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As of Jan. 8, 1998 98,869

bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County. Bovina Blade survey

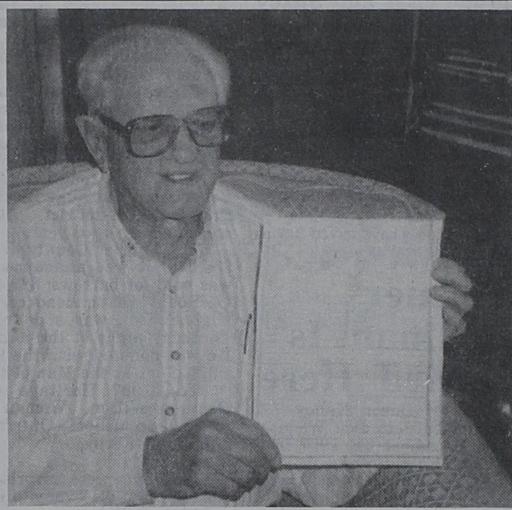


VFW Chicken Dinner Jan. 18

The American Legion-VFW building at 6th and Euclid in Friona has a new name, Veteran's Hall. However, nothing has changed about the popular chicken dinners held there.

Veterans will host a chicken dinner again on Sunday, January 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Come enjoy good fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, tea, and homemade dessert. All this for only \$6 adults and \$3 children. Carryouts will be available.



NUMBER ONE....Frank A. Spring, life-long resident of Parmer County, holds a copy of his birth certificate. Spring was the first baby born after Parmer County was organized in 1907.



BONNIE CLAYTON Clayton Is Re-election Candidate

Bonnie Clayton has announced that she will be a candidate for re-election as Parmer County Judge.

Mrs. Clayton is currently serving her second term. "I appreciate the opportunity to serve and I consider it an honor to hold this position. I will continue to serve the people of Parmer County to the best of my abilities," Mrs. Clayton said.

Mrs. Clayton is the mother of a daughter, Holli Read, a speech therapist who lives in Lubbock, and a son Chad Clayton of Dallas. She also has a granddaughter, Kennedy. Holli's husband Lynn Read is a Parmer County native. (Pd. Pol. Adv.)



(Photos courtesy of Don & Gladys Spring)

THE RECENT New Year's celebration reminded Ye Editor about what "us kids" did a time or two down at

Muleshoe. The First Baptist Church would sponsor a "Watch Night" service to which the young people were invited. It provided a safe and meaning-

ful way to usher in the new year, in the confines of church. However, after leaving the church and reaching our vehicles, someone glanced at their watch and exclaimed "If we leave right now, we can make it over to Clovis, and celebrate

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By Bill Ellis

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the new year all over again!" So, there we went--a car full of kids out on the road on a holiday. This might have been what the "Watch Night" program was trying to avoid all along. Oh, well....at least my group never fooled with alcoholic beverages. (And we made it in time to honk our car horn along with the Clovis

So, as Carol might wonder: was our new year (the way we kids did it) 30 minutes shorter than everyone else's--or was our old year 30 minutes longer...or what?

WHEN I WAS FORMERLY a Dallas Cowboy fan, Carol tells everyone that when I was watching their games I became an entirely different person. She claims that I would use language that I never would have otherwise, and would become very irritated if anyone interrupted my "space," or called on the 'phone, I might be downright rude.

(Thanks to the current Cowboys team, I am now a changed

man). But did you hear about the TV football fan in St. Louis who shot and killed his son when the younger man deliberately stood in front of the TV set while a football game was in progress?!?!

This story just about "takes the cake," as far as we're concerned. Either someone had their priorities 'way out of line, or once again, perhaps one or both had been nipping on the old Demon Rum, to say the least.

THE DEATHS THIS WEEK of Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono in skiing accidents were very untimely, and should serve as a reminder that skiing is a dangerous sport.

Ye Editor only skied once, and somewhere through that day he promised the Lord that if he made it down the hill without breaking his neck, he'd never be so foolish as to strap on another pair of skis. Younger son Rick had a close call when he hit a tree while

skiing in Colorado some years back. This week's accidents showed us how lucky we were in his regard.

A MAN TOOK HIS DOG to the vet, when the animal stopped moving. "He's dead," the vet told him, upon examination. "Are you sure?" asked the pet owner. Whereupon the vet brought in a pair of cats and turned

them loose in front of the dog, which didn't move a muscle.

"That'll be \$50. Just pay the receptionist on your way out," said the vet. "50 dollars!! He was dead when I brought him in. Where do you get \$50 ??" the man asked.

"\$10 for the office call, and \$40 for the cat-scan," the

veterinarian replied.

