

## Bull Town Bulletins



By  
Bill Ellis

## SPS Thumbs Nose At Friona-Bovina

**WHERE WERE YOU** at the time of the JFK assassination? This is the question being posed this week on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the event.

Since many folks are sharing their thoughts and remembrances, we wanted to do the same thing. And since you seem to forget details as time goes by, I decided to quote myself from a column I wrote for the JFK anniversary 20 years ago, when the events were much closer than they are today:

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**WE'LL NEVER FORGET** that Friday in November. It was truly one of the saddest days we've ever experienced, coupled with the chain reaction that resulted in the capture of Lee Harvey Oswald, and Oswald being killed by Jack Ruby two days later as he was being transferred by Dallas law officers.

It was an unbelievable sequence of events. We couldn't believe it was all taking place here in supposedly civilized America, right here in our beloved home state.

But the thing that brought the starkness of the situation so vividly to Americans was that it practically happened right before their very eyes. Especially Ruby's shooting of Oswald, which happened on nationwide television.

Like most Texans, we were on our lunch hour at the time of the Kennedy assassination.

When they came on with the bulletin, and identified it from Dallas, we were fearful of what we would hear--sort of like an instant premonition--and our fears were soon confirmed.

The first announcement reported that President Kennedy had been shot during the parade, and that he had been taken to a Dallas hospital.

Like most Americans, we breathed a silent prayer--"Oh, God, don't let him die. Not in Texas!"

But by then, the president most likely was already dead (1 p.m. officially). It was a very painful time for all Americans, and we still bear the scars of that day, after all these years.

At that time, Plains Publishers, the central printing plant, was flourishing in Friona, and for the first and only time in the city's history, an Associated Press news wire was feeding news locally.

We returned to the office, and followed the sequence of events leading up to Oswald's capture on the AP news wire at Plains Publishers.

The events left a strange, "scary" feeling with many people. We had intended to go to Muleshoe that night to watch a bi-district playoff game between Muleshoe and Denver City, but wife Carol persuaded me to stay at home. It was as if she felt there was a danger in being out in public.

We recall that we spent practically the entire weekend watching the drama unfold on television, and believe me, it was a very depressing weekend.

Several area folks were enroute to Austin, where the president had been scheduled to speak on Friday night.

But Lee Harvey Oswald had changed the course of history that noon hour in Dallas, shattering the beauty of Indian Summer in Texas, and spoiling what had started out to be a successful good-will mission by the president to our state.

The following spring, Governor John Connally was the main speaker at our Texas Press Assn. convention. He still had his arm in a sling from his wounds that day in Dallas. We felt we were touching an historical event.

We recall the tremendous "sinking feeling" we got when the news came across of Kennedy's death. It was akin to the feeling you get when you learn of the death of a loved one. Or perhaps when you hear that our country is at war....

We sincerely pray that our nation never has to experience such a traumatic event again. After all this time, the events of that week are still very vivid to us.

Southwestern Public Service Co. president Coyt Webb, and four other company officials conducted a meeting with Friona and Bovina residents at the Friona City Council meeting room Wednesday concerning the closure of the Friona SPS office and the elimination of the Bovina collection station.

A standing-room crowd attended the meeting, but overall received little satisfaction with the electric company's elimination of local offices.

Howard and Minnie Kelso of Bovina and B.K. Buske of Friona spoke for those residents owning rental property, and pointed out the big inconvenience the change will cause to many rental customers when they need to open an account.

In most cases, it will be necessary for these electrical patrons to drive to Hereford (44 miles from Friona and 70 from Bovina) to pay the required deposit.

"We have a trailer park with ten electric meters, and they change frequently," Kelso told Webb.

Buske asked Webb if he had an estimate as to the amount of proposed savings from closing the Friona office. "You spend thousands of dollars on P.R. (public relations) every year, and it seems to me that you're going to lose more on P.R. than what the savings will amount to," Buske said.

Webb indicated in a slide presentation to begin the meeting that electrical sales for Friona and Bovina amount to \$4.6 million per year.

Friona mayor Clarence Monroe voiced the concern that the closing of the Friona office would cause the company's service to be poor. "We have had this happen with another utility company that closed its local office, and the service has really suffered," Monroe said.

Monroe pointed out that many electrical customers who pay their monthly bills do so with cash, and with the office closing, this will be a big hardship.

The SPS officials indicated that they planned to get with representatives of Friona State Bank and First Bank in Bovina/Muleshoe, to see if something can be worked out to allow patrons to pay their bills, both by check or cash, locally.

