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**ALVARO MARTINEZ & MARISOL ANTILLON**  
Outstanding Youth Award



**JO BLACKWELL, LEONARD MOLONE,  
JOHN BLACKWELL**



**JESSIE STONE & JUANDA MURPHY**  
Man and Woman of the Year

## Bovina Man Warns About Ins. "Scam"

Bovina's Stan Miller was shown on Amarillo's Channel 7 Wednesday regarding a possible insurance "scam" stemming from a card he received in the mail.

When Stan called the number listed, he was asked for a credit card number, and when he refused this, the questionable party wanted his bank account number.

The "company" had his current vehicle ID number, which they had received from the state.

Residents might be on the lookout and be cautious about giving out personal numbers over the telephone.



**DARLA SEALY**  
Educator-of-the-Year

## Election Candidates

Candidates for the two places in the May 6 school board election will be incumbents Joe Steelman and Rick Jamerson and newcomer Vicente Loe.

No city election will be held. The only candidates signing up were the incumbents Mayor Galen Hromas and Aldermen Kenneth Waters and Jessie Stone.

**19¢ A GALLON** was the cost of gasoline in 1959, the first year of marriage for me and the Good Old Boy. He was much more of a Good Young Boy in those days. We drove all over Lubbock finding which gas stations gave Green Stamps with a fill-up. Remember Green Stamps? Stores gave them out as an incentive to shop at their place. You could stick the stamps into little books and redeem them for various merchandise. I think we furnished our first apartment with stuff from the Stamp Redemption Center.

But, I digress. I started out to talk about rising gas prices in 2000. 19¢ is what you are now paying just in federal tax per gallon. It appears that the price at the pump may reach \$2.50 per gallon by the time you get ready to hit the highway for your summer vacation.

Folks on the internet are passing the word around to try a "Gas Out" from April 7 through April 9. All consumers in the U.S. and Canada are being asked to NOT purchase ANY gasoline during those three days. Get what you need a day or two before the 7th and try to do without until the 10th. It shouldn't be that difficult. Pass the word on to others about the boycott. This was tried last year on April 30, 1999 when a Gas Out was staged across Canada and the U.S. and it worked. Prices came down shortly after that.

Our cousin in California says they are worse off than we are in Texas. They pile federal, state and local sales taxes on top of the high price of petrol. Their state tax is also about 19¢; and then, instead of figuring the 8.25 cents on a dollar sales tax just on the product, their sales tax is added to the total of the product plus the other taxes. Not fair!

How did this happen in the middle of our big economic boom? Actually, I'm surprised that it didn't happen sooner. We are depending on the mercy of the OPEC cartel for our fuel. The cartel is made up of such fine upstanding folks as Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Mr. Ghaddafi of Libya, and other unsavory characters in Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Nigeria, Indonesia, etc. I wouldn't trust my Chihuahua dog to any of those thugs, much less my nation's vital energy supply.

While President Bush was in office we were importing about 35 percent of the oil used in the U.S. But today, we are importing 55 percent of our oil, and these middle-eastern nut cases are holding the American consumer hostage.

Since Clinton the Impeached and his henchmen took charge of running our lives, production of domestic crude oil in the U.S. has been on a steady decline. There are fewer than 140 oil rigs currently drilling for oil in the U.S., and offshore oil exploration has come to a screeching halt. There is oil down there. Why aren't we opening up domestic oil fields and reducing our dependence on foreign imports? If you think about it for very long, two words come to mind ... environmental radicalism. This administration has allowed the tree-huggers and the global-warming kooks to dictate the policy of fuel production in the U.S.

This current situation amounts to dereliction of duty on the part of Mr. "I feel your pain" in the White House. Our country's security will be in jeopardy if Clinton decides to dip into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which has been set aside for national emergencies. We simply must reduce our reliance on foreign oil. Write, phone, e-mail, fax, and send angry messages to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson in Washington. And don't forget -- no gasoline on April 7th, 8th or 9th.

## "MY TURN"

By  
Carol  
Ellis



## "Chief" Is Calling For Wet Spring!

Technology is an amazing thing, but sometimes the old-fashioned way is still better.

With all the new gadgets the area meteorologists use, their results still are about the same-mixed. About half the time they are right, while the other half they claim "the storm system went further south than we expected."

The same cannot be said for the "Chief" from Parmer County.

Weldon Crim, commonly referred to as the "Chief," has been forecasting the weather in these parts for close to twenty years. And in that time, he has correctly predicted the conditions of the coming season about 80 percent of the time. Not bad for a guy using technology from an ancient Indian ritual instead of anything called "doppler."

Of course, being right eight out of ten times does require missing the mark a couple of times. The locals may recall that the "Chief" has missed his forecast the past two years. But two consecutive misses only increases the chances that this year's prediction will be on the nose.

The custom requires stacking wood in a tee-pee shape and setting fire to it just before sunrise on March 22. The direction the wind blows the smoke at sunrise is used for forecasting the weather for the spring season. This year's northeast wind calls for a "good" crop season.

