

# The Bovina Blade

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Saturday Night



## Mustangs Shut Out 35-0 By Sundown-Need Win Tonight

**BY RON CARR**  
OUCH! The sun went down for Bovina's Mustangs last Friday night. The Sundown Roughnecks pitched a 35-0 shutout at Mustang Field with a combination of speed and power. Coach Scroggins said Sundown had more speed

than any team Bovina had faced this year. "Our offensive line played a good game" Scroggins said. "The problem was our guys would open a hole in the line but Sundown's safety was fast enough to come up and stop us for a 2 or 3 yard gain." The Mustangs managed 84 yards rushing and 38 passing for a season-low total offense of 122 yards.

Bovina punted 8 times for a nice 41-yard average but it was an indication of Sundown's defense. The Roughnecks rolled up 407 yards of offense, by combining 199 yards rushing and 208 passing. They punted only twice.

Sundown scored on a 60-yard first quarter punt return, two runs of 15 and 1 yard, and two touchdown passes of 66 and 42 yards.

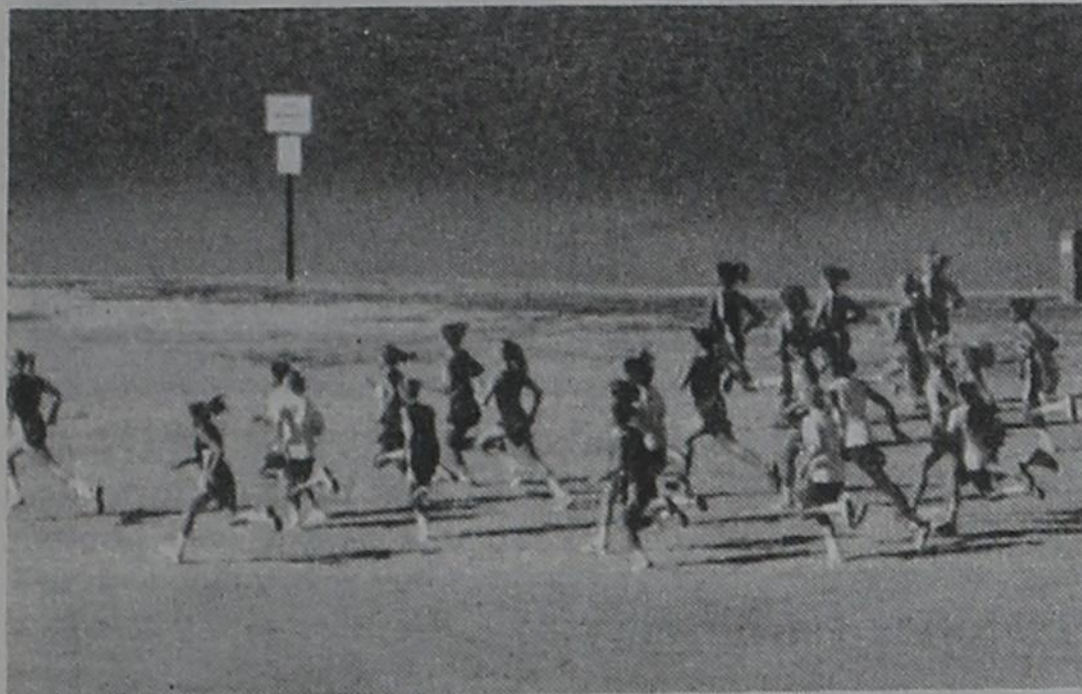
The Mustangs running back duo of Lucas Ramon and Josh Quintana were shut down most of the night. Ramon had 16 carries for 63 yards while Quintana handled the ball 10 times and gained 20 yards. He also had one pass reception for 26 yards.

The next two games, Hale Center at home tonight (Friday, Oct 29) and Farwell there next week are do or die if the Mustangs hope to get into the playoffs.

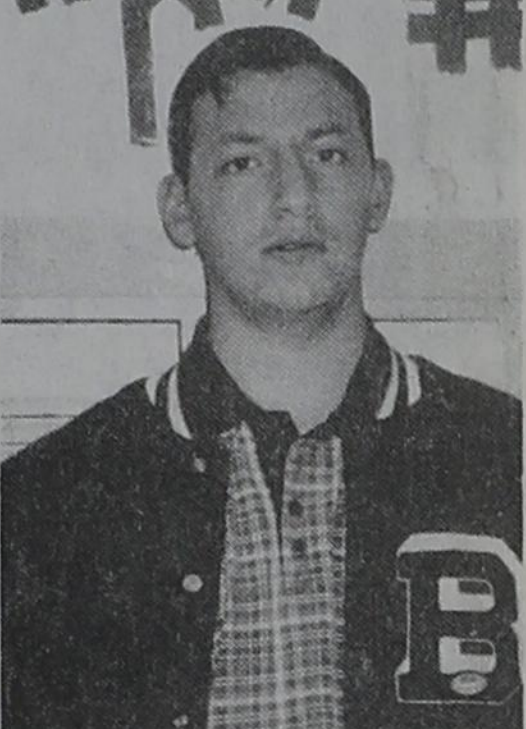
The 'Stangs need to win one of their remaining games to qualify for the playoff round.

Coach Scroggins said Hale Center would offer up two 6-foot-plus wide receivers and a couple of speedy backs to challenge the team tonight.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



**RUNNIN' & RUNNIN'....**Bovina's cross country trio of Marisol Antillon, Christen Stowers and K'Leigh Scroggins lead off at the district meet in Lubbock, top, and are bunched, bottom, during Friona's Tribal Trials.



**ALVARO MARTINEZ**  
Senior Mustang Alvaro Martinez anchors the middle of the Mustang offensive and defensive lines.

## Sudderth & Torres Tie For First Place In Week Eight Contest

In an unusual result, Glenden Sudderth of Bovina and Eufemia Torres of Muleshoe were the only two contestants in Week Eight to pick 12 out of 14 correct.