"We have done this for you the past 16-18 years, and haven't charged you a dime," said Jerry Hinkle of Friona State Bank. "But we got a letter from SPS the other day saying this would be eliminated."

Service complaints or questions will now be handled through an 800 number, answered in Hereford. Servicemen will then be dispatched by radio or FAX machine, out of Friona.

Concern was voiced as to what would happen when and if either of the two service people stationed at Friona were to change jobs or quit. Doyle Moore, service director for SPS, said that this situation had been addressed at Friona last summer, and the serviceman was replaced.

(SPS is attempting to cut corners by not replacing employees who retire or quit. This is the reason for the Friona office closure to

happen--the resignation of the office receptionist.)

In his presentation, Webb pointed out that SPS has previously closed offices in Texhoma, Oklahoma, Sudan, Silverton and Vega, with the closure of its McLean office pending.

Floyd Reeve stated "We'd like to think that we're a little bigger market than those towns."

Bill Ellis said "I think a big objection is the fact that you're placing Friona-Bovina in the class of those other places you've named. If you added up the population of all the other five towns where you've closed offices, I don't think it would be close to Friona-Bovina's 5500 to 5600."

(We checked after the meeting, and here's the population story: Texhoma 746; Sudan 976; Silverton 779; Vega 840; McLean 849. Total: 4,190. Friona, 3809; Bovina 1549. Total: 5,358.)

"We definitely haven't closed an office in a community Friona's size before," one of the SPS representatives said (which is made very obvious by the population figures shown.)

Webb was asked if S.P.S. would have to hire a person at Hereford to do the extra bookwork required by the Friona-Bovina ac-

counts coming there instead of locally.

"It's possible. We would hope that we can handle it with the people we already have, but we just don't know," Webb responded.

A question was asked why a charge of a dollar per electric bill or so couldn't be applied so as to pay the salary and keep the local facility open. Moore answered, pointing out that SPS couldn't make such a charge without having it approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

Also attending from SPS were John McAfee and James Bagley of Amarillo, Lewis McDaniel, SPS district manager from Hereford (former Bovina SPS manager), and Danny Fiel, manager of the Friona office until it closed this week.

Fiel and Jon Hendrickson will remain as servicemen for Friona-Bovina.

In his preliminary remarks, Webb pointed out that Southwestern Public Service Company's service area covered 96 communities, 52,000 square miles and 350,000 customers in a three-state area.

Out of the 96 communities, 47 have offices, and 22 of these have 1 person on duty (besides the servicemen), as was Friona's case.



**FIRST SNOW....**It began to snow at 10:30 p.m. Monday night and by midnight this huge snowman stood on the corner of Seventh and Avenue C. The young men who created this work of art, as the snow as falling in the night, were Moses Estraca and Gary Banister.

## Combest Explains Reasons He Favored NAFTA Proposal

Congressman Larry Combest detailed the reasons that he was supporting the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) when it came before Congress on Wednesday, November 17, during a telephone "press conference" on Monday, involving several newsmen from his district.

Bill Ellis, publisher of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade, was one of those included in the 30-minute discussion.

Congressman Combest started out with a two or three-minute dissertation, during which he explained that he had only decided last weekend to support NAFTA.

Negotiations on provisions of the treaty have been continuing in Washington, and there were at least a couple of areas where Combest had concerns for his district. He invited leaders from the sugarbeet and wheat industries to sit in on the negotiations. He said that following the negotiations, the wheat representative was satisfied with the NAFTA agreement, and the sugar beet rep had switched from "against" to "neutral."

### Dinner Set For Sunday

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bovina high school cafeteria.

The price for the dinner will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and ages five and under will be free.

Combest said he decided to vote in favor of the issue because of the tremendous economic impact that NAFTA could have on Texas, and particularly the 19th Congressional District.

He said that one study had shown that his district might expect 8,000 additional jobs, due to movement of companies from other parts of the nation into Texas.

The oil and gas industries are extremely excited about the possibilities of favorable business under NAFTA, Combest said. Their industries have lost more jobs over the past ten years than the automotive and textile industries combined. If NAFTA passes, American oil companies can go into Mexico and begin drilling oil wells and producing.

On the illegal alien issue, Representative Combest said that we currently have problems at the border due to bad economic conditions in Mexico. "If we can improve these conditions south of the border, then there should be less of a desire on the part of Mexicans to want or need to come across," he said.

