SIX PAGES

Bull Town Bulletins By

Bill Ellis

MANY OF OUR readers no doubt remember my old friend Nelson Lewis, who for many years wrote a column, "Pause and Reflect," which we published weekly. Lewis also served as editor of the first Parmer County History book, and was a member of the Parmer County Historical Assn.

Lewis now lives in South Carolina and has reached the age of 89. He will be surprised to see us quote an item he wrote for us almost 30 years ago. We ran across it while cleaning out our old desk recently, and were amazed that it sounded so current. Here it is:

"There is a distinct possibility that plain old unadulterated ignorance is responsible for much of the controversy surrounding the current Battle of the Budget. Selfishness must also be considered. But, given a choice, most people would rather plead dumb than greedy.

"As arguments develop, it becomes apparent that those who occupy the Seats of the Mighty are no more familiar with the principles upon which our government is based than is that well-known character--the "Man on the Street."

"The present situation might be termed "The Little Red Hen Syndrome." Everyone in the national barnyard wants to share in the goodies as long as they are not asked to contribute any effort to help produce them.

America cannot be called a greedy nation. Of all the wars she has engaged in, she has never taken

over another peoples' homeland.

"Perhaps "ignorant" is too
strong a word. "Forgetfulness" is a kinder term and in all truth may be

"What better way to refresh our memory than to review some words of wisdom that have been accepted as truth for more than 200 years? From "John Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, Centennial Edition:"

'Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one."--Thomas Paine.

"Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people."--Henry Clay.

There must be not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries, but an organized common peace."--Woodrow Wilson.

'Still one thing more, fellow citizens--a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, leaving them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."--Thomas Jefferson.

"The very essence of a free government consists in considering offices as public trusts, bestowed for the good of the country, and not for the benefit of an individual or a

party."--John C. Calhoun. "The less government we have, the better--the fewer laws, and the less confined power."--Ralph Waldo

"That is the best government which desires to make the people happy, and knows how to make them happy."--Thomas Babington.

"I am against government by crony."--Harold L. Ickes.

There is one thing better than good government, and that is government in which all the people have a part." -- Walter H. Page.

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."--Jefferson.

"Concerned citizens will find an hour spent in the Friona Public Library's research room a rewarding experience."

Back to the future: Nelson, we probably never thanked you properly for the interest you showed in "your" weekly newspaper. Perhaps better late than never!



SAVE YOUR ENERGY Student Council president Alex Dopp and council member J. T. Roach are coordinating the council's project, Energy Awareness Day, scheduled for Friday, March 8. Citizens are encouraged to turn out the lights, TV's and save energy that day. (Photo by Ron Carr)

EMT Class Forming And Needs Local Volunteers

When you need an ambulance, you would like for it to be there as soon as possible.

In Friona, Bovina, and Parmer County, ambulance and emergency medical response is done by volunteers. That means men and women who live other lives, have other jobs, but respond in time of emergency.

Friona Paramedic Shane Lindsey plans to form an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic Class to be instructed in Friona.

In the past, EMT volunteers had to attend classes in Canyon or Amarillo. Soon they can train in

While the class dates will depend on interest and number of volunteers, Lindsey requests that any Parmer County resident that may be interested in the training class, call him or City Manager Paula Wilson at 247-2761 and ask for more information.

Presently there are 10 EMS volunteers and two ambulances that operate out of Friona. Lindsey says that the area could utilize another 20-30 EMS volunteers.

An EMS volunteer must be at least 18-years-old and can be male or female. Training classes are expected to be held twice weekly for four hours a night. Total hours required for EMS certification is

approximately 170. There is a cost for trainees, however the City of Friona has advised that any EMT who trains and then runs for the city ambulance service, will have their

cost of training paid for by the city. EMT trainees must pass the class session, then pass a state test to be certified for EMT designation.

All persons interested in the EMT Basic Class information are encouraged to contact Shane Lindsey or Paula Wilson right away at 247-2761. There is no committment or obligation with your phone call.

Consider EMT. The City of Friona and Parmer County could use your volunteer help.

Sheriff's Posse To Meet Mon.

The Parmer County Sheriff's Posse monthly meeting is set for Monday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant in

Anyone interested in joining the volunteer posse organization is urged to attend the meeting,.

Names Are Sought For **HS** Reunion

Bovina High School graduates from the 1953, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58 classes are planning a reunion on August 3, 1996 at the Villa Inn

If you are a graduate of one of these classes, or know somone who is, please contact Glenden or Janie Sudderth, 806-238-1368, Tom or Sandy Ware, 806-238-1193, or Dorothy Luttrall in Lubbock, 806-799-0152.

The reunion in 1994 was attended by 60 former students.

According to organizer Luttrall, "We would like for that many or more to come to this year's reunion. See you there."



NO BLANK PAGES, BOYS Shown preparing another issue of the Bovina Blade are, I-r, Owner and publisher Bill Ellis, production magician Vickie Copley, and news editor, Ron Carr. For insight into the Blade production, see this week's Out Here

Students Compete In Quiz Bowl

The third annual Texas Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl was held on February 29 at Bovina Middle School. This is the second year Bovina teams have entered the competition.

The Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl is sent to the school on a computer disk. Questions are from all academic areas and current events.

Teams may be from the 7th and 8th grades and any number can be on a team.

Students are scored on accuracy and speed in answering the questions. They compete with students from all over the state. Results will be available in about six weeks.

The team for the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl this year includes 8th graders Blake Clements and Walter Kessler. On the team from the 7th grade are Cameron Charles, Tyson Kerby, Yancy Graves, and Levi

Quiz Bowl sponsor and coordinator for Bovina Middle School is Gladys Spring.

