

**VOLUME 44, NUMBER 20** 

Christmas

This year's Christmas

Proceeds from the fund will benefit Bovina's EMS and

fund has been established at

Fire Department.
All donations are

appreciated. Deadline is December 19. The Bovina

Blade will publish name of all

donors in the Christmas issue.

contact First Bank, Bovina.

Post Office

Open House

employees will have their

annual open house and

customer appreciation day

Tuesday, December 9 from

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at

and everyone is invited.

Refresments will be served

The Bovina Postal

To Have

the Post Office.

For more information,

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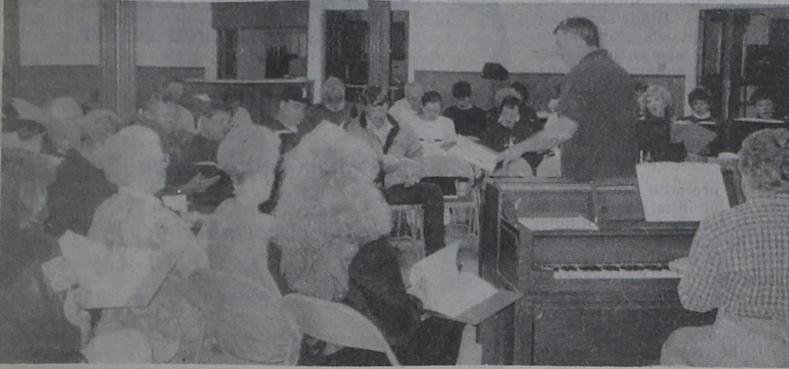
At Bank

First Bank.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1997

Bovina For the Past 40 Years

**Good News in** 



TREE PRACTICE....Director Jim Parker and accompanist Johnnie Walters lead the Living Christmas Tree choir practice every Sunday afternoon. Concerts are scheduled for Dec. 5, 6, & 7, and Cowboy Stew Supper will be next Tuesday. See story below. (Ron Carr Photo)

Landrum, Jeri Lynn White,

Luann Hough, Amelia

Adabeth Smith, Pam Messer,

Mary Joyce Barnett, Barbara

Neely, Betty Renner, Daphne

Nancy Edelmon, Annie Mae

Doris Barnett, Wyona Clark, Connie Neelley, Claire Blanco,

Marca Herring, Peggy Monroe, Alice Allen, Kelsey

Welch, Nancy Roden, Charlotte Ratcliff, Kitty

Gallman, Cheryl Weatherly,

DaLinda Black, Sue Fiel,

Rene Hough, Amy Stephens, Lesta Lee Neill and Faye

Mickey Griffin, Charles Turner, Kirk Frye, Robert Wilson and Neely Landrum. Basses-Bill Neely, Alan

Monroe, Ricky Rector, Dale Schueler, Kim Caffey, Danny

Black and Harald Taylor.

Tenors--Tony Tasillo,

Reeve.

TURN

Carol Ellis

Altos--Karen Renner,

### Living Tree Program Is Set December 5-7

The Living Christmas Linda Griffin, Sandra Turner, Tree Choir of Friona will Nola Faye Vestal, Lois present the musical, "I Have Norwood, Pamela Pauling, Seen the Light: The Search Jayn Looper, Sabrina for Christmas," on December 5, 6 and 7 at the First Baptist Church, 404 West Taylor, Sharon White, Fifth Street, Friona.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. on December 5, 6 and 7 and a 2 p.m. matinee Cunningham, Gerri Taylor, on December 7.

Jim Parker is serving as Thomas, Ruby Ston and the director for the sixty Tammy Spencer. member Living Christmas Tree Choir for the third year. Tickets for the performances are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office in Friona.

There is no charge for admission, but everyone is asked to obtain a ticket because of limited seating

The Children's Choir from the First Baptist Church will perform on Friday and Saturday nights. Methodist Children's Choir will sing at both Sunday performances.

Members of the choir are: Pianist--Johnnie Walters. Sopranos--Cherry Wells,

DECADE BY DECADE....

Some of you may remember the Roaring Twenties, the Dirty Thirties, and the War Years of the Forties. Then came the fifties, known as "The age of Innocence." The sixties and seventies are mostly remembered as the VietNam War era, plus beatniks, hippies, disco, the

beginning of the drug culture, the sexual revolution, and the feminist movement. The eighties are known as the Reagan-Bush years. I suppose the ninties will be rememberd as the Politically Correct decade, or maybe the Generation X years. As we near the close of 1997 we are hastily spiraling into

the unknown; not only are we nearing the end of a decade and a century, but the beginning of a new century as well. Heck, we don't even know what we'll call it! The teens, twenties, thirties, and on into the ninties are easy to call up. But what do you call a decade of 00s, as the first decade of the 2000s will be? Do you call those years the zeros? The ohs? The nadas? I can remember as a child, hearing some old timers make remarks such as: "This is the coldest its been since the winter of ought-seven." So maybe the next decade will be known as "The Oughts." Or what about zilch? "My granddaughter will be ten years old in zilch-3."

On New Year's Eve 1999 people all over the world will be having a great big party to celebrate the end of the century. Guess what! They'll be a whole year too early! The end of the century doesn't happen until December 31, 2000. Try counting from one to ten. The end of that sequence is ten, not nine. The beginning of the next century will not occur until the first

of January 2001. Other than what to call it and when to celebrate it, there is another real whopper of a problem looming on the morn of January one, 2000. The whole world may completely shut down because our computers have not been programmed for dates beyond 31 December 1999.

Those who stick their heads in the sand will say "Oh, that doesn't concern me; I don't have anything to do with computers." Think again, folks. Your whole life depends on computers. For instance, banking, credit cards, insurance, motor vehicle registration, social security checks, the stock Dee," stated Barbara Collins market, tax collection, traffic lights, elevators and airplanes.... all these things run on computers. So also do your hospital Country Music Organizations records, IV units, cardiac monitors, blood-bank dating; also of America competition, "but I radiation monitoring equipment and nuclear power regulation.

Factories that make just about every product which you purchase, have equipment and machines that are started (and/or stopped) by computers. Security systems may leave workers locked outside the front gate on the morning of January 1, 2000, assembly lines may stop moving, shipment of

supplies could halt until the problem is fixed. It all stems from the fact that in the beginning of the Panhandle with grateful computer age, computers were all programmed to recognize affection. only six digit dates. Thus November 21, 1997 in computerspeak would be 112197. When you put two zeros at the end of October 14 thru 19, Collins the six number sequence the computer doesn't know what to do, gets confused and just shuts down. Or it might think it is 1900 and charge you one-hundred years of interest on all your current debts. The problem is that there is so much really old computer software out there running all this stuff, that the old computer codes will all need to be re-programmed. The costs of not getting these problems worked out will be unbelievable.

You who have computers at home, if your equipment is a PC or compatible, more than two years old, you'll probably have to reset the internal clock, which shouldn't be too difficult. All Apple and Macintosh computers are already set to recognize dates up to 2040. So, to you PC purists who turn your noses up at us Macintosh folks, I say "Nannie-nannie-boo-boo to you!"



### SARAH ROCHA Student of The Week

Sarah Rocha, a senior at BHS, was nominated by her student-of-the-week.

According to Mrs. Durben, Sarah is a good student, a hard worker, has a good attitude and a good sense of



teacher, Margaret Durben, for

BHS Basketball December December's basketball schedule seems to be an all New Deal, as the Mustangs and Fillies face New Deal two times, and play in New Deal's tournament.

THE PILGRIMS

where earth claimed some for its own.

They left their homes to journey to

Through a harsh and bitter winter,

There, they struggled for a toehold

Our faith to God to see us through,

But somehow, they still made it when

they knew they held His hand.

with nothing but the land?

They built here, on a foreign shore,

foundations that would last.

those Pilgrims of our past.

they asked our God to bless

can we do any less?

