

Bull Town Bulle- tins

By
Bill Ellis



YE EDITOR became interested in comets in science class at Muleshoe Junior High School, when he saw a picture of Halley's Comet, taken during that comet's last visit to the earth in 1910.

We couldn't wait to see Halley's -but then we learned that it takes just over 75 years for the comet to make its orbit in the solar system. From that point, it would be 35 years before Halley's Comet returned.

Had we known then that Halley's Comet would prove to be such a bust in its 1986 "appearance," we might have taken up another interest. Ye Ed made several attempts, but never did see anything that turned out to be worth our efforts to get a glimpse of the mysterious guest.

The only member of our family that got to see Halley's was daughter Laura, who was a hostess on American Airlines at the time. She was shown the comet by one of the airline pilots in the cockpit. She probably was much less impressed with Halley's Comet as she was by her encounter later that year with Mel Tillis when he was on her flight.

My older relatives had told us tales about the 1910 appearance of Halley's Comet, indicating that it was a spectacular sight, indeed. With no television, or even radio at that time, the populace was not given much warning about the comet. Many people, in their superstitious nature, thought the comet was heralding the end of the world.

Prior to the '86 return of Halley's, Comet Kohoutek was built up as the "Comet of the Century." Once again, the anticipation by the professional and amateur astronomy buffs turned out to be much brighter than the comet itself, which was mainly visible only with a strong telescope.

So, it was with much satisfaction that we looked up into the north sky this past Sunday and actually got to see a real, live comet with our naked eyeballs (it looks much better with a pair of binoculars or a telescope, however).

Hyakutake is expected to be visible through the month of April. It should get progressively brighter as it nears the sun, and is expected to make its closest approach to the sun around May 1.

READERS OF THIS column probably wonder why Ye Editor hasn't done a lot of bragging about the Texas Tech men's and women's 1995-96 basketball teams, both of whom captured the last Southwest Conference championships to be awarded in basketball.

We've always been great fans of Tech's basketball program. Ye Editor was a four-year classmate of former Raider Gerald Myers, who later became the team's head coach. As an employee of the Sports Information office, we got to be great friends with Myers and several other Red Raider players.

Carol and I even had our first "extended date" when we participated in the school trip to watch Tech play a game against SMU in Dallas. Back then, they chartered a special Santa Fe passenger train to transport the Tech students to the game.

Congrats to the '96 Raiders and Lady Raiders. They did great, and we won't be surprised to see them competing well in the new "Big 12" conference starting next year. It's going to be a lot different than it has been.

But we were at Tech when they were accepted by the SWC. That was a new, bold step at that time, but everyone knew that it would work out.

Pray for Rain!



Top Citizens Named At Chamber Banquet

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet last Thursday night, March 21. The top citizens, Eugene Hutto, Sue Nuttall, Lawrence Widner, Jay Grisham and Angela Uriegas were recognized as "Man, Woman, Teacher and Students of the Year." The Heritage Award recipient was Jerry Ware.

Ray Stone, who has been associated with the Dallas Cowboy football organization for 21 years and is the producer of the Dallas Cowboys Football Report, was the featured speaker.

His radio network includes over 200 large and small market radio stations in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. In addition to the Cowboy Report, he also produces "Inside the NFL" and other major sports programs for national network radio.

Preston Eugene Hutto was named Bovina's 1996 "Man of the Year." He has been a resident of Bovina and Parmer County twenty-eight years.

He is a member of the Bovina Fire Department and the Bovina EMS and assists the Sheriff's Department and DPS with traffic control. Born March 26, 1943 in Swisher County, he graduated from Tulia High School in 1962 and first came to Bovina in 1963 as a truck driver for his uncles, Jay and Ed Hutto.

Hutto has been employed by Parmer County thirteen years, serving as foreman of Precinct 2 and safety coordinator for the county. He has served as Bovina's mayor two years and is a member of the First Baptist Church.

The Huttos have one daughter, Toya Englant, one son, Tommy Hutto of Amarillo, and five grandchildren.

Sue Nuttall was recognized as the 1996 "Woman of the Year." She was born in Maverick, Texas in 1941.

After graduating from high school as valedictorian of her class, she attended South Plains College, Levelland. After raising her two children, she returned to college and graduated from West Texas State

University in 1978. Her first teaching assignment was with the Friona ISD.

In 1980, she began teaching in Bovina, first high school and then fourth grade. She once again returned to college in 1985 to earn her administrator's certificate. She served as principal for five years then became superintendent of Bovina ISD in 1994.

She is currently on the Texas Accreditation Board and is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Her husband is A.L. Nuttall. She has a son, Mark, and daughter, Susan.

Lawrence Widner was selected as this year's "Teacher of the Year."

He has been a part of the educational profession thirty-two years and has served eleven years in the ag department at Bovina ISD. He had been assigned to teach middle school science, but returned to the ag department this year.

His students are taught to weld, judge livestock and feed and groom animals. Students will use the talents developed in his ag department to help in their future careers.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have four children, Larry Widner of Bovina, Linda of Nazareth, Laura of Lubbock and Terry Hunt of Farwell, and eleven grandchildren.

The top two students selected from Bovina High School were Jay Grisham and Angela Uriegas.

Jay Grisham was a student in the local school system since the second grade. During his high school years, he served as class president three years, was involved in FFA, FHA, Student Council, football for two years and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He has received the Director's Award in band his freshman year and John Phillip Sousa Award his sophomore year, and was a member of the National Honor Society. His junior year, he served as NHS vice president and was selected NHS president this year.

Jay has been a crew member in the one-act play that qualified for

regionals and received an honorable mention as an all-star cast member in zone competition. He ranks top of his class, is a member of the varsity cross country team, is on the honor roll and participates in UIL activities.

His parents are Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grisham.

Angela Uriegas has attended Bovina Schools thirteen years. She has participated in UIL activities since the second grade, has received awards including maintaining the highest GPA in most of her math and science classes in middle and high school, is an honor student and was valedictorian of her eighth grade graduating class.

