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St. Ann's Announces Holy Week

St. Ann's Catholic Church announced this week plans for Holy Week services starting Palm Sunday, April 8. The following is their schedule.

Sunday, April 8: Palm Sunday Mass. "On this day we remember the triumphant entry of the Lord as the King of Glory in Jerusalem and how it came to be the beginning of his passion, death and resurrection for the salvation of the whole world. There will be a blessing of palms at the beginning of the masses," said Father Juan Carlos. Mass times: 8:30 a.m. English and 11 a.m. Spanish.

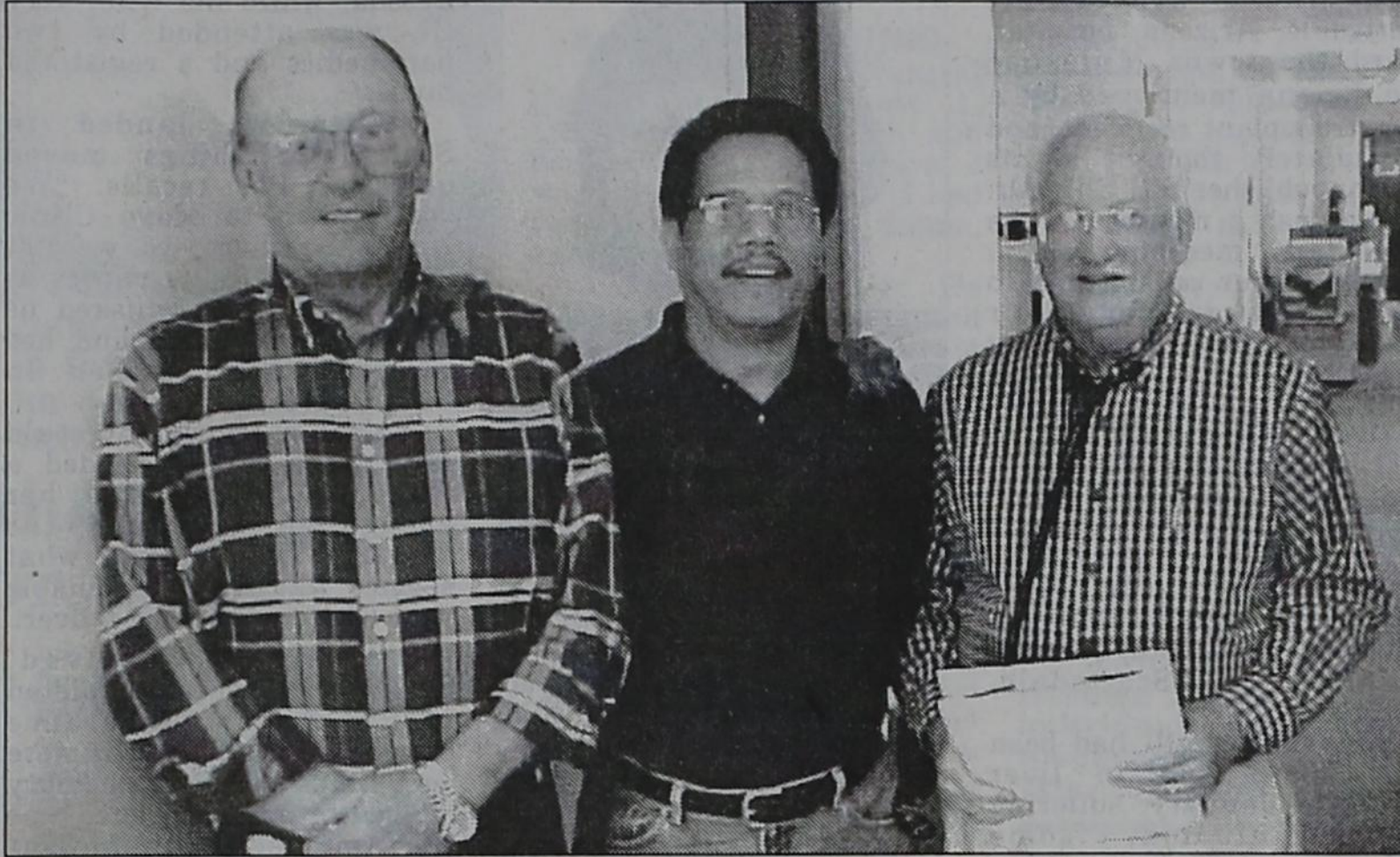
Thursday, April 12: Holy Thursday Mass. "At this mass we remember how the Lord instituted the Eucharist beginning with his Last Supper and the commandment of love and service symbolized in the gesture of the washing of the feet," Father Carlos said. Mass times: 7 p.m. English and 8:30 p.m. Spanish.

Friday, April 13: Good Friday Service. "Evening Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with the traditional Veneration of the Cross with Holy Communion," said Father Carlos. Times are 7 p.m. English and 8:30 p.m. Spanish. Stations of the Cross 3 p.m. in English and at 3:30 p.m. in Spanish. There will be a Living Stations of the Cross play in the afternoon in Spanish.

Saturday, April 14: Paschal Vigil of Resurrection and Mass. "The Holiest celebration of the Catholic Church. Ceremony of the Light and Mass of Resurrection starting at 8:30 p.m. There will be a reception of the Sacraments for the Adults. Bilingual Service.

Sunday, April 15: Masses of Resurrection. Times 8:30 a.m. English and 11 a.m. in Spanish.

"Don't miss our services. For more information call 238-1511. See our address in The Bovina Churches section," Father Carlos added.



ON HAND FOR a Doctor's Day reception at Parmer County Community Hospital on Friday, March 30, were local doctors, Jon Mack Roden, DDS; Felipe Jubay, MD; and Robert Alexander, MD. The Hospital Auxiliary sponsors the annual reception in appreciation of our doctors.

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Friona Traffic Stop Nets Cash and Drugs

Another traffic stop for not wearing seat belts, resulted in a major inconvenience for two Pennsylvania men.

Friona Police Sgt. Joe Herrera stopped a 1999 Ford F-150 pickup on Friday afternoon about 2 p.m. after observing the driver and passenger unbuckled.

The driver, Sam Gibson, 39, of Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania told Sgt. Herrera that he and the passenger, Jeffrey Medina, 38, of Pittsburgh, were headed to Tucson. Medina was the owner of the pickup.

Gibson appeared nervous and Sgt. Herrera smelled marijuana on Gibson while they were in his patrol car. Herrera went back to the pickup to question the passenger and was told that the two were going to Las Vegas to play in a slot tournament at the Flamingo Hotel.

A routine computer check

showed that Gibson had a prior arrest on drug charges after he told Sgt. Herrera that he had never been arrested.

Based on this and the suspicious behavior, Sgt. Herrera asked for and was given, permission to search the vehicle. He called for Parmer County Chief Deputy Mike Howard to meet him with the county drug dog, Arno, at the Friona police station where the search was to be conducted.

The suspect, Medina, drove the pickup to the station and was observed "moving around a lot" in the pickup as he followed Sgt. Herrera. At the station, suspect Gibson was asked to sit inside the foyer while Medina remained outside with the pickup.

At about this time, Sgt. Herrera had to respond to an accident on Highway 60 and told the suspects to remain at the police station. Deputy Howard was at the wreck scene, left to get the drug dog and search the truck.

During the officers absence, the suspects hid some

Bovina HS District UIL Results

Students from Bovina High School participated in the District UIL meet at Springlake-Earth last week.

The results are: Jonathan Zehner, 1st in current events and 3rd in editorial writing.

The team of Jonathan Zehner, Tyson Kerby, Yancy Graves and Cameron Charles won 2nd place in team current events.

Others were Tyson Kerby, 5th in current events; K'Leigh Scroggins, 5th in feature writing; Kelcey Scroggins, 6th in newswriting; and Yancy Graves, 7th in current events.



HONORED FOR HIS 50 YEARS of volunteer service with the Bovina Fire Department was Pat Kunselman, right. He was presented this fire ax plaque by current fire chief Stan Miller at the recent Chamber of Commerce banquet. Congratulations Pat and thanks from the community.

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County Hospital District Sets Election May 5th

Parmer County Hospital District announces an election to be held on May 5, 2001 for Board of Directors. Those filing for election are Danny Kendrick and Mike Hutson.

Voting will take place in four voting boxes at the following locations: 1304 Cleveland (Redeemer Center) in Friona; EMS Center in Bovina; Community Center in Rhea and Lazbuddie High School.

Early voting (formerly absentee voting) is being held at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street in Friona begins April 18 and ends at 5 p.m. May 1, 2001. Requests for early voting ballots to be mailed must be received by Parmer County Community Hospital no later than the close of business April 27, 2001.



FRIONA POLICE SGT. JOE HERRERA is shown during the search of a pickup which yielded \$131,500 in cash and various drugs. The Pennsylvania men were charged with drug possession and evidence tampering. See story for details.

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Sheriff Seizes Drugs And Stolen Property

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles said that an investigation and search warrant recently resulted in recovery of drugs and stolen property and the arrest of two local men.

At the residence, six miles east of Bovina off Highway 86, Sheriff Gerles and several deputies found marijuana, scales and baggies which were used for substance delivery. They also recovered stolen vehicles, go-cart,

motorcycle and various other items, some of which have already been claimed by the owners.

Arrested were Tim Power, 28, of Bovina, and Richard Garner, 23, of Friona. Power was arrested for possession of stolen property and drug charges. Garner was arrested on a felony warrant for possession of methamphetamine and outstanding DPS warrants.



