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Student Council Sponsors Drives, Helps The Needy

The Bovina high school student council sponsored a canned food drive and a penny drive to benefit the local food bank and the American Red Cross.

The canned food drive benefited the local food bank at the First Baptist Church. Each high school class competed and the junior class, with over 300 canned goods

and non-perishable items collected, won an early release for lunch after the Thanksgiving break.

Overall the school and student council collected over 650 items for the food bank.

The students also collected food and money to help out two local families with food for Thanksgiving, Turkey and all the trimmings, including a

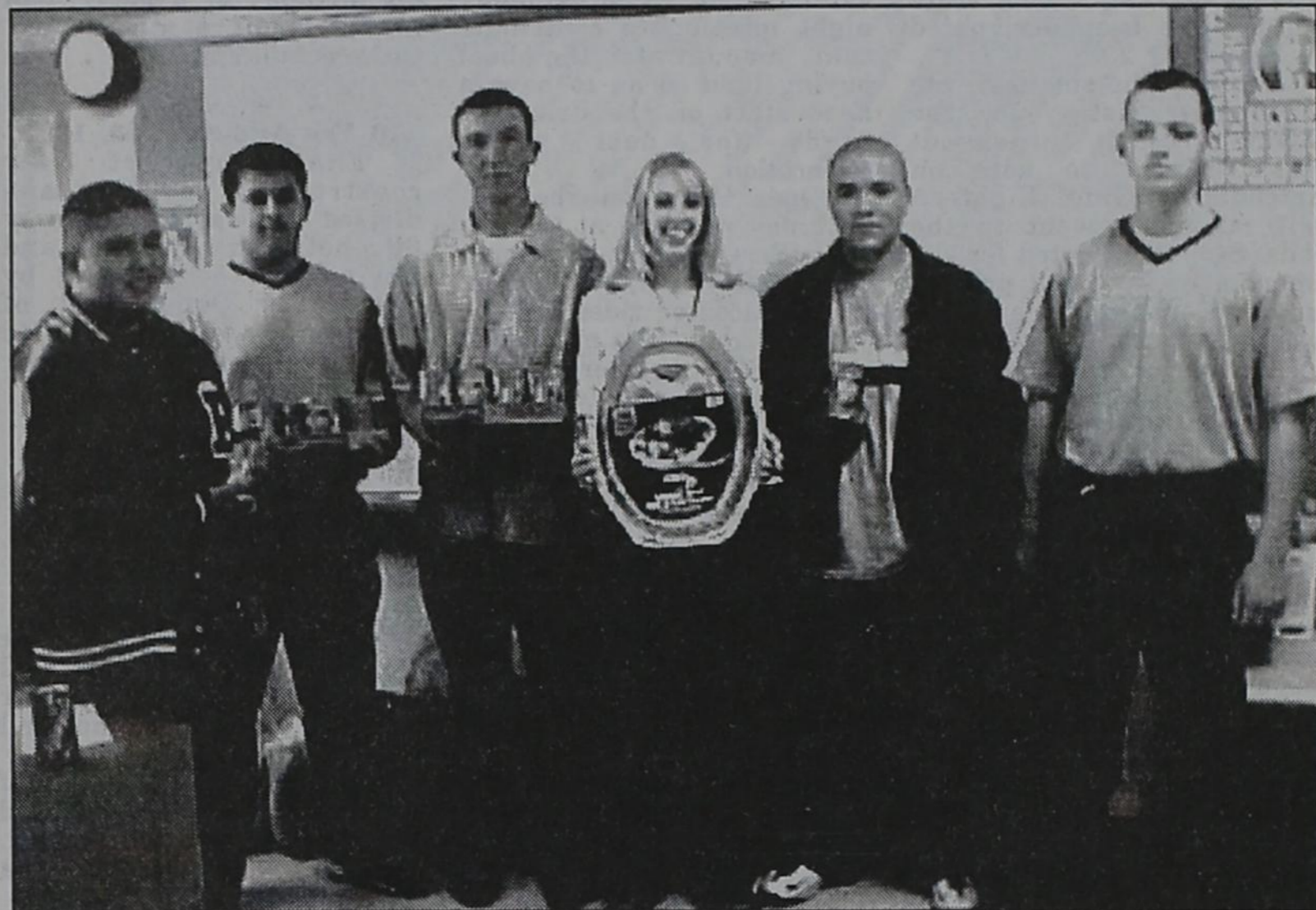
pan to cook them in, will be given to the local families.

In the penny drive, each class had a student council member design a collection box and they carried around the box for a week.

The classes competed to see which one could collect the most money. All change counted as positive money for the class while all dollar bills subtracted from the total.

The junior class won the penny drive also and were given an early release for lunch last Tuesday.

The total amount raised for the Red Cross was \$137.35. A check will be mailed directly to the organization. Students involved in designing the boxes and carrying them were: Veronica Herrera, Christen Stowers, Danny Martinez, Mike Olvera, Josh Kerby, Joaquin Marin, Yuri Vela, DiAnna Mendoza, Michael Nieto, Elizabeth Alonzo and Giselle Alvarado.



THESE STUDENT COUNCIL representatives were part of the group of students that collected food and money for the Red Cross and the Bovina Food Bank. They are also providing Thanksgiving dinner items, including turkeys, for two needy Bovina families. See story at left. Pictured, l-r, are Michael Olvera, Juan Vara, John Nelson, Kelcey Scroggins, Michael Nieto and Danny Martinez.

Area Receives Excellent Rain

One of the best November rains that local folks could remember fell last Wednesday-Thursday-Friday, and it was "just what the doctor ordered," according to farmers and local elevator officials.

The moisture total in Friona's official gauge came to 2.54 inches, and every bit came like a "mountain shower," as every drop should have soaked in.

It was the first general rain for the area since way back on August 11-12, when a rain measuring two inches was received. The month of September registered only .12 inches locally, and .42 inches in October.

For the local area, a slow, steady rain began falling just prior to midnight last Wednesday evening and continued through midnight the following day, with additional rain received in the early morning hours on Friday.

A further benefit was that the moisture came in the form of rain instead of snow. Had the temperatures been some 20 degrees lower, the area could have received around two feet of snow.

The rain in the Rhea area amounted to about the same that fell in Friona and Bovina, according to Joe Allen of Sherley-Anderson's Rhea elevator. "It was a good one. The least amount I have heard about was 1.75. Allen

said the moisture should be a big boost for the winter wheat crop, and at least get the crop up and growing.

It appears that we will hit Thanksgiving without a hard freeze. The temperature fell to 32 degrees on Monday and Tuesday of this week, but still no hard freeze.

