

"MY TURN"

By
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Ellis



THE SONG GOES "Oh, Christmas Tree. . . Thy branches green for-e-ver!" Well, maybe not quite forever when you purchase your Tannenbaum and it dies in the trunk of your car on the way home. Half the needles are in your trunk and the other half will be hiding in your carpet until someone walks through the room barefooted next July. Then they'll jump up and getcha!

Of course, part of the fun of having a "real" tree is the shopping and bargain hunting. Do you want a Scotch Pine, a Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce, White Pine, Red Cedar? You can spend an hour picking out just the perfect tree at the store, the tree lot or wherever, and you'll walk around studying the symmetry, height, width, etc., but when you get home it always has a few bare spots and leans toward the north.

Some people tend to take pity on the underdog and bring home the little scrawny, scraggly tree that no one else wanted. Others have no sense of size and end up having to cut off the top or the bottom of the tree that looked just perfect before they got it home.

If you're looking for "neat" with no resin on your hands and no needles to clean up, then you are the "fake tree" type person. I can remember when the first artificial trees came out. They were those tinfoil monsters that revolved, changed colors and snowed all over. After a few people electrocuted themselves with those things, the plastic tree was born. Today's fake trees claim to be "silk" but I doubt that a silk worm ever had anything to do with it.

In my younger days, I was one of those purists who said I'd never have a fake tree in my home. I wanted all the needles, the resin, the tree-tilt, the whole works. . . but most of all the real Christmas spirit, in my mind, was tied up with the SMELL of the evergreen boughs.

Well, all that dewy-eyed sentiment came to a screeching halt one Christmas about 25 years ago when we had new shag carpet and two baby kittens. The tree was in one of those little stands that holds water, with the optimistic thought that this would keep it fresh. The kittens went up and the tree went down three times that Christmas season and we had an electric heater going full-blast for weeks while we tried to dry out the water in the new shag carpet.

We committed to a artificial tree the following Christmas and when we sold the house to Delphine and Bobby Weid six years later, I think there were still some needles in that shag carpet from our last real tree.

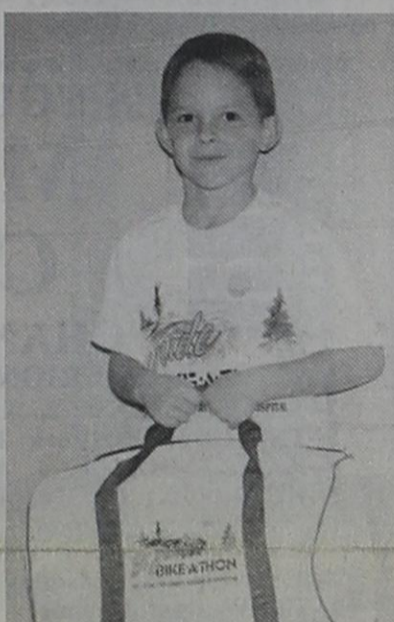
When we commit to something we do it forever. We still have that same old artificial tree from 24 years ago and it goes up every year at Christmas time. The kids won't let me throw it out and get a newer, fancier one. So one year I sprayed it white, thinking that would give it a "new" look, at least. Well, the white didn't cover very good. Some of the green still shows through, but the result is, it looks more like a real pine.

The inside ends of the branches were color coded to go into certain holes in the wooden trunk. Over the years the colors have all worn off, so the branches just get stuck in wherever. This also adds to the "real" look because it isn't perfectly symmetrical anymore like most of your fake trees. In fact, the older this tree gets, the more realistic it looks.

A few years ago I found a small tree that had the same type of branches as our old one. I brought this little fellow home, sprayed it white so it would match, and stuck it up on top of the old tree. There's a high ceiling in our family room and now we have a nice tall, skinny Christmas tree with a few bare spots, that tilts a little toward the north. I buy the smell of the evergreen boughs in a spray can now and Christmas still comes around every year, same as always.



DEAR SANTA..."I would like a bike, some new clothes..." writes Kasi Birdsong in her letter to dear old Saint Nick. Kasi is the nine-year-old daughter of Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong and is in the third grade at Bovina Elementary School. "Letters to Santa" will be published in next week's Christmas issue of the Blade.



BIKE-A-THON WINNER..Trey Widner, son of Larry and Debbie Widner, won a T-shirt and sports bag for raising the most money in the recent Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Local Art Students Honored

All sixth and eighth grade Bovina art students entered an art contest sponsored by the Texas Secretary of State, Texas Register Division.

Six sixth graders from Bovina were published winners in Volume 19, Number 89, December 6, 1994 of *The Texas Register*.

