

Bull Town Bulletin



By
Bill Ellis

THANKS TO Winifred and Andy Hurst for suggesting our recent trip to Branson, MO. They were especially enthusiastic about it, so we decided to give it a try.

Nashville, Tennessee, has always been the mecca for Country Music. As the birthplace of the Grand Ole Opry, and Opryland, Nashville has for generations been the home of country music stars.

But Branson, Missouri, an unlikely location--not even on an interstate highway--has slowly but surely become the place folks visit when they want to see their favorite star in person.

When Carol and I took the Trailways bus tour recently to Branson, we liked the fact that the shows are all "family oriented." None of the shows ever came close to having an off-color story. As a matter of fact, most of the shows' main stars have incorporated their children, or other members of their families in their show.

For instance, The Lennon Sisters are the headliners for the Lawrence Welk show, and they are just as good today as they were back in the 1950s when they first joined Welk's television show, being just out of their teens.

The Lennons are augmented by their daughters, called the Lennon Daughters. The Lennon Sisters have managed to age gracefully. When they did a number with their girls (four Lennon sisters plus four daughters), it was hard to tell the moms from the daughters.

Mel Tillis put on an outstanding show. The youngest performer we saw in Branson was Tillis' three-year-old grandson, who stole the show from grandpa. He nonchalantly strolled onto the stage with his own microphone, and sang harmony with Grandpa Mel to the 1950s favorite "This Old House."

Bobby Vinton's "80-ish" mother not only came onstage to join her son in a couple of musical numbers, but was out front during intermission selling her "jams and jellies." As you might suspect,

Carol hardly ever passed a souvenir booth or gift shop without giving it some support.

Japanese export Shoji Tabuchi is a top draw in Branson, and he definitely puts on an outstanding show. Tabuchi's wife Dorothy has been a part of the stage presentation but now is strictly his business manager. Her 15 year old daughter Christina performs as often as possible, but never on a school night. Luckily for our group, we saw the Friday night performance, and were able to enjoy Christina's numbers. It was pointed out that she is also a straight-A student.

Jim Stafford has a show with lots of variety, including laser lights, remote controlled hot-air balloons, and snow falling on the audience. He made us all weak from laughter and thoroughly entertained the crowd with his wit and expertise on the guitar.

Andy Williams still belts out love songs that steal the hearts of the ladies in the crowd. The closing number of Anita Bryant's show dealt with scores of American servicemen who had given her their medals to pin on her special flak-jacket which she had acquired during her days with the Bob Hope Air Base Tours.

There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd as Anita told about the donors of these medals. She also came onto our tour bus, and Ye Editor had his picture made hugging a star. Anita's husband Bill met our bus when it arrived, and cracked jokes for several minutes.

All of the shows have representatives come out to greet you before you get off the bus, and then someone to come out and thank you for coming.

Some of the other headliners at Branson include Kenny Rogers, Wayne Newton, The Osmond Brothers, Tony Orlando, and more.

We thoroughly enjoyed Branson, and Carol is already figuring out when we can go back.

Sudderths Sweep Top 2 Prizes in Football Contest

Again this week, the high school and college games seemed to be a breeze for most contestants, but how do you figure those pro games?

Several players had a perfect set of picks until Sunday rolled around. Everybody picked Indianapolis over Buffalo, but Indy lost. New England edged the Jets, then losses by Green Bay, Chicago, and the New York Giants left many entries back in the pack.

Emerging as the clear winner of the \$10 top prize was Del Ray Sudderth. He was the only one to pick 13 out of 14 correct games. The only game he missed was Chicago's overtime loss to Pittsburgh.

In second place, as the only contestant to pick 12 out of 14 was Del Ray's brother, Scott Sudderth. He picks up the \$7.50 second prize. His only misses were the losses by Green Bay and the Giants.

Overall point leader Mike Read managed to garner third place money of \$5. He was one of six contestants to pick 11 out of 14 winners.

The tie-breaker game score was Houston over Cleveland by 37-10. Read's pick was Houston 20, Cleveland 21, which was 28 points off but close enough to win third.

Other players with eleven correct picks, and their tie-breaker points off were: Ella Jo Stormes (34), Tyson Kerby (34), Virginia Steele (36), Galen Hromas (no tie-breaker scores), and Linda Sudderth (47).

Twelve other contestants had ten correct picks. With four more contests to go, the leaderboard for overall point winner still shows Mike Read in first place with 94 points. Through nine contests, he has averaged a little over ten correct weekly picks.

Susan Kerby and J.T. Roach maintained second place overall with 91 points. Virginia Steele moved to third with 89 points, followed by Eufemia Torres at 88.

Overall point standings and this week's entry are elsewhere in the Blade. Entries must be at the Blade office, or postmarked, by 5 p.m. each Friday.

Good luck and good pickin'!

Parmer County Sheriff's Posse Holds 1st Meeting

You do not need a horse to join the Parmer County Sheriff's Posse. You need only to be over 21 and subject to approval by filling out an application.

Sheriff Rex Williams hosted the organizational meeting on Monday, November 6, at the Brandin' Iron Cafe in Friona.

The Sheriff's Posse is a volunteer organization to assist the Sheriff's department and other Parmer County law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Williams used the June

Bovina's EMS Cooks At Bazaar

The annual Parmer County Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, at the Community Center in Friona.

Bovina Emergency Medical Services (EMS) volunteers will be operating the concession stand during the two-day event. Proceeds will be used for the continued operation of the Bovina Volunteer EMS.

EMS officials say that the concession will be more than just hot dogs and hamburgers. They also plan to offer baked potatoes, stew, nachos, and chili, all home made by the volunteers.

If you will be attending the show, plan to eat at the Community Center and support the important efforts of Bovina's EMS.

