

# The Bovina Blade

As of Dec. 11, 1997  
77,933  
bales of cotton had been  
ginned in Parmer County.  
Bovina Blade survey

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## Jack Young Will Retire Jan. 1, 1999

Judge Jack D. Young has authorized the *Bovina Blade* to announce that he will not seek re-election in 1998. Jack D. Young is Judge of the 287th District Court composed of Bailey and Parmer counties.

Judge Young said, "There comes a time when we all must step down, and although reluctantly, I believe that time has come for me. I intend to complete my elected term, God willing, and retire effective January 1, 1999."

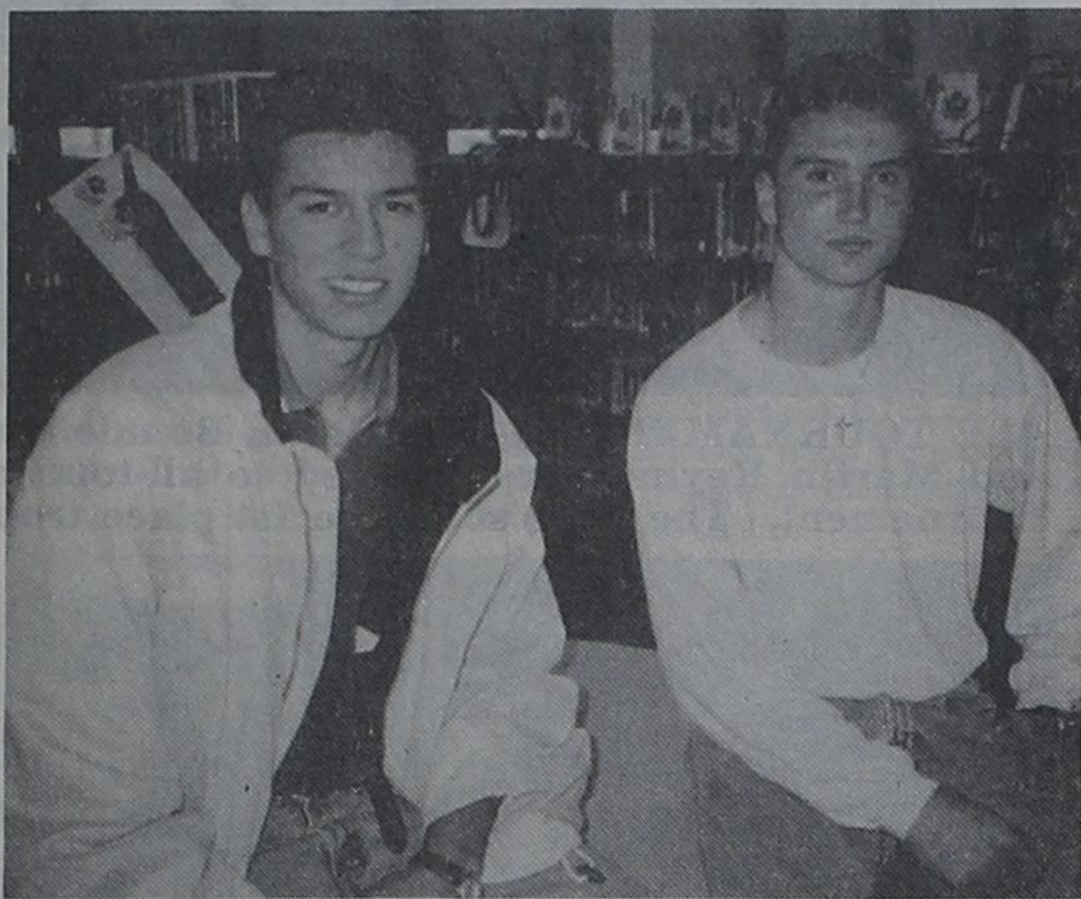
Young continued, "I would like to express my 'thanks' and 'gratitude' to friends and constituents who have supported me in the past—God Bless."

He served as Bailey County Attorney from January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1960, as District Attorney for the 154th Judicial District composed of Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties, Texas, from January 1, 1961 to May 1, 1981 and as Judge of the 287th Judicial District Court from May 1, 1981, to the present.

## Bovina Band Concert Set For Tuesday

The Bovina School Band Annual Christmas concert will be held for a second time this month on Tuesday, December 16 at 9:05 a.m.

They will perform for grades five through twelve. School will start at 9:05 that day so everyone can attend the concert.



**ALL-DISTRICT....** Luke Steelman, left, was a double winner in District 3-2A football. Steelman was a first team all-district pick on both offense and defense. Tony Beauchamp was a first team defense selection and was second team on offense.



EVANG CASAS

DEBBIE BRITO

**SIGNS AND SYMBOLS** of ancient worlds are still prominent in our every day society. Makes you wonder if we've really progressed very far. Take for instance the number three. As a child, I thought everything in the world must be linked in groups of three. We had the *Three Bears*, *Three Little Pigs*, *Three Little Kittens*, *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, *Three Blind Mice*, the *Three Wise Men*, and the *Three Rs* (reading, writing, and arithmetic).

Of course I didn't realize that the number three is considered a symbol of the Deity and is sacred in nearly all of the world's religions, being expressive of the beginning, middle and end, as in: birth, life and death; mind, body and soul; past, present and future; man, woman and child. The world is three-fold as in the earth, sea, and air. The heavens are three-fold as in the sun, moon and stars. The building blocks of life are animal, vegetable and mineral.

