

The Bovina Blade

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SIX PAGES

Extra copies of the Blade's big Christmas 2001 issue were printed and are available at Dorothy's.



FIRST SNOWFALL---The first snowfall of the year for Bovina came over a period of three days this past week, and amounted to a fairly generous five inches in all. The snow left a picture-perfect coating on bushes and trees, and melted down to a little over half an inch of beneficial moisture content.

Clovis Man Arrested In Assault On Deputy

A routine traffic stop Saturday night turned dangerous for Parmer County Deputy Andy Stormes.

Stormes stopped a vehicle 3 miles west of Bovina on FM2290 about 9:30 p.m. While checking out the two male occupants he observed one of them trying to dispose of drugs.

One of the men, Clarence Baca, 46, was wanted on a warrant out of Clovis. Stormes also found crack cocaine in the car.

During the arrest process, Baca started to fight and attempted to take Deputy Stormes' gun from him. Stormes called for backup and was able to subdue Baca in the meantime.

Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler, Friona officer Eric

Chandler, Sheriff Randy Gerles and Chief Deputy Mike Howard and DPS Trooper Trey Ellis responded to the scene.

Approximately \$1,200 in cash was also confiscated

along with the drugs and drug paraphernalia.

In addition to the drug charges and the warrant out of Clovis, Baca was charged with aggravated assault on an officer, a 3rd degree felony.

He is currently in the Parmer County jail on a \$45,000 bond. The other subject was charged only with possession of drug paraphernalia and was released on bond.

Deputy Stormes sustained a minor injury to one of his fingers in the scuffle.

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The local VFW and auxiliary will hold their "good old fried chicken" dinner on Sunday, January 20, at the Veterans Hall, 6th and Euclid, in Friona. Serving time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$6 adults and \$3 for kids twelve and under. The menu includes fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, drink and dessert. Takeouts are available, phone 265-7463.



'01 Christmas Card Contributions Given

Bovina's annual Project Christmas Card total for 2001 is \$845, up from the \$819.47 collected during the Christmas season of 2000.

The Emergency Medical Service and Volunteer Fire Department will split the donations to benefit each organization.

Three people contributed late to the fund and were not listed in *The Bovina Blade's* Christmas issue. They are Sid Lloyd, Oma Lee George and Harry J. Charles.



VALEDICTORIAN---K'Leigh Scroggins served as valedictorian for the BHS Class of 2001.

2001 Events Revealed Through Blade Files

A survey of the Bovina Blade files for the year 2001 yielded the top news items for each week, or at least the ones we knew about:

JANUARY

A snow late on Christmas Day and another the following night left 10 inches of snow on the ground and closed roads for a while for Highways 60 traffic. The snow brought the total moisture for the year 2000 to 15.22 inches.

Donations totaling \$819.47 were received for Bovina's annual Project Christmas Card Fund benefiting the EMS and fire department.

Former Friona Police Chief Randy Gerles was sworn in as Parmer County Sheriff on January 1.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church celebrated the ordination of Jose Correa as Deacon on January 6.

A Friona man, Frank Mendez, Jr., was arrested on a voluntary manslaughter charge in the stabbing death of Sandra Jenkins, 24, after a New Year's party at the Cottonwood Apartments in Friona.

More snow fell on Bovina on Wednesday, January 10. It began at 8 a.m. and the area received about six inches. It was gone by Thursday as the temperature reached the 50s.

The annual Bovina Junior Livestock Show was held Saturday, January 13. A new Ag teacher, Jarrod Sowder, was on hand as one of his first duties in Bovina. Sowder is from Three Way and comes to Bovina from Dora, New Mexico, with wife Tena and children Aspen, 8, and Corey, 9.

The Bovina ISD received two \$50,000 grants from the Investment Capital Fund Grant program. The grants appropriate funds for school campuses to improve student achievement through deregulation and restructuring. The grants were for the high school and elementary school.

The total number of bales ginned in Parmer County for the 2000 cotton crop stood at 955,492 according to our newspaper

survey of county cotton gins.

BHS seniors John Solorio and Marissa Rodriguez were honored as the 2001 basketball King and Queen.

Josh Kerby's barrow was named grand champion barrow at the Parmer County Livestock Show. It was the first time in 47 years that a Bovina student had grand champion barrow honors.

FEBRUARY

Skyrocketing natural gas heating bills has caused hardship for many area residents. In many cases gas bills have tripled during the November-January period. Three different snowstorms since Thanksgiving have also affected rates. The rise in rates have caused many residents to seek state and local assistance to pay their utility bills.

The Bovina ISD began offering computer classes on Windows Basic and Internet Skills at the middle school computer lab. Mike McCallum and Rhonda Thatcher provided the instructions.