And we have so much more than they,

They had the first Thanksgiving and

their bounties, harvest and their lives,

Was their courage more than ours, or

would we have the strength to give.

just to have a place to live.

a land that was unknown.

Mary Dalton Crump

Basketball coaches Derrick Byrd, Daryl Hill, and Ryan Bridenstine are set to roll full blown into the 1997-98 basketball season as activity picks up beginning next week. On December 2, the varsity and JV boys and girls play New Deal in Bovina, beginning at 4 p.m.

The varsity boys and girls participate in the Vega tournament December 4-6. Then December 11-13 they go to the New Deal tournament, ending up the December schedule with varsity and JV games at New Deal on December 19.



**BARBARA COLLINS** 

### Bovina Woman's "Kin" **Excels With Singing**

BY SHAUNA MONROE Mayor of Hedley

"I may have performed at Las Vegas alone and with after returning from the felt everyone's presence on stage with me." When speaking about her success in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Showboat Hotel, Collins referred to her friends and sponsors in the Texas

While in Las Vegas from won the national titles of 1997 Rising Star Award for Traditional Country Vocal Group with Dee O'Kelley of Amarillo and 1997 Rising Star Award for the Best New Country Female Entertainer.

Accompanying her to Las Vegas was her husband, Terry Collins, and children Josh and Maggie, of Hedley. Barbara Collins is the

granddaughter of Mrs. J.J.

Terry, longtime resident of

She earned her spotlight on the Showboat's stage in September by winning the Rising Star Award in New Country Vocal Group with Dee O'Kelley, Traditional Country Female Entertainer of the Year, and 1st runner-up New Country Female Entertainer of the Year titles in the 1997 North Texas CMOA Regional Competition held at Amarillo's Big Texan Steak Ranch.

Collins is well known throughout the Texas Panhandle for performing at numerous area events. During the 15 years she has lived at Hedley with her family, she has entertained at the Hedley Cotton Festival Queen Coronation, the Bar H Dude Ranch west of Clarendon, the Wellington Peanut Festival Beauty Contest, and the Silverton Caprock Jamboree.

It is not surprising to (Continued on Page 2)

### Frances Willard Is First Place Winner

place and \$20 in week twelve week! of the Bovina Blade Football Contest. She was the only nine of the sixteen games

Spearman, Oklahoma vs. and Eufemia and Francisco Texas Tech, Florida vs. Torres. Florida State, and the TIED game of New York Giants vs. (that's me) messed-up this Washington.

and Peggy Hargrove, The most missed games correctly picked ten games. included the Oklahoma vs. The Dallas 17-Green Bay 45 Texas Tech, Florida vs. game was the deciding factor. Florida State, New England

just didn't expect the Cowboys to be beat so bad! overtime, the game ended in Daniel got second place and the tie. This happened in week eleven also.

Dorothy was 22 points off third place.

were 31 points off the tie- and A.M. Wilson have 125 breaker score. They predicted Dallas to win 27-24 and 31-28, respectively. received no money for fourth in this issue.

They each picked Dallas to picker win!

Frances Willard won first win. Sorry folks, maybe next

Seven contestants picked contestant to correctly pick 11 correctly. They were Jo of 16 games. Blackwell, Cameron Charles, Games she missed were Dorothy Harris, Bobby the Aldeo vs. Vernon, Post vs. Johnson, Flossie Rhinehart

The contest paster-upper week with pick number eight. Six contestants, Daniel We had Oklahoma-Texas Hernandez, Dorothy Stowers, A&M. They played last Jason Kerby, Linda week. Happy Thanksgiving-Sudderth, Christen Stowers a free point for all.

Daniel was pulling for the vs. Miami and NY Jets vs. Packers with his pediction of Minnesota games. Everyone Dallas 14-Packers 28. He missed the NY Giants vs. Washington. Even after an

Jessica Stowers continues the Dallas score. She also to lead in the contest predicted Green Bay to win standings with 130 points. 23-17. She received \$5 and Cameron Charles and Frances Willard are close behind with Jason and Linda each 129 points. Carmen Porras total points.

> A list of top contestants' They score can be found elsewhere

There is only one week Christen and Peggy were and 16 points remaining in 45 and 48 points off the final the football contest. Grand score of the Dallas game, prize is \$150. May the best

> As of November 26, 1997 49,753

bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey

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... from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Nov. 27, 1957 To aid in Parmer County law enforcement, a county

two-way radio was installed in Bovina City Hall the latter part of last week.

Elton Venable suffered a painful hand injury early Monday morning while operating a combine on the operating a combine on the A.L. Glasscock farm at Hub.

Mrs. Fleta Terry, grade school teacher in the local

school, will attend the convention of Texas State Teachers Association in Dallas November 28-30.

Tom Atkins, Parmer County Deputy who has worked in Farwell since March, has been named temporary deputy in Bovina, Sheriff Chas. Lovelace has announced.

35 Yrs Ago-Nov. 28, 1962 A new business, Steel-A new business, Steelman's Custom Slaughtering, opened in Bovina Friday. Dickie Steelman, who has been engaged in farming here, purchased the building and facilities of Richard's Slaughter House on First Street.

Sunday is "SPS" for Parmer County residents. That is the day chosen to kick off the mass immunization program against polio through the use of Sabin oral vaccine.

Carolyn Wilkerson, a freshman, was elected sweetheart of Bovina Future Farmers of America Chapter

A new business, Steels sponsored again this year by the Bovina Lions Club, announced Ed Isaac, president of the organization.

Donaciano Salcido, 23, was injured in an accidental shooting about 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, at his residence in the Bovina Apartments on Fourth Street.

The 1972 pheasant season in Parmer County begins Saturday, December 9, and continues through Sunday, December 17, a nine-day period which includes two weekends.

Glen Hise, former Bovina residents, been named to

Farmers of America Chapter

recently.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court said that a new Home Demonstration Agent would be appointed for Parmer County as soon as one became available through the Amarillo District Extension Service Office.

30 Yrs Ago-Nov. 29, 1967
Snow flurries came to the
Bovina area Monday
afternoon, beginning about 4 o'clock and covering the ground. Whether or not the

Holly Sugar station in Bovina, narrowly escaped serious injury Monday morning when he fell into the

sugar beet pile.

A stack of baled milo stubble on the Charles Corn farm three miles north of Bovina was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Firemen and law enforcement officers had found no cause for its origination Monday, according to City Marshal Ronald Mitchell.

Miss Sandra Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson of Bovina, was recently initiated into Alpha Chi honor society at West Texas State University.

25 Yrs Ago-Nov. 29, 1972 The annual Home Decorations Contest in the Bovina community will be sponsored again this year by

residents, has been named to the Colorado All-State Class A football team, according to information received here.

20 Yrs Ago-Nov. 30, 1977
The Bovina Volunteer
Fire Department fought four
fires in a two-day period
during the first half of Thanksgiving week. On Monday, November 21, at 1:15 p.m., the department responded to two calls. The first call was to a cotton

on November 21. Clayton Williamson, 25, is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, and

graduated from North Caddo High School, Vivian, La., in 1970. Going on to a higher education, he received a BLA in political science from Lousiana State University in

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Elliott will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 10.

15 Yrs Ago-Nov. 1, 1982 The Bovina area received nice snowfall during Thanksgiving week, in fact two different three-inch snows, along with rain and sleet.

Larry Wiseman was the winner of the 1982 Bovina Businesses Football Contest and received a check for \$100 and the title of Football Contest Champion for 1982.

A new service of pick-up and dry cleaning is now being operated by City Cleaners of Farwell with Elouise Dixon managing the

A group of local citizens athered at Marie's Used Values and celebrated Thanksgiving. Twenty-six people were present for lots of good food and fellowship. Kathryn Hancock and her six sisters are visiting this week in Bovina.

10 Yrs Ago-Nov. 2, 1987 seven Tilly Card of Canyon morning.

finished with a flourish to win the Bovina Blade's annual football contest's grand prize. Mrs. Card, who is the mother of Cathie Lanham of Bovina, won the final week's contest as well, so the final week netted her \$110.00 cash, which should help with her Christmas shopping.

