

## Bull Town Bulletins By Bill Ellis



IT DOESN'T TAKE a rocket scientist, nor will we be revealing a deep dark secret, if we tell you that our area is embroiled in one of the longest dry spells that even the longtime residents can recall.

The situation passed the "serious" stage some time ago, and now that it is time for the spring planting, it has reached the "critical" situation.

Although the month of April yielded the most moisture locally since August of 1994, the .91 inch recorded in April left the total moisture recorded for calendar 1995 at 1.77 inches.

For the past eight months, which would be the last four months of 1994 and the first four months of 1995, we have received a total of 3.78 inches of rain in Parmer County.

Unless something happens to reverse the trend--and with any luck we have embarked upon our three traditionally rainiest months of the year--our yearly total would top out at the desert-like 5.64 inches of moisture.

(The figures discussed here are those that the writer records each day at Friona, which is the only official recording station in Parmer County. The totals will vary from community to community, but by and large, the term "drought" is still in order, regardless of which corner of the county you reside).

Not only has it been extremely dry, but it also has been extremely windy. The months of March and April must have been the windiest we've experienced since possibly the "Dust Bowl" days of the 1930s.

And it may be owing only to the fact that we have the irrigation that we have today that keeps us from having repeats of the old black dust storms that our fathers, mothers and grandparents had to endure.

If you've seen the TEXAS' play in Palo Duro Canyon, then you're familiar with the place where Calvin Armstrong encounters a similar drought in the early days of the Texas Panhandle. Like Calvin, we're sure that most of our farmers would like to go outside, raise their collective fists to the sky, and shout "Rain, damn you, rain!"

I'm sure you've seen the signs at the banks, on church marquees, etc., saying "Pray for rain."

So there's no doubt that our people are in a like state of mind, as far as the rain situation goes. You can't engage in a conversation with anyone that lasts at least a minute that this subject doesn't come up.

And as our oldtimers will tell you, we've got to be another day closer to a good, soaking rain.

In the wind department, we heard an Amarillo weatherman say this week that for the month of April, the average wind velocity in Amarillo was 13 miles per hour.

If you stop to think that much of the time, especially night-time, the wind does, for the most part die down, then there has to be a heck of a lot of time when the wind is gusting at 40 and 50 miles per hour, in order to give you a 24-hour, 30-day average of 13 miles per hour.

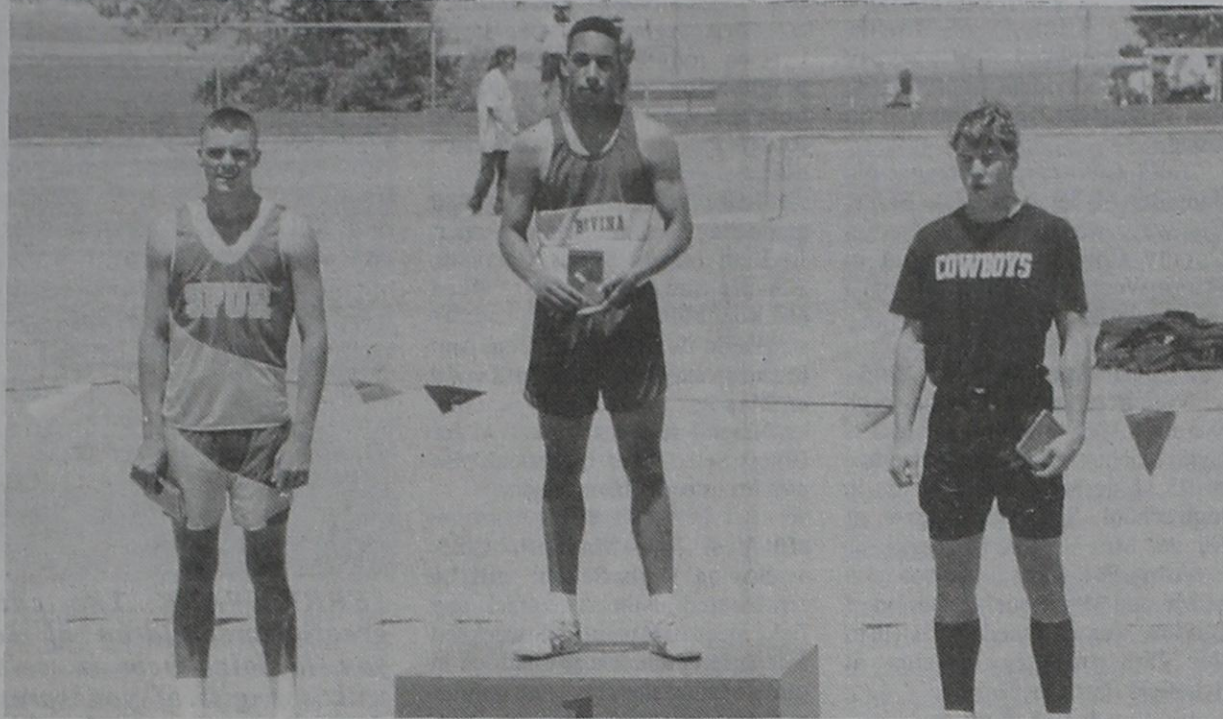
Luckily, we don't have an official wind gauge in our equipment bank supplied by the National Weather Service--just the temperature apparatus and a fancy, though prone to be bone dry, rain gauge.

We say luckily we don't have the wind gauges, because at least I don't have to add that burden to my already depressing statistics.

Some time ago I encountered a friend in a local store, and made a comment that the storm we'd had probably hurt the area's cotton. To which, this guy, like myself a "city slicker," replied, "Yeah, but I don't have a single row of cotton."

I beg to differ with this fellow, and maintain that if you live in our country, you have a major stake in its cotton, corn, sugarbeets, wheat, cattle and all of the other agricultural products. You may not market them directly, but indirectly you have just as much invested as do our farmer-rancher friends.

Rain, damn you, rain!



REGIONAL GOLD...Benji Mitard (middle) is shown on the number one block at the Regional Track Meet in Levelland this past weekend. Benji won two gold medals in both hurdle races. He will be competing at the State Track Meet in Austin on May 13. This is the second straight year that Benji has made it to state.

## B. Mitard Qualifies For State

The Bovina Mustang boys track team acquired 34 points in the regional track meet in Levelland this past weekend to place fourth in the team standings. The boys set some high standards for others to follow in future seasons.

Martin Reyna was the only freshman to make the finals in the 800 meter run and finished sixth with his second-fastest time of the year, 2:08.

Tony Beauchamp was the only freshman to make the finals in the 400 meter dash, and he also finished sixth. He ran a 53.7.

The 1600 meter relay set new school records in consecutive days with a 3:30 on Friday and a 3:28.8 on Saturday. The relay finished third behind Shamrock and Paducah. Benji Mitard led off the relay, followed by Tony Beauchamp, Robert Perez, and Albert Larrea.

Every person ran a personal best leg in the race which contributed to setting the new record.

Benji Mitard made it to state for the second straight year. Benji won the gold in both hurdle races with very impressive times. Benji will run in Austin Saturday, May 13.

"We want to thank everyone from Bovina who made the trip to Levelland to watch the team run. We had the largest crowd and it excited the runners and all the coaches," said coach Bruce Beets.

## A. Willard Third At Regionals

Bovina Fillie regional qualifiers Brooke Charles and Amber Willard competed in the Regional meet on April 28-29 in Levelland.

Brooke placed fourth in both of her races, the 1600 meter and 3200 meter run. Her times were 5:55.83 and 13:17.81 respectively.

Amber raced to a photo finish third place in the 100 meter dash in a time of 13.2 to become the region's alternate in that event. Amber also competed in the shot put. Her best put was 30'9".

