



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday!
Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday.

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Good News in Bovina For the Past 40 Years

EIGHT PAGES

City Has Regular Session

The City of Bovina Board of Aldermen met in regular session on October 9, 1997.

Those present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Kevin Hughes, Kenneth Waters and Charles Wilkins.

Guests were Sandra Johnson, CPA, A.L. Glasscock and Anita Guest.

Mrs. Guest and Glasscock approached the council about sewer problems. After discussion the council decided to have the city workers check the problem.

The minutes were read and approved and bills were paid.

Sandra Johnson, CPA approached the council with the audit.

After discussing the audit, the council entered into closed session at 9:15 p.m. and resumed open session at 10:15 p.m.

Waters made a motion to propose changes concerning the budget and accounting procedures and ask Johnson's office to present suggestions for review. Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

The council voted to approve the audit report for the year ending June 30, 1997.

The council then voted to table the 1997-98 budget hearing. They also voted to table the agreement on the landfill for another month.

BHS Class To Host Dinner Sunday

The Bovina High School junior class will host a Mexican food dinner on Sunday, October 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Bovina School cafeteria.

The cost per person will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. The meal will feature a buffet of a variety of home cooked Mexican dishes, salad, desserts and drinks.

Procees and donations will benefit the junior/senior prom.

Fall Festival Set For This Saturday

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

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

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



TRICKS AND TREATS.....Mike and Matthew Garner, sons of Gilda and Doyle Garner, cuddle up to a gourd and pumpkin spook. Kids are looking forward to the annual "candyfest" of Halloween.
(Photo by Becky London)

Family Takes Lead In Weekly Contest

Three nephews and their aunt are the top contestants this week in the Bovina Blade Football Contest, correctly picking thirteen of sixteen games.

Levi, Luke and Jake Steelman and their aunt, Gilda Garner, all missed the Nazareth vs. Springlake-Earth, Florida vs. Auburn, and Missouri vs. Texas games.

The Dallas (26)-Jacksonville (22) game was the deciding factor for the top winners. Levi's prediction was ten points off, Gilda's was seventeen points off, Luke's was twenty-two points off and Jake's was forty-one points off the tie-breaker score.

The \$20 first place prize went to Levi. Gilda received \$10 for second place and Luke earned \$5 for third. Jake missed-out on the cash in his fourth place standing.

Two contestants correctly picked twelve games. They are Don Spring and Doug Johnson.

Eighteen contestants picked eleven games correctly.

They are Jo Blackwell, Cameron Charles, Leonor Espinosa, Dorothy Harris, Bobby Johnson, Jason Kerby, Walter Kessler, Travis Lockmiller, David Miles, Luis Mejia, Deborah Raymond, Scott Sims, Dorothy Stowers, Del Ray Sudderth, Janie Sudderth, George J. Villarreal, Tyler Walling and A.M. Wilson.

The most missed games were Nazareth vs. Springlake-Earth, Kansas State vs. Texas A&M, Missouri vs. Texas, New York vs. Detroit, and Seattle vs. St. Louis.

After seven weeks Jessica Stowers continues to lead the total standings with eighty-five points. Cameron Charles and A.M. Wilson are close behind with eighty-two points. At this point in the contest, anyone could still win.

A listing of top standings can be found elsewhere in this issue. A complete listing of all contestants' scores can be found at the Bovina Blade office.

Happy picking!



PRISCILLA MARTINEZ JAMIE STANBERRY BHS Students Of The Week

Bovina High teachers selected co-winners for this week's student-of-the-week award.

A senior, Jamie Stanberry was chosen as a super student, dedicated, cooperative, good worker. She is on the student council and a member of the National Honor Society. She was nominated by teachers Carolyn Beauchamp, Judy Jennings, and Jan Thieman.

Also, BHS senior Priscilla Martinez, nominated by teacher Greg George, was selected for being a super student who made a wonderful grade on her government test, is manager of the Mustang football team, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Turkey Time At St. Ann's In Bovina

Sunday, November 2, is the date for one of Parmer County's most popular annual meal events.

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will sponsor their Turkey and Trimmings dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For \$6 for adults and \$3 for children six and under, you will get turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, relish plate, cranberry sauce, homemade bread, dessert, and tea and coffee.

In addition to a wonderful meal, a quilt will be raffled off at the dinner. Serving will be at St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street. Everyone is invited to attend.



FAMILY FORTUNE....Capturing the money from the week 7 Bovina Business Football contest were these family folks, Luke and Levi Steelman and their aunt, Gilda Garner.

THE TENNESSEE OILERS. It doesn't "roll off the tongue," does it? This is the professional sports-world's newest misnomer.

For the first 37 years of their existence, the pro football team was known as the Houston Oilers. Due to some sort of franchise rule, these pro sports teams have to retain their "nickname," wherever their ownership decides to move them.

Maybe they'll have better luck as the Tennessee Oilers. If you didn't realize it, the Oilers are one of the few NFL franchises which has not only not won a Super Bowl--they have never even APPEARED in one.

They had the chance a few years back, you may recall. Houston rolled up a 35-0 lead against Buffalo, only to lose by a field goal in one of football's greatest folding acts.

Besides the Oilers, the NBA has a great misnomer: the Utah Jazz! If you're like me and wondered about the "jazziness" of Utah, just remember that the team started out in New Orleans, but couldn't make a profit. So now they're the Utah Jazz.

The old St. Louis Cardinals grid team is now the Arizona Cardinals. The old Los Angeles Rams are now the St. Louis Rams. We suppose that if a group in New Haven, Connecticut buys the Dallas Cowboys, they'll then be known as the Connecticut Cowboys!

I'm sorry for young sports fans in this day and time. When Ye Editor was a kid, and way before there were any major league or NFL teams in the state, you had to either root for the Yankees, or for one of the other teams that wished they could beat the Yanks, but never could.

