

The Bovina Blade

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Good News in Bovina For the Past 40 Years

EIGHT PAGES



BOVINA GIRL IN D.C.....Jamie Stanberry of Bovina recently attended the Presidential Classroom's Special Focus Week in Washington, D.C. She is pictured here with Congressman Larry Combest.

Mammogram Screening Is Set For July 16

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on July 16.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a Registered Nurse. The total cost is \$75.

July 4 In Bovina: Don't Miss The Action!

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce, Bovina Volunteer Fire Department, and the Lions Club are planning an exciting day for Friday, July 4.

A parade at 10 am will kick-off the fun-filled day. Game, craft, and food booths will open at the high school football field at 11 a.m.

Suzan Hughes is still taking entries for the PARADE and the RALLY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT scheduled for 7 p.m. She can be reached at 238-1656.

Sherri Whitten, 238-1400, is still taking reservations for GAME, FOOD and CRAFT BOOTHS. All booths are free of charge, but reservations must be made.

The fire department is planning to sell hamburgers for lunch and offer FREE WATERMELON for those who want a slice of summer at 2:30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. the chamber will sell BARBEQUE brisket plates. The price for adults is \$5; 12 and under, \$3; and 3 and under eat free.

With each dinner sold, a ticket will be given for a chance to win prizes donated by area merchants. PRIZES include oil changes, gas, pet shots, etc.

After the sun goes down, Bovina residents will be treated to a FIREWORKS DISPLAY. Immediately following the fireworks, a DANCE will be held on the Pay N' Save parking lot. Tickets for the dance are \$3 a person and \$5 a couple.

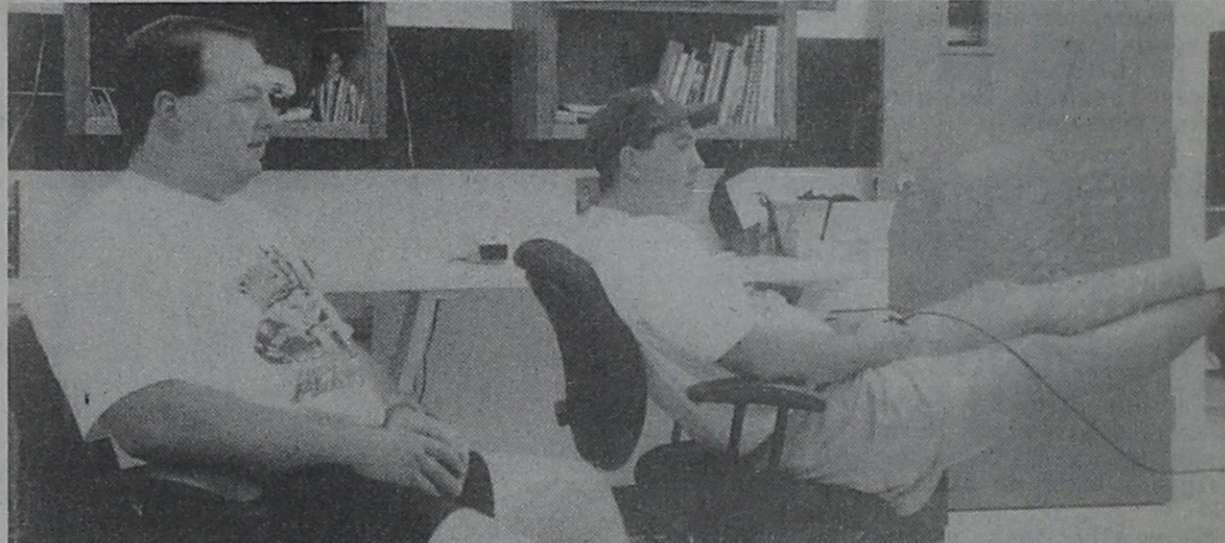
Everyone is welcome to join in the events. Bring a friend and visit with your COMMUNITY.



SUMMER CAMP.....Coach Bobby Ortiz hosted a summer basketball camp for area youngsters. These participants join in one of the many drills the kids learned during the one week camp. (Photo by Becky London)

Bovina Student Attends D.C. Conference

Jamie Stanberry, a student at Bovina High School, recently took part in Presidential Classroom's special focus Week on Science, Technology and Public Policy in Washington, D.C.



RARIN' TO GO.....Mustang coaches Ryan Bridenstine and Derrick Byrd relax and watch game films after remodeling the coaches office at the Mustang Fieldhouse. The two did the work in installing new desks and a TV video area for the office. (Ron Carr Photo)

Helen Potts: Resident Of Rhea For All Of 85 Years

BY RON CARR

The 20-mile drive to Helen Potts place is over a two-lane blacktop and a few miles of dirt roads. On my drive out a few days back I tried to visualize what this countryside must have looked like 80 years ago.

The blacktop wasn't there. Neither were the dirt roads. Back then there wasn't anything to drive except a wagon.

In 1912, nobody climbed telephone poles, much less called 911. About the only thing I could see that might have been around in those days were fences, cattle, crops, and a few farmhouses.

Helen Potts was born Helen Schlenker on July 17, 1912. She was the youngest of 11 children of Charles and Millie Schlenker. The oldest Schlenker child, Floyd, was 20-years-old when Helen was born.

She will be 85-years-old on July 17. For all of those 85 years she has lived right here on this same farm in the Rhea Community.

She was born in the original house papa Charlie Schlenker built less than a mile away when he came to this territory from Iowa in 1906.

Papa Charlie sent one of the older boys by horseback to fetch a mid-wife named Mrs. A. H. Carnes who lived a few miles away, just over in New Mexico. He wrote a check to Mrs. Carnes for \$10 for assisting baby Helen into the world.

Helen still has the check. It hangs on her hall wall as one of many memories she cherishes.