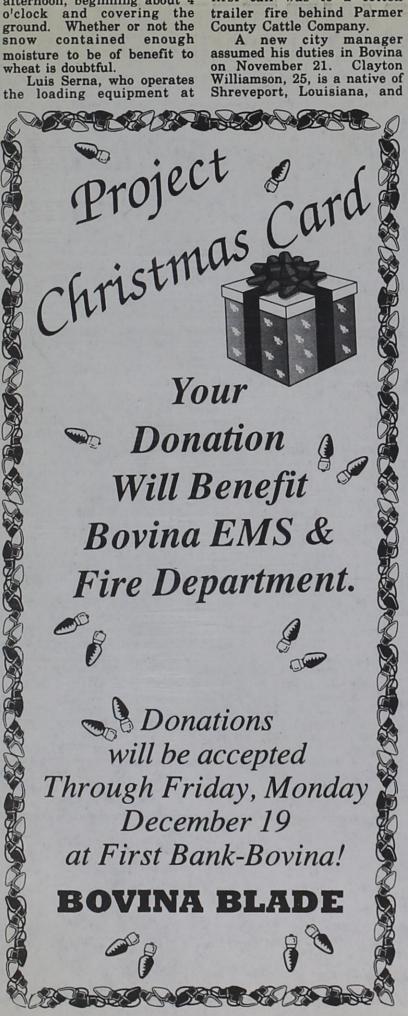
To promote the idea of caring for others and helping people less fortunate, Ridglea will be starting a Food Bank. The Food Bank will last from December 1 to December 18. The idea of the Food Bank is for every class to bring canned food of any kind that will be collected in a box beside the door of each class.

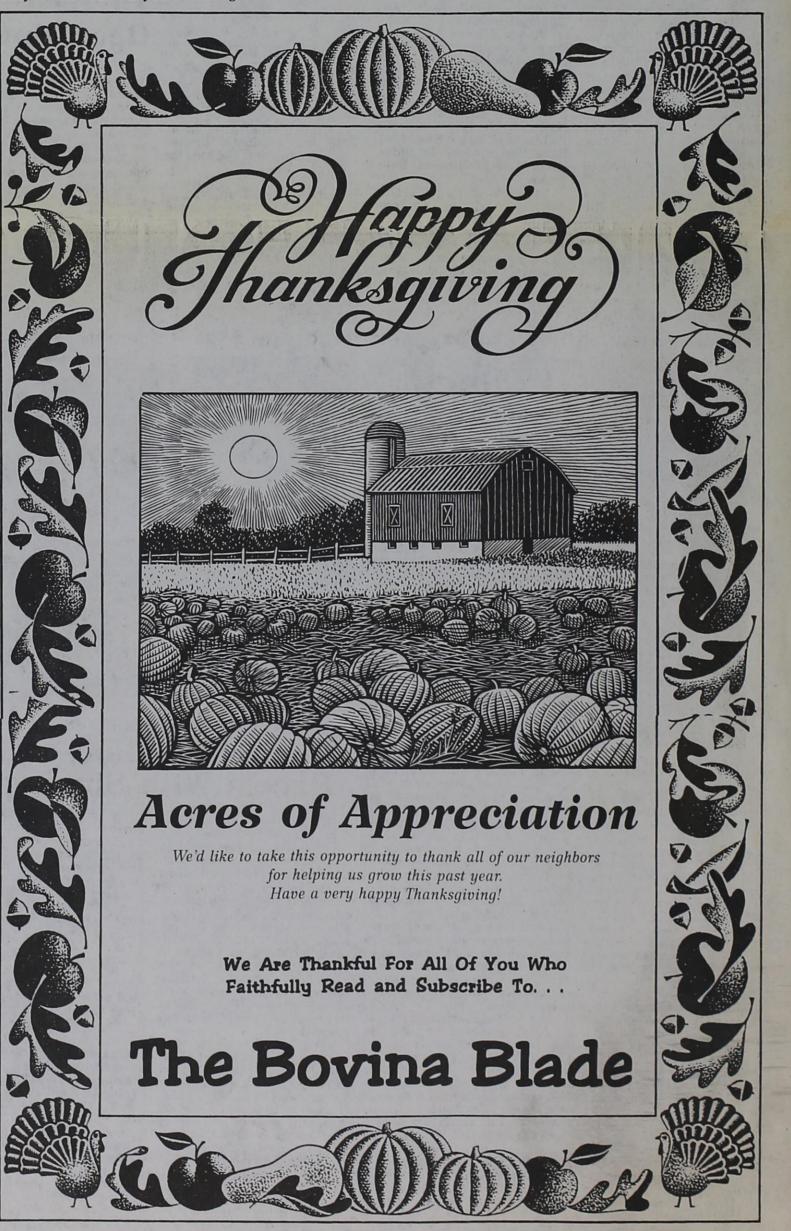
The Bovina High School

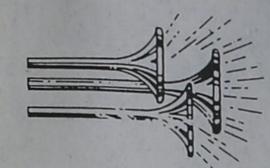
Mustangs made a quick transition from football to basketball last Tuesday. With just a couple of days of workouts since the end of the grid season, the team downed Adrian, 84-71, in a game at

5 Yrs Ago-Nov.28, 1992
Parmer County has been socked with not one, but two of the worst November blizzards in memory. Saturday morning the area received about 4 to 5 inches received about 4 to 5 inches of snow and another six to seven inches Tuesday

The Bovina Postal Employees cordially invite you to our Annual Open House and Customer Appreciation Day Tuesday, December 9, 1997 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM U. S. Post Office Refreshments will be served. The staff of the Bovina Post Office appreciates your patronage during the last year.







# Out Here By RON CARR



Is McDonald's ready to cross the bridge with Billy Jeff into the 21st century and bring their fast food innovations to citizens of the new millenium?

I don't think so. Parents in Parmer County are fortunate that their kids were not raised on Mc-Donald's stuff. Around here a trip to McDonald's is a treat.

not a way of life. I believe a child who grows up without daily or weekly visits to McDonald's grows up to be a better

McDonald's marketing success is studied in graduate business schools.

A man named Ray Kroc sold machines for making milk shakes. One of his customers was a hamburger joint in Ohio which was run by some brothers whose last name was McDonald.

It was a busy hamburger Happy Meal toys.

And. Sold a lot of burgers I looked at my wife with stand. Sold a lot of burgers and shakes. Ray Kroc bought it and kept the name McDonald's. The next 40plus years are history.

Kroc became gazillionaire as McDonald's grew and grew and grew. One of those "golden arches" up to 2-3 miles away can turn a car full of docile children into a pack of screaming, clawing weasels.

More than one parent has been forced off the Interstate their neck and ears, all in the child was severely upset at name of Happy Meal heaven.

One positive for parents is the fact that a McDonald's is a really good psychological atmosphere to break bad calated into the highest level news to kids. Especially if it of crying, a tear flowing, snot has a playground.

divorce, dead pets? Tell the he pointed his stubby finger kids at McDonald's. back at the enemy and

to Minnesota and taking your meaning of. favorite gerbil with me.

go play on the playground?'

Believe it or not the toys throw a salt shaker at him. that used to come in Happy Meals were generic. Now-adays when you order a Happy Meal they ask if it is for a boy or girl. McDonald's are two Happy Meal toys. is getting too complicated.

Casey was about four, we took him and his older sister in that kid's mouth?" to a McDonald's in Dallas on a Thursday evening. His mother and I placed the Wichita Falls for their usual order.

Couple of Big Macs for us and two Happy Meals for the kids. The cherub-cheeked order taker's face turned to horror. In a voice just above a whisper, she explained that they were out of that week's Happy Meal because you only

ain't-gonna'-tell-him looks.

With a universal motherly tone she explained to little Casey that he could be a big boy and actually eat a hamburger and fries without getting a toy.