The thing about being a major league fan in the 1950s was that the players would be the same year-in and year-out. Unless someone got old enough to retire, or was traded to another team (which didn't happen very much), you could plan on the fact that next year's lineup would be about the same as this year's.

Back in those "good old days," we have read that the Brooklyn Dodgers' rabid fans would call up their favorite star and bring them a week's supply of groceries, or a turkey around Thanksgiving, etc.

If you didn't know it, that was back before the advent of the multi-million dollar salaries. Players in that day and time made about what a secretary, or maybe an office manager would earn. They played their games of baseball or football mainly due to the love of the game. The fact that they were given "meal money" just added to their enjoyment of playing.

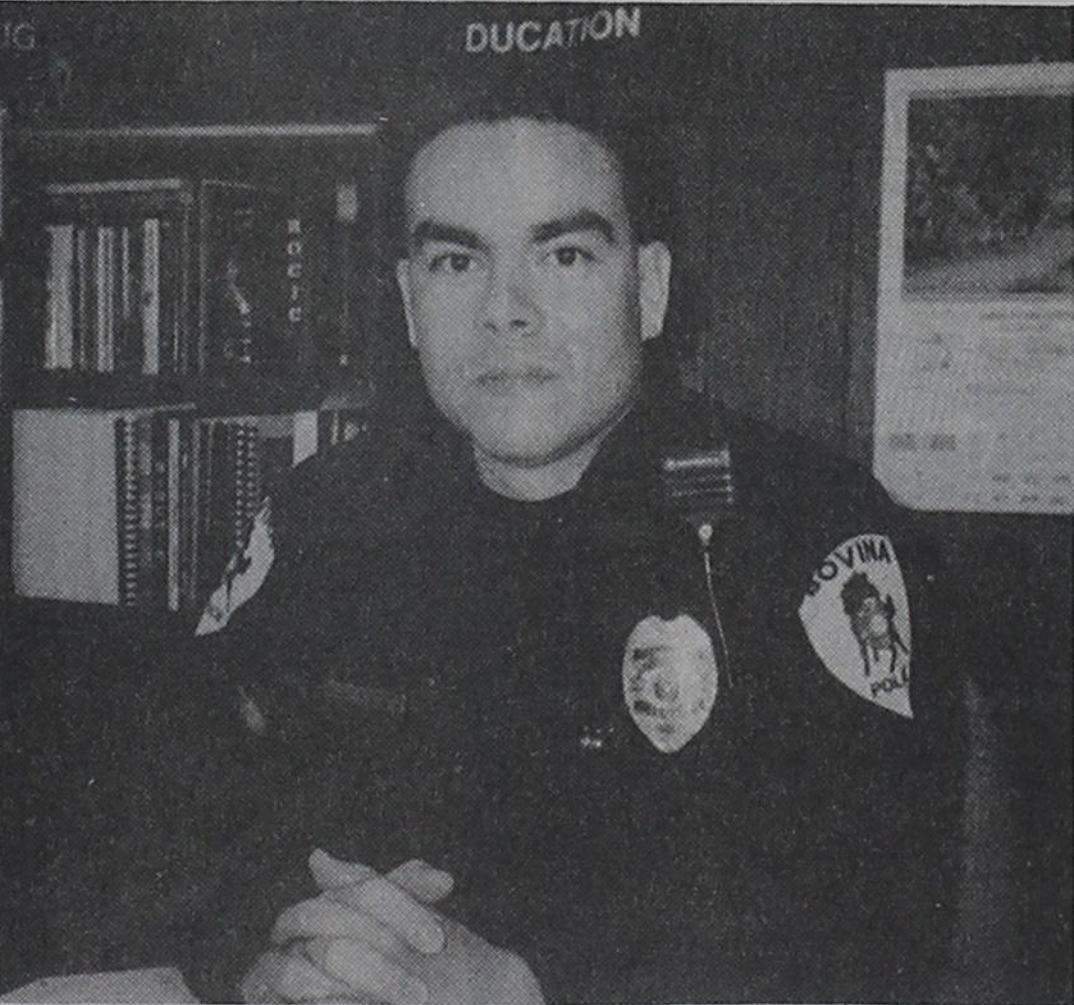
Players had a loyalty to their team owners and their fans. They weren't just out to see how much money they could demand for their services. There was no such thing as being a "free agent" when your contract expired. Those whose contract expired in those days were generally out of work (or play).

That's another reason it's hard to have a sports hero today. Players bounce back and forth even more often than the teams change locations. Then, of course, there are those few players who soil their names by their doings off the field. Many of these "doings" are things you'd rather your kid didn't know anyone did, let along their sports hero.

Why is it that we have at least two sports networks on TV, but when the World Series or other championship playoffs are televised, they're always on one of the three networks, which puts all of the regular shows "on hold" ???!

Bull Town Bull-tins

By Bill Ellis



NEW OFFICER....Joe Lopez, Jr. is the new police officer in Bovina, replacing Ryan Hitt who accepted a police job in Dimmit. Lopez moves here from Odessa where he attended Odessa College Academy. He and his wife, Rosa Maria, have settled in Bovina and look forward to being a part of the community.



STRIKE UP THE BAND....The Mustang band entertains at half time last Friday during the district game with Lockney.
(Photo by Linda Lewis)

Red Ribbon Activities Set For October 27-31

Bovina ISD will observe the annual Red Ribbon Week October 27-31.

This year's theme is "Drug Free I Can B Anything I want 2 B."

The drug free campaign is symbolized by the red ribbon and began as a grassroots expression of concern and commitment to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle.

BHS campus activities are being coordinated by the student council. Theme days next week are:

Monday-"Turn your back on drugs" Wear clothes backwards.

Tuesday-"Say no to drugs...No sweat." Wear sweats.

Wednesday-"Watch out for drugs." Wear as many watches as possible.

Thursday-"Don't let drugs give you the blues." Wear denim.

Friday-"Shade out drugs." Wear sunglasses.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to take part and support the student council and the school district in this important anti-drug program.