Except for the cold front that blew in on Sunday and caused the latest drop to 32 degrees and a high on Monday of only 47, November has been the nicest weather you could ask for. Highs have been in the 70s nine days, and hit 82 twice and in the sixties three times.

Week's temps:

Date	High-Low
Wednesday, Nov. 14	58-48
Thursday, Nov. 15	58-47
Friday, Nov. 16	58-46
Saturday, Nov. 17	61-46
Sunday, Nov. 18	70-32
Monday, Nov. 19	47-32
Tuesday, Nov. 20	58-32

December 14 Is Christmas Gift Deadline

December 14 is the deadline for giving gifts to the Community Christmas Tree at First Bank Bovina.



Thanksgiving Creates A Powerful Life

A Guest Column by Rev. ALVIN PETTY

Thanksgiving Day began in America in 1621 after the Plymouth pilgrims' first harvest. There were annual days of national thanksgiving during the Revolutionary War as suggested by the Continental Congress.

New York state adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom in 1817. By 1850, many other states had followed New York's lead. Then in 1863, Abraham Lincoln appointed a day of national thanksgiving and it has generally been fixed on the fourth Thursday of November ever since.

Practicing giving thanks every day creates a powerful life. To be thankful is always a sincere form of faith in some capacity. As Thomas Aquinas said, "No one can be grateful to himself, for gratitude goes from one person to another."

It is most significant that the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving on this continent came after their first and most difficult winters in which about half of their number died--wives, husbands, children.

They could have focused on their tragedy and said, "What do we have to be thankful for?" But they didn't.

All of the great religions correctly teach that there can be no growth of the good in one's life unless one is sincerely thankful for the good he has. What you focus on or give your attention to grows.

Focus on your worries and (bad) luck and things will get worse. Focus on what good you have and hope yet to attain and things will be prone to get better.

I believe one of the major distinctions between those in generational poverty (stuck in poverty generation after generation) and those in situational poverty (temporarily impoverished by circumstances) is that the situationally impoverished are more prone to be thankful for what they have and are more likely to have motivating hope that they shall overcome their poverty.

This thanksgiving and hope creates power to eventually rise out of their impoverished circumstances.

Was your last year full of sorrow and anguish, bereavement and reversals? Through your tears and in your pain, give thanks for what you have had, do have and hope to attain.

Whatever life brings, give thanks. As you steadfastly do so, you will be open and attractive of greater things. You can educate yourself to a greater life of usefulness and joy by beginning to think in a more grateful manner.

Otto Freidrich Bollnow wrote: "The virtue of gratitude...directly touches the ultimate foundation of human existence, for there is hardly another quality of man that is so suited to reveal the state of his inner spiritual and moral health as his capacity to be grateful."

The Bible says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1. Thess. 5:18)

Thanksgiving Memories

--By Helen Turnbull Phelps

*If I could choose one yesterday
and live it o'er again,
I'd go back down to Grandpa's farm
to visit all my kin.
Ah, yesterday on Grandpa's farm
... what memories linger still!
In dreams I see the gurgling stream,
and hear the old windmill.
Thanksgiving time at Grandma's house
... she met us at the gate.
The kinfolks came from miles around;
we kids could hardly wait.
For dinnertime, when we would sit,
each in a favored place
Around the hand-carved tabletop
while Grandpa said the grace.
'Cause Grandma made huge pumpkin pies,
and stuffed the turkey hen
With savory dressing spiced with sage
... food tasted better then.
She knew the special favorite dish
of every girl and boy
She cooked them each and every one
with extra love and joy.
Somehow they seemed to have a knack,
a gentle winsome way,
Of turning autumn's thankful feast
into such a special day.*

Basketball In Full Swing For Mustangs and Fillies

After a couple of early scrimmages and an opening home game against Amherst, the Mustangs and Fillies rolled into the Morton Tournament last weekend.

The teams will continue play with away games in Amherst and Adrian November 20 and 27, then participate in the Anton Tournament November 29-December 1.

The Fillies will be playing under Coach Wes Weems who is in his second year at Bovina. The Mustangs will be under the direction of a new coach, Joey Sims, who moved from the Ft. Worth area and is in his first year as Bovina head boys basketball coach.

In the Morton tournament, the Fillies had an opening defeat on Thursday by the Morton girls. Bovina lost a close one, 56-53. Maritssa Salazar led scoring with 13 points. Jennifer Cantu and Christen Stowers contributed 11 points each. Jennifer Reyna recorded the only 3-pointer for the Fillies.

In the second tournament round on Friday, the Fillies faced a tough 3A Shallowater girls team. Final score was 57-31 as Salazar once again recorded high score with 12 points.

The story was different on Saturday. The determined Fillies sought revenge with a 56-4 win over Spade. The Spade girls did not score their first two points until 1:37 remaining in the third quarter.

Jennifer Cantu led the team with 16 points including one 3-pointer. Stowers had 11, with Kathy Cantu, Courtney Jamerson and April Martinez each pitching in 7 points.



MARITSSA SALAZAR

Maritssa Salazar was selected to the all tournament team.

The Mustangs also faced a tough Morton team to open the tournament, losing by a score of 63-47. Coach Sims said, "The boys played hard for four quarters and this game was a learning experience for them."

B. J. Shepherd led the Mustangs with 12 points, followed closely by Eddie Garcia with 11. David Garcia scored 7, and Jeff Casas and Jeremy Ortiz each had 6.

Garcia also had 10 rebounds, 7 steals and 4 assists, earning him Coach Sims' game MVP honor.

Shepherd again led the Mustangs in their Friday victory over Spade, 62-36. Adding 8 rebounds, 4 steals and 4 assists, Shepherd was named game MVP.

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Bovina ISD Open House Slated For November 26

Bovina ISD will host an Open House for the new videoconferencing lab on November 26. The new facility was completed in September to house the interactive television equipment purchased with a \$150,000 grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board. The room is located on the north end of the Bovina ISD Administration Building.

Community members are invited to stop by the school from 7-9 p.m. and view a live interactive session between Bovina, Shamrock and Memphis. Visitors may watch the communication or actively take part in the session. The Shamrock and Memphis schools are also hosting a similar Open House at their sites.