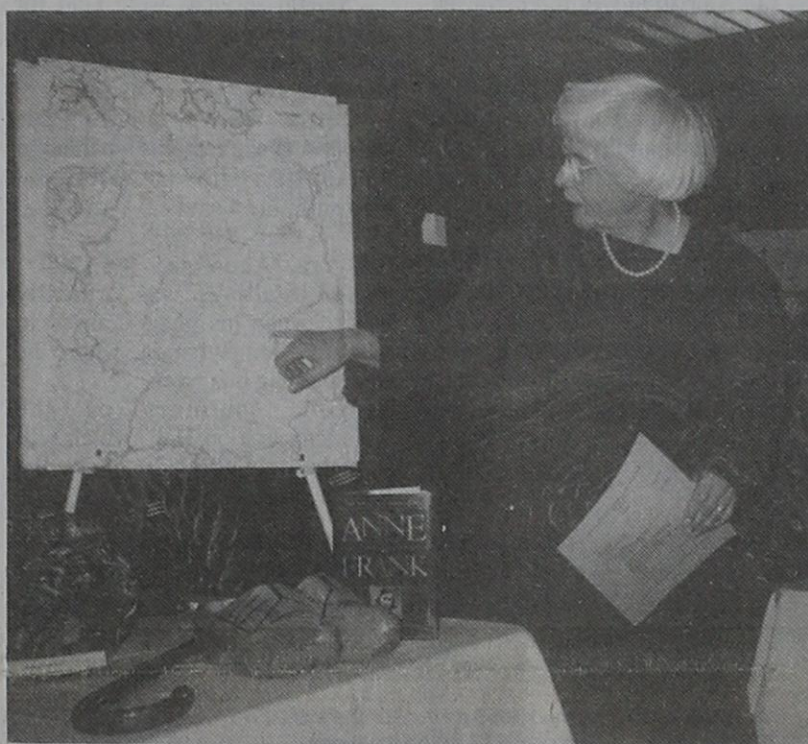
"Both girls have had an outstanding season. They have done a wonderful job of representing Bovina High School," said their coach, Kathy Rundell.

## Music Evangelist To Sing Locally

Music evangelist Sharyn Morrow will be special guest at First Baptist Church on Mothers' Day, May 14, in the morning worship hour at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Morrow founded Sharyn Morrow Music Ministries some nine years ago and is based in Clarendon, Texas. She sings sacred, full gospel, and contemporary gospel, and has done concerts, revivals, and special music both in churches and evangelistic crusades.

Sharyn's family travels with her



FEATURED SPEAKER---Ann Corn of Bovina was the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Friona Friends of the Library which was held last Sunday afternoon in the Old Depot in the Friona City Park. The theme for the meeting was "Remembering The War Years" and the building was decorated by the Heritage Society with old war uniforms and artifacts from the forties. Ann told of her experiences while growing up under Hitler's rule, and the hardships endured by her family because their home was located in a much-disputed area of Czechoslovakia near the German border.

## Election Is Today

Today is the election for Bovina ISD school board and the Bovina City election which will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The school board election will take place at Bovina High School and the city election at the EMS Building.

Six candidates are currently running for three slots in the May 6 Bovina School Board election. The four candidates listed on the ballot are incumbents Mike Beauchamp and Dennis Willard, and candidates Bob Owen and Velma Grisham, while Jose Alonzo and Justin Brozek have filed as write-in candidates.

Four people will run for the three alderman positions in the Bovina City Election, Garry Beauchamp, Galen Hromas, Rick Anderson, and Earl Quintana. Holdover members of the council are Joe Olvera and Kenneth Waters.

95% of her ministry. Her husband, Earl, works for the Texas Highway Department. She has two children, age 22 and nine. Sharyn and her whole family is committed to this ministry.

Pastor Richard Grisham invites everyone to come and enjoy Sharyn Morrow's concert for Mothers' Day. "This is meant to be a special way of saying to our mothers, 'We love you!' Sharyn will be singing to glorify the Lord and as a tribute to our wives and mothers." A love offering for Mrs. Morrow will be taken.

## FFA-Ag Banquet Is Announced

The annual FFA-Ag Banquet will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bovina School Cafeteria.

This banquet is free of charge for all FFA and ag supporters and all parents of FFA and ag class members.

The menu will consist of brisket, baked potatoes, corn, salad, rolls and cobbler.

A drawing for a yard sign will be held.

Mark McAlister, Bovina ag teacher, encourages all parents, ag students and supporters to come and enjoy the banquet.

## Two Local Winners in Contest

Clovis Community College sponsored a poster contest on "drug awareness" and winners were announced at a reception on April 26.

Alejandra Aguillon, a Bovina fifth grader won first place in the grades 4-6 category. She was awarded a thirty dollar gift certificate from Clovis Community College bookstore and a first place ribbon.

Jose Castaneda from Bovina Middle School won third place in the grades 7-9 division. He was awarded a ten dollar gift certificate from the Clovis Community College bookstore and a third place ribbon.

All Bovina sixth and eighth grade art students entered this contest, as well as all Bovina fifth graders.

The poster contest was sponsored by CCC Drug/Alcohol Education Task Force and posters were judged on message 40%, originality/creativity 30%, and overall appeal 30%. The posters could show any idea to help others see the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

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KAREN SADDLER

## K. Saddler Is 'Student Of The Wk'

Karen Saddler, the 18-year-old daughter of Leon and Elois Saddler, has been chosen as this week's "student of the week" at Bovina High School. She is a senior.

Karen was a member of the one-act play this year and has been active in FCA, FFA, and FHA.

Karen's hobbies include spending time with her family and friends and talking on the phone and listening to music.

Karen is a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

## Special Ed. Testing Set Thursday

Each year the Special Education Cooperative of Parmer County does testing and screening for children three to five years old who may need some extra help before starting school.

To be eligible for these services through our Special Education Early Childhood Program, the child must be three years old and must show a problem in learning or a problem in development.

The persons to do the testing will be in the Bovina schools on Thursday, May 11 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. We will be located at Ridgelea School.

If you have a child that may need these services, please bring them for testing during the above hour.

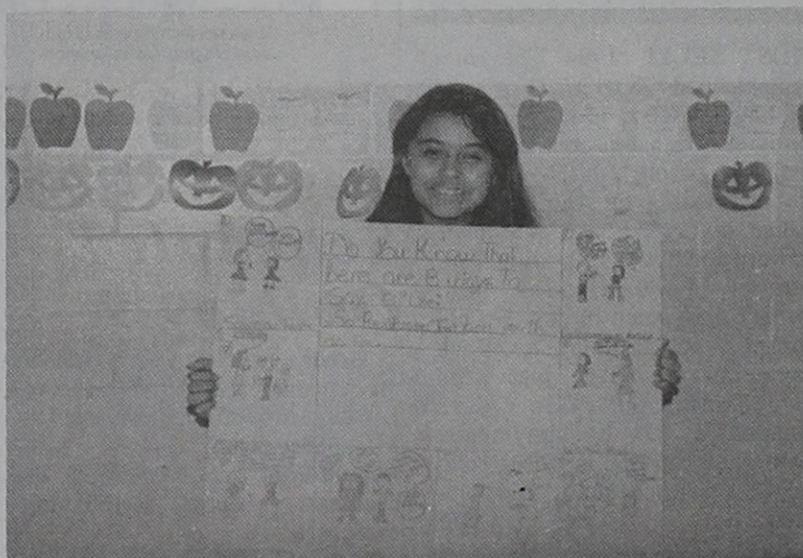
If you have questions please call, Sue Beene, director of special education at (806) 247-3315.