The family didn't travel much in those days, but when they did Helen says they simply went straight across the pastures since there were no roads.

She says her daddy traveled at the time dealing in livestock and managing the 1,777 acres of farmland. He hauled hogs by train as far away as Kansas City and Los Angeles.

About 3/4-mile from their house there was a trail used mostly by homesteaders bound for New Mexico. Papa Charlie placed a big rock along the trail to mark his place to turn toward their house.

Helen remembers one winter a group of homesteaders knocked on their door asking for shelter from an extreme winter blizzard.

Being a good Christian family, papa and momma Schlenker took them in. Helen says it turned out to be close to 20 people and they stayed for several days before the weather cleared.

Once, her daddy had too many hogs and needed to get rid of a few. He put a sign by the rock on the homesteaders trail, offering "hogs for sale." No one left the trail.

Finally, she says, with

the hog population on the increase, papa Charlie changed the sign to read "hogs for free." The traveling settlers soon took advantage of the bargain.

To entertain themselves, the children often played mumblepeg, jacks, Annie over, or rode the family donkey, Bobby.

Meanwhile Mama Millie was busy baking 21 loaves of bread a week and trying to manage a family of one husband, 11 kids, and several "cowboy hired hands".

Papa farmed and raised hogs and cattle. In addition to meat and money, the cattle provided the family with a necessary commodity in the winter. Cow chips to burn for heat.

Seems another product Parmer County lacked 80 years ago was trees for firewood through a long,

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CIRCA 1915.....The old photograph was taken somewhere in Rhea when Helen Potts was probably 3-4 years old. From left are, Helen Schlenker Potts, Louisa Schlenker Wilson, Beulah Schlenker Hopkins, Florence Schlenker Dorsey, Mabel Schlenker Hartwell, Louella Demarce (cousin), Esther Mae Schlenker Burns, and Nell Hauptert (cousin). Helen Potts, Louisa Wilson and Florence Dorsey are the only one's shown that are still living. Mrs. Dorsey is a resident at Prairie Acres. (Courtesy of Helen Potts)

AN ARRAY OF FLYING SAUCERS

landed in a field north of Friona 25 years ago. So what's all this hype about a couple of space craft that crashed on a ranch north of Roswell, New Mexico 50 years ago this week?

Several thousand outer-space fans converged on Roswell this past week to celebrate this UFO event that the Air Force claims never happened. It was reported in the Roswell newspaper in July 1947 that the military had captured a flying saucer. Then the next day, Army Air Corps officials recinded the claim.

About six months after that, in January 1948, my family moved to Roswell, New Mexico where we lived until 1953. During the entire time that we lived there, I never heard word one about any of this. Of course, I was just a kid back then, and was more concerned with how to pass geography class without studying, or how many chores I would have to do before I could go to the movies. And then I failed to keep in touch with former friends in Roswell after we moved away from there.

Still, if anyone had talked about flying saucers landing in that area, with bodies of little outer-space men strewn around the countryside, I believe it would have captured my youthful imagination and I would have remembered it.

The terms UFO, extra-terrestrial, and close encounters had not been invented at that time. But there was a lot of interest in flying saucers and little green men from Mars.

In the ensuing 50 years, the Air Force has spent about \$10 billion investigating UFOs. They now contend that the small bodies found at the Roswell crash site were actually crash dummies being dropped for test purposes. Never mind the fact that such dummy drops did not take place until sometime in the 1950s. With what we know in the 90s about governmental honesty in such matters, you can be sure they are covering up something. We just may never know what it is they're hiding.

Anyway, the folks in Roswell are having a lot of fun with it and the extra tourist dollars from this week's events are sure to be a big boost to their economy. It was reported that every spare motel and hotel room in Roswell had been booked up months ahead and people were even reserving rooms in Portales, 90 miles away.

But what about the flying saucers in Friona? Well, back in the 70s there were a lot more stores in Friona... two department stores, two dress shops, a jewelry store, two dry cleaners, two lumber yards, a furniture store, two variety stores, four grocery stores, etc. And there was an organization known as FARM (Friona Association of Retail Merchants) which put on shopping promotions for the stores a couple of times each year.

In the spring of 1971, they decided to hold a "flying saucer" promotion. Paper plates with numbers inscribed on them would be dropped from a low-flying airplane over Main Street. Shoppers were then to grab the plates and search in the stores for prizes and discounted items with the corresponding numbers.

I guess this was Friona's version of Quitaque's recent event which involved dropping a couple of live guineas out of a plane. The guineas had coupons worth \$100 attached to their legs. This caused a furor among the animal rights people.

Well, I'm sure you know the type of winds we have around here in the spring. The day of the flying saucer event in Friona turned out to be windier than a fifty-pound bag of whistling lips. But, still it would have been okay if the pilot had dropped the paper plates just south of Main Street and allowed them to drift back up into the center of town. Instead, he dropped the plates too soon and they all ended up in Tommy Jones' corn field just north of Main. Everybody hopped in their cars and drove out to the field and let their little kids out to tromp through the corn to retrieve the numbered "flying saucers" just as if it was an Easter egg hunt.

No one was very happy about the way it all turned out, so that's probably why you've never heard much about "the day the flying saucers landed in a field north of Friona."



By Carol Ellis

School Sets Exam Credit Registration

Parents wishing to sign up their children for credit by examination testing, grades K-12, must register no later than July 11, 1997.

Test dates will be July 31, August 6, and August 8. For more information contact Bovina ISD at 806-238-1336.

June Sales Tax Rebates Delivered

State comptroller John Sharp delivered June sales tax rebates totaling \$161.6 million to 1,089 Texas cities and 117 counties.

Parmer County's net payment for the period was \$20,647.26, compared to \$24,695.52, a -16.39% decrease over the same period last year.