County's "Number 1 Baby" Is An Active Nonagenarian

by BILL ELLIS

Parmer County may be the only county in Texas whose "first registered birth" is still an active resident.

Frank A. Spring was born October 9, 1907 on the family's farm north of Bovina. Parmer County had been organized just a few months earlier that year, so when the doctor rode to the courthouse to register Spring's birth, he became the first registered birth in the county.

Frank's father, Frank Lewis Spring, rode the Santa Fe Railway to Bovina from his home in Aldridge, Illinois in 1905, at the invitation of the Southwest Land Company of Chicago, which was one of the companies involved in selling off plots of the old XIT Ranch, which was put on the market early in this century.

The elder Spring liked what he saw in Parmer County, and purchased 320 acres eight miles north of Bovina, at a price of \$8.50 per acre. He hired a "Mr. Teeter" to build a house and barn on the place.

Later on, Spring bought another quarter-section of land from the Schlenker family for \$5 per acre.

In 1906, F.L. Spring returned to Illinois, married his young sweetheart, Ocie Adams, and then moved their belongings to the couple's new

home on the Texas Plains. F.L. Spring rode in to

Bovina to secure Dr. Oliver for the birth of the couple's first child, a son they named Frank Augustus. In 1913, the family, which

numbered five by that time, moved into Bovina, so the children could attend school there. A second son, Edward, was born in 1908, and a daughter Mary was born in 1911.

After moving into Bovina, three more children were added: Paul in 1916, Floyd Lee in 1919, and Lydia Marie in 1921. A third son, Thomas Lewis, died shortly after his birth in 1913.

Paul and Lee were both medical doctors, and served their neighbors as the "Dr. Paul" and "Dr. Lee" brother team at Parmer County Community Hospital for a number of years.

Young Frank was a good student, and along with his brother Edward (Ese) won county declamation contests. Graduating from high

school in Bovina, Spring received his B.A. degree from Texas Tech (College) in 1930. He had started attending what was a virtually new college at Lubbock in only its second year of existence.

Frank began his career in the banking business in the early 30s at Friona State Bank. He married Ethel Ruth

marriage, Spring was in a trip around the world in working for the International- a hectic 43-day schedule. Harvester company in Amarillo.

Chevrolet dealership in Muleshoe for a year, returning to Friona to operate an insurance agency, which later became Ethridge-Spring

(with Dan Ethridge as partner). In 1944 Spring joined Fred Carson, J.G. McFarland, Sloan Osborn and J.R. Roden in purchasing Friona State Bank. He was elevated to president of the bank in

1948, and held this position until his retirement in 1973. Spring and his wife Ethel Ruth (or "E. R.," as he fondly refers to her) were very active in civic work in Friona. He was honored as "Man of the Year," and she was named "Woman of the Year" by the

& Agriculture. Frank was a member of the Finance Commission of Texas, and was a member of the Rural America Committee of the American Bankers

Friona Chamber of Commerce

Following his retirement, the Springs did a lot of travelling, and he was able to persue his favorite hobby--

fishing. The couple visited all of

Collins October 3, 1937 in the continents during their Canyon. At the time of his travelling, and participated

Spring's son, Frank Lewis Spring II, who is an attorney He later managed the in Albuquerque, N.M., joins his dad on many of his fishing trips.

Frank has been to Alaska to fish for salmon on five different occasions. On his first trip, Frank A. and Frank Lewis chartered a pontoon plane, and had their personal guide. After their fishing was through, they took a boat

back to Ketchikan. In subsequent trips to Alaska, Spring has fished along the shore in the ocean. They sometimes go 30 to 40 miles down the coast. Besides salmon, Spring has caught halibut in the ocean. These large fish can weigh up to 400 pounds, and Spring has caught fish between 15 and

40 feet long. The Springs bring their salmon home, where it is either frozen or canned, so it

can be enjoyed for months.

Padre Island, on the Texas coast, is another favorite fishing spot for the Springs.

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College Aid Night Scheduled

All parents of seniors who are planning to attend college are reminded that a meeting to discuss financial aid has been scheduled.

Financial Aid Night is January 14, 1998, at 7 p.m. in the high school library. Refreshments will be served.

Meeting Set For Retired Personnel

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association will meet Monday, January 12 at the Friona State Bank

Community Room 3 p.m.

Betty Mercer, president of the Hereford Retired Teachers Association, will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

All current members and those eligible are encouraged to attend this important meeting.



WITH THEIR CATCH....Frank A. Spring of Friona, right, poses with his son Frank L., and daughter-in-law Martha, on a fishing trip to Alaska last year. Salmon and halibut the trio caught are being proudly displayed.