The six published winners were Edgar Camargo, Rita Navarro, Lindsey Pruitt, Marissa Rodriguez, Melanie Stanberry, and Michelle Vanegas.

The prize was the prestige of being published.

Joy Trimble is the students' art teacher.



ART STUDENTS RECOGNIZED....Shown are Bovina sixth-grade students who recently had their artwork published in *The Texas Register*. (l-r): Rita Navarro, Lindsey Pruitt, Marissa Rodriguez, Melanie Stanberry, Michelle Vanegas, and Edgar Camargo (not pictured).



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HIGH HONORS....Jose A. Perez, PA-C recently became physician's assistant certified and is shown here (right) being presented with his certificate by Dr. Felipe Jubay, both of Parmer County Community Hospital. Perez received high honors in both family practice and general surgery.

Perez PA Certified With High Honors

Jose A. Perez, PA-C at Parmer County Community Hospital has recently received his certification as physician's assistant.

School Holiday Is Set

School will dismiss for the Christmas holiday at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, December 20 and classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 1995 at the regular time.

Tuesday, January 3 will be a preparation day for all faculty and staff members.

Bike-A-Thon Raises \$275 In Bovina

The annual St. Jude "Sheels For Life" bike-a-thon was held at the Bovina City Park on September 24. A total of \$275 was raised for this event.

Trey Widner won \$10 for riding the most miles and collecting \$75. He received a sports bag, T-shirt, and riders certificate from St. Jude's Hospital.

Amber Widner, Stacy Roach, Justin and Coby Carpenter of Stinnett and Maribel Chairez also received a T-shirt and riders certificate for collecting \$35 or more.

Others participating in the bike-a-thon, were Christy Widner and Dustin Turner. They received a riders certificate.

Helpers for the event were Debbie Widner and Dayna Carpenter of Stinnett and De-An Turner, coordinator.

"Thank you to all the people who donated money and to the riders and helpers for all their hard work," said De-An Turner.



"MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS," the reigning Miss Bovina, Brooke Charles, poses with Jeff Steelman of First Bank as they look over the donations that have come in for the Community Christmas Card Fund. The names will be published in next week's Christmas edition of the Bovina Blade. The donations will be divided between the Bovina Ambulance Service and the Bovina Fire Department. Brooke also was presented a \$100 savings bond, which she earned by winning the Miss Bovina title.

SCS Announces Agency Changes

The Soil Conservation Service has officially been restructured into a new agency called the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"The Natural Resources Conservation Service is the federal agency that works hand-in-hand with the American people to conserve natural resources on private lands," said Thomas Reed, local SCS spokesman.

"Our recent name change, from the Soil Conservation Service to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, more accurately reflects what we do--helping people conserve all natural resources on private lands. It reflects a streamlined agency that provides quality service more efficiently," Reed said.

"Our name has changed, but some things will not change. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will continue to build on our 60 years of experience, our scientific and technical expertise, our voluntary program, and our partnership with conservation districts and others.

"Consolidating administrative and financial management activities is one of the complex challenges we face in the months ahead. It involves not just the changes internal to NRCS, but a plan for the entire mission area of Natural Resources and Environment, an organization of some 60,000 people (NRCS and Forest Service, plus the Under Secretary's staff)," he concluded.

The SCS has been located in Friona, serving all of Parmer County since 1948. The Secretary of Agriculture announced on December 6, 1994, that the newly created NRCS would co-locate with the Farm Service Agency (ASCS) and the Rural Economic & Community Development (FmHA) agency which are located in Farwell.

The Secretary's goal is for all

three USDA agencies serving Parmer County to be located in the same building. The location of the building will be determined at a future date as the current building leases expire, according to Thomas Reed, district conservationist, NRCS.



ROBERTA BORQUEZ

R. Borquez Is Honored At BHS

Roberta Yvonne Borquez has been chosen as "student of the week" at Bovina High School where she is a senior.

Roberta is the daughter of Judy Ramon and she has two sisters, Beth and Paula.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, is on the student council and is a senior class officer.

Roberta said that she enjoys spending time with her niece and nephew.

After graduation next spring, she plans to attend Angelo State University.

Bovina ISD Is Offering "Gold Card"

Beginning December 19, Bovina ISD will begin issuing a "Gold Card" to anyone over the age of 55 who requests one. The card allows admission to all school events free of charge.

Anyone wishing to receive a card should call the school at 238-1336, or come by the superintendent's office.

The card will be imprinted with the person's name and will be laminated. It will take approximately a week to get a card made after placing the request.

