

MY TURN



By Carol Ellis

APRIL MEANS feeling the first warmth of a sunbeam after an endless winter. However, here in our little corner of the world it also means a tumultuous marriage of wind and dirt that blows across our flat prairie land.

Dirt ... we eat it, breathe it, dodge it, vacuum it and sneeze it. Mostly we just live with it at this time of year. When the weather forecaster says "it will be 70 tomorrow," chances are "70" means wind velocity rather than degrees of temperature--maybe both!

In spite of fence rows topped with masses of tumbleweeds ... in spite of stock tanks rolling on their sides down turn rows ... in spite of daily dreading hearing the fire alarm go off ... what we endure today is miniscule compared to what went on during the "dirty thirties." I wasn't around back then, but I've seen the photos of barns covered to the rafters with piles of sand and I've heard the stories of people who hung wet sheets over their windows and doorways to keep out the blowing dirt.

Somehow we manage to get through Spring in the Texas Panhandle every year in spite of it. We're so used to leaning into the wind, I think if the wind ever quits blowing, we'll all fall over.

APRIL MEANS lights burning into the wee hours in various offices around town. These are the accountants and CPAs burning the midnight oil to meet that April 15th IRS deadline in order to keep all of us out of jail.

When they manage to catch a few winks of sleep, their dreams are filled with columns of figures and W2s, K1s, 1099s, 1040s, 1120s, etc.

Don't you just love the way government folks keep referring to taxes as our "contribution?" The typical American family pays more in federal taxes than it spends on fuel, clothing, transportation, insurance, pensions and recreation combined. Federal government spending per capita has now reached \$4,760.

We pay income taxes, Social Security taxes, property taxes, sales taxes, excise taxes, and on behalf of others we pay franchise taxes, state and federal unemployment taxes and on and on. Maybe, we should change the wording on our money from "In God We Trust" to "Stand and Deliver."

APRIL MEANS blooming buds, pretty pansies, garden seeds, and greening lawns, except on the corner of 12th and Maple. We are thinking of having the Ellis estate declared an urban wilderness area so that it will be unlawful to cut or mow anything around our place.

All the things I have done to kill dandelions in our yard over the years have only made them grow bigger and healthier. I've tried to have a few pitiful little flowers growing around the place, but grass only grows in my flowerbeds and weeds grow where the grass is supposed to be. Crabgrass grows on top of rocks and in cracks in the cement driveway.

The "Good Old Boy" and I do enjoy the great outdoors. However, our favorite fresh air sport is porch sitting and we plan to do a lot of that someday in the future when we become members of WORNE ... that's Weary Old Retired Newspaper Editors.

When we sit out on the back porch, we'll just turn the patio chairs around facing the house so we won't have to gaze upon the large expanse of dead grass and lush green weeds which make up our lawn.

Of course we'll have to locate those patio chairs first. I think they're stuck in the bushes out by the back fence where they landed after last Monday's 70 mph wind.

Bovina Students Place High In UIL Events

Several Bovina High School students showed their academic best at the UIL Academic High School Meet March 27 at Highland Park High School in Amarillo.

Students who qualified will attend the regional UIL contest April 19 at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

In spelling the Bovina team placed first. Team members are Derrick Vanegas, Walter Kessler and Melissa Cano. Derrick Vanegas placed second in the individual competition.

Derrick Vanegas placed first in computer application.

Nora Uriegas placed second in headline writing.

In computer science the

Bovina team of Walter Kessler, J.T. Roach and Hector Vela placed third. J.T. Roach placed third in the individual competition.

George Villarreal placed sixth in information speaking.

Luke Steelman placed sixth in persuasive speaking.

Misty Pruitt placed fourth and Eric Shufelberger placed sixth in newswriting.

Sarah Rocha placed fifth in feature writing.

The Bovina team of Tricia Kessler, Stephine Villarreal and Sandra Salazar placed third in accounting.

The Bovina team of Melissa Nicolas, Sandra Mendoza and Nora Uriegas placed third in the current issues competition. Nora

Uriegas placed fifth in the individual competition.

The Bovina team placed third in mathematics. Team members are Luke Steelman, George Villarreal and Minerva Vitolas.

Eric Shufelberger placed sixth in ready writing.

Kasey Bell qualified for the one act play all-star cast and Lori Beauchamp qualified for the honorable mention all-star cast.

Other students who participated for the day were Erik Galvan, Tony Beauchamp, Blake Clements, Chris Dopp, Alvaro Martinez, Santiago Serna, Marisol Antillon, Alfred Uriegas, Lisa Hromas, Rachael Espinoza and Richard Lopez.



WHAT TIME IS IT, REALLY?...The little Mason girls are wondering what this "Spring Forward" thing is all about. One year old Mallie and Ashton, age 3, are daughters of Bryan and Leah Mason. They remind us that we need to move our clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, April 5th.

(Photo by Becky London)

Duo Files For Hospital Dist. Board

Parmer County Hospital District announces an election to be held on May 3, 1997 for Board of Directors.

Those filing for election are Danny Kendrick and Wendell Gresham.

Voting will take place in four voting boxes located in Friona at the Fire Station; in Bovina at the EMS Center; in Lazbuddie at the High School; and in Rhea at the Community Center.

Early voting (formerly absentee voting) is being held at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas which begins April 14 and ends at 5 p.m. April 29.

Requests for absentee ballots to be mailed must be received by Parmer County Community Hospital no later than the close of business April 25.

High School Gets TAAS Results

Bovina high school received its preliminary report on recent TAAS Exit scores in reading and math.

The sophomore exit test results were as follows:

Reading: Overall--25 of 30-84%. 13 mastered all objectives for a 43% rating.

Math: Overall--21 of 29-72%. 8 mastered all objectives for a 27% rating.