Sr. Citizens Halloween Party Set

A Halloween party for senior citizens will be held at the Bovina Senior Citizen's Center on Friday, October 31.

There will be a pot luck supper at 6 p.m. and fun and games will start at 6:45 p.m.

You are invited to wear a costume and asked to bring two wrapped white elephants for prizes.

According to LaTrelle Mieher, "We hope to 'scare' you there and have a spooky time."

For information call LaTrelle at 238-1565.

Carnival Set For Sunday

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will host a Halloween carnival Sunday, October 26, 4-6 p.m.

There will be games and treats for all who attend. Everyone is invited to wear costumes, bring friends and have a fun time.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Oct. 23, 1957
Jim Roberts, city-county deputy has announced his resignation. He has asked the city commission to accept his resignation effective November 1.

Mrs. Bessie Webb suffered chest injuries Wednesday morning of last week in a carbus accident near Friona. Seven others had minor injuries, three of which were admitted to the hospital.

Returning home over the weekend were several local people. D.C. Looney, Reagan Looney, Aubrey Brock, Bill Bradshaw and Perry Looney, who hunted as a party in the Colorado mountains near Delores, returned home Sunday night with five deer between them.

35 Yrs Ago-Oct. 24, 1962
Mrs. Minnie McCutchan, 84, resident of Bovina area since 1925, died at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Saturday at 4 a.m. She had been seriously ill for several days.

Walter Rogers, representative from the 18th Congressional District, brought his campaign for reelection to Bovina Tuesday afternoon.

Members of Bovina Lions Club entertained their wives and guests at a Town and Country Banquet Thursday night in the school cafeteria. Speaker was Rev. Parry, pastor of Methodist Church at Muleshoe.

Miss Elke Steffens, exchange student from Germany, was honored with a surprise birthday party Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

30 Yrs Ago-Oct. 25, 1967
With grain sorghum about 50 percent harvested in the Bovina area, reports from elevators are that yields are almost unbelievably good.

Mrs. Lady Gaines Armstrong, 63, resident of Bovina for 43 years, died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday in Clovis Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient about a month. In 1962, she was awarded the "Woman of the Year" plaque, the first time the presentation was made here.

25 Yrs Ago-Oct. 25, 1972
Roy Donaldson has been

named Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Good Guy for the month of October.

Mike Spears is Bovina's Champion First Freeze Predictor for 1972. Spears hit the nail on the head when he predicted October 19, which was Thursday.

20 Yrs Ago-Oct. 26, 1977
A house on the property of Cross Crescent Ranch, eight miles northwest of Bovina, was totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. A 1968 Chevrolet station wagon was also a complete loss.

Mrs. Jack (Alma) Clayton is the author of a book, "Climb Jim Climb, Keep Climbing," just published by Nortex Press, Wichita Falls, Texas. The copyright is held by Mrs. Clayton and the book is dedicated to her parents, Jim and Rosa Roberts.

15 Yrs Ago-Oct. 20, 1982
David Boozer and Leah Steelman were honored as the top Bovina 4-H Club members at the Parmer County 4-H banquet recently.

Ginger Bales of Muleshoe, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox of Bovina, was involved in an accident Friday morning at 10 a.m. A pickup approaching from a side road seemed like it was failing to stop. In attempting to stop, Mrs. Bales hit soft dirt and her car turned over, breaking her neck in two places. She was taken to Lubbock Methodist Hospital. Saturday night at 7:15, Mrs. Bales gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

10 Yrs Ago-Oct. 21, 1987
The Bovina High School Mustangs ran their season record to 5-1 and won their second district game last Friday, when they blanked the Lorenzo Hornets, 42-0 in a game at Lorenzo.

Misti Boozer, a 1985 graduate, received the honor of being fifth runner-up at the Texas Tech Homecoming held October 11 in Lubbock.

5 Yrs Ago-Oct. 24, 1992
The Bovina City's Chief of Police, Ted Blair, has resigned his position, according to a spokesman for the city council. Blair will stay on duty until the city hires a replacement.



ALL RIGHT!!.....Coach Ted Maple, left, high fives his special team members after a successful surprise onside kick against the Lockney Longhorns. It was the sixth successful onside recovery this season. (Photo by Linda Lewis)

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WD-C.E. Christian, Alta Mae Ellis, Lots 11-16 B46 OT Farwell.

WD-Wana Dorothy V. Brewer, Bryon E. Brewer & Galen Ray, All Lots 18, 19 & 20 B51 Friona.

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Pick the score of the tie-breaker game and place your guess in the appropriate blanks on the entry. The tie-breaker game will not count on your won-lost record. It will be used only in case of a tie.

Winners will be named by the Monday following the contest deadline each Friday, if possible. Cash prizes of \$20.00 for first, \$10.00 for second, and third prize of \$5.00 will be awarded.

Tabulation of individual entrants will be kept all season and at the end of the season the Grand Prize Winner will be named.

There is nothing to buy. No requirements other than to bring the entry blank, filled out, and delivered to The Blade office by 5 p.m. or mailed to P.O. Drawer B Bovina, Texas 79009 --postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday.

Only one entry blank may be submitted per individual. If more than one blank is submitted by an individual, all will be disqualified.

Tabulations will be available for public inspection. Members of the Blade staff will serve as judges for the contest.

Contestants must be 10 years old or older.

Everyone, except employees of this newspaper and their families, is eligible to enter.

Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday

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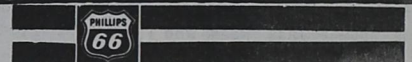
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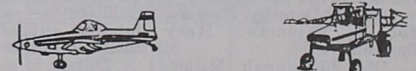
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16. PHILADELPHIA AT ARIZONA



BAND ROYALTY.....The 1997 Queen and King of the Bovina High School Band were presented at half time last week. Selected were trumpet player Imelda Castro and tuba player Chris Solorio.