Energy Awareness Day Mar. 8

The Bovina High School Student Council has designated Friday, March 8, as an Energy Awareness Day.

Mayor Gene Hutto has proclaimed the day as Energy Awareness Day and urges support of the student council's efforts to promote energy conservation.

According to Alex Dopp, council president, the student council will distribute activity books, bookmarkers, and pamphlets to all high school students.

Elementary school students will be urged to participate in a "Plant A Flower Pledge" program.

The student council has further proclaimed Friday, March 8, as a Blackout Day for all Bovina area residents and businesses.

Blackout Day activities could include turning off all electrical appliances such as TV's, keep lights turned off and use candles instead, and any other activity that would conserve energy.



CATALINA GARCIA

C. Garcia Is Faculty Of The Week

This week's faculty person of the week at Bovina Schools is Catalina Garcia.

She has served the school district seven years, three years as a custodian and the last four years as a teacher's aide for grades 2-5. Her husband Fidel works at

EXCEL. They have four children: Brandie-15, David-12, Vanessa-7,

and Bryan-2 months. Catalina enjoys volleyball, her summer garden, and her dog Chad, a

chow and pit bull mixture. "Most of all", she says, "I

enjoy working with the school children."

YOUR THINKING CAPS ON......Yancy Graves, Cameron Charles, Walter Kessler, and Tyson Kerby practice for the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl that was held on February 29 in the computer lab at the middle school. Also on the team but not pictured were Blake Clements and Levi Steelman. (Photo by Ron Carr)

Bovina Chamber Annual Banquet And Awards Set

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Annual Banquet is set for March 21, 1996. The annual banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria

Tickets to the banquet will be \$10 per person and are available at local Bovina businesses, First Bank, or from any Chamber member.

In conjunction with the annual banquet, the Chamber is now accepting nominations for man and woman of the year and the heritage award. Your nominations play a key role in the selection process.

Past award recipients and other organization leaders will select the winners, based on data you provide in your nomination.

All local businesses are encouraged to become active in the Chamber and demonstrate pride in your home town.

Chamber annual dues are \$25 for a business and \$15 for a family membership.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is involved in many community projects. Among them are cosponsor with the Lions Club the Bovina Livestock Show; Fourth of July Fireworks display; ribbon cutting for new businesses or one's that expand; an annual \$500 scholarship to a BHS graduate; and sponsor a drug free, all night party for juniors and seniors after the

Wanted: Aldermen & A Mayor

Applications are now being accepted by the City of Bovina for two aldermen and the office of

Filing deadline for these offices is March 19.

At the present time, only one application has been received. Incumbent alderman Joe Olvera has applied for reelection.

The election will be held May 4 and interested citizens are urged to stop by city hall and pick up an application before the March 19

Absentee Voting Is Underway

Early voting for the March 12 primary got underway this week in the County Clerk's office in

Special booths are to be operated in Bovina and Friona for the convenience of early voters.

The special deputy will be in Bovina at the City Hall on Tuesday, February 27 and March 5.

The booth will be operated in Friona at Friona State Bank on Thursday, Februay 29 and Thursday, March 7 from 9 a.m.-5

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Jeff Steelman is Chamber president. Incoming Directors for 1996 are: Sarah Alonzo, Bruce Beets, Anthony Eberhardt, Brian Gallaway, Bobby Ortiz, Bob Owen, and Michael Todd.



ROCIO AMPARAN

Amparan Is Student of the Week

Rocio Amparan, a Bovina High School junior, has been selected by the staff as this week's student-of-the-week.

She is the daughter of Isidra Morales and has attended Bovina schools since her freshman year. moving to Bovina from Muleshoe.

Her favorite subject is math and she hopes to attend college, maybe Clovis Community College.

She plans to work during the summer again, doing work at the high school.

She was nominated by teacher Robin Bailey as a student that works hard in class, is very quiet and very pleasant to be around. She serves as an elementary student

School Bd. Seeks Two Candidates

Superintendent Sue Nuttall advises that there are still two openings to fill in the upcoming school board elections.

Deadline for filing for election to the school board is March 20, with the election slated for May 4.

Citizens interested in placing their names in nomination for one of the two school board openings are urged to contact Nuttall's office for application.

2nd Grade Earns Pizza **Hut Party**

Principal Darla Sealey announced congratulations to second grade students for fulfilling their reading agreement with Pizza

Every second grade student read their required number of books for four months.

For that accomplishment, they have won a pizza party from Pizza

Reflectionsfrom the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-MAR 7 1956

Highway 60 outside the city limits of Bovina will be made fourlane this spring, O.W. Rhinehart, mayor of Bovina, and S.C. McCarty, district engineer of the Texas Highway Department at Lubbock, have announced.

Students of Bovina Schools will attend classes Saturday this week for the first time in many years, W.H. Willoughby, superintendent, has announced. The Saturday school was made necessary because of the seven school days that were lost during the recent snow storm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Grissom moved Monday to their new ranch

Come Help Us Celebrate **STERLING** DONALDSON'S 80th Birthday! Sunday, March 10, '96 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church of Farwell Hosted By The Donaldson Family

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35 YRS AGO-MAR 8 1961 An Angus steer, exhibited by Olen Johnston, and a Duroc barrow,

shown by Buddy Turner, were named grand champions at Bovina FFA's sixth annual project show Saturday. Butch Woltman and Rocky Hance showed the reserve grand champion steer and barrow.

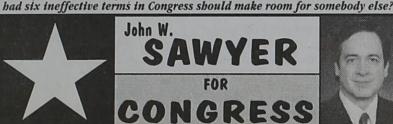
Eight candidates are seeking two positions on the Bovina city commission in the April 4 election. The positions are presently held by E. B. Caldwell and I. W. Quickel, both of whom are seeking reelection. Others in the race include Boyd Gilreath, Bud Crump, Al Kerby, Johnie Horn, Archie McCutchan, and L. M. Grissom.