In high school, she has been involved in the Student Council three years, serving two of those years on the executive council, was in the National Honor Society three years, was a member of the Hugh O'Brien Youth Organization three years and served as a class officer two years.

Her parents are Ruben and Tina Uriegas.

This year's Heritage Award was presented to Jerry Ware. Mrs. Ware was born in a dugout in Hansford, Texas on May 13, 1905.

She was born into a family of four brothers and one sister, graduated from high school in Springfield, Colorado and attended Business College in Wichita, Kansas three months before her

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BHS Choir Highlights CC Banquet

A group of volunteer young people drew a rousing applause for their performance at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet.

It is not an official school choir. Instead, the high school students volunteer their own time after school and on weekends to practice.

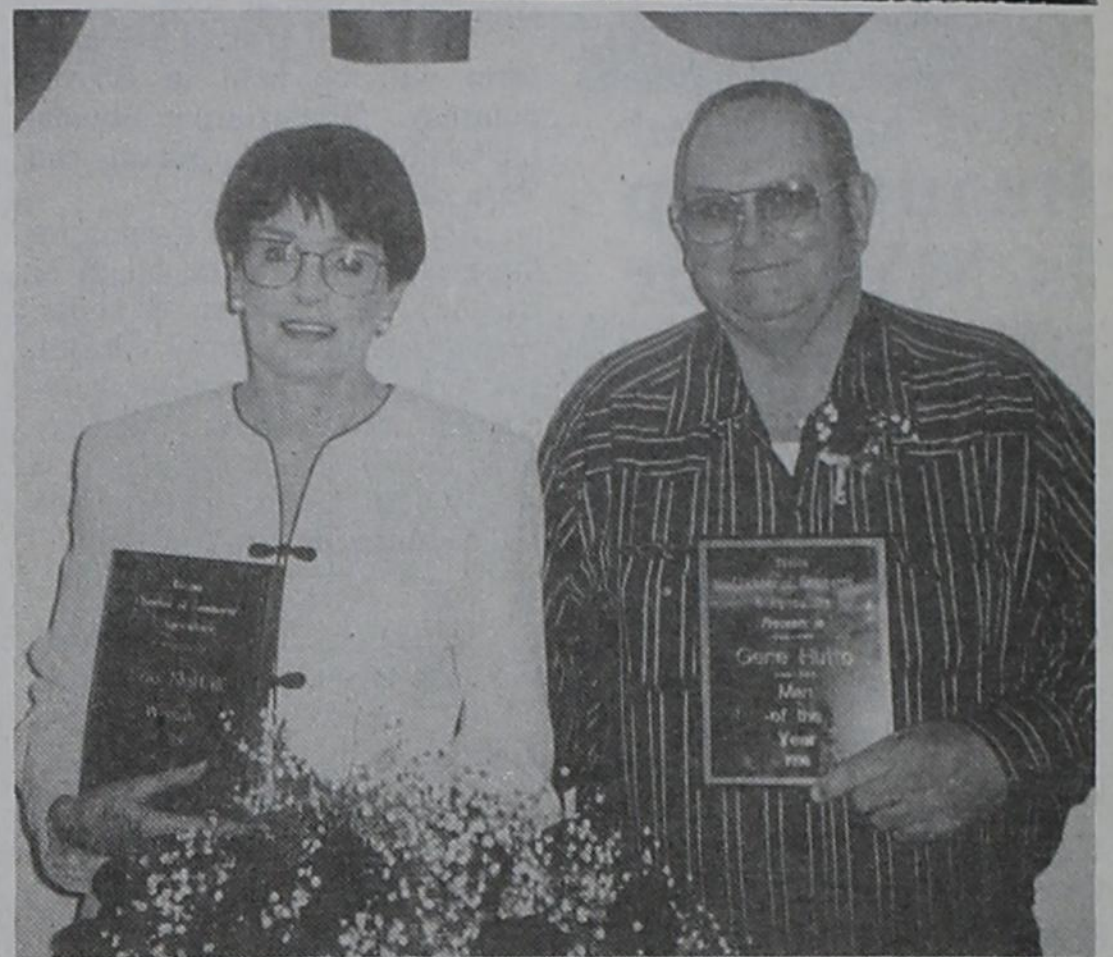
Under the direction of middle school principal Brenda Wilson, assisted by band director Bill Shelly, the choir gave what was only their second performance for the banquet.

The young people were dressed in a white shirt and red bow tie uniform.

Their upbeat performance included selections from Disney's Lion King, a Choo Choo Cha Boogie number, a gospel medley, then closed with an audience favorite, "Our Gift For You", which they sang while also performing the words in sign language.

Wilson said since their only other performance was during the school's Christmas program, the group was "a little nervous" about the banquet night.

But when showtime came, they rose to the occasion. The audience rewarded them with a show of great appreciation for a job well done.



MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR, GENE HUTTO AND SUE NUTTALL, WERE ANNOUNCED AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET.



OUTSTANDING YOUTHS SELECTED AT THE CHAMBER BANQUET ARE JAY GRISHAM AND ANGELA URIEGAS



LAWRENCE WIDNER WAS CHOSEN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND JERRY WARE RECEIVED THE HERITAGE AWARD.

April Luncheons Start Thursday At The Depot

The fourth annual Spring Luncheons in the Depot will be getting underway this coming Thursday, April 4, and there are still some seats available for that first of the four luncheons.

Other dates for the luncheons are April 11, 18, and 25 starting at 12 noon at the old Santa Fe Depot in the City Park. Tickets are \$10.00 each on sale at Ethridge-Spring Agency or phone Lois Norwood at 247-2766 for reservations. Advance tickets sales only, as no tickets are being sold at the door.

"Our Heritage in Quilts" is the theme of the short program for the four events.

GOP County Meeting Set

Parmer County's Republican convention will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30 at the Farwell Community Center.

All Republicans are invited to attend. Six delegates will be elected to attend the state Republican party convention at San Antonio in June.

