

Bull Town Bulletins By Bill Ellis



ONE OF THE NEW fads seems to be "subliminal tapes," which have been produced in cassette form, to provide impetus for everything from losing weight to stopping smoking.

One national bookstore chain reports that one-third of all cassette tape sales fall into the category of subliminal persuasion or self-hypnosis.

Subliminal means "below the threshold," imperceptible to the conscious mind. Most people using the tapes play them at night when they go to bed, and let the taped message "talk them to sleep."

According to University of London psychologist Norman Dixon, subliminal programming is predicated on the belief that the brain receives far more sensory data than we realize, and that we actually retain some of them in our subconscious without realizing that we do.

Thus, words or pictures flashed so fast that we can't recall seeing them, or words spoken at such low volumes as to evoke no conscious memory may influence what we do.

The "subliminal" craze began in the late 1950s at a New Jersey theater when rapidly flashing words were inserted into a showing of a movie, allegedly resulting in a run on the snack bar. Since then, researchers have repeatedly tried—mostly in vain—to show that subliminal stimuli can affect human behavior to a significant degree.

Some large department stores have reportedly experimented with subliminal messages, which were broadcast along with the store's background music in an attempt to combat shoplifting.

Stimuli below the awareness level can have measurable effects on heart rate, muscle tone and blood pressure, but that does not necessarily mean they influence conscious thought or behavior.

In one experiment, Dr. Lloyd Silverman of New York University used subliminal phrases to stimulate fantasies that reinforced conscious wishes of patients to lose weight. A more rigidly controlled study of subliminal stop-smoking tapes, currently underway at the University of Washington's Addiction Research Center, may give us some more hard data.

But so far, no research has shown convincingly that subliminal messages can make us modify our lives.

To buy a subliminal tape, then, requires a leap of faith, and that may be the main draw—not what they actually do, but what buyers expect them to do. The act of purchasing the tapes may reinforce a conscious resolution that the buyer has previously made.

Perhaps it's just as well that the subliminal influence isn't as easy to work as some would have you believe. There are always those, perhaps enemies of our country, who might use this tactic to disrupt our country.

And maybe this is what the national news media is doing at the present time in regards to the Iran arms controversy!?!?

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it each day, and at last it becomes so strong we cannot break it.

School To Dismiss Fri.

Bovina Schools will dismiss early Friday for the Christmas holidays, according to Superintendent of Schools, Bob Owen.

School will dismiss at 2:43 p.m. on Friday, December 19, and buses will run at that time.

After several days from the regular routine, classes will resume at their regular time on Monday, January 5.

Homes To Be Judged Wednesday

The Bovina Lion's Club is hosting a Home Decoration Contest and the deadline is December 17. Entries are asked to leave their porch lights on until 10 p.m. that night for the final judging.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning entries, and these will range from \$35 for first place to \$25 for second place and \$15 for third place.

Entries have been brought to the Bovina Blade and placed in the slot of the door. If you want to enter, the deadline is this Wednesday, just give us a call and you'll be on the list.

Judges will make their selections on Wednesday night, December 17.

The winning home will be announced in the Christmas edition of the Blade, and those needing additional information on this project can contact Dwain Nance, Lions president.

Doctor Is Feted At Reception

A reception was held Sunday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. at the Bovina Medical Center to honor Dr. Woollends and his family. His wife is Alice and their two children are Alexander and Sarah.

Hosting the reception were members of the Bovina Medical Board and they were Billy Whitecotton, Pat Read, Tonya Gober, Sandra Ware, Ellen Estes, Larry Mitchell and Gene Scott.

Cookies, coffee, punch and nuts were served to 88 people who came to meet and get acquainted with our new doctor.

Dr. Woollends is now living in Clovis, but hopes to move to Bovina very soon.

Lions Fete Wives At Dinner

Members of the Lions Club and their wives gathered at the Bovina Truck Stop for their Christmas dinner on Thursday evening, December 11.

A steak dinner was served to Thomas and Virginia Rhodes, Sonny and Dot Roach, Billy Smith, Dwain and Lovey Nance, Bob and Sarah Owen, Oakley and Yvonne Stevenson, Richard Fox, Vernon and Frances Willard, Harry and Ruthie Charles, C.E. and Joy Trimble, Jay and Patsy Sherrill, Woodrow and Gladys Wright, Durward and Fern Bell, Bedford and Pauline Caldwell and Jim and Scooter Russell.

Following the dinner, the men sipped candy to be given away on Friday, when Santa Claus comes to town.

Methodists To Give Cantata

The Adult Choir of the First United Methodist Church will be presenting their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday morning, December 21 at 11 a.m. The cantata is entitled "One Night In Bethlehem."

Members of the choir have worked hard to prepare this special music and invite everyone to attend.

Joe Rackley is choir director.



DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS



HONORED...Dr. Mike Woollends and his family were honored at a reception here Sunday afternoon. With the doctor are his wife Alice, son Alexander and daughter Sarah.



PRETTY DOOR....Beliza Torres and Theo Fields are seventh graders in Mrs. Frances Willard's class. The girls are standing by a door decorated for the Christmas holidays.



SEASON'S GREETINGS...This pretty display of Christmas cheer is shown in the halls of the grade school. Standing by the display are children from the sixth grade class. Right to left, are Abelina Porras, Stephanie Rackley, Debbie Rodriguez, John Verner, and Ralph Ramon. Their teacher is Mrs. Heflin.