30 YRS AGO-MAR 9 1966

Bovinans will get their mail in the new post office building here beginning Monday morning. Announcement that the post office would move from its present location on Main Street and Avenue B over the weekend this week by Postmaster Gene Ezell.

Gary Carson, Bovina High FFA member, was a successful contestant in the calf scramble event at the Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo Saturday. Alan Carson, older brother of Gary, showed a shorthorn heifer which he earned in last year's scramble competition. His entry placed second in the Shorthorn scramble class and earned a fourth place in the junior Shorthorn breeding show. Alan also placed third in an essay contest for boys with

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For Seniors The American Association of

scramble calves. Judy Minyen, Kathy Minyen, Jerry Roach, and Kenneth Webb were named to the all-district basketball teams.

Roman Ramirez, star Bovina Mustang lineman and kicker during the past gridiron season, signed a pre-enrollment agreement to attend North Texas State University on a football scholarship Monday. Head Coach Odus Mitchell, NTSU, was in town Monday for the signing.

25 YRS AGO-MAR 10 1971

Residents of the Bovina area turned out 1143 strong Sunday morning to attend six of the seven churches here. The total attendance surpassed the goal of 1100 that had been set in the campaign for March

Three hats were tossed into the ring for positions on Bovina's city council last week just prior to the Wednesday deadline for filing. Filing their names as candidates for re-elections were the two incumbents, Vernon Estes and Vernon Willard. Petitioned as a candidate was Roy Allen.

Seven new members were installed into the National Honor Society Monday afternoon at Bovina Schools. Inducted into the honor group were seniors Sheryl Moore and Meloney Marshall; juniors Jackie Adams and Barbara Griffith and sophomores Ronnie Nuttall, Kim Langer, and Weldon Beardain.

Twyla Hutto and Sheryl Morrison were named to the District 3-A all-district basketball team recently. Miss Hutto is a junior and Miss Morrison is a

15 YRS AGO-MAR 11 1981

The Chamber Banquet will be held March 19 with "Faith Promises", a singing group, to entertain.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kathy Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Minyen, were held

Kathy Williams, daughter of Tommy and Kay Williams, was placed on the all-district team, each player has to have a total of five

10 YRS AGO-MAR 12 1986 Is Honored Southwestern Public Service

Company has promoted the Bovina local manager, Eugene Griffin, to manager of the Stratford office. Closing arguments were being presented in U. S. District Court in

Amarillo in the civil rights lawsuit involving Bovina residents. The old Englant laundry has

been renovated and is now leased to Sloan Automatic Services. Mary Alice Merrill is manager.

Couple Has Fourth

Kenneth and Arla Waters of Bovina welcomed their new son Brennan Don on January 31. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/4 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was born at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo at 5:27 p.m.

His older brothers are Corban Shane, Regan Cale and Davin Seth.

AARP Starts Driving Class

Retired Persons (AARP) has developed an eight hour classroom refresher course to help drivers fifty years of age or older improve their skills and prevent traffic accidents.

The course is designed to meet the specific needs of older drivers. It covers age related changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems and license renewal requirements. Volunteer instructors recruited and trained by AARP conduct the classes, which are presented through a combination of slides and group discussions. Cost of the course is \$8.00 which covers the cost of material used.

All automobile insurance companies conducting business in Texas are required to provide a premium discount to graduates of 55 Alive/Mature Driving classes. This is a state-approved drive improvement course.

A class will be held in Friona on Wednesday and Thursday, March 13-14. The class will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. both days. Attendance on both days is required. The class will be held in the Community Room at Friona State Bank, Instructors will be Bob and Bobbie Barker Widner. Registration will be at the first session of the class.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of March 3-10 are:

Mar 3--Cassie Flores, Brenda

Mar 5--Zachary Graves

Mar 7--Tina Sides, Nell Roach, Bobby Haney, Charles Gilbreath, Libby Holman

Mar 8--Charolette Wilburn, Kay Venable, Bonnie Scaff, Tiny Moore, Sonja Maria Murillo. Mar 9--Jane Trotter, Jimmy

Mar 10--Oma Patterson,

Kimberly Lide. If there is someone you would like to add to our birthday roster,

please contact the Blade office at 238-1523. **Bovina Girl**

Amanda Conant, from Bovina, was named to the 1995 Fall Dean's List, according to Dr. David Caffey, dean of instruction at Clovis Community College. Conant earned a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more credit hours during the Fall semester.

Bovina School Lunch Menu Week of March 4-8

Monday-Chicken fry, potatoes, rolls, green beans, fruit and milk.

Tuesday-Home made burritos, cheese, salad, corn, crackers, jello with fruit and milk.

Wednesday-Sliced turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.

Thursday-BBQ franks, potato salad, slaw, corn bread, fruit and

Friday-Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, pickles, fruit, cookies and milk

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For more information on these and other listings, call J.B. Sudderth Realty at (806) 481-3288; Darren Sudderth, State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser

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Specifications may be obtained from the County Judge's Office.

Bids must reflect the total cost

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge.