Directors Met On So. Padre Island

M.C. Osborn and Mike Miller, directors from the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District, along with their spouses, Ann Osborn and Pamela Miller, were on South Padre Island, October 13-15, 1997 to attend the fifty-seventh annual state meeting of Texas State Soil and Water Conservation District Directors.

Others attending were Thomas Reed, District Conservationist, along with his spouse Lisa Reed and Tamra Turley, District Technician and spouse, Elton Turley.

Approximately 1,000 were in attendance at the meeting. Key speakers addressing the group included Guillermo "Memo" Benavidez of Laredo, President of the Association; Dr. Gary Margheim of Washington, D.C., Associate Chief for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford.

Dr. Margheim discussed the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service budget and its effect on conservation, while Congressman Stenholm addressed pertinent issues affecting agriculture.

The main focus of the meeting, issues related to strengthening the conservation district programs on the state and national levels, was addressed on Wednesday morning by Ronald Geddes, Washington representative for the National Association of State Conservation Agencies and Judy Johnson, Regional Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Also, John Burt, State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and Robert Buckley, Executive Director for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Elections for the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in Areas I, III and V were held Tuesday afternoon. The organization's officers were also elected Tuesday afternoon.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of October 26-November 1

Oct 26-Melba Moore, Joseph Bermea, William Gromowsky.

Oct 27-Christine Cupit, Jeffery Casas, Doris Strawn, Stanley Miller, Leroy Mayfield.

Oct 28-Nancy Fuentes, Jamie Graves, Bill Read.

Oct 29-Dorothy Stowers, Judith Thieman, Mary Damron.

Oct 30-Hannah Miller, Don Spring, Richard Carson.

Oct 31-Al Kerby, Jr., Rita Villarreal.

Nov 1-Sandy Casas, Sandra Johnson.

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



SNOW BREAK.....TxDOT employee George Villarreal of Bovina assisted life skills student Andy Perez of Friona in removing wind-break mesh from a row of trees planted for a snow break. The action took place out on FM 1731. (Ron Carr Photo)

Mike Miller Elected As SWCD Director

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Dutton Gets Army Medal

Army Spec. Latigo S. Dutton has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal for having participated in "Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard" in support of the NATO-sponsored multinational peacekeeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a republic of the former Yugoslavia.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients have distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplished the act with distinction.

Soldiers from 25 countries are supporting the effort designed to promote and speed the peace process inked in December 1995 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. The U.S. Soldiers serve at various mission support bases and camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Dutton is a track vehicle mechanic normally assigned to the 6th Field Artillery in Bamberg, Germany.

He is the son of Bonnie P. and Billy D. Dutton of 1700 W. Ninth, Friona.

The specialist is a 1991 graduate of Friona High School.

Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District, with headquarters in Friona, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district. In addition, the district serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

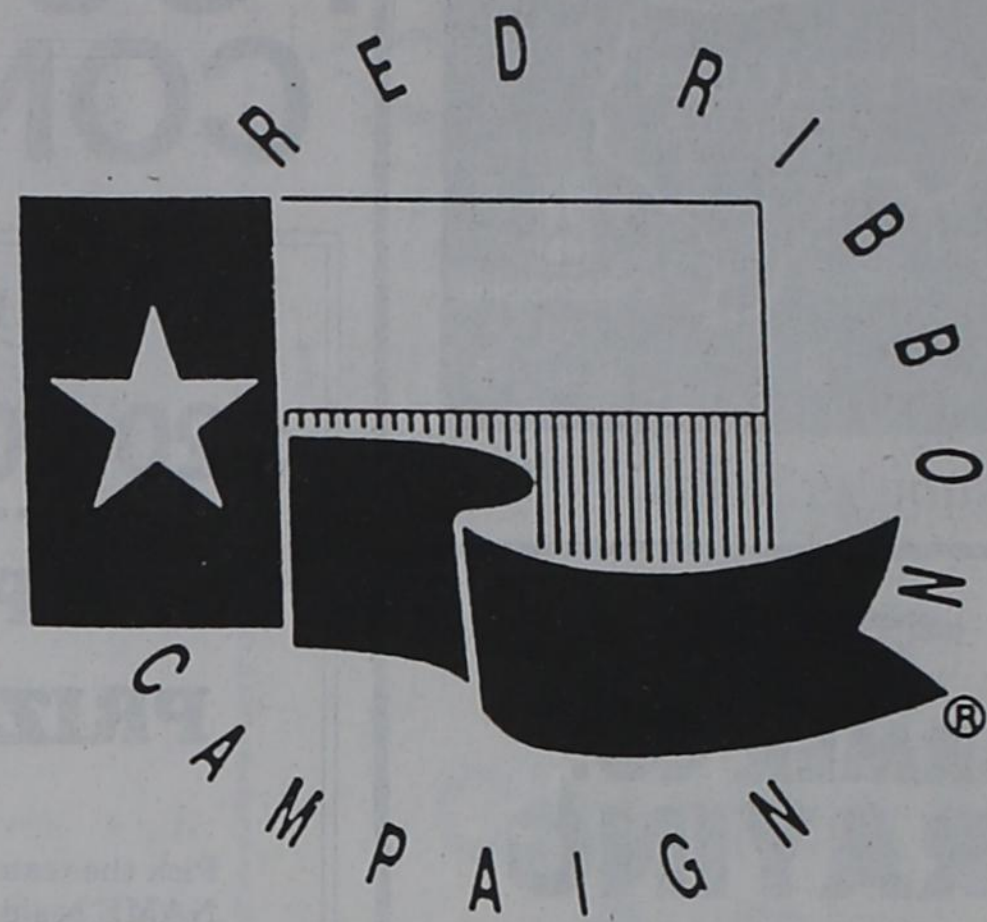
The board of directors coordinate the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

The five members serving on the district board of directors are responsible for district policies and procedure for carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas Soil Conservation District law.

