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Senior Edition Will Publish On May 23: Place An Ad For Your Favorite Senior

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

We need help from parents and teachers to urge each senior to turn in their form to the high school office, along with a first grade picture (or as close to first grade as you can) ASAP.

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

Call 250-2211, or come by the Friona Star office, 916 Main St., for ad rates and ideas. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m. Or you can drop off your copy at Dorothy's beauty shop in Bovina.



DPS TROOPER Trey Ellis inspects the damage on a one car rollover on the dirt road south of the railroad tracks near Parmerton Hill. The accident happened Saturday morning. The occupants of the vehicle were not seriously injured and were transported to Parmer County Hospital by private transportation. ron carr photo

Downes Hired As Big Spring Supt

Bovina school superintendent Michael Downes was the only remaining finalist for the post of superintendent of the Big Spring school district.

He has met with the Big Spring school board, advised the Bovina school board and located a home in Big Spring. Because of a required 21-day

grace period, Downes had not officially resigned from BISSD at press time.

The school board met in regular session on April 14 during which they heard a financial report from Downes, heard a Level III complaint about policy, approved the senior trip contract, the 2003-

SOME OF YOU readers seemed to enjoy the brain-teaser quiz I published in this space a few weeks ago. Remember the one that went "Do they have a 4th of July in England? How many birthdays does the average man have?" ... and so forth.

Okay, I've located another tricky quiz for you. I don't make these things up; I find them in magazines or people send them to me. Answers will be printed directly following this list of questions.

Quiz Questions

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was king George VI's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

Quiz Answers

1. The Hundred Years War was actually 116 years.
 2. Ecuador makes Panama hats.
 3. Catgut comes from sheep and horses.
 4. Russians celebrate the October Revolution in November.
 5. Camel's hair brushes are made out of squirrel fur.
 6. The Canary Islands are named after dogs.
 7. King George VI's first name was Albert.
 8. The purple finch is actually a deep crimson.
 9. Chinese gooseberries are grown in New Zealand.
 10. The Thirty Years War was thirty years, of course.
- I did not understand the answer to question number six, so I looked it up. The Romans named the island from the Latin word for dog, "canis," because when the islands were first discovered they were overrun with wild dogs.

More Questions

Here are some more questions, but you will have to provide your own answers to these.

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, and olive oil is made from olives, then what is baby oil made from?

Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin? Why is it that rain drops, but snow falls? Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called the rush hour?

Why is a boxing ring square? If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why do we "sit up" at night, and "sit down" in the daytime? If you are driving at the speed of light and you turn your headlights on, what happens?

Why is the third hand on your watch called a second hand? What do you call a male ladybug?

Is it possible to have déjà vu and amnesia at the same time?

Why is it that when you transport something by car, it is called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it is called a cargo?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

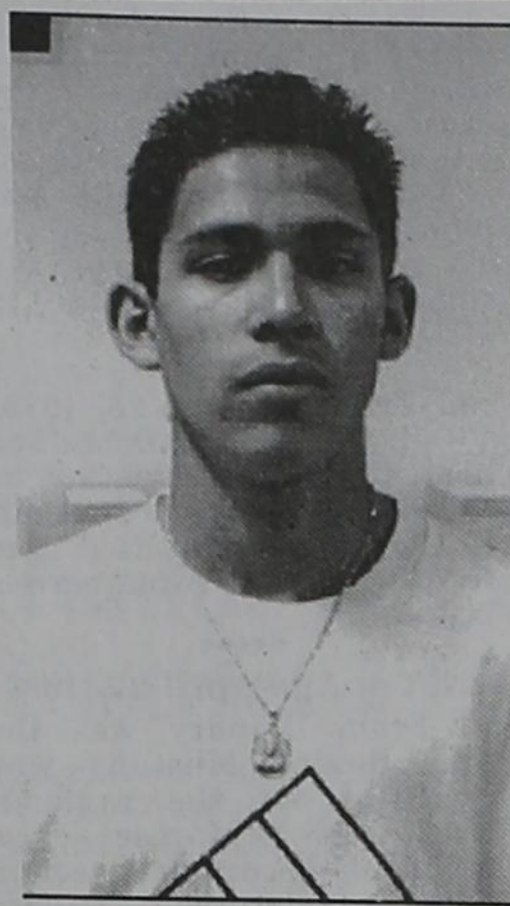
Why are there flotation devices under the seats on an airplane instead of parachutes? If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man? Let's ask Ron.