The number three was banded about a lot in Greek Mythology when the world was supposed to be ruled by three gods; Jupiter ruled the heavens; Neptune ruled the seas; and Pluto ruled Hades. In Hinduism the three gods are Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Of course we all know the symbol of Christianity is the Holy Trinity, representing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and the Christian graces are three-fold, as in Faith, Hope and Charity.

How about the three primary colors of red, blue and yellow; and the three loftiest goals of man: wisdom, strength and beauty. Consider the Irish shamrock, the French fleur-de-lis, the English Three Musketeers, and Shakespeare's famous three-act-plays. When you are inebriated you are "Three sheets to the wind" referring to a ship with its three sails loosened. And when you're broke, you might take your watch to the pawn shop represented by three golden balls out in front of the store. This symbol was taken from the coat of arms of the wealthiest family in England who were the first money-lenders way back when.

Seven is also considered a sacred number because of the seven days of creation. There are seven branches of the Jewish Menorah candlestick representing seven days in the week. Then we have the Seven Wonders of the World, the seven Hills of Rome, the Seven Seas, the Seven Sacraments and the seven spectrum colors of the rainbow.

The seven deadly sins are: gluttony, sloth, lust, vanity, anger, envy and avarice. The seven bodies in alchemy are gold, silver, iron, mercury, lead, tin and copper. And for our enjoyment we have *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, *The Seven-Year-Itch*, and the 7-11 store.

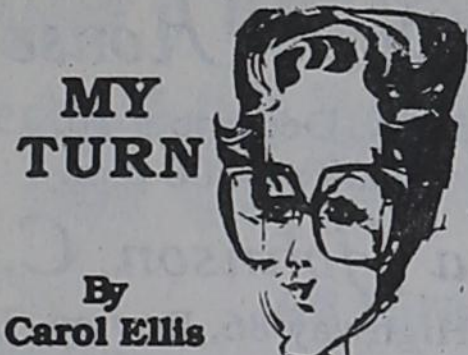
Here's another one. We measure the passage of time with the number 12. We have 12 signs of the Zodiac, 12 months of the year, 12 hours of the day, 12 hours of the night, and the 12 days of Christmas.

Jacob's 12 sons established the 12 tribes of Israel. There are 12 gates to the Holy City of Jerusalem. Jesus chose 12 apostles, and in Buddhism there are 12 members of the council of the Dalai Lama. There were 12 Knights of the Round Table in the days of King Arthur, and we have 12 Supreme Court Justices and 12 jurors who decide our fates in court.

For entertainment, we have Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, and also *High Noon*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *The Dirty Dozen*, *Twelve O'Clock High*, and *Until the Twelfth of Never*.

A dozen is a unit of measure consisting of 12 items. We say goodbye to childhood at age 12, and goodbye to the current year at the end of the 12th month, December.

Linking us with our distant past, ancient signs and symbols still lend a sense of order to our lives even in this fantastic age of modern technology.



MY TURN

By Carol Ellis

## Students of The Week

FHS senior Debbie Brito and junior Evang Casas were selected as students of the week.

Brito was nominated by teacher Robin Bailey as a hardworking student who is quiet and polite.

Casas was nominated by teacher Daryl Hill as a student with a great attitude, a hardworker who represents her school with class.

## City Council Met Here December 9

The Bovina City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Kevin Hughes, Radford Venable, Charles Wilkins, and Linda Marshall.

Guests were Matt Howell of Classic Cable, Jarrett Atkinson of Plains Regional Planning Commission and Dwight Brandt of Brandt Engineer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. with Mayor Hromas opening with a prayer and bills were paid.

Howell approached the council to discuss the upgrades with Classic Cable. No actions were made on the discussion.

The council reviewed the proposals for the water well project. After reviewing the proposals, Wilkins made a motion to accept the proposal from Brandt Engineer for the project. Venable seconded and the motion passed.

A discussion was held on cellular phones for the city. No action was taken.

The council opened the sealed bid for the 1989 Ford Crown Victoria. The one bid came from Glendon Sudderth for \$521.21.

Hughes made a motion to bid but the motion died for lack of second.

Venable made a motion to accept the bid from Sudderth and sell the car as is. Wilkins seconded. Aldermen Venable, Wilkins and Marshall voted for and Hughes abstained.

## BISD Board Has Regular Meeting

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 8. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with all members present except Susan Kerby and Mike Beauchamp.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and vouchers were paid. Kerby arrived at 7:10 p.m.

The principals gave their reports and Beauchamp arrived at 7:40 p.m.

There was a discussion on plans for the construction project. Ricky Jamerson made a motion to accept the plans with minor corrections. Beauchamp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on plans for asbestos abatement.

The board then passed a motion to go with Commercial Union Insurance Company for property and liability insurance.

Sandra Johnson, C.P.A. presented the audit report.

The board considered bids for counters for computers in high school computer rooms. Joe Steelman made a motion to delegate authority to accept or modify bids to Superintendent Sue Nuttall. Estella Ortiz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on handicap accessibility for the stage. The board passed a motion to accept the committee recommendation on the stage.

The board then passed a motion to approve the budget amendment.

There was a discussion on TASB Charter Campuses and Programs policies. Steelman made a motion to adopt the model. Brozek seconded. The motion passed 4 to 3. Voting for were Bob Owen, Ortiz, Steelman and Brozek. Voting against were Beauchamp, Jamerson and Kerby.

The board held a discussion on substitutes and the board approved the additions to the substitute teacher list.

Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports and the meeting was adjourned.



**FESTIVE POSTAGE....** Bovina's post office staff served up Christmas goodies to customers this week. Shown are Billy Smith, Sandy Ware, Mary Steelman, and Laura Bartlett.

## Undefeated Mustangs Win at Vega--Head for New Deal!

Bovina Mustangs varsity basketball is off to a good start as the Mustangs have earned a 7-0 record in basketball action.

