

# The Bovina Blade

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## Courthouse Early Vote Is Scheduled

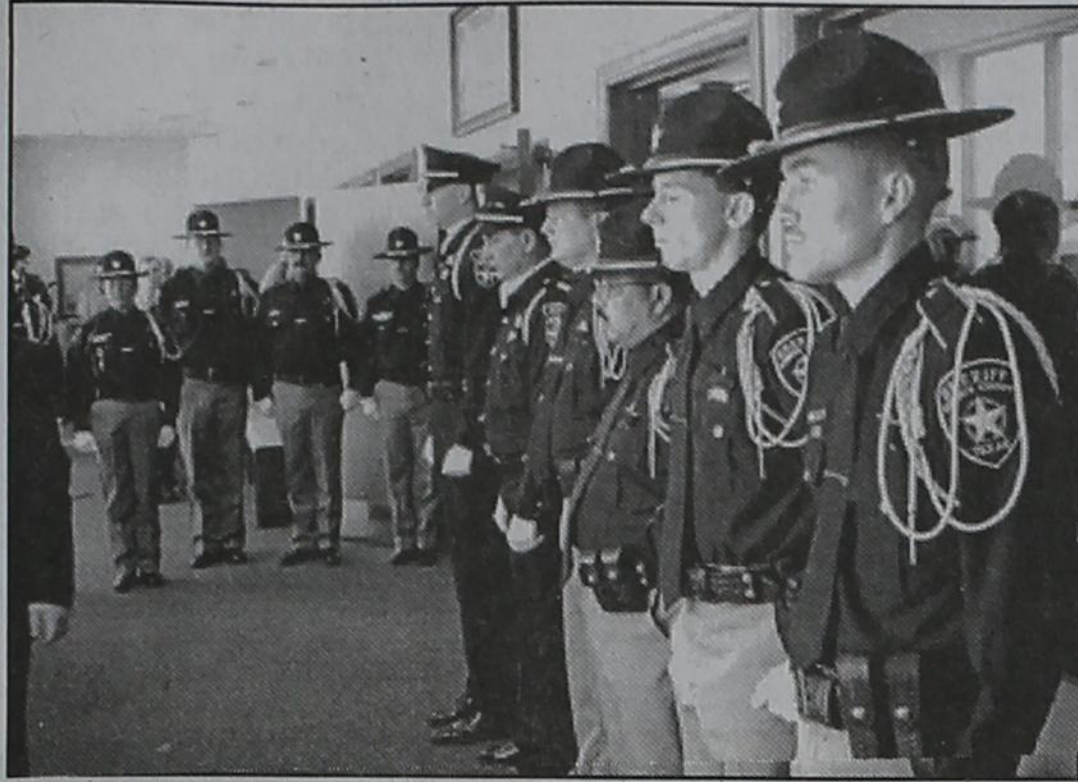
Absentee voting began Thursday for the special election on May 3 to choose a replacement for Congressman Larry Combest.

There will be no special absentee voting booths in either Friona or Bovina. Voters will have to make a trip to the courthouse in order to vote absentee.

County clerk's office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1-5 p.m. weekdays.

On election day, there will be only six polling places:

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



HONOR GUARD units present at Sgt. Joe Herrera's funeral service were provided by the Lubbock Sheriff's Department and the Amarillo Police Department. ron carr photo

## Sgt Joe Herrera Killed By Fleeing Suspect

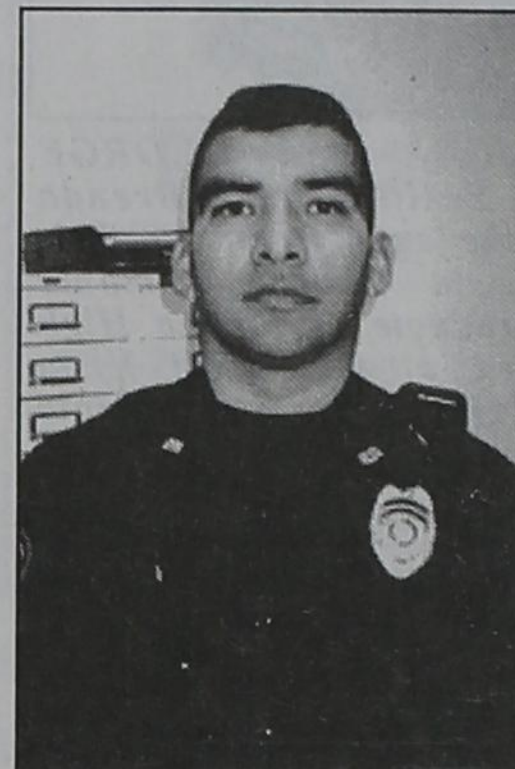
BY RON CARR

'101 Friona PD'

'Friona PD'

'Badge 104 is 10-7 and out of service. By my authority, retire Badge 104.'

'Sgt. Jose Arturo Herrera entered service with the Friona Police Department on September 1, 1998 and is out of service April 14, 2003. By authority of Chief Scott Given, Badge 104 is 10-7 and retired on April 14, 2003.'



JOE HERRERA

asking for money. Locals said he claimed to be stranded in Bovina and needed money to get to Austin.

It was during such a panhandling period Sunday night that a citizen reported his suspicious activity to Bovina police. Police Chief Leon Saddler and Parmer County deputy Andy Stormes (a Bovina native), responded to the call and located the pickup.

When they attempted to question Gomez and his girlfriend, Tanya Mireles, 30, of Tulia, he sped away and began a chase through the streets of Bovina. The officers pursued the pickup, which had headlights turned off, zig-zagging around several residential streets.

Sgt. Herrera was at the Friona PD when he heard the chase and asked if the officers needed help. He then headed west on Highway 60 toward Bovina.

In the meantime, Gomez turned onto Highway 60 then headed north on FM1731 with Saddler and Stormes still in pursuit. The chase turned east on County Road N, a two-lane dirt road.

Herrera, monitoring the radio, turned north off Highway 60 on County Road 11, then east on County Road N, directly toward the approaching chase. Reports are that he stopped his patrol car on the road's shoulder, overhead lights flashing, when Gomez's pickup smashed into him almost head-on. One officer described it as a "driver to driver" collision.

It is still undetermined, and under investigation, whether Gomez hit Herrera's car intentionally. One report says that when Herrera saw Gomez coming toward him, he attempted to move further to the right but the pickup swerved into his unit.

First Responders from both Bovina and Friona EMS and fire departments, sheriff's department and other Friona PD personnel and DPS troopers converged on the scene. Lifestar of Amarillo was called to the accident location but Sgt. Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Vi Hutto.

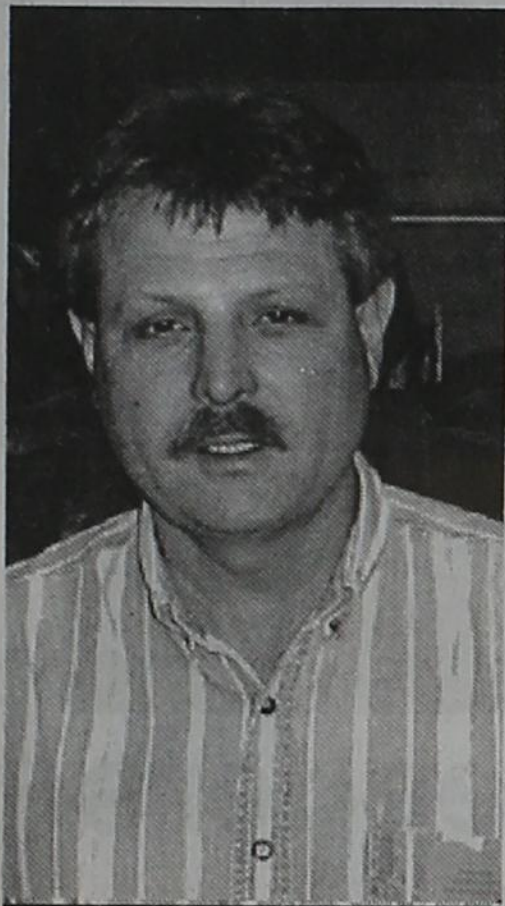
Friona EMS transported Gomez and Mireles to Parmer County Community Hospital where they were then transferred to Lubbock and Amarillo hospitals. Gomez underwent surgery in Lubbock and was listed as critical at press time. We did not get a report on Mireles' condition.