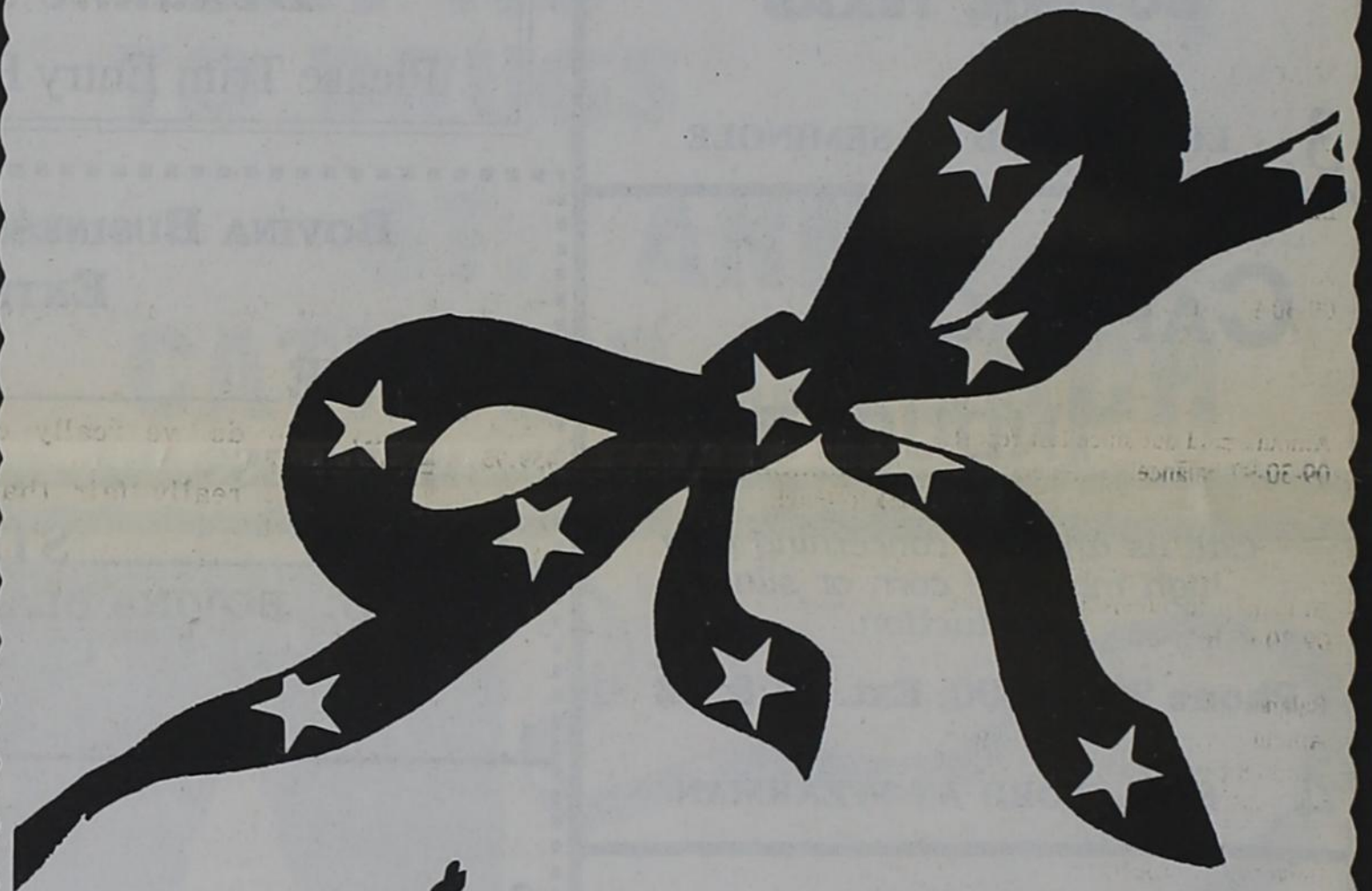
The five members serving on the district board are M.C. Osborn, chairman; Troy Christian, vice-chairman; Kevin Welch, secretary; Mike Beauchamp, member; and Mike Miller, member.

Miller currently holds a position on the Muleshoe Area Hospital District and has previously held a position as trustee on the Lazbuddie I.S.D. board.

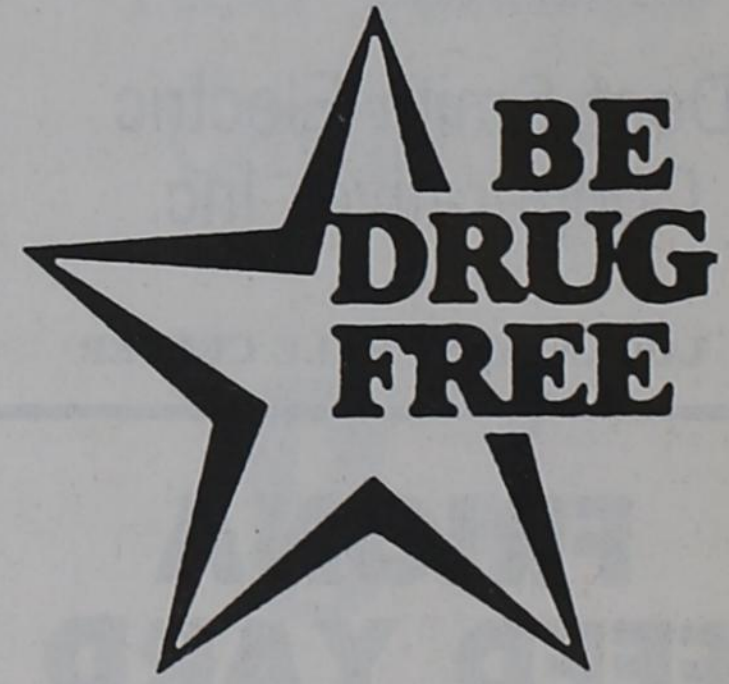
In Texas there are 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Each is a legal subdivision of state government organized by local agricultural landowners with the assistance of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation board. Unlike most other legal subdivisions of state government, SWCD's do not have powers of taxation or eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.