RISING READERS......Charlotte Rumph, left, has earned more than 300 points in the accelerated reading program while Suxey Ovalle has earned her 100 points. Charlotte is in Mrs. Halbrooks' fifth grade class and Suxey is in Mrs. Deen's fourth grade class.

REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Jan. 1, 1958 Natallie Cintron, a foreign exchange student at West Texas State College, Canyon, was a guest in several Bovina homes during the Christmas holidays. He is from folks for the past 48 years. Puerto Rico and is studying pre-

1st Lt. and Mrs. J.R. Ellison and family returned to the United States around the first of December. They, with their three children, have been living in Germany for the past year and a half.

spent last week in Roaring Springs. They were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnson.

35 Yrs. Ago-Jan. 2, 1963 newest business. Located in downtown Bovina in the building formerly occupied by City Cafe, it is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Odis White.

Parmer County's 1962 cotton crop, which outstripped all estimates and roared to an all-time record, now has its sights set on the state's all-time yield record, and may annex that title to those it already holds.

30 Yrs. Ago-Jan. 3, 1968 Increased rates for all classes of mail except parcel post and international mail will go into effect January 7, Postmaster Gene Ezell reminded postal customers today. "Even with the new rates of six cents for first class mail and ten cents for air mail, postal service is still a real bargain," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Barbee, Jr. have sold their business, Barbee Cleaners, to Mr. and Mrs. John Gee of Amarillo, who will take over its operation shortly.

25 Yrs. Ago-Jan. 3, 1973 Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Grissom of Bovina were hosts at a family gathering at their home Christmas Eve. The couple also celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

Navy Airman Apprentice Robert P. Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fowler of Bovina, graduated recently from recruit training at the Naval Training Center at San Diego.

Mrs. J.R. (Bessie) Caldwell, 88, long-time resident of Bovina and Parmer County and a prominent leader in civic affairs, died Sunday morning, December 24, in Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

20 Yrs. Ago-Jan. 4, 1978 Jessie Stone of Bovina was

named this week as Parmer County's champion pheasant hunter in the annual "longest tailfeather contest" sponsored by the Parmer County Game Management Association.

15 Yrs. Ago-Jan. 5, 1983 Don Spring has successfully completed his paramedic course, having the highest test grade and finishing second in his class.

The Bovina area received a nice snow the day after Christmas, with measure-ments of around ten inches on the average.

Bovina High School's Fillies won third place in the Farwell tournament previous to Christmas.

The Bovina Mustangs' basketball team won their second tournament of the season, and also suffered their first loss, just prior to the Christmas holiday break.

10 Yrs. Ago-Jan. 6, 1988 The Bovina area enjoyed a white Christmas--something that doesn't happen many years--when two to three inches of snow fell on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

5 Yrs Ago-Jan. 9, 1993

New owners of Jones Texaco Station are Suzanne and Kevin Hughes, Former owners, Ola Lee and Paul Jones have served Bovina

Former **Bovinan Is Buried Here**

Banks, grandson-in-law, Minister of Students/Recreation of First Baptist, Big

Spring, Texas, officiating.

Mrs. Kelley was born
December 24, 1915, in
Bovina. She was a retired dinner/pastry cook, having cooked in the Bovina area for some 30 years. She moved to Burkburnett in 1971 and was a live-in housekeeper/cook for the late Joe Wolfe and his son Kerk of Burkburnett. On June 3, 1994, she moved to the Care Manor Nursing Home in Burkburnett, Texas. She was a member of Jan Lee Baptist Church in Burkburnett, Texas.

Survivors include a daughter, Tempey "Arlene" Webb of Burkburnett; one sister, Edith Gray of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two granddaughters, Barbara Webb of San Antonio, and Brenda Banks of Big Spring; and two great grand-daughters, Angela and Allison Banks of Big Spring.

Emley was preceded in death by her parent's Iva and Bud Queen, one brother, Warren Queen, all of Bovina and another brother, Jed Queen of San Antonio.

Christmas **Card Fund** '97 Total

According to Donna Mitchell, the 1997 Christmas Card Fund collected \$1323.

The money, contributed to First Bank by local residents in lieu of sending Christmas cards, will be divided equally between the Bovina Fire Department and EMS.

Late contributors to the card fund whose names did not appear in the Christmas ad were A. L. and Sue Nuttall and Sherley-Grain.

Mrs. Mitchell and all Bovina volunteers wish to thank the community for their generosity.

