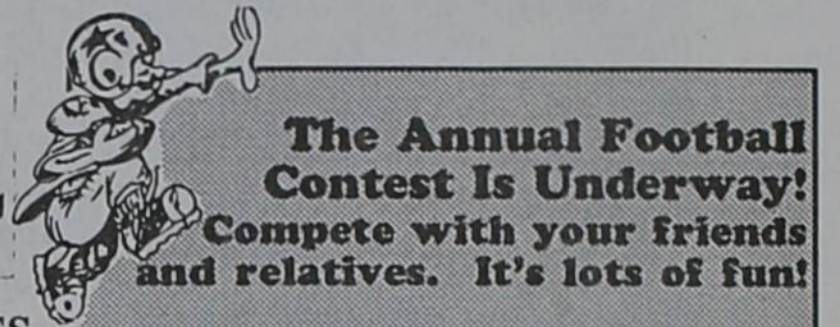


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TEN PAGES



## Tyson Kerby Wins First Contest With Tie-Breaker

BY RON CARR

The first one is always the hardest. Your guessing skills are rusty and you haven't paid much attention to football since last year.

A lot of blind luck and wild guesses went into the picks for Week One. Might be time to pull out your football magazines and watch the sports pages to sharpen your football knowledge.

First off, you got a free game in Week One. Our experienced game selector, Bill Ellis, listed Farwell vs. Petersburg in the first contest and of course they do not play until this week.

When we list a game that is not played, everybody gets credit for the game. Hopefully it won't happen again this year but I wouldn't bet on it.

Two contestants picked 12 correct games in Week One.

A lot of others managed to get 11 or 10 correct but Tyson Kerby and Aubrey Parson each had 12.

Using the Friona 6, Guymon 21, tie-breaker, Tyson was closest with 22 points off so he takes the first \$20 prize. Aubrey's tie guess was 31 points off. He banks the \$10 second place money. Tyson is in college and Aubrey has a new baby so guess they can put the money to good use.

Out of the contestants with 11 correct guesses, another Kerby, BHS junior Josh Kerby, and Eufemia Torres of Muleshoe tied on the low tie-breaker. Each of them were 18 points off and so our prize committee, in its great generosity, gave Josh and Eufemia \$5 each instead of making them split the \$5 third prize.

Somehow we just couldn't

bring ourselves to send out a check for \$2.50. Wouldn't want to look any cheaper, you know.

We had a record number of entries during this Week One contest. It was good to see many familiar names entering again this year and quite a few newcomers too.

Remember, you can fax your entry to 806-250-5127, mail it, or drop it off at Dorothy's beauty shop. This is the fax number in Friona but it is still a valid number for Bovina entries. Just make sure your entry is in by the 5 p.m. Friday deadline.

Thanks again to all who play our contest. Don't get discouraged and don't drop out. In 12 weeks we will be giving one player the \$150 grand prize. Might as well be you!

Good luck and good pickin'!



TAKING THE FIELD for the first time in 2001, the Mustangs are led on the field by the cheerleaders to a rousing ovation from Mustang fans. ron carr photo



PARMER COUNTY TAKES PRIDE IN HERITAGE ESTATES AND PRAIRIE ACRES IN FRIONA. COME CELEBRATE AT THE OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2:30-4 P.M.

## Prairie Acres To Celebrate 25th Anniversary Sunday

Prairie Acres Nursing Home will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary in Friona with an open house on Friday afternoon, September

9, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. with a church service immediately following from 4 to 5 p.m.

An outdoor tent will be provided for entertainment and church service.

WHILE ENJOYING an early morning breakfast in a north Texas Panhandle cafe, four elderly ranchers were discussing everything from cattle, horses, and weather, to how things used to be in the "good old days."

Eventually the conversation moved on to their spouses. One gentleman turned to the fellow on his right and asked, "Roy, ain't you and yore bride celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary party soon?"

"Yup, we sure are," Roy replied.

"Well are you gonna do anything special to celebrate?" another fellow asked.

The old gentleman pondered this for a moment, then replied, "For our 25th anniversary, I took the missus on a trip to El Paso. For our 50th, I'm thinkin' about goin' on down there again to pick her up."

You know you're getting old when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

There are three signs of old age. The first is your loss of memory. I forget the other two. It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything. You wonder how you could be over the hill, when you can't remember being on top of it.

You know you're losing it when you find yourself in the middle of the stairway, and you can't remember if you were downstairs going up or upstairs going down.

You're getting marvelously mature when you try to straighten out the wrinkles in your pantyhose and discover you aren't wearing any.

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. When your back goes out, you stay home anyway.

Statistics show that at the age of seventy, there are five women to every man. That's a terrible time for a guy to end up with odds like that, but the little old ladies sure do enjoy spoiling them rotten.

You are approaching old age when you are cautioned to slow down by your doctor rather than the police.

You know you are in that stage between middle and old age, when caution is the only thing you care to exercise, and your idea of weight lifting is simply standing up.

At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you aren't even eating cereal.

You're getting up there age-wise when you wake up with that 'morning after' feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before. But anyway, your idea of a 'night out' is sitting out on the patio, and happy hour is a nap.

One sign of approaching 'golden oldie' time, is when work is a lot less fun---and fun is a lot more work, and it takes longer to rest up than it did to get tired.

One thing's for sure...the aging process could be slowed down a lot if it had to work its way through Congress.

My Turn  
by Carol Ellis



Entertainment will begin at 2:45 p.m. and will feature music by Janet Rector Deaton and by Allison Johnston's Youth Choir. A special guest speaker will be Gary Smith from Spearman, who is a former Friona resident and former minister of the local Congregational Church.

Refreshments for the event will be provided by the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

Tours and displays will be available for viewing at both Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates. Displays are to be provided by: Carol Ellis, oil paintings; Allo Reeve, bride dolls; Roger Nelson, miniature John Deere tractor collection; Jacquelyn Ryan, antique salt and pepper shakers; and quilts will be displayed by Ada Bett Smith, Donna Schueler, Carol McIntosh, Minnie Kelso, and Betty Reeve.

The public is invited to come out and celebrate with the staff and residents of Prairie Acres.

## Week Of Prayer Starts Wed.

Communities for Christ will kick off a week of prayer in Bovina Wednesday, September 12. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is encouraged to meet nightly at the Bovina school at 7 p.m.

People will walk and pray silently around the school grounds, increasing by a lap each night.

On the seventh night, Tuesday, August 18, walkers will make seven laps around the campus. A rally for "See You At The Pole" will then take place at the City Park.

Wednesday, September 19, at 7 a.m. students will gather at the school's flag pole for prayer. Refreshments and breakfast items will be available.

## Mustangs Lose To NM Champs

For three quarters, the young, untested Bovina Mustangs played head to head with New Mexico's 1A state champion Hagerman Bobcats.

Thanks to inspired play by the Mustangs defense and a couple of long TD runs by Mustang sophomore Johnathan Chisom, the score was tied at halftime 14-14.

The Mustangs had fallen behind 14-0 in the first quarter. Chisom sparked the scoring in the second quarter with an up-the-middle hand-off that he turned into a 60-yard touchdown.

On the ensuing drive by Hagerman, David DeLaRosa delivered a crushing mid-thigh tackle on the Hagerman quarterback, causing a fumble in the backfield. Chisom scooped up the ball on the run and turned in a 56 yard run for the score.

Rene Flores added both extra points. Chisom finished the night with 77 yards on 7 carries in his varsity debut.

The Mustangs held the Bobcats to six points in the third quarter. Behind only 20-14 as the fourth quarter began, the Mustangs seemed to be set for an upset.

But it was not to be as Hagerman rallied for 22 points in the fourth quarter, highlighted by all-state quarterback Johnny Aguilar's 75-yard punt return for a score.

Aguilar scored twice on runs from scrimmage, passed for one touchdown and returned the punt for another. Coach Scroggins said tackling Aguilar was "like trying to catch a fly with chopsticks."

Scroggins said the plan was to control the ball but that didn't happen. "It is hard to keep speed bottled up all night," he said.

Scroggins was pleased overall with the team's performance. Quarterback David DeLaRosa and running back Nemecio Rodriguez were playing with injuries. Scroggins said they were both at about 75% for the game.

Rodriguez managed 16 yards on 6 carries, DeLaRosa carried 15 times that yielded 23 yards, and Flores had 4 for 9 yards.

Hagerman ground out 221 yards on 45 rushing plays and completed 3 of 10 passes with one Mustang interception.

The Bovina boys, taking the field for the first time with new coaches and players, were penalized 10 times for a total of 55 yards and suffered 3 turnovers.