MRS. DOWNES' 4th grade class has been studying ocean life. They have made ocean animals and an ocean scene in the hall. Animals include stingray, dolphin, whale, crab, seahorse, eel, and porpoise. The animals are labeled and the students have written a brief description about each one.

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Scams Are Popping Up All Over The Place

My Turn
By
Carol Ellis



TWO SURE SIGNS OF SPRING --- dandelions and scams are popping up all over. I got a phone call the other day, supposedly from my credit card company, saying they needed to verify the security on my card. The lady said they had sent us a notice by mail and we had failed to acknowledge it. That sounds plausible, because we do throw out a lot of mail.

I decided to play along and see where this thing was heading. She asked for my expiration number. No harm in that, I thought. So I gave it. Next she asked for my credit card number. Red light! Red Light! No way! When I said NO, she got pretty curt

about it. I found out later that this scam is really making the rounds now, and you should not even give them your expiration date, much less your actual credit card number. I wonder how many credit cards these scam artists are able to get via this so-called "security" call.

It is probably not a good idea to give your credit card out on the internet either. I know a lot of folks who do, but I'm just a bit leery about those "secure" websites.

Probably half of the readership of this newspaper are connected to internet and e-mail service. And the other half of you couldn't care less about traveling on the information highway. You might say that your newspaper bridges the gap between the folks who are connected and ones who aren't.

A lot of neat jokes, ideas, inspirational stories and what-have-you are passed around on e-mail. But sometimes you find that a really cute message actually ends up being a chain letter... "You must forward this e-mail message along to 10 friends or you will have bad luck." Good-intentioned people are actually sending these things around. Well, folks, that's what the delete button is for.

You don't usually lose any money on these e-scams; they are mostly irritating and a waste of time. Readers often fall for the promise of personal gain and end up sharing bogus e-mail with everyone on their mailing list. Well, guess what! Big companies don't do business by using chain letters to get their message out and there are no computer programs that can track how many times an e-mail is forwarded, let alone by whom.

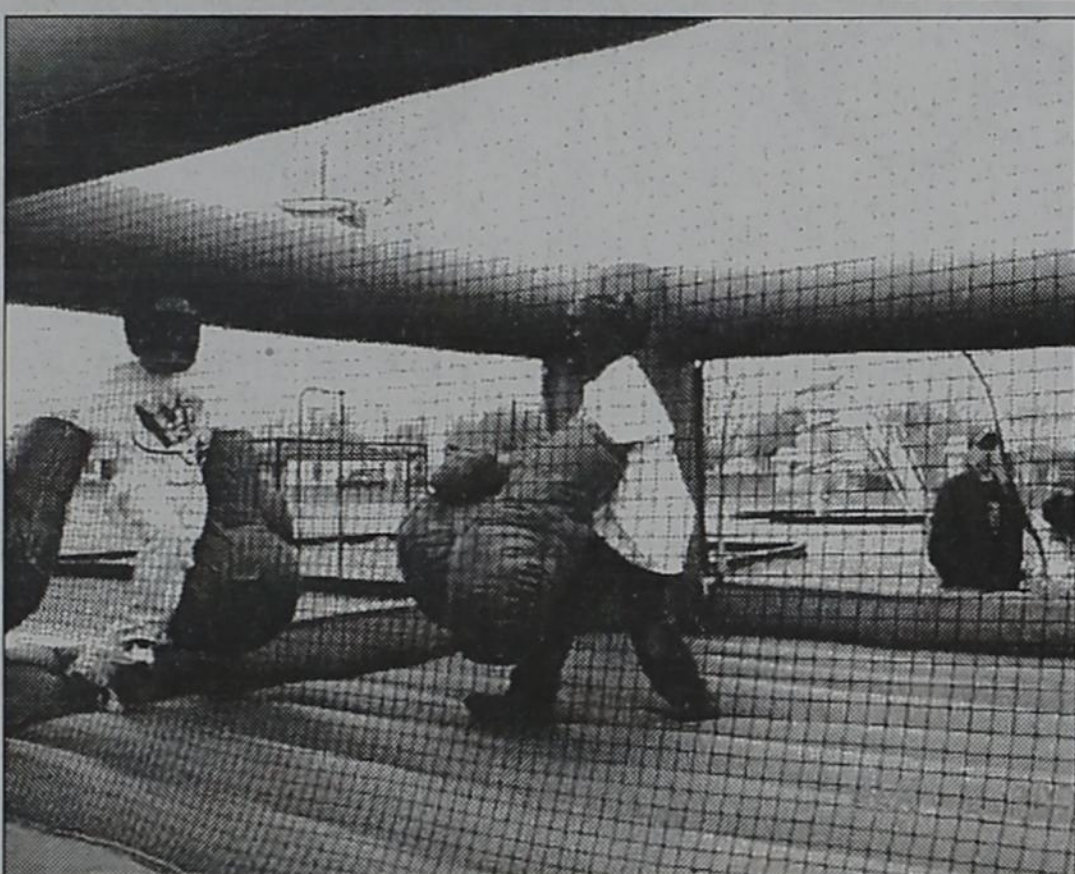
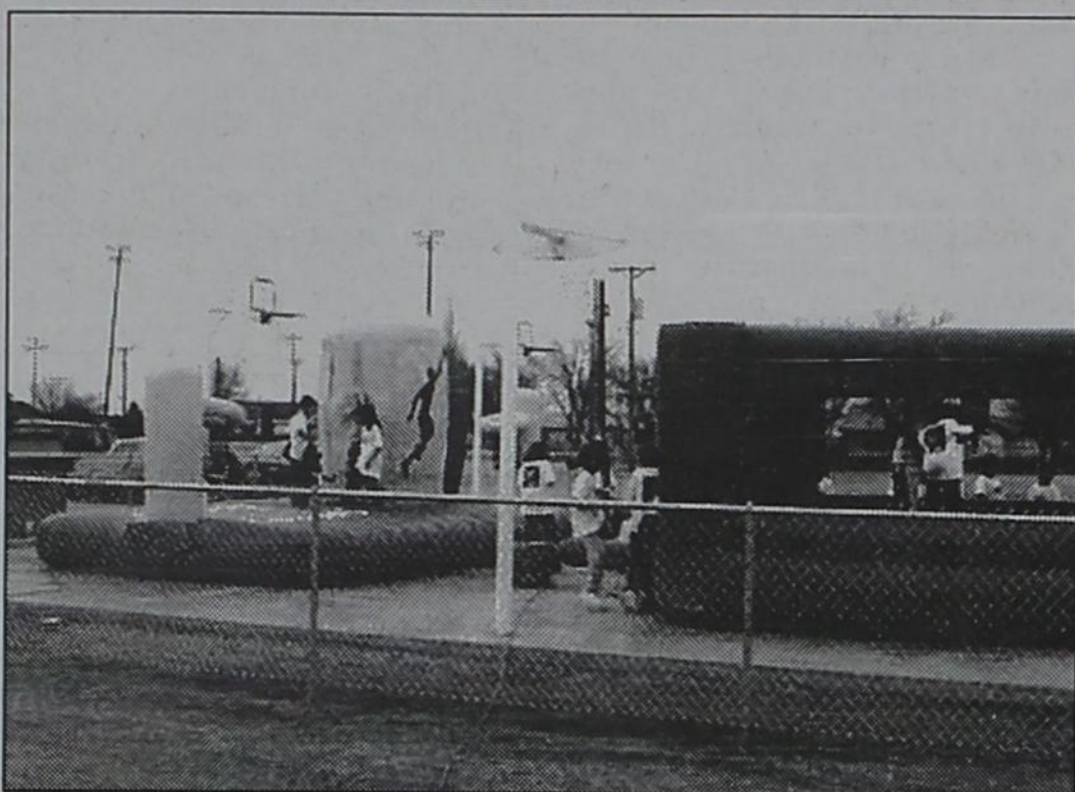
Bill Gates is not going to give you \$1000, and Disney is not about to offer you a free vacation. There is no baby food company issuing class action checks. MTV will not give you backstage passes if you forward something to the most people. Proctor and Gamble is not part of a satanic cult or scheme. The Gap is not giving away free clothes. There is no need to pass it on "just in case it might be true."

Neiman Marcus doesn't really sell a \$200 "secret" cookie recipe. And even if they do, we all have it already. Call me, I'll give it to you and you can feel free to pass it on to anybody. Miller Brewing Company is not giving away free six-packs of beer to the first two million people to circulate a false e-mail. M&M is not celebrating the millennium by supplying you with M&Ms for the rest of your life.

There is no gang initiation plot to murder any motorist who flashes headlights at another car that is driving after dark without its lights on. And there is no kidney theft ring in New Orleans. No one is waking up in a bathtub full of ice, minus one kidney, even if a friend of a friend swears it happened to their cousin. The National Kidney Foundation has repeatedly issued requests for actual victims of these so-called organ thieves to come forward and tell their stories. None have. Not even your friend's cousin.

The Cancer Society does not give three cents for each person you forward an e-mail to. They have no way of knowing how many e-mails you have forwarded. The Make A Wish foundation has so many internet hoaxes using their name, they have had to establish a special toll-free hot line to respond to the gullible public.

