

FREE Fall Festival Set For Oct. 25

Bovina area churches have planned a FREE Family Fall Festival for Saturday, October 25 4-7 p.m. in the parking lot of First Baptist Church.

Children through the sixth grade are invited to bring their parents for an afternoon of pony rides, pumpkin painting, hay rides, various games and prizes.

"We encourage parents to come with their kids for a safe, fun family time," a spokesperson said.

Mustang Items On Sale Now

The Bovina Booster Club has announced the arrival of the Bovina Mustang blankets. They are maroon and white and are \$30.

The club would also like everyone to know that Mustang T-shirts are still available for \$10 and caps are \$12.

Posters with the football schedule on one side and the basketball schedule on other side are \$1.

Mustang items can be purchased at home games, from any booster member or call the high school office at 238-1317.



SOME OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE ARE MEN. I've been studying them for nearly five decades and have decided they are pretty nice to have around for opening jars with tight lids, buttoning dresses down the back, cooking burgers on the grill, putting the star on top of the Christmas tree, and explaining what the game of football is all about.

Also, if you are planning to have a family, it is real handy to have a man around the house, in spite of all the new weird medical technology which might indicate otherwise. How many of you are sick of hearing about Queer Queen Ellen and her lady love? The latest poop has it that they are wanting to have a baby. Guess what.....they can't do that without a man.

For about the past 20-25 years somebody, I don't know who, has been working overtime to turn America into a sexless society. Women are supposed to be tough, gutsy, arrogant, ambitious and just as involved in climbing the corporate ladder as their male counterparts. Men, on the other hand, are now supposed to be sensitive sissies who repress their natural urges to admire members of the fair sex and wouldn't dare to open a door for a woman or offer her his seat on a crowded bus.

The politically correct people want us to rid our language of words which refer specifically to men or women. You can't have a "chairman" of a committee anymore. He or she has to be a "chairperson." Which would you rather be: a cowboy or a cowperson? And pretty soon there won't be any manholes left in the city streets. People, at least some people, will eventually wake up and say "Okay, that's enough of that nonsense!"

About the time all of this gender-neutral stuff was getting started, I happened to have a little male crib-dweller in my house. So I decided to try an experiment. I put a baby doll and a toy car in his play pen. He picked up the dollie first, looked at it quizzically and promptly pitched it out of the play pen. Then he settled down to the serious business of tootling his car around while making little boy motor noises with his mouth. Brr-oooom, brr-oooom! I think they're born knowing how to make those noises.

Well, okay, it wasn't a very scientific test, but it told me that males and females are gender-specific from the very beginning of their lives and trying to program that out of them will only make them grow into neurotic, confused adults.

While the fairy folks are working overtime to try to convince us that they are normal, the fact remains that the institution of marriage between men and women is doing quite well. Reports of family disintegration have been greatly exaggerated. In actual fact, 98 percent of marriages survive any given year and seven out of eight will stay intact from the wedding to the death of one spouse.

My, my! Didn't the lezzie ladies of the NOW club get their knickers in a knot over the Promise Keepers having their pow-wow in Washington last week! Anything that encourages men to take more responsibility for their lives and makes them into better husbands and fathers is a step in the right direction toward ending the problems we all face today.

We have noticed that any fraternal instincts displayed by men are perceived to be a threat to the single-sex society. All-male organizations and all-male schools are thought to be the ultimate evil by the elitist left. Haven't we gotten tired of seeing hormonally-challenged young women trying to infiltrate some of the country's all-male military institutions every year?

The NOW group certainly does not represent the majority of women in America. In fact, its very existence is an insult to most of us.

I believe that men want nothing more than to be free of all this hog-wash. They simply want to live in a society which is realistic enough to recognize and applaud the difference between men and women. I think we would all like to return to a time and place where men are really men and women are glad of it. Vive la difference!

St. Mary Mobile Health Clinic Coming To Bovina

A new mobile health clinic will be making weekly stops in Bovina beginning in early November.

The newest outreach effort of the Mobile Services Department of St. Mary Hospital, the unique 36-foot unit will offer primary care medical services to the residents of the Bovina area every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 409 Third St.

The totally self contained unit includes an exam room, laboratory and testing equipment and will offer all types of preventive services and primary care. It is equipped with a wheelchair lift for handicap accessibility.

The unit will offer treatment for both acute and chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, hypertension, sore throat, cough, and bronchitis. Other services to be offered include annual exams for women and pap tests, sick children visits and well-baby checks, immunizations, and hearing, vision, and pulmonary (lung) function testing.

Services will be provided for all age groups and all patients will be accepted on a sliding scale fee structure, based on ability to pay.

The unit will be staffed by Ruan Reast, R. N., C. S., M. S. N., F. N. P., and Anna Miralez, L. V. N. who is bilingual.