The videoconferencing equipment allows schools the opportunity to share teachers or to create collaborative teaching assignments. Schools also have a

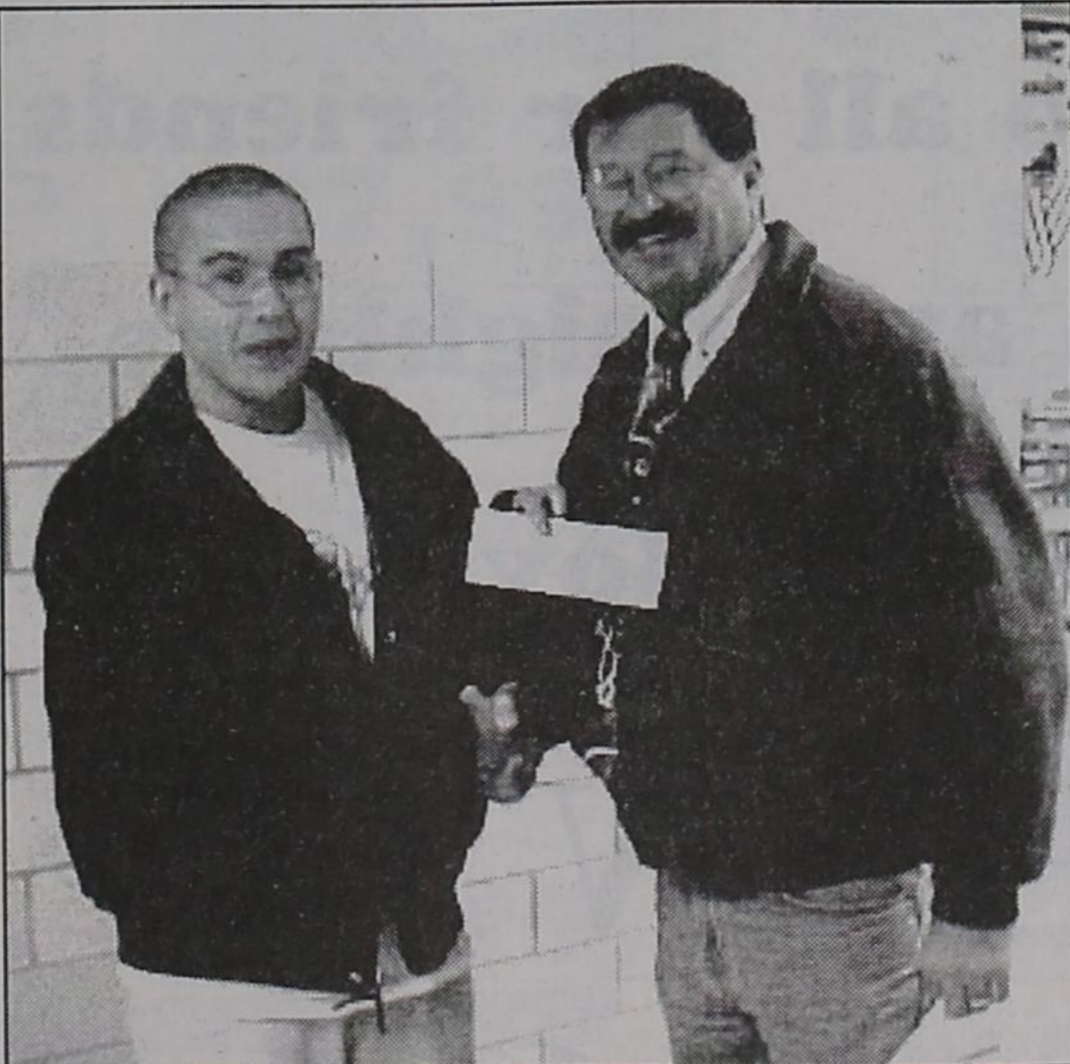
connection with West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College through the system to offer college credit classes.

Participants taking classes in the new lab have the ability to see the teacher at the remote site and talk to the teacher in a live format. The teacher also has the ability to see the entire class from the remote site as well.

In addition to the Open House activity, the Bovina Community Network planning committee will meet in the Bovina ISD board room located next to the videoconferencing lab.

The BCN committee will continue the development of the implementation plan for the network as part of the \$525,000 project recently funded through a community grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board.

The community is invited to attend the meeting.



FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNER Jesus Perez, left, accepts his \$20 prize in the school hallway from Bovina head coach Bruce Scroggins. The football contest in this issue of the Blade is the final one for this year. See contest story inside.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-Nov. 20, 1956
Bovina, like the rest of Texas, is confused, undecided and split about which Thanksgiving to observe this year. The national holiday is November 22. The state holiday has been designated as November 29.

Possibly the smallest vote in modern history for the Bovina precinct turned out last Tuesday to vote on Amendment Nine. Eighteen poll taxpayers went to the polls. Seventeen voted for the amendment that will provide for disabled Texans, and one was against.

Bovina had a case each of burglary and bootlegging Sunday. The burglary remains unsolved while the bootleggers were apprehended by Parmer County Sheriff Charles Lovelace and Bovina Deputy Frank Smith. Charles oil Company was the burglary victim. Approximately \$70 in cash was taken from the office.

40 Yrs Ago-Nov. 22, 1961

Bovina will have a new Christmas lighting set-up this year. The city's Christmas decorations have long been a subject of controversy. Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture directors decided at a special session Saturday to improve Christmas decoration situations with financial help from the city and possibly Bovina Lions Club.

Mrs. Lois Smith, district deputy from Olton, visited Bovina Eastern Star last Thursday evening at their annual Thanksgiving dinner at Masonic Lodge Hall.

Nine members of the Bovina Mustang District 2-B champion football team earned berths on all-district offensive and defensive units.

35 Yrs Ago-Nov. 23, 1966

An automobile-freight train collision demolished a 1961 Chevrolet here at 3:20 p.m. Saturday. None of the five passengers in the car were injured. Not a window was broken in the

automobile, although the radiator was sheared off and its rear end was demolished.

Bovina's 1967 Bull Town Days beef fund is \$500 richer. Members of Bovina Roping Club voted at a Monday night meeting to contribute that amount to the beef buying fund so as to have a head start on the drive for funds for next year's celebration.

Open House will be held Saturday morning at Custom Farm Services, Inc., Rowland-Gordon Division, in Bovina. Free helicopter rides will be offered from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. \$300 in merchandise will be given away at a drawing and sandwiches and coffee will be served at noon.

Voters in Bovina Independent School District will have until Tuesday night, November 29, to cast absentee ballots at the office of Mrs. Pearl Dodson, school tax assessor-collector, in the \$268,000 bond election called by the school board last week, according to otis Spears, superintendent.

30 Yrs Ago-Nov. 24, 1971

A burglar or burglars struck again at Cash Richard's house south of Bovina about the middle of last week. This was the second time for the house to be burglarized in less than a week.