## Registration Scheduled On May 9

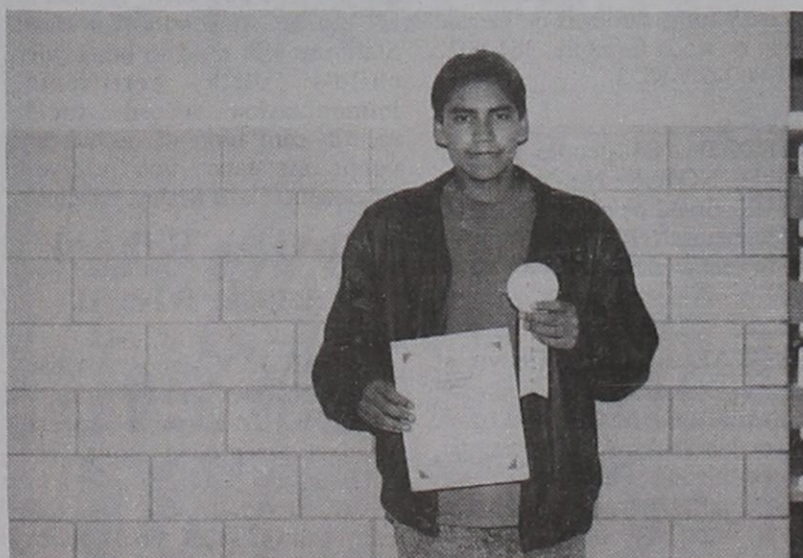
Bovina Schools will be having pre-registration for Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten on May 9 from 3-4:30 p.m. Registration will be held in the Elementary Library at the main campus.

Any child four years of age by September 1, 1995 will be eligible to register for Pre-Kindergarten. Any child five years of age by September 1 will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

"Please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card. In order to fill out an application for Head Start you will need to bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, proof of income, any public assistance you receive," commented Darla Sealey, principal.



ALEJANDRA AGUILLON is shown holding her poster on drug awareness that won her the first place ribbon in the grades 4-6 category in the "drug awareness" poster contest at Clovis Community College. She won a \$30 gift certificate from the Clovis Community College Bookstore.



JOSE CASTANEDA is shown with his third place ribbon he won in a poster contest on drug awareness at Clovis Community College. He was awarded a \$10 gift certificate from Clovis Community College Bookstore. He was third place winner in the grades 7-9 division of the contest.



**BROOKE CHARLES** (right) is shown competing in the 3200 meter run at district meet a couple weeks ago.

## County's Ground Water Declines

Parmer County ground water levels declined an average of 3.46 feet in 1994 in 97 privately-owned wells in the observation well network maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in its 546,400 acre service area within the county. This represents a decrease of 283,581 acre-feet of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in the portion of Parmer County within the Water District boundaries.

"Dry soil conditions during the past two years have increased the demand for ground water. In some heavy water use areas, there was a greater amount of decline in 1994 than in previous years," says Don McReynolds, High Plains Water District Technical Division Director.

Ground water levels within the Water District's Parmer County service area declined 1.57 feet during the 10-year period from 1985 to 1995. An average annual decline of 2.32 feet was recorded during the five-year period from 1990 to 1995.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.7 million acre Water District service area had an average decline of 2.15 feet from January 1993 to January 1994. This is a net decrease of about 2,160,750 acre-feet of ground water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the Water District service area.

A zero average annual change in ground water levels was recorded for the first time in the Water District's history in 1985. Depth-to-water measurements revealed an average ground water level rise of 0.50 of a foot in 1986; an average rise of 0.90 of a foot in 1987; an average decline of 0.51 of a foot in 1988;

an average decline of one foot in 1989; an average decline of 1.06 feet in 1990; an average decline of 0.73 of a foot in 1991; an average rise of 0.14 of a foot in 1992; and an average decline of 1.46 feet in 1993.

A network of 1,184 privately-owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The depth-to-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year in order to allow water levels to stabilize from the pumping during the previous growing season.

By comparing the current depth-to-water measurements with those taken the previous year, McReynolds says Technical Division staff members can determine what changes have occurred in the ground water levels.

Of the 15 counties or portions of counties making up the High Plains Water District, only Randall County recorded an average rise in depth-to-water levels in 1994. The counties with average declines in depth-to-water levels in 1994 were Armstrong, Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, and Potter Counties.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District will be published in the April issue of The Cross Section.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the depth-to-water levels at one-, five-, and 10-year intervals are also printed.

## Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

### 35 Yrs. Ago--May 4, 1960

Roger Ezell uncorked a 149-5 toss last week in workouts before his trip to Austin this week to throw in state discus competition.

Army Pvt. Norman E. Killough, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Killough of Bovina, recently completed eight weeks of advanced individual training with the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood.

Julia Calaway, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Calaway, was rushed to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Wednesday suffering from a rattlesnake bite.

### 30 Yrs. Ago--May 5, 1965

Valedictorian of Bovina High School's 1965 graduation class is Lynn Looney. She has an average of 95.31 during her four years in high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Looney.

Army Pvt. Jerry L. Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rouel G. Barron of Bovina, was assigned April 19 to the 25th Infantry division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

### 25 Yrs. Ago--May 6, 1970

Stuart McMeans broke the state record this weekend at the state qualifiers meet in Lubbock in his event, 330-yard low hurdles.

Loy Christian will represent the BHS Filly track team at the state meet in Abilene on May 15. She won that right by taking third place in the high jump at the regional meet in Panhandle Friday. Loy jumped 4-10, breaking the school record she had previously set.

### 20 Yrs. Ago--May 7, 1975

Mike Reilly of Canyon is Bovina's city marshall. Reilly, 26, was one of nine applicants for the position and was employed at a special called meeting of the Bovina City Council last week. He began his new duties here Tuesday morning.

Freshman Pat Shepherd of Bovina High School came home from her first Class A state track meet with a third place in the shot put and a fifth place in the discus throw.

### 15 Yrs. Ago--May 14, 1980

Two longtime sheriffs from neighboring counties, Charles Lovelace and Dee Clements, were recognized at a dinner for peace officers.

Honor students for the 1980 graduating class are: Laura Widner, Jo Beth Monk, Kirtus Garrison, Annette Stevenson, Denise Read and Kara Mills.

Haden Walling and Lou Ann Harbison exchanged wedding vows on May 2.

Funeral services were held for Ernest Sell, 71, of Littlefield. He was Ernest Minter's father.

### 10 Yrs. Ago--May 18, 1985

Bovina High School will be represented at the state track and field meet in Austin this weekend by Marie Pesch. Marie qualified in three events: the shot put, hurdles and high jump. She was regional champion in the shot put.

Judge Porter Roberts was shown signing a resolution proclaiming May 8 as "Teacher Day" in Parmer County.

Funeral services were held for Alma Vassey, 93, of Vernon, a former Bovina resident for twenty years.

Dottie Ward's condition is serious and she remains a patient in the Clovis High Plains Hospital after suffering a stroke.

### 5 Yrs. Ago--May 9, 1990

Ted Stallings was critically burned when his plane crashed in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he was spraying this week.

Work continues on the American Legion Hall, which will soon be a building to house the Bovina Ambulance and equipment.



**JERRY WARE...The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Jerry Ware cordially invite you to join them in celebrating her 90th birthday with the gift of your presence on Saturday, May 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the First Bank reception area in Bovina.**

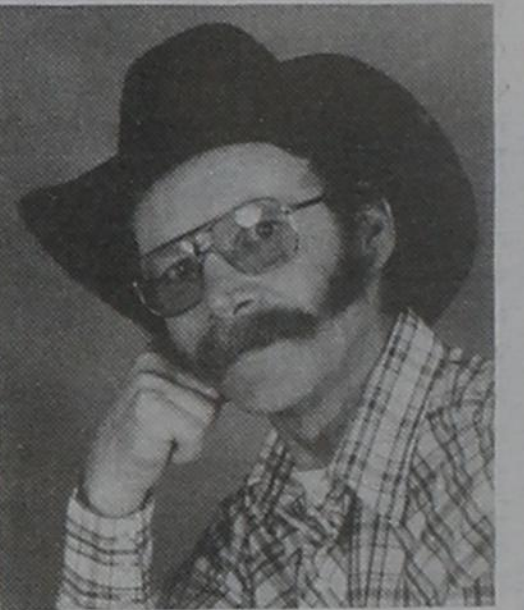
## Services Held For S. Miller

Funeral services for Stanley Miller, 63, of Farwell were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at First Baptist Church in Bovina. Rev. Richard Grisham conducted the services.