Political Calendar

The Bovina Blade is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following, subject to the Democratic primary in March:

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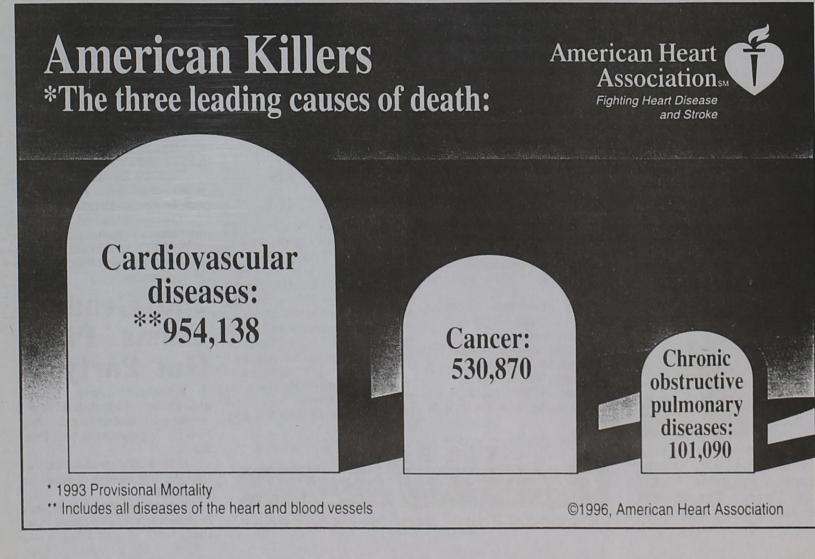
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Out Here

By RON CARR

"Well that sure is a sorry

Blade? "Of course I do. I'm afraid I

might miss something." This snippet of a conversation took place at the Senior Center in Bovina not long after I moved out here and went to work for the Bovina Blade/Friona Star.

I had stopped in at the Bovina Senior Center on a hot July day, looking for news to fill another paper. Four ladies were sitting around quilting, which I have come to realize is a popular activity in Parmer County, and they proceeded to offer their opinions of the newspaper business.

I am the new kid on the block compared to my newspaper coworkers. It is my job to find stories and pictures to help fill the weekly pages.

One thing about stories and pictures in a weekly newspaper, once they are done they are done. Used news is not very popular.

So every Monday, we start off with blank paper again in hopes that by Thursday night we will have enough advertising, pictures, and stories to deliver yet another

Monday finds me in Bovina visiting the school, and city hall, the post office, the bank, some of the churches, or driving the streets looking for photo opportunities.

By Monday afternoon and into Tuesday, I am usually writing some of the stories and articles into my computer at the Friona Star office.

It is Tuesday when our magician, Vickie Copley, starts putting the pieces of the paper together. She is so fast and smooth on the computer keyboard, I once told her that when she types it sounds like a rainstorm.

Then she told me that my banging on the keyboard reminded her of a hail storm.

Vickie has been doing production here at the two papers for 26 years. She takes stories and articles and ads and pictures and trims them down to size so we have full pages.

Marlene Mueller, who has been here a measly six years, helps customers that come in, answers the phone, takes classifieds and announcements, does bookkeeping, keeps the Friona Star mail list current, but most important she is

our "blue pencil person."

She is our proof reader. She "You mean you don't read the reads everything we write, marks errors with a blue pencil, and gives it back for correcting. You might say she is the first person to "read"

the paper every week. On Wednesday afternoon, while Vickie is cutting and pasting, ("Don't touch my scissors"), and Marlene is reading and marking, I am usually off to Clovis to have

hour place called Photo Express. Bill and Carol Ellis are doing a lot of "bossly" things like editing what I write to make sure I don't cause any minor Parmer County

our weekly film developed at a one-

explosions. They are also writing their weekly column, looking over the layout, keeping up with our advertisers, and generally doing what bosses are supposed to do.

On Thursday, Carol worries about the front page of the Blade and the Star. Bill likes sportswriting and is good at it.

He also likes political news, farm news, and especially weather

Two other veterans of the weekly newspaper game are the ones I call "the good time girls." June Floyd and Scooter Russell have written their respective columns for 40 and 20 years respectively.

Scooter's "Scoops" and June's "Town Talk" chronicle the comings and goings and visitings of Parmer County residents. They came, they visited, and they all had a good

Thursday is crunch day. All the "holes" in the paper need to be filled. Sometimes we have more information than we need to fill the pages, but not often.

By Thursday afternoon, Bill and Carol and Vickie start some serious "puttering", moving copy back and forth from space to space until it all seems to fit.

As Carol Ellis likes to say, if a local merchant makes a mistake, they can handle it and not many people ever know.

If a newspaper makes a mistake, everybody knows.

And indeed, sometimes mistakes are made. Like the time several years ago when Bill and Carol were coming back from Canyon with the papers. Bill was driving. Carol was reading the new

She shrieked. Two pictures had been switched. One was an obituary picture. They made a Uturn at Umbarger, went back to the printer, and reprinted the entire edition of the Friona Star.

Friday morning early, I pick up the box of paste-up pages and head for Palo Duro Offset Printing Co. at Canyon.

They take pictures of our pictures, finish the layout, make the metal plates, print the paper and I am usually back at the Friona Star office by noon.

Unload the papers. Call Laura Hart or Holly Campbell. Tell the Ellises I am back.

Count out copies for the newspaper racks while Laura and Holly address the copies for our mail subscribers, a job they have also been doing for more than 30

Fill the racks in Friona at Allsup's, D. L. 's, Bi-Wize, and Headquarters Restaurant.

Grab the Bovina Blade newsrack copies and post office issues. Be in Bovina before 3:40 p.m. to assure that the mailed copies get on the truck to Amarillo.

Meanwhile, Laura and Holly take the week's edition of the Star to the Friona post office, so all our loyal subscribers get their paper by

By Monday, the news will be used. More blank pages to fill in with other articles, stories, pictures

News doesn't always happen during weekday business hours. Last weekend for instance, we took pictures at FHS career day Saturday morning, the Cub Scout Awards banquet Saturday night, and at the Sunday morning Westminster Handbell Choir concert over at the Methodist Church.