"The northeast direction signals a near-perfect season," the "Chief" said. "If conditions had been better this winter, I would say we could expect a bumper crop. But, things are so dry that even a wet spring might not produce that type of crop."

Crim is carrying on a

A lot of people had a hand in the Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet this week as local residents and guests enjoyed an evening of food, music, inspiration and local honors.

The steaks were once again cooked to perfection, individually wrapped in foil and served by students from Jan Thieman's home economics class.

A special thanks was given to Caprock Industries of Bovina for donating the steaks which were cooked by the crew of Don Murphy, Chad Rhodes, Hop Hopingardner, Bob Sparks, Mike Beauchamp, Billy Smith and Jay Sherrill.

Also, cafeteria manager Cathy Riley provided the baked potatoes, salad, cherry cobbler and those famous cafeteria rolls to round out the dinner menu.

The cafeteria and tables were decorated with a Mardi Gras theme. Credit for the decorations went to Darla Sealy, Suezy Smith, Donna

Mitchell, Leah Mason, Juana Terrones, Isabel Vila, Sherry Whitten and Jill Timms.

Guest speaker Leonard Molone entertained the crowd with his lively repertoire of wisdom and humor.

Bovina band director Bill Shelly and his high school jazz group provided musical entertainment before the banquet.

Annual chamber awards were presented to: Outstanding Youth: Marisol Antillon and Alvaro Martinez. Marisol, a BHS senior, was an academic all-district selection, ranked 2nd in her class, and has been active in sports and Honor Society.

Alvaro has been active in football, basketball, FFA, Honor Society and Student Council.

Educator of the Year is Darla Sealy. Darla began her teaching career in Moriarity, New Mexico. She taught school in Bovina for ten years and is now the Bovina Elementary School

principal.

The annual Heritage Award was presented to Virgie Carey. Due to illness, Virgie could not be present at the banquet but sent her thanks in a written letter.

Virgie has been involved with the Bovina Chamber, serving many years and holding all the Chamber offices.

She and husband Kenneth coached baseball in Bovina and she still has many kids visit her that she coached years ago. She is also an avid Fillie and Mustang fan and supporter.

A Special Award was presented to Mike Beauchamp for his contributions to the community.

Man and Woman of the Year Awards were given to Juanda Murphy and Jessie Stone, both life-long residents of Bovina and active in all areas of the community. The biographical sketches read at the banquet were not available at press time.

2000 officers of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture are Stan Miller, president; John Blackwell, vice-president; Suezy Smith, secretary; Jill Timms, treasurer; and Leah Mason, reporter.

## Banquet Was A Big Success

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Over 600 members, guests and friends of the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative gathered for the annual meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

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**BOVINA GUESTS** at the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting in Hereford last Tuesday were, l-r, Rose McCain, Ona Patterson and Les McCain.

ron carr photo





**BANQUET SPEAKER Leonard Molone greets a guest after the Chamber banquet. Jo Blackwell is looking on.** ron carr photo

## Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has shuffled its speaker line-up for the organization's 43rd Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 6, 2000 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The PCG Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Trade Show and Convention April 6-7 in Lubbock.

PCG's revised line-up will now include Keith Kelly, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Kelly will replace previously scheduled speaker Gus Schumacher, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

As FSA Administrator, Mr. Kelly reports to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and is responsible for the administration of farm commodity programs, agricultural credit programs, and certain disaster and Federal crop insurance programs.

The PCG membership will also hear from J. Berye Worsham, III, CEO of Cotton Incorporated and Dr. Mark Lange, Director of Economic Services for the National Cotton Council in Memphis, Tennessee.

Kelly will be asked to discuss the Department's views on Ag policy and which direction it feels U.S. agricultural policy should be directed.

The PCG meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and start the program promptly at 9 a.m. in Room 107 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Agenda items include remarks from outgoing PCG President Don Langston of Lubbock, reports from PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett, Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn of Tulsa.

The long wait for 1999 Disaster Assistance should be coming to an end relatively soon as USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County offices prepare to upload Disaster program data to Washington. The upload, originally scheduled for March 6, has been pushed back to March 27 to allow FSA offices to process and finalize applications made by producers.

Past experience shows that once the data is uploaded to Washington a

### Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of March 26 to April 1, 2000.  
 Mar 26 E.G. Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson  
 Mar 27 Carolyn Beauchamp, Jessie Stone  
 Mar 28 Matthew James Guest, Charolette Cockerham, Juanda Murphy  
 Mar 29 Grace Stormes  
 Mar 30 Jimmie Cockerham, D'Anne Jones Baker, Andrea Villarreal  
 Mar 31 Leah Mason, Kim Rundell  
 Apr 1 Chuck Gilbreath, Stan Miller, Evangelina Casas, Dale Gober, Rusty Venable

final payment rate should be determined within 2-3 weeks and checks issued.

If that timetable holds true this time around producers would receive checks before the end of April.