There is no bill pending before Congress that will allow long distance companies to tack on a five cent charge for every e-mail message you send. Just don't believe everything you read on your e-mail. In fact, don't believe anything that pops up on your computer screen, unless there is some proof that it is true. On the other hand, you CAN believe everything you read in this newspaper.



WISE UP RALLY...The RocRageous/Wise Up Rally came to Bovina on March 2. The upbeat event is designed to teach kids to "Wise Up" and be anti-drug.
photos by darla sealey



NEW AT CITY HALL! Bonnie Scaff is the new city secretary. She has been busy learning the city's computer and billing system and other city duties. Bonnie is a lifetime Bovina resident. She worked at the grocery store for many years and most recently was an employee at the bank.

Drug Bust

(continued from page 1) and drug paraphernalia in the truck. An additional search of the truck on Saturday morning yielded another \$5,600 in cash inside a suitcase. The bills were wrapped in a fabric softener sheet, a ploy used to throw off the scent of narcotics. Also located were 19 Vicodin tablets and 31 Valium tablets without prescriptions for the pills. The suspects posted bond for several drug related charges (and paid their seat belt citation) and have left town. Friona police will process paperwork to seize both the \$131,500 in cash and the 1999 Ford F150 pickup.

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Ellis' Cousin Member Of Transplant Team

(Editor's note: Dr. William T. Savage, who is affiliated with the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, Arizona, hospital, heard the towns Muleshoe and Friona mentioned by a liver transplant recipient, and immediately thought of his cousin, publisher Bill Ellis. Dr. Savage was a member of the transplant medicine team. Thanks to our cousin, and to Lynn Clossway for their assistance with the following story.)

by LYNN CLOSSWAY
"It's like I've awakened from a year-and-a-half sleep," insists Muleshoe resident Linda McGonagill, referring to the life-saving liver transplant she underwent February 20 at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mrs. McGonagill had been near death and in liver failure in January, suffering from confusion, some temporary sight loss, edema and ascites (fluid retained in tissues and abdomen) and extensive bruising over her entire body, caused by low blood platelets.

"My eyes were open, but I knew nothing or no one for several days-and my days were numbered," she admits. Linda was diagnosed with Hepatitis C in December, 1993, an illness she feels strongly that she contracted in 1982 in Lubbock, when during surgery she was administered a blood transfusion not screened for Hepatitis.

While Linda was unsuccessfully awaiting a liver at another medical center in Texas, her husband Pat, who is an employee of Winkles Trucking in Friona, heard a message on the radio



LINDA MCGONAGILL

about a Hepatitis C support group in nearby Clovis, N.M. They decided to attend, and it turned out to be a life-saving decision for the McGonagills.

At the support group, she met Dr. Fredrick French, Roswell, N.M., whom she describes as a "determined and total advocate for his patients." Linda, in a very proactive mode, then began searching the Internet for treatment alternatives and found the website for Mayo Clinic Scottsdale.

Dr. French, a hepatologist, began working the phones on Linda's behalf, and reached the Transplant Center at Mayo Clinic to arrange for an evaluation and possible transplantation for Linda.

By January 24, "After Dr. French and a social worker at the Roswell hospital worked all day with Mayo on details," said Linda, she was escorted to an air ambulance that was warming up just for her at the Roswell airport.

Pat sat up front and served as "co-pilot" in the small Cessna, while his wife, very ill, was attended by two paramedics and a registered nurse.

"When we landed in Scottsdale, things moved quickly," Pat recalls. "We were taken to Mayo Clinic Hospital, where we weren't even asked to sign papers at that point. They whisked us in, evaluated Linda and her records and put her in intensive care."

Before a transplant could take place, Linda needed a "tune-up," to stabilize her enough to withstand the surgery. Then ensued what seemed like an interminable wait (three weeks) for a liver.

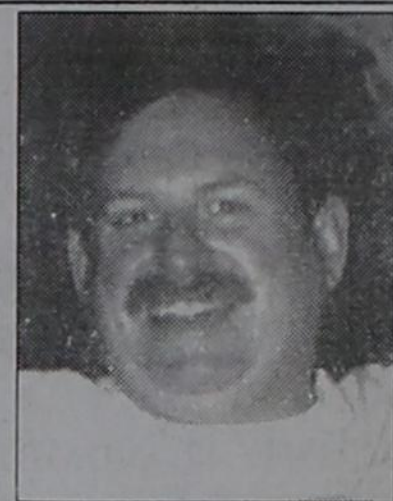
A liver arrived, negotiations were completed with Linda's insurance provider and all systems were 'go.' Linda's fondest memory of her entire experience was the moment when her surgeon, Dr. David Mulligan, and Mayo social worker, Sharon Montgomery, walked down the hall, "with big smiles," to tell her that she was "cleared for takeoff."

Her odyssey finally underway, Linda then became liver transplant number 54 at Mayo Clinic Hospital. The surgery was pronounced a resounding success by the hospital's transplant surgery team.

"The care I received from the entire transplant team and the ICU nurses was outstanding," she said.

Within days, Linda was a new person, with color in her face, renewed energy, and even enthusiasm about shopping for new clothes while recuperating at the Arizona Transplant House in Scottsdale--a haven for those awaiting, or recovering from, organ transplants.

Pat McGonagill was by his wife's side through the whole ordeal, having been granted



DR. WILLIAM T. SAVAGE III

a leave of absence by his Friona employer, Winkles Trucking. (Winkles, as an employer, and Pat's fellow employees took up a collection for the family, to help them meet their bills during the medical crisis).

Pat not only served as moral support for Linda, but as her nurse and caregiver, all the while encouraging group prayers for his wife.

As for Linda's ordeal, Pat now contends he "wouldn't trade it for anything." He intends to join Linda in her mission to educate people about Hepatitis C and the critical need for people to be tested for the disease.

He and Linda feel that the media have been misinformed about many of the causes of Hepatitis C. Also important to Pat, he emphasizes, is the need for people to become organ donors, what he calls the "gift of life."

Hepatitis C and organ donation are now Linda's new mission in life, and her newfound calling is educating the public about those topics. "I don't care what it takes," she affirms. "I'm going to get the word out about how you don't have to be a drug addict to get Hepatitis C. You can get it from transfusions of blood prior to 1992, from tattoo needles, from people who have injected or snorted drugs, using shared, contaminated paraphernalia."

But there are also more common ways to contract this liver disease, such as from sharing razor blades, she notes. "It is a blood-borne disease and people need to be aware that you can have Hepatitis C for many years before you become aware of it. They need to ask their doctor for a test."

Seva Struve Buried Here On Friday

Funeral services for Seva Ford Welch Struve, 83, were conducted Friday morning, April 6, at Sixth Street Church of Christ, with Leon Talley, minister, officiating. Burial was at Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Struve died Monday, April 2, in Amarillo. She was born December 29, 1917, in Floyd County, and moved to Friona in 1924. She graduated from Friona High School and earned a BA in English and Speech from West Texas Teachers College (WTA&MU) in Canyon.

Seva married Stephen Lytle Struve of Abernathy on December 1, 1940. Steve worked as a butcher for Struve Mercantile after they were married. In 1941 the couple moved (house and all) to Levelland, where he operated Struve Cheese Factory for 12 years.

The family moved to the Welch homestead northeast of Friona after her father's death in 1944. She was a partner in farming and making a home for their family of three daughters.

They moved to their home on White Avenue in Friona in 1959. In August of 1962, the family invited Mike Baronowski, a teenager from Philadelphia needing a home, to live with them. Mike took part in football and the musical productions. He served in Vietnam after graduating from FHS, and was killed in action in 1966.

In 1979, she and Steve began a new venture, "Sideswipes," a hand-held fertilizer applicator, which they manufactured and marketed. Steve preceded her in death in 1986.

Seva was a life-long member of Sixth Street Church of Christ, where she taught Bible classes. Her hobbies included reading, crossword puzzles and traveling. She also delighted in her family and friends.

Survivors included three daughters, Kay Ray of Amarillo; Carol Nicholson of Shreveport, La.; Sheila Green



SEVA WELCH STRUVE

of Custer, S.D., six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Estella Johnston, Melba Brown, Murna Miller, and one brother, Louis Welch.

S.J. "Shorty" Isenberg Buried In Oklahoma

Services for S.J. "Shorty" Isenberg, Jr., 74, of Tishomingo, Oklahoma were held Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at Watts Funeral Chapel in Tishomingo with Rev. Jon Smith officiating.

Burial followed at Condon Grove Cemetery.

He passed away April 1, 2001 in Tishomingo.

Shorty was born September 19, 1926 in Decatur to S.J. and Gladys Ada (Davis) Isenberg. He married Mary Lou Brown. She preceded him in death February 20, 1978.

He lived in Bovina for 25 years before moving to Tishomingo in the past year. He was a farmer.

Others who preceded him in death were his parents, three brothers, Charlie, C.W., Bobby and Herschel Isenberg and one sister, Alma

Isenberg. Survivors are two brothers, Clyde of Kenefic, Oklahoma and Gene of Porter; and three sisters, Billie Smith of Ravia, Oklahoma, Marie Willis of Ada, Oklahoma and Opal Stephens of Edmond, Oklahoma.

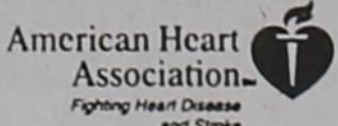
Pallbearers were Don, Carlton, Charles and David Isenberg, Roy Hartzog and Isabel Carrasco.