The June payment brings Parmer County's total to date for 1997 to \$146,383.37 compared to \$158,437.89 for the same 1996 period, a 7.60% decrease.

The June remittance allocated \$1,724.36 to Bovina, \$3,379.71 to Farwell, and \$15,543.19 to Friona.

For the year, Bovina's revenue is up 3.78%, Farwell is almost even at -0.87% down, and Friona is down -10.26%.

Bovina's tax rate is 1.000%, Farwell is 1.500%, and Friona's is 2.000%

Shower To Fete K. Mitchell

A bridal shower for Keri Mitcehl, bride elect of Michael Waldie, will be Saturday, July 19, 1997, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the home of Karen Kirkpatrick.

Selections are at Celia's Floral Expressions, Rdoen Smith, Dillard's and JC Penney's.

Hostesses are Karen Kirkpatrick, Ella Jo Stormes, ALice Stone, Debra Beauchamp, Honey Sue Gist, Suzan Hughes, Donna Ware, Shelby Rhodes, Mendy Warlick, Carolyn Beauchamp, Kay Venable, Celia Tienda, Yvonne Stevenson, Tammy Willard, Lori Stormes and Bonnie Clayton.

Bovina Summer Lunches

JULY 7-11

MONDAY
Steak fingers, rolls, potatoes, green beans, milk

TUESDAY
Friot pie, salad, crackers, corn, oranges, milk

WEDNESDAY
Barbequed beef on a roll, pickles, potato chips, apples, milk

THURSDAY
Pinto beans, tamales, salad, fruit cocktail, milk

FRIDAY
Burger basket, lettuce, tomatoe, fruit, milk

FSA Accepts Emergency Applications

Parmer County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on June 6, 1997.

Generally that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 per cent of their production due to excessive snow that occurred on April 25, 1997, are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

FSA Ag Credit Manager Thomas S. Taylor is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

Taylor said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline which is February 6, 1998. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the application comes in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

The FSA office is located at 109 Third Street in Farwell, phone (806) 481-3349.



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REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-July 3, 1957
Bovina's fourth annual fourth of July picnic will be tomorrow at the local ball field and city park.

The day, in celebration of America's Independence, will be sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club. Activities have been planned for young and old alike and according to Lions Club members, this year's picnic will be "greater than ever."

Six boys and one adult from Bovina are making final plans this week for the National Boy Scout Jamboree. They will leave Clovis Saturday for St. Louis, Missouri then Valley Forge and New York City.

J.W. Wright was installed as Lions Boss for the coming year at a regular Lions Club dinner Thursday evening. The meal and meeting were in Bovina restaurant.

Parmer County voters are reminded this week that absentee voting in the July 25 tax rate election begins Friday, July 5. Persons who will not be able to vote in the election on the 25th may obtain ballots from Hugh Moseley, county clerk, until July 20.

35 Yrs Ago-July 4, 1962
Pictures of area children will be made in the office of The Blade Saturday, Jul 14. Pictures made at that time will be published in future editions of the newspaper.

Hubert Tally, who lives north and west of Pleasant Hill, escaped serious injury in an accident seven miles west of Bovina late Monday afternoon. Tally was bringing a load of wheat to Bovina when the truck, a new International, went out of control, jumped a ditch and landed on its side in a milo field.

The concession stand at the ball field was broken into Friday, Mrs. J.W. Harris, who is in charge of the stand, reported. Eight cases of pop and some candy were taken

during the daytime break-in. Finishing touches are now being applied to the new building of Bovina Church of Christ. The new brick structure is scheduled to be in use during the first part of August.

Sam Sudderth, current champion trap shooter in Bovina, took in more territory Sunday. Sudderth dominated a registered trap shoot at Amarillo Gun Club.

30 Yrs Ago-July 5, 1967
"It happened so quickly, I didn't have time to get scared," Mrs. Jessie Williams, manager of Sands Motel on Highway 60 in Bovina, said after being the victim of an armed robbery early Saturday morning. The armed robbery was believed to be the first in Bovina's history.

Ed Lampe Construction of Lubbock was the successful bidder for the new elementary school building here. Lampe's bid of \$173,518 was the lowest of seven submitted.

A total of 19 property owners who will be involved in Bovina's forthcoming proposed paving project met with the city council at a paving hearing Saturday night. The meeting was in the Community Room of First State Bank.

Rain continued to fall here over the weekend and early this week. A total of .42 of an inch fell Sunday night. This was followed by .65 of an inch early Tuesday morning.

A group of Methodist young people attended camp at Ceta Canyon, which is located between Happy and Canyon, last week.

25 Yrs Ago-July 5, 1972
The annual meeting of Bovina Medical Center, Inc., is scheduled for Monday at 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina.

Twenty-six entries were recorded in the summer's initial cutting and penning contests at the roping arena here Saturday night. The events were sponsored by Bovina Roping Club.

20 Yrs Ago July 4, 1977
More than fifty people turned out for the celebration of Independence Day at the Oklahoma Lane Community. The Big Nick-Horn Insurance baseball teams placed first. Their coach is Andy Martinez.

A donkey baseball game sponsored by the Bovina Jaycees team was well attended by spectators. The game was held at the Bovina Roping Arena.