Ms. Reast is a family nurse practitioner who previously served as the solo practitioner for the rural health clinic in Amherst for four years. She also is a certified emergency nurse, having worked in the

emergency departments at both St. Mary and Methodist hospitals.

"The nurse practitioner is allowed to do many of the things a physician does, but does them from a nurse's perspective," she explained. "This includes managing chronic illnesses such as diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as notifying the physician when the patient needs a change in treatment."

With the mobile health unit, Ms. Reast will work under the supervision of the project's medical director, Dr. Susan Davis, a Lubbock internist. She will maintain daily contact with Dr. Davis by telephone and fax.

Although the unit will not be in service until early November, appointments are now being accepted by calling the St. Mary Mobile Services office at 1-800-388-6266. Walk-ins will be accepted.

Patients seeking charity care through the unit are asked to call in advance to pre-qualify.



ANNA MIRALEZ, LVN



RUAN REAST, RN

Migrant Award At Bovina ISD

Superintendent Sue Nuttall was notified by the Texas Education Agency that Bovina ISD received a migrant education award.

The 1997 Texas Migrant Education Conference will be honoring campuses and districts from throughout the state for their work with migrant children and their families.

The campuses were chosen by a State Conference subcommittee that identified districts and campuses where migrant students were achieving success in the areas of attendance, promotion, graduation and in passing all sections of the TAAS.

Bovina ISD is being commended for attaining an 80% or better on promotion and graduation rates and for attaining a 94% or better on the attendance rate of migrant students. This commendation was based on 1995-96 PEIMS data categorized by districts having 100 to 500 migrant students.

Pat Turner is the Bovina ISD migrant education teacher.



MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL.....Members of the middle school student council met in the auditorium last week. Front, l-r, Christen Stowers, Christy Villarreal, Sergio Antillon. Standing, l-r, Kasi Birdsong, Edgar Aguilon, Amber King, Eddie Garcia, Veronica Herrera, April Martinez, Rebeca Hernandez, Jennifer Cantu, Briselda Rodriguez, and Maritssa Salazar.



Good Pillow Samaritan

Glenden and Janie Sudderth headed to Austin with a couch and love seat in the back of the pickup. They thought they had tied everything down for the trip.

After they arrived and unloaded, they were short two of the back cushions from the couch.

Janie said she figured they were long gone. Then she saw a classified ad in the Bovina Blade.

Good samaritan Sue McClaran had found a couple of couch cushions along the highway, stopped and picked them up, and placed an ad for the owner.

Low and behold, Janie read the Blade and was reunited with her cushions.

Our Blade classifieds are proud to have been a part of the happy ending.

Methodists To Host Singing Sun.

The Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church is hosting a "Singing Sunday" October 19 at 7 p.m.

Everyone from the community is invited to join them in old fashion singing, worship in song, congregational singing, hymns and special music.

Monday Madness This Week

If you have boxes of old photos stored away, photo albums to fill, and want to organize it all, you will want to be at the school library Monday night, October 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Amy Byrd will present creative ways to preserve your photos. She will also discuss ways to create unique photo albums.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring along any family photos, albums, or old photos to discuss with Amy.

Hromas Plans 80th Birthday Celebration

The family of Arnold Hromas invites everyone to join them in celebrating Arnold's 80th birthday with a reception on Sunday, October 19, 2-5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Bovina.

The family asks that no gifts be given. Those who cannot attend, cards can be sent to Box 69, Bovina, Texas 79009.



BYE SUEZY.....Elementary school secretary Suezy Smith has resigned after 10 years service to Bovina ISD. She will be employed now at Parmer County Spraying. Applications are being taken for her position at the school. Interested parties may contact elementary principal Darla Sealey.

Ladies Take Lead In Football Contest

Janie Sudderth, one of six members of the Sudderth clan who play weekly in the Bovina Blade Football Contest, was the top player in week six.

Janie correctly picked fourteen of sixteen games, missing only the Dumas vs. Randall High and Detroit vs. Tampa Bay games. She earned \$20 for her efforts.

Two contestants, Teresa Cary and Denise Anderson, correctly picked thirteen of the sixteen games this week. The Bovina vs. Hale Center score of 14-17 was the deciding factor.

Teresa picked Bovina to win by 21-17. Being only seven points off, she cashed in with \$10. She missed the Springlake-Earth vs. Farwell High, Texas vs. Oklahoma and Detroit vs. Tampa Bay.

Denise also picked Bovina to win but had plans bigger point spread with a guess of 28-13. Denise earned \$5. She missed Penn State vs. Ohio State, Detroit vs. Tampa Bay and Jacksonville vs. Philadelphia.

Seven contestants correctly picked twelve games. They are Danny Harris, Matt Hromas, Bobby Johnson, Kenny Sherbon, Jan Smith, Virginia Steele and Woot Sudderth.

