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Bovina High School Graduation Is Saturday, May 27

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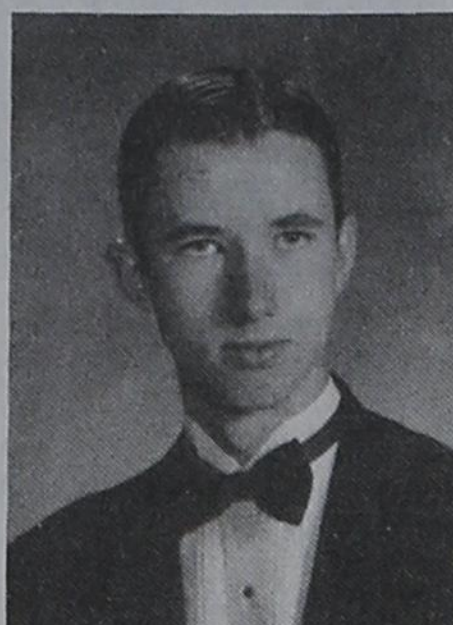
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MELISSA CANO
Valedictorian



MARISOL ANTILLON
Salutatorian



TYLER WALLING
Historian

Bovina's Class Of 2000 Set To Graduate Saturday May 27

The twenty-two members of the 2000 graduating class of Bovina High School will receive their diplomas at ceremonies Saturday, May 27, at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.

The top three graduates named at Monday's honors assembly are Melissa Cano, valedictorian; Marisol Antillon salutatorian; and Tyler Walling, historian.

Melissa Cano has attended Bovina Schools for 13 years and is the daughter of Roger and Alicia Martinez. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University.

Marisol Antillon attended Bovina Schools for 14 years. She is the daughter of Ricardo and Maria Antillon. She plans to attend either Amarillo College or WTAMU.

Tyler Walling is the son of Haden and Lou Ann

Walling. He is undecided on what college he will attend in the fall.

Rounding out the top six graduates were Mary Juarez, Alvaro Martinez and Walter Kessler.

All members of the Class of 2000 are featured in the special graduation issue included with today's *Bovina Blade*. Congratulations to all graduates and staff at BISD for a successful year.



NEW CITY MANAGER Colby Waters, left, gets acquainted with Bovina folks during the farewell reception for outgoing city manager Ed Barrett, second from the left. Also shown are Jeff Steelman of First Bank and Mayor Galen Hromas, some of the many guests who dropped by to wish Ed well.

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Bovina's New City Manager

Current city manager, Ed Barrett, was given a farewell sendoff on Thursday. Barrett has been city manager for one year under the city's contract with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

The city recently renewed the city manager contract with PRPC for another year but Barrett will be leaving the PRPC to attend law school in the Ft. Worth area.

Assigned by PRPC as the new city manager is Colby Waters. He is a Pampa native and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a degree in political science. He lives in Amarillo and has been employed at PRPC since January.

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GOODBYE ED!...The cake read Goodbye Ed as well-wishers gathered. Mayor Galen Hromas, left, waits for the cake as city secretary Sarah Brito helps outgoing city manager Ed Barrett serve up cake and ice cream.

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Student Awards Presented Monday In Honors Assembly

The year-end wrapup of the 2000 school year culminated in an Awards Assembly honoring top graduates in a variety of categories. Awards presented were:

World History, Yancy Graves, Marisol Antillon and Angela Villarreal. Government Award, Mary Juarez; Outstanding Economics student, Patricia Robles; World Geography, Walter Kessler.

Accounting, Walter Kessler; Record Keeping, Yesenia Melendez; BCIS I, Melanie Stanberry and Briselda Rodriguez; BCIS II, Adriana Guevara; Multimedia, Krystal Weber and Rocio Antillon.

ESL most improved, Jose Esparza; Top ESL students, Sandra and Miguel Zapata.

Keyboarding awards went to, Juan Vara, Randa Englant, Rocio Antillon and Danny Martinez; Speech and Theater Arts awards; Debate, Yancy Graves; Public Speaking, Kelcey Scroggins; Theater Arts, Patricia Robles.

Biology I, Nemesio Rodriguez; Computer Science I, David Garcia; Computer Science II, Yancy Graves; Math Models, Daniela Newton.

Chemistry, Tyson Kerby; Biology, Briselda Rodriguez and Sandra Guevara; Integrated Chemistry and Physics, Randa Englant.

English I awards, Juan Vara, Miguelino Castro, Sandra Guevara, Sergio Antillon, Mike Olvera, Randa Englant, Fidencio Vela and Courtney Jamerson; English III, Terri Crownover and Melanie Stanberry.

Excellence in Writing, Krystal Weber, Kelcey Scroggins and Sammy Espinoza (sophomore level); K'Leigh Scroggins and Janet Quiroz (upper level). Top English Student, Angela Villarreal.

Pre-Calculus, Tyson Kerby; Best non-Spanish speaking student in advanced Spanish, Walter Kessler; Best non-Spanish speaking student in Spanish I, Randa Englant.

Top Spanish I student, Danny Martinez; Top Spanish II student, Marlena Gomez.

Principal Wayne Erwin presented Presidential Academic Excellence awards (signed by President Clinton) to Melissa Cano, Marisol Antillon, Tyler Walling, Mary Juarez, Alvaro Martinez and Walter Kessler. This award is presented to students maintaining an "A" average throughout their years in high school.

Presidential Outstanding Educational Improvement awards went to Letie Vargas, Adriana Guevara and Janet Quiroz. The UIL Academic Excellence awards to students in the top 10 percent of their graduating class went to Melissa Cano and Marisol Antillon.

Erwin also recognized those sophomore students that excelled on this year's TAAS test. They were: Tabitha Englant, David Garcia, John Paul Guzman, Amber King, Danny Martinez, Jeremy Ortiz, Diego Ruiz, Kelcey Scroggins, Travis Stanberry and Krystal Weber for mastering reading objectives.

Mastering TAAS math objectives were Jose Amaya, Rocio Antillon, Rigo Gonzalez, April Martinez and Kelcey Scroggins.

TAAS writing awards were to Jose Amaya, Veronica Herrera, Briselda Rodriguez, Kelcey Scroggins, Stephanie Tamez and Krystal Weber.

Kelcey Scroggins was specifically recognized for mastering all objectives on all TAAS tests.

WE ARE MAKING A slight change in getting our newspapers to the subscribers which may not be very noticeable, but we hope will make for better delivery.

For at least 50 years, and maybe longer, the Friona Star's mailing list has been produced on stencils which were inked, then were run through an Elliott addressing machine. The Bovina Blade's addressing has been by this method for all of its existence.

But life changes, and so is our addressing method. Virtually every newspaper in the state of Texas has switched to some form of address labels.

Our old "Addressograph" machine has been run all of its career by Laura Hart and her daughter, Holly Campbell. Holly learned how to operate the machine as a youngster, and she can really make it hum.

The speed and versatility of the old system will be hard to beat by the labeling system, but it came to the fact that we could no longer buy the address stencils or the ink it needed. The addresser itself weighs about 500 pounds, and it would have lasted another 50 years if we had had supplies.

One day a couple of years ago when we ordered supplies, we were informed that the Elliott company no longer made the machines, nor the stencils.

We came across a couple of boxes of stencils which our newspaper associate Sue Cannon had at Olton after she made her "switch," and then Momma Carol decided after those were gone that she could manufacture stencils, using the old frames and stencil paper like you used to print on the mimeograph.

Alas, the system could not work together, especially the ink, which was specially mixed at the offset plant in Canyon where we print.

Carol used to say that she had to drag Ye Editor "kicking and screaming" into the computer age. That's about the way it was with switching to labels.

But change we must. Some of you may have noticed the new, neat labels at the top of your paper the last week or two, as we started the switch. It's quite a job, as the girls have had to type the name and addresses of every subscriber for both papers, using a computer program.