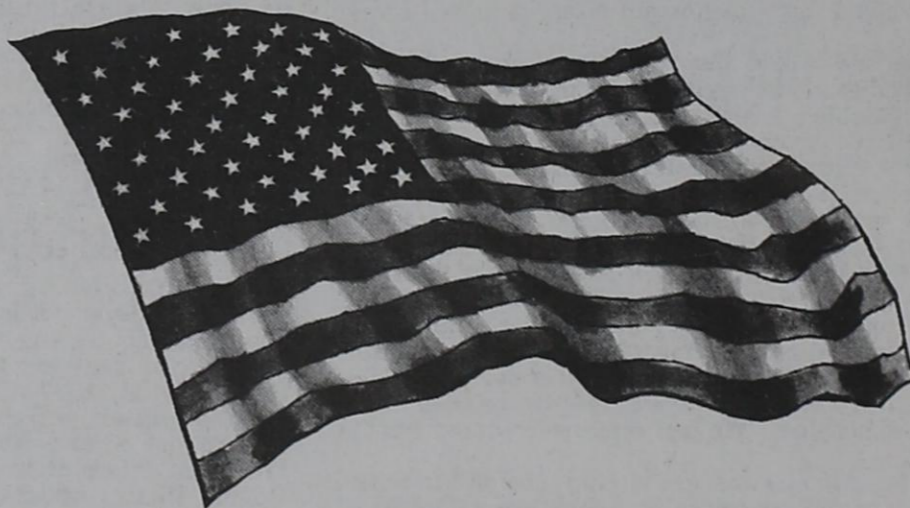
The Bovina Lions Club's slow pitch softball league will kick off its 1977 season Wednesday night.

15 Yrs Ago-July 5, 1982
The cost of damages caused by the heavy rain and flash floods at Bovina Feeders continues to rise. It has been reported that 400 cattle have drowned.

10 Yrs Ago-July 8, 1987
Several hundred people turned out for the Fourth of July activities held at the Mustang Field. Twenty-eight youngsters participated in the pet show. Robert Wilson was the winner of the gas grill and the side of beef. Grace and Eleuterio Gallegos won the trip to Hawaii.

5 Yrs Ago-July 4, 1992
At 9:30 Saturday night, all hail broke loose in the Bovina area. The electricity went out so the alarm could not be sounded. The Fire Department and Police Department combined to get through the streets of Bovina warning citizens that a tornado and severe thunderstorms were headed our way. Two tornadoes were spotted, but we were very lucky to only have minimal damage from them.

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Helen Potts Is Long-Time Parmer County Resident

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rugged winter. Helen remembers that their pond up the road, which they called Boney, froze hard enough in the winter the kids would all skate on it with their shoes. Papa Charlie was the only one that had skates and he would join in the family fun at the Boney ice rink.

Helen thinks the weather has definitely gotten warmer over the years. The pond at Boney doesn't freeze over for skating anymore.

They called the pond Boney because of the bones of cows that were there in abundance as cows became sick or starved, and died for a variety of reasons.

Cow bones littered the edges of the pond. Sometimes, wagons would come by and papa would sell them the bones to haul away.

While they do not use the pond for water supply anymore, it is still there and the family still refers to the area as Boney.

Boney was an important part of the Schlenker family life in the early years. Papa built a wagon to haul water up to the house and it was the kids job to bring it.

Once, Helen says momma sent two of the older kids to bring water. When they didn't return, she sent two more to check on them. They still didn't come back so she sent two more.

She finally ran out of kids so she went to check on them herself. Turns out the boys had shot and killed an antelope and the whole clan was dressing it to bring home for food.

The family diet was basic in the 1910s and '20s and '30s. In addition to a lot of bread, they had red beans, potatoes, watermelon, squash, tomatoes, green beans, and corn.

Papa would kill a cow for beef in the winter and hang it on the north side of the house to keep frozen. Hogs were killed too and much of the ham and bacon was dried and cured to carry them through the summer without refrigeration.

Since chickens didn't like to lay as many eggs in the winter, momma collected eggs in the summer and preserved them in brine, a mixture of salt, lime, and water. She kept them in big jars of the brine and stored them in the cellar for use during winter months.

Helen attended school in the Rhea Community until her junior year when she had to go to Friona to complete her education.

Lack of transportation forced her to live in Friona during the week. She lived in the old Maurer Building at the south end of Main Street with a girlfriend from Rhea and several teachers who also lived in the rooming house.

She did housekeeping and odd jobs to "earn her keep." The old Maurer building is still there. She and her friends walked to high school which was located where the elementary and junior high schools

are today. She was able to go home to the farm on many weekends. She remembers graduating in 1932 after completing the 11th grade, the highest grade at the time.

In 1933, a young man named Cordie Potts from the nearby Hollene Community of New Mexico came over to work for papa Charlie. The four or five cowboys he employed lived upstairs in the old family place, and took their meals with the family.

Cordie Potts was born August 7, 1911. He was one year older than Helen. Over the next few years, Cordie and Helen fell in love and on May 29, 1938, they were married at the homeplace by Reverend I. E. Biggs, the Methodist minister in Bovina.

Attending the ceremony were their parents and Cordie's three little sisters. Cordie had a truck, so they borrowed his brother's car for a one-week honeymoon trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

They lived in a two-room house next door to her parents. While Cordie continued to work for Mr. Schlenker, Helen earned \$18 per month per man from her dad to cook for the cowboys.

In 1939, one year after they were married, papa Schlenker died. They moved back over into the main house with her mother and cared for her until she died 13 years later at the age of 97.

Cordie and Helen purchased the home place. Over time they added on to it and raised three children there. Daughter Marilyn Ridley now lives in Clovis.

Son Larry lives next door in the house that still contains the two rooms Cordie and Helen lived in plus several rooms that have been added.

Youngest son Jay lives about a mile away and farms Helen's land now, the same land Grandfather Charlie purchased in 1906 and on which he lived, worked, and raised his family.

Speaking of family, Helen came from a family of 11 and Cordie from a family of 10. In addition to their three children, today Helen has 8 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and "two greats on the way."

In a bit of irony, years after they met, Cordie and Helen discovered that both had been delivered by the same mid-wife, Mrs. A. H. Carnes.