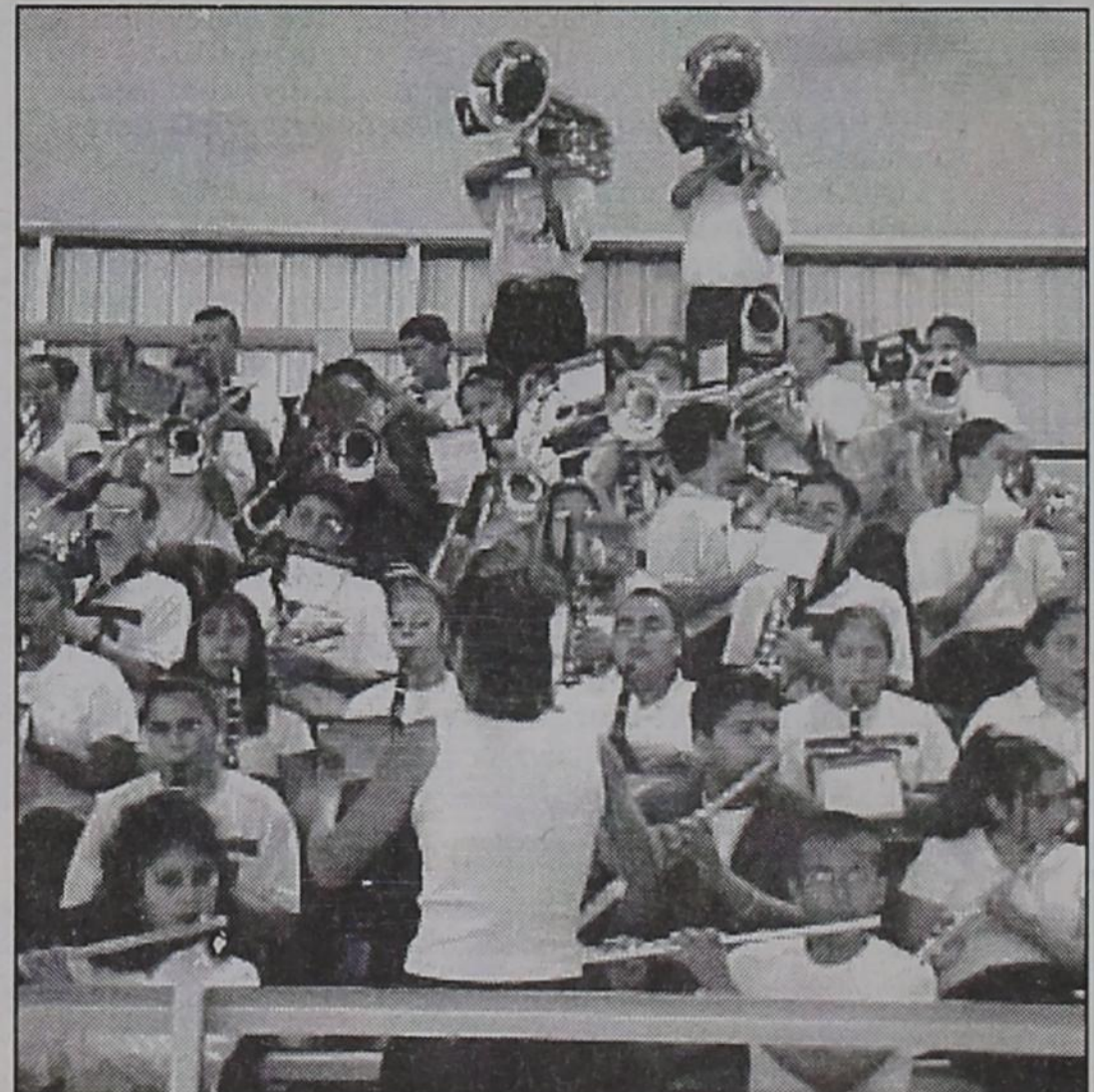
In what should be a more equal test, The Mustangs host Lorenzo tonight at home. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



BOVINA LIONS Bob Owen, left, and Jay Sherrill, in cap, wield the knives and keep the watermelon slices coming. ron carr photo



THE MUSTANG CAPTAINS take the field for the coin toss Friday night against Hagerman. From left are David Garcia, David DeLaRosa and Jeremy Ortiz. ron carr photo



THAT IS Band Director Bill Shelly, top left, behind the brass, leading the Mustang band in another fight song. The band is sounding good, and loud, this year thanks to Shelly and assistant director Jim Barnard. ron carr photo



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**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ELECTION PRECINCTS IN PARMER COUNTY**

Pursuant to authority vested in the PARMER County Commissioners' Court, under Section 42.035 of the Texas Election Code, the Court has made certain changes in the boundaries of Commissioners' Election Precincts in order to properly perfect a new redistricting plan for the County.

The new redistricting plan and the changes in the Election Precinct Boundaries were adopted at a Special meeting of the Commissioners' Court on the 29th day of August, 2001.

Therefore, pursuant to the mandatory duty imposed upon the Commissioners' Court, pursuant to the Texas Election Code, to-wit:

(1) In future elections, there will be 9 Election Precincts plus the early voting box.

(2) These Election Precincts will be defined as shown by Exhibit A and the polling boxes in each precinct will be as follows:

**VOTING BOX NO. 101**

This polling place remains at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1500 Cleveland, Friona, Texas.

**VOTING BOX NO. 201**

The polling place remains at the Bovina EMS Building, 109 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas

**VOTING BOX NO. 202**

The polling place remains at the Friona Community Center, 601 W. 15th Street, Friona, Texas.

**VOTING BOX NO. 203**

The polling place remains at Rhea Community Center, 307 FM 2013, Rhea, Parmer County, Texas.

**VOTING BOX NO. 301**

The polling place remains at Farwell Community Center, 207 9th Street, Farwell, Texas.

**VOTING BOX NO. 302**

This polling place remains at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church, 645 FM 1731, Parmer County, Texas.

**VOTING BOX NO. 303**

This polling place remains at Bovina Ridgelea School, 1000 Hwy. 86, Bovina, Texas.

**VOTING BOX NO. 401**

This polling place remains at the Lazbuddie School, 673 FM 1172, Lazbuddie, Texas.

**VOTING BOX NO. 402**

This polling place remains at the Friona Fire Station, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

(3) These Election Precinct Boundaries will become effective upon approval by the United States Department of Justice, pursuant to Section Five (5) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended in 1975.

Anyone desiring to read the resolution adopting these Election Precinct changes or the specific census block descriptions may do so by contacting the County Judge's Office during regular business hours of the Court at the PARMER County Courthouse, Farwell, Texas, First Floor, 806-481-3383.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Bonnie Clayton, County Judge, PARMER County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the notice of Change in Election Precincts adopted by the Commissioners' Court on the 29th day of August, 2001, at 4:00 p.m.



**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor,

Growing up in Borger, I used to watch Channel 7 news all the time. Strange as it was for a small town kid, I loved to sit and watch the local news. In fact, it's what drove me to become a journalist. Now, I suppose I've come full circle - I was recently named News Director at Channel 7.

These days, it's obvious the news media certainly isn't what it used to be. And like many of you, I believe the TV news media as a whole is moving in the wrong direction.

Today's news seems overly negative, sensational, biased and sometimes downright disrespectful to the very people it's supposed to serve. Sadly, that seems to be the trend in local television news outlets across America.

But now, as a news director, I want to personally assure our viewers that we will not follow that trend.

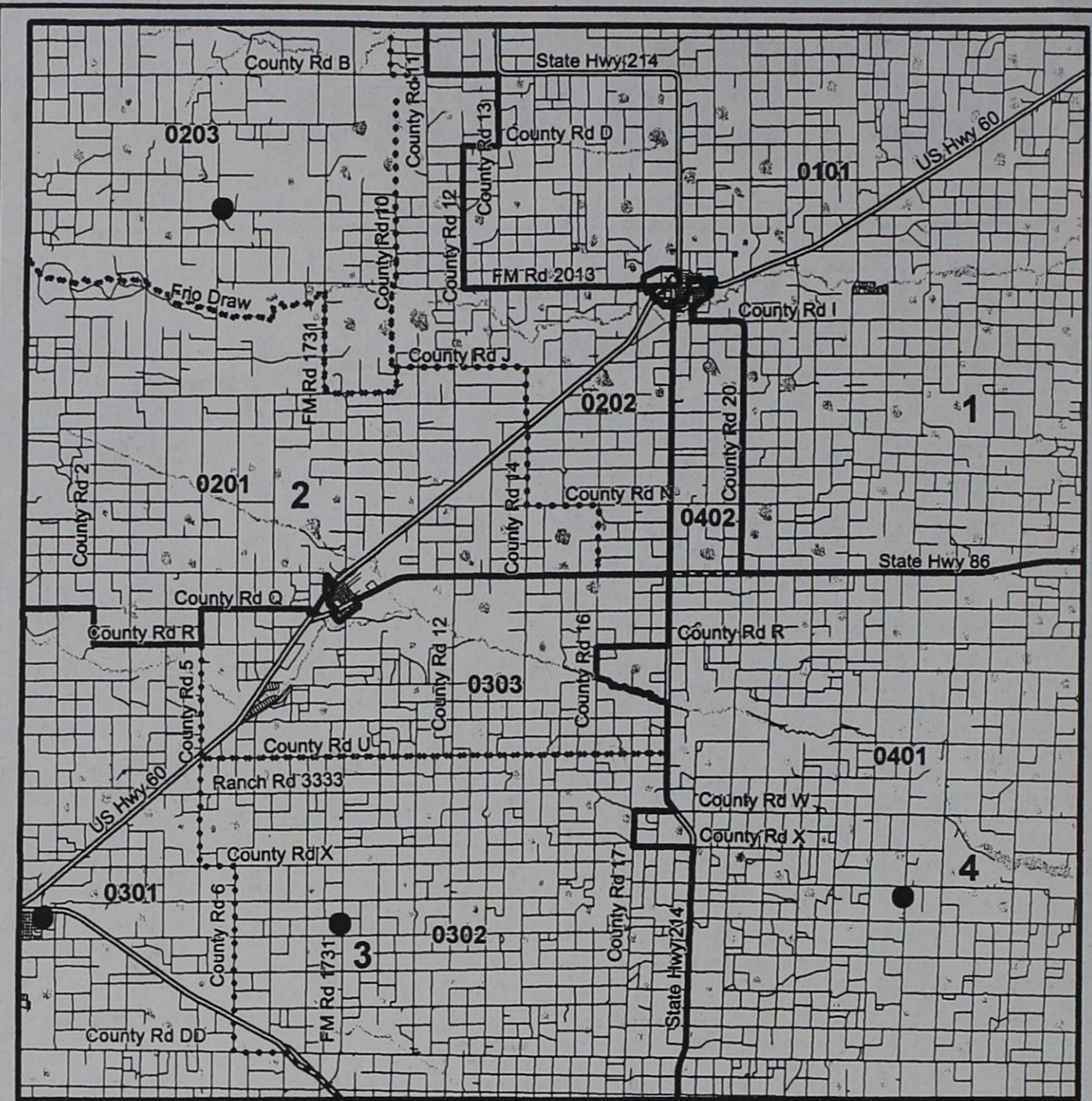
I'm a lifelong resident of the Texas Panhandle. I want to produce a newscast that's based on what I learned here: common sense and quality journalism, not overrated hype and sensationalism. That means more in-depth local news, more responsible coverage, and more accountability to our viewers.