No charges have been filed on Gomez in Herrera's death pending the results of an extensive DPS investigation which was underway Monday.

Funeral services for Sgt. Herrera Wednesday drew law enforcement personnel from throughout the Panhandle and the state, with officers from as far away as San Antonio attending. Lubbock Sheriff Department and Amarillo Police Department personnel served as honor guards during the service.



SGT. JOE HERRERA'S Friona patrol unit at the Sunday night accident site. First responders had to use the jaws of life to extricate the officer from the vehicle. (DPS courtesy photo)



LARRY MITCHELL  
EMS Director

## L. Mitchell Appointed to EMS Committee

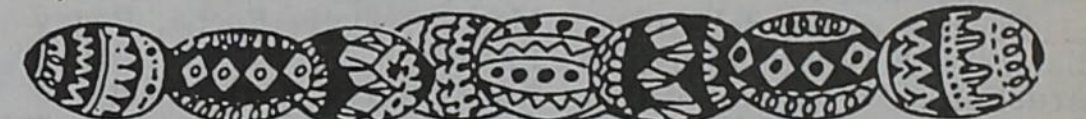
Bovina EMS Director Larry Mitchell has been appointed to the state EMS Committee through the Texas Department of Health.

The function of the EMS Committee is to review pertinent issues and make recommendations to the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) who, in turn makes recommendations to the Texas Board of Health.

Dr. Ed Racht, GETAC Chairman, said in his appointment letter, "We appreciate your willingness to serve the EMS/trauma systems community in this manner and look forward to a productive working relationship with you."



STATE TROOPERS stand in tribute at Officer Joe Herrera's funeral services Wednesday. Many law officers from the Panhandle and across the state attended the service. ron carr photo



## Easter Egg Hunt Sunday

The Bovina Lions Club will sponsor its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m. in the city park. The hunt will be organized by age groups and all area children are invited to participate.



## B.T. BULLETINS by BILL ELLIS

# Where Did The Last 30 Years Go??

I KNOW THERE were some of you folks who thought when Carol and I purchased the Bovina Blade that we wouldn't last.

Now, we're about to prove you right. As of April 1 of this year, it had been 30 years since we bought the newspaper from Dolph Moten, who helped found the 'paper in 1955.

And, as of May 1, we're about to hand the newspaper off to another owner, Vickie Copley.

So, after its 48th year, the Blade will have only its third active owner. That's not too bad a record.

Ye Editor was honored last Friday, along with 18 other folks, by the Panhandle Press Assn., who threw a banquet for its past presidents. I noticed right away that there were only two guys on my left, which were those who held the office before myself.

So, it's probably a good idea for that Good Old Gal on Maple Street and myself to hand over the reins to folks who are younger and more energetic than we are.

People ask us if we're going to do a lot of traveling after retiring, and we're quick to say that first off, we plan to rest awhile. Carol and I remembered that we haven't had two consecutive weeks off from work for about 48 years, which is before we were married.

One of my publisher friends suggested I might be like the fellow who, fielding the same question, said he was going to rest in his rocking chair on the porch, and then after about five years, might begin to do some rocking.

We appreciate the good people of Bovina who have favored us with your subscriptions and you business folks who supported us with your advertising. We couldn't have provided you with a newspaper without this good backing.

Also, we need to thank folks such as the school and city officials for their cooperation and help in covering their news, and to organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce.

A little quick math shows that in the past 30+ years, we have published 1,545 issues, which contained approximately 12,000 pages. All of these issues (which make an impressive

stack) contained around 40,000 photos of local folks and events, now contained in the Bovina Blade archives.

We have had a lot of good help at the Blade in the way of writers, bookkeepers, receptionists, etc.

When we bought the Blade, Lou Nuttall was the news editor, and she continued in this capacity for about two years. Lou was an excellent writer. We understand she is now living at Bedford.

Dick Jones came to Bovina by way of Watertown, Connecticut. He had worked for 'papers in New England, and collected news for us after Lou's departure.

Scotter Russell served as the Blade's news editor for at least six years, and then often went back to the job till we hired a new person. Others who served stints at the Blade news desk were Joyce Harbison Gilbert, R.D. Looney, Janet Wilke, Gladys Spring, and Dianne Westbrook.

Ron Carr came to us in 1995 and is now the record-holder for longevity in the job. I hope he stays at least another eight years, because he has done a great job, and has been a lifesaver as Ye Ed's health and eyesight have been challenged.

Scotter was the "glue" that held the Blade together, having worked for us around 20 years, as bookkeeper, receptionist and ad-seller deluxe. Janet Wilke convinced Scotter she could write a column about the comings and goings of local people, and she was definitely right. "Scotter's Scoops" was a part of the Blade for a number of years.

Becky London also came to work for the Blade and Friona Star about the time Ron did. She has done the billing, and also did a local news column, some picture taking, and some ad sales, in and around two maternity leaves.

Other folks who worked in the Blade office included Dianne Gilbreath, Tracy Russell, and Twila Hutto as youngsters, Lavoida Hawkins and Tammi Kunselman in the billing department, and Nelline Spicer. And now our friend Dorothy Stowers helps by collecting news items, etc. Hope we haven't left anyone out. My mind only works about half the time

these days, you know.

My number one story at the Blade must have been in 1978, when the Fillies won the state track title. Anytime a school wins a state athletic title in this area, it's a pretty big deal. I enjoyed covering the girls' track meets that year, and made it to 5 or 6 of them, including the state meet in Austin.

The Fillies won nine straight track meets that year. The girls who were on that state meet team were Diane Gilbreath, Sandi Sides, Denise Read, Belinda Shelby, Laura Widner, Fonda Griffin and Pat Shepherd. Joel Nelson was the coach.

The Mustangs' basketball team had a shot at winning state in 1955, when the Bovina boys took a 28-2 record to the state tournament. So far, that's the Mustangs' only trip to a state tournament. They could have won it too, except for a few cases of measles which picked a bad time to hit the town.

The team was undefeated in district, beat Anton in bi-district, then charged past Ropesville, McAdoo and Samnorwood at the regional tourney.

In Austin, Bovina downed Rankin in the first game, 79-41, as Darrell Read scored 14 points. Prior to the team's second game, Read and teammate Marvin Young both came down with measles, which had run through the community prior to their trip downstate.

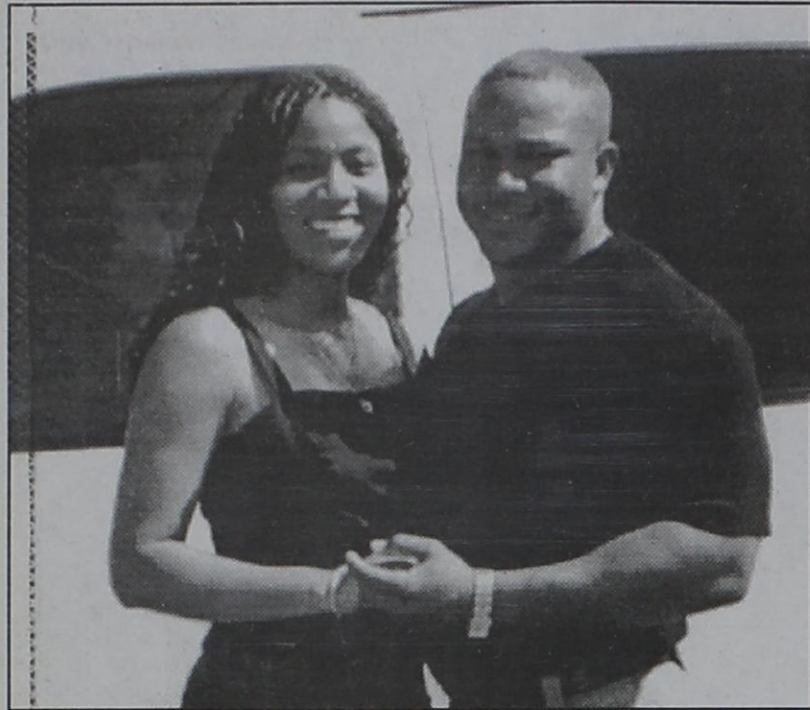
We'll never know how a strong Bovina team would have done in the semi-finals, when they faced Big Sandy, an annual entrant at state, and defending champs. Big Sandy toppled the Mustangs 78-57, as Larry Ezell scored 17 points.