Coming as it did just as we're publishing our annual Sr. Graduation editions, the changeover process had to slow a bit this week.

You might think printing mail labels on the computer would be faster and more efficient than our old system. Wrong. Printing laser labels is slow and placing them on each paper is even slower...even with several of us lending a hand.

Holly could address both papers on the old Addressograph in about one-fourth the time that it now takes four or five of us to accomplish.

Our old stencils were getting so torn and tattered that postal workers may have had trouble reading them. If you've missed a paper on this account, we apologize. But within a few weeks, we hope to have the conversion made.

And, if you miss a paper the next little bit, give us a call, or drop a card, and we'll get your paper in the mail. As I stated above--this is not an easy task. Thankfully (probably from your part as well as mine) the girls haven't asked for much of my help on the re-typing, etc., but I expect them to ask for a raise anytime now.

Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



Parmer Co. Hospital Receives Level IV Trauma Designation

Parmer County Community Hospital has been designated as a "LEVEL IV TRAUMA CENTER" by the Texas Department of Health. The designation links PCCH to other trauma centers in the region.

The designation allows PCCH to treat patients at a community hospital level and then transfer to the level of trauma care that is determined by a patient's needs.

There are four categories of trauma centers in Texas, with only one Level I center in the Panhandle: University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The designations create a network of trauma centers to better meet the needs of

trauma care patients.

"PCCH began working toward a trauma center designation in 1995 and it allows PCCH to treat and stabilize the most critically injured patients in our area before transferring to a higher level of trauma care. This designation increases the responsibilities of our medical and hospital staff to be ready to treat the most critical of patients when they come to us," said Lynn Nelson, R.N., Director of Nursing. Ms. Nelson serves as the Trauma Nurse Coordinator of PCCH.

Bill Neely, PCCH Administrator noted, "the Trauma Center designation is a part of our recent design-

ation as the first Critical Access Hospital in Texas and we are proud to be a part of the network that is created to improve trauma care services across the state of Texas."

Along with the designation come requirements for the hospital to maintain a Trauma Registry, or a list of all patients receiving trauma care at PCCH. The Registry is used to develop a database from which the state can continue to work on improvements in trauma care. PCCH maintains written transfer agreements with other Trauma Centers to ensure that

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PCCH IS BASIC TRAUMA FACILITY.....Parmer County Community Hospital is designated as a basic trauma facility by the Texas Department of Health. From left are Mike Hutson, Bill Neely, Lynn Nelson, Dr. Felipe Jubay, Dr. Robert Alexander, and TDH Regional EMS Director Terry Bavousett.

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Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago--May 18, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemke from Nebraska have been visiting in Bovina with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hemke, and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hemke.

The preliminary census at 1,032--far below many expectations but only slightly under the estimate of city officials.

35 Yrs Ago--May 19, 1965

Much to the delight of a majority of area farmers, rain continued falling here the latter part of the week.

A stove and a kitchen cabinet were destroyed by a fire Friday afternoon late at the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Adams of Halsell Street.

30 Yrs Ago--May 20, 1970

Pam Grissom has been named a twirler for the Texas

Tech University Red Raider Band. She was notified Saturday that she was selected to fill the only position open for next year with the band organization. A senior in Bovina High School, Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom.

Miss Patsy Cumpton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Cumpton, will receive her BBA degree from West Texas State University Saturday in the Civic Center Auditorium in Amarillo.

25 Yrs Ago--May 21, 1975

The Bovina Jaycees racked up an impressive list of awards this past weekend at the Texas State Jaycee Convention at the Astrodome in Houston.

20 Yrs Ago--May 28, 1980

Construction is underway for the city's apartment complex, which should be

completed in about three months.

Kara Mills, a high school student, received the John Phillip Sousa Award, given for outstanding musicianship, leadership and service.

Larry Webb, manager of Bovina Wheat Growers since 1973, submitted his resignation effective June 6.

Graduation exercises for the students from Bovina High School will take place May 30 with 36 students graduating.

15 Yrs Ago--May 29, 1985

A pair of first cousins are the top two graduates in Bovina's class of 1985. Misti Boozer is the class salutatorian and Casey Riddle is the valedictorian. Less than .2 of a point separated the two in the grade averages.

10 Yrs Ago--May 23, 1990

Joe Torres and Elaine Garza were honored as Band Sweetheart and Beau following the band concert Thursday.

Libby Marshall is the class valedictorian and Rosalva Anaya is the salutatorian. Third place is Jennifer Beauchamp.

5 Yrs Ago--May 20, 1995

There will be a retirement reception Monday, May 22, honoring Virginia Rhodes who will be retiring after 23 years of service at Bovina ISD.

Paul and Ola Jones received the "Fan of the Year" award at the BISD Athletic Banquet.

MS Honors Assembly Names Top Students

Bovina's Middle School Honors Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000. Lots of awards were presented to students voted "Outstanding" in their various classes. Here is a summary of the awards presented:

Science students; 6th, Zane Anderson, Vanessa Garcia; 7th, Jeff Casas, Victoria Carrillo; 8th, Chris Ortiz, Yuri Vela.

Achievement Science Awards: 6th, Juana Roldan, Yvonne Espinoza, Noe Lara Jorge Trinidad; 7th, Saul Newton, Rebecca Viernes, Chris Bachicha, Eliseo Salazar, Miguel Munoz, Giselle Alvarado, Kasey Kelley, Daniela Quintero; 8th, Angelica Gomez, Mayra Banuelos, Abraham Rocha, Gordon DeLaRosa.

Outstanding ESL Student; Daniela Quintero. Reading Achievement, Juan Roldan, Selene Sanchez, Alfredo Martinez.

Outstanding History Student, Christy Villarreal, Sandra Moreno, Zane Anderson, Vanessa Garcia, Jessica Amparan, Roger Martinez, Yuri Vela and Abraham Rocha.

Outstanding Pre-Algebra, Chris Ortiz and Yuri Vela; Math, Hugo Aguillon and Jessica Amparan. Outstanding Theatre Arts, Nancy Amaya; Computer, Abraham Rocha, Chris Ortiz, Hilda Guevara.

Bovinans Are CCC Graduates

Three Bovina students participated in the Twelfth Commencement Convocation held May 12 at Clovis Community College.

The degree recipients included: Maria Claudia Amparan, associate of applied science in criminal justice; Sylvia F. DeLeon, associate of arts in general studies; and Iris V. Saenz, certificate of completion in practical nursing.

Reading, Jessica Amparan, Chris Bachicha; Keyboarding, Holly Johnson, Saul Martinez; Art, Denise Dominguez; Most Improved Math, 6th, Daniel Castillo, 8th Denise Dominguez.

Outstanding Math Student: 6th, Vanessa Garcia and Saul Martinez; 8th, Jose Vela and DiAnna Mendoza.

TAAS Most Improved, Zaide Marinlarena; Outstanding TAAS students, Isabel Guevara, Hilda Guevara, David Guevara and Israel Escobar.

Outstanding English students, Jessica Amparan, Roger Martinez, Yuri Vela, Chris Ortiz; Outstanding Spanish Student, Jessica Amparan, Victoria Carrillo; Most Improved Spanish, Jennifer Reyna.

Outstanding ESL student, Irma Rocha and Rebeca Viernes; Outstanding Girls Athletics, Isabel Viernes, Jessica Amparan, Sandra Moreno.

Selected as All-Around Outstanding Students were Chris Ortiz and Yuri Vela. Runners-up were Maria Perez, Elizabeth Ortiz, Saul Martinez and Cody Jamerson.

Top Students by grade were: 6th, Zane Anderson and Vanessa Garcia; 7th, Jessica Amparan and Victoria Carrillo; 8th, Chris Ortiz and Yuri Vela.