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu JAN. 12-16

*MONDAY-Nachos with ground beef, pinto beans, tossed salad and a variety of fresh assorted fruit.
*TUESDAY- Barbecue

franks, cream potatoes, green beans, white bread and a variety of fresh assorted fruit. *WEDNESDAY-Chicken

fried steak, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables, and a variety of fresh assorted fruit.
*THURSDAY- Pizza hut pizza, tossed salad, assorted salad dressing and carrot

*FRIDAY - Frito pie, tossed salad, corn and a variety of fresh assorted fruit.

News Highlights Given For Calendar Year 1997

by BECKY LONDON

News events for 1997 were scanned this week, from the weekly files of the Bovina Blade. Highlights of the news

January
Tory Lynn Snyder, 24, of Friona, remains in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as a result of an apparent January 11 robbery at the west Allsups store in

Will Bell of Bovina was the owner of the Reserve Champion Heifer at the 50th annual Parmer County Junior Livestock

basketball king and queen.

Friona Police arrested Vivian Cisneros, Jr., 24, for the January 11 robbery of the Friona west Allsup's store.

Fillies basketball leaders Bonnie Quintana and Lisa

Hromas were selected as first team all-district players in District 3-2A for the 1996-97 season. All five Fillies starters were selected to all-district status.

In a very tough 3-2A basketball district, juniors Tony Beauchamp and Luke Steelman were selected by coaches to the first team all-district. All five basketball starters from this season return next year.

The Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show's sale amounted to \$85,349, it was announced this week. Of the total, \$53,324 was paid for barrows; \$23,442 for sheep and \$8,583 for steers.

Bobby Ortiz, head coach and athletic director at Bovina High School, was a double winner in the awards presented.

Thursday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. He was honored with the Educator of the Year award and was singled out at the Man of the Year as well.

The 1997 Heritage Award was presented to Alethea Hastings Wilson. Woman of the Year for 1997 was presented to Darlene Miller. Outstanding Youth were Lori Beauchamp Emley Queen Kelley, 82, of Burkburnett died Wednestlast week in Roaring Springs. ey were guests in the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll inson.

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Wichita Falls Hospital.

Graveside services were held Saturday, January 3 in Bovina with her son-in-law Rev. Bob Webb, pastor of Hillside Baptist Church in Electra and the Rev. Bill Banks. grandson-in-law.

April 13 and discovered a nice new snow covering Bovina. Five candidates are seeking the three seats on the board of Aldermen. They are Jedd Steelman, Linda Marshall, Charles Wilkins, Don Bandy and Kevin Hughes.

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May

At the 1997 Senior Prom at the Holiday Inn in Clovis, seniors Jessica Stowers and Jason Kerby were voted as Queen and King of the 1997 Prom.

Local Tejano band Inspriacion won first place, \$500, at Cannon AFB Battle of the Bands, Saturday May 3. All five band members are graduates or soon-to-be graduates of Bovina High School.

Lisa Hromas was named valedictorian of the 1997 class of Bovina High School. Lori Beauchamp was named salutatorian and Minerva Vitolas was named historian. The graduation ceremony was held Friday, May 30.

June

Ryan Bridestine, new coach for Bovina High School, arrived in Bovina recently to assume his coaching duties.

Two Bovina ladies, Libby Holman and Twyla Gallaway,

had an interesting meeting in Clovis on June 11. The expectant mothers checked into hospital early to deliver their second children. Holman welcomed her son on June 11 and Gallaway welcomed her son June 12.

The Bovina Rural Health Clinic announced it will closed on July 18. The clinic, which has been open about eighteen months, is managed by Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital. July

The July 4 celebration was declared a success by many Bovina residents that enjoyed the games, craft booths and food served at the football field. The evening ended with a spectacular fireworks display. Mike Newman has arrived to assume his new coaching and

teaching duties at Bovina High School. August

Jake Ware, 5, was the big winner of the raffle sponsored by the Bovina Junior Rodeo Association. The raffle was for a \$500 gift certificate from Aucutt's General Store in Clovis.

1997 Texas A&M graduate Greg George has joined the Bovina coaching and teaching staff. He married his wife, Kari in July and the two have arrived in Bovina to start the school

Sophia McDaniel Cherry celebrated her 90th birthday August 16. Approximately 55 relatives and friends helped her

The Bovina Church of Christ has a new pastor, Jeff Procter. Charles Wilkins opened Bovina's newest business, Charles Pump, this month.

September Opening the season with a dominating victory over the Anton Bulldogs, some of the veterans got a rest while Coach Ortiz let the younger players get some battlefield experience. The Mustangs rolled to a 48-0 victory.