Hard work. Common sense. Responsibility. Respect.

That's what we mean by "Working in the Panhandle Spirit." Our commitment to excellence is based on these ideas, and that commitment applies to all of our people, in all of our departments.

If you're a Prownews 7 viewer, thank you. I believe you'll like our new campaign. If you don't watch Prownews 7, I hope you'll give us a second look. In either case, I hope you'll feel free to contact me personally at any time, if you ever have any concerns or suggestions about your local TV news.

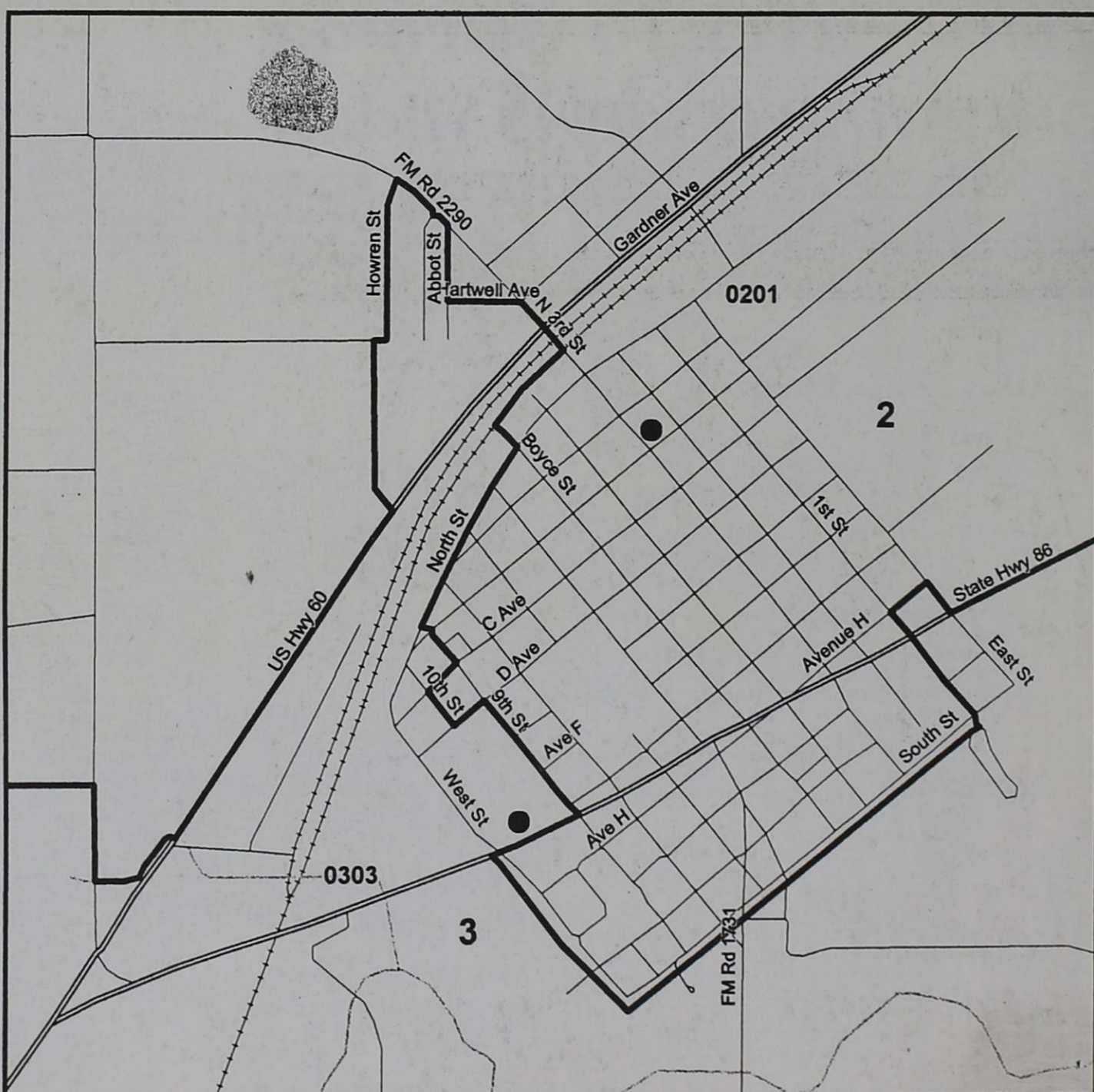
Sincerely,  
Dusty Green, News Director  
KVII-TV Prownews, Amarillo



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0301	Farwell Community Center - Farwell 207 9th Street
0302	Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church 645 FM 1731
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**KNNK**

# New Hereford Station Has 'Positive' Sound

By Jim Steiert

Buddy Peeler's morning has been hectic. He's made some on-air announcements, including citing neighborly deeds by area residents, and reading local obituaries the old-fashioned way—with a full listing of survivors. He's pulled tidbits of news from area papers, pored over a clutter of faxes and Emails, answered phone calls, and even taped a couple of commercials to pay the bills.

When the station's mid-morning announcer must leave the control booth for a few minutes, Buddy fills in with some on-air announcements, sending special greetings to folks at Bootleg Corner and Grady, New Mexico.

In the full-throated deep drawl that has been familiar to listeners in the Muleshoe and Hereford areas during four decades, he admits through the microphone as he queues up another gospel tune, that his morning has been wild. To explain, he borrows a line from a radio advertising friend, the late Jim Tucker.

"I'm not sure if I'm washing, or hanging-out," Buddy owns-up over the airwaves.

That's about as pre-tentious as the broadcast pronouncements get at radio station KNNK, a WTRT member on the Summerfield exchange.

Positive broadcasting—even if you're positive that you're occasionally flustered—is the hallmark of 100.5 on the FM dial.

Beaming forth a veritable hymnal of gospel music during the day, and easy listening tunes worthy of the concert hall in the evening hours, KNNK is a reflection of the philosophies of its owners and founders, Buddy and Alva Lee Peeler of Hereford.

"We feel a radio station is sort-of like a town or region's cheerleader. With our signal

coverage to so many outlying communities including Muleshoe, Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth, Bovina, Friona, Canyon, Happy, Easter, Vega, Adrian, and portions of Amarillo, we can't be a one-town station. We reach out to a big area as sort of a town crier.

"Our positive programming that encourages others is an outgrowth of listener response. We hear back from many listeners that what we are playing helps them. We're not bragging, but we feel like what we're doing is a cut above secular radio. It's very personal, and it brings folks back to the radio who had become non-listeners," says Buddy.

The Peelers trace their roots to Bailey County, where they were high school sweethearts at Muleshoe. Buddy worked numerous odd jobs in stores and businesses while growing up in the greater Muleplex. Although he had been a big radio listener, and had dreamed of work in radio, he didn't think he would get a chance. That changed when the late Gil Lamb offered him a job at that bastion of Bailey County broadcasting, KMUL radio, where many home-grown high school students from Bailey County got an opportunity.

"Gil showed me the KMUL control room with all of the knobs and buttons and switches, and I didn't think there was any way that I could learn to run things. But Gil was confident I could learn. One of my jobs was to type the daily program log. I'd go to work an hour before school, and then go back to the station after school until sign-off. I made \$70 a week. That seemed fine to me, to get paid to sit and play records," Buddy explains.

Alva Lee says Buddy had his deep purr of a perfect-for-radio voice even in high school. His voice never

changed. The Peelers attended a Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet with a contingent from Muleshoe in 1967. That visit ultimately altered their lives.

"Hereford seemed like a real hustling place, and the impression we drew from the chamber banquet eventually led to our decision to move to Hereford," Buddy explains.

Buddy took an advertising sales job at KPAN radio in Hereford in 1968. He stuck with the Hereford station in various capacities of sales and announcing for 27 years, becoming sales manager, and eventually, general manager.

Alva Lee substitute taught in the Hereford school system and also gave music lessons from 1975 to 1985. She served as director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Hereford from 1985 through July of 1998.

Buddy left KPAN in 1995, maintaining ownership of a radio station at Levelland for a time. The Peelers felt strong ties to Hereford and wanted to stay in the local area. With a desire to remain in radio, Buddy was starting over at age 58.

