

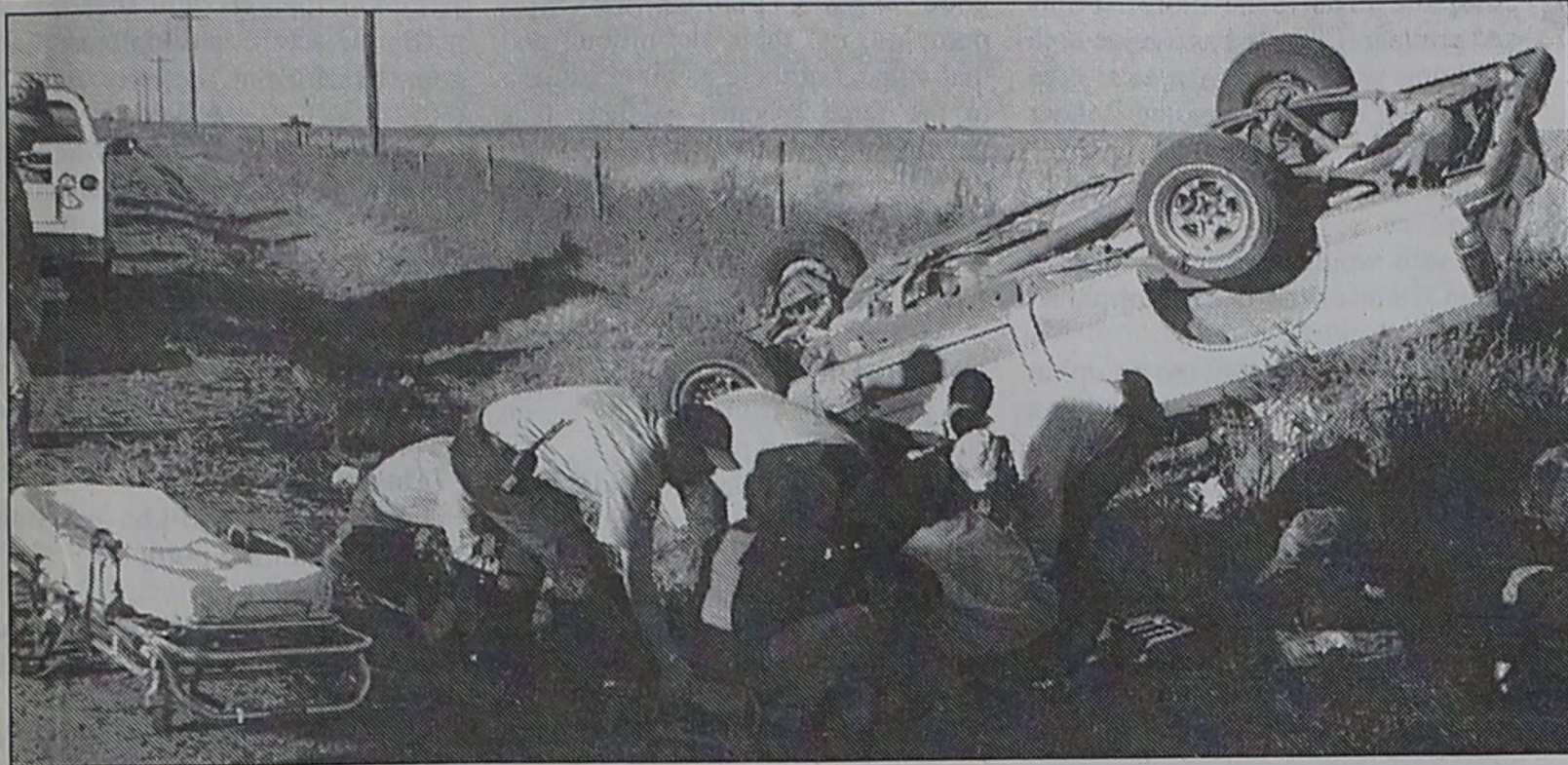
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**WEDNESDAY ACCIDENT SCENE** — Emergency medical technicians work to stabilize Nancy Wilhite, 16, after she was thrown from this pickup on County Road 527 northeast of Nazareth last Wednesday

afternoon. Wilhite was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment, then was airlifted to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, where she died of massive head injuries last Thursday.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Girl dies of injuries from pickup rollover

An after-school drive on a country road turned tragic last Wednesday when 16-year-old Nancy Wilhite of Dimmitt received fatal injuries in a pickup rollover northeast of Nazareth.

Wilhite was a passenger in a 1982 Chevy S-10 Tahoe pickup driven by Lori Maurer, 16, of Nazareth.

The rollover occurred at 3:55 p.m. on County Road 527, two miles east of Nazareth and 2.6 miles north of Highway 86.

The two girls reportedly had taken a friend home after school and were heading south on the narrow, unpaved road when the pickup drifted off the left shoulder along a deep bar-ditch.

"Lori said she got off of the shoulder of the road and over-corrected," her father, Duane Maurer, said. "When she got back up on the road,



Nancy Wilhite

she thought she was going to go off the other side, and she turned back and then went off the left shoulder."

The pickup rolled over onto its top and skidded along the outside of the bar-ditch.

During the rollover, Wilhite was thrown out of the passenger-side window, then the cab on that side was crushed.

The pickup skidded to a stop just a few feet short of where the teenager had been thrown into the bar-ditch.

Maurer, meanwhile, stayed inside the cab during the rollover. She was able to crawl out through the driver's-side window afterward, then ran about a mile along a turnrow to the Henry Ramaekers home to get help.

Wilhite suffered massive head injuries when she was thrown from the pickup. She was taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment, then was airlifted to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She died in Methodist Hospital last Thursday.

She was the daughter of Tammie and Robert Wilhite of Dimmitt, and was a junior in Nazareth High School, where she was in the Swift Band and was the honorary cheerleader manager.

The Holy Family Church in Nazareth was packed Saturday morning for the popular teenager's funeral.

A Nancy Wilhite Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union in Dimmitt. Memorials also are being accepted for the Nazareth School Playground Fund.

Investigating officers issued no citations after the accident.

## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	74	32	
Friday	75	33	
Saturday	81	35	
Sunday	63	30	
Monday	60	26	
Tuesday	63	27	
Wednesday	77	32	

October Moisture	0.98
November Moisture	0.00
1997 Moisture	23.05

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

## Home equity loan provision fails in county, passes in state

Castro County voters favored only five of the 14 proposed constitutional amendments in Tuesday's election, while state-wide, twelve were ratified.

The most widely publicized amendment, Proposition 8, that would expand the types of liens for home equity loans that may be placed against a homestead, passed state-wide, with 59% of voters in favor. However, Castro County voters took a more conservative stance, with 60% of voters against the measure.

Local voters lined up with state trends in voting against Proposition 1 that would have allowed a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

Propositions favored by local voters included Proposition 2, that limits property tax increases on homestead appraisals; Proposition 4, that allows "cleaning up" the state constitution by deleting duplicate numbers and archaic terms; Proposition 10, that divides the Crime Victims' Fund into two separate accounts; Proposition 12, that would establish a deadline for State Supreme Court action on motions for rehearing; and Proposition 13, that guarantees the Texas Tomorrow Fund pay out.

State-wide, voters were strongly in favor of Proposition 14 (77% for and 23% against), allowing the legislature to set qualifications for constables; while local voters defeated the measure by a close margin, 51%

against and 49% in favor.

Proposition 3 that would allow property tax exemptions on property that has implemented water conservation measures passed state-wide, with 60% in favor and 40% against; while local voters were 54% against and 46% in favor.

Proposition 5 allowing the State Supreme Court to convene in locations other than Austin was approved by 58% of state voters, but only 41% of local voters.

Proposition 6 was evenly divided with state voters, but 60% of Castro County voters were against it. The measure would allow the Texas Growth Fund to invest in businesses without disclosure of ties to South Africa or Namibia.

Bond programs of the Texas Water

## Richard wins council post

Charles Richard will serve the unexpired term in District 3 for the Dimmitt City Council.

He received 58 votes, and Danny Montes received 10. A special election was held to fill the position vacated by Council Member Henry Acevedo, who moved away.

The term will expire in May. Candidate filing for the regular term of the office will open sometime after the first of the year, according to City Secretary Jo Hamilton.

Development Board may be streamlined after 63% of state voters approved Proposition 7. However, 54% of local voters opposed it.

Local voters did not approve of Proposition 9, having to do with Harris County's Rural Fire Prevention District, defeating the amendment by 61% of those voting. State-wide, the measure had approval of 53% of voters.

Proposition 11, limiting the amount of state debt payable from the General Revenue Fund, was approved by 68% of state voters, while local ballots were 58% against it.

Unofficial vote totals for Castro County for each proposition are listed below.

Proposition	For	Against
1	218	310
2	305	229
3	244	282
4	294	230
5	212	310
6	210	310
7	238	282
8	260	383
9	189	301
10	326	292
11	215	300
12	318	205
13	305	222
14	251	266

The estimated 643 voters who turned out in the county represented 13% of the county's 4,879 registered voters.

## Hospital board approves tax abatements, remodeling

The hospital board got aboard the "Tax Abatement Express Line" last Thursday night—the last local governing body to do so.

In its second go-round on the issue, the board agreed to abate the taxes on new investments being made by five businesses and industries located within the City of Dimmitt-Castro County Enterprise Zone.

The companies are Gomax Foods, Inc., Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc., Westway Trading Corp., Bobcat Car Wash and B&W Aerial Spray. They're making investments estimated at \$3.6 million on new ventures and expansions.

The abatements are intended to encourage businesses to invest in specific locales (enterprise zones) where their investments will have the most beneficial impact on tax base, income levels, etc.

Because of the size of their invest-

ments, Gomax and Cerestar qualify for a 50% tax abatement for five years and 25% for another five years under the 1997 plan. The other three businesses will receive 25% abatements for five years.

Wayne Collins, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, gave the board a detailed analysis of the abatement plan.

He noted that while the hospital district would give up almost \$40,000 in property-tax income during the next 10 years because of the abatements, it would receive almost \$71,000 in new tax income during the same period because of the new investments.

"Every taxing entity with the exception of the water district and the hospital district has approved," Collins said. "And the water district has indicated that if the other taxing entities here approve, they will go

along."

The hospital board's vote to approve the abatement plan was unanimous.

Chief Operating Officer Joe Sloan reported that the Medical Center of Dimmitt had 2,122 visits during September, "the highest month so far."

The clinic had 885 visits in September 1996. During the first five months of fiscal 1997-98, clinic visits totaled 6,639, compared with 5,939 during the same period last year.

"The clinic's revenue is up and the expenses are down, so we're starting to get things turned around there," Sloan said.

The Home Health Agency also continues to show a significant increase in activity, Sloan reported.

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Consider the *Cucurbit*. It's a pumpkin. It's a squash. No, wait—it's both.

Two weeks ago I informed you that the canned pumpkin pie filling we buy at the store isn't pumpkin at all—that it's winter squash, a close cousin of the pumpkin.

Well, that set alert reader Elmer Berryhill's face to frownin' and his eyes to bulgin' and his hackles to raisin'.

"It's like telling a kid that there's no Santa Claus!" he said.

He called Libby's, where he got hold of an actual person—a nice person of the female persuasion, in fact—who assured him that Libby's canned pumpkin is really pumpkin.

Being a retired educator and a literate sort, Elmer also went to Barnes & Noble and headed straight to the horticulture section, to the reference shelves headed, "Gardening Books for Retired Educators Caught Up in Horticultural Arguments."

That's where he picked up the word *Cucurbitaceae*.

He realized right away that it was the kind of word that could win an argument.

"Pumpkins are in the sub-family of the winter squash," he told me. "The genus is *Cucurbitaceae*."

Sure, that's easy for you to say, I thought.

He outlined the family tree.

"Cucumbers, squash, melons, gourds and pumpkins are all members of the same family," he said. "But a pumpkin is a pumpkin."

Gosh, I thought. There's nothing for me to do but prove what I wrote.

I hate to have to do that. Why can't people just believe what they read?

So I went to the source of my original pronouncement—to the horticulturist who was quoted by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* in an Oct. 22 food feature on pumpkins.

"David Bender, horticulturist with the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Experiment Station in

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## Rah Rah grows by leaps and cheers

By ANNE ACKER

Tammy Black didn't sit down at a sewing machine until she was in high school.

Later she got married and moved to Sunray. She grew bored one day and sat down at a sewing machine with a pattern and found out she enjoyed sewing.

Now she's used her talents to start her own business, Rah Rah, Mfg., and she makes and sells what she calls "spirit clothing" for children.

About 10 years ago, Black started making cheerleading uniforms for little girls, sewing the clothing in her home.

She started out with a couple of sample suits that she showed at a cheerleading mini-camp in Tulia, hoping to get some orders.

"I thought I'd be lucky to sell five suits," Black said. "That first year I sold 40 something suits. I remember thinking, 'Where am I going to get fabric?'"

But Black filled that order and her small venture has snowballed into a large operation that turned out a total of 3,000 cheerleading shirts and skirts this year.

"When I started I'd always get orders the week before school started and they would want the suits by the first football game," Black said. "I pulled some all-nighters at the sewing machine and that's when it got to be

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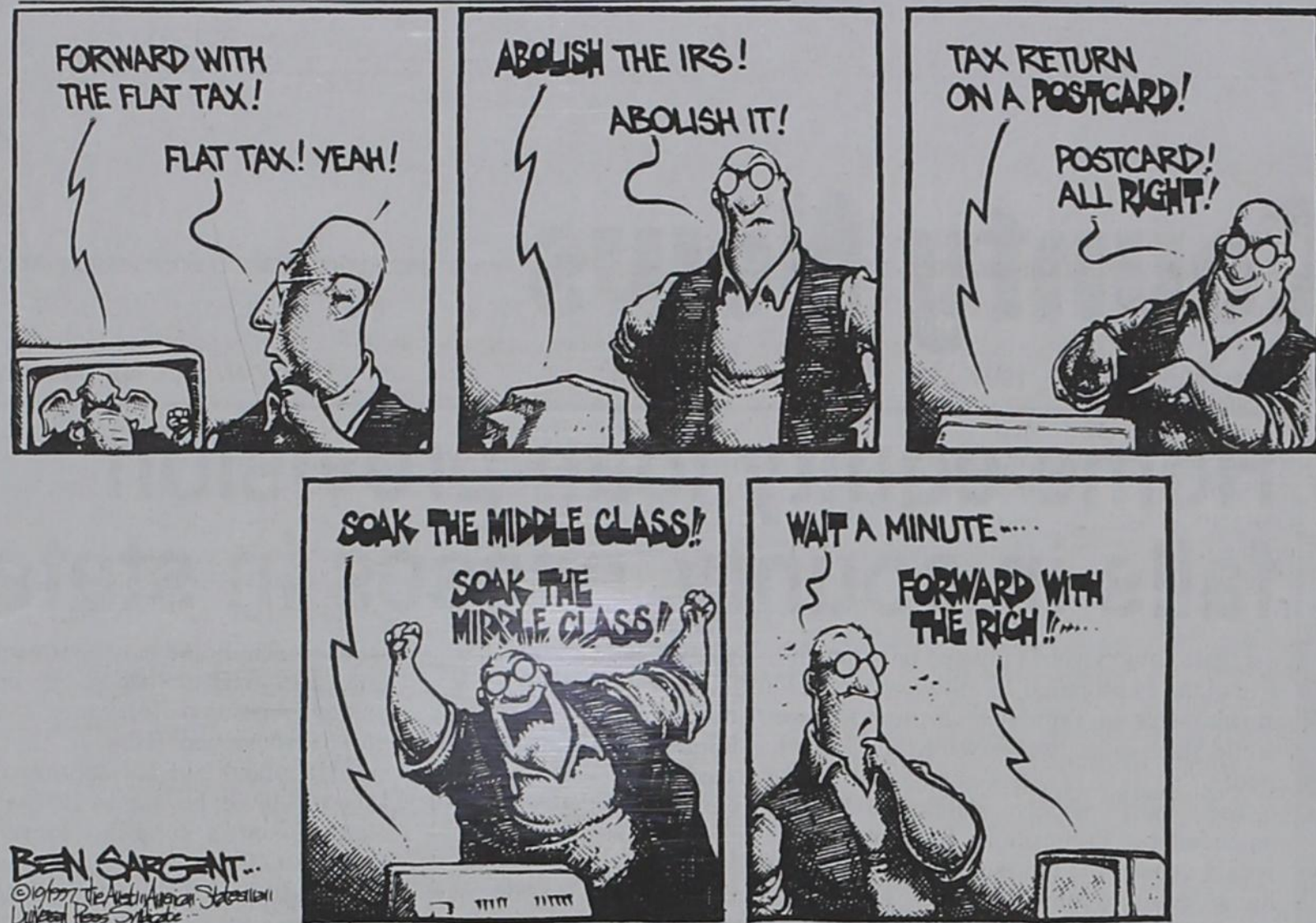


**A CHEERING VENTURE**—Tammy Black (right) started sewing young girls' cheerleading outfits 10 years ago to earn extra money. Now she's turned that into a full-time business that turned out a total of 3,000 tops and skirts this year, and she added football jerseys to her product line, selling approximately 550 this year. Black, who owns Merle Norman Studio in Dimmitt, started Rah Rah Mfg., two years ago. In its second

year, the business has almost doubled its sales. Black is standing in front of her commercial cutting table and bolts of fabric line the wall. Pictured on the table are completed tops and skirts as well as unfinished units. Black employs one full-time seamstress, Delle Moore (left), and two part-timers, including Bev Porter. Not pictured is Tammy's mother, Ann Heck, who also helps out on a part-time basis.

Photo by Don Nelson





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# City okays Teen Court

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to appropriate \$5,000 to kick off the Teen Court program in Dimmitt, starting in February.

Program coordinator Debbie Annen had asked the council to accept the program under the city's umbrella. Council member Trish Elliott asked if that means the city will have to bear all of the cost of the program.

Annen said that local civic clubs have expressed interest in helping with the program. She said the county probably would not help with funding until the program is expanded county-wide.

City Attorney Jack Edwards said he hopes to have Hart and Nazareth participating in the program by next September. Also, Annen said the Dimmitt school district cannot help with funding the biggest portion of the Teen Court budget—the coordinator's salary—unless she resigns from the school board. Even then, there would be a six-month delay, she said. Edwards pointed out that the school district could donate expressly for the other expenses of the court or could donate materials.

Annen said that available office space has been located in the city hall. She said she hopes to have the first Teen Court cases in February, with sessions held on the first and third Monday nights of each month. She estimated that the court would handle four cases per session, as recommended by the Teen Court program.

"I don't know what kind of case load we'll be facing," Annen said. She said that the court may only hear Class C misdemeanor cases, along with a few Class B cases, as determined by the judge who sends the cases on.

Edwards said that a benefit of the program is that teens will get to learn civic responsibility, and hopefully many will be able to participate in a positive way, as attorneys and jurors, and not as offenders.

Annen said it will be the responsibility of the offenders to contact the non-profit agency of their choice to arrange their community service hours. She said they will be allowed to choose from an approved list. The list could include the hospital, nursing home, school, county, churches, Chamber of Commerce, and city. She said the hospital "already has a very long list of things to do."

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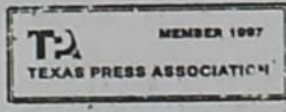
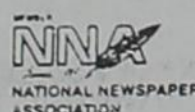
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opened bids on a back hoe for the city works department. Council members voted to accept the low bid, pending review of the specifications by Sheffy and by Works Director Ralph Salinas. The low bid was submitted by Yellowhouse Machinery Co. of Lubbock for a John Deere 310 at a price of \$48,295, with \$8,300 allowed for a trade-in, for a total bid of \$39,995. Scott Tractor Co. of Amarillo offered a Case Model 580L for \$49,500, with \$9,500 allowed for trade-in, for a total bid of \$40,000—a \$5 difference.

In another matter, the council authorized Edwards to draw up a contract for the city land near the landfill and include use of overflow water from the waste water treatment plant. Then the council will advertise for bids on the contract. In the past, the contract has specified that the operator of the land must make use of enough water to maintain a proper level at the water treatment plant.

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### Your Emotional Health

## Terror of panic attacks often remains

By STEVE BARCHENGER



Steve Barchenger

Panic disorder is morbid anxiety. It seems to "come out of the blue" and often includes shortness of breath, chest pain, trembling, pounding heart, dizziness and fear of losing control.

Panic attacks may not continue, but the person remembers the terror of it, may fear having another attack or worry about "going crazy."

Some medicate the disorder with alcohol. 20% of persons with panic disorder attempt suicide.

This reflects how disruptive it is to their lives. 50% become agoraphobic, and give up aspects of their lives such as driving or going outside.

Agoraphobia can be tied to issues such as shyness and dependency, but seems best predicted by separation anxiety, sometimes called school phobia.

Panic disorder isn't "inherited," although a predisposition to it may be. The disorder often runs in families. It is thought to be related to a temperament or other genetic factor, or the kinds of learning that take

### More about

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Lubbock, said the canned pumpkin you buy in the store is actually the mashed fruit of a large squash," the A-J article said.

"Cooked flesh from a regular pumpkin tends to be more fibrous and grainier. Libby's has a huge area in Illinois where they grow these type of squash," the article quoted Bender as saying.

"I had no fear. I rang him up."

"I sure wouldn't want to destroy Santa Claus or the Great Pumpkin," Bender chuckled.

"What I said was that the pumpkin that Libby's uses is actually a pumpkin that is more like a large winter squash," he said. "I think the one they use there they call a *Moschata* species, *cucurbit* genus — *cucurbit* *Moschata*. There are all different species. The ones they use for Jack-o-lanterns is the *cucurbita Pepo*."

"The problem when we start talking about pumpkins," he said, "is that some of the *Moschata* is listed as winter squash and some as pumpkin. It isn't really defined as to what is a pumpkin and what is a squash. You have some of each that can be the same species. It depends largely on

how they're used.

"What I meant to say was that the pumpkins they use for canning aren't the orange field pumpkins that we're familiar with," he said. "The *Moschata* has more flesh and is a good cooking pumpkin. It IS a pumpkin by their definition, and that's fine, but there is winter squash in the same species, so there is a fuzzy line on that."

"In fact, one book says, 'There is some confusion as to the names 'pumpkin' and 'squash'.'"

Boy, you can say that again.

Meanwhile, Elmer countered with a printout from Libby's—on pumpkin-colored paper, yet.

"Jack-o-lanterns are hybrids, bred to grow big and round with thick walls," the printout said. "Cooking pumpkins, on the other hand, are buff colored and elongated, with thick walls. They weigh, on the average, 15 pounds and are sweet with tender flesh."

"Libby's pumpkins are of the 'Dickinson' variety. They are noted for their rich, golden color, creamy texture and fresh, pure taste. . . ."

"Libby's Solid Pack Pumpkin is 100% pumpkin. . . ."

Now, who are you going to believe — a horticulturist with *Texas A&M*, for goodness' sake, or a subsidiary of a multinational conglomerate?

If you want to believe that a buff colored, elongated *cucurbit* is a pumpkin, then go right ahead.

(By the way, could I interest you in some beach-front property in Utah?)

"Many years ago I learned you never win a point with a newspaper," Elmer said. "They have the last word."

Put on the spot like that, what else could a self-respecting word merchant do? As a matter of honor, I have to let him have the last word.

Therefore:  
Elmer is right, and I have to admit it. A pumpkin is a pumpkin

The Methodist Women's annual Bazaar and Turkey Dinner Tuesday was highly enjoyable, as usual.

The turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, green beans and homemade rolls all were great.

My favorite, though, is still that fantastic dessert that the women make—Winter Squash Delight!

(If you'd like to make it yourself, it's in their cookbook. Under the P's.)

## Apple pie, baseball, and economic development

By TOM HAYWOOD  
State Senator

Economic development. You hear these words in political speeches and read them in newspapers. Next to apple pie and baseball, it is one of the safest things an elected official can talk about and not get into trouble.

Economic development is not a phrase that implies luring one giant business as a cure for a stagnant economy. New jobs are important,

but a long-range plan for economic and physical growth is equally important. Like any other plan, it is limited only by the imagination of its creators. Lt. Gov. Bullock recently charged the Senate Economic Development Committee with reviewing the state's economic development policy. This was a farsighted move, and one that should be imitated on the local level. Without a local plan, and a little savvy, economic development is just another buzz word.

I've been able to assist many localities with business development, including securing grants from the Workforce Development Commission and the Texas Dept. for Economic Development. Working with local officials, we have been able to recruit businesses and in some cases restore a town's Main Street Texas image. However, the real thrust behind developing an economy and maintaining a community are the local citizens.

possible to do a job from any point on the globe. Everything is literally at your fingertips. For some types of businesses, there is no longer such a thing as being too remote. The point I am trying to make is that economic prosperity is not off limits to rural areas. The playing field is finally becoming more level.

A critical element of economic development and community preservation is to have a locally developed plan. This should include recruiting new businesses, as well as giving existing businesses a reason to stay put. If a community wants to recruit jobs, or just keep the ones it has, then prudence of community leaders will make or break the deals. If a community is inclined to preserve its small town way of life, that's fine. Again, the local leaders are in the best position to keep things the way they are.

Whatever the goal, look inside your town's boundaries to determine what it is you have to offer, or what

it is that needs to be preserved for future generations. Planning, innovation, persistence, and marketing are the skills a town needs in order to develop. If state assistance is needed, then I stand ready to help, but nothing can replace the tenacity of people back home. Under this simple formula, I have watched several towns prosper on a scale never imagined. I'm proud to say that local people, not the state government, were the star players.

The savvy of the people in the community, and not the state government, is what drives business development. The state government can provide seed money for projects and enact laws that make Texas a friendly place to do business. However, it is the leaders in the community that make an economy robust, while still maintaining a community's identity.

The balance between creating jobs and maintaining communities' images is the single most important thing we can do on the ever of the 21st century. This holds especially true for the rural areas of the state. Some pundits might laugh at the prospects of economic growth in our rural communities, but people laughed out loud several decades ago when cities like Abilene, Wichita Falls, and the major cities in Grayson County were barely on the map. Now they are the economic engines driving the growth in their respective regions.