To determine the winner we utilized the tie-breaker of Dallas 38, Redskins 20. But they were still tied.

Sudderth picked Dallas 19, Skins 18 which was 21 points off. Torres had used Dallas 21, Skins 24 as his tie-breaker guess which was also 21 points off.

So, they split the \$20 first prize and \$10 second prize for a total of \$15 each.

Jerry Sherbon of Bovina was one of 8 players that picked 11 correct. He wins the \$5 third place with a 14 points off tie-breaker.

Others with 11 correct

## Cheerleader Camp Set Nov 2-3

The Bovina High School Cheerleaders will be hosting a cheerleading camp on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2 and 3 from 4-5 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per child ages Pre-K through the 6th grade. Participants will get to cheer at the Pep Rally for the Farwell game.

For more information or to register call Denise Anderson or K'Dawn Scroggins at 238-1317.

and their points off were: Susan Kerby (15); Doyle Garner (17); Walter Kessler (18); Dorothy Stowers (21); Nikki Page (24); Kenny Sherbon (25); Bobby Joe Johnson (25).

The total points race scrambled up after Week Eight as leader Bobby Joe Johnson scored 11 correct to widen his lead to 4 points over second place shared by Jason Kerby, Jan Smith, and A. M. Wilson.

## St. Ann's Turkey Dinner Set For November 7

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual Turkey and Trimmings Dinner on Sunday, November 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The menu will be turkey, dressing, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, relish plate, cranberry sauce, homemade bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under. Take-out plates are also available.

A "Broken Star" quilt, pieced and hand quilted by members of St. Ann's Society, will be raffled off at the dinner. Tickets may be purchased from any St. Ann's member.

Serving will be at St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina.



**SPOOKY SCHOOL....**Skeletons and monsters adorn this door at Bovina's elementary school as the kids get ready for trick or treat night this weekend. ron carr photo

## Halloween Carnival Set For Saturday Night At School

Bovina's annual Halloween carnival is being organized this week.

The carnival is set for Saturday, October 30 and will run from 6-9 p.m. at the school cafeteria and everyone is invited to participate.

The junior class of Bovina High School will operate a bingo game as a class project. They are asking for donations by local businesses and

individuals to use for bingo prizes. Cash donations or other prize items are solicited. See any member of the junior class to help out.

The carnival will feature a haunted house, game booths, contests and prizes.

At press time, Bovina city officials advised that Sunday night would still be official trick or treat Halloween night.

## Parmer County Extension Service Hosts Annual Meeting

The Parmer County Extension Service is hosting their annual meeting on Monday, November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Bovina E.M.S. Building located on 109 S. 3rd St. across from Allsup's.

Reports will be given by the various Extension Committees outlining program progress in 1999. Committees reporting will be the Agriculture Committee, Family and Consumer Sciences Committee, Integrated Pest Management Committee, and the 4-H and Youth Committee.

The keynote speaker will be Dana Porter, District 2 Ag. Engineer-Irrigation specialist. She will be giving an overview of the water situation in Parmer County and water planning activities in the Region to avoid water shortages in the future. Also on hand will be representatives from community water boards to give a report on the water situation in the various communities.

The annual meeting is open to the public. The Extension Office is asking each family attending to bring a covered dish to the meeting. The Parmer County Extension Service will be supplying the meat, drinks, and paper goods.

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Please give the Extension Office a call at (806) 481-3619 by Friday, November 5 of your attendance so their will be plenty of meat on hand for the meal.

## Town Hall Meeting Is November 2

According to City Manager Ed Barrett, on November 2, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., the City of Bovina will conduct a Town Hall Meeting in order to discuss the possibility of Extended Local Calling.

The meeting will be at the Bovina High School cafeteria. It is intended to inform the citizens of Bovina and surrounding areas of the procedures and required action to obtain Extended Local Calling.

Attendees will have the opportunity to voice their recommendations and concerns. The Bovina City Council as well as representatives from the local telephone companies and co-ops will be in attendance to answer questions and listen to the input of attendees.

## AMONG OTHER THINGS

which will happen in the year 2000 is the decennial (every ten years) federal census. Congress passed a law in the late 1780s to do a "head count" of the country's residents.

As every good genealogist knows, the first federal census was taken in the year 1790. The upcoming census will be the 22nd one taken for the nation.

The decennial census also allows Congress to re-apportion its districts in the various states. States such as Texas always gain U.S. representatives after each census.

Unfortunately for folks who live in our area, the Congressional District has been growing after each census, due to the fact that the rural areas aren't growing, or not keeping pace with the metropolitan areas.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander published some interesting figures related to our state's population growth from 1990-2000, and the projected growth for the first decade of the 21st century.

Ye Editor has always taken a particular interest in census figures. Did you know that when Texas joined the union in 1845, its population was less than 200,000 people? And we suppose this includes all of the original state, which now includes most of Oklahoma and New Mexico, as well as a generous chunk of Colorado and smaller pieces of a few other states.

Texas finally passed the million-people mark with the census of 1880, when the count was 1,591,000. When the head count was made at the beginning of this century, 1900, we had grown to 3,048,000 people.

The lowest growth during the 20th century for our state was the 1930s decade, when the Great Depression was still lingering, and many residents, particularly in the Western half of the state, left to seek more promising circumstances.

That decade, the population grew from 5,824,715 in 1930, to just 6,414,824 in 1940.

Ever since 1940, the state has been growing at a rate of approximately 20 per cent. At the last census, in 1990, Texas stood at 16,986,335 people. If the estimate holds true, when the new count is made next April, it will discover 20,497,486 of us Texans.

When it was announced earlier this month that the world's population had hit the six-BILLION mark, some Texas mathematicians came up with interesting ideas.

