

# The Bovina Blade

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As of December 10, 1999

## 60,339

bales of cotton had been ginned in  
Parmer County.

Friona Star and Bovina Blade Survey

SIX PAGES



**NEW DEPUTY....**Parmer County Sheriff's Deputy Mike St. Clair's first weekend as a deputy turned into challenge. St. Clair came to work for the department last week just in time for the snow and ice storm. He is from the Ft. Worth area and earned his law enforcement certificate in Lubbock at South Plains College.

## Lazbuddie Youth Escapes Tragedy

It was a tragic day for Texas A&M after the bonfire stack collapsed, killing 12 students recently.

Among the many involved was Lazbuddie High School graduate and junior at Texas A&M, Heath Brown.

Heath was one of the many students taking part in stacking the wood for the bonfire when it suddenly collapsed, leaving mayhem in its wake.

Luckily, he sustained only minor physical injuries but the horror of that night will

always remain engraved in his memory.

His parents, Scott and Claire Brown, were informed of the incident by Heath early that morning and the dad commented that they are very fortunate.

"The community has been very supportive, and we've received lots of phone calls," he said.

No one is sure what exactly caused the collapse and are not sure that they ever will know.

**ONE OF THE BY-PRODUCTS** of the 20th century has been that every man, woman and child, every small business or large corporation, every doctor, lawyer, farmer, and Indian chief, has been assigned sets of numbers.

As usual, the government got the ball rolling in 1935 with the establishment of the Social Security Administration, which began its task of assigning Social Security numbers to all of the nation's wage-earners.

Workers were the only ones with such numbers for the first 60 or 70 years, until someone got the bright idea to have young children apply for their numbers. Today, a child cannot be enrolled in school, beginning with kindergarten, without their Social Security number.

When driver's licenses came along, those passing the driver's test were issued a license with their own number, which is theirs for their lifetime, or as long as they drive, whichever comes first.

When you make a telephone call, you use seven numbers for a local call, or eleven for long distance. For years, I served as "information" at the office for phone numbers locally. I have called--especially businesses--so many times that I memorized the numbers. (What they didn't know was I'd rather learn them than search for a 'phone book, or, God forbid, call information. Laziness is the mother of all sorts of things).

If you do credit business with a firm, you are given an account number. Our newspapers have accounts both locally and regionally for supplies of various natures, and all of these come with account numbers.

We have an account with Bi-Wize Drug. I like this one, because it's only three digits long. We also have one with Lowe's Supermarket. It is a four-digit number, and I can remember it part of the time. Both Bi-Wize and Lowe's realize that the population of Friona/Bovina isn't more than 9,999--so three or four digits are plenty.

I maintain three or four credit cards, one VISA, a couple of oil companies, and a couple of supply companies such as Office Depot or Office Max. The account numbers for the credit cards vary from 12 to 16 numbers.

If the Social Security system has operated since 1935 using only nine-digit numbers, why do some companies need 16?

Ye Editor, like most of you, received his new statement from Energas this week. Not to be outdone by VISA and MasterCard, Energas has won the title of "most ridiculous account numbering system."

A printed insert with this month's statement said "We recently assigned you a new 19-digit account number to facilitate bill payment." 19 DIGITS! The statement also says "In order to speed payment processing, please write your account number on your check or money order." The new numbers have one group of nine digits and another of seven.

With my failing eyesight (no sight at all in one eye), Ye Ed feels he can speak for all of us "seniors" when he says to Energas: "Balderdash."

Tell you what I'll do, Energas: I'll start writing the account number on my check when you "get real" and give us some sensible numbers. Until then, you can surely tell that the check I mail you each month is for the accompanying statement stub. If you don't get it correctly posted, I have made note of your "Have any questions?" phone number, and I'll be sure to call you.

If the government, which usually has the most assinine requirements of any kind, can get by on nine digits for 65 years, the gas company can surely do it.

My math-major son informs me that 19 digits equals "quintillion" or a billion billion. They don't have that many customers, obviously. I challenge my readers to join me in saying "get real" to the gas company.

I bet they'll still cash the checks without the 19-digit account number, and we'll still get proper credit. Let the guy who so smartly devised this numbering system write them on the checks, if it's so badly needed!

## Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



## Private Water Well Screening Day Set

The Parmer County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a water well screening day for area residents on December 14, 1999 at the following locations; Parmer County Extension Office by 5 p.m.

This well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water of possible contamination from two common contaminants. These contaminants are fecal coliform and nitrate.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces have microorganisms present that can cause a number of "waterborne" diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter (parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels

above 10 mg/L can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body. Nitrate is converted to nitrite which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin. Oxygen can not bind with methemoglobin, therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. As a result, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition is called methemoglobinemia. If left untreated, death may result. Infants less than six months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

The cost of the screening is \$3 per sample and you should contact the Parmer County Extension office by calling 806-481-3619 to receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking your well water sample. It is very important that only sampling bags from the Parmer County Extension office be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to insure accurate results.



**WHITE CHRISTMAS** came early this year as Bovina had 6-8 inches of snow last weekend and a similar amount Wednesday night. The snow on the shrubs and the sign wish a Merry Christmas from 1st Bank-Bovina. ron carr photo

## Christmas Card Fund At 1st Bank

The annual Christmas Card Fund has been established and is ready for donations at First Bank-Bovina.

The annual fund raising project benefits Bovina's EMS and Fire Department, who use the money to upgrade and maintain equipment to better serve the community.

Participants are asked to donate money to the Christmas Card Fund in lieu of sending Christmas cards or donate a like amount in addition to your Christmas cards.

You may drop off donations at First Bank or give to any EMS or fire department volunteer.

## Weekend Of Rain, Snow, Ice Paralyze Parmer County

The rain started last Friday night, turned to icy snow by 8 a.m. Saturday and fell fast enough to close Highway 60 from Hereford to Texico by noon.

The Hereford-Vega area claimed up to 10 inches of snow accumulation. All roads into Castro County were quickly closed.

Parmer County received 6 inches of the white stuff. The

temperature remained cold throughout Saturday resulting in the ice/snow combo staying on the ground, refreezing and causing continuing problems into Sunday.

Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger closed Highway 60 just before noon Saturday because of the icy conditions and extreme white out conditions due to the wind. The portion of the highway from Parmerton Hill west to Bovina was especially hazardous.

The Friona and Bovina volunteer firemen were called out to assist with the highway closing which lasted until about 6 p.m. Saturday.

Working as fast as they could, Texas Highway Department workers had their snow plow trucks busy during the height of the storm. They managed to clear a lane of Highway 60 to reopen the road, but the TX/DOT trucks were still at work as late as Monday.

Power outages affected area residents and businesses. Power provided by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative was out anywhere from 6 hours to 30 hours. Some customers had power out until Tuesday.

A DSEC press release stated that the combination of heavy ice/snow and gusts of wind to 40 miles-per-hour caused the power lines to bounce together and burn out. Ten of twenty-one DSEC substations were out of service at one time.

A major problem for DSEC workers was getting the crews down roads obstructed with 5 to 6 foot snowdrifts. One DSEC bucket truck rolled over into a ditch as the crew was restoring

power to a farm house. The truck sustained damage but no one was injured.

The DSEC spokesman said that many customers assisted DSEC trucks through snowdrifts with their tractors.

Feedyard managers at Friona Feedyard, Paco and Caprock said their power was out for 6-7 hours and they encountered a minimum of problems with cattle.

Scott Nelson, manager at Caprock, said that they were a few hours late feeding their cattle and for a period of time they could not pump water to them.

Nelson also said Caprock employees rounded up about 80 head of cattle for a neighbor and penned them until the owner picked them up Monday.

Many area ranchers reported similar problems with cattle drifting through broken fences. Law enforcement officials were kept busy with reports of cattle on the roads throughout the county.

Robert Zetzsche, who runs a daily mail truck between Amarillo, Friona and Bovina, was able to get from Amarillo to Parmer County on Saturday morning but could not make the return run Saturday afternoon. He managed to drive the mail back to Amarillo on Monday.

A one-vehicle rollover on Highway 60 near Summerfield on Monday morning was attributed to the slick roadways that still existed.

## Green Thumb Program Serves County's Seniors

Anita Guest, a resident of Bovina, is employed at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona under the Green Thumb program.

Green Thumb, Inc. operates the Senior Community Service Employment Program under a grant with the Employment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor with federal funds appropriated under Title V of the Older Americans Act. The program provides part-time employment and training opportunities for economically disadvantaged seniors age 55 and older.