Named to the All-Year Honor Roll were: Saul Martinez, Cody Jamerson, Vanessa Garcia, Laura Rocha, Karla Rivera, Sandra Perez, Elizabeth Ortiz, Zane Anderson, Yuri Vela.

Also, Chad Scroggins, Daniela Quintero, Jessica Amparan, Roger Martinez, Hugo Martinez, Jeff Casas, Victoria Carrillo, Hugo Aguillon and Chris Ortiz.

Perfect Attendance Honors for the 1999-2000 school year went to: 6th, Saul Martinez and Luis Munoz; 7th, Cecilia Almanza, Israel Escobar and Daniel Salcido; 8th, Martin Carrillo and Daniel Garcia.

Congratulations to all Middle School students and faculty and staff for a successful year.



JESSICA BACHICHA has earned 200 points in the reading program this year and got to serve as Principal For A Day.

J. Stowers Recognized At SPC

Jessica Stowers, daughter of Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers of Bovina, received an award for Outstanding Student in Office Technology-Medical Emphasis during South Plains College's recent Student Awards Assembly. She was among more than 130 students honored by individual departments.

"The departmental awards are the highest awards bestowed by each department on campus and they represent the highest level of achievement and accomplishment during the school year," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "We are extremely proud of these students."

Stowers, a graduating office technology major, is a 1997 Bovina High School graduate. She will work as a medical transcriptionist in the Lubbock area in the near future. She has also been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and the SPC Dean's Honor List.

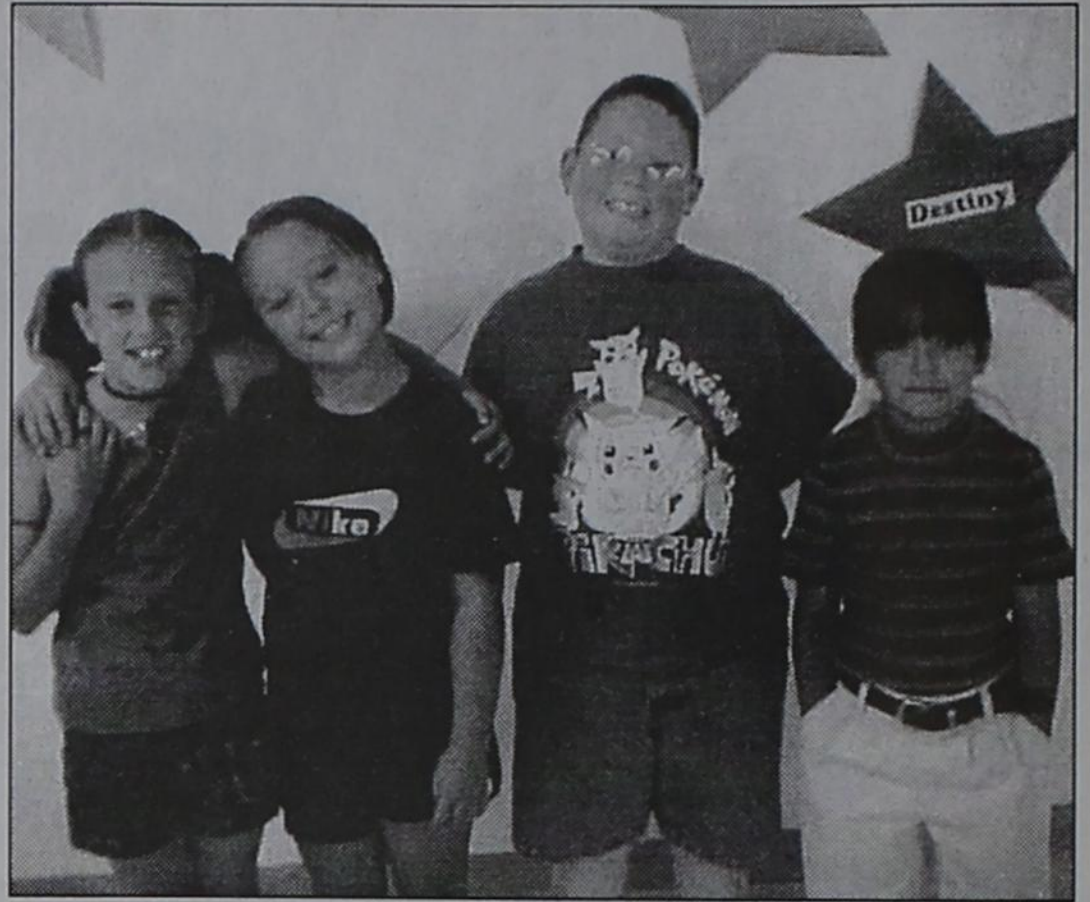
McClarans Welcome Baby Girl

Lance and Trisha McClaran, of Bovina, are the parents of a baby girl, Sydney Laine, born Sunday, May 21 at 5:58 p.m. at Clovis Regional Medical Center.

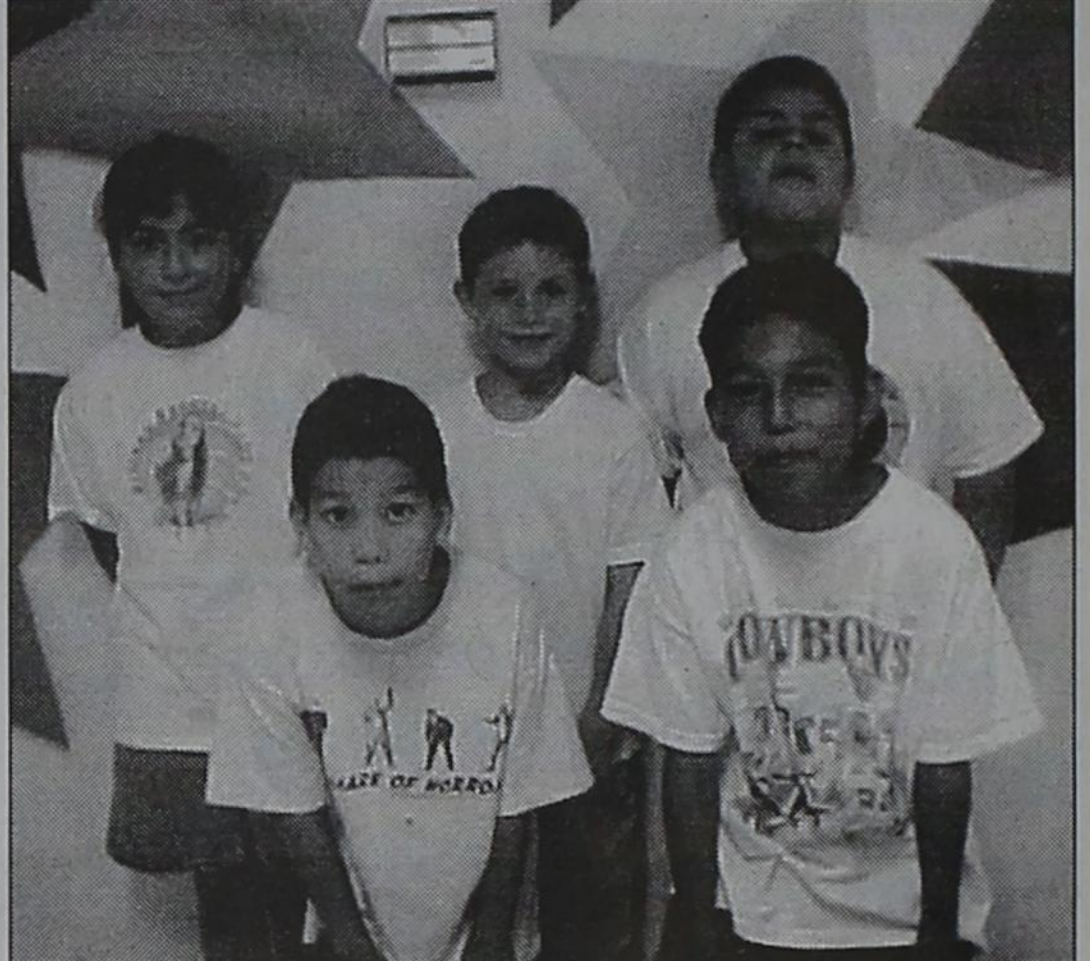
Sydney, the first child of the couple, weighed six pounds, thirteen ounces and measured twenty inches long.