Cordie Potts died January 29, 1996. He and Helen had been married 57 years and spent their entire married life on the farm where Helen was born.

Cordie served 18 years on the Friona School Board and was 1/2 owner in the Ford dealership in Friona.

In 1962 they thought about moving into Friona. Cordie and Oscar Baxter had purchased a Ford dealership in Farwell in 1958 and moved it to Friona to join with



HELEN POTTS

their Ford Tractor dealership.

It was the first Ford car dealership in Friona and forerunner of Friona Motors. Oscar Baxter's son John is still employed at Friona Motors where he has sold cars for over 25 years.

With two teenage boys the Potts' reckoned living in the country would be better for them. So they jacked up the old house, moved it over a few feet and lived in it while they built the new house over the existing basement. An article and picture of the old house were featured in the June 14, 1962 Friona Star.

Today life is good at Helen Potts' place. She still enjoys "cooking for cowboys" as her son-in-law and grandson take care of her cattle now.

She paints as a hobby. One painting in her house is of the Escabada, which was the old XIT Ranch headquarters building not far from the Schlenker farm. She said she had painted the Escabada 36 times for friends and family.

Hanging over an antique desk is a small painting she did of the original house.

Sunday afternoons are reserved for playing games with 10-year-old grandson Ty Potts. They play dominoes, chickenfoot, and card games.

The game table in front of the two large den windows looks out at the back yard flanked by a big barn which according to a date whittled in the floor, was built in 1926.

Helen Schlenker Potts has logged many a mile around that backyard and up and down the road to Boney.


After all, she has lived right here for 85 years, a true Parmer County pioneer. Daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and girl scout leader.

As we sat in her den, I tried to visualize Helen Potts as a little girl 80 years ago bouncing around the back yard, following papa Charles as he built his American dream.


The image is especially meaningful as we observe America's anniversary on Independence Day.

The flag, apple pie, motherhood, families like the Schlenkers, and Mrs. Helen Potts. God Bless America!

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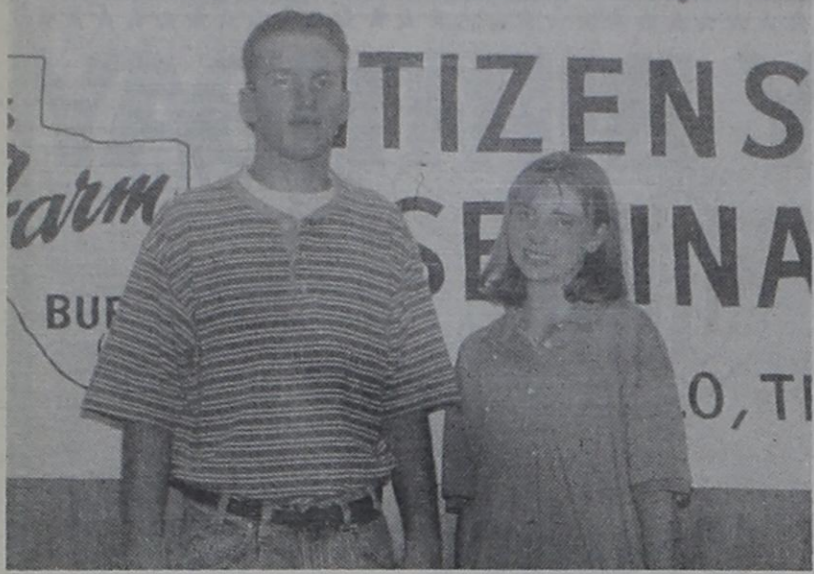
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Kirk Gober and Candy Davis

Two Parmer County Students Attend Farm Bureau Seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 34th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo, June 16-20, were Kirk Gober and Candy Davis of Farwell.

Sponsored by the Parmer County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free

enterprise system, according to Clay Mimms of Lazbuddie, county Farm Bureau president.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. Jams Hindman, president of Angelo State University. "Farm Bureau--Your Host" was presented by Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau.

Dale Bullock (TFB field representative), Cara Chrimes (1996 Miss TFB), and Michael Santos (the 1996 TFB speech contest winner), presented a program on "Farm Bureau

Phone Law Protects Consumers

Slamming is the common term for using deception or fraud to switch a telephone customer from one long-distance company to another, often without the customer's knowledge or consent. This practice costs consumers thousands of dollars in over charges, not to mention the hassles and frustration it causes. The Office of the Attorney General has sued a number of companies for slamming Texas telephone customers.

Youth Activities."

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon and Jerad Boyd, Lubbock Christian University, "Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)"; Earl Taylor of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America"; and Kurt Swanda of Fort Worth, "American."

The video tape, "A More Perfect Union," was shown to the students and there were also special presentations by Dale Minnick and Clebe McClary, motivational speakers.

Friona CC Sponsors Scramble

Friona Country Club will be sponsoring a Fourth of July golf scramble to be held next Friday.

The four person teams may consist of men or women or a combination of both. There is a \$20 entry fee per person or \$80 for a team.

For more information or to enter the scramble, call the Country Club at 247-3125 or Karen at 247-3737.

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BOVINA RURAL HEALTH CLINIC WILL CLOSE

EFFECTIVE JULY 18, 1997

Copies of medical records may be obtained by contacting the Bovina Rural Health Clinic at (806)238-1260 or in person at 509 Ave. I in Bovina until July 18.

After July 18, medical records will be located at the Friona Medical Clinic in Friona (see address below).

The following clinics are accepting new patients:

Friona Medical Clinic 1307 Cleveland Friona, TX 79035 (806) 247-2781	Hereford Women & Children's Health Clinic 205 W. 4th St. Hereford, TX 79045 (806) 364-2401 <i>OB & Children Services</i>
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By RON CARR



My 8-year-old son Zachary and 6-year-old daughter Megan are here with me for about six weeks.