One said that in spite of the population glut in many countries, you could bring all six billion people to Texas, and each one could occupy 3/4 of an acre! What population glut??

Another quote we heard was that there would be room in Texas for all 6 million world inhabitants, and that each could live in a house with 1500 square feet.

There is a lot of land from Abilene to El Paso, to Laredo and back to Abilene where mostly jackrabbits and prairie dogs live.

True to form, the estimate for the state's main population growth for the next ten years is for it to be centered in the state's five largest metropolitan areas. So this area we mentioned will continue to be people-challenged.

In 2000, Houston is projected to have 4,016,925 residents. The Dallas area is pegged at 3,477,318; Ft. Worth-Arlington will hit 1,845,025; San Antonio will count 1,571,623, and Austin-San Marcos will top out at 1,068,804 souls.

While all of these are expected to grow by at least 20% during the next decade, the Ellises plan to just stay in Parmer County.

I'm a lot like my great uncle Jim Ellis. When the population of Montague County neared 1,000 in the 1880s, he loaded up his family and set out for Oregon. We Ellises never have wanted to be overcrowded.

## Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



**THE BIG UH-OH!....**Friends and family of Daryl Kirkpatrick gathered quietly at Sherley Grain Elevators to spring a big SUPRISE party for his 50th birthday. ron carr photo



**TYSON TOSSES....** Mustang quarterback Tyson Kerby (5) tries a pass against Sundown. Also shown are Yancy Graves (75) and Joe Olvera (64). ron carr photo



**MARISOL FINISHES FIRST.....**At the Friona Tribal Trials, Marisol Antillon finished first on the Bovina team. Shown in the background is Christen Stowers. ron carr photo

## BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 4, 1959

A grain truck driver miraculously escaped serious injury last Tuesday night when his vehicle ran off a rural road and overturned in a milo field.

What would have been the "burglary of the year" if the culprit had gotten away with it was pulled in Farwell Wednesday night. A daring (and drunk) Latin American from Amarillo bashed a restroom window in the county courthouse, crawled through, and helped himself

to a looting of every official's office on the first floor.

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35 Yrs. Ago--Oct. 28, 1964

A new winner came to the front in last week's Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest. Darrel Read took the \$5 first prize.

Mrs. Jeanne Kerby will join the Blade as a newswriter at the end of this week.

An election night party has been slated by Young Democrats of Farmer and Bailey County Electric Co-op in Muleshoe and will begin

when the polls close at 7.

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30 Yrs. Ago--Oct. 29, 1969

Rev. Charles McCause is the new pastor of Pentecostal Holiness Church in Bovina. He and his family moved here Saturday from Guymon, Oklahoma.

Nearly four inches of rain have drenched the Bovina area within the past week, completely paralyzing farming operations. It came at the peak of harvest season, one of the most important times of the year, agriculture-wise.

Burglary of the office of Justice of the Peace Wilbur Charles is under investigation by county and city law enforcement officers.

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25 Yrs. Ago--Oct. 30, 1974

Nearly four inches of rain, accompanied by hail, fog and chilly temperatures, have drenched the Bovina area within the last week, completely paralyzing farming operations. It came at the peak of the corn harvest and practically before farmers could harvest any of the '74 milo crop.

Among the 150 New Mexico Military Institute students promoted in cadet rank during the first two months of the 1974-75 school year were Cadet Corporal Bryan Fillpot and Private First Class Bruce Fillpot. Bryan was promoted from private to corporal with Bruce promoted from private to private first class.

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20 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 5, 1979

The first taste of winter hit the Bovina area when a cold front triggered first thundershowers and a snowfall.

The City of Bovina announced recently the hiring of a new Deputy Marshal, Paul Hughes, 22, who began working this week.

Margarita Espinoza's mother, Mrs. Blasa Reyes, 62, was killed in a two car accident near Kermit.

Darlene Caldwell won first place in the eighth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

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15 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 7, 1984

Burglaries committed at the Bovina Supermarket amounted to \$1,200 in damages as burglars looked for valuables.

Dorothy Harris was the first place winner in the football contest.

Residents were casting votes for the presidential election at the Legion Hall this week.

Concerned citizens met this week to discuss ways to prevent further problems with break-ins.

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10 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 1, 1989

Sometime Friday night following the football game, the school was broken into.

A candy machine was damaged, a microscope was taken, and \$5 cash was taken.

Manuel Porras and Tonia Chisom were crowned Football King and Queen at halftime at the football game.

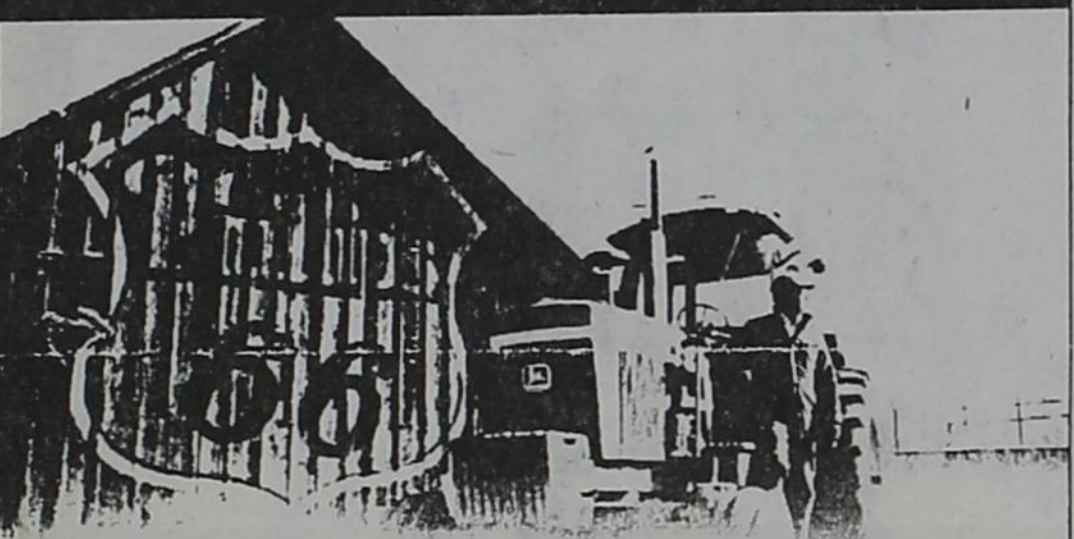
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5 Yrs. Ago--Oct. 29, 1994

Maudie Primrose celebrated her 95th birthday with a party held at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church on Sunday, October 23. About 80 people attended the celebration.