In the third place game, Bovina outscored Medina, 67-62. Neil Smith scored 18, Norman Killough 16 and Ezell 12.

I saw that state tournament, too, as a high school senior. A few buddies and myself went down mainly to watch the 'Stangs. My school, Muleshoe, didn't make the playoffs very often (like Bovina), so we adopted the Bovina boys that year.

Ya'll come over to see us on Maple Street in Friona. We'll give you a glass of tea out on the porch!





**DONNA ROCHELLE GRIGGS and GEORGE LAMONTE CHAMBERS....Phillip and Brenda Griggs of Bovina announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Rochelle, to George Lamonte Chambers. She is a 1992 graduate of Bovina High School, is currently enrolled at Northwest Vista College and is a federal employee at the San Antonio International Airport. He is the son of Peggy Chambers of Wortham, Texas. He is a 1998 graduate of Tarleton State University and is currently employed as a coach at South San High School in San Antonio, Texas. Their wedding is planned for May 24, 2003.**

## Credit Union Plans 2nd Drive-Thru Window

Friena Texas Federal Credit Union members gathered Tuesday night for their 49th annual meeting.

The chicken fried steak and trimmings meal was catered by Desperados from Amarillo to a crowd of about 170 members and guests who were welcomed by board chairman John F. White. The Pack 56 Wolf Den performed the flag ceremony.

Entertainment was provided by FHS students Stephenie Jones, Michael Johnston, Sara Widner, Kimberlee Lory Wyly and Kayla Graham. They performed dramatic readings and Johnston sang an Italian piece.

Reports were given by the various committees. Credit Union president Barbara Maynard told members that due to low interest rates and the uncertainty of the war atmosphere, business was "flat" this year, as it was last year.

However she stated net income for 2002 was \$73,995. She also stated that "we need more loans" as that area of the Credit Union's business has slowed also.

To the great delight of members, Maynard said construction of a second drive-thru window should start this

summer. The one window now in service gets very busy, especially on Friday, and the second window should help with more efficient traffic flow.

Ruben Rivera and John Duke were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Other directors are John F. White, chairman, Bruce Fleming, vice-chairman, Coy Jameson, secretary/ treasurer, Roger Nelson, executive committee, and Ralph Shirley.

Jason Wright was elected to a three-year term on the credit committee; Joe Santellana was elected to a two-year term to fill the vacancy of the late Charles Hamilton; and Kirk Wright was elected to a one-year term created by the resignation of Valton Howard. Howard resigned as of January 1 when he took office as Justice of the Peace in Precinct 1. Other credit committee members are Larry Moyer, chairman, and Tommy Hamilton.

In addition to Maynard, the Credit Union staff includes Ginger Stephens, Pam Morris, Noelia Rocha, Peggy Parvin, Alicia Gonzalez, Nancy Davis and Enriqueta Ortega.

## Frankie McKinney Is Buried In Colleyville

Frankie S. McKinney, 93, a retired beauty shop owner, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19, 2003 at Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line R d., Hurst, Texas. Burial will be in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, Colleyville, Texas.

Mrs. McKinney was a former resident of Bovina. Her husband, William

Hubert, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, James McKinney and his wife Estelle; grandchildren, Verbenda Ann Harlow, James Kelly McKinney and Gregory Neal McKinney; great-grandchildren, Jennifer and Andrew Harlow and Lee Patrick McKinney and Mary Jean McKinney.

Memorials should be sent to Christ's Haven for Children, P.O. Box 467, Keller, Texas, 76244.

# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

### 45 Yrs Ago-April 16, 1958

A fiery speech by Texas Farmers Union President Alex Dickie marked the meeting held last Thursday night for the purpose of organizing a Bovina Local of the Farmers Educational and Legislative Union.

Farmers who are thinking about growing either cantaloupe or tomatoes this year under contracts with Gateway Produce Company are asked to meet with the company's representative, Otto Ables, Friday night.

Members of the girls basketball team were honored with a supper Friday evening, April 8, at Bovina Restaurant. R.T. Harbour was host.

### 40 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1963

A Saturday noon fire resulted in \$1,000 damage on D.H. Wilkerson's farm. Destroyed by the flames was a stack of bundled feed and a truck.

A total of twenty-one Bovina High School students will be entered in regional Interscholastic League events this weekend at Lubbock.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has sponsored donations and purchased a new sign that now adorns the entrance to Bovina Cemetery.

### 35 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1968

The Head Start program will be held in Bovina Schools again this summer, according to Tom Templeton, principal of the elementary school.

Miss Pam Grissom was named "Texas Most Photogenic Majorette" at the state contest held in El Paso last weekend. The contest was sponsored by the National Baton Twirling Association.

### 30 Yrs Ago-April 18, 1973

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church for Earl F. Billingsley, 80, a resident of the area since 1928.

Winfred (Boots) Robinson of Portales was seriously injured Monday afternoon when he fell from the roof of a building being constructed on east Main Street.

### 25 Yrs Ago-April 19, 1978

Bovina High School Filies, unbeaten in all three relay

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Ron Carr.....Managing Editor  
Becky London.....Bookkeeper

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events through seven meets this spring, put their stellar record squarely on the line Friday and Saturday at Odessa, in the region 1-A track and field meet. The Fillies qualified virtually an entire team for the regional meet, and will be entered in ten of the 14 track and field events.

### 20 Yrs Ago-April 20, 1983

Three Bovina High School basketball girls and three boys have been named to all-district teams. They are Lisa Schilling, Shana Gober, Marie Pesch, Richard Shepherd, Greg McClaran and Jon Riddle. Shepherd also was named the district's "Most Valuable Player." In addition, Mustang coach Marks Lanham was named

"Coach of the Year" for District 5-AAA for leading the Mustangs to a perfect district record of 10-0 and into the playoffs for the first time in twenty-two years.

### 15 Yrs Ago-April 20, 1988

Bovina High School's golf teams had a successful spring season. The boys won the district championship, with a score of 333. The girls' golf team placed fourth in the district meet with a score of 526.

Devanee Englant and Noah Villa were chosen as Most Beautiful and Most Handsome at BHS. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Englant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Villa.

### 10 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1993

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Fast Stop Conoco, which is holding a grand opening promotion this weekend.

Funeral services for W.M. (Billie) Sudderth, 76, were conducted from the First United Methodist Church at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, with Rev. Steve Venable, pastor, officiating.

### 5 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1998

Daytime curfew ordinance was read for the second time. Water moved that the City not pass the second reading of the ordinance. Marshall seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This means the ordinance will not go into affect.

## Caprock Cattle Feeders

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Parmer, 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, 2002, for voting in a special election to elect a U.S. Representative District 19 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Larry Combest.

(Note, por lo presente, esta dado que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el tres abril de 2003, para votar en la eleccion especial para elegir U.S. el Representante para el distrito 19 para servir el tiempo que no esta vencido para el Honrado Larry Combest.

**LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

Friena: Calvary Baptist Church  
Bovina: EMS Building  
Rhea: Community Center  
Lazbuddie: School  
Oklahoma Lane: Methodist Church

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County Clerk's Office, Parmer County Courthouse, Farwell, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003, and ending on April 29, 2003.

(La votacion adelantada en pesona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la oficina de la secretaria del Condado, Farwell, Texas, entre las 8:30 de la manana y las 12:00 de la tarde y la 1:00 de la tarde hasta las 5:00 de la tarde comenzando Abril 16, 2003, y terminando Abril 29, 2003.

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

Coleen Stover, County Clerk  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
Nombre de la Secretaria de la Votacion Adelantado)  
County Courthouse  
(Address) (Direccion)  
Farwell, TX 79325  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25 de Abril, 2003.