He did some checking and discovered that there was no owner for an FM station permit in the Dimmitt area. When the permit window came open, he applied for it with the Federal Communications Commission, and in September, 1995, the Peelers were approved for a 25,000 watt FM station that would have been located south of Hereford on the Easter highway.

Hoping to locate nearer to Hereford, Buddy subsequently filed with the FCC for a 50,000-watt upgrade and a change in tower site.

"We wanted to locate our studio in Hereford as a matter of convenience. A tower in the Summerfield



REGIONAL CHEERLEADERS....Buddy and Alva Lee Peeler, owners and founders of radio station KNNK, see their broadcasting role as something of a cheerleader for the local region they serve. They seek to accentuate the positive things about the sprawling area that they blanket with inspirational and easy-listening music. They feel that one of their station's important roles is to serve as a source of company, hope and comfort for those shut-in or grieving. (Photo by Jim Steiert)

area would let us do so. Our thinking was to get a station going in 1996, but that didn't happen. We hit roadblocks, and the process of getting the permit upgrade and financing was tedious and frustrating. We needed the FCC upgrade and the loan to be approved at the same time. It took a while, but suddenly everything came together within a week in January of 1998. We began ordering equipment then, and came into our building at 207 South 25 Mile Avenue in Hereford in April. We had a deadline from the FCC of June 13, 1998 to get on the air," says Buddy.

Alva Lee says they were skittish about putting a second radio station on the air in Hereford, but she's convinced that the window opening for a permit and their decision on format were "a God thing."

"It took three years of study and consideration to arrive at a decision on a gospel format for KNNK. Secular radio was all that I had ever dealt with, but Alva Lee though we needed a gospel format. Gospel radio has turned out to be the right

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## New Hereford Station...

(Continued from Page 1-A) thing," Buddy says. He explains that in the permitting and planning process, he found a parcel of land near Summerfield owned by J.B. Noland, that was a potential tower site. Buddy took a picture of the site to keep him motivated, likening it to the corn patch in the movie "Field of Dreams," and constantly reminding himself that if he would build the radio tower, the listeners would come.

With a little help from their friends, the Peelers made the June 13, 1998 on-air date. J. Frank Peery, a retired Methodist minister from Adrian who had christened the Peelers' children, Bryan and Melanie, during their days in Muleshoe, performed a dedication ceremony that was attended by family and close friends. KNNK—the call letters designated for Peeler grandchildren Kyle and Niki—has been broadcasting 24 hours a day, 365 days a year since.

## Clinic Set Sept. 17, 18

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on September 17 and 18.

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 an RN 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 appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Buddy and Alva Lee, Darla Stengel, a former WTRT member on the Summerfield exchange who handles sales and announcing duties, and announcers Terry Smotherman and Ken Branum.

"We expected a 35-mile radius of coverage, but our tower location is so good that we routinely reach a 60 to 80 mile radius. It never occurred to us that we have two interstate highways within range of our tower, and folks as far away as Lubbock listen to us four hours or more a day while they are traveling the area in their cars. Broadcasting on the Web, we reach people all over the country and even foreign lands," says Buddy.

Alva Lee believes one of the important functions of KNNK is in serving as a source of company to widows and shut-ins, and in offering comforting music to listeners in times of grief or trouble. She counts it a blessing to hear from listeners touched by the station's programming.

"Our on-air mannerisms aren't calculated. We want people to realize that we aren't trying to be anyone but who we are. We are broadcasting from West Texas, and listeners are going to hear West Texas accent in our programming," Buddy admits.

"In the time leading up to the formation of our station I had a lot of opportunity to think. I have always had music going through my head, and often, I've wondered if I would ever have the opportunity to hear some of the wonderful old music broadcast again. I don't know of any station that could offer better material to listen to than this one."

The Peelers hope their music will go on for a long time, and admit that they're unconventional in how they run their radio station.

"We start each day with a morning devotional with our employees. We have prayer—then we sort of fly this thing by the seat of our pants the rest of the time. Everything has fallen into place in a manner that has to be a God thing. We're really blessed," they say.



**RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE...Grace Whitefield, a pioneer Friona resident, was named "Resident of the Month" at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Martha Gonzales was selected as the "Employee of the Month."**



## Phil Gramm Announces Retirement As Senator

"Phil Gramm has faithfully dedicated the past twenty-five years of his life in service to the people of Texas.



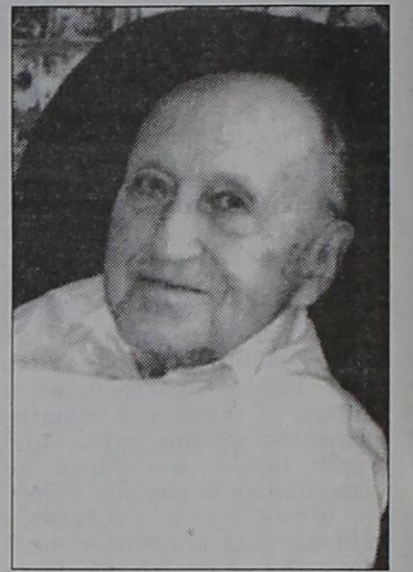
"Phil Gramm will leave office just as he came in: successful, appreciated, respected and embodying the very ideals of a Texas statesman and leader. We wish Senator Gramm the best in his next season of life and are confident that he will continue to make contributions to the betterment of the state and the people that he so dearly loves.

"For the past decade, Texas Republicans have been cultivating a qualified, conservative 'farm team' of Republican leaders that today are well prepared to step forward and grasp the reigns of leadership. The Republican Party will have an abundance of proven, respected, conservative leaders running in every statewide race on the ballot in 2002.

"By contrast, Democrats will reap the fruit of years of grassroots neglect and will be forced to recycle familiar but tarnished names from the past or wager their future on unproven, untested statewide candidates."

## Ector Watson Submits Life Story For Printing

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This week we feature Ector Ray Watson.



**ECTOR WATSON**

Born October 5, 1904 in Collin County, Texas, between Sherman and McKinney, I was born to Olive Audree Back Watson and George Milton Watson.

The first of ten children, eight lived to adulthood, four boys and four girls. His parents died in 1922 and the children were put in Tipton Home for Children, Tipton, Oklahoma.

Growing up, Ector aspired to be a baseball player, but after a broken arm, he began to prepare to be a minister of the gospel. After high school, he attended Gunter College in Gunter, Texas. The school later closed.

After the death of his parents, he worked for Tipton Home to be near his brothers and sisters. In 1925 he married Edith Windham, a girl, also in the home. Their marriage lasted 51 years, until Edith's death in 1977.

The next year, Ector married Cordia Hicks and they have been married 23 years.

Ector began preaching for Churches of Christ in his late teens and preached until a

few years ago when his health began to fail.

In the early days to supplement his income, he clerked in a grocery store. He has preached in congregations all over Texas and Oklahoma, as well as California and Washington. He is the author of nearly two dozen books.

He and Edith had four children, the two surviving children are E.R. who lives in Friona and Vida in Ft. Stockton. He has thirteen grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