Santa Claus Sets Visit On Dec. 19

Santa Claus, alias St. Nick, Kris Kringle or St. Nicholas, will arrive in Bovina on Friday, December 19, while on his annual pre-Christmas journey through surrounding towns, according to word received here by the Bovina Blade.

The easily-recognized, jolly old gentleman will be in downtown Bovina at approximately 3 p.m. He has been able to fit his visit here into his very busy schedule and it is known his reindeer are ready for the trip, with the irrepressible Rudolph leading.

No landing facilities are available in the downtown section, so Santa Claus will be escorted from outside of town to Main Street, where he will distribute candy to the children and visit with them for awhile.

Conversations with Santa's assistants at the North Pole during the week confirmed that he will accept delivery of letters addressed to him that were sent to the newspaper by area children.

Santa will pick up the letters in person for his careful attention before he begins his night-time journey on Christmas Eve.

Parmer Farmer In 'Chapter 12'

(From The Amarillo Globe-News)
By D. KENT PINGEL

A Parmer County farmer has filed the first official petition for Chapter 12 reorganization in the Amarillo division of the Northern District of the Texas Bankruptcy Court.

The petition was filed Wednesday, November 26.

Lawrence Kriegel, 41, of Bovina, said he filed the petition in an attempt to hold on to the fruit of more than ten years of labor.

If he did not own his farm, he said he would have liquidated and walked away, instead of entering the limelight by petitioning for Chapter 12 reorganization.

The new chapter became effective November 26, a month after President Reagan signed a farm bankruptcy bill co-written by Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Proponents of Chapter 12 hope the plan will allow financially troubled farmers to stay in business until agricultural commodities reach higher prices.

Under Chapter 12, farmers and ranchers with secured debts of up to \$1.5 million may petition the federal Bankruptcy Court for protection if they earned half of their income from agricultural endeavors, and if 80 per cent of their secured debt came from that operation, according to the Texas Family Farm and Ranch Advisory Committee.

In addition to filing, Kriegel presented a written statement to local media representatives in which he asked the press to make people aware of the plight of farmers.

The statement also blasted farm policy which Kriegel said prevents farmers from changing from one crop program to another to best suit their needs.

Kriegel said tampering with target and loan prices, in addition to manipulation of carryover crop stocks, has depressed commodity prices further.

Commodity Cheese To Be Distributed

Surplus government cheese will be distributed in Bovina on December 18 at the Community Action Center.

Distribution for all persons who are sixty years old and older or are handicapped, who qualify according to the eligible guidelines will be given cheese beginning at 8 a.m.

Persons under sixty years of age that qualify can begin picking up their cheese at 9 a.m.

Those who come for the cheese, please bring your own bags.

The Bovina farmer said his reorganization plan will add corn to the crops he now grows, for a potentially higher price.

Without the Chapter 12, Kriegel said he probably would have waited to see how long it took for creditors to foreclose on his 320-acre farm.

The Texas Department of Agriculture said 86,816 agricultural bankruptcies occurred nationwide last year. Texas farms and ranches accounted for 6,808 of those failures, the TDA said.

"Since this is available, I've been thinking about it a lot, I decided to go ahead and try reorganization," he said.

"I've never been in a bankruptcy case before, so I don't know all of the little details. My attorneys feel they can make my case work. But it is shaky ground for me, because it is something I haven't been in before."

Kriegel said he would pay his attorneys a straight fee, but that the new reorganization chapter was designed to cut back court time and expenses.

If U.S. District Judge John C. Akard approves the plan, a trustee will be appointed to oversee financial management of the farm.

Kriegel described his farm as small and said he began farming in 1972, prior to the wheat market skyrocketing on the eve of massive grain purchases by the Soviets.

The first years were profitable for Kriegel. Currently, however, he reports debts totalling \$400,000, accumulated primarily during the last two years.

Kriegel is a third generation farmer and is the second generation farmer to work the land he now owns.

"It is hard to know the family's total reaction (to filing the petition). I know they're concerned," he said. "I've been playing with FmHA for two years now, so I guess they've known there would be a day when I had to leave or file bankruptcy."

Date Passes For Joining Card List

Monday, December 15 was the final day to join "Project Christmas Card" for 1986.

Those wanting to donate to the Bovina Ambulance Building Fund and have their names included in the Christmas edition of the Bovina Blade made their contribution to the First State Bank of Bovina before closing time on Monday.

All proceeds from the drive will go to help build the new building that will house the Bovina Ambulance and equipment and provide a community room.

REFLECTIONS

....from The Bovina Blade

30 YEARS AGO-DEC. 19, 1956
Santa Claus slipped away from his toy workshop at the North Pole Saturday long enough to make a two-or three-hour visit in Bovina.

Parmer County teachers and school board members met in Bovina School Cafeteria Wednesday night for their annual Christmas meeting.

Bovina's city commission met with Ralph Douglas, engineer from Littlefield, and Tom Anderlitch, bondsman, at a called meeting Wednesday night to discuss possibilities of paving for Bovina. Anderlitch represents First of Texas Corporation, a bonding company in San Antonio.

Bovina American Legion met Monday night for the second regular meeting since the organization was revived earlier this month.

Entries in the Bovina Junior Chamber of Commerce outside Christmas Decoration Contest have been trickling in since announcement of the contest was made last week.