Currently operating in 132 Texas counties and two counties in New Mexico, the program provides almost 1,000 senior trainees with the opportunity to earn wages while contributing to the maintenance and growth of local areas by providing manpower assistance to community-based organizations.

These temporary training assignments average twenty hours per week and are developed upon an individual basis to accommodate the talents, interests and ambitions of each senior.

Participants are assigned to local non-profit agencies such as senior service centers, municipalities, libraries, schools, day care centers, environmental projects and public works.

An Equal Opportunity Employer, Green Thumb continually solicits applications from eligible seniors as well as from potential sponsoring agencies. For more information please contact Fay Martin, Field Operations Assistant, at 505-763-6603 in Clovis.



ANITA GUEST



**BOMBS AWAY...**Bovina Mustang Carlos Rivera (12) takes a jump shot against Adrian. Teammates are Tyson Kerby (11) and Sergio Nieto.





**SCRAMBLIN'...**The Mustangs took on the Friona Chiefs in the weather-shortened Friona tournament. Here, Sergio Nieto (23) is surrounded by Chiefs as they scramble for the ball. *ron carr photo*

## Former Bovina Minister's Rites Are Held Locally

Services for a former Bovina minister, Porfirio G. Mejia, 66, of Memphis, Texas, were being held Thursday and Friday in Bovina.

Reverend Mejia passed away December 7, 1999 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born May 4, 1933, in Chihuahua, Mexico. He married Patsy Villafranco December 1, 1952, in Littlefield.

Mr. Mejia resided in Memphis for 25 years, moving there from Bovina. He surrendered his life to the ministry at the age of 20, practicing in the Southern Baptist Denomination for 46 years.

He served as pastor in Bovina, Seagraves, Wellington, Littlefield, Crosbyton, Estelline, and Memphis. He was involved in Evangelical work in Kansas, Arkansas, Tennessee, South Texas, New

Mexico, California, North Carolina, and Northern Mexico. He was a member of the Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana of Memphis, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 9, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, with Reverend Justin Lemons of Ft. Worth officiating.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 10, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, with the Reverend Isaiah Mejia of Las Vegas, Nevada officiating.

Burial services will be held at the Bovina Cemetery following funeral services with Reverends Gary Morgan and Manny Longoria both of Bovina officiating. Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to Porfirio Mejia Memorials, Pro-Missions New Church Start

Southern Nevada Baptist Association, 1482 E. University, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Mejia of Memphis; five sons, Louis and Gloria Mejia of San Angelo; Isaiah and Jan Mejia of Las Vegas, Nevada; Porfirio Jr. and Suzanne Mejia of Atlanta, Georgia; Adam Mejia of Bovina; Daniel and Yolanda Mejia of Amarillo.

Also, seven daughters, Esther and Joe Steelman and Gilda and Doyle Garner all of Bovina; Diana Carlos Luna of Clute, Texas; Delilah and Justin Lemmons of Fort Worth; Cindy and Monty Lewis of Weisbaden, Germany; Sandra Mejia and Naomi Mejia both of Fort Worth.

Twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild also service.

## L. Tritsch Is Buried In Bovina

Funeral services for Laura B. Tritsch, 90, of Bovina were held Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Bovina with the Reverend Gary Morgan officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

She died Friday, December 3, 1999, at Muleshoe Medical Center.

Mrs. Tritsch was born June 23, 1909, in Watertown, Wisconsin. She married William Adam Tritsch. He preceded her in death. She moved to Bovina in 1933.

She was a member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by two sons, Robert in 1933, and Herman in 1997.

Survivors include a son, Virgil of Bovina; a daughter, Mildred Kaufman of Fontana, California; a sister, Lela Stucky of San Antonio; and a grandson.

## School Exes Host Hanes

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association met November 16 at the Headquarters Restaurant.

Pharmacist Mike Hanes presented an interesting program on medicines of the past and present. There were twenty-two members and one guest present.

The group's next meeting will be January 4, 2000 with Friona Police Chief, Randy Geris presenting the program.

