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# The Bovina Blade

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**DOCTOR'S DAY** was celebrated across the nation and in Parmer County last Friday. Hospital Auxiliary hosted a reception at PCCH. Shown are, l-r, Dr. Felipe Jubay, Auxiliary president Donna Schueler, Dr. Jon Mack Roden, Elizabeth McLellan, and Dr. Robert Alexander.

## Church Day In Bovina April 20: Be One of 503

In 1970, the Women's Study Club of Bovina organized and supported a special day, March 8, as Church Day in an effort to encourage people of Bovina to get out of bed and go to church.

The attendance goal was 1,000 and the slogan "I will be one of 1000" was advertised locally and supported by the churches, merchants, businesses and schools in Bovina.

Local organizers say that the "goal of 1000" was surpassed with a total attendance of 1,122. The breakdown for the March 8, 1970 rally was Baptist 404, Methodist 212, Church of

Christ 140, Pentecostal 53, Baptist Mission 75, Friendship Baptist 13 and Catholic Church 225.

The campaign was repeated on March 7, 1971 with the slogan "Get It Done in '71" and a goal of 1,100 was set. It was again exceeded by 42 attendees.

Fast forward to February 27, 2003. Some of the leaders and ministers of the churches in Bovina met and discussed plans for another campaign to encourage local people to attend church.

April 20, 2003, was chosen and a modest goal of 503 was set. The slogan for April 20 will be "I will be one of

503 in '03." Local organizers said "We want to encourage everyone in Bovina to stop and remember all the blessings we enjoy and to take time out of our busy lives to stop and thank God for all the little things he does for us."

"Remember what James said in Chapter 1, Verse 17," they concluded, "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows," and Be One of 503 in '03.

### Senior Edition Will Publish May 16:

The Bovina Blade's special 2003 graduation tabloid will be published on May 23. Graduation Day is May 30.

We need help from parents and teachers to urge each senior to turn in their form to the high school office, along with a first grade picture (or as close to first grade as you can) ASAP. Deadline to assure that your senior's bio will be included in the special section is Monday, May 12.

Also, parents and grandparents and friends of graduates: you can congratulate your favorite senior with an ad placed in our May 23 newspaper. Include a picture and a special message. We'll help with copy if you need it.

### Hospital Election Cancelled

Since the two incumbents are the only candidates on the Parmer County Hospital District's 2003 election ballot, the election, which had been set for Saturday, May 3 has been cancelled.

Incumbents Danny Kendrick and Robert Neelley were unopposed, and in such cases, governmental agencies can opt to cancel the election.

"It will save us a little money," said hospital administrator Bill Neely.

### Prairie Acres' Medical Director Issues Warning!

Due to the high rate of illness in our community at the present time, Dr. Robert Alexander, medical director, has ordered that no children be allowed inside Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

This action is an effort to protect the nursing home's residents.

## Ellises Selling Their 'Papers To V. Copley

Carol and Bill Ellis are announcing that effective May 1, 2003, they are selling the Friona Star and Bovina Blade to Vickie Copley.

Bill Ellis has edited and/or published the Friona Star since June 1, 1962. On April 1, 1973, the Ellises bought the Bovina Blade, and have published the two newspapers since that time.

Vickie Copley has served as production superintendent for the newspapers for almost 35 years.

"Vickie was the first person I hired after we bought the Friona Star. She and the rest of our 'crew' have published the papers many times while we vacationed and always did a super job. I know that she will do a fine job in her new capacity," Ellis said.

The rest of the staff will remain with the newspapers: Ron Carr, the Managing Editor since 1995, Marlene Mueller as receptionist/bookkeeper, and Nathan Parson, the newest employee, who joined the firm in late

November, 2002.

The Ellises plan to remain in Friona, where they expect to write and publish family-history type books, and Carol will have time for painting.

"I may write an occasional sports story if they want me to, and might even fill in while a staff member takes a week off. We will do all we can to make the changeover work out satisfactorily for all concerned," Bill said.

The Ellises are particularly happy to be able to sell their newspapers to local folks, who know the readers and advertisers, and will continue to publish weekly newspapers that will promote the best interests of our communities.

In 1968, six years after they came to Friona the Ellises had the opportunity to buy the Star from Joe Osborn.

Then, five years later, the Ellises purchased the Bovina Blade from Dolph Moten, who had helped in founding the newspaper in 1955.

Bill is a past president of the Panhandle Press Assn. The Star has won "General Excellence" awards from the PPA, as well as the Texas Press Assn. and West Texas Press Assn.

The local newspaper also has been presented with special "community service" awards on two occasions.

Having completed his Ellis Family book, Bill now is thinking about publishing a sports record book for Friona High School.

The Ellises say they are the oldest (in point of years served) publishers in the Texas Panhandle.

"Many of our co-horts have retired, and a few have passed away," they said.

## Mustangs Win Third At Sudan

The Bovina track team scored 111 points at the March 21 track meet in Sudan to finish third behind Sundown and Hart.

Jonathan Chisom, Raymond Chisom and Sergio Salas placed 2nd, 3rd and 6th in the long jump. Hugo Martinez was 6th in the discus, while J. Chisom and Salas placed 2nd and 6th in the triple jump.