We can't be at every meeting, but in this day and time, almost everyone has a good camera, and can bring us photos for the paper. We appreciate all of the help we get in this regard.

Pictures are an important part of any newspaper, but especially here in Parmer County. I credit Scooter Russell with giving me important advice early in my weekly newspaper career.

I was fretting over an article about Bovina's cross country track team. Some of the girls had finished way back in the pack, so I was only going to list the top few

"Oh, put them all in there", Scooter said. "Their mommas will want it for their scrapbook." And so I did.

I have come to realize that an important function of a weekly newspaper is to provide that scrapbook stuff, along with mostly good news about the people and events of the community.

I decided to write about the paper this week because our magician, Vickie Copley, was in Houston at the Livestock Show and we had to put a paper together without her.

As the lady in Bovina said, of course you read it. You wouldn't want to miss anything would you?

down this week, well, oops, read it So if my column is upside

Precipitation Totals Vary **Across HP Water District**

Knowing the amount of precipitation that enters the soil is important aspect of the High Plains Water District's soil moisture monitoring program.

Rain gauges have been installed at each of the 293 soil moisture monitoring sites within the District's 15-county service area. District personnel read the rain gauges as part of the data collection for the soil moisture monitoring program.

The accompanying contour map illustrates precipitation totals as measured in the District's rain gauge network. The contours reflect four-inch intervals of precipitation

This map is designed to show general rainfall patterns. There are some very small localized areas not depicted which have either higher or lower precipitation totals.

The majority of the District received from 12 to 20 inches of precipitation in 1995.

According to historical precipitation records, this is nearnormal rainfall for the area, even though most of the Water District service area experienced belowaverage precipitation until the heavy rains of September 1995. Rainfall totals went from belowaverage to above-average in some areas as a result of this site precipitation event.

Parts of Cochran County and southern Bailey County continue to be extremely dry as a result of below-normal scattered,

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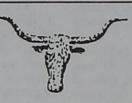
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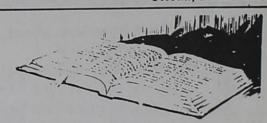
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Conklin On Tech's Champ Judging Team

Texas Tech University's Livestock Judging Team recently placed first in two national competitions: the 1996 Arizona National Senior College Livestock Judging Competition and the 1996 National Western Senior College Livestock Judging Competition.

At the Arizona National, Texas Tech not only placed first overall but also was the top-rated team in each category of competition. Five Texas Tech team members earned the top five high individual overall scores. Additionally, Kera Byerly of Casper, Wyoming, placed first overall in reasons and in swine. Jamison Kreklau of Noonan, North Dakota, placed first in beef and

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At the National Western, Texas Tech topped 28 universities to a first place finish. The team also placed first in reasons and beef categories. Mike Ross of Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada, led the team in individual honors, earning second place overall and first in reasons and swine categories.

The team is coached by Sam Jackson, assistant professor, and Clay Elliot, teaching assistant, science and food technology.

The 1996 Meat Judging Team's registration. members are: Byerly; Krecklau; of Crawford, Nevada; Robin Halley & Gifts 1-800-452-6818.

of Brush, Colorado; Donovan Hensley of Carthage, Missouri; Virlen Norgard of Missoula, Montana; Jenny Phillips of Garden City; Scott Pohlman of Norfolk, Nebraska; Aaron Preator of Greybull, Wyoming; Justin Ransom of Wichita Falls; Michael Schertz of Krum; Howdee Snoddy of Alvarado; Darin Via of Tulia; and Kevin Williams of Spearman.

Women's Retreat Is Scheduled

The eighth annual Eastern New Mexico and West Texas Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat has been set for the weekend of April 12-13. The retreat will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe and will feature Donna Otto as the guest speaker.

This is a non-denominational event designed to minister to women of all ages and backgrounds.

The deadline for registration is April 1, after which there will be a late charge of \$10. Registrations both in the department of animal will not be accepted after April 11 and there will be no on-site

"Everyone is encouraged to Ross; Jason Belew of Tahoka; Lee attend. Make your reservations Bessler of Powell, Wyoming; early, as space is limited," a Travis Cook of Wheeler; Britt spokesperson said. For more Conklin of Friona; Samantha Dyer information call the Master's Books



We would like to welcome several ladies to Prairie Acres. They are Eula Akens, Lillian Jones, Margaret Moore, Jewell Robason and Marie Roberson. I'm sure any of them would welcome friends and

relatives to come by and visit. Birthdays that were celebrated by residents during the month were: Lillian Jones, Doris Lawlis, Lucy Thomas, Ella Collier, Sam Davis, Alice Surber, Oma Looney, Frances Smith, Edith Martin, Ina Coker, Gudelia Leal, Lessie Watson and

Lee Compian. Employee observing birthdays were: Marianne Richardson, Amelia Chavira, Yolanda Cervera, Velma Lovvorn, Lourdes Nieto, Sharon Craig, Mary Lou Trevino, Rosario Chavez and Sandra Mendoza.

Happy Birthday!!! Fairrie Parker was voted "Resident of the Month" and Irene Trevino was "Employee of the

Month". Congratulations! We want to express our deepest sympathies to the following families in the loss of special loved ones: Edith Martin, Oma Looney,

Mabel Kale and Aubrey Traweek. The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In Memory of Army Armstrong: Bill and Ann Carthel, Herbert and Gladys Day, Thelma Jones, Frances Euler, Loyd and Linda Chesher, Russell O'Brian, Lilah Gaye Gee, Ruby Stone, Andy and Winifred

In Memory of Ruth Ashcraft: Larry and Pat Martin, Susan and Jeff Harkey and family, Linda and Don Klinger and family, Jerry and Donna Martin and family.