Issued this the 16th day of April, 2003.  
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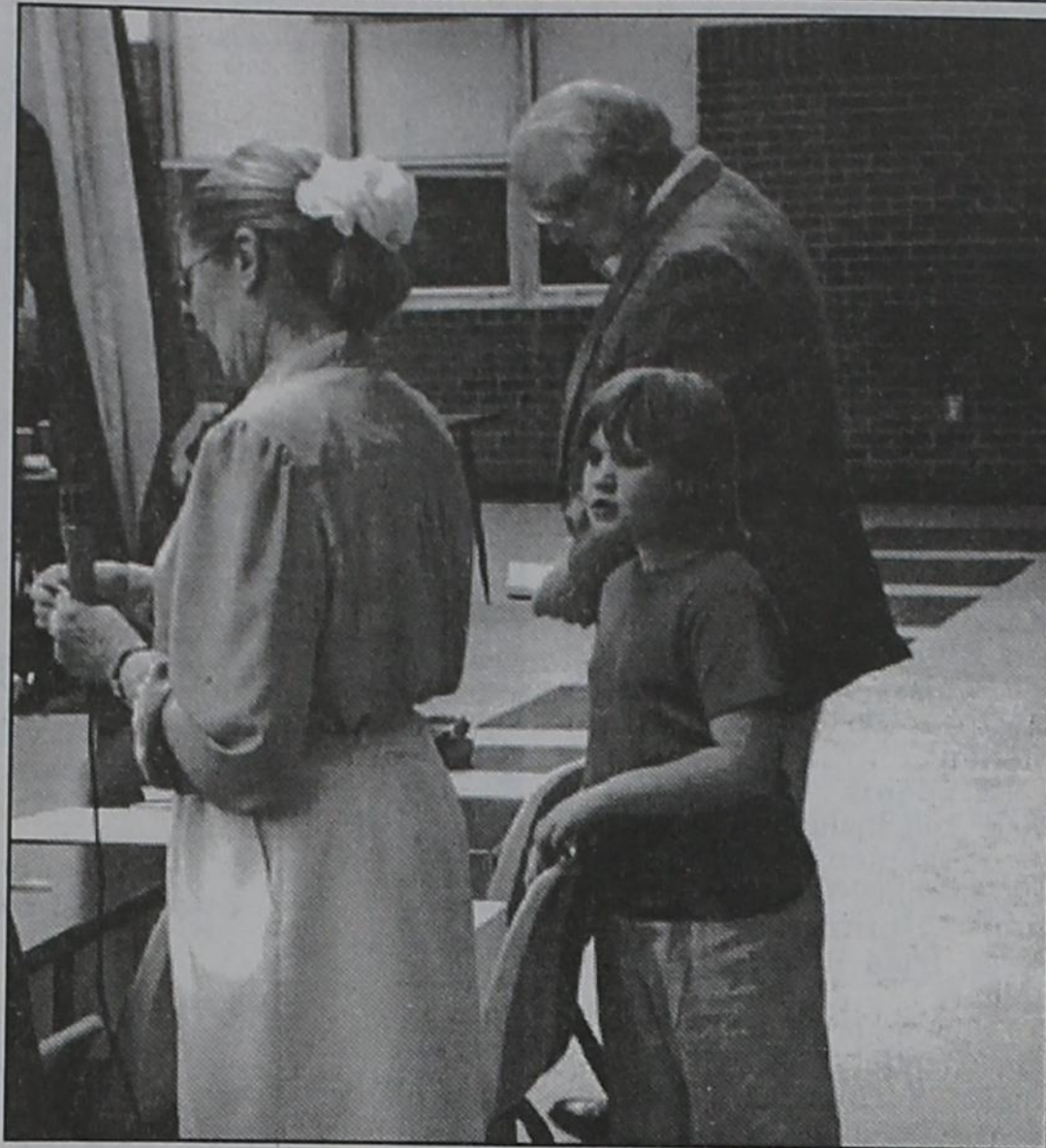


## Scenes From The Credit Union Annual Meeting

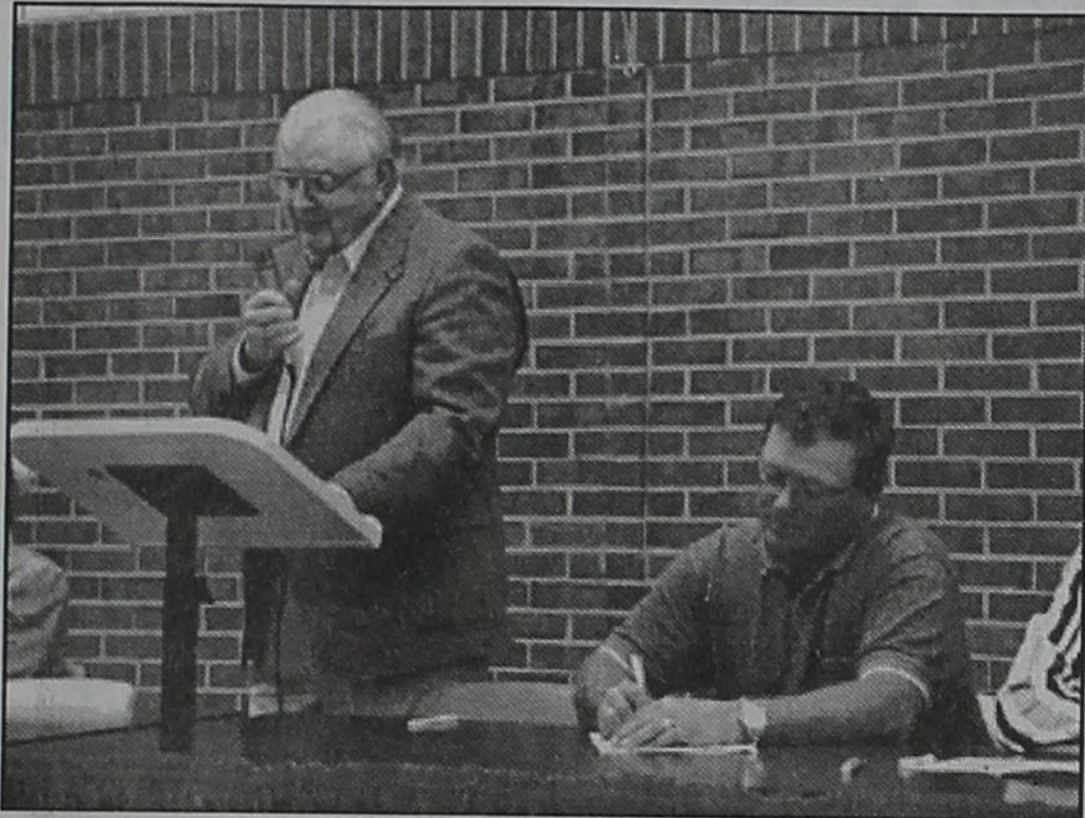
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Food, Fun and Door Prizes Were Enjoyed By Members

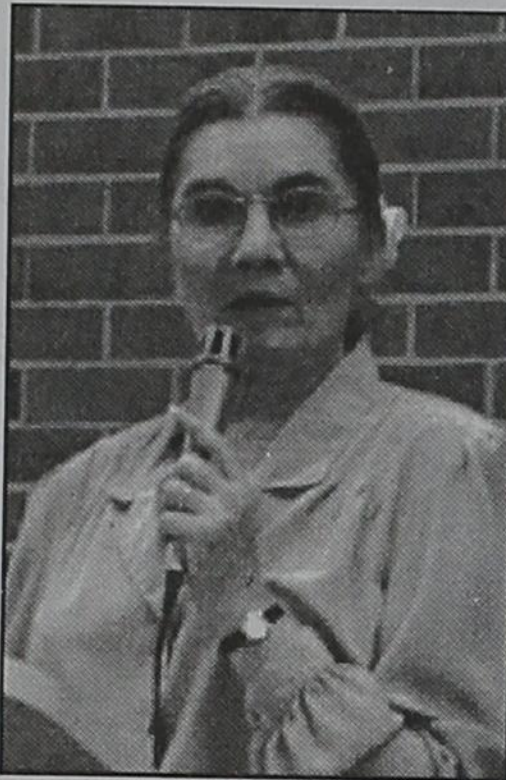


Amber Roberson Helps Barbara and John Fred Draw For Door Prizes

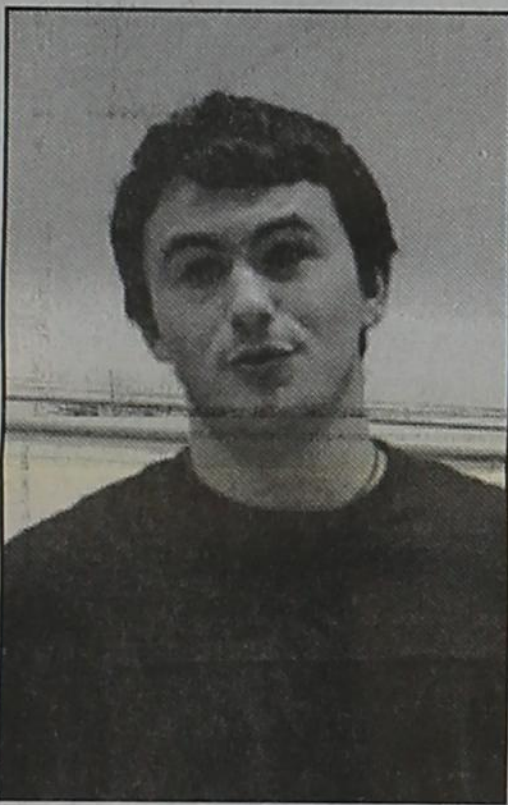


Board Chairman White and Secretary Coy Jameson.