Her grandparents are Wayne and Sue McClaran of Bovina, Glenda Swaim of Amarillo and Gary Crume of Clovis.

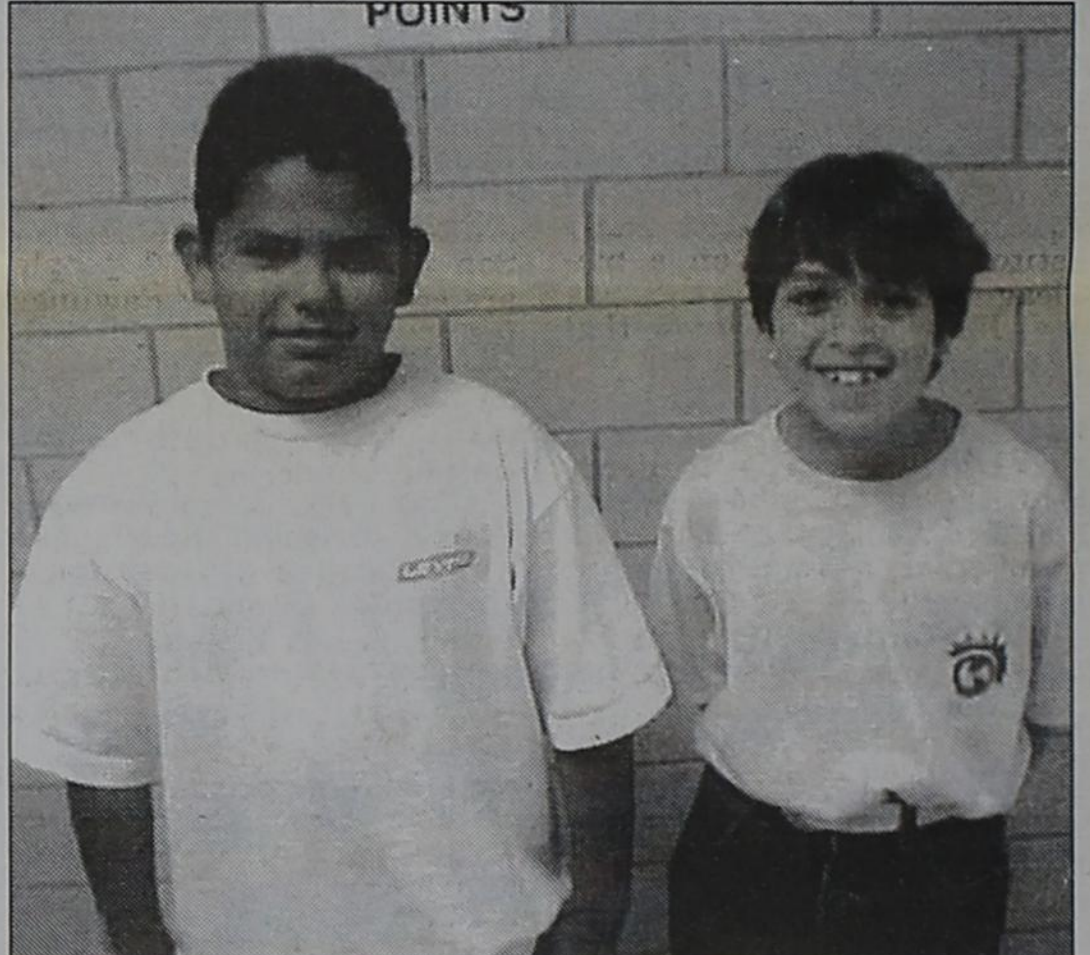
Her great-grandparents are Melvin and Kathleen McClaran of Graham, Texas; Karen and Jim Dowley of Ross, Oklahoma; Elwyn and Patricia Crume of Clovis and Daryl and Thelma Tapp of Plainview.



2ND GRADE READERS in Mrs. Steelman's class earned their 100 points in the reading program. From left are Taryn Jamerson, Cheyenne Dutton, Corbin Holman and Kimberly Casas.



4TH GRADE READERS in Mrs. Neal's class that earned their 100 reading points are, back, l-r, Ruby Vela, Jesus Guevara, Mauricio Garcia. Front, l-r, Jose Salazar and Jose Angel Salas.



100 POINT READERS are, left, Josh Lucero, a 4th grader in Mrs. Deen's class and Danna Guerrero, a 3rd grader in Mrs. Sides' class.

AT AGE 75

B. F. Ray Buried In Bovina May 15

Funeral services for B. F. Ray, Jr., 75, of Bovina, were held Monday, May 15, at the First Baptist Church of Bovina, with the Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor, officiating.

Burial, with military honors were held in Bovina Cemetery, with Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

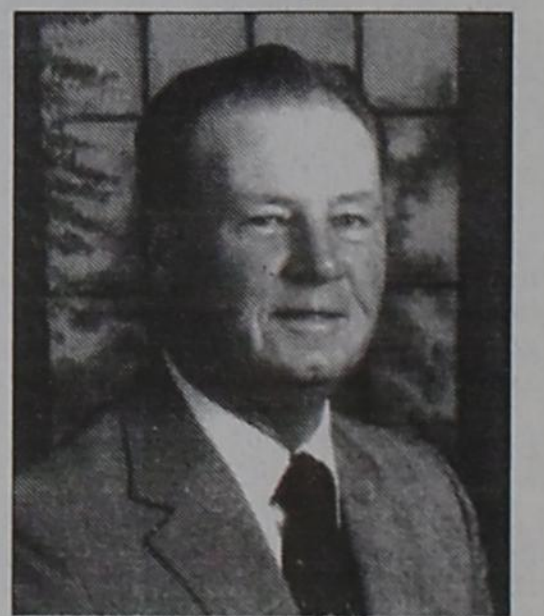
Ray passed away Saturday, May 13, 2000, in Parmer County Community Hospital.

He was born October 4, 1924, in Celeste. He grew up in Greenville, Texas, and married Johnnie McFarland on October 14, 1947, in Dallas. They moved to Bovina in 1979, where he was a farmer until he retired.

Mr. Ray was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Survivors include his wife Johnnie of the home; a daughter, Donna Smullen of Glendale, Arizona, a son, Dan E. Ray of Texico, N.M.; five sisters, Bea Coppinger of Dallas, Joyce Smith of Nixon, Ira Turner of Greenville, Inez Taft of Floyd and Ida Bell Waller of Waco; one brother, Byron Johnson of Merit, and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Walton, Allan Myers, John



B. F. RAY, Jr.
Dixon, Gregg Wilson, Sam Snell, and Joe Rogers.

(We apologize for the error that appeared in Mr. Ray's obituary in last week's issue of the Blade.)

Kim Smith Graduates

A Bovina student at Angelo State University, San Angelo, was among 450 students to receive degrees during the spring commencement at the university.

Kimberly Joy Smith received a bachelor of science, magna cum laude, with a major in early childhood.

A Dinner Bridal Shower will be held in honor of Alexandria Dopp, bride elect of Wesley Roach Saturday, June 3, 2000 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Bovina's Church of Christ. Selections: JC Penney, Roden Smith & Homecoming in Clovis

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FISHING GROUP...On Easter weekend, Jack Patterson, center, took four young friends fishing on the San Juan River, N.M. From the left are Marion Rushing, Kyle Potts, Patterson, Monty Schueler and Terry Widner. Also joining the group on Saturday was former Friona resident Geary Brogden, who now heads the music program at a large church in Albuquerque. The group had a fish fry at the Dale Schueler home at Rhea recently. "I'm creeping up on 80, and I can fish all day, or work a half-hour, either one," Patterson says.

