

# The Bovina Blade



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## Greetings at Eastertide



**FLY HIGH 2000.** Bovina students and sponsors that participated in the NASA Fly High 2000 program are shown in a NASA hangar in Houston. A full report of their experience will be featured in next week's issue. From left are, Levi Steelman, Carolyn Beauchamp, Bill Drumma, K'Leigh Scroggins, Cameron Charles, Melissa Cano, Yancy Graves, Danny Martinez, Sandra Guevara, Diego Ruiz and Patti Thomas.

### Ron Carr Is Honored By PPA Group

Ron Carr, Managing Editor of the Friona Star/Bovina Blade, was honored for his column, "Out Here," at the annual Panhandle Press Assn. convention last weekend at Amarillo's Ambassador Hotel.

Carr's entries in the "humorous columns" division won him a third-place plaque. His entries were entitled "It's Wedding Day in Smalltown, America," "An Opinion on Orange Hair & Navel Rings," and a column dealing with his memories of bygone Christmas holidays with his family.

The contest judge for column writing called Carr's columns "Interesting and unique. I enjoyed them," he said.

During the business session for the press association, Carr was elected to a spot on the PPA's board of directors. He was associated with the local newspapers since 1995.



**WHAT EASTER BUNNY?---** Little Ty London discovered that his Easter basket has been taken over by a small kitten instead of a bunny. Ty is one and one-half years old and is the son of Mike and Becky London and the grandson of Letha Treinen.

## City Aldermen Extend PRPC Contract For City Manager

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session April 6, 2000.

Present were City Manager Ed Barrett, Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Kenneth Waters, Linda Marshall, Kevin Hughes,

Charles Wilkins and Jessie Stone. Also present were Dwight Brandt engineer Colby Waters and Jarrett Atkinson with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC).

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. and the previous minutes were approved as read.

Hughes made a motion to pay the bills, Waters seconded, motion passed. Hughes then moved to accept the bid for improvements to water well #9, Waters seconded and motion passed.

A report was made by the project engineer concerning pumps for water wells #7 & #8. The discussion was in regards to a change order from 25hp pump to 15hp pump in well #7 & #8. Waters made a motion to accept the change order, Stone seconded. Motion passed with Wilkins abstaining.

PRPC staff presented a contract extension (of the city manager) to the council. The council deliberated on the contract extension. After discussion, Waters made a motion to continue the City Management contract with PRPC, Stone seconded, motion passed.

Marshall made a motion for the city to replace all streetlights that are out, Stone seconded, motion passed.

City Manager Ed Barrett reported to the council concerning the status of the Energas rate case. Wilkins made a motion for the city to participate in the Alternative Dispute Resolution, Hughes seconded, motion passed.

Wilkins made a motion to give WT Services an easement through the Southwest 10 feet of Eastview Addition, Lots 35-45. Stone seconded, motion passed.

Hughes made a motion to table the request for the addition of a carport. Stone seconded, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



### Bovina Lions Host Egg Hunt

The Bovina Lions Club will hold their annual Easter Egg hunt Sunday starting at 2 p.m. at the City Park.

There will be three age groups: 1-3, 4-5 and 6 and up. Everyone is invited!



**HAVE YOU STARTED** yet? All the spring fertilizing, mulching, pruning, weeding, etc. Grass lawns are about the stupidest thing humans have ever come up with. We battle the dandelions, thistle, clover, etc. that thrive naturally, so we can grow grass that must be nursed through an annual four-step chemical dependency.

### "MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



Imagine this conversation between The Creator and St. Francis about this yearly phenomenon:

"Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there in the Midwest? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle, clover and stuff that I started eons ago? I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles."

"It's the tribes that settled there, Lord," St. Francis answers. "They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great extent to kill them and replace them with grass."

"Grass? But that's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It is temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?"

"Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn."

"The spring rains and cool weather probably make grass grow really fast. I suppose that makes them all happy."

"Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it -- sometimes twice a week."

"They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?"

"Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags and then pay to throw it away."

"Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does, they cut it off and pay to throw it away? These Suburbanites must be relieved then, when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat in the summer. That surely slows down the growth and saves them a lot of work."

"You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it down and then pay to get rid of it."

"What nonsense! At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form a perfect compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life."

"You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and have them hauled away. Then after throwing away your leaves, they go out and buy something they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around instead of the leaves."

"And where do they get this mulch?"

"They cut down trees and grind them up."

"Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Let's change the subject. What movie are we going to watch tonight?"

"The show for tonight, Lord, is 'Dumb and Dumber.' It's a real stupid movie about. . . ."

"Oh, never mind. I think I just heard the plot of the whole thing."



**HANNAH MILLER** is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Bellar's class. She earned 200 points in the reading program and was Principal for the Day.



**DISCUS THROW.....** Mustang Yancy Graves concentrates on form for his discus toss at the district meet at Morton. k'dawn scroggins photo