Edgar Ortiz placed 2nd in the 3200m run and 4th in the 1600m. Alfredo Martinez placed 3rd in the 800m.

The Mustangs established a school record in winning the 800m relay. J. Chisom, R. Chisom, Jake Steelman and A. Martinez made up the relay team. The same runners placed second to Sundown in the 1600 relay.

Steelman won the 300m hurdles and J. Chisom was 2nd in the 200m.

The JV also finished in 3rd place at the meet with 98 points behind Friona and Vega.

Hugo Aguillon and Victor Garcia placed 1st and 3rd in the long jump. Luis Munoz was 6th in discus, V. Garcia was 4th in the triple jump and Israel Escobar was 2nd in the pole vault.

In the running events, Cornelio Ortiz was 3rd in the 3200m, Emigdio Flores and Michael Ortiz were 2nd and 6th in the 800m run. Cornelio Ortiz and Emigdio Flores placed 5th and 6th in the 1600m run.

The 400m relay team of V. Garcia, Jeff Casas, H. Aguillon and Alex Espinoza placed 4th. They also were 3rd in the 800m relay and 2nd in the 1600m relay.

Jose Esparza was 6th in the 100m dash and 5th in the 400m. Orlando Espinosa and Deolondo Alonzo placed 5th and 6th in the 110m hurdles. Jose Espaza was 3rd in the 200m run.

The Mustangs are competing in the district track meet April 3-4.

## Services Held Sun. For Doris Wilson

Funeral services for Doris Wilson, 95, were conducted Sunday, March 30, at First United Methodist Church of Bovina. Rev. Quita Jones, pastor, and Rev. Don McNerlin officiated.

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

Mrs. Wilson passed away Friday, March 28, 2003, at Sunbridge High Plains Nursing Home of Clovis. She had lived in Clovis for the past three years.

Doris married John Wilson in 1925 at Nash, Oklahoma. They moved to Bovina in 1928. John Wilson passed away on April 11, 1969.

A retired music teacher, Mrs. Wilson taught piano and voice. She was a member of Bovina's First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Pat Kunselman of Bovina; three grandchildren, Rick Kunselman of Killeen, Vickie Jennings of Dimmitt and John Arthur Kunselman of Spearman.

Also, six great-grandchildren, Heather Linney of Austin, Amber Hughes of Killeen, Gina Coleman of Borger, Jamie



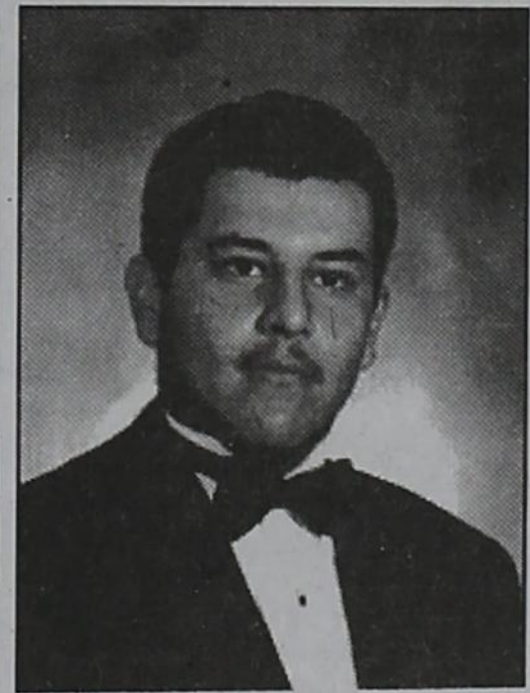
DORIS WILSON

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Grayson of Spearman, Chad Jennings of Bovina and Drew Jennings of Bovina.

Also, three great-great grandchildren, Conner Coleman of Borger, Caylin Grayson of Spearman and Grace Linney of Austin.

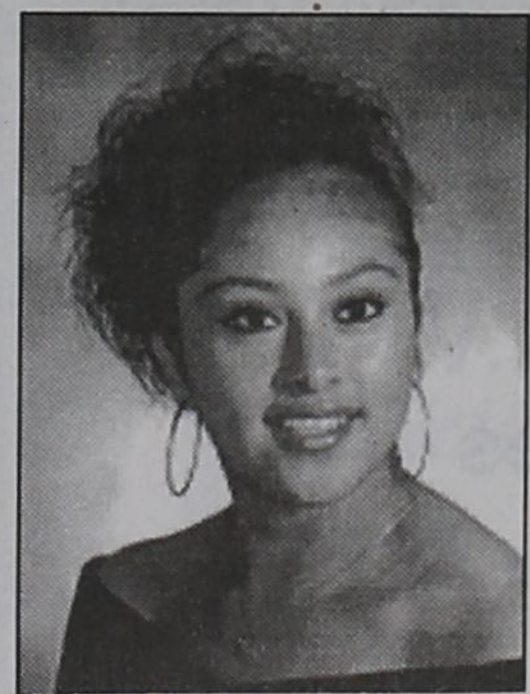
Pallbearers were Chad Jennings, Drue Jennings, Blake Rundell, Drew Musik, Lance Teague, Cody Coleman and Woody Rickerd.