Qualifying producers who signed-up for the program before the February 25 cut-off date received an advance payment equal to 35 percent of the total amount they were eligible to receive.

Once the data gets to Washington total dollars available to the program will be compared to the total amount of qualifying payments to determine whether or not the final payment needs to be factored.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

House Budget Committee members have recognized the need for additional farm sector support and set-aside \$6 Billion to protect farmers against another year of low commodity prices and excessive commodity supplies.

The action by the House Budget Committee guarantees that funds will be available for fiscal 2001 spending beginning October 1.

Any Ag disaster program would move through the normal appropriations process. The Appropriations Committee will also determine the final size of any aid package. The Budget committee recommendation will likely be the starting point for agricultural assistance in 2000.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest has stated, "Whatever else we have to do, we're going to do it." He also pledged to work to provide more aid if low prices and forecasts of continued drought conditions in the South and Midwest bear out.

Senate Budget Committee recommendations for fiscal 2001 are expected to include a similar amount for disaster assistance.

### Clinic Set April 19

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 April 19.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by an RN in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointments only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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## Bovina Reflections

.....from the files of The Bovina Blade

### 40 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 23, 1960

Terry Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willard, was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday where she underwent minor surgery Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. McCutchan and Mr. and Mrs. John Fielder of Dimmitt went to Heldon, Oklahoma over the weekend to visit with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones.

Mrs. Levi Johnson, Mrs. Billy Marshall, Mrs. Tom Rhodes, Mrs. Robert Read and Mrs. Alfred White went to Portales last week and ironed for the orphans at the Christian Orphanage.

### 35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 24, 1965

Don Stone and Mrs. Buck (Mabel) Ellison were named outstanding man and woman of the year, 1964, at the fifth annual banquet of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Maheew and sons of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burnett of Amarillo visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hall over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris were in Amarillo Sunday to attend a birthday dinner in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hall.

### 30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 25, 1970

Mrs. Doris Wilson and Dolph Moten were recognized as outstanding citizens in Bovina Thursday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet held in Bovina Schools Cafeteria.

Mrs. Wilson is a private music teacher. Moten is publisher and editor of the *Bovina Blade*.

Funeral services for James Frank Fuller were held Monday afternoon in Clovis with burial following in that city. A former resident of Bovina, Fuller, 28, was found dead Friday afternoon near the wreckage of his small foreign automobile in a dry creek bed between Canyon and Amarillo near FM 1541.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bonds and Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wilson returned home early Thursday morning from a week's trip to Spain.

### 25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 26, 1975

Mrs. Robert (Pat) Read and Rouel Barron were

recognized as Bovina's "Woman and Man of the Year" Thursday night at the 15th annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet in Bovina.

### 20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 26, 1980

Commissioner Jack Patterson, president of the Parmer County Game Association, has been busy working to oppose the 30-day pheasant season and work toward a shorter season.

Kara Mills and Jimmy Rhodes were chosen outstanding young people at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Gaylon Rhodes and Jane Kassahn were chosen man and woman of the year.

The Little Miss Pageant, sponsored by the Young Homemakers, will be held Saturday, March 29.

### 15 Yrs. Ago--April 3, 1985

Friday night's snow storm left three inches of snow in Bovina.

Donors in the blood drive gave blood at the First Bank Community Room and there were 35 donors.

Dickie and Bonnie Clayton were presented the Bronze Leaf Dealer Award at the Dealer Recognition Banquet held in Lubbock by Northrup King Company.

Funeral services were held for Franklin Bauer, 56, of Halltown, Missouri and former resident of the Rhea community.

Defensive training for women will be available in Bovina if fifteen women choose to take the course.

### 10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 28, 1990

Weldon Crim stood by a ceremonial fire at his place near Clay's corner, as he practiced his annual crop forecast at sunrise on March 22. The winds foretold a good year for the local area.

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees met in special session for the purpose of hiring a superintendent. The board voted to hire Dr. Michael H. Jansen to fill the position.

### 5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 25, 1995

Lance McClaran was selected for the all district 7-A basketball team. He averaged 15.7 points per game to lead the Mustangs in scoring.

Carolyn Widner received the "Educator of the Year" award at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

## High School Honor Roll Is Released

Bovina High School Principal Wayne Erwin has released the honor roll for the 4th six weeks.

