

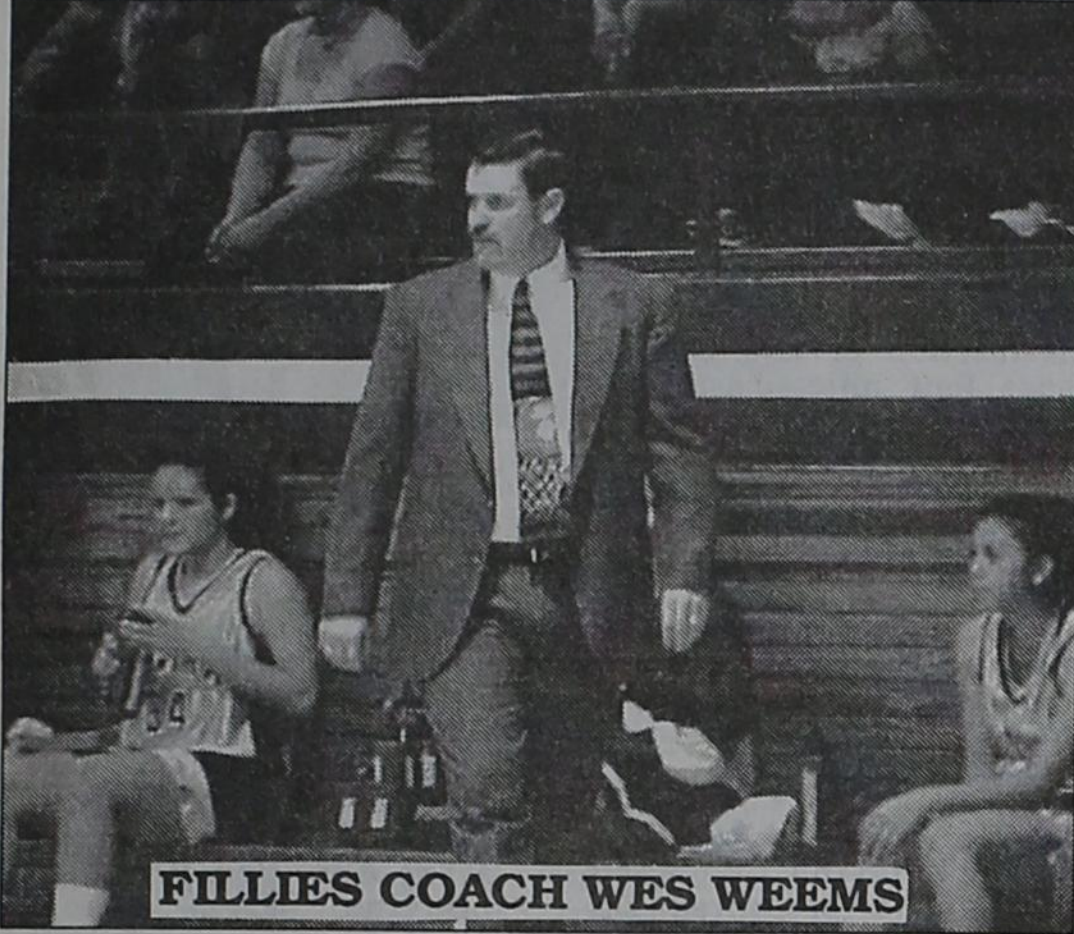
The Bovina Blade

As of December 7, 2000
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Parmer County.
Bovina Blade Survey

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FILLIES COACH WES WEEMS



MUSTANGS COACH SHAWN HOLMES

Fillies-Mustangs Basketball

After a flurry of games the last week, the Fillies are struggling with a 3-6 record. Five of the losses have been by 7 points or less and Coach Wes Weems says the girls are getting better each game.

At the Anton Tournament, The Fillies were shut down by a tough New Deal defense, losing the first tournament game 52-27. The girls managed no 3-pointers, 11 field goals and only 5 of 20 from the free throw line.

Scoring leaders were Maritssa Salazar and Marissa Rodriguez with 7 points each. They charged back against Spade, however, romping to a 38-17 victory paced by a 23-point performance by senior K'Leigh Scroggins.

In the tournament's consolation game, the Fillies took on the Shallowater JV. The Fillies jumped out to a 13-8 first quarter lead but were bested the rest of the game.

In spite of a 14-point fourth quarter, the Fillies dropped a close one to Shallowater 40-39. Leading scorers were Marissa Rodriguez, 11, Scroggins with

10 and Christen Stowers, 8.

A road trip to Adrian for a rematch resulted in a 2-point victory, Fillies 47, Adrian 45. The Fillies 8-point cushion after three quarters was needed as Adrian outscored Bovina 15-9 in the final quarter but the girls held on to win by two.

Junior point guard Christen Stowers had her high-point game of the year as she pounded in 21 points, including two 3-point shots. Scroggins contributed 13.

The Mustangs opened at the Anton Tournament with a 55-35 spanking of Amherst, keyed by a 24-point game for Tyson Kerby. Kerby had 2 field goals, 5 three-pointers and 5 free throws. Jason Stone drained three 3-pointers to contribute 9 points.

Game two was a squeaker, come from behind victory as the boys beat Spade 57-56. The Mustangs were down 36-31 after three quarters. All they did was score 26 points in the fourth quarter, paced by five 3-point shots by Jason Stone.

Stone had eight 3-pointers and 2 free throws to lead scoring at 26. Tyson Kerby

contributed 19 points.

The Mustangs won their third in a row with a surprise victory over favored Whiteface. A 35-20 run through the second half gave Bovina a 62-57 win. This time, Cameron Charles stepped up with 16 points, assisted by Chris Antillon with 13 and Kerby, 14.

Playing host Anton for the championship, the Mustangs couldn't win their second game of the day.

Anton managed a consistent game, beating the Mustangs 62-53. Kerby and Stone had 18 each in the game.

Tyson Kerby was selected to the all-tournament team.

In Tuesday's match at Adrian, the Mustangs swept the series, beating Adrian for the second time, 70-49. Again the Mustangs had a 24-point fourth quarter. Scoring was led by Stone, 17 and Kerby 15. The team had eight 3-point baskets in the game.

Christmas Concerts Set For Wednesday

The Bovina music department will present its annual Christmas program on Wednesday, December 13 at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The program will include the elementary classes singing several holiday songs.

The fifth grade beginner band, sixth grade advanced band and the Mustang band will all perform Christmas favorites.

The Mustang band has been split into several

ensembles this year. The brass and woodwind choirs will perform a few short selections.

Also a euphonium-tuba quartet and percussion ensemble will delight you with their unusual sounds for the holidays.

In cooperation with the high school student council, all who attend are asked to bring one can of food to help support their annual Christmas food drive.