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**FLOORIN' FLOYD...**The Mustangs and Fillies traveled to Floyd, New Mexico this week and will host Floyd in Bovina tonight (Friday). Christen Stowers (21) and K'Leigh Scroggins (34) are out-jumped by a Floyd shooter. *photo by k'dawn scroggins*



**SERGIO SCORES...**Mustang Sergio Nieto (23) puts up a left-handed layup in the Adrian game. *photo by k'dawn scroggins*

# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**40 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 16, 1959**

A butane explosion in the bathroom set off a roaring blaze that heavily damaged the J. D. Kirkpatrick home east of Bovina Friday at noon. Kirkpatrick and his wife both suffered minor burns. Neither required hospitalization.

R. T. Harbour, who received a knee injury while working with cattle recently, will enter Veteran's Administration Hospital in Amarillo this week for an operation on his knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dodson had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Williams, Mrs. Vessie Lee Hicks, Miss Cindy Williams, and Antoine Kubichike of Lubbock, and Mrs. C. E. Strawn of Littlefield.

**35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1964**

Odis White is on crutches with his foot in a cast after breaking a toe last week. The accident occurred Thursday as White was repairing a door on his panel truck. The door fell, striking him on the foot and breaking a toe.

Bill Moore, who operates Deep Rock Service Station here, escaped serious injury Wednesday night of last week when his car was struck by a train.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Estes and their two sons have returned to Bovina to make their home. They are former residents and have been living in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hromas and Bradley returned home Saturday night from New York City. Their daughter, Mrs. Jerry Wilburn, and her son Shannon, returned to Bovina with them.

**30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 10, 1969**

For the first time since its beginning ten years ago, an out-of-town contestant, Larry Wardlaw of Farwell, has won the Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest.

After a visit to Bovina Friday night and Saturday, Dr. Michael Murphy of Rusk has agreed to practice medicine in Bovina.

Mrs. Mable Newberry will leave Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Omar L. Kent, for Mission, Kansas, where she will make her home.

**25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 11, 1974**

Matlock Howell, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Howell of Bovina, suffered serious head injuries about 10:30 a.m. Saturday when he was struck by a heavy portable steel panel at his father's farm.

A 28-year-old Bovina man was killed instantly in a car-truck collision west of Cook's Truck Stop. Threadgill was fatally injured when the 1973 model car he was driving slammed into the back of a flatbed tractor-trailer driven by John Stanley Gibson of Cuba, New Mexico. Threadgill was pronounced dead at scene by Jeff Lester, assistant Clovis medical investigator.

**20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 19, 1979**

1980 drum majors and twirlers have been announced by the Bovina Bands and they are: Jeanne Richards, head drum major; Donna Beth Lide, assistant drum major; Rebecca Hodnett, twirler; Gail Turner, twirler; Wendy Hall, twirler; and Tana Nix, head twirler.

Services were held for Winnie Johnson, a long time resident, on Sunday.

Steve Cockerham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cockerham, was injured Friday night on the Farm-to-Market Road between Bovina and Friona.

Lillie Fuller underwent surgery Monday in Amarillo following an accident which caused a broken leg.

**15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 25, 1984**

Gene Lowe suffered multiple injuries in a forty-foot fall at the Bruegel Elevator near Dimmitt and is a patient in Amarillo.

Bovina High School's Fillies hiked their season record to an unblemished 11-0 during the past weekend.

Wet weather in recent

weeks has caused a halt to the cotton harvest, according to Ovid Lawlis of Lawlis gin.

Bovina Fuel was broken into and \$1,000 worth of tires were taken.

The area experienced quite a bath of weather including thunder and lightning, rain which froze soon after it fell and some snow.

**10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 13, 1989**

The first snowfall of the season was seen last Thursday in Bovina.

Funeral services for Buck Ellison, 84, longtime Bovina resident, were held Sunday, December 10 at Bovina Church of Christ.

**5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 10, 1999**

Navy Chief Petty Officer Richard Garza, son of Andres and Consuelo J. Garza of Bovina, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving at Trident Training facility, Kings Bay, Georgia.

Kasey Bell and RoseAnn Cantu were named All Tournament Winners at the Bovina JV Tournament. Each of Bovina's junior varsity teams swept all three of their games in that tournament.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of December 12-18, 1999.