### Warm & Windy

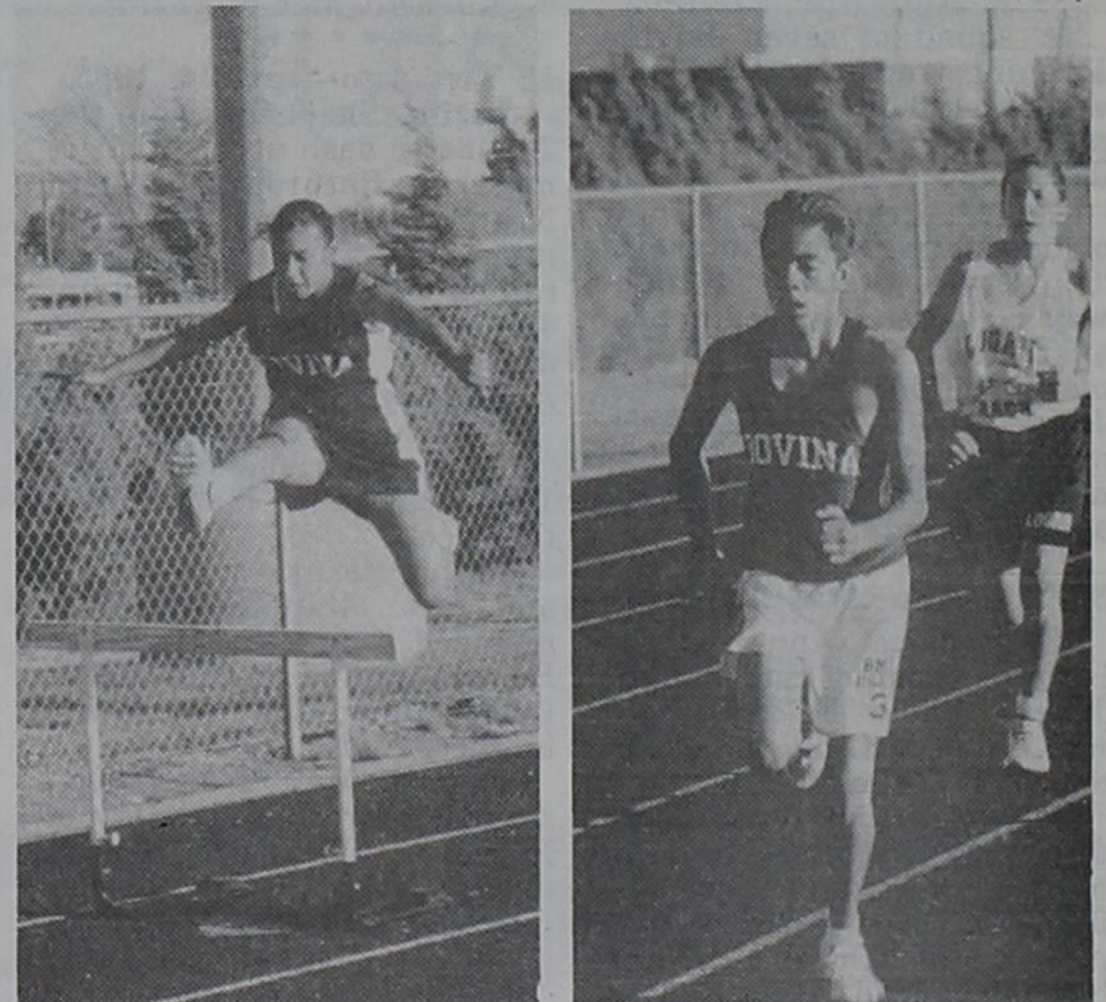
The local area has experienced unseasonably warm days, along with some high winds during the past week, with nary a sign of moisture.

Late Wednesday a wind gauge in Friona measured a gust at 62 mph. Temps for the week were:

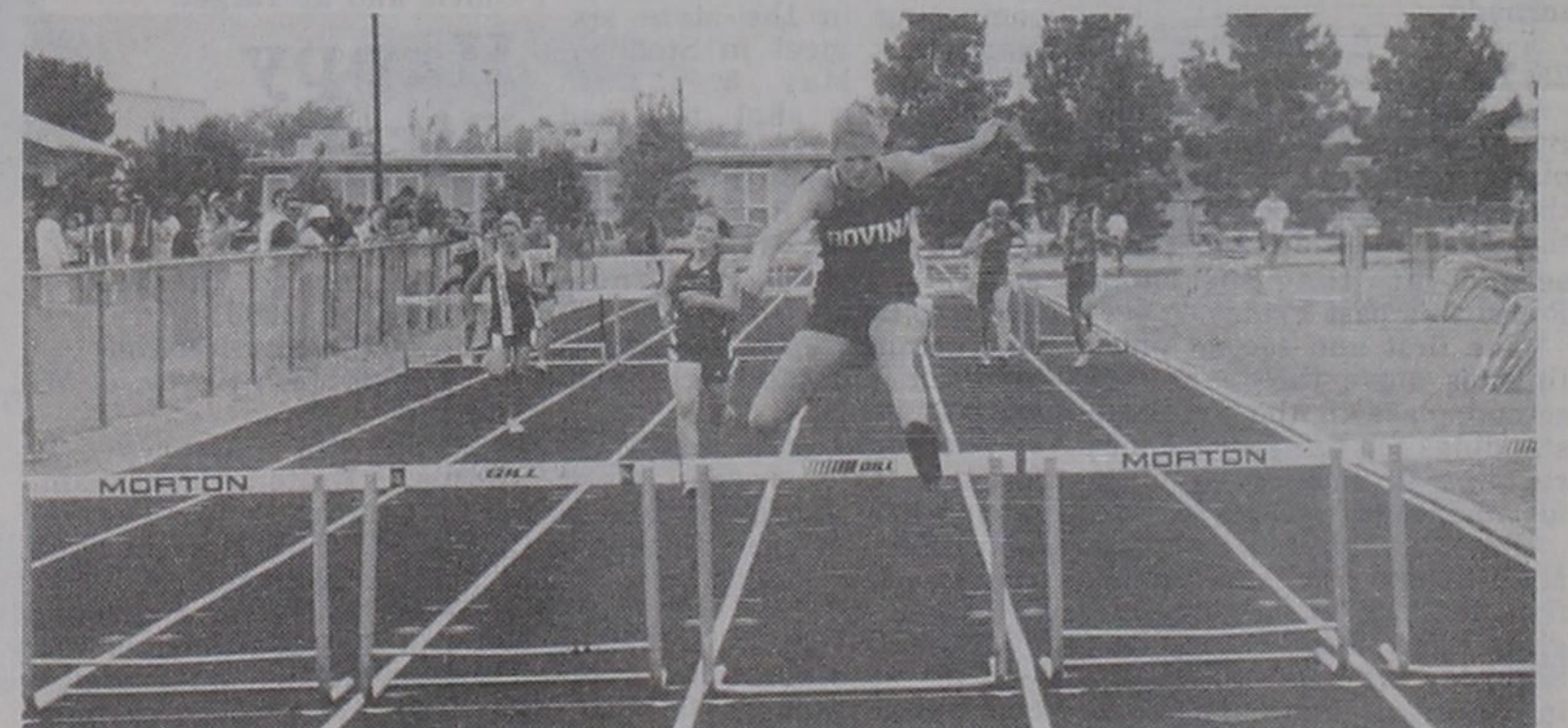
Friday, April 14: 85-49;  
Saturday, April 15: 71-29;  
Sunday, April 16: 78-30;  
Monday, April 17: 84-48;  
Tuesday, April 18: 89-45;  
Wed., April 19: 75-39;  
Thursday, April 20: 72-40.

Call if you have news, classifieds, photos or advertising!

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**THE MIDDLE SCHOOL** track team had a good year. Competing at Morton were, left, hurdler Gloria Rocha and, right, distance runner Israel Escobar. photos by k'dawn scroggins



**HURDLING TO REGIONAL.** Bovina junior hurdler K'Leigh Scroggins leaves the field behind as she turns in a 50.2 in the 300m hurdles at the district meet in Morton. She also had a 17.0 in the 100m hurdles to win both events and advance to regional competition. photo by k'dawn scroggins



**SENIORS AT THE PROM....**The junior/senior prom at Cannon Air Force Base last Saturday night will be the last one for these seniors and their dates and escorts. photo courtesy of k'dawn scroggins



**JUNIORS AT THE PROM....**Bovina High School's prom was held last Saturday night at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis. This group photo of the juniors and their dates and escorts is courtesy of K'Dawn Scroggins.