Why do typographical errors and misspelled words only pop out at your editors after the newspaper comes off the press?

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



EDGAR ORTIZ

Ortiz Sets School Distance Record

He is a sophomore with a big track future. Edgar Ortiz, an unassuming and polite young man who looks more at home in a computer lab than on a high school track, set a Bovina school record in the 3200m run at the area track meet.

Edgar, son of Facunda and Jesus Ortiz, won first place in the 3200m with a

time of 10:25.88. He coupled that with a first place win in the 1600m run, timed at 4:54.33.

The two first place wins helped Bovina to a 3rd place finish in the field of 20 teams at the 3A-4A area track meet. He will lead a group of five other Mustangs to the Regional Meet at South Plains in Levelland Friday and Saturday, April 25 & 26.

Also qualifying are Jake Steelman in both the 110 and 300m hurdles. This will be a return trip to regionals for Jake. Coaches say that Jake also set a school record with his time of 14.86 in the 110m hurdles.

The 800m relay team of Sergio Salas, Alfredo Martinez, Raymond Chisom and Jonathan Chisom finished 2nd at area with a time of 1:36.24 and will advance to the regional contest. Jonathan will also compete in the triple jump and Raymond qualified in the long jump.

The board met again in special session on April 21 to review district goals and discuss projected budget estimates.

Early Vote Ends Tues. For Race

Early voting for the May 3 special election will end on Tuesday, April 29 at the County Clerk's office in Farwell.

On election day, registered voters may vote at any of the six polling places, which are:

Friona: Calvary Baptist Church; Bovina: EMS Building; Rhea: Community Center; Lazbuddie: school; Oklahoma Lane: Methodist Church; Farwell: Community Center.

If no candidate receives a majority, the top two vote-getters will vie in a runoff in early June. The winner will replace Larry Combest as our district's U.S. Congressman.

SPEAKS IN FRIONA

Langston: "I'll Work To Help Agriculture"

David Langston, one of the 17 candidates in the special election May 3 to elect a replacement to Cong. Larry Combest, said he will do his best to protect the interests of agriculture, if he is elected.

Langston spoke to a group of voters Wednesday morning at Friona State Bank's Community Room.

"I must be appointed to the (House of Representatives) Agriculture Committee, and if I'm appointed, I'll stay there," Langston said.

"I will have to fight from Day 1 to keep the allocated money in the 'new' Agriculture Program," the candidate said, and indicated that he would shoulder most of the work necessary to help the farmers in this district.

The former Lubbock mayor stated that some changes

ADVOCATES FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

CASA Organizational Meeting Set For April 30

The following article and information was provided by Texas CASA.

Several local citizens are leading a movement to organize a CASA chapter to serve Parmer County.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, in the board room at the Friona school administration building. All interested persons are urged to attend. The speaker will be Jennifer Paul, a CASA expansion specialist.

For more information

contact Kenny Austin at 250-5900.

Why Should A Texas County Form A CASA Program?

Texans can boast about remarkable growth in this past decade as we remained the second largest state and became the second most populated state in the country. As such we also carry the dubious distinction of having one of the highest child abuse/child neglect populations in the country.

The painful truth is that having the bragging rights to being one of the biggest is not always a positive—a bitter pill given our historic love of size. The harsh facts:

In FY 2002, based on the latest statistical report from the Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, 184,924 abuse and neglect allegations were made in Texas on behalf of our children. 47,409 children were

confirmed victims based on those allegations and 30,167 children spent some time in the foster care system.