On the aspect of the U.S. losing jobs to Mexico, Combest said he has never been worried about that. "There's nothing in the agreement that would encourage this situation. Companies have more of an advantage before NAFTA to move to Mexico than they will after NAFTA."

It was also mentioned that there was a distinct possibility that some of the "lost jobs" that opponents of NAFTA have been warning about might be jobs that would be lost by the so-called "rust-belt" of America, and might re-locate to Texas, which might prove to be our gain.

"I think it's a tremendous opportunity for Texas, since we're bordering Mexico. We also have the right, after six months, to withdraw from the treaty, but if we reject NAFTA at this time, Mexican President Salinas has indicated that it might be awhile before we could bring it back up for negotiations--and there is the possibility that we may never get to this point again."

Combest stressed the fact that he considered the vote on NAFTA a long-range political decision.

"Nothing is going to happen overnight. It will take awhile for the trade barriers to come down.

The congressman pointed out that Mexico is currently our third-biggest and fastest-growing trade partner in the export business. "We do \$18 billion in exports with

Mexico each year, but Mexico has two and one-half times the tariffs on our goods than we have on theirs. We have an opportunity to even this out," he said.

It also has been pointed out that Mexico is one of the few nations with whom the U.S. enjoys a favorable balance of trade. There are over 700 American manufacturing

jobs today that depend on exports to Mexico.

"This has been one of the most evenly-divided issues that I've had to deal with since I have been in Congress. There are some varied opinions on the issue. Some people strongly favor it, and some strongly oppose it," Combest said.

## Football Contest Has Tight Race

There was an opportunity for a leader to "run off and hide" in the Bovina Blade Football Contest, but instead, things just got a little tighter after last weekend's results.

Donnie McDonald continues to hold the lead, but Coach James Russell gained two points on the leader, who managed to pick just seven of the 14 contest games.

With two weeks of picking left, McDonald has a score of 110, and Russell 109.

Mike Raymond, who was one of five contestants to correctly pick 11 games last week, along with Dean Stanberry and A.M. Wilson, are tied with scores of 108.

Danny Harris stands at 107;

### BHS Girl Places 8th In State

Brooke Charles won eighth place in the statewide cross country competition at Austin on Saturday, November 13.

The meet was held at Southwestern University Golf Course in Georgetown, with 98 runners competing. Brooke's time was 13:01. The winning time was 12:31.

Bovina's girls' cross country team has had a very successful year and are looking forward to next year. The varsity team was made up of the following students: Brooke Charles, Carmen Campos, Maria Fragoza, Lori Beauchamp, Lisa Serna, Rose Ann Cantu and Jackie Gonzales.

The junior varsity cross country team consisted of Sally Noriega, Charlotte Quintana, Rachel Turner, Mandy Wilson, Alex Dopp, Lisa Hromas, Rosario Lara, Melinda Ramon, Alma Guevara, Jessica Stowers, Tammy Stormes, Amber Willard, Kasey Bell, D'Ann Jones, Yvette Padilla and Melissa Nicholas.



DARLA STORMES

Hattie Burnett and Dennis Field are at 106.

A list of all the leading contestants appears elsewhere in this issue.

In the weekly contest, the race was between the five contestants who correctly picked 11 games.

Darla Stormes wound up as the winner, with her tie-breaker prediction of Dallas 21, Phoenix 14. She missed the exact game score by only two points, as the Cowboys won, 20-15. Miss Stormes, whose other misses were White Deer-Hart, Miami-Philadelphia and Atlanta-L.A. Rams, was awarded \$10 cash.

Gilda Garner picked the Cowboys to win by 27-10, missing by 12 points, to claim second place. She missed Littlefield-River Road, Florida State-Notre Dame and Green Bay-New Orleans.

Richard Grisham took third place after picking the Cowboys to win, 28-10, missing the score by 13 points. He missed Littlefield-River Road, Green Bay-New Orleans and Chicago-San Diego.

Also picking 11 were George J. Villarreal and Mike Raymond.

Gaining three points in the standings by picking 10 games correctly were Luis Franco, Nickie Villarreal, George L. Villarreal, A.M. Wilson, Mary Jane Wilson and Jason Kerby.



**NEW FIRE ENGINE....**The Bovina Fire Department recently purchased a new 1993 fire engine. It is the only four-door unit in Parmer County. Shown with the new fire engine are volunteer firemen, Tony Englant, Mark Englant and Johnny Martinez.

# Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

**35 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 19, 1958**  
Vandals netted about \$50 in cash and damaged desks and doors at Bovina School in a Wednesday night raid last week.