As the larger urban areas continue to grow at unprecedented rates, some rural towns will grow slightly, while others will lose their citizens to jobs in the big cities. This trend is not irreversible. In fact, consider for a moment the benefits of living in a smaller town: less traffic, lower crime rates, less expensive real estate, abundance of natural resources . . . the list goes on. Also keep in mind that technology has made it

### ACROSS

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5 Ellis Co. \_\_\_ smasher was never built  
6 TXism: "reading \_\_\_" (toilet)  
7 Houston FM radio  
8 the \_\_\_ owl is a primary attraction at Bentsen State Park  
9 lots of alligators can be found at this refuge near Port Arthur  
17 TX "Cowpokes" cartoonist Ace  
19 Comanche headdress  
21 husband of Uvalde's Dale Evans (init.)  
22 TXism: "\_\_\_ light idea" (good idea)  
23 ranchers' assoc. (abbr.)  
24 TX Perot trait  
30 the Big Thicket is located here (2 wds.)  
34 ex-Cowboys line-batker Norton (init.)  
35 TXism: "busy \_\_\_-armed paper hanger"  
36 TXism: "stands on his own two \_\_\_"  
37 TX singer Frizzell  
39 film: "Dynamite Chase"  
43 TX Gene Tierney's child by Cassini  
44 TXism: "holler calf rope" (2 wds.)  
45 \_\_\_ Klux Klan  
46 TX Crenshaw peg  
47 Garner, LBJ & Bush: \_\_\_ Presidents  
48 the size of Texas

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#### Last Puzzle Solution



# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Dimmitt banks decorated for Halloween.

The First Bank, Dimmitt Branch, had a large scarecrow surrounded by stalks of cotton in full bloom and shocks of feed with pumpkins of all sizes everywhere. They served Halloween cookies, frosted donut holes, and coffee.

The First United Bank served Halloween refreshments of cookies, candy and "witches' brew" on Friday in conjunction with the art exhibit set up by Rice Fine Art of Amarillo, with paintings and sculptures by several artists.

Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union had a "talking" skeleton and a ghost adding to the Halloween atmosphere at their place, along with refreshments of punch and cookies.

The museum board meeting was held on Thursday evening with Clara Vick presiding over the meeting in the absence of Dale Winders. Refreshments of Mexican casserole, Pinto beans, chips, puff rice cereal treats and soft drinks were served to Madge Robb, Vick, Rayphard and Mary Lou Smithson, Robert Duke, and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Phillip and Ann Lang of Bowler, Wis., Norman Dy-sart of Amarillo, Urban and Rosetta Bellinghausen of Munday, and Donnie George of Spanaway, Wash. Donnie is the son of Susie Reeves, and he is a former Dimmitt resident. He was in school with my daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford. Since we have some old Dimmitt annuals, Donnie and I enjoyed visiting and looking through the annuals.

Opha Burks was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a Polynesian dish. Helen Braafladt won high score, with Opha taking second. Others playing were Edith Graef, Louise Mears, Cleo Forson, Bernice Hill, Elizabeth Huckabay, and Bill Thornton.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be having their annual dinner and bazaar at the Expo Building on Nov. 14. The bazaar will open at 10 a.m. and the serving time for the meal is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the price for the dinner is \$6, or \$6.25 for take-outs.

*A correction:* Mattie Axtell called from Earth to report a mistake in last week's column. When her grandson, Paul Axtell, came home to visit his parents, Charles and Diane Axtell, in Dimmitt, he brought his friend Kris Hall (Chris Stevens was the name in the column. Sorry about the mistake.) The boys are students at Texas A&M University. Mattie Axtell and I have been friends for a long time, since we both lived in Tulia.

Dimmitt sixth graders were challenged with a very informative program on fire safety by Dimmitt firemen, Vic Burrows and Shawn Ewing. Students experienced the awareness of wearing the fireman's gear and the correct ways to escape a fire. The firemen encouraged every one to have a fire detector in their home and to check the battery every month. Students were informed how to become a paid fireman and EMT and the importance of staying in school and making good grades.

Oct. 26 was once again the scene of the Moore family reunion. 69 friends and family gathered for this event, that has been held for the last 44 years. The reunion began to celebrate the birthdays of J.B. Moore,

## Search service helps veterans

The Registry of American Veterans (ROAV) is encouraging all American veterans to register in a program that will make it easier for former comrades in arms to locate one another.

The ROAV gathers information from veterans and computerizes their name, current residence, military units they served in and the time periods served in each outfit.

Persons who join ROAV will receive an initial and annual printout of all veterans in the organization's database who served in the same unit during the same time frame as the joining member.

The membership fee is \$15 per member for five years. There is no charge for any who just want to submit their name and information for the registry so that others may locate them. However, for search services and initial and annual reports, an individual must pay the fee.

Those interested may write to: Registry of American Veterans, P.O. Box 51148, Riverside, Calif. 92517.

*At no time is freedom of speech more precious than when a man hits his thumb with a hammer.*

—Marshall Lumsden

Oct. 24; Omega Johnson, Oct. 26 and Charity Moore, our mother, Oct. 25. Since our mother's death in 1975, we have gathered as a memorial for her and celebration of J.B. and Omega.

Those attending this year were J.B. and Thelma Moore of Dimmitt; James Williams of Mesa, Ariz; Sammie Hughlett and Butch Scott of Lamesa; Larry Moore, Steven, Dana, Brandon and Kendra Moore all of Altus, Okla.; Douglas and Mary Moke, Shawn, Lisa, Shane and Hunter Moke of Bernbrook; Sherry and Megan Sims of Amarillo; Colleen and Jackie Byrd and friends, James and Wanda from Crane; Donald, Carolyn and Trampas Moke of Dimmitt; Colby and Kendra Moke of Amarillo; Christy, Mike and Matthew Holland of Grandy, Missouri; Kathy, Crystal and Starla Davis of Canyon Lake; Brandi Byrd of Crane; Christell Wilcox of Dimmitt; Joe Wilcox of Crane; Stan, Linda and Joe Bob Wilcox of Hereford; Tona, Ronna, Weston, Brittney, Mollie, Mark and Hanna Wilcox of Friona; Dusty, Pam, J.W., Clay and Tomas Wilcox from Miami; Todd and Jody Bebb, Sunny Seelke of Clayton, New Mexico; Omega Johnson of Dimmitt; Keith Johnson, Carol and Jim McCullough, Kevin, Darla, Cody and Amy Hinkle all of Lawton, Okla.; David, Jennifer, Jessica and C.J. Dennis and Rac Catoe all of Dimmitt and Janis and Karen Gandy of Plainview.

The Birthday Club met at the Sir-loin Stockade in Hereford Sunday to celebrate Leander Reinart's birthday.

Those attending were Clara and Leander Reinart, Don and Agnes Schilling, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, and Charles and Rena Richard.

Ladies' night was held at the Church of Christ in Dimmitt on Monday, Oct. 27.

The group was pleased to host ladies from Bovina, Friona, Hereford, Tulia, Hart and Dimmitt.

Speaker was Kathleen Carr of Friona. She spoke on what the attitude of a Christian woman should be—the same attitude as Christ's.

Patricia Elliott led the group in singing and they had a "food for thought" session on how to get rid of the "I can't's."

Fall decorations were placed throughout the building to remind those present of the beauty that God has given for us to enjoy.

The third-grade music classes gave a Fall Fallies Concert at Richardson Elementary School last Wednesday under the direction of Ruby Teaschner.

The children sang seasonal songs and presented their rendition of The Dinosaur Dance.

The event was attended by parents, family members and friends of the community.

The children did a superb job.

## Sunnyside

with Teeny Bowden

Willie Mae Sadler was taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Oct. 28.

From there she was air lifted to St. Mary's extensive care unit in Lubbock.

She was in a deep coma at first and they thought she had suffered a stroke. She was placed on a ventilator. She didn't have a stroke, and seems to be improving every day, according to Miles. On Friday, David and Debra Fletcher went to see her and she knew them and visited with them.

Pastor Bennie Wright took Embree Roy Sadler to Lubbock as soon as the helicopter left.

Robert and Frances Duke gleaned carrots last Thursday afternoon in Charles Axtell's field, located near them. Seven people participated in the gleening project and they gathered 540 pounds. Most of the carrots went to Amarillo to a senior citizens center.

The little children close to the church were treated to a Halloween party by several parents on Friday night.

Frances Duke took Elbert Dyer to her doctor in Lubbock on Oct. 28.

Robert and Frances Duke attended the museum meeting in Dimmitt last Thursday night.

It was 32 degrees Sunday morning at 8:15 and it was 40 degrees Monday morning at 10.

A big thank you goes to those who helped make the event possible and to Mrs. Teaschner and the children for a job well done.

Clara Vick gave a report of her recent trip to Italy:

Clara Vick returned last month from Italy, where she was a guest of the Italian Ex-POWs at their annual reunion in September at Pesaro, located on the Adriatic Sea. Vick always represents the Castro County Historical Commission and the Castro County Museum at this reunion.

Oreste Giorgetti and his wife, Ninnie, and daughter, Danilla, and her children met Vick at the Rome airport, which is near their home.

While in Rome, Vick and Oreste toured several places of interest. One was "Bomarzo," the Monster Park, founded in 1552. It is a park of many giant-size animals and figures carved out of boulders. They also toured the Villa with an Italian terraced garden, with geometric motifs and numerous beautiful fountains. Vick found interesting the tour of a Roman theatre in Farento, which had been built in the first century, B.C.

On a Sunday, Vick traveled by a speedy train from Rome to Milan to visit in the home of Armando Boscolo and his sisters, Anita and Adalberta. They took Vick to their mountain home in Clusone, about a four-hour drive from Milan. Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel, friends of Armando, were helpful as Mr. Gabriel was the expert chauffeur for mountain driving. The ski area was similar to the Ruidoso, N.M. area. The main downtown of Clusone had a beautiful, old cathedral decorated with special art, gold trim on the very high ceilings, and stained glass windows. The travelers were treated to a typical fish dinner with all the trimmings.

When Vick returned to Milan Giappino Berticelli and his daughter, Bettia, came to the Boscolo home and took Vick to their home in Barlassina near Lake Como.

The next day they went to the cemetery in Barlassina, where the body of their brother had been re-interred in the family plot. This brother was one of those who died at the Hereford POW Camp and was re-interred at Fort Reno, Okla., before being taken home. The Berticelli family was grateful to members of the Castro County Historical Commission for their assistance in this project.

A day was spent touring Lake Como, with all the beautiful, old churches and buildings. This town is known for its shops with all the beautiful "silk-materials." This tour included driving more than half way around the lake and then taking a ferry back across the lake.

On a Friday, the Berticelli family and Vick drove to Pesaro for the reunion. During a rest stop, they were surprised to see Renato Pirovano, one of the ex-POWs. They had a brief visit.

When they arrived at Pesaro at the Hotel Cruiser Congress, they were greeted by Oreste and Ninnie Giorgetti, Armando, Anita and Adalberta Boscolo, Walter Checchini, and Ferdica Filippucci. Adalberta helped with the official registration for the reunion, and she reported that there were more than 300 registered. The main feature of the reunion was the "Voice of the Young." On the program were two young ladies who were attending universities. Also, Edoardo Fornaro of Lugano, Switzerland, spoke. He was the son of one of the ex-POWs from the Hereford camp. He spoke about his mother only receiving two letters from his father while he was a prisoner. The son was 2 years old when the father left for the war. The son is now a doctor of engineering and a consultant for Proctor and Gamble. He and his wife speak perfect English and were very interested in the Hereford POW Camp and Chapel, and of course the Castro



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County History book and the booklet, "Legacy of Peace."

The conference was very interesting, and included an exhibit of music by ex-POW Mario Medici. Mrs. Medici and her sister attended the reunion. Vick, with the help of Giorgetti translating, gave a report on the Castro County Museum and Historical Museum and the Chapel. They all enjoyed hearing about the local activities. Vick said she came home with a determination to continue helping with efforts to get a historical marker for St. Mary's Church in Umbarger, which has murals painted by nine of the POWs. The only one of the nine who is still living is Franco DiBello.

The Saturday evening dinner had several courses of fish with all the special trimmings, along with Italy's best wines and champagne, and the traditional cake. Music was furnished by several of the regular chorale that sang at a concert Sunday morning.

Sunday, the Mass was celebrated by Padre Gianfranco Maria Chiti. His message was in memory of the prisoners all over the world, during and after their captivity. Vick said he thanked her as a representative of the US.

The concert on Sunday was especially memorable, with Mrs. Medici attending and enjoying the music written by her husband as it was performed by the chorale. The concert was concluded, as always, by the Italian National Anthem, which always brings tears to everyone's eyes.

Vick enjoyed visiting with many of the ex-POWs. She was finally able to meet Ciccotti Borna, an ex-POW who she has written to. He has published many books, and this was his first time to attend the reunion.

Vick returned to Rome with the Giorgettis and toured the American Military Cemetery at Nettuno. She checked names and received several computer printouts of the names that are on the marker at the Gazebo.

The day before Vick returned to Texas, she and Giorgetti had an appointment with Col Nicholas J. Ciccarello, who is an Army attache at the American Embassy. Vick learned much of the history of the building that houses the Embassy—the Palazzo Margherita, which also

houses several famous statues, including "Venus" by Giambologna. Vick got to see inside the Ambassador's office. The chandelier gives off a golden glow due to gold dust incorporated into the glass. Ambassador Thomas Foglietta was scheduled to begin his duties there Oct. 1. Vick said they hope to get the Ambassador to attend the reunion next year.

The First Christian Church's Ladies' Council was very graciously hosted by Glenna Fry in her home. The ladies were treated to a wonderful meal and recipies were exchanged.

The program was given by Rosalie Hawkins. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all that attended.

The group's next meeting will be Nov. 24 at Glenna Fry's home.



THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ROME—Clara Vick of Dimmitt (center) visits the embassy with Oreste Giorgetti (left). They were hosted by Col. Nicholas J. Ciccarello (right), an Army attache at the embassy. Vick visited Italy in September to attend the reunion of ex-POWs. She represented the Castro County Historical Commission and the museum at the reunion. Courtesy Photo

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# People



## Chamber is making plans for annual Christmas promotion

Santa Claus will land in Dimmitt for the first time this season on Nov. 20, kicking off the holiday shopping season and Christmas Open House promotion.

On Nov. 20, Dimmitt businesses will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. and will have special sales or promotions that night.

Santa will visit with children at the gazebo on the courthouse square that evening.

The choirs from Dimmitt schools, directed by Ken Strange, will perform Christmas carols from the gazebo.

Those attending the open house will be able to register for Christmas drawings of \$100 on Nov. 20 and on

the first three Thursdays of December. This year, the chamber also plans to give away several \$10 prizes, too. All prizes will be awarded in Dimmitt Dollars and will be spent with local merchants.

Merchants interested in taking part in the Christmas Open House should contact the Chamber at 647-2524.

The chamber is planning its Parade of Lights for Dec. 11, if enough businesses, groups or individuals are interested, and Santa will visit the city that night, too.

## Clothing program meeting is Nov. 17

4-H'ers and adult leaders interested in working with clothing projects this year should attend a meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Connie Wilhelm has offered to chair the clothing program this year.

Those interested are invited to come and present their ideas for the program.

## Hart church plans dinner

The Hart Church of Christ will host a couple's dinner for the Hart community on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Activities will begin with a full-course dinner at 6 p.m. at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Child care will be offered.

After the meal, Rex Boyles of Canadian will share his insights on "Family: The way things ought to be." After the session there will be a question and answer period.

The evening is designed to allow couples to draw closer to one another, and to encourage the value of the family.

The public is welcome to attend, but organizers ask that reservations be made by Tuesday. There will be no availability after that date. For reservations call 938-2267.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus

## Baccuses will celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus of Seminole will celebrate their 60th wedding with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Health Care Center in Seminole.

Roy Baccus married the former Anita Smith on Nov. 6, 1937, in Granbury.

The couple has four children including Martha Jo Hyman of Dimmitt, Eugene Baccus of

Levelland, Ricky Baccus of Seminole and Randall Baccus of Whiteface. The couple also has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The celebration is being hosted by the couple's children.

In lieu of a gift, the family requests photos or written momentos be given.

## Open house set Saturday at Rhoads Memorial Library

Rhoads Memorial Library will host an open house and special birthday party Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m., and also plans to make a presentation to Susan Perry, granddaughter of Tyline Perry, whose donation years ago was instrumental in building the current library.

The presentation, slated for 2:20 p.m., will include a compilation of thank you notes and personal notes from library users. The open house and reception are being sponsored by the Dimmitt Book Club and Rhoads Memorial Library's board of directors.

Susan Perry recently donated \$10,000 as a memorial gift to be used to expand the children's book collection and media center at the library. She will visit here on Saturday and library officials have planned the open house in conjunction with her visit.

"We're inviting everyone to come out and show their appreciation for what Susan and her family have done for the library," said Cindy Pottorff, librarian.

Susan Perry decided to make the \$10,000 donation to the library this year in honor of her mother's birthday. Tyline Perry would have been 100 this year.

"Susan will be here on Saturday, and we'll have a birthday celebration honoring Tyline on that day," said Pottorff.

Nearly 30 years ago, Tyline Perry gave \$90,000 toward the construction of a new library in Dimmitt. The donation was given as a memorial to her pioneer ancestors.

By the time the library was constructed and dedicated, the principle had appreciated to \$135,000. Local citizens raised an additional \$10,000 for the project.

The funds were used to construct a 7,700-square-foot brick building at 105 Southwest Second Street in Dimmitt. The library currently has 20,000 volumes with an estimated

monthly circulation of 1,800 volumes. The library serves some 8,500 residents of Castro County.

In addition to its print resources, the library offers public Internet access and a computerized card catalogue.

The library was named for Tyline's maternal grandparents, the Rhoads family, who homesteaded in Castro County along the Castro-Swisher County line.

Tyline's parents were Frank and Alma Nanny, and the present-day Nanny Farms in Castro County came from the original Rhoads homestead.

## Holiday bazaar, turkey dinner set in Nazareth

Arts and crafts exhibitors are invited to display their creations at a holiday arts and crafts bazaar in Nazareth on Sunday, Nov. 23.

Reservations for booth space will be accepted through Nov. 15. Booths are 8 x 10 foot and cost is \$20 per booth. A table and two chairs will be provided with each booth. Exhibitors are asked to state if they need the table, and if they prefer a wall or center booth. Also, exhibitors are asked to send information on what will be displayed in the booth.

Booths will be assigned on a first-come basis.

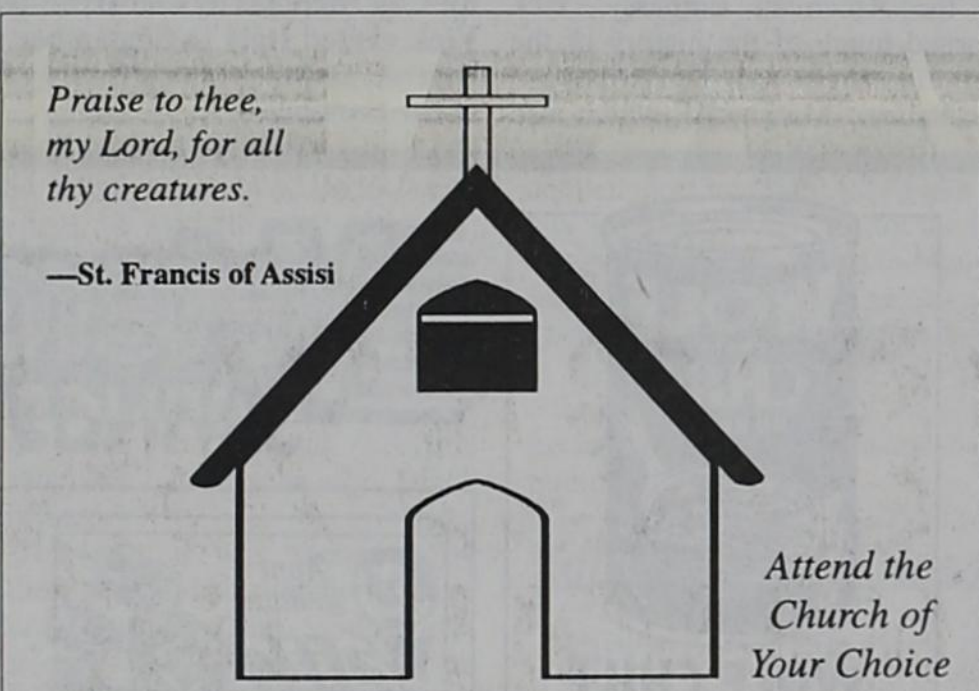
The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibitors will be able to begin setting up their displays at 7:30 a.m. that day.

For more information, or to reserve a booth, contact Lucille Drerup at Box 3, Nazareth, Texas 79063, phone (806) 945-2562; or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HCR 2, Box 13, Nazareth, Texas 79063, phone (806) 945-2583.

Also on Nov. 23, the Christian Mothers will sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner at the Nazareth Community Hall.

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(For those who plan or scheme),  
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We find here tales and stories  
That can lift our spirits high;  
And thoughts from ages past  
Of how one ought to live or die.

We browse each time we come here  
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# Festival of Trees event set in Hereford

Hereford will kick off the holiday season with its annual Festival of Trees celebration Nov. 19-23 at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

The main feature of the event is the display of decorated trees on exhibit during the week.

The display, within a festival setting, is a major community involvement and fund raising project for the Hereford Senior Citizens Association. In 1996, approximately 5,000 people attended the display and took part in festival activities.

The event is made possible by businesses, institutions and individuals through advertising, sponsorship of tree display and festival cost, voluntary tree designing and decoration, and donated entertainment and time.

The decorated trees are sold at auction during the festival and will be delivered to buyers the week following Thanksgiving.

Festival activities are held Nov. 19-22 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children's program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 19-21.

The festival and preview of trees will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 19.

On Nov. 20, a "Willy and Friends" dinner will be served from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and admission is \$7.50 per person.

On Nov. 21, a festival gala will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The festival auction will be from 8 to 11 p.m.

A children's hour with santa will be from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Nov. 22 and admission is \$2 per person. Reservations can be made at the Senior Citizens Center or by calling 364-5681.

The Lionel Train display and Santa Fun will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 22.

On Nov. 22, a dinner theater will be featured from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and admission is \$12.50 per person. Reservations will be accepted at the center or by calling 364-5681.

A holiday turkey buffet will be served on Nov. 23 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

The tree and train review will be open from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

## Amy Pohlmeier, Eric Montemayor earn recognition

Amy Pohlmeier of Nazareth and Eric Montemayor of Hart have been nominated for the 1997 Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

The four-year-old program was created through a partnership between Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers Restaurants, the Downtown Athletic Club, home of the college Heisman Trophy since 1935, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the nation's largest school leadership organization.

The national awards program recognizes academic achievement, community service and athletic accomplishments of high school seniors.

"These gifted students have accomplished so much at such a young age, it's simply amazing how they find time to do it all," said Dave Thomas, Wendy's founder. "Wendy's is honored to be associated with these individuals."

Principals at more than 23,000 high schools were invited to nominate one male and one female student athlete for the award.

Entries will be evaluated by the scholastic review service CTB/McGraw-Hill, which will narrow the field from 10,000 nominees to 1,020 state finalists. There will be 102 state winners, including the District of Columbia.

A distinguished panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients, and education, business and community leaders, will review the 102 state winners and will name 12 national finalists, one male and one female representing six geographic regions.

The finalists will be invited to New York City Dec. 12-14 to participate in the Heisman Memorial Trophy Week activities at the Downtown Athletic Club. One male and one female will be selected as national winners and they will be honored during the Heisman Memorial Trophy telecast on ESPN on Dec. 13.

The awards presentation will be made by Thomas, Dr. Timothy J. Dyer, NASSP executive director, and program spokesman Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Memorial Trophy winner and current assistant athletic director at Ohio State University.



**FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS' GUILD** of Dimmitt donates decorative framed quilt squares to Plains Memorial Hospital. (From left) Hospital administrator Joe Sloan accepts the wall quilts from guild members Doris Lust, Yvonna Hays, Joyce Davis, Tommie Nisbett and Annie McCurry. "We're trying to supply a wall hanging for each room in the hospital," a guild spokesperson said.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# CPS plans open house to introduce new caseworker

The Castro County Child Protective Services Board will hold an open house next Thursday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 113-A W. Bedford in Dimmitt to introduce the new Child Protective Services caseworker, David Trevino.

The public is invited to attend the open house and reception.

Trevino has accepted the position previously held by Donna Stump.

Trevino's wife, Angie, is a native of Dimmitt. The couple has three children including 10-year-old

Wesley, 8-year-old Erick and 4-year-old Tanya.

He is a member of El Buen Pastor Iglesia Metodista Church of Tulia.

Prior to being employed as a CPS caseworker, Trevino worked for Catholic Family Services, Inc., of Dimmitt as a youth crisis intervention and prevention counselor.

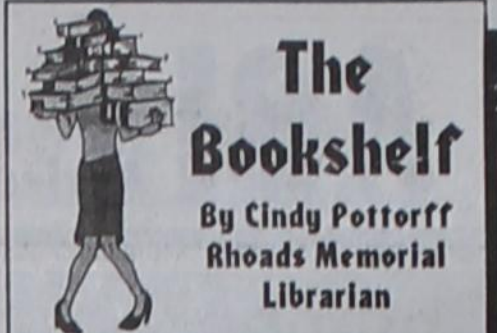
Trevino's hobbies include yard work such as planting and landscaping. He also enjoys taking walks and playing football with his

children.

Trevino is a 1982 graduate of Tulia High School and he received his bachelor of arts degree in multidisciplinary education with a specialization in reading from Wayland Baptist University in May 1996.

The Castro County Child Protective Services Board oversees the care provided to children in conservatorship.

There are currently six children in conservatorship.



Susan Perry will be at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

We will be having a special presentation at 2:30 p.m. that day to show her our appreciation for her generous donation.

Please come and make her feel welcome. Everyone is invited to attend.

All of the thank you notes and stories people have contributed have been compiled and will be presented to Perry in a scrapbook. Thanks for the help in getting those thank you notes to us.

The Internet public-access computer has been getting regular use.

We have hired a library aide for eight hours a week, thanks to the support of the Dimmitt City Council and Castro County Commissioners. Jewell Connell begins work this week. The scheduling of her hours will vary. We are looking forward to having Jewell's smiling face back at the library.

Over the next two months, a new heating and air conditioning system will be installed at the library. The atmosphere may be a little noisier than usual and things may seem a little disorganized.

That is because we plan to keep the library open while the work is being completed, so please bear with us. It won't last forever.



### OUT-OF-TOWN

It's a boy for Ray and Laura Lopez of Amarillo. Their son, Caleb Ray Lopez, was born Sept. 30 at 10:15 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 11-3/4 oz., and was 21-1/4 inches long. He has a big brother, Tres. Grandparents are George and Ramona Lopez of Dimmitt, Rebecca Rawlins of Savannah, Ga., and the late Larry Rawlins.

Stan and Shelley Schulte of Nazareth are the parents of a baby boy, Logan Riley, who was born at 4:14 a.m. Nov. 1 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed in at 8 1/2 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are David and Pat Smith of Hart. Paternal grandparents are Elmer and Florene Schulte of Nazareth. Maternal great-grandparents are Harold and Faye Smith and Lester and Lela Richburg, all of Hart.

Lalo and Linda Martinez of Dimmitt are proud parents of a baby boy, Christian Jacob, born Oct. 28 at 2:38 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The infant weighed 6 pounds and 12-3/4 ounces and measured 20-1/4 inches long. He has a big sister, Nyssa, 10. Grandparents are Robert and Bertha Camero of Friona.