Former Bovinan Honored By Wayland Baptist University

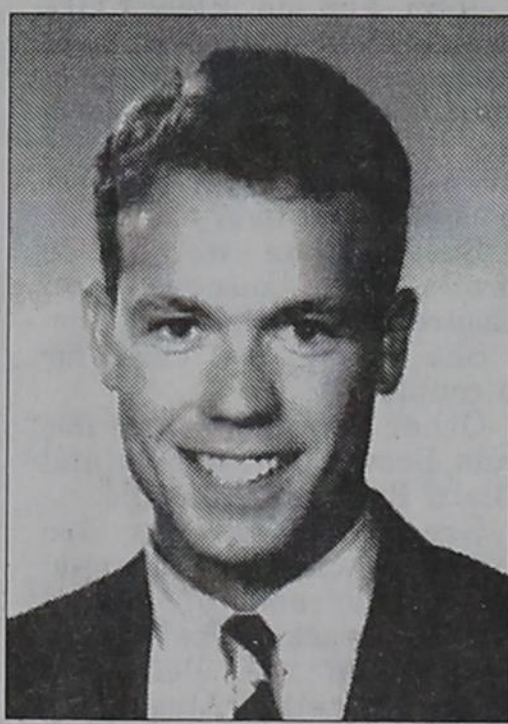
Dr. Kirk Scott was awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni Award at Wayland Baptist University November 17, 2000 in the Homecoming Chapel.

He was born and raised in Bovina and is the son of former Bovina residents, Carol and Larry Scott of Abilene and is the grandson of Erra Jamerson and Edna Scott, both of Bovina. The following information from the University about Dr. Scott.

"Kirk Scott came to Wayland after graduation from Bovina High School. At Wayland, he was a Pioneer Scholar, on the Dean's Honor List, was listed in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities and was named All American Scholar. He was active in campus activities and in Baptist Student Union, Pi Sigma and Iota Chi Epsilon. Dr. Scott earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in chemistry and biology.

In 1992, Dr. Scott moved to Dallas and began studies at Baylor College of Dentistry where he earned the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and began work at University of Texas Southwestern College of Medicine and earned his Doctor of Medicine degree. He did his internship in general surgery and his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Dr. Scott scored in the top 2% on his national board exam and made a perfect score on his licensing exam, a very rare feat. He was named Top 10 Ranking Seniors, was awarded the Trustees Academic Scholarship and was named to the Dean's Honor List at Baylor College of Dentistry. Dr. Scott was also tapped for membership in Baylor Odontological Honor Society.



DR. KIRK SCOTT

He is a member of Psi Omega Fraternity and Christian Medical Dental Society.

In addition to his research and publications, Dr. Scott holds membership in numerous state and national dental and medical professional associations. He is also a member of the International Association for Dental Implantology.

Dr. Scott will serve as Chief Resident at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for 2001-2002. He also will participate in a joint multifaceted medical mission team to Columbia, South America, in craniofacial reconstruction.

After completing his residency program, he plans to pursue an advanced fellowship in cosmetic facial surgery before entering full time private practice with emphasis on facial cosmetics and trauma/cancer reconstruction.

For distinguishing himself in his profession, devotion to his Christian faith, and for loyalty to his Alma Mater,



Students Ask Community Help With Food Drive

There are many families in the Bovina area who will be facing a bleak Christmas. Some will be more concerned about food than the joy of gifts.

The Bovina high school student council plans to help brighten the holidays for as many families as possible and you are encouraged to help.

The student council will be holding a food drive from Monday, December 11 through Friday, December 15. The goal is to distribute ten food baskets to families in Bovina for Christmas.

They plan to provide a turkey for each basket. The high school FCCLA will help by buying four turkeys. The council requests help from fellow students and the

community to assure the success of the food drive.

There will be competition between the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes to see which class can gather the most food. The class contributing the most cans of food will receive an extended lunch period.

The students are asking the community to support the food drive by bringing at least one non-perishable food item to the Band Concert on Wednesday, December 13 at 9 a.m., or bring food items by the school office during the week.

Also, the council and sponsors suggest you encourage your students to participate in the food drive all week.



Annual Christmas Card Fund At First Bank

The annual Christmas Card Fund has been established and is ready for donations at First Bank-Bovina.

The annual fund raising project benefits Bovina's EMS and Fire Department, who use the money to upgrade and maintain equipment to better serve the community.

Participants are asked to donate money to the Christmas Card Fund in lieu of sending Christmas cards or donate a like amount in addition to your Christmas cards.

You may drop off donations at First Bank or give to any EMS or fire department volunteer.

Parmer County Pheasant Season Starts Saturday

The 2000 pheasant season in Parmer County will officially be underway Saturday, December 9 and will go through Sunday, December 24.

Parmer County Game Management Association

president, Jack Patterson said the birds are in short supply this year.

He said that most hunters think Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grass provides enough grain for pheasants but it does not. That is why pheasants are on the side of the roads eating grain dropped from trucks.

"I keep barrels of food and water out on my CRP land for the pheasants, if more people would do that, the population would be better. If hunters want a better season, we need to provide for them," Patterson said.

BISD Board Votes To Discharge Ag Teacher

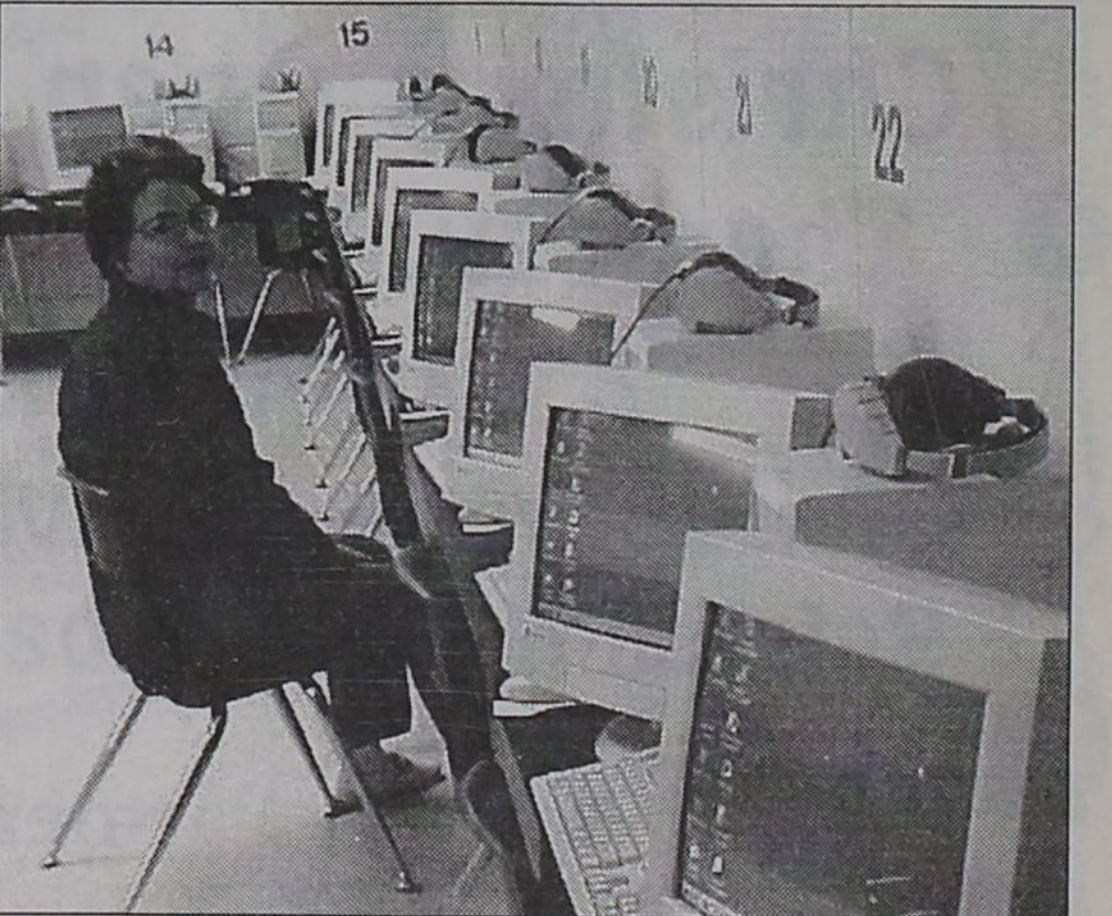
In a special meeting called for 6 p.m. Saturday, December 2, the Bovina School Board of Trustees met to consider action pertaining to Bovina ag teacher Mark Standlee, who was arrested and charged last week with indecency with a child.