Calvary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church of Friona will be June 12-16 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages attending will be 3 years through 6th grade.

There will be a coloring contest. Pictures to color are available at Bi-Wize Drug and the Friona Public Library. Prizes will be awarded in each age group.

There is a box at Bi-Wize and the Library for the pictures to be returned. The pictures also have a

Bible School registration form on the back.

Pictures need to be turned in to the Library by Friday, June 9 or to Bi-Wize by Saturday, June 10. Judging will be done during Bible School.

A program and lunch will be held on Friday, June 16 starting at 11:30 a.m. All children of the community are invited to participate in the coloring contest and the Vacation Bible School.

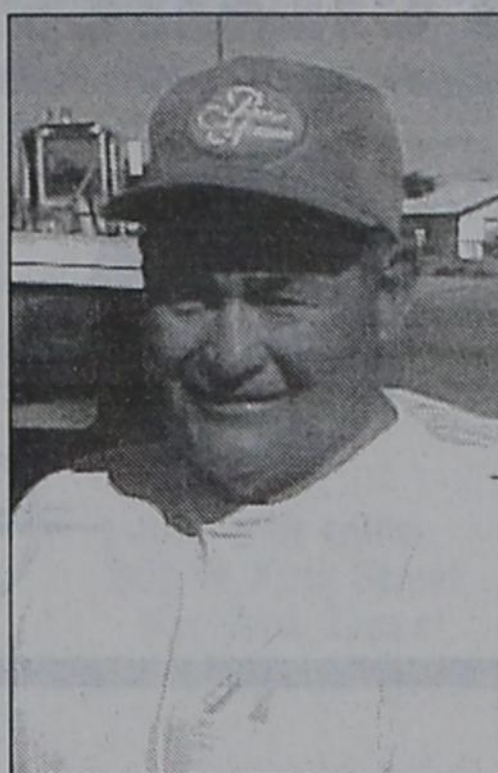
Green Thumb, Inc Reminds Of Older American Month

Since 1963, May has been designated by the President as the official month during which we acknowledge and honor past and present older Americans whose extraordinary contributions have strengthened and sustained our Nation throughout the 20th Century and have led us through the portals of the new millennium.

Older Americans Month presents us with the opportunity to offer a debt of gratitude to the generations of older Americans whose hard work, courage, faith, sacrifice and patriotism helped to make this Nation great. Through turmoil and triumph these Americans not only have defended our fundamental values of liberty, justice and equality but they also have handed down to younger generations the enduring traditions of community, family and love of country that bind our society together.

This year's theme: "In the New Century...The Future Is Aging," spotlights the impact which longevity will have on nearly every aspect of society in the coming years—from our health and long term care needs to our economic security to our housing and living arrangements to our retirement plans and to our leisure time. To achieve and maintain quality of life in the older years, we must all anticipate a range of economic, health and social needs and undertake our own life course planning.

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and training, encourages everyone to set aside this month as a special time to pay tribute to older Americans and to affirm our obligation to sustain and improve their quality of life.

As we celebrate their contributions to this great nation, we should also focus upon our senior work force who are skilled, dependable and productive partners in business and industry.

Green Thumb offers older jobseekers the opportunities to upgrade their skills and gain valuable experience for transition back into private sector employment. For more information regarding the Green Thumb program, please contact Fay Martin, Field Operations Assistant, P.O. Box 345, Clovis, NM, 88101. Phone 505-763-6603.

Around Town

Swimming pool opens Jun 1

The Friona Municipal swimming pool will open Jun 1. Hours are Tue-Sun 1-6 p.m. Closed Mondays. Admission: 12 & over, \$3; under 12, \$2. Swim passes available at City Hall. Contact the pool manager at 250-5279 for pool rental reservations.

Afghans available at Chamber

Just in time for graduation, a new shipment of "Friona" afghans has arrived at the Chamber of Commerce office. The custom woven afghans depict several of Friona's landmarks and are priced at \$40 each. Send your graduate off to college with one of these treasured keepsakes. Stop by the Chamber office at 621 Main Street to purchase your afghan.

Friona library summer program

The Friona Public Library's Summer Reading Club 2000 theme: "Invent the Future-READ!" is Jun 3-30. "Cool" programs each Wed. in Jun at 2 p.m. Visit anytime Mon-Fri, 109 W. 7th in Friona.

Friona Shootout tournament Jun 2-3

A basketball tournament for Friona and surrounding towns will be held at the Friona high school gym Jun 2 & 3. There are six divisions: ages 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under, for boys and girls. Form your own team to enter. For more information, call Richard North at 250-3619 or 250-8800

Amarillo library used book sale

Jun 3-4, 1000's of used books, videos, audios, CD's and more will be for sale at the Amarillo Library, 4th & Buchanan, during their annual used book sale. Hours are Sat, Jun 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun, Jun 4, 12 noon-6 p.m. For more information call 378-3051.

Dimmitt city-wide sale Jun 3

Dimmitt's 13th annual City-Wide garage sale will be on Jun 3. Each year over 100 families participate in the garage sale. Sales start at 8 a.m. Directories and maps will be available at the intersection of Hwy. 385 & 68. Merchants will also feature sidewalk sales and there will be booths around the square.

Summer drama workshop Jun 5-17

The annual Summer Drama Workshop is scheduled to be held at Friona high school Jun 5-17. Registration forms are available at the high school office or from Joy Morton or Allison Johnston. For more info call 247-3797.

Greg Black 10-K run Jun 10

Jun 10 at 8 a.m. at the Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th St., the annual Greg Black 10-K run, 2-mile run and 2-mile walk will commence. Divisions for all age brackets, including wheelchair, and lots of prizes. Entry blanks are at the Friona Chamber office or call 806-364-6990

Noncredit courses at CCC

Registration for summer noncredit courses will be held Jun 12-16 at Clovis Community College. Walk-in registrations will be accepted Mon-Thu from 8 a.m.-6:45 p.m. and Fri, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the CCC Information Desk. Some classes being offered include jazz, Internet basics, cake decorating, hunter education and watercolor workshops. For more info, contact community relations at 505-769-4114.



Out Here By Ron Carr

"America's National Pasttime: Milk Cows & Cheap Balls!"

Memorial Day trivia question: Exactly how many stitches are there on a big-league baseball?

Bet you didn't know that each professional baseball had the same number of stitches. Bet you really don't care.

Until recently I never thought much about where baseballs are made. You just walked in a store and there they were.

To be honest, I figured there was a mechanized, technologically advanced assembly line near Detroit where dozens of little robots wearing baseball caps cranked out baseballs faster than a bullet train. Wrong!!

Nor did I pause for even a New York minute to reflect on how baseballs were stitched. Since I was a Little Leaguer and we always referred to a baseball as a "horsehide", well, I figured, you know, that they made them out of horses.

Wrong again!! Maybe in the early days they were horsehide. Today, they are made out of leather from—are you ready for this--dairy cattle.

That's right, those sweet little Molly milk-cows that never did anything but help us all grow stronger; who stand there day after day and enrich our lives with milk and butter and cheese; and we show our gratitude by making them into baseballs and trying to knock the crap out of them.

Where is PETA when you really need them?

All this came to light last week when a group of Major League Baseball officials and reporters toured the baseball manufacturing plant in..... Turrialba, Costa Rica.

They went there to see if the baseballs are being "juiced." Too many homeruns being hit this year. Last Sunday there were a total of 56 homeruns hit in a single day, a major league record. Six of those were grand slams. (For those of you up in Bootleg, that means a home run when the bases are loaded.)