The Junior Varsity put together another good game Thursday night in defeating the Morton Indians 22-8.

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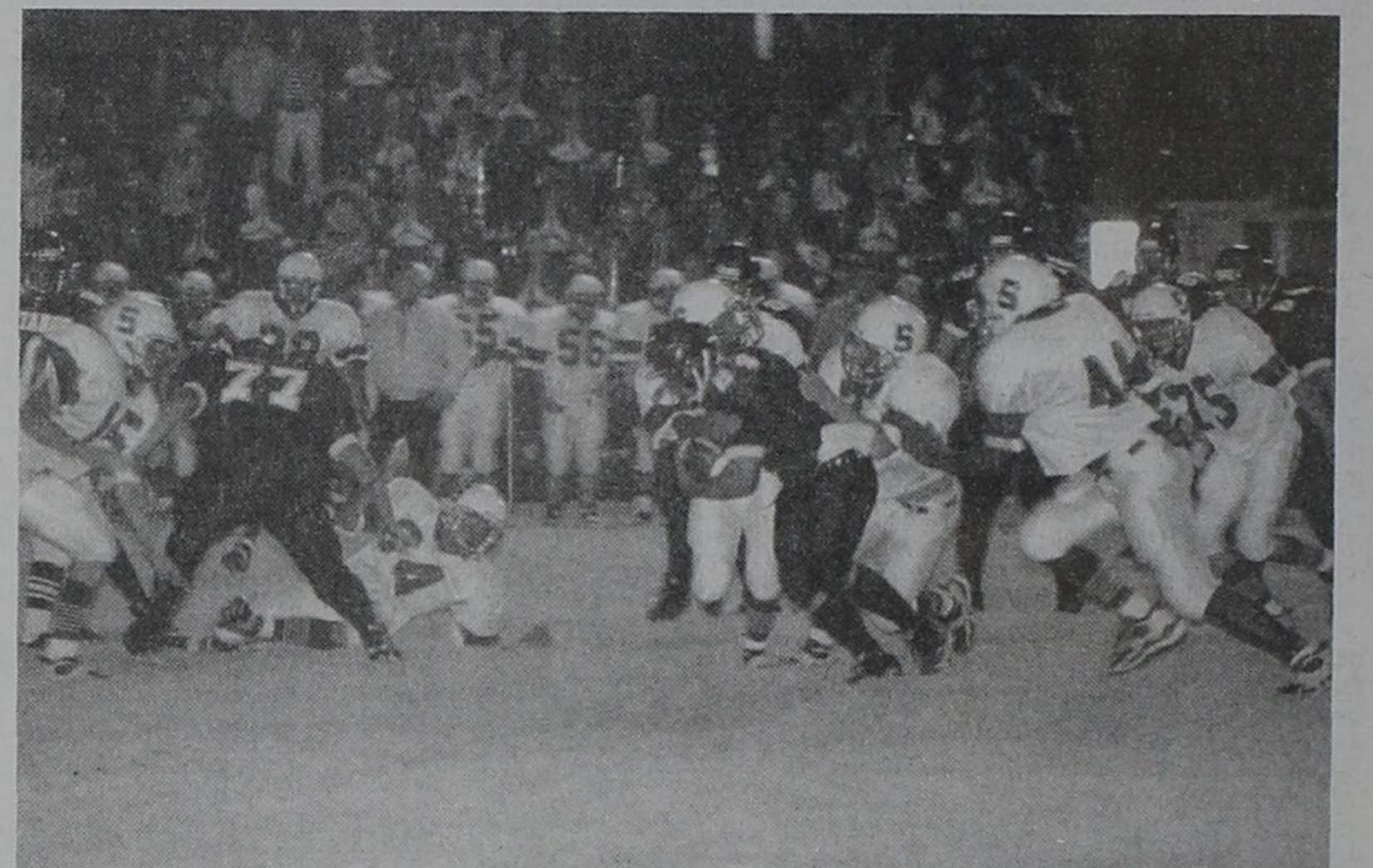
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**MOBBED BY ROUGHNECKS...**Lucas Ramos (24) is surrounded by Sundown's quick defense. Helping at left is Miguel Hernandez (77). ron carr photo