After the meeting was called to order the Trustees convened in closed executive session at 6:05 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The

board ended its closed executive session at 7:47 p.m. No action had been taken.

In the following open session, board member Coffey made a motion the Board of Trustees propose the discharge of Mark Standlee for good cause under TEC 21.104. Loe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

That being the only business on the special meeting agenda, the meeting then adjourned.



NEW GATEWAY computers line the computer lab at Bovina Elementary. Instructor Linda Dopp demonstrated the speed of the new equipment and the large 17" monitors. Under the grant, the school also received five lap-top computers, a new printer, scanner and a digital camera.
ron carr photo

FOR THE FIRST TIME in America's history, the judicial system will decide who will be our president.

Forget about elections. We held our election a month ago as of December 7. George W. Bush won the final count by admittedly a slim margin, but a win none-the-less.

Under the laws of Florida, the race was close enough to ask for a (machine) recount. Governor Bush won that one, too. That's when Al Gore and the courts took over, and here we are a month later, waiting upon the next court ruling.

In 1960, when the Chicago Democrats delivered Illinois to Kennedy, making the right combination of electoral votes, they were at least underhanded about it, doing it behind the scenes so that not many people actually knew about it at the time.

(Question: What happens when you die in Chicago? Answer: You become a registered Democrat!)

Is it lost on everyone except myself that the man responsible for steering Gore's 2000 campaign is none other than Bill Daley, son of the Bill Daley of the 1960s escapade. He has been much on TV since the court cases have begun.

Would you be proud of your president for hiring a man of Daley's reputation as your campaign manager? How about Gore's choice of attorneys, David Boies, noted mafia lawyer?

Al Gore and his legal team filed suits all across Florida, for everything they felt might overturn Bush's victory margin in the state. On Wednesday, there were three (at least) court cases going, with that many more waiting in the wings.

Do we want a president who wins at any cost, but mainly by suing and stalling, even when his own supporters are falling by the wayside?

And how many people has Gore fooled by his continued assertion that "Every Vote Counts?" It's pretty evident to most people that the only votes that Gore wants to count (particularly in the Florida counties he chose for the manual recounts) were the heavily Democratic counties.

How is it that he could "cherry pick" just certain counties for the manual counts? How could a state supreme court rule that this request had to be honored, and then change the date for vote certification, adding ten days to what the legal deadline was?

Fortunately, some of the courts this week finally started handing down logical-sounding rulings. Maybe--just maybe--the man who has won the race legally will prevail.

We were encouraged that Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders Sauls handed down a well-reasoned, logical vote which favored the Bush team in Gore's suit for yet another re-count.

As political cartoonist Dick Wright pointed out, here is Al Gore's motto: (Read between the lines!)



EVERY

dimpled, spindled or imagined Gore

VOTE

Should be counted, at all costs, but all military ballots

SHOULD

be challenged, suppressed, disqualified, and definitely not

COUNT

Bovina Elem Lunch Menu Dec. 4-8

Monday - chicken nuggets, hamburger, cream potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, french fries, hamburger veggies, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

Tuesday - beef stew, pepperoni pizza, corn, cole slaw, crackers, cinnamon rolls, tossed salad, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

Wednesday - lasagna, hamburger, garlic toast, tossed salad, carrot sticks, french fries, hamburger veggies, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

Thursday - nachos, pepperoni pizza, pinto beans, tossed salad, carrot sticks, french fries, juice bar and choice of milk.

Friday - pigs in a blanket, hamburger, chili beans, carrot sticks, french fries, hamburger veggies, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.



SOMEDAY when Kristena Engelhardt grows up to bigger than a basketball she will no doubt be a basketball star. Kristena is the two-year-old daughter of Bovina coaches Rick and Tena Engelhardt.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of December 10-16, 2000.

Dec 10 Sabina Schilling
Dec 11 Ken Guest, Keith Guest, Marilyn Rains, B. J. Charles

Dec 12 Martha Buchanan, Lola Parson, Lavern Black
Dec 14 Barbara Hall, Laura Gilbreath, Dorothy Sorley

Dec 15 Marion Carson, Linda Marshall
Dec 16 Rosalie Lopez

To make corrections, for changes, or to add names to our birthday list, call 251-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.

IN FARWELL

Extension Service To Host Annual Program

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Parmer County will be hosting its Annual Program Event on December 13 at the Farwell Community Center. The program will be held from 6-7 p.m. All citizens, youth and adults are invited to attend. A meal will be served, sponsored by Parmer County Program Council.

The evening will include highlights of the year's activities that County Extension Agents, along with clientele in Parmer County, have conducted.

Speakers will include Officer Dean Marney, community relations division, and L. Lewis, school resource officer, both from the Clovis Police Department. They will provide education on how alcohol usage affects young people and the signs that adults should look for to help our young people cope with these pressures.

In addition, gang violence prevention will be addressed. The officers will provide ideas and knowledge to help Parmer County citizens prevent gangs from destroying the quality of life in Parmer County.

The Parmer County Extension Service encourages all citizens to be a part of this very informative and education event on December 13. RSVP by December 11. For more information, contact Cody Hill at the Parmer County Extension Office, (806)481-3619.

Blackwells Have New Grandbaby

John and Jo Blackwell's daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Shiloh Brown of Amarillo are the parents of a baby girl born, Thursday, November 30 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Brea Rayna weighed 6 pounds, 3.5 ounces and measured 18.5 inches. She is the first child for the couple.

Other grandparents are Linda Brown of Amarillo and Willard Brown of Amarillo.

Great-grandparents are Johnny Blackwell of Friona; Shirley Parrack of Grand Island, Nebraska; Opal Baitly of Amarillo; and Pete and Frances Burnett of Amarillo.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago--Dec. 7, 1960

A Mexican National suffered the loss of his left foot in an accident at Western Warehouse Co. in Bovina about 1 p.m. Monday. Paurina Barron, 36, father of nine children, was rushed to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona by Claborn Ambulance following the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Richards and Nick Treinen left Friday from Amarillo for a vacation in Hawaii. They plan to return December 12.

Max Gilbreath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Gilbreath, and Mike O'Hair, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. O'Hair, completed Marine Corps basic training recently.

35 Yrs Ago--Dec. 8, 1965

One person was injured and five heads of steers were killed in an automobile-cattle collision at Oklahoma Lane Thursday night. Jimmy Allen Raulston, 15, received a broken arm in the accident which occurred at 10:45 p.m. on FM Road 1731, just north of Oklahoma Lane Farm Supply.