25 Yrs Ago-Nov. 24, 1976

The Bovina Woman's Study Club has designated Bovina Volunteer Fire Department to be the recipient of the proceeds of the club's 1976 Christmas Card Fund, such monies to be used to help defray the cost of the new fire truck.

20 Yrs Ago-Nov. 25, 1981

Mike and Kathy Lebby and their five-month-old son, Kyle, were in an accident that put Kathy in the hospital with a broken hip. The other driver was intoxicated, causing the accident.

15 Yrs Ago-Nov. 26, 1986

Funeral services were held for Rev. J.J. Terry on

November 25, at the First Baptist Church in Bovina. He was a Baptist minister for over fifty years in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas.

Tom Rhodes celebrated his birthday at a party held in his honor at the Senior Citizens building.

10 Yrs Ago-Nov. 23, 1991

The contract for constructing a four-lane divided roadway for Highway 60 between Friona and Bovina will be awarded by the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation on December 5.

D. Vinson Is Buried In Bovina

Funeral services for Delpha Vinson, 80, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, November 23, 2001, at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

Barry Tilley, pastor of Cornerstone Assembly of God Church in Lubbock officiated. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

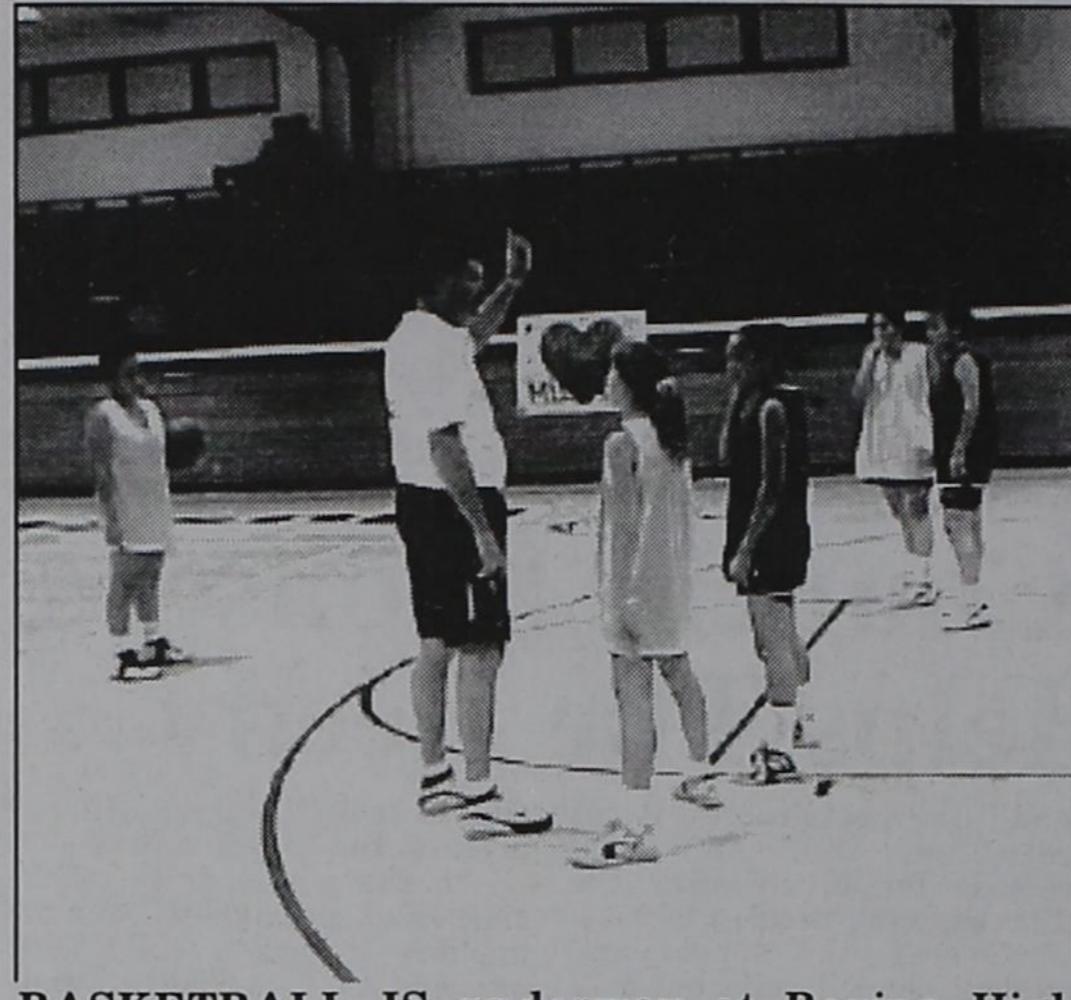
She died Wednesday, November 21, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Vinson was born April 15, 1921, in Hector, Arkansas. She married Rufus Vinson November 27, 1937 in Hector. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1980.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Friona. She was a resident of Bovina and had moved to Lubbock three years ago. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Survivors include five daughters: Shirley Jackson of Friona; Brenda Coffey of Lubbock; Sue Richardson of Russellville, Arkansas; Eva Vickery of Penn Yan, New York; and Diana Woodford of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



BASKETBALL IS underway at Bovina High School. Above, Coach Wes Weems organizes a position drill during a recent workout. The girls carried a 2-2 record to Amherst Tuesday night.