Letter To The Editor

Our sincere thanks for the times you put our Oklahoma Lane Methodist 75th Anniversary (March 4) in the paper. We do appreciate it!

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PRAIRIE ACRES has named Marie Saiz, left, as employee-of-the-month for April. Joining her in the spotlight is Thelma Jones, Prairie Acres' April resident-of-the-month.

Immunization Clinics Are Set For April

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

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

Mrs. James Buried in Dimmitt

Funeral services for Peggy James, 71, of Hereford were held Friday, March 30, 2001 at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Ivey Chapel with Rev. Ron Brunson, pastor of New Covenant Church in Plainview. Burial followed at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Peggy was born May 17, 1929 in Dodson. She married C.H. James November 17, 1944 in Amarillo. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Chris Maples, a grandson, Christopher Johnson, three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include a son, Joe James of Amarillo; a daughter, Ann Johnson of Bangs; a sister, Sharon Blackmore of The Woodlands; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay.

Additionally, flu shots will also be available at the clinics to be given to the general public. Those considered to be in a high-risk category should seek to be immunized as soon as possible.

The vaccinations will be administered at the WIC Office, 607 Main Street, Friona, Friday, April 20, from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be available at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, April 9 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

Mattie Rushing Submits Life Story For Printing

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

By MATTIE RUSHING

I was born in Natural Dam, Arkansas, June 1, 1898 to Steven Twelfth and Serena Asmus Carrington. I was the youngest child. I had two sisters, Lula and Emma, and one brother, Finis.

Papa was a farmer. He raised pork, chickens and beef. Every fall, we would butcher hogs and hang them in the smoke house. When it got a little cooler, we would butcher a beef. We would also butcher chickens.

Momma worked in the house and also helped Papa on the farm. She always had a big garden and fruit trees since she canned everything.

They believed in a good education for their kids, and saw to it that we all got one. I went to school in Natural Dam, Arkansas and went to college in Ada, Oklahoma.

I got a teaching certificate and taught school when I was 17. While I was in college, I had a good friend named Mary. I went home with her one weekend and met my future husband, her brother, Eric Vance Rushing.

We were married on May 30, 1917 in Ada, Oklahoma. We had three children: Eric M., born May 16, 1918 in Ada; Roberta born September 20, 1920 in Ada; and Bonna Lee, born February 15, 1922 in Francis, Oklahoma.

The doctor told Eric he needed to move to a drier climate and so we moved to Clovis, New Mexico in 1926, but returned to Oklahoma. Shortly after our return, Eric suffered a bout of pneumonia, and as quick as we were able, our family returned to this area.

This time we landed in Friona, where in March of 1927, we bought a grocery store from Glen Weir, turning it into a general store. It was

located on Main Street. We set up housekeeping in the back of the store.

After a couple of years, we bought a half section of land just west of Friona, and soon moved to the farm. Later still, we bought a variety store from "Uncle" Andy Wentworth, and leased the farmland.

We operated the variety store until 1931, when Eric decided to run for Farmer County District Clerk and served eight years.

During that time, the family lived in Farwell. After his political years, Eric bought a ranch south of Clovis. In the late 1940s, we also owned and operated a motel in Clovis, New Mexico, called "Rushing Court Motel."

I lived alone until after I turned 101 and then my great-granddaughter, Sarah, came and lived with me. I came to live at Prairie Acres in 2000 after I was 102.

(Editor's note: Mrs. Rushing is one of the few individuals whose life has touched three centuries--19th, 20th and 21st.)



THREE CENTURY LADY...Mattie Rushing, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home for one year, has seen three centuries in her lifetime. Born in 1898 in the nineteenth century, she lived throughout the entire twentieth century, and is now enjoying the twenty-first century at Prairie Acres. She is 102 years young, and lived alone until she was 101.

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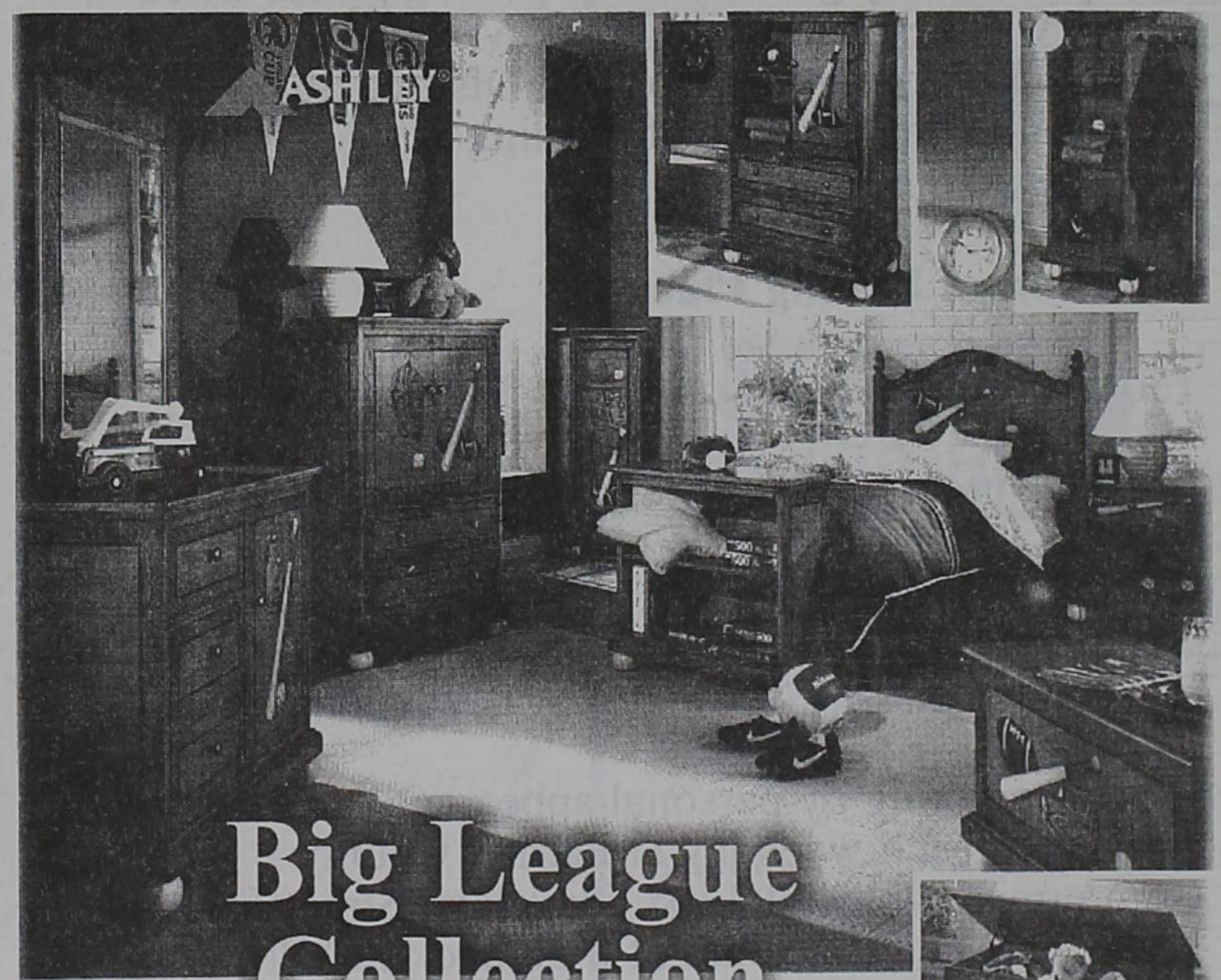
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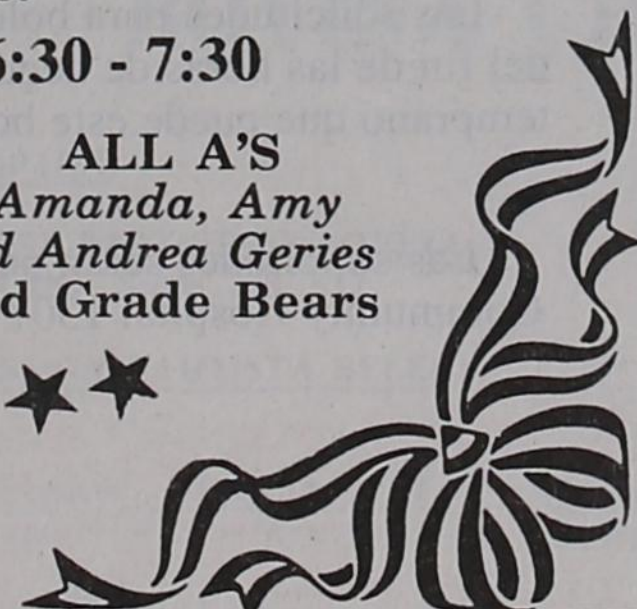
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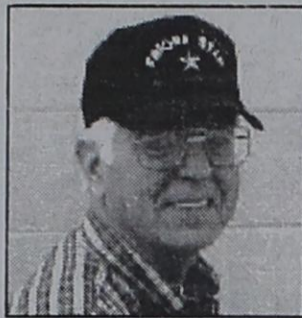
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Out Here

By RON CARR

"Will Take Pictures For Food"

I didn't see you at the two o'clock potato scrubbing last Saturday.

There weren't very many folks scrubbing those 1,000 potatoes on Saturday, but there sure were a bunch eating them on Sunday.

Some people say it is the spring season here in Parmer County. I prefer to call it food season. I've been going from one food event to the next for the last four weeks. That's my job, don't you see!