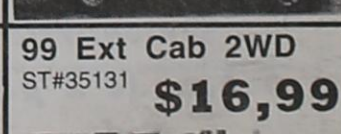
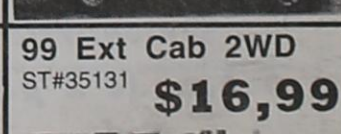
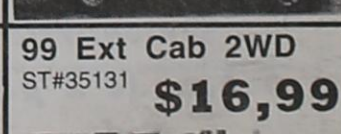
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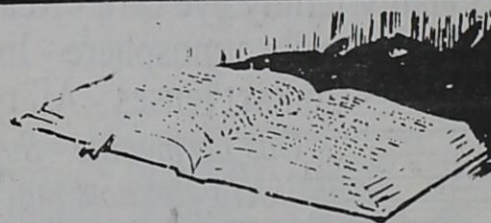
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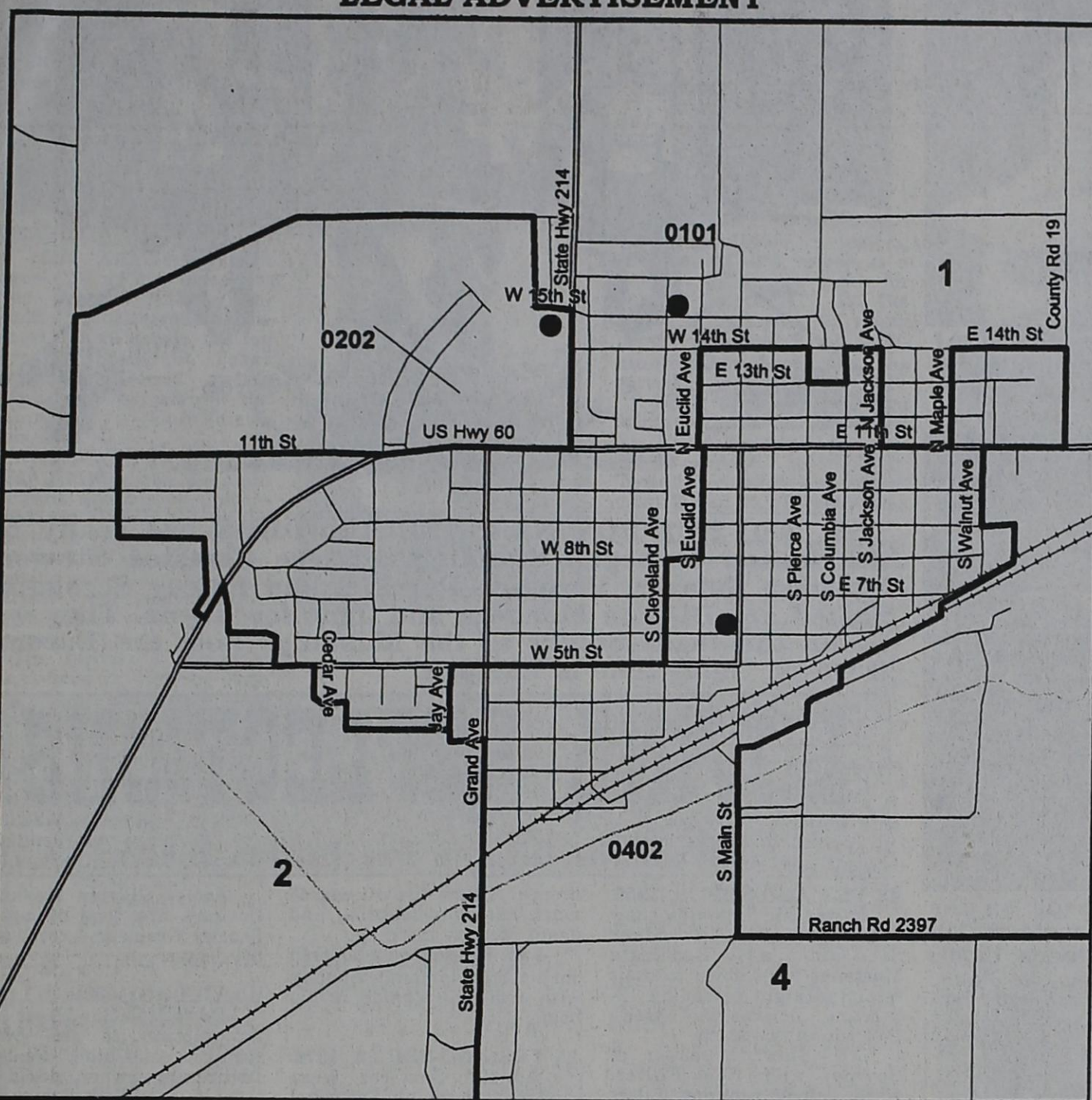
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Silicon Valley---by Rev. Alvin Petty

Every group has a religion. Some secular oriented groups are not aware of their religion and values. But they strongly adhere to them non-the-less. This is a terribly dangerous situation, for one cannot evaluate himself properly if he is unaware of the values he is centering his life around. He is not really in charge of his life. He is drifting in the current of his values without knowing their negative or positive power.

A new social group came into existence in the closing decades of the 20th century. We call it the High-Tech community. Its birthplace is Silicon Valley. Some real saints with godly values belong to this community. Many others have taken the values developed by this community as their religion. The major tenets of the high-tech community's religion are "technology is the solution to all human problems," "the market is the true test of everything," "money is the highest good," and "all government and regulation is bad." All of these assumptions are erroneous.

High-tech religionists worship the spreadsheet. They think if something cannot be quantified, it has no value. The intuitive and subjective is bad, in their view. Their values disregard the worth of social services and art. They do not realize that all commercial values ultimately depend on good social values to make them work efficiently.

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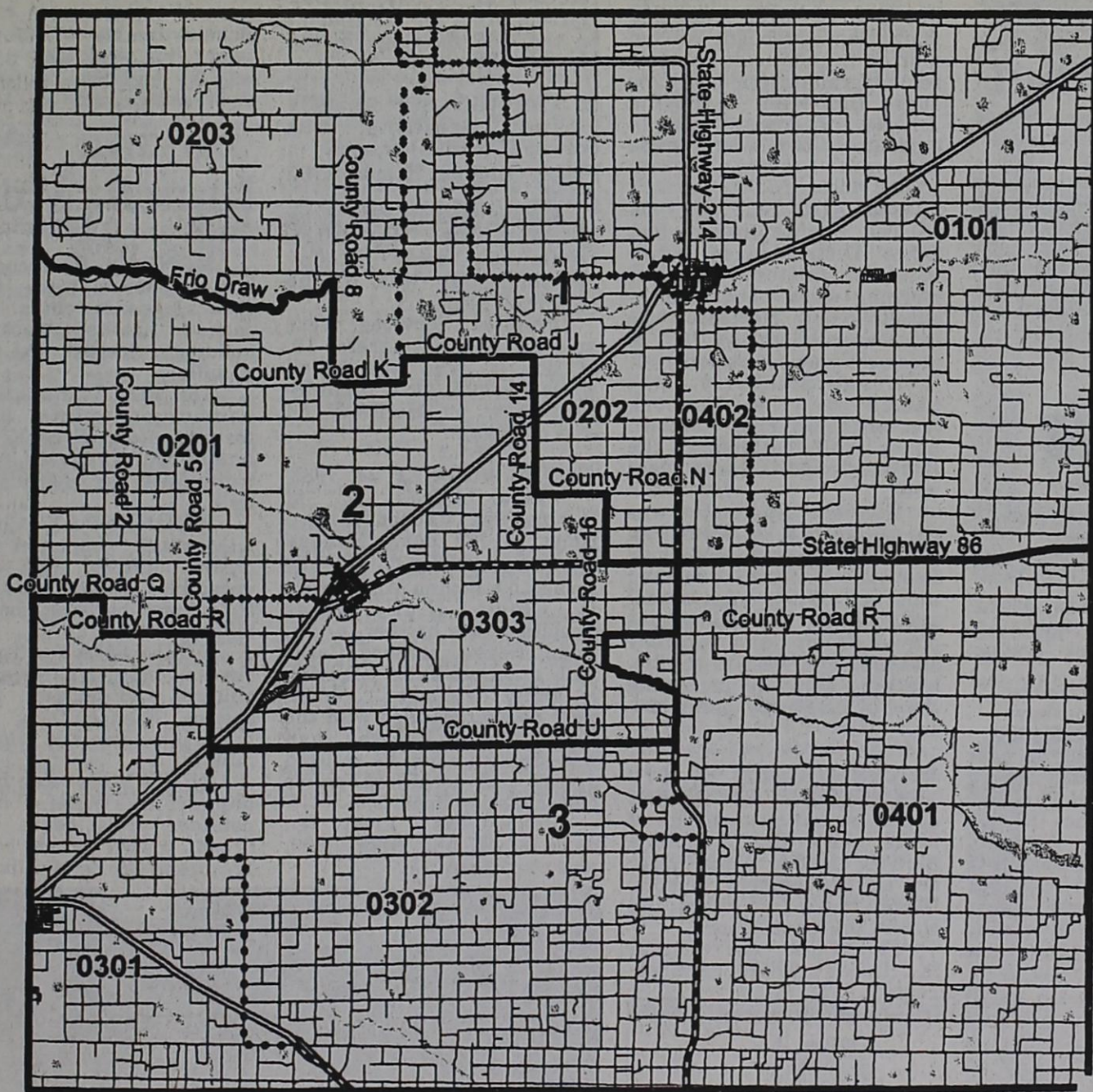


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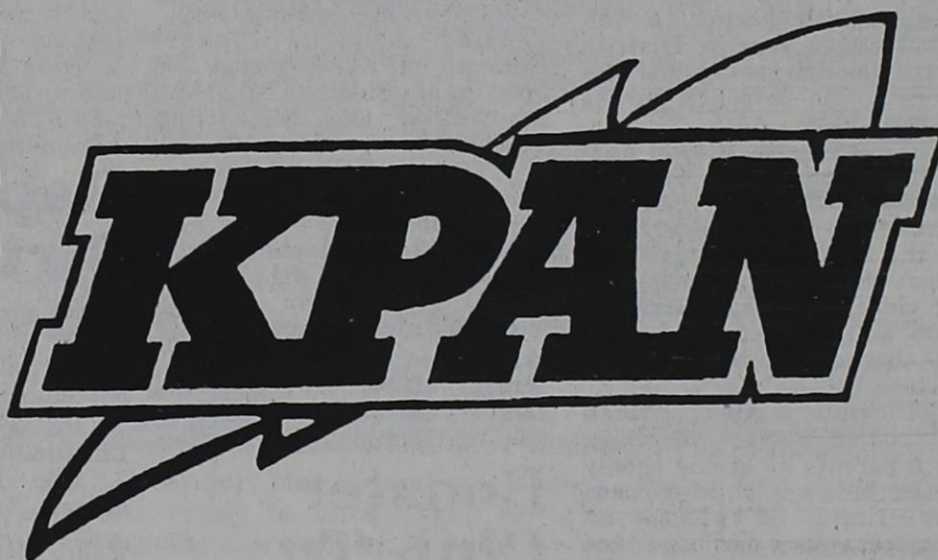
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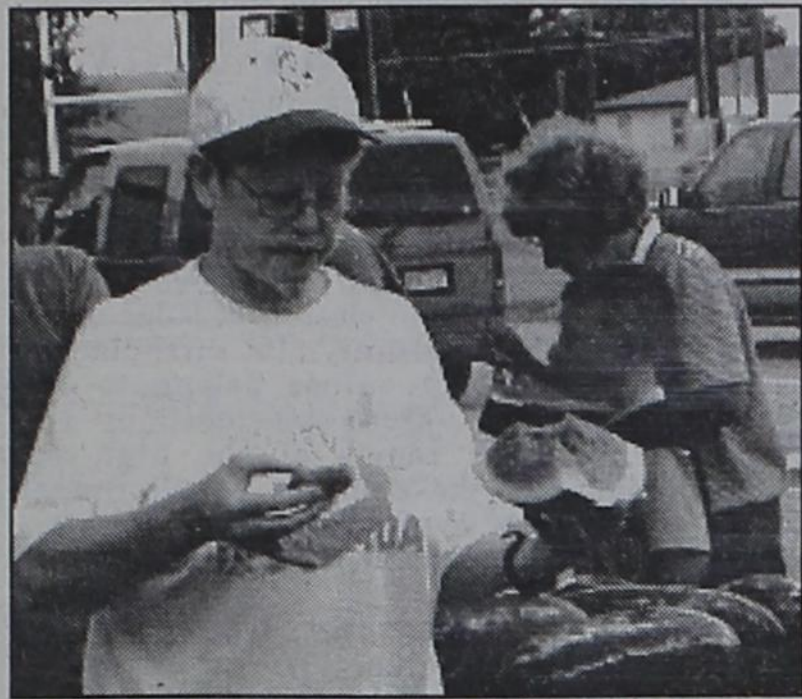