### PMH Auxiliary sets meal, bazaar

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual dinner and bazaar Nov. 14 at the Expo Building.

The bazaar will open at 10 a.m., with various craft items and baked goods for sale. Also, opportunities will be given to sign up for "Operation Christmas Greeting" and raffle tickets will be sold for chances on a quilt, an afghan and a tablecloth.

The meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$6 per plate, or \$6.25 for take-outs.

### Craig show announced

"Works on Paper" by Joan A. Craig is being shown at the Barnes & Noble Book Sellers in Amarillo, 2415 Soncy Road.

The showing will continue through November, and the public is invited. There is no admission charge.

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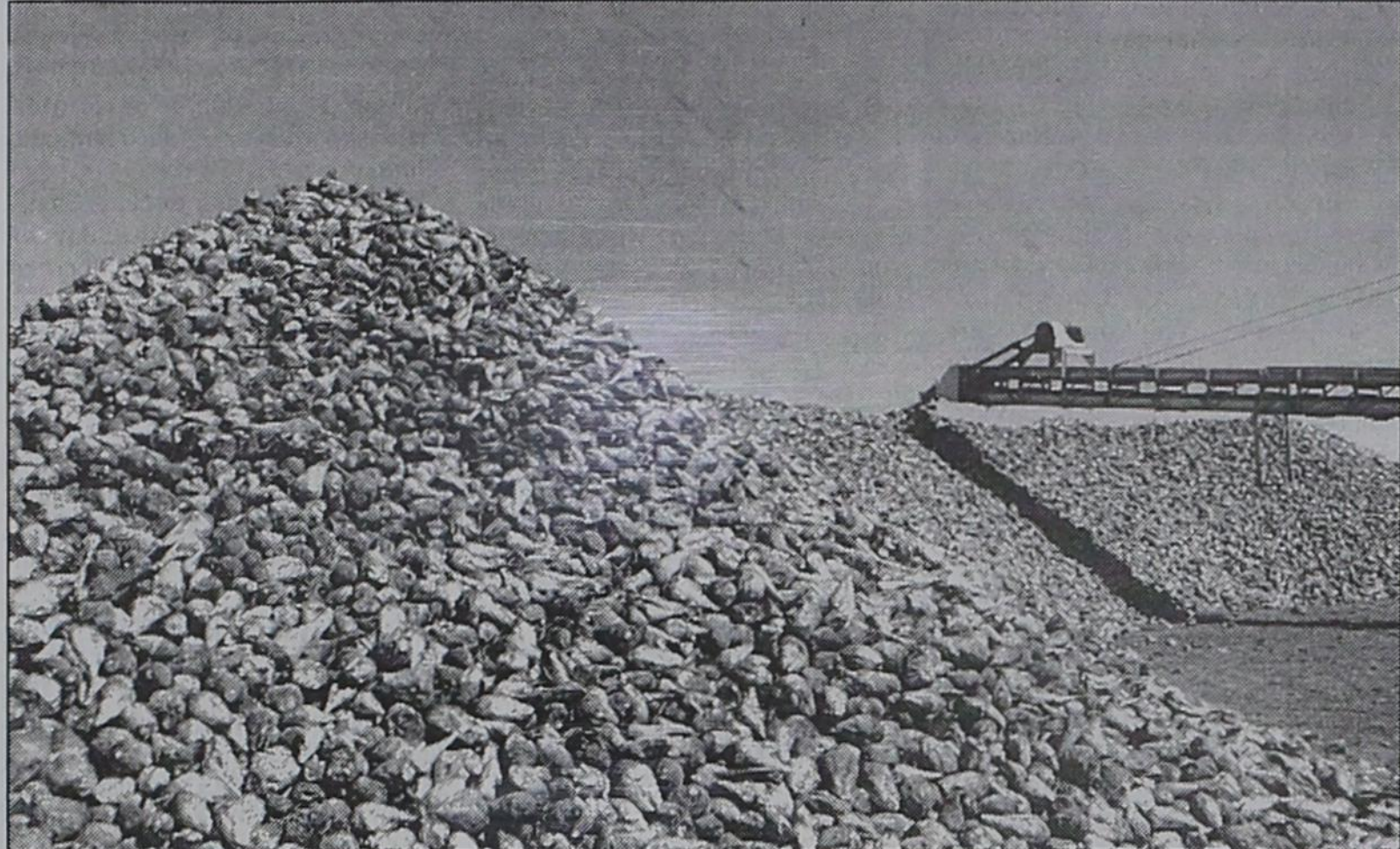
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# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



**A MOUNTAIN OF BEETS**—Sugar beet harvest is sending thousands of tons of beets to various regional piling stations daily. About 18,000 acres of sugar beets will be harvested across the region this year, according to officials with Holly Sugar in Hereford. *Courtesy Photo*

## Sugar beet fields producing strong yields across the area

Sugar beet harvesters are lifting high yields from fields as north as Dalhart, as far south as Plainview and west all the way to Clovis, N.M., and with harvest about one-third complete, growers and Holly Sugar Corp., feel this year's crop could be one of the best in recent years.

Kenneth Frye of Hereford, president of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association, says approximately 18,000 sugar beet acres will be harvested in the Panhandle-Eastern New Mexico region this year by some 350 growers. That compares to about 14,000 acres in 1996.

Dennis Printz, agricultural manager for Holly's Hereford processing plant, adds that when harvest is completed, yields are expected to average in the 21- to 25-ton range. Sugar content is anticipated to finish in the 14 to 15% range.

"We have seen an increase in production in the northwestern Panhandle area," said Frye. "Farmers in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman counties will harvest about 6,000 acres of beets this year, compared with about 1,500 acres in 1996. We expect those numbers to increase substantially for the 1998 crop. We also anticipate an increase in production throughout the remainder of the region."

Reasons behind the increase in beet acres include the fact that sugar beets can be grown using less water than other irrigated field crops.

"Our work with growers and studies by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Bushland indicate that by using LEPA (low-energy precision application)

irrigation, growers can obtain good production using 30 to 40% less water," said Printz.

Frye says more and more growers also are finding that sugar beets are an outstanding alternative crop that fits into corn, cotton, grain sorghum and wheat rotations.

"With the availability of new over-the-top herbicides for use on sugar beets, we will have weed control measures we've never had before," he said.

"Seed companies also expect to see new herbicide resistant sugar beet seed hybrids, Roundup-Ready and Liberty, available to area growers in the next few years. This will help hold down the cost of production, and we should be able to produce higher yielding and higher quality beets."

Efforts are also underway to produce higher quality sugar beet seed hybrids which have greater disease resistance.

"Joint efforts by Holly Hybrids and Hilleshog division of Novartis Seed are aimed at developing hybrids specifically for our production area," said Printz.

Seedex, another sugar beet seed company, also has seen promising results in its regional seed research.

Sugar prices still remain strong this fall and area growers will receive an initial 80% initial payment from Holly. Overall, payments to regional growers from Holly will be in the \$15 million to \$20 million range for this year's crop.

"Sugar beets offer us as strong of a return per acre as any crop we produce," said Frye. "Plus we have a guaranteed market for the crop

through Holly. Those are other reasons why sugar beets are a good alternative crop."

With better irrigation techniques, better weed control and other production methods and better seed hybrids for Texas, Frye and Printz see a strong increase in beet acres for next year.

"We are already working with many growers who are eager to plant beets for the first time, or add them to their current rotation," said Printz.

"We also are receiving enquiries from farmers in northern states who are interested in producing beets in our area. With that interest, we see a great future for sugar beet production here."

"The Hereford plant remains as Holly's finest processing facility nationwide, and we remain committed to working with farmers in this area," he said.

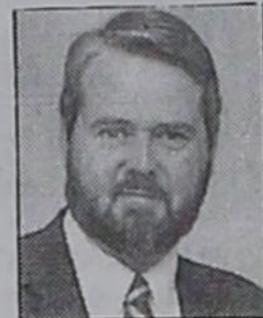
Holly processes beets into refined sugar sold under the Holly and other food manufacturer names. Major customers include Gerber, General Mills and other large food manufacturers which demand the high quality sugar that Holly produces in Hereford.

The plant employs some 250 to 300 area residents with an annual payroll of about \$4.75 million. Every year Holly pays about \$700,000 in school, county and hospital taxes. It spends about \$16 million on materials needed to operate the plant, and much of that is spent with area businesses.

Texas is the only state that produces both sugar beets and sugar cane, which is grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Overall, the sweetener industry provides more than 13,200 jobs in Texas. With the addition of the corn sweetener industry, there is \$876 million in economic activity from the industry in Texas.

## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

### The right price—keep customers, maximize profit

Last week in part one, we discussed how cost-based pricing strategies can be harmful to small businesses. If you price too low, you may not earn enough to stay in business. If you aim too high, you may drive customers to your competition. You should not establish your price purely on the basis of cost, but you should also incorporate competitive and market demand

factors.

There are several things to consider as you create a pricing strategy. The first consideration is the type of product or service you offer. If your offering has many alternatives and little uniqueness, price it close to your competitors.

Second, you must consider the customer you're trying to reach. Low prices may increase traffic, but these customers will likely be less loyal and give you less profit.

Third, the demand for your product or service will impact your pricing policy. If you can't keep up with demand, your prices are probably too low.

Fourth, you should factor the turn rate of your products into your strategy. Slow moving items and specialized products and services justify higher markups. Faster turning, staple goods can produce a good return with lower margins.

Finally, you must make every effort to reduce costs. When you become the low-cost provider, you can decide if you want to pass the savings along to your customers or keep the profit yourself.

### Adjusting your prices

You have three choices when it comes to pricing: raise your prices, lower them or leave them where they are. Here are some tips for making changes.

- Raise prices when you have more business than you can handle effectively. (Demand is greater than supply.)
- Raise prices when your prices are significantly lower than your competitor's. Don't leave potential profit on the table.
- Raise prices when your sales are increasing, but your margins or profits are decreasing.
- Raise prices when you add value to present offerings. You can add value by improving quality, providing additional services, becoming more convenient, etc.
- Raise your prices if there is a little direct competition. Don't get carried away here or you may invite competition.
- Raise prices when your product is unique, customized or difficult for others to duplicate.
- Raise your prices when your product is durable, and will give your customer years of useful service.
- Raise your price when you have nothing to lose. If you have little or no profit and are at risk of losing your business anyway, raising your price won't hurt.
- Lower your prices if new competitors constantly enter your market with lower prices. Trim costs, eliminate waste and reduce expenses if necessary to maintain profit.
- Lower your prices if you're trying to enter a new market with a "me too" product or service.
- Lower your prices if you need to gain market share. It is better to be unique or add value if you can. However, if your goal is to grab a quick chunk of market, low prices can help.
- Lower your prices if your costs decrease. When you benefit from lower costs, better buying or other savings, you may want to pass the savings on to your customers.
- Lower prices on fast-moving items that will stimulate customer traffic and sales of other products and services that carry better margins.
- Lower prices on "value packages" that increase your average sale. (The fast food industry is notorious for using this technique in their "value-meal" offerings.)

The key to making price adjustments is to understand how small price changes can impact your bottom line. Your adjustments can improve your value position if you stay close to your customers, watch your competition carefully and make small changes frequently.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.



Steve Louder

## Louder named to regional post

Steve Louder, president and general manager of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, was recently elected Region 10 manager/director of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC).

He will be a director on the 22-member board of directors representing 10 geographically defined districts and the national trade association. Each district is represented on the board by two directors. Also representing Region 10 is George Klein of Trico Electric Cooperative, Arizona.

The board members, who are chosen from both cooperative utility management and its elected directors, set policies, establish programs, and develop strategies for CFC.

CFC provides the member/owners with an assured source of low-cost capital, state-of-the-art financial products, and business management services to its approximately 1,000 electric cooperative owners across the US. These systems serve an estimated 30 million users of electricity and about 70% of the land mass of the US.

## Clean-up day is planned at 4-H Center

Castro County 4-H'ers will gather at the 4-H Project Center Saturday to clean up pens, aisles and other areas of the facility.

4-H'ers are asked to meet at the center at 9 a.m. Saturday, and are asked to bring gloves, push brooms, rakes, hoes and other equipment.

"All 4-H'ers housing their livestock at the center must attend at least two clean-up days during the year," said Castro County Extension Agent Rebel Royall.

For more information, contact Royall at the Extension office, 647-4115.

## Stock show sign-up set

Youngsters who plan to exhibit livestock in one of the major shows in Texas can sign up for those shows during a special sign-up on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt FFA/Ag Building.

Exhibitor forms may be filled out and entry fees will be due then.

Information also will be available on hotel reservations.

## Combs to visit here

Susan Combs, candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, will visit in Dimmitt Wednesday (Nov. 12) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Dimmitt.

Also, the Republican Women will be serving a meal of chile and cornbread and trimmings for \$10 per person, with the proceeds to help send a representative to Girls State.

Combs, from Marathon in Brewster County, makes her living

from the soil. She is a fourth-generation Texas rancher, wife and mother of three boys. She has operated a 70,000-acre cow-calf operation for the last 17 years.

As a legislator, she wrote the state's tough law protecting private property rights. She has been a prosecutor in Dallas County and is on the board of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

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# CRP sign-up will end Nov. 14

The 16th annual Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up is underway and producers have until Nov. 14 to submit an application to have their land included in the program.

"The CRP sign-up is going very well," said Patricia Elliott, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). "I am delighted with the response we've been getting. I'd hate to find out that people missed out just because they weren't aware that time had run out. So, before something comes up, contact us and come in and sign up for the new CRP."

Elliott says that unlike previous programs, current expiring contracts cannot be extended.

"That means that the only way a producer can stay in the program is to make a bid in a sign-up like this one," Elliott said.

The new CRP is the single largest government environmental improvement effort. It offers incentives to farmers and ranchers to plant various kinds of protective cover on suitable farm property to protect and improve air, water, soil quality and habitat for wildlife.

"The response we've received shows that Castro County farmers and ranchers want to be active participants in the fight to clean up our environment," she said.

Producers with contracts that expired on Sept. 30 and those with contracts due to expire on Sept. 30, 1998, will be eligible to offer land for enrollment, and those with any new land may offer it for the program.

Producers who have questions about how to make their bid more competitive should contact the NRCS office at 647-4324.

Those planning to offer acreage that is presently enrolled in CRP and is planned to grass should also contact the NRCS office.

"NRCS staff will be conducting farm visits on all farms where acreage will be offered to determine what grasses are growing on the farm," said Elliott. "If they can do this prior to sign-up, it will help everyone."

The Farm Service Agency office will be using the appointment system

to accept CRP-16 offers. The FSA and NRCS will be working jointly to assist you in making your offer and those interested should call 647-2153 for an appointment to offer CRP acreage during the sign-up period.

Producers who hold CRP contracts that expired on Sept. 30 can begin destroying the grass cover and begin land preparation.

Producers who plan to make an offer for CRP-16 next month may want to review the bid process before they begin to destroy the grass cover.

Producers will be notified of the opportunity to sign up the acreage coming out of CRP into the AMTA program.

This sign-up period will continue through Nov. 30.

The AMTA program will have a contract for payments through Fiscal 2002.

"Even if producers intend to offer the land for CRP-16, it would be to their best advantage to enroll the acres into the AMTA program since we do not know if or when the CRP offer will be accepted," said Elliott.

Call the FSA office at 647-2153 to make an appointment.



**NEW STORE MANAGER at Beall's in Dimmitt is Teresa Perez, a Hereford native who formerly was the general manager of the Sirloin Stockade restaurant in Hereford. "I think the store is beautiful, and the people in Dimmitt are so friendly," Perez said. "I feel very, very welcome, not just by the store employees but by the customers." She and her husband, John, an employee of Swisher Electric Cooperative, have two daughters and two sons ranging in age from 7 to 13.**

Photo by Don Nelson

## County Roping set for Nov. 16

The annual Castro County Roping will be held Sunday, Nov. 16 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena.

Books will open at 1 p.m. and roping will start at 1:30 sharp.

All competition will be team roping, and is open only to Castro County residents.

The day's activity will start with a session of A-B roping.

Then will come the main event—the County Roping, in which each roper will head, heel and ribbon-rope for prizes.

Buckles will be awarded to those with winning averages, and the all-around winner will receive a saddle.

If time allows, a county-wide open roping will be held after the main event.

Chairman of this year's roping is last year's winner, Kerry Winders.

## Canterbury Villa sets cake auction

Scrumptious cakes of all flavors will be auctioned off to the highest bidder next Thursday, Nov. 13, when Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt sponsors its annual cake auction.

Those who wish to donate cakes for the auction should drop the baked goods by the nursing home that day.

The auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the nursing home and Jack Howell will serve as auctioneer.

Proceeds from the event will go to the residents' activity fund, and also will be used to help purchase Christmas gifts for the residents.

## Church plans young adult fellowship

Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford is sponsoring a get-together for young adults and single Christians on Friday at 7 p.m. at the church at 410 Irving in Hereford.

Wesley will provide soft drinks, tea and coffee. Christians of all denominations are invited to attend and bring a friend and a snack. There is no charge to attend.

"Wesley United Methodist Church wished to join forces with other churches to establish a chance for Christian young adults, married or single, to join together for fun, food and fellowship," a church spokesperson said. "Wesley is a small church with very few young adult or single members. We realize many other small churches face the same dilemma. We would like to get together with other churches and form a Christian fellowship group to meet monthly to give this age group an opportunity to fellowship."

For more information, call Rev. Bonnie DunsWorth at 806-364-3908 or Nina Brown at 806-364-5857.

## Deaf Smith REC has new toll-free telephone number

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has a new toll-free phone number.

Customers may call the cooperative's business office at 1-800-687-8189.

## Schulte attends 'Sneak Peek'

Kaci Schulte of Dimmitt was one of more than 60 students who attended the third annual "Sneak Peek" at Clarendon College Oct. 24.

The fall event attracted students from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and gave prospective students an opportunity to visit the campus and meet college faculty, staff and students.

Those participating toured academic departments, auditioned for fine arts scholarships and attended the annual intramural rodeo.

Clarendon College is a comprehensive public community college with more than 900 students and offers 35 majors and six workforce education programs. It was founded in 1898.

## DYF to meet

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School ag shop.

All interested persons are invited. The business meeting will include discussion of preliminaries for the local stock show.

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# Nazareth

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Our sympathy to the family of Nancy Wilhite, 16, of Dimmitt, who was died last Thursday from injuries she suffered in a pickup accident last Wednesday evening.

Nancy was a junior at Nazareth High School.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning in Holy Family Church and burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Nazareth junior class, Nazareth High School cheerleaders and special friends.

Our sympathy to the family of Eric Holbrook, 40, of Canyon, who was killed Friday evening in a pickup-train accident.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at First Baptist Church in Happy with Rev. Rick Bloodworth of Happy and Msgr. Joseph Tash of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery of Canyon.

Survivors are his wife, Dayna (Venhaus) and three children, who are students in the Happy schools.

An evening prayer service was held at 5:30 Sunday in Holy Family Church for All Souls Day, in memory of all parishioners who have died during the past year. A lighted candle was given to members of each family and they were asked to take the candles home and burn them during November.

Those remembered were F.P. Schacher, Eric Rose, Velma Slavick, Shirley Schacher, Vincent Huseman, Leonard Schulte, Rose Schulte, Milton McCormick, Meta Stork and Lester Schulte.

A reception was held in the rectory after the service.

Jimmie Schulte of Nazareth, and Lou Wethington and Betty Chandler, both of Tulia, served as volunteers for the Promise Keepers Rally at Texas Stadium in Irving last weekend.

They served under John and Carol (Drerup) Gary of Lubbock, who are in charge of the volunteer program for Texas. There were 45,000 people in attendance. They said it was an "awesome experience" to work with this program.

Prayers are asked for several of our parishioners including Norma Schacher, who is home recuperating after spending several days in the Tulia hospital. She was hurt in a car accident in Tulia.

Prayers also are asked for Jerome

My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say. And then say it with the utmost levity.  
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# Sports



## River Road peaks in 45-19 rout

By ED HENLEY

Dimmitt ran head-on into a 1-AAA buzzsaw Friday night when the River Road Wildcats routed the Bobcats 45-19 in the cold and wind at Wildcat Stadium in Amarillo.

The loss dropped the Bobcats to 4-2 in district play, virtually eliminating them from post-season contention in a tight race for the runner-up play-off berth.

With a gusty 15 to 25-mph wind at their backs, the Bobcats took the early lead on a 10-play, 55-yard drive culminated by Stuart Sutton's one-yard touchdown plunge with 6:08 to play in the first quarter. Luis Silva's extra-point kick put Dimmitt in front, 7-0.

After two ineffective possessions, the Wildcats got their running attack in gear, marching 57 yards for a score as Chris Floyd blasted 23 yards up the middle for a touchdown with 9:24 left in the half. The Wildcats took an 8-7 lead when quarterback Jerod Fikac completed a pass to Andy Dunlap in the back of the end zone for a two-point conversion.

River Road took advantage of the wind to take control of the game on both sides of the ball and expanded its lead on a one-yard touchdown run by Trent Mills with 6:29 left in the second quarter. Derrick Bailey's extra-point kick gave the Wildcats a

15-7 lead.

The Bobcats fumbled the ball away to the Wildcats on the third play of their next possession and River Road capitalized when Fikac scrambled 28 yards for another touchdown. Bailey added the kick to make it 22-7.

The Bobcats looked as if they would get back in the ball game before halftime when Derek Buckley hit Charley Sanders for a 60-yard quick-strike touchdown pass, cutting the Wildcat lead to 22-13 with 2:36 to play in the half. The Bobcats' two-point conversion attempt failed.

Just before halftime, on fourth-and-23 deep in Dimmitt territory, Buckley tried a pass and River Road defensive back Lennard Christesen intercepted it, returning the ball to the Bobcat 17-yard line with 10 seconds left in the half.

On the next play, Fikac rolled to the right, opted to keep the ball, and found the corner of the end zone with no time showing on the clock. The kick was no good, but the Wildcats were in command, 28-13.

"Yeah, we probably should have run out the clock (instead of passing)," Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar said. "We had run that play successfully many times. That interception wouldn't have mattered if we had stopped them on the next play. There's a whole lot of those what-

ifs."

The third quarter didn't get any better for the Bobcats as River Road's assault continued, adding 17 points on two touchdowns and a field goal to turn it into a rout.

Beau Hill's fourth-quarter touchdown run from the 1-yard line cut the final score to 45-19.

"The wind was a major factor, plus the emotional letdown after the Friona game," Coach Dollar said. "You can't afford to have those letdowns. We didn't handle the situation very well."

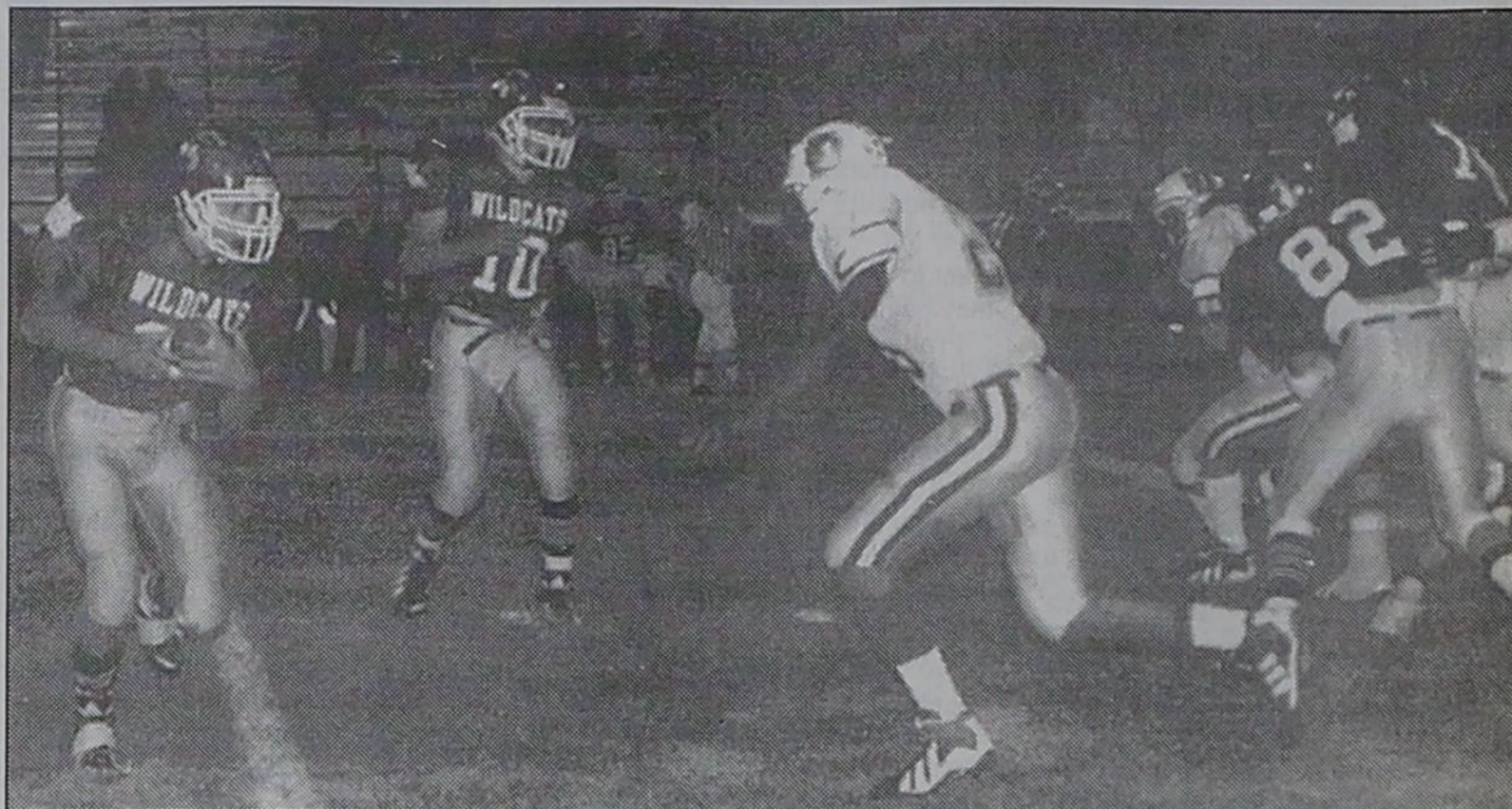
But mainly, he said, "They just plain whipped us. They were superior physically on both offense and defense. Their offensive line dominated us. River Road has a really good team."

While the Bobcats were "in the pits," the Wildcats reached their season's peak.

"This was the best game I've seen River Road play in the last 12 years—by far," Coach Dollar said. "And their coaches said they couldn't believe they played that well."

He had special praise for River Road's Eric Terrel, a 6-7, 270-lb. offensive guard and defensive tackle.