Named to the 3-1A all-district basketball teams were Fillie K'Leigh Scroggins; and Mustangs Jason Stone and Tyson Kerby.

MARCH

A report of loud music on 8th Street on Sunday, February 25 led to the arrest of four individuals, two of them illegals. Police Chief Leon Saddler said all four were drunk and playing loud music. All four were arrested and booked into Parmer County jail.

The area had another taste of winter this week as an arctic front dropped temperatures to 18 degrees. Freezing drizzle fell turning roads and streets to ice. Moisture amounted to .11 inch.

Customers of WT Services and Valor Communications in the 250-, 247-, 238-, and 251- exchanges are now connected for local calls. The service allows Friona and Bovina residents local, instead of long distance calling.

An open house and ribbon cutting was held March 11 at Friona Heritage Estates, the county's new assisted living facility.

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2001 Cotton Crop: Best Yield Ever??

Although the official figures on the 2001 cotton crop for Parmer County won't be known for a few weeks, the crop will most certainly end up as the highest-yielding crop ever, and may threaten the number of bales harvested.

This, in spite of the fact that the number of acres planted/harvested was down 40/45 per cent from last year's crop.

The final survey conducted by the Friona Star/Bovina Blade Thursday showed that county gins processed 136,247 bales. This compares to the total bale yield of 140,700 on much more planted/harvested acres.

Many times the total bales ginned rises from our newspaper survey, due to the fact that some growers may gin their cotton across the county line, etc. Last year's crop was a good indication of that fact.

It appears that the county's yield per acre will top two bales to the acre. Reports of yields of three bales and above were not unusual for this past year's crop, and the quality may have been the best-ever.

"This year's crop was definitely the best quality for any crop since I have been here," said Jerry Butman, manager of Friona Farmers Co-op Gin. Butman is referring to 28 years in his case.

There are only five other years when the county's production topped 100,000 acres, 1996-2000. During that period, the top average yield has been 936 pounds per acre in 1996. This figure may be equalled or surpassed by the 2001 crop.

BILL'S COLUMN

Here's An Idea To Boost The U.S. Economy

AT A TIME WHEN the U.S. economy has been in a recession, and many businesses and industries are struggling, I am going to make some suggestions that could possibly jumpstart our economy, not that any of the powers-that-be are waiting on this writer's recommendations to jump in and act on these threats to our economy.

But for what it's worth, President Bush, Congressman Larry Combest, and Senators Gramm and Hutchinson, please take note:

Having just gone through the Christmas season, Ye Editor and his "My Turn" better half discovered a few things that would be really nice if the jobs were returned to our country.

Among Carol's gifts to yours truly, I discovered the following (these are NOT made up):

My traditional Christmas shirts were both made in Korea. A pair of slippers was made in China. A Texas Tech cap was made in Macau, wherever that is. Under the double-T emblem, it says "established in 1923." Lilah Gaye Gee, among others, will attest that Tech opened in 1925.

Prior to our 2000 trip to Canada with the bank group, Carol bought me a nice overcoat,

whose label says "Made in Bangladesh."

Before the trip to New England, I needed a sporty jacket that was waterproof. Carol found one that fit the bill. It was made in Korea. A matching cap was made in the same country. Carol bought herself a nice jacket about that time. It was made in Hong Kong.

Son Stanley of San Antonio's traditional gift to his Mom is a Hallmark piece for a collectable ornament set. Even Hallmark, whose home office is in Kansas City, has their ornament sets made in China.

Stan also gave Carol a piece of fancy stoneware from Crabtree and Evelyn. It was made in London. (At least the "Brits" are longtime allies of the U.S.A.)

I bought my spouse a set of candles. She also received a beautiful picture frame. These were all made in China, naturally.

Stan gives his sister Laura a "Precious Moments" figurine every year on her birthday. We have visited Sam Butcher's Precious Moments Village at Carthage, Missouri, on some of our trips to Branson, sponsored by Friona State Bank.

The grounds are beautiful, featuring a couple of restaurants, hourly entertainment, several gift shops, chapel, museum, etc. The

place caters to bus tour groups as well as individual tourists.

I'm sure that Mr. Butcher is a millionaire several times over by now. The post cards we mailed from the Village were printed in Korea, and the figurines were made in both Thailand and Taiwan.

Stan gave his dad a Billy Graham book, "Homecoming," which was beautifully produced in a print shop in Belgium. (Don't we have any printing shops in the U.S. that would like this business??)

Carol gave me a nice book with a collection of Bob Phillips' "Texas Country Reporter" stories and photos. The book was produced in Guilford, Connecticut, and (whoops) printed in Canada.