Joel Lopez of Odessa was hired this month as the newest

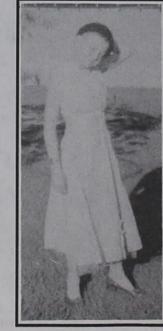
police officer for Bovina. Marcie Guevara and Martin Reyna were crowed as Homecoming King and Queen during homecoming ceremonies held

before the game against Claude. The Mustangs trampled Claude and improved their season record to 3-0. October

Virginia Steele celebrated her 80th birthday with a reception October 11. Arnold Hromas also celebrated his 80th birthday with a reception on October 19.

Flossie Rhinehart was the winner of the annual freeze contest. Bovina's first freeze arrived about 2 a.m. on October

Cross country coach Greg George is proud of his runners who qualified for regional cross country competition in Lubbock. Santiafo Vargas and Martin Reyna will compete in the boys' 3-



I had a dream last night. I dreamed I was a cowboy transvestite, In a littleTexas town. When I rode my horse, Bunny, I sat kinda funny, With my legs up under my gown.

When we loped down the street, I was dressed really neat. The boys all gathered around. They were really surprised And the gleam left their eyes, When the wind blew up my gown.

Happy Birthday Wayne You Sweet Little Thing--From Those Who Love You Anyway

mile cross country. Melissa Cano was district champion in girls' cross sountry, which covers 2 miles.

November

With nothing on the line except pride, the Mustangs re-emerged from a three game slumber to swamp Highland Park by a score of 48-0 last Friday at Mustang Field. The Mustangs' district record of 2-3 left them in fourth place in district 3-2A.

The St. Mary Mobile Clinic came to Bovina this month to offer primary medical services to residents. The mobile clinic plans to come to Bovina every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jessica Stowers was the 1997 Bovina Blade Football

Show held January 16, 17 and 18.

Howard and Hugh Kelso, twin brothers from Bovina and Amarillo celebrated their 91st birthdays on January 26.

February

Jessica Stowers was the 1997 Bound Distriction Contest winner. Her total winnings were \$180.

Bovina and Friona police were busy over the weekend with a vandalism spree that included vehicle burglary, vandalized a vandalism spree that included vehicle burglary, vandalized vehicles, a broken window and spray painting graffitti on cars and houses. Seven Friona juveniles were arrested.

Ethel Johnson celebrated her 90th birthday December 14 with friends and family.

Luke Steelman was a double winner in District 3-2A football. He 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.

Bovina senior Erik Galvan was a unanimous all-district football selection in District 3-2A. Galvan was an offensive guard selected to the district's first team offense. He also earned a spot on the District 3-2A Academic All-District team.



Spring 1998 Registration

January 13 - 23 Classes begin Tuesday, January 20

New Student Orientation, Jan. 14

Alphabetical Schedule

Register according to the first letter of your last name

Continuing Student Registration If you attended CCC in the Fall '97 Semester

Tuesday, January 13 Morning

Willing	
8:10 - 8:45 a.m	U through Z
8:45 - 9:30 a.m	S and T
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	O through R
10:15 - 11 a.m.	A and B
11 - 11:30 a.m.	
Afternoon	
1 - 1:45 p.m	I through I

2:30 - 3 p.m E and F 3 - 3:30 p.m G and H 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Evening Registration A - Z (returning students only)

> All Student Registration Wednesday, January 14

New Student Orientation will be held at the following times 9 a.m. • 10 a.m. • 11 a.m. • Noon 2 p.m. • 3 p.m. • 4 p.m. • 6:15 p.m.

Morning

8:10 - 8:45 a.m. U through Z 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. S and T 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. O through R 10:15 - 11 a.m. I through L 11 - 11:30 a.m. M and N Afternoon 1 - 1:45 p.m. G and H 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. E and F 2:30 - 3 p.m. C and D 3 - 3:30 p.m. A and B 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Evening Registration

Registration for all students will continue until 4 p.m. on Friday, January 23

A - Z (all students)

See Spring 1998 course schedule for more details

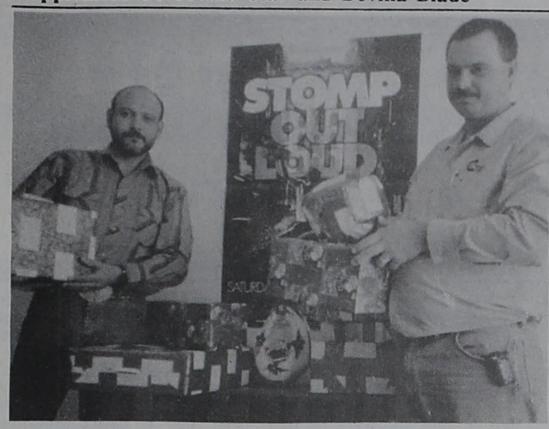
Course schedules are available at the Curry County Chamber, Clovis Carver Library, CAFB Education Office, CCC, and on the CCC Web page, www.clovis.cc.nm.us

The complete list of courses and instructors will run in the Jan. 4, Clovis News Journal.