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

Miller died April 30, 1995 at the Farwell Convalescent Center. He was born October 27, 1931 in Albany, New York.

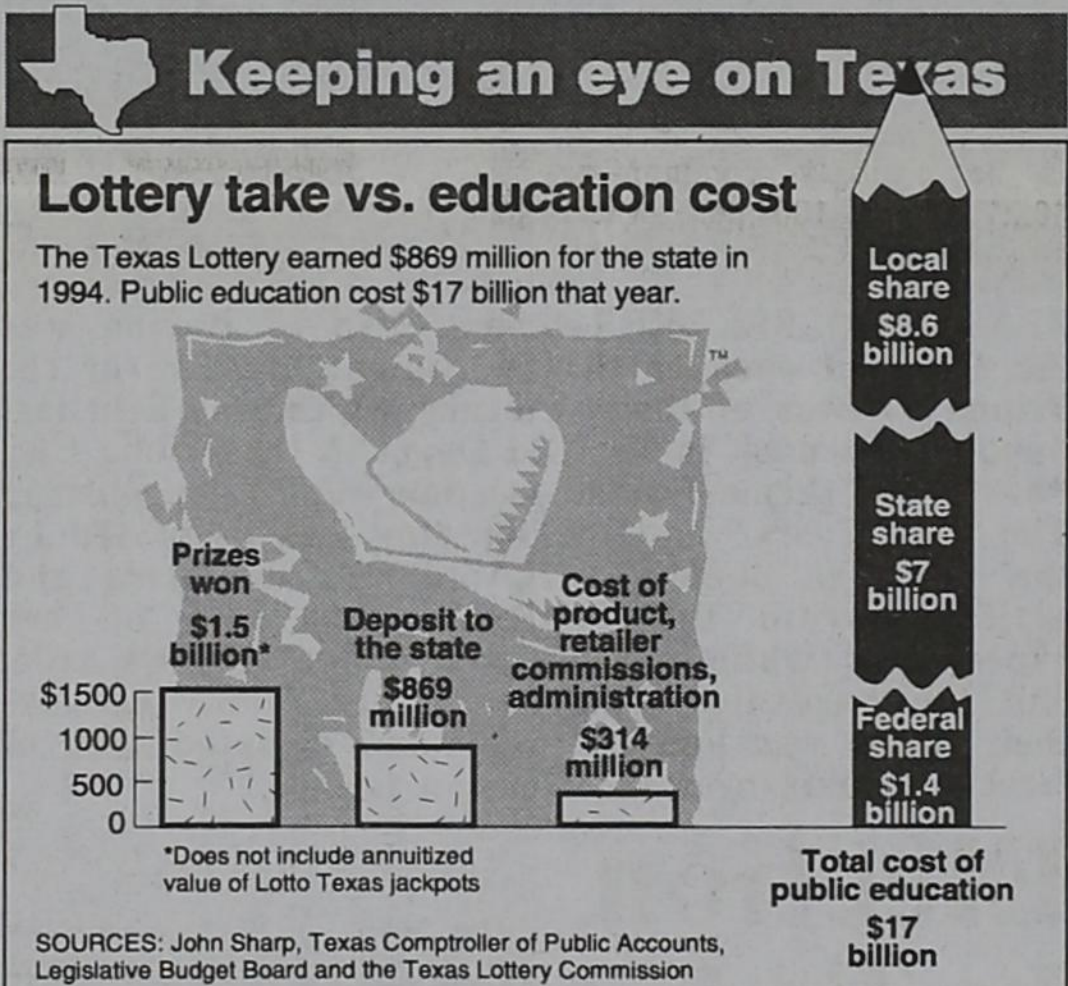
He was a retired Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam and receiving a purple heart and bronze star in 1968 while in Vietnam. He was a member of the VFW, the Catholic Church and received a degree in conservation from the National School of Conservation in 1972.



**STANLEY MILLER**

Survivors include two sons, Stan Miller and Bill Miller, both of Bovina; three daughters, Jody Stanberry of Phoenix, Arizona, Leslie Morrow of Flagstaff, Arizona and Laurie Miller of Tampa Bay, Florida; and his mother, Veronica Miller of Miami, Florida.

Also, one brother, Barry Miller of Detroit, Michigan; one sister, Veronia Miller of Detroit, Michigan and six grandchildren.



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## Bovina School Lunch Menu

- Week of May 8-12**
- MONDAY**--tacos, cheese, salad, corn, cake, fruit and milk.
  - TUESDAY**--steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.
  - WEDNESDAY**-- lasagna, carrot sticks, salad, bread sticks, fruit and milk.
  - THURSDAY**-- ham and cheese croissants, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, fruit and milk.
  - FRIDAY**--grilled cheese sandwich, chicken soup, pickles, carrot sticks, fruit and milk.

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT--**County Extension secretary. Must be a resident of Parmer County and have previous office experience with typing abilities. Apply at the County Extension office, third floor of the Courthouse in Farwell, 481-3619. Position will become open on June 1, 1995. Applications will be taken through May 15, 1995. Equal Opportunity Employer. 42-1tc

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**HONOREE....**Lucille Thomas has been named "Resident of the Month" at Prairie Acres. She has been a resident at the nursing home since June 27, 1989. Barbara Reid, a Registered Nurse at the home since November 2, 1994, was selected as "Employee of the Month." She works the night shift and was unavailable for the photograph.

### Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL McINTOSH  
I would like to wish happy birthday greetings to the following: Lunie Fleming, May 17, 1917; Raymond White, May 19, 1918; Vada Reed, May 23, 1909; Roy Eastep, May 12, 1898; Teresa Juarez, Elizabeth Romero, Patti Casarez, Janie Balderaz, Eileen Gomez, Susan Renner, Kathy Ortiz, Connie Clark, Laura Rosales and Angela Escalante. Hope everyone had a good one.

Prairie Acres would like to welcome the following: Carl Martin and Florence Hughes from Friona and Mary Jane Wilson from Bovina. Come by and say "Hi."

Thank you's this week go to: American Legion V.F.W. for the candy baskets they brought to the

residents and the candy tray for the nurse's station; Wana Brewer for the very nice flag; Methodist Church for the Easter lillies; Women's Fellowship and Congregational Church for the Easter baskets; all the ladies for coming to do hair care and to the church organizations for having Sunday worship services.

We also want to thank the Senior Citizens for inviting us to the monthly luncheon. As always, the residents really enjoyed going across the street for this. They also enjoyed the entertainment of Marca Lynn Herring and Kim Caffey.

Sympathies go out to the following families: Joe Barber, who had been a resident since August 2, 1994 and to Isabel Villa, a resident since August 31, 1993.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In memory of Ora Mae Anthony: Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr.

In memory of G.E. Elliot: Ann Barker, Harold and Trell Taylor, Nelson and Lorraine Welch, John and LaVon Renner, Bulah McBroom, Madge Crow and Jean K. Anthony Family.

In memory of J.D. Gaines: Beulah Miller.

In memory of May Green: V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 1413.

In memory of Truett Johnson: Nelson and Lorraine Welch.

In memory of Dollie Pickett: V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 1413.