Visiting last week in Bovina were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They were guests in the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Marot and also visited with her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Litscher and children.

**30 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 20, 1963**  
Conley Woltmon of Bovina has entered technical training at Oklahoma State Tech, Okmulgee, by enrolling for the fall term.

Members of Thrifty Club and their husbands were entertained recently with their annual Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Bandy.

Mrs. J. R. Caldwell is hospitalized at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She is reported to be improving.

**25 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 20, 1968**  
The annual Bazaar sponsored by Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bovina United Methodist Church will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Iva Ollie Queen, 78-year-old Bovina pioneer, were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Bovina Pentecostal Church.

Bovina FFA members placed third in the Junior Chapter conducting contest of the Littlefield District held in Muleshoe Saturday afternoon.

**20 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 21, 1973**  
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in First United Methodist Church of Bovina for Mrs. Blanche Sudderth, 79, a pioneer resident of this area.

Mrs. Ella Bradshaw Rawls of Houston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw of Bovina, was selected Coming Home Queen at homecoming events at Wayland

## Shower To Honor Couple

David Villarreal and his fiancée, Leigh Kinnear, will be honored with a money tree wedding shower.

The shower will be held at Bovina's First Bank on Saturday, November 27, from 2-4 p.m.

Friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.

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Baptist College in Plainview this past weekend.

Bovina High School Principal Gary Cox will be among the area high school administrators joining West Texas State University President Lloyd I. Watkins for a "Panhandle High School Day" luncheon.

**15 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 22, 1978**  
The Lazbuddie United Methodist Church is holding its fiftieth year anniversary, homecoming, and annual Harvest Festival on November 26.

The Elton Venables are grandparents of a new little grandson born November 8, in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He has been named Logan Benjamin. His parents are Margaret Jo and Owen Moore.

**10 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 23, 1983**  
Darren Hromas and Chris Wilson, third grade students at Bovina Elementary School are involved in a unit of study about the Pilgrims and Indians. They each wrote stories about the subject that were published in the Blade.

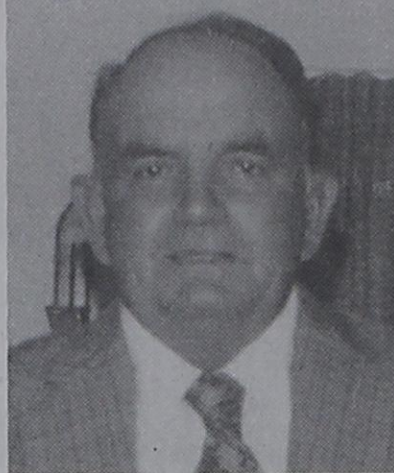
Having passed the Texas State Bar examination, Thomas Alan Rhodes took the oath of office as an attorney in Amarillo on November 9.

**5 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 23, 1988**  
The McCain Brothers, the only TV news and weather brother team in the country, made their acting debut on ABC's highly-rated soap opera, "All My Children" on November 18th.

Congratulations to Floyd and Ann Lee Englant on the birth of their 28th grandchild, Sherri Marie, born November 17. Her parents are Tony Bob and Angela Englant. The couple has another child, Taffanie, who is three years old.

## Bovina School Lunch Menu

**Week of November 22-26**  
**MONDAY**--Mexican casserole, salad, corn, fruit, crackers, cake and milk.  
**TUESDAY**--salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY**--no school, Thanksgiving holidays.



## LESTER RHINEHART Rhinehart Is Buried On Tuesday

Graveside services for Lester Rhinehart, 76, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Bovina Cemetery, with Rev. Richard Grisham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bovina, officiating. Masonic graveside rites were conducted by the Farwell Masonic Lodge #977 AF&AM.

Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Rhinehart passed away November 12 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

He was born February 1, 1917, at Booneville, Arkansas. He moved to Bovina in 1938 from Louisiana. He was a retired farmer. He married Flossie Sisk September 15, 1939, in Portales, N.M.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Bovina, and served in the Seabees in World War II. He was a 50-year member of the Farwell Masonic Lodge #977 AF&AM, and was a member of the American Legion and the VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Flossie, one daughter, Sandra Malone of Glenrock, Wyoming; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were John Armstrong, J.T. Hammonds, Les McCain, Prentice Mills, Dutch Quickel, Jay Sherrill, Elton Venable and J.W. Wright.