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THE BOVINA LION'S CLUB once again served up slices of watermelon to fans and boosters after the Meet the Mustangs party last Thursday. At left, Dorothy Stowers enjoys a bite. At right, 5-year-old Daisy Marquez gets ready to chow down too. ron carr photos

## Attendance Rules Are Changed

Parents and students in Texas public schools will see slightly modified rules in the compulsory school attendance laws during the 2001-2002 school year. The changes are the result of Senate Bill 1432 that was passed during the recent 77th Legislative session.

The compulsory school attendance laws provide that a student who is required to attend school shall attend school each school day for the entire period of the program of instruction is provided. It further provides that a child shall attend school who is at least six years of age and who has not yet reached the child's 18th birthday. The compulsory attendance laws require regular attendance at school.

Texas Education Code Section 25.094, titled "Failure to Attend School," provides that, "An individual commits an offense if the individual is required to attend school...and fails to attend school on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year or on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period."

Prior to the passage of SB 1432, many school districts were reluctant to enforce truancy laws. However, the revised statutes now mandate that school officials take action against long-term, continuing truantries.

If a student fails to attend school without excuse on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period, the school is given the discretion whether to file charges. However, the new law provides that if a student fails to attend school without excuse on 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, a District must file charges against the student, the student's parent or both.

According to Bovina ISD Superintendent Michael Downes, "The most difficult part of the law to understand is the reference to 'parts of days'. Students that show up for class at 9 a.m. instead of 8:05 a.m. are credited with an absence according to the statute."

Downes added, "Each campus in Bovina will work with parents by giving timely notice before a child exceeds the limit of unexcused absences. It is our hope that this communication will alleviate the requirement to involve the court system."

The new law became effective on September 1, 2001.

## Bovina High School Cross Country Schedule

September 8	Plainview
September 15	Tulia
September 22	Olton
September 29	Lubbock
October 6	Sundown
October 13	Canyon (WTAM)
October 22	Lubbock (Dist)

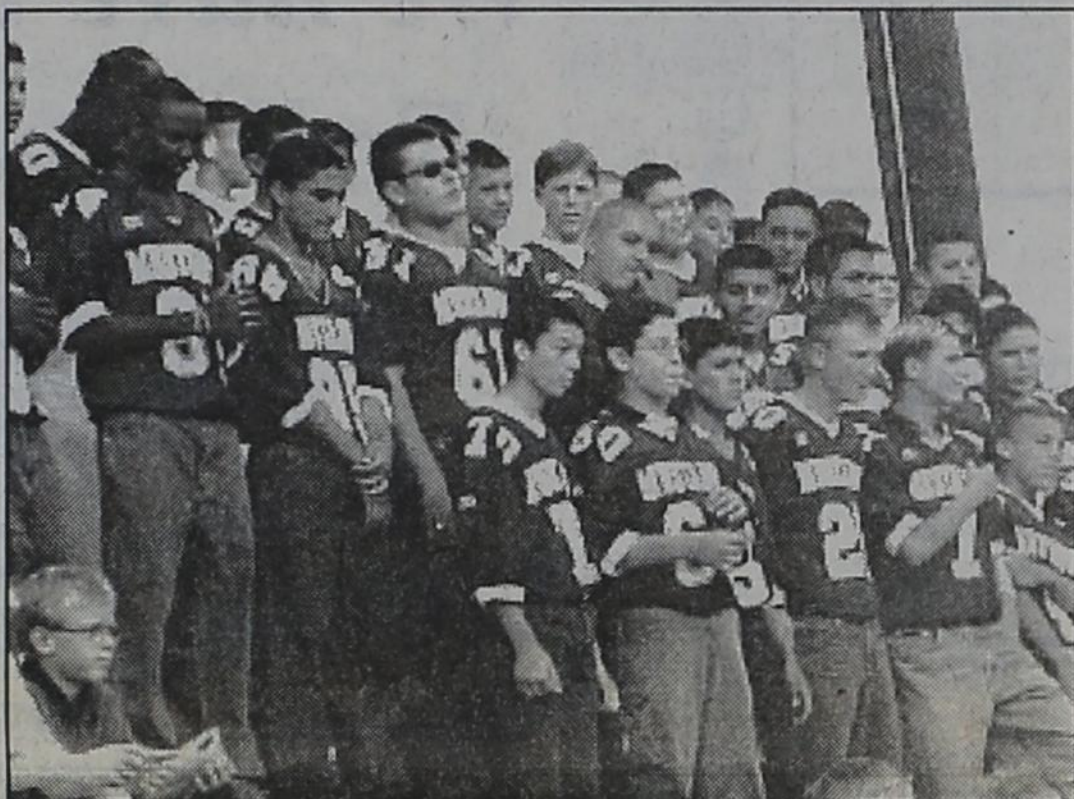
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A CROWD GATHERED in the shade on the school plaza to enjoy plenty of watermelon thanks to Bailey Farms and the Bovina Lion's Club. ron carr photo



AFTER THE INTRODUCTIONS, the Mustangs took to the bleachers to join in the music and cheers with the cheerleaders and the Mustang Band. ron carr photo

## TAAS Exit Tests Set

Individuals who have met all requirements for high school graduation but have not passed one or more sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) or the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) may take the test this October.

Testing will be on the following dates:

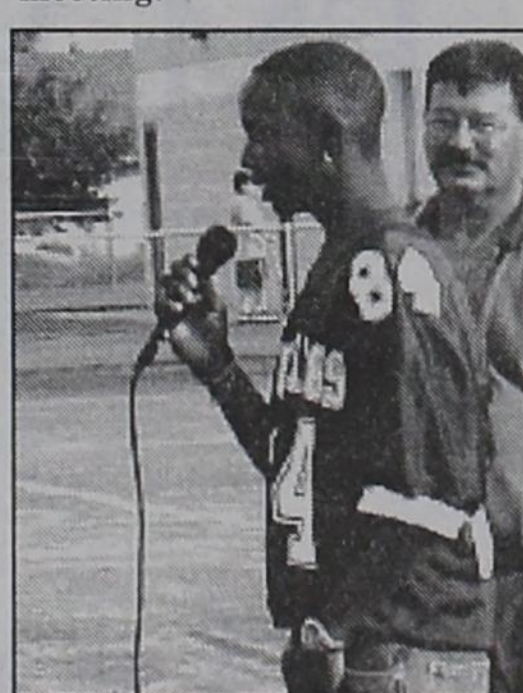
- October 23 - Writing;
- October 24 - Mathematics;
- October 25 - Reading.

A registration packet may be picked up at any high school campus, district central office, or education service center. TAAS on-line test registration is available

## Booster Club To Meet Tue.

Bovina's Booster Club will have their first meeting of the 2001-2002 school year Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Everyone with an interest in Bovina's students and their activities, are invited to attend the meeting.



COACH BRUCE SCROGGINS had the players take the microphone and introduce themselves and tell what position they play. He stood by to help in case the guys forgot what to say. Left is senior B. J. Shepherd. At right are sophomores John Nelson and Samuel Flores.



THE 2001-2002 BOVINA CHEERLEADERS are ready for the season to begin. Standing, l-r, are Christen Stowers, Maritssa Salazar, Veronica Herrera, and Kelcey Scroggins. Seated are DiAnna Mendoza and Jennifer Reyna. They will be on the field tonight as the Mustangs host the Lorenzo Hornets. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

### 45 YRS AGO-SEP 19, 1956

It was all Farwell's show Friday night in Steer Stadium as Bovina's Mustangs went down to their second straight defeat by 13-0 count. It was the Steer's first win in two starts.

J.E. Sherrill, mayor of Bovina, and Roy Fuller, water superintendent, left Tuesday morning for Austin where they will talk to the fire insurance division of the State Board of Insurance commissioners concerning Bovina's fire insurance key rate.

Some 96 students attended the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo on its opening day Monday. Included in the group were 55 band members and approximately 20 FHA girls and 20 FFA boys.

40 YRS AGO-SEP 20, 1961  
Parmer County's first 1961 bale of cotton was ginned at Bovina at 3:45 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Bovina Schools enrollment has soared over the 500 mark, Superintendent Warren Morton announces. A new second grade section will be added this week in Bovina Schools. There are now 74 students in two second grade sections.