The Bovina Blade joins with sponsors all over the state of Texas to urge everyone in our community to work toward keeping our youth drug free. Support the activities during Red Ribbon Week.



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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

HAMAN HAS GAINED THE KING'S CONFIDENCE AND IS PLACED OVER EVERY PRINCE IN THE KINGDOM—BY THIS DECREE, ALL MUST BOW TO HIM, MORDECAI, THE JEW, REFUSES TO DO SO....

I WILL SPEAK TO HIM!

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WHY DOESST THOU NOT BOW BEFORE HAMAN—IT IS THE KING'S LAW!

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Mustangs Lose To Lockney 39-15, Playoff Hopes Dim

BY RON CARR

The Lockney Longhorns began the year ranked number four in the state 2A rankings. After an early loss to the Dimmitt Bobcats, they dropped out of the top 10 but have been regaining their status as a state power.

Bovina finished second to Lockney last year, qualified for the playoffs but lost in the bi-district round.

Coach Bobby Ortiz had hoped to at least repeat last year's success with his experienced Mustang squad. At the end of a first half 5-0 run, the Mustangs had momentum.

Ortiz's goal was to win district outright this year. Unfortunately Hale Center and Lockney did not cooperate.

Facing the two toughest teams in District 3-2A in their first two district contests, the Mustangs came up short with an 0-2 record and very little chance now of seeing the playoffs.

Indeed the Mustangs will have to get back on their game as they aim to improve their 5-2 record to 8-2, facing Hart, Olton, then Highland Park to round out the season.

Lockney came to visit Mustang Field and left with a bruising, hard-fought 39-15 victory over the Mustang squad.

Bovina managed 240 total yards of offense against the bigger Longhorns. The Mustangs had 35 rushes for 119 yards and completed 11 of 23 passes for 121 yards.

Albert Larrea led the Mustangs with 12 carries and 59 yards. Billy Chisom added two carries for 24 yards and one touchdown.

Manny Quintana had 12 carries for 14 yards and one touchdown. Tony Beauchamp contributed eight carries for 22 yards.

Beauchamp also passed for 11 out of 22 attempts. Derrick Vanegas was 0-1.

Senior Luke Steelman caught 4 passes for 45 yards. Derrick Vanegas had two receptions for 23 yards and a two-point catch.

Francisco Nieto had 1-25 yards, Adan Perez, 1-18, and Albert Larrea, 2-10 yards.

The Mustangs scored with 1:56 left in the half to make the score 21-7, then surprised the Longhorns with a successful onside kick.

The Mustangs drove to the 27 yard line. With nine seconds left in the half, Lupe Rivera's field goal attempt was blocked.

On Lockney's first drive of the second half, Martin Reyna intercepted a Longhorn pass giving the Mustangs hope. But the Longhorns scored on their next drive despite four penalties.

For the night, Lockney had 11 penalties for 87 yards, Bovina 3 for 16.

Coach Ortiz said three Mustangs were taken to Parmer County Hospital for observation after the hard fought game.

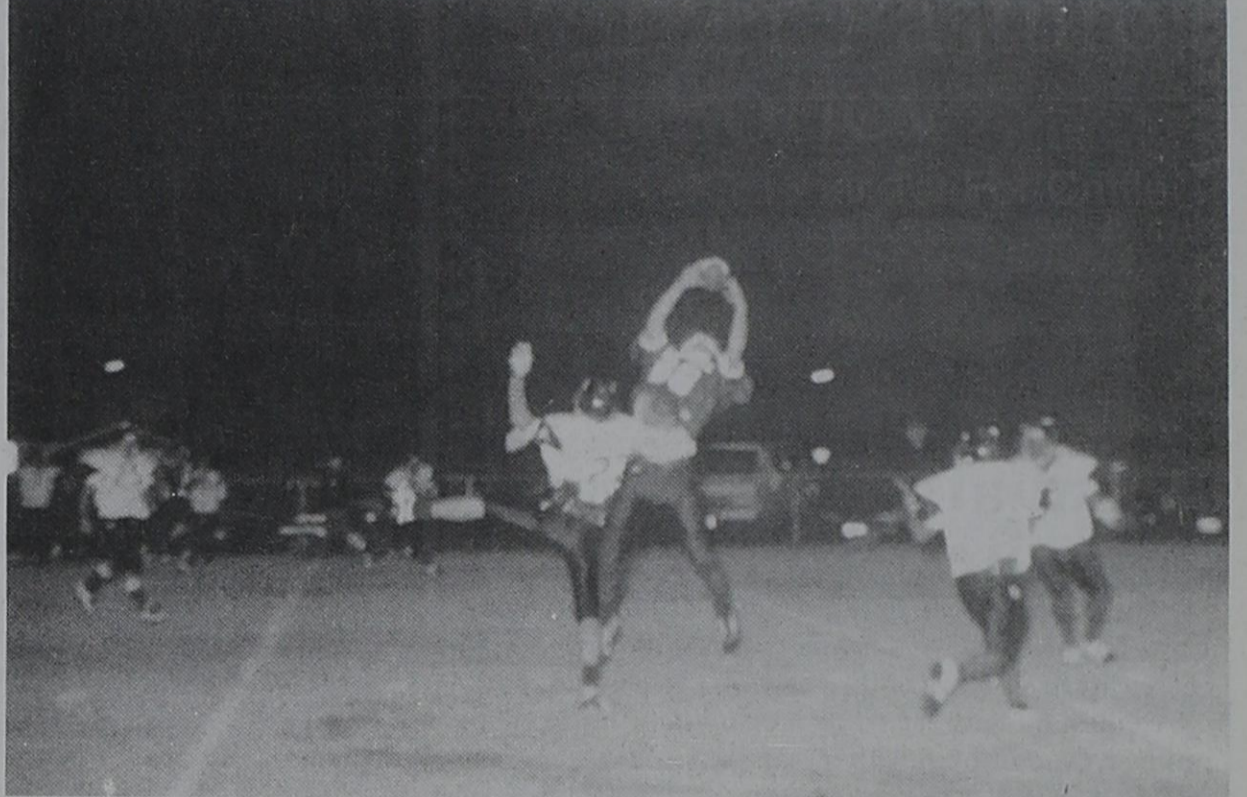
Adan Perez and Manny Quintana suffered concussions while Martin Reyna sustained a deep thigh bruise. All three young men were treated and released and are expected to play this week. Sophomore running-back Lucas Ramos who has been out with an ankle injury is also expected to return as the Mustangs journey to Hart to meet J. J. Finch and the Hart Longhorns.