In memory of Ethel Ruth Spring: Nelson and Lorraine Welch.

In memory of Travis Stone: V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 1413.

Elaine White, bride-elect of Brent Harmon, would like to honor the following people: Doris Barnett, Barbara Brown, Karene Cass, Betty Chaney, Joyce Dickson, Melody Drake, Deidre Ferguson, Kitty Gallman, Sharon Gordon, Marca Lynn Herring, Evelyn Mars, Elizabeth McLellan, Tommie Mercer, Connie Neelley, Valoris Osborn, Jan Parker, Glenda Procter, Charlotte Ratcliff, Nancy Roden, Adabeth Smith, Katherine Smith, Jeanette Thurman and Linda White, by making a contribution to the Love Fund.

## Conservation Tillage Is A Good Practice

By Thomas Reed, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Conservation tillage is a broad term used to describe using less tillage than traditional or conventional tillage.

Minimum tillage, no-till, and ridge-till are other terms used to describe this practice also.

By Natural Resources Conservation Service's standards it would mean leaving at least 30 percent of the previous year's stubble or at least 1000 lbs./acre crop residues on the soil surface until planting time.

The benefits of conservation tillage generally outweigh the negatives, depending on who you ask. The obvious benefits such as reduced fuel costs and labor requirements are what first attract farmers to this concept.

Disappointments are often encountered when herbicide uses are increased or furrow irrigation systems are blocked by excess trash. Every farm is different and experimentation is a must.

It may be that an extra trip across the land with a water furrower is necessary to allow better water flow. Cattle can complicate things by compacting the soil. Every case is different.

The long term benefits of conservation tillage cannot always

be measured in the first year's profit.

You expect things such as improved water penetration and storage in the soil, decreased runoff, lower soil temperatures, reduced evaporation and transpiration, reduced soil erosion by water and wind, reduced soil compaction, increased micro-bacterial activity, and better soil tilth.

These benefits will continue to improve the productivity of your soil as you continue to farm.

The amount of crop residue on the soil surface has a direct effect upon the soil temperature. The more residue, the lower the soil temperature resulting in decreased evaporation and plant transpiration making more water available for plant use.

Bare soil temperatures can reach 145 degrees when the air temperature is 100 degrees. Soil bacteria will die at these temperatures.

Crop residues allow better water penetration by slowing down the velocity of runoff. The soil type dictates how much is absorbed per hour but stubble on the surface, contour farming and furrow dikes can aid the process.

Conservation tillage requires more than anything a change of thought. You must be able to experience change, adapt by trial and error and cease to farm out of habit.

The best way to get started is to try one field for a couple of years, keep your eyes open to methods that are working for others and talk to other farmers who have made it work for them.

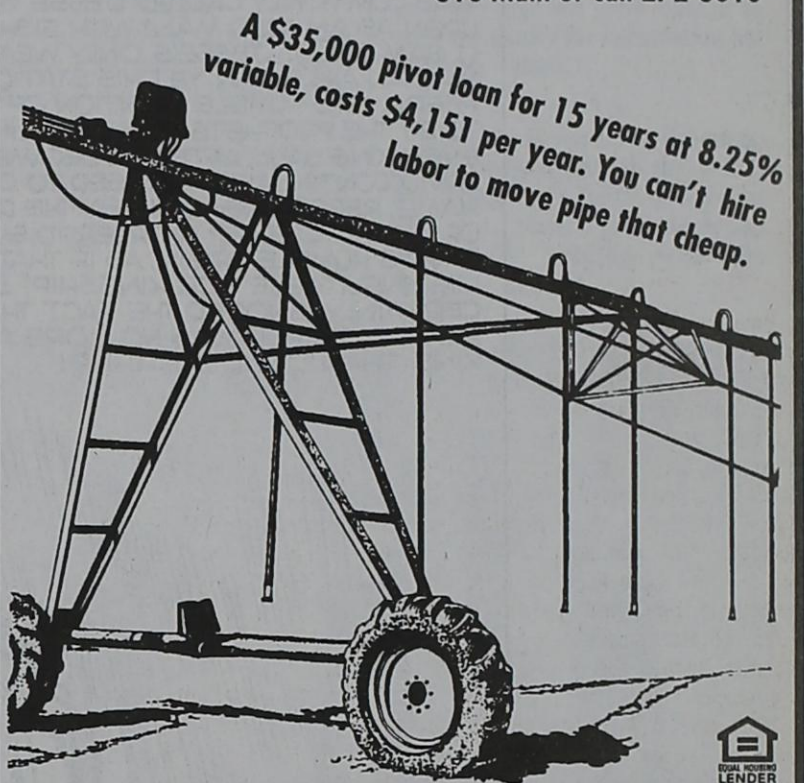
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## Isabel Villa's Rites Held

Services for Isabel Villa, 87, of Friona were held on Tuesday, May 2 at Church of the First Born in Bovina with pastor Rosendo Lara officiating.

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

Mr. Villa died April 29, 1995 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

He was born November 5, 1907 in Rosita, Mexico. He married Maria Alvaraz.

Mr. Villa had been a resident of Friona for the past year moving from Bovina where he had lived for the past seven years. He was a retired sales representative for an El Paso Fertilizer distributor. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Maria Villa of Bovina; four sons, Alfonso Villa of Bellflower, California, Hector Villa of San Antonio, Ricardo Villa of El Paso, Marco Villa of Bovina.

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(From The Friona Animal Humane Society)

- \*"My dog barks too much."
- \*"I just bought new furniture and my cat sheds its black hair on the white fabric."
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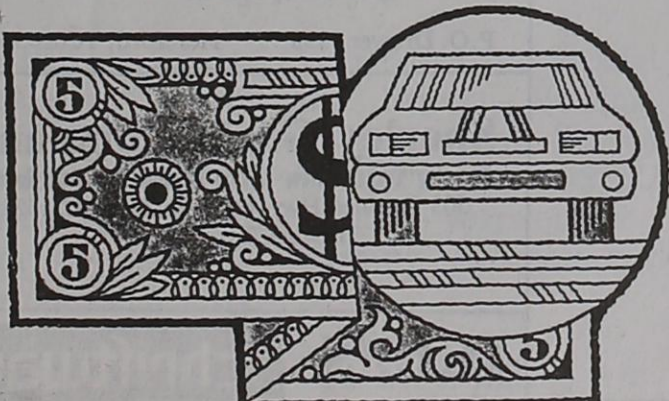
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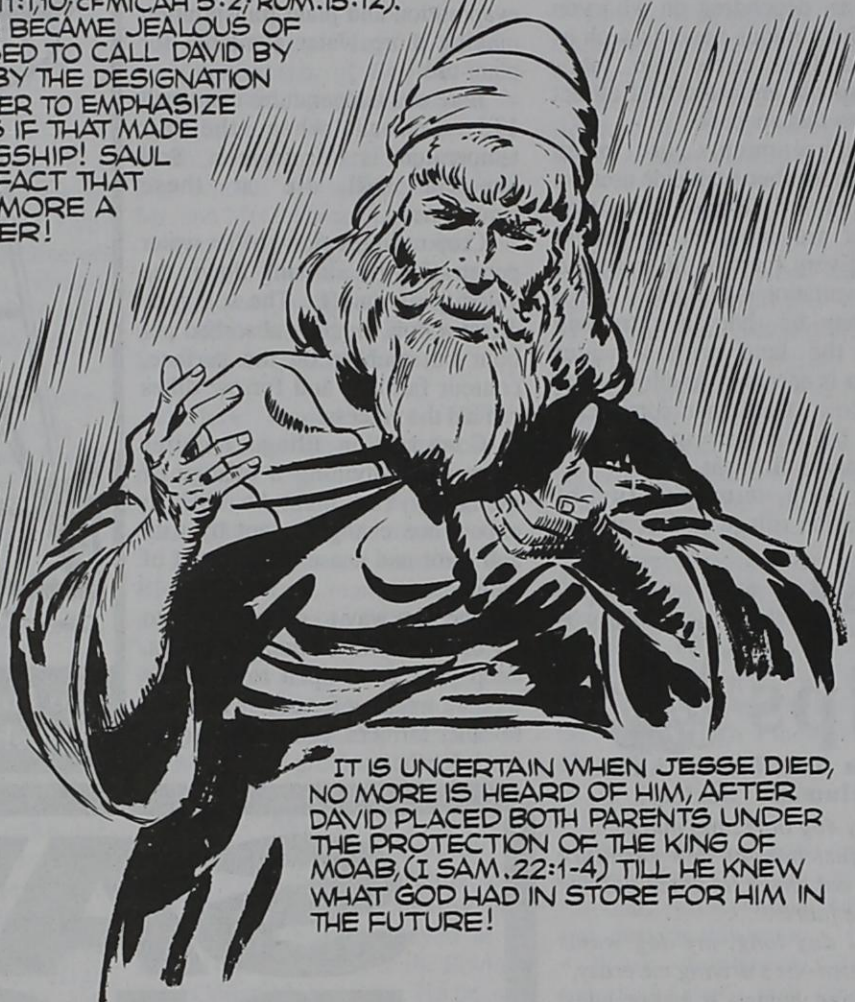
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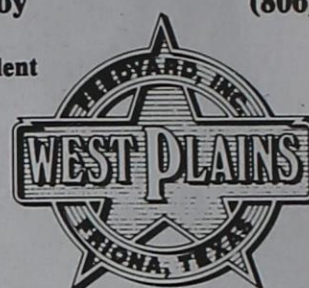
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**BOOK SIGNING---**Carol and Bill Ellis attended a book signing party held last week at the Edward D. Jones office in Hereford for Jim Steiert. Jim's book "Playas, Jewels of the Plains" has just been published by Texas Tech University Press. The book is beautifully illustrated by the photographs of Wyman Meinzer. Jim is best known in this area as the editor of *Co-Op Connection*, the monthly newsletter of West Texas Rural Telephone.