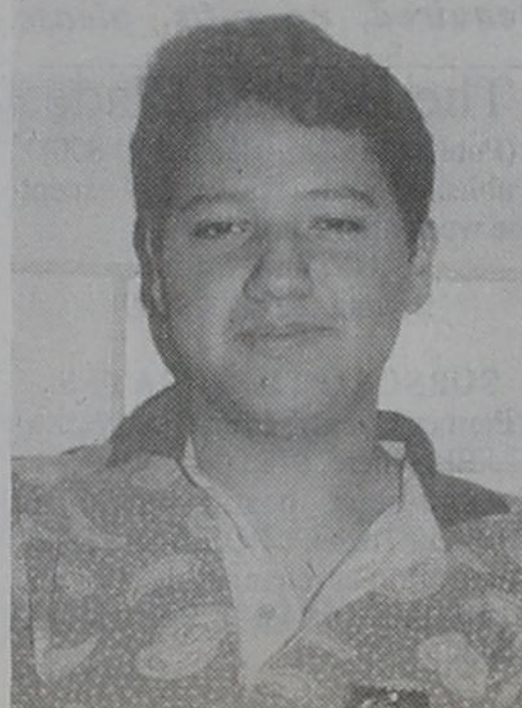
Bazaar hours are: Friday November 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday November 11, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Both days are open to the public.



SHERIFF'S POSSE FORMS....Sheriff Rex Williams, right, congratulates Daryl Hawkins, who was elected President of the Parmer County Sheriff's Posse group at a recent organizational meeting.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CC TEAM....The middle school boys cross country team won first place as a team at the district meet in Littlefield. Back, l-r, Sergio Nieto, Tim Peabody, Cameron Charles, Front, l-r, Levi Steelman, Josh Quintana, Tyson Kerby, Chris Shufelberger.



LUIS ESTRADA

L. Estrada Is Student of the Week

Luis Estrada is honored as this week's student-of-the-week at Bovina High School.

He is a sophomore and is on the Junior Varsity football team.

His parents are Miguel Estrada and his mother is Gabriela Espino, both of Mexico. Luis is living with his sister in Bovina.

He was nominated by Coach Bruce Beets who said, "Luis has done a great job of learning the English language and has done a great job in my class".

Stew Supper Scheduled

The "Living Christmas Tree" is becoming more of a reality as the choir members continue Sunday rehearsals and the tree takes shape at Poarch Brothers.

Collars are being made, decorations are being ordered, lighting equipment is being reserved and funds are quickly disappearing.

"Please come eat stew with us November 10, before the Friona-Floydada football game, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria," said a spokesperson for the event.

Minimum donations of \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child will be taken at the door.

Boosters Raffle Yard Xmas Sign

Kay and Jerry Roach donated a Christmas yard decoration to the Mustangs Booster Club.

The colorful, cut-out sign, is complete with Santas and Christmas trees, brightly painted in reds, whites, and greens.

The Booster Club will raffle off the decoration as a fund-raiser for the club. Tickets are \$1.00 each and may be purchased from any Booster Club member, or you can call Susan Kerby, 238-9919, or Ella Jo Stormes, 238-1222, and they will assist you in buying tickets.

The raffle drawing will be held at the basketball game on Tuesday, November 21.

New State Law Provides "The Community Link"

The state law enacted in Senate

Bill 1, passed by the Texas Legislature in May, has required many changes in Texas schools. One requirement is that each school district must now provide an alternative education program for students who were previously suspended from school for disciplinary reasons. Bovina, Friona and Lazbuddie schools have formed a new county alternative school in Friona to offer educational services for these students. The alternative classroom, located on the junior high campus in Friona, is a brick/metal facility that is air-conditioned, carpeted and furnished with twelve student desks, four study carrels and two computer

stations.

The alternative campus serves secondary students, grades 6-12, who have been referred as a direct result of disciplinary actions. The students participate in a structured environment which enables them to concentrate on academic content and social skills necessary to function in the regular school setting.

The faculty includes one secondary certified professional and one paraprofessional who provide individual assistance to the students. After the initial placement, each student completes a behavioral management curriculum. Assignments are coordinated with the regular classroom teachers. Two computer stations offer additional instruction.

The alternative classroom usually is a short-term positive experience which allows students assigned there to continue their educational experience. It also allows students and teachers in the regular school setting to continue teaching and learning in a safe environment.

H. Bartlett Picks The Freeze Date

Previous winner Houston Bartlett was the Bovina Blade Freeze Contest winner for 1995.

With the first official freeze happening on November 2, Bartlett guessed the exact date as his prediction.

Bartlett wins the \$10 prize offered by the Bovina Blade each year. He has won the contest four different times over the years.



RAFFLE DECORATION.....Jerry and Kay Roach have donated this Christmas yard decoration to the Booster Club, to be given away in a raffle on Tuesday, November 21.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 YRS AGO-NOV 2 1960

Marilyn Brandon was selected drum major for Bovina High School Band Monday afternoon.

Mrs. C.L. Calaway was hospitalized at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Monday afternoon. She suffered a stroke while convalescing at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico last week.

Mrs. Gene Ezell underwent minor surgery Friday morning at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She is reported to be doing well and expected to return home this week.

30 YRS AGO-NOV 3 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hise leave for Galveston today to attend the Rural Telephone Association state convention.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cervantez of Bovina will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 6. Mass will be offered at 9 a.m. in St. Ann's Catholic Church with a reception following in the Parish Hall.

25 YRS AGO-NOV 4 1970

Another successful Bovina High School homecoming was conducted last weekend under the sponsorship of the student council.

Miss Brenda Newbrough was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime ceremonies Friday night of the Bovina-Sudan football game.

Army Warrant Officer Harrol D. Redwine of Bovina, recently received the Air Medal near Ving Long, Vietnam. He earned the award for meritorious service while practicing in aerial flight in support of ground operations in Viet Nam.