Two members of the Bovina Mustang Band earned berths on the all-region band Saturday in Lubbock. Mary Dane, senior, who plays clarinet, was named to the band, and Mike Grissom, sophomore tenor saxophone player, was named second alternate in the band.

30 Yrs Ago--Dec. 9, 1970

Donna Criswell is the Grand Prize Winner in the 1970 Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Mrs. Criswell won by a four point margin, having a total of 100 for the 13 weeks. Her closest competitor had 96.

Mrs. Wilbur Charles is confined to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. Mrs. Charles was admitted to the hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Connie Cragg, the former Connie Vaughn, was recently selected "Outstanding

Young Career Woman" of the year at Conway, South Carolina.

25 Yrs Ago--Dec. 10, 1975

Joyce Harbison, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harbison of Bovina, was seriously injured in a two-vehicle collision about 5 p.m. Saturday. The 1966 Dodge sedan driven by Miss Harbison, collided with a late model pick-up at the intersection of two country roads four miles north and one-mile west of Hub. The pickup was reportedly occupied by Owen Drake and his 12-year-old nephew, who was said to be driving the vehicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Lide will be honored with a reception in observance of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday.

20 Yrs Ago--Dec. 10, 1980

The Bovina Woman's Study Club presented the Bovina Clinic with a check for \$510.74 from the Christmas Card project.

Four Bovina Mustangs were placed on the All-District 3-AA football team. They were Ricky Shepherd, Ed Chisom, Gabriel Guevara and Harvey Shepherd.

As of Tuesday, December 9, 37,669 bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

Bovina area farm leaders have been in the forefront this week as a series of hearings have been conducted by the U.S. Air Force on the possible effects of locating the MX Missile in West Texas-Eastern New Mexico.

15 Yrs Ago--Dec. 11, 1985

The Fillies and Mustangs competed in the Vega basketball tournament and brought home first and third place trophies.

Byron Neal, Andy Stormes, and Cain Neal won postal trap and skeet shoot awards.

Fred and Artie O'Hair will soon be celebrating their

50th wedding anniversary at a reception in their honor at the Baptist Church.

Sharlet Johnson of Bovina and Shelly Salyer of Friona were honored at the Parmer County Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock recently for receiving the county award.

10 Yrs Ago--Dec. 8, 1990

The vegetable shed on Highway 60 in Bovina was taken down this week. The structure was burned.

Mike Read was proclaimed the overall winner of the Bovina Blade 1990 Football contest, with a total of 127 points in the annual event.

Marian Carson suffered a broken leg Sunday morning on his farm west of Bovina. He was working a horse when the horse kicked him, breaking the bone completely in two just below the knee.

5 Yrs Ago--Dec. 9, 1995

Bovina High School football boys named to the 1995 Second Team All-District include Tony Beauchamp, Pablo Martinez, Joe Villarreal, Martin Reyna and Francisco Nieto. Those listed as Honorable Mention were Bernardo Cervantes, George Villarreal, Lupe Rivera, Luke Steelman and Hector Larrea.

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Semester Exam Schedule Fall 2000

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:10-8:15 Announcements
8:15-8:45 Review
8:45-8:50 Break
8:50-10:20 Test 1st Period
10:20-10:30 Break
10:30-11:00 Review
11:00-11:05 Break
11:05-12:35 Test 3rd Period
12:35-1:05 Lunch
1:10-1:40 Review
1:40-1:45 Break
1:45-3:15 Test 5th Period
3:15 Dismiss all students

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:10-8:15 Announcements
8:15-8:45 Review
8:45-8:50 Break
8:50-10:20 Test 2nd Period
10:20-10:30 Break
10:30-11:00 Review
11:00-11:05 Break
11:05-12:35 Test 4th Period
12:35-1:05 Lunch
1:10-1:40 Review
1:40-1:45 Break
1:45-3:15 Test 6th Period
3:15 Dismiss all students

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:10-8:15 Announcements
8:15-8:45 Review
8:45-8:50 Break
8:50-10:20 Test 7th Period
10:20-10:30 Break
10:30-11:00 Review
11:00-11:05 Break
11:05-12:35 Test 8th Period
12:35-1:05 Lunch
1:05 Dismiss all students

Christmas Open House
Thursday, December 14
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Everyone is invited.
Refreshments will be served.

FARM BUREAU
INSURANCE

Parmer County Farm Bureau
301 West 11th 250-3963

Congratulations...

to the past and present football contest winners!
Thanks for playing faithfully each year-
see you next season!

Bovina Blade Champions

- 1960--Neil Smith
- 1961--Erith Hawkins
- 1962--Emmett Tabor
- 1963--Paul Jones
- 1964--Jeanne Kerby
- 1965--Allen Cumpton
- 1966--Truck Lusk
- 1967--Leroy Lance
- 1968--Bill Roberts
- 1969--Larry Wardlaw
- 1970--Donna Criswell
- 1971--Ted Graham
- 1972--Gary McCormick
- 1973--Harry J. Charles
- 1974--Emmett Tabor
- 1975--A.M. Wilson
- 1976--Greg Hromas
- 1977--Allen Cumpton
- 1978--Harry J. Charles
- 1979--David George
- 1980--Johnny Curtis
- 1981--Ken Horn
- 1982--Larry Wiseman
- 1983--Richard Shepherd
- 1984--Howard Card
- 1985--Teresa Cary
- 1986--Brad Lance
- 1987--Tilly Card
- 1988--Jerry Bentley
- 1989--Kay Roach
- 1990--Mike Read
- 1991--Virginia Steele
- 1992--A.M. Wilson
- 1993--Donnie McDonald
- 1994--Donnie McDonald
- 1995--Mike Read
- 1996--A.M. Wilson
- 1997--Jessica Stowers
- 1998--Dorothy Harris
- 1999--Jerry Roach
- 2000--Aubrey Parson

Friona Star Champions

- 1959--Martell LeVeque
- 1960--Waymon Wilkins
- 1961--Thelma Watkins
- 1962--C.H. Veazey
- 1963--Kenneth Watkins
- 1964--Waymon Wilkins
- 1965--Edward White
- 1966--Danny Murphree
- 1967--John Wilson
- 1968--Winston Wilson
- 1969--Norma Mohr (Skip Sirnic)
- 1970--Frank Truitt
- 1971--Laverne Mabry
- 1972--Anndrea Wilkins
- 1973--Hank Outland, Jr.
- 1974--Roy Smith
- 1975--Bobby Drake
- 1976--Clay Bandy
- 1977--R.L. Blakely-Jerry Hinkle
- 1978--Marlene Drake
- 1979--Jerry Hinkle
- 1980--Ron Harkey
- 1981--Mark Neill
- 1982--Jack Clark
- 1983--Bobby Davis
- 1984--Tommy Moss
- 1985--Jack Clark
- 1986--Vicky Moss
- 1987--Mark Neill
- 1988--Dianne Morgan
- 1989--Koby Rogers
- 1990--Mai Manchee
- 1991--Jackie Morgan
- 1992--Roddy Berend
- 1993--Don Max Vars
- 1994--Jerry Bentley
- 1995--John Seright
- 1996--Mark Neill
- 1997--Mark Zachary
- 1998--Colby Carthel
- 1999--Mal Manchee
- 2000--Raul Brailliff



CHRISTIAN DRAGER

Christian Drager Writes Story About His Life

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

By CHRISTIAN DRAGER

I was born on July 15, 1910 at Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas. I was the seventh of thirteen children of John Henry and Anna Jacob Drager.