Photos Below--FHS Students Entertained



Barbara Maynard Credit Union President



Michael Johnston



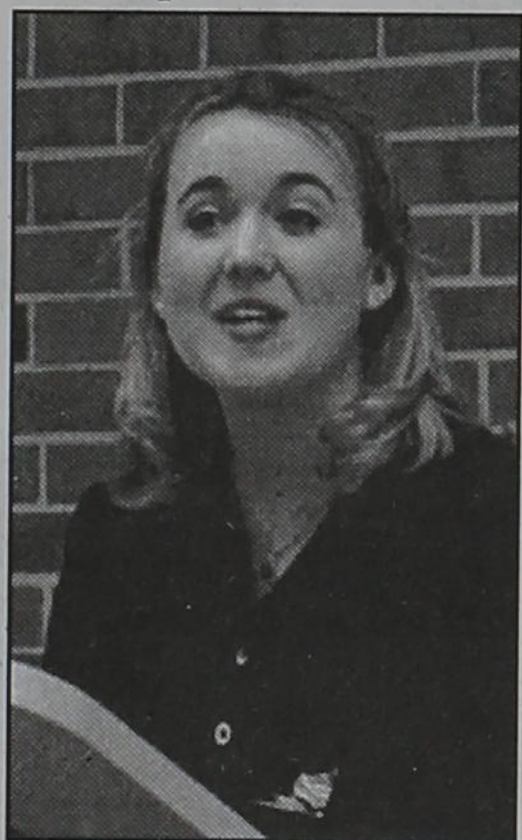
Stephanie Jones



Kyla Graham



Sara Widner



Lory Wylly



Kimberlee Jones



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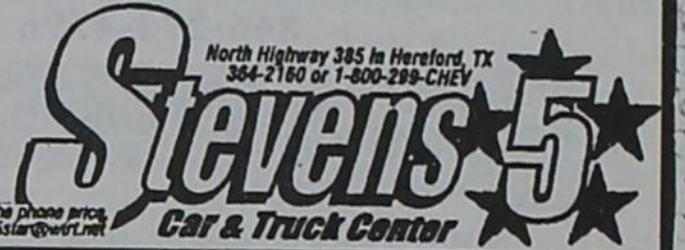
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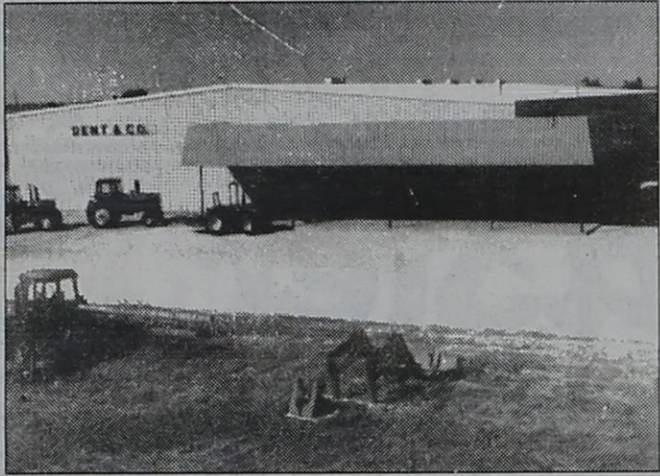


## Happy Birthday Bovina Folks.....

Apr 20 Bernice Crump, Jack Clayton, Joshua Lucero  
Debbie Widner  
Apr 22 Wayne Stormes, Apr 26 Honey Gist  
Jesus Anaya Add friends or relatives to  
our permanent birthday list  
Apr 23 Scott Johnson, by calling 251-1523.  
Thelma Barron, John Dixon If names appear that  
Apr 24 Josh Kerby, J. W. should be deleted or changed  
Wright due to death, marriage,  
Apr 25 Aubrey T. moved away, etc., please let  
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Trent Black, Penny Dutton, them off or make corrections.



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## Six Weeks Honor Roll Is Released

The fifth six weeks honor roll at Bovina High School was released this week.

Those making the "All A" list include:

Freshmen--Saul Martinez and Laura Rocha.

Sophomores--Jessica Amaran, Victoria Carrillo, Hugo Martinez, Rogelio Martinez and Eliseo Salazar.

Seniors--Miguelina Castro, Matthew Downes and Randa Englant.

Students listed on the "A/B" roll include:

Freshmen--Vanessa Garcia, Zachary Graves, Christopher Heinzman, Sandra Perez, Irma Rocha and Juana Roldan.

Sophomores--Hugo Aguilon, Giselle Alvarado, Jeffrey Casas, Yuridia Lucero, Zaide Marinelarena, Edgar Ortiz and Daniela Quintero.

Juniors--Nancy Amaya, Mayra Banuelos, Crystal Galvan, Christopher Ortiz, John Pena and Yuriela Vela.

Seniors--Marisol Almanza, Sergio Antillon, Kathy Cantu, Juan Contreras, Maria Guevara, Courtney Jamerson, Richard Lamas, Annabel Loe, Luis Marquez, Jonathan Olvera, Nemeicio Rodriguez, Travis Steelman, Juan Vara and Fidencio Vela.

## Rusty Venables Have Baby Girl

Elton and Marie Venable of Bovina are the great-great-grandparents of a baby girl born March 28 to Rusty and Amanda Venable of Shallowater.

She weighed eight pounds, seven ounces and was named Sadie Rane.

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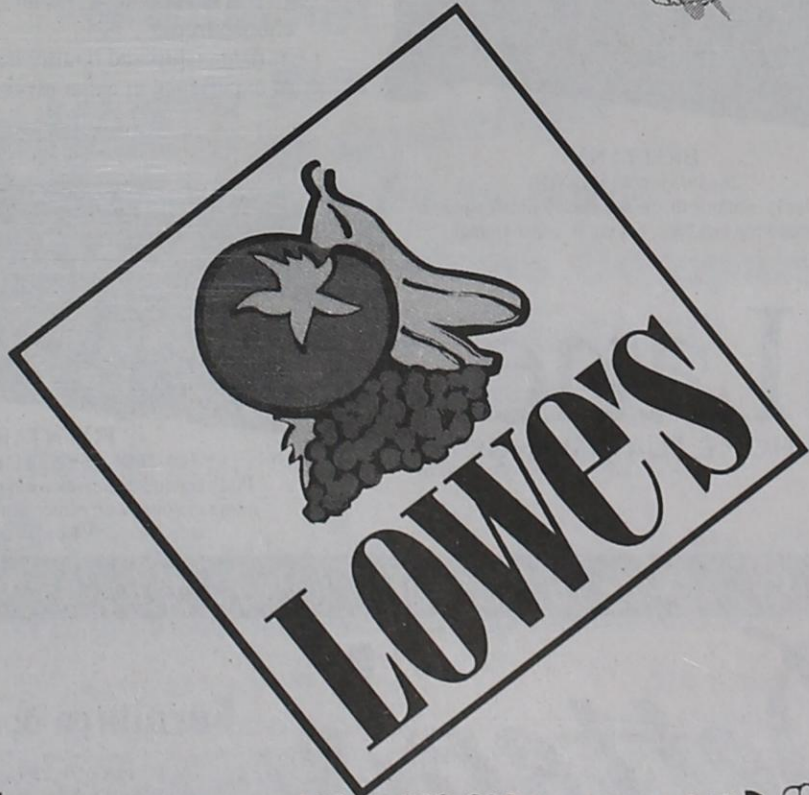
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By Ron Carr

Hangin' Out With Newspaper People

I'm not real crazy about Roger Estlack and I told him so. Of course it's all in good fun and the spirit of competition. At least that's what he thinks.