20 YRS AGO-NOV 5 1975

Approximately 375 people attended the 15th annual turkey dinner in Parish Hall of St. Ann's Catholic Church here. The dinner is sponsored by St. Ann's Altar Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Heard showed their three-year-old gelding, "Hy Copper", to a grand championship in the gelding division this past weekend at the New Mexico American Paint Horse Association's four-judge show in

Albuquerque.

15 YRS AGO-NOV 5 1980

Susie Pruitt was named as the winner of the 1980 freeze contest when she guessed October 25. The freeze was October 24.

Paul Eugene Topliff, athletic director and head football coach at Bovina, was named a 1980 "Coach of the Year" at Westmar College homecoming activities last week.

Jim Zehner and Jim Guest built a motorized hang glider from a kit containing parts and instructions of one paragraph. It took the men one week to construct the hang glider, with a wing span of 32 feet.

10 YRS AGO-OCT 30 1985

A new sign west of Bovina was erected and plans are to put a duplication sign on the other side of town welcoming people to Bovina.

Funeral services for French Crook, Sr., were held this week.

The First State Bank will sponsor their annual Halloween "Spook Party" this week.

Seven students were inducted into the National Honor Society and they were: Blake Scaff, Irma Garcia, Mindy Neal, Robbie Stowers, Jonathan Gauntt, Juana Guevara and Anna Villarreal.

Byron Neal and Andy Stormes, members of the Bovina 4-H, were named to the All-State Trap and Skeet teams in the 1985 Texas 4-H Trap and Skeet Postal League.

5 YRS AGO-NOV 3 1990

Houston Bartlett was the freeze contest winner. He was the only one to predict the correct date, October 21. He also won the contest about ten years ago.

The Bovina Mustangs, after suffering through a winless stretch in non-district, ar suddenly right in the running for a playoff spot, following their thrilling 14-13 win at Vega last Friday.

Opal Bowen enjoyed a good time with her niece and her husband, Kay and Glen Kelley, who came from Roswell, New Mexico.

Two weeks ago, Opal flew to Washington, D.C. and had a good time with her niece, Glenna and her family. She said the foliage was so pretty.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...Elton and Marie Venable of Bovina will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a party to be held on Sunday, November 19 from 2-4 p.m. at the First Bank-Bovina Community Room. The party will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Radford Venable. All family members and friends are invited. Your presence is all that is required, no gifts, please.

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Bovina Blade Football Contest Standings

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 94--Mike Read. | 78--Joshua McDonald. |
| 91--Susan Kerby, J.T.Roach. | 77--Josh Kerby. |
| 89--Virginia Steele. | 76--Doug Johnson, Jerry |
| 88--Eufemia Torres. | Roach, Glenden Sudderth. |
| 87--Denise Anderson. | 75--Mike Raymond, Dean |
| 85--Cameron Charles, Dee | Stanberry, Linda Sudderth. |
| King, Cory Mehroff, Kay Roach. | 74--Mona Contreras, Don |
| 84--Jay Grisham. | Spring, Christen Stowers, Janie |
| 83--Jason Kerby, Ella Jo | Sudderth, Robert Tapia. |
| Stormes, Scott Sudderth. | 73--Jo Blackwell. |
| 82--Richard Grisham, Darla | 72--Jeanne Kerby. |
| Mehroff, Stacy Roach, Francisco | 70--E. Martinez, Blake |
| Torres. | Sudderth. |
| 81--Tyson Kerby, Dorothy | 68--Rick Anderson, Matt |
| Stowers. | Hromas, Darren Hromas, Judy |
| 80--Phillip Johnson, Frances | Hromas. |
| Johnson, Al Kerby, Jr., Travis | 65--Johnny Martinez. |
| Lockmiller, Donnie McDonald, | ***** |
| Deborah Raymond, Roy Lee | Contestants with less than 65 |
| Stowers. | points are not listed. A complete |
| 79--Gilda Garner, Becky | list of all points is posted outside |
| Johnson, Del Ray Sudderth. | the Blade office. |

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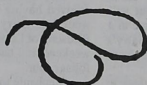
Once in a lifetime there comes a time when the words "Thank You" just don't seem to be enough. The kids and I are at that point. Thank you will NEVER be enough to express all the gratitude and love we feel toward each one of you for the food, flowers, memorials, cards, but most of all, the prayers that have been given.

We won't try to express our gratitude, you will just have to feel the love we have toward each one of you. Our community has been there every time we have needed you and we thank you for that. God Bless each one of you, keep us in your prayers and know that right now THERE ARE NO WORDS.

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Congratulations once again to Houston Bartlett, who won the Blade's freeze contest and only missed it by one day. Houston has won the freeze contest a number of times before this year. It was a little later than usual. The killing freeze was November 2nd and Houston's guess hit it right on the head.

Cotton Harvest is well underway, and the Bovina Gin reported having already received about 1,000 bales. Todd Ware brought in the first bale in Bovina.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

The Meltons have had their share of trouble in the last couple of weeks.

A week ago Thursday, Joy had chest pains and took off work from school to go to the clinic in Bovina. Her husband, Jim, was called and when he came to the clinic he became ill and suffered a heart attack.

Joy was taken by ambulance to Friona and then on to the High Plains Baptist Hospital where a catheter was placed on her heart but there was no blockage and she was released the following Saturday.

Jim was taken to the Friona Hospital and then airlifted to the High Plains Baptist Hospital where he underwent balloon surgery and on Monday he was still a patient there.

Jim and I had dinner from the

Catholic Church on Sunday and as always their turkey dinner was delicious. A spokesman for the church said about 385 people were served. There was a conflict and they had hoped to have more people but took care of the ones they had real well.

Lois Billingsley was the winner of the beautiful quilt made by the ladies of St. Ann's and Brenda Jesko was chairman.