His response to this mother love was to scream this out and turn it in you bloody murder, drop to the can get a free Big Mac or which they get hooked during floor, and start kicking. breakfast sandwich. which they get hooked during their first McDonald's visit floor, and start kicking.

He was still at it when I carried him to a booth in the with no intention of filling it yucky red stuff for life, with bite and claw marks on half full restaurant. The out. When a restaurant gives putting it on such adult According to Par Grah, being deprived of this toy.

He stood in the booth, looking back at the enemy behind the counter. He esa playground. running, all-out breath Got family problems, sucking fit. Through it all, back at the enemy and

and your mother and moving could only imagine the

The manager personally have your ketchup and then sey saw him coming, he yelled "NO" and tried to

The manager leaned over and said quietly, "Look, I went back and opened next week's box of prizes. Here Sorry for the inconvenience." When my 20-year-old son I'm sure he wanted to add, "now will you stuff a napkin

> Thanksgiving visit. We stopped at a McDonald's in Vernon.

Zac has taken a liking to their chicken McNuggets. But, he informed me that he did not want the McNugget got four pieces.

I looked at my wife with one of those you-tell-him, I- for a father. That first sign that he is growing up when he steps up and orders a "number 5", six McNuggets, large fries, large drink, no

The cherub-cheeked order taker handed me a quesionnaire and said if you fill

their food and service, it and even scrambled eggs. I means they have a problem even mentioned a class-action with their food and service suit to reimburse parents for but can't figure out what it ketchup-related laundry deis. Makes me nervous.

The first question was "En general, que tan satisfecho/a playground just as I was quedo con su visita a este finishing and our order McDonald's hoy?" Which arrived. Megan opened 8 means, of course, that I was packets of ketchup and

questionnaire.

I turned it over and found they wanted to know what wich. It is the only thing on "Bummer dad. Can I brought our tray. When Ca- time of day I was there, was I satisfied with my food, was the restaurant clean, did we get your order right.

Under the question "Were you satisfied with the food?" there were these choices if you weren't satisfied: cold sandwich/ food didn't look good/ food didn't taste good/ not enough fries in bag/ cold fries/ fries not salted right/watery poor tasting drink.

It meant to me that they have committed these sins at least once for them to wind up on a questionnaire.

So I wrote on my form that they need to get back to basics. I told them they should never, ever, under any circumstances, run out of Happy Meal toys.

Second, I suggested that while their burgers have cute names like Big Mac, Quarter Pounder, and Arch Deluxe, no one knew what they had on them. "Which one has the meat, lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle? That's the one I want.

I suggested they start a program for kids to break them of the ketchup habit, on I took the questionnaire and remain addicted to the tergent expense.

My kids came in from the

"Son, I am leaving you sputtered baby words one on the wrong side of the dumped them on her napkin. Zac quit at 10 packs.

Me? I ate my McFishthe menu that I know for sure what comes on it.

We traveled on that day, sure to again visit a Mc-Donald's Inn somewhere along life's highway. After 40-plus years you would think they could get it right by now. Here is my last suggestion to the nice people at McDonald's that have

helped me raise my children:

"DO SOME RESEARCH.
ASK AROUND. FIND OUT
WHAT GOES ON A HAMBURGER AND FIX THEM
THAT WAY FOR A CHANGE."

Sincerely yours, Ron Carr and family. Have a happy Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Without ketchup!

### Cannon Bazaar Dec. 6-7

The annual Cannon AFB Super Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 at hanger 208.

The bazaar features more than 150 vendors offering multitude of gift items, arts and crafts, antiques, furniture clothes and much more. you a questionnaire about dishes as steak, roast, chili, organizer of the bazaar, "It's a shopper's heaven because it Al Kerby Jr. has almost everything for Christmas under one roof."

The bazaar is free and open to the public. Steelman. Entertainment will also be 96-Man provided.

a space should call Pat at (505) 784-2826.

### Bovina FB Contest **Standings**

Contestants continue to vye for the \$150 grand prize to be given away next week as the final contest entries are

graded. With the final week approaching and sixteen points left for the picking,

anyone can still win. Those with top scores are:

130-Jessica Stowers. 129-Cameron Charles and Frances Willard.

125-Carmen Porras and A.M. Wilson.

122-Danny Harris.

120-Don Spring. 119-Jo Blackwell, Travis Lockmiller, Janie Sudderth and George J. Villarreal.

118-Gilda Garner, Jason, Jeanne and Susan Kerby and Jerry Sherbon.

117-Blake Clements, Tyson Kerby, Christen Stowers and Robert Tapia. 116-Bobby Johnson,

Adam Mejia and Dorothy Stowers. 115-David Miles, Kenny Sherbon and Del Ray

Sudderth. 114-Dorothy Harris, Josh Kerby and Virginia Steele. 113-Denise Anderson,

Johnson and Louis Mejia. 112-Jan Smith. 111-Frances Johnson,

Daniel Hernandez, Doug

Scott Sudderth and Angela Villarreal. 110-Walter Kessler, Blake

Sudderth and Linda Sudderth. 108-Joe Harris, Becky Johnson and Roy Lee

105-Leonor Espinosa. 104-Flossie Rhinehart, Janie Sudderth and George

L. Villarreal. 103-Glenden Sudderth. 101-Peggy Hargrove and

99-Phillip Johnson and Luke Steelman.

97-Matt Hromas and Levi 96-Martin Gonzales.

A complete listing of all Vendors who wish to rent contestants' scores can be found at the Bovina Blade office.

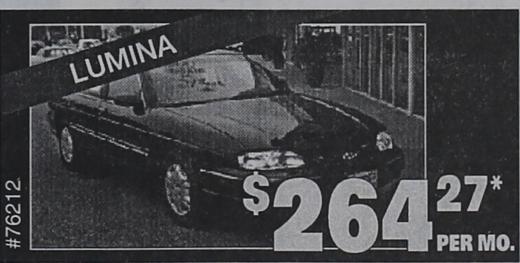
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1989 Chevy 1/2 Ton Pickup Reg. Cab

#76370A. Reg. \$7,500 Sale \$4,995

1995 Chevy 1/2 Ton Pickup Ext. Cab 4x4 #86018A. Reg. \$18,995

Sale \$17,500

#86028B. Reg. \$9,995 Sale \$8,550

1990 Chevy 1/2 Ton

Pickup Reg. Cab

1996 Chevy 3/4 Ton #5171A. Reg. \$18,995 Sale \$17,500

Pickup Reg. Cab 4x4

1995 Chevy S10 Pickup Extended Cab #5203A. Reg. \$12,995

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### Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending October 29, 1997, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

Warren, County Clerk
WD, Michael Scott Branscum,
Monty Bryan Black, 2 tracts in SE1/4
S67 W.D. & F.W. Johnson Sub. "Y"
WD, First American Bank,
Secretary of HUD, W75' L7 and 8 and

W75' S1/2 L9 B25, OT Friona WD, Joe H. Lahman, Joe H. Lahman, Trustee, an Und. (1/60) Int. SW1/4 S89, Thomas Kelly "H"

WD, Secretary of HUD, Bruce B. Smolky, Lot No. 11-15, B24, Bovina

FB Contest Standings

With one week and 18 games left in the 1997 contest, here are the top 18 point total categories through 12 weeks.

If you have any question about the football contest please feel free to call us at 247-2211.

All contestants who have

All contestants who have entered this year and their point totals are on record here at the Star office.

152-Mark Zachary. 150-Lisa Reed, Jerry

Hinkle. 147-Don Max Vars, Kevin Wiseman.

146-Carmella Hernandez, Mitchell Smiley. 145-Mike Hutson, Veca White.

144-Cindy Carthel, Clint Mears.

143-Myrtle Melton, Thomas Reed. 142-Jerry Gossett, Bobby Wied

141-Tim Elmore 140-Sherry Carr, Cliff Daniel.