I have nothing against the folks in New England, and the Canadians are excellent neighbors and probably our best allies, but again, I think Texas should have some printing establishments that could have done Bob's book. My friend and former newspaper associate Ed Eakin of Austin, who printed the "Black Sunday" books we sell, would have gladly obliged.

You have to really search to find an article of clothing that is "Made in the U.S.A." I do

have a few. My favorite cold-weather jacket was bought for me by Carol at Ingram's in Friona. It is American-made. I have had the jacket nearly ten years, and it still looks very nice.

It appears from this corner that the U.S. has been more interested the past 30-40 years in proping up business in countries they would like to have as good allies (Korea, China, and others mentioned above).

But at a time when our national economy could use a boost, why not give some of those manufacturing jobs back to Americans? With our jobless rate at a dangerous high point, wouldn't this make more sense than pouring money into foreign hands?

Maybe it is the large companies (Sears, Dillard's, Wal-Mart ("We buy American," etc.), who need to take a long look at their buying habits, and put their foot down. If it means paying a few dollars more for your merchandise, in order to create more American jobs, so be it.

The last time we checked, no foreign companies or their workers paid taxes in America, to fund our defense, add to our country's Social Security trust fund, etc.

Oh, by the way: **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



WIN TOP AWARDS---Rose McCain and Jack Raines were named 2001 Woman and Man of the Year at Bovina's annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.



JENNIFER CANTU, left, dribbles around a Trinity Christian player as Maritssa Salazar (25) looks on. The Fillies and Mustangs travel to Kress tonight and host Farwell on Tuesday.



MUSTANG ACE B. J. Sheppard (20) fires a jumper from the lane as Jake Steelman (12) and David Garcia (21) look on.



MARINE PVT. 1ST CLASS YANCY GRAVES graduated from boot camp in San Diego, California, December 7, 2001. He is a 2001 graduate of Bovina High School and the son of Kathy Graves of Bovina. He has been in Bovina on leave during the Christmas holidays and has been working as a Recruiter's Assistant at the Marine office in Clovis, New Mexico. He will return to San Diego January 11, 2002 for additional training.



Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

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When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wtrt.net)

Kathy Graves reported that her son Yancy graduated from Marine boot camp December 7, 2001. She traveled to San Diego to attend the graduation. Yancy left for boot camp on September 10, the day before the terrorist attacks in New York and he graduated on December 7, the sixtieth anniversary of Pearl Harbor. He has been home during the holidays on leave and will return to San Diego January 11 for more training.

Kathy's other sons were also home for Christmas. They are Zachary, of the home; Corey of Portales, New Mexico; and Jamie, who lives in the Dallas area. Jamie's wife, Jaimie, a teacher in Mesquite, was also here. Kathy said that Jamie, a software engineer for Nokia, will be going to Paris, France, soon for business.

Michael and Sandi Downes and their children Misti, Matthew and Bree spent some time in Vernon visiting family members. Both sets of the children's grandparents live there.

Mike and Debra Beauchamp's three children were home in Bovina for the holidays. They are Tony, a junior at Texas Tech; Angela of Lubbock; and Lori and her husband, Jeremy Tharp of Laverne, Oklahoma. During their stay, the family went to Olton to see Debra's grandmother, Ethel Jones.

Don and Gladys Spring hosted a nice family gathering for Christmas. Those attending the celebration included her mother, Sarah Dean; their daughter and her family, Pam, Danny and Jennifer Kendrick; and Pudge Kendrick, all of Friona.

Also, Sally and Jay Messenger of Muleshoe and their daughters, Suzanne and

Amanda and her fiancée Phillip of Canyon.

The Webb family had their annual Christmas Party on December 8 in Cleburne, Texas at Joyce and Art Smith's home. Fifty people attended this gathering of the family, the ones that couldn't attend were greatly missed.

Most of the family arrived on Friday night with the rest of them coming in on Saturday morning. Christmas carols and music are a major part of any Webb gathering, so lots of musical sounds were coming from all over the house. Reminiscing of past Christmases and memories of other family members, family members pulling jokes on each other, singing, and the sharing of major events between brothers and sisters went on.

Exchanging gifts between the brothers and sisters is done every year, with an

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of January 6-12, 2002.
Jan 6 Don Teague
Jan 7 Wayne McClaran, Rosa Anaya
Jan 8 Ruben Serna
Jan 9 Galen Carson, Aaron Ramon, Jerry Rocha
Jan 10 Rocky Bartlett, Gaylon Rhodes
Jan 12 Andy Stormes, Patricia Parson, Melinda Ramon, Brett Riley

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call 251-1523 and add the names to our birthday list.