According to high school principal Jerry Birdsong, "We are very pleased with the effort of our sophomores and the faculty in their preparation. These are the highest percentages in several years and it is a reflection of outstanding work being done at Bovina High School."

The school is expecting complete results, including writing scores, within the next couple of weeks.



NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY...The Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary hosted the doctor's staff at a reception in honor of "Doctor's Day". From left, Dr. Bob Alexander, Sherry Whiteaker, Bovina Clinic, Dr. Felipe Jubay, PA Suzanne Bunker, & Connie Neelley, auxiliary president.

(Ron Carr Photo)



EASTER BONNETS...Blanche Boyle, Eula Parrick, Lucy Behrens and Claudia Adams show off their flowery hats at the Easter Parade the residents held at Prairie Acres last Friday afternoon.

Health Agencies Prepare For "No Resuscitation"

Friona's health care system is working together in complying with a new state law and in educating the medical community about provisions of a patient's directive, Out-of-Hospital: "Do Not Resuscitate" Order (DNR).

Those involved in this effort are Brenda Martinez, RN, director of PCCH Home Care; Dana Hendricks, paramedic for Friona EMS; Larry Mitchell, paramedic for Bovina EMS; Dr. Robert Alexander, Dr. Felipe Jubay and Suzanne Bunker, PA.

In 1995, under chapter 674 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, a state law was passed creating the DNR advance directive. Martinez points out that federal regulations require that Medicare/Medicaid providers must inform beneficiaries under their care and new admissions of the availability of this new advance directive.

Simply stated, the DNR provides terminally ill persons with the option of declining some processes of resuscitation, when the person

is unable to speak for themselves.

The forms may be executed by a competent, conscious person who has been diagnosed by a physician as having a terminal condition. The order applies to only six processes of resuscitation: cardiac compression, tracheal intubation, artificial ventilation, defibrillation, cardiac pacing and the administration of cardiac resuscitation medications.

Martinez said the DNR is not designed to cover the issues addressed by a Durable

Power of Attorney for Health Care, or a directive to physician. That is, it will not name an agent to make health care decisions or prevent the administration of life sustaining procedures other than the processes listed on the DNR form. This form cannot be used by anyone who is pregnant.

The DNR form is a state-approved document with a distinctive logo, with colors of black and red, unlike

advance directives which may be produced and copied by many sources. The logo is designed to quickly inform the EMS response team that the Do Not Resuscitate form

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Stock Show Sale Buyers Recognized

Buyers of sale animals at the 1997 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show auction will be honored at a "Buyer Appreciation" hamburger cookout on Saturday, April 12.

Serving will begin at 7 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

"We would like to show our appreciation to the buyers for the support they show these youngsters year after year. We invite all buyers and their families to attend the cookout," a spokesperson for the Parmer County Livestock Association commented.

Credit Union Sets Annual Meeting

The Friona Texas Federal Credit Union will hold their 43rd annual meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria.

A meal of Mexican pile-on will be served, and registration will be held, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Two members will be elected to the Board of Directors, along with two places to the Credit Committee.

Terms of John Baxter and Curt Miller are expiring on the board. Miller has chosen not to seek re-election. Candidates for the two open spots are Baxter, along with Lewis Gore and Ted Procter.

David Smith's term on the

Credit Committee is expiring. Candidates for this spot is Lee Romo (unopposed).

Members also will elect a member on the committee to replace the unexpired term of John Clark. Mike Lamb is unopposed for this seat.

Reports from the directors, supervisory and membership committees, president's report and financial report will be given.

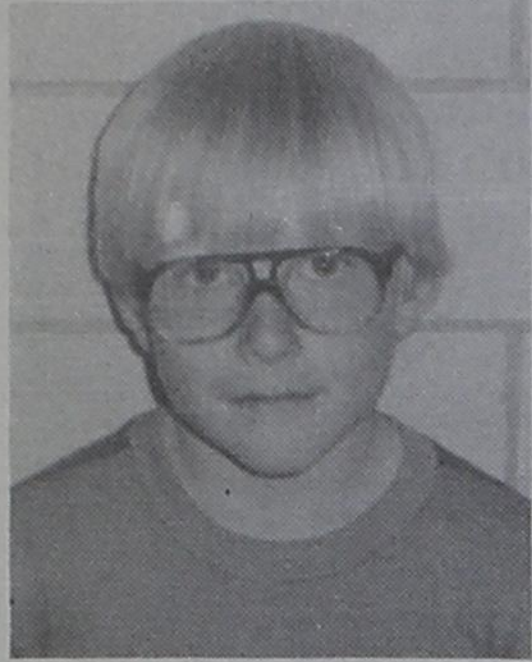
During the past year, the Parmer County Teachers Federal Credit Union was merged into the Friona Credit Union.

Entertainment will be by "Texas Country," a musical group from Hereford.

Door prizes will also be awarded.



FRIONA COMET...Dr. Gary Cash snapped this photo of Comet Hale-Bopp recently, with the windmill on the H.H. Horton place in the foreground.



O'HENRY.....Mr. Henry Heibert, a second grader in Mrs. Steelman's class, has read enough this year to earn over 100 points in the accelerated reading program and earn a T-shirt and his picture in the paper. Way to go, Henry!

Bovina School Lunch Menu
Week of April 7-11

- MONDAY**--chicken fajitas, salad, pinto beans, fruit and milk.
 - TUESDAY**--pizza with beef topping, salad, pinto beans, fruit and milk.
 - WEDNESDAY**--tacos, cheese, corn, salad, fruit and milk.
 - THURSDAY**--salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit and milk.
 - FRIDAY**--beef hot dog, bun, chili con carne, beans, pickles, potato puffs, fruit and milk.
- *A hamburger basket (hamburger, fries, lettuce, tomato) is an alternate choice any day.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Bovina Blade:
I see it's time to send in my \$15 for another year of the Blade.
I sure do enjoy reading it. I especially like Ron Carr's, *Out Here* and Scooter's *Scoops*.
I don't know the young people but I do know lots of the older people there and I enjoy reading about them.
Thank you,
Mildred Lehenbauer
Ames, Oklahoma

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-April 3, 1957
Members of Bovina Student Council returned home Sunday evening from Galveston. They attended a state-wide council convention over the weekend.