139-Eddie Gauna. 138-Wayne Amstutz, Jennifer Gonzales, Donita Martin, Joy Morton, Martha Rodriguez. 137-Josh Burleson, Kade

Carthel.
136-Sandra Berend, Scott
Brown, Andy Carthel, Colby
Carthel, Rhonda Crozier, Mal
Manchee, Don Spring, Jimmy
Walker, Troy White.

135-Juan Hernandez, Rusty McFarland, Shirley Steinbock.

134-Courtney Carthel, Ernest Mills.

JANUARY-JUNE 1997 PRECIPITATION TOTALS
AT WEATHER SERVICE RECORDING STATIONS
WITHIN HIGH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT

WITHIN HIGH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT		
RECORDING STATION	1996	1997
Abernathy	8.68	14.33
Crosbyton	5.00	20.77
Dimmitt	4.11	11.79
Floydada	11.24	16.72
Friona	1.79	11.48
Levelland	7.80	14.88
Littlefield	4.98	11.10
Lockettville	6.99	11.47
Lubbock	6.01	13.63
Morton	5.77	8.12
Muleshoe	4.90	11.28
Muleshoe Refuge	4.76	9.88
Olton	3.69	12.25
Plainview	3.34	10.25
Tahoka	5.58	18.28
AVERAGE	5.64	13.08

### First Half Of '97 Was Wettest

What a difference a year can make! After an unusually dry 1996, the first six months of 1997 have been among the wettest six-month periods in recent years across Texas South Plains.

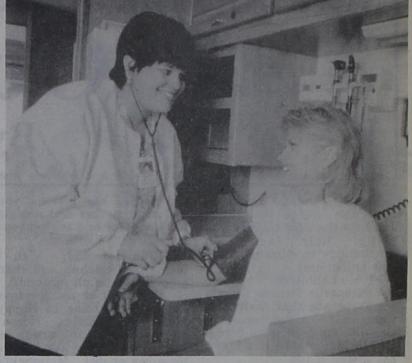
According to the National Weather Service forecast office in Lubbock, many area reporting stations have already received rainfall amounts close to yearly normals, and many stations have reported amounts nearly

four times as much as they received during the same six month period last year?

While rainfall amounts for the first six months of 1997 were above normal at most reporting stations, it appears that the western South Plains received less precipitation, while the eastern South Plains had more significant totals.

Rainfall totals from January to June 1997 averaged 14.05 inches across the area and ranged from 8.12 inches at Morton to 20.77 inches at Crosbyton. Lubbock received 13.63 inches of precipitation which is the second wettest January to July period in Lubbock during the past thirty years. The wettest period was in 1992 when 15.6 inches of rain fell during the same sixmonth period.

Precipitation totals during July 1997 averaged 1.96 inches at the 28 area reporting stations and ranged from 1.44 inches at Tahoka to 4.12 inches at Muleshoe.



MOBILE CLINIC STAFF....Anna Miralez, L.V.N., checks the blood pressure of a patient on the St. Mary Mobile Clinic. Ms. Miralez, one of two staff members on the 36-foot unit, is a bilingual licensed vocational nurse.

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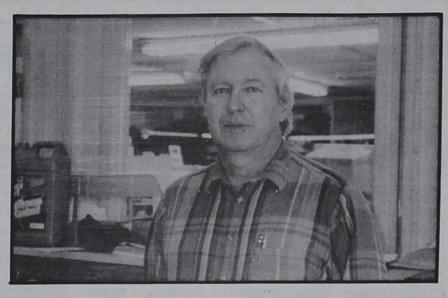
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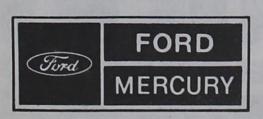
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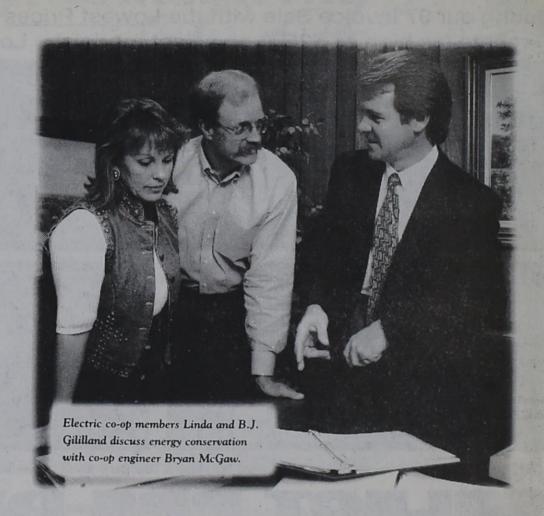




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### Cattle Raisers Are Challenged By Leader

visualize their future but respond to it as well, TCFA President James Herring challenged cattle feeders to fulfill their "honest and humble responsibility to lead" and take the initiative to move the industry toward "informational integration."

Herring made his remarks during the opening season of the "Visualizing the Future" Annual Convention of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) in Austin. Nearly 700 cattle feeders from throughout the nation were on hand for the event.

'As most of us realize, our industry has been slow to produce effective changes," Herring said. While he told cattle feeders that the answer is simple, he said it will require effective leadership and communication skills to accomplish.

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"What I am alluding to is, of course, the cattle industry's Achilles' heel-our inability to create functional partnerships in the product. It seems so very obvious that the consuming public absolutely loves our product, but it is also obvious that they would value our product much more if it were more consistent and more cost effective."

To Herring, it seems the industry's efforts should be directed toward several key points in an efficient, informed production mechan-ism. "First and foremost." he told cattle feeders, "We as an industry must elevate levels of understanding among all the different production segments of the industry.'

Each segment-cow/calf, stocker, feeder, packer and processor/retailer-has been in adversarial relationship with no interest in taking part in or understand anybody else's business, he said. This has created an inefficient and duplicative system that leaves an average of \$279 laying on the table while producing a product that may not conform to the eventual customer's require-

"Secondly, and of course much more fundamentally, we must begin the difficult task of strategically aligning the various segments into cooperative production units with economic incentives." Many of

Saying they not only need to these alliances are already being considered and formed, and Herring believes this to be only the initial wave in a gradual trend toward this kind of business combination and production alignment.

"All of us are beginning to understand that when the production mechanism is directed by a single voice or a common, cooperative goal, a product of great consistency, quality and safety can be produced at a much cheaper cost," he stated. "That should be the goal of every single individual in beef production today."

But will it pay? "Most of the research done by our industry show differences of \$400 per head in genetically superior cattle handled in a partnership-type of production process versus the old system of segmented production and average genetics," he said. That means progress by disciplined, progressive individuals will be sure and steady.

"All of us involved in the beef industry today, no matter how big or small, should be thinking about what we can do to advance the cause of partnerships," Herring told cattle

"All our energy should be directed toward those concepts and those companies that can create positive change in an industry that's been sleeping for some time now. It's not only our great opportunity, it's our outright obligation."



FASHION SHOW....One of the annual attractions at the Christmas in November Bazaar is the fashion show which features clothing from Ingram's Department Store in Friona. Suni and Mikala Morton were photographed during last Friday's show. The bazaar is sponsored by the Parmer County Extension Service. Watch for more photos at a later date.

### Cerestar USA Awards WT Scholarships

A&M University freshmen from Dimmitt, have been awarded the 1997-98 Cerestar USA Dimmitt Inc. Endowed Scholarships through the West Texas A&M University Foundation.

Rivera, son of Henry and Teresa Rivera of Dimmitt, received a four-year, renew-able scholarship. He is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Grand, son of Gary and Linda Grand of Dimmitt, received a three-year, renewable scholarship. He is also a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Rivera's father Henry is a

Jerry Rivera and Tracy 24-year employee at Cerestar Grand, incoming West Texas and Gary Grand has worked for the company for 23 years.

> Cerestar USA Dimmitt Inc. renews scholarships for continuing students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average with a full course load. The WTAMU Foundation scholarship provides each recipient with \$500 per

Continuing recipients are Michael Jeter, a senior animal science major from Friona, and Zachary Bell, a junior accounting major from Dimmitt.