The boys brought home the winner's trophy from the December 4-6 Vega tournament with victories over Adrian (75-27), Vega (56-34), and Stratford (54-41).

Coach Derrick Byrd's team will be participating in a tougher tournament this weekend as they journey down to New Deal. The Mustangs defeated the larger but slower New Deal boys earlier in the season, 55-32.

Other Mustang victories include over Farwell (66-44), Texico (47-45), and Smyer (71-58).

Tony Beauchamp, Adan Perez, and Martin Reyna were named to the all-tournament team in Vega, while Fillie Bonnie Quintana earned a spot on the girls' all-star team. The Fillies finished fourth at Vega.

At Vega, the Mustangs drained 22 three-pointers during the three games. Senior Adan Perez had 13 three-pointers, Luke Steelman had 7, and point guard Martin Reyna added 2.

The 1997 Mustang squad is loaded with experience and talent. The boys have a positive, competitive attitude which should bode well for the rest of the 1997-98 Mustang basketball season.



## TIME FOR LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Santa letters can now be dropped by or mailed to the Bovina Blade at P.O. Drawer B to be included in the Annual Christmas Special Edition of the paper. Deadline for Santa Letters is set for Dec. 18.

## Commissioner To Run Again

Incumbent County Commissioner Tom Ware has announced his plans to seek re-election for Precinct 2.

Ware, a life time Parmer County resident, will be seeking nomination for a fourth term as a county commissioner in the March Democratic primary.

Ware stated that he felt his 12 years as a commissioner qualified him to better serve residents of Precinct 2.

Pd. Pol. Adv.

## Christmas Fund Set At Bank

This year's Christmas fund has been established at First Bank.

Proceeds from the fund will benefit Bovina's EMS and Fire Department.

All donations are appreciated. The deadline for donating is December 19. The *Bovina Blade* will publish names of all donors in the Christmas issue.

For more information, contact First Bank, Bovina.

## 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.

## Holiday School Schedule

Bovina schools will dismiss for the holidays at 2:10 p.m. on Friday, December 19.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 6. Teachers will report on Monday, January 5.



**SEASON UNDERWAY....** The annual pheasant season will kick off in Parmer County this Saturday, December 13 and will continue through December 28. Hunting is expected to remain a challenge, due to the low bird population.



# REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 11, 1957**  
Coach Charles Don Smith's Bovina Fillies finished second in Farwell's Invitational Tournament last weekend and will be shooting for the trophy this week as they are entered in the tournament which begins here Thursday. Members of the team are Lexie Stevenson, Celia Berry, Nancy Cumpston, Joanie Ezell, Arlene Clayton, Sandra Martin, Nita Beth Estes, Kay Hartzog, Janice Richards, Mildred Young and Joy Redden.

**35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 10, 1962**  
Bill Christian, Inc., developer of Bovina's new housing area, Ridgelea, will conduct a lot sale Sunday afternoon.

Bovina will soon have a Spudnut Shop. Odus White, who recently bought the City Cafe building, announces that he and his wife will open a spudnut business in the location around the middle of December 22.

## Bovina ISD Lunch Menu DEC. 15-19

\***MONDAY**-Frito pie, lettuce and tomato salad, corn and a fresh fruit variety.

\***TUESDAY**- Chicken nuggets, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls and a fresh fruit variety.

\***WEDNESDAY**- Fish sticks, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, green beans, biscuits and a fresh fruit variety.

\***THURSDAY**- Sub sandwich, lettuce and tomato, potato chips and a fresh fruit variety.

\***FRIDAY**- Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, potato chips and a fresh fruit variety.

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

**30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1967**  
Ridgelea Elementary is the name of Bovina's new grade school classroom building located across Highway 86 from Ridgelea Addition. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy sometime after January 15.

**25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1972**  
Approximately 200 people attended the Christmas Concert of the Bovina Junior High Band and "The Mustang Band" in Bovina School Auditorium Sunday.

Unusually severe winter weather and an unusual harvest-time increase in the price of milo were the most talked about things this week in farming circles.

Bovina Schools Cafeteria was the scene Monday night of the Mother-Daughter Salad Supper, sponsored by Future Homemakers of America Chapter at Bovina High School. Approximately 100 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Estes entertained friends at their traditional Christmas season Open House, Sunday afternoon.

**20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 14, 1977**  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevenson were injured in an automobile accident in Shallowater about noon last Sunday. Oakley Stevenson, son of the couple, told *The Blade* on Tuesday afternoon that a car, occupied by three persons, ran a stop light and struck his parents' vehicle.

The sisters and brother of Mrs. Hazel Bowers and Mrs. Maxine Hart of Bovina enjoyed a get-together for the first time in 16 years in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers on Sunday, December 4.

James Symcox, a trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety, has just recorded and released a religious album. Stationed in San Marcos, Symcox

exemplifies the professionalism of the Texas Highway Patrol. However, he has displayed a uniqueness—a law enforcement officer who expresses a vibrant love of God with outstanding singing ability.

**15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 15, 1982**  
Laverne and John Brownlow have returned home from a 5,000 mile vacation and spent Thanksgiving in Florida.

Richard Lowe, son of Gene and Barbara Lowe, is among four Fort Hays State Tigers that have been named to the All-Central States Intercollegiate Conference first teams.

**10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 16, 1987**  
The first snowfall of the year turned out to be what could be a record snowfall for the area in December. The snow started at an early hour on Sunday and continued throughout the day on Sunday and Sunday night. Weather officials said that a total of 14 inches of snow was received in the local area. The snow continued much of the day on Monday. Bovina Schools were cancelled on Monday and Tuesday due to the snow and bad roads.