Father Edward Kieran of St. Ann's Catholic Church had company in recent weeks. His sister and her husband flew from England and spent a couple of weeks in the U.S.

Erra Jamerson has returned recently from a trip to Ozona where she visited with son Kelly and Gwen Jamerson. One evening they attended Kelly and Gwen's son Lance's football game. Lance is a senior in high school. Erra accompanied her son Ken and Tracy Jamerson to Ozona.

Laura and Virgil Trisch have had company. Laura's son, Herman, from Lubbock came on Saturday and spent the night and left on Sunday. They enjoyed a good visit together.

The Blade has received word about the death of a former resident. He was Jim Hemke, who lived in Bovina twenty-some years ago. He

and his wife, Shirley, lived in Ashland, Nebraska and Jim died of cancer.

Jim was sixty-six years old and was survived by two daughters, Linda and Sharon. He was also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jim's mom is Hazel Hemke and she also lives in Ashland.

Hazel's husband died while she lived in Bovina and her only other son was killed in an accident a few years ago. If you would like to send a card or write Hazel a letter, her address is: 102 S. 19th St., Apt. 5; Ashland, Nebraska, 68003. When she lived here, she worked as nurse at the Bovina clinic and we all loved her so much. She is Maxine Hart's sister.

Jim and I have a new great-grandchild. She was born October 24, and named Kaitlyn Annette. Her parents are Jason and Sandi Griffin of Houston.

Jason is the grandson who spent so much time in his growing-up years with us in Bovina. He is now working in Houston but will be re-enlisting in the Air Force in a few weeks. The baby's grandmother is Janee, our daughter.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Severiano Diaz, who passed away October 30 at his home. He was 89 years old and survived by his wife, Tomasa, five sons and six daughters. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church in Bovina.

Officer Manuel, "Manny" Torres has recently moved from Bovina to Friona and is working on the Friona Police Department. He did a great job for us in Bovina and we want to wish him lots of good

luck in Friona. Thanks, Manny.

Hattie Turner is back in the hospital. She spent some time in the hospital in Friona and then was released to Prairie Acres nursing home in Friona, but friends said she has been taken back to the Friona Hospital.

Marie Venable spent three days in the Friona Hospital but has been released and is home and back at work. She went to the hospital a week ago Friday and came home Sunday.

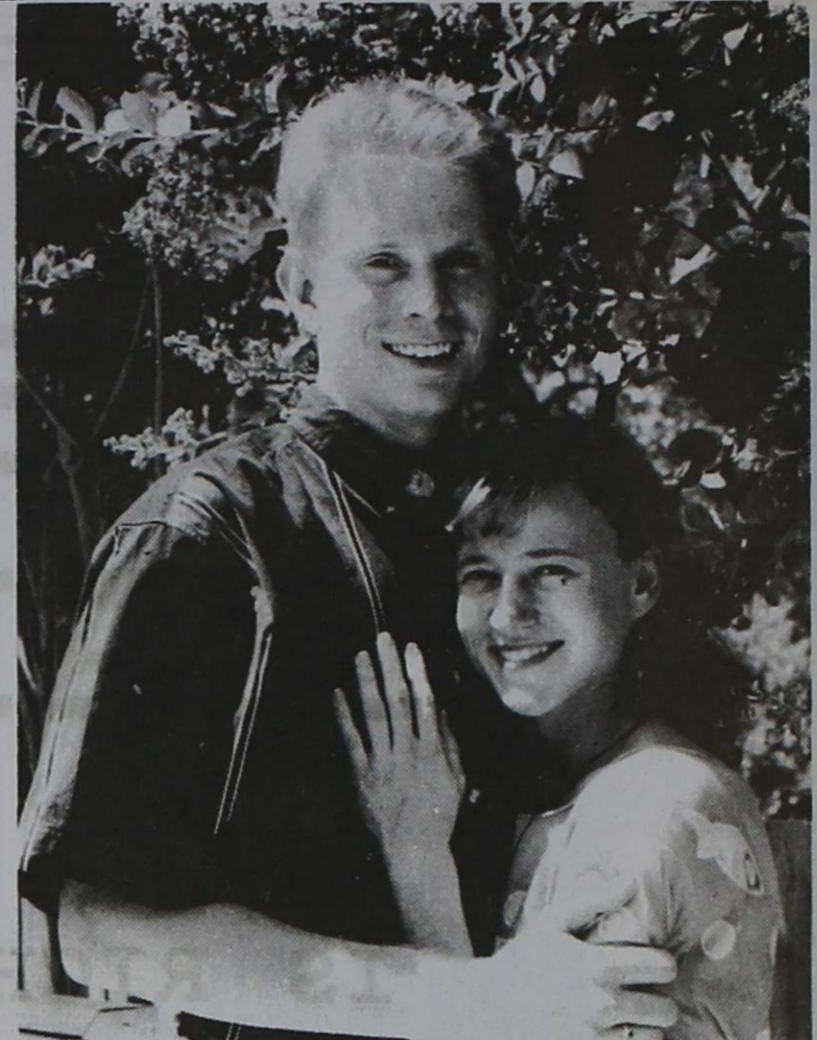
Irma Jo Englant's nephew, Randy Cain, who was injured seriously in an accident east of Clovis during the middle of October, is getting along very well.

He has been out of the hospital for over two weeks now and Irma Jo said he is getting back to normal. The passenger who was with the young man was killed in the accident.

Stephanie and Jerry Birdsong enjoyed having company over the weekend. Jerry's mother, Darline Birdsong of Levelland, came for the weekend and had been on a recent foliage tour.

Stephanie said she flew to New York and went to Boston and several places in the Eastern states. She shared pictures and details of her trip with them and they had a good visit.