Extension Service Receptions

Parmer County residents are invited to attend a come and go reception in honor of Gary Patterson, county Extension agent-agriculture, and Mark Logan, entomology agent.

Patterson has accepted a position as a loan officer in the Farwell Branch of the Muleshoe State Bank.

"You will want to come by and wish him well in his new career," a reception organizer commented.

Mark Logan comes to the Parmer County position as a transfer from the same position in Scurry County.

The joint reception will be held Friday, April 12 from 3-7 p.m. on the second floor meeting room of the Farwell Courthouse.

A second come and go reception in honor of Mark Logan will be held in Friona at the Friona State Bank Community Room on Friday, April 19 from 5-7 p.m. in order for residents from all areas of the county to have an opportunity to meet the new entomologist.

Mark these two dates on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Co-op Directors Are Re-Elected

Charles Christian of Oklahoma Lane, Pat Robbins of Friona and J.B. Noland of Summerfield were re-elected to the board of directors of the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, at the Co-op's 42nd annual meeting Tuesday in Hereford.

Noland, who currently serves as president of the board, was unopposed in his bid for re-election. Christian, appointed to the board after the death of Billy Mayfield, won out over Steve Stancell. Robbins won over Tommy Sparkman.

Holdover members of the board

are Dick Fellers (Dawn exchange), Floyd Schueler (Parmer exchange), Carl Stafuss (Milo Center exchange), Charles Myers, Jr. (Hub exchange), Jimmie Cockerham (Tharp exchange), and Ernes Flood (Westway exchange).

Schueler is currently secretary-treasurer of the board. Fellers is vice president.

Thomas Hyer, co-operative manager, presented his report. Attorney John Aikin presided over the director's election.

A meal of brisket, sausage and all of the trimmings was catered by K-Bob's of Hereford.



CHOIR ENTERTAINS AT BANQUET.....Members of the after school volunteer choir entertained attendees at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet. The choir was organized by Bill Shelly, left, and Brenda Wilson, right, front row. See related story for details.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

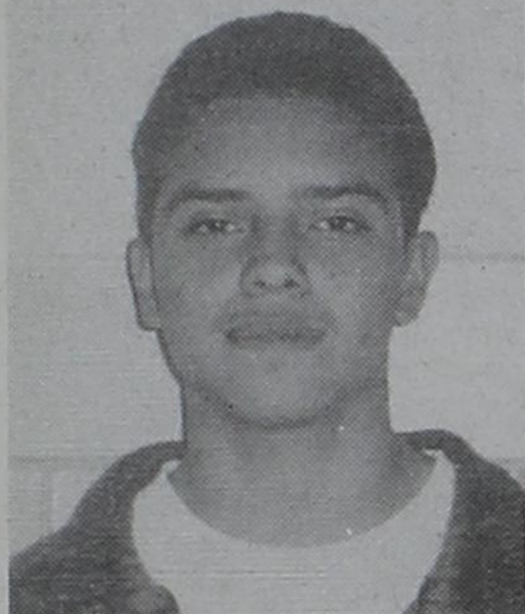


TONY BEAUCHAMP Beauchamp Is MVP For Plains Meet

Sophomore Tony Beauchamp was selected as "Most Valuable" for his performance in the Plains track meet recently.

Beauchamp was selected by coaches for his effort in the 200m run. It was the first time he had ever run the 200m and he broke a Bovina school record with a time of 23:03

At the next meet, he will enter the 400m run for the first time. Beauchamp also anchors the mile relay team.



DERRICK VANEGAS D. Vanegas is Student of the Week

This week's student of the week is freshman Derrick Vanegas.

He is the son of Epifanio and Lucia Vanegas of Bovina and has attended Bovina schools since first grade.

He is active in football, basketball, track, and cross country. He is also a member of the student council.

He was nominated by teachers Janie Sudderth and Eugenie Brown as being an excellent student who maintains a good attitude, is very polite and always willing to help.

Chamber Banquet....

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mother suffered a stroke and she returned home to help her father care for her mother.

She and her husband, Earl, were married in 1931 in Estancia, New Mexico by a Presbyterian preacher in a barber shop.

The couple lived at McLean the first year, moved to the Clovis area, later to Pleasant Hill and eventually they bought a farm five miles west of Bovina for \$15,00 an acre.

She is the mother of three sons, Leon, Tom and Jimmy, has ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ware is a member of the United Methodist Women's organization, a quilting club, the Thrifty Club and Senior Citizens.

40 YRS AGO-APR 4 1956

J. E. Sherrill, Jr. is the new mayor of Bovina. Sherrill got 96 votes with 123 votes cast. Alvin Glasscock received 25 votes. O. W. Rhinehart, retiring mayor, received two write-in votes.

The annual District 3-B track meet will be held in Bovina Saturday. Teams from Bovina, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Adrian, and Vega will participate.

Six candidates are running for three positions on the board of trustees of Bovina Schools. Wendol Christian, Harry J. Charles, and Troy Fuller are seeking re-election. Ovid Lawlis, A.C. Teter and Bob Wilson are running for a place on the board. The election will be held Saturday.

35 YRS AGO-APR 5 1961

Incumbents J. D. Kirkpatrick and Jack Clayton were re-elected school trustees in balloting Saturday. Only 139 voters went to the polls, the smallest turnout in several years. Kirkpatrick and Clayton beat out two opponents, C. R. Brandon and Don Sides, for the three year terms.

Al Kerby and Bob Crump are new Bovina city commissioners. They were elected in Tuesday voting by 248 Bovina citizens. Eight candidates were seeking the two commission posts, including Archie McCutchan, L. M. Grissom, incumbent Bedford Caldwell, Boyd Gilreath, Johnnie Horn and incumbent J. W. Quickel.

Bovina Glass Works and Paint, located on Highway 60, will observe its Grand Opening in its remodeled building Friday and Saturday. Archie and Wayne McCutchan are owners of the firm.