Children hurt by those they trust are marked for life. They carry this burden into their adult lives and deal with the memory on a recurring basis. All too often they rely on those same negative parenting skills and pass on the harsh lessons of their childhood to yet another generation. These children all too often move from unstable childhood into troubled adolescence, have a higher risk of becoming juvenile offenders and may eventually populate our nation's prisons.

Some very credible surveys of inmates conducted in prisons around this country reveal that 60+% of that population report spending time in some form of alternative/foster care as children.

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13 Candidates Slated For Local Elections

Saturday, May 3, is election day. In Bovina it will prove to be a lively and perhaps interesting election as 13 total candidates vie for two seats on the city council and three vacant school board positions.

City council voting will be held at the EMS building. School board voting will be at the Bovina Middle School. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On the ballot for the city council election are Joe Olivera, John Blackwell, Lance Teague, Radford Venable, Bill Gist, Mike McCallum, Dianne

Heard and Richard Bonham.

The school board candidates are Josefina Alonzo Coffey, Kevin Hughes, Vicente Loe, Jr., Tommy DeLeon and Mike Beauchamp.

Sample ballots for the elections are included in this issue of the paper. All eligible voters are encouraged to turnout Saturday, May 3, and vote.

Prom Night Saturday April 26

The Bovina High School prom will be held Saturday, April 26, from 6:45 p.m. to 12 midnight in the school cafeteria.

The theme is "Still The One." Parents will be allowed to view decorations and take pictures from 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Shufelberger Ships Out To Kuwait

Spc. Eric Shufelberger, a member of the U.S. Army 172nd Chemical Company stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas, has recently been deployed to Kuwait.

Eric has been in the Army for about two years. He is a 1999 graduate of Bovina High School. He married his wife Rachael in January 2003. She is also an Army Spc. and will soon be deployed to northern Iraq to help with rebuilding the country.

Eric's mother Connie Goad and sisters Jessica and Jennifer Goad all reside in Clovis. His brother Chris lives in Irving.

Eric is the grandson of Mary Merrell of Bovina, a retired teacher who taught in both the Friona and Bovina school systems.