"That No. 70 dominated the game," Coach Dollar said. "We couldn't block him, and on offense they ran



DIMMITT'S JERRY THOMAS (20) breaks through and zeroes in on River Road running back Trent Mills in the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game at River Road. In background is

Wildcat quarterback Jason Fikac, who has just made the pitch. While the Bobcats wrestled with a letdown from the Friona game, the Wildcats played their best game of the year to win, 45-19.

Photo by Carter Townsend

behind him on every play. He's definitely a Division I player."

It was the Bobcats' second straight

district loss and dropped them into a third-place log jam in the standings.

What are the playoff implications

going into the final game of the season Saturday against Perryton?

The Rangers come to town in second place with a record of 5-1 in district. If Perryton beats Dimmitt, the Rangers are in the post-season race.

The Bobcats must beat Perryton to have any chance at the playoffs. The Bobcats must also hope that Muleshoe can upset River Road.

River Road can secure a playoff spot with a win over 1-5 Muleshoe and a Perryton loss.

Whatever happens to the "log-jam teams," Friona has wrapped up the district championship again.

### Game at a Glance

Dimmitt	7	6	0	6-19
River Road	0	28	17	0-45

	DIM	RR
First Downs	12	20
Rushes-Yards	36-128	56-310
Passing Yards	124	10
Total Yards	252	320
Passes Comp./Att.	3/23	2/4
Interceptions By	0	2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Punts-Avg.	4-25	5-30.6
Penalties-Yards	6-44	12-104

### Scoring Summary

- First Quarter:**  
D—Stuart Sutton 1 run (Luis Silva kick), 6:08
- Second Quarter:**  
RR—Cliff Floyd 23 run (Andy Dunlap pass from Jason Fikac), 9:24  
RR—Trent Mills 1 run (Derrick Bailey kick), 6:29  
RR—Fikac 27 run (Bailey kick), 3:32  
D—Derek Buckley 60 pass to Charley Sanders (PAT failed), 2:36  
RR—Fikac 16 run (kick failed), 0:00
- Third Quarter:**  
RR—Mills 1 run (Bailey kick), 8:12  
RR—Floyd 9 run (Bailey kick), 6:13  
RR—Bailey 26 FG, 1:00
- Fourth Quarter:**  
D—Beau Hill 1 run (PAT failed), 8:56

### Individual Statistics

- Rushing**—DIMMITT: Beau Hill 13-46; Derek Buckley 9-38; Stuart Sutton 12-37; Justin Sutton 2-7. RIVER ROAD: Jason Fikac 13-94; Trent Mills 25-95; Cliff Floyd 6-77; Cody Smith 9-25; Jerry Billington 2-3; Matt Walker 1-16.
- Passing**—DIMMITT: Derek Buckley 3/20-2-124; Daniel Flores 0/2-0-0; Stuart Sutton 0/1-0-0. RIVER ROAD: Jason Fikac 2/4-0-10.
- Receiving**—DIMMITT: Charley Sanders 2-125; Stuart Sutton 1-(-1). RIVER ROAD: Andy Dunlap 2-10.



CHARLEY SANDERS (44) hauls in a 65-yard pass from Derek Buckley to set up Dimmitt's final touchdown in the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game at River Road. This pass carried to the RR 1-yard line, and fullback Beau Hill scored on the next play. Sanders caught two passes, including a 60-yarder for the Bobcats' second touchdown. River Road won the game, 45-19. Photo by Carter Townsend

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*Cats earn trip to regional*

# Bobbies race to district title

Shawna Kenworthy topped the field in the District 1-AAA cross country meet Saturday and her finish propelled the Bobbies into first place in the meet, just 13 points ahead of second-place Dalhart.

Dimmitt captured the district title and earned a return trip to the Region 1-AAA meet, which will be held Saturday morning at 8:30 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

The Dimmitt boys also fared well at the district meet, earning a trip to regional with a third-place team finish. They will run Saturday morning at 8 at Mae Simmons Park.

Kenworthy won the girls' race in 13:01.39, and she was the only Dimmitt runner among the top 5.

Kenworthy hung behind Stacy Locker of Muleshoe for the first mile or so, then made a move and

overtook her, according to Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards.

"This was one of the best races I've seen all year," said Edwards. "Shawna probably ran smarter than she has all year. It was a battle between her and Jena Grimsley of Friona down the home stretch, but I think that Shawna's experience helped her."

Edwards was pleased with the performance of his entire team.

Carol Summers, Cherie Norman and Lindsey Welch came in sixth through eighth, respectively, to boost Dimmitt's point total. Jacy Buckley finished 11th for Dimmitt.

Summers finished the race in 13:36.56 while Norman was clocked at 13:37.33. Welch's time was 13:38.78 and Buckley finished in 13:52.57.

Rounding out Dimmitt's team were Stephanie Hinojosa, 17th, 14:05; and Taryn Hays, 25th, 14:30.

Those seven will be Edwards' team in the regional race this weekend and alternates will be Stephanie Flores, Jessica Flores and Lilia Dominguez.

The team to beat this weekend will be Clint, which is ranked first in the state, according to Edwards.

"Clint is going to be tough. They're the team that everyone shoots for. But I think second and third are wide open and we've got a good, solid shot at second. Brownfield and Abilene Wylie also will be good. It's going to be a tough region."

For the Bobcats, top runner in the district race was Israel Martinez, who

placed third with a time of 17:56.15. Ivan Flores finished ninth in 18:35.27 and Jacob Larra was 12th in 18:43.05.

Other Bobcats competing were Marcus Larra, 20:04; and Ralph Enriquez, 20:36. They both finished among the top 30 individuals. Also competing was Eric Gamez, who finished with a time of 21:12.

The boys finished with 58 team points in third place. Tulia won the meet with 31 while Sanford-Fritch was second with 53.

"This was the first year we've had a boys' team that's worked out, and I'm thrilled that they qualified. And we were only five points away from second place. This really encouraged the guys. Now, anything past district will be icing on the cake for us."

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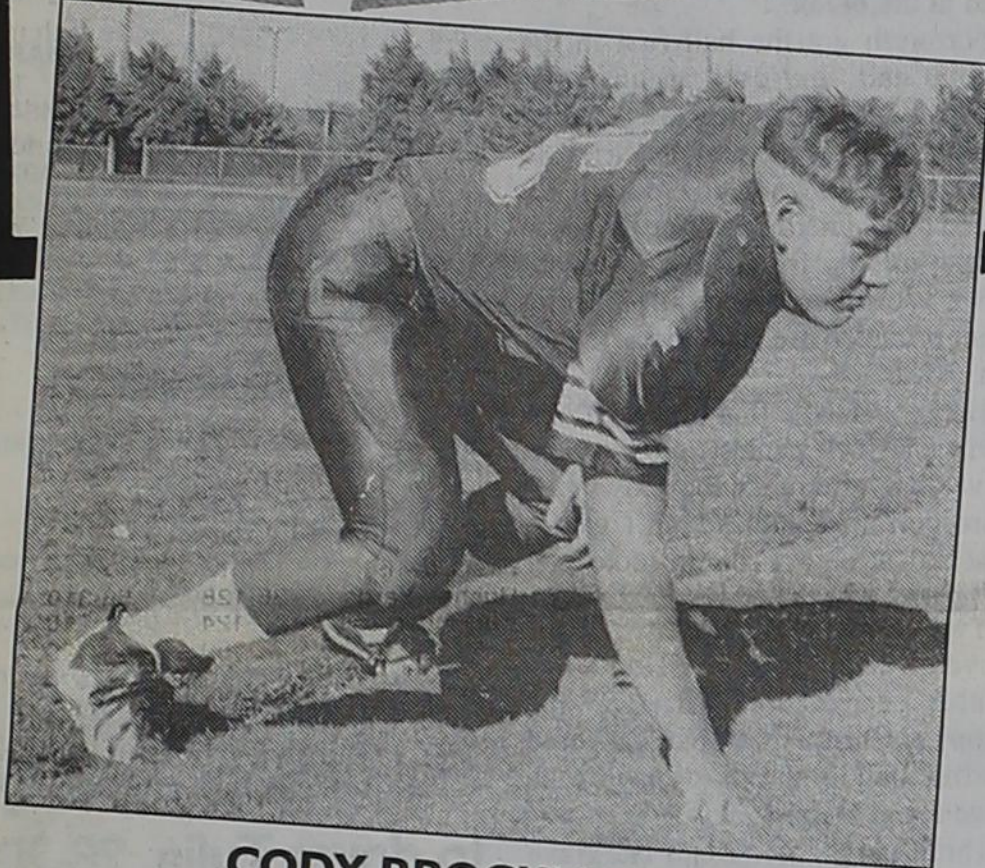
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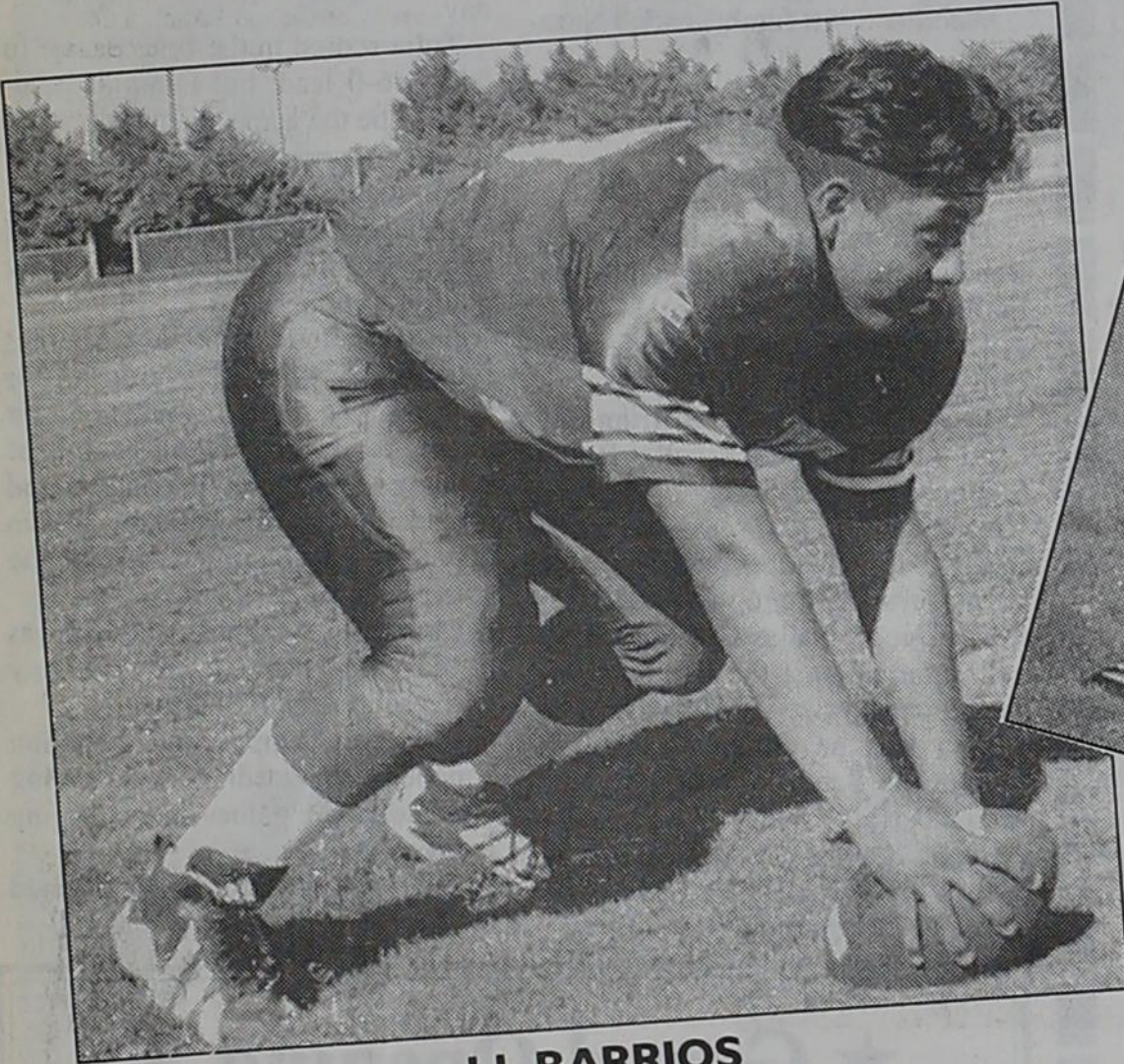
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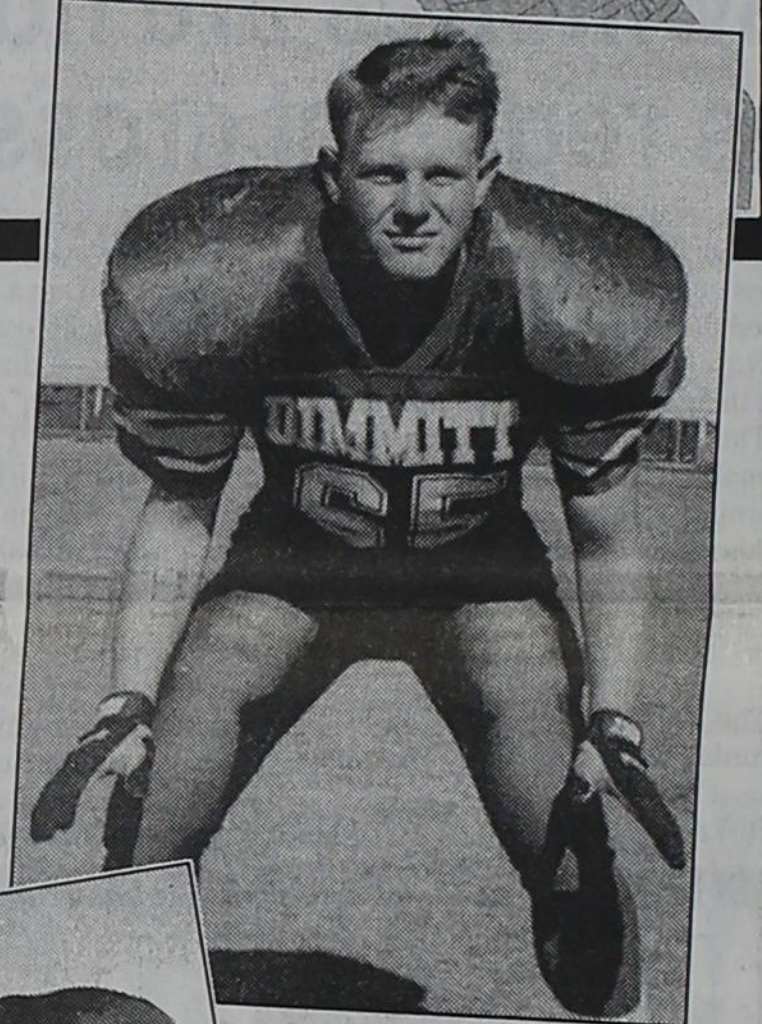
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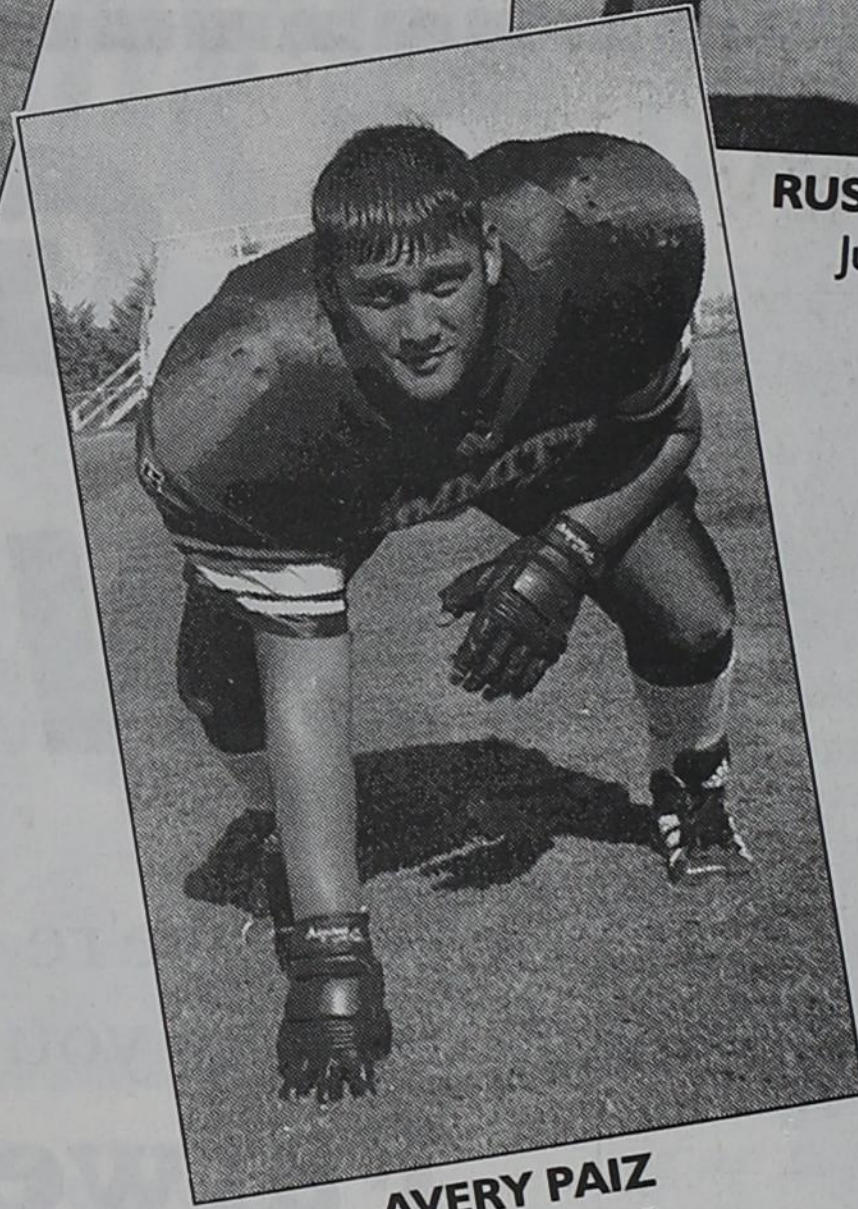
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# Hoelting kicks two field goals as Swifts down Happy, 20-6

**By SARA BIRKENFELD**  
Barry Hoelting nailed two field goals in the second quarter Friday to lift the Swifts to a 20-6 victory over Happy in a District 2-A showdown at Swift Field.



**NAZARETH'S MATTHEW KERN dives forward, but is stopped by a group of Happy Cowboys Friday during second-quarter action at Swift Field. The Swifts took a 10-0 lead before Happy scored, trimming the Nazareth advantage to four. Two Barry Hoelting field goals in the second quarter made it 16-6 at halftime, then Nazareth added another touchdown in the third quarter to claim a 20-6 victory.**

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

The Swifts improved to 4-2 in district and 7-2 overall, and stayed alive in the playoff race with the win. Happy fell to 1-5 in district and 4-5 overall.

"Any time you can beat Happy it's a good win," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "It was an emotional night for us and I feel like our ability to sustain our concentration suffered."

Cameron McLain scored late in the first quarter on a 37-yard run to give the Swifts a 7-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter Hoelting nailed a 36-yard field goal to put the Swifts on top, 10-0.

But the Cowboys came back late in the second and scored on a 15-yard pass from Patrick McQuaig to Bo Dempsey, cutting the Swift lead to four.

Then, with less than a minute left in the half, Hoelting kicked a second field goal, this time from 26 yards out, boosting the Swift lead to seven, 13-6. Josh Merritt capped the scoring with a 33-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter.

Matthew Kern led the Swift defense with 18 tackles while Merritt, Leon Birkenfeld and Matty McLain added 12 apiece.

"We played sloppy at times, but we played extremely well in other spots," said Price. "I was most pleased with the field goal drive in the last 30 seconds of the first half."

Happy started its first drive from

its own 42 after Sonny Calhoun returned the opening kickoff. Dempsey moved the Cowboys across midfield and picked up a first down at the Swift 46 three plays later.

Happy gained two more first downs, both on runs by Hipolito Saenz, as they continued their march deep into Swift territory at the Nazareth 14.

The Cowboys' hopes of taking an early lead ended when Jerad

Birkenfeld recovered a Happy fumble on the following play, giving the Swifts possession on their own 17.

Nazareth couldn't move the ball, then suffered a personal foul penalty that brought up third-and-16. The Swifts couldn't convert and were forced to punt.

Happy suffered a similar fate on its next drive, and punted when the Swift defense shut down any offensive progress.

Nazareth didn't waste any time driving downfield on its next possession.

On the first play of the drive Birkenfeld fought off Cowboy defenders for a big run down the sideline, moving the ball to the Happy 37. Then on the next play Cameron McLain took advantage of good blocking to score on a 37-yard run. Hoelting booted the point-after to put the Swifts on top, 7-0.

The Cowboys were penalized for an illegal block on the ensuing kickoff return and had to back up to the Happy 25.

Three plays later, Hoelting intercepted a McQuaig pass and returned it to the Happy 38, but an illegal blocking penalty against the Swifts moved the ball back to the Cowboy 48.

Nazareth used a run up the middle by McLain to gain a first down at the Happy 30 to start the second stanza. Then Mitchell Brockman connected with Hoelting on the next play to put the Swifts inside Happy's 4. The Swifts couldn't break into the end zone, and on third down Brockman was sacked all the way back at the Happy 19.

The Swifts decided to attempt the field goal and Hoelting's 36-yard kick split the uprights to make it 10-0, Nazareth.

Happy couldn't move the ball after fielding the kick and returning it to the Cowboy 35, and the drive was ended when Stacey Schulte recovered a Cowboy fumble, giving the Swifts control at the Cowboy 20.

But the Swifts' offense had problems, too, and couldn't gain a first down, turning the ball over on downs at their own 11.

Happy went three and out, then Nazareth started another drive inside Happy territory at the 45.

Merritt moved the ball to the 35 on a run up the middle, but the Swifts were moved back to the 45 thanks to a holding penalty.

Three plays later Nazareth fumbled and Steve Burch recovered the loose ball for Happy.

Roy Flowers picked up a first down to the Swift 35. Three plays later he took the handoff and raced up the middle to move the Cowboys to the Swift 22.

On a fourth-and-two play later in the drive, Happy went for the first and McQuaig connected with Dempsey in the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown. Happy attempted the two-point conversion, but it failed, and the score remained 10-6 with less than two minutes left in the half.

Nazareth started its next drive from the 29, and McLain raced down the sideline for a big gain at the Swift 45 to spark the Swifts' offense. Brockman kept the ball on the next play and ran up the middle to the Happy 28.

The Swifts moved inside the Happy 10 before the drive stalled. Two incomplete passes brought up a fourth-down situation, then the Swifts opted to go with Hoelting's leg on a 26-yard field goal attempt. The kick was good for a 13-6 Swift lead at the break.

Nazareth got the ball first in the second half, and used an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Happy two plays into the drive to have a first down at the Happy 32. Three plays later Merritt broke loose up the middle for a 33-yard touchdown scamper. Hoelting's extra point provided the final victory margin, 20-6.

Happy gained a first down off of a Swift offsides penalty on the next drive, but after that the Cowboys' were corralled and couldn't gain a first down, and Nazareth took over on downs.

Two first downs on two plays moved Nazareth downfield, but a fumble ended the drive when Happy's Chris Holbrook recovered the free ball on the third play of the drive at the Happy 21.

Three plays later Beau Hargrave gained a first down at the Happy 34, but after that the Swifts' defense yielded nothing and the Cowboys were forced to punt.

Another Swift fumble ended Naza-

areth's next drive and Happy took over with excellent field position at the 28, but the Cowboys couldn't hold onto the ball either, fumbling on the third play of the drive.

Shane Ethridge recovered the fumble for the Swifts, who took over at their own 29.

The offense struggled and Ethridge was forced to punt, but the snap sailed over his head. Ethridge managed to pick up the ball and attempted to gain the first down, but he was stopped short and Happy got it at the Nazareth 36.

Dempsey raced up the middle for a Happy first down on the first play, but the referees moved it back to the 30 on the next play on a penalty.

Two plays later the fumble bug struck again. This time McQuaig lost the handle and Nazareth recovered at its own 25.

That drive ended in an Ethridge punt.

Happy lost three yards on the first play of its next drive, and the Cowboys couldn't dig their way out of the hole. On the fourth-down play Kern recovered a fumble and Nazareth took over at the Happy 36.

Three plays later Ethridge had to punt again. The kick went into the end zone and the Cowboys got it on the 20. Four plays yielded five yards for the Cowboys and Nazareth got it back at the Happy 39.

Kern gained a first down at the Happy 26, but a holding penalty moved Nazareth back to the 36 and they couldn't gain the 20 yards needed for the first and had to punt at the end of the game.

## Game at a Glance

Happy	0	6	0	0	—6
Nazareth	7	6	7	0	—20

	NAZ	HAP
First Downs	12	9
Rushing Yards	256	154
Passing Yards	34	43
Total Yards	290	197
Passes Comp./Att.	2-10	4-14
Interceptions By	1	0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	4-4
Punts-Avg. Yards	4-42	3-41
Penalties-Yards	7-60	4-37

## Scoring Summary

**First Quarter:**  
NAZ—Cameron McLain 37 run (Barry Hoelting kick).  
**Second Quarter:**  
NAZ—Hoelting 36 field goal.  
HAPPY—Bo Dempsey 16 pass from Patrick McQuaig (run failed).  
NAZ—Hoelting 26 field goal.  
**Third Quarter:**  
NAZ—Josh Merritt 33 run (Hoelting kick).

## Eighth Bobcats rally to down Tulia, 26-20

Dimmitt scored three fourth-quarter touchdowns for a come-from-behind victory over Tulia last Thursday.

Tulia scored in the first quarter to take a 6-0 lead, but Dimmitt managed to tie the game at halftime when Albert Campos broke free for a 37-yard touchdown run.

Tulia regained the lead in the third quarter before Dimmitt got on track in the fourth period.

Bobcat quarterback Jake Laurent found paydirt from 10 yards out for Dimmitt's first fourth-quarter touchdown, then found a lot of running room later in the quarter and turned it into a 37-yard touchdown play. Austin Sherman added the conversion.

Dimmitt's winning touchdown was a 25-yard pass from Anthony Oltivero to Austin Sherman.

Oltivero, Campos and Jonathon Jimenez were credited with having good defensive games and snatching interceptions.

The eighth-grade Bobcats boosted their record to 5-2 with the win.

## Swiftettes are hoping to repeat as regional cross county champs

The Nazareth Swiftettes accomplished their first goal of the 1997 cross country season when they captured the district championship.

Now they are focused on defending their Region 1-A championship.