A story in USA Today last Wednesday revealed a lot about the making of a baseball. For instance, Rawlings has been the official baseball maker since 1977. Back then they made them in Haiti, but left in 1990 because of political unrest. (Didn't America fix that unrest thing in Haiti?)

Turrialba, Costa Rica, is a

town of 20,000 about 40 miles east of the capital of San Jose. About 850 people are employed in the Rawlings factory. They stitch each baseball by hand because, according to the plant manager, no machine in the world could do the job.

Ball covers come from sheets of cowhide, whitened by a chemical process at the Tennessee Tanning Co. in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

They said the hides come mostly from dairy cattle because the leather has fewer imperfections than beef cattle.

One cow's hide can yield eight dozen balls. For each ball, two figure eight-shaped leather pieces are cut by hand operated machines and stamped with the holes for (trivia answer)108 stitches.

One worker in the Costa Rica factory, Marco Rodriguez, is in a select group of workers that stitches more than 200 balls a day. He makes about two stitches every three seconds.

The rubber "pill" in the center of the ball comes from Muscle Shoals Rubber Co. in Batesville, Mississippi. The yarn used to wind inside the ball and stitch the outside comes from Dolgeville, New York.

In other words, all the parts for a baseball are made in the U.S.A. by American workers who one would presume makes minimum wage or more.

Now here's the good part: USA Today says that workers at the Costa Rica factory start at \$1.10 per hour. The manager said workers can earn more pay or time off through incentives. Whoopee!

Our esteemed politicians have been arguing eloquently about the pros and cons of trading with China because they only pay their workers \$3 a day. Kathie Lee was roasted because her clothing line was being sewn in what Americans love to call "sweatshops."

Yet I don't hear the Alorges and Boniors and Gephardt's of the world raisin' cane over the salaries of the Costa Rican stitchers.

It is ironic that a stitcher gets a buck ten an hour for sewing a baseball and a fan pays \$30-\$40 for a ticket to go see it knocked out of the park by a guy making \$10 million a year. I don't hear the human rights saints screaming and picketing ball parks over this outrage. Are their balls juiced?

Who really cares. It is not a religion. It is a business.

If I were a Major League Baseball official, I would love to have the teams hitting a lot of home runs. Seems to me the more home runs that are hit the more fans buy tickets and selling tickets is the name of the game isn't it? Who wants to pay \$30 to \$40 for a ticket to watch a 1-0 game every day.

So I am encouraging the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) to jump right in the middle of the baseball industry. And to the human rights groups: you need to climb all over baseball owners who get their balls from the \$1.10 an hour

Comptroller Pays County Sales Tax

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$277.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 4.2 percent increase over the same period last year.

May sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in March and reported to the Comptroller in April.

Parmer County collected \$31,326 for the May period, a 6.7% decrease over the same period last year. However, the total received this year to date, \$141,496 is a 12% increase to date over 1999.

The May payment was divided as: Bovina, \$3,179; Farwell, \$4,153; Friona, \$23,993.

"Grease" Auditions In Clovis

Grease is the word! Auditions for the summer musical, "Grease," will be held at Clovis Community College on Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Auditions will also be held on Friday, June 2, at 2 p.m. in room 186 (classroom South) and at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Call backs will be held Saturday, June 3, at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall. Performances of this summer musical will be held at the Lyceum Theater on July 28, 29, and 30. For more information, call 505-769-4945.

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It is a disgrace that America's national pasttime operates with cheap balls.

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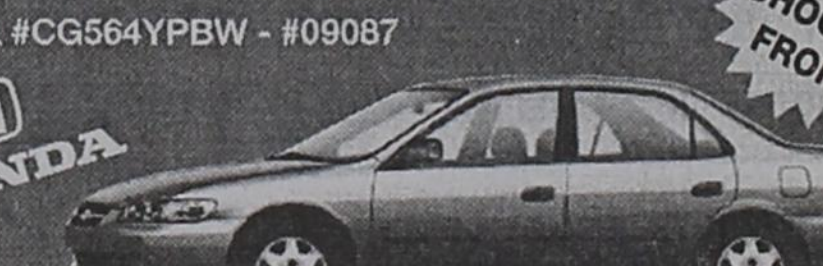
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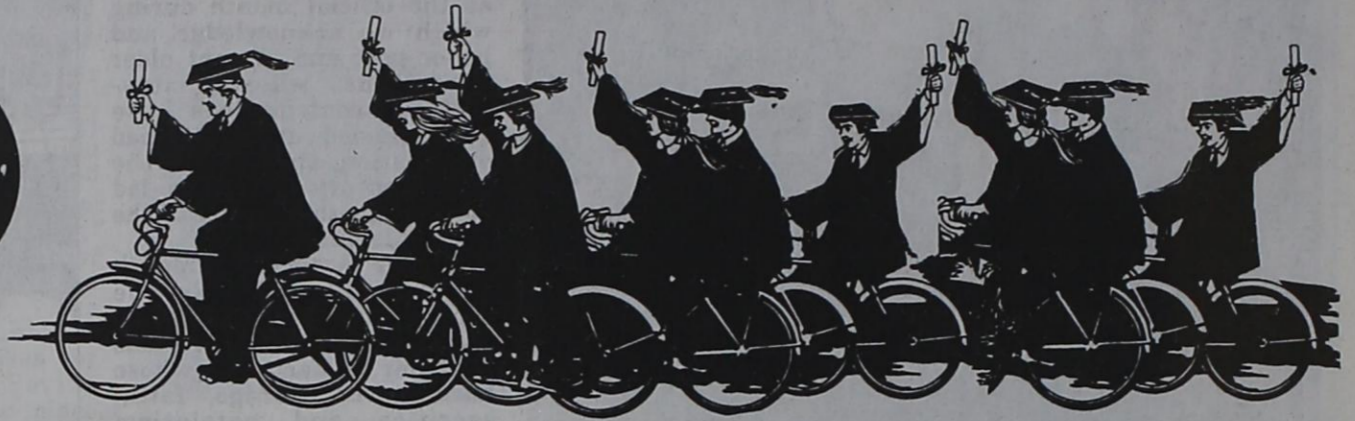
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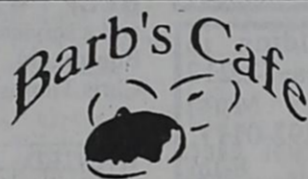
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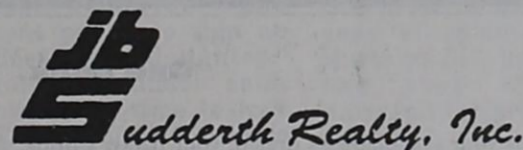
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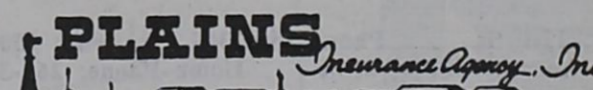
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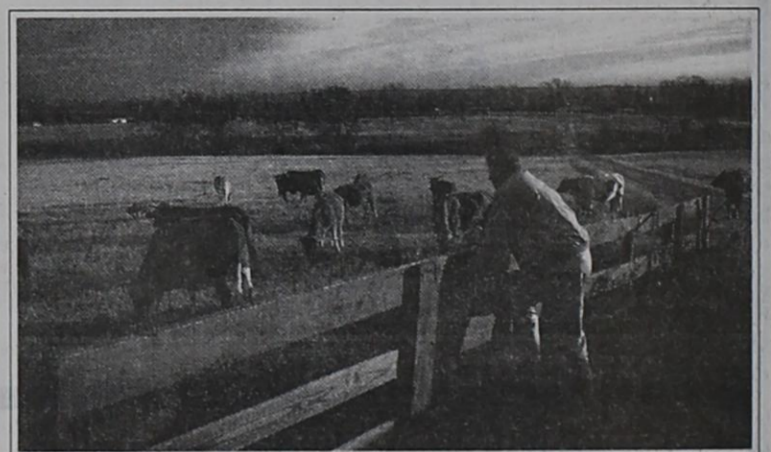
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Mrs. Jeromy Sellmyer

Amy McCormick, Jeromy Sellmyer Are United In Church Ceremony

Amy McCormick and Jeromy Sellmyer, both of Amarillo, were married Sunday, May 13, at County Home Bed & Breakfast in Canyon. The Rev. Kurt Oheim officiated. The bride is the daughter of Terri and Alton McCormick of Amarillo. Grandparents of the bride are Frances Willard, Myrtle McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McCormick, all of whom attended the wedding.