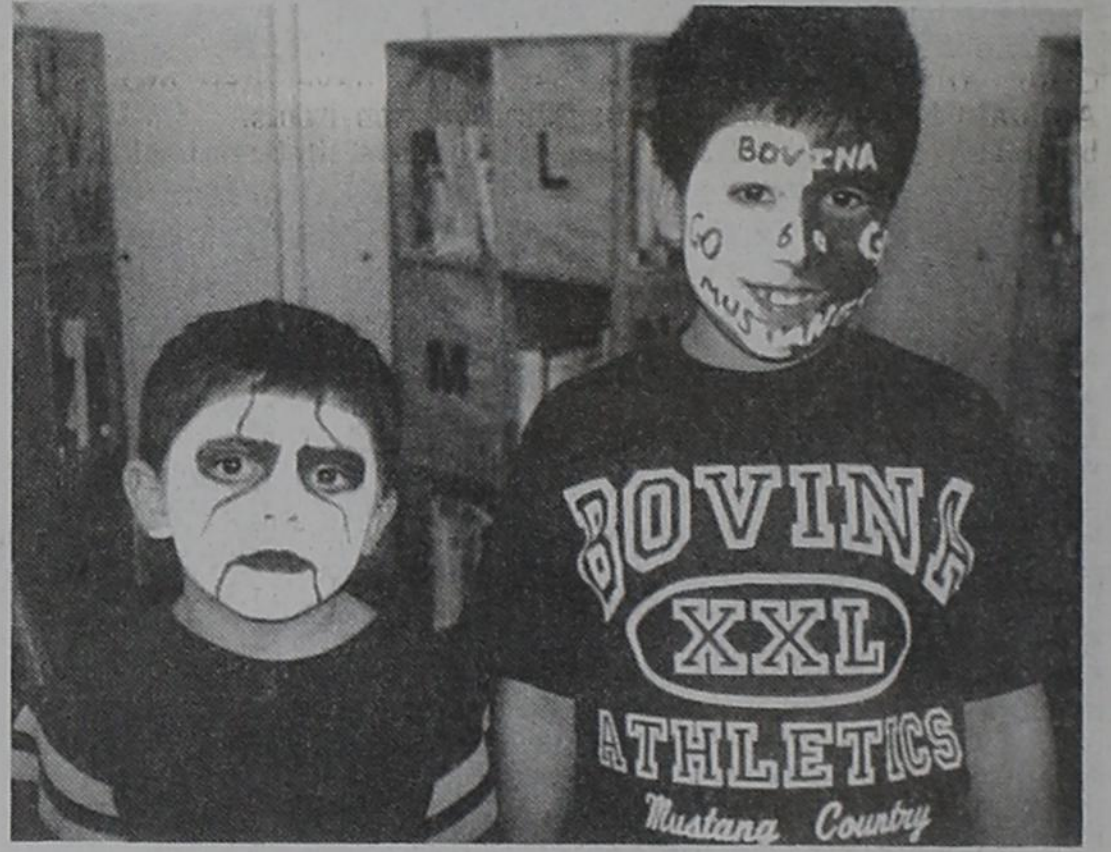
### MHMR Cites Rhonda Wilkins

Rhonda Wilkins served on the Public Responsibility Committee of Central Plains Center MHMR for a number of years.

This committee provided oversight and follow up when needed to assure that the rights of individuals with mental illness and/or mental retardation were protected.

The Board of Trustees of Central Plains Center wishes to publicly acknowledge her contribution to the service of others.

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**GO MUSTANGS....**These two guys are Mustangs fans. They were actually painted up back during Homecoming spirit week.

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# Out Here

By Ron Carr

"Eggs for sale! www.ronsangels.com"



It is not easy today being a computer idiot.

Especially in these super-modern times of e-buying, dot-coms, and instant stock transactions.

We are not in the "modern era" any longer. The modern era was electricity, indoor plumbing, and Hydromatic transmissions.

The "modern era" was color TV, VCRs, and touch-tone phones.

We have rocketed past the "modern era" into the "technology at warp speed" era. Experts call it the post-modern era. I think it is at least two posts beyond that.

Whatever you call it, it left me behind long ago. I'm sitting in the slow lane watching technology's tail-lights disappear into faraway horizons.

Yes, I have a computer at home. No, it is not connected to the Internet or the World Wide Web. It is connected to an Ink-Jet printer that does not work and quite frankly I have been too lazy to fix it.

My having-too-much-fun-to-get-married kids in Dallas, Kirsten and Casey, are always after me to hook-up to "the Net" so they can send me some E-mails.

I have tried to tell them in a nice way that I am not especially anxious to hear from them that often. And besides I enjoy actually hearing their voices on the telephone.

When I come home and

## Christmas Bazaar In Muleshoe

The Moonlight Extension Club announces its 21st Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held November 12 and 13 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until November 1. To request an application form contact: Linda Huckaby, 902 West 8th Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

don't have any messages on my ancient answering machine I get depressed enough. Imagine how I would feel having an E-mail address and nobody ever wrote.

I have never browsed the Web or perused the Net. People are always giving me stuff to read that they got off the Internet.

"Hey, read 'dis. A friend of mine in Milwaukee got it from the valet parking attendant at his country club. It's really funny." Most of the time, it isn't as funny as they think.

I have noticed several small town weekly newspaper columnists, who used to write some good original stuff, are starting to take articles off the Net and use them as a column more and more often.

I hope they keep using those "Internet columns." It cuts down on the column writing competition.

There seems to be an explosion of what they are calling "e-commerce." Shopping through your computer. Or those auction sites where you can bid on all sorts of items without leaving the house.

Personally I think an auction is not an auction without being able to watch the other people who are bidding or listening to John Tannahill's rat-a-tat auction spiel.

What E-commerce does for many people is to allow them to travel all around the country buying stuff without ever leaving the house.

People are in a tizzy over Amazon.com which does not sell spears, snake bite serum or shrunken heads. They started out selling books. Now they sell a lot of other stuff and have their own on-line auction items.

Being a lifetime book nut, I had much rather drive to Amarillo and spend most of a day at Barnes & Noble out there on Sony. I want to walk up and down the aisles, pick 'em up and put 'em down. Not to mention the smells from B&N's coffee bar wafting through the building. You can buy prescription

drugs, automobiles, furniture and even groceries from your computer. Still haven't figured out how they can ship milk and ice cream from some place in New Jersey without it spoiling enroute.

Now comes a Website called www.ronsangels.com. The name is a coincidence. Ronsangels has nothing to do with me. It's about selling eggs.

The idea behind the site is that if a married couple takes a look in the mirror and decides that their odds of having a pretty kid are about the same as finding an honest politician, then they can bid on some eggs from a gorgeous female model.

The site has pictures of some really pretty women who are trying to make some college money by selling their fertile baby-making eggs to the highest bidder.