**5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1992**  
A.M. Wilson added his name to the Bovina Blade's all-time football contest's honor roll for the second time, after holding on for the title in the 1992 contest for a one-point win. Wilson received \$100 cash for his 133 points.

Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Kerby will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 14, 1992. They have two children, Paula Tarter of Muleshoe and Al Kerby Jr. of Bovina. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Al Kerby and Jeanne Fredrick were married December 14, 1942 in Oakland, California.



**ALL TOURNAMENT.....**Adan Perez, Bonnie Quintana, Tony Beauchamp, and Martin Reyna were selected to all-tournament teams at the Vega Tournament. The boys show the 1st place trophy won by the Mustangs.



**GRIM REAPERS.....**Student Council members dressed in black and white as grim reapers last week. The council was reminding students of the consequences of drinking, drugs, and driving. Every few minutes a "grim reaper" would take a student out of a classroom to simulate another death occurrence.

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BOVINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum)	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	98 AUGUST 31 1997	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	642,853	26,972	669,825
5800	State Program Revenues	2,310,282	33,917	2,344,199
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,349	350,776	352,125
5020	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,954,484</b>	<b>\$411,665</b>	<b>\$3,366,149</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,884,228	166,722	2,050,950
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	202,160	7,493	209,653
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	298,710	279,732	578,441
0040	Administrative Support Services	168,733	-	168,733
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	292,640	2,677	295,317
0080	Capital Outlay	47,223	-	47,223
6030	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,893,694</b>	<b>\$456,624</b>	<b>\$3,350,318</b>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	60,790	(44,959)	15,831
7020	Other Resources	8,058	47,101	55,159
8030	Other (Uses)	(46,452)	-	(46,452)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	22,396	2,142	24,538
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	809,023	4,888	813,911
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$831,419	\$7,030	\$838,449



# Water Dist. Files For State Permit

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin for a state permit to conduct a precipitation enhancement program within a specified target and operational area for the years 1998-2001.

The Water District contracted with Weather Modification Inc. (WMI) of Fargo, North Dakota to conduct a precipitation enhancement program within the 15-county Water District service area and southeastern New Mexico from May 30 to September 30, 1997. During this time, WMI personnel flew 86 missions in which 1,514 silver iodide flares were dropped into developing thunderstorms to increase rainfall.

Following the first year of the program, Water District officials felt it would be in the taxpayers' best interest if the District applied for its own weather modification permit.

"Under our current contract, WMI is the sole contractor who holds the license and permit for the precipitation enhancement program," said Water District Manager A. Wayne Wyatt.

"If they were to increase their fees substantially, the Water District would have no choice but

to pay or cancel the program. We feel that it is best for the District to seek its own permit to allow us greater flexibility in operating the precipitation enhancement program to benefit the taxpayers."

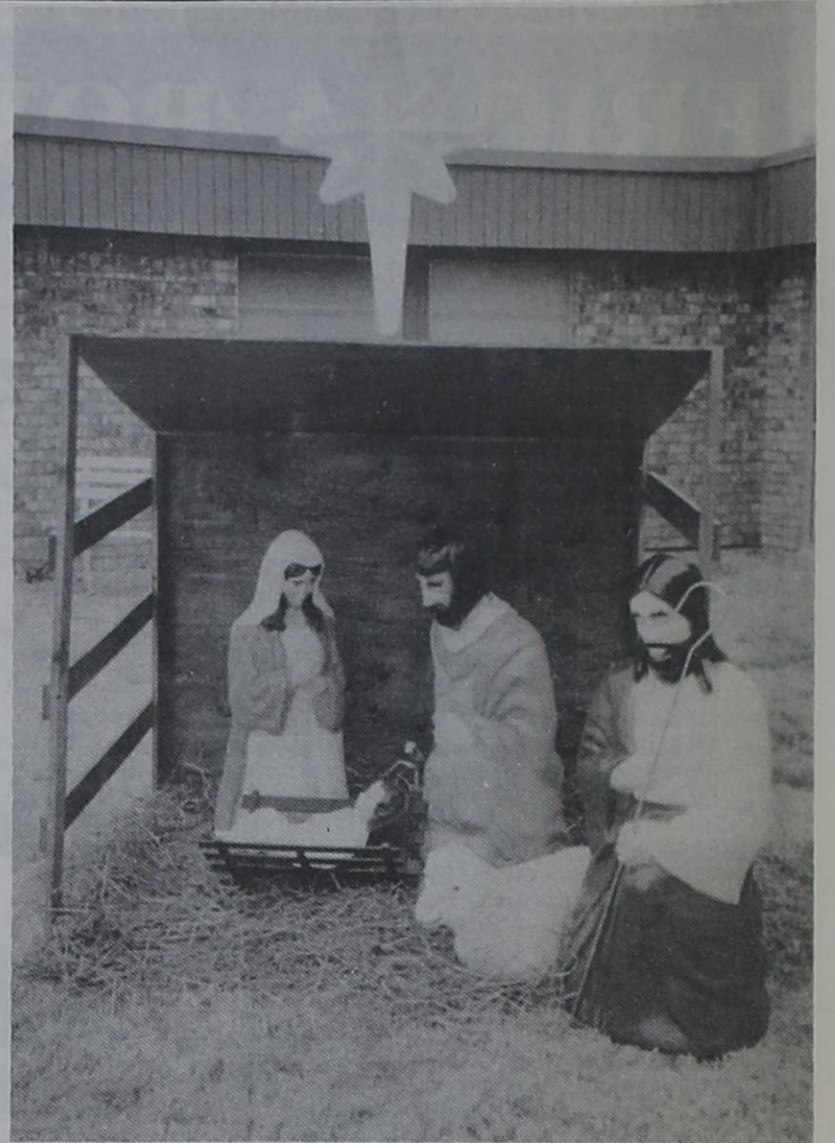
The Water District's current tax rate is set at \$0.0084 per \$100 valuation.