When you see names that should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let us know. Thank you.

extra gift for a "Special Someone".

"This has become a part of our party each year, not to say that anyone of us is more special than another, but just to let that person know that they have special place in our hearts. Larry was the chosen 'Special Someone' this year," Pam said,

Those attending were: Polly Mills and Pam Clark of Bovina, June and Tommy Muse of Lubbock, Al and Kathy Webb of Dimmitt, Larry and Patsy Webb of Hale Center, Bob and Tempey Webb of Burk Burnett, Wayne and Juanita of Azle, Joyce and Art Smith of Cleburne.

Also, Kara Fulcher, Melissa Taylor, Karla and Jarod Withrow and family, Patti and Mike Gencarrilli and daughter Aubrey, Bryan Muse and family, Dale Sikes, Rick Sikes and his son, Karen Smith and Twila Gorley & family.

Bruce, K'Dawn, Chad and Kelcey Scroggins had a home full of company during the holidays. Their daughter, K'Leigh, a freshman at South Plains College in Levelland, is home for the holidays.

Visitors included Bruce's daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Jay Bertsch and their daughters, Alexis and Madisyn. Jay, who is in the Air Force, just completed officer's training. The family had been living in Florida and stopped in Bovina on the way to in Anchorage, Alaska, where he has been transferred.

Also visiting on Christmas Eve was Bruce's daughter, Jennifer Smith of Clovis, New Mexico and her three children, Cody, Brittany and Dillon.

On Christmas Day K'Dawn's mother, Jackie Phillips of Lubbock came to Bovina. K'Dawn's sister and brother-in-law and their

children, were also here. They are Pam, Bobby, Trace and Tera Lockmiller of Texico, New Mexico.

On December 28, Bruce's mother and her husband were in the Scroggins' home. They are Estelle and Red Rogers of Wayside. His niece and her family also visited. They are LaQuita and Cody Wilhelm of Canyon and their 4-year-old triplets, Sara, Garrett and Jacob.

Billy and Suezey Smith had an out-of-town guests visiting during the holiday. Rick Brinson of Coleman, a friend of Suezey's parents, the late Herman and Edna Estes, came to Bovina for a couple of days to visit the Smiths and their family.

Other out-of-town guests were Suezey's brother, Kenneth Estes of El Paso and his son Lance of Clovis. Kenneth's wife, Ophelia, did not come with him to Bovina. She spent time with her mother in Big Spring.

Also visiting were friends from Clovis, Karen, Savannah and Andee Vincent and Johnnie Ray and her son Dan of Bovina.

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Services Held For Ken Ward

Memorial services for Kenneth Ward, 76, of Clovis, New Mexico, were held Saturday, December 29, 2001 at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis. Cremation has taken place.

He passed away Thursday, December 27, 2001 at his home following an illness.

Kenneth was born March 10, 1925, in Ralls.

He was the second youngest of 15 children. He married Elizabeth Jane Dennis on September 14, 1950. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren. He and his brother Ernest established Ward Brothers Tractor Company in 1958.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Randy and Dennis Ward; one daughter, Rhonda Gray; three sisters, Lois Stoddard of Amarillo, Joyce June Roddy of Morton and Doris Koenigs of Clovis; one brother, Clinton Ward of Bovina and two grandchildren.

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Bovina Police Department as a **CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER**.
Clifford Edward Rocha
20 Year Old Male
900 3rd St. Bovina, Tx
Convicted of indecency with a child.
Victim was a female child-Age 2 years.



NOTIFICATION

La siguiente persona tenga registrada con el Bovina Police Department como un infractor de sexo convicto.
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Convicto de indecencia con una victima de nino fue un nino de hembra- 2 anos de edad.

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"We're Still In a Mess"

Welcome back! America is still in a mess.

Happy New Year to you throughout all of 2002 from the highly trained newspaper employees here at the Ellis Publishing headquarters located in beautiful downtown Friona, right next door to the donut shop.

My wish for the new year is that sometime during 2002 the cable news channels will put the regular news back on the screen instead of scrolling it across the bottom.

Of course, Osama is still dead one day and alive the next. On the six o'clock news he is in Tora Bora and by ten he is over in Pakistan.

The politicians left for the holidays without passing an economy stimulus package. The only thing they can do to put more of your money into the economy is to cut taxes so you get more dough on each paycheck. Chances are if you get a raise, you will spend it.

I'm not sure the Democrats would admit that. Doesn't matter though if they implement a stimulus package, America will be running a deficit for the next few years because of our War on Terrorism. Huntin' Osama ain't gonna be cheap.