30 YRS AGO-APR 6 1966

Bovina's school bond issue election, which was for \$600,000 to provide improvements and expansion to facilities over the next five years, went down to a crushing defeat Saturday. A heavy turnout of voters killed the proposal by a margin of more than two to one. The vote count was 103 for and 226 against.

Grady Sorley and Don Murphy, who were running unopposed for positions on the Bovina Schools' board of trustees, were re-elected Saturday.

Approximately 320 voters marked ballots in the trustee election which was held in connection with the \$600,000 school bond election. Bedford Caldwell is the new mayor of Bovina. He led a field of three candidates in Tuesday's city balloting.

Named to three positions on the city council were Charles Corn, Billie Sudderth, and Owen Patton. Also in the race were Dolph Moten and Sonny Spurlin. A total of 216 voters went to the polls.

25 YRS AGO-APR 7 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Estes

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were recognized as outstanding citizens in Bovina Thursday night at the annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet.

Returns of Saturday's election were canvassed at a Monday night meeting of Bovina's city council. Vernon Willard and Vernon Estes were re-elected to two year terms on the council.

Voters went to the polls here Saturday and re-elected the three incumbents as trustees of Bovina Schools. A total of 296 persons named Lawrence Jamerson, Leslie McCain and Leon Ware to three-year terms.

Gary McCormick took second place in the pole vault at the district meet in Vega Saturday to gain a regional berth at Lubbock.

Bovina High School Student Council was presented a plaque in recognition as the Outstanding Student Council in District I at the Texas Convention of Student Councils in Austin last weekend. Bovina was one of 18 schools to be honored.

20 YRS AGO-APR 7 1976

Mrs. Pat Kunselman is Bovina's new city secretary. She replaces Mrs. Mary Ruth Martin, who resigned last month after almost 14 years in that position.

Parmer County Commissioner Jimmy Briggs of Lazbuddie has become the first person from this area to ever be named to the legislative committee of the Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association.

Bovina's Fillies piled up 133 points to 77 for the second place team in capturing the team trophy Friday at the Springlake-Earth track meet. Enroute to capturing the trophy, the Fillie tracksters broke three meet records, according to coach Joel Nelson.

15 YRS AGO-APR 8 1981

Robbie Moody, son of Julia Moody and Weldon Moody, was voted "Best Actor" in the district UIL One-Act Play competition.

The City of Bovina passed an ordinance recently that created a reserve police force in the city.

Bovina's Flying Fillies took fourth place in the district track meet. The Fillies qualified for regional in five events.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patton announced the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary and a reception will be held in their honor.

10 YRS AGO-APR 7 1986

BHS Drama Class took first place in district competition held at Abernathy with their One-Act Play entitled "Antic Spring".

M. M. Treinen and John Dixon were elected to the Bovina City Council and Dudley Hughes was elected Mayor. In the school board election, Mike Beauchamp, Dickie Clayton, and Jon Lin Riddle were the winning candidates.

5 YRS AGO-APR 13 1991

James Russell Gustin, Jr. has been named to the position of manager in Friona for Energas Company. He will also oversee Energas operations in Bovina.

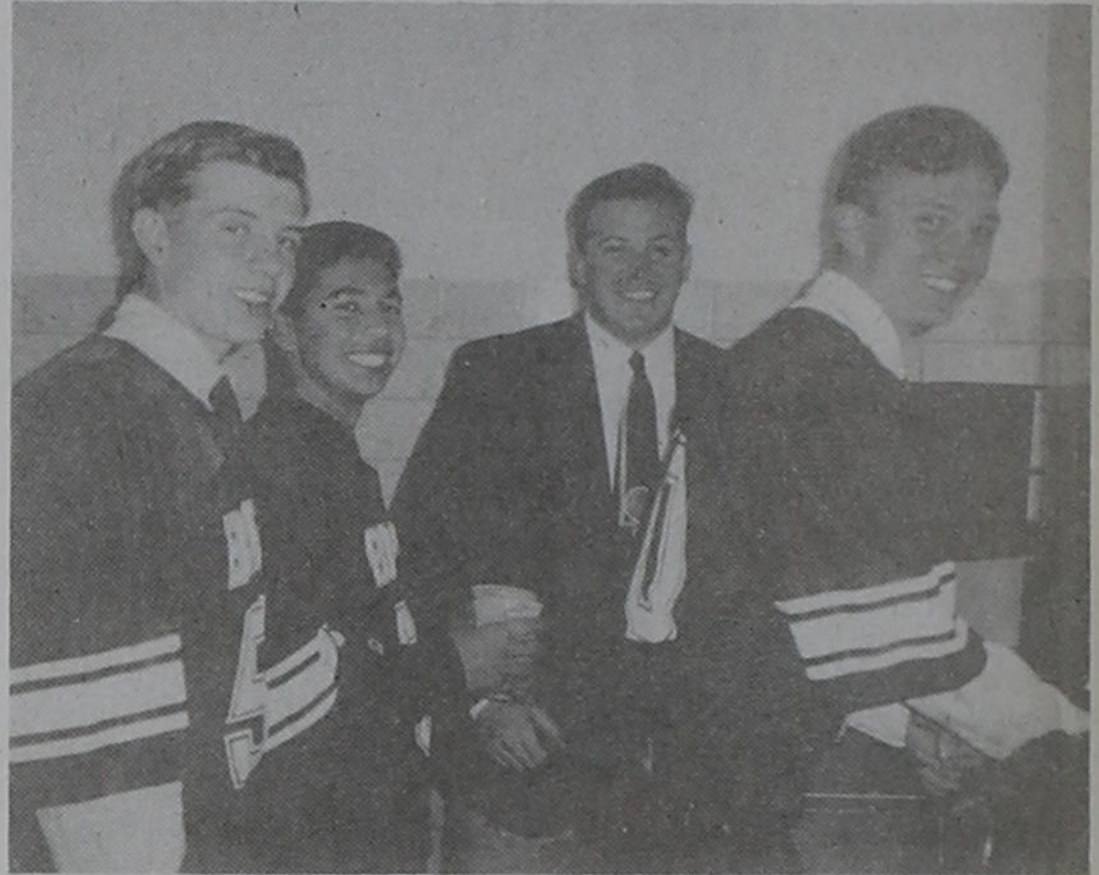
Grady and Dorothy Sorley will present a special concert at Bovina's First Baptist Church on Sunday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

The trial of capital murder defendant Diana L. Lumbrera, originally scheduled to start last Monday, has been delayed until June 3, Parmer County District Attorney Johnny Atkinson said Friday.