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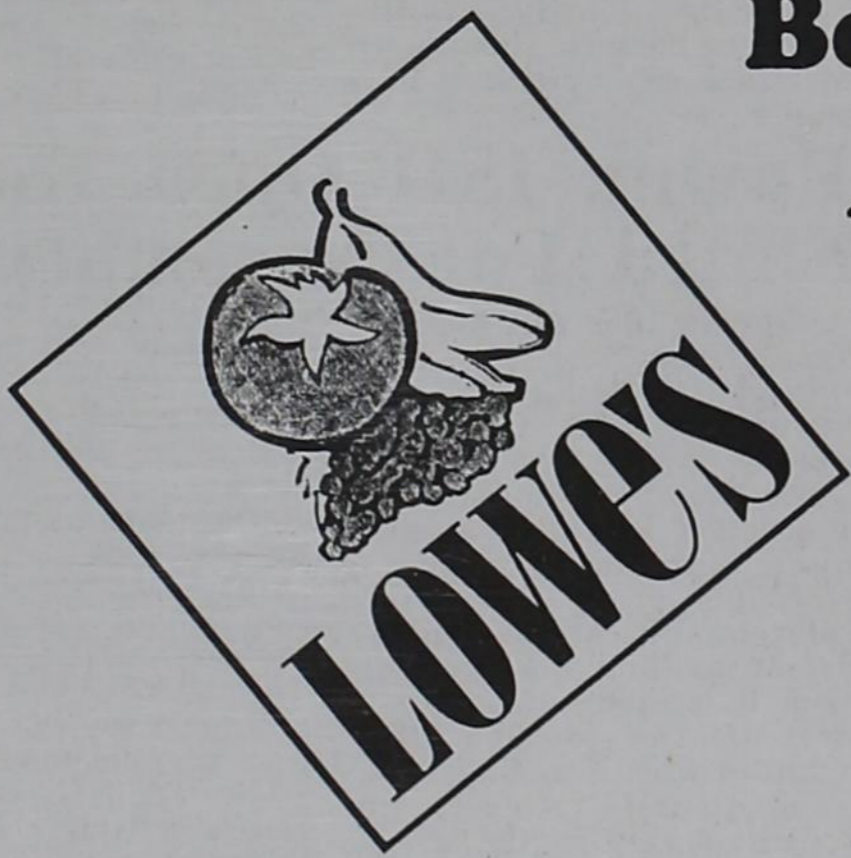
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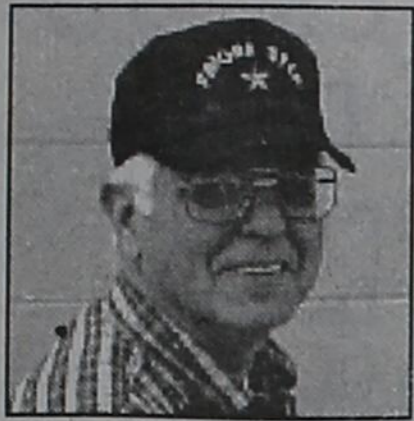
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LET US COUNT OUR REAL BLESSINGS THIS THANKSGIVING

Remember, this Thanksgiving Day,
To count your blessings, come what may.
It seems so strange, and yet it's true:
Hard times can be a blessing, too;
Reminding us to be aware
Of family and friends who care.
No circumstance can take away
These values that are here to stay.
And now, before we start the feast,
Let's be appreciative, at least,
Of all the happy times we've shared,
And all the troubles we've been spared.
In gratitude, let heads be bowed
For every day that we're allowed,
A blessing with its own reward,
So let's give thanks unto the Lord.

—Gloria Nowak



Out Here

by Ron Carr

"I'm Feeling Lots Better About Flying Now!"

With the stroke of a ceremonial pen, President Dubya put about 28,000 more employees on the Federal payroll this week.

You can fly with great confidence for at least the next three years. Government employees will be rummaging through your underdrawers looking for that hidden weapon you are taking to grandma's house.

I imagine the terrorists are ready to call it quits, don't you think. After all, government employees, supervised by more government employees and assorted politicians, are much smarter and more thorough than the common capitalist worker.

What will happen when the first weapons are sneaked through one of the government checkpoints?

You know that some TV station or investigative reporter is going to test the security system and try to slip a simulated nuclear bomb past the luggage inspectors.

When that happens I wonder if Senator Daschle and Congressman Gephardt, who always know what's best for America, will criticize their own workers as much as they've been cussin' the current airport screeners.

To listen to politicians, the lowest life-form in America these days are airport security employees.

Why they say these poor wretched souls are on the same pay level as McDonald's employees. That alone relegates them to the bottom of our American caste system. (If I was McDonald's I would sue for slander.)

They say there has been a high turnover rate amidst the privately run screening companies. Horror of horrors, they have even hired a few

former felons to look at your stuff. This is the same America that goes to the ballpark to cheer for some millionaire former felons, but won't let them hold a minimum wage airport job.

Airport security is too important to leave it to common people, you say?

The September 11 terrorists did not board the planes armed with guns and extra ammo. They didn't have knives galore, hand grenades, or nitroglycerin. They had what is now widely known as box cutters. A razor blade in a plastic handle that grocery clerks use to open boxes.

Need I remind anyone that on September 11, 2001, it was legal and okay to have one of these "box cutters" in your purse or briefcase. If you had shown up for a flight that day with a "box cutter" on your person, you would have been waved on through.

Seems to me that no security regulations were broken. So why are the security screeners now being ostracized and called everything but a human being for just doing their job?

The September 11 hijackings were the first airplane hijackings in America in 10 years. Why all of a sudden are airport security screeners so dumb and stupid they couldn't qualify as amoebas in a scum pond?

I'll tell you why. They are scapegoats for the ineptitude of the FBI, the CIA and the INS under the Clinton administration, in doing something about the terrorists while they lived among us for several years.

All the international intelligence operations we are supposed to have. All the domestic surveillance we

allegedly have in place. None of the high-powered government organizations whose job it is to keep America safe did their job in this instance.

So the blame goes to the poor common men and women just trying to get along by working for an airport security company. It is a strategy that has worked before for the Democrats. Find some average person or organization to blame; bring the power of the government to bear on them; and scare America into more and more government control of our daily lives.

My fear is that President Dubya has been caught up in "the importance of the government" tide that is sweeping across the country.

I don't know why he signed the bill authorizing the government takeover of airport security. Up until the day it became law, he was opposed to it. Maybe he is suckering the Democrats so when it doesn't work he can say "I told you so."

What I do know is that since September 11 money and the budget and the Social Security lockbox are no longer issues. Education, which was the number one priority for President Dubya, is no longer at the top of the list. The era of big government is back.

Truth is a few government employees looking for bombs and guns at the airport are not going to be more effective than common people. Terrorists have a lot of options besides the airport.

Now when you travel you won't be able to fight back when the airport screener is rude and obnoxious to you.