Lighting Contest Entry Form

The entry form below is for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest. Deadline is December 20. You are asked to drop your forms at First Bank, Line Camp Restaurant or mail them to the Chamber of Commerce, Box 418. First prize is \$200, second prize is \$100 and third prize is \$50.

Name _____

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Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 22, 1959
Billie Sudderth and Troy Fuller, both of Bovina, are Texas Champion and runner-up respectively in the 1959 DeKalb corn growing contest.

A run-away snow-plowing truck, its driver overcome by carbon monoxide fumes, plowed into French Cook's garage on Highway 86 Tuesday afternoon. Dale Harmon, 21, was unconscious in the truck but was not injured when it hit the garage. Harmon was rushed to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona and immediately put under an oxygen tent.

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 16, 1964
A group of local men left Monday for a pheasant hunting trip. They planned to go to Chappel and Lincoln, Nebraska. They planned

Church Is Host To Children

On Sunday, December 11, the Bovina Church of Christ hosted a Christmas party for their cottage from the New Mexico Christian Children's Home.

They had twelve children and the cottage parents over for services that night and after services a Mexican buffet was served.

After the meal, games were enjoyed by the children and then each child was presented with a gift.

Everyone had a wonderful time and the children were very grateful for the meal and gifts.



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to be gone about a week. Making the trip were Earl Stevenson, Eual Hart and Ike Quickel.

Clyde Woltman, 71, died Thursday morning at 1:30 in Bataan Memorial Hospital in Albuquerque. Mr. Woltman had entered the hospital Wednesday morning. Mr. Woltman moved to Bovina with his family in 1916. He owned and operated a farm between Bovina and Muleshoe.

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 17, 1969
Four persons were injured about 4 p.m. Friday, when their car was struck by another vehicle at the intersection of Third Street and Highway 60.

Mrs. Charles Gilbreath and three of her children received injuries and were taken to Parmer County Community Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Gilbreath remains a patient there.

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 18, 1974
Larry Webb, manager of the Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc. and Walter Potts of Rhea, a member of the cooperative's board of directors, attended the 1974 annual meeting of Farmland Industries in Kansas City Wednesday through Friday of last week.

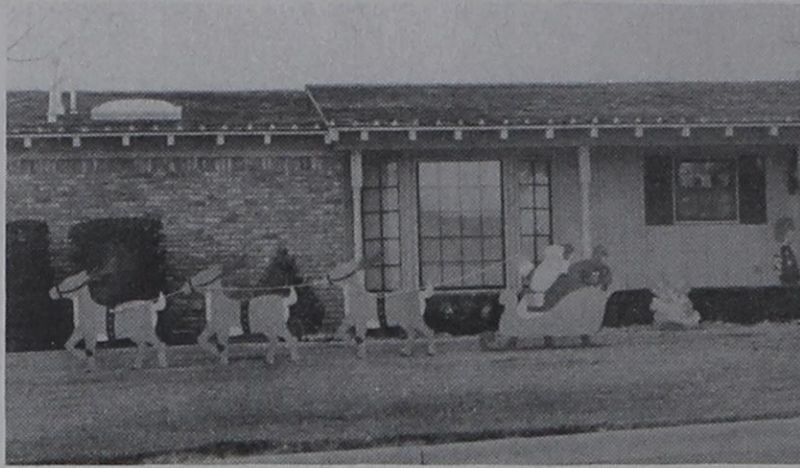
15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 26, 1979
The Christmas Card fund drive, sponsored by the Bovina Woman's Study Club presented representatives of the Bovina Ambulance Service with a check for \$1,705.00

Julia Ann Moody began her duties this week as editor of the Bovina Blade.

Fire damaged the Browsabout on December 24 and smoke and heat damage took its toll on the store.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 20, 1989
Services for Bennie McKay, 40, of Clovis, were held Friday at Steed-Todd Chapel of Clovis.

Twenty-eight Christmas carolers met at the First United Methodist Church last week and went around town singing to individuals. After they finished caroling, the group returned to the church for refreshments and waited for Santa.



"NOW DANCER AND PRANCER"....Santa and his reindeer adorn the yard of the Rhodes's home in Bovina. There are many pretty Christmas decorations around Bovina this holiday season.



A LONG WINTER'S NAP....Mr. and Mrs. Claus are shown resting up after the Christmas season. These adorable figurines are some of the decorations that adorn the First Bank of Bovina.



among the many pretty Christmas decorations that are displayed at the First Bank of Bovina.

Looking Up!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

Our family enjoys the decorations and lights of Christmas time. We feel Christmas should be a time of great joy and praise as we celebrate God's gift of Christ. No "Bah! Humbug!" attitude for us!