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Sugar Beet Banquet Scheduled Jan. 17

the latest about sugar beet production and earn two CEUs at the same time by attending the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association annual business meeting at 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 16 at the Hereford Community Center.

The TNMSBGA annual banquet will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 17 at the Hereford School Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Highway, said Kenneth Frye of Hereford, association president.

Frye urged sugar beet growers and those with an interest in adding the cash crop to their grain and/or



KIRSTIN AMUNDSON In 1997, she graduated from Pratt High School. She followed Michael Treadway to Texas. Now she has big trouble.

See Ron Carr's Out Here column for the short story of her mixed up life.

(Ron Carr Photo)

Area farmers can learn cotton rotation to attend the interest to beet producers will business meeting. Two CEUs be discussed at the annual will be available from the meeting." The meeting will feature Texas Agricultural Extension Service. And those attending research reports from Dr.

> Mexico area. "With the availability of Round-Up Ready, Liberty Link and other herbicide resistant sugar beet varieties just over the horizon, that future looks bright," said

will hear various reports on

Frye. "We are excited about the improvements we should see in beet production and quality." "There are also more

efficient irrigation techniques being perfected, along with other methods of obtaining better beet performance. These and other key issues of

Charlie Rush, Dr. Steve the future of beet production Winter and other crop and in the Panhandle, South soil scientists with the Texas Plains and Eastern New Agriculture Experiment Station in Amarillo and Bushland. Jim Gerik, a plant pathologist for Imperial Holly Corp., which operates the Hereford beet processing plant will discuss rhizomania research that should help regional growers become more efficient beet producers.

"Growers will also want to hear a report from Imperial Holly's Kenneth Chambers, who will review the past year's crop, as well as Holly's future plans for improving production in our area," said Tony Brorman of Vega.

Branson Pals' Show & Tell On Tuesday

Those who made the bus trip to Branson, Missouri prior to Christmas sponsored by Friona State Bank are invited to a special meeting on Tuesday, January 13, at the Bank's Community Room, at 2 p.m.

Those travelers who took pictures are invited to bring them, as many may want to secure copies for their scrapbooks.

Bovina's

Stock Show

Lawrence Widner, Bovina ag teacher, announced that the Bovina Stock Show will be held on Thursday, January 15, at the Bovina Show Barn which is located next to the new water tower. Lambs and barrows will

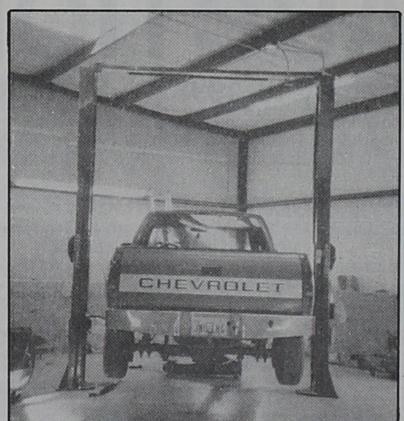
be shown. Tracy Blount, ag teacher at Anton, will be the judge.

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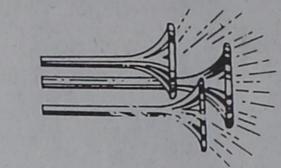
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Out Here



By RON CARR

Kirstin Amundson graduated from Pratt, Kansas, High School, Class of '97.

She was born in Billings, Montana, but her mother and dad moved to Pratt, a small Kansas town of about 7,000 just west of Wichita, when Kirstin was 5-years-old.

Her younger brother Dane was born about that time, but mom and dad divorced later on. Dad moved back to Montana.

Mom remarried a Pratt College basketball coach and had two other children. Kirstin's half-sister Katelyn, 5, and half-brother Wyatt, 3.

Kirstin played basketball and ran track in Pratt middle school. She played in the band from fifth grade until she got to high school, where she says she limited her extra-curricular activities to focus on her studies.

In high school she was a board member of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and was active in a student group organized to welcome and assist foreign exchange students.

Like many other teens, she worked too. At Mc-Donald's, Long John Silver's and the local Holiday Inn.

In spite of a busy schedule of working and studying, she seemed proud of her 3.5 high school grade point average.

Amundson turned 18 and later that month joined her classmates as at last they received their Pratt High diplomas.