JUAN VARA



SANDRA GUEVARA



MIGUELINA CASTRO COURTNEY JAMERSON



## UIL Scholar Awards Announced For Bovina

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) Scholar Award is presented to seniors who will graduate in the top ten percent of their class and have participated in at least one UIL academic, music or athletic event.

"The purpose of the award is to honor those students whose academic and extracurricular achievements have been exemplary," said Dr. Bill Farney, UIL Director.

"This award program is one of the most unique in the nation," added Farney. "We feel it is important to recognize students whose self-discipline and integrity in competition are a model to others and a valuable asset to future citizenship."

UIL Scholar Awards will be presented during Bovina High School graduation May 30, 2003, to Sandra Guevara, Courtney Jamerson, Juan Vara and Miguelina Castro.

**WE'VE BEEN TRYING** to take our minds off the war lately by coming up with song titles containing names of cities as a diversion. So, today's "essay" might be entitled "Songs About Cities." As you know, a number of American cities have been immortalized in song.

Sinatra sang "New York, New York," and later "Chicago" (that toddlin' town). Then there was "Moon Over Miami," and Tony Bennett "Left His Heart in San Francisco." Carol and I left San Francisco after 18 months, but brought our hearts back with us to Texas!

Other songs said "Everything's up to Date in Kansas City," "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?" and Seattle was featured in the musical movie "Here Come the Brides."

Glenn Campbell sang "By the Time I Get to Phoenix..." and Fats Domino recorded "Walkin' to New Orleans." The song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" paid tribute to several of the towns and cities along that historic route.

But when you stop and think about it, there have been about as many songs about Texas and its cities as those for the rest of the country.

Back in the 1940s, Bob Wills made a name for himself with "San Antonio Rose," and years later, Marty Robbins wrote, and sang about "El Paso." I think Marty, who is one of my personal favorite singers, also recorded "Streets of Laredo," so he pretty well accounted for most of our state's southwestern border.

A lot of people across the country would probably guess that "The Eyes of Texas" was our state song, if not "The Yellow Rose of Texas." Nope—it's "Texas, Our Texas."

Our state's large cities are pretty well covered: "Big D (double A, double L, A, S.)" Glenn Campbell sang "Galveston," and Dean Martin eulogized "Houston."

Wasn't it Eddy Arnold who recorded "She's my Texarkana Baby?" (Her pappy was from Texas, and her ma from Arkansas). Our late Uncle Austin told Carol and me that Eddy's brother had been his barber for years in the Arnolds' home town of Jackson, Tennessee, and that Eddy would show up every once and awhile.

Then there was "Luckenbach, Texas (Waylon, Willie and the boys...)"

Our area's cities were also covered. Mac Davis thought "Happiness was Lubbock, Texas, in his Rear-View Mirror." Amarillo has had two songs: "Amarillo by Morning," and "Show me the way to Amarillo?"

Parmer County's own Ben McCain of Bovina didn't sing about Bovina or Friona, but he did record "Memphis Lady from Texas." We have that record in our collection. My late friend Gil Lamb of Muleshoe adopted Frankie Laine's "Mule Train" for his daily news broadcast on KMUL. His daughter Magann Rennels continued the tradition.

A lot of singers hailed from Texas, besides Waylon, Willie and Buddy Holly. Most notably, Gene Autry, Ernest Tubb, Jeanie C. Riley and Dale Evans. Seminole is about the size of Friona, and they lay claim to the Gatlin Brothers and Tanya Tucker. Littlefield had Waylon Jennings. The Everly brothers and Jimmy Dean are also from our area.

Houston claims B.J. Thomas, Kenny Rogers and Barbara Mandrell. Texas also claims the late latin star, Selena and Freddy Fender, Country singers George Jones, Kris Kristofferson, "Boxcar Willie," Michael Martin Murphey, Buck Owens, Roger Miller, Ray Price, Jim Reeves, George Strait, Johnny Rodriguez and Tex Ritter.

Keep a copy of this column handy. I may give a pop-test when you least expect it.

### Bull Town Bulletins

by Bill Ellis



# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**45 Yrs Ago-April 2, 1958**  
Otto Ables, representative of the Gateway Produce Company, will be ready Friday and Saturday to make a deal with local farmers concerning cantaloupe growing.

Don Bernard has purchased the service station on the corner of Third Street and Highway 60, where he has been manager for the past several years.

Tom M. Bonds was elected president of the Bovina Jaycees for the coming year at the regular meeting of the organization last week.

A total of 90 students, parents and teachers went to Dallas last weekend on an observation tour. They left here Friday night and returned Sunday morning about 10 o'clock.

**40 Yrs Ago-April 3, 1963**  
Bovina students brought home their share of placings from the district Inter-scholastic League literary meet conducted Saturday at Lazbuddie, according to school officials.

H.J. Charles and James C. Russell were elected to positions on Bovina's city council in Tuesday's voting.

Candy Wilson, fifth grade student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson, had the grand prize entry in the Science Fair at school Monday.

Mrs. Dolph Moten underwent surgery last week at the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona and returned home the first of the week.

**35 Yrs Ago-April 3, 1968**  
Bonds Oil Company is in its new home at the corner of Highway 60 and FM 2290, having completed the move Saturday.

Wilson and Brock Insurance Agency moved its offices over the weekend to the Isaac Building on Main Street, formerly occupied by the school tax office.