Dec 12 Martha Buchanan, Lola Parson, Lavern Black

Dec 14 Barbara Hall, Laura Gilbreath, Dorothy Sorley

Dec 15 Marion Cooper, Linda Marshall

Dec 16 Rosalie Lopez

Dec 17 Terri Sorley

Dec 18 Darren Hromas, Wes Cockerham

To make changes, corrections or to add a friend or relative to our birthday list, call 238-1523 or drop a note to Drawer B, 79009.

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Mr. and Mrs. Shiloh Brown

### Marcia Blackwell, Shiloh Brown Exchanged Vows In Bovina

Marcia Dion Blackwell and Shiloh Dale Brown, both Amarillo residents, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 4 in Bovina. The bride is the daughter of John and Jo Blackwell of

Bovina. Parents of the bridegroom are Linda and Wilford Brown of Amarillo.

Rev. Gary Morgan of Bovina First Baptist Church conducted the wedding ceremony in the home of the bride's parents in Bovina. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Musical selections included "Sunrise-Sunset," "Butterfly Kisses" and "Valentine." John R. Blackwell, father of the bride, presented the bride in marriage.

A reception followed the ceremony. Following a wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico, the couple will be making their home in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Friona High School, attended Amarillo College and is employed at Georgia Manor Nursing Home in Amarillo.

A graduate of Palo Duro High School, Amarillo, the bridegroom graduated from Amarillo College where he completed a helicopter mechanic course and is currently employed as a mechanic at Fuel & Fire.

Chances are when Paulette Garner gave her 5-year-old niece, Shawnlee Perry, a little stuffed yellow duck for Easter in 1992, she never thought of seeing it again in court seven years later.

Clint and Becky Perry and their children lived in Earth, Texas, a speck of a town in Lamb county near Littlefield. Kidnapping and murder does not occur in small towns like Earth. That is unless people like Eddie Rowton are around.

Rowton was a farmhand that lived across the street from the Perry's. They said he had been there about three weeks.

On May 7, 1992, Becky Perry returned home from shopping with her kids. When the car door opened they scattered like kids will do, looking for their friends to play with.

Shawnlee Perry went around the back of her house calling out the names of some friends to come out and play. It was the last time her mother would ever see her alive.

When she was discovered missing, law enforcement officials and volunteers, including her Aunt Paulette, searched the area for several days. No luck. Shawnlee had disappeared and so had the little yellow stuffed duck.

Eddie Rowton was an initial suspect in her disappearance. So were two other men, Casimero Salazar and Daniel Garcia.

Rowton and Salazar left town. They went to New Mexico where, being the upright citizens they are, they beat and raped a New Mexico woman five days later.

Both were arrested and sentenced to 35 years for that crime. Prior to the rape charge, the two allegedly bragged and began clapping their hands in a New Mexico bar after telling the woman

about beating Shawnlee to death.

Back in Earth, Texas, Daniel Garcia had a secret too. He claimed to be best friends with Clint Perry, Shawnlee's daddy. Garcia was even a pall bearer at Shawnlee's funeral when her little battered body was found in a field a few miles from town three months later.

At that point, if trial testimony is accurate, at least four adults knew that Eddie Rowton had murdered a 5-year-old, but they chose to not tell.

Garcia says he was in the back seat with Salazar and Shawnlee and her little yellow duck with Eddie Rowton driving when the three men went out in the country. Garcia says Rowton carried the little girl out into the field and beat her to death.

He says that afterwards, Rowton and Salazar raped him on the fender of the Ford Pinto before returning to town.

Garcia, who was under investigation for molestation at the time, kept his mouth shut.

In the meantime, Shawnlee's family endured the staggering loss of their 5-year-old and suffered the frustration of not knowing who killed her for the next five years or so.

Over in Bailey County, Sheriff Benny Clifton had searched Rowton's car during the investigation of the New Mexico rape case. The physical evidence he took out of the car included a little stuffed yellow duck in the back seat. He did not tie it to the disappearance of a little girl in the next county.

The little yellow duck sat in the evidence box for almost 7 years. Sheriff Clifton died and new Sheriff Coy Platt

discovered the evidence in the files of the former Sheriff.

From 1992 until late 1997, Rowton, Salazar, Garcia and the New Mexico woman never told authorities or the family that they knew who killed their baby.

Finally someone talked. Authorities charged Rowton with the crime while he was in jail. The trial has been in progress for several weeks down in Odessa.