25 YEARS AGO-DEC. 20, 1961
A total of 19 people were awarded certificates for completing a six-session community civil defense course here last week.

Almost 50 hams and-or turkeys were awarded to lucky hunters during the Bovina Lions' turkey shoot held south of town Friday. The project grossed more than \$600.

Property at intersection of Highway 86 and Third Street, which was formerly used by state highway department, is now for sale, announces Lloyd Killough, highway maintenance foreman in this district.

Santa Claus is coming to town

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Tami Kunselman, Bookkeeper
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on Thursday. In addition to traditional visits with children, he will give away sacks of Christmas candy treats to all children present.

Music students of Mrs. Margaret Caldwell were featured in a Christmas program Friday afternoon in her home.

20 YEARS AGO-DEC. 21, 1966
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bonds are first place winners in the Bovina Christmas Decoration Contest, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Larry Wendell Finley, 19, died enroute to an Amarillo hospital about 1 a.m. Monday as a result of a gunshot wound in the left eye.

Mrs. Jolene Decker has resigned as English and Spanish teacher in Bovina Schools effective in mid-term, according to Otis Spears, superintendent.

A total of 95 donors contributed \$799.12 to the Christmas Card Project sponsored by the Bovina Community Improvement Committee for the medical clinic and doctor fund.

15 YEARS AGO-DEC. 22, 1971
Joe Jones miraculously escaped serious injury Thursday afternoon when the semi-trailer grain truck he was driving was struck by a Santa Fe freight train at the west crossing in Bovina.

First and second place prize money in Bovina's 1971 tailfeather contest was divided between Bruce Caldwell and Chester Brown of Tucson, Arizona.

Friday, Christmas Eve, will be a holiday for some offices and firms in Bovina.

Christmas-New Year holidays will begin at 2:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) for students and teachers in Bovina Schools.

Brett Whitten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten of 902 Sherwood Lane, is the first place winner in the 1971 Decorations Contest, sponsored by Bovina Lions Club.

10 YEARS AGO-DEC. 22, 1976
Services were held for George McKinney, age 80, December 4 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Tammy Christian was named FFA Sweetheart and Lezli Williams, FFA Plow Girl.

Christmas Card Fund totals \$643, and will be donated to the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

Funeral services were held December 12 for Mrs. Lillie

Purselley Norton. She was survived by two daughters, Mrs. E.L. Cochran and Mrs. Gwendolyn Merideth.

Steven Wiseman of Bovina is a centennial graduate of Texas A&M University. He is a 1970 high school graduate and the son of T.C. and Jean Wiseman.

Mike Spears, son of Wayne Spears, graduated from the Eastern New Mexico University.

5 YEARS AGO-DEC. 21, 1981
Herman (Pat) Connors resigned as principal in Bovina High School.

Ricky Shepherd was congratulated by head coach Paul Topliff after being named All-District Player of the Year.

The donations to Project Christmas Card amounted to \$1,784.00 and will be going to the land fund for the Clinic.

Richard Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lowe of Bovina, was honored recently at the New Mexico Military Institute as the outstanding offensive lineman for the NMMI Bronchos team for the year.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a skateboard, also a soccer ball and some surprises. Bring my mother a 14-K gold necklace and my dad a remote control car. Finally my brother he wants a two seated jeep. Thank you.

Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope that you are feeling well. Would you please bring me a doll, a pencil and a playhouse? I will leave milk and cookies on the table for you. Thank you.

Your friend, Jessica Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I wish that I could have a skateboard, and some clothes. I want my nephew to get a toy train. I wish that nobody would fight. I wish that nobody would get killed. I wish that we wouldn't fight any countries.

Lance

Dear Santa,
My name is Wayne and I have been good this year. I would like a station for my little cars and a reading light. Thank you!

Love, Wayne Stormes



By BOB OWEN

As another calendar year comes to a close, and "resolution" time approaches, I would like to discuss a topic that is vital to education. This topic is communication.

Educators and parents have a common goal--the education of students. Both groups are involved in education. It is vital, for the child's sake, that communication takes place between these two groups.

If the parent will communicate with the school, and the school with the parent, then we will be more apt to meet the needs, wants and capabilities of the child.

Let's do it then, for our children. Let's try to communicate. If we do not understand what's going on, let's make an effort to find out. If a child is doing poorly in school, let's communicate with the goal in mind of solving that problem. Let's get the home and the school working together in order that what is taught at school is enforced at home, and that what is taught in the home is enforced in the school. This can be done through communication between teachers and parents. This can clear up misunderstandings and build bases for quick and decisive action when problems do occur.

Of course there will be difficulties. Life without problems

School Corner

does not exist, but there will be no problem for which we cannot arrive at a solution.

Working together, as partners, for the common goal of what is best for the growing and developing child, gives the child the greatest head start in the world. The child is the one that will enjoy the greatest gain from this type of relationship.