## BOVINA REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

**40 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 20, 1960**

Army Corporal Alfred Webb recently visited here with his family while on leave. He will leave soon for a three year tenure in Germany.

Burglars netted some \$60 in a burglary at Hartwell Machinery Co. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James McElroy and children, Mrs. McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morton and daughter spent the Easter holiday at Lake Kemp near Seymour fishing.

**35 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 21, 1965**

A squad of seven Bovina Mustang track and field men are entered in regional competition Friday and Saturday.

Boyd Gilbreath is new owner-manager of Northside '66' Service Station on Highway 60 here. Gilbreath took over the station Tuesday morning from Charles Oil Co. John Gamble, who has been manager of the station has moved to Dimmitt to operate a station there.

**30 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 22, 1970**

First place winner in the junior division of the Dimmitt Talent Show Friday night was Butch McCain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCain.

Bovina Fillies finished the district track meet in Panhandle Thursday in second place with a total of 110 points, only two and one-half points behind Happy, who took home 112 and one-half.

About an inch of rain fell here Friday, part of that time when Eastern Parmer County was receiving the brunt of a tornado.

**25 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 23, 1975**

Kyle Jones of Bovina and Brent Johnson of Hereford placed first in team roping at the Claude High School Rodeo the first week in April and second at the Spearman Rodeo this past Friday.

The first and second place finishes move the team into second place in the Tri-State standings for the year. Jones remains in fourteenth place for all-around honors.

Pat Shepherd, Bovina High School freshman, qualified for the state Class A girls' track meet Friday and Saturday with second places in the discus and shot put at the regional meet at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

**20 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 23, 1980**

Grady Sorley gave a

report on the feasibility study for a gasohol plant in this area at a meeting here last Thursday and stated that the report looked extremely favorable for the plant in this area.

General Telephone company was busy this week making the tie-in on the new underground cable which is being installed between Bovina and Friona.

Services were held for Myrtie Hester, 83, of Bovina, who died in Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. Included in her survivors were Margaret Meason, a granddaughter of Bovina.

**15 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 24, 1985**

Terisa Shepherd won the 200-meter dash at the district meet on Saturday. Mindy Neal won the shot put, high jump and hurdles race and ran on the regional qualifying 400-meter relay team at the district meet held in Abernathy.

The turnout was termed "fair" to describe the Bovina Trade Days Flea Market held this week. Ralph Serna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Serna, was released from the hospital. He was injured in an accident that claimed the life of his brother, Andy, Jr.

Friday, May 2 has been set aside for National Day of Prayer. They are asking that we take five at twelve-take five minutes at noon for silent prayer for our nation.

**10 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 25, 1990**

Corey Kirkpatrick and Cain Neal qualified at the six-man regional track meet in Plainview and will be competing in the state six-man track meet in Stephenville on May 5. Cain qualified in shot put and Corey in the 400-meter dash.

Nita Marshall will be representing Bovina High School at Amarillo at the annual Texas Panhandle Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. The seminar is held for outstanding sophomore students.

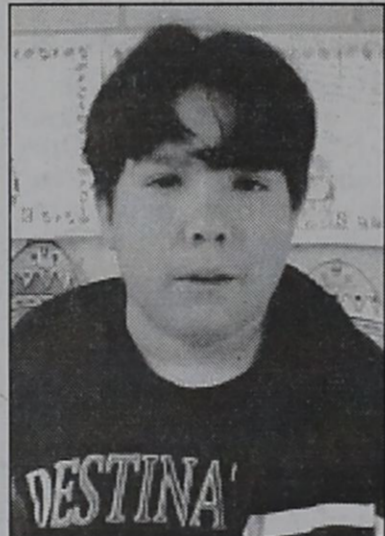
The young girls qualifying for the state six-man track meet are Lorena Saenz, Christina Noriega, Stephanie Rackley and Donna Griggs.

**5 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 22, 1995**

The step-aerobics class celebrated their 13th anniversary recently. Members are: Virginia Rhodes, Jeanne Kerby, LaTrelle Mierher, Karen Smith, Joyce Read, Martha Schilling, Kay Wil-

liams, Mary Evelyn Steelman, Cecilia Quintana and Shannon Grissom.

The Bovina Fillies Junior Varsity track team made a great showing at the district meet on Thursday, April 13 at Sudan. They won the team championship with a whopping 124 points.



**JEREMY CURTIS** is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Bellar's class. He earned his T-shirt for 100 reading points in the school reading program.

### M. Warlick Shower Is Scheduled

A baby shower honoring Mendy Rhodes Warlick will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of Karen Kirkpatrick.

Selections are at Hidden Treasures and Wal Mart in Clovis and at Target.

### Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 23-29, 2000.

Apr 23 Scott Johnson  
Apr 24 Josh Kerby, J. W. Wright

Apr 25 Aubrey T. Morgan, Dalton Cockerham, Trent Black, Penny Dutton, Jack Clayton, Joshua Lucero

Apr 26 Honey Gist  
Apr 27 Barbara Charles  
Apr 28 Elias Fuentes  
Apr 29 Coleman Young

To advise of corrections and changes or to add a friend or relative to our birthday list, call 238-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.

# HURRAH!

We're in Bovina Now and We're Ready to Serve You!!



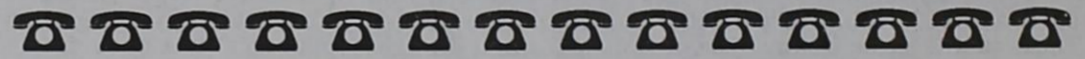
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AMBERLEE STEINBOCK



MONTANA STEINBOCK

## Regional Winners Named In District Poster Contest

Amberlee Steinbock and Montana Steinbock, both of Lazbuddie, will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas Soil and Water

Conservation Program at an Area One Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 11. Area One consists of 216 counties in the Panhandle area.

The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in Plainview.

Amberlee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Steinbock and Montana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charleson Steinbock.

Categories in which awards will be presented include: outstanding Conservation District; resident conservation rancher; resident conservation farmer; water quality management plan; business/professional individual; conservation teacher; and conservation homemaker. Additional awards are presented for outstanding poster and essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

The purpose of the conservation awards program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals that have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the area conservation awards program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the 216 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Texas.