I went to school at Immanuel Lutheran Parochial School at Copperas Cove.

The land in Coryell County was too rocky to farm. Fort Hood annexed their land and they had heard that the land in Parmer County was much better for farming. So in 1925, we moved to Parmer County. I farmed, ranched

and dug water wells with my dad and brothers.

In 1941, I was drafted into the Army. I served with the 804th tank destroyer unit. I was stationed in Ireland, England, North Africa and Italy.

On June 8, 1947, I married Ruth Durrenburger at Warda, Texas. We have two kids, Raymond, who lives north of Dallas and Curtis, who farms out at Rhea.

My hobbies were playing the fiddle, guitar, dominoes and entertaining family and friends. I have been active in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Immanuel Lutheran Church at Rhea and St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat, Curry Co. Fiddler's Association and Friona Senior Citizens Center.

I worked and lived on the farm until 1998, when I was no longer able to work.



Out Here

By RON CARR

"How Much Is A Million BTUs"

Whoa Nellie!
How 'bout those Energas bills we got last week?

They've been warning us though. You probably didn't notice the article on page 5B of Sunday's *Amarillo News-Globe*. The headline said "Natural gas prices hit record, still climbing."

The first paragraph: "Low storage levels and the onslaught of cold weather have pushed natural gas prices to all-time highs, with winter still ahead for consumers."

It said natural gas closed last Friday at \$6.673 per million British Thermal Units (BTUs) on the New York Mercantile Exchange futures market. They said that the \$6.673 was the highest price that natural gas has ever been and a year ago it was just about \$2. That doesn't sound like a bad deal. You could get a million BTUs for a little less than \$7.

I must use a lot of BTUs at my place. First off, I admit I ain't a good cold person. I like the place to be warm. Not overheated, but warm. I don't do cold.

I have both central heat and a wall unit. When the apartments were built 30-odd years ago they only had wall heaters and swamp coolers. The central heat and air was added about five years ago to most units.

Most of the time I use the central heat. But I like to kick on the wall unit every now and then and back up to it like we did at home when I

was a kid. If my gas bill this month is any indication, I may not be doing much "backing up" this winter.

According to the statement, I paid six different rates for those CCFs (one hundred cubic feet) I used from October 23 to November 11. The reason, they said, is the conversion from old rates to new rates in effect October 25.

They explained it this way: "Simply put these have been prorated causing you to have X days at the old rate and X days at the new rate."

I guess next time my bill will be for X days at the same rate? Have to wait and see. They also add on what they call a "Customer Charge" which is explained as the portion of your gas service charge that is a fixed amount each month and is not affected by how much gas you use.

What's that? \$7.34 up front before they start adding up the BTUs and CCFs? Six different CCF rates? My gas meter must be a pretty sophisticated apparatus to track my CCFs that close.

Now don't you all go getting bent out of shape with Darrell Barlow. He is our local Energas guy that goes around Parmer and Castro County turning gas on and off no matter what the weather.

Sometimes he gets called out on a weekend to turn off a gas meter that some drunk has run over on the way

home and is spewing fumes all over the neighborhood.

Darrell is a volunteer fireman, a Lions Club member and a good guy in the community. Darrell doesn't set the rates or have anything to do with the result of my gas bill. So don't blame Darrell.

We can't even blame OPEC or Saddam Hussein for high natural gas prices. Far as I know, they sell oil, not gas. I don't know who to blame yet but as soon as I find out, I'll let you know.

What I do know is that the Texas Railroad Commission says gas in storage in Texas is 31% lower than one year ago. They say we are burning all the current production as fast as they can produce it.

When production does not keep up with demand, they dip into storage. If we are burning all they can produce every day, they can't make any extra to replenish the storage.

I'm hoping I get some wool socks, a really thick robe and a stocking cap for Christmas so I can set the thermostat at 68 and save gas and money. On second thought, Naaaahhhh!

Like my old granddaddy used to say, "I don't care if gravy goes to a dollar a sop, we're still gonna have gravy." If gas goes to \$10 for a million BTUs, I'm gonna burn at least a couple of million.

Winter doesn't last forever here in the Pothandle. I'll

buy smaller boxes of Banquet meals and start using fake Mayonnaise. I'll go for Quaker Instant Oatmeal to that bright yellow ShurSavings brand.

I can cut some corners. Albacore tuna and potato bread don't taste good when you are shivering in the kitchen with a sock cap on. I like to hear that whine when the central heat kicks on while I'm watching the latest political drama from my recliner.

The nice folks at Energas included a note in my bill. It said they started a new, larger size format, with a larger type that is easier to read. That's appropriate. Larger type, larger bill, easier to see how much you owe.

The larger type is in case you are trying to open your bill each month with a pair of gloves on and your sock cap pulled down over your eyes and your glasses fog over because you are freezing your tushy off to keep from going broke.

Then, as you insert your payment in the return envelope and wonder if you can make it to the bank with enough money to cover the check, right there on the return part of the statement they put the smile back on your frosty lips with these warm words:

"Thank you for choosing Energas." (Relax Darrell. It's all in fun. My thermostat is running full blast.)

Immunization Clinics Set

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The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however, no one will be turned away if not able to pay.

Additionally, flu shots will also be available at the noted clinics. Those considered to be in a high-risk category should seek to be immunized as soon as possible. This would include anyone over the age of 65 and anyone with a chronic medical condition.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 607 Main Street, Friona, Friday, December 15 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, December 11 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

Quilt Show, Bazaar Set In Muleshoe

The Moonlight Extension Club and Texas Agricultural Extension Office is sponsoring their annual Muleshoe Arts and Crafts Bazaar and Quilt Show, Saturday, December 9 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The bazaar will be held at the Bailey County Civic Center, 2200 West American Boulevard in Muleshoe. Admission to the show and special presentations is free.

In addition to the variety of arts and crafts booths, there will be some special program presentations this year:

Saturday, December 9
11 p.m.--Stress Free Holidays, presented by Marilyn Neal of Castro County Extension Service; 2 p.m.--Master Mixers, presented by Gail Gladden of Bailey County Extension Service.