Roger is the youthful owner and editor and publisher and most everything else of the Clarendon Enterprise newspaper over in Donley County.

I know very little about Clarendon except that Roger has a newspaper there and The Outpost is a good place to stop and use the bathroom. I do that often when I am on the way to Childress to get my kids.

Clarendon sits astride Highway 287. They are in the midst of a huge courthouse renovation project. They are the home of Clarendon College. And at the recent Panhandle Press Association convention, Roger's newspaper was recognized

as the oldest newspaper in the Panhandle, soon to celebrate 125 years.

At the same convention, the newspaper's founder, L. H. Carhart, was inducted into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame. Two more awards for Roger's already overburdened office walls.

I bring all this up because once again Roger Estlack and the Clarendon Enterprise kicked the Friona Star and Ron Carr's butt when the newspaper contest awards were handed out at the PPA meeting.

Not to mention the bruising we took from the Canadian Record, the winner of the PPA General Excellence competition. Roger had to settle for second place in that category. Tsk, tsk, too bad.

As you can see by the picture on this page, I

managed to win second place in both the Serious and Humorous column writing categories. Who won first place in the two categories? Christi Ross of the Clarendon Enterprise in Humorous and Laurie Ezell Brown of the Canadian Record for Serious.

We won two second place plaques. Roger won three first place plaques, four second place and four third place plaques. Let's see, that is 11 pieces of polished engraved wood he hauled back to Clarendon. I hate the guy. 11 to 2 is a pretty lopsided loss.

To make matters worse, he has a two-person office. Roger and Cheryl Johnson are the staff. Actually he has a few part-timers that keep his website up to date and write funny columns and other stuff.

Until recently he used an antiquated digital camera that had trouble taking a picture of anything that moved. I was pleased to hear that he recently bought a better camera, a Canon D60 I believe, so now he can rough me up in the best photography category.

Oh well. I don't mind. I couldn't lose to a nicer young man. He is a past president of the Panhandle Press Association and nominated me to the PPA Board of Directors. I completed my three-year term this year.

The annual conventions are a great opportunity to meet and talk with other newspaper people. That's when you find out you are not the biggest moron in the business. Small town newspapers seem to share many of the same common problems and joys.

The convention last weekend included a "past presidents" banquet Friday night along with the annual Hall of Fame inductions. Many past presidents are also in the Hall of Fame, like our

retiring editor and publisher Bill Ellis.

For oldtimers like Bill it was another great opportunity to socialize with fellow newspaper men and women who have been friends and competitors over many years.

Another picture on this page shows Bill with his old buddy Don Nelson from Dimmitt (now retired also) and Garet Von Netzer, retired publisher of the Amarillo Globe News and Hall of Fame inductee at this year's meeting.

It was a nice little convention. Nice banquets at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. I always learn something hanging around newspaper people and Lord knows I have a lot to learn.

Obviously I am not going to be able to overtake Roger Estlack's huge lead in winning awards. So next year I plan to sit near the front of the meeting room when they pass out the annual awards.

If I can't beat him, at least I can trip him a couple of times when he walks by to accept.



MANAGING EDITOR Ron Carr is congratulated by Kayla Parvin, president of the Panhandle Press Association, for winning second place honors in both Serious and Humorous column writing during the PPA convention in Amarillo.



MEMORIES are shared by newspaper veterans, l-r, Garet Von Netzer retired Amarillo-Globe News publisher, Bill Ellis (soon-to-be-retired), and Don Nelson, former owner, now retired, of the Castro County News. The three were attending the Panhandle Press Association convention last weekend in Amarillo. ron carr photo