The Swiftettes will run in the regional cross country meet Saturday morning at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Mark Birkenfeld of Nazareth also will run at regional after placing fifth in the boys' race at the district meet.

The Swiftettes will run at 11:30 Saturday while Birkenfeld will compete at 11.

Birkenfeld finished the boys'

three-mile race with a time of 20:31.

The Swiftettes are led by Lindsey Gerber and Tanya Wethington, who captured the gold and silver medals, respectively, at district. Other members of the team are Tara Kleman, Amy Pohlmeier, Tiffany Schmucker and Sara Birkenfeld. Celina Braddock was on the team which won district, but she has injured her knee and will be unable to run Saturday. Sara Birkenfeld will take her place on the squad.

Nazareth is favored to win the regional crown, and Coach Johnny Hampton said he expects Farwell to be in the running, also.

"They've been finishing behind us

several times all year, and they did beat us once. The others we don't know much about."

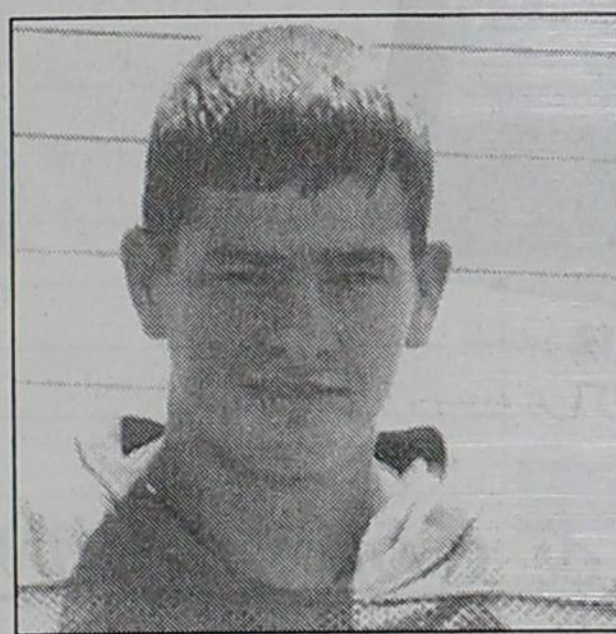
Hampton hopes the Swiftettes can place several individuals near the top of the pack on Saturday.

"I think we've got two or three (Gerber, Wethington and Johnson) who could finish in the top five. We may even have four who could be in the top 10. It's just hard to tell."

The Swiftettes are ranked second in the state behind Rocksprings, and they have finished second to Rocksprings at the Class A state cross country meet for the past three years.



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The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band is selling pecans again this year in time for holiday baking.

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They can be purchased from any band member, or call Robin Stephens at 647-3105, or Sharon Kinser at 647-3491.

Also, the band is selling raffle tickets on a chance to win two tickets to the Dec. 8 Dallas Cowboys football game against the Panthers. Included in the prize is \$100 cash. The winner will be drawn during half time at the Saturday football game versus Perryton, here.

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# Finch's late TDs lift Hart over Highland Park

Hart staged another big fourth-quarter comeback and claimed its second straight District 3-AA victory Friday, topping the Highland Park Hornets, 32-21.

Hart trailed 14-0 after the first quarter and 14-7 at halftime. The Longhorns looked to be in trouble at the start of the fourth quarter, down by 14, 21-7.

But never fear, J.J. Finch was there.

Finch exploded for three fourth-quarter touchdowns and Gerardo Gonzales added another to boost Hart over the Hornets.

"After a rocky 1-6 start, I think we've become a competitive football team," said Hart Coach Chad Watson. "We were behind and we kept playing hard and good things come from playing hard."

Hart is still alive in the playoff race, and a victory this week over Hale Center would give the Longhorns that elusive playoff berth.

Hart racked up 427 yards offense and limited Highland Park to 134.

Finch rushed for 330 yards on 44 carries and he had four touchdowns.

The first quarter belonged to the Hornets, who had a strong wind at their backs while the Longhorns were forced to drive into the wind.

Terry Foster put the Hornets on the



**A SWARM OF HORNETS** couldn't stop Hart's J.J. Finch Friday night. The Hart runningback rushed for four touchdowns, including three in the fourth quarter to lift the Longhorns to a come-from-behind

win, 32-21. Finch rushed for 330 yards on 44 totes. With the win, Hart improved to 2-2 in District 3-AA play, and a win this week over Hale Center will send the Horns to the playoffs.

*Photo by David Knox*

board with 2:28 left in the first period when he scored on a 7-yard run. Leon Travis caught a pass from Mark Hulcey for the two-point conversion and Highland Park was on top, 8-0.

Hart couldn't manage a sustained drive and Highland Park regained control.

With 49 seconds left in the period, Josh Patterson dove across the goal

line for a 1-yard touchdown and 14-0 lead when the two-point pass fell incomplete.

Hart finally got an offensive drive going in the second quarter, when the wind was at its back.

With 4:44 left in the half, Finch barreled through the line for a 2-yard touchdown and Lucas Anzaldúa kicked the extra point to trim the Hornet lead, 14-7.

Highland Park scored once in the third quarter to take a 21-7 lead when Danny Gutierrez hauled in a 26-yard pass from James Rodriguez with 26 seconds left in the period. Anthony Hopper's kick was good.

The wind was to Hart's advantage in the fourth quarter and the Longhorns made it count.

Gonzales started off a four-touchdown onslaught when he scored from two-yards out. The extra point by Anzaldúa was blocked, but Hart had trimmed the Highland Park lead to 21-13.

Finch finished off the Hornets from there.

His 45-yard sprint to the end zone with 6:41 remaining made it a 21-19 game, Highland Park. That touchdown drive started after Hart's Juan Guerrero recovered an onside kick.

On Highland Park's next drive, the ball was stripped from a Hornet ball carrier, deep in Hornet territory and the Longhorns took over.

Fourteen seconds after his 45-yard touchdown Finch scored again, this time on a 24-yard run to give the Longhorns the lead for good, 25-21.

He topped his performance with a 22-yard touchdown with 1:29 left. Anzaldúa kicked the extra point to make it 32-21.

## JV Bobcats claim hard-fought 20-18 victory over River Road

After falling behind on the first play of the game, the Junior Varsity Bobcats fought back for a hard-earned 20-18 victory over River Road here last Thursday.

Since River Road doesn't have a freshman team, Dimmitt combined its freshman and JV squads for the game.

"The two groups pulled together and some of the freshmen helped contribute to the win by playing a solid game along with our sophomores and juniors, who helped guide the freshmen," Coach Gus Ortiz said.

River Road ripped off a 75-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage to take a 6-0 lead that held up throughout the first quarter.

Dimmitt put together an impressive drive in the second quarter that climaxed when Keevin Sanders scored. Then the JV Bobcats scored a two-point conversion to take an 8-6 lead.

But River Road scored again in the second and took a 12-6 lead to the locker room at halftime.

Starting from their own 10-yard line in the third period, the JV Bobcats put together a 90-yard drive that led to a Clint Swain touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt was good, giving Dimmitt a 16-12 lead.

But the lead continued to rock back and forth as River Road retaliated with another TD to retake the lead at 18-16. A two-point conversion play came up short.

Dimmitt got its winning touchdown in the fourth quarter when Sanders scored again on a two-yard run, then the JV Bobcats sealed the win with a great defensive stand.

"We had good, solid blocking up front and our backs ran hard," Coach Ortiz commented. "Keevin had a good performance at quarterback, as well as Shane Furr, Brandon Allison, Immanuel Jaramillo and Randy Porter."

Shane Furr and Brandon Allison paced the Dimmitt defense, which featured good teamwork by the front four, the linebackers and secondary.

The JV Bobcats, now 7-2, will play their final game of the season today (Thursday) at Friona, with kickoff time set for 6 p.m.

Dimmitt's freshman and junior varsity squads will be combined for this game also, since Friona has only one underclassmen's team.

## DHS to honor veterans Tuesday

Dimmitt High School will recognize Castro County veterans during a special program on Veterans' Day, Tuesday.

All veterans are invited to participate in the special tribute from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the school.

# Hart runners to race in regional meet Saturday

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns will have to run their best times of the season Saturday morning if they want to top the field in the Region 1-AA country meet.

Both teams earned trips to the regional meets after placing among the top three teams in the district race.

The Longhorns will run in the regional race Saturday at 12 noon while the Lady Horns will compete at 12:30 p.m. Both races will be at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

Runners competing for the girls will be Valerie Key, Lisa Rincon, Isela Minjarez, Christy Guzman,

Nikki Burress, Julia Cisneros and Angelica Perales. Alternate will be Ysa Rodriguez.

"Regional is super, super tough again," said Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox.

"We're improving, although we still didn't run up to our capabilities. Our top three runners are very strong, but it drops off a little after that. We need our fourth and fifth runners to pick up the pace," Wilcox said.

Eric Montemayor tops the boys team which includes Jeremiah Velasquez, Angel Pantoja, Ismael Gonzales, Roberto Yebra, Frankie

Ayala and Adrian Rios. Montemayor won the boys' district championship and led his team to a third-place finish.

Monday in the District 3-AA cross country meet at Olton.

Montemayor finished 13 seconds ahead of the rest of the field, winning the three-mile race in 17:45.

That was Montemayor's best time of the year.

"Eric has a shot (at earning a trip to state)," said Wilcox. "He really wants it. But he's going to be up against some really strong competition. I think he's going to have to get below 16 minutes to qualify."



**DISTRICT RUNNERS-UP**—The Hart Lady Horns finished second in the District 3-AA cross country meet last week and will compete in the regional race Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Team members include (back row, from

left) Angelica Perales, Lisa Rincon, Christy Guzman and Valerie Key; and (front row, from left) Julia Cisneros, Isela Minjarez, Vanessa Carrasco and Nikki Burress.

*Photo by Neoma Williams*



**ON TO REGIONAL**—The Hart Longhorns used a first-place finish by Eric Montemayor at the District 3-AA cross country meet to earn a trip to the regional meet as a team. Hart will compete at 12 noon Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Mem-

bers of the team are (back row, from left) Ismael Gonzales, Jeremiah Velasquez, Angel Pantoja and Roberto Yebra; and (front row, from left) Montemayor, Frankie Ayala and Adrian Rios.

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# Season finales have playoff implications

It all boils down to the last game for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. All three have outside shots at claiming a playoff berth this season, but each must win this week for that to happen.

## Perryton at Dimmitt

At this stage, two things would have to happen for the Bobcats to get into the playoffs:

1. Muleshoe (3-3 in district) would have to upset River Road (4-2) Friday night
2. Then Dimmitt (4-2) would have to beat Perryton (5-1) here Saturday.

Unless that combination of events happens, the Bobcats are out of the post-season hunt.

Going into the final weekend of the regular season, Friona is in first place with a perfect 6-0 district record, and will play Sanford-Fritch (1-5) Friday night. Perryton is in second place, with Dimmitt and River Road tied for third.

Coach Bruce Dollar described the District 1-AAA formula for determining the second playoff team in case of a three-way tie for second place:

"If we win (against Perryton) we're in a three-way tie for second, and the team that advances will be determined by 'positive points,' with a maximum of 15.

"Perryton beat River Road 13-10, so they have a +3.  
"River Road beat us 45-19, so they

have a +15.  
"We have zero. If we beat Perryton, the difference in the score will be our positive points.

"If win by 15 or more and get the maximum of 15 positive points, then it goes head-to-head with River Road—and we lose."

So the Bobcats' only hope to leap into the playoffs is for Muleshoe to eliminate River Road Friday night, leaving the playoff berth to the winner of Saturday's Dimmitt-Perryton game.

The Rangers sport a 6-3 season mark, and all their losses have been to playoff-bound teams—Borger and Dumas of District 1-AAAA, and Friona.

They were impressive even in their

loss to Friona, giving the Chieftains their closest call of the year, 21-14, in a knock-down drag-out battle at Perryton Saturday.

"They'll be the most physical team we've played defensively," Coach Dollar said. "When you hold Friona to 21 points, you've got a good defense."

The Rangers tied the Chieftains in first downs (15-15) and had almost as many total yards (276-262).

Coach Dollar describes Perryton running back Allan Adkison as "the best running back in the district—he's for real."

The fast and shifty Adkison, a 5-11, 170-lb. senior tailback, had 115 yards on 22 carries against Friona Saturday.

He averaged 6.9 yards per carry last year, and is on the same clip this season, even with defenses keying on him.

But despite Adkison's heroics, the team's sparkplug is senior quarterback Trey Duke (5-10, 155), who is adept at both running and passing in the Rangers' Wing-T attack. He gained 75 yards on 11 carries against Friona, and has been consistently accurate with his passing.

Kickoff time at Bobcat Stadium Saturday will be 2 p.m. The players' parents will be honored before the game.

Most likely, the Bobcats will be playing only for pride Saturday. With six wins, they're already assured of a successful season.

But hey, a 7-3 record would really be a great topping for an exciting season, wouldn't it?

## Nazareth at Farwell

Nazareth's playoff hopes hinge on a victory over Farwell Friday and on the outcome of the Kress-Springlelake game, also on Friday.

The Swifts are currently tied with Sudan for third in district with a 4-2

mark. Kress has clinched a playoff berth with a 6-0 mark and Springlake-Earth is currently second with a 5-1 record.

But if Kress were up to beat Springlake-Earth, and Nazareth and Sudan both win Friday, it would throw the trio into a three-way tie for second and a coin flip would decide the No. 2 seed.

If the three-way tie occurs, coaches from Nazareth, Springlake-Earth and Sudan will meet at the S-E fieldhouse Friday night after the games for the deciding coin flip.

If Springlake-Earth beats Kress, the Swifts' playoff hopes are dashed, because the Wolverines would win district outright and Kress would finish second.

Nazareth will have its hands full with the Steers Friday night. The teams will square off in Farwell at 7:30 p.m.

The Steers are 6-3 on the season and sport a 3-3 district mark.

"Farwell's got a good, aggressive team," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. They're not real big, but they're quick, especially on defense.

"They run a lot of Wing-T and a lot of I-formation offenses," said Price. "They like to use a lot of unbalanced formations to get you off guard."

The Steers feature fullback Jason Miller (5-11, 200) and tailback David Everett (5-9, 161).

The Steers are throwing the ball well, too, behind the arm of quarterback Tyler Chadwick (5-10, 154).

Miller is the Steers' top ground gainer so far this season with more than 700 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. Chadwick is a threat to run with the ball, too, and he's earned more than 200 yards and a touchdown from the rushing attack.

Chadwick is also one of the top-rated passers in the area, with approximately 800 yards and 10 touchdowns to his credit.

When he throws, Chadwick usually looks to tight end Mark Lunsford (6-1, 155), who has caught passes for more than 250 yards and two TDs.

"Offensively, we'll need to stop Chadwick and Miller. Chadwick's main targets are Miller and Lunsford and those two account for the majority of the receiving."

Their running game is mainly Miller. He's a good, strong kid and he plays hard.

Up front, Farwell has an average-sized line anchored by guard Grant Oppliger (5-8, 205).

Farwell has put 202 points on the board this season and is averaging more than 280 yards of offense per game.

On the other side of the ball, Farwell uses Lunsford and Everett at the ends, Miller and Spencer Ketcherside at linebackers and Oppliger on the line at tackle to anchor its 5-3 defense.

The Steers have only allowed a little over 180 yards per game, and have given up 116 points this season, most of which have come in the District 2-A campaign.

## Hale Center at Hart

Hart has one shot at the playoffs, and it's going to take an all-out effort and victory over Hale Center Friday to achieve their goal of earning a spot in the post-season.

The Longhorns will host the Owls Friday in a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Lockney captured the District 3-AAA championship with a big 49-0 win over Hale Center last week.

The Owls are currently in second with a 3-1 conference mark while Hart is third at 2-2.

"Winner takes all in this game," said Hart Coach Chad Watson. "We win, we go to the playoffs. We lose, we stay home."

After struggling through the middle of the season, the Longhorns have rebounded to win their last two games and have a legitimate shot at a playoff berth.

"We're going to have to play a great game to beat Hale Center. We're playing with emotion now, and things have been going our way the past couple of weeks," said Watson. "I think to our success in those games has been the return of Gerard Dozal."

Dozal, a starting two-way tackle, missed most of the season because of broken foot. Once he returned to the lineup, Hart started clicking.

The Longhorns will have to operate at their best Friday to pull off the win over the Owls.

"I think Hale Center's the second-most talented ball club in this district behind Lockney. They throw the ball well and run well. They're real versatile."

"We're going to have to be able to break long runs against them and we've got to stop their passing and control their best run play."

Hale Center runs a pro-style Wing-T on offense, featuring runningback Joe Gutierrez, a 5-7, 145-lb. senior who has rushed for close to 700 yards this season. The Owls also get good yardage from backs Cory Bendele (5-8, 165), and Pedro Gutierrez (5-5, 140).

"Hale Center's running backs run harder than anybody we've seen on film," said Watson.

Handling quarterback duties for the Owls is Jason Thomas (5-9, 160), and he has thrown for 797 yards and six touchdowns. His favorite target this season has been Cory Needham (5-11, 185), who is ranked among the top Class AA receivers in the area with 30 receptions for 370 yards. Thomas also likes wide receiver Ruben Madrigal (5-8, 175).

The offensive line is solid with Jesse Lopez (5-7, 185) and John Benefield (5-10, 175) at guards, and Jamie Flores (5-7, 242) at tackle.

Defensively, Watson said Hale Center runs an Arizona defense.

"It's a 50-type scheme with an eight-man front," said Watson.

Wes Horsford (6-3, 200), Lopez and Adam Marin anchor the defensive line while Omar Andrade (5-8, 175) and Bendele are among the linebackers. The secondary includes Rocky Jimenez (5-8, 146), Joe Gutierrez and Bobby Ruiz (5-9, 155).



**TEAM HONOR BENEFITS SCHOOL**—On behalf of the Nazareth Public Schools, Swifts Football Coach Rick Price (left) and senior split end-cornerback Kit Schulte accept an RCA videocassette recorder from Jerry Kittrell, local RCA dealer. The VCR was a prize for the Swifts' being named the Panhandle's

"Team of the Week" by KFDD-TV, Amarillo, after defeating No. 3-ranked Springlake-Earth two weeks ago. The television station and the area's independent RCA dealers cooperate in the "Team of the Week" program.

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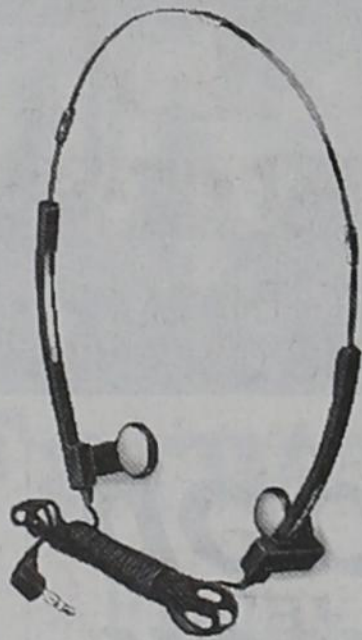
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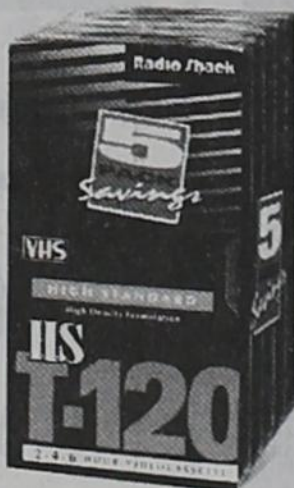
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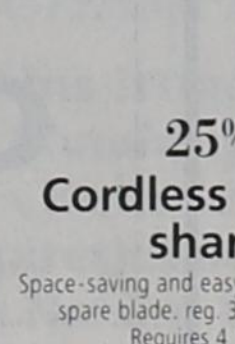
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# Basketball teams are hoping to fine-tune games in scrimmages

Basketball season is just around the corner, and the girls' teams in Dimmitt, Nazareth and Hart, along with the Dimmitt Bobcats, are hoping to work out a few problems when they scrimmage other teams Tuesday night.

The Swiftettes will host Dimmitt and Levelland Tuesday for the trio's annual scrimmage and tip-off in the first quarter will be at 4:30 p.m.

Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton welcomes back four starters from last year's area qualifier team. Among those are seniors Amy Pohlmeier, K'Lynn Gerber and Tanya Wethington, and sophomore Cassie Birkenfeld. He also has several other lettermen back.

The Bobbies will field a solid roster of experienced veterans this season, including returning starters Jacy Buckley, Amber Matthews, Shawna Kenworthy and Tonya Robertson.

Dimmitt just lost one varsity player to graduation last year.

The Lady Horns will scrimmage Muleshoe in Hart Tuesday, beginning at 4 p.m. The freshman squads will tip off at 4 p.m., followed by the junior varsity at 5 p.m. and the varsity at 6 p.m., according to Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox.

Hart returns four starters from last year's playoff team and they are seniors Charbra Lee and Lisa Rincon; and juniors Ysa Rodriguez and Veronica Gonzales. Also back and joining that quad in the starting lineup will be Nikki Lee, who was the sixth man a year ago.

The Lady Horns' second scrimmage will be on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Littlefield and Hart opens the regular season by hosting Floydada on Nov. 18.

The Dimmitt Bobcats will work against Pampa and Plainview in a three-team scrimmage at The Box, on the West Texas A&M University Campus in Canyon, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

The Bobcats will be in a rebuilding mode this season since graduation claimed four starters.

The lone veteran back in the starting lineup is Charley Sanders.

"We've got some holes to fill," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steidle.

He also welcomes back senior lettermen Casey Smith, Stuart Sutton, Jared Townsend and Will Shannon.

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the Bobcats will travel to Levelland for a scrimmage with the Lobos and Odessa Permian. The scrimmage is slated to begin at 10 a.m.

The Bobcats and Bobbies will play Randall, there, on Nov. 18 in the season opener.



IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT—The staff at the Pancake House in Dimmitt dressed up in full costume for Halloween Friday. They are (from left) Bea Acker in a cow costume, Sharon Cline in a devil costume, and Delicia Martinez in a witch costume.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Commission to construct WWII memorial

The American Battle Monuments Commission in Washington, D.C., is seeking the names of those who served their country during World War II, and those names will be included in the Registry of Remembrances at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

More than 50 years after the end of World War II, America is now building a national memorial to honor the courage and sacrifices made by a generation of Americans to win the war that forever changed the course of human history.

The memorial's Registry of Remembrances is a state-of-the-art interactive display of names that will pay lasting tribute by permanently listing as many of the men and women as possible who together won the war and liberated the world from the forces of tyranny.

The memorial will not only be for those who fought in the war, but also for those who had a part in the effort on the home front by working in a factory or growing a victory garden, etc.

For more information, contact the American Battle Monuments Commission, Arlington Court House Plaza II, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.

## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Nov. 6-14.

### DIMMITT

#### Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauted onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken fillet strips, country rice dressing, applesauce, white rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, French fries, hamburger salad, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese with a bowl of soup, scalloped corn, cucumber and tomato salad, orange wedges and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, refried beans, watermelon, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

FRIDAY: Baked cajun fish, baked potatoes, pineapple sunset salad, cornbread and milk.

#### 2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish burger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauted onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, peanut butter and jelly or chicken taco with hot sauce; hash brown potatoes, country rice dressing, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or fruit; assorted muffins, white rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, tuna and noodles or beef and bean burrito with chili; French fries, apple slices with cinnamon or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese with a bowl of soup, beef stir fry or green enchilada casserole; scalloped corn, Chinese-style vegetables, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with cheese, macaroni, cheese and ham casserole or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or watermelon; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano.

flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of baked Cajun fish, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or tomato slices; cornbread, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

### HART

#### Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, gelatin dessert, spinach and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or nachos with ground beef, pinto beans, chocolate pudding, ice cream and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, peaches, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hoagie sandwich; corn, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or tamale pie; salad, pinto beans, tortilla pieces, pineapple, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog; potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

#### Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Brisket, baked potato, fruit cocktail, salad, Longhorn cookie and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or nachos with ground beef, pinto beans, dill pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ice cream, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy; green beans, mashed potato, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hoagie sandwich; macaroni and cheese, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or beef tamale pie; salad, pinto beans, tortilla pieces, pineapple, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog; potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: \* Chili or baked potatoes, carrot and celery sticks, pinto beans, peaches, cinnamon rolls and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, corn, pears, dessert and milk or juice.

MONDAY: \* Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, green beans, peaches, pineapple upside down cake and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: \* Spaghetti or pizza, salad, pudding and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: \* Barbecue on a bun or hamburger, corn grapes and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Tater tot casserole or pizza, salad, cauliflower, pears, applesauce and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: \* Corn dogs or chicken strips, rice, salad, peaches and milk or juice.

(Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students, while secondary school students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

## Christmas bazaar set in Muleshoe

A Christmas bazaar will be held in Muleshoe December 5-6 and reservations are currently being accepted for booth space.

The show is being sponsored by the Moonlight Extension Club.

A 10 x 12-foot wall space with electricity will rent for \$50. A 10 x 12 wall space without electricity will be \$45. A 10 x 10-foot open space will be available for \$40. Deadline for applications is Dec. 1.

Tables are \$5 extra and must be reserved ahead of time.

Exhibitors are expected to provide all necessary equipment for their booth. Chairs will be furnished.

The show will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum and Civic Center and will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 6.

For more information or to reserve a booth, contact Linda Huckabay, 902 W. Eighth, Muleshoe 79347.

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## Bike-a-thon has 'good turn-out'

The St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Bike-a-thon held Sunday in Dimmitt was "a big improvement over last year," according to organizers of the event.

Fifteen bikers, ranging in age from 4 to 45, participated, but fund raising totals will not be known until all pledges are collected and turned in later this week.

Gabriel Garcia turned in the highest number of laps, riding 100 times around the parking lot at Dimmitt's First United Bank, site of the event.

Door prize winners included Casey Maurer (a CD case from Kittrell's), Anna Brockman (a watch from Dollar General), Brad Lane (a T-shirt from Bealls), Jeremy Bishop (a flat tire repair can from Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.), Holly Lane (knuckle guards from ALCO), Brandon Wilhelm and Thomas Brockman (gift certificates from Video Magic), Garcia (gift certificate from Pizza Hut), and Jaci Bishop and Mandi Ebeling (4-H gift items from the Extension Office).

The Castro County 4-H Council sponsored the event. Participants should turn in their money to the Extension Office by Friday.