The permit application proposes a target area consisting of the southwestern part of Armstrong County and all of Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Terry and Yoakum Counties.

The project's operational area would include the target area, as well as portions of adjacent counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area. Counties included in this proposed area are Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Garza, Dickens, Motley, Moore, Briscoe, Swisher, Hartley, Carson and Kent Counties. Also included are Quay, Roosevelt, Curry and Lea Counties of eastern New Mexico.

Legal notices regarding the proposed precipitation enhancement application will be published for the next three weeks in newspapers in each county within the target and operational area in Texas.

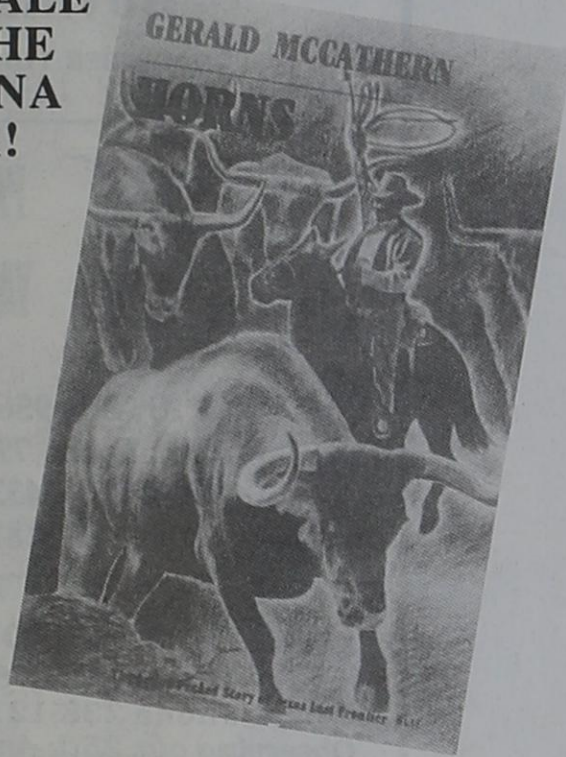
Persons wishing to know more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation may contact George Bomar, MC 158, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin Texas, 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770, or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79405-1499, (806) 762-0181.



**REASON FOR THE SEASON....** Christmas trees, bright strings of lights, Santa's sleigh displays, and other festive holiday decorations are appearing at homes and businesses around the county. Through all the hustle and bustle of the season, what better way to remind ourselves of the real reason for the celebration of Christmas than a manger scene. Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, and the baby Jesus adorn the yard at Prairie Acres to remind us of "the reason for the season." (Ron Carr Photo)

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH.** Friona Art Associations announces Marie Tidwell of Clovis as the December Artist of the Month. Her oil paintings will be on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres. Marie is a member of art associations in Friona, Muleshoe, Clovis and Canyon. Her paintings are florals in soft colors and restful landscape scenes. She is a consistent winner in area art competitions.

## ON SALE AT THE FRIONA STAR!



"Horns"--A Historical Novel by Gerald McCathern

## Survivors To Meet

The supportive care division of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Pathways," a four part support series for those who have lost a loved one, Tuesdays, December 2-23, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The topic of the December 16 meeting is "Surviving the Season." The purpose of the support group is to help people through the holidays after losing a loved one. The support group will meet in the amphitheater of the Don and Sybil Harrington cancer center, 1500 Wallace Boulevard.

To register, please call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673 or 1 (800) 274-4673, ext. 235.

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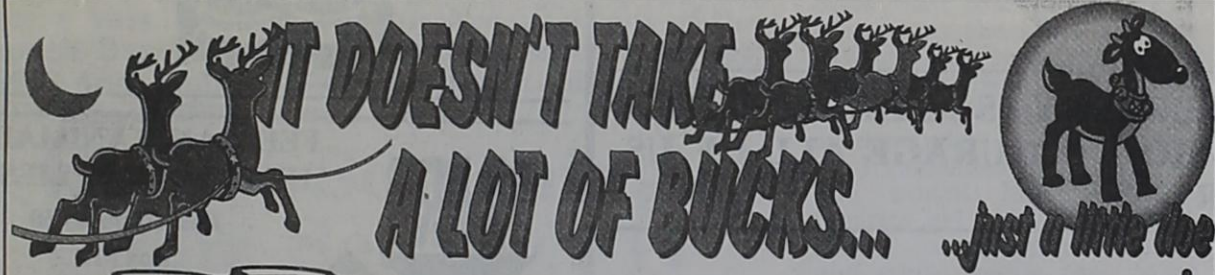
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## Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of Esther, intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

**EVIL HAMAN**  
SEEKING TO SAVE THE JEWS IN PERSIA FROM DEATH DECREED BY KING AHASUERUS, AT HAMAN'S INSTIGATION, ESTHER RISKS HER OWN LIFE BY APPEARING BEFORE THE KING WITHOUT BEING SUMMONED.

WHAT WILT THOU, QUEEN ESTHER?

BY EXTENDING HIS SCEPTRE, THE KING ACCEPTS ESTHER'S PRESENCE...

...AND WHAT IS THY REQUEST?

IF IT SEEM GOOD UNTO THE KING, LET THE KING AND HAMAN COME THIS DAY UNTO THE BANQUET THAT I HAVE PREPARED FOR HIM!