One bid was reported to be \$42,000. Ron Harris, the site's founder, said that there have been over 5 million hits on the site and so far there have been at least 3 bids. Five million shoppers and three sales? Doesn't seem to be a potential money-maker business.

Let's not kid okay? Those 5 million hits were made by 4,999,997 men that wanted to look at the women models.

I don't blame a pretty girl for using her beauty for profit. What needs to be determined is this:

If we buy some eggs, have the kid and it is ugly, do we get our money back? Can a court decide what is ugly and what is pretty? Democrats think they can.

What if our kid looks fabulous and has the IQ of a styrofoam cup. Is there any adjustment in the price of our eggs?

Worse yet. What if the kid looks just like that pretty model we bought the eggs from except that he is a boy. Better call a family meeting and ask the preacher to come over too.

Until this modern egg-market became an issue, I did not realize there was a profession called bioethicist. I've seen several bioethicists on TV news programs talking

about the ethics and potential biological danger of expecting pretty babies and getting ugly ones.

If this catches on, can human cloning be far behind. Right now, human cloning is not legal but you can bet there are evil little scientists in obscure laboratories just cloning away.

Messing with nature and biology is a bad thing. But there will always be people who will mess with nature and everything else. Like the Democrats.

Excuse me while I use my digital mini-browser web phone (the smallest phone in America) and call my kids.

I need to tell them that they are all really pretty and that I love them very much.

My kids are so pretty I thought about selling some eggs myself but I think the old hen has quit laying.

## Clinic Set Nov. 17 In Friona

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on November 17.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointments only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.



## Letter To The Editor



Bill Ellis  
Publisher  
Friona Star/Bovina Blade

Dear Mr. Ellis:  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the blood program and to let you know how important your blood drives are to the Panhandle's blood supply.

During the past fiscal year, the volunteer donors in your community donated 219 pints of blood at nine blood drives. Your donors helped people they did not even know have another birthday, celebrate another anniversary and see another sunset by ensuring that the gift of life was there when needed.

There is no substitute for human blood. Despite periodic reports to the contrary, it can't be duplicated, manufactured or extracted from any other source but volunteer donors.

More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in our Panhandle community. Fewer people are giving blood than ever, yet the demand is increasing. With our goal for this fiscal year to collect 27,000 units and the trend of decreasing donors, we hope you understand why your blood drives are so critical to the patients who need blood every day.

In response to our donors' needs, we have added Saturday hours and started taking appointments to make it more convenient for them to donate. If I can provide any additional information about the Blood Center or answer any questions, please call me at 358-4563.

Again, our deepest thanks for supporting this lifesaving program.

Sincerely,  
John T. Guthrie  
President

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# Cotton

## News from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Senate approval of the FY2000 Agricultural Appropriations Bill and attached Emergency Relief Package was good news for U.S. cotton producers.

Across the Cotton Belt producers trying to piece together a survival strategy in the face of weak demand and prices for a constantly declining 1999 cotton crop have been looking for help from some quarter and it now appears that is on the way.

The Senate's 74-26 vote to approve the Conference Report cleared the second of three hurdles that have to be crossed. All that remains is the President's signature to make the relief package a reality and start the process of delivering a much needed boost to U.S. agriculture.

Key components of the package include \$1.2 billion disaster assistance to be delivered in a method similar to the 1998 Single-year disaster assistance program; \$5.54 billion for issuance of a supplemental Ag Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment equal to 100 percent of the 1999 AMTA payment rate; \$400 million for crop year 2000 crop insurance premium subsidies; funding for reinstatement of the cotton Step 2 competitiveness provisions with technical adjustments; \$75 million for direct payments to soybean and minor oilseeds producers; \$325 million in assistance to dairy and livestock producers; permanent authority for availability of advance AMTA payments and permanent authority of issuance of generic commodity certificates.

Producers will probably see the first phase of the Emergency Assistance package within a few days of President Clinton's signing of the Bill. There has been no indication that the Administration intends to veto the legislation even though they may not fully agree with the mechanisms provided for delivery.

As of this writing the President had not signed the Bill. Any further delay in the signing of this legislation will only serve to delay receipt of emergency assistance to producers and could also cost producers export marketing opportunities.

Agriculture depended heavily on a handful of key supporters during development of the Emergency Relief Package and producers are encouraged to relay their thanks and kudos to Congressmen Larry Combest, Charles Stenholm and Henry Bonilla as well as Senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran and their staff members.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest gained House approval of his earlier promise to deliver a crop insurance reform package in 1999. The Combest Bill proposes many important changes to the current system including the addition of some \$6 billion and additional funds allocated for crop insurance in the last budget agreement.

The Combest plan would allocate the bulk of the additional funds to making permanent the 30 percent additional premium subsidy introduced as part of the 1998 Crop Loss Assistance Programs.

The remainder of the funds would be used to implement a host of changes to the program including APH adjustments; re-rating and eliminating the disparity between cotton rates and the rates paid by other commodities; elimination of the "Black Dirt" policy for prevented planting claims and providing producers the flexibility to eliminate unwanted policy options in order to further reduce insurance costs; implementation of discounts for technology improvements and good experience; reduction in the fees paid to companies and agents for delivery and underwriting of CAT program; provisions to protect

producers against price and income loss as well as beefed up compliance processes and inclusion of Farm Service Agency in monitoring program implementation.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Richard Lugar (R-IN) is currently proposing a very different reform package and much work will be required to bring the two viewpoints together.

There is hope however, that the Senate will go ahead and at least pass some type of bill so that the issues can be taken up by a conference committee and the additional money earmarked for crop insurance can be utilized and made a part of the baseline funding for the program.