The most missed games were Springlake-Earth vs. Farwell High, Detroit vs. Tampa Bay, Atlanta vs. New Orleans and Miami vs. New York Jets.

Leading in the total contest standings is Jessica Stowers with 75 points. The 1996 winner, A.M. Wilson is close behind with 71 points. Tyson Kerby and Frances Willard have 69 and David Miles has 68.

A listing of top contestants' scores can be



JANIE SUDDERTH Need Names, Purple Heart Winners

The Parmer County VFW is asking for names of Purple Heart winners from Parmer County.

If you were a Purple Heart medal winner, or know of anyone who was, please call Kenneth Neill, County Service Officer, 247-3363, or J. P. Sims at 247-2040, by November 1.

Frona's First Baptist Church plans to recognize area winners of the top military award at its service on November 9.



Mustangs Lose 3-2 Opener In Squeaker to Hale Center 17-14

BY RON CARR

Even though a 3-2 record in District 3-2A might get a team in the playoffs, Coach Bobby Ortiz said he wanted to think about 4-1 or even 5-0 for the Mustangs.

That was last week. Ortiz also stated that he felt the Hale Center team was overlooked and underrated.

Both proved true, as the Mustangs raced ahead 14-0 in the first quarter, then managed to help Hale Center to the victory with three interceptions and one lost fumble.

The Mustangs held a 14-6 lead at the half, ended the third quarter tied at 14-14, then watched Hale Center's Bobby Ruiz kick a 30-yard field goal to put the Mustangs at 0-1 in district and facing the tough Lockney

Longhorns this Friday.

The Mustangs struggled to unleash their vaunted offense, but managed only 245 yards and allowed Hale Center 221.

Quarterback Tony Beauchamp gained 74 yards rushing on 12 carries and threw one touchdown. He also had three interceptions on the night.

Manny Qunitana scored both touchdowns for Bovina on a 27-yard pass reception and ran for a 25-yard touchdown.

The Mustangs face their toughest test tonight as the Lockney Longhorns come to Mustang Field looking to repeat their district championship again this year.

Lockney rattled Hart 47-22 to go 5-1 on the season.



LUNCH WITH LIONS....Seventh grade honor students of the month Nemecio Rodriguez and Courtney Jamerson were last week's guests of the Bovina Lion's Club at the Plaza Restaurant.

BISD Has Regular Meeting

The board of trustees of Bovina ISD met in regular session on Monday, October 13. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Owen, Mike Beauchamp, Ricky Jamerson, Justin Brozek and Susan Kerby.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved and vouchers were paid. Joe Steelman arrived at 8:30 p.m.

There was a discussion on the construction/renovation project. Therman James addressed the board. Beauchamp made a motion to hire James as construction manager on the project. Steelman seconded the motion and it passed.

Johnny Rumph addressed the board regarding Gifted and Talented education. Jamerson made a motion to approve the policies and procedures for the program. Brozek seconded the motion and it passed.

The principals gave their reports.

The board then voted to approve the application for the exception concerning the required Bilingual/ESL program. Bovina ISD does not offer bilingual classes but has an ESL program. The application for the exception is sent to the state on an annual basis for the approval of not having bilingual classes.

Kerby moved that the board adopt local policies as recommended by TASB policy service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 56. Jamerson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale Gober was then nominated as a candidate to serve on the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Steelman made a motion that nominations cease and Gober be the candidate. The motion passed unanimously.

The board then approved the FFA's fund raising project of fruit sales and approve the textbook committee for 1997-98. A copy of the list of committee members is in the superintendent's office.

The board held a discussion on handicap accessibility for the school stage.

Superintendent Sue Nuttall reported on school board member training hours.

The board went into closed session at 11:21 p.m. and came out of executive session at 11:38 p.m.

Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports and the meeting was adjourned.

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu OCT. 20-24

*MONDAY-Frito pie, corn, salad, fruit and milk.

*TUESDAY-Pizza with ground beef, salad, corn, fruit and milk.

*WEDNESDAY-Hot dog, chili, potato chips, pickle spears, fruit and milk.

*THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, rolls, potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit and milk.

*FRIDAY- Mexican casserole, salad, fruit and milk.

*Hamburger basket or sandwich bar is an alternate choice each day.

REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

70 Yrs Ago-Oct. 14, 1927

From the Friona Star Files
As announced by Rev. Gilliam the services Sunday night were especially for the teachers. Those on the program were Mrs. Williams, Mr. Buckner, Mr. Randolph and Rev. Gilliam, also special music.

Thursday night was circus night in Bovina.

40 Yrs Ago-Oct. 16, 1957

Flu caused the dismissal of classes for three days at Bovina Schools Monday afternoon at 2:15. School will be resumed again Friday morning, according to an announcement by Roy Wheeler high school principal.