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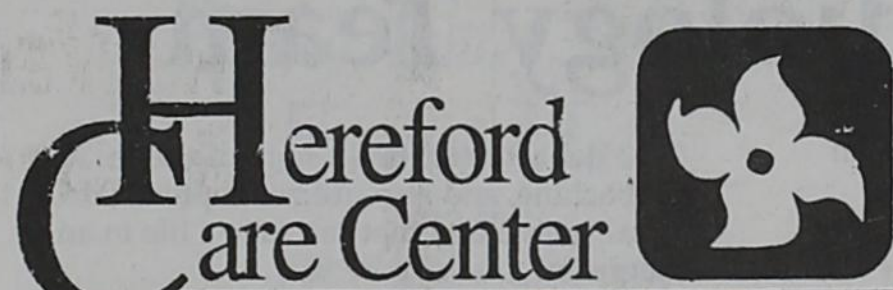
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**BIKE-A-THON** participant Brandon Wilhelm gets his lap card marked by Tina Maurer Sunday in Dimmitt at the annual fund raising event to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Fifteen riders added up laps that will be rewarded by sponsors lined up by the riders. Totals will be announced next week. Participation was up quite a bit from last year's event, according to an organizer of the ride. The Bike-a-Thon was held in the parking lot of First United Bank of Dimmitt and was sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Council.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Cotton Talks

Getting involved is the key to the eventual elimination of the boll weevil from the Texas High Plains.

State Sen. Robert L. Duncan of Lubbock has been working hard to keep the issue alive during the 1997 harvest season. Duncan hosted a tour of area cotton fields damaged by the boll weevil for fellow state legislators and local news media on Oct. 27.

Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) of Lubbock is doing its part by working closely with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment and Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel.

Four PCG representatives traveled across the area with Sen. Duncan to inspect damage and economic harm to the 1997 crop, caused by the boll weevil.

The PCG contingent included Executive Vice President Steve Verett, President Jackie Burris, Vice President Dona Langston and Secretary-Treasurer Ronnie Hopper.

PCG representatives visited with legislators and members of the news media about the issue and personal experiences with the insect.

During the tour, Sen. Duncan illustrated the damage caused by the boll weevil and provided area media with the opportunity to ask questions of some of the foremost experts in the field of boll weevil management and control.

Presentations were given by Dr. Jim Leser, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock; Don Rummel, Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock and Dr. Ton Fuchs, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in San Angelo.

PCG has announced the start of a new effort to help cotton producers handle the often frustrating maze of paperwork associated with hiring both permanent and seasonal employees.

Working closely with the Texas Workforce Commission, PCG hopes that the end result of this effort will ensure employees have received I-9 certification required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Worker Protection Training required by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

If successful, this important information and training will be administered by the Texas Workforce Commission, alleviating some of the burden from agricultural employers.

"Hopefully, this will prove to be a worthwhile starting point for the future," said PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "The bulk of the farming operations in this area are without the central office or staff necessary to easily carry out many of these important functions."

It is hoped that other information and training can also be provided by the Texas Workforce Commission in the future.

PCG officials will continue to work on implementation of this initiative.

Producers with Internet capability can access information and links about Worker Protection Standards through PCG's home page at [www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org).

Area cotton quality continues to be good with the exception of some higher than normal Leaf Grades.

According to PCG officials, producers are trying hard to offset whatever has caused the area crop to hold onto higher than normal levels of leaf trash so far this season.

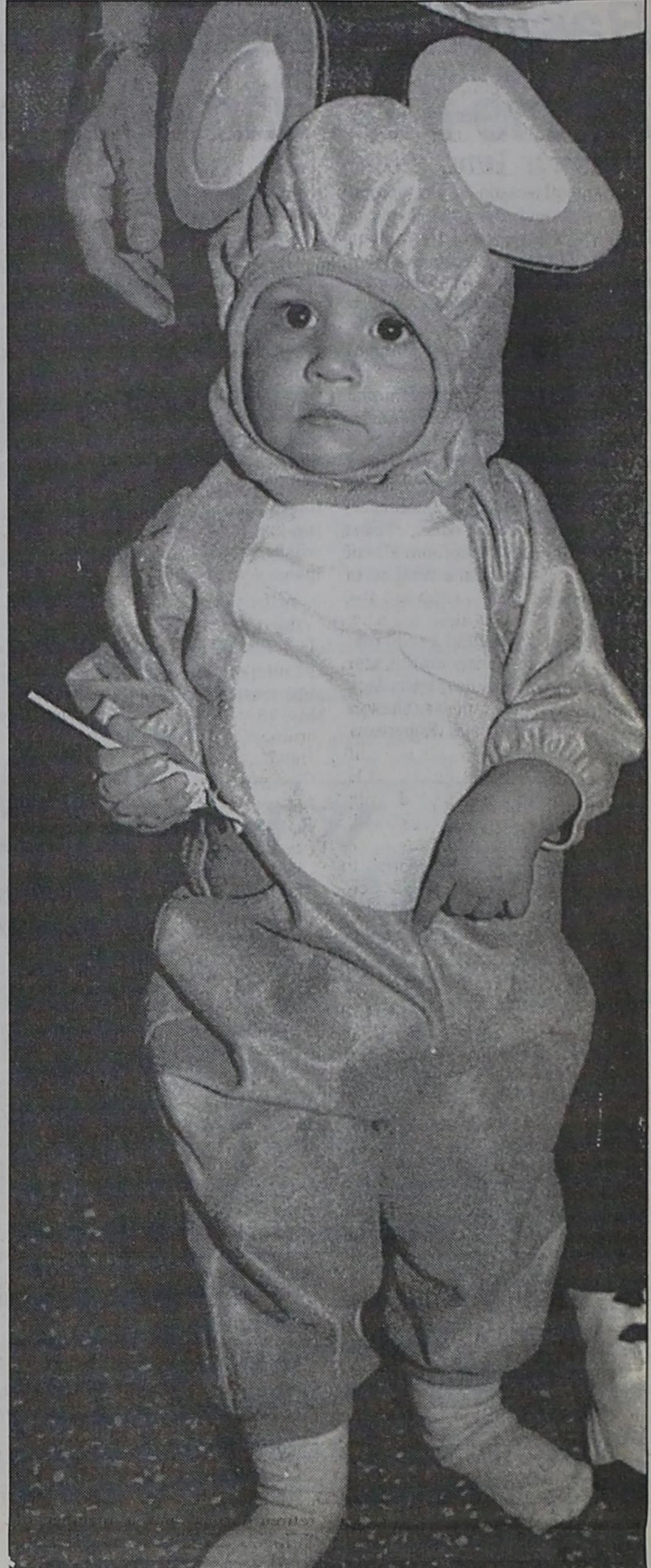
The cause of these differences is still a mystery. Whether they exist because of changes in cotton within a field are the result of increased moisture content, humidity levels at harvest or time of day is still unknown.

PCG officials hope that since the entire area has received a killing freeze, the problem will take care of itself as freeze-killed cotton is harvested, ginned and classed.

The Lubbock Classing Office's report on Oct. 30 indicates a total of 334,053 bales have been classed so far with an average Leaf Grade of 4.02. Base quality for leaf in the Commodity Credit Corp.'s loan schedule is four.

Color grades show approximately 15% have received a light spotted grade with the bulk, over 75%, receiving a color grade of 31 or better.

Strength, length and micronaire continue to track normal across the area.



**A CUTE LITTLE MOUSE—**Kaden Hatla, 1, the son of Kim and Todd Hatla of Dimmitt, attended the Trunk or Treat event at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell



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We also wish to thank those individuals, families and clubs that are sponsoring memorial flags on the courthouse square. Here is the current list of memorial flag sponsors:

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(More memorial flag spaces on courthouse square are available. If you would like to establish a memorial flag, you may contact any member of the Dimmitt Rotary. Sponsorship price is \$25 per year.)

## Dimmitt Rotary Club



**Radiology Supervisor Deana Beames, RT, prepares to transmit a picture-perfect digital image of X-rays to Amarillo for analysis by a team of radiologists. Although Dimmitt has no resident radiologist, this technology bridges the distance gap and makes immediate readings possible in emergencies, just as though there were a radiologist on staff here.**

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# Our Radiology Team

We're proud of our Radiology Dept. staff at plains Memorial. Their training and knowledge are often crucial in all aspects of modern diagnostics.

Our radiology supervisor is Deana Beames, RT, who has been with Plains Memorial for more than nine years. She is assisted by staff technologist Michelle Miller, RT.

Also, Laboratory Manager Jerald Hensley, MRT, and staff technologist Dolan Hanna, MRT—both of whom work mainly in the hospital laboratory—assist with radiology when needed. Billie Hensley takes care of the clerical work.

Our radiology department provides X-ray, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, EKG and tomography exams as ordered by your physician or surgeon, and they're on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The department uses a state-of-the-art X-ray machine, and also utilizes sophisticated digital technology that can save a life in an emergency.

Since there is no radiologist M.D. here, a radiology team in Amarillo reads our X-rays and sonograms on a regular basis. But when an immediate reading is needed, our radiology department can transmit a picture-perfect digital image via computer to Amarillo for analysis on their monitor there.

Beames also heads the Nuclear Medicine Dept., which provides such procedures as bone scans and abdominal scans. Few hospitals the size of ours provide nuclear medicine service.

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## Seventh graders blank Tulia, 18-0

The Dimmitt seventh graders exploded for 18 second-half points and the defense stymied Tulia to claim a victory last Thursday at Tulia.

Matthew Gauna was Dimmitt's sparkplug on offense, breaking open a stalemate in the third quarter with two touchdowns.

Gauna rushed for a four-yard touchdown to put the Cats on top, 6-0, then added a one-yard plunge in the stanza and the Bobcats were on top, 12-0, headed into the final quarter.

Daniel Prieto capped the scoring with a six-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, L.J. Soler picked off a pass and teamed with Efen Gomez to block a Tulia punt.

Gauna's offensive effort was aided by good blocking by Coby Martinez, Abel Espinoza and Roy Rodriguez, according to Coach Bobby Feaster.

Feaster also praised the defensive play of Prieto, Soler, Juan Diaz, Alonzo Lopez and Ray Lopez. "Our defense did an outstanding job," Feaster said.

Dimmitt improved to 4-3 with the win.

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# Obituaries

## Jeanine Gunstream

Jeanine Gunstream, 49, of Muleshoe, the mother of Chaun Gunstream of Dimmitt, died Nov. 1 in Muleshoe Area Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with Rev. Brad Reeves of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gunstream was born Sept. 27, 1948, in Muleshoe. She married Tommy Gunstream in Muleshoe. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe. She was the director of the Muleshoe Country Club and also a member of the Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Chaun Gunstream of Dimmitt; a daughter, Tonda Outlaw of Austin; her mother, Oneita Wagon of Muleshoe; a sister, Rhonda Pummill of Bedford; two brothers, B.H. Wagon of Muleshoe and Billy Wayne Wagon of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Muleshoe Area Health Care Center, 106 West Avenue H, Muleshoe 79347.

## Desi Pesina Sr.

Funeral Mass for Desi Pesina Sr., 87, of Dimmitt, was said Wednesday morning at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt, with Deacons Jose Velo and John Nino officiating. Vigil was held Tuesday evening at Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Pesina died Nov. 2 in St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 11, 1910, in Mexico. He lived in Brownfield before moving to Dimmitt in 1953. He married Manuela Vasquez on Oct. 5, 1930, in Brady. She died on July 5, 1997. Mr. Pesina was retired from operating a package store in Dimmitt. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt, and was a member of LULAC. He was a past board member for the Aztec Housing Corporation.

He is survived by a son, Desi Pesina Jr. of Houston; a daughter, Estelle Stroud of Nacogdoches; two sisters, Corina Perez of Dimmitt and Julia Pesina of Melvin; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

## Nathan Pevehouse

Funeral services for Nathan Pevehouse, 61, of Hart, were held last Thursday afternoon in Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt, with Rev. Gerald Aalbers, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hart, and Rev. Kelly Inman, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Hart, officiating.

Burial was in Hart Cemetery. Mr. Pevehouse died Oct. 28 after a lengthy illness.

He was born Nov. 21, 1935, in Cameron. He graduated from high school in Cameron in 1953 and served in the Army from 1955 to 1958. He married Frankie Pevehouse on Sept. 7, 1961, in Dimmitt. He was a self-employed carpenter and an avid fisherman. He moved from Dimmitt to Hart in 1985.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Charles Pevehouse of Pryer, Okla., and Danny Pevehouse of Amarillo; two daughters, Cheryl Henderson of Junction and Ronda Cooksey of Locust Grove, Okla.; five brothers, Jesse Pevehouse of Caldwell, Virgil Pevehouse and John Pevehouse Jr., both of Cameron, Charles Pevehouse of Rockdale, and Thomas Pevehouse of Taylor; three sisters, Mildred Yates of Maysfield, Ruth Mosley of Mabank, and Alma Patzke of Lake Jackson; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Carl Henderson, Bill Henderson, Todd Pebsworth, Lewis Jordan, T.J. Myers and Randy Powell.

## Anastacio Rubalcaba

Funeral Mass for Anastacio "Ernie" Rubalcaba, 84, of Amarillo, and formerly of Hart, was celebrated Friday afternoon in St. John's Catholic Church in Hart, with Rev. John Heken of the church officiating.

Burial was in Hart Cemetery.

Rosary was recited last Thursday evening in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Martin Road Chapel, by Hector Gallegos, deacon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Mr. Rubalcaba died Oct. 29. He was born in Goliad, and lived in Hart from 1952 until 1989, when he moved to Amarillo. He was a retired farmer and a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Hart. He was instrumental in starting St. John's, the first Catholic Church to be built in Hart.

Survivors include two sons, Pancho Rubalcaba of Amarillo and Joe Rubalcaba of Fritch; a daughter, Teresa Rubalcaba of Amarillo; a brother Guadalupe Rubalcaba of La Puente, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



## Zelma Smith

Funeral services for Zelma Smith, 89, of Richardson, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning in Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Officiating were Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, and Rev. Van Earl Hughes, retired minister.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Smith died Oct. 29 in Richardson after a lengthy illness.

She was born Aug. 12, 1908, in Loveland, Colo. She moved to Hereford in 1920, and was baptized at First Baptist Church in Hereford in 1921. She graduated from Hereford High School in 1927, and married Jesse Leland Smith on Jan. 25, 1928, in Hereford. They moved to the Bethel Community in 1928, and she was a charter member of the Bethel Home Demonstration Club. She was one of six honored for 50 years of membership in the club in 1977.

Mrs. Smith was active in the community, and also taught Sunday School at the Bethel Community Church until it disbanded. They moved to Dimmitt in 1961, and she was active in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt and taught a ladies adult class. Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1978. He died on June 10, 1987. She moved to Richardson in 1994 and was a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Wesley Smith and Leland Elbert Smith, both of Dimmitt; two daughters, Elzada Faye Funck of Houston and Zella Vee Wilson of Dallas; two sisters, Nell Bencoe of Albuquerque, N.M., and Hazel Bagwell of Dimmitt; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Houston Lust, Jimmie Howell, Jack Howell, Glenn Lust, Rick Bagwell, and Rex Wooten.

The family suggests memorials to Family Hospice, 1140 Empire Central Suite 235, Dallas 75247.



## Nancy Wilhite

Funeral services for Nancy Roxanne Wilhite, 16, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning in Holy Family Church in Nazareth with Fr. Jerry Stein, David Keller and Cecil Bunch officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Dimmitt under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Miss Wilhite died Oct. 30 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital as a result of injuries suffered in an auto accident.

She was born April 16, 1981, in Hereford. She had attended the Nazareth schools since the second grade and had been a junior in high school. Nancy participated in the Nazareth Swift Band and was the Honorary Cheerleader Manager. Her hobbies included baking, and traveling, and she loved the ocean and the beach. She always had a funny story to make her friends and family laugh.

She is survived by her parents, Robert and Tammy Wilhite of Dimmitt; a brother, James Wilhite of Dimmitt; her grandparents, Bob and Nadine Wilhite of Clovis, N.M., and Edd and Alta Hutto of Clovis, N.M.; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were Jarod Wilhite, William Wilhite, Robby Burnett, Kevin Waddell, Kyle Taylor, Jace Wilhite, Doak Painter, Blake Rundell, Scott Rundell, and Justin Lusk. Honorary pallbearers were the Nazareth High School Junior Class, Nazareth High School Cheerleaders, and special friends.

The family suggests memorials to the Nancy Wilhite Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Hereford Federal Credit Union, 212 W. Bedford St., Dimmitt 79027; or the Nazareth School Playground Fund, P.O. Box 187, Nazareth 79063.

## More about

# Hospital board . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

HHA visits numbered 2,242 in September, vs. 1,455 in September 1996, and 10,577 from May 1 through Sept. 30, vs. 6,233 during the same period last year.

Steady increases also are being shown in the number of physical therapy treatments, lab tests, X-rays, ultrasounds and respiratory therapy treatments.

Emergency room treatments were up in September but generally are on a downward trend.

Also down are the number of hospital transfers and ambulance runs.

Plains Memorial averaged seven patients per day (all patient types) in September, vs. 4.3 in September 1996. For the fiscal year so far, the average daily census is running 8.83, vs. 5.24 for the same period last year.

The board voted to go ahead with the renovation of the former Edwards Laundry unit in the east end of the

Medical Center building.

Maintenance Supervisor Mark McDonald estimates that the renovation and conversion will cost \$81,000, using mostly local contractors.

"I like the local flavor of it," trustee Jerry Annen commented.

The east end of the Medical Center building will be remodeled to house a durable medical equipment store and possibly an education room and hospice facilities.

Projecting a profit of \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year on sales and rentals of durable medical equipment, Sloan said, "We should get it (the renovation) paid off within a year."

## ★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

# Sava, Griffith are tops

Is this poetic justice, or what? Bill Sava retired three months ago as Dimmitt's postmaster. In Week 9 of the POWER POINTS Football Contest, he was the local winner. But he had to wait several extra days to find out about it because his entry was delayed in the mail.

Actually, the delay wasn't the US Postal Service's fault. It was that killer blizzard that paralyzed Denver, where the entries are scored. Neither Next-Day Air, nor Federal Express, nor Express Mail nor mule train could get through on their appointed rounds, so all scoring and results were delayed.

Sava scored 108 of a possible 136 points to win the \$20 local cash prize from the *News*. It was another tough week, with the highest score in the state being 120 points by Joe Bill of Midland.

Sava kinda *had* to win the Week 9 local contest as a matter of pride. His mother, Barbara, had won the Week 8 contest, which was a killer.

"I told her that she didn't really win that contest, that she just didn't lose as badly as everyone else," Sava quipped.

Winner of the Week 10 contest last week was Amber Griffith, 23, a former Dimmitt resident who lives in Amarillo and works at Schlabs & Hysinger Commodity Services in Hereford.

"Well, hot dog!" Griffith said when notified that she was this week's \$20 winner. "It was a tough week. Some of those games were iffy."

Winner of the \$1,000 state grand prize for Week 10 was Harry Reynolds of Abilene, a 42-year-old forklift operator for Coca-Cola, who racked up the state's only perfect score of 136. He was one of only a handful of contestants to nail both Baylor's upset of Texas and San Francisco's win over Dallas.

This week's POWER POINTS Football Contest is on Page 8. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in at the *News* office, 108 W. Bedford St., before 2 p.m. Friday. Good luck!

# Furnaces may require preventive maintenance

The season for preventive maintenance on furnaces is here, according to an investigator for the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation.

Pauline Denson, a staff member of TDLR, offers tips for the consumer to help choose an air conditioning and heating company and to avoid common scams.

She urges consumers to use a licensed contractor, pointing out that Texas law requires air conditioning and heating contractors to be licensed and carry liability insurance to protect the public.

She also advises consumers to check references on a potential contractor.

"Look for the contractor's license number in yellow page ads, on business cards, invoices and company vehicles. Call TDLR to check on licensing and complaint history," she said.

She also warned to be wary of extra low prices, and be aware that when a company offers unusually low prices, "they are sometimes more interested in selling you unneeded equipment than in making repairs."

"You might want to get a second opinion. Check with another contractor when recommendations are made to replace a system, or to make repairs costing more than \$500," she said.

Denson also warned that reports of carbon monoxide problems and cracked heat exchangers are common come-ons during the winter season. She urged consumers to ask the contractor how checks are made for carbon monoxide, since it has no smell and meters can be set for false readings.

"If a leak is detected, air conditioning contractors do not have the authority to disconnect a furnace without your permission," Denson said.

She also indicated that consumers should watch the technician while

working and may retain any removed parts as evidence that the part was really changed.

For additional information or to report consumer problems, contact TDLR at 1-800-803-9202 or 1-512-463-6599.

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## Meeting slated for auditor appointment

The judges of the 64th and 242nd Judicial District Courts will conduct a special meeting on Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. in the District Courtroom of the Castro County Courthouse.

The public is welcome to attend. The judges, Judge Jack R. Miller and Judge Marvin F. Marshall, will consider the appointment of the Castro County Auditor.

The position is currently held by Maretta Smithson.

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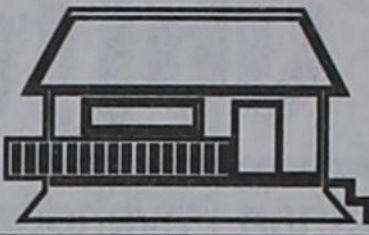
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**20—Help Wanted**

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**22—Notices**

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**24—Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**

First Baptist Church would like to thank everyone who came and participated in Truck or Treat on Halloween. We would especially like to thank the police department and Alco for donating candy and also thank you to anyone else that we don't know about. It was a big success. We had close to 300 children who enjoyed the event. Thanks again. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 24-31-1tc

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thank you to all for your thoughtful words, deeds, cards, prayers and understanding in the death of my mother. May God bless you all. PEARL AND JAMES ACKER & FAMILY 24-31-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Zelma Smith (Mrs. Leland Smith) wishes to thank you for your love and concern at a time when our family needed it most. The flowers, food, cards and visits were truly appreciated. God has answered many prayers these past few years of Mother's life, but most of all he has blessed us with friends like you. THE FAMILY OF ZELMA SMITH 24-31-1tc

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE CANCELLATION OF ALL LOTS, BLOCKS, STREETS AND ALLEYS IN THE TOWNSITE OF FLAGG, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, LYING IN THE SOUTH HALF (S/2) OF SECTION 38, BLOCK T-4, T.A. THOMPSON SURVEY, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS, SAVE AND EXCEPT LOTS ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12), BLOCK TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSITE OF FLAGG, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given that Cary Sawyer and James F. Cleavinger have filed an application with the Commissioners Court of Castro County, Texas, for permission to cancel part of the Townsite of Flagg, lying within the confines of the South half (S/2) of Section of Thirty-eight (38), Block T-4, T.A. Thompson Survey, Castro County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Twenty-one (21), Townsite of Flagg, Castro County, Texas, on Oct. 13, 1997.

Any person who is interested in the property and who wishes to protest the proposed cancellation shall appear at a regular session of the Castro County Commissioners Court, located in Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, on November 24th, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS COURT  
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS  
25-30-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE  
NO. PR 2275**

THE ESTATE OF  
R.L. LAMBRIGHT, DECEASED  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF R.L. LAMBRIGHT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of R.L. Lambright, Deceased, were issued to VELMA LAMBRIGHT on the 13th day of October, 1997, the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that she now holds such letters.

All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, to the following address: Velma Lambright, 605 West Grant Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-31-1tc



TRUNK OR TREAT—Carsyn O'Brien (left), 8 1/2-month-old daughter of Wes and Camille O'Brien of Dimmitt, is ready to hand out a treat at the annual Halloween event at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church Friday. Helping her is her brother, Colton, 2, and Keila Schilling, 5, daughter of Roy and Carla Schilling of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

**Balloting for sorghum board to continue through Nov. 21**

Texas grain sorghum producers have until Nov. 21 to mark their ballots for the candidate they wish to represent their area on the Texas grain Sorghum Board.

The 15-member board administers the funds collected in the statewide assessment on grain sorghum. Under the assessment program, the state is divided into five districts according to sorghum production.

Local producers fall into either the Panhandle District or the West Texas District.

The Panhandle District will be voting for one representative to serve a six-year term on the board. Pat George, who farms near Tulia in Swisher County, is seeking re-election to the board.

**FCA to have game day, rally at Tech**

Dimmitt High School's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will join other FCA members in the Panhandle-South Plains at an area rally and game day at Texas Tech Saturday, Nov. 22.

Activities will include a tailgate lunch at noon, the Tech-Oklahoma football game at 1 p.m., and a rally with Texas Tech coaches and athletes at 4:30.

Cost is \$10 per person, which includes transportation, lunch, a T-shirt, and ticket to the game.

Sign-up deadline is noon Monday, Nov. 10.

Any high school student interested should contact Alicia Bradley or Coach Alan Steidle at Dimmitt High School.

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is in the process of electing a minority representative to fill a position on its board of directors. The meeting is to be held on Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hereford City Hall in Hereford, Texas. All minority citizens in Briscoe, Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Swisher Counties are invited to attend this meeting. Information regarding this election may be obtained from Rebecca Rusk at PRPC, (806) 382-3381. 25-31-1tc

tion to the board. The Panhandle District covers 26 counties, including Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Potter, Randall and Swisher.

The West Texas District will be voting for two representatives to serve six-year terms on the board. Jack Cobb, who farms near Plains in Yoakum County, is seeking re-election to the board. The West Texas District covers 101 counties, including Bailey, Floyd, Hale, and Lamb.

Producers may vote for candidates on the ballot or they may write in the name of a candidate of their choice. Write-in candidates must be sorghum producers, reside within the district and be willing to serve if elected.

Ballots are available from local grain elevator and county extension offices. Voters also can call the Texas Grain Sorghum Board office at 806-298-4501 (Panhandle) or 806-298-4501 (West Texas) to request ballots. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 21 to be counted in the election.

Under state law, grain sorghum grown in Texas is subject to an assessment of .01 cent per hundred weight. The funds generated by the

**Tech sets West Texas Appreciation Day**

Texas Tech University and the committee for Champions have announced that Nov. 22 will be West Texas/Eastern New Mexico Appreciation Day.

Communities are invited to attend the Tech vs. Oklahoma football game and recognize distinguished citizens from throughout the region.

Fans will have an opportunity to spotlight hometowns and honor notable citizens from the communities during an on-field ceremony at the game, Tech's final home game of the regular season, set for 1 p.m. at Jones Stadium.

Discount tickets are available for groups attending the game. Tickets will be priced at \$10 by purchasing a minimum block of 20 seats.

For those living in the Amarillo area, the Committee for Champions is organizing comprehensive bus trip packages to attend the event. The packages, priced at \$50, will include transportation to and from the game, game tickets and dinner.

For more information, contact Stephanie Putnik at 806-742-3741 or Joe Hornaday at 806-742-3355.

**Bazaar, turkey dinner planned in Nazareth**

Arts and crafts exhibitors are invited to display their creations at a holiday arts and crafts bazaar in Nazareth on Sunday, Nov. 23.

Reservations for booth space will be accepted through Nov. 15. Booths are 8 x 10 foot and cost is \$20 per

**Shot clinic is set today**

An immunization clinic offering a vaccination against several childhood diseases will be held today (Thursday) at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The immunizations will offer protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines also will be offered.