## Bovina Jr. Riders Assn. Gives Playday Results

The BJRA (Bovina Junior Rider's Association) hosted the first of a series of playdays at the Bovina Roping Arena on April 30. "We had 23 kids compete, and they all did great! We hope more will come next month, May 28 at 1 p.m.," said Donna Ware, secretary for the BJRA, "we hope to see more kids and less wind!"

- Results are:
- Barrels 5 & under: Macy Martin 57:44, Danielle Bentley 1:03, Chase Timms 1:04, Dalton Cockerham 1:08, Brett Anderson 1:17, Michelle Zolman 1:35.
  - Barrels 6-7: Justin Ware 25:29, Luke London 41:25, Bobby Bentley 54:63, Zane Anderson 1:03, Amber Bandy 1:05, Skyla Cockerham 1:10, Elisa Smith (no time).
  - Barrels 8-9: Shonnah Black 24:94.
  - Barrels 10-13: Jessica King 18:85, Savannah Black 33:24, Mandy Martin 33:33, Chad Bentley 36:16, Krysta Cockerham 36:78, Trevor Fields 46:94.
  - Barrels 14-19: Robin Grantham 20:09, Ryan Dyer 24:66, Tobyn Dyer (no time).
  - Flags 5 & under: Macy Martin 33:31, Danielle Bentley 54:41, Brett Anderson 1:02, Chase Timms 1:09, Michelle Zolman 1:31, Dalton Cockerham 1:32.
  - Flags 6-7: Justin Ware 14:88, Elisa Smith 36:59, Zane Anderson 37:16, Luke London 38:16, Amber Bandy 55:51, Bobby Bentley 1:02, Skyla Cockerham 2:29.
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  - Flags 14-19: Robin Grantham 10:46, Tobyn Dyer 10:90, Ryan Dyer 13:14.
  - Poles 5 & under: Macy Martin 59:10, Dalton Cockerham 1:14, Chase Timms 1:15, Brett Anderson 1:35, Danielle Bentley 1:42.
  - Poles 6-7: Justin Ware 50:53, Luke London 52:81, Amber Bandy 1:06, Zane Anderson 1:12, Skyla Cockerham 1:17, Elisa Smith 1:35.

- Bobby Bentley (no time).
- Poles 8-9: Shonnah Black 28:34.
- Poles 10-13: Jessica King 25:45, Savannah Black 29:47, Chad Bentley 41:07, Krysta Cockerham 42:47, Mandy Martin 42:74, Trevor Fields 43:50.
- Poles 14-19: Robin Grantham 28:84, Ryan Dyer 29:78, Tobyn Dyer 1:01.
- Stakes 5 & under: Macy Martin 16:56, Dalton Cockerham 16:68, Chase Timms 21:95, Brett Anderson 27:34, Danielle Bentley 33:71.
- Stakes 6-7: Justin Ware 12:06, Luke London 16:00, Zane Anderson 10:22, Bobby Bentley 26:93, Skyla Cockerham 27:00, Amber Bandy 53:27, Elisa Smith 1:08.
- Stakes 8-9: Shonnah Black (no time).
- Stakes 10-13: Jessica King 9:25, Savannah Black 12:75, Mandy Martin 13:44, Chad Bentley 13:74, Trevor Fields 13:87, Krysta Cockerham 24:09.
- Stakes 14-19: Robin Grantham 8:93, Ryan Dyer 9:12, Tobyn Dyer 19:52.

## Two Slated To Receive Degrees

Two students from Bovina are among the 388 spring graduate candidates at Eastern New Mexico University, with 20 students receiving associate degrees, 308 receiving bachelor's degrees and 60 receiving master's degrees. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 will graduate summa cum laude, while 3.7 to 3.9 grade point average students will graduate magna cum laude. Cum Laude graduates must have a 3.6 to 3.69 GPA. Students with a 3.25 to 3.59 GPA graduate with "honors." The students are Sarlia S. Clayton, bachelor of science education in elementary education; and Joanna G. Windle, bachelor of science education in elementary education.

### Free Diagnostic Clinic

The Parmer County Cooperative for Special Education 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 Ridgelea Elementary School, Thursday, May 11, 1995, from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.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 Beene, Director of Special Education at 247-3315.

# Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



Bovina residents have had almost all kinds of weather this week from dust storms to even a little shower that cooled things a bit. Seems we always have the winds but that is West Texas and we wouldn't swap our weather for any other part of the country.

**NEWS AROUND TOWN...**  
Artie Faye O'Hair suffered a broken hip when she fell at her home on Wednesday of this week. She was taken to the Clovis hospital by Bovina ambulance. She was alone but managed to crawl to the telephone and call 911. She underwent a hip replacement on Thursday. Her son, Mike, and daughter Claudia came to Bovina to be with her this week. Our thoughts are with Artie, she's such a dear person.

Leslie and Rose McCain went to Lubbock Sunday and visited with their folks in the hospital. They visited with Les' aunt, Irene Ward at St. Mary's Hospital and also visited with Eldon Hill of Littlefield who underwent knee surgery. Eldon is Leslie's brother-in-law.

Stan Miller died Sunday and funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Bovina. Stan had been a resident of the Farwell Convalescent home for a long time. We express our sympathies to the family.

Jack and Ona Patterson had a good time with grandson, Donnie Shamblin, his wife Carrie and their son Clay of Amarillo. They spent the weekend with the Pattersons and attended church together Sunday.