Lloyd Killough, maintenance foreman for Parmer County Division of the Texas Highway Department, will move to Muleshoe, April 25, where he will assume the same duties and responsibilities of the headquarters there. James Weldon Moody, assistant foreman here since 1962, will become maintenance construction foreman of the Bovina headquarters.

**30 Years Ago-April 4, 1973**  
The future of the office of Economic Opportunity branch in Bovina is "dangling" at present according to Mrs. Pearl Cervantez, director of the office here.

Open House at the new parsonage of the First Baptist Church will be hosted by Southwestern Public Service Company, Sunday afternoon, from 2-5 p.m.

An April snow storm, which rapidly is becoming Bovina's "trademark" struck here Monday afternoon, dumping six inches of snow on the community.

**25 Yrs Ago-April 5, 1978**  
The Bovina Booster Club has announced plans are now being made to charter a bus to take those interested in the trip to Austin for the Girls State Track Meet.

In its search for a permanent resident physician for Bovina, the Chamber of Commerce committee charged with this responsibility, has four potential, qualified doctors are reluctant to come to Bovina as long as the clinic is already occupied.

**20 Yrs Ago-April 6, 1983**  
The Royal Ambassadors (RA's) of the state's Baptist Churches gathered at the Fairgrounds in Waco April 1 for a relay. Bud Venable, twelve-year-old son of Radford and Kay Venable, entered with sixty competing and won a third place medal in the high jump.

**15 Yrs Ago-April 6, 1988**  
Effective April 3, 1988, the new rate for first class postage will be 25 cents.

Mr. and Miss Bovina High School is Devanee Englant and Todd Ware. She is the daughter of Bobby and Irma Jo Englant and he is the son of Tom and Sandra Ware.

**10 Yrs Ago-April 3, 1993**  
Bovina High School

students, Kody Wilson, Darren Hromas, Tobyn Dyer, Andy Espinoza and Matt Hromas, recently earned high marks in the regional JETS Contest held at West Texas State University and Texas A&M.

**5 Yrs Ago-April 3, 1998**  
Selected as student-of-the-week this week was junior Chris Dopp.

He was named as honorable mention all-star cast in one-act play competition.

## Tharps Have A Baby Boy

Jeremy and Lori Tharp of Laverne, Oklahoma are the parents of a baby boy born March 30 at Woodward Regional Hospital in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Kolsen Clay weighed seven pounds, three ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches. He is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Mike and Debra Beauchamp of Bovina and James and Kay Tharp of Enid, Oklahoma.

Great-grandparents are Grady and Dorothy Sorley of Bovina.

## Friona Credit Union Sets Annual Meeting Tuesday

The 49th annual meeting of the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union will be held Tuesday, April 8, in the junior high cafeteria.

Registration and meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Friona high school students.

The flag ceremony will be conducted by the Pack 56 Wolf Den. Barbara Maynard, Credit Union president, and the board members will

preside over the business meeting.

There will be an election of officers, board and credit committee members.

Mrs. Maynard will give the financial report and present service awards to eligible credit union employees.

The evening is capped off with a lively drawing for many door prizes. All credit union members are encouraged to attend.

## Free Trees Available

Ten free oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during the month of April 2003.

The free oaks are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign and are being given in recognition of the oak's selection as the People's Choice for America's National Tree.

The ten trees include two red oaks, two pin oaks, two bur oaks, two scarlet oaks and two willow oaks.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with planting instructions.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Oak Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410, by April 30, 2003 or join on-line at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).



**SPRING FORWARD** one hour says the lazy scarecrow with the boots and clock under somebody's tree. Sunday begins Daylight Savings Time. Move your clock forward. Don't be late for church.

## Bailey-Parmer IPM Scouting Program

With profit margins tight, pest management decisions are very important aspects of agriculture operations. Integrated Pest Management is the best approach to ensuring a healthy environment while maintaining the competitiveness of Texas agriculture. IPM programs have a 20+ year track record of significantly reducing the risks related to pesticides, while increasing net profit for Texas agriculture and maintaining quality and yield of food and fiber. IPM is the logical answer to many of the economic and environmental challenges facing agriculture today.

The Bailey-Parmer IPM Scouting Program is managed by a steering committee of local ag producers and agribusinessmen. The 2003 Bailey-Parmer IPM committee members are: Ron Anderson, Davy Carthel, JeDon Gallman, Wayne Pierson, Ben Rejino, and Jimmy Wedel.

The Bailey-Parmer IPM Scouting Program will scout participating producers fields on a weekly basis.

Pest density and dispersion, crop stage, natural enemy populations, crop value, and current weather will be compiled and analyzed using economic

thresholds to determine the need for treatment. This data will be organized into reports and delivered to the producer. Services offered by the scouting program are pest management (insects, weeds, disease), moisture monitoring using moisture blocks, growth regulator suggestions, and harvest aid strategies. The Cotman computer model will be used to track cotton growth and development, effectively determine when the crop is safe from insect damage, and correctly time harvest aids to maximize yield and grade while reducing weather risks.