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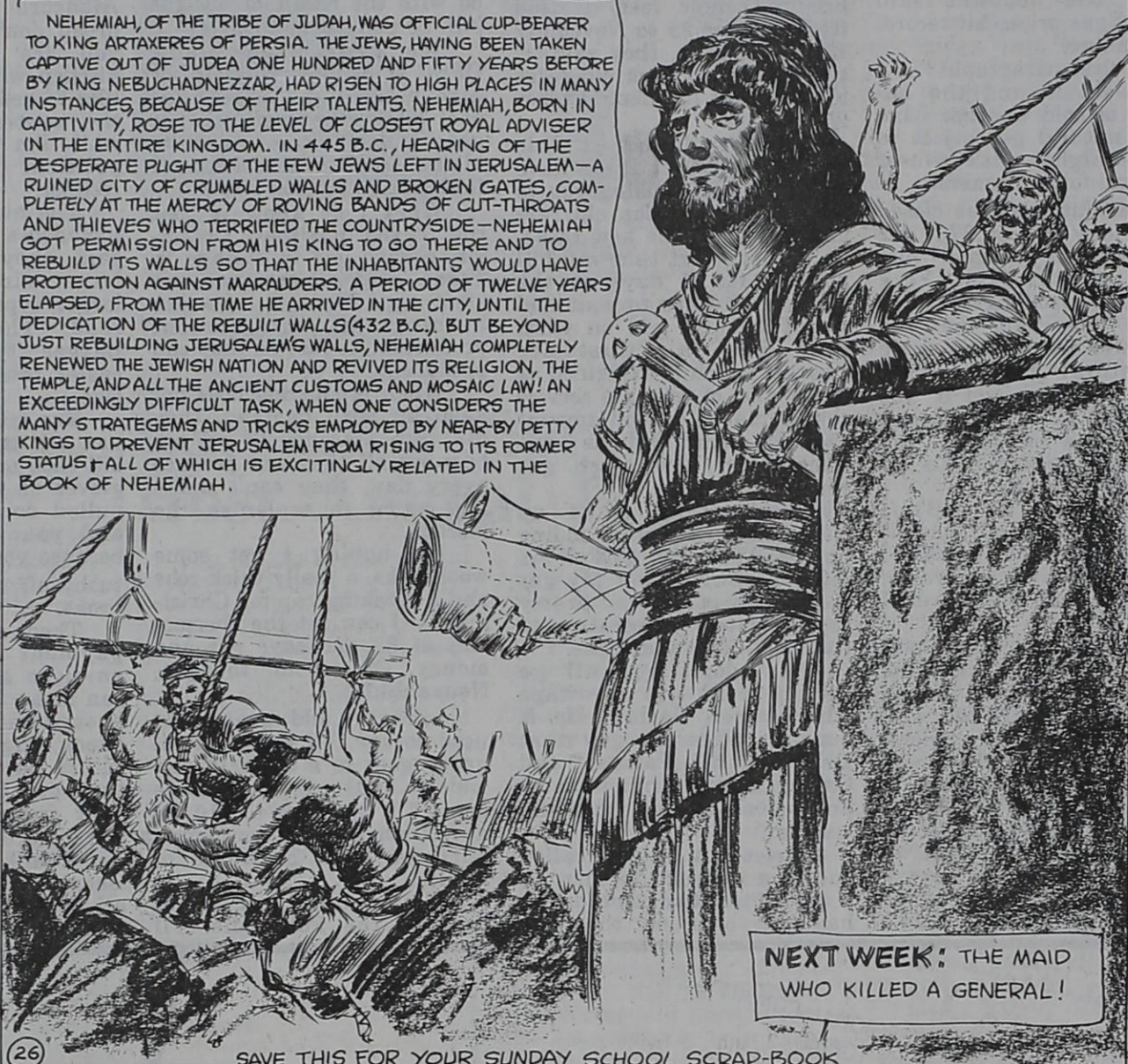
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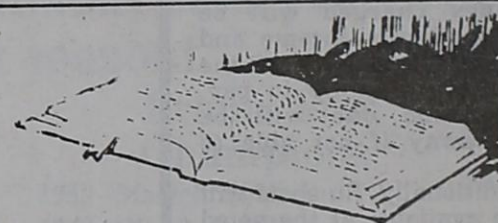
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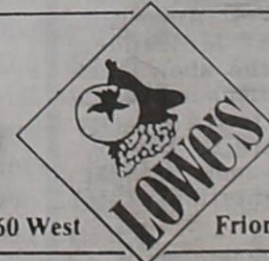
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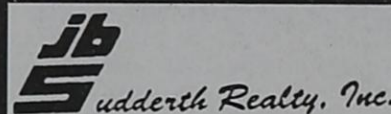
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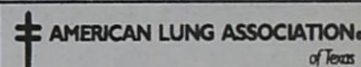
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BY BECKY

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When you have news items.

Bennie Shelby reported that his wife, Beulah, has been in the Muleshoe hospital with heart problems since last week. By-pass surgery is planned for the near future. The couple's children are Doc of Greenville, Elbert of Friona, Gerald of Merkle, Roy of Friona, Linda of Abilene and Connie of Friona.

Frances Willard enjoyed having all of her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids home for Thanksgiving. She reported that everyone was in and out from Tuesday through Saturday of that week.

Guests included, daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Alton McCormick of Amarillo and their children and their families, Chris McCormick and son, Collin and Amy and Jeremy Sellmyer and children, Colton and Mackenzie.

Also, son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Tammy Willard of Clovis and their children, Amber and Josh of Lubbock and Jeremy of Columbus, Texas. Amber is a senior this year at Texas Tech. Her boyfriend, Ryan Strebeck also joined the family. Josh is a sophomore this year at Tech and Jeremy is a sophomore at Texas Bible Institute.

Also in the Willard home were Frances' son and

daughter-in-law of Carrollton, Carl and Beverly Willard and children, Taylor, Zachary, Bryce and Mitchell.

Bob Wilson's sister, Wanda Rogers of Amarillo, has been staying with Bob and Alethea in Bovina for awhile. Her husband, Roscoe, passed away October 19. She has enjoyed spending time with the family and getting away.

Maggie Terry, 89, celebrated her birthday last Thursday, November 30. Her daughter, Ludene Davis, who lives with her, said Maggie received 45 cards, 21 phone calls, three bouquets of flowers and enjoyed twenty-three guests in her home. She is still receiving cards and calls from friends and family.

Guests included her niece, Darlene McManigal of Farwell, who did her memory book for the celebration; son, Melvin and Lois Terry of Lubbock; Bernice Mayfield of Grady, New Mexico; Joye Myers of Clovis; Avis and Laverne Carpenter, Lois Billingsley and Sterling and Dorothy Donaldson, all of Oklahoma Lane.

Also, Joe and Beulah McWilliams, Mike and Darlene McManigal and Dorris White, all of Farwell.

Bovina guests included

Suezy Smith, Ken Estes, Carolyn Rains, Rose McCain, Virginia Steele, Amy, Arnold and Brad Hromas and Galen Hromas.

"Aunt Maggie" as she is known by so many Bovinans, moved to Bovina in 1975 with her late husband, J.J. She was the nursery sitter at First Baptist Church of Bovina for eighteen years, retiring in 1993. She also kept children in her home until 1996. If she did not keep you at some time, she kept your neighbor or other family member at some time or another.

Maggie enjoyed having her great-grandson and family here November 22 for the day. Greg and Michelle Collins of Clarendon brought their two daughters, Abi, 2, and Maci, 9 months for a visit. Greg's dad and mother, Terry and Barbara Anne Collins of Hedley and their children, Josh and "Little" Maggie were also in town visiting and stayed for Thanksgiving.

A five generation picture was taken and we hope to have it in a future issue. In the photo were Maggie, Ludene, Terry, Greg, Abi and Maci.

On Thanksgiving Maggie and Ludene enjoyed having Ludene's son and grandson, James and Justin Williams of Amarillo.