Mayor J.E. Sherrill, Jr. and City Secretary Henry Minter conferred with George C. Hawley, chief engineer of state insurance commission, last week in regard to Bovina's insurance key rate.

Construction of a cotton warehouse in Bovina began in earnest Monday morning. It will have a 7,500-bale storage capacity.

35 Yrs Ago-Oct. 17, 1962

Mrs. Nola Read, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Read and Darrell Read attended the funeral of Mrs. Pearl Idonia Read last week.

An all-out effort to strike a blow for the unity among Democrats of the 30th senatorial district was announced today by Glen Batson of Littlefield, State Democratic Executive committee for the 30th district.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bell will be honored with a reception Sunday, October 21, in observance of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Two blocks of Second Street will be included in Bovina's current paving program. Announcement of this addition to the project was made this week by Mayor Boyd Gilreath. Total 1962 City of Bovina taxes to be collected amount to \$20,308.81. The total is up some \$2,000 from a year ago.

30 Yrs Ago-Oct. 18, 1967

Announcement of the 1968 cotton program by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman last week shows changes for the coming year, but local cotton men view the outlook for the crop with little optimism.

County Attorney Hurshel R. Harding has authorized this newspaper to announce his candidacy for re-election to that office.

Construction continues on the new six-classroom elementary school. If work is completed on schedule, plans are to move into the new building about mid-term.

Mrs. Earl Stevenson, Mrs. Ovid Lawlis and Mrs. Clarence Jones attended the eighth annual fall Caprock District board meeting and workshop of Federated Women's Clubs held in Littlefield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Laceywell of Bovina recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in the home of a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vaughn of Friona.

25 Yrs Ago-Oct. 18, 1972

Clouds of dust and the roar of revved-up engines will fill the air in Bovina Sunday when AMA-sanctioned motor-

cycle races make their second appearance here.

This year looks like a good one for Parmer County grain sorghum. Chamber of Commerce type people will say that all milo crops hereabouts are good; some are just better than others.

The Bovina Mustang Band Parents sponsored ham dinner Sunday at Bovina Schools cafeteria was termed a "great success" as approximately 300 attended according to Bryant Harris, band director.

20 Yrs Ago-Oct. 19, 1977

All of the cotton ginned to date has been defoliated, as the crop is awaiting the first freeze of the season for natural defoliation. The first bale of cotton ginned in Bovina was delivered to Lawlis Gin on October 12, by Larry Gregory, who farms south of Lariat.

The Bovina Jaycees will sponsor a Halloween Carnival and haunted house on Monday, October 31 from 7-10 p.m. in downtown Bovina.

15 Yrs Ago-Oct. 13, 1982

J.D. (Sonny) Roach, was a

School Bus Safety Everyone's Business

For 23 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus but approaching or leaving the bus. In 1995, 23 student pedestrians were killed nationwide in school bus loading/unloading zones.

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Every school bus is surrounded by a danger zone. A danger zone consists of the 10 feet in front of the bus, and on all other sides of the bus that are used for loading and unloading the bus.

Following a few simple

Brownie Troop Has Plans

Bovina Brownie Troop #224 has recently been formed by Suzan Hughes and Twyla Galloway. Currently there are ten girls ranging from first to third grade involved.

They will be selling nuts in November, go Christmas caroling in December and will be selling Girl Scout cookies in January.

The troop is asking for donations from the public to help get them started for the year.

Mrs. Galloway said, "We started the troop because Bovina has not had one in several years and there were enough girls interested to form one."

She also added, "The Girl Scout long-term goal is to make each girl a leader, not a follower. Each girl has a responsibility like taking attendance and passing out supplies. They will earn badges as they accomplish their goals."

To make a donation or join the troop, call Suzan Hughes at 238-1656.

point-winner in the North American Model Boat Association's season standings. Roach finished in second place in District 7 for the Hydroplane-type boats, after the final district race at Amarillo October 8-9.

10 Yrs Ago-Oct. 14, 1987

The Bovina Mustangs scored a rare win over rival Farwell in their District 2-A opener at Mustang Field last Friday. The final score was Bovina 17, Farwell 6.

BHS Mustangs of the week are Scott Scaff, a junior quarterback and Byd Venable, a senior tailback and place kicker.

5 Yrs Ago-Oct. 17, 1992

Isabel Marrufo and Rosalinda Serna, both seniors at Bovina High School, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime at the Bovina-Nazareth football game last Friday night.

The 21st Annual First Freeze Contest, sponsored by the Bovina Blade, has ended with the first killing freeze declared on October 8. Helen Blalock is the winner picking the freeze date on October 6.

Obituaries

JAMES ROBERT SMITH
James Robert Smith Jr., 46, died Thursday, October 9, 1997.