**ALL A's**  
 Freshman, Maria Guevara; Sophomore, Danny Martinez and Kelcey Scroggins; Senior, Melissa Cano.

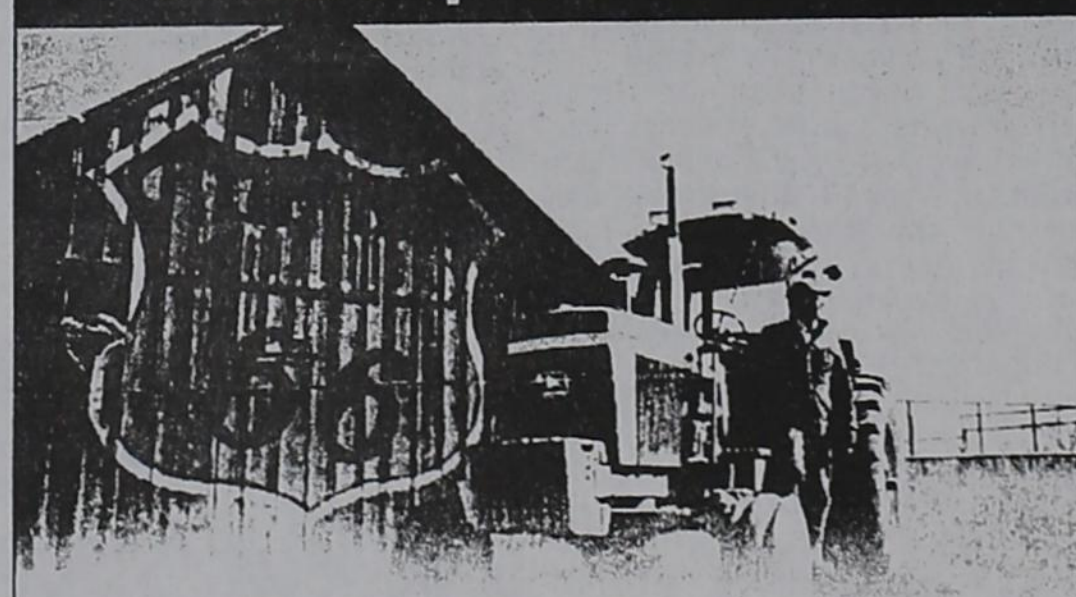
**ALL A's & B's**  
**FRESHMEN:** Miguelina Castro, Randa Englant, Courtney Jamerson, Carlos Moreno, Jonathan Olvera, Juan Vara, Miguel Zapata, Sandra Zapata.  
**SOPHOMORE:** Rocio

Antillon, David Garcia, Lorena Hernandez, April Martinez, Jessica Reyna, Briselda Rodriguez, Diego Ruiz, Christen Stowers, Angela Villarreal, Krystal Weber.

**JUNIOR:** Christopher Antillon, Cameron Charles, Yancy Graves, Drusilla Guzman, Tyson Kerby, Daniela Newton, Marissa Rodriguez, K'Leigh Scroggins.

**SENIOR:** Marisol Antillon, Adriana Guevara, Mary Juarez, Alvaro Martinez, Josh Quintana, Patricia Robles.

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**LOUISIANA JAZZ BAND..Bill Shelly and his band students provided a lively round of Cajun music for the Chamber attendees.** ron carr photo

## Bovina Bits by Becky

Phone Becky London at 806-238-1146  
 When you have news items

Bovina lost two great people this week, Jerry Ware and Sonny Roach. I talked to Jerry's son Leon Tuesday after her funeral services. Leon said Jerry would have been 95 in April, and had driven her car until last summer. She had been a resident at Prairie Acres since last November.

Sonny Roach had been in Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis recovering from hip replacement surgery. He developed double pneumonia and passed away Monday. Sonny had been a resident at the nursing home in Farwell since last July.

Mrs. Ware and Mr. Roach will be greatly missed in our community.

We ran into Gregg Wilson in Clovis this week. He reported that his children, Kody, Chris and Mandy are all living in Galveston and doing well. Kody works with computers at the University of Texas at Galveston's Medical Branch, and Chris and Mandy are students.

Chris, who shares an apartment with Kody, will graduate in May and will be a doctor in residency in Seattle, doing medical research. Mandy will also graduate in May of this year as a Registered Nurse.

Kregg's wife, Brenda, is in Groesbeck, Texas. She has been there for four years,

servicing as curriculum director for the school system.

Kregg continues to farm his place northeast of Bovina, as the Wilsons carry on their "long distance" marriage!

Virgie Cary has been recovering from pneumonia at her sister and brother-in-law's home in Muleshoe. They are Judy and Butch Cox. Virgie was a patient in the Muleshoe Hospital in February and stayed six days.

Virgie said her sister has taken good care of her and she is feeling stronger every day. While her house was empty, Virgie said it was the perfect time to have new carpet installed. She should be enjoying the new flooring by the time you read this.

Because of her illness and the cool weather, Virgie was unable to accept the Heritage Award last week at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet.

## Bridal Shower To Honor A. Anderson

A bridal shower honoring Amanda Anderson, bride-elect of Rusty Venable, will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 2p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the home of Karen Kirkpatrick.

Selections are at J.C. Penney and Roden-Smith in Clovis and at Target.

## It's Time To Register Your Child In

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 Registration  
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## Longtime Resident "Jerrie" Ware Dies

Funeral services for Geraldine "Jerry" Ware, 94, of Bovina were held Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Bovina with the Rev. Don McNerlin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Lawnhaven Cemetery in Clovis, New Mexico, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

She died Sunday, March 19, 2000, in Parmer County Community Hospital. She was born May 13, 1905, in Hansford, which is now Spearman.