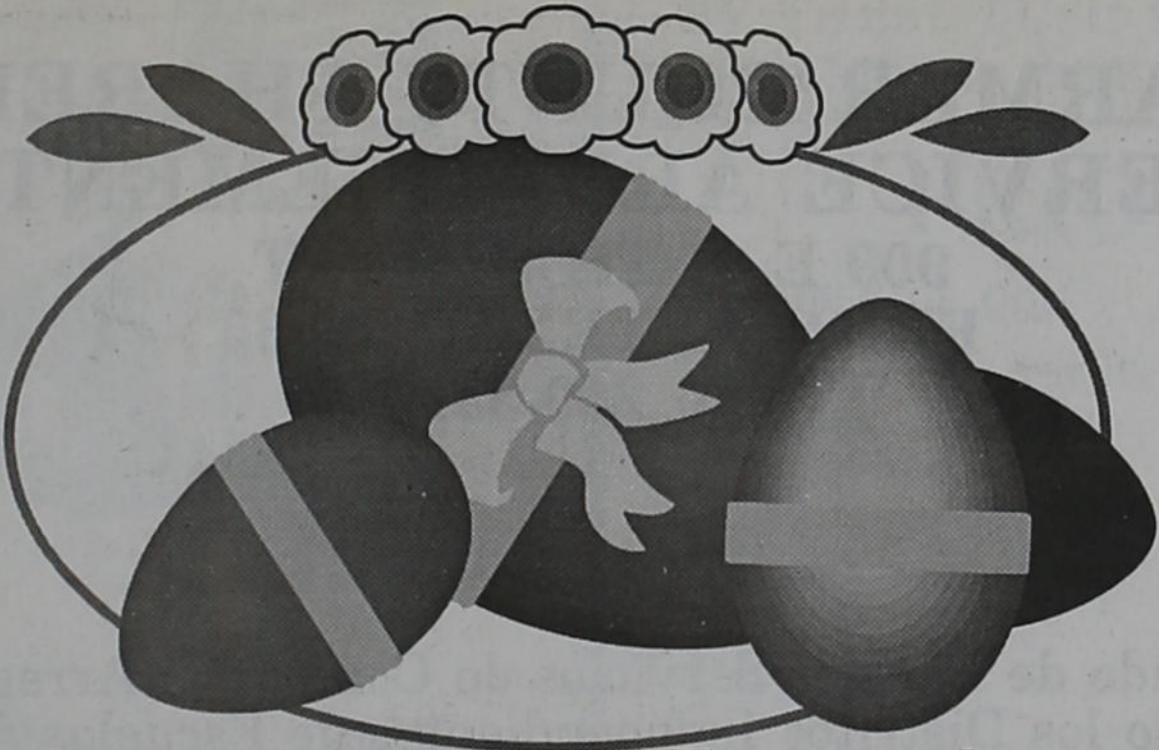
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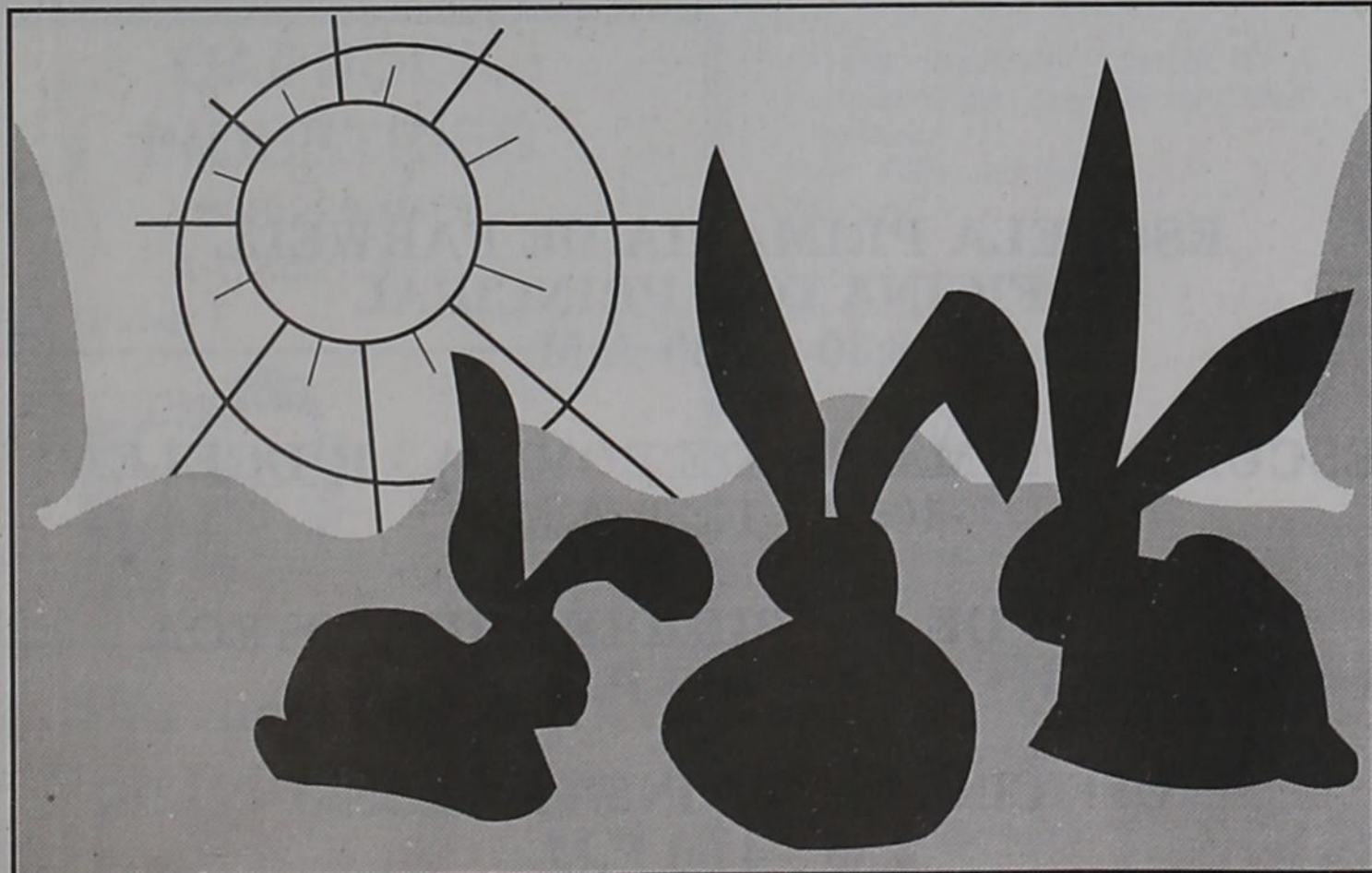
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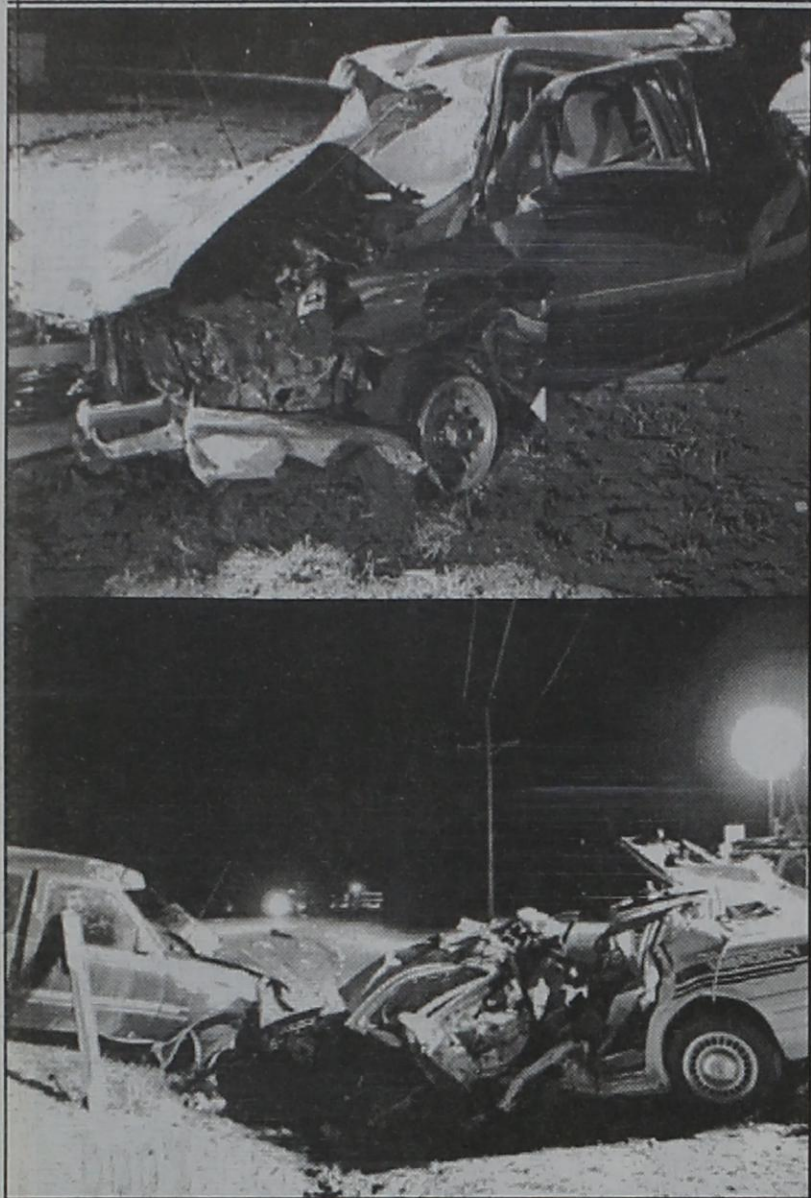


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**OFFICER DIES**

**Joe Herrera To Be Buried Monday In San Angelo**

Funeral services for Sgt. Jose A. "Joe" Herrera, 31, were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Alvin Petty, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were under direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Additional services will be Monday, April 21, 2003, at Johnson's Funeral Chapel in San Angelo. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in San

Angelo. Mr. Herrera died early Monday morning, April 14, near Bovina, Texas. He was a Sergeant in the Friona Police Department.

He was a member of the U.S. Police Canine Association and was handler of the Friona Police Department K-9 Unit.

He was born February 16, 1972 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He moved to Friona from Sonora, Texas, and had been a resident for five years.

He married Rachel Turner on March 23, 2003 in Friona. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Claren and Kelcey Herrera, both of San Angelo and Victoria Herrera of Friona; one son, Matthew Herrera of San Angelo; parents Robert and Elva Herrera of San Angelo; one sister, Debra Lombrana of San Angelo; one brother, Tony Herrera of Hewitt, Texas. He was preceded in death by a sister, Dena Herrera in 1989.

Pallbearers were Junior Lopez, Eric Chandler, Chris Keith, Scott Given, Jerry Morris and Andy Stormes.

**THE TWO photos at left show the devastation of the collision that claimed the life of Officer Joe Herrera. Top photo is the pickup driven by Jose Gomez. Below are both vehicles at the impact point. First Responders had to use their jaws of life tool to extricate Herrera from the wreckage. We gratefully acknowledge our appreciation to Texas DPS State Troopers for use of their photos.**



**AMAZING GRACE....**Local bagpiper Harold Taylor played Amazing Grace in an emotional ending of the funeral service for Sgt. Joe Herrera Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church. ron carr photo



**HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY** was celebrated at Friona Rural Health Clinic for nurse Lisa Alaniz, center. Joining in the fun at the "t-papered" nurses station were, l-r, Christina Donovan and Blanca Tamez.

**Around Town**

**Seniors & kids Easter Egg Hunt Apr 19**

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

**Chieftain band boosters Apr 22**

The Friona Chieftain band boosters will meet Tuesday, Apr 22, at 7 p.m. at the high school band hall.

**Charles Hamilton recognition Apr 22**

A special recognition ceremony honoring the late Charles Hamilton will be held Tuesday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m. at the Friona Baseball Park, preceding the Chieftain game with Lockney. Charles was instrumental in the operations of Friona Kids, Inc. baseball and the addition of baseball at Friona High School. Everyone is invited to attend. Charles' family will be recognized.

**Genealogy meeting Apr 25**

Friona's Genealogical Society will meet at the Friona Public Library at 10 a.m. Friday, Apr 25. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**Amarillo Art Museum student exhibition**

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

**CASA meeting Apr 30**

Friona ISD is in the process of forming a CASA program in Parmer County. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a program for adults to respond to help abused children. The meeting and program will be presented at 5 p.m. Apr 30 in the Fisd boardroom. The program will be presented by Jennifer Paul, CASA expansion specialist. All interested adults are invited to attend. For more information call Kenny Austin at 250-5900.