Parents of the groom are Darlene and Matthew Sellmyer of Amarillo.

Maid of honor was Amber Willard. Bridal attendants were Lisa Owings, Neeleu Burk, Heather Fuller and

Stephanie Workman. Best man was Tim Sellmyer. Groom's attendants were Chris Hamilton, Britt Rea, Tim Beecher and Kevin Stokes.

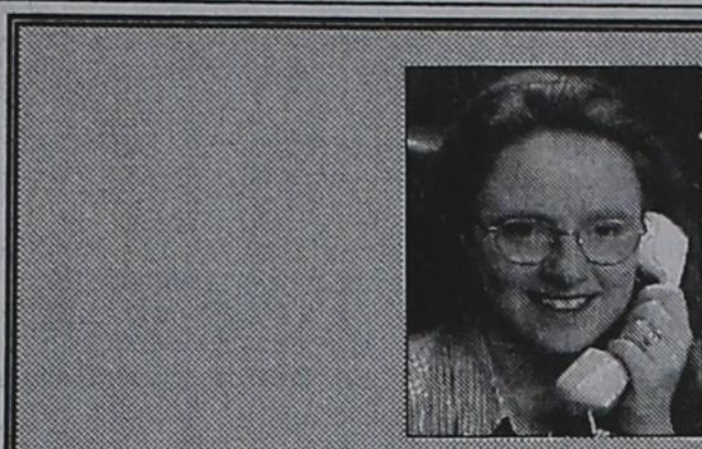
Ring bearer was Colton Sellmyer.

The wedding reception was held at Country Home Bed & Breakfast.

The bride is a graduate of Amarillo High School and attends Amarillo College. She is the manager of Silverland.

The groom graduated from Caprock High School. He works for United Supermarkets.

The couple plan a honeymoon to Angel Fire, New Mexico.



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Bruce and K'Dawn Scroggins had company in Bovina Sunday. K'Dawn's sister and niece from Texico, Pam and Tera Lockmiller, attended Bovina's First Baptist Church with the family. Kelcey, one of Bruce and K'Dawn's daughters, provided special music for the service.

LaQueta Garner reported that Keith is feeling some better. He was injured last November when he was hit almost head-on leaving their home one morning. LaQueta said he has been doing work on the farms but he is still in a lot of pain daily. Doctors say his broken bones, which included his pelvis, left leg and ankle, should be completely healed by next November.

Pat and Robert Read and a few family members in town this weekend to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Family in Bovina included their daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Maurice Zamow of Three Rivers, Texas; a niece Kathy Grissom of Muleshoe; Pat's sister and brother-in-law, Janean and C.W. Grissom of Taiban, New Mexico; and granddaughter and great-grandson Crystal and Johnathan Aikens of Amarillo.

Friends Jantona Hankins, Jance Bowman and Jack and Peg Gillean, all of Clovis, also helped the couple celebrate.

The Reads' other daughter, Tamra Ortiz of Gun Barrel City, Texas, was unable to come to Bovina.

A highlight of the weekend was when Pat got her brand new riding lawn mower.

Jesse and Lorraine Ramon's son, Aaron, who is a third grader, fell from the top

of the big slide Monday at school. Aaron lost his footing and landed on his head. The ambulance crew took him to Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis where his very worried parents met him.

Aaron had X-rays and a CT scan to make sure he had no broken bones. He was released to his parents and returned to school Wednesday.

The Ramons would like to thank the ambulance crew for taking such great care of Aaron and to everyone else in the community for their calls of concern.

Misty Pruitt, granddaughter of Jack and Carolyn Rains of Bovina and Printes and Cherlyn Pruitt of the Hub area, graduated salutatorian from Clovis Christian School last week. She was in San Diego this week on her senior trip. Misty works at Office Max and has been there for a year this July. She plans to attend Clovis Community College this fall.

Misty's sister, Lindsey went to spend the summer with her aunt, Lorrie Moczulski in Amelia, Ohio. She'll be back this fall to start school again at the Clovis Christian School.

Pam Clark reported on the annual Webb family reunion held at Lake Pauline in Quanah, Texas May 19-21. The reunions started years ago and were originally held at a boys camp at Holiday, Texas, but for the past few years they have been meeting at Lake Pauline. Everyone has the opportunity to go fishing and enjoy the lake.

All of the Webb children were there. They were Polly Mills and Pam Clark of Bovina; Sam and Rhonda Webb of Farwell; June Muse

of Lubbock; Larry and Patsy Webb of Hale Center; Al and Kathy Webb of Dimmitt; Bob and Tempey Webb of Burkburnett; Joyce and Art Smith of Cleburne; and Wayne and Juanita Webb of Azle, Texas.

About forty-five people attended the reunion. Guests included Katie Beth Morgan and her children, Emily and Jaykin and Ed and Tammy Owens, all of Lubbock.

The brothers brought their musical instruments and the group had a sing-a-long. Members of the family had sent in songs to Joyce and Art and they put a "Webb Song Book" together and gave each brother and sister one to keep. Patsy Webb made a "Webb Reunion" flag years ago and it is flown throughout the weekend.

I had my first experience with donating blood this week. Tuesday the Coffee Memorial Blood people came to the ambulance building so I decided I would finally get the courage up and go donate. Well, I had a nice visit with Dean and Juanita Hastings as I completed the sign-up form but was turned away after they tested my blood for iron. You have to have just the right numbers to be accepted and mine was a little too low.

The nurses there were very nice and said the turnout was pretty good. In the three hours they were there, fourteen people donated. The goal had been for fifteen people to donate. Four or five people were turned away for various reasons but their numbers weren't right either. It sure made me feel good knowing there were so many nice, giving people in Bovina willing to donate blood.

Everyone will be relieved to know that Dorothy Stowers DID NOT leave Roy Lee. A

press release that was sent to our office last week from South Plains College, where Jessica recently graduating from, listed Dorothy's residence as Levelland. A typist who doesn't know Dorothy, typed the article and everyone in Bovina must have read it because they called Roy Lee to ask if Dorothy had finally moved off and left him.

The Stowerses got a good laugh out of it, but the Blade staff wanted to say sorry for the mix-up. We'll keep you posted if Dorothy ever really does leave Roy Lee.

Parmer Co. Is On The Internet

Parmer County has a brand new website on the internet, for the free use of any citizen of the county. The URL (internet address) for the website is: www.rootsweb.com/~txparmer/index.htm

There are areas on the site for such things as: churches and cemeteries, biographies, historical articles, queries, reunions, links to family websites, etc. The site is being hosted by Genforum volunteer, Kristy Williams who lives in Virginia. She doesn't know much about this area, and says she needs the help and input of anyone who is willing to send her items for the website. Kirsty's e-mail address is: kdwiam@email.msn.com.

Knowles, Ellis and Malouf are the only three family websites that she knows about so far. If anyone knows of other families in Parmer County who have family web pages, please contact Kristy and let her know about them.



AG PRES...BHS senior Alvaro Martinez presides at the annual ag banquet. He was president of the FFA Chapter this year. He will graduate Saturday night with classmates from the Class of 2000.

Texas Tomorrow Fund Deadline Is June 5

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has kicked off the final phase of the current enrollment period for the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's pre-paid college tuition program. Enrollment ends June 5.