She married Earl M. Ware March 7, 1931 in Estancia, New Mexico. He died March 27, 1962.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bovina, the United Methodist Women, Bovina Senior Citizens, Bovina Bridge Club and the Thrifty Club. She had lived in Parmer County since 1932, moving from Clovis. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Jimmy E. Ware of Maud, Leon Ware of Bovina and Tom D. Ware of Bovina; two brothers, Clyde Windom



JERRIE WARE

of Kingsland and Tip Windom of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Pat Ware, Todd Ware, Mike Ware, Alan Ware, Rick Barrington, Garry Gutuie, Juan Martinez, A.L. Hobby and Fred Roberts.

The family suggests contributions to the First United Methodist Church of Bovina Memorial Fund.



GOOD FOOD, GREAT PRIZES....Lots of Bovina folks enjoyed the WTRTC annual meeting this week at the Hereford Bull Barn. Sharing the evening were, l-r, Billy Smith, Jack and Carolyn Rains, and Suezy Smith. They won a beef certificate and flowers.

## DS Rural Electric Meeting Mar. 28

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from a portion of 1989 totaling \$750,000 at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 28. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken, and beef dinner will be served and the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidosa, New Mexico will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect three directors will follow the Flying J Wrangler's first performance.

Position 1 candidate is incumbent Donald Wright. Another candidate for Position 1 may be nominated from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Position 2 candidates are incumbent Clarence Martin and nominee Raymond Hamilton. Position 3 candidates are incumbent Clark Andrews and nominee Frank Bezner, Jr.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance

prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Flying J Wranglers, making their first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, have enjoyed tremendous success for the past two decades and are one of the area's most well known groups.

Since 1982 the Wranglers have been performing their own special brand of traditional western music at the Flying J Ranch and Chuckwagon Suppers just north of Ruidosa, in historic Lincoln County, New Mexico.

From late May through Labor Day the Wranglers serve up cowboy "fixins" and a fast paced western stage show that has become a "don't miss" while you are in the neighborhood.

The Wranglers are performing more and more off the Ranch during their off season. The group has performed on the Grand Ol' Opry in Nashville and on the Nashville Network.

## Korean War Veterans Need To Be Registered

Beginning in June of 2000, our nation will honor the Korean War veterans and their families, especially those who lost loved ones.

The Los Ciboleros Chapter, TSDAR is assisting the Department of Defense in a three-year project locating our nation's Korean War veterans. May we always remember the contributions of those who left home and homeland to aid in the struggle against aggression.

We need your help in locating soldiers or patriots who lived in Parmer County and Deaf Smith County, or are related to families in these communities. If you have information on Korean War veterans and their campaigns, battles, stateside service, or patriotic service, please contact Linda Knowles at 250-3210 or take the Korean Roster form to Larry Knowles at Friona State Bank.

### KOREAN ROSTER

The purpose of the Korean War Commemoration is to: (1) Honor Korean War veterans; (2) Honor family members of Korean War veterans, especially families who lost loved ones; (3) Recognize the contributions and sacrifices made on the home front; (4) To provide Americans with a clear understanding and appreciation of the lessons and history of the Korean War; (5) To educate every generation of Americans on the historical impact of the Korean War in saving a nation from enslavement and preserving peace, freedom and prosperity.

It is our desire to know and honor every person in our community who was soldier or patriot in this period of our history. We have not found available to us any list.

If we know their names, we feel that we can better honor those in items one through three above, who live in our community, have in the past lived in our community, or are related to families in our community. Certainly the roster should include those who have already passed away.

Please fill in as much of the following form as you can and return it to any Los Ciboleros Chapter member. Even just the first line filled in would help us make contact.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch of the Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments (optional) Campaigns; battles; stateside service-where; patriotic service, or any information about the Korean years \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person submitting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you so much for the food, prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers and most of all your thoughtfulness. A special "Thank You" to Monsignor Blum for being with us. Thanks to each and everyone of you during our recent loss of our brother Gene Brito. Thanks again for everything.*  
 Pearl Cervantez Marie Cervantez Donna Dominguez Elizabeth Sena Joe Brito Matilda Baca Lucy Everett

## Sonny Roach Buried In Bovina Wednesday

Funeral services for James "Sonny" Roach, 78, were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at the First United Methodist Church in Bovina. Rev. Jimmy McGuire of Lubbock and Garland Billingsley of Clovis, New Mexico conducted the services.

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

He died Monday, March 20, 2000 in Plains Regional Medical Center, Clovis, New Mexico.

Born February 25, 1922 in Caddo, Oklahoma, he married Dorothy "Dot" Foster on February 10, 1940 in Portales, New Mexico.