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8:30 - 9:30 A.M.**

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10:30 - 11:30 A.M.**

**LAZBUDDIE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.**

**FRIONA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
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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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1:00 - 2:00 P.M.**

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Si usted esta interesado sobre el desarrollo de su nino, traiga a su nino a esta clinica. Si usted necesita mas informacion, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educacion Especial a 250-3315.



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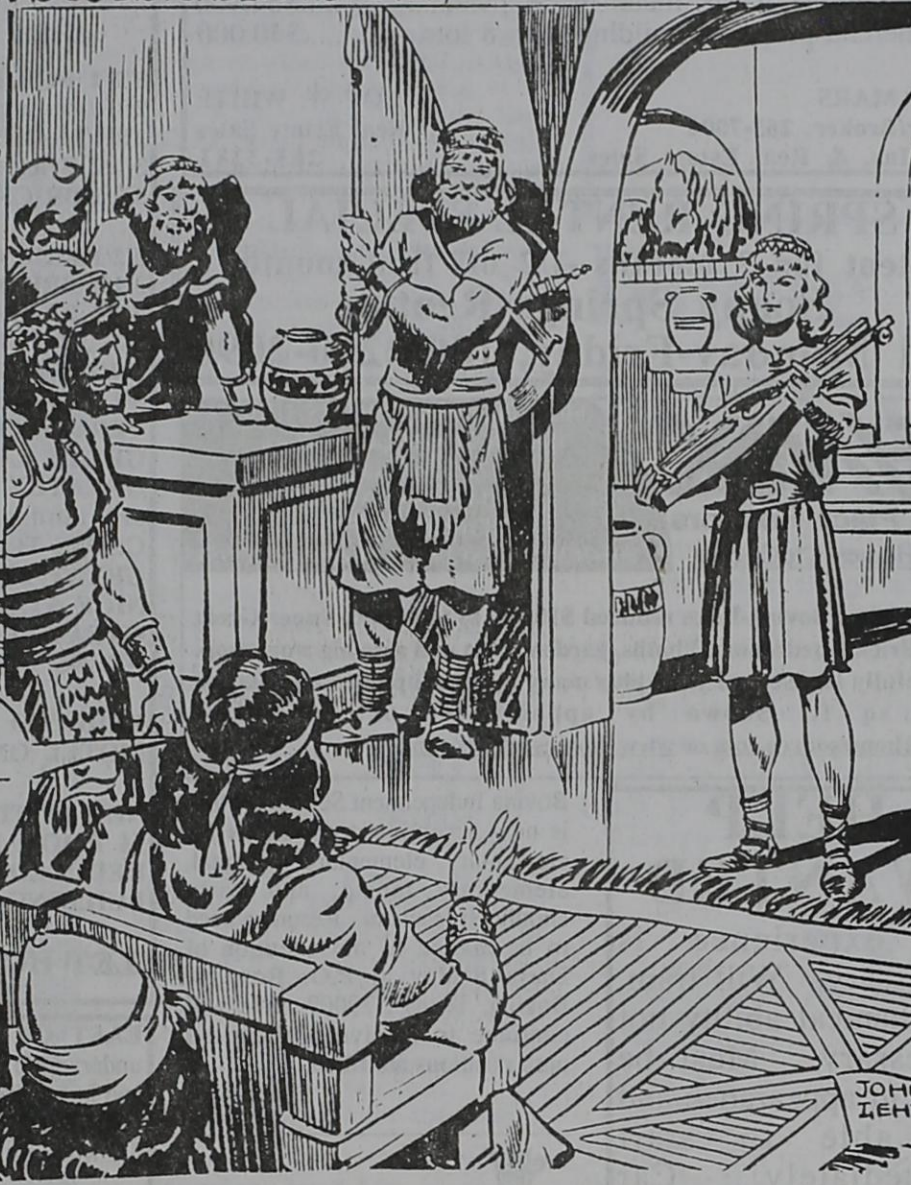
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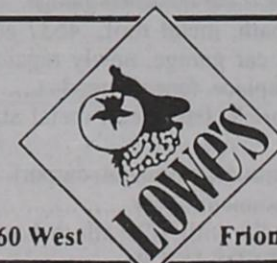
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# Source: Agriculture Disaster Help Available

Producers and agricultural lenders across the High Plains are wondering "If?" and "How much?" the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 will help them or their producer customers.

Unfortunately, a concrete answer to these inquiries is

still impossible to provide. There are, however, an increasing number of disaster calculators being developed that can often provide a ballpark figure for producers and bankers needing an educated guess on what the program will mean in a

monetary sense. As USDA works feverishly to finalize the rules that will govern the disaster program, any payment calculator a producer chooses to utilize will be constructed using a mixed bag of facts and guesswork.

The facts will include details that USDA has announced and is working to finalize. The guesswork will mostly be assumptions pulled from the past and what was used in the 2000 Crop Disaster Program.

Plains Cotton Growers is providing access to one such calculator through the organization's website (located at [www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)).

Follow the link on the PCG Home page to download a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that will estimate the potential disaster payments for multiple farms/units and provide an estimate of the total disaster payment that a producer could be eligible for in 2001 or 2002.

Included with the table is a worksheet showing the 1996-2000 Olympic average yields for most High Plains counties.

The spreadsheet was developed with the help of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and should only be used to ESTIMATE potential payments.

## High Wind, Light Rain Visit Area

The area had a windy week, with gusts of 51 to 71 mph on Tuesday, when a light shower left .07 inches of rain at the Friona weather station. Only .13 inch has fallen in April.

Farmers need some relief in the form of rain soon.

Temperatures for the week:

Friday, April 11	78-37
Saturday, April 12	80-37
Sunday, April 13	85-51
Monday, April 14	85-51
Tuesday, April 15	79-46
Wed., April 16	80-39
Thursday, April 17	73-40

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Again, thank you for your interest in the Nation's space program.

Public Inquiries Management Office  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration



# Blade Acknowledged For Columbia Tribute

Earlier this year, after the Columbia space shuttle disaster which killed all seven of the astronauts on board, Carol Ellis wrote a tribute to the crew in her "My Turn" column.

Carol said, in part: "Throughout the history of mankind, the ones who took chances and made sacrifices have been the ones who made a difference for all of us, though often the price they've paid has been high. But isn't that the American way?"

"This nation has been built by people who were willing to take chances and pay the price, if necessary, from the Pilgrims to the Colonials, from Lewis and Clark to the Wright brothers, from the 50,000 pilots who did not come home from WWII to the crew of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon 32 years ago."

Claire Blanco clipped the column and mailed it to NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and received the reply reproduced below, this week.

## Happy Easter



# Parmer County Cotton Growers Co-op

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*Just a friendly reminder:*

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**April, May & June are 'Co-op Mill Option Months'**

17-4140 Notice of Election (2/92)  
Prescribed by Secretary of State  
Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, V.T.C.A., Election Code

**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, 2003, for voting in a board trustee election, to elect 2 trustees.  
(Notifíquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de mayo de 2003 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos regentes.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES  
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)  
Bovina ISD  
500 Halsell Street  
Bovina, TX 79009

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at  
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)  
Bovina ISD Administration Building, 500 Halsell Street  
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 (date)  
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 16 de abril, 2003) (fecha)

and ending on April 29, 2003 (date)  
(y terminando el 29 de abril, 2003) (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:  
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
none	

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

Pat Read  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

P.O. Box 70  
(Address) (Dirección)

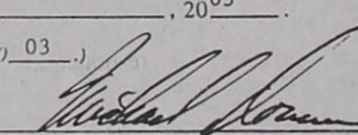
Bovina, TX 79009  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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 votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 25, 2003  
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 4 day of April, 2003.  
(Emitida este día 4 de abril, 2003.)

  
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

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





VOICE OF DEMOCRACY scholarship winners in the VFW Post 1413 essay contest were hosted at the Veterans Hall Monday night. From left, John Duke, Post Commander, Katy Loudder \$100, Shonnah Black \$200, Robby Martin \$350, Chelsee Nichols, junior high essay winner of a \$100 savings bond, and Dale Mann, VFW Auxiliary president. The students are all from Lazbuddie.



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The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

Song of Solomon 2:12



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# CELEBRATE

## *The Miracle of Easter*

Now late on the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earth quake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come see the place where He was lying ...

Matthew 28:1-6



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