"Remember, the City does not have a landfill and does not pick up trash of any kind", said Mayor Keith Knight.



COWBOY HEADGEAR.....Ray Stone entertained the Chamber of Commerce banquet audience with football stories. He displayed Cowboy helmets of today, left, and the model used in 1960.

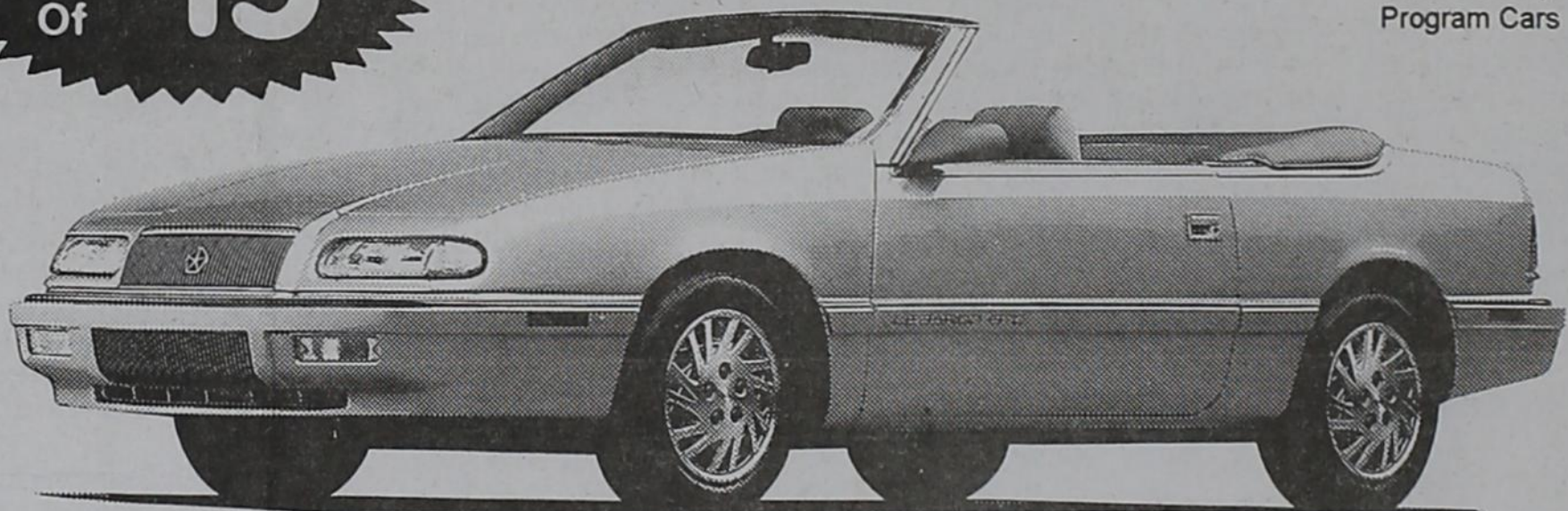


SMILING SERVICE.....High school boys, under direction of Coach Bobby Ortiz, served as smiling waiters for the Chamber of Commerce banquet in the school cafeteria.

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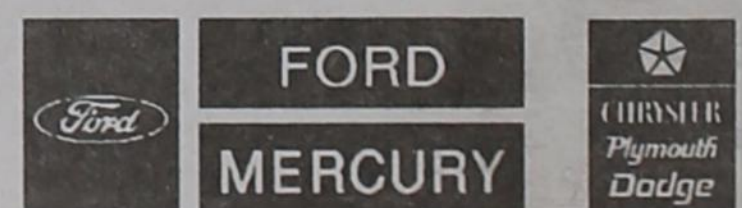
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NEWS CREW VISITS.....An ABC News crew from New York visited Friona this past week to shoot footage and do interviews concerning the June 2, 1995 tornado that struck Friona. In the back, the news crew members are shown with publisher Bill Ellis. From the left are Jerry Gonzales, Robert Campos, Ellis, Jay Schadler and Charles Cruz. Seated are meteorologist Robert Prentice, Carol Ellis and Casey Sharrock holding Megan. The show will air Wednesday, April 3.

Doctors Are Honored

Parmer County Community Hospital and the Hospital Auxiliary members joined together in celebration of "National Doctors' Day" with a reception honoring the medical staff.

Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary gave red roses to members of the medical staff. Bill Neely, hospital administrator, said, "We are very pleased to join with our Auxiliary members in expressing our appreciation to the medical staff for their outstanding services to our community."



MURPHY SCOTT MAYNARD celebrated his first birthday on Friday, March 1. He is the son of Don and Diane Maynard of Amarillo. His grandparents are Charles and Isabel Gilbreath of Bovina and Jimmy and Barbara Maynard of Friona. The birthday party was held on Saturday, March 2 in the home of Don and Diane Maynard in Amarillo. Present were Jimmy and Barbara Maynard, Mike Maynard, Debra, Jestin and Jason Michaels, Jim and Suzanne Gilbreath.

"Prime Time Live" Visits Friona For Tornado Bit

A five-man television crew spent time in Friona this past Monday, doing interviews and collecting data for a future episode of "Prime Time Live."

The American Broadcasting Co. (ABC) group is working on a segment that it plans to air in April dealing with tornadoes. They were particularly interested in how the small community of Friona dealt with the devastation it suffered last June 2.

Producer Jay Schadler headed the crew. Regular viewers of "Prime Time" may have seen his show that aired in March where he (Schadler) hitch-hiked across the country, from Massachusetts to Los Angeles, in a ten-day adventure captured by the ABC cameras.