## Clinic Set May 17 In Friona

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 May 17.

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

Participants will receive a low-cost screening 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.



**RECEIVES AWARD....**Farm Credit Bank of Texas presented the Pacesetter Award to the leaders of Panhandle-Plains PCA during the Tenth Farm Credit District's Annual Meeting March 30. Pictured (left to right) are: Carroll Haygood, association president, and Troy Christian, association board chairman.

## Panhandle-Plains PCA Is Honored At Meeting

Panhandle-Plains Production Credit Association (PCA) has earned the Pacesetter Award for the highest possible performance rating from the Farm Credit Bank of Texas. The bank honored the association during the Tenth Farm Credit District's annual meeting March 30 in San Antonio.

Panhandle-Plains PCA, headquartered in Amarillo, was one of fourteen associations recognized for exhibiting above-average performance in the areas of growth and financial performance in 1999.

Following are the other award recipients and their headquarters locations: Apriland, Farm Credit Services (FCS), Tyler, Texas; Capital Farm Credit, FLCA, Bryan, Texas; FLBA of North Alabama, Cullman; FLBA of North Mississippi, Senatobia; FLBA of South Alabama, Montgomery; FLBA of South Mississippi, Jackson.

Also, First Ag Credit, FCS, Lubbock, Texas; Heritage Land Bank, FLCA, Tyler, Texas; Lone Star

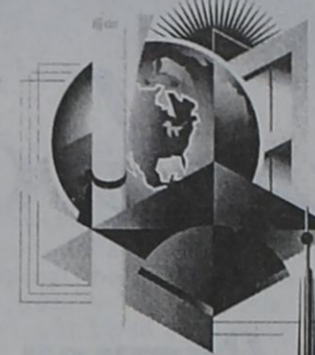
FLBA, Weatherford, Texas; Louisiana FLBA, Monroe; Northwest Louisiana PCA, Arcadia; Sabine River FLBA of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and Southwest Texas FLBA, Devine.

There are twelve PCAs, eight Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) and eight Federal Land Credit Associations (FLCAs) within the Tenth Farm Credit District.

"To receive this award, an association must exceed a rigid set of financial performance standards," said Arnold Henson, the bank's chief executive officer. "These associations are setting the pace in the areas of financial performance and growth in the Tenth District."

PCAs provide production and operating loans to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas. FLBAs and FLCAs provide mortgage financing for rural real estate, rural residences and agribusinesses across Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

# Register Now for Summer & Fall Classes at CCC



**Early Registration for students enrolled at CCC during the Spring 2000 semester - April 24-28**

### Mail-in Registration

Complete the Registration Form from the schedule and mail it to CCC (see schedule for details).

### Walk-in Registration

You may register in the CCC Office of Admissions and Records, room 126. See the summer and fall course schedules for payment information.

**Registration for both semesters begins May 1**

Summer registration ends June 9

Fall registration ends August 25

### Senior Citizen Registration

Summer-Friday, June 2 - 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fall - Friday, August 25 - 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Senior Citizens may register on these dates and pay the reduced rate of \$5 per credit hour.

### New Student Orientation & Registration

Summer- May 31-June 1

Fall - July 17, 18, August 17, 18, & 26

If you are enrolling at CCC for the first time, you may attend orientation and register for classes following the orientation session. For more information about orientation, call 769-4112.

### Late Registration

Summer-June 5-June 9

Fall - August 28-September 1

A \$5 fee will be charged for late registration.

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section  
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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| Canyon               | Meadow      | Silverton          |
| Coahoma              | Midland     | Slaton             |
| Crosbyton            | Muleshoe    | Smyer              |
| Dimmitt              | Nazareth    | Springlake         |
| Earth                | New Deal    | Stanton            |
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# Church & Family Go Together

**These Parmer County Businesses Remind You To Attend  
The Church of Your Choice This Easter Sunday, April 23.**

## Local Churches Give Their Special Service Plans

### Friona Churches

**6th Street Church of Christ**  
Sunday School 9:30  
Worship Service 10:30  
Evening 6 p.m.  
with E.R. Watson of Ft. Stockton

**First Baptist Church**  
Sunday School 9:45  
Worship Service 10:50  
Evening 6:30  
with Bro. Dale Cain, interim pastor  
from Albuquerque

**Friona United Methodist Church**  
Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m.  
Brunch to follow  
Sunday School and  
Children's egg hunt 10 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
with Pastor Don Boren

**St. Teresa's Catholic Church**  
Friday 7 p.m. (bilingual) Adoration of the Cross  
Sat. 9 p.m. (bilingual) Easter Vigil  
with lighting of the fire and baptisms  
Sun Mass English 8:30 a.m.  
Mass Spanish 11:15 a.m.  
with Father Ed Sweeney

### Friona Churches

**Assembly of God**  
Sunday School 9:30  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Ham and Brisket Lunch  
and Egg Hunt to follow  
Evening Service TBA  
with Pastor Rick Beard

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Sunrise Service 7 a.m.  
Pancake and sausage Breakfast 8:30  
Easter Music Contata with Grace Baptist Church  
and Congregational Church 10 a.m.  
Worship service 11 a.m.  
with Bro. Alvin Petty

**Congregational Church**  
Easter Music Contata with Grace Baptist Church  
and Calvary Baptist 10 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
with Rev. Herman Krauel

**Grace Baptist Church**  
Easter Music Contata with Calvary Baptist Church  
and Congregational Church 10 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
with Bro. Micheal Summers

### Bovina Churches

**First Baptist Church**  
Sunday School 9:45  
Worship service 11 a.m.  
Evening service 7 p.m.  
with Bro. Gary Morgan

**Church of Christ**  
Sunday School 9:45  
Worship service 10:45  
Evening service 6 p.m.  
with Minister Jeff Proctor


**First United Methodist Church**  
Sunday School 9:45  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Evening service 6 p.m.  
with Rev. Don Mc Nerlin

**St. Ann's Catholic Church**  
Saturday Night  
Vigil Service (English) 9 pm  
Sunday Mass (Spanish) 8:30 a.m.  
with Father Terry Burke

**Iglesia Bautista Belen**  
with Bro. Jesse Cantu

**La Iglesia De Dios Del Primogenito**  
The Church of God of the Firstborn  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m.  
Servicio Por la tarde 6 p.m.

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**AFGHAN DRAWING.** Patti Widner, left, activities assistant at Prairie Acres, shows the afghan given away in a drawing this week. Jonelle Hand, billing clerk, draws the name of the winner, Irene Chavarria of Friona. The afghan was made by Lena Padilla and donated to raise money for the resident's summer outings.