35 YRS AGO-SEP 21, 1966  
The Bovina independent School District made a new page of history Monday morning when new students enrolling here pushed up the total enrollment to 702 to break all previous records.

Dean Stanberry was named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal football honor roll following the Bovina-Cooper game last week.  
Glenden Sudderth was the second week's winner in the Bovina Businesses' Football Contest, guessing nine out of ten high school and college football games played Friday and Saturday and coming closest to the tie-breaking score by predicting the Bovina-Happy game, 20-14.

30 YRS AGO-SEP 22, 1971  
Candidates for football queen, chosen by members of Lettermen's Club, include Barbara Griffith, Nena Spicer and Darlene Murphy, seniors; Debbie Sorley, a junior; and Heidi Corn, sophomore.

Fall of the year weather is here! Temperatures dropped below the 40 degree mark Saturday morning and again Monday morning.  
L.M. Grissom was honored on his 80th birthday Sunday with a family reunion in his home.

25 YRS AGO-SEP 22, 1976  
Funeral Services were conducted here on Saturday for two young suffocation victims. The youths, Jesse Sevellos, three and his brother, David Morales, seven, apparently locked themselves in an abandoned refrigerator behind the Gateway Apartments.  
Elbert Shelby returned to Bovina on September 1, after completing basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Shelby is studying to be a chaplain in the Army.

Lt. J.B. Mickey Don Ellison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellison of Oak Harbour, Washington, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison of Bovina, has returned to his base at Oak Harbour from an assignment on the USS Saratoga in the Mediterranean Sea.

20 YRS AGO-SEP 23, 1981  
Lisa Schilling was crowned football queen in Friday night's Homecoming events.  
Robert Amador died in an accident near the Black Community early Sunday morning. It was a one vehicle accident.  
Funeral Services were held for Pedro Guerrero, 19, of Bovina, who was killed while working on a highway road crew on Highway 60 east of Bovina.

James Clayton marketed Bovina's first load of corn to Sherley Grain, and received a \$50 bonus.

10 YRS AGO-SEP 21, 1991  
Don's Medicine Chest held an auction to sell office furniture and store displays. Don Spring, owner, closed the store due to "other business interests".

Four members of the Bovina Senior Citizens Center were honored at the last meeting of the group for celebrating birthdays in September. There were Bessie Trimble, Hattie Burnett, Idella Owens and Joe Looney.

5 YRS AGO-SEP 21, 1996  
The Bovina Mustangs are off to a fast, surprising, start in the 1996 football season with a perfect 2-0 record. The walloped Whiteface 28-6.

Judy Hromas was presented a check for \$20 by Brian Gallaway of Pay N' Save, one of our weekly contest sponsors. Judy picked twelve of fourteen games this week and was off only by eight points in the tie-breaking score.

## Bovina ISD Lunch Menu

Week of September 10-14

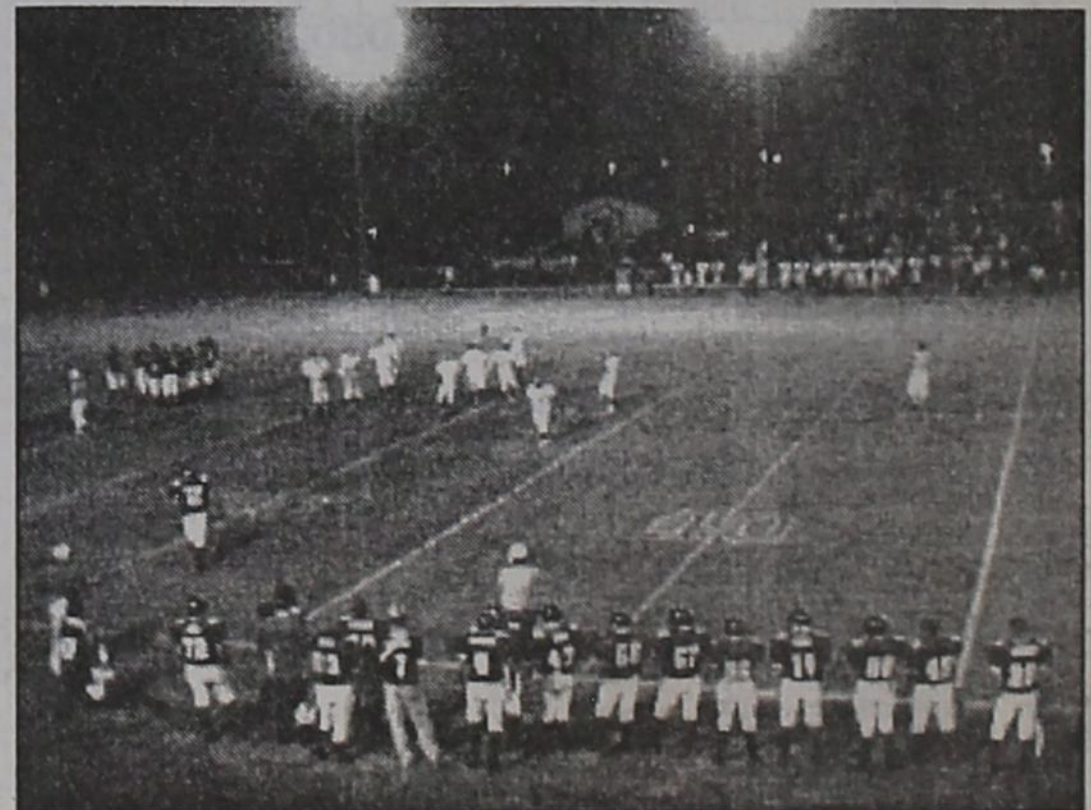
MONDAY- Barbecue on a bun, pepperoni pizza, pickle spears, potato chips, corn, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, juice bar and choice of milk.

TUESDAY- Enchiladas, hamburger, pinto beans, tossed salad, French fries, hamburger veggies, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY- Chicken fried steak, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, rolls, mixed vegetables, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

THURSDAY- Toasted cheese, hamburger veggies, chicken and noodles, pickle spears, French fries, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

FRIDAY- Barbecue franks, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, green beans, white bread, tossed salad, cowboy bread and choice of milk.



OUR ROVING CAMERA visited the Bovina press box at Friday night's game where we had a nice view of the action on the field. The Mustangs will wear maroon jerseys and white pants for home games this year. ron carr photos



**AUGUST 25**

# Catholics Celebrate 75th Anniversary

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo celebrated its 75th Anniversary on August 25 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. People from all areas of the diocese, which covers the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, joined guests traveling from across the nation in a Eucharistic celebration.

Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio was the main celebrant, and Bishop Charles Grahmann of Dallas gave the Homily. Other guests joining Bishop John W. Yanta of Amarillo and Bishop Emeritus Leroy T. Matthiesen include twelve bishops and a long list of priests and nuns.

The Diocese of Amarillo was created in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. The area was formed from portions of the dioceses of Dallas, El Paso and San Antonio. Originally, the Diocese of Amarillo was comprised of seventy counties in approximately 73,000 square miles. In 1961, the Diocese of San Angelo was created, taking with it the southern 24 counties of the Amarillo Diocese. And in 1983, another twenty counties in the southern region became part of the Diocese of Lubbock, which was created by Pope John II.

Within the 26-county Diocese of Amarillo, at the end of the year 2000, there were approximately 54,208 registered Catholics attending 35 parish churches and 13 mission churches.

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## ST. TERESA'S FRIONA, TEXAS

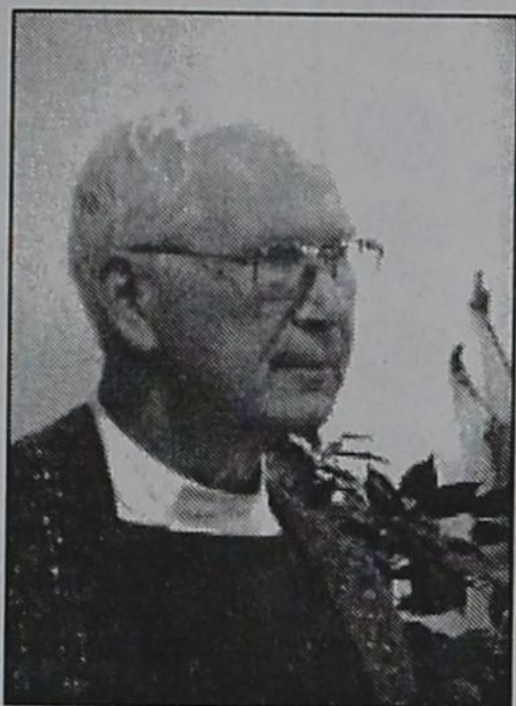
FRIONA--Father Dunn, pioneer priest of Amarillo, figures in many of the parish histories in the Diocese of Amarillo. In 1908, when two Catholic families arrived in southeastern Parmer County, it was Father Dunn who visited them saying Mass in their homes and ministering about once a year.

When Father C.J. Beir was appointed assistant to Father Dunn, priests came to Parmer County more often. In 1910, Father Campbell was stationed in Umbarger and from there ministered to Catholics as far west as Farwell. Father Campbell traveled to the mission churches on his motorcycle.

In 1912, land and an old school building were donated in Bovina. The building was remodeled into the first Catholic Church in Parmer County. Mass was offered then about once a month in the church and in private homes. Catholics from Friona attended the church at Bovina.