We're Backing D. Langston

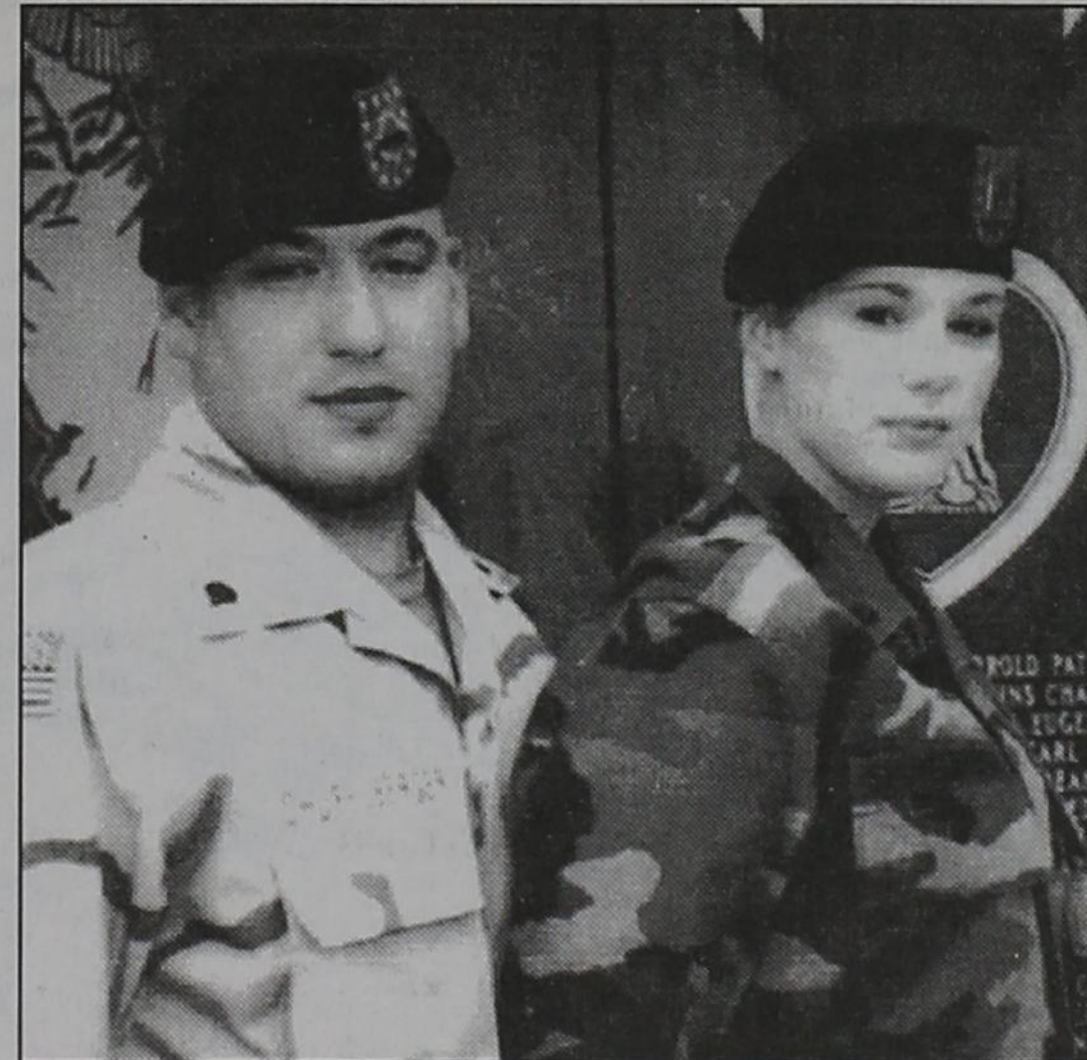
The Friona Star and Bovina Blade recommends that you vote for David Langston on May 3 in the special election.

Langston is sensitive to needs of the farming interests, and as a former Lubbock mayor, knows the needs of this area.

He has visited Parmer County three or four times during his campaign, and this writer has seen only two of the other 15 candidates, who even bothered to visit him in person.

Donnie McDonald of Lazbuddie said he has known Langston for several years, and said "He is trustworthy. You can trust him to do what he tells you he will do."

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ERIC & RACHAEL SHUFELBERGER

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade



THESE Bovina youngsters check their baskets as they wait at the starting line for the start of Sunday's Easter egg hunt at the city park. Good weather and lots of eggs brought out a big crowd.

CASA Organizing....

(Continued from Page 1)
So as a state, as a county, as a community, what can Texans do to help these children? Why should we get involved? It is important to understand that helping these children is partly an enterprise of self-interest for each of us, because by helping them, we help our communities become those safe havens we all long to dwell in. We secure our neighborhoods for our families by helping other families heal.

Court Appointed Special Advocates, CASA, is a program that can help. In 1971, a remarkable community action initiative called CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, was developed to help communities respond on a personal level to abused children. Children after all do not understand legislative mandates, court orders, foster care, national empowerment, insurance pools, etc. etc. They just understand the realities of their daily lives.

Helping children requires immediacy because that is the reality of their world. They cannot wait for caseworkers to read the file, for courts to act, for legislatures to hear, for their caretakers to get well. Helping a hurt child requires us to listen now. One trained person with a heart and a willingness to serve a child can be a beginning to an end to child abuse in a child's life. That positive contact by a caring adult may help break the cycle.

Based on this simple principle, community volunteers, CASA's, began organizing and advocating for these children in our courts in 1971. Ordinary people with advocacy training, common sense and sincere concern began serving one case at a time and providing an independent source of information to our courts. In that endeavor CASA programs and the volunteer advocates they train and support have proven to be the most effective supplement to the services of the state agencies

also trying to find solutions for abused children, but often overwhelmed by the numbers and the needs.