Now everybody is singing and spilling their guts to save their own rotten hides.

Problem is that because they are all slimeballs, their court testimony is suspect. In other words it is normal to assume that all slimeballs are liars too. I don't think so.

With the little yellow stuffed duck now tied to Rowton's car, Aunt Paulette testified that it was the same little yellow stuffed duck she had given her niece Shawnlee seven years ago.

Those here in Parmer County may remember Aunt Paulette. Her name is Paulette Garner. She and her family lived in Friona for about three years.

Her son Billy Garner, graduated from Friona High School in 1997 and was killed in a tragic one-vehicle rollover accident here in Parmer County in 1998.

Aunt Paulette can begin to relax and live again now, I guess. This week, an Odessa jury found Eddie Rowton guilty and at press time were deciding between life in prison or death for him.

I hope they choose death. I hope they remember the little yellow duck and that Shawnlee would be celebrating a 12-year-old Christmas right now if Eddie Rowton had not beaten her to death without cause.

And I hope they consider that Aunt Paulette could be shopping for another present for Shawnlee Perry instead of crying when she sees the little stuffed yellow duck.

It is the season to rejoice and forgive and to give to others. I hope the family of Shawnlee Perry can again appreciate the spirit of the season in Earth, Texas.

Where else would the death penalty be such a nice Christmas present?

### Showmanship, Jackpot Show Set In Friona

A showmanship workshop for Parmer and Bailey County 4-H and FFA exhibitors has been scheduled for December 11 at the Friona Community Center.

The schedule is as follows: 9 a.m., sheep; 10:30 a.m., goats; 12 noon, swine.

A jackpot will follow each specie. The entry fee is \$1.00 per animal.

4-H and FFA members are encouraged to bring your sheep and goat and swine projects.

For more information, contact the Parmer County Extension Office at (806)481-3619.

## Denzil McMillan

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Happy Holidays



# FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

484 *Facts About The* **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

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**MOSES AND PLAGUES OF EGYPT**  
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I WILL NOT LET THE PEOPLE GO!

THE LORD COMMANDED MOSES TO BRING ME UNTO THEE AND SPEAK UNTO THEE THAT THOU WOULDST LET THE PEOPLE GO AND SACRIFICE UNTO THE LORD!

WHO IS THE LORD THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIM? I OBEY THE GODS OF EGYPT! I KNOW NOT THE LORD, NEITHER WILL I LET ISRAEL GO!

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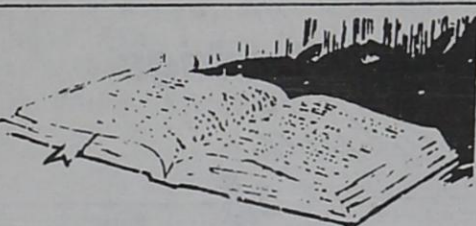
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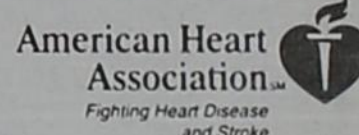
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## Census Bureau Expanding Job Opportunities

In an effort to recruit workers, the Census Bureau has established numerous locations throughout the Texas Panhandle for testing and screening. Each applicant is required to take a test.

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Census 2000 job testing sites in your area are located at:

Friona Redeemer Center, 1304 Virginia St., Friona, TX. 79035 every Monday in December at 2 p.m. and EMS Building on 3rd St., Bovina, TX. (12-6 4 p.m.) (12-20 4 p.m.) (1-3-00 4 p.m.)

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE NEEDED TO CONDUCT CENSUS 2000. Job opportunities include census taker positions in communities and neighborhoods, and office personnel. All office positions are located at the Local Census Office in Amarillo, Tx.

The Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## Learn More about Excel's Risk Management Plan

Public Meeting

Thursday, December 16, 1999

10:00 A.M.

Friona State Bank Community

Room

In response to a request by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), many companies across the United States have developed new risk management plans that detail prevention programs and emergency response procedures. Excel has submitted its plan, which will be the subject of an Excel public meeting.







**PRAIRIE ACRES QUILT....**Annie Hargrove, a Prairie Acres resident, is shown with one of the many afghans she has made in her lifetime. The afghan and one of her quilts are on display this month at Prairie Acres.