### Hospice Sets Open House

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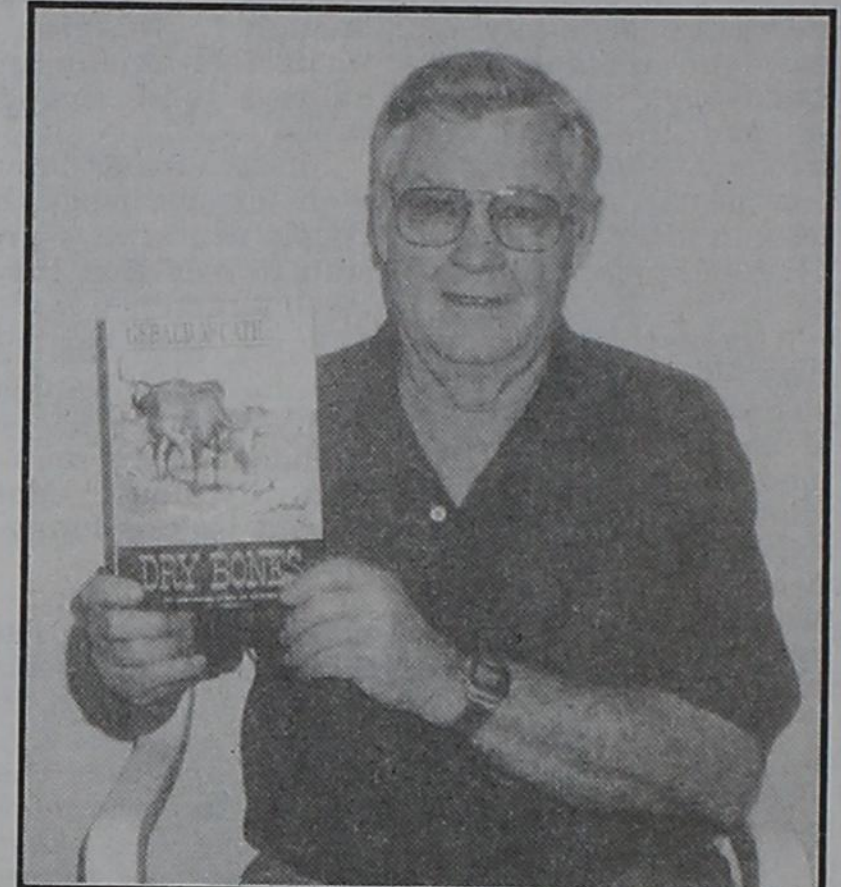
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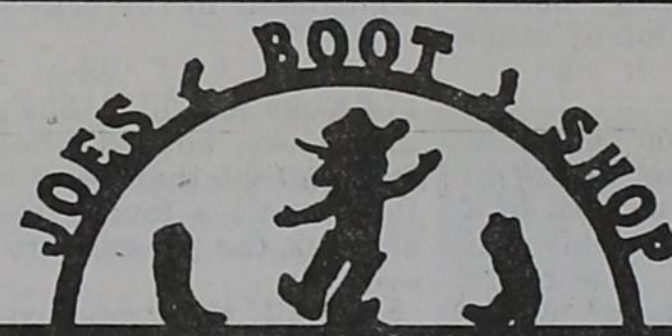


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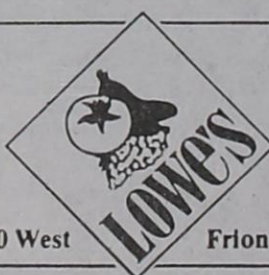
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Total points accumulated by football contest players that submitted an entry in Week Eight.

There are five weeks left in the contest. The grand prize of \$150 will be presented to the total points leader at the end of the contest season.

- 99-Mark Zachary
- 98-Cindy Carthel
- 97-Jon Field, Mal Manchee, Raul Santillan
- 96-Mark Neill, Thomas Reed
- 95-Courtney Carthel, Jerry Hinkle, Enrique Rodriguez, Don Max Vars
- 94-Rusty McFarland, Lisa Reed
- 93-Landon Martin, Mac McFarland, Glen Morton
- 92-Scottie Brown, Colby Carthel, Dean Sasser
- 91-Shirley Steinbock, Veca White, Bobby Wied
- 90-Wayne Amstutz, Scott Brown, Mitch Smiley, Max Steinbock, Jimmy Walker, Kevin Wiseman
- 89-Andy Carthel, Carroll Cook, Roger Fields, Mike Hutson, Dana Jameson, Myrtle Melton, Larry Rogers
- 88-Raul Brailiff, Danny Guerra Sr., Jim Johnston, Clint Mears
- 87-John Crozier, Tim Elmore, Eddie Gauna, Jennifer Gonzalez, Mark Walker
- 86-Claire Brown, Tyson Neill
- 85-Jayson Blouch, Raymond Diaz, Joy Morton
- 84-Lana Bracken, Wayne Granko, Ron Smiley
- 83-Shirley Fangman, Teddy Fangman, Donita Martin, Randall Roberson, Rodney Shelby, Francisco Torres, Casey Williams
- 82-Jo Blackwell, Mickey Pena
- 81-Ronald Diaz, Scott Fangman, Daniel Hernandez, Sally Puttman, Eufemia Torres
- 80-Hoon Bros
- 79-Steve Gartin, Don Spring
- 78-Juan Hernandez, Ernest Mills, Andy Stormes
- 77-Dario Hernandez, Ray Stanley
- 76-Cody Bracken, Carmella Hernandez
- 74-Rhonda Crozier, Celia Loflin, Martha Rodriguez
- 73-Martha Clements, Richard Dickson, Ben Weatherly
- 71-Charla Chesher, Harroll Redwine, Leslee Redwine, Leola Summerlin
- 64-Jared Boyd, Joseph Ryan
- 60-Paul Ortiz
- 59-Raymond Delgado, Larry Johnston, David Woody
- 52-Dennis Field

~Bovina~

Here are the accumulated points of all football contest players that submitted an entry in Week Eight.