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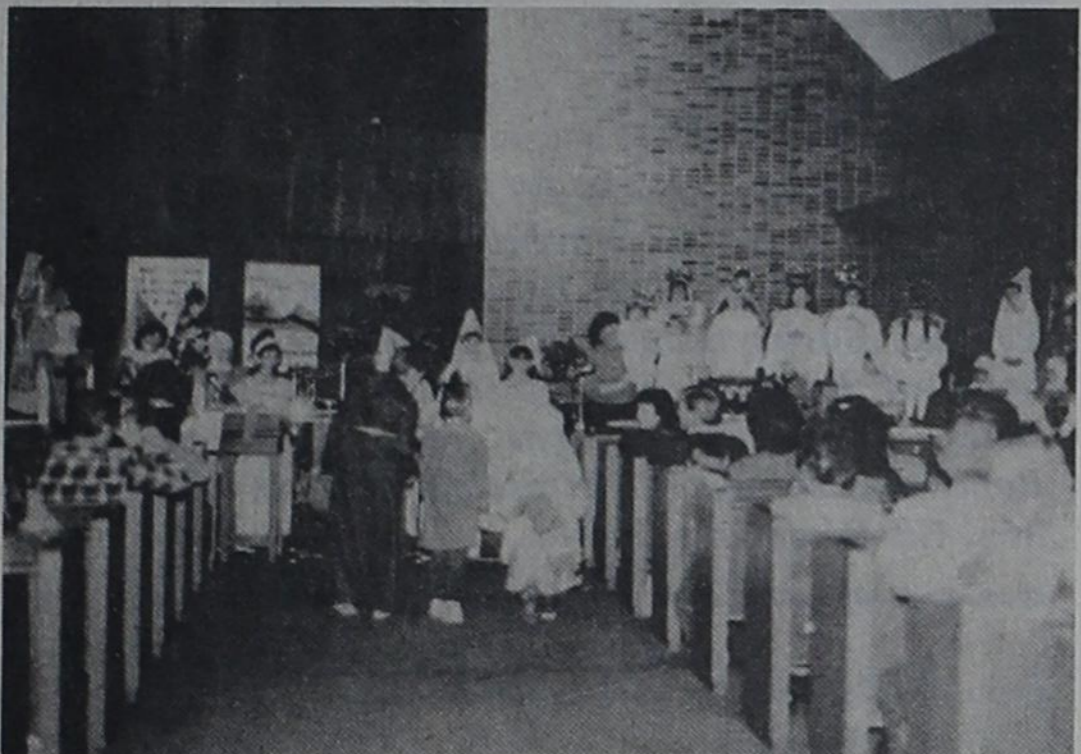
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ANNUAL DINNER....A portion of the crowd that attended the annual Christmas Dinner for the Lion's Club members and their wives is shown here. The steak dinner was held last Thursday evening at the Bovina Truck Stop.



MUSICAL SCENE...Forty-three youngsters took part in a Christmas musical last Sunday at the Methodist Church. This was a scene from the production.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like to have a train set, Teddy Ruxpin, a tennis ball, and a pair of cowboy boots. Have a safe trip to Bovina.

I love you, Blake Clements

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph? I have been a happy, good boy. Please bring me a Disneyland train. My sister, Brooke, wants a skateboard. I will leave out cookies and milk for you.

Love, Cameron Charles

Dear Santa,
I would like 2 pairs of pants, a coat and a remote control car for Christmas this year. I live in Bovina, Texas, in the country. I will leave out cookies and milk for you.

Love, John Stormes

Dear Santa Claus,
I don't want a lot of stuff for Christmas. Hear is what I want are a jambox and a pound puppy and a two blank tape. If you don't have any jambox I will take a pound puppy. If you don't have a pound puppy I will take a jambox. I live in Bovina, Texas and I have been good this year. So will you bring me those things. Me and my brothers and my sister will leave you out some cookies and milk for you.

Love, Darla Stormes

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope that you are feeling well. Would you please bring me a transformer, a truck and a car? I will leave milk and cookies on the table for you. Thank you.

Your friend, Pablo Rayos

Prairie Acres Party Line

By DONNA ECHOLS

This week has been busy with all sorts of Christmas activities. We want to thank several persons for helping with our festivities. The Congregational Church brought some cookies from their Cookie Walk for our residents to enjoy. The United Methodist Church caroling group came Sunday evening and sang for us.

Anna Mae Thomas and Melody Drake were here Monday for a Christmas sing-a-long with the residents. The Hub Ladies Club came Tuesday and brought refreshments, entertainment and sacks of goodies for the residents.

The Clovis branch of the Salvation Army came Thursday and brought gifts for the residents. The Friona State Bank gave us a can of popped corn. Martha and Charles Russell and Iola Nelson donated money to the Empty Stocking Fund. Shannon Cochran brought us some FFA fruit to enjoy. We thank all of you who help us.

Thursday, we had a meeting concerning Project Oasis at 10 a.m. in the dining hall. There were twelve people present. Wilhelm's loaned us a VCR machine to use for this presentation and we appreciate their help. This is a volunteer program and there will be another introductory and training meeting in January.

Kay Kendrick, a long time resident in our home, died Tuesday night. We extend our sympathy to her family at this time. We have received memorials for her from Billie and Roscoe Chandler and Willard and Bill Stewart. Memorials received for Jennie Mann were from Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Rhoads and Louis and Nancy Camp.

We would like to remind you that some of our residents need personal care items for Christmas. If you would like to help in this way, please call Debbie Sweatt. Some items needed are roll-on deodorant, stick deodorant, combs, brushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, toothbrushes, talcum powder, nail polish, electric

razors, stationary, stamps, socks, or money for any items. These will be given to residents according to individual needs.