"Our purpose in awarding these scholarships is to promote the education of our employees children and to

establish a partnership with WTAMU, which serves this region," David Bone, director of operations for Cerestar USA Dimmitt, said.

### Museum Is Planning Victorian Christmas

The Panhandle-Plains Jake Holster. Historical Museum in Canyon is planning it's 21st annual Victorian Christmas Open The event is scheduled for December 5, 6,

Carriage lanterns light the way into Pioneer Hall. Inside, an elaborately decorated Victorian Christmas Tree, surrounded by poin-settias, welcomes visitors to the wonders of a Christmas past. A variety of Christmas toys are displayed beneath the tree, just as a child might have found them on Christmas morning in the late 1800s.

In the Photo Gallery, vintage toys and antique Christmas Cards are exhibited. Some of the toys are from the PPHM's collection and others are borrowed from private collections and individuals. The Christmas cards are from the Museum's archival collection.

All of Pioneer Town will be decorated for Christmas. Interpreters, dressed in the costume of the times, will be in designated shops during the Open House to give narratives describing life during the 1890s and early 1900s.

In the Hall of Southern Plains Indians, a native American storyteller enter-tains audiences with stories of her childhood. Cowboy poets and musicians will entertain in the Hall of Ranching. Entertainers in these areas include Eldrena Douma, Ed Montana, Doug Tollison and

On the second floor, the art work of Bud MacCaullay, Joseph Imhof, Harold Bugbee and Gisella Loeffler is exhibited in the art gallery. In a quiet area, a grand-motherly figure tells Christmas stories in front of a fireplace with sparkling embers and a braided rug in the "Storyteller's Corner."

The lower level is devoted to children. Santa sits in an antique sleigh waiting to hear children's Christmas wishes amidst an outdoor snow scene, depicting the Victorian era. Parents are invited to bring a camera and photograph their child with Santa.

Children's craft activities and games are also found in this area. The games and activities are planned to give children a Christmas experience similar to that of the Victorian Era.

Musical entertainment is scheduled throughout the three-day event. choirs, chamber music, barbershop quartets and bell choirs make up part of the schedule.

Throughout the Museum, the sights and sounds of a Panhandle Christmas will excite and charm the 7,000plus visitors who come to welcome the Christmas season during this annual event.

The Museum extends an invitation for all to attend. In this way, the Museum can express its appreciation to the people of the Panhandle area for their support throughout





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MR. and MRS. MICHAEL HOWARD, JR .... Rachael Leigh Turner and Michael Ray Howard, Jr.. were married Friday, October 24 in Amarillo. Justice of the Peace Jim Tipton officiated. The bride is the daughter of Jack and Patricia Turner of Bovina. Parents of the groom are Cindy Schott of Amarillo and Michael Ray Howard, Sr. of Sun City, California. She attends South Plains College, Levelland, majoring in law enforcement. The groom is employed by the Friona Police Department as the K-9 officer.

### Terry McDowell Is Recognized By Navy

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Terry L. McDowell, a 1986 graduate of Friona High School of Friona, recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned at Naval Submarine Support at Naval Submarine Support Facility New London, Groton, Connecticut.

McDowell was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, McDowell consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly

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### **DPS Has Openings** For Trooper-Trainees

applicants for a recruit school scheduled to begin July 18, 1998. Persons who successfully complete the rigorous six-month recruit training academy in Austin will join one of the country's premier law enforcement

agencies.

"We're encouraging all persons interested in a career with the DPS to go by their nearest DPS office and get a complete application package and a list of all the qualifiations," said Lt. Curley Colquitt, who heads the DPS's recruitment effort.

"The DPS is very interested in attracting qualified female and minority."

qualified female and minority applicants, since historically those groups have been underrepresented in law enforcement," he said. "DPS offers a challenging and rewarding law enforcement

Graduates initially are assigned to one of the Department's uniformed services--the Highway Patrol, License and Weight or Driver License services. gaining experience, the trooper may apply for promotions within those or other areas of the DPS.

Applicants must be at least 20 years old on the date

of probationary appointment to the position of trooper-trainee and be of good moral character and habits. Applicants must have at least 60 hours of college (prior law enforcement or military

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The Texas Department of experience may be Public Safety is seeking substituted for some or all college requirements).

A final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUID, or felony automatically will disqualify applicants. Both oral and written statements given during the application process will be verified for accuracy.

Those selected for the recruit school will be required to successfully complete psychological testing, physical examinations, drug screening and additional physical demands. Character, habits, previous employment and other factors also will come under scrutiny.

The application deadline for Texas residents is February 17, 1998; the deadline for out-of-state residents is December 19, 1997. For more information, contact your nearest DPS

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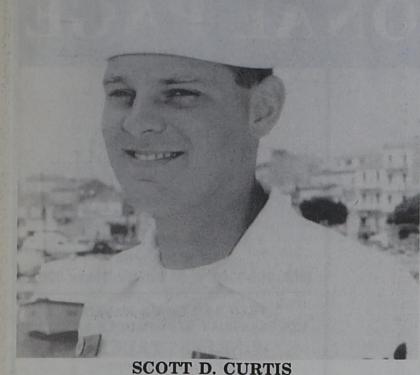
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### Bovina Sailor Stands Guard In Mid-East

By Marcus T. Myers LA MADDALENA, Sardinia-The U.S. Navy has hundreds of ships deployed around the globe in the defense of our nation.

There are also thousands of sailors stationed at overseas bases that are strategically positiond in regions which are critical to maintaining world peace.

maintaining world peace.

Bovina's Scott D. Curtis, is one of the many sailors who currently stand guard in the Mediterranean.

the Mediterranean.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd
Class Curtis, the 28-year-old
son-in-law of Elodia Serna of
Bovina is assigned to Naval
Base La Maddalena on the
Italian island of Sardinia.

He fells it's important for the Navy to have a forward deployed military presence in the Mediterranean.

"The Navy has a submarine tender here that serves as a support vessel. This is vital to American interests in this area," said Curtis, who's married to Serna's daughter, Elizabeth.

Serna's daughter, Elizabeth.
Curtis is a journalist at
La Maddalena where he
works for the base radio and
television station. He feels
his job is important to the

mission of the base.

"I write, edit and produce local news stories for radio and television. We have two radio station and one television station here," Curtis

Being stationed thousands of miles away from family and friends can sometimes be hard for sailors. However, Curtis finds many rewarding aspects of his duty in an area that's far from home.

"The most rewarding aspect of being stationed in La Maddalena is gaining knowledge about my job and the Italian culture. I love my job here and I love living in Italy," said Curtis, a sevenyear Navy veteran.

"I especially love the Italian food! I also feel this is a great place for my son to grow up. It's safe and the people are very friendly."

In order to protect the interests of the United States overseas, the Navy is not just limited to its aircraft carriers and its other warships patrolling the oceans. Sailors like Curits are permanently positioned as watchmen of peace and freedom in countries throughout the world.

### Muleshoe's Bazaar Is Scheduled

The Moonlight Family and Community Education Club and Texas Agricultural Extension Office announces their annual Bailey County Arts and Crafts Bazaar which will be held on Friday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The bazaar will be held at the Bailey County Civic Center at 2200 W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe.

In addition to the variety of arts and crafts booths, there will be special program

presentations this year.
On Friday, December 5, at 11 a.m. Debbie Pollard and Vickie Villarreal of Parmer County Extension Service will present Holiday Food Gifts and Holiday Meal Make Over.

