. October 15, 1939. My mother, Hannah, was 20 years old. She said the doctor charged \$5 for the house-call and delivery.

Some folks these days that know me say she paid too much.

I was the first grandchild. Frank and Bobbie Brown,my mother's parents, were 39 years old when they became my grandparents.

Not only was I the first grandchild, I was an only child for nine years. Then Gena, Kathye, and Rick came along and ruined life as I knew it.

It really didn't matter though. By the time they arrived on the scene, I was already spoiled rotten. And I stayed that way.

In the fifth grade at

Franklin Elementary I won first place in the fire prevention poster contest and had my picture in the paper. Today I help put lots of other

kids pictures in the paper. I hope they will remember too at their 40th reunion.

In junior high I got my first pair of glasses. I did not want them, but from the first time. I not them on I have time I put them on I have never been without them. Junior high was a rough and awkward three years.

Junior high was when kids honed their skills and talents. It was the period

when bullies perfected their

art of bullying.

It was when boys begin to realize that girls are not boys, and vice-versa. Sauntering, swaggering, and smart-mouthing hatched into full manifestation. Glory hallelujah!

It was an era when all our heroes were either baseball players or cowboy

Joe Dimaggio, Yogi Berra, Roy Campanella, Jackie Robinson, and Mantle and Maris chilled and thrilled us through our radios and in the newsreels at the local movie houses where Roy Rogers, Gene Autry and Hopalong Cassidy held court each Saturday for a fee of

It was a time long before Gatorade, Nike, velcro, and wealthy athletic egos.

In fact as I look back now

it was sort of living your life in black and white instead of color. Life was simple. Life was fun. Little did we know.

By the time my best friend Bobby Frank Payne and I got to high school it was 1953. Bobby and I had been friends since 6th grade. We were inseparable all through school and beyond

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We played basketball
year-round. There was me,
Bobby, Booger Podsednik,
and Duck Owens who made up four out of the five varsity basketball starters our junior and senior years.

I hope Booger and Duck come back for this 40th reunion. Bobby won't be there. He died in Dallas in 1967, ten years after he and I went to work for Braniff up

He died, while I was rac-ing through Dallas traffic to the hospital, from injuries he received in a car accident. He was 27 years-old.

He left a pregnant wife and five-year-old son. He left elderly parents who had already lost one son in World War II. Now they had lost their middle son, Bobby.
And Bobby left me too.

Without warning, a friend I depended on constantly was simply gone. Didn't exist ex-

son up in my arms at the funeral so he could see daddy one last time. I managed not to cry until the cemetery. Bobby and I and our

classmates had a good time at HHS. It was back when home-coming corsages were made with real flowers, big white "mums". Saturday morning was spent sweeping white flower petals and glitter out of the car.

My class had 73 graduates. At various times I was in the band, on the student council, a class officer, a class favorite, and even president of the Latin Club.

We didn't need driver's ed to get a license. My mother put her life at great risk and taught me to drive out on Highway 22 between Hills-boro and Bynum. I got my license at 14.

My first car, a 1949

cept in memory where he still lives today.

I helped Bobby's widow with the funeral arrangements and lifted his young Plymouth, came along in 1955 or '56. During the years, we made the "drag" through town several thousand times and spent countless hours at Tacker's Drive-In listening to Fats Domino, Little Richard, and

Jimmy Reed.
That was back when cars actually had fenders you could sit on and we did a lot of that too.

Each year, the State Fair in Dallas observed Hill County Day. They let school out that day and the high school band went to Dallas on buses, spent a day on the Midway in full band uniform, and performed a concert in the afternoon on the steps of the Hall of State.

Mother would give me maybe \$10 to spend at the Fair. When Midway games were a nickel or a dime and rides were a quarter, ten bucks was enough to make a boy's chest stick out with

some kind of pride. The smells, sights, and sounds of the Fair are forever imbedded in my memory. We went timidly into the side shows to see the two-headed calf, bearded lady, and other improbable oddities.

We stood looking at the roller coaster waiting for one person to chicken out so none of us would have to ride it.

Footlong Fletcher's Corny Dogs, candied apples, pop-corn, and taffy were breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It is a wonder we were able to play a note when concert time came.

I'm not sure why I am going back to this 40th reunion. To be honest, I am nervous about it. Don't know why exactly.

My mother and I are going to Hillsboro and joining my sisters. It will be nice to remember those years of our youth with our mother as the tour guide and historian.

I don't know where those 40 years went. I don't know whether I will know my classmates, but it won't take long for memories to kick in. Class reunions are about wondering as much as about remembering. "What ifs" will be as much fun as "How've

you beens". Either way, I am step-ping back into history for perhaps one last time. I'm taking Bobby with me too. Wish me luck!

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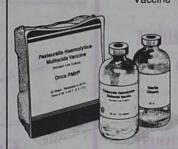
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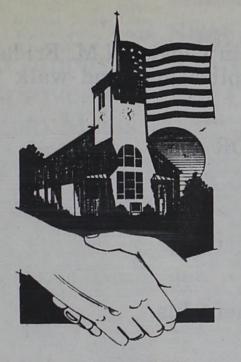


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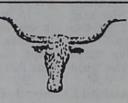
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# Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Fall has fell by the looks of the leaves turning and falling. Our week began with beautiful weather. My father was a farmer and I love riding around looking at the pretty crops of milo and cotton. This is probably one of the best crop years that we have had in several years. **NEWS AROUND TOWN...** 

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I talked with Molly Griffin, a former resident, now living at Statford with husband Gene. They are getting along fine and Gene is still with Southwestern Public Service.