The news crew collected copies of the Friona Star from June 10 and June 17, 1995, as well as the Star's "Tornado Extra." The "Extra" edition had been Fed-Exed to Robert Campos of ABC last week, which prompted their trip to Friona.

Schadler interviewed publishers Bill and Carol Ellis concerning the storm. He also interviewed Ed Bailey, who was the most seriously injured resident as a result of the storm.

The crew also visited with Ed and Delores Bailey. Bailey was the most seriously injured person as a result of the storm, and has made good progress after being in a coma for over a month.

He also interviewed Terry Sharrock, being intrigued by the story from the Star's special edition

headlined "The Day The Cows Flew Over So. Friona."

They also shot footage at Hi-Pro Feeds and at the Friona Cemetery. The Friona Star loaned the group photos taken by the staff following the storm, which may be used in the TV episode.

"Prime Time Live," headlined by Sam Donaldson and Dianne Sawyer, airs at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on ABC (Channel 7 in Amarillo). Schadler said the tornado episode is

being planned for airing on either April 3 or April 10, with the first date the most likely.

In addition to Schadler and Campos, those making the trip to Friona included sound technician Charles Cruz, cameraman Jerry Gonzales and Robert Prentice, who is with the U. S. Weather Service in Norman, Oklahoma.

Cruz has a local tie-in, being the son-in-law of Iona and Raymond Cook. His wife is the former Kathy Cook.



VICTIM RECOVERING....Ed Bailey of Friona was the most seriously injured resident in last June's massive tornado that struck Friona. Bailey and his wife Delores were interviewed this week by Jay Schadler, left, of ABC News' New York office.



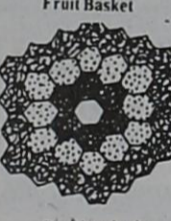
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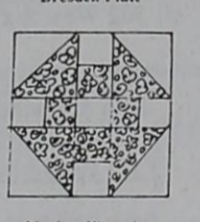
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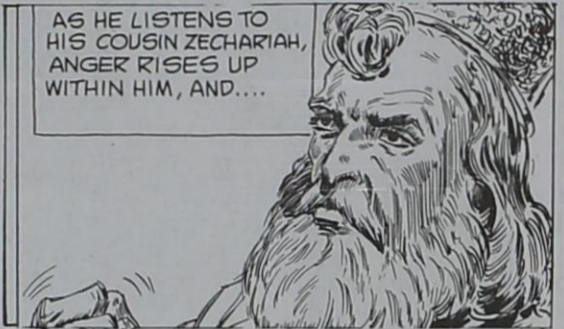
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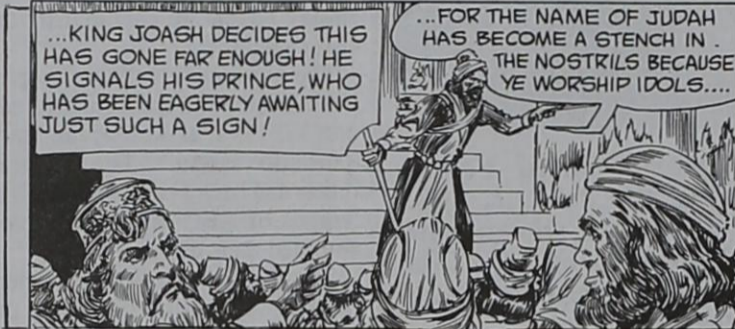
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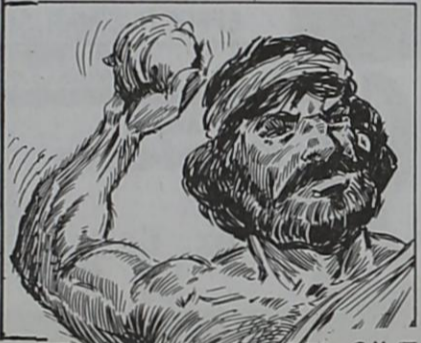
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Chief Says Moisture Is In Spring Forecast

By SCOTT ROBINSON

Many times when the wind blows out of the north, it only brings bad news with it. Usually something like a cold "norther," maybe even a blizzard. But like everything else, there is always an exception to the rule.

The exception is March 22 at sunrise.

For on that day, at that time, every year since 1910, a member of the Crim family has predicted the weather for the upcoming spring season. And more often than not, the Crim family has been right.

The north wind at sunrise this year indicates an "average" rainfall for this spring. Many times average is not good, but in this time of extremely dry conditions, most farmers in the area would welcome an average amount of moisture.

"We will have an average amount of rainfall this spring," says "Chief" Weldon Crim. "Start the wells now and look for moisture in the middle to latter part of the season."

And the accuracy of this ancient Indian tradition should not be questioned. Weldon's father, John, known for years as the "Parmer County Weather Prophet," claimed that he was accurate about eighty per cent of the time.

Weldon has lived up to this mark, as he has been on target four of the last five years. Just for the record, he did predict a dry spring last season with hail. And we all know that forecast was on the nose.

The Crim family began performing this ritual when Weldon's grandfather, Taylor Crim, picked it up from the Plains Indians.

Being a farmer, he was naturally concerned with the weather and observed the Indians doing this "fire burning" every spring season.

He learned the custom and performed it every year until his death in 1937. Taylor's son, John, took over the reigns at that point and continued the "burnings" until his death in 1980.

Weldon has done his own version every year since his father's death, and he has performed the ceremony publicly since 1983.

The "burning" is done at exactly sunrise by setting fire to a teepee-shaped wood pile and reading the direction in which the smoke blows. The prediction is only for the spring season.

So the north wind does not always equal bad news. The "Chief" says there is an exception, and the local farmers can only hope that he is on target again this year.



WEATHER READING....Weldon (Indian) Crim saw some good news for a change when he did his annual weather forecast this week. Crim's forecast saw better than average rainfall for the spring season.