Services were held Tuesday, October 14 in Steed-Todd Funeral home Chapel. Burial followed in the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Smith was born in South Bend, Indiana. He moved to Clovis in 1990. He served in the Navy 22 years where he retired as a chief petty officer. He was a yard manager at Caprock Feed Yard in Bovina.

Smith was a member of the Aviation Boatswain's Mate Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda; three sons, Travis Smith of Fort Stewart,

Georgia; James R. Smith of Fort Gordon, Georgia; and Johnny Smith of Groton, Connecticut; two daughters, Cynthia Davis of Hinesville, Georgia and Dawn Judge of Abilene and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Disabled Veteran's Association.

KATHLEE PALMER
Services for Kathlee Palmer, of Hereford, are pending with Memory Gardens Cemetery, Mausoleum and Crematory in Amarillo.

Mrs. Palmer died in the Hereford Care Center Thursday, October 9, 1997.

She was a voice teacher in Hereford, Friona, Bovina and Farwell for many years.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will accept bids for the purchase of a new vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Department. Call 806-481-3303 or see Sheriff Rex Williams for specifications.

Bids should be mailed to Bonnie Clayton, County Judge, Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325 or delivered to her in person at the Courthouse in Farwell, Texas to be received prior to 10:00 a.m. November 10, 1997 at which time bids will be opened.

The Commissioners Court of Parmer County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Sue Nuttall, Supt.
Bovina ISD
Box 70
Bovina, TX 79009

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals/bids, waive any formalities in the proposal process and award the proposal/bid to best serve the interest of the District and to negotiate with any providers as deemed advisable or necessary. 14-2tc

Bovina I.S.D. is now accepting applications for Elementary school secretary. Bilingual preferred. Applications may be picked up from Darlene Miller. Applications must be in by Tuesday, October 21, 1997. 14-1tc

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QUILT OF THE MONTH..... Prairie Acres resident Opal Hitt has two afghans on display this month at Prairie Acres. Mrs. Hitt made both afghans and would be proud for you to visit and see them. (Ron Carr Photo)

The 10 Commandments from a Pet's Standpoint

- I. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you get me.
- II. Give me time to understand what you want from me.
- III. Place your trust in me. It is crucial to my well-being.
- IV. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, entertainment and friends. I have only you.
- V. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice.
- VI. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget.
- VII. Please don't hit me. I can't hit back, but I can bite and scratch and I really don't want to do that.
- VIII. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right foods or I've been out in the sun too long or my heart is getting old and weak.
- IX. Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old.
- X. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch," or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, I love you.



VFW Chicken Dinner Is Back Sunday October 19

After a long spell of leaky roofs and hard work, the popular VFW chicken dinner is back. The vets and auxiliary ladies will welcome you back on Sunday, October 19 for fried chicken and all the trimmings.

Take the day off from cooking and support our veterans. The chicken will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building, 119 W. 6th Street.

Cost is \$6 adult and \$3 children. Takeouts are available. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert, and tea are standard fare.

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Hereford Will Host Musical Festival

Recently five members of the Texas Plains Chorale traveled to Nickel Creek Ranch in Texas to an annual Music Festival hosted by David R. Ligon. Ligon has hosted a musical festival for country musical lovers on his ranch since 1972. The Chorale members were treated to a rare musical experience.

The music festival features great country music by musicians that love to perform and enjoy performing with others. They have a great admiration for one another's talent and high regard for expertise when excellence is demonstrated.

When a jam session begins, it goes on for hours from evening into early morning. After a few hours of rest, it will begin again with freshness and for the sheer love of doing it. Old and new songs are sung—some with seemingly endless verses as the singer tells his story. Banjos, guitars, fiddles, bass fiddles, digeridoo (Australian Aboriginal pipe), in the hands of many others join in on a song that a singer is compelled to report.

When there is a musical break, silence is not invited. Someone tells a story or a joke and more often than not a "true story" is spun at the expense of someone in the crowd. The setting is truly Americana and certainly western, akin to the "around the campfire" scene. Perfect strangers become comfortable friends.