The kids live in Wichita Falls, but thanks to the justice system and their mother (my ex), they are allowed up to six weeks each summer with daddy.

I know that having a boy and a girl is often considered as the perfect family. Well it ain't always a perfect combination if you are a single, summertime daddy.

Zach and Megan like to visit me because I don't have many kid rules. Kid rules are not made for kids anyway. They are made for parents and grandparents.

The first thing that worried me was that my two kids had apparently gone deaf since I saw them last. They have that form of juvenile deafness suffered by so many children under ten.

The deafness seems to manifest itself only on certain words. For instance, phrases like "time for a bath", "go to bed now", and "turn the TV down" do not navigate the hearing channel to their little eardrums.

On the other hand, whisper words like "pizza", "rent a video", or "rugrats" and their hearing intensity can pick up the sound from behind a solid wood closed door.

The two phrases "don't slam the door" and "fold up your towel" have never been heard by a human being under 18.

Having a boy and a girl may be okay for a mom. Boys don't take much upkeep. They don't require nail polish, play makeup, or have ponytails.

Boys don't need clean clothes or shoelaces that are tied. They don't require hair spray, socks, or frequent

bathing. Boys are good for a summertime dad.

Girls require attention. They need a mom or grandma to guide them through the foibles of proper makeup, application of fingernail polish, and "creative ponytailing."

I haven't met a daddy yet that can properly gather up a little girl's hair, brush it back, and gather it into a ponytail. At least one that she likes.

Dads, have you ever taken one of those elastic ponytail holders and tried to wind it around the hair without making your daughter scream bloody murder?

When Zach and Megan come to visit, their mother always includes a baggie full of elastic hair holders. Not all of them are for ponytails. Some are supposed to be used to pull a clump of hair straight up on top of her head, like Pebbles.

This trip, I counted 16 barrettes in the baggie. Yesterday, a package arrived from mommy for the kids. She had included six more elastic ponytail holders. New ones. What does she think I am doing with those things.

We have 22 hair holders in her closet now. Megan only likes two of them.

Another thing I discovered. The L'oreal Tangle Free Kids shampoo she sent? It ain't tangle-free. I don't care if it is cherry-almond flavor in a cute little crooked bottle. The damn stuff does not work on Megan Carr's hair.

She shampoos. I brush it. It pulls her hair. She screams. So much for L'oreal cherry almond tangle free.

In addition to part-time deafness, here are some other quirks my little ones are afflicted with.

* My recliner is to be occupied at all times that I am not in it.

* The TV remote control must be programmed permanently to Nickelodeon then returned to its usual place underneath the couch cushions.

* When daddy says it is time to get up in the morning, he is only kidding.

* Same with going to bed at night.

* It is okay that you hate waffles, but why can't you eat the bread crusts?

* No, no-one ever died from eating mayonnaise or mustard on a sandwich.

* Please explain to me why you find it necessary to wiggle the pull tab on a can of soda back and forth until it comes off, then throw it on my floor under the coffee table.

* No, daddy doesn't know where your Michael Jordan watch is that mommy's boyfriend bought for you. Keep up with your own stuff.

* Daddy doesn't care if grandma knows how to fix your ponytail, you ain't goin' to grandma's today, so wear your hair down.

* Remember that the shower curtain goes inside the tub and the soap goes on the rag.

* Hey, daddy doesn't care what you tell mommy, I'm still going to bust your little butt....!

I wouldn't take for my kids. I have been fortunate to have three girls and two boys and all of them hated waffles at one time or the other.

Each one has lost or hidden the remote more times than I can count, jumped in my chair as soon as I got up, or refused to eat bread crusts or tomatoes until they became adults.

At one time or another I

have sat on the side of the bed when they were sleeping and marveled at this little creation that causes such a ruckus when awake and are absolutely beautiful when they are asleep.

On this independence day, I am thankful for grandma, bible school, summer drama workshop, and Bonnie Pope, all of whom look after, and are a good influence on, my little one's.

No, son, daddy doesn't think we ought to shoot fireworks in the house, but I'll tell you what we'll do.....!

Mrs. Leal Buried In Hereford

Gudelia Leal, 75, died Thursday, June 26, 1997.

Rosary was recited in Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home Rose Chapel at Hereford.

Services were Monday, June 30 in Rose Chapel with Emilio Fuentes, deacon at San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford, officiating. Burial was in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Hereford.

Leal was born in Hidalgo County. She married Andres Leal in 1942 at Lake Village, Arkansas. She moved to Deaf Smith County in 1966 from Mercedes. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband of Clovis, New Mexico; four sons, Andres Leal, Jr. and Daniel Leal, both of Hereford, and Margarito Leal and Santiago Leal, both of Clovis; three daughters, Lydia Garza and Modesta Leal, both of Clovis; and Barbara Guerra of Hereford; twenty-two grandchildren; and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Ingrid McNamara of Clovis has been named Friona Art Association's July Artist of the Month. Her paintings will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Ingrid has been painting off and on for about twenty years, studying with Virginia Gregory and Bruce DeFoor at the Clovis Community College. She enjoys painting in oils and doing pastel portraits. She is a member of Pintores Art League in Clovis and the Friona Art Association.