## SWCD Stewardship Week April 30-May 7

Keeping community water clean and plentiful is a common goal all Americans should embrace according to organizers of the 2000 Soil and Water Stewardship Week, set for April 30 through May 7. The focus of this year's national observance is on the total watershed management approach to natural resource conservation.

A watershed is defined as an area of land that sheds water into a common water body, such as a river or lake. There are thousands of identified watersheds in America. Since we all live in a watershed, what we do in our own back yard has important consequences to everyone else who lives downstream from us. This year's theme is "Community Waters."

"Developing a positive stewardship attitude is important as we work together to maintain an adequate supply of clean water" said McFarland C. Osborn, chairman of the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District #140, local sponsor of this year's Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

"Our local Conservation District would like to help take the leadership to bring all interested groups and individuals together to discuss how to improve the health of our own watershed," Osborn added.

## Tree Problems Are Addressed By Agent

Parmer and Bailey Counties--Several calls have come to the Extension Office concerning insect and disease ridden trees. Pests, which include insects and disease, are more attracted to weak, stressed trees and shrubs. If you find these pests affecting your tree, it is commonly a secondary problem.

Here are some factors that cause trees to become stressed and susceptible to secondary pests:

**Watering**--improper watering (or lack thereof) is an important stress factor. To properly water your trees draw an imaginary line from the branch furthest from the tree to the ground. This is where the feeder roots are seeking water. Applying water directly under the tree is not reaching these feeder roots. Drip lines are not recommended for large trees.

**Planting**--further investigation of these tree problems also revealed some planting specifications that are not being met. When planting trees and shrubs be sure you or the individual doing the planting removes the tree or shrub from its container, and also removes all root ball coverings, this includes all wire and string.

**Trimming**--it is important to remember how harmful tree topping can be to your tree and take years off your tree's life span. Tree topping also exposes trees to harmful slime flux bacteria. To properly trim your trees only trim branches in the way, sprouts, limbs rubbing or growing the wrong way and dead limbs, no topping is necessary. Taking proper care of your trees will help them remain healthy and free of pests.

If you think watering is just too expensive, consider the cost of replacing your trees and the time it will

The abundance of good, clean water in our communities is not guaranteed as some kind of right. Rather, it is a resource that must be earned and re-earned as time passes and conditions change. While overall per capita consumption of water has decreased in the last decade, water conservation efforts should never be abandoned.

Modern conservation efforts are now focused on ways to keep our natural water supply system clean, helping to keep down costs in water treatment facilities. For example, farmers are now installing grassed waterways and filter strips along the edges of their fields and streams to prevent soil and nutrients from being washed into major streams. Similar good management practices are being installed around construction sites and large building and parking lots in suburban and urban areas.

The technology is available to ensure a clean water supply. The real challenge, according to Osborn, is to develop the collective community and political will to get the job done.

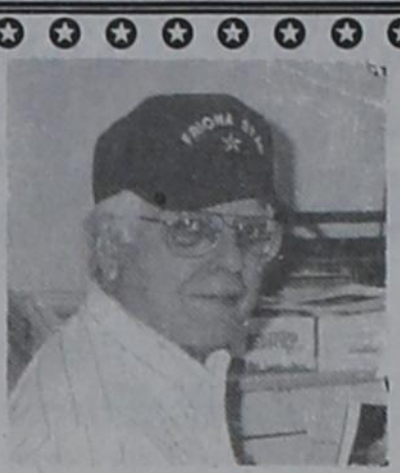
To learn more about how you can protect your watershed, contact the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1306 West Ninth Street, Friona or call (806) 250-2220.

take them to grow to provide adequate shade or wind-breaks.

# Out Here

## By Ron Carr

### "Forgettin' Takes A Little Longer!"



Thursday of this week was Adolph Hitler's birthday.

The only reason I know that is because the Columbine shooting took place one year ago on Hitler's birthday. They say the two boys picked that day intentionally but we'll never really know.

Several people have mentioned that Easter is being observed later this year than usual as though that bothered them for some reason.

Maybe you noticed the significance of this week as it relates to the Easter observance. If you turned the TV on any hour of the day or night, you could be a part of several "anniversary" celebrations.

Wednesday, April 19, was the anniversary of both the Waco massacre in 1993 and the even more horrible carnage in Oklahoma City in 1995.

Then Thursday the 20th celebrated Hitler's birthday and the one-year anniversary of the unexplainable tragedy at Columbine High School.

All of these events have been played out so many times, in so many ways, it makes me rethink the process of forgiveness and letting go and getting on with our lives after tragedy.

Easter is a time of death, resurrection, and forgiveness, unless I have missed the entire point over the years.

Yet I see Oklahoma City relatives and survivors, and

Columbine students and parents, still full of anger and resentment before the TV cameras.

Very few of them manage to admit that they have forgiven Timothy McVeigh, Dylan Klebold or Eric Harris. And when they do it doesn't sound like they really mean it.

So often in life we say the words without the music. Only each one of us, in our own heart, knows when we have truly forgiven. Some misdeeds are easily forgivable. Others, however, take longer.

As the Willie Nelson ballad says, "Forgiving you is easy, but forgettin' seems to take the longest time."

The acts celebrated and remembered this week were all acts of meanness and evil. Including the agony of Jesus' crucifixion.

But Jesus' story has a happy ending. Maybe that is why we wish one another "Happy Easter." Waco, Oklahoma City and Littleton do not have happy endings. In fact it appears that they do not even have endings.

Seeking closure is one thing. Finding it seems to take the longest time. To find peace and closure and "resurrection" in our own lives we celebrate with monuments and moments of silence.

We leave flowers and crosses beside the road where loved ones died. We sit in

courtrooms day after day, hoping the very worst will happen to the person that took our loved ones away.

No matter who you are, or your status in life, there is someone, somewhere, that you haven't forgiven because you just don't want to.

Resentments become like a comfortable old sweater. We can drag our resentments out of the drawer at any time and wear them again because in some strange way it makes us feel better.

There will always be meanness and evil in America and around the world. There are no laws to prevent bad personalities.

Gun control laws are supposed to keep guns out of the hands of children and felons. This week, in two different instances, an elderly

senior citizen shot and killed at least two of his fellow seniors in the retirement community.

Now I suppose there will be a law introduced barring any person over the age of 65 from owning a gun. But, see, guns are only evil when used by mean and evil people for evil purposes.

Fertilizer is only used to make bombs by mean and evil people. Plenty of people around here use fertilizer for its intended purpose.