Some 65 boys and several parents were on hand for an organizational meeting for Boy and Cub Scouts in the school auditorium Monday night.
With a big crowd, as usual, on hand Saturday afternoon, all three winners were present at the Boost Bovina drawings sponsored by Bovina Jaycees and local merchants.

High school baseball will get underway at the local diamond Thursday at 3 p.m., as the Mustangs take on Adrian in a district encounter.

35 Yrs Ago-April 4, 1962
Cigarettes and a small amount of cash made up the loot which was stolen during a Wednesday night break-in of Bonds Oil Co. here.

Boyd Gilbreath is the new mayor of Bovina. He was elected by a 2-1 margin over L.M. Grissom in the regular city election Tuesday.

Bovina's newest business, the Mustang Drive-In, opens for business Thursday with grand opening set for Saturday.

Sesame production and marketing trends and developments were discussed at a steak dinner in Bovina Restaurant Monday night.

30 Yrs Ago-April 5, 1967
C.F. Wands, 55, of Amarillo, was injured in a one-car accident on U.S. Highway 60 six miles southwest of Bovina about 6 a.m. Tuesday when the 1961 Buick he was driving overturned several times and landed on its top in a pasture 58 yards from the fence.

About 200 people attended the Bovina High School annual athletic banquet held in the school cafeteria Friday night. Members of sports teams

received letter jackets and sweaters, and heard Dr. Leon Hill of Amarillo deliver a humorous address.

Mrs. Zoe Clary of Lubbock has been employed by the Bovina Independent School District as the tax assessor-collector for the district, replacing Mrs. Pearl Dodson, who resigned several weeks ago.

25 Yrs Ago-April 5, 1972
General Telephone Company went all out in planning Bovina's new telephone system, according to Rad Richardson, district manager.

Approximately 100 youngsters, accompanied by their parents, turned out Sunday afternoon for the annual Lions-sponsored Easter egg hunt here.

A new business in Bovina is scheduled to open its doors the early part of May. The *Stitch Niche*, a fabric and notions shop, will be owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Winston Allison.

20 Yrs Ago-April 6, 1977
The Bovina Woman's Study Club will sponsor Karla Mills, daughter of Mrs. Polly Mills, as a delegate to Bluebonnet Girls' State, June 14-24, at the Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas.

Jody Gillespie, three years of age, daughter of City marshal and Mrs. Gary Gillespie, is in a Dallas hospital where she was scheduled for surgery on Monday morning, April 4.

10 Yrs Ago-April 1, 1987
Celia Tienda was chosen Employee of the Month by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and received a \$50 US Savings Bond.

Mindy Neal, daughter of Tony and Dottie Neal, scored nine points and was high point girl for her team, the West All-Stars, in the Golden Spread High School Girls' All-Star basketball games last week.

Leon Ware, Earl Whitten

and Keith Knight were elected to the Bovina City Council this week.

Dale Merrill, son of Mary Alice Merrill, suffered cuts and required 45 stitches in a two vehicle accident.

5 Yrs Ago-April 4, 1992
Over 700 members and guests attended the 38th Annual Meeting of the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative at the Bull barn in Hereford last Thursday evening, March 26.

Last Friday at the track meet in Sudan Cain Neal placed second in the discus, and also second in the shot put at 49-6. The shot put effort was a new school record, breaking his own record of 49-0 set in 1991.

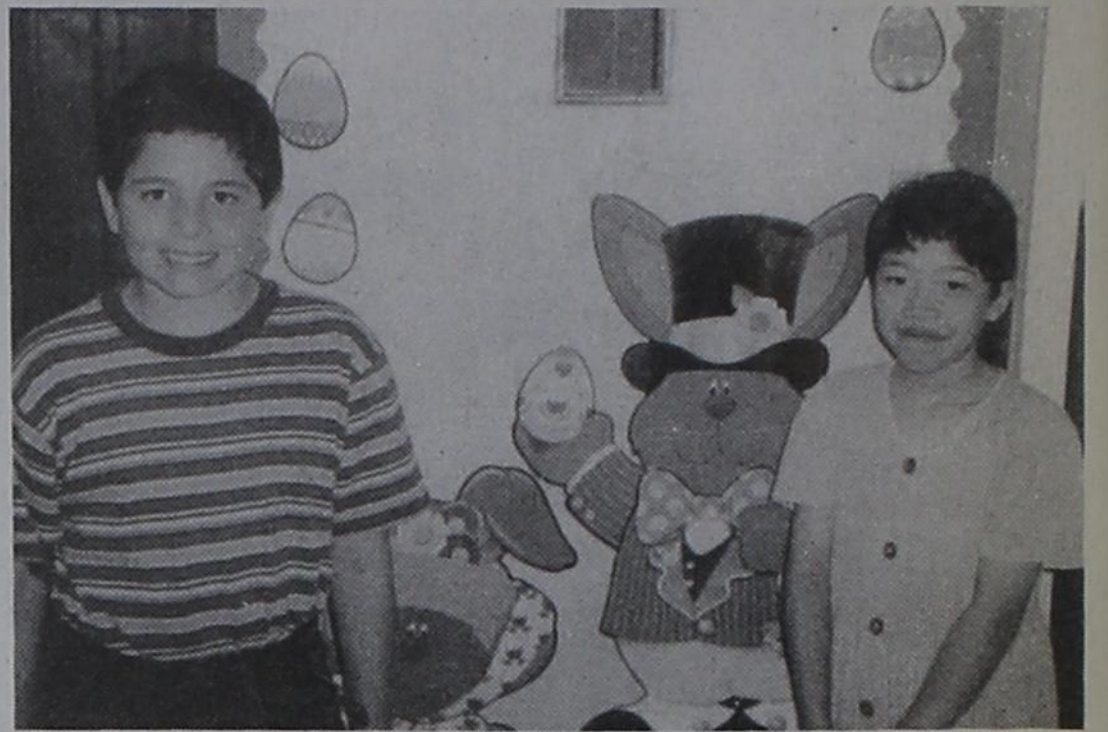
Doctors Are Feted

Parmer County Community Hospital and the Hospital Auxiliary members joined together in celebration of "National Doctors' Day" with a reception honoring the medical staff.

Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary gave red roses to members of the medical staff.

Bill Neely, hospital administrator, said, "We are very pleased to join with our Auxiliary members in expressing our appreciation to the medical staff for their outstanding service to our community."

Doctors' Day has been celebrated in March since 1933 and commemorates the discovery of ether for painless surgery.



GREAT EFFORT.....Saul Martinez and Irma Rocha, both 3rd graders in Mrs. Burney's class, surpassed 100 points in the accelerated reading program.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 5-12.

- Apr 5-Joyce Read, Dickie Clayton.
- Apr 6-Krysta Cockerham
- Apr 7-Tommy Hall
- Apr 9-Rose Ann Cantu.
- Apr 10-Ann Flores.
- Apr 11-Mary Alice Merrill
- Apr 12-Galen Hromas, Kevin Hughes.

To add a friend or relative to our Bovina birthday roster, please call 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

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If you buy a new vehicle from me in April a \$100 check will be donated to the fire department of YOUR CHOICE in your name. I am a member of the Lazbuddie Fire Department and EMS. Call 806/965/2475, home or 505/763-4465, work.
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NOTICE OF BOARD ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION de regentes)

To the Registered Voters of Bovina, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del 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 May 3, 1997, for voting in a School Board election, to elect two (2) trustees.
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 3 de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir (2) regentes.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(Direccion (es) De Las Casillas Electorales)

Bovina ISD
500 Halsell Street
Bovina, Texas 79009

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Ridgelea Primary School, 1000 Hwy. 86, Bovina, Texas 79009
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997.
(entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 3:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de Abril 1997.)
and ending on April 29, 1997.
(y terminando el 29 de abril 1997.)

Additional absentee voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votacion en ausencia ademas se llevar a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha) Hours (Horas)

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

Pat Read
(Name of Absentee Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Ausencia)

P.O. Box 70
(Address) (Direccion)

Bovina, Texas 79009
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)
April 25, 1997
25 de Abril de 1997
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 24th day of March, 1997
(Emitada este dia 24 de marzo, 1997)

Sue Nuttall

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If absentee voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of Bovina, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del 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 May 3, 1997, for voting in a general election, to elect three aldermen.
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 3 de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir tres conceja.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(Direccion (es) De Las Casillas Electorales)

EMS Building on Third Street, Bovina, Texas 79009

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Bovina City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997.
(entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de Abril de 1997.)
and ending on April 29, 1997.
(y terminando el 29 de abril de 1997.)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha) Hours (Horas)

N/A N/A

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

Sarah Alonzo
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Adelantada)

P.O. Drawer KK
(Address) (Direccion)

Bovina, Texas 79009
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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April 25, 1997
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 20th day of March, 1997.
(Emitada este dia 20 de March 1997)

Sarah R. Alonzo

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

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Out Here

By RON CARR



Warning: The following column contains bits of violence and humor which may cause you to think. In certain circumstances even the slightest bit of thinking could cause serious damage.

If a discussion about killing people makes you squeamish, you might want to skip Out Here this week.

Another of those "ironies" which I am so fond of took place the last few days. No sooner had I written about John Kennedy Barefield being executed in Texas when the state of Florida "fried" a guy in their electric chair, touching off yet another debate about the death penalty.

Seems an inmate in Florida was finally scheduled to die in the electric chair after 15 years on death row. Let's call him Ruiz.

Ruiz was accused of stabbing a 52-year-old woman to death. The woman was stabbed 10-15 times in the brutal slaying. There were appeals, which did not work and cost a lot of taxpayer money.

Ruiz had been "mentally challenged" all his life. Many testified that he could not possibly have done the crime because his IQ was not high enough to make him smart enough to commit a crime like that.

In the beginning, the victim's husband (her second) was a suspect. In the end, the victim's own daughter, who had suspected her stepfather all along, said she did not believe Ruiz was guilty and that the state of Florida was about to kill the wrong man.

The state of Florida said enough already. After fifteen years of appeals, they strapped him in the electric chair, threw the switch, and

killed him.

That would have been the end of it except that the leather mask they put over his head burst into flames, which made national news.

Officials said not to worry, he was already dead when the fire broke out. Besides it only burned for a few seconds.

Opponents seized the opportunity to once again point out the cruelty of the death penalty, asking the state of Florida to do away with the electric chair and find a more humane way to kill people.

On Larry King Live, the former district attorney of Los Angeles waxed eloquent about how the guillotine was invented as a more merciful device to kill people.

He said the blade instantly severed the nerves of the neck and spine, and creating no pain. I'm not sure how we know that since the people whose heads were sliced off weren't around to verify the pain level.

The irony to me is that here we are preparing to "cross the bridge to the 21st century" (I hate that saying) and we are still trying to get this death penalty killing thing right.

In biblical times, there was stoning to kill offenders until someone said ".let him who is without sin cast the first stone". That ended that.

Everyone knows about crucifixion, which was another inhumane but dramatic method of punishment.