**PAC sets meeting**

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for Migrant Parents will hold an organizational meeting for the 1997-98 school year on Monday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Richardson Elementary Cafeteria at 708 W. Stinson.

All parents of migrant students are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Gloria Hernandez or Doricell Davis at 647-3102.

booth. A table and two chairs will be provided with each booth. Exhibitors are asked to state if they need the table, and if they prefer a wall or center booth. Also, exhibitors are asked to send information on what will be displayed in the booth.

Booths will be assigned on a first-come basis.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibitors will be able to begin setting up their displays at 7:30 a.m. that day.

For more information, or to reserve a booth, contact Lucille Drerup at Box 3, Nazareth, Texas 79063, phone (806) 945-2562; or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HCR 2, Box 13, Nazareth, Texas 79063, phone (806) 945-2583.

Also on Nov. 23, the Christian Mothers will sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner at the Nazareth Community Hall.

**Flame Fellowship schedules meeting**

The Flame Fellowship of Dimmitt will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library, with Brenda Landers as the special speaker.

The public is invited to attend. Landry is a graduate of Rhema Bible Training Institute. She will speak on seeking God's solution to your situation, through his word.

"We welcome men, women and children," a group spokesperson said. "Come and be blessed."

The brighter you are, the more you have to learn.

—Don Herold



I LIKE THAT ONE—Carolyn Thompson of Dimmitt talks with Dick Rice about a painting on display at First United Bank of Dimmitt on Friday during an exhibit by Rice Fine Art of Amarillo. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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**EXAGGERATED SMILES FOR HALLOWEEN** are shown by (from left) Erin Black, 7, daughter of Glen and Kylene Black of Dimmitt; Cassidy Watts, 8, daughter of Jody and Lori Watts of Dimmitt; and Lana Reinart, 7, daughter of Bryan and Donna Reinart of Dimmitt. The three were enjoying the safety of the Trunk or Treat event at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt Friday evening.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

**More about**

# Rah Rah grows . . .

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too much and I had to either quit or get bigger." skirts for two years, offering the outfits in five sizes. She plans to change the designs every two years to prevent repetition.

"We come up with our own designs and we draft off of commercial patterns," Black said.

She also offers pom poms and custom-designed t-shirt printing with a minimum order of 15 shirts required for the specialized thermal press printing.

Last year, Black sold 1,700 tops and skirts. This year that order almost doubled with 3,000. And she added football jerseys for boys, selling about 550 this year.

What's unique about her venture is how she markets her products. When she started in 1987 she visited with girls at cheerleading camps in the area. When she got back into the business two years ago she decided to target schools, marketing her products through school organizations by offering those groups commissions on any sales they made.

"We sell them through schools as a fundraiser for groups," Black said. "There's no minimum order and they get 15% commission for everything they sell. They take the orders and turn them in to us. We fill that order, then ship it out, either through the US Postal Service for single orders or through UPS for large orders."

The hardest part is getting the word out to the right people about her business.

She rents booths at craft shows in the tri-state area and features sample suits, brochures and a sign that markets her product as a good fundraiser.

"We also do bulk mailings to schools. We've mailed to all the schools in the upper half of Texas (excluding Class AAAAA schools) and to Oklahoma towns," said Black. "I think that it's better if you can establish a personal contact with someone though."

"The biggest challenge is getting into the schools. Once you have established that contact, you get a lot of repeat business. But it's hard to get that contact. Next year I hope we can work on the markets in Oklahoma and New Mexico, and maybe get the Kids, Inc. groups in

Amarillo and Lubbock." Black says she has had 30 groups that held an organized sale of the cheerleading outfits and football jerseys this year. Last year 17 groups were involved.

This year Black said she's outfitted a couple of junior high cheerleading squads, but she prefers restricting her business to children's outfits.

"I've got a lot of people helping me and giving me advice," said Black. "One lady in Oklahoma likes what I'm doing and she's showing brochures around Oklahoma and in Louisiana. We even had a guy call us from Sunset, La."

"I think we're offering them a product that is sellable and it's something that a lot of people want," said Black.

"The best part of the whole thing is seeing a little girl's face light up when she gets a cheerleading suit," Black said.

She stocks 13 basic colors of fabric and that includes team colors from most schools and all professional athletic teams.

"Homecoming is our busiest time of the year," Black said. "Our peak order time is from the end of May to September."

Black begins production on outfits in January. First, she cuts out the various pieces, then starts piecing the solid color material together.

"We do half of the production and then store the units until we get orders. That's when we finish up each outfit and add the trim in requested colors," Black said.

She ships the majority of her orders in September.

"We've filled and shipped orders to up to three schools in a day if they're small orders," said Black. "That's about 100 to 125 suits per day. We pride ourselves on a two-week delivery time. No other company like ours offers that."

Black purchased a commercial knife and large table on which she and her employees cut out the pattern pieces for the suits. With that knife, Black says she can cut out up to 50 suits at a time.

Her other equipment includes a home serger, home straight stitch sewing machine, commercial serger, commercial straight stitch machine and a commercial zig zag machine.

Black is hoping to expand deeper into New Mexico and Oklahoma next year. She's already sold items in Kirkland and Farmington, N.M. and has shipped orders as far south as Rochelle and Lone Oak. She also has orders going to Fabens, which is located close to the Texas-New Mexico border.

"I've been amazed at where all we get orders from. I was at a craft show in Portales and a lady stopped by. She ordered outfits for her granddaughters and we shipped those outfits to Maine. We've had some sent to Florida, too."

Black says she is considering adding hair bows to the line. She also hopes to offer more printed items like warm-ups.

"People want me to put the suits in stores, but I'd rather stay with the schools," Black said.

She doesn't know where the business is headed in the future—she's just enjoying the present.

# Police Calls

Police received two reports of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle during the past week. Oct. 29 at 2:35 a.m. a 1996 Toyota was found in Dimmitt in the 600 block of South Broadway. The vehicle, valued at \$25,000, was traced to the Watson Motor Co. of Clovis, N.M. Investigation is continuing. Last Thursday, Avery Thrasher of Thrasher Auto Sales told police that someone had taken a 1991 Olds Cutlass and had not returned it, as had been agreed. He valued the vehicle at \$4,950. It was recovered.

A Dimmitt woman reported an incident of criminal trespass to police on Friday afternoon. Police said the suspect had been told to stay away from the woman's residence, but didn't.

Jackie Thomas reported a burglary of a building in the 100 block of East Grant at 1:36 a.m. Sunday. He said \$75 in cash was taken.

Mary Weatherford of Dimmitt told police Monday morning that someone broke out the windshield of her 1976 Ford while it was parked at her home.

Video Magic owner Dub George told police Monday morning that a suspect has failed to return the movie "Dante's Peak," valued at \$80.

A clerk at Allsup's told police early Sunday that someone drove off without paying for \$2.01-worth of gasoline.

Three incidents of egg-throwing were reported to police. Kenneth Ewing of Dimmitt said someone threw eggs at his pickup and house around 10:27 p.m. Friday in the 500 block of Northwest Eighth. Jose Manuel Velasquez Jr. of Dimmitt

called police at 10:05 a.m. Sunday to report that his car had been egged in the 200 block of Northwest 11th. Vernona Jane Howell of Amarillo told police Monday night that someone threw eggs at her car in the 600 block of Southwest Fifth.

Deputies booked a 21-year-old Hereford man into jail at 3:31 a.m. Sunday on charges of DWI, first offense.

Two people were picked up on warrants: A 27-year-old Dimmitt woman last Thursday, morning, on charges of assault/bodily injury; and on Monday afternoon, a Nazareth man, 22, on revocation of probation.

Two men were ticketed for driving without a safety belt after an accident

Saturday morning on East Bedford. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. Police reported that Trellis Summers, 75, of Dimmitt, had been driving a 1993 Chevy pickup east on East Bedford and attempted to turn left on Northeast Third. The pickup turned in front of a 1984 GMC pickup driven by Ricardo Punte, 30, of Dimmitt, which was heading west on East Bedford. The GMC struck the Chevy on the left passenger side. Summers also was ticketed for failure to yield right of way turning left.

Two truck-trailer rigs sideswiped each other as they were heading west in the 400 block of East Bedford Saturday at 1:40 p.m. Damage was rated light to one truck and the other trailer and no injuries were reported. Guadalupe Madrigal Salinas, 29, of Bovina was driving a 1985 International, and Elmer John Schulte, 73, of Dimmitt, was driving a 1989 Peterbilt.

## Christmas bazaar set in Silverton

A Christmas arts and crafts jubilee will be held in Silverton from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 22, at the Briscoe County Showbarn.

Booth spaces may be rented for \$10, and each space is 8 x 10 feet. Tables are limited, and will be offered on a first-come basis.

All kinds of arts and crafts may be exhibited.

For more information or to reserve a booth call Brenda Patton at (806) 823-2426, days; or (806) 823-2446, after 5:30 p.m.

## Book Club will meet Wednesday

Cindy Pottorff will review *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Monty Roberts during the Book Club meeting Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Roberts has developed a revolutionary method of communicating with and training horses, based on his experiences with wild mustangs.

# Saluting America's Veterans

On this Veterans' Day, we honor those who have protected our nation by serving in the armed forces. Their devotion to duty, and the sacrifices they've made, cannot be taken for granted. Please join us as we observe this holiday to honor these great Americans.

**Veterans' Day is Tuesday, Nov. 11**

*Thank you, Veterans, for the Gift of Freedom!*

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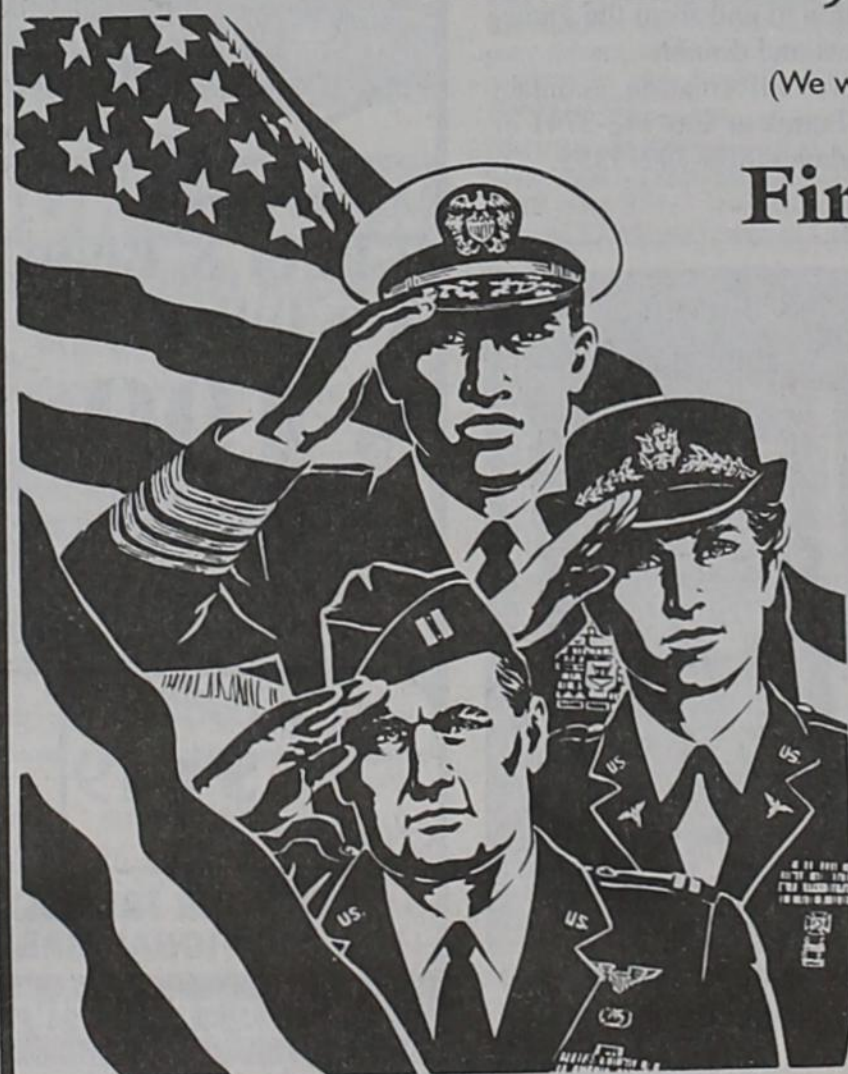
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**Jones-Rawlings Insurance Agency**

**Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt, C.P.A.**

**Town & Country Insurance**

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## Earth plans harvest meal and bazaar

The Earth United Methodist Church will hold its 62nd annual Harvest Day Dinner and Bazaar on Wednesday at the church.

A turkey and dressing dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at the front entrance. Cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. Take-out plates will be available.

The bazaar will open at 4 p.m. and will feature crafts and baked goods.

## FFA selling turkeys, hams

The Dimmitt FFA is selling turkeys and hams as a fund-raising project.

Contact any FFA member or call Dimmitt High School at 647-3105.

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## Crop yields on the High Plains are above average



ANGIE WELCH

Roger Batenhorst of Umbarger is pictured harvesting a crop of milo. Crop yields on the High Plains vary from average to above average depending on the crop and which county. Overall, the 1997 season has been a good one for farmers in the area.

**Angie Welch**  
*Ag Reporter staff*

The crops vary from county to county, but there is one very positive denominator in this year's fall crops. The overall crop outlook for this season is good, according to area county agents.

"For all crops this was a really good year," Allen Patranella of Deaf Smith county said. "We received most of the rain when we needed it."

The talk of the area seems to be the cotton crop since cotton harvest is in full swing. Bob Benson of Hale County is expecting good yields on the county's 195,000 acres of cotton.

"We will have good cotton yields but not as good per acre as

1996," Benson said. "Then, we averaged 750 lbs. per acre. I am estimating this year at 650-675 lbs. per acre."

Briscoe agent Pammy Millican said some 30,000 acres were planted this year, down about 8,000 acres. He said the average yield for the county is 480 pounds per acre, or just under a bale. Some producers have told him they expect a bale and a quarter.

Production in Deaf Smith county is up from 10,000 acres to 17,000 acres, according to agent Dennis Newton. Annual yields in the Hereford area average between 350 pounds for dryland to 480 pounds for irrigated acreage.

Patranella said the cotton crop looks real good this season.

"It looks excellent standing in the fields, there are lots of boles," Patranella said. "We are just now starting to harvest it."

In Castro County, Rebel Royall said both gins in his area are in full swing. He said strippers used a harvest aid to enable harvest before a freeze. He said waiting until after the freeze can cause a loss in quality.

"The cotton is doing good," Royall said. "We are going to make average to above average marks, which is better than expected. For the most part, 1.5 bales per acre is likely."

Floyd County is appreciative of the warm conditions in September for its late cotton, according to agent J.D. Ragland. He said

early reports showed cotton yields ranging from 1 to 1.25 bales per acre on irrigated land. Harvest aid was also applied for early stripping.

Ragland said the counties' corn crop averaged 9,000 per acre, slightly better than last year.

"The added moisture throughout the growing season benefited the yield and put a dip in the costs," Ragland said.

In Castro County the corn harvest is complete and yields were above average and better than expected, according to Royall. He said everybody had a good year despite the bug pressure from European and Southwestern Corn Boars.

See Crops on page 10

## COMING next month

**Jowar Foods**  
A Hereford business uses local grains and sells the product on the big market

**Cloud Seeding**



Jana Hollingsworth of Amarillo and her son, Clint Graves, look for a perfect pumpkin for the recent holiday. Hollingsworth described the perfect pumpkin as round with a good shape and a surface smooth enough to carve on. For more on pumpkins, see J.D. Ragland's story on page 6. Photo by Angie Welch.



CALENDAR

**November 8**  
**4-H Gold Star Awards**  
 40th Annual 4-H Gold Star Awards banquet for District 1 is at 5 p.m. at the WTAMU South Dining Hall.

**November 8**  
**Amarillo - Team Roping**  
 An Original Coors Team Roping event is scheduled at the Bill Cody Arena at the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

**November 12**  
**Harvest Fest '97**  
 Bar-B-Que, country music, and an inspirational speaker, at 7 p.m. at the Canyon Community Center at 300 16th Street. Call 806-655-4581 for more information or tickets.

**November 13-16**  
**Ranch Rodeo**  
 Championship ranch rodeo in Amarillo. Tickets and more information available from the Civic Center Box Office.

**November 16-18**  
**TCFA Convention**  
 "Visualizing the Future" convention for TCFA is at Hyatt Regency in Austin with Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the Keynote Speaker. For more information, call 806-358-3681.

**November 27**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
 The day to be thankful for the farmers and ranchers that put the food on your table.

**December 2-4**  
**Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show**  
 The 13th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will be held in Amarillo from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day. The *High Plains Ag Reporter* will have a booth, come by and visit us. For more information, call 612-894-8007.

**December 4-5**  
**Livestock Convention**  
 Kansas Livestock Association Annual Convention in Wichita, Kan. Call 913-273-5115 for more information.

**January 28-30**  
**Women in Agriculture**  
 Business Management Program at Lubbock Holiday Inn Plaza in Lubbock. Also offered in College Station. For more information, call 409-845-7171.

**February 4-7**  
**Beef Convention**  
 1998 Convention of National Cattlemen's Beef Association in Denver. For more information, call 303-694-0305.

# Area feedyards compete in TCFA Fed Beef Challenge

Angie Welch  
 Ag Reporter staff

The first week of October brought 26 area feedyards to the Amarillo Livestock Auction for the 1997 TCFA Fed Beef Challenge.

TCFA market analyst and Fed Beef Challenge coordinator, Sam Stevenson, said 48 pens of top quality steers and heifers were entered in the annual event.

The challenge, one of the longest-running events of its kind, brings the best of the best to town as the feedyards compete in their ability to produce the top-quality beef that consumers demand, Stevenson said.

The event has been taking place since sometime during the 60's according to Stevenson. He said this year's entries were extremely uniform.

Of the 48 pens entered, a varied ten were picked out to judge and discuss. In this part of the competition, contestants project the quality grade, yield grade, back fat and KPH of the live animals.

The animals are then slaughtered and the exact quality grade, back fat and KPH are determined. The contestant who most closely guesses the exact figures is determined the winner and is awarded a hand-made saddle.

The winner will be announced at the TCFA Convention in Aus-

tin Nov. 16-18.

"It is basically designed to teach participants to visualize the animals," Stevenson said. "When it's in the cooler that is the facts."

All 48 pens are slaughtered and judged on the quality grade, back fat and KPH are determined. Both the winning steer and the winning heifer pens receive a \$1000 award. Second places win \$750 and thirds receive \$500.

C-Bar Feedyard from Plainview exhibited both the first place pen of steers and heifers. The pen of steers had a total index score of 284.92 and the heifers scored 276.96.

Second in the pen of steers competition was Carson County Feedyards from Panhandle with a pen that scored 282.62. Third place was awarded to a pen with a score of 256.46 exhibited by Keeling Cattle Feeders of Hereford.

Wes Tex Feed Yard of Muleshoe placed second in the pen of heifers contest with a pen score of 268.64. Dalhart based XIT Feeders placed third with a pen that scored 254.96.

The grand champion individual carcass honors went to Vance Morris & Sons Stock Farm from Gruver with a carcass that had an individual index score of 111.3.

The index uses a base of 100 points and is adjusted for ribeye area, internal fat, back fat and quality grade to arrive at the final


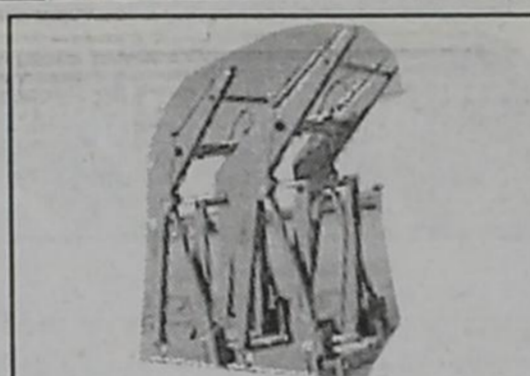
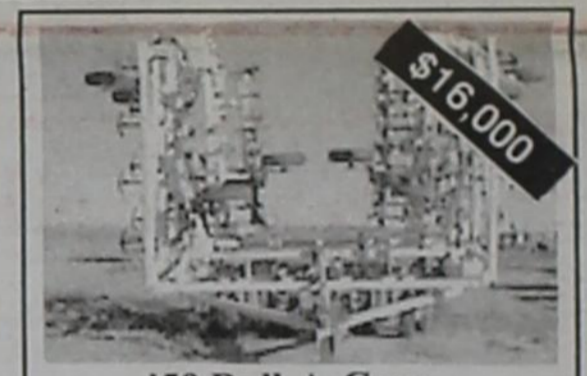




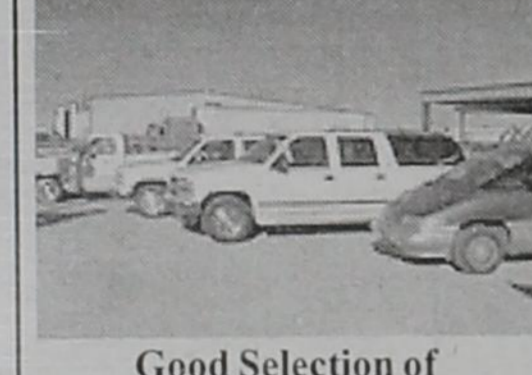



score, according to TCFA reports. "This carcass had a yield of 1.7, quality grade of choice, and a ribeye of 15.1," Stevenson said. "This was a premier animal to yield and grade that well."

This portion of the event awards a \$2000 cash prize to the winner.

Trophy sponsors for the event were Fort Dodge Animal Health, Excel Corporation, Pharmacia & Upjohn, Inc., Enviro-AG Engineering, Inc., Allflex USA, Inc., Hoechst-Roussel Vet, Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Company of Amarillo, Boehringer Ingelheim, Elanco Animal Health and Hi-Pro Feeds & Animal Health.

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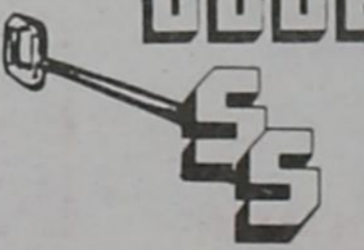
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# Volunteers teach various groups about agriculture

Angie Welch  
Ag Reporter staff

We all know where milk comes from and we all know where cotton comes from, or do we?

In today's urbanized society, the general public is unaware of where exactly their food and clothes come from. But, there is one group that is dedicated to teaching 'city people' about agriculture.

Agri-Food Masters is a group of volunteers that participates in various community activities with one goal in mind — to educate Texans about agriculture. The Pan-

handle Chapter of the state-wide organization is based in Amarillo and has 31 volunteers.

Kim Packer has been with the group since its beginning in 1993.

"Our goal is to teach everyday people about agricultural," Packer said. "We have these kids that aren't growing up on farms anymore. We have people who don't know where bread comes from."

She said the group focuses on food safety, bi-products and crops that are used in everyday life.

Agri-Food Masters participate in events

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ANGIE WELCH


A group of elementary school kids listen to an Agri-Food volunteer talk about sheep and wool during the organization's exhibit at the Tri-State Fair.


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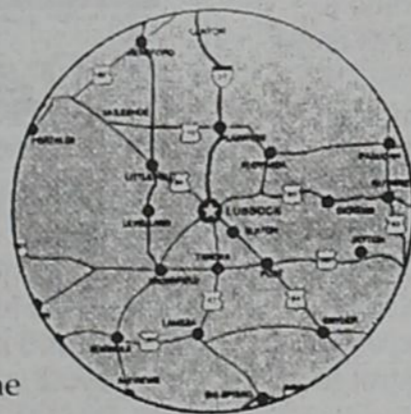
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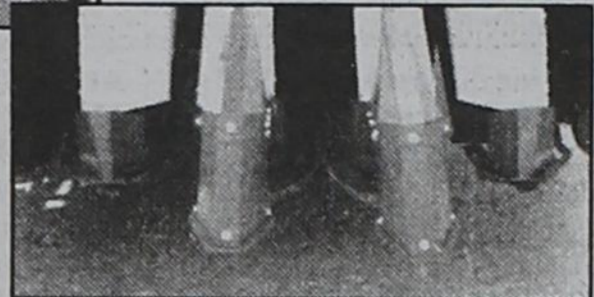
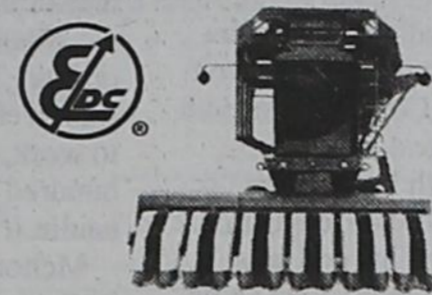
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# OPINION-ISSUES



**Robert Lee**

LONGTIME RESIDENT FROM HAPPY

## Happy Tales

Having disposed of a bottle or two of Geritol and sleeping a night or two, I feel rejuvenated and am ready to continue the tale about my friend, Melton McGehee.

Melton and Miles started to school at Wayside when they reached the age of seven. Melton said that very few children started school before the age of seven in those days. They all rode the same horse to school. Dewitt, the older brother, rode in the saddle with Melton and Miles behind him. They eventually graduated to their own horses and finally to broncs or queen-broke horses.

When Melton was about fifteen, his older sister, a teacher at Silvertown, heard that Arizona was paying their teachers more money than Texas. She moved to Phoenix in 1925 and took Melton with her to attend school.

Later, there was a widow at Wayside who decided to move to Lubbock and keep boarders. She had a boy about the age of Miles and Melton plus a set of thirteen-year-old twins. Melton's parents decided to send Melton and Miles with her to continue their education. They went to school in Lubbock for about two and a half years. Melton began playing football since he had a natural talent for the sport. He received all-state honors at left guard his senior year. Melton said that he shouldn't have played ball, however, as he messed up both ankles. In 1932, he was awarded a football scholarship at Tech, where he played one year. He said times

were pretty dadburn hard. His Momma had moved to Canyon, taking Miles, Cotton, Sara Beth and his youngest brother, Squirrelly, with her so they could continue their education. Melton decided his dad was having a pretty hard time so he just came home from Tech and went to work helping him.

Melton's older brother, Dewitt, started to Texas Tech in 1925, the year it opened. DeWitt graduated with a degree in textile engineering. There were only seven or eight in that graduating class. The college got him a job in a large, South Carolina, cotton mill with a salary of thirty-five dollars a month. Melton said that DeWitt decided that he didn't want to go back there anyway, so he just bought himself a new saddle and never did leave the farm.

Melton stated that when they bought their outfit from the J.A. Ranch, their dad owed quite a little money. He gathered his sons and asked them if they would stay with him and help him pay for it. All together, they had put together about five thousand acres. They all went to work, farming and ranching. They ran a pretty good herd of horses plus about two hundred and fifty head of cows and farmed about eighteen hundred acres with old lug-wheel tractors and ten foot one ways.