Maybe by building monuments, and celebrating anniversaries of evil events, we gradually learn to forgive, or at least to accept.

Forgiving you is easy! Forgettin' seems to take the longest time!

Forgive somebody, and have a Happy Easter!

## PPHM Renovation: Main Entrance East Door

On Saturday, April 29, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will officially open the east door of the building as the main entrance. Because of the renovation now in progress at the Museum, all other entrances will be closed until summer of 2001, the renovation is complete. At that time, the Museum will reopen the south and north entrance.

To promote the opening of the east door, the public is invited to share in a full day of activities. At 10 a.m. Museum officials will unveil the Charles Goodnight statue at its new location outside the Museum on the east lawn. The bronze statue was completed in 1980 for Mesa Petroleum. It was donated to the Museum in 1984 and has

been exhibited inside the Museum since that time.

Members of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society Board of Trustees will be cooking hotdogs with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The hotdogs will be free to the public, and free Cokes will also be available.

Admission will be free all day on Saturday to promote the event. In the Museum Store, Dr. Fred Rathjen will be autographing his book *The Texas Panhandle Frontier* from 1-3 p.m., and free autographed posters will be given away from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The public is invited to come join in the celebration and see what is happening at the Museum.

*Sample*

### OFFICIAL BALLOT

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May 6, 2000  
El 6 de mayo de 2000

**Election for Parmer County Hospital District Board Members at Large**  
(Eleccion por tan condado de Parmer Hospital Miembros de Junta en General)

**(CONDADO DE) PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS**

**Instruction Note: (nota de instruccion):**

Vote for three (3) candidates of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidates' names. (Vota por 3 candidatos de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombres del candidatos.)

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**Notice to Bidders**

Bovina ISD is accepting sealed bids for reroofing the main school building, home economics building, gymnasium and Ridgelea elementary school. Interested bidders should contact Bob Owen at (806) 238-1336 for specifications. The deadline for submitting bids is 3:00 p.m. on May 5, 2000. Bids will be considered at a regular board meeting on May 11, 2000. Bovina ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in part or as a whole.

Bids and inquiries should be directed to:

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**NOTICE OF WATER QUALITY APPLICATION**

PERMIT NO. 10213-001

**APPLICATION.** City of Bovina, P.O. Box KK, Bovina, Texas 79009, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of Permit No. 10213-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 120,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 22 acres of non-public access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State.

The wastewater treatment facilities and disposal area are located at 501 East Street, east of 1st Street, north of State Highway 86 and on the west side of the closed City of Bovina landfill in the City of Bovina in Parmer County, Texas. The plant site and disposal area are located in the drainage basin of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, will authorize the conditions under which the facility must operate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** Written public comments and requests for public meetings may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

**CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** The TNRCC may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief and specific

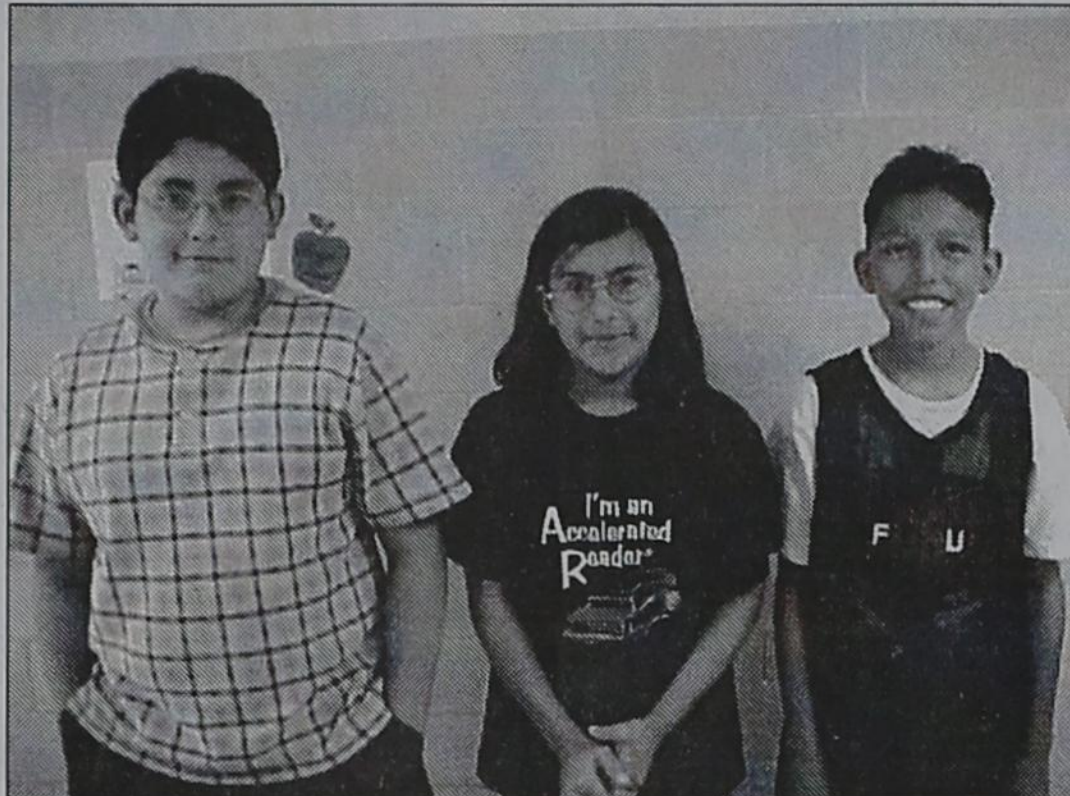
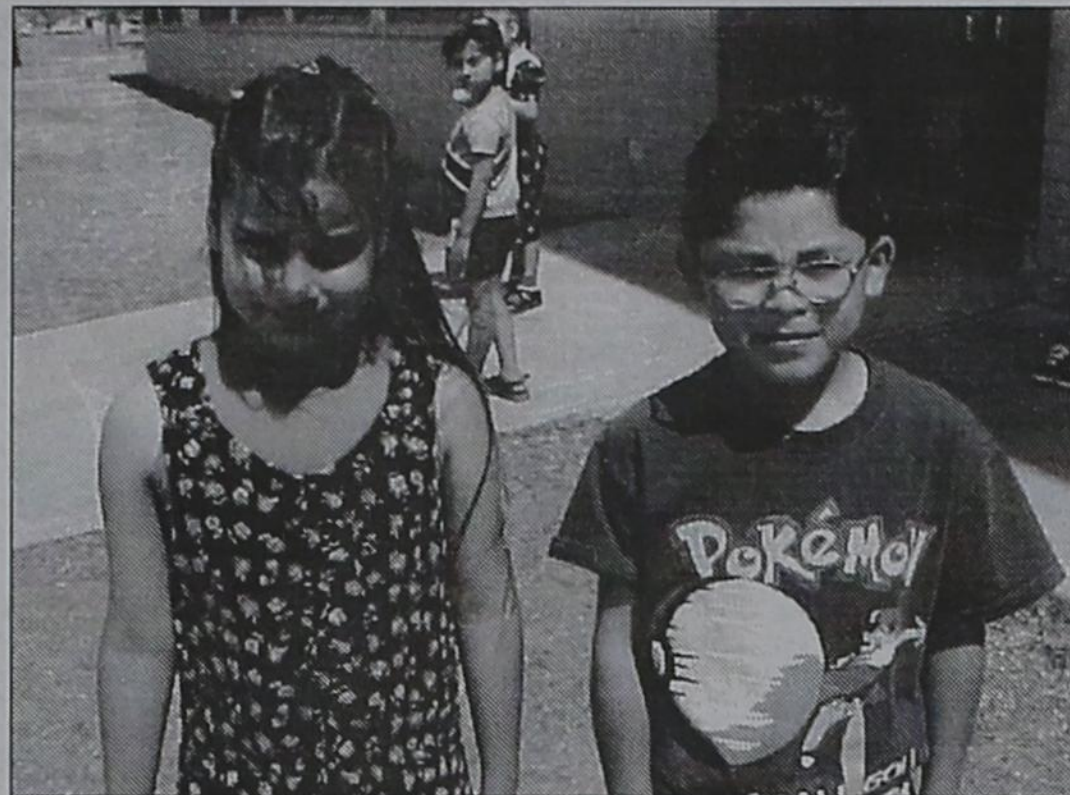
description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request in the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**INFORMATION.** Written hearing requests, public comments or request for public meetings may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us).