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# Teacher Honored

The Blade is featuring Judith Jennings as "Teacher of the Week." She teaches math and Spanish at Bovina High School, where she has taught for 13 years.

Mrs. Jennings graduated from high school in Nebraska City, Nebraska. She then went on to graduate from college in 1961 from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, with degrees in Spanish and math. She has since completed 21 units toward her masters degree in math.

Judith married James Jennings in 1962. They have been married for 31 years. They make their home in Clovis, New Mexico where James is employed as an orthodontist.

The Jenningses have two grown children. Their daughter, Julie is married to Felix Trujillo and they make their home in Katy, Texas where Felix is employed as manager of Taco Bell. The couple has two children, Christopher who is three and one-half years old and Kelsey who is six months old.

The Jennings' son is Jim, Jr. He is married to Julie and they live in El Paso, where Jim, Jr. is employed as a real estate appraiser for Scott Burns Agency.

Mrs. Jennings enjoys sewing, counted cross-stitch, growing houseplants and swimming. She obtained her WSI certification in swimming and taught swimming for ten years.

Mrs. Jennings is the sponsor for the high school student council and is kept busy with that along with teaching.



"TEACHER OF THE WEEK"....Teacher Judith Jennings is shown helping student, Elaine Bishop with her studies.

## Bovina Contest Standings

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| 110--Donnie McDonald.  | 93--Doug Johnson, Ruby Jones, Tyson Kerby.  |
| 109--Coach James Russell.  | 92--Judy Hromas.  |
| 108--Mike Raymond, Dean Stanberry, A.M. Wilson.  | 91--Denise Anderson, Phillip Johnson, Deborah Raymond, Dorothy Stowers, Francisco Torres. |
| 107--Danny Harris.   | 89--Ella Jo Stormes, Robert Tapia.  |
| 106--Hattie Burnett, Dennis Field.   | 88--Joshua McDonald, Ken Sherbon, George J. Villarreal.                                   |
| 105--Virginia Steele.  | 85--Manuel DeLeon, Jr., Wayne Stormes.  |
| 103--Jerry Roach.  |   |
| 102--Tommy Cathey, Richard Grisham, Andy Stormes.  |   |
| 101--Susan Kerby, Kay Roach, Darla Stormes.  |   |
| 100--Dave Miles, Tammy Stormes.  |   |
| 99--J.T. Roach, Lance Teague.  |   |
| 98--Jay Grisham, Joe Harris, Al Kerby, Jr., Mary Jane Wilson.                                    |   |
| 97--James Grisham, Johnny Villarreal, Nickie Villarreal.   |   |
| 96--Ronnie Cary, Dorothy Harris, Darren Hromas, Jason Kerby, Jeanne Kerby, George L. Villarreal. |   |
| 95--Teresa Cary.   |   |
| 94--Galen Hromas, Matt Hromas, Charles Steele.   |   |

## Class Thanks Community

The Bovina High School senior class would like to express their gratitude to everybody who helped to make the Halloween Carnival a success. We would especially like to thank our parents and Mr. McAlister for their help. On behalf of the Bovina High School Class of '94, thank you for your support!