My mother, Meca West of Hereford, has been in the hospital for the past week with heart

## Burrows/Scaff Plan To Marry

Lena Burrows and Blake Scaff announce their engagement and approaching marriage. They will marry May 20 at the Lubbock County Courthouse Gazebo. The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dougherty of Clovis, New Mexico, is a graduate of the University of Texas Arlington, and is employed by Early Learning Center of Lubbock. The future bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scaff of Bovina, is a graduate of Texas Tech University, and is employed by Chelsea's Street Pub and Grill of Lubbock.

problems and was released on Tuesday. She is staying with me now and my brothers, Oliver and Preston West of Moriarty, New Mexico came over one day this week and spent the night. Preston's wife, Nan, was also with them and we had a good visit and our mother

## Happy Birthday Bovina!!!

- May 7--Joyce Gilbreath, Todd Schilling.
  - May 9--Luis Ortiz.
  - May 12--Linda Heard.
  - May 13--Carolyn Langan, B. L. Marshall, Jerry Ware.
- (Editor's note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

## Monthly Clinics Are Scheduled

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for May. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B). The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. Immunizations are available in Friona at the WIC Office, 703 Main Street, on Friday, May 19 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m. The vaccinations will also be available at the Bovina Medical Clinic, 509 Avenue I, on Monday, May 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



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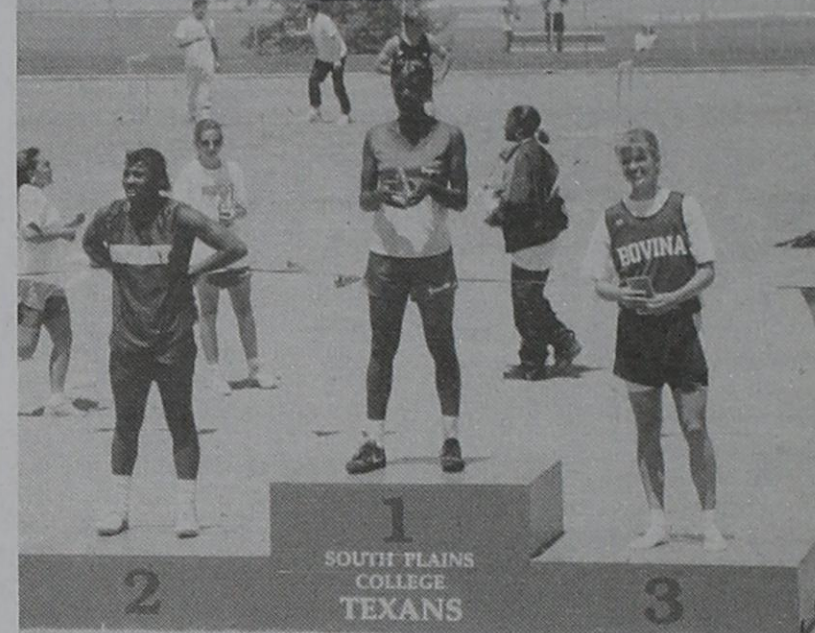
is getting along real well. \*\*\*\*\* Mace Cochran came back to her home in Bovina couple of weeks ago from her other home in Zapata, where she has been for several months. She said it was good to be back in Bovina and she will be here for a few months before she returns to Zapata. \*\*\*\*\*

Erma Bradshaw Schrader and husband, Carl, are home in Bovina. They came from their other home at Zapata where they were recently married and plan to be in Bovina. We welcome them to Bovina. She said they had been suffering with a type of flu but were feeling some better. \*\*\*\*\*

Dorothy Sorley's mother has been hospitalized but perhaps will be released this week. She is Mrs. Ernest Jones and in the hospital in Plainview. \*\*\*\*\*

Congratulations to Larry and Judy Hodnett on the birth of their grandson. Their daughter Jo Linda and her husband, Mike have a new baby boy but we were unable to reach the family for information but will have it later. \*\*\*\*\*

SMILE: If you think fishermen are the biggest liars in the world, ask a jogger how far he or she runs each day... Have a great week and thanks for helping with the Scoops.... Scooter.



**AMBER WILLARD (right)** is shown with her third place medal she received at the Regional Track Meet in Levelland this past weekend. She ran the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.2.



**MUSTANG RELAY TEAM...Shown** are members of the Mustang 1600 meter relay team (right) who placed third at the Regional Track meet in Levelland setting new school records. Relay members are Robert Perez, Benji Mitard, Tony Beauchamp, and Albert Larrea.

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# Former Resident Has Tea Room In DeKalb

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the Texarkana Gazette, featuring former Bovina resident Jo Pierson Eubanks and her husband Gary Eubanks a former Lazbuddie resident. Jo graduated from Bovina High School in 1970 and Gary from Lazbuddie High School in 1965. Jo is the daughter of D. W. and Alma Pierson of Bovina.)

DeKalb, Texas-- Area restaurant patrons, who usually travel to Dallas for fine China and old-fashioned surroundings, don't have to venture past DeKalb for elegant dining.

Long known as the birthplace of the rough and ready "Bonanza" TV star Dan Blocker, the town may now be taking on a more serene image with a local business that returns to yesteryear-- the Taste Bud Tea Room.

"We wanted it to be a place that has an old-fashioned Southern hospitality to it," said Jo Eubanks, Taste Bud Tea Room co-owner and manager. "We wanted it to be a place where people could come and feel like this is home."

Located on North Runnels Street, the restaurant sits in a quaint section of early 20th century brick and wood buildings in the downtown area.

"We've had a positive response from men as well as from women," Mrs. Eubanks said. "There aren't many places like this."

Flecked with multi-color forest and flowered wallpaper, the interior resembles a floral painting.

"I wanted the decor to be a cross between country French and English High Tea (4 p.m. tea time in England)," she said referring to tearooms' European origin.

From the walls hang embroidered pictures, candle ornaments and some watercolor paintings by local artists.

Each table setting consists of antique China and a traditional white tablecloth centered by a teacup full of sprouting flowers, which gives the restaurant an old-fashioned, home-like atmosphere.

Lush green plants coupled with

antique wooden furniture settings near the front door round out the restaurant's picturesque appearance.

"The older gentlemen like this place because it reminds them of the time that their mothers brought out the good dishes and good tablecloths at home," Mrs. Eubanks said. "It makes a definite impression."

Mrs. Eubanks said she collected much of the China from garage sales. Most of the dishes have gold trim, which prevents them from being used in microwave ovens.

The tea room's building began as a pool room around 1910-1912. It became a movie theater during the silent film era and remained a theater after sound came into vogue, she said.

The building later became a Sears & Roebuck store before eventually becoming the "Taste Bud."

The name "Taste Bud" itself reflects the restaurant's appearance since the phrase fuses the broader meaning of the two words together-- taste and bud, she said.

"Taste" meaning what appeals to people in general and "bud" referring to the tea room's floral decorations and flowery wallpaper, she said.

"The name 'Taste Bud' popped into my head just before I went to sleep one night," Mrs. Eubanks said.

After considering getting into the restaurant business for 10 to 15 years, Mrs. Eubanks and her husband, Gary, opened the restaurant November 29, 1993.

"My husband and I dreamed about a restaurant for a long time," she said. "If it were up to my husband the place would have been a little more casual-- a place where you could eat peanuts and throw the shells on the floor."

Cool to the idea at first because of uncertainty about a tea room's local appeal, Eubanks surrendered to his wife's idea.

"At first we both wondered if there was a market for this, but a lot of people in the area like to go to a place like this if they had the opportunity," she said.

While DeKalb did not seem like a tea room kind of town, the couple decided to open the business where

they lived.

"It's where we lived, and I also had a reputation as a cook-- that's what tipped the scales," she said.

"Gary told me I was too good at this not to be doing it professionally."

For many years prior to opening a restaurant, Mrs. Eubanks had garnered a reputation as one of the best dessert cake chefs in DeKalb for birthdays, weddings and anniversaries.