SMILE: "Things are really rough," said one businessman to another. "This morning opportunity knocked at my door, but by the time I pushed back the bolt, turned two locks, unlatched the chain and shut off the burglar alarm, it was gone".



AMANDA CAMERON FLAKE and MURRAY ALLAN GRIFFIN...Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Griffin of Stratford, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Murray Allan Griffin, to Amanda Cameron Flake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burton of Excelsior, Minnesota and Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Flake of New Orleans, Louisiana. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of LeTourneau University with an A.S. Degree in aviation maintenance technology and is an engine analyst for Air Transport International of Little Rock, Arkansas. The bride-elect is a Texas A&M graduate with a Bachelor of Environmental Design Degree and is an interior designer for Cromwell Architects Engineers in Little Rock. The wedding will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 11 at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church in Little Rock. The couple will make their home there. Friends and family members are invited.



FREEZE CONTEST WINNER....Laura Bartlett accepts the \$10 prize for husband, Houston, who won the 1995 Bovina Blade Freeze Contest by predicting the exact date, November 2.

Looking Up!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

Well, are you? Looking up, I mean.

I went out early this morning in the crisp, cold air while it was still dark, and I looked up. Amazing! Awesome! The vast expanse of space above formed a backdrop of deep, navy blue velvet, upon which the Master Jeweler of the Universe displayed His sparkling diamonds.

I like to look up into the universe, God's backyard, because it clears my mind, calms my fears, and helps me get my existence into perspective.

As I gaze into outer space it does wonders for my "inner space." My emotions seem to settle and my doubts all vanish! Who can doubt when the evidence is so overwhelming?

Seeing the awesomeness of God's handiwork is a wonderful way to begin your day. Your problems won't seem so big. God's glory is a tremendous stress release. The stars remind you who is in control.

Early in the morning now, the dominant constellation, Orion, is almost directly overhead, a little to the southwest. (Get out your encyclopedia or star guide if you are not familiar with the night sky.) The Orion constellation is mentioned in the earliest book of the Bible, Job.

Job also mentions other stars, including a faint group in the constellation of Taurus, The Bull. This star cluster is the Pleiades which make up the shoulder of the bull. Orion, the Hunter, is just east of Taurus, and if you follow the line of three stars that make up Orion's belt, they point at the "V" shaped head of the bull, and on beyond to the Pleiades cluster.

In Job 9:9, the patriarch (c.2000 B.C.) affirms that God is the maker of the Bear (the Big Dipper), Orion, and the Pleiades. Again, in 38:31, the Lord asked Job if he could "bind the beautiful Pleiades? Can you loose the cords of Orion?" NIV.

In other words, Job, are you big enough to tie the stars together that make up the Pleiades cluster? Or can you unbuckle the belt around Orion's waist?

Amos, the prophet, in 5:8, assures us that the same Lord who made these constellations was also quite capable of executing His judgement on rebellious men and nations.

Interestingly, the common Hebrew name for the constellation of Taurus the Bull was "Shur",

which is the root for "coming" and for "judging." Thus, in Hebrew thought, the Bull represented the "Coming One who will judge" the world.

Pleiades, the star cluster in Taurus, means, "the congregation of the judge." Christ is the coming judge of His people. I personally believe that the constellations and zodiac were set up by God to portray the gospel story of God's redemptive purpose in Christ, long before the ancient Babylonians corrupted them into an astrological zodiac! Read Psalm 8:1, 3 and Psalm 19:1-4.

Again, as proof that the stars display the gospel, Orion was originally spelled Orion, which comes from the Hebrew root for "light." Thus, Orion means, "The One who comes forth in light."

Surely God meant this of none other than His own Son, Jesus Christ, who is "the Light of the World." This mighty prince of the sky is depicted slaying the lion (1 Peter 5:8). And the brightest star in Orion, Betelgeuse, has at its Hebrew root the meaning, "The coming Branch," a prophecy similar to Isaiah 4:2.

Yes, the stars point to the fact that God is in control, and that Christ will soon come to judge and to reign. Even now, He is the Light and the Hope of the world. I enjoy the stars.



PRAIRIE ACRES VISITATION.....Bridging the generation gap at a recent reception at Prairie Acres are Megan Carr, daughter of Ron and Cindy Carr, and Prairie Acres resident, Hattie Turner.

AHA Offers Advice For Snack Attacks

Snacking—whether a habit or a temporary response to energy or emotional needs, snacking can be all right if you choose low-fat, low-calorie foods.

"Most adults feel guilty when they snack," said Bob Owen, president of the American Heart

Association's Parmer County division. "We grew up thinking snacking was bad because it meant sneaking into the cookie jar." But snacking can be healthy if you choose treats that are low in fat and cholesterol. Low-fat snacks are lower in calories, too.

During the AHA's Heart Fiesta, from October 21-28, all Texans were encouraged to "Trim the Fat...Reduce Your Risk for Heart Disease." Heart Fiesta is an educational program designed to teach people how to reduce the fat in the foods they eat and to adopt a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet. Heart Fiesta is conducted in worksites and schools throughout Texas.

"Snack attacks are almost inevitable. If you feel one coming on, your best defense is to know what's right for you," Owen said. "Choose foods that help take care of you and your heart." Good snack choices are pretzels, fresh fruits, vegetables, low-fat yogurt, baked chips and bagels. They are not only good for you and your heart, but they are low-calorie. Try to avoid foods that are laced with fat, such as fried potato chips, dips, donuts, French fries, candy bars and ice cream. These items not only contain fat and cholesterol, but are high in calories.

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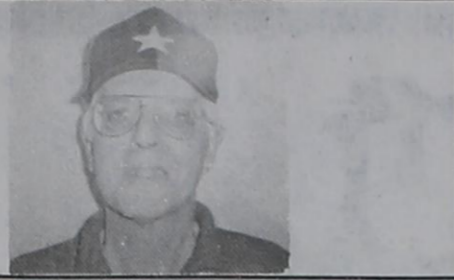
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Life is not always at its best here in Parmer County, but it beats being homeless in New York City. Ask Chris and Harold Richardson.