Our Christmas party is at 6 p.m. December 22 for family and friends. We will have refreshments and gift giving at that time. Please join us.

Our nail and hair care was done by the women from the Sixth Street Church of Christ last Tuesday and the First Baptist Women will be here this Tuesday.

The Calvary Baptist Church held our Sunday services last week and the Sixth Street Church of Christ will be here this Sunday at 4 p.m.

Birthdays this week will be celebrated by employees, Trista Shelton and Maria Davila. Alta and Leroy Collier's 11th wedding anniversary will be December 18. Congratulations to them!

We hope you have a fun week preparing for Christmas!

Bovina 4-H Club Meets

The Bovina 4-H Club met on Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m. in the home of Dickie and Mary Evelyn Steelman for their Christmas party.

The youngsters arranged fruit sacks and delivered them to their secret grandparents, and sang Christmas carols to them.

They were at Nell Roach's home just as the McCain brothers were on television so they were invited to stay and watch them.

The youngsters then returned to the Steelmans' home for a meal of sloppy jos, chips, Cokes and hot punch.

Those attending were Christy Scott, Shane and Glen Branson, Mendy Rhodes, Leah Steelman, Andy, Wayne, Darla, Tammy and John Stormes, Ella Jo Stormes, Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes, Mary Evelyn and Dickie Steelman.



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED....Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Pruett of Clovis, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cockerham of Bovina announce the marriage of their children, Sandra Marie and Steven Lee. They exchanged wedding vows December 8 in Amarillo with Judge Cliff Roberts officiating. The couple returned home from a Caribbean cruise and are residing in the Oklahoma Lane area where they are involved in a farming operation.

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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

The Christmas musical at the First United Methodist Church was wonderful and I think most of you were there. We appreciated the ladies who worked so diligently to make it what it was...Also, thanks to the 43 youngsters who have been practicing for weeks...I hope all of you were able to see the McCain brothers as they performed last Thursday evening from Nashville. They were great and we were so very proud of them. Wasn't it exciting when we saw that sign held up in the audience with Bovina on it? I think that may have been Mama Rose...Christmas holidays will begin for students this Friday...Our Christmas paper will come out next week and then we will skip publication the week following Christmas.

I talked on Monday with Suez Smith and she said her mother, Edna Estes was not getting along too good. Edna had bypass surgery last week, but it seems she's having some problems. Suez said they put her back in CCU on Sunday morning. She is at the Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Freddie Mac O'Hair and his wife, Rhonda, of Longview came to Bovina for Thanksgiving. Freddie's parents are Fred and Artie Faye O'Hair. On Friday, the family enjoyed shopping and eating out in Clovis. On Saturday, they went to Fred's sister's home, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Brown of Pampa.

Paul Jones underwent surgery on Thursday of last week to have a cataract removed from his eye. He entered the Amarillo hospital on Wednesday, had the surgery on Thursday and was home on Friday. On Monday he was back at work and getting along fine.

Durward and Fern Bell drove to Montrose, Colorado over the Thanksgiving holidays and visited with their daughter and her family, Karen and Royce Grissom and their children, Capi and Cody. Fern said they had a real nice trip and visit with them.

Laura and Houston Bartlett attended the National Rodeo Finals recently which were held in Las Vegas, Nevada. At one time the rodeo finals were held in California, then in Oklahoma for about fifteen years and for the past two years they have been in Las Vegas.

Laura said they had gone every year but one while they were held in Oklahoma and Vegas. They stayed about four days and came home and babysat so their son, Rocky, and Renea could go. They all had a good time and enjoyed the flight out.

Vicki Jennings of Flagg underwent surgery in the Clovis High Plains Hospital on Wednesday of last week. She is getting along fine and was released on Sunday. She is Pat and Pat Kunselman's daughter.

Holly Moore has been visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mardell and Bob of Lubbock. She said she was away from home for several weeks and was glad to be home.

Robert and Emmagene Calaway recently spent the day in Lubbock visiting their granddaughter and family, Julie and Rex Beardain and children, Brandon and Brittany.

Emmagene's mother and aunt, Edith Shepherd and Orpha Wickard, spent Monday and Tuesday night with her.

Elmer McKay is in the hospital in Lubbock and is supposed to have lung surgery this week.

Jimmy Byrd underwent surgery in the Veterans Hospital in

Crowd Attends UMC Musical

A good crowd of people turned out to see the Christmas musical entitled "Good King Wenceslas," presented Sunday evening at the First United Methodist Church.

The cast included 43 youngsters with Debra Beauchamp directing the choir. The choir included kindergarten children through sixth graders.

Dendy Williams was in charge of decorations. Brenda Wilson directed the speaking. Pam Bell was in charge of costumes. Karen Kirkpatrick was in charge of publication.

The children in the musical were: Brandon Caldwell, Chris Wilson, Stephanie Rackley, Angela Beauchamp, Darla Stormes, Kimberly Kirkpatrick, Kody Wilson, Chad Jennings, Wayne Stormes, Lori Beauchamp, Drew Jennings, Richard Beauchamp, Willie Bell, Kevin Mitchell, Joey Rackley, Tony Beauchamp, Nick Williams, John Stormes, Kasey Bell, Tammy Stormes and Gina Kunselman.