## DSEC Issues Year 2000 Readiness Disclosure

Electric utilities around the country are taking steps to make sure the lights stay on as the turn of the century approaches. The Y2K problem has been widely discussed and solutions have been offered and implemented. Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is no exception.

"Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has initiated 'Year 2000' assessments and remediations," said DSEC Executive Assistant Mike Veazey. "We believe this program will prepare our company to handle any problems with the coming of the new millennium."

DSEC has a comprehensive checklist of steps toward "Y2K readiness." These steps, begun many months ago, have been to inventory, assess, test, repair or replace, retest and plan for contingencies.

Veazey stated that DSEC has done assessments in all of the following areas: computer hardware and software, communications systems, critical systems, substations and metering equipment. No major problems have been identified in DSEC equipment. Company computers have been repaired or replaced to satisfy Y2K compliance.

"Much of our distribution system is mechanical and is less sensitive to Y2K problems because there are few digital controls and relatively few embedded chips in our equipment," Veazey said.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is also very much aware of the interconnected nature of power supply and delivery. They are connected to New Century Energies, Southwestern Public Service's

parent company, for generated wholesale power

and they, in turn, are connected to regional electric power grids. There are also many supply and delivery points all along the line, from the manufacture of bucket trucks to the sophisticated equipment at power generation stations.

The delivery of electric power is the result of the efforts of these many different and diverse organizations. Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has no control of these various organizations and cannot assume responsibility should one or more of these systems fail for one reason or another.

However, DSEC is in constant contact with their wholesale power providers and distribution material suppliers concerning the possibility of Y2K glitches in their equipment. They have assured DSEC that everything humanly possible is being done to alleviate any Y2K problems on their systems.

Although no one can make 100 percent guarantees as to what will happen when the new century arrives, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is taking any and all prudent steps to help keep the lights on at the arrival of the new millennium. As always, the number one priority of the cooperative is keeping the lights on whether the problem is the Y2K bug, a tornado, an ice storm, a blizzard or an evening thunderstorm.

Should you have a question or concerns regarding Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's Year 2000 readiness disclosure, you can call 806-364-1166 or toll-free at 1-800-687-8189.

## Hammonds Rites Held Thursday

Funeral services for Larry Hammonds, 49, a former resident of Bovina were held Thursday, December 9, at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

Reverend Gary Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bovina, officiated. Hammonds died Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at his residence in Amarillo.

He was born August 19, 1950 in Clovis, New Mexico. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina. He was self-employed as a handyman and general construction.

He is preceded in death by his father, September 7, 1977.

Survivors include his mother, Joyce Hammonds of Amarillo and one sister, Maureen Schrock of Amarillo.

## Jason Kerby Is Listed In 'Who's Who'

Jason K. Kerby has been chosen to represent Western Texas College in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Students are chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Kerby is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is also a member of the GCSAA.

His parents are Al and Susan Kerby of Bovina.

## New Members Inducted Into Jr. Honor Soc.

New members inducted into the National Junior Honor Society last week were these 7th graders:

Hugo Aguillon, Elizabeth Alonzo, Giselle Alvarado, Jessica Amaran, Jeffrey Casas, Rebecca Carrillo.

Also, Victoria Carrillo, Luzana Chavez, Emigdio Flores, Zaide Marinelarena, Hugo Martinez, Roger Martinez, Daniela Quintero, Jennifer Reyna, Eliseo Salazar, Chad Scroggins and Kasey Kelley.

Students that were already NJHS members and presided over the induction ceremony were these 8th graders:

Maria Perez, Crystal Galvan, Sandra Moreno, Martin Carrillo, Mayra Banuelos, Teresa Brito.

Also, Cynthia Diaz, Sarah Morgan, Chris Ortiz, Adrianna Ramirez, Abraham Rocha, Ricardo Rojas, Yuri Vela and Matthew Villarreal.



**DOROTHY SMITH**  
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## D. Smith Submits Life Story For Publication

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Dorothy Smith.

By **DOROTHY SMITH**

I was born December 4, 1923 to Fay L. and Alma Crume Davis in Texico, New Mexico. I have six sisters: Georgie Stone, Roswell, N.M.; Nora Alice Davis, Melrose, N.M.; Gereme Martin, deceased; Betty Branch, Amarillo; Jessie Belle Pate, Lovington, N.M.; and Fern Holt of Portales, N.M. I also have a brother, Bert Davis of Clovis, N.M.