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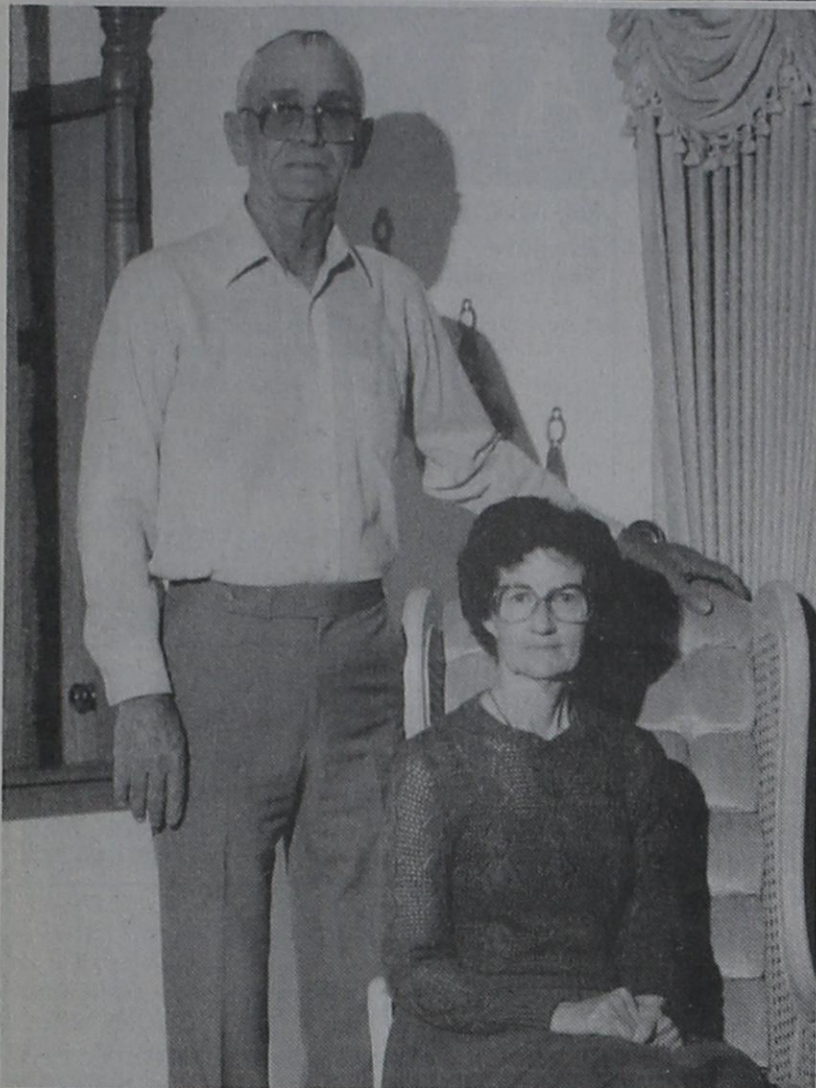
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**FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY....Hershel and Wilma Jean Hughes, who reside north of Texico, New Mexico, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the Rosedale Community Center, Saturday, November 27 from 2-4 p.m. The celebration will be hosted by their children. Hershel and Wilma were married in November 1943. They have three children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. No local invitations will be sent, and your presence is the only gift requested.**



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## Holiday Meals Can Be Low-Cal

By CARLA McKEOWN

For as long as I can remember, holidays have meant food--lots of food. And, for as long as I can remember, most of the people I know have been trying to lose weight.

Although I doubt our family get togethers will ever have less food, they can have less fattening food. With a few simple changes, we can serve basically the same foods but with less calories.

For a lower-calorie Thanksgiving meal, try the following:

\*Substitute low-calorie margarine (preferably the type that comes in a tub) for butter or regular margarine.

\*Use skim milk instead of whole milk.

\*Use frozen egg substitute instead of real eggs.

\*Use less sugar or use a sugar substitute in appropriate recipes.

\*Substitute "lite" bread for regular bread.

\*Offer more fresh fruit and less heavy desserts.

\*Serve cider-based punch and bottled water in place of higher calorie soft drinks and alcohol-based drinks.

\*Offer a selection of fat-free salad dressings.

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Try the following lower-calorie versions of your holiday favorites:

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- 1/4 cup low-calorie margarine, divided
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- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup golden raisins, plumped by soaking in warm water
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 4 ounces seasoned croutons
- 1/4 pound cooked turkey sausage, crumbled
- 1/2 cup thawed frozen egg substitute

In a 9-inch non-stick skillet, melt 1 tablespoon margarine. Add onions, apples, celery, pepper and garlic; cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until celery is tender. Stir in raisins and poultry seasoning and set aside. In a medium mixing bowl, combine croutons, sausage and egg substitute. Add vegetable-fruit mixture and stir to combine. Stir in remaining margarine. Spray a 2-quart casserole dish with non-stick cooking spray; add stuffing mixture and bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until browned. Makes 8 servings.

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A fund has been established at Citizens Bank of Texico for the benefit of the Keith Winders family of Elida, N.M.

Mr. Winders, formerly of Lazbuddie, has been diagnosed with M.S. For more information, call (505) 482-9339 between 6-8 p.m.

### WILD RICE PILAF

- 2 teaspoons low-calorie margarine
- 1/2 cup sliced white mushrooms
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup cooked long-grain white rice
- 1 cup cooked wild rice

In a 9-inch non-stick skillet, melt the margarine, and saute the mushrooms and pepper over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until mushrooms are lightly browned, about 1 to 2 minutes. Add water and cook, stirring frequently, until liquid is reduced by half, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add rice, the mushrooms and pepper, and stir to combine. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook, stirring frequently, until rice is thoroughly heated, about 2 to 3 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

### CIDER-GLAZED CARROTS

- 1 tablespoon low-calorie margarine
- 1 cup apple cider, no sugar added
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and cut in half

1 teaspoon sugar  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Melt the margarine in a large saucepan. Add carrots and toss to coat with margarine. Add cider, salt and pepper. Cover pan and allow to cook on medium heat until carrots are tender. Sprinkle with sugar and toss to coat before serving.