If that's all there was to Kirstin Amundson's brief life, it would be a typical middle class all-America story and I wouldn't be writing about it.

Kirstin shared this part of her life with me last week when I visited her in the Parmer County jail over at Farwell. How she got there is darker side.

If you thought her name sounded familiar, here's why.

Her boyfriend, Michael Treadway of Farwell, is in the Curry County jail in Clovis, charged with the murder of Red Prather in Texico, NM, on December 11,

Kirstin Amundson was introduced to marijuana and alcohol when she was 13years-old.

By the time she was a freshman she was "doing some heavy drinking" she

She had fights with a boyfriend that were more than spats. He hit her more than once. Kept her tense and scared until she managed to dump him for good during her sophomore year.

She said she quit drinking for awhile after that, but "smokin' weed" took over.

She described how she had learned the business side of drugs too. How much marijuana you were supposed to get for \$25, what a bag of crack cost, and the difference between speed, crank, and meth, all three of which, I learned, are amphetamines.

She rattled off the list of drugs she has tried: peyote, opium, mushrooms ('shrooms), LSD (acid), heroin, crank, speed, meth, and cocaine. There may have been a few others. I lost track after a

she also maintained a packand-a-half a day Marlboro Red smoking habit

In spite of it all, Kirstin told me that until December 11, 1997, she had "never got in trouble. Not even a traffic

It's not hard to imagine that during her senior year and after graduation, tensions and conflicts started at home with mom and stepdad.

kicked out. But she came

paychecks over to her. By this time she was working for a local telemarketing company selling a long-distance service.

But she lied. With a weekly payday, Kirstin only gave her mother every other paycheck. When mom found out, she got mad and said "I could just get out and support myself and make it on my own."

So she got mad, she cried, she left home, and "stayed on speed for a week."

She shared an apartment with a guy who was an assistant manager where she worked, dragged herself back together, and resumed her were going after cigarettes. telemarketing job.

came to work at the company. She learned that he had been traveling with a carnival, but had been fired and was stranded after the Pratt County Fair had ended. Treadway.

At the invitation of her moved in with him and my purse where I keep 'my Kirstin until he could get stuff'." back on his feet too.

drug pro. In a while, he and Kirstin started a serious relationship.

Kirstin's voice softened as door. she told me about one day in In addition to mixing and downtown Pratt when Mic-On May 9, 1997, Kirstin matching drugs and booze, hael dragged her across Main Street into a jewelry store where he bought her an engagement ring and even a wedding ring for himself.

They moved to a small house, but she got sick and couldn't work. So did he, he said. So he convinced Kirstin that everything would be better in Farwell, Texas.

The day after Thanks-giving, he and Kirstin arrived in Hereford where they spent She moved out once, she only a few days with said, just before she got Treadway's sister. Conflicts drove them on to Farwell, back home, promising her where a Treadway friend, mother she would turn her Billy Joe Galvan, told them

they could stay with him out at his daddy's trailer.

By the first part of December money was tight, so Michael Treadway decided to reactivate his drug contacts and open for business again.

The afternoon of December 11, Treadway, Galvan, and "Big Ron" Armstrong told her they were going to Clovis to some tournaments to sell a few

Kirstin said she was still suffering from flu and stayed in the trailer home. The three came back after awhile, then "B. J. and Big Ron" left again. She thought they

Other friends started Last summer, a new guy driving by telling about all the cop cars over at Prather's place. She said that she and Michael "went to Clovis" to look for B. J. and Big Ron but couldn't find them.

She said Treadway put a His name was Michael lipstick case full of cocaine in her purse for safekeeping.

"I didn't think much of guy roommate, Treadway it", she said. "I just put it in

Back at the trailer, she Treadway was already a went inside while Treadway and others were outside. When Sheriff Rex Williams knocked, she answered the

Seems that B.J. and Big Ron had fingered their buddy Kirstin says she did not lie to Sheriff Williams when he asked if Treadway was inside. She thought he was still outside, unaware he had come in the back door.

She watched as they spread-eagled Treadway on the floor, shackled him, and hauled him away. They took her in for questioning too, found the cocaine, and jailed her for possession and to learn her part, if any, in the murder of Red Prather.

"I didn't know anything about a shooting. I knew there had been a mistake because Michael could not have done it." This slender little blond,

so soon out of high school, sat in her white jail coveralls with a New Testament Bible in the breast pocket. She dropped her eyes for a second, looked up directly at me and said, "I feel so sorry for the Prather family. I pray for them every night."

Her mother, who finally was able to visit her last Saturday, can't afford to pay a lawyer.