Hanging, firing squad, gas chamber (remember that?), and electric chair seemed to be just too grizzly. After all, we are decent human beings and when we kill someone, let us do it with dignity. Setting a mentally deficient, maybe innocent, convicted murderer's head

and face on fire just doesn't jive with our "human side".

While the talk shows were debating the cruel aspects of execution, across the country in California, 39 folks met an apparently peaceful death by killing themselves with pudding, phenobarbytol, and vodka.

They each used a plastic bag over the head to finish the job, wore brand-new Nike "Just Do It" sneakers, and had \$5 bucks in their pocket.

I think we may be on to something. This should work to kill others too.

I really wonder why we make such a big, ceremonial event out of killing some sleazeball that has killed some other people.

We invite the press, the families, and others to watch the killing. They lead them in, strap them down, and allow them some last words, most of whom say, "I love you, mom", or "I'm sorry."

Some even say we should kill a killer the same way the killer killed the victim. Bubbas seem to prefer this method

"He stabbed them he ought to get stabbed. If he shot them twelve times and ran over them with a car, then by god that is the way he ought to die too."

Others have even advocated that executions be done in public or shown on television. If that happens, you can have my seat. I ain't watching.

I don't mean to diminish the pain and the role of the victim and the victim's families. The point is that with all our knowledge and technology, we should be able to devise a way to kill killers in such a humane way they wouldn't even know it.

Like many of you, I've had some surgery before.

They stick that little needle in your arm, tell you to count from ten to one backwards, and by the time you get to six, you're out. They could have killed us in any of a number of ways while we were "under" and we would never have known. Oops, the operation failed. Sorry.

To me one of the cruelest aspects of the execution process is telling the person exactly when, where, and how he is going to be killed.

"Hey, Joe, I just dropped by your tiny death cell here to let you know that on May 12 about 6 p.m. or so, we are finally gonna' kill you. Have a nice evening."

See I think what we ought to do is tell them nothing. After they are sentenced to death, stick 'em in the cell and never tell them anything again.

We could make them wish they were dead. Like making them watch Jay Leno monologues twenty-four hours a day. Or closed circuit reruns of every bass fishing show ever made on a TV with no "off" button.

Seriously, why not just sneak up on them and kill them when they are not expecting it. None of this inviting special guests and having TV interviews afterward. Keep it simple.

"Hey, guard, do ya'll know when you're gonna kill me yet?"

"Nope, it ain't been decided. But I tell you what. In the meantime, if you will volunteer to test this new pudding recipe for us, I'll give you a pint of vodka, this new pair of black Nike tennis shoes, and five bucks. What do you say?"

"Cool, man. Just do it. What's in the plastic bag?"



QUILTS WITH BONNETS.....At Prairie Acres this month, Paula Fairchild is displaying a couple of her quilts. She made the two that are on display and teaches eople how to make quilts like this bonnet design. (Ron Carr Photo)

County Children Can Get Free Immunizations

The Texas Department of Health and the Farmer County Agriculture Extension Service (coordinator for Shots Across Texas) will be holding immunization clinics in Lazbuddie, Farwell, Friona and Bovina during the month of April.

Children need 12-14 doses of polio, Diphtheria, Rubella and Hepatitis B vaccines by their second birthday for protection against serious childhood diseases. Hepatitis B vaccines can now be given to children whose birthday falls after November 1, 1991. Hepatitis B is a series of three vaccines.



The Texas Department of Health recommends that all adults receive a tetanus shot every ten years. The Farwell clinic will be held Wednesday, April 9 at the Farwell Elementary School nurses

office from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you have questions contact Rebecca Smallwood at (806) 481-9131. The Friona clinic will be held Friday, April 18 at the WIC office located at 703 Main Street from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m. The Lazbuddie clinic will be held Wednesday, April 23 at the Lazbuddie School cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Bovina clinics will be held Friday, April 25 at the EMS building located at 109 Third Street in Bovina from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You will need to bring your children's Social Security card, immunization records and/or medicaid card. If you are unable to make it to the immunization site in your community, you can come by any of the other sites to receive immunization services.

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Students Of Bobby Wied

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS---Friona Art Association has announced that the Artists Of The Month for April will be the high school and junior high art students of Bobby Wied, who won high honors at the recent Texas Panhandle Invitational Art Show in Amarillo. The blue ribbon winners who will have their work on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres this month are: Jeremy Smith, Dora Ibarra, Rick Coronado, Jennifer McDonald and Evera Andrade.

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IN NEWSLETTER

Jewell Robason Submits Life Story

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 The Friona Star. This month we feature Jewell Robason.

By JEWELL ROBASON

I was born January 19, 1907 in Blanket, Texas in Brown County to L.M. Crow and Annie Elizabeth Parson Crow. I was second born of a family of nine children, which consist of seven girls and two boys.

Dad ran a mercantile business in Blanket. We also attended church and I professed my faith at seven years of age. We always kept busy. I also remember when we would go to the creek and carefully pulled cockleburs because papa didn't want them to go to seed, then we gathered them up and burned them. I attended school in Blanket and also in Anahuac, Texas through the tenth grade. Then, I finished school in Abernathy, Texas.

Papa opened the same business in Abernathy and I went to work for him. My sisters, Myrl, Lillian and I were the oldest in the family and stayed pretty much together. We all dated at the same time and ended up marrying the ones we dated.

I married on August 4, 1926 in Abernathy, Texas to Dudley Robason when I was twenty years old. Dudley worked for the gin and I continued to work for papa at the store. We built a new home. Patsy was our first born.

Later, we moved to Slaton and my husband worked for the railroad, but he was really hired because they needed him to play baseball. He was a left handed pitcher. Dudley didn't believe this was a life for a married couple because he had to be away from home so much, so he quit.

We moved to Friona in 1928, onto a farm seven miles west of Friona. We bought land and built a new house with two rooms. At that time, we had two more girls, Lila and Wanda.