But the thing that bothers me and a lot of other people is a piece of legislation called "the victim's compensation fund", in which the

federal government proposed to give families an average of \$1.65 million for losing a loved one in the September 11 attacks.

The immediate reaction after the attacks was one of horror and sympathy for the families. This was evident by the money raised from private agencies for the victim's families. At last count about \$2 BILLION had been donated.

Doing the math, if there are 3,000 families divvying up \$2 BILLION, that amounts to about \$666,667 per family, if they ever get it.

Add to that the \$1.65 million the government is proposing and the families appear to be well taken care of, mostly with your tax dollars.

My question is why the federal government owes the families that kind of money. Some say the government is to blame for the attacks because they should have found out about them and prevented them.

Many families found themselves without the main "breadwinner." Of course not all the tower victims were married. Many were not even U.S. citizens.

The government wants to pay less if a family's loved one was a busboy instead of a rich bond trader. Politicians are now in the business of

placing a monetary value on a human life.

What if the busboy had gone on to become a wealthy restaurant owner? What if the bond trader had gone bankrupt? Of course we will never know.

Every day in America, sudden deaths occur that leave families in despair about the future. Fathers die unexpectedly in many tragic ways but the government doesn't step in to guarantee the future of their family.

Maybe the difference is we all watched the towers collapse on TV and we can't imagine the horrible last minutes of the victims. But a father gunned down in a grocery store robbery is equally dead. What about his family?

I heard one mother of two small children say that her children should not have to want for anything for the rest of their lives. Why should her children be on easy street when thousands of other children in America are forced to struggle when their fathers die?

There is a caveat to the government's \$1.65 million handout. The families have to accept the money and agree not to sue the airlines for any more money. The victim's compensation fund was an attachment to the airline bailout bill passed by Congress.

Also, if they receive any life insurance money or any money from pension and benefit funds (like the firemen and policemen unions) those amounts are also deducted from the government payments.

This is an issue I recommend you follow. It has the potential to get contentious and nasty as time goes on. Many of the victim's families will opt to sue for much more than the \$1.65 million.

Some of the victim's families will become increasingly greedy over time. Families of the Oklahoma City bombing victims, who were paid nothing by the government, are beginning to grumble and organize to petition for money too. Their loved ones died in a government building. Shouldn't the government take care of

their wants too?

By next year the government will be broke. Gasoline prices will be on the increase again thanks to our Arab "friends." And there is a distinct possibility that taxes will increase.

Greed is a powerful emotion which runs roughshod over anyone who happens to get in its way.

Happy New Year!

Free GED Preparation

The Center for Student Success at Clovis Community College will be offering GED preparation classes during the Summer 2002 semester.

A Pre-GED class will be offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, January 14 through May 9 from 1-4 p.m.

For more information on this and other Adult Basic Education classes, contact the Center for Student Success at (505)769-4095.

Clinic Set January 16

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on January 16.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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For more information, contact Bryan Hedrick (806) 363-7704



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THE BOVINA JV boys beat the Friona JV in the Friona JV tournament held in December.



FRIONA'S Haleigh Herbert sets to rebound as a Bovina JV Fillie is at the free throw line during the Friona JV tournament.



JV SQUAW Andrea Geris (10) puts on the brakes against Bovina's JV Fillies. Friona won the game and the tournament. ron carr photos

Longtime Resident's Rites Held

Funeral services for Tera McGlothlin, 95, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona, were held Sunday, December 23, 2001 at Sixth Street Church of Christ with Leon Talley officiating.

Burial followed at Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

She passed away Saturday, December 22, 2001.

Mrs. McGlothlin was born November 5, 1906 in Summerfield to Albert Edward Stanley and Mattie Olivia Crow.

She was a lifetime resident of Friona. She married Bill McGlothlin January 29, 1946 in Friona. He passed away October 23, 1982. She and her husband owned the movie theater in Friona for many years.

Survivors include a daughter, Gail Hand of Friona; three step-daughters, Frances Merritt of Friona,



TERA MCGLOTHLIN

Alleene Moseley of Bovina and Mary B. Westbrook of Oklahoma; twenty grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Gary Snead, Paul J. Smith, Gary Cash, Troy Sharrock, Mike Hutson and Dave Hutson.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack Patterson, John Hand, Rene Snead, Ralph Reed and Ted Proctor.

Around Town

College day in Clovis Jan 5

North Plains Mall and Clovis Community College will host a College Day Saturday, Jan 5, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the mall. Over ten colleges will be in attendance including Texas Tech, New Mexico State, University of New Mexico, Clovis Community College and Eastern New Mexico. For more info, call the mall office at 505-769-2308.