In Memory of Milburn Bennett: Opal Baxter and family, Martha Mae Pruett, Herbert and Gladys Day, Bill and Ann Carthel, Curtis and Gertie Murphree, Thelma Jones, Frances Euler, Dr and Mrs. Paul Spring, Lottie Bails, Baker and Margaret Duggins.

In Memory of W.V. "Bud" Elmore: Mr and Mrs. A.L. Outland, Estis and Zonah Bass

In Memory of Mabel Kale: John and Jo Blackwell, Kathrine Blackburn, Wane Brewer, Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr., Fay Reeve, Hazel Douglas, Jan and Larry Rogers, Jerry and Beth Shelton, Raymond and Frances Milner, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stanley, Marie Stringer, Clovis Seago, Merle Mills, Andy and Winifred Hurst.

In Memory of Inell Koontz: Lottie Bails.

In Memory of Oma Looney: Lilah Gaye Gee, John and Jo

In Memory of Joan Nickels Gaston Lowry: John and Jo Blackwell.

In Memory of Cordie Potts: Dee Willard family, Tom O'Brian, John and Jo Blackwell, Cherry and Jim Roy Wells, Lunell and Hollis Horton, Jr., Lilah Gaye Gee, Andy and Winifred Hurst.

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Coronado's Campsite Is Topic of Lecture

On Sunday, March 10, Dr. Don day describe his route only in Blakeslee will talk about "The Coronado Expedition" at the Square house Museum in Panhandle. This is the first public lecture since his recent discovery of numerous metal artifacts in Blanco Canyon, just south of Floydada.

Dr. Blakeslee's talk will deal with the route of the Coronado expedition of 1541. Francisco Vasquex de Coronado led an army of more than 1,000 men and 5,000 head of livestock north from New Spain into what is now the southwestern United States.

He came looking for another Aztec empire to conquer, but he returned disappointed after visiting the pueblos of New Mexico and Arizona and the villages of Wichita Indians in Kansas.

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Jennifer Carson. Grandparents are

David Lee and Carolyn Carson and

and Margie Herring, Friona and

Jim Ogle, all of Howe, Texas.

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was named Carson James.

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The workshop is open to all

Topics to be covered include the

Cleveland, Amarillo.

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to Service.

The route of the Coronado expedition has been the topic of speculation and scholarly research for over 100 years. The few documents that survive from his

R. Ashcraft Rites Held In Clovis

Funeral services for Ruth Ashcraft, 60, of Clovis, N. M., were conducted recently at the Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis, with the Revs. Tony Reynolds and David Swann officiating.

Burial was in the Mission Garden of Memories, with Steed-Todd handling arrangements.

Mrs. Ashcraft passed away February 19 at Plains Medical Hospital in Clovis. She was born August 30, 1935, in St. Vrain, N. M. She married Kenny R. Ashcraft on December 19, 1979, in Clovis.

She worked as a secretary in an advertising business. She was a lifelong resident of Clovis. She was a member of Forest Heights Baptist Church and was a volunteer worker at Eastern New Mexico Rehabilitative Services for the Handicapped.

Survivors include her husband, Kenny Ashcraft of Clovis; four daughters, Vickie Leggett of Georgetown; Jackie Martin of Friona; Willie Hoadley and Kit Cabellero, both of Clovis; two sons, Gary Michael Hoadley of Clovis and Richard Dean Hoadley of Midland.

Also surviving were four sisters, Ruby Moore of Kent, Washington; Wilma Gee and Jackie Steig, both of Clovis; and Janice Bellamy of Albuquerque, N. M., two brothers, William K. Spinks, Jr. of Temple and Jerry Spinks of Carlsbad, N.

M. Also, five step-children, 20 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

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general terms and they sometimes contradict one another. While some portions of the

route are fairly well understood, the

portion that involves the State of Texas has proved difficult to

Recent investigations by Blakeslee, assisted by students, volunteers and local residents, have indentified a scatter of material strewn over about three miles of the floor of Blanco Canyon in Floyd County that probably derives from one of the two major camps of Coronado's army.

The material includes copper points from crossbow arrows, a chain mail glove, at least five different varieties of iron nails, the tip of a sword scabbard, and pieces of iron knife blades

The copper arrow points are the best evidence of Coronado's camp. No other Spanish expedition to the Southwest is known to have carried crossbows, which were becoming obsolete in 1541; and similar points have been found in the pueblos known to have been attacked by Coronado.

The site in Blanco Canyon has now yielded more of these distinctive artifacts than are known from the entire rest of the United States!

The Square House Museum has arranged to borrow some of the Coronado artifacts from the Floyd Museum. They will be on display for one day only, March 10, during Dr. Blåkeslee's lecture.

Dr. Donald Blakeslee is an archaeologist specializing in the Great Plains of North America. He has B.A. and M.A. degrees in Anthropology from the University of Nebraska and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is currently an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Wichita State University in Kansas, where he has taught for 19 years.



H. Spicer Is Buried On Monday

Funeral services for Henry D. Spicer, 68, were conducted at Bovina's First Baptist Church Monday, February 26, 1996, with Rev. Richard Grisham officiating.

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

Spicer died Friday, February 23 at the Hereford Care Center following a lengthy illness.

He was born November 26, 1927 in Aylesworth, Oklahoma. He married Nelline Gordon on June 23, 1951, in DeQueen, Arkansas.