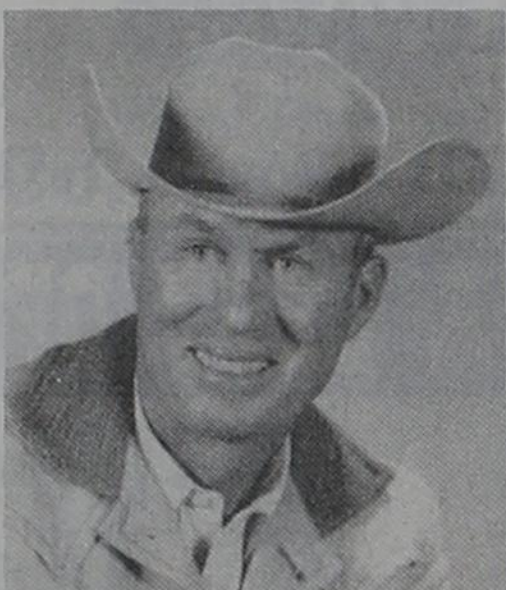
A resident of Parmer County since 1930, moving from Turkey, Texas, he was a retired farmer, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bovina, Bovina Lions Club and Bovina Roping Club.

Roach was a former mayor and city councilman of the City of Bovina, was a member and served as past president of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army.

The family suggests memorials be in the form of contributions to the First United Methodist Church memorial fund or a favorite charity.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Dot) Roach of Bovina; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Roger Ezell of Plano, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Kay Roach of Bovina; and one sister, Frances Hawkins of Bovina.

He is also survived by two grandchildren, Turner



SONNY ROACH

and Stacy Roach.

Pallbearers were Richard Carpenter, Dale Gober, Brett Whitten, Lane Gober, Roger Ezell, Turner Roach and Joe Jones.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Harold Carpenter, Rouel Barron, Jack Rains, Gene Ezell, Joe Jones, Erith Hawkins, Al Kerby Sr. and Al Kerby Jr.

## J.M. Pierce Buried In Oklahoma

Funeral services for John M. Pierce, 82, of Milburn, Oklahoma were held Saturday, March 18, 2000 at the Milburn First Baptist Church, with Rev. John Branch officiating. Interment was in the Condon Grove Cemetery. Pierce passed away Thursday, March 10 at a Milburn nursing home.

Pierce was born March 17, 1917 in Hereford, to Arthur C and Martha E. Poindexter Pierce. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and married Neelie Reed on February 3, 1946 in Hereford.

He lived the majority of his life in the Texas Panhandle, working for the United States Bureau of Mines from which he retired after working primarily as a painter. They moved to Milburn in 1997 to be near their daughter. He and his wife were active with Cal Farley's Boys/Girls Ranch in Amarillo where he was named as an "Honorary Cowhand."

Pierce was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond Pierce.

He is survived by his wife Neelie, of the home; two daughters, Deborah Sweatt of Tishomingo, Oklahoma and Donna Jones of Weatherford, Oklahoma; a son, Danny Pierce of Liberal, Kansas; a brother, Ulys Pierce of Hereford; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the service were Danny Smith, Bill Graham, Nicholas Jones, Travis Jones, Glen Shirley, Monte Smith and honorary pallbearers were Cason Smith, Keevin Smith, Joshua Pierce and James Pierce.

Memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys/Girls Ranch in Amarillo, or to the Johnston Memorial Hospital in Tishomingo.

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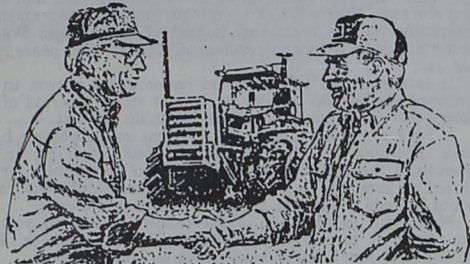
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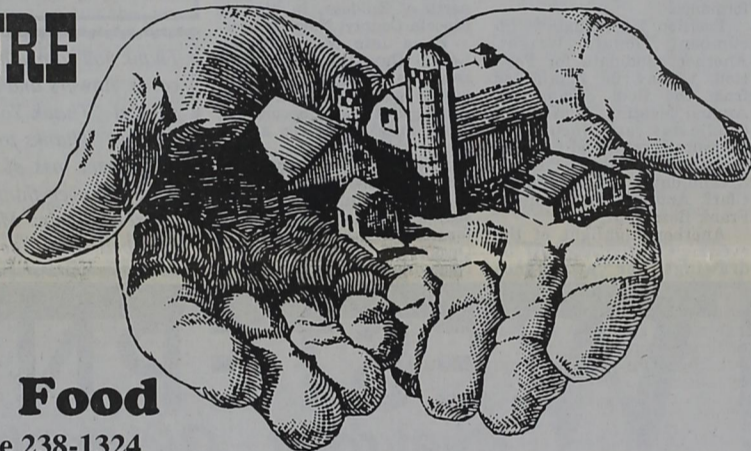