The family grew up and went to school at Pleasant Hill, N.M. Everyone worked the farm and really didn't go very many places when we were young. I really enjoyed riding the family horse, "Bluebell," when I wasn't helping around the farm.

My parents divorced when I was about 16. I stayed in Pleasant Hill and finished school while living with my father and several sisters and brother. Mother then moved to Clovis, N.M. After graduation I went to live in Clovis with my mother and two sisters, Betty and Nora Alice. I worked at the Alexander Drug Store.

My father and my other two sisters, Jesse Belle and Fern, moved to Portales, N.M. In the early 1950s, I moved in with them and

worked for B&J Drug Store, working as a fountain clerk. I enjoyed people! My sisters and I occasionally went dancing at the Midway, which was located between Portales and Clovis. We had lots of fun together.

I met Richard O. (Dubbs) Smith while working at B&J Drug Store. He would visit me quite often. We became good friends. We then married in April of 1954. I was 30 years old and Dubbs was 42. We moved to Hobbs, N.M. and Dubbs worked for a moving company.

Our son, Ricky, was born in Hobbs, N.M.

Later we moved back to Portales and Dubbs worked for the New Mexico Highway Department until he retired in 1974. I belonged to the East Valley View Crafting Club that met once a month during the day while Ricky attended grade school. I really wasn't handy with a needle and thread but they always managed to find something for me to do or help with. I loved being around this group of ladies and enjoyed visiting with them.

Ricky helped us quite a bit as he got older. He found us a house in Clovis and we moved there.

Dubbs passed away in 1984 at the age of 72. I continued to live with Ricky until 1994 when my health forced me to move into Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Since moving here, I have met lots of nice people.



**HONORED AT PRAIRIE ACRES** are this month's resident-of-the-month Vada Reed and employee-of-the-month Martha Gonzales.

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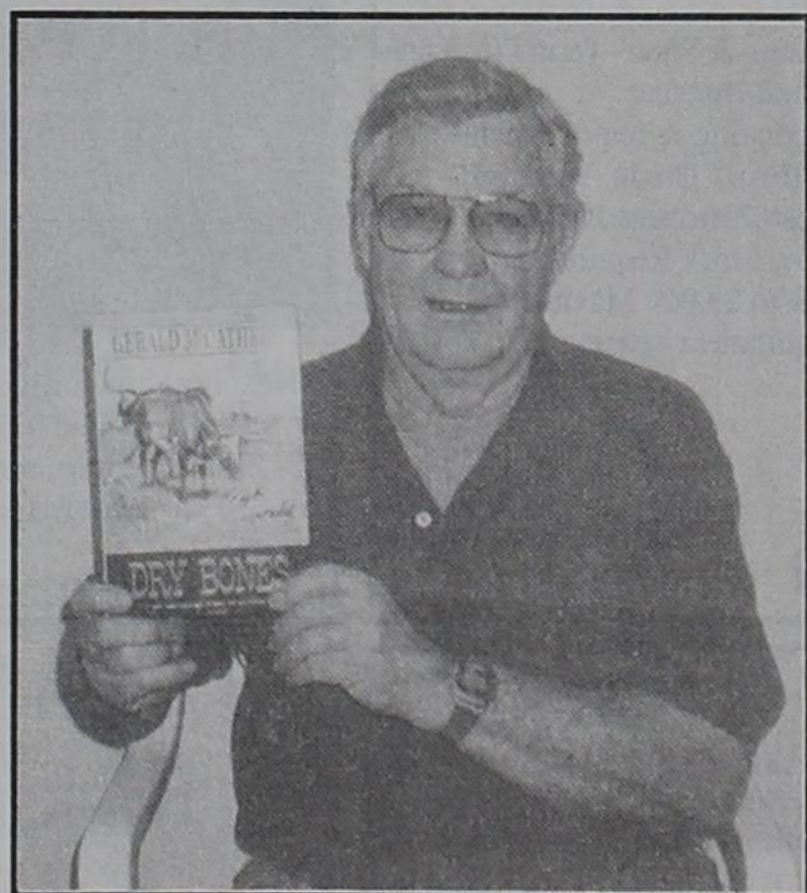
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