Finch had 163 yards on 26 carries and scored two touchdowns last week in Hart's unexpected loss to Olton 27-21.

Bovina and Hart are both 0-2 in District 3-2A.



NOT THIS TIME....Mustang senior Tony Beauchamp deflects a pass from a Lockney receiver in last Friday's 39-15 loss to the Longhorns. (Photo by Linda Lewis)



CAUGHT IN A CROWD....Mustang receiver Francisco Nieto goes high to snare a pass in the middle of three Lockney defenders. (Photo by Linda Lewis.)

Texas Comptroller John Sharp Will Decline Approved Pay Raise

Texas Comptroller John Sharp said Wednesday he will not accept a \$12,970 annual pay raise granted to elected officials by the Legislature earlier this year.

Gov. George W. Bush led the way, saying publicly he will not accept the Legislature's pay raise. "I think Governor Bush set a terrific example for those of us who hold elective office in Texas," Sharp said. "If we're going to ask others to tighten their belts--and my agency is famous for doing that--then it's only fair that I tighten my own belt."

"If you're going to say you're a fiscal conservative, you have to act like one," he said.

Sharp, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will continue to be paid \$79,247 annually after the pay raises take effect on September 1. Others who accept the pay raise will see their pay jump to \$92,217 a year.

Sharp's opponent in the race has said he will take the raise.

"It's a personal decision each of us has to make," Sharp said. "I'm glad the Legislature thinks I'm doing a good job, but I have decided to keep my pay right where it was when I was elected."

"It doesn't seem fair to me to give the top officials a \$12,970 raise while we're giving state employees a paltry \$100 a month," he said.

Sharp's reputation as a fiscal conservative is underscored by his Texas Performance Review, which has saved \$8.5 billion over the last six-and-a-half years by recommending cuts and efficiencies designed to make government work better while cutting wasteful spending.

The private sector confirmed that reputation by giving Sharp its prestigious Texas Quality Award for efficiency (based on the Malcolm Baldrige Award), the only time it has ever been bestowed on a government agency.

He's also been able to hold spending and employment in his agency in check, even as the Comptroller of Public Accounts has taken on new projects and duties. Since Sharp took office in 1991, his agency has absorbed two other state agencies--the State Property Tax Board and the Texas Treasury.

The agency has taken over administration of

tobacco, liquor and insurance taxes, started the Texas Performance Review and the Texas School Performance Review and pioneered the Lone Star Card, which cut fraud, waste and abuse by replacing the old paper food stamp system with an electronic benefits card that's harder to cheat.

Sharp ran a successful pilot of a computer technology that will save the state tens of millions in Medicaid fraud, started the Texas Tomorrow Fund to help middle-class families save for college, and began Family Pathfinders,

which helps people come off of welfare by teaming them with churches and civic groups who can provide guidance and help them become self-sufficient.

In its most recent session, the Legislature asked the Comptroller to oversee enforcement of tough new anti-tobacco laws, a program that will begin in the next few weeks.

In spite of those new duties, the agency has been able to operate with about the same number of employees it had when Sharp took over in 1991.

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Week Seven FB Contest Standings



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

85-Jessica Stowers.
82-Cameron Charles and A.M. Wilson.
79-David Miles.
78-Bobby Johnson and Frances Willard.
77-Tyson Kerby and Don Spring.

76-Denise Anderson, Danny Harris, Carmen Porras and Jerry Sherbon.
75-Jeanne Kerby and Janie Sudderth.

74-Gilda Garner, Susan Kerby, Adam Mejia, Jan Smith and George J. Villarreal.

73-Dorothy Harris, Jason Kerby, Travis Lockmiller, Kenny Sherbon and Del Ray Sudderth.

72-Jo Blackwell, Martin Gonzales, Walter Kessler, J.T. Roach, Kay Roach, Luke Steelman and Robert Tapia.

71-Luis Mejia, Mike Raymond, Jerry Roach, Dorothy Stowers and Blake Sudderth.

70-Doug Johnson, Frances Johnson, Virginia Steele, Christen Stowers, Woot Sudderth and Levi Steelman.

69-Blake Clements, Josh Kerby, Stacy Roach and Angela Villarreal.

68-Eufemia Torres.
67-Joe Harris and Francisco Torres.

66-Bernardo Cervantes, Daniel Hernandez, Becky Johnson, Deborah Raymond, Flossie Rhinehart and Liz Torres.

65-Matt Hromas, Phillip Johnson, Roy Lee Stowers, Glenden Sudderth and George L. Villarreal.

63-Donnie McDonald and Linda Sudderth

62-Leonor Espinosa
61-Carol Cervantes

60-Janie Sherbon
59-Al Kerby, Jr.,
58-Ronnie Cary

56-Peggy Hargrove and Jake Steelman

49-Greg Elliott and Chris Shufelberger

47-Michelle Gonzales
46-Scott Sims
45-Teresa Cary

A complete listing of contestants' standings can be found at the *Bovina Blade* office.