Seniors board meeting

Friona Senior Citizens' board of directors will meet Tuesday, Jan 8, at 4 p.m. at the Friendship House. All seniors are welcome to attend.

Retired teachers meeting Jan 8

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel members will have a meeting Jan 8 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Friendship House in Friona. The program will be presented by Darla Bracken and Brenda Patterson, librarians at the Friona Library. All retired teachers and school personnel are encouraged to attend.

FHS basketball videos debut Jan 5

Friona Chieftain/Squaw basketball videos will begin on Saturday, Jan 5, with the Floydada games. Clint Mears and Mike Hutson tape the play-by-play of the home games then show them on WT Services channel 76 at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Tune in starting Saturdays, Jan 5.

Girl Scout cookies on sale Jan 7

Girl Scout cookies will go on sale Jan 7. Two new cookies have been added to the traditional favorites. The new ones are the All Abouts and the Ole' Ole'. Check 'em out. If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout by Jan 16, call Pam Kendrick, 250-2158 or Melanie London, 250-3741 to order.

VFW chicken dinner Jan 20

The local VFW and auxiliary will hold their "good old fried chicken" dinner on Sunday, Jan 20, at the Veterans Hall, 6th and Euclid, in Friona. Serving time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 adult and \$3 for kids 12 and under. Menu is fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, drink and dessert. Takeouts are available, phone 265-7463.

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BSA Hospice Training Class Begins Jan. 14

BSA Hospice is presenting its Winter 2002 Volunteer Training and Community Education Class starting Monday, January 14 continuing through February 6.

This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment.

An afternoon class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for four consecutive weeks. Class sessions will be held at the BSA Hospice

BSA Hospice Offers Grief Education

BSA Hospice offers grief education and group support for adults who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. A new group will meet Tuesday afternoons 1-2:30 p.m. or Tuesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m. beginning January 22-February 26, 2002.

Group sessions will be held in the Hospice Den, 600 North Tyler Street (south of St. Anthony's Hospital). For more information call 806-212-8777 or toll free 1-800-315-6209.

facility, 600 North Tyler Street (south of St. Anthony's Hospital).

This program is offered free of charge to Amarillo and surrounding communities. CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College. For more information or to pre-register call Deborah Andrews, LSW, 806-212-8715 or toll free 1-800-315-6209.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Bill & Staff:

I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed your "Christmas edition," especially the historical items.

I just wanted you to know I appreciated your work.

Sincerely,
Janie Jackson

Dear Carol:

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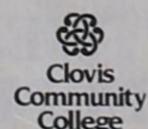
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See the Jan. 6 Clovis News Journal for the complete Spring 2002 Course Schedule.



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Top Stories For 2001 From Bovina Blade Files

(Continued from Page 1)

Bill and Carol Ellis, publishers of the *Bovina Blade*, announced the sale of the "Blade Building" on Third Street to Dean and Arlene McCallum of Agri-Plan Insurance. The phone number remains the same: 251-1523.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Bovina's 2000 population was announced at 1,874. This was an increase of 325 from the 1990 population of 1,549, a hefty 20.9 percent.

Rose McCain and Jack Raines were named Woman and Man of the Year at the 41st annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. Sue Fowler was presented the Heritage Award; Kathy Graves was Teacher of the Year; K'Leigh Scroggins and Yancy Graves were selected outstanding students.

APRIL

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries said an investigation and search warrant at a residence six miles east of Bovina on Highway 86 resulted in the arrests of two men for possession and delivery of marijuana. They also recovered stolen vehicles, go-cart, motorcycle and various other items.

On Friday, April 6, wind bursts of 85 miles-per-hour tore through Bovina headed east. The erratic winds tore down buildings, fences and damaged roofs. It only lasted 2-3 minutes according to reports.

The school board voted to hire Matt Branstine of Dalhart as the new middle school principal. His wife, Wendy, will take over as school counselor.

Bovina Blade publisher Bill Ellis was named to the Panhandle Press Association's Hall of Fame at the PPA annual convention in Amarillo. Ellis and his wife Carol have published the *Bovina Blade* for 28 years and the *Friena Star* for 40 years. Ellis was also named Man of the Year by the Friena Chamber of Commerce.

Christopher Harris was sentenced to life for the first degree murder of Excel electrician Chad Smith. Smith was the son-in-law of Bovina head coach Bruce Scroggins. The New Mexico verdict means he will serve a minimum of thirty years before parole.

The Bovina Band competed in the regional Concert and Sight Reading contest in Sudan. The band received a special Sweepstakes Award for their grade 1 performance.