They have survived perils and ordeals that most Parmer County residents could only imagine.

One day in Fast Stop, I heard a New York accent. Because I have spent a lot of time in New York City, and have many friends in New York and New England, a New York accent in Parmer County caught my attention like snow in the weather forecast.

I struck up a conversation and learned that her name was Chris Richardson and she was indeed from New York City, but lived in Friona now with husband, Harold, and daughter Hope.

When she found out I wrote for the paper, she said she was writing a book about her life too, and invited me to come by sometime and listen to their story.

When I drove up the hard dirt road to their modest trailer home just off Highway 214 North, there were two or three old cars, two or three old dogs, and not a hint of those homeless days in New York City.

The sun lit the place as I sat in the warm and comfortable atmosphere of the living room with a cup of black coffee.

How many times during their almost nine years of being homeless in New York City had they longed for just such a shelter. It was quiet here. It is never quiet in New York City.

Robbin Christina "Chris" Richardson was born to a good

family in the Bronx, and grew up in Queens and Long Island. She graduated from prestigious Hofstra University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hematology.

Harold Richardson was born in Brooklyn by accident, when his mother was on a visit from Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Harold's mother is Mexican-Indian. His father was a mixture of Mexican, Indian, and Black. Chris is German-Polish.

In plain language, they are an interracial couple, viewed with disdain by some, overlooked by others.

Harold bounced around between Arizona and New York during his childhood. In 1957, he enlisted in the Air Force and spent "3 years, 9 months, and 18 days" as he tells it.

Then he went back to New York. It was 1960 and he was 21 years old. The next twenty years he bounced around, drinking, partying, fighting, and sometimes working. He fixed cars, sang in bars, worked in a sock factory, and did some trucking.

One time he was stabbed in the heart by a "friend" high on drugs, and spent two weeks in a New York hospital.

Elsewhere in New York, Chris got into a couple of bad marriages, got pregnant, lost a child, got pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter, Faith.

She had consistent health problems, depression, and some bad luck.

All of which brings us to 1981. Chris and Harold met in a New York hospital. He had broken both ankles jumping out his second floor apartment window. The apartment was on fire at the time.

It was an alcohol and drug rehab hospital. Harold says it was the kind of place you could go to escape the street. "Two beers and you are in" at least for a night or two.

They liked each other. In fact, at the time, they needed each other, and so they clung together. For the next seven years, things didn't get much better.

They lived and slept on the

street, in parks, under bushes. One was always awake, on guard against the dangers of New York City.

Now and then, when they did some work and got a little money, they would get a motel room for a night or so, to clean up and rest without fear.

There was a big warehouse that sold bent or dented cans of food at cheap prices. A nickel or a dime would get you several cans of corn or sardines or pork and beans.

To this day, if you invite Chris over to lunch, "don't even think of offering me sardines or pork and beans", she says.

Harold managed to land a truck driving job and ran between New York City and Buffalo. Chris rode along. Later on, when their daughter Hope was born, they all rode and lived in that truck.

When he got paid, they would visit a laundromat, get another cheap motel for a night, and try to shake the fear of the future.

All along, Harold worried about them. He often told God, "Look, I could die by myself. Why did you send her here too?"

Somehow they managed just to keep alive. They said they never panicked people for money when they lived in the street. "We weren't that kind of street people," Harold insisted, with a hint of pride in his voice now.

Still they clung together, hoping for a better tomorrow, which never seemed to come. Then they decided, to escape the pain and fear, "It was Friona, or nowhere."

Harold's brother came to get them in New Jersey, and they moved in with Harold's mother up on Main Street. That was seven years ago.

Since then, their deep religious faith has sustained them, along with some help from a lot of people here in Friona.

They attend First Baptist Church, sing in the choir, and thank God for the help that some of the choir members gave to help get where they are today.

They have lived comfortably now for over two years in this trailer home off 214.

County Voters Mirror State Trend

Parmer County voters matched fairly well their neighbors across the state on Tuesday in the way they voted on the proposed constitutional amendments.

County voters gave their largest approval margin, 442-120, to proposition 6, the exemption from ad valorem taxation for residence homesteads of surviving spouse.

Next highest approval was prop. 7, reducing the bonds for the Super Collider project, which was abandoned on the national level.

Parmer voters agreed with State Treasurer Martha Whitehead that her office should be consolidated with other state offices, by 377-165.

Statewide, the issue was approved by about the same margin.

Other propositions approved locally included proposition 3, to assist the development and processing of agricultural exports, 304-256. The issue also passed statewide.

Also, proposal #1, providing bonds to finance educational loans, passed 336-226. Amendment #5, increasing the amount of general obligation bonds for veterans, passed, 298-263.

Proposition #8, to abolish the constable office in three counties, passed, 377-137.

County voters also joined those statewide in soundly defeating proposition 13, property tax exemption for shrimp fishermen, 431-120, as well as proposition 9, allowing investment in a business with ties to South Africa, which was nixed here, 353-195.

A total of county 572 voters took part in Parmer County, an estimated 13.52 per cent of the 4230 registered voters. This was still higher than the regional and statewide figures, where only about ten per cent of the voters took part.

Aggie Moms Ask Support For Students

The Golden Spread Aggie Mom's Club met Monday, October 29, 1995 at 7 p.m. at K'Bob's in Hereford. President Shirley Wilson welcomed and led discussion of business of the organization.

Members will meet again on Monday, November 27 at 7 p.m. at Hereford Community Center to prepare Care Packages to deliver to local Aggie students at College Station at finals time.