Rylander enrolled her 5 year-old granddaughter Kathryn Keeton McClellan in the program during an Austin news conference.

"Like most folks, I have waited until nearly the end of the Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period to sign up my eldest granddaughter," Comptroller Rylander said. "But now is the time to lock down Kathryn's 2013 college tuition and fees at today's prices and ensure that, when she is ready for college, those expenses will be covered."

"Nothing is more important than education," she said. "This generation will have to compete not only with those from New York and California, but from Europe and Asia as well."

"The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that by the year 2030, nearly 60 percent of Texans will have only a high school diploma or less," Comptroller Rylander said. "Yet in the next decade, 25 percent of the state's new jobs will require at least a bachelor's degree."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund can help close the education gap by giving families a convenient, affordable way to ensure that their children and grandchildren get the college education they will need to

plug into the jobs in the new information-based Texas economy."

"Even if your child is a high school senior, it is not too late to enroll him or her in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, and avoid the tuition and fee increases some universities have announced for next fall," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Obviously, the earlier you enroll your child, the more affordable the program is. If you start saving when the child is a newborn, one year of community college starts at \$15 per month, and one year at a public university starts at \$26 per month."

"Texas college tuition and fees have risen 460 percent since 1985. There is no way to predict how much higher those costs will be by the time your child is ready for college," she said.

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VISITING at city manager Ed Barrett's farewell party are Jeff Steelman of First Bank and Marie Venable of Marie's Used Values, two of the citizens who stopped by to wish Ed Barrett well. ron carr photo

Resendiz Gets Death Penalty For Murder

Angel Maturino Resendiz, the "Texas Railroad Killer," was given the death penalty this week by a Houston jury which had handed down a guilty verdict last Thursday for killing a Houston-area physician in 1999.

Dr. Claudia Benton was one of nine brutal murders linked to Resendiz (he had gone by a number of names). Included in his list of victims were Rev. Norman "Skip" Sirnic and his wife Karen on Sirnic's birthday, May 2, 1999.

Sirnic, who was valedictorian of his Friona High School class of 1970, winning a state gold medal in informative speaker, had served as pastor of Friona's Union Congregational Church from 1977-83, his first pastorate. He had been with the Weimar church about ten years. His father, Rev. Paul Mohr, served the Friona church from 1964-71.

The double murders sent shock waves through the Friona community last May, just as it did the small town of Weimar, where the Sirnics were living.

The jury had deliberated for ten hours last week before finding the Mexican drifter guilty of breaking into the home of the 39-year-old Dr. Benton, sexually assaulting her, bludgeoning and stabbing her to death.

The Houston woman was one of the first victims of the killings with which Resendiz has been charged, and to which he has confessed. He made his way across the country, hopping freight trains. Many of his victims lived near railroad tracks.

This was the case with the Sirnics. Rev. Sirnic was serving as pastor of a church in Weimar, and his wife was church secretary. They were discovered dead in their bedroom on a Sunday morning when they did not appear at the church.

On Monday, about 20 family members of various victims' families embraced after the jury's punishment verdict. Many were in tears as they walked single-file to shake hands with the judge

and thank prosecutors who worked the case.

"There's nothing I'll have to do in my life that's harder than telling my daughters that their mother has been murdered," said George Benton, whose wife was murdered.

One of the prosecutors, in arguing for the death penalty stated: "Did he enjoy hearing the sound of skulls cracking? Evidently so... I think we need to tell this murderer-- IT'S OVER!" Otherwise, he will always be a threat."

The jury deliberated only two hours Monday, May 22, before reaching a unanimous verdict for the death penalty.

After the death penalty (which he had earlier said he wanted), Resendiz shouted to the court "That police officer lied under oath, and I don't think that it's right," pointing to Texas Ranger Sgt. Drew Carter, the officer he surrendered to on the American side of the international bridge spanning El Paso and Ciudad Juarez.

But under cross-examination during the trial, Resendiz's sister, Manuela Karkiewicz, admitted that she knew it would be up to the jury to decide her brother's fate. Sgt. Carter had actually promised to keep Resendiz from being killed before he was brought before the court system.

"I think as far as fairness goes, he got a lot fairer shake here during this entire proceedings than any of his victims or their families received," Sgt. Carter said. "I'm not getting into a credibility war with a convicted serial killer," he added.

New City Mgr...

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Mayor Galen Hromas extended thanks to Ed Barrett on behalf of the residents of Bovina for his work during the previous year as the town's manager. "We appreciate your cooperation and assistance during your stay here. You have been a great help to the council and the city and we thank you. Come back to visit us anytime," Mayor Hromas said at the farewell party Thursday at city hall.



K'LEIGH SCROGGINS & JOSH QUINTANA
2000 ALL-AROUND ATHLETES

Athletes Honored At BHS 2000 All-Sports Banquet

A squad of volunteers, led by Linda Lewis and Alice Stone, outdid themselves in decorating the cafeteria for the 1999-2000 All-Sports banquet, as parents and fans gathered to honor Bovina's athletes.

Athletic Director and Head Coach Bruce Scroggins was Master of Ceremonies for the evening as each coach introduced the athletes in their particular sport.

For the second year-in-a-row, the top awards for All-Around Athlete went to junior K'Leigh Scroggins and senior Josh Quintana.

Other girls honors were: In cross country, Christen Stowers was MVP and Marisol Antillon won the Fighting Heart Award.

For basketball, the MVP Award went to Marisol Antillon and the Fighting Heart Award was won by Christen Stowers. Letie Vargas was offensive player of the year and Jessica Reyna was most improved.

In track, K'Leigh Scroggins was MVP and Christen Stowers earned her second Fighting Heart Award. Courtney Jamerson was Most Improved in golf and Kelcey Scroggins won the golf Fighting Heart Award.

For the boys, Lucas Ramos was MVP and Yancy Graves was Fighting Heart in football. Also in football, Joe

Olvera was Most Improved, David Martinez, Special Teams Award, Alvaro Martinez, Best Offensive Lineman and the Playmaker Award was won by Miguel Hernandez.

In boys track, Yancy Graves was MVP and Jake Steelman earned the Fighting Heart Award. Tyson Kerby was MVP in golf while Cameron Charles won the golf Fighting Heart Award.

In boys basketball, the Fighting Heart Award went to Sergio Nieto and Jason Stone was the basketball MVP.

Local Girl Graduates From ENMU

Maria Concepcion Perez of Bovina graduated from Eastern New Mexico University Saturday, May 13 in the Greyhound Arena with a bachelor of business administration degree in business administration.

She is a 1993 graduate of Bovina High School and the daughter of Jose Concepcion and Gregoria Perez of Bovina.

Perez was among the 379 spring graduates at Eastern New Mexico who graduated with 27 associate degrees, 293 bachelor's degrees and 59 master's degrees.

Hospital Is Designated....

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patients needing trauma care at PCCH can be immediately transferred to any other Trauma Center in the area which speeds up the process of a transfer in situations where minutes can be critical.

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Both Robert Alexander, M.D., and Felipe L. Jubay, M.D. are credentialed in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) which is required, and our Physician Assistant has audited the appropriate course for PA's.

Our laboratory and x-ray staff met all requirements for PCCH to receive the designation as well," said Ms. Nelson.

PCCH's representative to the Regional Trauma System for the Panhandle is Lynn Nelson, RN/DON/TNC. Ms. Nelson attends the regional meetings in Amarillo and is responsible for casting PCCH's one vote regarding the regional system's actions.

Ms. Nelson said "We are able to participate as a Trauma Center because of our medical staff, hospital personnel and the equipment we have available in our emergency room. We especially express our thanks to the community which has supported us with the purchase of necessary equipment for our emergency room."

She stated, "It has been a long and tedious process but well worth the effort knowing that patients in our community can receive quality trauma care if and when they need it."

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