But what about all this emphasis on the secular aspects of Christmas? How about Santa Clause and Rudolph and "Jingle Bells?" I agree with Dr. James Dobson's recent page in Focus On The Family magazine entitled "Dr. Dobson Answer Your Question." In it he says it is true that the timing of our modern Christmas season coincides with some ancient pagan festivals, etc. It was Constantine, the Roman emperor, who declared that the festivals should continue but with new meaning.

The old pagan celebration was transformed into a celebration of Jesus' birth. Dr. Dobson goes on to say, "Despite the secular origins of the Christmas holiday, I am not troubled by its celebration. I do understand why other believers are, and I respect their point of view. To my mind, it is what you make of the event that counts...."

Yes, we should be careful, so our family goes lightly on Santa, Rudolph, etc., but we try not to take the joy and fun out of the season. After all, it is Jesus' birthday! The main thing is that we honor and glorify Him.
In love, Bro. Richard.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Scooter:
I hope you and Jim and all your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tell everyone in Bovina "hi" for us.

We do enjoy the Scoops and the Blade every week and it helps us keep up with the people there.

Mittie Jo and I enjoy living in T or C. Neal is in Las Cruces and he is the administrator of a 165-bed nursing home. He loves his work. Mittie Jo runs the house and I run the yard.

Have a good year.
Joe and Mittie Jo Moore

P.S. I saw where Brother Johnny held a revival there and we enjoyed him as pastor when we were at Lazbuddie.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of December 19-23

MONDAY--chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--ham and cheese sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY--no school, Christmas holidays.

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Season Evokes Lasting Memories

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Christmas memories are made of sounds and scents, sights and tastes, bound together with good feelings. They reach back through the years and decades, to the earliest recalled moments of childhood and beyond, to stories told of holiday seasons long before -- memories passed on by parents and grandparents -- to become part of the fabric of this most magical of seasons.

People from all over reach out to one another, and families come together to rejoice and celebrate, to recall and make memories, and their sense of an occasion celebrated in common has the power to overcome differences.

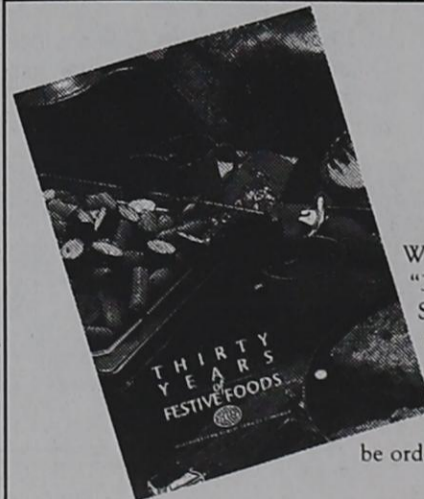
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Happy Homemaker

By JUNE FLOYD

Food gifts are sure to make a hit with just about anyone on your list, especially for persons who are older and live alone. The following recipes were some of Clessy's favorites:

PEANUT BRITTLE

1 cup white corn syrup
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
2 cups raw peanuts
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 tablespoons water

Place the syrup, sugar and water in an iron skillet and cook to soft ball stage. Add the peanuts. Stir and cook to the crack stage. Remove from heat. Stir in the butter, baking soda and vanilla. Pour onto a greased platter. Turn quickly and stretch until very thin. When cool, break into pieces.

DIVINITY

2 cups sugar
3/4 cup water

3/4 cup light corn syrup
3 egg whites, beaten stiff
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup whole walnuts
Stir sugar, water and syrup over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Cook until soft ball stage. Pour beaten egg whites into syrup, stirring constantly. Add salt. Place over boiling water and beat until mixture stands up in peaks. Remove from heat and add the vanilla and mix. Spread on a greased platter. Cut into squares and mash 1/2 walnut in center of each square.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE

2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
2 cups sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup cream
2 tablespoons corn syrup
3 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup nuts, chopped
Cook the first five ingredients

over low heat until soft ball forms when dropped in cup of cold water. Stir frequently. Remove from heat and add the butter. Beat until the fudge begins to harden. Add the vanilla and nuts. Pour onto buttered platter. Cut into squares.

OATMEAL COOKIES

1 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup butter
1 egg
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon ginger
2 cups oatmeal
1 cup seeded raisins
1 cup chopped nuts
2 teaspoons vanilla
Beat sugar and butter until fluffy. Beat in egg. Combine dry ingredients and add alternately with milk. When mixed, add vanilla. Drop dough by small spoonfuls onto greased sheet and bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees or until light brown.