Friday Ernestine Lovell of Ft. Worth and Amy Hromas came for a visit and Sunday Maggie's granddaughter and great-grandson, Allison Kirkpatrick and Andy of Amarillo were also here for a visit.

Les and Rose McCain's sons, Butch and Ben have been in Bovina this week. They had business in Oklahoma and had time to stop for a couple of days on their way to and back. Rose said she and Les were just enjoying spending time with them.

If you turn your radio to 100.5 FM KNNK, you might get lucky and hear Les and his version of "I am the Nation". The radio announcer said Wednesday morning, "We are going to play this everyday until we get a president." I hope they do.

John and Jo Blackwell have a new granddaughter, Brea, who was born last Thursday in Amarillo to their daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Shiloh Brown.

The Blackwells' other daughter, Melanie Montoya and her son, Brennon, 5, of Phoenix, Arizona arrived in Texas last Wednesday and they are staying with the Blackwells. Marcia and Brea have been with her parents since Saturday visiting family.

Caprock Industries honored Nancy Norwood with a retirement reception Saturday at Friona State Bank Community Room. She had been an employee with

the Bovina business for 15 years.

Eighty guests including her husband Jimmy, their son and his family, Jimmy and Debbie & Krystal Norwood of Clovis, and mother, Madge Crow of Friona; sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Gerald Barnett,

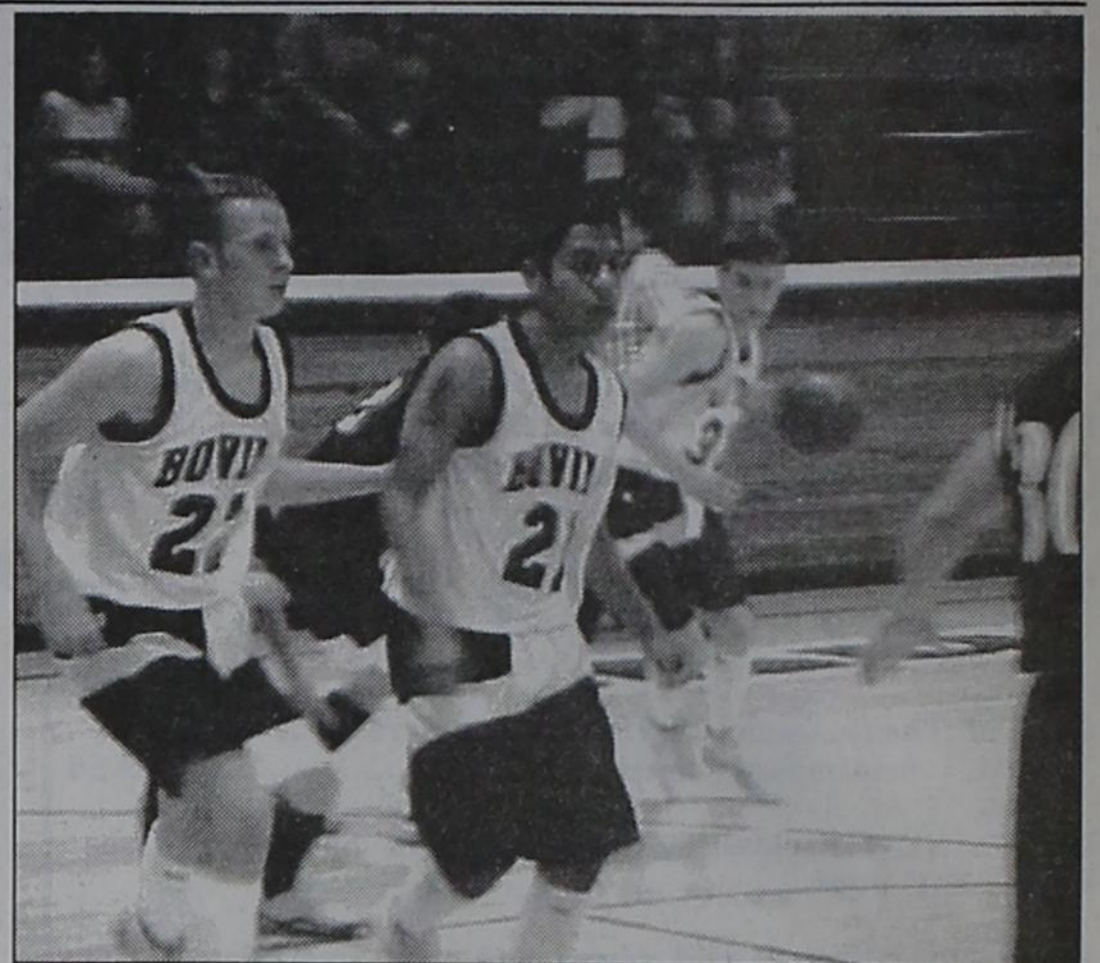
The Norwoods' other three kids, Becky Sharp of Maywood, Missouri; Doug in Plainview and Jeremiah of Colorado Springs, Colorado, were unable to attend.

Sixteen employees from the Amarillo Caprock office attended and former coworkers from Friona Industries also attended.

Guests included, Tiny and Glen Graves of Lockney; Billy Jo and Tommy Mercer, Jerry and Lucy Beth Hinkle, Ruth Tucker, Bill Stovell, Darren Newton, Jessie Borunda, Scott and Katy Nelson, Lilah Gaye Gee, Betty and Floyd Reeve, Dee and Wyona Clark, Felipe and Chaycie Dominguez, Josh Norwood and Jason Wells, all of Friona.

Also, Peggy and Wayne Hargrove, Bea and Pecos Prather and Bobby Head, all of Bovina; Bill and Louise Brigham and Scott and Patty Johnson and their three daughters, all of Farwell; Bill and Becky Packham, Becky Pierce, and J.D., Johnny and Sharon Bivins, all of Clovis.