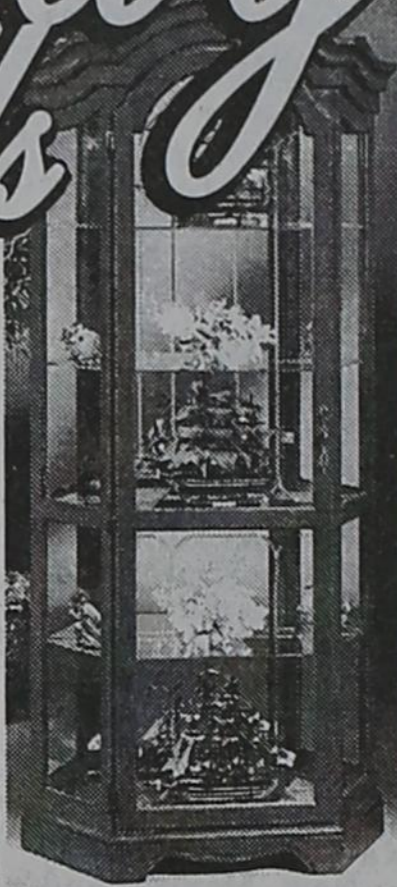
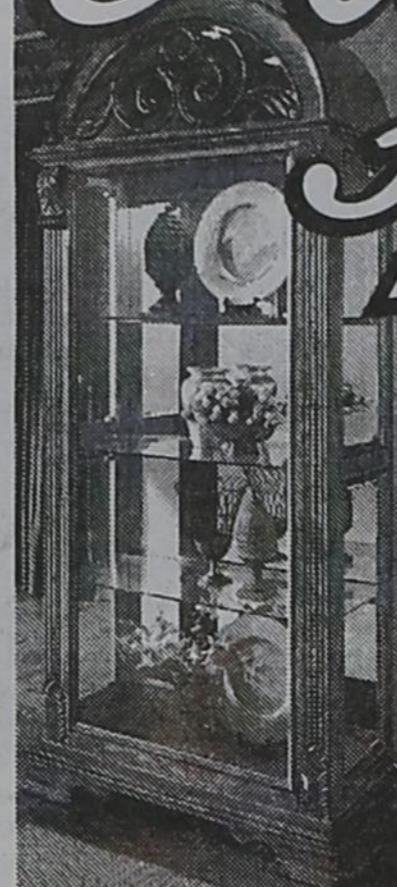
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Black Sunday Publication Depicts "Dust Bowl" Incidents

(Editor's note: By December 1, the Friona Star will have copies of "Black Sunday" for sale at \$19.95 each. We will also have copies of Wayne Bristow's "18 Miles from Earth" available for holiday giving.)

One giant, black dust storm of April 14, 1935 became the signature event of a devastating period in the history of the South Plains of the United States.

Frank L. Stallings, Jr., an English professor who grew up in Pampa during those days, has chronicled that traumatic event with media and other historic research, and testimony of witnesses for his new book, BLACK SUNDAY (Eakin Press, \$19.95) to be in area book stores and available on the Internet the last of November.

The storm covered areas of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas. Various names called Black Sunday, Black Easter (wrongly, because it was actually Palm Sunday), "the granddaddy of 'em all," and "that thing," the storm is pictured in hundreds of photographs kept by families as if to make sure everyone knows what it was like to go through "the end of the world" and live to talk about it.

The Dust Bowl of the 1930s was partly the result of indiscriminate plowing of Great Plains grasslands from the end of the nineteenth century into the 1920s, and using the land to raise wheat, other grains and feed for livestock.

The settlers who began the process were not aware that their plows would make the land blow away in the 1930s, when a combination of drought and wind blew uncovered soil from one place to another--storms that eventually gave rise to the term "Dust Bowl."

During the years when dust blew and topsoil-stripped (Continued on Page 3-A)



"DUST CLOUDS ROLLING OVER THE PRAIRIE" is the caption for this photo, contained in a new book, "Black Sunday," by Frank L. Stallings, which describes the worst of the 1930s storms, and will soon be available at the Friona Star.



THE BLACK DUSTER of April 14, 1935 is shown as it rolled into the city of Pampa on that Sunday afternoon. Photo was by F.L. Stallings, whose son has published a book on the storm, "Black Sunday," available this Christmas season.

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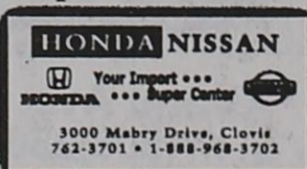
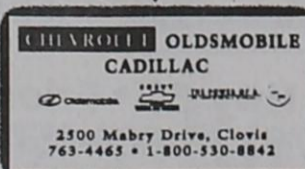
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Black Sunday Depicts "Dust Bowl" Days....

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farmland were unable to grow much of anything, some people pulled up stakes and moved to California or other places where there were no dust storms.

Even though some left the area, most stayed where they were, survived as best they could, cursed the dust, and prayed for rain, while constantly being harassed by winds that blew dust that crept into every niche and crevice of their houses.

Bula Flynn of Pampa recalls that "papa tore up rags and stuffed them in cracks around the windows and doors. He also wet cloths and we held them on our faces so we could breathe better. We set the table with the plates upside down and kept a cloth over the table.

A "Kansas prayer" quoted from the Southwest Tribune in Liberal, Kansas, included these problems:

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Dr. Stallings was born in 1928, and graduated from Pampa High School in 1946. He served in the Army, stationed in Germany in 1951-52, and later received a