Also, D'Anne Jones, Brooke Charles, Amber Willard, Mandy Wilson, Jackie Feldman, Amy Venable, Jamie Dillard, Lori Beauchamp, Jarred Rackley, Rebecca Caldwell, Joshua Willard, Jeremy Willard, Blake Clements, Cameron Charles, Andy Williams, Scott Sherrill, Michelle Feldman, Gina Beauchamp, Jamie Kunselman, Kelli Mitchell, Tracy Sherrill and Jimmi Dawn Jones.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church following the musical.

Amarillo. Friends said he would have to take radiation treatments.

J.T. and Tessie Jones are out of the hospital and are at home. J.T. was in the Clovis hospital having surgery and Tessie was taken to the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Buster and Mearle Morgan traveled recently to Waco and spent five days visiting with Mearle's sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and Claude Hawkins.

SMILE: The bridge tournament was in high gear when suddenly a player tossed down his cards muttering, "This game is crooked."

"That's a terrible accusation," whispered his partner. "What makes you think so?"

"That guy," the fellow said, pointing to the player on his left, "is not playing the hand I dealt him."

Have a great week and thanks for helping with the news and Scoops...Scooter.

Misti Boozer Is Member Of Society

The Texas Tech University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, National Scholastic Honor Society for Freshmen college and university students has initiated 53 new members during the fall ceremonies.

Misti Boozer, an elementary education major, was among the new members and she is the daughter of Lowell and Kathy Boozer. She graduated from Bovina High School in May 1986.

The society recognizes superior academic performance by freshmen. To be selected for membership, students must have obtained at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.



MR. and MRS. CHARLES L. WYBLE II...Wedding vows were exchanged November 22 between Charles L. Wyble II of Amarillo and Bernice Crump of Amarillo and a former Bovina resident. The couple was married in the home of Bernice's daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Kathy Avery. Other guests were Cindy and Wesley Roberson, Carolyn Richards of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Gib Boatman of Friona.

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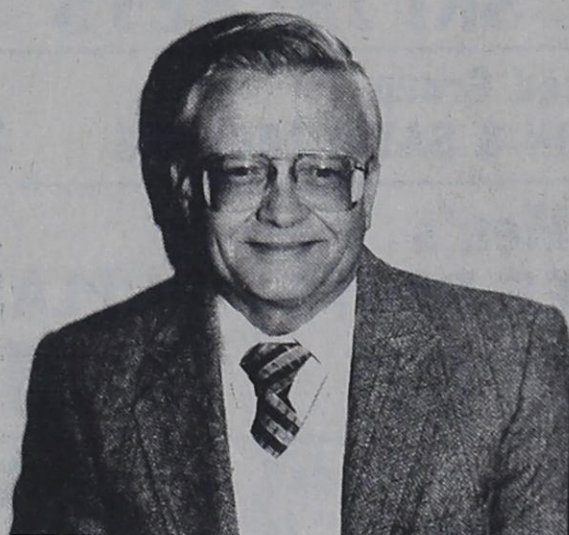
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Fillies Win Crown For Fourth Time

For the fourth year in a row, the Bovina High School Fillies won the championship of the Farwell Invitational Tournament. The tourney was held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Bovina swept to wins over Melrose, Olton and Adrian to win the tournament title.

On Thursday, the Fillies used a 44-point performance by Mindy Neal for a 60-51 win over Melrose.

Miss Neal scored 19 field goals and six of seven attempts from the free throw line in her stellar performance. She scored all but two of Bovina's points in the second half, and came within seven points of matching Melrose's total output.

Peggy Shepherd scored 12 points, so the two Fillies' starters scored 56 of their team's 60 points.

On Friday, the Fillies scored a 72-43 win over Olton. Miss Neal again had a hot hand, scoring 30 points. Peggy Shepherd added 19 and Sharlet Johnson ten in backup roles.

Bovina broke to a 20-8 first quarter lead and held the halftime lead, 35-16.

The Fillies wrapped up the tournament championship with a 66-50 win over Adrian on Saturday.

Bovina pulled away from a 12-6 first quarter lead to take a 34-23 halftime lead. Miss Shepherd was high pointer with 21 points, and Miss Neal scored 14, giving her 88 for the tournament.

FILLIES 60, Melrose 51

Anna Villarreal 0-0-0; Peggy Shepherd 5-2-12; Mindy Neal 19-6-44; Penny Riley 1-0-2; Sharlet Johnson 0-0-0; Robbie Stowers 1-0-2.