One CASA program in one state in 1971 has grown to more than 900 programs in all 50 states, with more than 58,000 volunteers serving more than 229,000 children, advocating for their best interests and helping them find permanent safe homes. CASA has grown because it works.

In Texas, there are currently 59 CASA programs, located in approximately 155 counties, who are supporting the work of more than 3,400 volunteer advocates serving more than 13,000 children. All Texas counties need to join this effort and help our children. Learn how you can help. It is simply the right thing to do. For more information, contact Kenny Austin at 806-250-5900.

Sales Tax Rebates Received

Texas Comptroller Carol Strayhorn remitted the April sales tax rebates to cities and towns across Texas.

The April rebates included local sales taxes collected in February and reported to the Comptroller's office in March.

In Parmer County, Bovina received \$4,064, Farwell \$4,108 and Friona \$10,844 for a county total of \$19,017. The figures represented a 138% increase for Bovina and a -30% decrease for Friona based on the same period last year.

The good news is that so far this year the total tax revenue received is \$107,667, compared to \$94,217 last year same period. The overall increase is directly attributed to Bovina's sales tax increase which took effect last year. In 2003, Bovina has collected \$21,799, compared to \$8,719 at this time in 2002. Friona and Farwell collections were "break even" with last year, less than 2% increase.

45 Yrs Ago-April 23, 1958
Vegetable planting in the Bovina area was given the starting gun this week, figuratively, and the cantaloupe seed are the first on the list for planting. Cantaloupe planting began Monday afternoon, about 6 miles out of Bovina on the Howard Ellison farm.

40 Yrs Ago-April 24, 1963
Mike Grissom, seventh grade student in Bovina Schools and son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom, is second best speller in the region. He won that honor in the Amarillo Globe-News Spelling Bee Saturday and by the width of an "i" missed a chance to go to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Mike left out the "i" in pasteurization for his first and only miss.

35 Yrs Ago-April 24, 1968
Friona held the attention of the Panhandle Saturday and Sunday as thousands attended the dedication services and open house for Missouri Beef Packers' new \$3.5 million packing plant. The operation is said to be the largest in the world, having a capacity to butcher

in the vicinity of 2,000 head of cattle per day.

30 Yrs Ago-April 25, 1973
Santa Fe Railway workers recently put the finishing touches on the crossing gates at the east crossing in Bovina. Officials report that Santa Fe has plans to install gates at the Third Street crossing sometime this year or in 1974.

25 Yrs Ago-April 26, 1978
Mrs. Nita-Beth Dobbs and her son, Vernon, victims of the recent botulism epidemic in Clovis, were released from the BCMC in Albuquerque last Friday.

20 Yrs Ago-April 27, 1983
Frank Landry was the lone Bovina Mustang who qualified for the regional track and field meet as a result of the district meet in Olton last Saturday. Landry placed second in the 100 meter dash in a time of 11.63.

15 Yrs Ago-April 27, 1988
Sgt. Billy Don Scott of Hereford stated, "In Parmer County, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents,

five personal injury accidents, and three property damage accidents in the month of March. No one was killed and nine persons were injured in these accidents."

10 Yrs Ago-April 24, 1993
Diana Lumbrera, former Bovina resident who was accused of killing seven children, including six of her own, is being retried in Kansas for the smothering death of her four-year-old son, Jose Antonio. In 1990, a Finney County District Court had sentenced Lumbrera to life in prison for the May 1, 1990 death of Jose Antonio. But the Kansas Supreme

Court last December cited errors in her original trial in Garden City, Kansas and ordered the new trial moved to another county to avoid pre-trial publicity.

5 Yrs Ago-April 24, 1998
The Bovina FFA held their annual parent and member banquet on Tuesday, April 21 in the school cafeteria.

Master of ceremony for the evening was David Bishop. After an opening ceremony presented by the Greenhand officers, Jason Stone and his dad Jesse gave the welcome and response.