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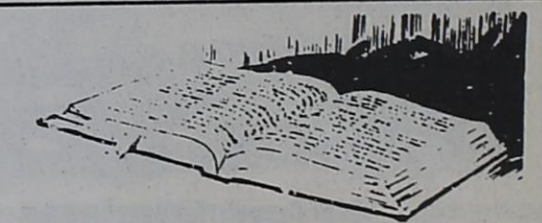


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1957 HHS Eagles.....Coach David Dewitt, back left, with Eagle basketball players in 1957. Kneeling are Bobby Payne (53), left, with teammates Booger Podsednik (52) and Ron Carr (55). See Out Here for a look back.

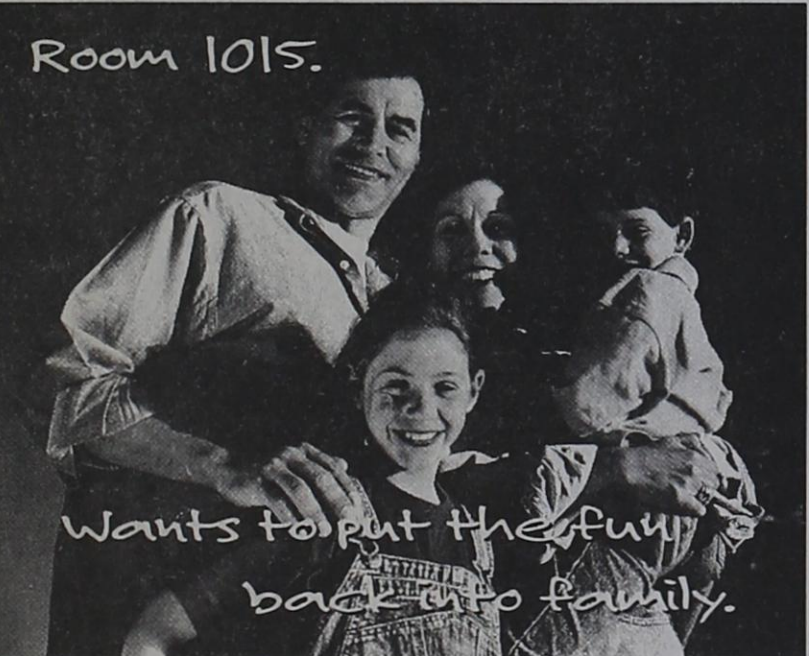


GOOD PRAIRIE FOLKS.....Honored at Prairie Acres this holiday season are resident-of-the-month Bertha Lloyd, a resident since February 1995, and employee-of-the-month Linda Henry, a Prairie Acres nurse's aide.

## Breast Screening Clinic Set Dec. 17

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast screening clinic in Friona Wednesday, December 17 at the Parmer County Comm-unity Hospital. The mobile mammography clinics will also be in Dumas on December 15 at St. Peter's and Paul Catholic Church at 10th and Maddox; and in Muleshoe on December 16 at South Plains Health

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# Out Here

By RON CARR



*"The collision between what once was and what is no more."*

At various points in our lives, we experience it. My recent trip back to Hillsboro, Texas for my 40th high school reunion was a collision between what once was and what is no more.

Childhood is a very impressionable time and the Hillsboro of my youth, 1939 to 1957, will always hold a permanent place in my memory album.

We weren't poor when I was a kid, but poor was always hanging around as close as the front porch. Poor was like an old yard dog. We played with it a lot, but didn't let it in the house very often.

My mother was at the center of my whole life in Hillsboro, Texas. She was like home base in a game of tag. She was my shelter in a storm, but when need be she could create a few storms of her own.

She tried her best to guide me and teach me right from wrong. When I forgot the difference, she would sometimes forget it too.

I had an American Flyer bicycle and a Daisy Red Rider pump-action BB gun. I didn't realize until years later what she might have sacrificed so I could ride and shoot.

She didn't say anything when I took the fenders off the bike and turned the handlebars around. She always seemed to have an extra box of BBs hidden somewhere for me.

Those were days when you could ride your bicycle all the way across town, even downtown, and back home again and it was okay.

It was a time when the term "fast food" didn't exist. We ate at the table and she always had something good on it. It was magic how mother could deliver "gravy on demand."

I remember my youth as one might hold dear a favorite old black and white movie: a slow-motion black and white movie that came so close to a happy ending.

When we lived there, the population was around 5,000. Today the city limit sign says the population is 7,074.

The increase is due to Interstate 35 which was built east of town, and the return of Hill Junior College, and a huge outlet mall which anchors the Interstate.

The Mall and Interstate are built on farmland where I was born. Instead of Moon's Cafe (25-cent burgers), Hillsboro folks now have Arby's, Grandy's, McDonald's and a Black-Eyed Pea.

I did not want to go back to this 40th reunion. I left Hillsboro for Dallas in 1958 and ended up traveling the world, with only short, infrequent visits back to see mother, my sisters and brother, or my grandparents.

I paid scant attention to Hillsboro after I left. It went on quite well without me. My mother married Harry and moved to Parmer County in 1970, giving me one less reason to go back to Hill County.

But there are some things you never forget. Like Coach David Dewitt, my high school basketball and baseball coach who had a lasting influence on my life.

And Albin "Booger" Podsednik, one of my two best friends and basketball teammate, who owns a manufacturing company in Houston now.

Maybe Joanne, or Suzanne, or Gail would be there too, but what in the heck would I say to them after 40 years.

So mother and I drove back to Hillsboro. My sisters Gena and Kathye came from Mansfield and Lufkin. They are HHS grads too.