FILLIES 72, Olton 43

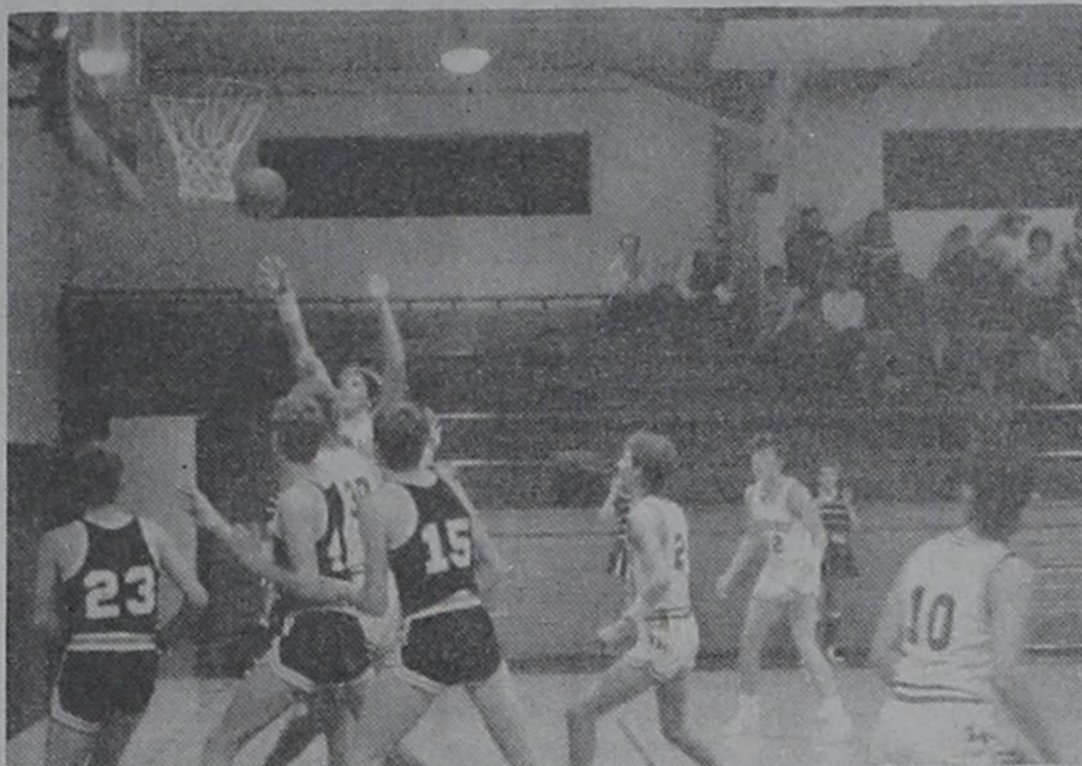
Villarreal 3-0-6; Rosie Antillon 0-0-0; Shepherd 7-5-19; Johnson 4-2-10; Stowers 3-0-6; Juana Guevara 1-1-3.

FILLIES 66, Adrian 50

Villarreal 5-0-10; Shepherd 8-7-23; Neal 6-2-14; Johnson 3-3-9; Stowers 2-4-8; Guevara 0-0-0.



ALL-TOURNEY... Three Bovina players were named all-tournament at the Farwell meet. From the left are Peggy Shepherd, Scott Scaff and Mindy Neal.



BOYS' ACTION... Bovina Mustangs are shown in action against Melrose, N.M. in the Farwell tournament. Byron Neal shoots, and watching are Scott Scaff, Denver Riddle, Matt Fox and Woot Sudderth. Bovina won, 80-45.

Mustangs Are Third At Farwell Meet

The Bovina Mustangs won third place in the Farwell Invitational Tournament last weekend. The team scored wins over Melrose and Lazbuddie, losing only to Olton.

On Thursday, the team thumped Melrose, 80-45. Bovina racked up an eye-popping 30-12 lead at the end of the first quarter, and had the lead, 48-27 at halftime.

Scott Scaff scored 24 points, Denver Riddle had 16 and three Mustangs had ten--Scott Sudderth, Matt Fox and Byron Neal, giving the team five players in double figures.

On Friday, the Mustangs fell to a hot-shooting Olton team, 74-61. Olton held quarter leads of 21-14, 36-30 and 54-36.

Scott Scaff scored 29 points to lead the Mustangs' scoring. Byron Neal added 11.

MUSTANGS 80, Melrose 45

Scott Sudderth 5-0-10; Noah Villa 2-0-4; Fox 5-0-10; Denver Riddle 8-0-16; Scott Scaff 10-4-24; Bud Venable 0-0-0; Byron Neal 4-2-10; Steve Gaunt 0-3-3; Gabriel Mancini 1-1-3.

Olton 74, MUSTANGS 61

Sudderth 1-0-2; Villa 0-2-2; Fox 4-0-8; Riddle 1-3-5; Scaff 12-5-29; Venable 2-0-4; Neal 5-1-11; Mancini 0-0-0.

MUSTANGS 67, Lazbuddie 62

Sudderth 1-5-7; Villa 0-0-0; Fox 5-0-10; Riddle 6-0-12; Scaff 9-4-22; Venable 3-2-8; Neal 6-1-13; Mancini 0-0-0.

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R-C-O Sets 3rd Annual Meal Fri.

Reeve Chevrolet-Olds is holding their third annual fajita feast on Friday, December 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at their showroom in Friona.

The free meal is staged as a customer appreciation promotion.

A bigger and better activity has been planned, complete with live entertainment. Cecil Caldwell of Lubbock, who is a fiddle player, will be on hand. Caldwell is a member of the Easter Opry Road Show, and also has performed with the South Plains College country music group.

Ron Cain, spokesman for Reeve's, says that several officials from Channel 10 are expected to be on hand for the fajita feast.

These include Don Lock, Channel 10's general manager; weatherman Don Alexander; anchor man Walt Howard and sports director Kevin Long.

Teams Lose Games To Longhorns

The high school varsity teams dropped a pair of games to Vega here last Tuesday night.

The Fillies lost only their third game of the season, in a close game, 44-43, while the Mustangs suffered an 88-57 loss.

The girls' game was close throughout. Vega grabbed a 10-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Fillies rallied to trail by two, 16-14 at halftime.