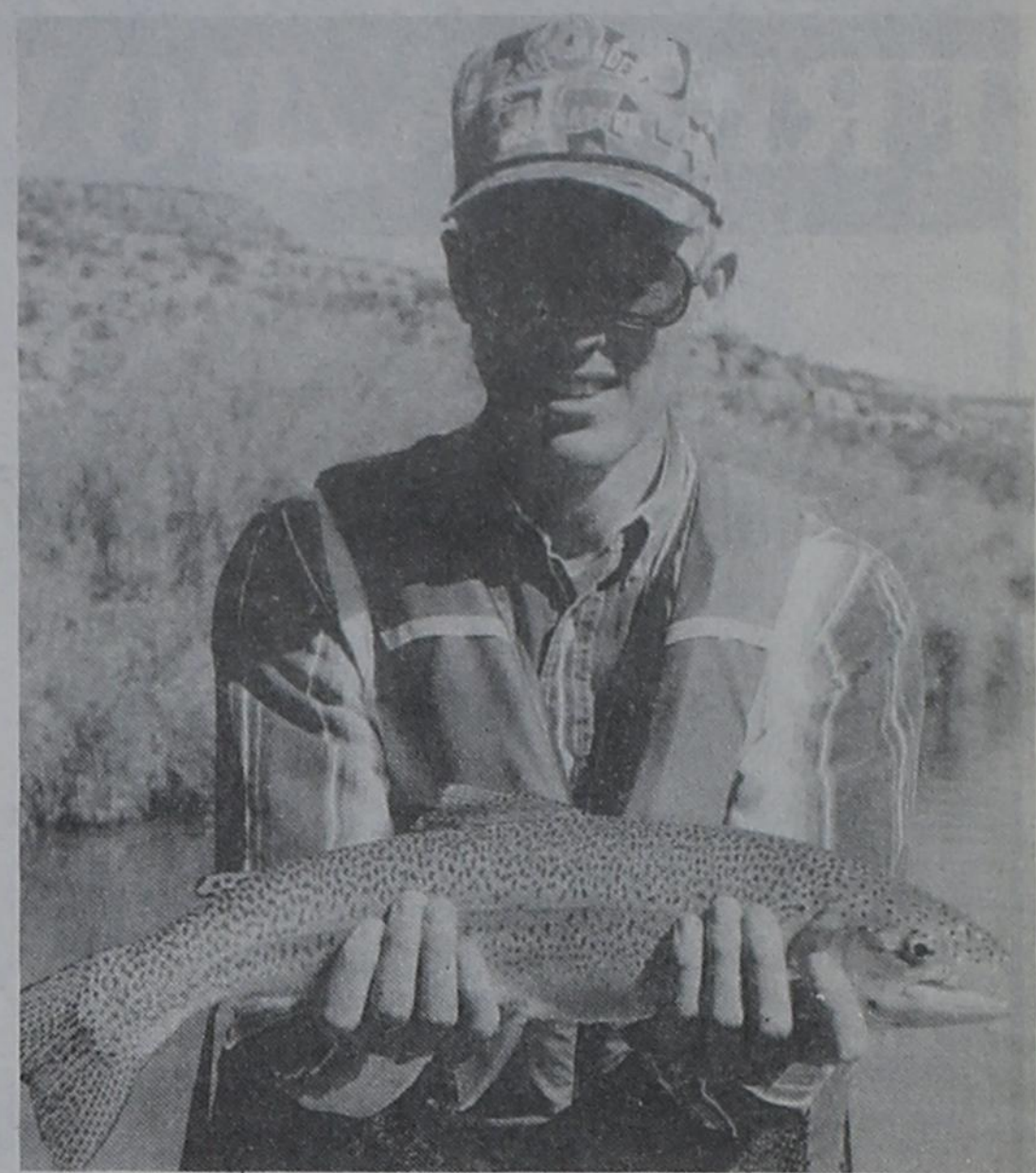
prepared by members of the Texas Plains Chorale. In addition to that, the TPC will take the stage and give a short program that demonstrates their talents as singers.

The TPC is planning a tour of England in June 1998. The proceeds from this Country Music Show and barbecue dinner will assist them with that trip.

The Texas Plains Chorale consists of singers from Hereford, Dimmitt, Plainview and Amarillo. There are approximately forty singers and have several music directors sharing that responsibility. The group was born in the fall of 1997 to fill the need of area people that "just love to sing for the fun of it."

For ticket information, call Betty or Sharon at 364-0770; Lynn at 364-5050; Dwight at 647-2503; or any TPC member.

Tickets can be purchased in Hereford at KPAN, the Chamber of Commerce and First United Methodist Church. All tickets must be purchased by Monday, October 20 in order to prepare the dinner. Limited tickets may be available at the door.



BIG ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY.... Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor of Bovina's First Baptist Church, is shown holding a twenty-one inch Rainbow Trout that he caught while fishing with Jack Patterson on the San Juan River near Farmington, New Mexico in late September in Northwest New Mexico. Jack said the fishing was great and the weather cooperated.



DARRELL BARLOW D. Barlow Named By Energas

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Barlow, formerly senior service technician with Energas, began his employment with the company in 1966.

Barlow is a native of Earth and a graduate of Springlake High School. He is married to Joy.

Barlow served in the military and received honors in marksmanship and an honorable discharge in 1965. He is also a member of the Friona volunteer fire department.

The camaraderie of such an occasion is indescribable! The Hereford area is in for a taste of such an experience. David R. Ligon, a master entertainer, singer and guitar player, is bringing three musicians to the Bull Barn in Hereford on October 25.