There is a minimal per acre charge to cover labor and mileage for scouts associated with the scouting program. Whether you enroll the whole farm of just a few fields your participation is encouraged. Call Texas Cooperative Extension 806-481-3300 or drop by 401 3rd street office 305 in Farwell (Parmer County Courthouse) if you are interested in this valuable program. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

## Immunization Clinics Set For April

Immunization clinics offering vaccines protecting against several childhood diseases are scheduled for April throughout several Panhandle communities.

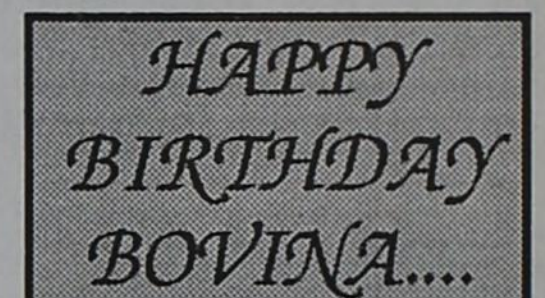
Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lock-jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

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 of the individual or family to pay, however, no one will be turned away if not able to pay.

The vaccinations will be administered at 616 Euclid in Friona, Friday, April 25, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be available at the Bovina EMS Building, Monday, April 14, from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.



Birthdays for the week of April 6-12, 2003  
Apr 6 Krysta Cockerham, Magaly Anaya  
Apr 7 Tommy Hall  
Apr 9 Rose Ann Cantu  
Apr 10 Ann Flores, Pat Kunselman  
Apr 11 Mary Alice Merrill  
Apr 12 Galen Hromas, Kevin Hughes

Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

## City of Bovina (Ciudad de Bovina)

### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Bovina, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Bovina, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on 3 May, 2003, for voting in a general election to elect three (3) City Councilmen (two year term). (Notifiquese, por las presente, que ls casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. alas 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir tres (3) El Consejo de la Ciudad.)

#### LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE (DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Bovina EMS Building  
109 3rd Street  
Bovina, Texas 79009

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. closed at lunch, and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on 16 April 2003 and ending on 29 April 2003. (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 11:00 de la mañana, cerrado en el almuerzo, entre la 1:00 de la tarde y 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril 2003 y terminando el 29 de Abril 2003.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a

Bonnie Scaff  
Early Voting Clerk  
Secretaria de Votacion Adelantada  
PO Drawer KK  
Bovina, TX 79009

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than close of business on 25 April 2003. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el 25 Abril 2003.)

Issued this 10th day of February 2003 (Emitada este 10° dia de Febrero 2003)

Galen Hromas  
Mayor, City of Bovina  
(Alcade, Ciudad de Bovina)

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**PRAIRIE ACRES' employee-of-the-month for April is Toni Ramirez.** She works in the restorative department at the nursing home. Resident-of-the-month is Kelley Harrison. She was not available for a photo.

### Town Hall Meeting Is Set April 11

The Panhandle's Town Hall Meeting for the Public Library Development Study for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has been set for Friday, April 11. The meeting will be held at the Amarillo Public Library, 413 E. 4th Room A&B, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. A coffee begins at 10 a.m.

All persons interested in public libraries are invited to attend. For more information, call (806)378-4216 or 1-800-627-2124.

### Life Story Is Submitted By Carolyn Chambless

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 Carolyn Chambless.

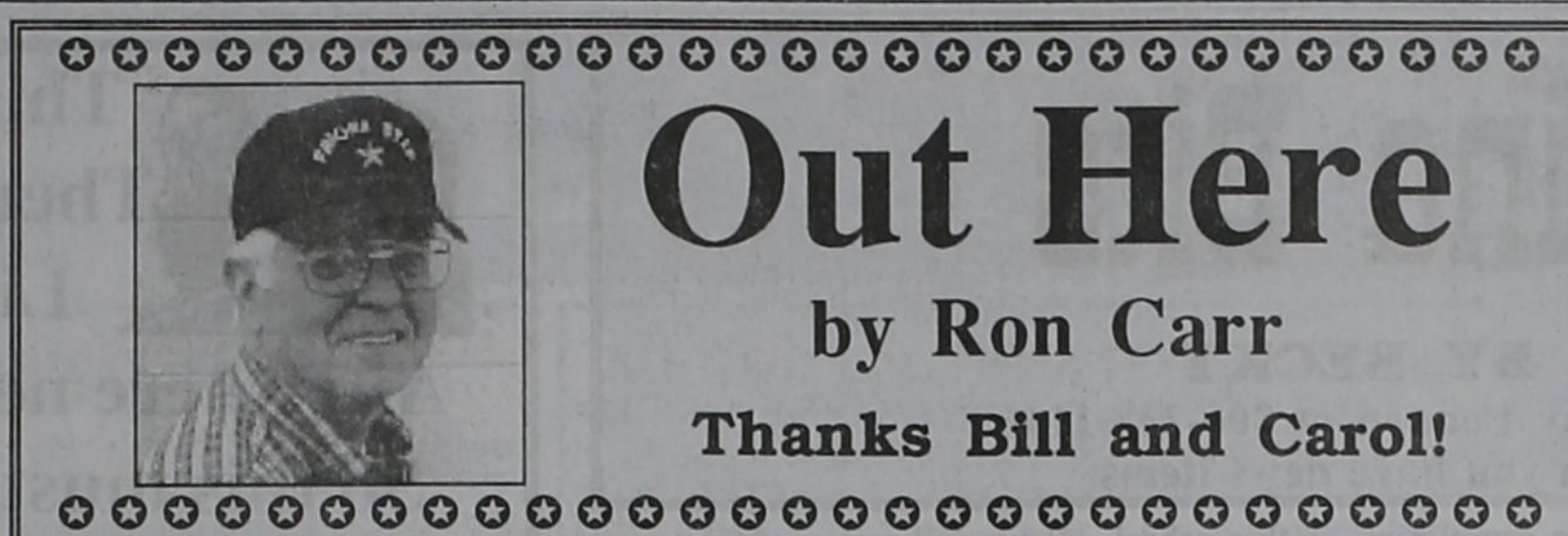
By CAROLYN CHAMBLESS  
I was born on December 2, 1903 in Russellville, Arkansas to John McKnight and Emma (Wallace) Bradley. I had one older sister.