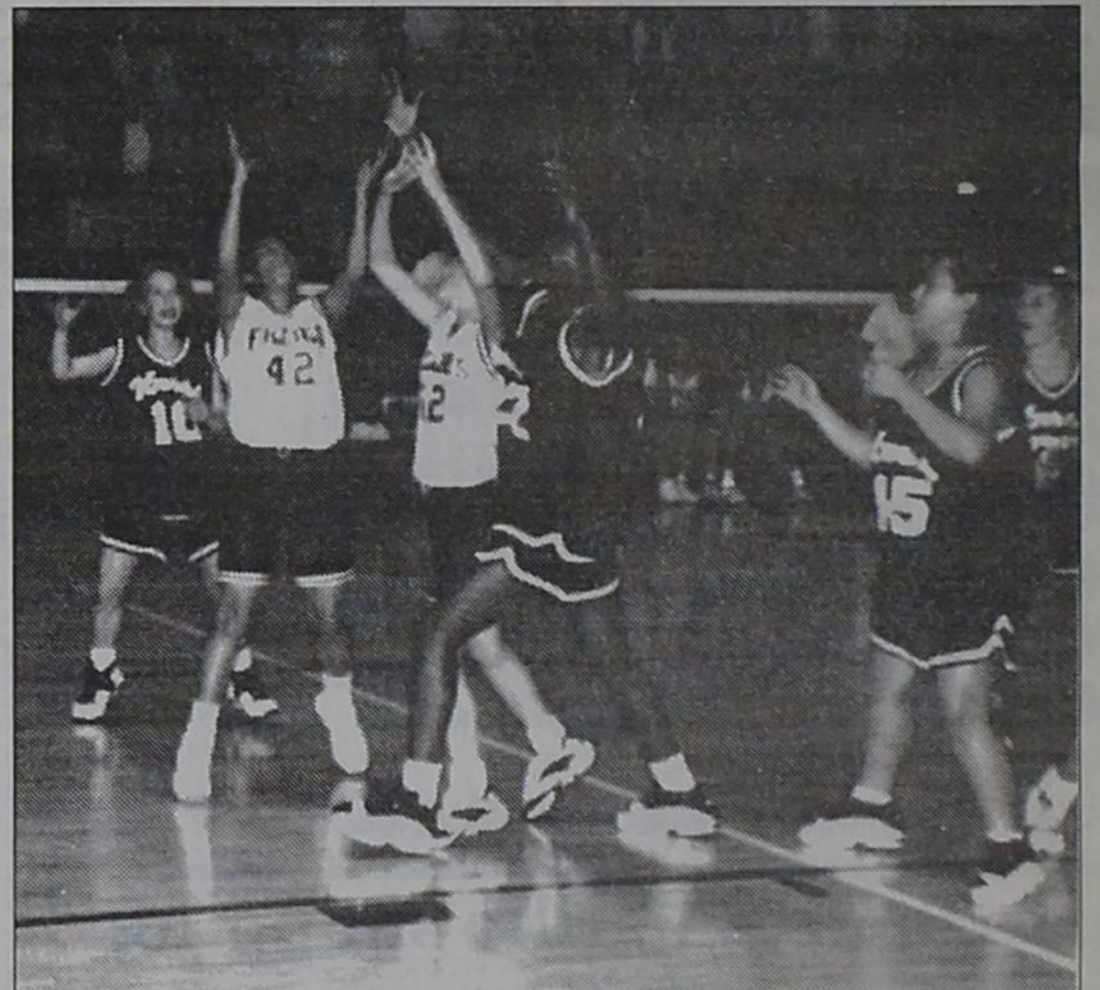
Nancy plans to stay home and rest for a while and then do some traveling with Jimmy, who is a retired truck driver and construction worker.



THE MUSTANGS are rolling along with an 8-2 record after victories in the Anton tournament and a win at Adrian this week. Above, Jason Stone (22) and David Garcia (21) get in position. Cameron Charles is in the background with the ball.



THE LITTLE KANGAROOS came to Bovina to take on the 7th grade Colts. Above, Zane Anderson demonstrates a good aggressive drive to the basket around several Kress players.



GET THE BALL, GET THE BALL....These Bovina 7th graders play tip the ball with a group of Kress players in a recent middle school game. Shown for Bovina are Gloria Rocha (14) and Jessica Amparan (22).

Soybean Expo Set For Dumas

The Texas Soybean Association will hold its 34th Annual Meeting and Soybean Expo at the Moore County Community Center, 16th & Maddox, in Dumas on Friday, December 15. All soybean producers are invited to attend this free event.

Agribusiness sponsors will showcase the latest in crop protection, equipment and seed. Speakers include Dr. Travis Miller, Extension specialist, College Station, and Dr. Brent Bean, Extension specialist, Amarillo. Weldon Melton, chairman of the Texas Soybean Board, will also present the annual report to producers regarding expenditure of the soybean checkoff and recognize W.B. Tilson, Wesley Schumacher and Louis Pyle for many years of service to area producers. Tilson and Schumacher are from Plainview and Pyle is from Floydada.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 10 a.m. The meeting concludes with a barbecue lunch sponsored by agribusiness. For more information contact the Texas Soybean Association at 800-247-8691.



JESUS ROCHA The first 100 point reader in Friona Elementary this year is Jesus Rocha. He is a fourth grader in Mrs. Neal's class. Congratulations Jesus. Keep up the good work.

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Growth of "Nazi Labs" Poses Threat For Area

By SHERIFF GARY BLAIR

One of the fastest growing drug problems today in this area, as well as across the United States, is the manufacture of methamphetamine. Once predominantly the "turf" of outlaw motorcycle gangs, the manufacture and use has spread from there like wildfire. So-called "Nazi Labs," named for the similarity to methods used by German scientists in World War II, are appearing everywhere, including the Texas Panhandle.

According to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, in 1994, 263 methamphetamine labs were seized in the United States, by 1999, the number had risen to 2,155. Since October 1, 2000, four of these labs have been seized in the Texas Panhandle.

Previous methods of manufacturing methamphetamine required extensive laboratory equipment, as well as a variety of chemicals and the knowledge to use them. The common method of today now utilizes small household items, which makes the operations portable.

The "recipe" is either passed through word of mouth, or quite frequently, through the Internet. Portions of the manufacturing process are extremely dangerous, with the potential for fires, explosions or the inhalation of poisonous vapors.

A common agricultural chemical, anhydrous ammonia, is used in the manufacturing process. We all know how common anhydrous is in this area, and how dangerous it can be. When these "cooks" steal anhydrous, they commonly store it in propane bottles. The brass fittings on these tanks rapidly corrode; a time-bomb waiting to go off. Herein lies the difficulty for area law enforcement agencies. As you can see, by being a portable operation, it is extremely difficult to track these labs down.

This is where local citizens can help. If you notice a theft of anhydrous, please report it. If you smell anhydrous ammonia coming from a place that it shouldn't be, call your local law enforcement agency at once. In addition to the anhydrous ammonia, the over-the-counter cold medicines pseudoephedrine or ephedrine are also used in the process. Alert store employees can notify us when unusually large quantities are purchased.

Let's all work together to put these "Nazi Labs," and the dangers they pose, out of our communities and out of business! If you have any information, please call your local Police Department or the Parmer County Sheriff's Office at (806)481-3303. You can also be eligible for a cash reward by calling the Parmer County CrimeStoppers at (806)481-9178 or 1-800-774-TIPS.



VECA WHITE Veca White Joins P. C. Farm Bureau

Veca White of Friona has joined Parmer County Farm Bureau as an agent. Mrs. White attended insurance certification schools in Dallas and Amarillo and is now licensed for all insurance and annuity counseling.

Friends and customers are invited to stop by the Farm Bureau office on Highway 60 in Friona, or call Mrs. White to discuss insurance needs.

Also, you can visit with Mrs. White and the Farm Bureau staff during their Christmas open house on Thursday, December 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sales Tax For Nov. Received

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$281.5 in local sales tax revenue to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties. Year-to-date, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 9.8% compared to 1999.

November sales tax payments represent sales taxes collected in September by monthly filers and in July, August and September by quarterly filers. The sales taxes were reported to the Comptroller in October.

Parmer County received \$30,503 this period compared to \$22,649 same period last year. This is an increase of 34.67%.

The breakdown of the November payment and the percentage of increases were: Bovina, \$3,121 (10.57%); Farwell, \$5,486 (86.75%); and Friona, \$21,894 (29.64%).

Year-to-date payments to Parmer County have totaled \$306,687 so far in 2000, compared to \$275,237 in 1999, an increase of 11.42%.

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