I'm not griping. My sign says "Will take pictures for food."

Take a look at March in food season: St. Teresa's Catholic Church Mexican dinner; St. Ann's Catholic Church German sausage dinner; West Texas Rural Telephone annual meeting catered by Branum's; Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op annual meeting catered by Hens and Fins of Lubbock.

My kids, Zach and Megan, were here on spring break and we went to Branum's in Hereford for Ken Branum's Tuesday night all-you-can-eat rib night. (Ken changed his ordering and serving policy at Branum's and he now has sit down waitress service and a buffet.)

Timms Have New Daughter

Chris and Jill Timms of Bovina have a new baby girl, Ashlyn Denise, born March 13, 2001 at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.

She weighed six pounds, nine ounces and was twenty inches long.

Her big brothers are Chase, 10 and Jared, 6.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jourden of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Timms of Anton.

Give it a try.)

Zach managed to eat six ribs (they are big). Megan and I had the chicken fried steak. She is 10-years-old and finished hers before I did.

Then there was the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet. Grilled steaks donated by Caprock Industries and cooked out behind the cafeteria by some local yokels who know what they are doing. It is always one of the best "feeds" in the county.

The granddaddy of the food season is the Friona senior class steak dinner which raises money for an all-night drug-free party on graduation night. The money is used for nice prizes which the kids can win throughout the night.

That's where the 2 o'clock potato scrubbing comes in. Parents and non-parents gather on Saturday to begin preparations to feed a steak and baked potato dinner to 800-1,000 citizens.

At 2 o'clock last Saturday, a group of volunteers ran 1,000 potatoes through the junior high cafeteria dish washing conveyor, then wrapped each one in foil and baked them in the school's big ovens.

Another group prepared over 1,000 fluffy rolls and browned them to perfection Sunday morning in time for the first diners at 11:30 a.m.

Meanwhile several fellows sliced the steak loins into individual hunks, doused them with Lawry's Seasoning Salt, sprayed them down with Worcestershire sauce, and stored them in the cooler until charcoal time Sunday morning.

Chief cook Eldon Reeb, whose kids have long since graduated, still comes back to cook every year. The double-wide Country Club grill is hauled over to speed the cooking process.

Eldon's Hi-Pro counterpart Bill Stovell brings Hi-Pro's big barrelled, smoke stack grill over. Bill's kids are long graduated too, but he wouldn't miss the senior steak dinner and the chance to out-cook Eldon.

Armed with 24 48-pound bags of charcoal, they throw the first steaks on about 10 a.m. A crew on each grill takes the done ones off and put fresh ones on.

Reeb was heard to say, "tell the folks in there that if their steak is too done, Stovell probably cooked it."

I believe last Sunday they actually cooked about 1,100 steaks. In two hours. Even the leftover ones were sold for take home. More money for the all-night party.

There are a few pictures elsewhere in this issue of some of the senior steak dinner activities. It is a big production and a lot of work, but after many years the routine has been refined and passed on.

But there is still no way to go hungry during food season. Last Saturday evening, Ralph Shirley cooked up some hamburgers for a different group of seniors. That was the senior citizen social. I took a few pictures and they fed me.

Food season continues this week. Friday night and Saturday morning I will dine at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo during the Panhandle Press Association (PPA) convention where my boss Bill Ellis will be inducted into the PPA Hall of Fame. 'Bout time and well-deserved I'd say.

Then it is back to Friona for the VFW fried chicken dinner on Sunday (love that gravy), the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night with prime rib from K-Bob's and the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union

annual meeting (and food) on Tuesday.

As it stands right now, four of my kids, Kirsten, Casey, Zach and Megan, are coming to visit over Easter weekend. Fear not. I'll be dragging them over to the free Saturday morning community-wide pancake breakfast at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Food season is definitely here in Parmer County. With the extra hour of daylight, I might even bring my camera and drop in on a few of your backyard cookouts.

That is, if I can get through the gate. What's that? It's none of your business what I weigh.

Just look at the pictures and be quiet.



THE PARMER COUNTY Community Hospital Auxiliary celebrated "Doctor's Day" with a reception at the hospital on Friday, March 30. The ladies provide punch, cookies and snacks for all hospital and clinic employees each year on Doctor's Day. Showing off a special cake are, l-r, auxiliary members Elizabeth McLellan and Deke Kendrick shown with Dr. Robert Alexander.

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NOTICE OF HOSPITAL BOARD ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, May 5, 2001 for voting in a Hospital District Board election for the purpose of electing two (2) board of director members.

Location of Polling Places:

- 1304 Virginia (Redeemer Center) - 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 PM beginning April 18, 2001 and ending on May 1, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 27, 2001. Earliest date for submission of application for absentee ballot to be voted by mail is March 6, 2001.

AVISO DE las ELECCIONES DE LA MESA DE DIRECTIVA DEL HOSPITAL

Dirijido a los votantes registrados en el condado de Parmer, Texas: Se les avisa que los lugares elejidos para votar estaran abiertos de las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el dia 6 de Mayo del 2001, para votar en las elecciones de la mesa directiva del hospital. Se votara por tres miembros para el hospital.

Lugares para Votar:

- 1304 Virginia (Redeemer Center) - Friona, Texas
- EMS Center - Bovina, Texas
- Community Center - Rhea, Texas
- High School - Lazbuddie, Texas

Para votar temprano en persona, la votacion se lievara acabo el dia 18 de Abril del 2001 hasta el dia 1 de Mayo del 2001; entre las horas de 8:30 de la mañana hasta las 5 de la tarde en el Parmer County Community Hospital.

Las solicitudes para los boletos para votar por correo por causa de ausencia deberan enviarse a Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

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Las solicitudes seran pedidas en esta direccion: Parmer County Community Hospital 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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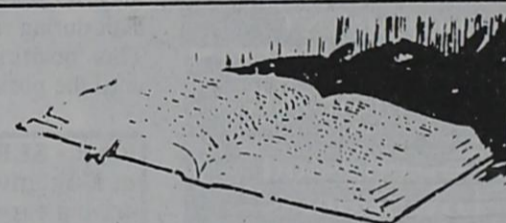


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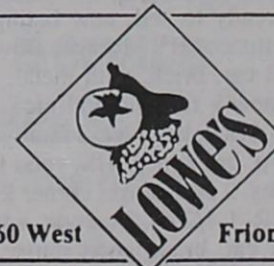


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The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Depository Contract will be awarded at the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, April 23, 2001 at 10:00 A.M.

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Bovina lost two old-timers this week--Sophia Cherry and Shorty Isenberg. When I moved here six years ago you could see Mrs. Cherry walk from her home, at the age of 87-88, to the post office daily to get her mail. She also enjoyed working in her yard. She was only in the nursing home in Clovis for a short time before she passed away this week. Her daughter Helen Wagner had been taking care of her.

You could always see Shorty Isenberg driving around on his tractor--he drove it all over the country side. Folks thought he was a really nice guy and we enjoyed him around town.

Jack Patterson was hospitalized again this week in Amarillo. He came through the surgery Wednesday afternoon and was talking to family members that evening. We expect he and Ona to be home soon.

M.H. and Dixie Carson returned Monday after a few days of traveling around. They spent time in the Big Bend area. They toured down to the Rio Grande and Dixie said the water sure looked low. The flowers were really pretty though--they are this time of year down there.

The Bovina couple then spent time in El Paso and Southern New Mexico. They made several stops taking in the sights and even went to

Arizona. Gilda Garner, Esther Steelman and Adam Mejia's youngest sister, Naomi got married last weekend in Houston. Gilda, Doyle, sons, Matthew, Gabe and Mike and Adam all drove to San Angelo Thursday night. They stayed with Gilda and Adam's brother, Luis and his two kids (his wife Gloria was already in Houston). The family then drove to Houston Friday.

Gilda said the weather was great and they stopped in just about every antique store they could find from Bovina to Houston. The Mejia family, which includes their mom Patsy and twelve children, know how to have a great wedding. All but two siblings attended the ceremony. They took up eight rooms in a hotel there and had lots of fun.

The wedding was outdoors at a historical firehouse and gazebo at 4 in the afternoon.

The Mejias' only unmarried siblings now include Sandra and Adam. Sandra is getting married May 4 in Ft. Worth--so, no pressure Adam!

Two Bovina ladies had babies March 13 and 15 in Lubbock. Jill Timms had a baby girl--to go with her two boys and Lisa Lane had a

baby boy--to go with her two girls. Jill said she delivered on the 13th and when she was recovering and walking down the hallway, she discovered Lisa down the hall. It's a small world!

Bovina's First Baptist Church has been busy this week. A revival team of David Burk and Mills Caraway held services from Sunday until Thursday. Noon meals were served daily--really great ones!

Wednesday Don and Juanda Murphy cooked fish they had caught on one of their fishing trips recently. It made a great meal after a bunch of ladies provided the fixins'.

The youth group sang during both services Sunday and the children, ages 4 through 5th grade, were honored Wednesday night with a hotdog supper and then they sang in the choir.

Janie Sudderth's brother-in-law, N.C. White of

Dimmitt passed away last week. Her sister, Betty, was his wife. Janie and Glenden's sons came for the funeral. They are Blake and Scott of Austin and Del Ray and Linda and son Kale of Round Rock. Janie's brother and sister-in-law, Don and Carol Alverson of Pouslbo, Washington also came to Bovina. Janie's uncle, Robert Kiker of Midland also attended the services.