She also had some prior experience serving the public when she worked for the Dallas-based Home Interiors for four years.

Her job included hosting parties for prospective customers who would come in to view wall decorations, settings and ornaments. The job usually required serving food and refreshments.

Mrs. Eubanks still cooks for church socials and caters for DeKalb Independent School District as well as for several private occasions.

"I also do things the old-fashioned way-- I'm not politically correct," she said, referring to her use of real butter and real whipping cream in cakes. "you get a richness you don't get the other way."

Starting out with mostly female patrons the first few weeks it opened, the restaurant later attracted men. Mrs. Eubanks said she initially wanted to see the place become a social hideout for women.

"This still has not happened yet, but I also wanted there to be a place women could go to sit and visit like men do in bars," she said. "This time, instead of the wives calling and a bartender lying about their husbands not being there, women would have a place to go so when their husbands called, they could say they're not here."

Besides experiencing a brief gender barrier during the first two or three weeks it opened, the tea room also had to overcome a wrongly perceived dress code barrier.

"Many people thought you had to dress up to come in here, but you can basically come as you are," she said.

After nearly a year, Mrs. Eubanks, who also worked for a time in bridal sales, admits she still



Gary and Jo Eubanks own and manage the tea room.

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is learning how to order supplies and be a boss.

"Neither one of us worked in a restaurant before so this has been quite a learning process," she said.

But despite the couple's limited restaurant experience, the Taste Bud is becoming a social gathering place, she said.

"It's a place where people can meet in the afternoon to sit and visit-- it's something we all miss now."

The tea room is open every day except Tuesday. Mrs. Eubanks usually gets there between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. and stays until 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. six days a week.

The history of tea rooms in the United States is sketchy, but for a while, they died out during the last century before making a recent comeback mostly in the South because "Southern gentility" and "Southern hospitality" lend themselves more to tea rooms.

Despite their relative rarity for this area, some can be found in small East Texas towns like Mount Vernon, Winnsboro and Mineola. They also can be found in cities with many antique stores.

"Antique stores and tea rooms basically go hand in hand," Mrs. Eubanks said. "you just get an old-fashioned feeling here."

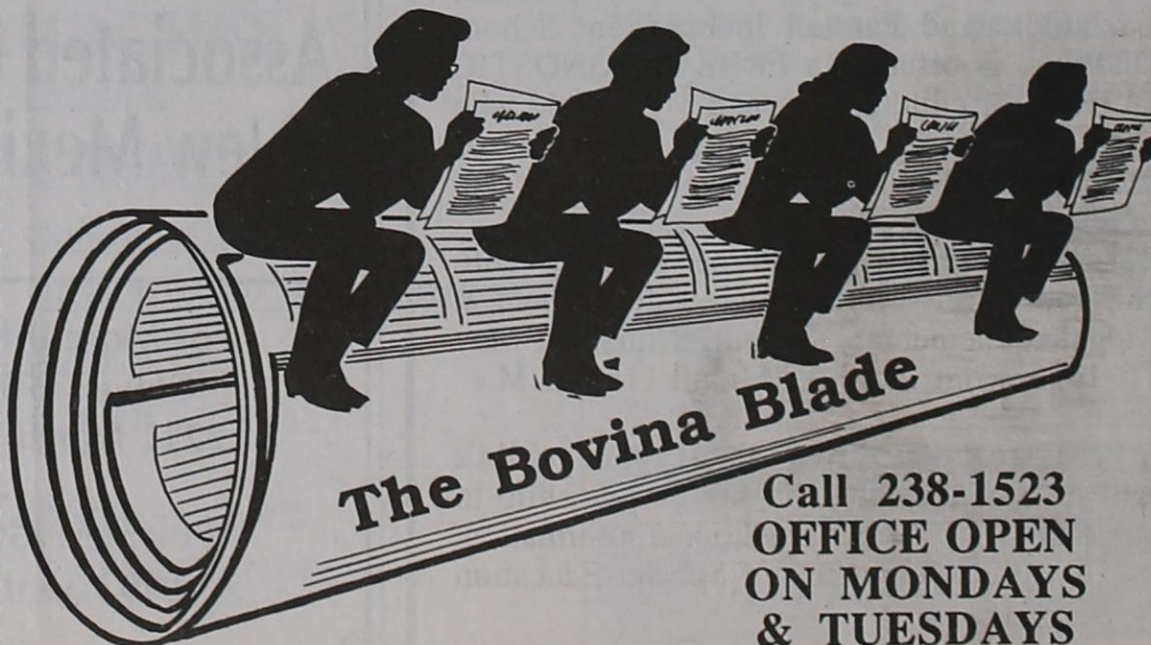


THE TASTE BUD...Jo Pierson Eubanks is shown in front of the establishment owned and operated by her and her husband Gary in DeKalb, Texas, "The Taste Bud Tea Room." Jo is a former Bovina resident and the daughter of D.W. and Alma Pierson.

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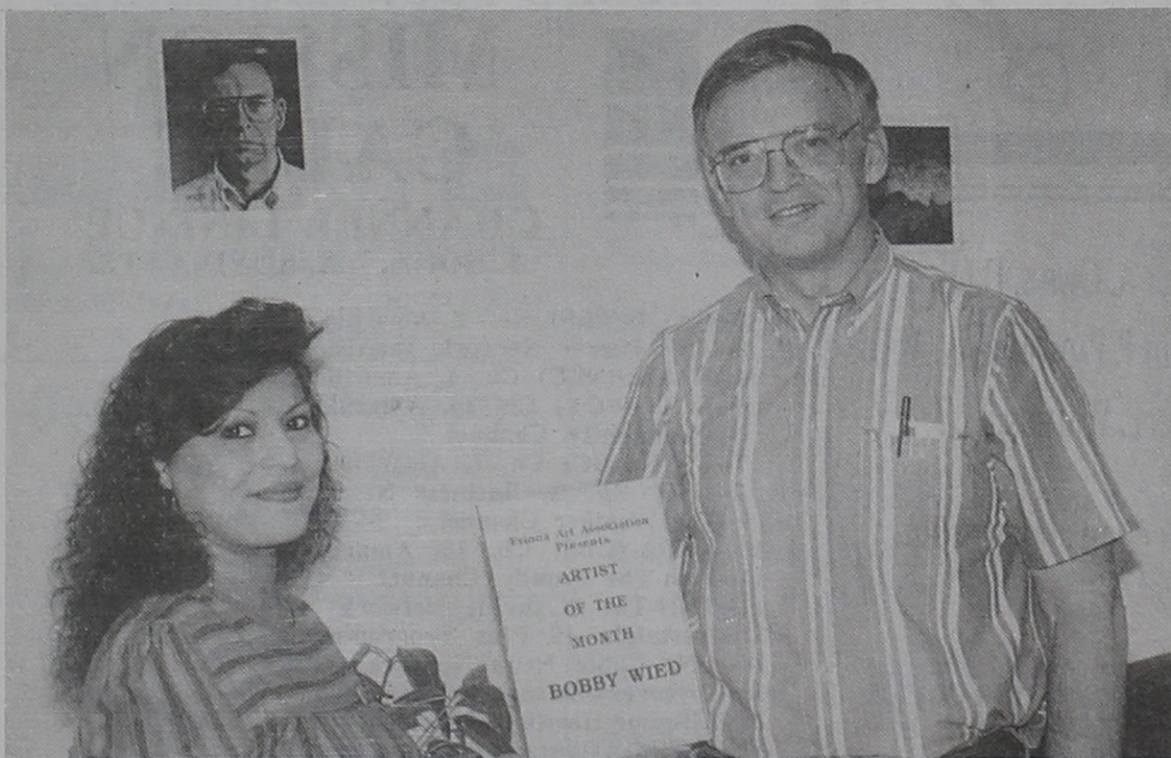


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