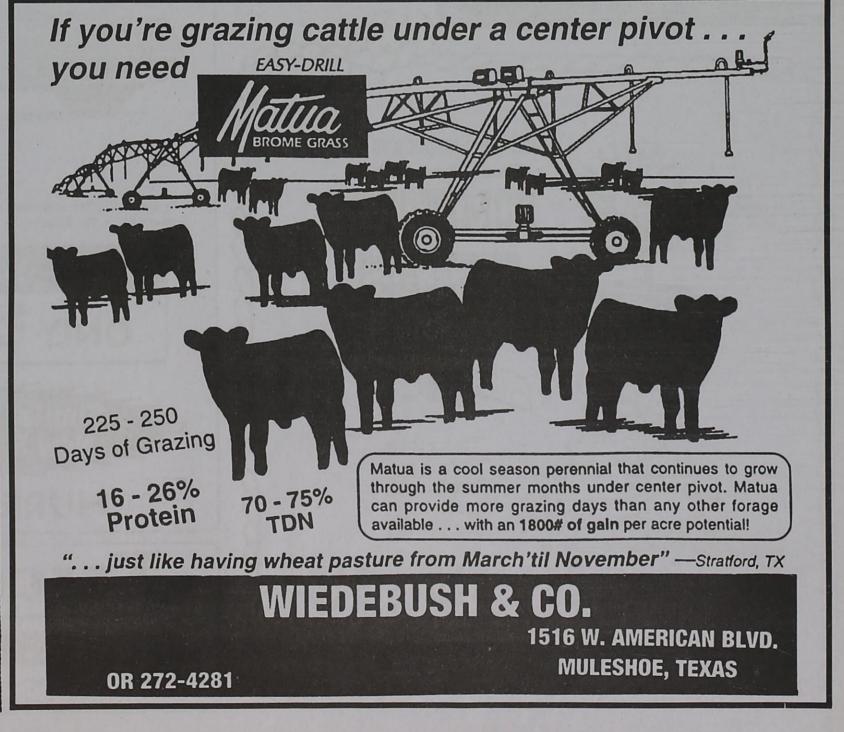
Spicer had lived in Bovina for 40 years, moving here in 1956 from Hereford. He was a truck driver for Bradford Trucking for a number of years. He was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge, and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors included his wife, Nelline, of Bovina; one son, Marty Spicer of Mesquite; two daughters, Deborah Kay Stanton of Farwell and Nena Veazey of Hereford; one brother, Harvey Spicer of Wichita Falls; four sisters, Stella McKenzie of Houston, Mary Yarbrough of Tranquility, California, Martha Wade of Boswell, Oklahoma and Dolly Beal of Houston.

Four grandchildren also survive. Pallbearers were Bobby Reese, Ike Wilcox, Mike Anderson, J.T. Stanton, Ralph Sidebottom and Mark Cupps.



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DON'T JUMP YET.....Although the ball is on the way down, nary a cop or a coach seems to be too interested in exerting themselves by jumping to get it. The so-called "action" was during the D.A.R.E. benefit basketball game. (Photo by Ron Carr)



BYE MR. CAMERA....A bunch of smiling little faces wave good-bye as they return to class after a sunny time on the elementary playground.

Tulia Livestock Auction

Monday Feb. 26 receipts 4245 head. Compared to last week's sale good stocker calves sold fully steady. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady instances 1.00 higher on thin fleshed cattle. Packer cows and bulls traded steady.

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Elementary Honor Roll Is Given

Principal Darla Sealey has announced the elementary school honor roll for the fourth six weeks. ALL A's

2nd Grade: Zane Anderson, Cody Jamerson, Elizabeth Ortiz, Marco Castaneda, Saul Martinez, Ashley Perez, Sandra Perez, Karla Rivera, David Salazar, Billy Sherbon, Skyla Cockerham, Vanessa Garcia, Matthew Royce, Charlie Rundell.

3rd Grade: Crystal Morris, Trey Widner.

4th Grade: Kasi Birdsong, Randa Englant, Christopher Ortiz. 5th Grade: Josh Kerby, Amber Widner, Jill Sorley, Jake Steelman.

ALL A's & B's 2nd Grade: Victor Garcia, Holly Johnson, Carlos Munoz, Luisa Saenz, Bacilio Viernes, Dina Garcia, David Perez, Justin Ware, Iliana Garza, Ryan McClaran, Dusty Riley, Edda Robles, Irma Rocha.

3rd Grade: Victoria Carrillo, Emigdio Flores, Roger Martinez, Luzana Chavez, Hugo Aguillon, Jessica Amparan, Rebeca Carillo, Jeffrey Casas, Kody Hawkins, Jennifer Reyna, David Guevara, Daniela Quintero.

4th Grade: Manuel Chavez, Matthew Villarreal, Romualdo Ruiz, Maria Perez, Crystal Galvan, Adriana Ramirez, Maya Banuelos, Maribel Chairez, Yuri Vela, Troy Turner.

5th Grade: Kris Galvan, Courtney Jamerson, Joaquin Marin, Adolfo Perez, Maritssa Salazar, Juan Vara, Juan Contreras, Gustavo Chairez, Destiny Cruz, Agustin

Honor Roll **Published**

Principal Brenda Wilson has published the middle school honor roll for the fourth six weeks. ALL A's

6th Grade: David Garcia, Danny Martinez, Christen Stowers, Angela Villarreal.

7th Grade: Cameron Charles, Tyson Kerby, Levi Steelman. 8th Grade: Melissa Cano, Blake Clements, Walter Kessler,

Misty Pruitt. ALL A's & B's

6th Grade: Alejandra Aguillon, Paula Chavez, Amber King, Briselda Rodriguez, Diego Ruiz, Alonso Vela.

7th Grade: Victor Banuelos, Marlena Gomez, Yancy Graves, Krysta Morris, Lindsey Pruitt, Adam Ramirez, Marissa Rodriguez, Jason Stone, Fabian Viernes, Elizabeth Vitolas, Christian Zatarain.