Later we bought 1/2 section of land in the Lakeview Community and built another home. Then our sons, D.O. and Jim, joined our family. We farmed and had a dairy with about fifty head of cows.

My children attended school in the Lakeview Community and later transferred to Friona Schools. With our dairy we were able to get our children their education.

My husband was one of the first to do irrigation farming. All my children except Jim were out of school when we moved to the northwest part of Arkansas onto a ranch in Siloam Springs. We had a herd of Black Angus cattle and also raised chickens. Actually we raised ten thousand chickens. We had automatic waterers and feeders. My husband was ranching and also raising feed.

One of our highlights was that all of our children were in sports and we attended every baseball, basketball and football game that they played. We really enjoyed watching our children through all of their accomplishments. I really love children. I taught Sunday School for 25 years, some in Arkansas but most in Friona. I taught the five and six year old children and I really enjoyed it.

While we were in Siloam Springs, we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on August of 1976. My husband passed away three months later in November.

Our plans were to move to Friona, but my son's wife had cancer and I decided to stay and help with the children. They had a six year old daughter and three year old son. Their mother passed away at 32 years of age. I took care of Holly and Kelley while their father worked. They were the love of the town. Everyone enjoyed them and helped with anything they could.

As they got older they

were very active in sports and I went to every game they played. My son remarried and my daughter-in-law had two children of her own. I moved back to Friona in 1979. They came over every summer to see me.

I bought a home on West Ninth and had a beautiful garden. I always loved flowers. I always kept my own yard and also did a lot of canning. I traveled a lot with my daughter, Patsy.

Patsy lives in Friona and lost her husband, Calvin, eight years ago. They have a daughter and a son and one grandchild.

Lila is married to Easton Wall and lives in San Angelo and they are retired. My daughter was a school teacher and my son-in-law was a superintendent. They have two daughters and two grandsons.

Wanda is married to Hershel Jones and lives in Spearman. They have two sons and a daughter and eight grandchildren.

D.O. is married to Carmel Fields who was a Friona resident and they now live in Grandview, Texas. They have three sons and five grandchildren.

Jim is married to Norma Young and lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. They have four children. He is vice president for Allen Canning Company and has been with them 28 years.

I suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve of 1995 and stayed in the local hospital 45 days. I then came to live at Prairie Acres in February of 1996. I am lucky to have my sister, Lillian Jones, as my roommate.

On my 90th birthday we had a big celebration at the Senior Citizens building. We had 90 people for lunch and about 60 came during the open house. It was really nice.



FANCY CHAPEAUX... Prairie Acres Auxiliary members assisted the residents in creating fancy Easter bonnets last week. Showing off their finery are Helen Edwards, Lucille Latta, Fairie Parker and Grace Whitfield. They are accompanied by Auxiliary member Marlene Drake.

Bovina Tracksters Excel At Claude Tourney

On Saturday, March 22, the eighth grade boys track team scored 138 points at the Claude Relays to win first place overall.

We were unable to obtain times in events. Listed are the events, the eight graders that participated, and their placement when known.

110 hurdles, Cameron Charles; 800m run, Tyson Kerby & Jason Stone; 100m dash, Alvaro Ramirez; 200m dash, Eli De la Cruz & Alvaro Ramirez; 400m dash, Carlos Rivera (1st place).

300m hurdles, Cameron Charles (4th), Eli De la Cruz (2nd); 1600m, Tyson Kerby;

400m relay, Ramirez, Stone, De la Cruz, Rivera.
1600m relay, Stone, Charles, De la Cruz, Rivera; Discus, Yancy Graves (2nd), Danny Jacquez; Shot put, Graves (3rd) & Christian Zafirian; long jump, Adam Ramirez, Cameron Charles; triple jump, Kerby, Stone (4th).

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Former Resident Passes Away

Memorial services for Zoe I. Clary, 82, of Buffalo Springs Lake were held Tuesday, March 25 in Lubbock with the Rev. Manford Sanders, a retired minister of Levelland, officiating.

Cremation will be under direction of Resthaven Funeral Home and Crematory.

She died Sunday, March 23, 1997, in St. Mary Hospital.

She was born February 24, 1915, in Dallas. She married Iven Clary on March 28, 1936, in Post. He died January 19, 1994. She was a member of the Baptist church and the Texas Tax Assessors Association. She moved to the Lubbock area from Post in 1960.

She was a business manager of several area school districts, including Bovina, until retiring.

Survivors include a son, Ben of Van Buren, Missouri; a sister, Jean Hamilton of Farmington, Michigan; and four grandchildren.

April 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School Auditorium.

Advance tickets for Community Concert members are \$5 and for non-members \$7. Admission at the door will be \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. Individual student tickets are \$5 and group rates are available. Tickets are available from members of the board of directors of the Community Concert Association.

Tammy Hysmith of Fritch made her debut with ALT when this show was presented on stage in Amarillo recently by wowing the audiences with her replication of the singing of the late Patsy Cline.

"Always...Patsy Cline" centers around the relationship of Louise Seger (Cindi Bulla) and Patsy Cline from 1957, when she was just beginning her rise to fame, until her death in 1963. It is a simple, heartfelt tribute that centers not so much on Patsy's biography, but rather on how her music affected the lives of people who still find her classics fresh and vital today.

An ensemble of western musicians led by ALT music director Loren J. Strickland along with a technical support team headed by ALT's Gregg Dunlap will accompany the cast.

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NOTICE OF HOSPITAL BOARD ELECTION
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To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., May 3, 1997 for voting in a Hospital District Board election for the purpose of electing two (2) board of director members.