My dad was a farmer. We lived in Russellville several years before we moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. My parents had a drug store there. We moved to Arch, Roosevelt County, New Mexico in 1911.

I remember riding the train to New Mexico with my parents and sister, Grace. I got locked in the toilet on the train and my mother had to get the conductor to let me out.

My dad's brother, Joe, lived at Arch and farmed and also ran the Post Office. Dad started farming with him. My brother, John, was born while we lived at Arch. We moved to Portales a few years later. Dad continued farming until his death in 1940. My dad brought the first sweet potatoes (the Tennessee Reds) to Roosevelt County. There aren't many sweet potatoes grown there now, but there are still lots of peanuts raised there.

I attended school at Portales and went to college in Clarendon, Texas, earning my Bachelor Degree and later attended Kansas University, Texas Tech and the



# Out Here

by Ron Carr

Thanks Bill and Carol!

Elsewhere in today's paper you will read about the sale.

There are many kinds of sales here in the county: livestock sales, auctions, estate sales. But the sale of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade is kind of special. At least to me.

I arrived in Friona eight years ago this month. Moved from Tulsa, Oklahoma and ended a 27-year career in the travel industry, mostly in downtown Dallas.

In a tour around Friona with my brother Rick, I mentioned the apartments on 5th Street as a place to live. He said to forget it. The people who lived there never left.

On the nickel tour down Main Street, I spotted the Friona Star office and mentioned I wouldn't mind working for a newspaper now that my traveling days were over.

He told me to forget that too. The Friona Star is a "mom and pop" operation, he said. So small they hardly ever had employee turnover.

Lo and behold, eight years later, I'm happy to be living in those 5th Street

apartments (for six years now) and am about to complete my 8th year working for Bill and Carol Ellis at the "mom and pop" newspaper. So much for brotherly advice.

Sometime around the middle of May, 1995, I spotted an ad in the Friona Star classifieds about a job at the newspaper. I called the paper and Vickie Copley answered.

It was a Friday and she gave Bill Ellis my message and if memory serves correctly we met at the Star office on a Saturday morning. He hired me the next week and I headed off into the unknown. Some people say I never came back.

I didn't know it at the time but Vickie was in the middle of production on the 1995 senior graduation tabloid the day I called. Today we are about to be in the middle of the graduation paper for the Class of 2003. The seniors this year were in the fifth grade the year I arrived.

They also kid me around here now that I was the first male employee the Ellises had hired in many years and there was some trepidation about whether I would "work out" if you know what I mean.

When I came to work at the papers, I had not attended a high school athletic event in almost 40 years, much less tried to take action photos and write stories about them.

So it came to pass that Bill and Carol Ellis, and Vickie and Marlene, adopted me and put up with me while I fumbled and bumbled my way into journalism.

Bill and Carol, we call her Momma Carol around here, both have journalism degrees from Texas Tech. By the time I started here, they already had 35 or so years of newspapering behind them.

After over 40 years of doing this, I can see why they want to retire, sell the papers, and enjoy life without so many deadlines.

So I want to publicly, and sincerely, thank Bill and Carol for the opportunity they gave me eight years ago. And especially for their kindness and patience shown to a hard-headed ex-travel agent trying to adjust to life in rural America.

I have to admit I was not an easy case at first. After one month, I figured I knew as much as they did after 30 years. You know how that ego thing works.

Through some bad times and a lot of good times, they have been always fair and kind in their dealings with me. I have learned, at their knee, more than I ever set out to learn about newspapering and picture

taking and story writing.

They are pros. They have the newspaper association award plaques to prove it. They have spanned the era from hot lead type to computer graphics.

Along the way they have made a lot of friends and a few enemies. One thing I have learned firsthand is that when you publish a newspaper you are going to make a few citizens mad from time to time, don't you know.

You have to have a thick skin and a kind heart to publish a newspaper. Bill and Carol have both.

And may I say that I think Bill Ellis is the premier sportswriter of any weekly newspaper anywhere in the Panhandle. I read other newspapers because we all trade papers with each other.

No other weekly paper has the detailed coverage and statistics of the local high school team than Bill Ellis and the Friona Star has provided. Check it out yourself.

And Momma Carol can design an ad or layout a front page quicker and with more creativity than most. She is truly an artist on canvas and on the pages of the papers.