Bill Liles Elected To Office

AUSTIN--Muleshoe resident and ag lender, Bill C. Liles, was re-elected last week to serve a second three-year term on the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Retirement Committee.

The seven member committee provides guidance on retirement and related benefit issues for nearly 1,400 Farm Credit System employees and retirees in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Liles is president of the Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) of Muleshoe, which makes long-term land and rural residence loans to farmers and ranchers in Bailey and Parmer counties. He is one of two FLBA representatives on the committee.

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Posse Will Meet In Texico

The Parmer County Sheriff's Posse will hold its monthly meeting in Texico.

The meeting will be Monday, April 1, at the Spur Restaurant in Texico. It will begin at 7 p.m.

The Posse is a volunteer organization to assist the Sheriff's office in emergency situations. Anyone interested in joining the Posse is invited to attend the meeting.

WTRT To Pay \$155,800 In Capital Credits Checks

Members who received telephone service in 1973 will be getting their share of patronage capital credit checks totaling \$155,800 from West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative via mail this spring.

The \$155,800 sum represents 100 per cent of the capital credits allocated by the telephone cooperative for 1973.

Patronage capital credit checks return WTRT's profits to its customer/members. The checks to be mailed to members this spring

represent the customer's allocation of revenues, less expenses, that were achieved by the Cooperative in 1973.

The amount of capital credits allocated to customers is based on the telephone service purchased by those members. Included in the purchased service are equipment, access lines and long distance calls.

Patronage capital credits are tabulated among members of record on a proportionate basis with all other members of WTRT during the same period.



PRAIRIE ACRES RESIDENT.....Selected by the Prairie Acres staff as resident of the month for March was Juan Marquez. Mr. Marquez has been a resident at Prairie Acres since March 22, 1995.

Tulia Livestock Auction

Monday March 25 receipts 2957 head. Compared to last week's sale good stocker calves sold mostly steady. Feeder steers and heifers sold 2.00 lower. A light run of packer cows and bulls traded 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

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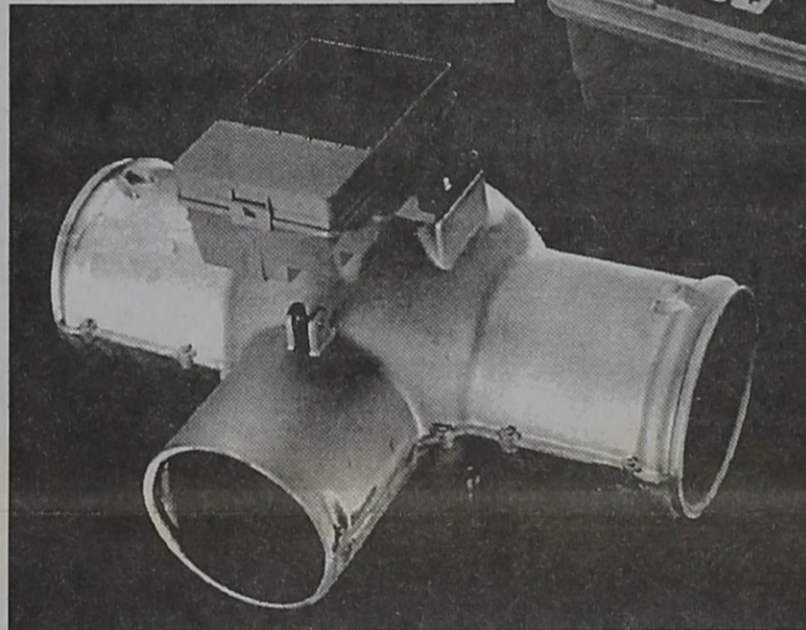
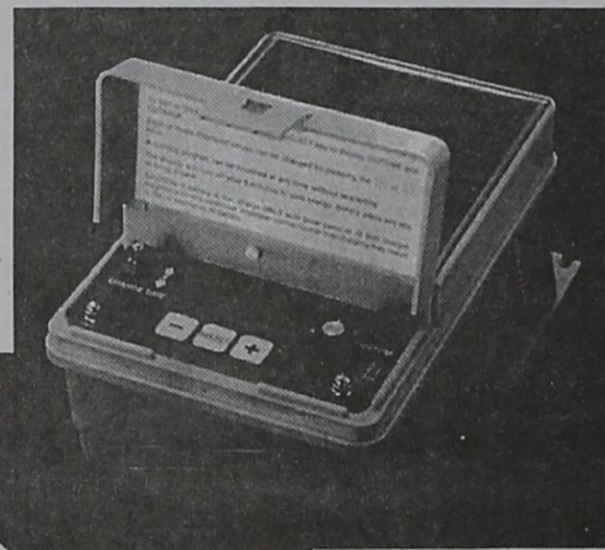
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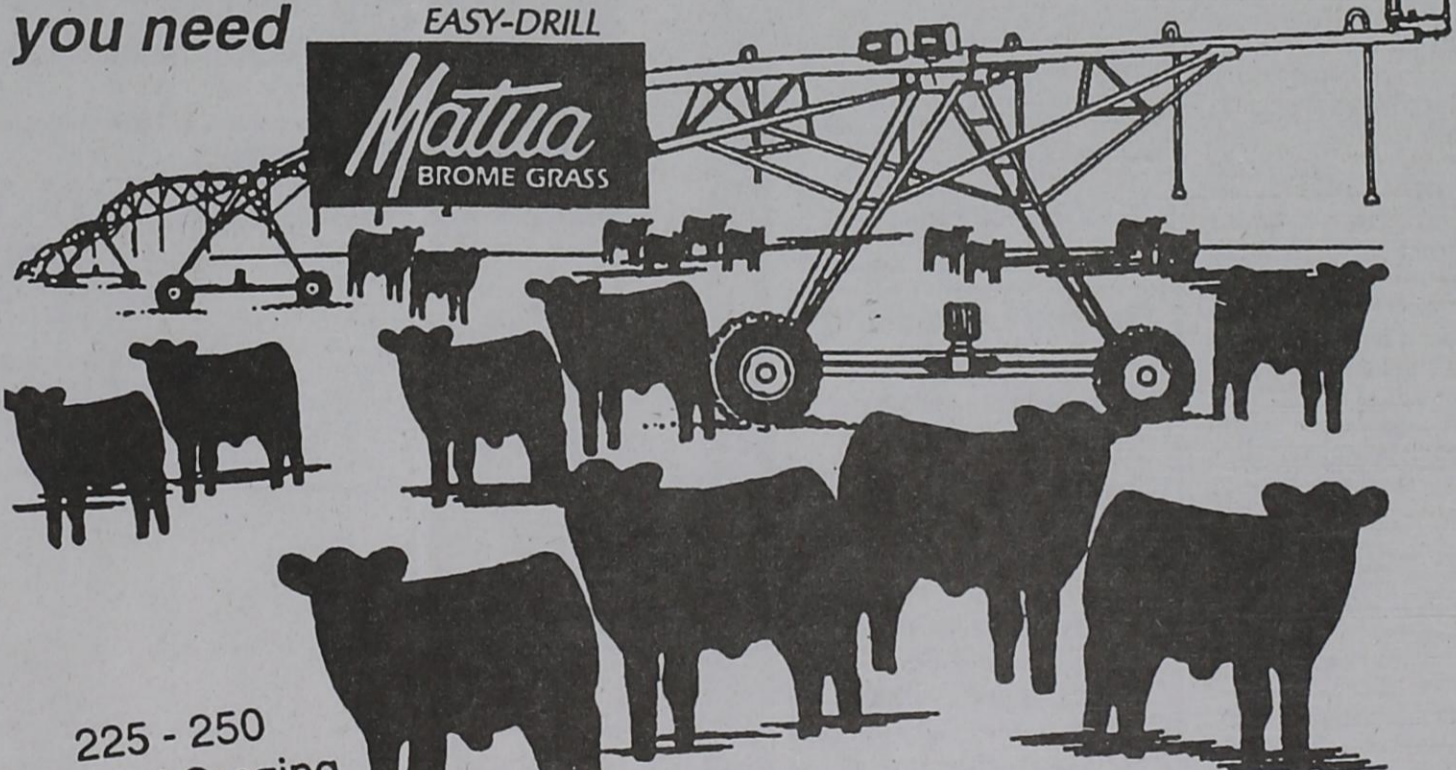
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Thanks so much,
Dorothy Ellison & Family