Cancer Screening Is Set May 7 In Bovina

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Ridgelea School in Bovina on May 7.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast

exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

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

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(ELECCION ESPECIAL)
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS
(CONDADO DE PARMER, TEXAS)
MAY 3, 2003
(3 de mayo de 2003)
OFFICIAL BALLOT
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INSTRUCTION NOTE:

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for a write-in by writing in the name on the line provided and placing an "X" in the box provided to the left of the line.

NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:

Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted podrá votar por inserción escrita escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y marcando con una "X" el cuadro a la izquierda de la línea.

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District 19, Unexpired Term
(Representante de los Estados Unidos
Distrito Núm. 19, Duración Restante del Cargo)

- E.L. "Ed" Hicks (IND)
- Mike Conaway (REP)
- Randy Neugebauer (REP)
- Stace Williams (REP)
- John D. Bell (REP)
- Vickie Sutton (REP)
- Carl H. Ise (RFP)
- Richard "Chip" Peterson (LIB)
- David R. Langston (REP)
- Donald May (REP)
- Jamie Berryhill (REP)
- Kaye Gaddy (DEM)
- Julia Penelope (GRN)
- Jerri Simmons-Asmussen (DEM)
- Richard Bartlett (REP)
- William M. (Bill) Christian (REP)
- Thomas Flournoy (CON)
- _____
Write-in (Voto Escrito)

City of Bovina Municipal Election Ballot

Alderman

Two (2) year term.
Vote for any three.

- Mike McCallum
- Lance "Bubba" Teague
- Diane Heard
- John R. Blackwell
- Richard Bonham
- Joe Olvera
- Radford Venable
- Bill Gist

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Ready For Action

Church Day Was A Pleasant Surprise

On February 27, a committee met and planned a Church Day for Bovina.

The members were Norma Whitten, Marcila Lara, Sarah Owens, Anne Corn, J.T. Hammonds of Bovina, Courtney Jamerson, Elizabeth Alonzo (Student Council), Darlene Miller (Girl Scouts), Jeff Steelman (Lions Club), Quita Jones (minister, Methodist Church), Rosendo Lara (minister, Church of God of the First Born), Aaron Reed (minister, First Baptist Church) and Jon Lin Riddle (Church of Christ).

The goal was set at 503 and the date of April 20 was chosen. On Sunday, April

20, the First Baptist Church had 142 in attendance, Methodist Church had 112, Church of God of the First Born had 54, Iglesia Bautista 36, Church of Christ 88 and St. Ann's Catholic Church 518, for a total of 950.

"Thank you to all who helped with the advertising and to the businesses for letting us use their places to put up our posters. Thanks to all who got out of bed and went to church. We want to encourage you to make a habit of going to church and to take time out each week to remember what God has done for you and worship Him in spirit and in truth," an event spokesperson commented.



ALL DRESSED UP and ready to hunt Easter Eggs in the park. Mary Duran gathers her grandchildren Megan Stone, left, and Kyndali and Taylor Duran, during Sunday's Lions Club Easter egg hunt. A large crowd took about two minutes to sweep the park clean of eggs. ron carr photo

Junior 4-H'ers Place At District 2 Competition

Junior 1 4-H members participated in the District 2 livestock judging contest held April 11 at Texas Tech University.

The team placed third in sheep and fourth overall.

Those participating were Zachary Stancell, Russell Schilling, Tyler Schilling, Michelle Wauson, Caleb Christian and Abby Johnson.

Placings were as follows: Zachary Stancell--first high point individual, beef;

13th high point individual, swine; and third high point individual overall.

Russell Schilling--second high point individual, sheep; eighth high point individual, overall; and 15th high point individual, beef.

Michelle Wauson--11th high point, beef; and 12th high point, overall.

Caleb Christian--19th high point individual, swine.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of April 27 to May 3, 2003.

Apr 27 Barbara Charles
Apr 28 Elias Fuentes
Apr 29 Coleman Young
Apr 30 Kay Williams, Genevieve Ezell

May 1 Karen Kirkpatrick
May 2 Esther Steelman, Ashton Mason, Patsy Sherrill
May 3 Kelly Wilburn

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

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

R. Venables Have A Girl

Rusty and Amanda Venable of Shallowater are the parents of a baby girl born March 28.