It was Vega by six, 36-30 after three quarters, but Bovina came back with an outstanding fourth quarter. Sparked by Mindy Neal, who scored eight points, the Fillies put the pressure on the visitors, but their rally came up a point short.

Miss Neal was the top point-maker for Bovina with 24 points and Peggy Shepherd scored 12.

The Mustangs trailed Vega, 20-9 at the end of the first quarter. Matt Fox had a hot second quarter, scoring ten points, as Bovina matched points with the Longhorns, but still trailed, 42-29 at the half.

It didn't help any that Vega's Walker had a 20-point third quarter, to put down Bovina's attempt to catch up.

Fox had his best night of the season with 28 points for Bovina, and Scott Scaff scored 11.

Vega 44, FILLIES 43

Villarreal 0-1-1; Antillon 0-0-0; Shepherd 2-8-12; Neal 11-2-24; Riley 1-0-2; Stowers 1-2-4; Johnson 0-0-0.

Vega 88, MUSTANGS 57

Sudderth 2-0-4; Villa 1-0-2; Fox 14-0-28; Riddle 2-1-5; Scaff 4-3-11; Venable 0-1-1; Gaunt 0-1-1; Neal 2-1-5.

Colts Edge Vega Team

The Bovina Junior High Colts traveled to Vega on Monday, December 15 to meet the Vega Longhorns. The seventh grade boys played an exciting, close game, winning with only 11 seconds left on the clock. The final score was Colts 20, Longhorns 18.

Those scoring for Bovina were Kory Mitchell 3-1-7, Juan Reyna 3-0-6, John Ortiz 2-1-5, and Jim Talley 1-0-2.

The eighth grade boys also played an excellent game even though the score was not in their favor. The final score was Vega 35, Bovina 25.

Scoring for the eighth grade team were Genaro Rubalcava 3-3-9, Robert Guevara 4-0-8, Mike Bermea 2-0-4, Rodney Shepherd 1-0-2 and Lupe Gomez 1-0-2.

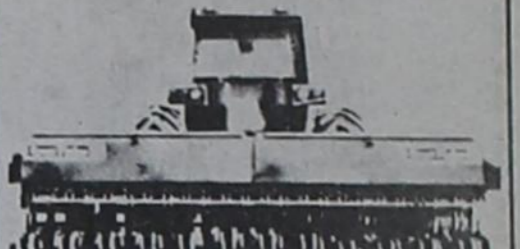
C. Quintana On Dean's List

Mrs. Christina Quintana, a 1972 graduate of Bovina High School, is a member of the Bilingual Education Student Organization at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

She is a recipient of the Title VII Bilingual Education Teacher Training Grant and is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Mrs. Quintana, a senior elementary education major, is the daughter of Mrs. Andy Garza of Bovina.

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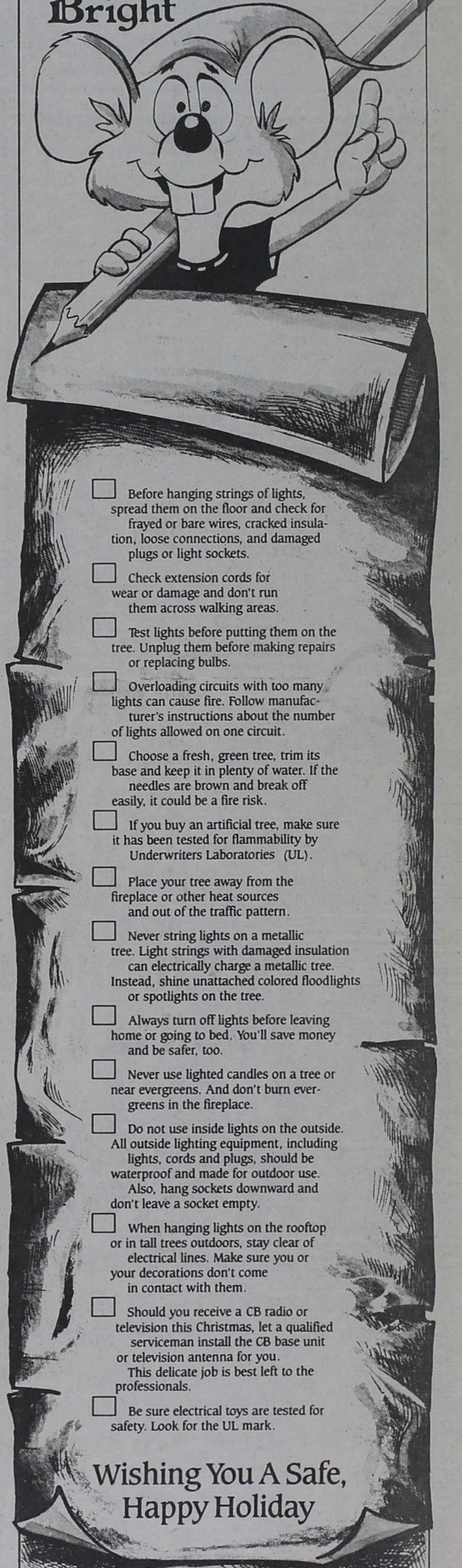


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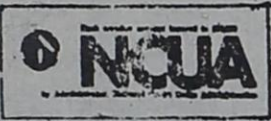
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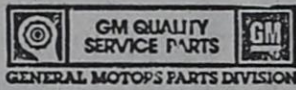


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