There are five more contests to play and the grand prize of \$150 will be awarded to the contestant with the highest point total.

- 79-Bobby Joe Johnson
- 75-Jason Kerby, Jan Smith, A.M. Wilson
- 74-Jeanne Kerby
- 73-Matt Hromas, Jerry Roach, Scott Sudderth, Frances Willard
- 72-Doyle Garner
- 71-Blake Clement, Gilda Garner, Danny Harris, Frances Johnson, Christen Stowers, Roy Lee Stowers, Del Ray Sudderth, Glenden Sudderth
- 70-Susan Kerby, Kenny Sherbon, Eufemia Torres
- 69-Denise Anderson, Al Kerby Jr., Walter Kessler, Travis Lockmiller, Nikki Page, Aubrey Parson, Virginia Steele, Janie Sudderth
- 68-Adam Mejia
- 67-Zane Anderson, Curtis Drager, Frank Gonzalez, Jr., Dorothy Harris, Daniel Hernandez, Josh Kerby, Janie Sherbon, Don Spring, Dorothy Stowers, Linda Sudderth
- 66-Jo Blackwell, Blake Sudderth, Francisco Torres
- 65-Cameron Charles, Tyson Kerby
- 64-Doug Johnson, Jerry Sherbon
- 63-Peggy Hargrove, Jamie McNeely, Bruce Scroggins
- 62-Sally Gonzalez, Darren Hromas
- 61-Billy Sherbon
- 59-Jeff Procter
- 58-Dean Stanberry
- 56-Oakley Stevenson
- 55-Melanie Stanberry
- 52-Cody Jamerson
- 46-Jimmy Harris, Flossie Rhinehart
- 35-Jeff Neal
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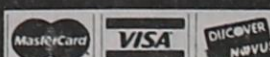
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# SWCD Supports Producers In Protecting Rangeland

Directors representing Texas' 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) at their 59th annual meeting on Tuesday put their support behind agricultural producers in the Texas Panhandle who want some type of regulated control of the black-tailed prairie dog population.

"That large concentrations of these animals can compete with livestock or damage cultivated crops cannot be questioned," said Eddie Harlan of Skellytown, member of the Hutchinson SWCD. "Therefore it is very important that an effective and comprehensive plan for controlling these animals be devised," he said.

Prairie dogs are somewhat large, ground-dwelling squirrels now found mainly in the Panhandle of Texas. They live in colonies or "towns" that vary in size from a few animals to thousands of individuals. Prairie dogs favor short-grass prairies to build their homes, which are composed of a system of burrows 7-10 centimeters in diameter stretching 2-5 meters below the ground.

Prairie dogs construct crater-like mounds, often 30 centimeters high, of packed

soil around the entrance to their burrows to protect the burrows from floods and to serve as lookout posts. Their primary food sources are low-growing grasses and weeds.

During the meeting SWCD directors voted in favor of a resolution sponsored by the Hutchinson SWCD that seeks to form a plan of action with appropriate state and federal agencies for controlling the animals and for making sure they are not considered as a candidate for the endangered species list.

Approximately 600 SWCD directors representing the state's 216 SWCDs and other conservation leaders attended the 59th Annual State Meeting of District Directors held October 18-20 in Lubbock.

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## SAMPLE BALLOT

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(Condado de) PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS	NOVEMBER 2, 1999	(2 de noviembre de 1999)
<b>INSTRUCTION NOTE:</b> Darken in the oval provided to the left of the statement indicating the way you desire to vote. Use only the marker provided. <b>(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION):</b> Llene completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere votar. Solamente use el marcador provisto.)	<b>No. 4 (Num. 4)</b> "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation." ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura la exencion de impuestos al valor sobre las propiedades que pertenezcan a instituciones dedicadas principalmente al bien publico.")	<b>No. 8 (Num. 8)</b> "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor." ("La enmienda constitucional que establece que el adjunto principal (Adjutant General) disponga de su cargo a discrecion y segun la voluntad del gobernador.")
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<b>No. 3 (Num. 3)</b> "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution." ("La enmienda constitucional para eliminar las disposiciones de la Constitucion de Texas que sean repetitivas, obsoletas, arcaicas, o que ya hayan sido ejecutadas o carezcan de vigor.")	<input type="checkbox"/> For (A Favor) <input type="checkbox"/> Against (En Contra)	<input type="checkbox"/> For (A Favor) <input type="checkbox"/> Against (En Contra)
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<b>No. 5 (Num. 5)</b> "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town or other local governmental district." ("La enmienda constitucional que permite que los empleados del estado reciban pagos por desempeñar cargos como miembros de un consejo directivo en un distrito escolar, municipal, u otra entidad gubernamental local.")	<input type="checkbox"/> For (A Favor) <input type="checkbox"/> Against (En Contra)	<input type="checkbox"/> For (A Favor) <input type="checkbox"/> Against (En Contra)
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<b>No. 7 (Num. 7)</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance." ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza la retencion forzosa del salario para hacer valer un fallo judicial relativo al derecho de alimentos del conyuge.")	<input type="checkbox"/> For (A Favor) <input type="checkbox"/> Against (En Contra)	<input type="checkbox"/> For (A Favor) <input type="checkbox"/> Against (En Contra)

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"The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."  
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"The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."  
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**No. 14 (Num. 14)**  
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more members."  
("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a establecer que las juntas directivas estatales, comisiones u otras agencias tengan consejos directivos de numero impar y de por lo menos tres miembros.")

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**No. 17 (Num. 17)**  
"The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."  
("La enmienda constitucional relativa a las inversiones del fondo universitario permanente y las distribuciones del fondo universitario permanente al fondo disponible universitario.")

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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.

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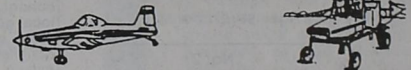


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