Location of Polling Places:
Fire Station-Friona, Texas
EMS Center-Bovina, Texas
Community Center-Rhea, Texas
High School-Lazbuddie, Texas

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Parmer County Community Hospital-1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas between the hours of 8:30 and 5:00 P.M. beginning April 14, 1997 and ending on April 29, 1997.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 1997. Earliest date for submission of application for absentee ballot to be voted by mail is March 4, 1997.

AVISO DE ELECCION HOSPITAL BOARD
(requires affidavit of publisher)

A los votantes registrados del Parmer County, Texas:

Notifiquese, pro las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 A.M. hasta las 7:00 P.M. el 3 de Mayo de 1997, para votar en la Eleccion para votar electar, miembros del board.

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The City of Bovina is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$250,000 for water system improvements for all the residents of Bovina. The application will be available for review at City Hall during regular business hours after April 9, 1997. 37-1tc

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Applications may be obtained from the County Judge's office.

The Parmer County Commissioners court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. 37-3tc

NOTICE

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Bovina will hold a final public hearing on Wednesday, April 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bovina City Hall, 205 North, in regard to the water system improvements project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the City of Bovina. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Sarah Alonzo, City Secretary, at 238-1116. 37-1tc

Health Agencies...

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is valid. The form is filled out in its entirety by the person, or person's agent, and the person's attending physician and is witnessed by the individuals who are not related to or caring for the person completing the form.

The original DNR form should remain with the person wherever he/she goes, and the person may also wear a state-approved identification bracelet or necklace. The form and ID bracelet are currently being provided by the home health agency to their clients. Contact your primary physician for information on how to receive the form and ID bracelet.

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Physicians and health care workers are required by law to honor an advance directive if they know it exists. For that reason, it is wise to have multiple copies made of the directives and give them to all health care agencies involved with the patient's care.

Texas law allows Texans to use three different advance directives: (1) Out-of-Hospital DNR order; (2) Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPOA); and (3) Directive to Physician (also known as a Living Will).

Anyone over the age of 18 and not pregnant may obtain and fill out any of the advance directives. The easiest way to obtain advance directive forms, with more information on the requirements and regulations governing them, is to ask your physician, health care provider, home health agency, or hospice.

Hendricks (with Friona EMS) stated that it is their policy to honor the patient or family's wishes. She also pointed out that it is State law that the EMS must be presented with the advance directive at the door. Hendricks said that she keeps a file in her office of copies for those in the community that want the EMS to know they are a DNR. Anyone in the community with a DNR may take a copy by her office. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact her at 247-2761.

Parmer County Community Hospital Home Health will be providing public education. Clubs who would like a program provided at their meeting may contact Brenda Martinez or Rhonda Wilkins at 247-2754 Ext. 123 or 148.

The home health agency will also be providing information at their monthly blood pressure and glucose screens held on the third of each month at Friona State Bank, the third Tuesday at Friona's Senior Citizen and the third Wednesday at First Bank-Bovina. Please feel free to ask any of our personnel about the State-approved advance directives.

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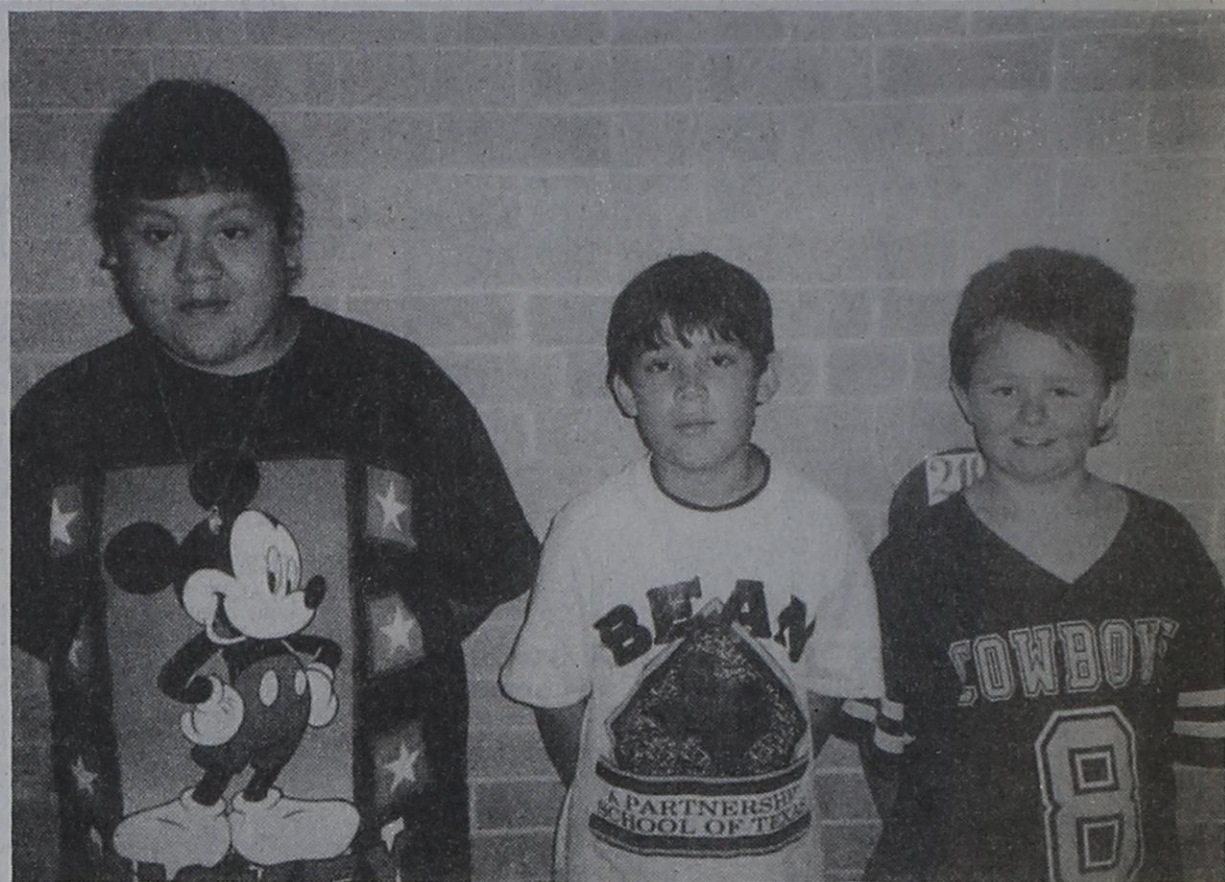
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CLUBBERS.....Joining the Bovina 100-point accelerated reading club were Teresa Brito, 5th grade, Edgar Ortiz and Kody Hawkins, 4th grade. All received T-shirts for their efforts. (Ron Carr Photo)



Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

My dear aunt used to say that when the moon is lying on its back in a scoop-like shape that we were going to have rain. It is in that position now, so perhaps we will get rain before the week is over. Tuesday it was cloudy. Maybe things will happen as rain is in the forecast for the later part of the week.

Thirty thousand acres have burned because of prairie fires in the past weeks so we do need rain!

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Our sympathies to Laura Trisch whose youngest son, Herman, died of a fatal heart attack. Her son, Virgil, said Herman had suffered a heart attack sometime ago and was hospitalized at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock with pneumonia when he had a fatal heart attack on Wednesday of last week.

Funeral services were held on Saturday and graveside services were held in Bovina. Herman was sixty one years old and had never married.

Congratulations to Carlene and Ross Blankenship on the birth of another great-grandson born March 27. He has been named Taylor David and his parents are Casey and Toby Lerot of

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Spanaway, Washington. He is the couple's first child. Grandparents are Jon Lin and Brenda Riddle of Bovina.

Taylor is the second grandson for the Riddles, bringing the total of grandchildren to five.

Vernon and Ellen Estes of Las Vegas, Nevada are in Bovina for awhile. They visited daughter Verna and her family in Spearman, daughter Linda and her family in Bovina, and daughter Nita and family in Clovis.

Vernon and Ellen, have two new great-grandchildren born recently. They are a granddaughter, Savannah Jo Smith. Her parents are Dirk and Shelly Smith of Lubbock. Grandparents are Bill and Verna Strawn of Spearman. Doris Strawn is the other great-grandmother. The couple also has a three year old son, Sam.

The Estes' other new great-grandchild is Tucker Dillon, son of Vernon and Missy Dobbs of Clovis. Grandparents are Dick and Nita Dobbs of Clovis and Lee and Sue Sevell of Lubbock. He is the couple's first child.

Ross and Carlene Blankenship had a busy Easter Sunday. They attended sunrise services held at the Oklahoma Lane Church. After services the group enjoyed breakfast together.

Following the breakfast, they drove to Canyon and attended church services with daughter Kathy and Lowell Boozer and their daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Eric Godwin, who are both

Couple Has Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Lirot of Spanaway, Washington became parents of a baby boy Tuesday, March 25, 1997. He weighed six pounds ten ounces, was twenty inches long and was named Taylor David.

Taylor is the first child for the Lirots. His mother is the former Casey Dee Riddle, who grew up in Bovina and is a graduate of Bovina High School.

His grandparents are Jon Lin and Brenda Riddle, Bovina and Nancy Lirot, who lives in Ohio. Carlene Blankenship of Bovina is the great-grandmother.

It's A Boy For Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Gatlin of Hurst, Texas, became parents of a baby boy Friday, March 7.

Madison Taylor weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was twenty inches long.

His grandparents are Carrol and Sue Gatlin, Amarillo; Ron and Myrna Cain, Portland, Texas; and Bill and Bernita Baker, Colleyville, Texas.

Emily Cain of Corpus Christi is the great-grandmother.

attending Texas Tech. Also with the family was Lynn Boozer, a student at West Texas A&M. Lynn is Kathy and Lowell's son.

Ross and Carlene then drove to Amarillo and spent time with son, Reggie and wife Sandra and got acquainted with their new great-grandson, Tyler and his sister Melissa. They are the children of Randy and Sandra Jones.

Funeral services were held in Bovina on Wednesday of last week at the First Baptist Church for Emma Rodriguez, 52, of Clovis. She was Daniel Rodriguez's niece and lived in Bovina for about twenty years, according to family members.

She was survived by seven children and several grandchildren. Her parents preceded her in death. They were Mr. and Mrs. Julian Rodriguez.

Suzanne Murphy of Abilene was in Bovina for a few days visiting with her dad, A.M. Wilson.

Casey Riley, fourteen-year-old daughter of R.B. and Kathy Riley, was injured when she jumped a fence and ruptured a ligament in her ankle. The family was in Tucumcari at the time with R.B.'s dad celebrating his birthday. Kathy said they are waiting for tests to see what will have to be done or if time will heal the ankle.

Carrie Melear was taken to the Friona Hospital a week ago Thursday noon when she became very ill. She was kept there until midnight then moved to Hereford where she stayed until Saturday.

She said it was thought she may have appendicitis but they have not gotten all the reports back.

Carrie said she was in the third generation where family members suffered from appendicitis after the age of eighty. She said her grandmother died with problems. There is still a possibility that Carrie may have to have surgery, she will know by the end of the week.

The Birdsongs enjoyed a good Easter weekend. Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong visited with both of their families. Jerry's mother and brother, Darlene and Shannon Birdsong came from Lubbock Saturday and spent the night.

On Easter Sunday they visited in Friona with Stephanie's parents, Kenny and Mary Ford. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt that afternoon.

We understand Harold Hawkins, former resident for many years and now living at Mineral Wells, suffered a heart attack but we couldn't get in touch with family members. Perhaps we'll have more information next week.

SMILE...The frightening thing about middle age is that you will grow out of it.