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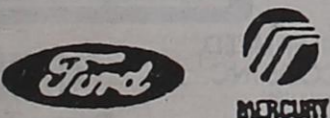
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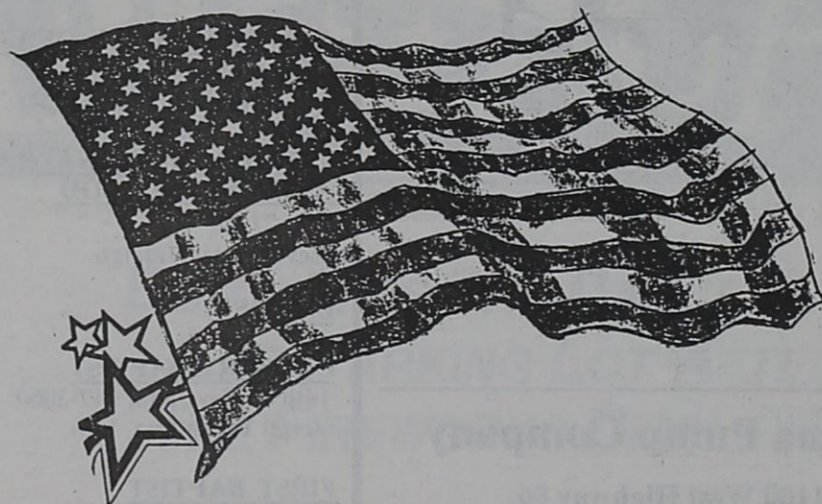


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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

We want to welcome our new residents to Bovina. Three babies have been born in recent weeks, they are: Bailey, son of Libby and Jay Holman; Mason, son of Bryan and Twyla Galloway; and Kennedy, daughter of Holli and Lynn Read. Congratulations to the parents and grand-parents...Holli and Lynn live in Lubbock but grandparents are in Bovina.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...
We want to express our sympathies to Neely Landrum, whose mother passed away on June 10. She was Ella Landrum, 66. She lived at Fluvanna, Texas, which is in between Snyder and Post.

She had undergone surgery for brain tumors but Neely said she died of pneumonia some time following the surgery. She is survived by her husband, who now lives with Neely, and another son, Mike, who lives in Augusta, Georgia, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial was in Fluvanna.

Vernon Ward underwent cataract surgery in Clovis Thursday of last week. It will take time but his wife, Dottie, said she thought he was getting along fine.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Ken Harrison of Amarillo came on Wednesday night to be with them and stayed until Saturday.

Rev. Porfirio Mejia has been hospitalized in Amarillo suffering from an infection in his sternom bone. He has been moved to the skilled nursing facilities of Baptist/St. Anthony's hospital. They are treating him with medication and he is in serious condition. Our thoughts are with him and his family.

Don and Juanda Murphy had a good time with their grandson and his family

Bovina Little League has finished their season. We want to thank all the kids and parents who helped out. We also want to thank the community for their support.

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recently. Brandon and Melissa Caldwell and baby girl, Jaycee, of Lubbock, came to Bovina on Friday and spent the night with them and left on Saturday. Jaycee is the Murphy's first great-granddaughter, so she's very special.

Tony Parsons of Amarillo, son of Jimmie and Lola Parson, suffered a crushed ankle and was hospitalized. He was released on Sunday. We understand that he did have surgery but the doctors thought it was too badly crushed to do anything right now.

He is to be off of it for three months and then return to the hospital. He was hospitalized at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

There were four young men in the car which was completely totaled in the accident. Tony was the only one injured.

Mamie Lions of Yuca Valley, California, came to Bovina and will be visiting her sister, Sid Lloyd, for a month.

While here, the ladies are planning a trip to Hale Center to spend time with Sid's daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Larry Webb, and perhaps will spend some time with a niece before going back to California.

Tony and Angela Englant and their four children came to Bovina Saturday. Tony and family are from Arkansas and were once former residents of Bovina.

Tony and Angela left on Monday to go back to Arkansas and left their children, who will be spending a month with Ann Lee and Floyd Englant. They are Taffanie, 11; Sherri, 7; Mark, 6; and Preston, 4.

Ann Lee said they had a good Sunday with the kids. Their friend, Linda Pena, fixed an enchilada supper for

them and they attended church Sunday evening and enjoyed an ice cream supper held for Don and Dona Teague who are moving their church letter to Pleasant Hill from the First Baptist Church of Bovina since it will be closer to where they live.

The family also attended church Sunday morning in Dimmitt, where Tony and Angela were members before moving to Arkansas.

Earl May of Levelland came to Bovina over the weekend and stayed with his daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and James Clayton. They enjoyed a good visit.

Jarrett Turner, son of Jack and Pat Turner, visited in Bovina with the local couple over the weekend. Jarrett and his wife live in Roswell where Jarrett attends college and works.

Jarrett will graduate in a few months and plans to work as a game warden. His wife is a traveling registered nurse and works in hospitals in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. She is gone five days a week and has a great job.

Pat Turner's mother, Evelyn Crawford, 77, passed away in recent weeks. She had suffered with kidney stones and had been to the doctor twice but became very ill and her husband, Roy Crawford, took her to the hospital where she died shortly.

Pay said it may be a couple of months before they find out the cause of death. She had suffered heart problems for seven years but Pat said it was determined that she did not have a heart attack.

Ron and Evelyn lived in Lake Dallas and had been there for 31 years. Roy taught Vo-Ag in Bovina many years ago when they were residents of Bovina for several years.

She was also survived by three children, Pat Turner of Bovina; Judy Babcock of Groom; and Roy Jr. of Lancaster; three sisters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Emmagene Calaway had company over the weekend. Her sister and brother-in-law, Audine and Bill Wells, from Midland came on Saturday and stayed until Monday.

While here they took Emmagene to Clovis for a birthday dinner Saturday. They all attended church together on Sunday and had an enjoyable visit Sunday night with friends at the

pounding for the new Church of Christ preacher.

Carolyn Pruitt met her brother Charles Tarver, of Olympia, Washington at the airport in Lubbock on June 15. They spent the night in Lubbock and drove south to Lytle, Texas for a reunion with their two sisters Allyne Dags of Lytle and Betty Steapp of Mason, Texas.