We stayed at the Ramada on the Interstate, on land where we used to drive around in Jimmy Morelock's Model-T and hunt rabbits.

We drove around town on Friday to all the places where we lived and played in our youth. I took pictures. We visited the two cemeteries.

We agreed that Hillsboro seemed to have shrunk. Not gotten smaller, but shrunk. The streets felt much narrower than when we were kids.

The huge old houses even looked more life-like now. The "steep giant" hill that went down to the city park is now not much more than a small incline.

Saturday morning I looked up Coach Dewitt in the phone book and dialed. He answered. I said "do you reckon a guy could get sent in this basketball game today?"

"I know who this is," he bragged. When I challenged him he said, "it's Ronnie Carr. You still sound just like you did in high school. I heard you were going to be here this weekend."

At the afternoon reception for the class of '57, Coach Dewitt and I hugged for the first time in 40 years. At 74-years-old, he looks younger than I do.

To my surprise and delight, Coach said that Booger was supposed to be there too. He was coming up from his home in Houston.

In the meeting room at the Thunderbird Motel out on the Interstate, me and Coach and Booger were together again, just like we had been so many times on the sidelines of basketball courts 40 years before.

Coach Dewitt retired in 1984. To tell you the truth, he still looks like he could play.

And Booger? He said it took several years after high school to finally get rid of the nickname "Booger." He is known as Al today, but for the weekend me and Coach still called him Booger.

Forty-year-old habits die hard. Coach recalled small details about some of our

games. "I know that if Joe Fernandez hadn't of moved away in the middle of the season, we would have won district that year," he said.

As it was, we had settled for 2nd place. Booger and Bobby made first team all-district. Even I made 2nd team.

Joanne, Suzanne, and Gail did show up. Joanne is a widow, Suzanne had never married, and Gail had been married to the same guy for 40 years.

Gail was always feisty and saucy when we were in HHS. This day, 40 years later, she hugged my neck and confessed, "I wish you had asked me out back then. I had a big crush on you."

See what I mean about 40-year reunions. The collision between what once was

and what is no more. Me and Coach and Booger remembered Bobby too. He died in 1967 in Dallas. Several other classmates, 8 or 10 at least, in our '57 class had died over the years.

Some, it seems, had left Hillsboro and never looked back. A few others, like Dean Paul and Kenneth, had never left. They live there still.

I was glad I went to the place I lived the first 18 years of life and to take my mother back with me to share old memories. But I didn't have anything in common with it anymore.

I am especially glad that one last time, me and Coach and Booger played some basketball. Thanks Coach. You too Booger.

I will always remember you and love you.



ME & COACH & BOOGER.....Ron Carr visits Coach David Dewitt and Albin Podsednik at the 40th reunion at Hillsboro High School. See Out Here column for details.

# Congratulations...

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 1965--Allen Cumpston  
 1966--Truck Lusk  
 1967--Leroy Lance  
 1968--Bill Roberts  
 1969--Larry Wardlaw  
 1970--Donna Criswell  
 1971--Ted Graham  
 1972--Gary McCormick  
 1973--Harry J. Charles  
 1974--Emmett Tabor  
 1975--A.M. Wilson  
 1976--Greg Hromas  
 1977--Allen Cumpston  
 1978--Harry J. Charles  
 1979--David George  
 1980--Johnny Curtis  
 1981--Ken Horn  
 1982--Larry Wiseman  
 1983--Richard Shepherd  
 1984--Howard Card  
 1985--Teresa Cary  
 1986--Brad Lance  
 1987--Tilly Card  
 1988--Jerry Bentley  
 1989--Kay Roach  
 1990--Mike Read  
 1991--Virginia Steele  
 1992--A.M. Wilson  
 1993--Donnie McDonald  
 1994--Donnie McDonald  
 1995--Mike Read  
 1996--A.M. Wilson  
 1997--Jessica Stowers

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 1959--Martell LeVeque  
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 1961--Thelma Watkins  
 1962--C.H. Veazey  
 1963--Kenneth Watkins  
 1964--Waymon Wilkins  
 1965--Edward White  
 1966--Danny Murphree  
 1967--John Wilson  
 1968--Winston Wilson  
 1969--Norma Mohr (Skip Sirnic)  
 1970--Frank Truitt  
 1971--Laverne Mabry  
 1972--Anndrea Wilkins  
 1973--Hank Outland, Jr.  
 1974--Roy Smith  
 1975--Bobby Drake  
 1976--Clay Bandy  
 1977--R.L. Blakely-Jerry Hinkle  
 1978--Marlene Drake  
 1979--Jerry Hinkle  
 1980--Ron Harkey  
 1981--Mark Neill  
 1982--Jack Clark  
 1983--Bobby Davis  
 1984--Tommy Moss  
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 1986--Vicky Moss  
 1987--Mark Neill  
 1988--Dianne Morgan  
 1989--Koby Rogers  
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 1992--Roddy Berend  
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 1995--John Seright  
 1996--Mark Neill  
 1997--Mark Zachary







# Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Seems most are getting in the Christmas spirit with all the shoppers in the malls and hearing the beautiful Christmas songs, constantly, throughout the day and on into the night time. The weather looks like Christmas time is supposed to look, but no white stuff yet, only cold and of course windy this week.

Maybe one of these days we'll be seeing the beautiful white stuff falling. You guessed it, this is my favorite time of the year. I suppose having three big brothers and a big sister that made it so exciting, really made a believer out of me. I loved it all, and still do.

Some of our people have had sadness in recent weeks with sickness and loosing loved ones. Our thoughts are with them.