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Friday demonstrations include a Parmer County holiday food gifts and holiday meal make-over and other holiday demonstrations sponsored by County Extension Agents from Bailey and Castro Counties.

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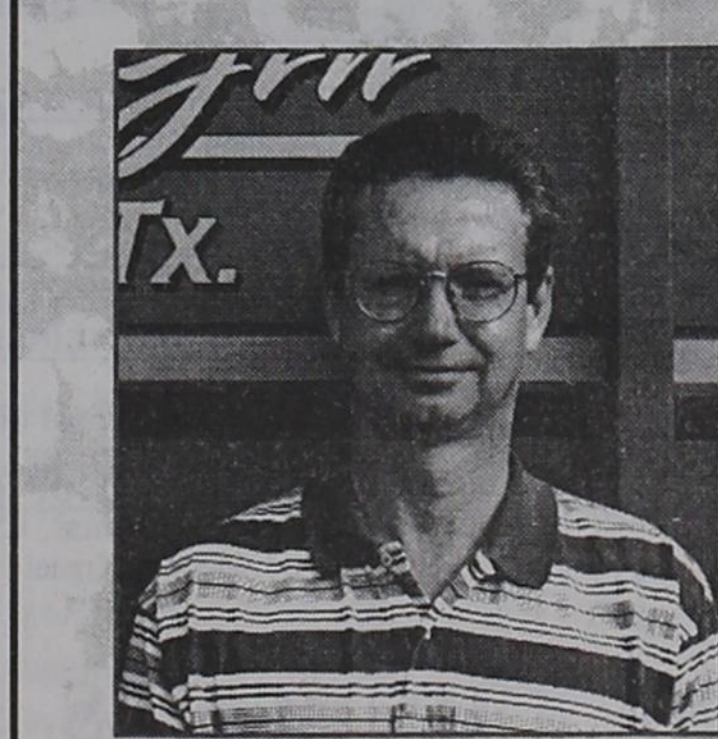
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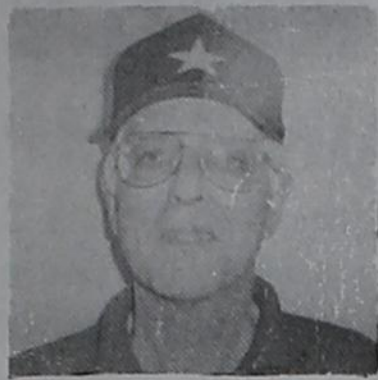
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Out Here

By RON CARR

"We watched Jesus kick Satan's butt."
Pat Hickman
Canyon banker

On Friday, October 3, Mr. Hickman and other Promise Keepers officials found themselves facing every travel organizer's nightmare.

About 170 men had paid \$450 each to fly to Washington D. C. They were at the airport with back packs and snack cakes, looking forward to a weekend of

Week Six FB Contest Standings

With six weeks behind and seven weeks ahead, the *Bovina Blade* football contest is going strong. Of a possible 96 points so far and 112 ahead, contestants are keeping score and collecting the cash. The top contestants after week six are:

- 75-Jessica Stowers.
- 71-Cameron Charles and A.M. Wilson.
- 69-Tyson Kerby and Frances Willard.
- 68-David Miles.
- 67-Bobby Johnson.
- 66-Denise Anderson, Danny Harris, Susan Kerby, Adam Mejia, Carmen Porras and Jerry Sherbon.
- 65-Jeanne Kerby, Jan Smith and Don Spring.
- 64-Kenny Sherbon and Janie Sudderth.
- 63-Robert Tapia and George J. Villarreal.
- 62-Martin Gonzales, Dorothy Harris, Jason Kerby, Travis Lockmiller, Donnie McDonald, J.T. Roach, Jerry Roach, Kay Roach, Virginia Steele, Blake Sudderth and Del Ray Sudderth.
- 61-Jo Blackwell, Gilda Garner, Walter Kessler, Mike Raymond and Christen Stowers.
- 60-Blake Clements, Frances Johnson, Luis Mejia, Dorothy Stowers, Woot Sudderth and Eufemia Torres.
- 59-Josh Kerby, Stacy Roach, Luke Steelman, Francisco Torres and Angela Villarreal.
- 58-Joe Harris, Doug Johnson, Flossie Rhinehart and Liz Torres.
- 57-Daniel Hernandez, Becky Johnson, Phillip Johnson and Levi Steelman.
- 56-Bernardo Cervantes, Glendon Sudderth and George L. Villarreal.
- 55-Matt Hromas, Deborah Raymond, Roy Lee Stowers and Linda Sudderth.
- 54-Carol Cervantes.
- 53-Janie Sherbon.
- 51-Leonor Espinosa.
- 50-Al Kerby Jr.
- 49-Ronnie Cary.
- 46-Peggy Hargrove.
- 43-Jake Steelman.