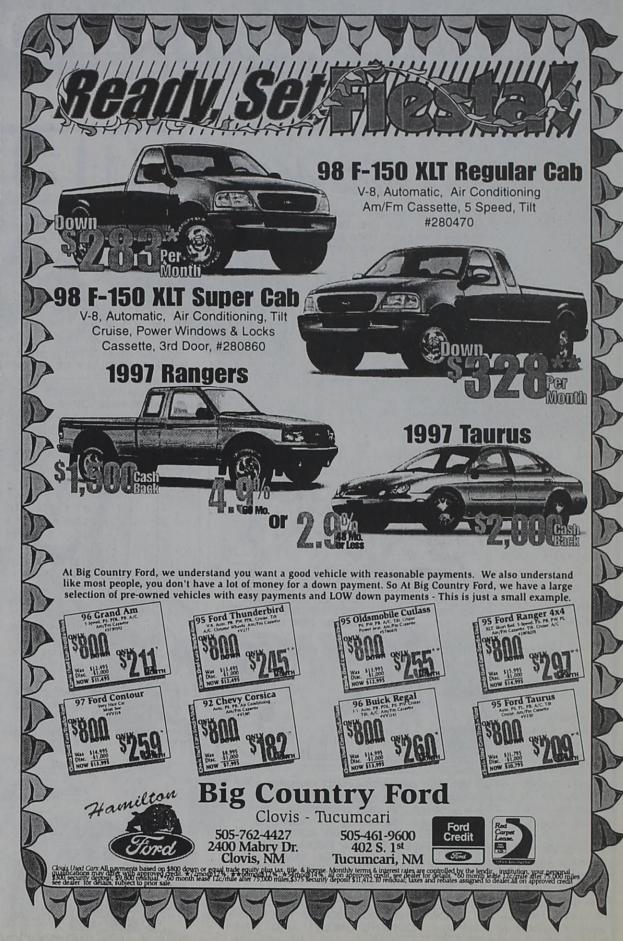
At 2 p.m. Holly Bills of Taylor County Extension Service will present Microwave Magic. At 4 p.m., Marilyn Neal of Castro County Extension Service will present a program on Candle Making.

On Saturday, December 6, at 10 a.m., Gail Gladden of Bailey County Extension Service will present a program on Tree Skirts.

At 1:00 p.m., Gladden and Bills will demonstrate Holiday Candy and at 3 p.m., Gladden will present Tree Ornaments.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these programs at no charge. All educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.









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# Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Sid Lloyd had visitors over the weekend and ten people for Sunday dinner.

Her daughters and sons in law, Julia and Reyes Olona, came from Belen, New Mexico and Patsy and Larry Webb of Hale Center, all came on

Friday night.

The Webb's daughter,
Becky and her husband, Billy Don, came from Lubbock; Becky's brother, Kendall and his friend of Lubbock were with them. Polly Mills of Bovina were with them for the noon meal on Sunday.

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Christmas Bazaar on on Sunday.

weekend were her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Lowell Boozer of Canyon and their daughter and son-inlaw, Amy and Eric Goodwin. Saturday and on Sunday, Amy will graduate from Flossie drove with them to

nursing school in August and Eric is majoring in business administration, both are students at Texas Tech.

Also with the family were Carlene's other daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Jon Lin Riddle of Bovina; her son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Vicki Jones of Farwell; her granddaughter Christie Riddle and her daughter, Harley of Bovina; and Donald's and Vicki's daughter, Cindy Longley of Farwell and her two sons, Colton and Joshua.

Patsy and Julia had a The family enjoyed time booth at the Friona together and attended church

Family visiting with Flossie Rhinehart enjoyed a short visit with her days like weekend were her days like the short visit with the short visit with her days like the short visit with her days like the short visit with her days like the short visit with Sandra Malone and her friend, Don Few from Glen Rock, Wyoming. Sandra and Don came on

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Lone Wolf, Oklahoma and visited with her brother, Steve Sisk. Monday Sandra and Don returned to

Flossie was telling me that Sandra is getting ready to publish another book. This will make about twenty books that she has published.

Sandra and James Clayton's grandson, one-year-old Jordan Windle of Clovis, has been hospitalized three times and last week underwent surgery to remove two lobes from his lungs. He is a patient at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. They hoped to have him out of the ICU by the first of this week, and thought he was getting better.

Irma Jo Englant's mother, Drucilla Kelley of Pleasant Hill is getting along fine following surgery for the removal of a brain tumor. She is out of ICU and they have her up and walking. The doctor said she would be able to care for herself when she leaves the hospital. She is 89 years old.

Irma Jo and Bobby Englant have a new grandson. His parents are Devanee Devanee and Gaylen Cogburn of Canyon. Kyler Layne was born Saturday, November 22. He weighed eight pounds, fourteen ounces and was 21 inches long.

His big brother is Andrew, two and one half years old.

Other grandparents are Jerry and Carolyn Cogburn of

Donalita Hawkins is in Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis suffering from a kidney infection. Perhaps she will be home by the time the paper is out. Her daughter, Darla who grew up in Bovina, is staying with her now. She is going to nursing school at night to become a registered nurse and is now a LVN working at

the Clovis hospital. We understand Lisa Wilson, wife of Kody Wilson is back in the Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. She was diagnosed with cancer a few weeks ago and is now taking chemotherapy. She is twenty years old. She and Kody are students at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New

Company over the week-end at Mary Damron's home were her daughter, Carolyn Sabbe and her grandson Brock of Wheeler.

Mary's granddaughter and her husband, Kelli and Haydn Maddox and their daughter, Kenley of Memphis were also with the family. Mary said on Friday night the family attended the playoff game between Wheeler and Petersburg at Hereford. In the last few minutes Wheeler won. It was

Saturday, Kelli and Haydn went to Lubbock with the family and watched the Tech game. Mary's daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Bennie Loe of Lubbock met them for lunch

Sarah Owen has returned home recently from attending the Nurses State Convention in Corpus Christi. Sarah is the school nurse for Bovina

Jimmy and Dorothy Ware of Texarkana are in Bovina this week with Jimmy's mom, Jerry Ware. They will be here all week and the family will have Thanksgiving dinner at Tom and Sandra Ware's home in Bovina.

Jerry, Jimmy and Dorothy, and Jerry's other two sons, Tom and Leon, both of Bovina, went to McLean to help celebrate their uncle and aunt's 70th wedding anniversary. The couple are Slim, 97, and Ruth, 87. The couple are both in good health and are able to stay by themselves.

While here, Jimmy celebrated his birthday and his mom made him a coconut pie, his favorite, instead of a birthday cake.

Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes went to Fairview, Oklahoma, and spent time with son Jim, his wife Joy, and their children, Lance and

Meagan.
While there they attended a musical play that Lance was in, and a chili supper.

THINK ABOUT IT: This was taken from the Lubbock Avalanche Journal years ago.

LET US COUNT OUR
REAL BLESSINGS THIS
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Remember this Thanksgiving Day, To count your blessings,

come what may. It seems so strange, and yet it's true; Hard time can be a

blessing, too; Reminding us to be aware Of family and friends who

care.
No circumstances can take These values that are here to stay.

Let's be appreciative, at Of all the happy times

we've shared, And all the troubles we've been spared. In gratitude, let heads be

For every day that we're allowed, A blessing with its own reward,

So let's give thanks unto the Lord. Thanksgiving and drive carefully...Scooter.

### Bovina Man Reports For Marine Duty

Marine Pfc. Steven M. Ontiveros, son of Mary L. Ontiveros of Bovina, recently reported for duty with 6th Motor Transport Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group in Lubbock.

Ontiveros' new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world.

Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Ontiveros are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1996 graduate of Artesia High School of Artesia, New Mexico, joined the Marine Corps in June

### **Bovina ISD** Lunch Menu **DEC.** 1-5

\*MONDAY-Chalupas, cheddar cheese, tossed salad, assorted salad dressing and a fresh fruit variety.
\*TUESDAY- Corn dogs,

potato puffs, carrot sticks and a fresh fruit variety \*WEDNESDAY-Pizza

Hut pizza, tossed salad and a fresh fruit variety.
\*THURSDAY- Chicken noodle soup, toasted cheese sandwich, pickle spears and a

fresh fruit variety.
\*FRIDAY- Mexican casserole, tossed salad, assorted salad dressing, crackers, corn and a fresh fruit variety.