SUGAR COOKIES

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup sour cream
Cream sugar and butter. Add egg and vanilla. Combine baking soda, salt and flour. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream. Chill dough for about 1 day. Roll and cut into shapes like Christmas trees or stars. You may decorate with red and green sugar.

DREAM BARS

Crust--
1 cup flour
1/2 cup butter
Blend flour and butter until smooth. Spread mixture in a 9x13 pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 12 minutes.
2 eggs, beaten
2 cups brown sugar
1 cup coconut
1 cup chopped pecans
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons vanilla
Mix the above ingredients and spread on the crust and bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 minutes. Cut cookies in small squares.

SUGARED POPCORN

2 quarts popped popcorn
2 cups pecan halves
1 cup almonds
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup butter
1/2 cup white syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix popcorn and nuts on a cookie sheet. Combine sugar, butter and syrup in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue to boil and stir--about 18 minutes, or until mixture turns light brown (hard ball stage). Remove from heat and add vanilla. Pour over the popcorn and nuts and mix well. Spread out on cookie sheet and cool. When cool, break apart and store in tightly sealed containers. Decorate.

FRUIT CAKE

(About six pounds)
1/2 pound butter
1 pound brown sugar, sifted
6 beaten egg yolks
2-1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup wine, whiskey or grape juice
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 cup sour milk
1/2 pound maraschino cherries
1 pound seeded raisins
1 pound chopped candied fruit
1 pound pecan pieces

1 tablespoon vanilla
6 stiffly beaten egg whites
1/8 teaspoon salt

Cream butter and sugar; add egg yolks and beat until fluffy. Sift 2 cups flour with the cinnamon, allspice, clove, nutmeg, baking soda and salt. Add the sifted ingredients to the butter mixture alternately with the wine, molasses and sour milk. Sprinkle the fruit with the remaining 1/2 cup flour and add the vanilla. Fold the egg whites and salt into the batter mixture. Place the dough in greased loaf pans lined with a layer of heavy wax paper. Line the bottom of the oven with pans of hot water and bake loaves in a 300 degree oven about 2-1/2 hours or until done. Remove the wax paper and wrap the loaves in fresh wax paper and store the cakes in tightly covered tin boxes. Soak the cakes every 3 days with 2 tablespoons wine. Place 1/2 apple in box with the cake to prevent drying.

Note: I make this recipe several

times about 3 or 4 weeks before Christmas. I have learned that making about six pounds at a time gets better results and is easier to mix.

PARTY MIX

1 cup butter, melted
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons Accent
1 cup pecans
1 cup peanuts
4 cups Rice Chex
4 cups Wheat Chex

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place melted butter in bottom of 9"x13" baking pan. Add other ingredients and place in oven for 15 minutes. Stir or toss at 5 minute intervals. Cool before packaging.

Our December 24 Happy Homemaker will offer suggestions for appetizers and main dishes selected from "Granny's Nutritious Home Cooking."

Football

Bovina hires new coach

BOVINA - Former Canyon assistant Mike Royce was recently named head football coach at Bovina High School. Royce, who served as an assistant under Houston Powell in the mid 1980s at Canyon, has spent the last three seasons as head coach at Jones High School in Beeville, posting a 12-15 record. The Trojans were 6-4 this season, the team's first winning record since 1984, and placed fourth in District 30-4A. Royce replaces James Russell, who resigned after two seasons at Bovina.

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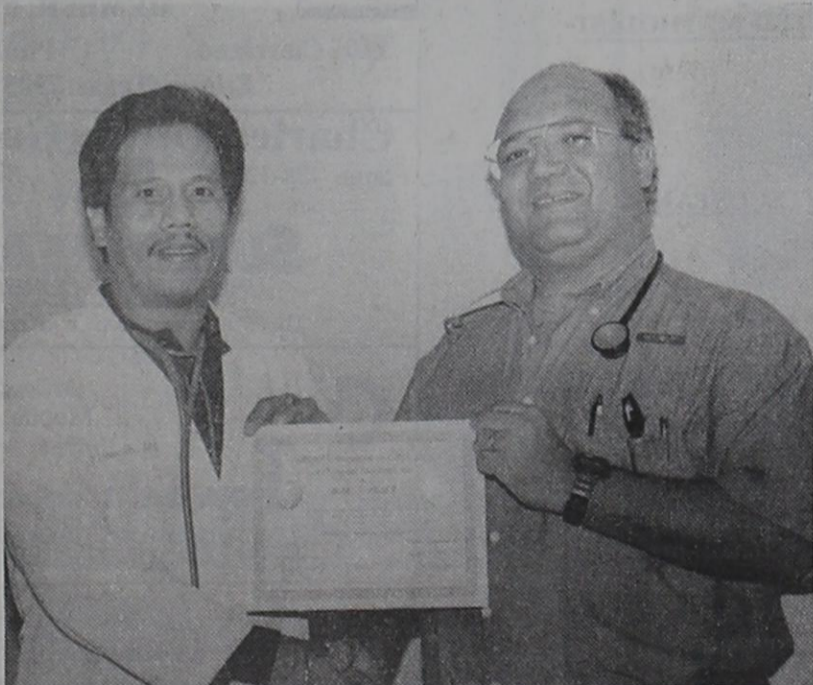