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY--no school, Easter holidays.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Congratulations to our "Man and Woman of the Year." Sue Nuttall and Gene Hutto received the honors at the Chamber Banquet held a week ago Thursday evening.

Reports were that a record-breaking low temperature was felt this Monday morning as temperatures dipped to a chilly twelve degrees. Only two days earlier it was eighty degrees. Still hoping for rain and coping with blowing dust and hard winds.

NEWS AROUND TOWN....

Fred and Sylvia Flores, former residents now living in Dumas, are proud parents of a big boy who weighed almost ten pounds and measured twenty-three inches.

The baby was born March 19 in the Dumas Memorial Hospital. The baby has been named Fernando, Jr. and has five sisters.

Maternal grandparents are Victor and Esther Cobos and Mike and Maria Flores, all of Dumas. Congratulations!

Donalita, Dean and Juanita Hastings had company on Tuesday of last week. Donalita and Dean's sister, Imogene Swim of Roaring Springs; their sister-in-law, Cora Lou Hastings of Lubbock and Cora's daughter, Mitz Hastings, also of Lubbock, came for the day. The family had dinner at the

Line Camp Restaurant and enjoyed a good visit.

Nelline Spicer and I spent the weekend at our home in Spearman and had a good visit with our daughters and their families. We drove to Spearman Saturday morning and came home Sunday night.

As we left the snow was coming down hard but didn't last long. We had the cold, hard wind all the way home. We had dinner in Amarillo at Shoney's.

Richard Carson is a lucky man! He was the winner of fifty pounds of beef at the Deaf Smith County Electric Cooperative meeting held in Hereford last week. Last year he was the winner of a television given away at the annual meeting.

Lily Berendson of Cimarron, New Mexico and her daughter, Carol, of Lubbock, were in Bovina, Tuesday, and had lunch with their family at the Line Camp Restaurant and visited with Lily's sons, Randy and Daryl and Daryl's wife, Karen.

Randy said Carol drove to Cimarron and brought Lily back for a doctor's appointment and said she is getting along fine after having a bout with pneumonia in recent weeks.

Dale and DeAn Turner and their six-year-old son, Dustin, returned home Sunday night from spending several days in Dale's uncle's trailer house in Ruidoso, New Mexico. They drove to Ruidoso on Tuesday a week ago.

On Thursday, they rode the ski lift to the top of a mountain and on Friday, Dale skied all day. They said the snow as not that good, but it was still open. One evening, they had dinner at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and said it was such a lovely restaurant. They enjoyed a relaxing few days and the weather was nice.

Justin and Arlene Brozek had company recently. Justin's parents, Weldon and Paula Brozek, came from Great Bend, Kansas. While here they had fun keeping their two-year-old grandson, Jake, all week. One day, the family spent time in Amarillo.

Vernon and Frances Willard, their daughter and son-in-law, Alton and Terry McCormick of Amarillo, have recently vacationed in West Yellowstone Park.

They said it was so pretty there because the snow had covered places where it wasn't very pretty since so much of the park had been burned. Anyway, they saw buffalo and elk, but Frances said now there are only

four deer left in the whole park.

They went snowmobiling in Yellowstone but the snow wasn't that good there so they went on to Montana and Idaho and went snowmobiling on the trails which was a lot more fun.

Frances was telling me that they have their first great-grandchild. He was born while they were in Yellowstone. He is the son of their grandson, Chris and Staci McCormick of College Station.

The baby has been named Collin Joseph and weighed seven pounds, ten ounces and measured twenty-one inches long.

His other great-great-grandparent is Alton McCormick of Oklahoma Lane. His grandparents are Alton and Terry McCormick.

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