So thank you Bill and Carol. For even more that you have done for me that I don't have room to mention.

It has been a great experience for me these eight years. And I look forward to the next eight, working with Vickie Copley and her husband Terry, as we strive to maintain the quality of the newspapers that the Ellises worked so hard to maintain for lo' these many years.

Thank you Bill and Carol. It has been a nice ride.

## Around Town

### Ladies lunch & fashion show Apr 5

The annual Ladies Spring Luncheon and fashion show will feature a luau theme complete with traditional hula dancing. The date is Apr 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Friona High School cafeteria. Admission: one pot-luck dish. The annual luncheon is hosted by the Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

### Senior steak dinner Apr 6

The FHS senior class of 2003 will serve up its annual steak dinner on Sunday, Apr 6, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria. Adults \$8 advance, \$9 at the door. Children 12 and under, \$5 advance, \$6 at the door. For tickets see any senior or call Malouf's at 250-3575. For takeouts, also call Malouf's by Apr 3. Proceeds go towards the drug free all night graduation party.

### Kindergarten pre-registration Apr 7-11

Pre-registration for 2003-04 Friona kindergarten is Mon to Fri, Apr 7-11, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. A child must be 5 years-old on or before Sep 1 for the 2003-04 school year. Take the following information with you: child's birth certificate, child's social security card and immunization records. Copies will be made and originals returned to you. Call 250-3935 for more information.

### Understanding Islam series concludes

The third in a series of one-hour programs to provide a better understanding of Islam will be held at the Friona junior high auditorium on Sunday, Apr 6, at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Lamuel Salik of the Episcopal Church in Hereford. The series is sponsored by the Friona Ministerial Alliance.

### Fellowship of Christian Women Meeting

Friona's Fellowship of Christian Women will meet Tuesday, Apr 8, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. There will be refreshments, a short devotional and then the ladies will play bunco. All women from the community are invited.

### Seniors & kids Easter Egg Hunt Apr 19

At 10 a.m., Saturday, Apr 19, kids and senior citizens are invited to participate in the annual Easter egg hunt at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. There will be three different age groups and areas for children. Senior citizens will hunt too, for different color eggs worth points and can win prizes. Everyone is invited.

### Amarillo Art Museum student exhibition

The Amarillo Museum of Art will present the 2003 Texas Panhandle Invitational Student Art Exhibition from Apr 9-25. The show allows middle and high school students in the Panhandle to compete in the area of visual arts. The museum is open Tuesday thru Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. It is located at 2200 So. Van Buren. For more info call 371-5050.

### Tent meeting/brisket cookoff Apr 12

A brisket challenge cookoff, including a gospel tent meeting, will be held in Friona Apr 12, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. The speaker will be Jeff Parsons. The event is free and the public is invited to attend. Organizers encourage you to hear the free gospel and eat the free brisket.



CAROLYN CHAMBLESS

University of New Mexico. I taught in several schools including Tatum and Portales, New Mexico. I retired in the early 1940s.

Several of my friends and I traveled each summer sightseeing in the United States and Cuba. I am a member of the First United Methodist Church. I will be 100 years young this year.

I married Melvane E. Chambless on October 8, 1944 and after he was out of the Army we lived in Portales. We ran the Continental Oil dealership and a Conoco Service Station with my brother. My husband passed away in 1989 and I lived in my home until June 1999 when I moved into a Retirement Center in Clovis. I moved to Prairie Acres in October 2002 and think this is a very nice place to live.



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# Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

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Family members say that Erra Jamerson was moved to a private room this week at the hospital in Dallas where she underwent surgery on March 21 for a brain aneurysm.

Local family members who were with her for the surgery included son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and D'Lynn and their children Courtney, Cody and Taryn of Bovina; son, Ken of Friona; and sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Tom Ware of Bovina.

Erra plans to stay with her daughter, Carol Scott of Abilene, following her release to recuperate closer to her doctors.

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Janie and Glenden Sudderth's son and his family, Del Ray and Linda and sons Kale and Derek of Austin, came to Bovina for their spring break.

The family members then traveled to Ruidoso, New Mexico for a few days. Janie said the boys skied and snow boarded and had a really great time.

There were no injuries during their vacation, but Janie reported that Kale, who is 6 years old, fell off a fence last weekend and broke his arm. Boys will be boys!

\*\*\*\*\*  
Robert and Judy Lees had a new granddaughter to brag about. Little Aniston Pate was born at Coon Memorial Hospital in Dalhart on March 27 to the couple's son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Shannon Lees.

She weighed seven pounds, two ounces and measured nineteen and one half inches in length. Ani has an older sister, Abi, who is 3.

Robert, who has been a math teacher for BISD for three years now, is retiring at

the completion of this school year. Judy said they have enjoyed their stay in Bovina. They will be moving back to Logan, New Mexico in the summer to their home there.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Friends report that Charlie Teague should be home by the weekend. He underwent abdominal surgery last week at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital and was being treated this week for an infection. Our best wishes to Charlie during his recovery.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Thelma and Rouel Barron had two surprises during the

Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The first was when their son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Linda Barron and their daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Willie Riggle, all of the Ft. Worth area, came through the door and joined them at their table, and the second was when Rouel was presented the Heritage award.