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Jose A. Perez has received his Physicians' Assistant Certification with extremely high scores. Perez has been associated with the hospital and clinic since September, moving here from Miami. Dr. Felipe A. Jubay, left, also of the local staff, is shown congratulating Perez.

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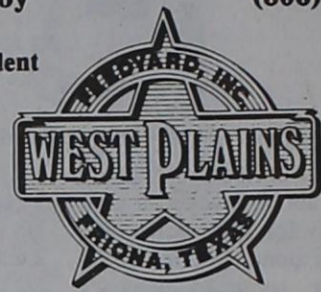


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QUILT/AFGHAN OF MONTH...Billie Fairchild (left) is shown with an afghan she made, now on display at Prairie Acres. Deborah Sweatt, nursing home employee, is admiring Mrs. Fairchild's finished product.

By CAROL McINTOSH
I want to announce that our "Resident of the Month" is Nannie Rhodes, who has been here since January 13, 1994, and "Employee of the Month" is Patsy Widner. She is a Certified Med Aide and has been employed here since September 3, 1994.

There are several residents having birthdays this month. They are: Willie B. Fulgham, December 14, 1911; Ruby Billingsley, December 19, 1901; and Lonnie Guzman, December 28, 1942. Employees having birthdays are: Carlos Vega, Tricia Ichertz, Maria Davila, Veronica Melendez, Angelia Cuellar, Rosario Solis and Mario Carrasco. "Happy Birthday to all."

We want to remind everyone about our Resident Christmas Party to be held December 22 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to come, please bring a snack tray and just enjoy the visit and entertainment.

Prairie Acres would like to welcome Ora Mae Anthony and Ella Collier. We invite everyone to come and say "hi."

Thank you's go to: Betty Freeman for the donuts she brought for staff members; FHS speech and drama class for the turkey breast they donated for the residents; Deke Kendrick for the magazines; Friona FFA for the beautiful apples; and a special thank you to everyone who was kind, thoughtful and generous enough to adopt a resident for Christmas, so that they would be sure to have at least one package under the tree. Not all residents are lucky enough to have family members who are able to get away for the holidays, and I'm sure they appreciate a special person to be with at this time. We also want to thank Big Boy's Pizza for the delicious pizza they brought to us.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

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HONOREES...Nannie Rhodes was selected as the "Resident of the Month" at Prairie Acres, where she has resided since January 13, 1994. Patsy Widner was named "Employee of the Month." She began on September 3, 1984 in the housekeeping department and is now serving as a med-aide.

Sen. Bivins Appointed Committee Chairman

State Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) this week was named chairman of the Senate Nominations Committee by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

The Senate is required to vote to confirm appointees to state boards and commissions by the governor. The Nominations Committee is the first step in the Senate confirmation process.

"Since Texas' many state agencies are run by the people appointed by the governor, it's an important responsibility to oversee the committee that will screen these appointees," Bivins said. "As chairman, my duty will be to insure that appointees meet all legal requirements for service on boards

and commissions."

"The Lieutenant Governor's selection of a Republican as chairman of nominations is a clear message that he respects the new governor's constitutional duties to appoint Texans that George Bush believes will serve the state well," Bivins said.

Bush is expected to appoint approximately three thousand Texans to boards and commissions during his term as governor. A majority of the appointments will require confirmation by the Senate.

Bivins also was reappointed to the Senate Finance, Education, and Natural Resources committees. He also will serve on the Agriculture Subcommittee.

Sr. Citizens Set Christmas Dinner Tues.

The Friona Senior Citizens will hold their Christmas luncheon and game session on Tuesday, December 20 at Friendship House, 15th and Washington.

Games will get underway at 10 a.m., with a covered dish lunch starting at 12 noon.

The program will consist of Christmas carols.

All senior citizens are urged to bring a covered dish and join the group for a good time of food and fellowship.

Correction

In last week's editions of The Friona Star and The Bovina Blade, we ran an engagement announcement for Stefanie Howle and Denver Redwine.