Her real dad, in Montana, lives a simple "hermit" life she says, working in a pizza

restaurant and bar. She thinks if she gets out of this Michael as the shooter. mess she will go to Montana

> After Kirstin Amundson's case goes to the grand jury Tuesday, January 13, she will get a court-appointed lawyer.

After that, maybe some luck and God will put her life back on a good track. "My mom and her church in Pratt, the Church of God, have been good to me. They have been sending me cards and bibles and praying for me. I have them on a shelf in my cell to remind me."

After leaving \$5 bucks in Kirstin's commissary ac-count, and saying thanks to Sheriff Williams, I hooked it back to Friona, not sure everything Kirstin told me was the truth, but it doesn't matter. She is a young person who took some wrong turns but is still worth saving.

I hope she gets over the denial and will learn something from this.

I hope she leaves the drugs alone. I hope when she has her 19th birthday on May 9, 1998, she will be celebrating with her daddy and a pizza in Montana.

That's what I hope for Kirstin Amundson, Pratt High School, Class of 197.



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*Oklahoma, which had been known as "Indian Territory," was admitted to the union as the 46th state, during Spring's birth year of 1907.

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A special thanks to the ambulance crew and the Bovina police, you are truley dedicated people. I cannot say enough good for you all, you are the best. We are indeed fortunate to have you.

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(Continued From Page One) They go deep-sea fishing there, and catch a variety of fish, including snapper, flounder, shrimp and oysters.

Spring has also fished recently in Baja California, in the Sea of Cortez which is

the Sea of Cortez, which is between "Baja" and the Mexican mainland. They caught a couple of swordfish, and Frank L. caught a nine-foot long striped marlin on his

birthday.
Frank has always liked to cook, and has had to sharpen his skills in this activity since the death of Ethel Ruth. He prepares fish, chicken, turkey, and eggs in various styles. He also has made homemade bread for a number of years.

"I have eaten "out" only a few times (since his wife's death). I would rather cook for myself," he told us, adding that he tries to eat as much fruit as possible.

Even at age 90, Spring still drives his own vehicle. "I've never had a traffic

ticket. I have been very fortunate," he said.

He pointed out that he recently passed his driving test, so is "legal" to drive through the year 2001. He passed the ave test without passed the eye test without his glasses, so doesn't even have this restriction on his

Frank A. Spring has always been known for his friendly, easy-going nature, and is a gentleman in every way. He is in good health, saying he does as much walking as he can. He said he hasn't had an occasion to use Medicare to any large extent.

"If the doctors were depending on me for their business, they'd be in a bad way," he said with a twinkle in his eye.

Spring's children are Mary Tom Isaac and Frank Lewis Mary Tom is married to

James Isaac. They live in Colorado Springs. James owns the patent on RK-44, an oil additive. Mary Tom Isaac is on the advisory board for the Parks and Recreation Dept. at

Colorado Springs.
Frank L. Spring is an attorney in Albuquerque. His wife Martha is a clinical

psychologist. Frank four grandchildren: Frank A Spring II, Susan, Barry and Tom Isaac. He also has three great-grandchildren, Allie, Tanner and Bradan.

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Political Calendar

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

DISTRICT JUDGE Gordon Houston Green PARMER COUNTY JUDGE Bonnie Clayton (re-election) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

Vi Hutto (re-election) COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2 Tom Ware (re-election)

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HOME VISITING.. Marine Alfonso Perez is in Bovina visiting his parents Benino and Maria Perez and his four little brothers. He has one brother in the Army and a sister who lives in Lubbock. Alfonso is stationed in Florida.

McCains Have First

Daughter

Butch and Betty McCain
of the Los Angeles, California area, have a new baby girl.
She was born November 28,
5:29 p.m. at the UCLA
Hospital in Los Angeles.
The baby was named
Augusta Leslee, and weighed

nine pounds, eight ounces and measured twenty-one inches. This is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Leslie and Rose McCain of Bovina and Eldon Hansen of Wichita,

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of January 11-17, 1998.

Jan 12-Andy Stormes,
Patricia Parsons, Melinda Ramon, Brett Riley.

Jan 13-Sammy Stormes,

Ken Sorley, Hermilia Perez, Elizabeth Serna, Jo Bunch. Jan 15-Julia Leake. Jan 17-Irma Hernandez,

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH....Friona Art Association has named Carol Ellis as the January Artist of the Month. Her oil paintings will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres. Carol enjoys painting florals, landscapes and portraits. She has been painting since she was a teenager and has won many awards for her art work. She is a charter member of Friona Art Association and is also in Clovis Pintores Art League, Muleshoe Art Association and Tri-State Artists.

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The public is invited to view the art in the lobby at Prairie Acres each month.