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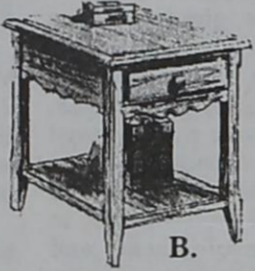
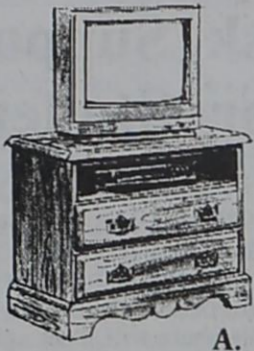
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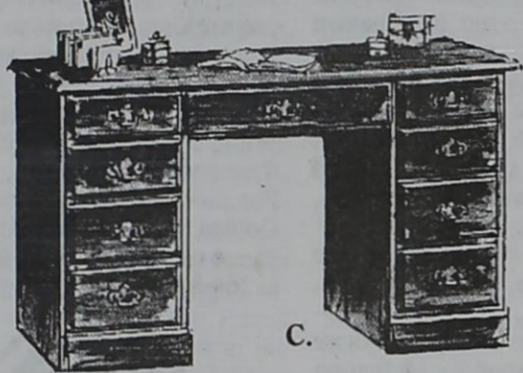
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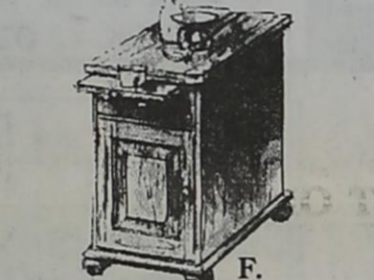
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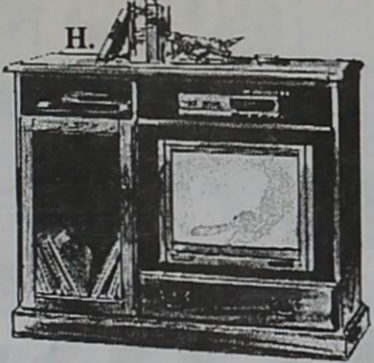
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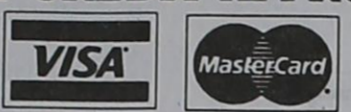
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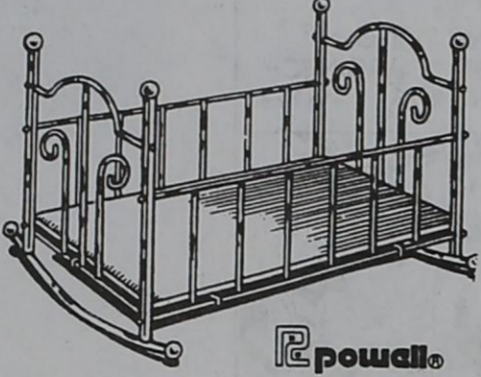


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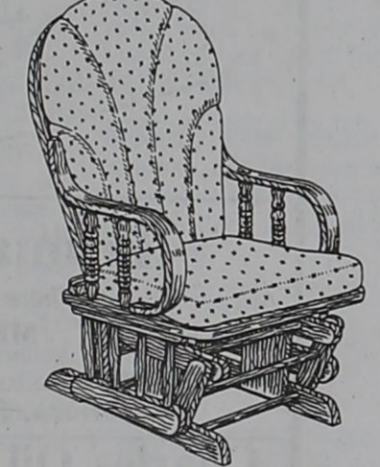


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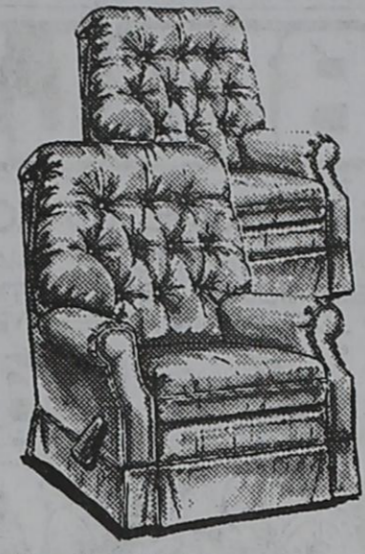
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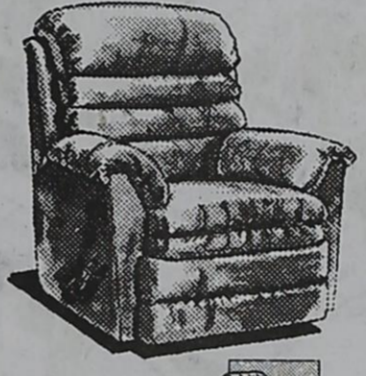
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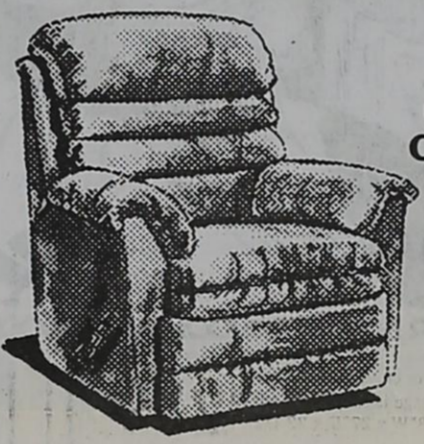
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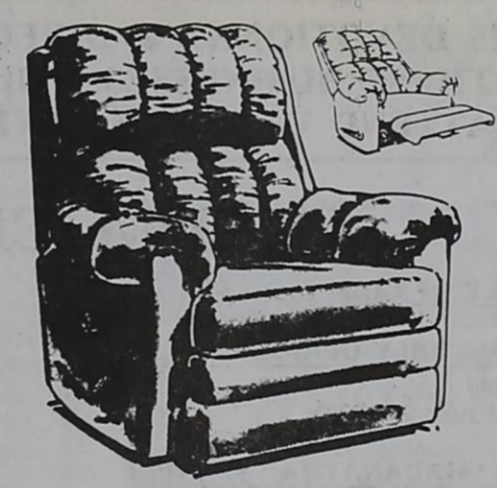