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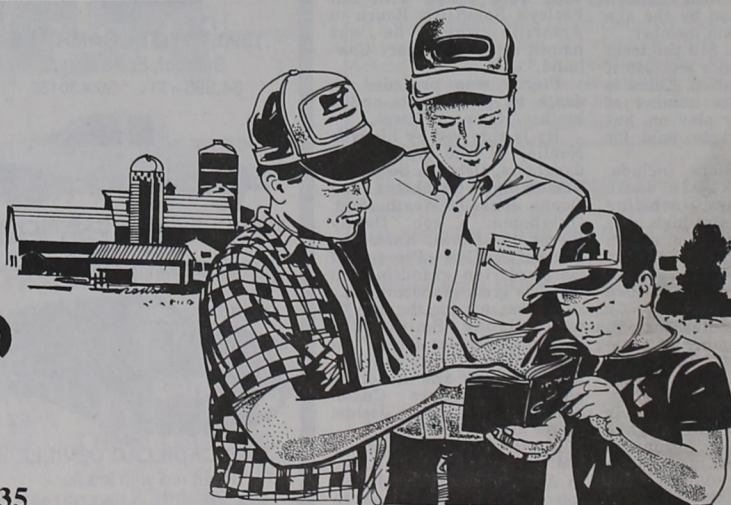


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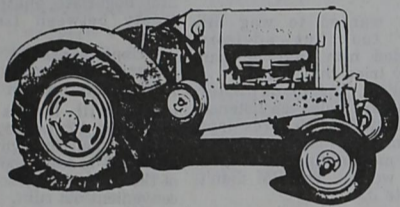
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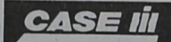
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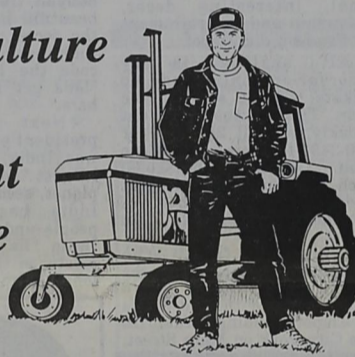
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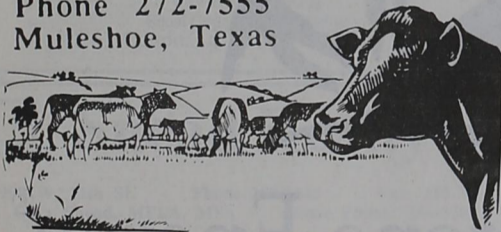


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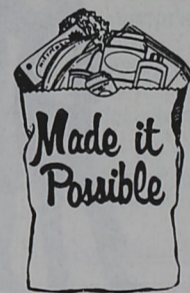


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ANNUAL TREE SALES...Frank Torres, an employee of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Friona, is shown helping Glen Herring load windbreak trees ordered from the Soil and Water Conservation District in Friona.

# Out Here By Ron Carr

## "Lookin' For Love In All The Wrong Places!"



Billy Jeff went to Bangladesh this week and I feel much better now.

Reports were that impeached president Billy Jeff Clinton was the first American president to ever visit Bangladesh. You can read about it some day in the travel section at his Little Rock library.

I guess it is going to take a staunch Democrat to explain to me why America spent the money for Billy Jeff's entourage to stop off in Bangladesh. If there is a logical answer, please let me know.

Bangladesh is a country about the size of the state of Wisconsin with a population of 125 million. Bangladesh's goal is to improve themselves enough so they can be considered a Third World

### It's Time For Luncheons at The Depot

The Heritage Society is again planning to sponsor four Spring Luncheons in the Depot during the month of April. Dates are set for April 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Expect to enjoy a nice meal, interesting decor, fellowship and entertainment in Friona's old Depot

All seating is by reservation only and no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets usually sell out quickly, so call 250-3209 or 250-3491 for your reservations soon. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and can be picked up at the Friona Chamber of Commerce Office at 621 Main Street.

Proceeds from the luncheons go to help with the ongoing upkeep and renovation of the old Santa Fe Depot building located in the City Park on Main Street.

country.

The citizens of Bangladesh occupy themselves by multiplying like minks and trying to get an indoors job in a nice little sweatshop instead of herding oxen for twelve cents a week.

There are only two reasons Americans even know that Bangladesh exists. The country is the largest producer of foreign clothing sold in America and a few times a year either a cyclone, typhoon or tidal wave kills 50,000 or so natives.

Apparently there is no phrase in Bangladesh that means, "move inland to a safer place."

Anyway, BJ went there with daughter Chelsea, to take America's message of "coming together and working for a better life for Bangladeshians." He gave them \$150 million in foreign aid, which based on their economy should last them at least 780 years.

I hope they can spend some of it on brooms with longer handles. The little one-foot brooms they use now to sweep out their living rooms could cause major back problems for future generations.

After sitting under a banyan tree and enjoying a beautiful Bangladesh village, the secret service dusted off their headsets and in secret code the leader whispered, "let's get the sheep out of here."