### LITE PUMPKIN PIE

- 1-9 inch pastry pie crust, uncooked, in pie plate
- 2 cups canned pumpkin (or 2 cups cooked fresh pumpkin)
- 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1/2 cup thawed frozen egg substitute
- 1/4 cup reduced-calorie pancake syrup
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 cup thawed frozen dairy whipped topping (reduced calorie version, if available)

In a medium bowl, combine pumpkin, yogurt, egg substitute, syrup, sugar and pumpkin pie spice; stir until well blended. Spread the mixture evenly in the pie crust, and bake, in the center oven rack, at 400 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out dry. Remove to a wire rack to cool. Serve at room temperature or cool and refrigerate until ready to serve. To serve, top each portion with 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Makes 8 servings.

Send your favorite recipes or recipe requests to: Carla McKeown, P.O. Box 3651, Lubbock, Texas, 79452.

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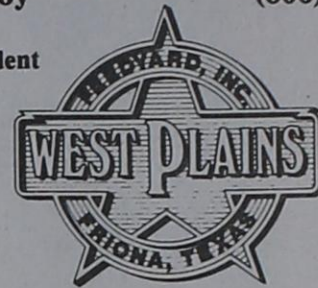
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We received a Victorian Christmas Open House at the museum. This sounds like a fun event for all ages. For Friday, December 18th, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, December 19th, 10-12 p.m. A Victorian sleigh and horse-drawn carriage will be available for visitors to come in and experience the way into Plover. The elaborately decorated Christmas Tree, poinsettias, will be old alike. On the second area, is the "Story Here, a kindly rocking chair and Christmas stories fireplace with a braided rug. The lower level to children with sleigh to listen Christmas wishes snow scene, depicting era completes parents are urged and photograph grandchild with Santa. This year, have a service families may purchase to decorate a sleigh exchanging a candle ornament and be given to the Food Bank. Musical events scheduled through event, which will chamber music, bell and bell choirs. About 5,000 usually attend everyone is invited. NEWS AROUND The Farwell conducted graves Lester Rhinehart

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# Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



We received a news release that a "Victorian Christmas" is planned for area residents and it's the Annual Christmas Open House in Canyon at the museum.

This sounds like an exciting event for all ages. It is scheduled for Friday, December 3 from 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, December 4 from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 from 2-4 p.m.

A Victorian scene of carolers and horse-drawn sleigh entice visitors to come inside the museum and experience the wonders of Christmas. Carriage lanterns light the way into Pioneer Hall, where the elaborately decorated Victorian Christmas Tree, surrounded by poinsettias, will delight young and old alike.

On the second floor, in a quiet area, is the "Storyteller's Corner." Here, a kindly grandmother in a rocking chair will be telling Christmas stories in front of the fireplace with sparkling embers and a braided rug.

The lower level will be devoted to children with Santa in an antique sleigh to listen to children's Christmas wishes. An outdoor snow scene, depicting the Victorian era completes the setting and parents are urged to bring a camera and photograph your child or grandchild with Santa.

This year, the museum will have a service program where families may purchase ornaments to decorate a special tree by exchanging a can of food or \$1, for an ornament and all donations will be given to the "Canyon Cares" Food Bank.

Musical entertainment is scheduled throughout the three day event, which will be school choirs, chamber music, barbershop quartets and bell choirs.

About 5,000 people plus usually attend the events and everyone is invited!

## NEWS AROUND TOWN....

The Farwell Masonic Lodge conducted graveside services for Lester Rhinehart on Tuesday. He

passed away a week ago Friday. Lester had had heart problems for some time.

Lester moved to Bovina in 1938 from Louisiana and ran the Fina Station for several years before he retired. Friends talked about how Lester was a character that everyone loved and remembered how he would cook a pot of chili on a cold day at work and invite friends to "come and have a bowl." He'll be missed by many and our thoughts are with his wife, Flossie, and his daughter, Sandra, and grandchildren.

Ovid Lawlis suffered heart problems and underwent balloon surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Ovid went to Levelland a week ago Thursday when he became ill thinking he had gall bladder problems.

He did have these problems, too, but his doctor sent him on to Lubbock in the ambulance when he discovered he also had heart problems. Tuesday he was still on the CCU floor of the hospital, but his granddaughter said he may be released the latter part of the week and may be scheduled for gall bladder surgery later on.