Reading from the form we had to go by, under "parents of groom" was written, "Clyde Redwine." From that form we typed that Denver Redwine was the son of Clyde Redwine.

The announcement should have read that Denver was the son of "Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Redwine." We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment this may have caused.

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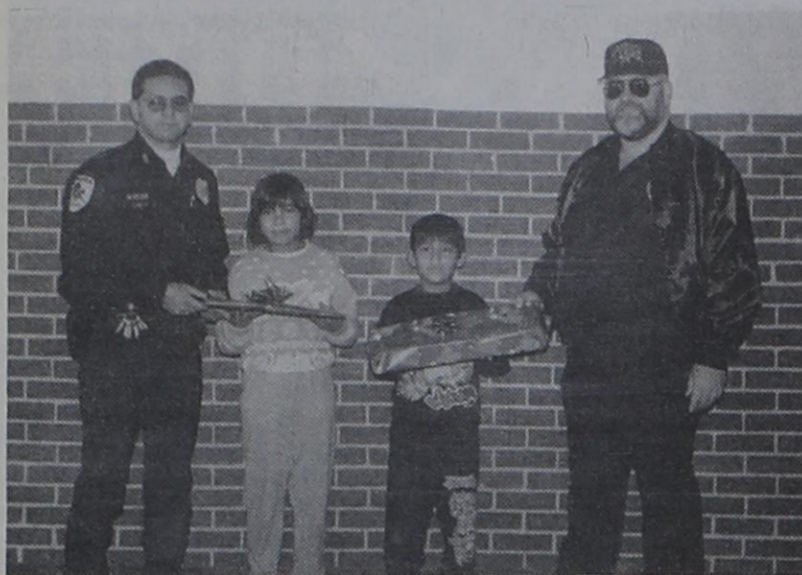
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Specifications may be obtained from the County Judge's office.

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December 21--Tomas Fuentes, Sr., Brenda Wilson.
December 22--Dick Steelman, Tabitha Englant.
December 23--Arie Faye O'Hair.
December 24--Nita Marshall.
(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.)

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas decorations contest and first prize is \$200. Second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$50.

Be sure and turn your lights on every night because I am already out taking pictures at night. If you see a white car, a camera and tripod propped in the middle of the street, slow down or stop because it's me taking pictures.

There are already so many homes decorated real pretty and if you want to enter the contest, fill out the entry form, in this week's paper or give me a call.

Juanda Murphy's condition is stable after a week in the Clovis hospital. She is still in intensive care following thirteen hours of surgery to correct complications following a gall bladder attack.

Her entire bladder had to be removed and the small intestine attached to the liver. It was so very scary for all of her family but things are looking good now.

The Murphys' children, Darlene from Midlothian and Rodney from Abilene came for a few days and also Juanda's brothers, Dwain, Howard and Bobby came the latter part of the week. We've all been very concerned and continue to pray that all will go well.

Edna Scott and daughter Dinah drove to Dallas and met with Erra Louise Jamerson and grandson Scott. Also with the family were Erra's daughter Carol Scott of Abilene and they all attended a Christmas cantata at the Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

First Child Born To C. Rhodeses

Chad and Tiffany Rhodes of Friona are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday, December 6 at 6:10 p.m. at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

The new arrival was named Rowdee Wyatt. He weighed seven pounds and measured twenty and one-quarter inches in length.

Grandparents are Wayne and Judy Rhodes of Friona and Walter and Betty Johnson of Sundown.

Great-grandparents are Maybian Rhodes and Lois Austin of Friona. Rowdee is the first child for the couple.

DIT Meeting Held Dec. 5

The District Improvement Team at Bovina ISD met December 5.

The meeting was called to order by Jan Thiemann, chairman. Members not present were Jerry Birdsong, Terri Sorley and Alicia Martinez.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Activities to lessen the dropout rate were reviewed. "Get A Life Week" activities were discussed. Members submitted names of people contacted for participation. Discussion of activities and scheduling will continue at the next meeting.

Another meeting was held Monday, December 12.

Poetry Competition Announced

A total of 51 prizes will be awarded in a national poetry competition sponsored by Hollywood's Famous Poets Society, open free to everyone.

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To enter, send one poem of 20 lines or less to: National Poetry Competition, 7095 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 730, Hollywood, California 90028.

They enjoyed shopping in the beautiful malls, also toured a home with furnishings by Dillard's. Erra said the home was selling for \$780,000 and the furniture for \$200,000.

Erra said her grandson, Kirk took her through the dental school and it was interesting.