Named Sadie Renee, the new arrival weighed eight pounds, fourteen ounces and was twenty inches long.

Grandparents are Radford and Kay Venable of Bovina and Ed and Melba Anderson of Rolla, Kansas.

Great-grandparents are Roy and Deloris Stone of Plano, Texas, Elton and Marie Venable of Bovina, Henry and Darlene Anderson of Elkhart, Kansas and William and Christine Norton of Rolla, Kansas.

Leona McElwany of Amarillo is the child's great-grandmother.



Bovina's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Langston To Aid Farmers...

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children, it was noted.

"I will listen to your concerns, and will vote in the best interests of the district. I will attempt to represent the people in the manner that George Mahon, Kent Hance and Larry Combest has," he stated.

In discussing the economy, Langston said that if the government would "take off the shackles," we could locate more oil and gas in our own land, and cut back on oil imports, which, he said comprises 60 per cent of the country's oil needs, making for a constant dependence on

the Middle East.

Langston said he would also work to assure American workers that the money will be in the Social Security Fund when they are ready to collect it.

He also discussed education problems, saying that he didn't think teachers should spend most of their time teaching their students to be able to pass a certain (required) test.

Also mentioned was the fact that teachers are left out of the Social Security benefits, due to the teachers' pensions they receive.

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1989 Dodge CARAVAN

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1998 Chrysler SEBRING
1998 Dodge RAM 1500
1994 Ford TAURUS
1998 Ford THUNDERBIRD
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YOUR CHOICE \$5,995 OR LESS



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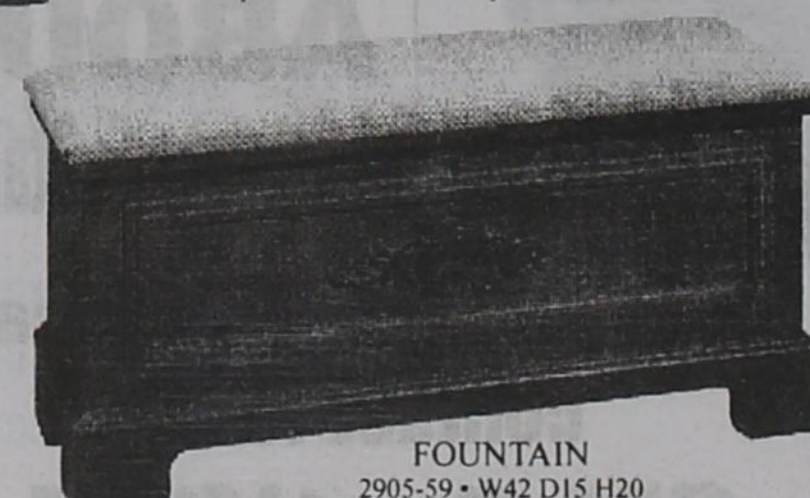
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Bovina Bits

by Becky
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(or e-mail: case@wtrt.net)

Emmagene Calaway's son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Shirley Calaway of Baxter Springs, Kansas, spent a few days with her here last week. She is still recovering from back surgery that was done two months ago and really enjoyed the company.

Billy Smith was taken by ambulance last Tuesday evening to Clovis Regional Medical Center for heart trouble.

He was then transferred to the Amarillo V.A. Hospital and stayed there until Friday when he was flown to the Albuquerque V.A. where doctors treated him. Billy was released Sunday and says he is feeling much better and doctors are now adjusting his blood pressure medicine.

Martha Schilling reported great news this week. Doctors removed the bone lengthening device from Todd's leg this week and in six to eight weeks he should be off crutches.

The farm accident occurred back in August of 2000 when Todd injured his leg. Doctors began stretching the bone in December 2002 and it has grown three inches since. The family is very thankful for the medical advances that saved Todd's life and his leg.

Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes attended a Rhodes family reunion Sunday in Pampa. About 55 family members gathered at the local community center there.

Other family members from this area who attended are Betty and David Smith, Judy and Wayne Rhodes, Sharon and Larry Rector, Jason and Karla Rector and their daughter and Janet Denton and her two girls, all of Friona.

Durward and Fern Bell's daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Royce Grissom of Grand Junction, Colorado, spent several days with them for the Easter holiday.

During their stay, the Bells and Grissoms went to Lubbock to see former Bovinan Kasey Bell. Kasey then came to Bovina on Easter to see them.

Jerry and Kay Roach went to see their son, J.T., at Texas A&M University at College Station where he received several honors during the weekend of April 12-13.

J.T., a 1999 Bovina High School graduate, was one of 58 seniors recognized at the Who's Who of Colleges and Universities.

For the 2002-2003 school year, J.T. was the chairman of the ALOT (Aggie Leaders

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of Tomorrow) committee, which is one of 29 committees of the Memorial Student Center at A&M.

The ALOT committee was honored with the Committee of the Year Award. J.T. also received the Pat Mahoney Leadership award with a scholarship, and the Margaret Rudder Outstanding Service and Leadership Award.

Next year J.T. will be the Executive Vice President of Marketing for the Memorial Student Center. He will do his internship with Deloitte & Touche, LLP accounting firm this summer in Dallas and get his Masters Degree in May of 2004.

Way to go J.T. your hometown is VERY proud of your accomplishments!

Family members say Erra Jamerson is now in Abilene at a convalescent home recovering from surgery where doctors removed an aneurysm several weeks ago.

She will stay there for the next month before she returns home to Bovina. Her daughter, Carol Scott, lives in Abilene and is able to check on her daily. Our best wishes to Erra on a full recovery and a quick return home to Bovina!



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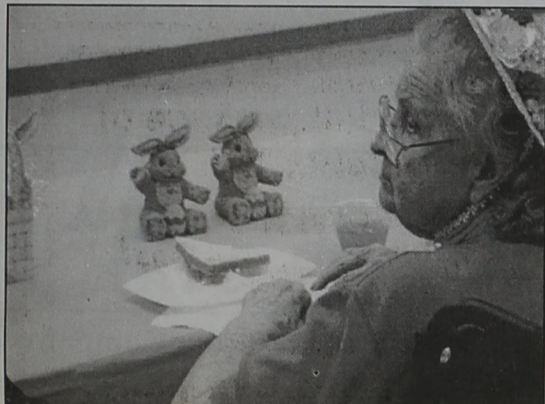
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8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

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10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

FRIONA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.

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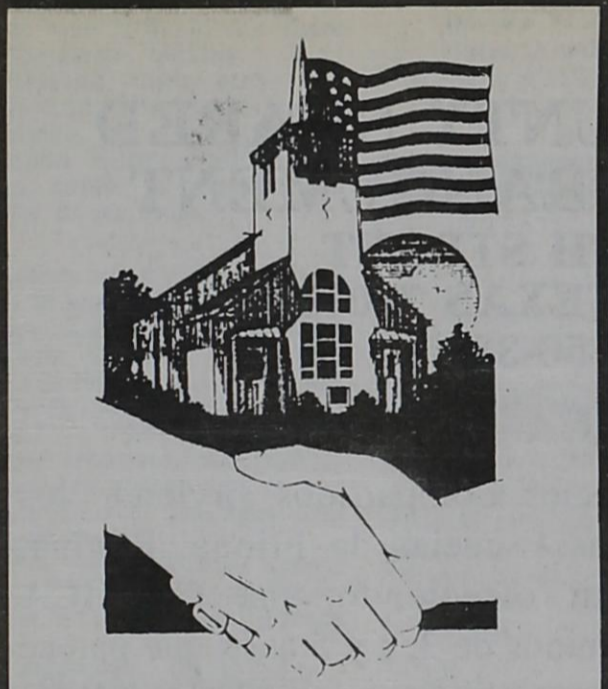
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