### NEWS AROUND TOWN

We were sorry to hear about Irma Jo Englant's mother, Drucilla Kelley of Pleasant Hill. She underwent surgery recently to have a tumor removed and was getting along so well. She had left the hospital for the weekend from Methodist Hospital to spend time with her granddaughter. She became ill and passed away.

## Political Calendar

The Bovina Blade is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to next spring's primary elections:

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:**  
Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Tom Ware (re-election)

She was eighty-nine years old and was such a sweet person. She'll be missed by her children and grandchildren. Her husband, Homer, preceded her in death several years ago.

We understand Jerry and Marilyn Rockwell, former residents, are having problems. Their daughter, Julie, is expecting her third child and it was discovered the baby has a cyst on its brain. Hopefully, all will turn out fine.

Brother Jerry and Marilyn pastored the First Baptist Church in Bovina for a time and now live in Tennessee. Julie lives in Louisiana. They still have friends in Bovina that stay in touch. Our thoughts are with them during this time.

Mace Cochran recently went to her home in Zapata for the winter months. She suffered a broken hip at her home and is at the hospital at Loreda. She suffered scrapes and bruises crawling to the telephone to call for help. She has two daughters who live fairly close to her and another daughter, Bonnie Clayton, who lives in Bovina.

I visited with Fern Bell and she said she and Durward had just returned home from spending Thanksgiving and a few days with daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Royce Grissom, in Grand Junction, Colorado. The Grissom's daughter and son-in-law, Capi and Bill Baker, have gotten out of the service and are now in Grand Junction.

Bill was in the service and stationed in Germany for

the past six years. They have one son, Shandon. Bill is an eye doctor and will continue his studies.

The Bell's son, Cody, lives in Grand Junction also.

Donna Mitchell's step father, Frank Tyler, passed away on Wednesday of last week. Donna's mother, Martha, had been married to him for a year.

Frank had undergone open heart surgery on Tuesday and had problems. They went back into the area and repaired the problems but Donna said he began to have fluid in his lungs and died the next day. Memorial services were held in Garland and then in Clarendon, where he was buried.

Martha and her late husband, Wendol Garner, lived in Bovina and raised their kiddos here several years ago. Wendol passed away years ago.

Donna was telling me that Martha's mother, Joyce Blevins, who is ninety-six, is still able to care for herself and lives alone. Martha lived with her in Garland before she married Frank a year ago.

Edwin Lide suffered some breathing problems and was hospitalized in the Deaf Smith County Hospital for a few days. I talked with his wife, Esta Lee, on Tuesday morning of this week and she said he woke up that morning feeling much better and his condition is now much improved.

Helen Blalock is getting along real well and now after having surgery on Tuesday. She is home from the Clovis Hospital.

Helen said she also got her cast off her leg now and it was only a little stiff and sore now. She broke her ankle in three places recently and has been in a cast for about six weeks.

The Blalock's daughter, Uta from Dimmitt, is seeing about her parents and has spent a lot of nights with her folks taking care of them. She's a precious only daughter and they are fortunate to have her, they said.

Joe and Helen Pesch spent Thanksgiving in Lazbuddie with son Robert, his wife, Brenda and their two children.

Also with the family was the Pesch's son and daughter-in-law, Eddie and Cathy Pesch and their four children.

The Pesch's daughter, Marie, who works at a computer firm in Austin was also there. Her mother said she has worked there for the past eight years. The company is Compac and Tandem, who have merged only recently.

The Pesch's other son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Anita, live in Canadian with their two children. They were unable to come to Bovina on Thanksgiving. Donnie works for the Highway Department in Canadian. The family also celebrated Joe's birthday at this time.

Owen and Arlene Patton

enjoyed having family visiting for the Thanksgiving holidays. Daughter Linda McNeely and son, Scotty, came from Las Cruces, New Mexico. Another daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Tom Crowder, and children, Brittany, Brian and his friend Jennifer, and Brandi Brister and her son, Dalton of Clovis were all at the Pattons'.

**SMILE:** One way to stop a runaway horse is to bet on him. Have a nice week and drive carefully during this time of year when everyone is in a hurry...Scooter.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of December 14-20.

Dec 14-Barbara Hall, Laura Gilbreath, Dorothy Sorley.

Dec 15-Marion Carson, Linda Marshall.

Dec 16-Rosalie Lopez, T-Bone Treinen.

Dec 17-Terri Sorley.

Dec 18-Darren Hromas, Wes Cockerham.

Dec 19-Mary Treinen, Cecil Bunch, Ryan McClaran.

Dec 20-Morgan Clayton, Joe Jones.

To add a friend or relative to our Bovina birthday roster, call 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

## Cancer Patients To Meet Dec. 18

The supportive care division of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Dialogue," a weekly support group for people living with cancer, on Thursday, December 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Harrington Cancer Center boardroom.

The December 18 meeting topic is "Open Forum: Sharing Christmas Memories". The presentation will be facilitated by Gerry Kelly, director of supportive care at the Harrington Cancer Center.

The purpose of the weekly support group is so that people living with cancer can meet others with similar concerns and learn from experts on a variety of topics.

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For information, please call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673.

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## Mrs. Kelley Is Buried At Clovis

Services for Drusilla Kelley, 89, were held Tuesday, December 9 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Peabody officiating. Burial followed at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Kelley died December 7 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She was born January 3, 1908 in Harmony, Palmer County, Texas.

She married Homer Kelley May 26, 1929 in Crowell, Texas. She moved with her husband to New Mexico in 1945 where they farmed in the Pleasant Hill area. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, J. D. Kelley of Pleasant Hill and Glenn Kelley of Roswell, New Mexico; one daughter, Irma Jo Englant of Bovina; twelve grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren.

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