Deborah Beauchamp underwent laposcopic surgery to remove her gall bladder two weeks ago in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She came home from the hospital the next day but said it has taken a while to feel real good again.

Deborah was telling me about her grandfather, Ernest Jones, who is a patient in a Lubbock hospital. He underwent surgery on Monday of this week and will be in rehab for a while when he is released from the hospital.

Deborah's mother and dad, Dorothy and Grady Sorley have been in Lubbock much of the time with Dorothy's parents. They have a trailer on the grounds.

A. L. Nuttall hosted a pheasant hunt for about thirty hunters and the men had a good time together and shot a few birds. The hunt was scarce this year, I suppose because of the dry conditions.

Usually you can see several birds along side the road but there just aren't many this year. This year the limit was raised to three birds.

There are always a lot of hunters who come great distances into Parmer County for the pheasant hunt every year. Jack Patterson had several hunters with him from out of town.

Mike Prather, preacher at the Church of Christ, recently earned his master's of arts in New Testament degree from Lubbock Christian University on Saturday, December 10.

The people from his church presented him with a chiming wall clock. This is quite an accomplishment to be proud of because he is a busy man with his church, wife and two little girls. Congratulations, Mike!

Sonny Roach was in the office visiting and told us about the place where they always go deer hunting. He said his son, Jerry, has a good friend who has a five thousand acre

ranch near Austin that he lets them hunt on.

It has a house on it where they stay and Sonny said it is so peaceful and such a pretty part of Texas. Jerry got deer in recent weeks there. Sonny said he didn't get one this time but sure enjoyed the trip.

I hope all of you have a chance to see and perhaps purchase one of Richard Grisham's book of poetry, "Christmas is Forever" that he wrote and has recently published.

It would be an excellent Christmas present for anyone and even has large enough print that an older person could read and enjoy it. If you'd like one to purchase they are \$7.95; give him a call.

I met daughter Tami in Amarillo and we spent all day Saturday Christmas shopping, had dinner at the Olive Garden, and walked through the pretty Hobby Lobby. Had lots of fun!

THINK ABOUT IT:
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I". You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "My". Nor can you

Mustangs Lose Two

The Bovina varsity boys didn't fair too well in the Witharral Tournament on December 8 and 9 losing two games to Loop and Levelland.

In the game against Loop the score was 78-61.

The Bovina high scorer was Arnold Reyna with 17 points, followed by Zeke Lara with 15 points.

Jerry Rocha scored 12 points; Cruz Marrofo and Enrique Mares each scored four points; Alfredo Vara three points; Richard Beauchamp, Lance McClaran and Jim Prather all scored two points each.

In the game against Levelland the final score was 71-39.

High scorers in that game were Jerry Rocha and Zeke Lara with nine points each; Arnold Reyna scored seven points; Enrique Mares and Francisco Nieto scored four points each; Richard Beauchamp, Alfredo Vara and Jaime Flores each scored two points.

pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for one another, And when you ask for daily bread, you must include your brother.

For others are included... in each and every plea, From the beginning to the end of it, It does not once say "Me".

Fillies Win One Lose Two

The Bovina varsity girls won one game and lost two in the Witharral Tournament.

The Fillies won by one point in the game against Amhearst, the final score being 46-45.

High scorer for that game was Amber Willard with 14 points, followed by Lisa Hromas with 12 points.

Sally Noriega scored 10 points; Bonnie Quintana six points; Brooke Charles and Lori Beauchamp scored two points each.

The Fillies lost their game against Morton, 59-51.

Sally Noriega scored 20 points; Amber Willard eight points; Bonnie Quintana and Lisa Hromas each scored seven points; Carmen Campos and Lori Beauchamp scored four points each; and Brooke Charles scored one point.

The Loop varsity girl's team also beat the Fillies 64-52.

Sally Noriega scored 15 points; Lisa Hromas 13 points; Amber Willard 10 points; Bonnie Quintana six points; Carmen Campos and Lori Beauchamp four points each.

JV Girls Tourney

The Bovina Junior Varsity girl's team lost both their games in the Lubbock Coronado JV Tournament.

The Lubbock High sophomore girls beat the Bovina JV girls 56-37.

Maria Fragoza scored 16 points; Rachel Turner 10 points; Melissa Cantu six points; Paula Borquez four points; and D'Anne Jones one point.

The Bovina JV girls lost to Muleshoe 41-28.

Paula Borquez scored 16 points; D'Anne Jones 11 points; and Maria Fragoza one point.

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Sparky wants you to have a happy and safe holiday. So he wrote these tips to help you safely enjoy the Christmas season.

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