On Monday Glenden's brother, Ronnie of Springtown, came to Bovina to visit. He stopped in to see his mother Obereta and they had a nice time. Ronnie hauls cars for dealerships and doesn't come through this area very often so they were really happy to see him.

A few weeks ago Janie and Glenden kept Del Ray and Linda's sons, Kale, 4 and Derrick, 8, for a week while the couple went on a Caribbean Cruise.

Linda, who works for Epsom, won the cruise from her company.

Mr. Terrazas Buried Here On Saturday

Funeral services for Ramon Terrazas, 73, of Bovina were held Saturday, March 31, 2001 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Juan Carlos Barragon officiating. Burial followed at Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Rosary was held Friday night at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He passed away Thursday, March 29, 2001.

Ramon was born March 19, 1928 in Mexico. He married Eva Terrazas December 25, 1950 in

Mexico. He lived in Bovina for 16 years moving from Texico, New Mexico. He was a retired farm worker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Eva of Bovina; a daughter, Leticia Garcia of Bovina; three sons, Dago of Amarillo, David of Hutchinson, Kansas and Sergio of Mexico; four sisters, Gracia Marquez, Aida Sotello, Benice Terrazas and Rosa Terrazas, all of Mexico; two brothers, Evanue of Texico and Lionel of Mexico; sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cherry Buried In Farwell Friday

Funeral service for Sophia Iola McDaniel Cherry, 93, of Bovina were held Friday, April 6, 2001 at 10 a.m. at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis, New Mexico with Rev. Gary Morgan officiating.

Burial followed at Sunset Terrace in Farwell.

She passed away April 3, 2001 at SunBridge Golden Age Care and Rehabilitation.

Sophia was born August 21, 1907 in Benton, Illinois to Henry and Mary Creamer Kaemper.

She grew up in Pleasant Hill, New Mexico and

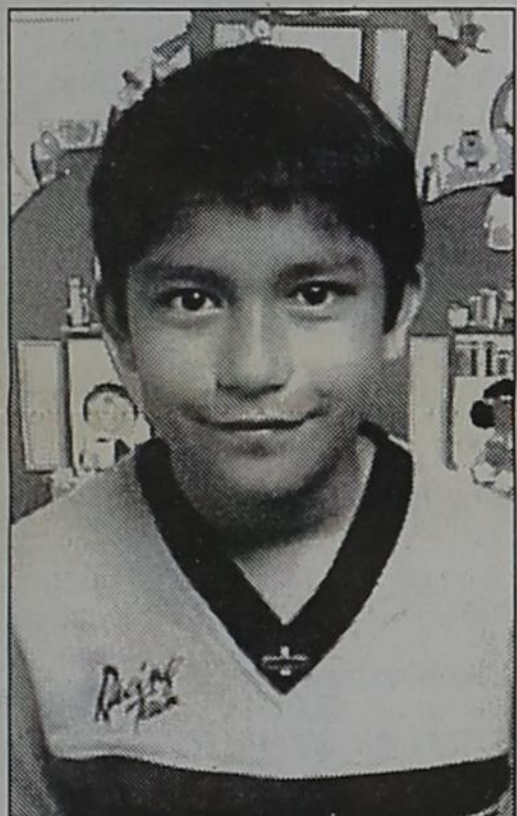
attended school there. She married Charles McDaniel in 1925 in Pleasant Hill. They farmed north of Texico for many years before moving to Bovina in 1962. She enjoyed crafts and was a member of First Baptist Church in Bovina.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, three sisters and three husbands, Charles McDaniel in 1976, James Gillean in 1981 and Walter Cherry in 1993.

Survivors include a son, Leon McDaniel of Livermore, California; three daughters, Helen Wagner of Clovis, Grace Whitehead of Roswell, New Mexico and Esther Ferguson of Dumas; fourteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were the grandsons.

The family will be at 1216 Sandia in Clovis.



JOSE CASTILLO

This poem by a student in Heather Neal's 4th grade class has been accepted into the 2001 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans.

Leo The Lion

By Jose Castillo

I like lions, because I like how they roar.
I like how they can run very fast.
When Leo the lion leaps to fight,
he takes out his claws.
He kills animals, to eat their meat,
in the jungle.
Leo kills animals, because if he doesn't,
they will attack and kill his cubs.



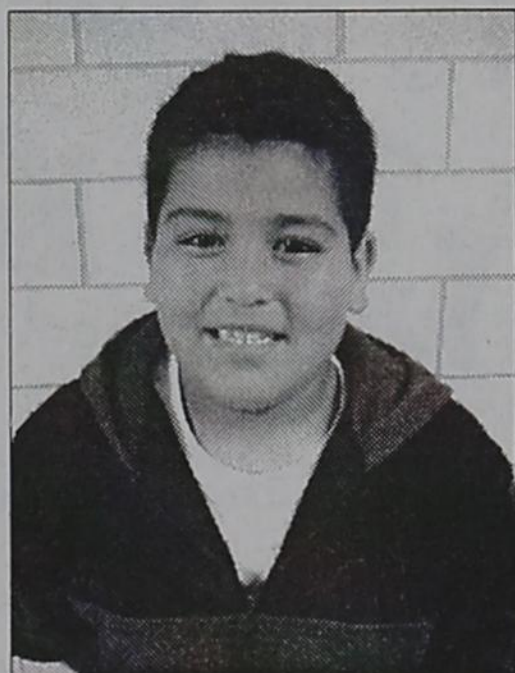
DANNA GUERRERO

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The Moon

By Danna Guerrero

The moon is a yellow penny.
When it is in a crescent shape,
most people would love to eat it,
because it looks like a yummy banana.
The moon is so hard that,
no one could say it is a soft, cotton ball.
Since the moon is so bright,
it looks like the continent of South America
on our classroom map.
The moon is a great sight
from down here,
but in outer space, it is just a dull rock.



RICKY SANCHEZ
100-POINT READER

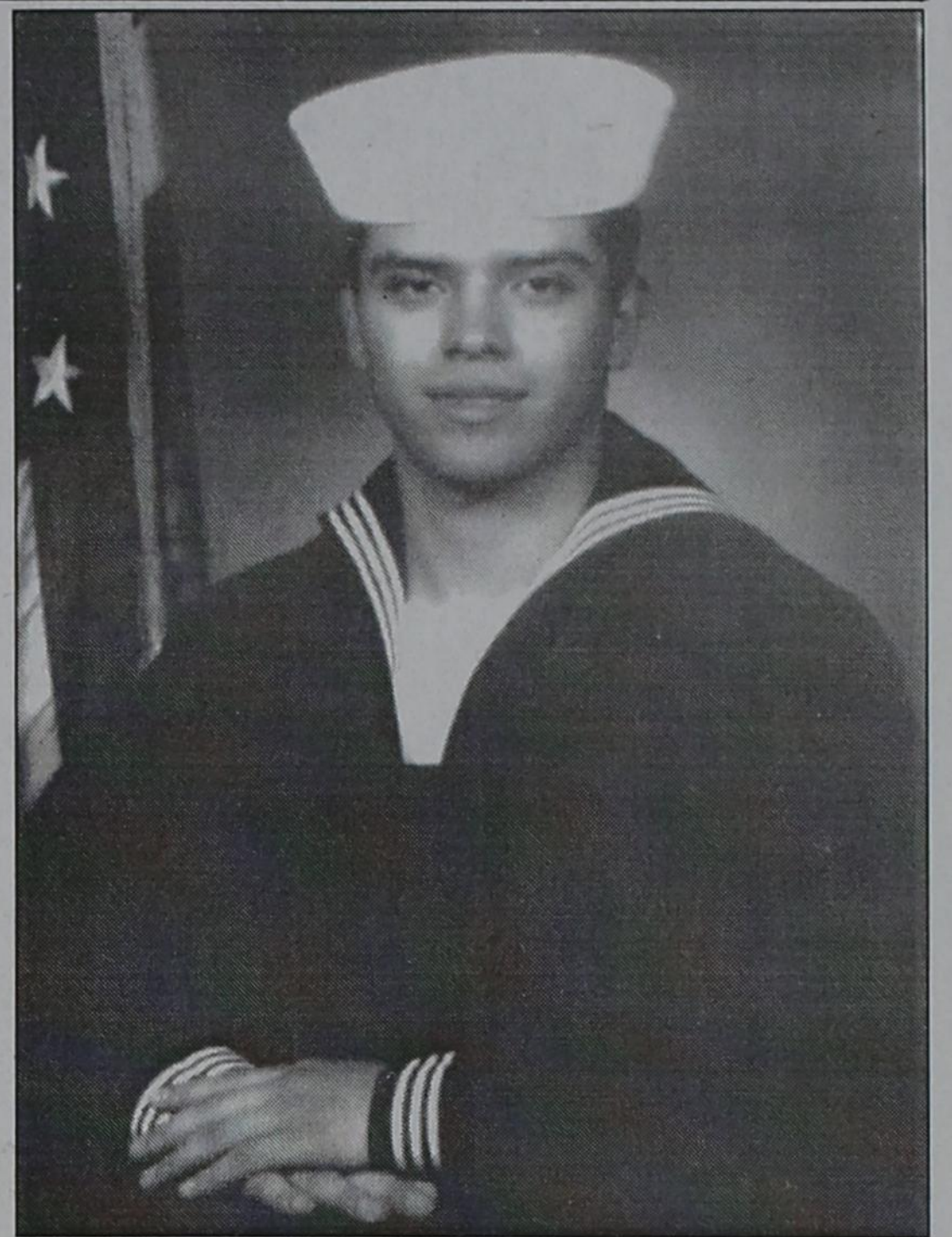
Ricky has reached the 100-point level in the elementary reading program. He is a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Sides' class.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 8-14, 2001.