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LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk  
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**MORE SCHOOL READERS.** Top, Katie Chavez, 2nd grade, Mrs. Holman's class and Francisco Guevara, 2nd grade, Miss Stevens' class. Bottom, l-r, Everardo Salazar, 5th grade, Mr. Martin; Brenda Campos, 5th grade, Mrs. Bryant; and Jose Angel Salas, 4th grade, Mrs. Neal. These students earned their 100 points in the school reading program.

**I'm Becky And I Want Your News!**

Note: a lot of people don't know who I am, so now's the time to introduce myself. I have been married to Mike London for 5 years, and we have a 17 month old son Ty. I grew up in Odessa, and now live just outside of Bovina.

Mike's parents are Letha (Day) Treinen, formerly of Friona, now of Bovina the late C.N. (Big Nick) Treinen and former Frionan Jack London, formerly of Friona and now of Amarillo.

It's been fun so far getting to know all of you. Now that you've gotten to know me, call me with your news items.

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**Bovina Bits**

by Becky

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

Jack and Ona Patterson were in Amarillo Sunday helping their great grandson, Clay, celebrate his sixth birthday. His parents are Donnie and Kerri Shamblin and Donnie's mom is the Pattersons' daughter, Sandy Blacksten, also of Amarillo.

Ona said they had fun at the party with the family, Clay and his friends.

Martha Schilling is home after receiving a second round of chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer. She was diagnosed in late February and says she is feeling good. Martha and Leon's daughter, Lisa Schilling of Dallas, was in town this week visiting. Their other daughter, Karen Daniel of San Antonio, was in town a couple of weeks ago.

Their sons Todd and Terry live in Bovina with their families. Todd is married to Lisa and they have three daughters, Olivia, Gabbie and Mallory. Terry is married to Sabina and they have three children, Cody, Zac and Tara.

Martha said she has had lots of support from the community and it has made her illness easier to deal with. She sounded very cheerful over the phone and says she doesn't feel too bad with the chemotherapy. She expects to have a total of eight treatments followed by radiation and additional surgery to follow.

The Senior Citizens are doing good with plans for a community flea market sale for Thursday and Friday, April 27-28. They have over half of their spaces reserved and hope for additional reservations soon. Spaces for the indoor sale are \$20. Call 238-1239 or 238-1565 to get a spot before they are all gone!

The new store manager for Lowes Pay and Save,

Jackie Ragland, arrived in Bovina a week ago last Monday. He and his son, Jaylon who is in the fifth grade, moved here from Odessa. Jackie was born in Dimmitt and has lived in Odessa for 22 years. He has been with Lowes for five years.

Jackie said he is cleaning up the store and making several changes. He plans for the store to be more involved with the community and hopes Bovina folks will come in and take a look around at all the new improvements.

Jack and Alma Clayton's neice, Kim Puckett of Lazbuddie, is a patient at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock with leukemia. She was diagnosed several months ago and was been cancer free for some time.

Her family includes husband Ronnie and children Michelle and Cory of the home and Justin of Lubbock.