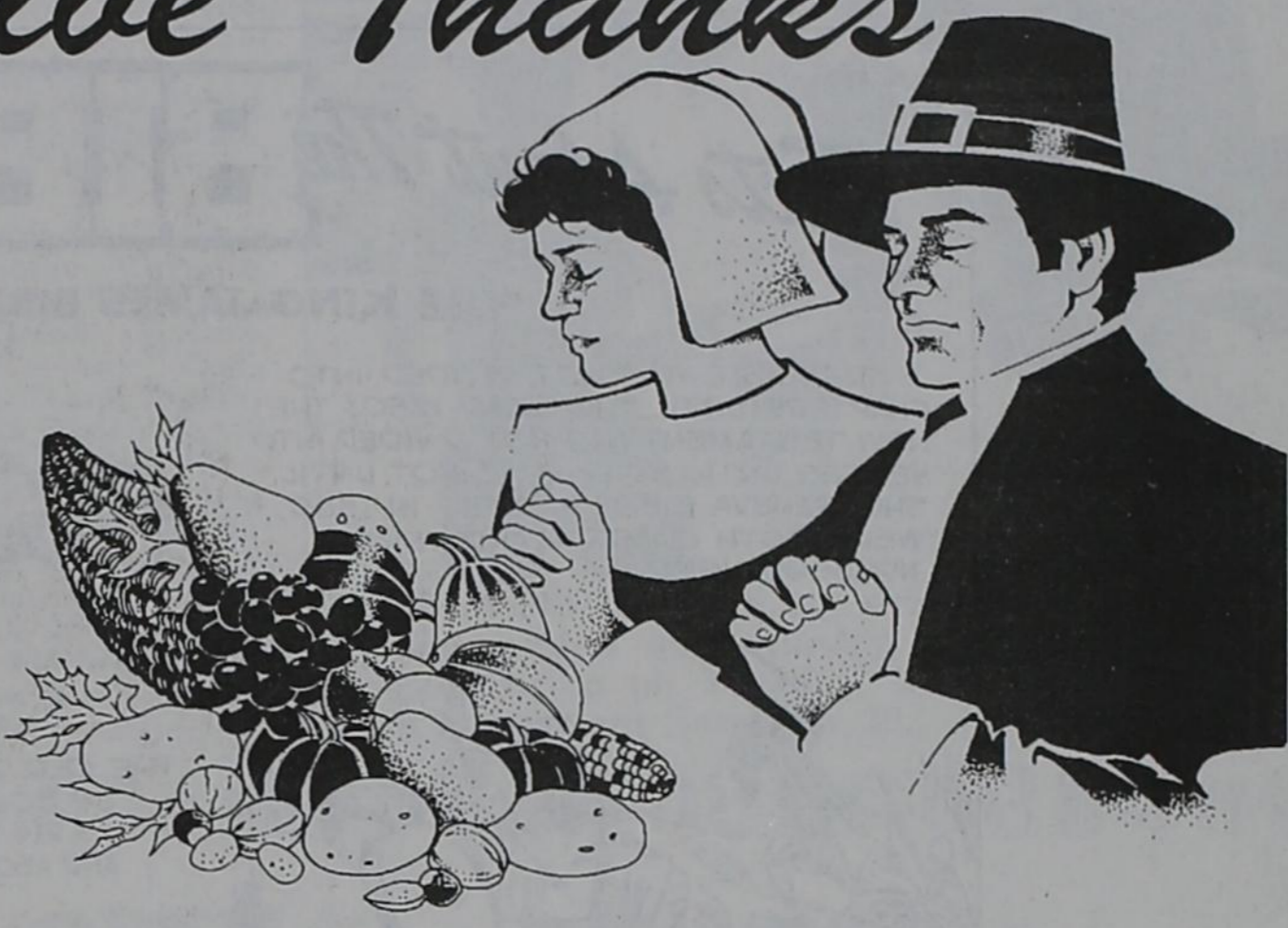


THIS SCENE FROM Liberal, Kansas, shows the monster cloud approaching Liberal, Kansas, on April 14, 1935. The "Black Duster" raged for over two days, reached the Gulf Coast, and sand was noted by ships 200 miles at sea.

BA and MA in English from West Texas State College and his doctorate in English at the University of Texas, Arlington. After teaching at UT, Austin and Arlington, he was at Thomas More College in Edgewood, Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University where he is now professor emeritus. Family stories

about the Black Sunday storm inspired him to interview survivors and research newspaper accounts and other sources for the history. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Highland Heights, Kentucky, but will be in the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma in early December for book signings.

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THE BOVINA MUSTANGS are under new coach Joey Sims this year and are off to a good start with a second place finish at the Morton tournament. Next home game is December 4 against Adrian.

Bovina Middle School Tells 1st 6 Wks Honors

The Bovina Middle School honor rolls for the first six weeks that ended September 28, 2001 are as follows.

All A's
Sixth grade: Norma Castillo and Christy Thatcher.
Seventh grade: Henry Hiebert.
Eighth grade: Saul Martinez, Sandra Perez and Karla Rivera, eighth grade.

A's and B's
Sixth grade: Daena Carrillo, Ruben Chavez, Jaime Chavira, Claudia Flores, Alonso Flores, Tomas Fuentes, Marisela Garcia,

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of November 25 to December 1

Nov 25 Frank Galvan, Kris Galvan, Dorothy Looney.
 Nov 26 Oma Lee George
 Nov 27 Lowell Primrose, Angela Englant.

Nov 28 Dean Stanberry.
 Nov 29 Anthony Ramon.
 Dec 1 Flossie Rhinehart, Zane Anderson, Helen Deen.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call 251-1523 and add the names to our birthday list.

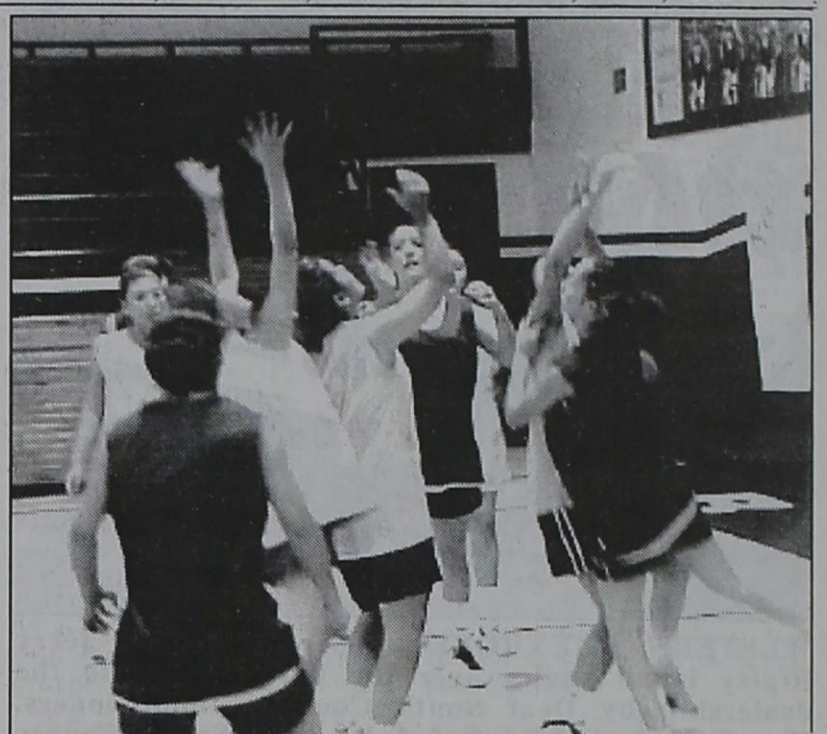
When you see names that should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let us know. Thank you.

Zulema Garcia, Andrew Southerland, Jesus Guevara, Jose Gutierrez, Haylee Hughes, Brianda Loya, Elizabeth Munoz, Andrea Ortiz, Lucero Saucedo, Dominic Sorio, Abriel Terrones and Ruby Vela.

Seventh grade: Frank Martinez, Hilda Quintero, Jessie Reyna and David Rojas.

Eighth grade: Zachary Graves, Hector Carrillo, Marca Castaneda, Diana Delarosa, Dina Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Cody Jamerson, Noe Lara, Dorothy Martinez, Luis Carlos Munoz, Elizabeth Ortiz, Michael Ortiz, Alex Owens, Edda Robles, Irma Rocha, Laura Rocha, Juana Roldan, David Salazar and Bacilio Viernes.