On the way down they stopped in Kerrville. They were raised there as children. They also went through Bandera, Texas. She said they had commented on the fact that the old Guadalupe River had not been out of its banks in a long time and four days later they received 20 inches of rain. Carolyn said they were lucky to have left Lytle the day before. The town had received twelve inches in twenty-four hours.

They drove up I 35 to San Antonio, Austin and on to Fort Worth to see Carolyn's son Steven and daughter-in-law, Francelle. They toured all over Dallas and Fort Worth. They took Charles to Dealey Plaza where President John F. Kennedy was shot, then by a huge new car speedway they are just finishing and by the Fort Worth Stockyards. Carolyn said they enjoyed eating out at all the good eating places.

They drove back to Bovina on June 23 and rested. Carolyn then took Charles back to the airport in Lubbock on June 25. He thought our weather was hot. The weather in Washington has been abnormally wet for the last nine months. Their high is usually 58 to 65 he said.

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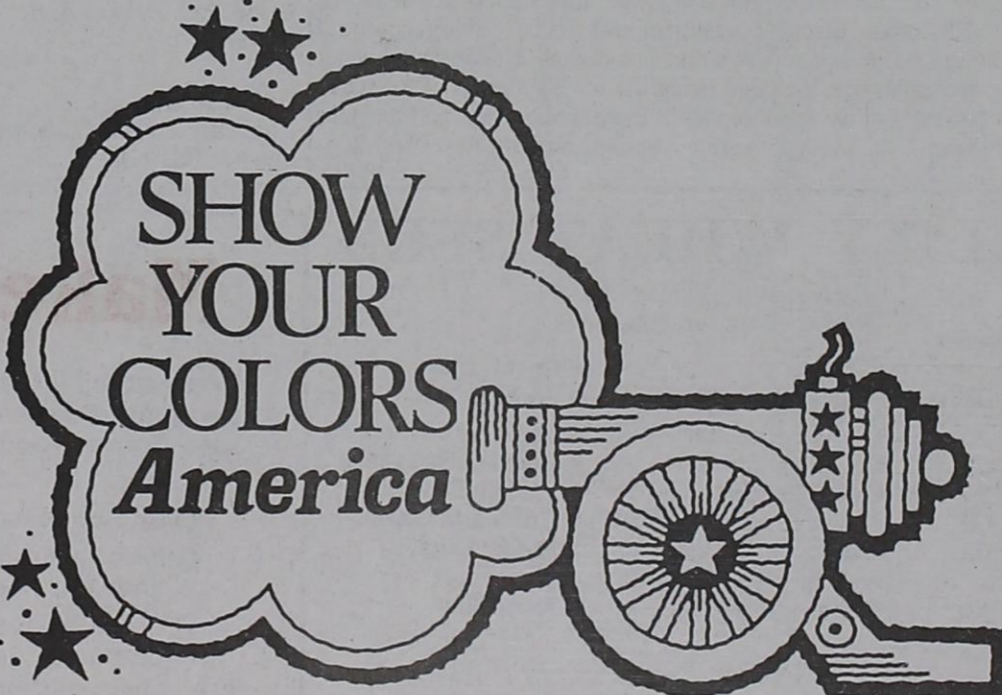
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Kenneth Horton Buried June 30 In Elida, N.M.

Kenneth W. Horton, 68, died Friday, June 27, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 30 in Elida Cemetery with Randi Burkhart, along with other family members, officiating. Arrangements are by Wheeler Motuary of Portales, New Mexico.

Horton was born in Pleasant Hill, New Mexico. His years as a boy were spent in the Hub community. Later the family moved to Friona, and then when he was a teenager, they moved to Bovina.

In 1944 or 1945, he went to work on the Jersick Ranch as a cowboy. In the late 1950s, he moved his family to Farmington, New Mexico where he worked as a truck driver. He moved to

Albuquerque, New Mexico in the early 1960s and continued to drive trucks until 1974, when he moved back to Friona, where he was living at the time of his death.

He married Madge Burkart in 1974 at Bernalillo, New Mexico. She died in 1991.

Survivors include nine sons, Roger Horton of Kirkland, New Mexico; Dwayne Horton of Bloomfield, New Mexico; Wendel Shank of Farmington, New Mexico; Kenneth Horton, Jr., and Shawn Horton, both of Las Lunas, New Mexico; Roger Bachman of Denver, Colorado; Rodney Bachman of Garden City, Kansas; Chris Burkart of Clovis, New Mexico; and Randi Burkart of Arnet, Oklahoma.

Also, three daughters, Belinda Burks of Las Lunas; Linda Madera of Clovis; and Michelle Gleason of Vacaville, California; a brother, Billy Ray Horton of Lamesa; a sister, Hazel Stowers of Friona; thirty-one grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



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Oren and Misty (White) Teden of Levelland became parents of a baby boy May 7.

Ethan Dillon weighed eight pounds, two ounces and was twenty-one and one quarter inches long.

He is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are John and Nita White and Randy and Dianne Teden, all of Whiteface, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Edward and Doris White of Friona; Oren and Irene Teden of Levelland; Dillon and Sybil Patterson of Possum Kingdom, Texas and Elzie and Joan Ruthledge of Lubbock.

Great-great grandmothers are Fern White of Friona and Mildred Bradley of Clovis, New Mexico.

L. Reads Have First Daughter

Lynn and Holli Read of Lubbock are the parents of a daughter, Kennedy Nicole. She was born Friday, June 27 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Kennedy weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces. She is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Bill and Joyce Read and Bonnie Clayton, all of Bovina; and Dick Clayton of Clovis, New Mexico.

Great grandparents are Mrs. E.L. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton, all of Bovina, Lucille Stowers of Amarillo and the late Mr. E.L. Cochran.

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