In 1920, the first Franciscan Friars of the Atonement came to Hereford. Father Salvador de Giovanni, SA, was named pastor. Bovina and Friona became a mission of Hereford.

In 1948, Father Raymond Gillis, SA, assistant pastor of Hereford, began offering Mass in Friona in an empty building on Main Street, in



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private homes and in an army barracks in the southwest part of town. The early families attending Mass in Friona were a mixture of Anglo and Mexican.

In 1952, Father Declan F. Gilligan, SA, became an assistant in Hereford, and was named pastor of St. Ann's church in Bovina. St. Teresa of Jesus church in Friona became a mission of St. Ann's, Bovina.

With the awarding of a grant from Extension Society, St. Teresa's Mission began plans to build a church in Friona. In 1961, Bishop John Morkovsky sold the land previously donated and purchased a plot of ten acres in the north part of town. Under the direction of Father Declan, a steel building was erected to serve as a church until a new church could be built, then to serve as hall or classrooms.

During the 1950s, Friona and St. Teresa's grew. To raise money to pay for the church, the parishioners made pledges and donations. A clipping from the *West Texas Register* in 1960 states: "As of January this year, there has been established at St. Teresa of Jesus Church, here, a society of men under the title, 'Sociedad de Sagrado Corazon.' The purpose is to try to raise money for the upkeep and improvement of the church."

Fundraising activities were baseball games, Jamaicas and helping the women of the mission with their projects. The ladies of Friona and Bovina raised money serving Mexican dinners, running queen contests and other activities with the money split between the two communities. These two communities began the traditions of serving Mexican dinners, Turkey dinners and German Sausage dinners, which were a great support to the communities.

In 1969, the St. Teresa's Ladies Society was formed with 32 charter members. In 1970, St. Teresa's completed

construction of a parish hall which facilitated in serving the dinners and served as a general gathering place for parish functions. In the spring of that year, 25 young people received First Communion and breakfast was served in the new parish hall.

Until this time, the two communities of St. Ann's and St. Teresa's formed a joint parish council. In 1972, St. Teresa's formed its own parish council and St. Teresa's was on its way.

Sunday School and sacramental preparation classes were taught by Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate from St. Anthony's in Hereford, assisted by parishioners. Often the two churches held Confirmation preparation classes together and celebrated the sacrament as one large community.

In August of 1972, under the pastoral leadership of Father John Coppinger, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes were formed and a Catholic Youth Organization was started. During this time, St. Teresa's Mission thrived with activities such as serving German Sausage and Mexican dinners, organizations of the Guadalupana Society, Knights of Columbus, World Day of Prayer, Right to Life Program, supporting Catholic Family Charities.

In 1976, Father Dermot O'Brien became pastor of Bovina and Friona. He served the communities until his untimely death in February of 1979. During the pastorate of Father O'Brien, Deacon Zeferino Villarreal was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. Deacon Zeferino, the only Deacon to ever minister in these communities, served both the communities of St. Ann's and St. Teresa's. Deacon Zeferino also died after a long illness in 1999.

St. Teresa's Mission had long dreamed of building a new church. This dream began to be realized in April 1978 with a ground breaking ceremony presided over by Bishop Lawrence M. DeFalco. The church was completed and dedicated by Bishop DeFalco on April 22, 1979.

St. Teresa's Mission flourished under the leadership of many pastors from the Franciscan Graymoor Friars. In 1988, the Friars officially left their ministry in the Diocese. Father Timothy Dran, SA, requested that he be given permission to remain here as pastor of Bovina and Friona. Father Tim remained until his death in 1993. The death of the beloved Father Tim was a severe blow to the communities of St. Ann's and St. Teresa's. He still is remembered most fondly in this community.

Father Edward Kieran came to St. Ann's/St. Teresa's in 1993 and served as Pastoral Minister from that time until September of 1994. In September 1994, Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen appointed Father Ed Sweeney as pastor of St. Ann, Bovina and St. Teresa, Friona. Father Kieran remained as Pastoral Minister in St. Ann and Father Sweeney established a priest's residence in Friona.

This was the first time St. Teresa's in Friona had a resident priest. To provide living quarters for the priest and to have space for a church office, a new rectory building was donated in 1995. This marked a definite growth for St. Teresa's and culminated in St. Teresa's being elevated to the status of parish in July of 1996 with Father Sweeney as pastor.

Through all of these years, St. Teresa's has continued a steady growth in numbers and in spirit. In a history of the parish written in 1982, the author's ending statement was: "We are happy with the progress of our parish-especially with the recent black topping of our parking area!" We conclude with a similar statement. We are happy with the growth of our parish community. We relish the spirit of cooperation and love that makes our parish a gem of greatest brightness. We pray God's continued blessings on us as we continue to travel the road to the New Jerusalem. The road to salvation.



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Friona is the third building to serve the congregation. The present church is located just north of Friona and has been served by Father Ed Sweeney since 1994.

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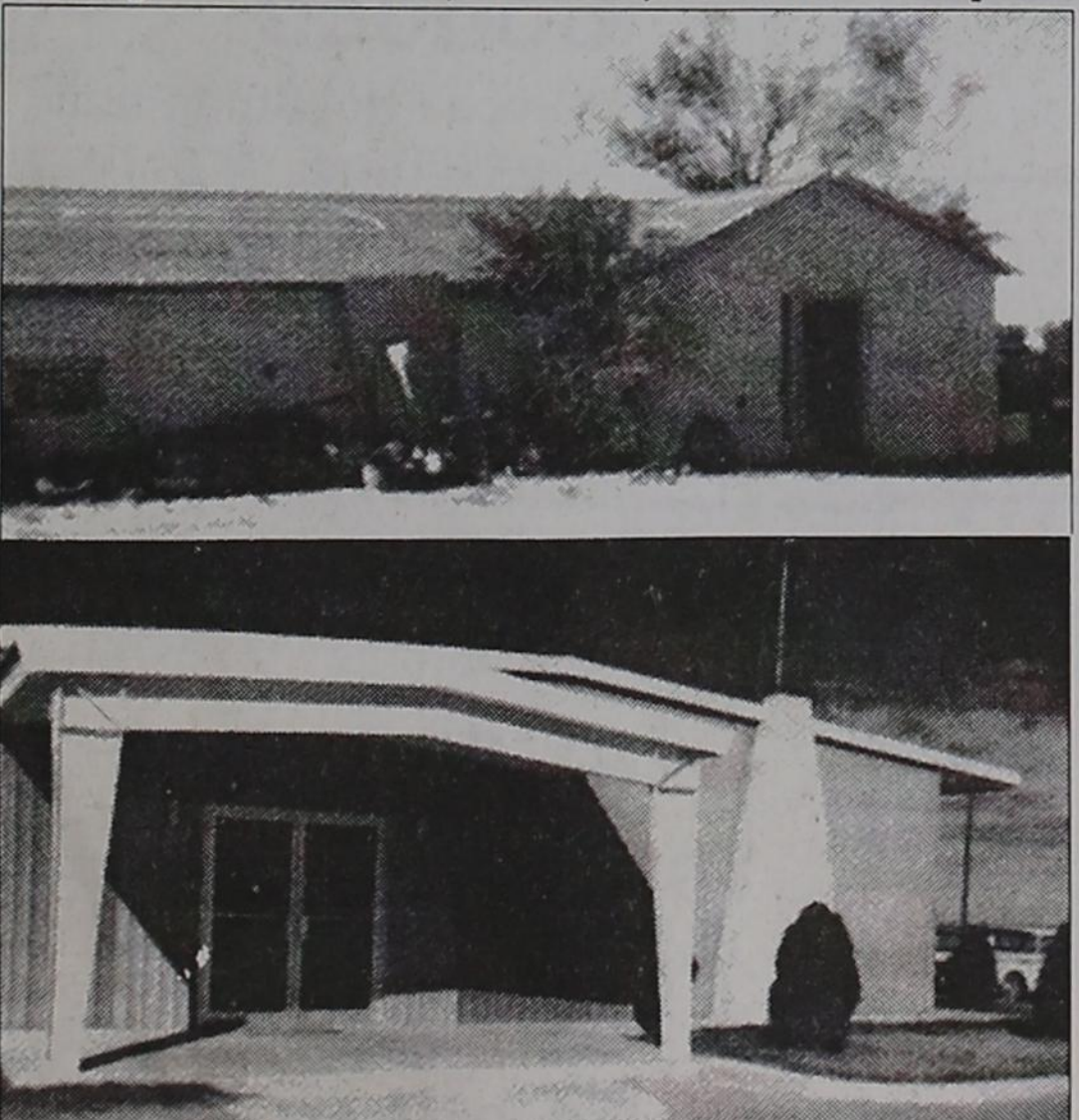
ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Bovina has served parishioners since 1912 when land and an old school building were donated for the first Catholic Church in Parmer County.

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THE MUSTANG BAND under the direction of Bill Shelly and assistant director Jim Barnard are ready to once again rally the team and fans with Bovina's fight songs. Here they are blasting away during the Hagerman game keeping school spirit alive.

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THE FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH in Friona was at 4th and Ashland, top, and the second church, below, which is now St. Teresa's education building.

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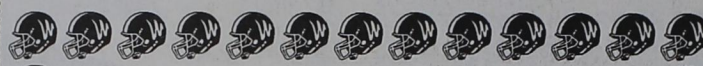
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