Mary Ruth Redden, former resident, was hospitalized at the Palo Duro Hospital in Canyon, where she now lives. We visited with her on the telephone and she said she entered the hospital a week ago Tuesday and was released last Sunday.

She said it was first thought that she had had a stroke, but after tests, they decided she didn't. Her condition has improved, but she is still under a doctor's care.

Seems we have had our share of sadness in the last several weeks as there have been several deaths and heartaches for many. Thursday is Thanksgiving and we saw this poem in the Baptist newsletter and thought it was worth sharing for those who may not have seen it....

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER...Lord, our power is shut off, and suddenly we become thankful for electricity. Our garbage is not picked up, and suddenly we become thankful for the garbage collector's weekly stop.

A good friend dies, and suddenly we discover how much he meant to us. Our water becomes too polluted to drink and suddenly we appreciate pure water.

Why is it, Lord, that we take for granted the uncounted blessings of life until they are removed from us? We take for granted the mind you have given us, the beauty of the earth around us, the rain and soil combining to produce our food, the love of family and friends.

Today we thank you for being patient with us, for not forgetting us when we forget you, for loving and forgiving us, for music and singing, for rest and leisure, for those who understand us, for laughter and joy.

Most of all we thank you for not withholding the blessings of life from us, even though we take them for granted. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving...Scooter.

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November 25--Frank Galvan, Kris Galvan.

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November 27--Lowell Primrose, Angela Englant.

(Editor's note: if someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

## BHS Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB	Time	Place
Nov. 18-20	Bovina JV Tournament	X	X			TBA	
Nov. 22	Texico	X		X		6:00	There
Nov. 23	Friona	X	X	X	X	4:00	Here
Nov. 30	Adrian	X		X	X	5:00	There
Dec. 2-4	Vega Varsity Tournament			X	X	TBA	
Dec. 7	Spade	X	X	X	X	4:00	Here
Dec. 9-11	Farwell Varsity Tournament			X	X	TBA	
Dec. 16	Melrose	X	X	X	X	4:00	There
Dec. 17	Anton	X	X	X	X	4:00	Here
Dec. 20	Spade	X	X	X	X	4:00	There
Dec. 21	Wellman	X	X	X	X	4:00	There
Dec. 30	Ropes	X	X	X	X	2:00	Here
Jan. 4	Ropes	X	X	X	X	4:00	There
Jan. 6-8	Lazbuddie JV Tournament	X	X			TBA	
Jan. 6-8	Bovina Tournament					TBA	
Jan. 11	Sudan	X	X	X	X	4:00	Her
Jan. 14	Farwell	X	X	X	X	4:00	There
Jan. 18	Hart	X	X	X	X	4:00	Here
Jan. 21	Kress	X	X	X	X	4:00	Here
Jan. 25	Vega	X	X	X	X	4:00	There
Jan. 28	Sudan	X	X	X	X	4:00	There
Feb. 1	Farwell	X	X	X	X	4:00	Here
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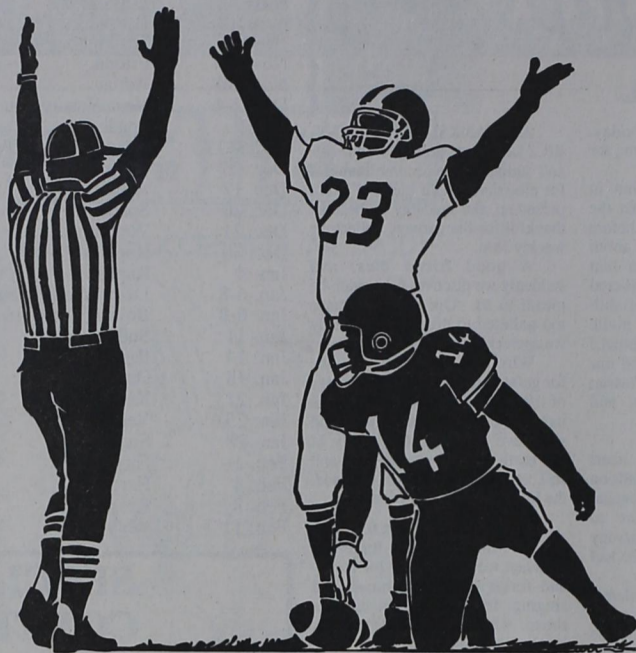
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