Apr 9 Rose Ann Cantu
Apr 10 Ann Flores
Apr 11 Mary Alice Merrill
Apr 12 Galen Hromas, Kevin Hughes

Apr 14 Sirina Ramirez
For any changes, corrections or to add a name to our birthday list, call 251-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.



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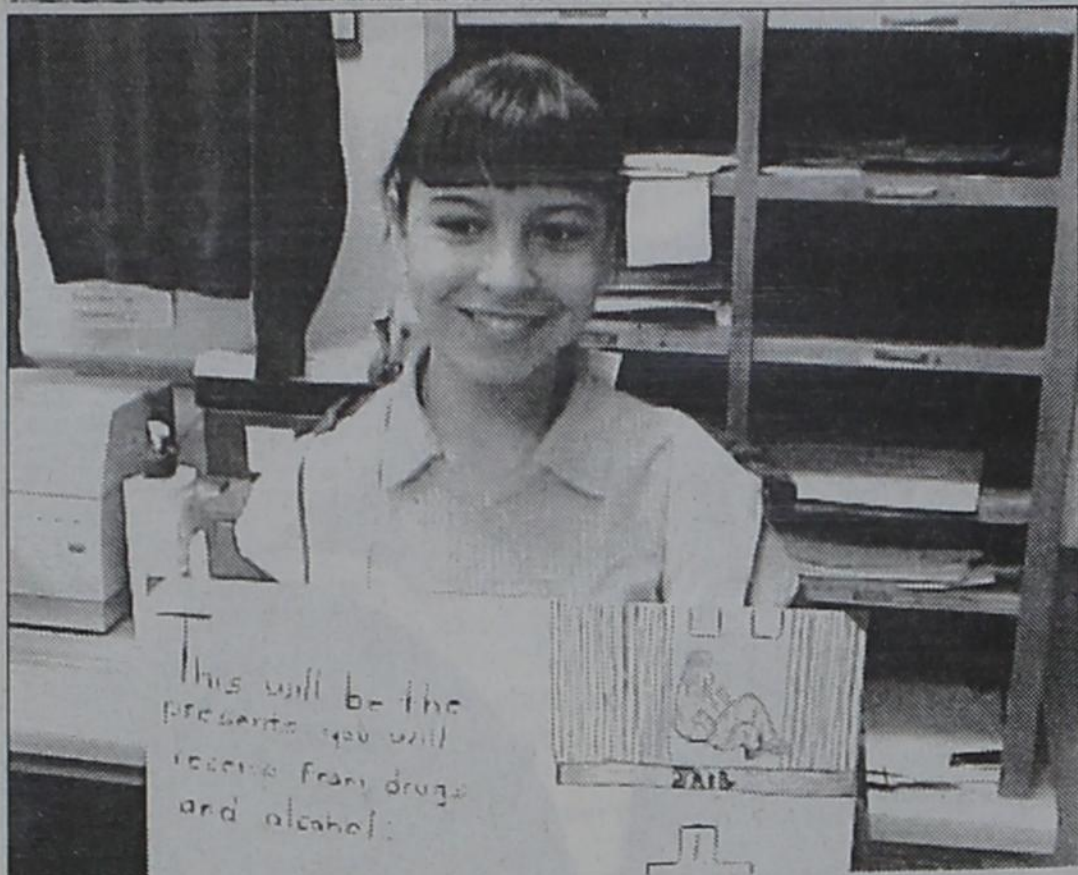
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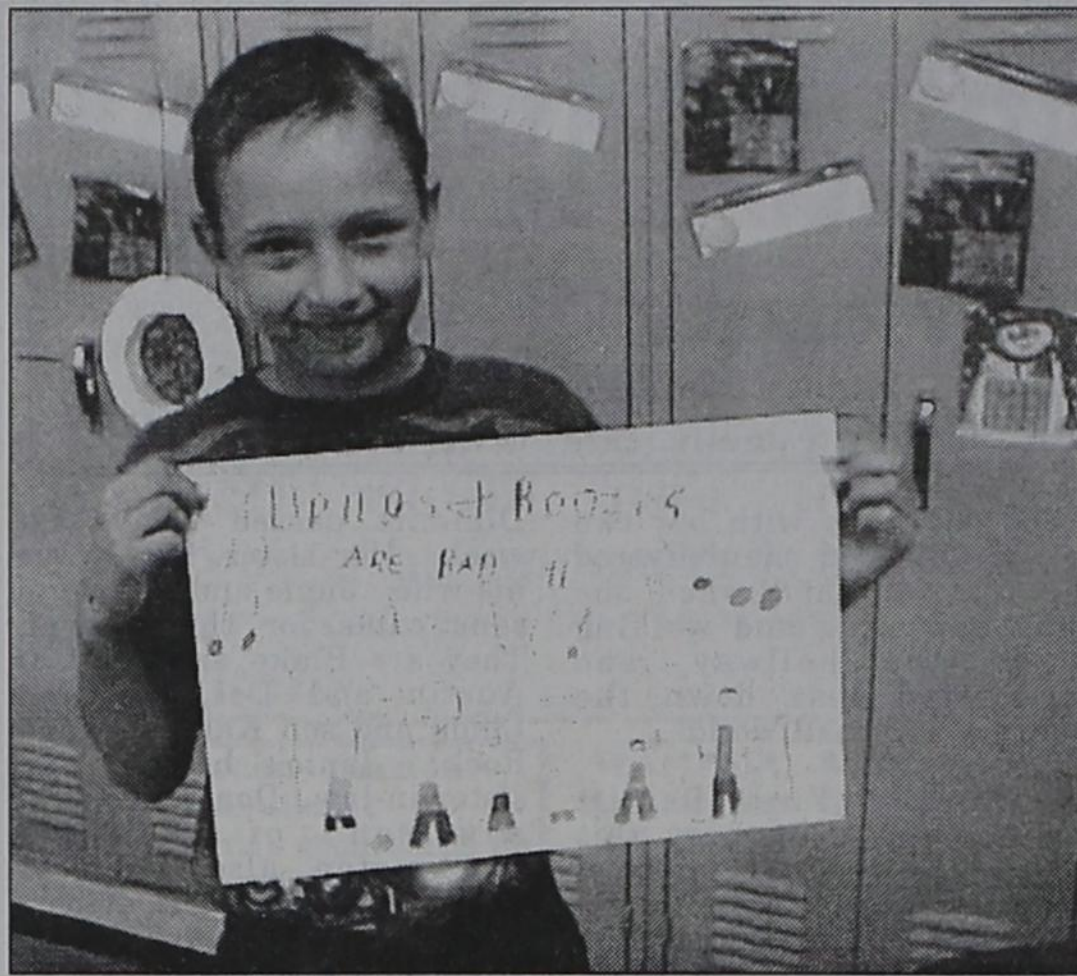
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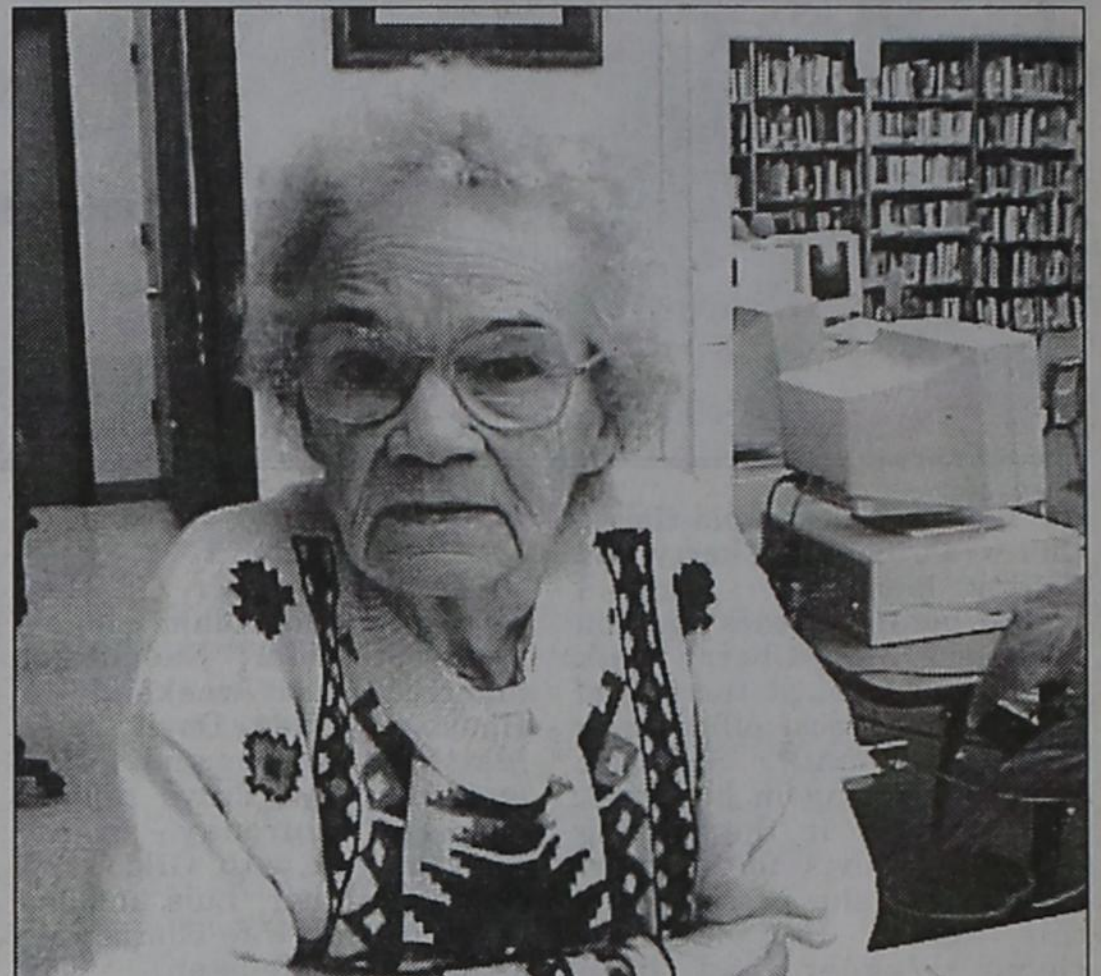
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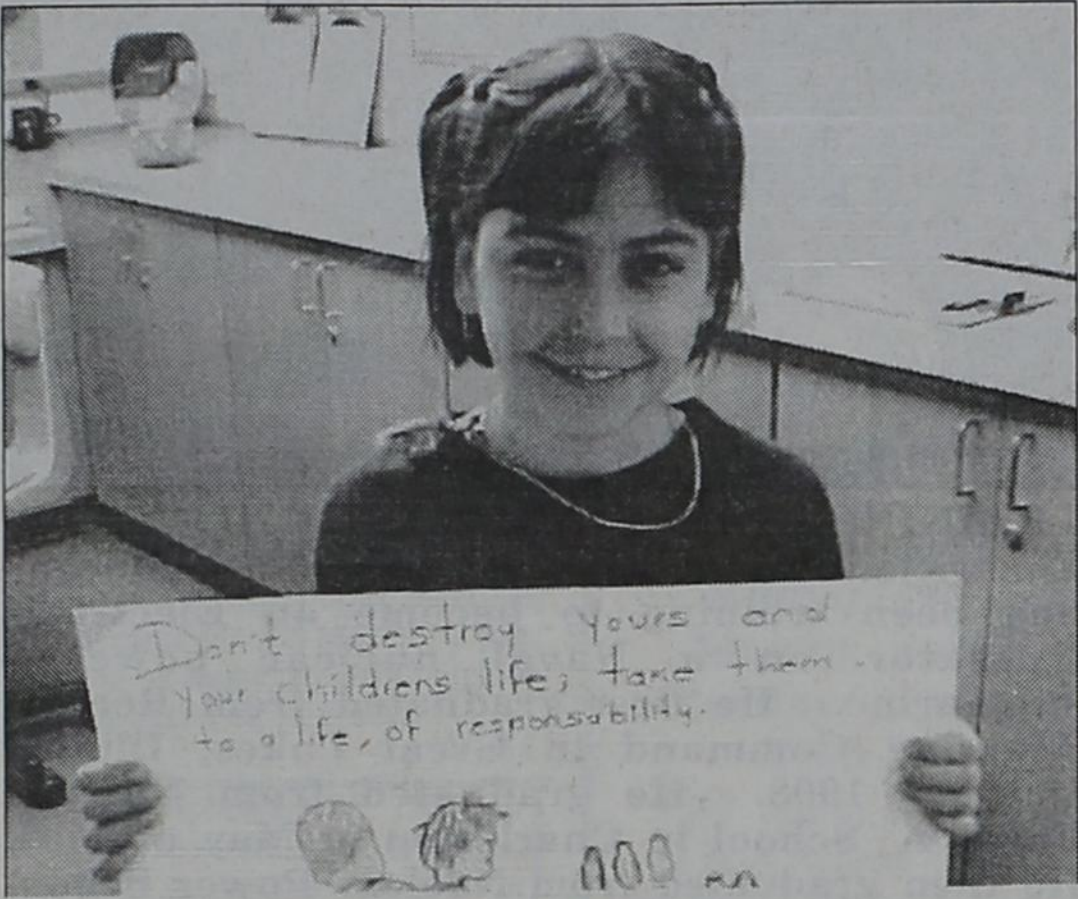
SELENE DELGADO VEGA, 1st Place, Caprock