Honor rolls for the second six weeks should be available for publication in next week's issue of *The Bovina Blade*.



THE BOVINA FILLIES are shown during the public practice session on Saturday, November 10. They play at Adrian on Tuesday, November 27 and the Anton tournament November 29. ron carr photos

Bovina Football Contest Standings

- 104--Al Kerby Jr.
- 103--Josh Kerby, Dean Stanberry, Virginia Steele, Christen Stowers.
- 102--Rocio Antillon.
- 101--Jessica Stowers.
- 100--Paula Chavez, Bruce Scroggins, Blake Sudderth.
- 99--Daniel Hernandez, Scroggins Athletic Class.
- 97--Lily Baker, Tyson Kerby.
- 96--Doug Johnson, Roy Lee Stowers.
- 94--Frank Gonzalez, Frances Johnson, Jason Kerby, Del Ray Sudderth.
- 93--Melanie Stanberry.
- 91--Linda Sudderth.
- 90--Peggy Hargrove.
- 88--Zane Anderson, D'Lynn Jamerson.
- 87--Travis Lockmiller.
- 86--Teresa Brito.
- 83--Brett Anderson.
- 80--Anabel Garcia, Candy Highsmith, Cody Jamerson.
- 78--Victor Espinoza, Francisco Torres, Eufemia Torres.
- 77--Berenice Melendez.
- 76--Rick Jamerson.
- 73--Elizabeth Torres.
- 71--Veronica Herrera.
- 64--Bill Coryell, Elva Hernandez.

- 113--Glenden Sudderth.
- 112--Dorothy Harris. Aubrey Parson.
- 111--A.M. Wilson.
- 109--Kelcey Scroggins.
- 108--Danny Harris, Susan Kerby.
- 107--Jimmy Harris, Jerry Roach, Scott Sudderth.
- 106--Denise Anderson, Janie Sudderth.
- 105--Jan Smith, Dorothy Stowers.

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The family of Gene Ezell wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and love shown during the loss of our husband, father and grandfather. Your prayers, food, cards, phone calls and visits helped to sustain us during the time of our loss and sorrow. You are all so wonderful.

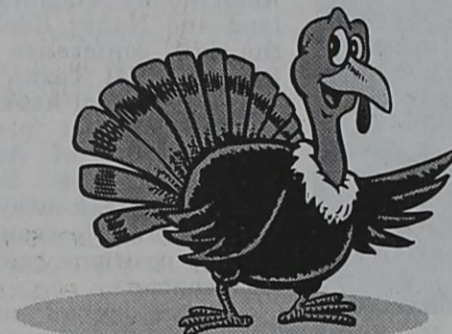
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Western Chevy Awarded Bid On 5 Trucks

Western Chevrolet of Friona and Western Ford of Hereford were successful bidders to furnish seven new vehicles for Deaf Smith County.

Deaf Smith County commissioners awarded the bids on Monday, November 12, after a bid from another dealer was submitted 30 minutes after the 9 a.m. Monday deadline.

The Friona dealership, also owned by Roy Riley of Hereford, will provide five of the seven vehicles. Western Chevrolet manager Jerry Ripley said the total amount of the bid to Western Chevrolet would be about \$117,000.

Western Chevrolet will sell Deaf Smith County five pickups. All five are Chevrolet Silverados. Three are extended cabs and two are regular cabs.

The total of the bids accepted by Deaf Smith County from Western Ford and Western Chevrolet was about \$167,000.

WESTERN CHEVROLET general manager Jerry Ripley is all smiles over the bid awarded to the dealership by Deaf Smith County commissioners. The five trucks purchased by Deaf Smith County mean about \$117,000 in sales at Western Chevrolet. See story at right.



Residents Attend Fall Conference

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel was represented in Amarillo by Virginia Cleveland and Nancy Edelson at the fall conference of the District XVII Texas Retired School Personnel Association.

The district president, John Krodel of Amarillo, conducted the business meeting. Break-away groups were available concerning various positions held in the local chapters.

Several special guests had an opportunity to speak. The immediate past president of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, Dr. Kenneth Laycock of Amarillo, spoke about the current plans and funding of the TRTA building in Austin across from the capitol.

There will be a state convention in Waco in April followed by a district spring conference in May in Amarillo.

NEW RC&D COORDINATOR...Thomas Reed of Friona has been selected to serve as Coordinator of the High Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area. The coordinator serves as a point of access to federal, state and local programs and services that help the RC&D Council address locally identified issues and achieve its objectives. Thomas is a resident of Friona and has 19 years of service with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The office is located in the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District building.

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Jesus Perez Wins Week 11 Only Two Contests Left

Four contestants managed at 29 points off. Sorry Frances. You were really close. The point total race for the \$150 grand prize didn't move much in Week Eleven. Glenden Sudderth maintains a one point lead. Point standings are printed elsewhere in the paper.

The first prize winner was Jesus Perez, a student at Bovina High School. He only missed two pro games and was 19 points off the tie-breaker of Dallas 3, Eagles 36.

Second place went to Bill Coryell of Farwell. Bill was 23 points off the tie-breaker. Eufemia Torres of Muleshoe grabbed the third place cash

The football contest in this paper is the final one for 2001. In case of a tie for the grand prize, we tabulate all 13 tie-breakers and the contestant with the lowest total wins.

Thanks for playing this year and thanks to our sponsors for providing the contest to you. Good luck and good pickin'!

Basketball Season Is Underway In Bovina....

(Continued from Page 1)

Jake Steelman banged in 14 points, Eddie Garcia had 12, Ortiz contributed 9 and Johnathan Chisom had 6.

Bovina recorded it's second tourney victory by smashing the Morton JV 68-36. The two wins gave the Mustangs second place in the tournament.

Again, Shepherd and E. Garcia teamed up to lead the Mustangs in all categories. Shepherd had 14 points,

10 rebounds, 5 steals and 2 assists. Garica chipped in with 10 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals and 5 assists.

Ortiz and Josh Kerby had 8 points each, J. Chisom had 7. Alfredo Martinez, Raymond Chisom, Jake Steelman, Jeff Casas, David Garcia and Jose Amaya also scored for the Mustangs as Coach Sims gave all the boys playing time.

The Mustangs record is now 2-1 and the Fillies, who defeated Amherst last week, are now 2-2.

Mid-School Honor Roll

According to Middle School principal Matt Branstine, the following students received All A's for the second six weeks:

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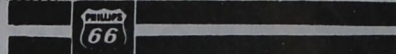
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