Next stop on the president's trip-of-the-week was India, with the second largest population on the planet, second only to China. India has 1.5 BILLION people and nuclear weapons. India has also been in existence thousands of years longer than America.

Press reports said that despite widespread poverty, disease, malnutrition and illiteracy, India is a powerful player in South Asia.

Billy Jeff spoke to a joint session of India's Parliament. (Sources say that aides had to explain that it wasn't really a "joint" session like in his college days.)

During his remarks, BJ admonished the Indians because they were being reckless with their nuclear arsenal and we don't appreciate it. Some say he even managed to give them a mean look a couple of times.

He wanted to wag his finger too, but advisors reminded him that he had already tried that once.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee listened to America's boy president tell him that his country was in the most dangerous region of the world. The PM didn't appreciate it.

To celebrate Billy Jeff's visit to India, Pakistani-backed separatists murdered 40 villagers in Kashmir during his visit. Since Pakistan is his next stop he promised the people of India that he would tell military-ruled Pakistan to stop it. There was no report on whether that made them feel better.

Before his visit to Gandhi's grave, the Taj Mahal and a Tiger preserve, Prime Minister Vajpayee told Billy and Chel (and the rest of America) that basically it is none of our business that India has nuclear weapons and we should mind our own business.

Billy Jeff replied, "Gee, I have wanted to visit the Taj Mahal all my life." With that stern admonition to

India, BJ and Chel mounted elephants and rode off to pray in a mosque.

Next stop, Pakistan. No word has filtered back about Billy Jeff's plan of attack to straighten out Pakistan's problems. He won't be through sightseeing in India until Saturday.

Once Pakistan has withered under the gaze and oratory of the Clinton power (America loves you) and laid down their own nuclear weapons, America's premier peacemaker will take a side trip to Syria (or somewhere in the Middle East wastelands) and negotiate another peace treaty between Israel and Syria.

Experts predict that this sidetrip will cost America a paltry \$25 million and the treaty will last a record-breaking 17 hours and 26 minutes, long enough for Billy and Chel to take another tour of the pyramids or some other convenient old ruin.

In case you have lost track, King Billy still has 10 months before he gives up his job. In the interim, he will spend untold sums on travel around the globe simply because he can travel free with lots of perks thrown in.

Everywhere he has been in the last seven years now hates America. Remember the riots in Greece, the conflicts between China and Taiwan, even the carnage in Seattle. And the Albanians are not behaving very well either.

All Billy Jeff wanted was for the world to love him and to sneak a little on the side in the Oval office.

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This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of Genesis intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

**JACOB'S TOIL**  
AS WAGES FOR HIS SERVICES LABAN HAS TOLD JACOB HE MAY HAVE ALL THE SPOTTED AND SPECKLED CATTLE FROM HIS FLOCKS—JACOB DULY SEPARATES THEM, AND NOW...

SEE, THERE ARE THE FLOCKS OF OUR FATHER LABAN—ALL WITHOUT A SPOT OR A BLEMISH. AND THERE ARE THE SPOTTED CATTLE OF JACOB'S, REMOVED FROM OUR FATHER'S FLOCKS AS JACOB'S WAGES!

BUT SINCE JACOB'S CATTLE HAVE BEEN SEPARATED, HIS FLOCKS HAVE INCREASED MUCH MORE THAN OUR FATHER'S.

WE MUST TELL FATHER LABAN OF THIS THING—I LIKE IT NOT!

FATHER! FATHER! SINCE THOU GAVEST ALL THE SPOTTED CATTLE TO JACOB, A GRIEVOUS THING HAS HAPPENED!

HIS FLOCKS ARE INCREASING FASTER THAN THY FLOCKS!

HOW CAN THIS BE?!

I CAN NOT BELIEVE THIS HAS COME TO PASS.

BUT COME WITH US AND LET THINE OWN EYES BEHOLD THIS THING—THOU WILL SEE IT IS TRUE.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT JACOB USED MAGIC BY SETTING RODS IN FRONT OF THE FEEDING CATTLE WITH THEIR BARK HALF STRIPPED SO ALL THE YOUNG WOULD BE BORN WITH SPECKLED MARKINGS.

SEE! SEE FOR THYSELF! JACOB'S FLOCKS ARE LARGER THAN THINE!

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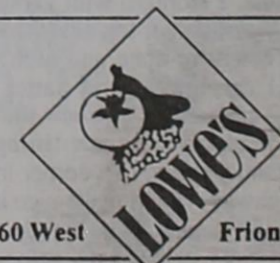
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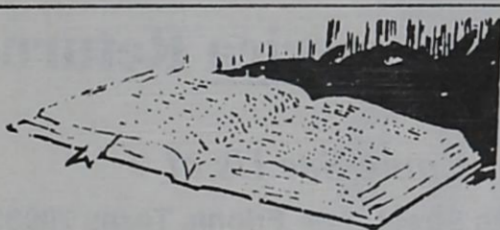
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