PECOS PRATHER, 2nd place, Caprock



GREEN THUMB INC., is a non-profit organization that provides older people with opportunities to learn, work and serve others. Anita Guest, above, is employed at the Farwell high school library as a part of the Green Thumb program. For more info call Green Thumb coordinator Faye Martin in Clovis at 505-763-6603.



BRENDA DELGADO VEGA, 3rd place, Caprock

Caprock Kids Win Cash In Safety Poster Contest

Caprock Industries, Inc. of Bovina held a Safety Week Poster Contest for the children of their employees. The contest theme was "Say No To Drugs," and prizes were awarded to the child's school library. The winners also were awarded cash prizes and passes to Wonderland Park for their entire immediate family. The first place prize of \$100 went to Selene Delgado Vega, a 7th grader at Farwell Junior High. Winner of \$75 for 2nd place was Pecos Prather, a 4th grader at Bovina Elementary. Third place cash of \$50 was won by Brenda Delgado Vega, a 3rd grader at Farwell Elementary.

Local 4-H'ers Compete In Clarendon Contest

The Parmer County 4-H livestock judging teams competed at the Clarendon Livestock Judging Contest on March 30. Again, Parmer County was well represented. An alternate team member was Brittany Gosner. Placings were:

JUNIOR DIVISION
Alisha Wauson, third individual sheep; fourteenth high individual overall.

Drew Johnson, eighth individual beef; Dan Patterson, twelfth individual swine. The junior team placed tenth in swine and ninth overall.

SENIOR DIVISION
Suzanne Aragon, thirteenth, sheep; sixteenth, beef;

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thirteenth high individual overall.

Keith Hunt, tenth, beef; eighteenth reasons; twelfth high individual overall.

Steven Hunt, eighteenth sheep.
Ty Gosner, twenty-second sheep.

4-H'ers Win Judging In Sweetwater

The Parmer County 4-H livestock judging teams have been very competitive so far this year. 4-H'ers, first competed at the Nolan County Livestock Judging Contest, which was held on March 24 in Sweetwater.

Over three hundred contestants competed from across the state of Texas. Parmer County placed fourth.

Team members were Suzanne Mason, Ty Gosner, Keith Hunt and Steven Hunt. Other 4-H'ers were Colton Christian, Alisha Wauson, Brittany Gosner, Ashley Hartzog, Drew Johnson and Joshua Johnson.

Winners Are Listed In SWCD Competition

The Parmer County SWCD recently sponsored their annual awards program. Those events entered were the coloring contest for grades kindergarten-second, a poster contest for grades three-sixth and an essay contest for grades seven-twelve.

The themes this year were "Habitat For Life" and "Community Waters."

"We appreciate everyone who entered. There were some very impressive entries, judging was not easy! Thank you to all of you who participated. The Parmer County SWCD appreciates your constant interest and support," a SWCD spokesperson commented.

Following is a list of the county and regional winners of each contest:

COUNTY WINNERS
COLORING CONTEST
First place, kindergarten, Shaylee Anderson, Bovina; first place, first grade, Kristin Langford, Farwell; first place,

second grade, Thania Garcia, Friona.

POSTER CONTEST
Category one (third and fourth grades)--first place, Tyler Steinbock, Lazbuddie, third grade; second place, Brock Steinbock, Lazbuddie, fourth grade.

Category two (fifth and sixth grades)--first place, Cresent Crawford, Lazbuddie, sixth grade.

ESSAY CONTEST
Category one (seventh and eighth grades)--first place, Kari Schilling, Farwell, seventh grade.

Category two (ninth through twelfth grades)--first place, Tobin Redwine, Lazbuddie, tenth grade.

REGIONAL WINNERS
Essay contest--first place, Tobin Redwine, Lazbuddie.

Poster contest--first place, Cresent Crawford, Lazbuddie; second place, Tyler Steinbock, Lazbuddie; third place, Brock Steinbock, Lazbuddie.



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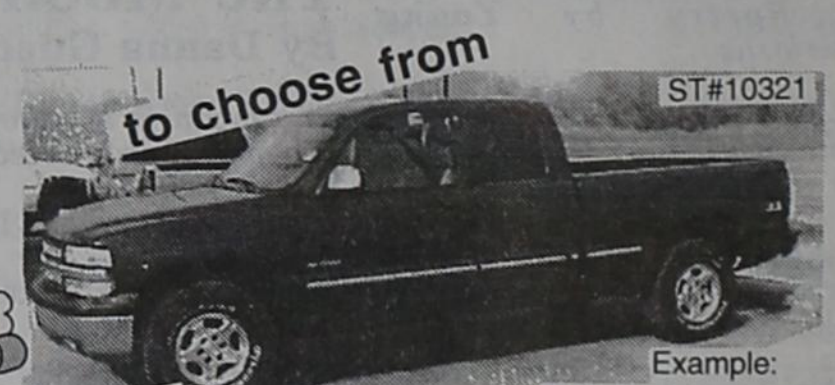
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