Bovina High School received notification from Amarillo College that the local school has been chosen to participate in an improved program to offer dual credit courses to students.

MAY

The temperature hit 91 degrees, highest reading since last fall, on May 1. However on May 3, the high of 53 was the lowest since March.

Selected as outstanding Seniors for school year 2000-01 by the faculty of Bovina High School were Cameron Charles, Yancy Graves, Tyson Kerby, Marissa Rodriguez, K'Leigh Scroggins and Jason Stone.

Election results in the May 5 school and city elections were: Kevin Hughes, Linda Marshall and John Blackwell to city council and Justin Brozek, George Villarreal and Joe Steelman to the school board. Brozek was selected president of the school board.

Top BHS graduates for the class of 2001 were K'Leigh Scroggins, valedictorian; Tyson Kerby, salutatorian; and Yancy Graves, historian.

At the Bovina All-Sports banquet, the "Greatest Fillee" award had co-winners: Christen Stowers and K'Leigh Scroggins. The "Greatest Mustang" award went to Tyson Kerby. Dorothy and Grady Sorley were honored as Fans-of-the-Year.

Bovina ISD received a grant award of \$100,000 to develop new, and expand current, technology to prepare students for the digital era.

The Bovina ISD Migrant Education program was honored at the 4th annual Migrant Cluster Conference in Wichita Falls. Bovina ISD is the largest migrant shared services arrangement district in the Amarillo area. Christine Salas is the Migrant Program Coordinator.

Top graduates in Bovina Middle School were Jessica Amparan, valedictorian; Victoria Carrillo, salutatorian; and Rogelio Martinez, historian.

Lehmon Jacobs, Bovina TxDoT roadway maintenance supervisor and Mike Wilson, assistant roadway maintenance supervisor, received a 15-year safe operator and a 30-year safe operator respectively at a TxDoT awards banquet in Plainview. The Bovina Maintenance Section was also recognized for one-year no lost time.

JUNE

Parmer County Community Hospital's building fund benefited from a \$25,000 gift from Excel Corporation and its parent company, the Cargill Foundation. It was the second gift from Excel which has now contributed \$75,000 to the hospital.

Bovina residents were invited to attend a Town Hall meeting at the Bovina Senior Citizen's Center to discuss the possibility of a seniors meal program at the Center.

Bovina's First United Methodist Church got a new pastor June 13. Quita Jones moved to Bovina from Kress and brought her first message to the congregation on June 17.

JULY

Bovina ISD received its third grant in the last 18 months from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board. The present \$100,000 grant to BISD follows \$50,000 and \$40,000 grants received earlier.

Ron Carr, managing editor of the *Bovina Blade*, accepted a Media Honor Roll award at the July 5 school board meeting. The award is given to local newspapers for coverage of public school activities.

Construction was begun on an addition to the west end of the school administration building. The expansion is for a

computer learning lab.

1968 Bovina High graduate Rex Cumpton is back in Parmer County. Cumpton and his wife Connie have moved to Friena where Rex will coach 7th and 8th grade football and assist with varsity football. He was head coach at Farwell from 1986-1993 and led the Steers to the playoffs four times.

For the month of July, there was not a trace of moisture in Parmer County's official gauge. Temperatures of 94 or over were recorded every day the last week of the month. At least five days were over 100 degrees.

For the first time since the 1930s Parmer County is without a John Deere dealer. Texas Equipment Company on Highway 60 west of Friena closed July 14 and the company has filed for bankruptcy.

AUGUST

Dr. Jeff Dickson, a Friena native, saw his first patient at the Friena Rural Health Clinic on August 1. Dr. Dickson joins Drs. Jubay and Alexander at the clinic. The Friena Rural Health Clinic moved into their new building this week.

The 2001 Bovina Mustangs took to the practice field in the summer heat. About 30 boys reported. New coaches on board this year include Tony Epps, Bob Horton, Joey Sims' Randy Ragland and Brian Jones. The Mustangs scrimmaged Clovis JV on August 17.

After a two year experiment contracting for a city manager from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Bovina's aldermen decided to hire a full time city manager. Ernest Terry of Lubbock has accepted the position and will assume his duties in early September.

The 2001-02 Bovina ISD budget was approved by the school board. The budgeted amount was \$3,387,940, an increase of \$300,000 over last year.

Bovina firemen went door-to-door collecting funds for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The volunteer firemen collected a total of \$900.

SEPTEMBER

The Bovina Mustangs opened the season with an inspired effort but lost their home opener to Hagerman (NM) 42-14.

Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friena celebrated their 25th anniversary with an open house September 9.

The Mustangs had some fun at Mustang Field as they rolled to a 24-0 victory over the Lorenzo Hornets. The win would prove to be the only victory for the Mustangs in the 2001 season.