He has worked for SPS for 37 years, according to Molly. Molly has an insurance agency that she runs out of her home. She said they have three grandchildren and have two more "ordered."

Jack and Ona Patterson and their daughter, Sandy Blackstein attended a dinner at the home of Texas Tech Chancellor and Mrs. John Montford on Sunday, September 21, in Lubbock.

Jack and John reminisced about their past hunting trips and made plans for a hunt for John and other Tech officials in December.

Dottie Ward has been moved to Amarillo for rehab following surgery to correct a Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis in recent days. If you would like to send a card, the address is Intergrated Health Service, 5601 Plumb Creek Drive, Room 128C, Amarillo, Texas Her telephone 79124. number is 806-351-3028.

Dottie also has a birthday October 12 if you want to remember her at that time. As we understand, Dottie is walking and is getting along real well.

Jerry Birdsong, the Bovina High School principal, had a bout with pneumonia and was hospitalized in the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona from

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Wednesday of last week until Friday. His wife, Stephanie, said he is back at work and is doing fine.

Friends said Lola Parsons' mother had a stroke in Andrews, Texas. Lola has spent some time with her. I was unable to get in touch with Lola but she is now home in Bovina. Jim and Lola recently moved from the country, they now live in

We got word last week that a former resident had died. When she lived here, her name was Virginia Lambert. Her husband, Junior Lambert, operated Parmer County Spraying and the couple raised their family

Virginia lived in San Angelo and died of cancer. Survivors include her husband, three daughters, Denise, Pam and Tam and a son, Bill Griffin.

express sympathies to the family of Cash Richards who died Saturday, September 27 in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He was survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Cash moved to Bovian in state fair. 1920 and then moved to broken hip. She had been at Lubbock in 1967 but in Tulsa with Gaylon's continued to farm here until

> Emmagene Callaway visited with her aunt, Orpha Wickard of Lubbock, over the weekend. While there the ladies attended church in Plainview and enjoyed getting to hear the former pastor of Bovina Church of Christ, Mike Prather, preach. She said they were doing fine in their new church and

> Virginia Steele will be honored on her 80th birthday

with a reception hosted by Brady and Brittney of her children on Saturday, October 11, 2-4 p.m., at the EMS building. Everyone is

Sid Lloyd had a good weekend with her children, Patsy Webb of Hale Center and Julie Ann and her husband, Reyes Olona of Belen, New Mexico.

Jim and I went to Eagle Nest, New Mexico, over the weekend and met with our daughter, Tami and family there. We were surprised how warm it still is there. The trees were turning but not as much as they usually are this time of year.

We spent a night and day with my brothers in Moriarity, New Mexico on our way. We enjoyed visiting with them and several neices, nephew and their families.

Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes went to Oklahoma a week ago Friday and returned home Sunday. They visited their son, Jim and Joyce Rhodes and children, Lance and Meagan in Fairview, Oklahoma.

On Saturday morning the family drove to Tulsa, Oklahoma and went to the

While there they visited brother, Wayne and Judy Rhode's daughter and son-inlaw, Devera and Richard Albertson and their sons, Aaron, Brennon and Evan. Richard has finished medical school and he is in residency in a hospital in Tulsa.

Mace Cochran and her daughter, Bonnie, hosted a get-together for several members of their family. Those who spent time at their homes were Jo Mason of Kerrville; Wynema and Jim Walker of Richardson; Gary and Mary Ann Mason and

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Funeral services for Cash Richards, 83, of Lubbock, were held Tuesday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Bovina with Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor, and Don Stone of Clarendon officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

Richards died September 27, 1997 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Also attending were Mike

and Julie Mason of Wichita

Falls and baby Makal; Rick and Karen Walker of

Lewisville; Lynn and Holly

Read and baby Kennedy of

Lubbock; and the Read's

friends from Lubbock were

Mace said she had a

We want to welcome two

wonderful visit with her

granddaughter, Kim Walker

of Midland who came to

Bovina two weeks ago and

new residents to Bovina, John

and Jo Blackwell. They have

purchased Daryl and Karen

Kirkpatrick's house in Bovina.

We're happy to have them in

Bovina and hope they will be

Joy Melton at the First

Baptist Church fellowship hall

following services on Sunday

evening. She had been the

pianist there for many years.

She and her husband moved

highway department in Bovina. Joy worked as a

teacher's aide for eighteen

Jim retired from the

A reception was held for

spent time with her.

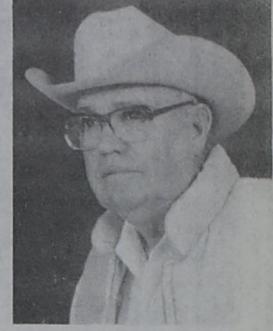
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to Clovis in July.

also there.

He was born October 16, 1913 in Tye, Texas. He married Mildred Lasater Smith, September 13, 1951 in Clovis, New Mexico.

and a retired farmer. He had been a resident of Bovina since 1920. He moved to Lubbock in 1967 but continued to farm in the Bovina area until 1995 when he retired.



CASH RICHARDS

Survivors include wife, Mildred Richards of Lubbock; three sons, Billy Richards of Pflugerville, Texas, Woody Richards was a Baptist Smith of Tacoma, Washington and Jim Richards of Lubbock; two daughters, Augusta Salter of Amarillo and Tonia Shrode of Lubbock.

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