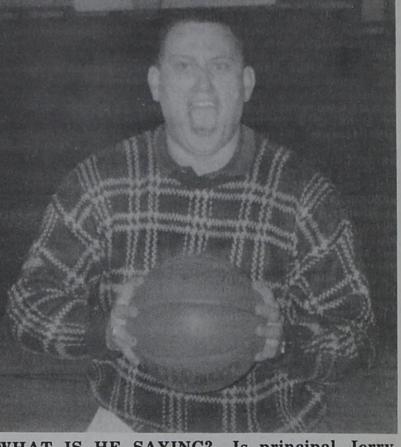
\*Hamburger basket or sandwich bar is an alternate choice each day.

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WHAT IS HE SAYING?....Is principal Jerry Birdsong coaching basketball now, trying out for the Globetrotters, or did our sneaky camera catch him off guard. We think it was the latter. He was enjoying shooting some hoops prior to last week's Monday student assembly in the school gym.

(Ron Carr Photo)

#### Barbara Collins. . . .

(Continued from Page 1) attend area graduations, funeral, weddings, banquets and church functions and find that Barbara is there to enhance the occasion with her singing performances.

She was a member of the Clarendon College Country Band, directed by Jim Stewart of Memphis, while attending CC on a music scholarship, a member of the Big Texan Traveling Singers, the Big Texan Opry, the Fabulous 5 Jazz Band, and the Memphis Little Theater. Collins recently performed for the Hall County Historical Preservation Committee to raise funds to restore the landmark Presbyterian Church in Memphis and has entertained audiences at the Claude Gem Theater.

Next on her singing agenda, she will be entertaining at the Amarillo Club, for the Christmas Tree Forest held in the Memphis Presbyterian Church, and the Clarendon Jamboree. Collins was pictured in the "Buzz Words" section of the November issue of Accent

"When you are married to basketball coach for 15 years and travel all over the Texas Panhandle, you naturally meet lots of people," Collins said. "I don't know of a better place to entertain

gracious, giving audiences." Collins credits these Panhandle people for supporting and encouraging her to showcase her talent.

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### TYSON KERBY Kerby Is Second In FFA Contest

Freshman Tyson Kerby, an FFA student of Lawrence Widner, placed second in the FFA Creed Contest competition in Lubbock.

He advances to the regionals at Clarendon on December 6.

Creed contest entrants are judged on a reading of a written speech (creed).

### Tax Rebate Received

State comptroller John Sharp delivered November sales tax rebates totaling \$230.6 million to Texas Cities and Counties.

In Parmer County, the November payment was \$34,016.73. Last year the \$34,016.73. comparable payment was \$24,845.09.

1997 payments to date total \$282,037.09, with Friona receiving \$215,663.90; Bovina, \$25,211.13; and Farwell, \$41,162.06. "While it is true I got an excellent start at Amarillo High School with my choir director, George Biffle," Collins said, "my encourage-ment and inspiration have come from God, my family and friends."

Collins often shares her talent with young children interested in entertainment business. In August, she directed the Hedley First Baptist Church's vacation bible school students in a "Good News Stampede" at the Bar H Dude Ranch. Plans to take the same group to the Big Texan this fall are in the works. In January, she delivered a showstopping she delivered a showstopping song and dance routine with the Hedley fifth grade class at the Big Texan Opry. She is already at work creating a Christmas song presentation with grades 3, 4 and 5 for December 9 special Big

Texan Opry.

It is safe to state that we have not heard the last from Barbara Collins and her ambitious singing talent. She plans to record in the near future in Clovis, New Mexico. "I am thrilled at this opportunity because it is the same recording studio Buddy Holly used in the 1960's," Collins said. "Until then, I will remain busy with my family and community." She is an active member of the Hedley First Baptist Church, Hedley Homemakers Club, Hedley Booster Club, and the North Texas Chapter of

### ISD Has **Dates Set** For Tests

Bovina I.S.D. parents wishing to have their students test for credit by exam or examination for acceleration must sign up in the counselor's office December 8 through 19, 1997

Test dates will be March 24, 25 and 26, 1998.

### Seniors Have Luncheon

A combination monthly luncheon and birthday party was held on Wednesday the ninteenth of November by the Bovina Senior Citizens.

Those present were Ethel Johnson, Minnie Kelson, Julia Leake, Lois Smith, Edna Erra Jamerson, Charlsie Eubank, Dorothy Ellison and Jerry Ware. Mary Rejino joined the ladies for lunch. Edna Scott was the birthday honoree for November.

The business meeting was conduted by Edna Scott as president, La Trelle Mieher was out of town. Plans were finalized for the upcoming holidays.

The December monthly luncheon and birthday party will be held on Wednesday, December 17 at noon. The Christmas party will be December 20 at 3 p.m. All seniors are invited and urged to join in for games and good times. Call Minnie Kelso and La Trelle Mieher for more information.

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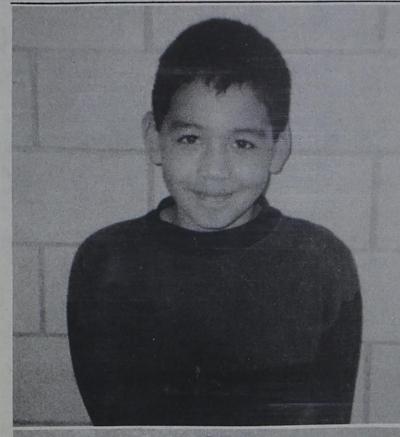
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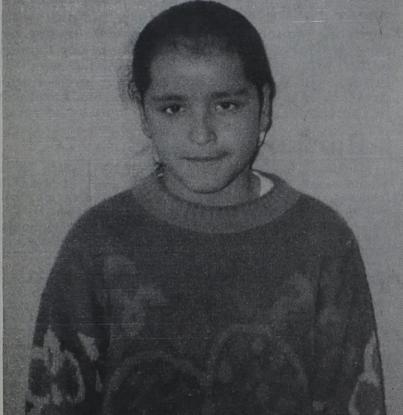
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ENTHUSIASTIC READERS....The Accelerated Reading program is in full swing at Bovina Elementary as more students become eligible for T-shirts and other prizes. David Rojas, a 3rd grader in Mrs. Burney's class, and Rebeca Carrillo, a 5th grader in Mr. Martin's class, each passed the 100-point level this week in the reading program.

#### Courthouse Notes

INSTRUMENT REPORT ENDING NOV. 19, 1997 PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS BONNIE WARREN, COUNTY CLERK

WD-Alice Leota Hough Trust, Charles David Hough, A 6.02 acre tr of NW part of S 1/2 S30 T4S

WD-Armstrong Kerr, B.K. Buske, Lots 16-18 B3 Jones Add

WD-Doris June Collier, Nickey Kim Collier, Undivided 26.67 acres S 1/2 S28 T4S R4E Synd.

WD-Doris June Collier, Elwin Gregg Collier, Undivided 26.67 acres S 1/2 S28 T4S R4E Cap Synd.

WD-Doris June Collier, G.A. Collier, III, Undivided 26.66 acres S 1/2 S28 T4S RE4 Cap Synd.

WD-G.A. Collier, Nickey K. Collier, Elwin Collier, G.A. Collier, III, Same as 3 described Above S 1/2 S28 T4S R4E Cap

WD-C.R. Neel, Alvin K. Gaines, N15' L6 & S4' L4 & all L5 B5 Lakeview Add, Friona.

WD-Lois L. Duggan, Veterans Land Board, W 1/2 of NE 1/4 S8 T4S R4E of a Cap Synd.

WD-Don R. Murphy, Joe M. Trevino, Lots 15, 16 & 17 B3 Gardner Add, Bovina.

WD-DGDB, Inc., EFG Properties, Lots 27, 28 & 29 B25 OT Farwell.

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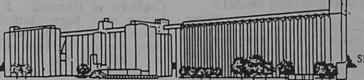
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