The September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington caused a temporary nationwide panic at the gas pumps. Vehicles were lined up most of the day at Allsup's and Fast Stop and Charles Oil in Bovina.

The Parmer County Commissioners voted to propose a three percent tax increase for county residents. The proposed rate will be .4309 cents per \$100 assessed valuations. The tax rate will be adopted and the budget for 2002 will be set September 24 at the County Courthouse.

Parmer County Community Hospital held an open house and tours of the new physicians' clinic building on September 25.

OCTOBER

Rocio Antillon was named 2001 Homecoming Queen before the Sundown game. She was escorted by David DeLaRosa. Sundown spoiled the homecoming with a 37-6 victory over the Mustangs.

Two Bovina residences were searched by the Sheriff's office, Bovina police and the county narcotics task force. Residents were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell. A burglary of a residence 8 miles west of Bovina on FM 2290 was also investigated.

A \$525,000 tele communications grant was awarded to the Bovina Community Network. The project will begin with a five-month planning phase to build a Community Network. Mike Prather of Bovina is the project director.

Alderman Linda Marshall resigned at the October meeting of the council. Mrs. Marshall resigned from the council to avoid a conflict of interest because she is employed by the firm that conducts the city audit.

Parmer County Commissioners approved a tax abatement request by Excel, which is planning to build two new facilities. The proposal is to build a box storage handling facility and install a new activated sludge waste water treatment system. It was projected the buildings will be finished by May, 2003, and will bring 12 technical jobs to Parmer County.

October 20 the Bovina Marching Band competed in the UIL marching band contest in Plainview. The Mustang Band received a superior rating and will be performing in Odessa October 27 in the 1A area marching competition.

NOVEMBER

The planning committee of the Bovina Community Network hosted a community meeting. The discussion focused on implementation of the new community project that is funded by a \$525,000 grant. Members of the planning committee are Rhonda Thatcher, Michael Downes, Mike McCallum, Izzy Carrasco, Esther Steelman and Mike Prather.

A group of BHS students participated in the "Flag Run Across America", relaying the flag from Parmerton Hill into town.

The area received a slow soaking rain on November 14 and on Thursday, November 15 a total of 1.48 inches had been received. This was the first substantial rain for the area since October 11.

Mike McCallum was appointed to serve out the term of Alderman Linda Marshall who resigned at the last council meeting.

A new police vehicle was purchased. It is a 2002 4-wheel drive Ford Explorer. The city is also seeking to hire an additional police officer.

The Bovina Mustangs ended their season with a 34-0 loss to Sudan for a 1-9 record.

City Manager Ernest Terry announced the purchase of computer software to maintain and track city funds. Utility bills will now be changed from a letter format to postcards.

DECEMBER

Winner of the 2001 football contest was veteran player A. M. Wilson who edged Aubrey Parson in a tie-breaker to claim the \$150 grand prize. It was A.M.'s fourth time to win the annual contest.

Tom Ware filed for another term as county commissioner. Altha Herington filed for County Treasurer and Vi Hutto has filed for re-election as Justice of the Peace.

Lenore Falcon is the new postmaster in Bovina. She replaces longtime postmaster Laura Bartlett who recently retired. She is a native of Olton and graduate of Olton High School.

A December thunderstorm, complete with thunder and lightning, roared through the area on December 11 at 4:30 p.m. The fast-moving front traveled west to east and was accompanied by a small amount of sleet. The temperature dropped from a high of 59 to the upper 30s in about 30 minutes.

Bonnie Clayton announced her candidacy for re-election as Parmer County Judge for the Democratic primary in March 2002.



HONORED---Dorothy and Grady Sorley were honored at the Bovina Sports Banquet last May for their support of the Fillies and Mustangs both at home and away. They were named as Bovina 2001 Fans-of-the-Year.



FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE---Pat Kunselman (right) was honored for his many years of volunteer service with the Bovina Fire Department. He was presented the "Fire Ax Plaque" by current Fire Chief Stan Miller.



TEACHER AND PIONEER....Kathy Graves, left, was honored as Educator of the Year at the Chamber banquet. Receiving the 2001 Heritage Award was Sue Fowler.

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HISTORIC FLAG---Coach Bruce Scroggins is shown leading a group of BHS students down Highway 60 during the historic "Flag Run Across America" last Fall.

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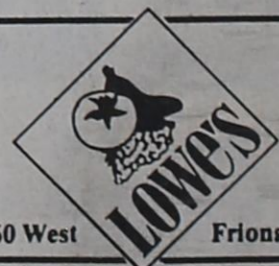
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