Promise Keepers praise. Nobody seemed to know that the charter aircraft was not going to show up for the 2 p.m. departure.

There was no time to figure out why the plane was canceled. The challenge was to find another plane to take the men to the D. C. rally.

Some time around 8 p.m. that evening, Mr. Hickman, president of 1st State Bank in Canyon, found a plane for which he had to "guarantee" \$68,000. When you have a bank behind you, that part is easier.

Instead of leaving on Friday afternoon, the replacement plane could not leave until Saturday morning and it had five less seats than the other one. No matter also that the new Saturday flight would arrive one hour after the rally began.

The 170 men who had arrived for the ghost flight did not know for a long time whether they would go to Washington or whether they would ever see their \$450 again. While Hickman and his helpers worked frantically to find another plane, the Promise Keepers prayed and sang hymns at the Amarillo Airport.

Some, like the contingent from Friona, came back home for the Chieftains-River Road football game. All the men were told that if they could find another plane, they would somehow be notified. (Thank God for cell phones.)

Waide Messer, pastor at First Baptist Church, was ex-officio leader of the Friona group, some of whom were on the canceled flight and the others, including Messer, were on an earlier Saturday flight.

Breathing a huge sigh of relief and crediting Jesus with "kicking Satan's butt", Hickman found a plane. Close to 10 p.m., Delton Lewellen's cell phone rang in the stands at the Chieftain football game.

Time to re-gather the flock and head back to Amarillo. The new flight was to depart at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, land at nearby Baltimore, Maryland airport, and deliver the Farmer County Promise Keepers to the rally one-hour after it began.

Since the men were split on two flights and wanted to be together in Washington, D. C., Delton gave Brother Waide the other end of a two-way radio. Waide and his young son Matthew were split up. Matthew was in the care of Delton, so Waide was anxious to meet up with Matthew and Delton in D. C.

As Brother Waide tells it, "I turned on the radio and listened a couple of times

when I thought they should be there but nothing but static. Then, an hour or so into the rally, we were gathered with a large group in prayer. We were kneeling, praying silently, when the radio in my back pocket crackled."

"In the midst of our silence, the voice of Delton Lewellen rose over the group. 'Waide, we're here!' They had found each other in the sea of men.

Banker Hickman stated in an interview in the Canyon News, "We watched Jesus kick Satan's butt."

Perhaps you think that is irreverent. Remember, Promise Keepers was started by a college football coach. Kicking Satan's butt is a man thing.

Promise Keepers has been prominent in the media just recently, in spite of being formed seven years ago. Time Magazine had Promise Keepers on the cover.

Quoting from Time: "The seven-year-old organization boasts annual revenues of \$87 million, a two-story brick headquarters in Denver and 360 paid staff members. It is out to retake male responsibility--and reestablish male leadership--in a country that it sees as badly detoured from a godly and natural course, falling into the snares of poverty, illegitimacy, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency and disease because American men have forsaken Christian values."

(Wait a minute. Billy Jeff Clinton has been telling us how great things are in America.)

Promise Keepers president Randy Phillips said: "We are reaping the harvest of women who have cried out to God to do a miracle in men."

In fact God has been cried out to real often lately. Getting thousands and millions of people together to profess and confess is the current fad. For example:

* The Million Man March two years ago in which the mainly black men pledged to be better husbands, fathers, and better men in general.

* Promise Keepers' promise to "practice spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity" plus six other promises. Almost a million of them gathered in D. C.

* Women Of Faith was organized by a man named Stephen Arterburn who is co-founder of a chain of psychological counseling clinics that offer therapy from a religious perspective.

Over 30,000 women attended the 1996 WOF conferences (called Joyful Journeys) and it is estimated that more than 165,000 women will attend the 1997

conferences.

* A million woman march is being planned for October 25 in Philadelphia. Organizers hope the march and daylong rally will revitalize black families and communities.

* Last but not least, there is a Hardee's commercial on TV in which God (called "The Big Guy" in the ad) beams up a hamburger in a shaft of light, then beams half of it back down. The message seems to be that even God can't eat all of one of these.

Personally I am not much for rock-n-roll religion. Hand clappin', foot stompin', and arm wavin' tend to make me a little nervous and uneasy. But I am all for Promise Keepers.

I'm all for religion in any form. I am glad that there are large numbers of people publicly praising God and family. Can there be anything negative about that?

We are talking about a couple of million people at most while there are 260 million people in the U. S.

That leaves a lot of need. A lot of harvesting. A lot of promises to keep and joyful journeys to take.

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LIFE STORY.....In last week's Star and in the monthly Prairie Acres newsletter, resident Thomas Gibson's life story is featured. We did not have his picture available for last week's edition. (Ron Carr Photo)

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