8th Grade: Marisol Antillon, Julie Grisham, Adriana Guevara, Alvaro Martinez, Sara Sorley, Nancy Vela.



LOWELL PRIMROSE

Primrose Candidate For Office

Lowell Primrose has authorized the Bovina Blade to announce his candidacy for County Commissioner, Precinct 3, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Primrose is a resident of the Oklahoma Lane community, and has lived and farmed here since 1927.

"I will be fair, honest and impartial. Your vote and assistance will be greatly appreciated," Primrose said.

(Pd. Pol. Adv.)

Track Meet Schedule Listed

The 1995-96 Track Meet schedule has been set. Meet dates

MARCH: 2nd: Morton (JVB, VG, VB) 7th: Whiteface (7th, 8th) 8th: Whiteface (JVB, VG, VB) 15-16: Springlake-Earth (7th,

8th, JVB, VG, VB) 22nd: Plains (JVB, VG, VB) 23rd: Dimmitt (7th, 8th) 28th: Sudan (7th, 8th) 29th: Sudan (VG, VB)

APRIL:

4th: Sudan (7th, 8th) 4th: Claude (JVB, VG, VB) 12th: High School District Meet-Sudan

13th: Jr. High District Meet.



Texas History Takes the High Road

e Texans take our history seriously. We have a better idea than most where we come from - and where we're going. We are careful to preserve our most significant and precious historic shrines, from the Alamo to our county courthouses.

Last month I introduced a bill in the Senate that will expand Texans' opportunities to learn about and enjoy a unique historical legacy in their midst: the Lower Rio Grande Valley. My legislation would designate the valley a "National Heritage Area," as authorized by federal law, to highlight the region's character and rich cultural heritage.

This designation would acknowledge the significance of the lower Rio Grande Valley as a living historical asset, serving as a magnet for tourism, recreation and other economic activity in this distinctive, and beautiful, area

"Los Caminos del Rio Corridor," as the area is to be called, will stretch from Laredo and Columbia, Mexico south to Brownsville and Matamoros, Mexico and the gulf — one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Unfortunately, it also has among the highest rates of poverty and unemployment. I believe the heritage project will function as a positive force to benefit

This project is based on a framework of binational, public and private sector partnerships that include organizations interested in culture, education and tourism development. Project partners in the United States include the Texas Departments of Transportation, Commerce Parks and Wildlife, along with the National Park Service and the Meadows Foundation. The Texas Historical Commission has played a pivotal role in bringing it all together. In Mexico, participants include the Ministry of Tourism, the national Institute of Anthropology and History and the Tamaulipas state Department of Tourism.

This corridor designation, when achieved, will allow the creation of public-private partnerships to preserve this part of our Texas legacy. It will provide for federal technical and financial assistance, with matching funding from the private sector, from both sides of the border.

What the heritage area designation will not do is create any new means of regulating what property owners may do with their land.

The heritage area will not involved federal zoning, land use regulation

or the diminishment of property values.

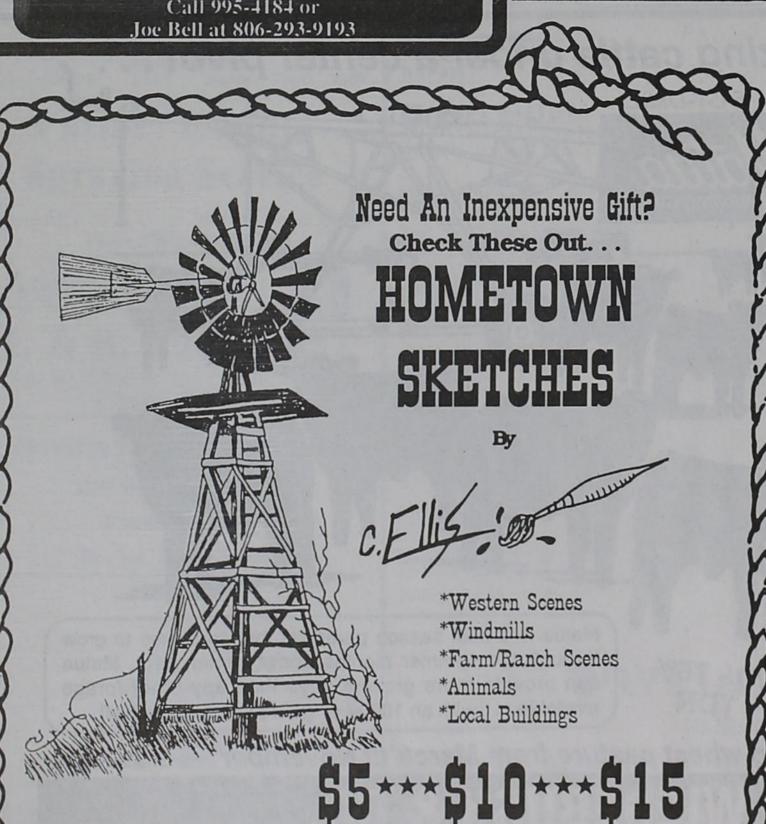
The heritage area will not usurp local authority.

* My bill specifically states that "No entry shall be made onto private property without the written consent of the owner ... "

The bill contains explicit language prohibiting the acquisition of real

I have taken every precaution to ensure that this legislation includes concrete property rights protections.

The corridor will serve as a unifier of the region, and as a catalyst to give communities on both sides of the border an opportunity to improve themselves - along with a sense of belonging and a sense of pride in what they have to offer. It will educate residents and visitors about our history, traditions and environment. This is an area of remarkable diversity and importance. In creating the "Los Caminos Del Rio Corridor" we will be enhancing a precious part of our Texas heritage.



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