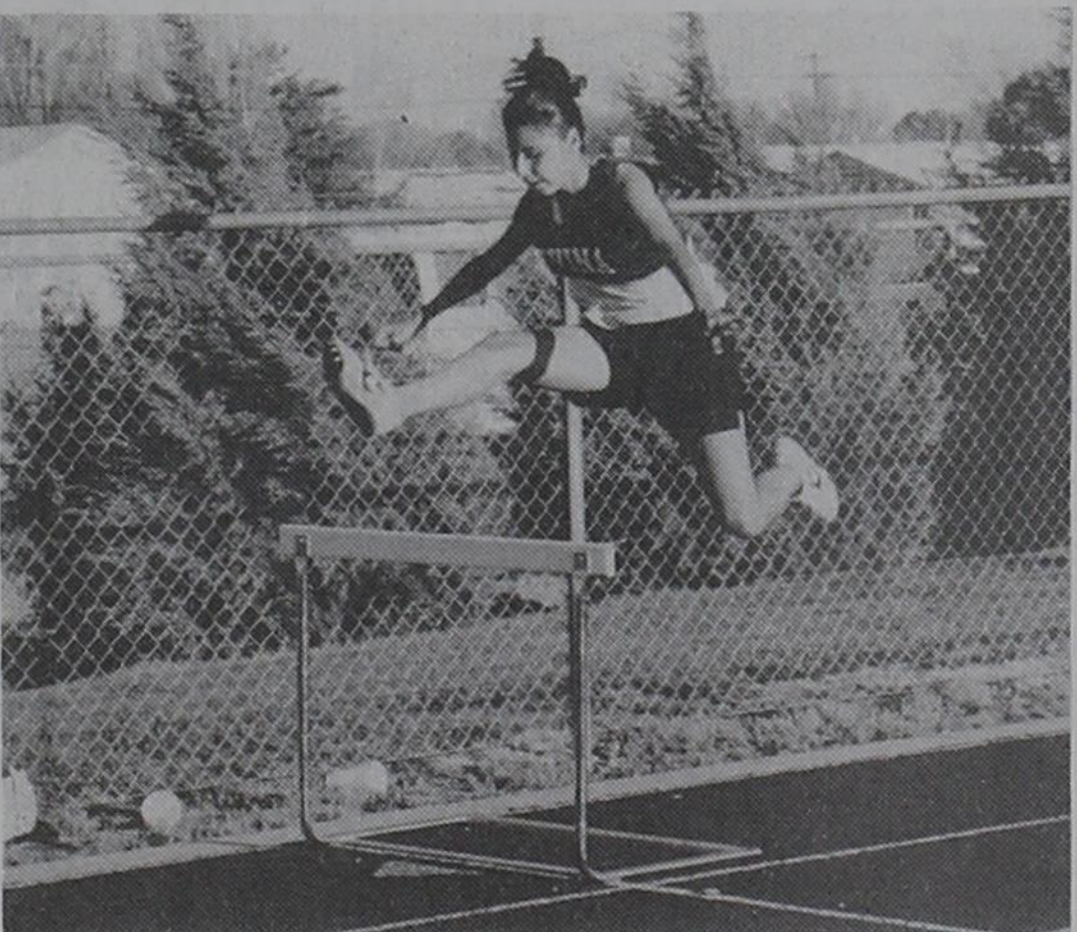
Kim's parents are Wendell and Lavelle Clayton of Earth.

Gene Ezell was taken by ambulance Monday to the Muleshoe hospital. They are currently running tests. Friends say his wife, Genny says his condition is improving.

The couple's daughter, Joan Kay, is coming from Austin this week.

J.B. Barrett's mother, Ruby Barrett, who is a resident in a nursing home in Lubbock, fell and broke her hip Monday. Sue has been staying with her at Covenant Hospital.

Don't forget to call this week with all your Easter news of family get-togethers. This is a long weekend for Bovina kiddos. They will be out of school Friday and Monday for the Easter holiday. Thanks for all your news this week!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK STARS.** Top, Flor Sanchez shows good form over the hurdles; below, John Nelson takes the baton from Jeff Casas in a relay race. photos by k'dawn scroggins

*Easter Greetings*

**Gethsemane**  
Mary Dalton Crump

*When He knelt in the garden,  
The prophecy was kept.  
He held His vigil then He prayed  
As the disciples slept.*

*Accepting what was His to give,  
"It will be done," He wept.  
In stillness of Gethsemane,  
He grieved while Peter slept.*

*He knew the cross was His to bear.  
In fortold winds that swept.  
The midnight watch, He was alone,  
For John and Matthew slept.*

*He waited for His destiny  
And watched as dawning crept  
Around the garments of His pain,  
He prayed and Judas slept.*

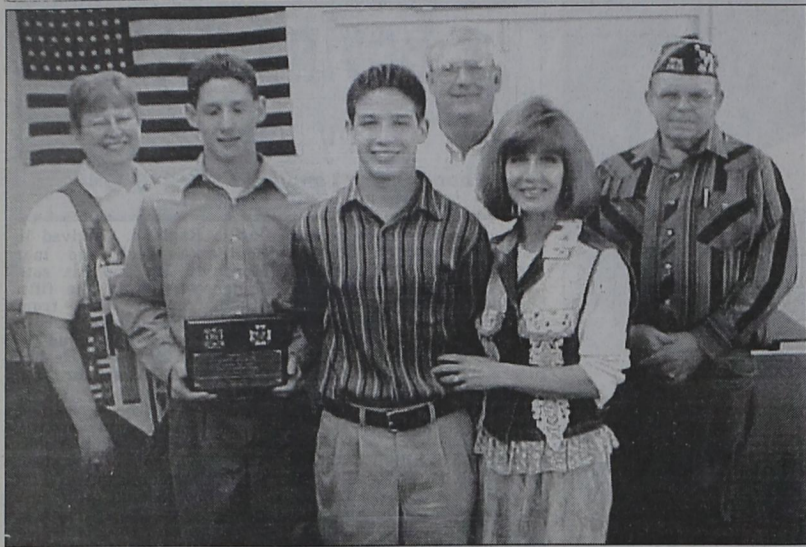
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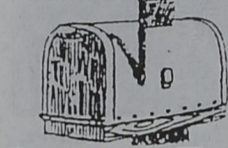
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**FAMILY AFFAIR.** Shown at a VFW dinner for their annual Voice of Democracy essay contest winners are, l-r, Dale Mann, VFW Auxiliary; Andy Martin, Lazbuddie freshman, 3rd place in Voice of Democracy essay contest; Rob Martin, 8th grade winner of the youth essay contest; parents Tom and Linda Martin; and Post Commander Avis Henry. Andy won a plaque and \$50; Rob won a \$100 savings bond. ron carr photo



**VFW ESSAY WINNER.** Jody Coker, second from right, a sophomore at Lazbuddie High School, won the local VFW Voice of Democracy essay contest. She was awarded a plaque and a \$200 scholarship. From left are Dale Mann VFW Auxiliary; Avis Henry, Post Commander; grandmother Ruth Miller and mother April Coker. Jody's dad is Roy Don Miller.



### Letters To The Editor

Mr. Bill Ellis,  
Dear Bill,  
I enjoyed my visit with you while in Friona last week. You are to be congratulated on your good work and you have a pleasant staff with you that I'm sure does an excellent job.  
I was glad to get back to Friona and Bovina and see a few old friends from days gone past. Brought back a lot of fond memories.  
Thanks, Bill for taking your time to visit and I hope to get back one of these days. Mary Lou enjoyed it very much. If ever you get to Pinehurst and North Carolina, be sure to give me a call and stop in.  
Sincerely,  
Price Brookfield  
Pinehurst, N.C. 28374

## Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement

909 East 11th Street  
Friona, Texas 79035  
(806) 250-3315

The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a **FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC** for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on **Monday, May 1, 2000:**

**Farwell Elementary School Principal's Office**  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**Bovina Ridgelea Elementary School**  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Lazbuddie School Library**  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Friona Elementary School Library**  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.

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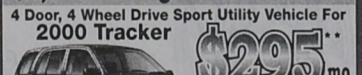


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