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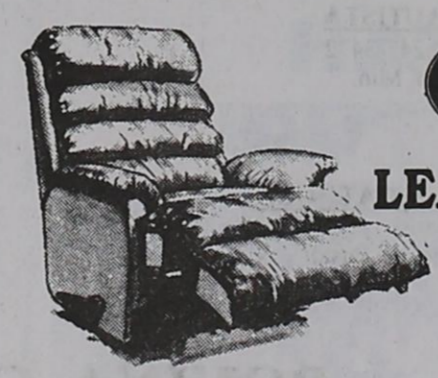


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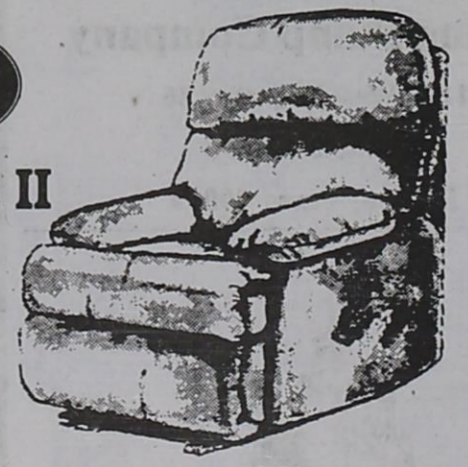
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COTTON GINNING ALONG....Kim Black, office manager, and Zach Garza, day ginner, are shown at the Bovina Gin where over 1000 bales have been processed since the first bale was ginned on October 23 for Todd Ware, who is farming Pam and Bob Sparks' farm.

Parmer Co. SWCD Director Elected

Kevin Welch of Friona was re-elected to the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors on October 3. Welch represents Zone 3 of the district.

The purpose of the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District, with headquarters in Friona, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district. In addition, the district serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

The board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

The five members serving on the district board of directors are

responsible for district policies and procedures for carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas Soil Conservation District law.

Welch is active in the Farm Bureau where he serves as the secretary of the board. He is also a member on both the Plains Gas Co-op board and the Parmer County community committee.

In Texas, there are 214 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Each is a legal subdivision of the state government organized by local agricultural landowners with the assistance of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Unlike most other legal subdivisions of state government, SWCD's do not have the powers of taxation or eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

Bovina Junior High Basketball Schedules

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 16-18	Bovina JV Tournament	Here	9 Girls	TBA
Nov. 20	Kress	Here	7/8 Girls	5:00
		There	7/8 Boys	5:00
Nov. 27	Sudan	Here	7/8/9 Girls	5:00
		There	7/8 Boys	5:00
Dec. 4	Nazareth	There	7/8/9 Girls	5:00
Dec. 11	Farwell	Here	7/8 Boys	5:00
		There	7/8/9 Girls	5:00
Dec. 18	Happy	Here	7/8 G/B	4:30
	Clovis "Marshall"	There	9 Girls	5:30
Jan. 8	Nazareth	Here	7/8/9 Girls	5:00
		There	7/8 Boys	5:00
Jan. 11-13	Lazbuddie Tournament	There	7/8 G/B	TBA
Jan. 15	Farwell	Here	7/8/9 Girls	5:00
		There	7/8 Boys	5:00
Jan. 22	Happy	There	7/8 G/B	4:30
	Hereford	There	9 Girls	7:30
Jan. 29	Kress	There	7/8 Girls	5:00
		Here	7/8 Boys	5:00
	Clovis "Marshall"	Here	9 Girls	7:30
Feb. 5	Sudan	There	7/8/9 Girls	5:00
		Here	7/8 Boys	5:00

Bovina Mustangs/Fillies Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Nov. 11	Amherst (scrimmage)	There	2:00	JVG, VG
Nov. 14	Lazbuddie	There	6:00	JVG, VG
Nov. 17	Lubbock Roosevelt	There	6:00	VG, VB
Nov. 16-18	Bovina JV Tournament	Here	TBA	JVG/B
Nov. 21	Morton	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Vega Tournament	There	TBA	VG
Dec. 1	Whiteface	There	5:00	JVB, VB
Dec. 7-9	Coronado Tournament	There	TBA	JVG
Dec. 7-9	Whitharral Tournament	There	TBA	VG, VB
Dec. 12	Spade	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Dec. 15	Anton	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Dec. 29	Vega	Here	2:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Dec. 30 (Sat.)	Spade	Here	2:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Jan. 4-6	Amherst Tournament	There	TBA	VG, VB

DISTRICT BEGINS

Jan. 9	Nazareth	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Jan. 11-13	Lazbuddie Tournament	There	TBA	JVG/B
Jan. 12	Kress	There	5:00	VG, VB
Jan. 16	Farwell	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Jan. 19	Sudan	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Jan. 23	Happy	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Jan. 26	Nazareth	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Jan. 30	Kress	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Feb. 2	Farwell	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Feb. 6	Sudan	There	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B
Feb. 9	Happy	Here	4:00	JVG/B, VG/B



JUNIOR VARSITY WINNERS....Pictured are members of the second and third place district winners in Junior Varsity cross-country. All the girls won medals at the meet. Paula Borquez, seated, second from right, holds one of the medals.



VARSITY CC WINNERS....The varsity girls won third place in cross country at the district meet. They all received medals. Shown are (back, l-r) Maria Fragoza, Melissa Cantu, Marcy Guevara and Stephine Villarreal; (front, l-r) Alex Dopp, Carmen Campos and Lori Beauchamp.

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