Jerry and his family came to town and stayed with then Chamber president, Billy Smith. Thelma said they enjoyed seeing their family and were honored that Rouel was presented the award.

## 2003 Soil and Water Stewardship Week Set

"Food for the Future" is the theme for the 2003 Soil and Water Stewardship Week. This annual observance, which is celebrated between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, reminds us of our individual responsibilities to care for the soil and water resources upon which we depend.

Soil and Water Stewardship week is sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), whose members are 3,000 local conservation districts that manage soil and water conservation programs on private lands in every community. Since 1955, NACD has selected an annual theme and developed educational materials for churches of all denominations. An advisory committee composed of ministers and lay leaders from a number of religious denominations review the materials.

Food for the Future is the most basic issue any society faces and one of the most complex. In today's world and for tomorrow's needs, an ample supply of food requires many things, such as productive soils, ample water supplies, wide and diverse variety of food crops. It also requires, a transportation and distribution network that moves the food rapidly and safely from the fields where it is produced to the consumers who need it, and a global network of support that allows people to quickly and effectively help those in hunger of famine.

As the President has said "Good Stewardship is a

personal responsibility of all of us. And it's a public value."

The President's conservation policies reflect that value of stewardship by offering significant new tools for farmers and ranchers to protect and conserve their working lands. Healthy and vibrant farmland is critical to our capability to produce "food for the future." Two-thirds of our Nation's lands are managed by farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners, which are the most effective stewards of the land.

Soil and Water stewardship week is a time each year when the value of stewardship is raised to the national forefront. But it is the day-in and day-out work of the people who turn good conservation policy into action--farmers, ranchers, conservation district professionals, and others--that build success.

Soil and Water stewardship week challenges each of us, no matter where we live, to take individual responsibility for the conservation of natural resources in our own backyards and communities.

Conserving our land, air and water is an essential part of ensuring "food for the future," and protecting for future generations the bountiful natural treasures with which we have been blessed.

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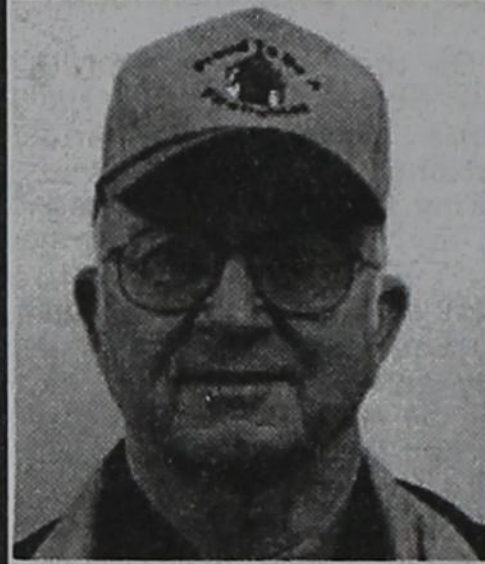
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## Head Start Pre-Kindergarten And Kindergarten

### Pre-Registration

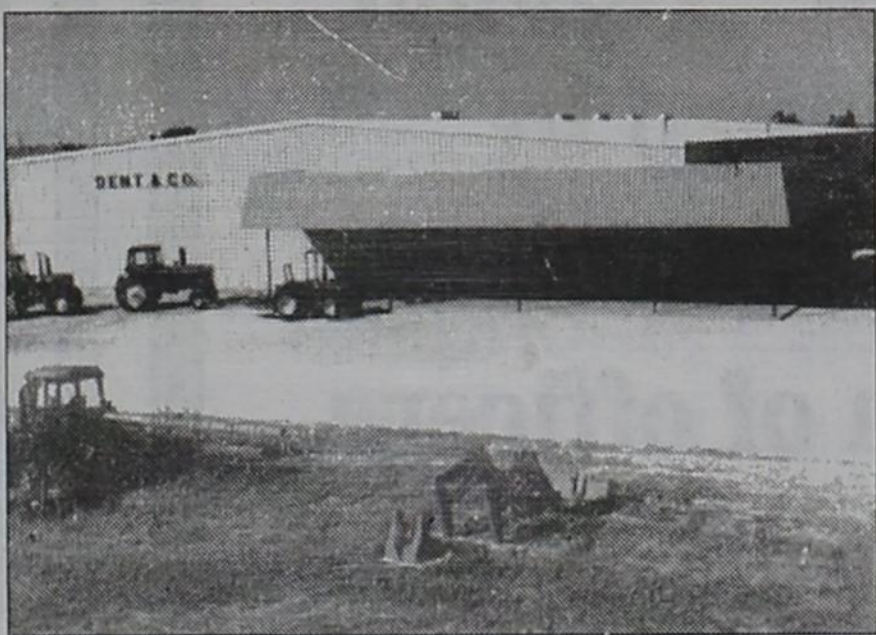
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We will be having our spring registration for Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten on April 16 and April 17 at the Ridgelea Campus. Registration hours will be 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-5:00. This registration is for the 2003-2004 school year. Those parents wishing to register for their child for Head Start or Pre-Kindergarten must bring the following: birth certificate, proof of income, and immunization card. Kindergarten registration is for those students not currently enrolled in Head Start or Pre-Kindergarten.

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