ONE YEAR AGO...October 16, 1996 these brothers and sisters gathered at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo during their father's heart surgery and recovery. One year later, Rev. Porfirio Mejia is doing much better. His daughters from Bovina, Gilda Garner and Esther Steelman, say he is doing so much better now that they have a hard time finding him and their mother, Patsy, these days. The twelve siblings range in age from 43-23. This was the first time in almost 13 years the group had been completely together. They live in Texas, Georgia, North Carolina and California. They are sitting in order of age, oldest to youngest, back row, (l-r) Louis and Isaiah Mejia, Esther Steelman, Diane Luna, Porfirio Mejia and Delilah Lemons. Front row, (l-r) Adam Mejia, Gilda Garner, Cindy Lewis, Danny, Sandra and Naomi Mejia.

S. Ontiveros Completes USMC Basic Training

Marine Pvt. Stephen M. Ontiveros, son of Patrick Winsor and Mary L. Ontiveros of Bovina, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

Ontiveros successfully completed twelve weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Ontiveros and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Ontiveros spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated

as a small infantry unit during field training.

Ontiveros and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

He and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Ontiveros joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1996 graduate of Artesia High School, Artesia, New Mexico.

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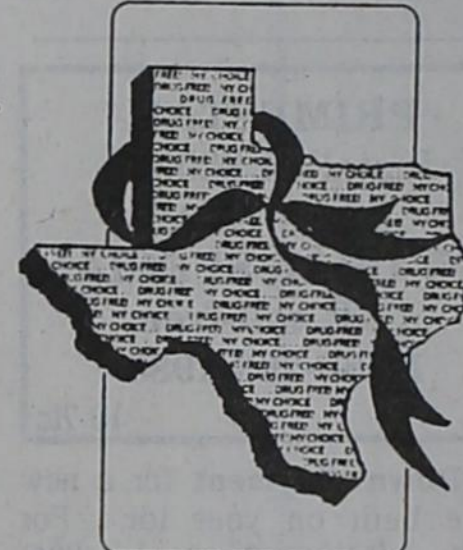
The Parmer County Bazaar is slated for Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22, 1997. The annual event will be held in the Friona Community Center which is located west of Highway 214 North and within sight of Highway 60 in West Friona.

The bazaar is open to the public Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Saturday at 10:30 a.m. a fashion show by Ingram's Department Store is scheduled. At 2 p.m. another fashion show is scheduled for the Parmer County 4-H club sponsored by the Friona Christmas Bazaar Committee and the Parmer County Extension Service.

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Contestants are asked to include their name, phone number, the date of the submitted guess and the date of the freeze.

Entries can be dropped by the *Bovina Blade* office, mail to P.O. Drawer B, Bovina, Texas, 79009 or faxed to 806-247-2211.

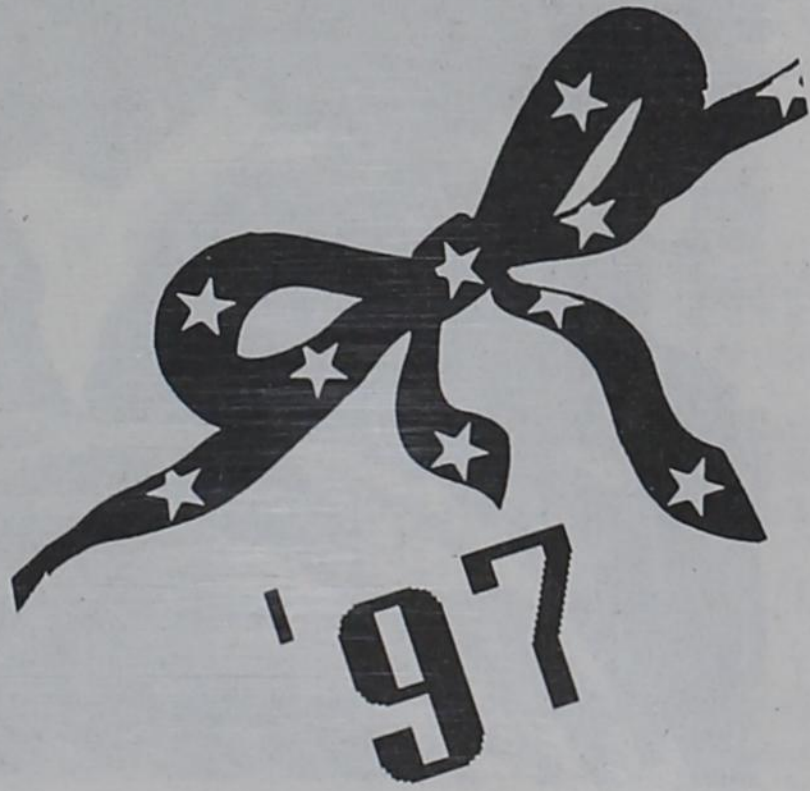
There is no limit for entries, contestants can enter as many times as they wish.

If two or more people pick the same day for the freeze, the person that turned in their guess first, wins.

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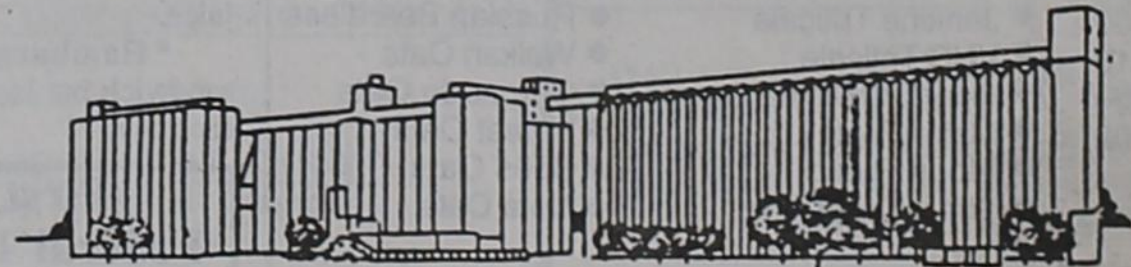
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