When World War II began, his brothers, Cotton, Squirrelly and DeWitt, all responded to the call. DeWitt was an instructor at Amarillo Air Base. Squirrelly lost his life in this war. Everyone was gone during the war and

they were stretched awful thin, labor wise.

The McGehee's Pleasant field was about twenty-five miles from town. To keep the combines running, they would put the wheat on the ground in piles or ricks. In 1930, after harvest was over, Melton's dad put him to work, scooping about a hundred bushels on a truck and haulin it to Happy.

Melton said, "I'd make five loads a day, scooping a hundred bushels each time. Dad would get me up about sunup. I'd drive down to Pleasant, fill the truck and come back to the house for breakfast, before making my first trip to Happy. Lots of times, I'd come in after dark but I'd pretty well make those five trips every day. It took my about thirty or thirty-five days to haul that crop in. The wheat was bringing twenty to thirty cents a bushel. We didn't have aluminum scoops either. That old scoop weighed six, seven, maybe ten pounds."

His twin, Miles went to Kansas in 1937. The family bought a spread on the Arkansas river and Miles ran it. Cotton, DeWitt and Melton stayed in the Wayside area, working in a family partnership that involved farming and ranching. In 1968, Cotton and DeWitt died of heart attacks about four months from each other. That forced Melton to cut back on the operations some.

Melton claims that he was never very mechanical minded, preferring instead, to ride horses, rope and stuff like that. Above all else, Melton is an old-time cowboy.

Next, we intend to tell about his bronc riding and the many good horses he has owned and ridden.



**Bob Givens**

KGNC AGRIBUSINESS DIRECTOR

## Partners

**Just like a burger and fries go together, so do the farm and the city.** Neither is quite as good without the other. That's why we need to strengthen the understanding and communication between consumer and producer. That attempt is made every November during National Farm-City Week. Every year, since 1955, just before Thanksgiving, we recognize our interdependence with one another. This year, Farm-City Week is November 21-27.

**Just like bacon and eggs go together, so do the farm and the city.** Neither is quite as good without the other. National Farm-City Week strives to promote positive interaction between agriculture and industry. It attempts to work toward a better working relationship between urban and rural interests. Each interest needs the other. Each interest thrives on the other.

**Just like bread and Butter go together, so do the farm and the city.** Neither is quite as good without the other. It's in everyone's interest for farms and cities to remain strong and healthy. Neither farm nor city can exist in isolation. We are "Partners in Progress."

That has been the ongoing theme for the past four decades of National Farm-City Week, founded by Kiwanis International, to promote increased cooperation between farms and cities.

We live in a unique area, where, for the most part, that cooperation already exist. Residents of Hereford, Tulia,

Dumas, Plainview, etc. Already realize that agriculture is a part of their life. But, we in agriculture, can't take that for granted. With each passing year, it seems more people become more removed from reality. The cities of Amarillo and Lubbock, though dependent on agriculture, sometimes lose focus of their economic heartbeat.

According to "County Business Patterns-1993," people employed in agribusiness accounts for over 28 percent of the salaried private sector work force in the Texas High Plains Area. Even the other 72 percent of the population eat, so they, too, depend on agriculture, in one form or another. By the same token, producers depend on the service city residents provide, such as manufacturing, health care and retail. We truly are partners, and everyone benefits in a partnership.

**Just like baseball and apple pie are symbols of American tradition, farms and cities are symbols of American vitality.** We are made for each other simply because we complement each other.

Farmers depend on consumers to buy the crops they produce, and consumers depend on farmers to provide an abundant and safe supply of high quality food. Make the Farm-City connection this year.

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**Burt Rutherford**

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

## Food Safety in the News

With about 30% of the nation's fed beef coming from Cattle Feeding Country of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, any time food safety becomes a consumer issue, cattlemen in the area become concerned. And as you may have noticed, food safety is very much an issue of late.

Solving the food safety issues that have come up recently will be an industry-wide effort. But nobody is more concerned about the safety and wholesomeness of beef than cattlemen, and the industry is working very hard to get its arms around its present challenge.

In Cattle Feeding Country, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) has been working on an update of its 11-year-old Beef Quality Assurance program, which was developed to give cattle feeders a blueprint to help ensure they produce safe and wholesome beef with the use of

animal health products and other inputs. Several years ago, the principle of HACCP, or Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points, was introduced to the beef industry, and TCFA is looking at the possibility of incorporating HACCP-type principles into its Beef Quality Assurance program.

Basically, HACCP is a systems approach to solving problems. You determine what the potential hazards are, then look at the entire production system from beginning to end and decide where along that continuum you can erect a critical control point to eliminate the hazard.

Do any of these critical control points exist on the farm, ranch or feedyard? That's what TCFA is trying to determine. Our work in this area is still preliminary, and we have a lot to learn and a long way to go before any definitive program is cemented together, but some in the

industry are anticipating a time when farm-to-table production systems governed by some type of HACCP program will be commonplace throughout the industry. TCFA was the first state cattle organization to offer a Beef Quality Assurance program to its members. Our thought now, as it was more than 10 years ago, is that it's very important to get ahead of the curve on major production trends and be in a position to help guide those trends as they go forward.

On the national front, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has been very active in managing the food safety issue. In testimony before the Senate Ag Committee, NCBA outlined the steps that need to be taken to control food safety outbreaks:

- A HACCP-based meat and poultry inspection system must be operating efficiently and effectively as soon as possible. It is of critical importance that the USDA inspection workforce is fully trained to be part of this new system.

- Companies must have the opportunity to employ new

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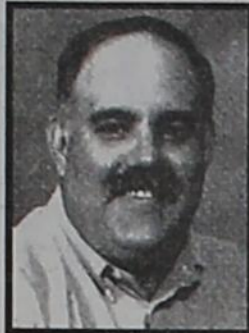


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**Grain market predicted to rise when El Nino arrives**

**Cattle**

The latest cattle on feed report showed the total on feed at 9.96 million head. Placements were 2.71 million head and marketings were at 1.81 million head. These numbers were neutral to friendly relative to the trade estimates. We have finally seen \$70.00 cash cattle. Many feed yards have been extremely current for the last couple of weeks. But with all of the bullish news, the futures have still been trading sideways. Some traders have said that vague news of an E.coli recall lent pressure to the markets. Floor sources and analysts feel a combination of factors including first-of-the-month contract cattle and weaker beef product has not helped. Also, with the \$70 cash the Dec contract is at a discount to cash which have several traders thinking the cash will wane near term. Some analysts feel that cattle feeders and ranchers should start planning for next year. Many feel that the phase of the cattle cycle should show less beef production. We should see a declining cow kill and the ongoing constriction of feeder supplies could result in a reduction of 2-3 percent in beef tonnage next year. This is good price wise but remember to watch the growth rate of competitive meats.

Technically the cattle has the main trend of being higher. The support areas for the Dec contract are 66.65, then 66.15 with resistance at 67.90 - 68.02 then 68.55. The cycle date was Oct 24 with a top being made at that time.

**Corn**

After the big breaks that were seen on Dow Jones, many people are looking for the grains to begin divorcing themselves from watching the U.S. And overseas stock markets. The corn futures have been

trading lower with some days of light trade. Many analysts feel that the corn is trading like it should. A sloppy, directionless trade due to the lack of demand. Corn is trapped in a tug-of-war between funds and commercials, with funds buying and commercials selling. China has been selling corn to South Korea.

The weather pattern known as El Nino is re-emerging in the Pacific Ocean and that could change the weather for the next few years. Early predictions say that this could be more severe than the 1982-83 episode. The near record-setting cold seen in the Midwest off and on for the past few years could be replaced by unseasonable warmth. Most people feel that during this pattern the grains, cotton and O.J. go higher while the meats will move lower.

Technically the main trend is up and a cycle top is anticipated around Oct 28. Support is pegged at 280 then 275, resistance at 293 then 298 basis the Dec contract.

**Wheat**

The wheat market has been trading listless and as a lack of fresh news and pressure from the corn pushed wheat weaker. Some people are jokingly saying that this market is trapped between a rock and a hard place. Here in the 350 to 360 area basis, Dec you have demand, but you can't rally because there are no fundamental problems. Many feel that without a crop problem, without a weather problem, we can't rally. Also importers know they don't have to pay up for wheat, it will come to them.

The El Nino may not have as much effect on the wheat belt as much as it will

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technologies to help reduce the risk of potential pathogens. The development of methods to "pasteurize" ground meats just as we pasteurize milk and other products for human consumption needs to be seriously considered.

•A strategic plan for prevention-oriented food safety research, technology development and transfer that engages the resources of the public and private sector must be developed and fully funded. This research strategy must establish a set of risk-based priorities that reflect the appropriate allocation of resources from the farm to the table.

•There needs to be a focus on educating food handlers and consumers regarding the proper handling and cooking of raw ag products.

In the past five years, the beef industry has invested more than \$5 million in research on food safety. NCBA is also working with other commodity groups to deliver a comprehensive food safety education program, budgeted at \$500,000 this year.

The issue of food safety is top-of-mind for both consumers and producers. As we learn more about how to control pathogens in the food we eat, all ag producers, not just cattlemen, will benefit.

**Global Climate Treaty**

Look for a lot of hot air (if you'll pardon the pun) between now and December about global warming. The Clinton Administration hopes to conclude an international treaty in Kyoto, Japan that will force developed nations to cut back on carbon dioxide emissions over the next several decades.

Trouble is, many scientists don't believe global warming is even a problem.

Politicians who want a global treaty, enforced by the United Nations or other

world agency, "have lost the scientific argument. So they're declaring their theories final and planing a multi-national treaty to enforce them," says Dr. Sallie Baliunas, researcher at Harvard's Center for Astrophysics at Cambridge, Maryland. According to *Pro Farmer News*, Dr. Baliunas' research shows that the earth's climate is poised to enter a long-term cooling trend.

The Clinton Administration is proposing that fossil fuel emissions be reduced to 1990 levels. A Farm Bureau study shows that reducing emissions to meet that goal would raise the cost of producing an acre of corn by almost \$23, since high energy prices would raise chemical and fertilizer costs.

Meanwhile, scientists in increasing numbers are scoffing at the notion of global warming. More than 3,000 scientists, including 72 Nobel Prize winners, dispute global warming as "pseudo-scientific arguments or false and non-relevant data." Dr. Robert Balling, director of the Office of Climatology at Arizona State University in Tempe, told *Pro Farmer*, "The planet isn't warming. But even if you believe we have a greenhouse gas problem, carbon dioxide will continue to rise globally even if the U.S. vanished."

So if average temperatures show climate cooling, as Dr. Baliunas suggests, politicians and environmentalists will take the credit. And who will they blame if Dr. Balling is right that carbon dioxide levels will continue to rise regardless of any limitations on fossil fuel emissions? You guessed it.

Are you a member of an ag organization that stands on sound science and logic and will argue your case before politicians and consumers? If not, maybe now's the time to join.

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# Pumpkin yields near average

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Pumpkins are usually planted in late May or early June, and harvested in September and early October. Pumpkin producers really don't have a lot of insect problems, the main thing they face is keeping fungus and disease problems from occurring. Last year we had some new fungus problems that many producers had never experienced before.

This year our producers did a much better job of staying on top of potential disease problems with accurate treatment applications. It takes about 18-22 inches of water to grow pumpkins and this year the additional rain fall we receive certainly benefited and reduced irrigation cost.

This year's yield was about 20,000 lbs per acre.

There are over 25 different

pumpkin varieties, but Floyd County producers mainly grow about four.

Those being the Miniature pumpkins which are the very small decorative kind; pie pumpkin which are the sweet kind that most people use to make pumpkin pies and etc. Hidden pumpkins, which is the medium size ones that average 6 - 12 lbs and are used to make jackolantems, etc., and last but not least the Big Mac which are the extremely large ones that make jumbo size, those can range from 20 - 100 lbs.

The average price this year was about 6 cents per pound, which is about the same as last year. The market is mainly from volume buyers from the Dallas/Ft. Worth and Houston areas.

The advantage that our Floyd County Producers have is Floyd County is the closest major pumpkin growing area to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Of course road side sales are also very good from just travelers passing through Floyd county.

It seems that the majority of the buying occurs from late September to mid October, then it slows down and a few sales occur through Thanksgiving before winding up.



ANGIE WELCH

Cotton harvest, like this pictured near Hale Center, is in full swing and reporting good quality.

# Area cotton quality is good, leaf grade is high

Area cotton quality continues to be good with the exception of some higher than normal Leaf Grades. According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), producers are trying to offset whatever has caused the area crop to hold onto higher than normal levels of leaf trash so far this season.

The cause of these differences is still a mystery. Whether they exist because of changes in cotton within a field or are a result of in-

crease moisture content, humidity levels at harvest or time of day is still unknown.

PCG officials hope that since the entire area has received a killing freeze the problem will take care of itself as a freeze killed cotton is harvested, ginned and classed.

PCG officials note that the Lubbock Classing office's report of October 30 indicates a total of 3344,053 bales have been classed

so far with an average Leaf Grade of 4.02. Base quality for Leaf in the Commodity Credit Corporation Loan Schedule is 4.

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# Cotton grading and classing turning high-tech at USDA office in Lubbock

**Angie Welch**  
*Ag Reporter staff*

It was 1907 when an international group of cotton industry representatives met in Atlanta, Ga. to address serious problems that had developed in the marketing of cotton.

The problem was a lack of standards in the cotton market.

The solution was the establishment of cotton grade standards and cotton classification.

The benefit was the elimination of price differences in cotton trade and a means of settling disputes between cotton farmers and buyers.

It was between then and now that laws were passed allowing the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop cotton grade standards and offer classification services.

The USDA classing facility in Lubbock completes tests on 40,000 samples a day during heavy cotton season, according to Wendell Wilbanks, area director.

"This is what the farmer is paid on," Wilbanks said. "This is paid for by the producers, not the government. They pay \$1.35 a sample."

Steve Grantham, engineer for the Lubbock office, said cotton grading is nearly a must in today's market.

"Before the mill will buy the cotton, they want to see a grade," Grantham said. "It is the way the industry has directed itself."

Grading cotton consists of giving a number value to a sample of cotton based on its color and leaf.

Until three years ago, one number was given to a sample based on the average of its color grade and leaf grade. The most current standards call for a separate color grade and leaf grade number.

"That way each factor stands alone," Wilbanks said. "It gives a better description of the cotton."

A sample consists of at least 4 ounces from each side of a 500 lb. bale of cotton. When a sample first arrives at the classing office, it is conditioned to bring the moisture content to specified ranges before the classing process begins.

Classification of cotton is based on the fiber length, uniformity, fiber strength, micronaire (fiber fineness and maturity), color and trash of the cotton. Each factor is given a value understandable to the cotton buyer.

Cotton grading and classification used to

be done totally by hand, then about 20 years ago high-volume, precision instruments (HVI) were developed, according to Wilbanks.

HVI machines perform quality measurements in a matter of seconds, allowing the high-volume testing required at the peak of cotton harvest.

Although the HVI machines determine all needed information about the cotton samples, the color grade and leaf grade are re-determined by classers. The classers go through four months of schooling and have to pass a 100 sample test before being USDA certified, according to Wilbanks.

The people that run the HVI machines go through two weeks of schooling.

Vivian Fortenberry has been with the Lubbock classing office for 36 seasons and is currently a classing supervisor. She has seen technology affect cotton classing and grading.

"We can do more cotton per shift today," Fortenberry said. "Back then, 700 samples per day per classer was a great day. Today, 1,000-1,400 is average. Experiments were done on that machine (HVI) two years in a row in the 60's. There were none for 10 years and then they arrived."

Fortenberry said she, Louis Fisher, (also a classing supervisor) and other classers will eventually be replaced totally by machines.

"They started having computers a year after I went to classing school (1976)," said Fisher, an employee for 44 seasons. "The machines are the today things—they are taking over."

To keep the machines up to standard, they are calibrated every two hours during each operating shift with cotton from the head office in Memphis, Tenn. The cotton used for calibration is set aside especially for calibration.

In addition to calibration, samples of known value are tested on each instrument several times each shift, according to the USDA's Classification of Cotton handbook.

The classers are checked under the USDA's Checklot Program. Under this program, random samples are computer-selected from the production of each instrument line and classer during each shift. They are then forwarded to the Quality Control unit in Memphis and re-tested. Results are compared and immediately telecommunicated back to the originating office where adjustments are then made.

Telecommunications is also the form of communication used to get the cotton grades back to the gins. The results are

made available immediately to the owner of the cotton and to the gin.

After the 15-minute classing and grad-

ing process, the samples are packed into 500 lb. bales and sold, with proceeds applied to classification costs.



ANGIE WELCH  
 Doris Moore, a 3-year employee of the Lubbock Cotton Classing office, is pictured using a fully computerized HVI machine.

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such as the Tri-State Fair, school tours, career days, and sponsorship of public service announcements.

"Whether small or older, through the displays at the fair and school tours, I see a difference in people's perspective," said Stacie Moriarty, 3-year volunteer of the group. "They learn that milk does not come from a carton. They learn how food gets on their table and clothes on their back. People realize their lives are influenced everyday by agriculture."

Moriarty said the activities give her the ability to interact with peers in both ag and non-ag backgrounds. She is also working on her ag skills and learning about different things she is not normally exposed to in her ag-communications career.

"I think this is a way to serve the community," said Packer, whose work is also agriculture-related. "It is important to me to meet a group of people that I never would have met."

The group's best project so far, according to Packer, was the 1997 Tri-State Fair exhibit, which was a mock farm house with crops and a barnyard. The theme of the exhibit was 'Welcome to How Ag Shapes Your World.'

"The focus was to show them live crops and animals and how it effects them in everyday life," Packer said. "Where milk comes from is at least one thing we taught them."

The fair exhibit was designed for spectators to walk through the crops area and the barnyard and learn a little bit about the crops and animals on display.

The major part of the exhibit was the opportunity to then walk through a house filled with signs explaining the use of ag in each

household products, according to Packer.

"Hopefully now they know where cereal and peanut butter sandwiches come from," Packer said. "Last year's fair exhibit had individual stations, this year we tried to tie it all together."

Also part of the exhibit was a milking demonstration, including a live Holstein cow. The exhibit demonstrated to viewers the process of milking a cow and explained the process of pasteurizing the liquid.

Agri-Food Masters is also trying to expand the backgrounds of its volunteers. The group's idea is to have non-agricultural people as volunteers. Packer said non-ag people trained by the organization can teach in a manner that the non-ag spectators can understand.

All volunteers of the organization complete a six week training course and are asked to help with 12 projects throughout the year, according to Packer.

One non-ag volunteer is Ruth Richburg of Amarillo. She said the group offers her an intellectual outlet and has taught her how important ag is to people.

"I've always been a city girl and my husband has always been in ag," Richburg said. "We are in a generation of urbanized people. It is shocking, all the food products that come from a cow or a pig and that lipstick comes from cow products."

Richburg went through the training course in March. The classes were once a week and were basically a crash course in different areas about ag and food safety, according to Richburg.

She said what she learned is something that everybody needs to know.

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# Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

## Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY

Well, the CRP sign up began this month and I am amazed at what you and I as taxpayers and landowners are going to spend to fix something that is not broke.

Landowners with bluestem and lovegrass stands, will have to plow up approximately half (51% to be exact) of perfectly good grass stand to plant a "more wildlife friendly specie" to gain the points necessary to possibly have the land re-accepted into the program. The cost to the taxpayer - approximately \$65 an acre. In Randall County alone, that could amount to over \$2 million.

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Speaking of global warming, I've made my contribution to reduce the greenhouse effort or should I say the pseudo-greenhouse effect. (Another deal that ain't what it seems.) I gave up freon and just in case some of you are not aware of the economic ramifications of such a sacri-

ifice, just wait until you need your air conditioner serviced. A can of freon that was \$3 three years ago is now \$36 per can, and one must be licensed to service the equipment.

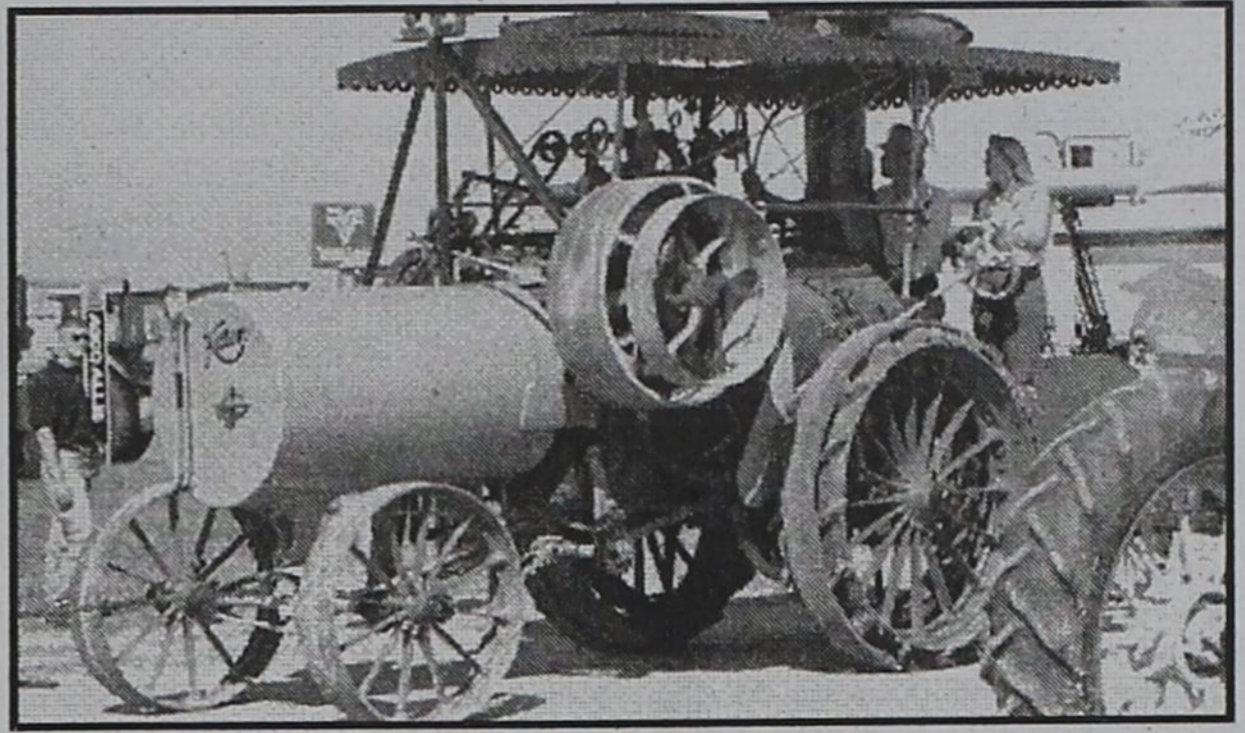
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Milo producers are most thankful for a bumper crop. Yields and test weights are running well above normal. The record cold over last weekend should be enough to allow further drying and allow harvest to get in high gear. While the freeze was welcome here, we could have done without the wind which added to lodging problems.

Congratulations to all those recognized at the Randall County 4-H Achievement Banquet including our Gold Star winners: Kelly Boudreaux, Christin Boudreaux, Heidi Gruner and Carissa Hand, our Friends of 4-H: Ed Wright and Dr. Mike King and our Outstanding Leader, Mary Boswell.

The County 4-H Council did an excellent job and it was good to see so many former Gold Star recipients at the reunion prior to the banquet. What a charge to see such a great group of people who are successful, contributing leader in their towns and communities.

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## J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY

Howdy folks, straight from down town Pumkin Capital USA in Floyd County America. Since we last visited, the Agriculture pace in Floyd County has gotten even faster. From finalizing grain harvest to extremely active cotton defoliation applications. County grain yields wound up slightly better than last year. Corn averaged around 9,000 lbs per acre. Soybeans were about the same at 35 - 40 bu/acre and sorghum widely varied from 3,000 - 7,000 lbs per acre. Pumkin Harvest slowing down, but has been good. Yields were about average around 20,000 lbs per acre. O'ya we had a cotton harvest and turnrow meeting October 15 on the Louis Pyle Farm located 3 1/2 miles south of Floydada.

About 20 producers attended and viewed nine treatments. A few cotton strippers have cranked up throughout the county. Reports at this time indicate about a bale to bale and 1/4 per acre on irrigated land. However, many fields are still too green for harvest at this time.

I had an interesting thought the other day at our turnrow meeting. While doing

a live radio interview in the field the wind was blowing so that it interfered with the recorder sound, so the interview had to be done a second time. We were looking for some trees to get behind to block the wind, guess what, there weren't any! Now I grew up in the South Plains and I know there never has been many trees in our part of the world, but you can go in any direction from where we live and find em by the bundles. My only conclusion is I guess they'd sure mess up our center pivot systems around here and that's why we don't have any! Seriously I enjoy our open country around here, but a good ole shade tree in the heat of the summer is hard to beat.

4-H'ers throughout the county are extremely busy with Food Show, meeting and tending to those livestock projects. Also we just wound up with a Hunters Safety course. Boss is coming this week for Program Planning Conference, sure hope I do good enough to stay employed for another year!

Well, gotta run, got lambs that need validation. I'll report to ya next time on all the activities that took place during Pumkin Days. Ya'll come to see us!

Til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye!

A small amount of cotton has reached the gins. Several producers went ahead and used harvest aid chemicals to get that early harvest. I think that might have been a good idea with this cold, wet weather that is setting in as I write this column. Weather men are saying that there is a freeze just around the corner. Therefore, maybe we are okay. I do not think we are in for a bumper cotton crop, but on the whole, I think we are going to yield fairly well. Most cotton fields look a lot better than we thought they would toward the end of the summer.

Some harvest of sorghum has started. Sorghum across the county is across the board, as far as maturity is concerned. Some fields have been ready to harvest for a week or longer, while some fields

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Corn yields were good elsewhere in the Panhandle, too.

"The corn did exceptionally well for us in Hale County," Benson said. "We averaged 10,000 lbs. per acre and we are 100 percent harvested."

Deaf Smith County also averaged 10,000 lbs. per acre, which was a good year, said Patranella.

Randall County agent Robert Devin said the corn silage harvest has been over for a while and that yields were effected by the weather.

"Yields were good because it turned off so hot and dry at the end of the season," Devin said. "We had some corn that got too dry and we had trouble getting it cut."

On the other hand, Devin said the grain sorghum yields are excellent so far. A slight problem with the plant falling down, dry weather the last part of the growing season and green bug pressure also towards the end of the season were some problems he listed. But the recent freeze should have helped.

In Castro County, maturity levels of the grain are all across the board, according to Royall. He said the cause was some late planting. He said some crops were lost earlier in the summer to ergot.

In Floyd County a varied maturity level is also present. Ragland said yields range from 3,000 - 7,000 per acre, but overall, yields are above average.

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on the corn belt. It also has already been blamed for a drought in Eastern Australia wheat areas. Some weather forecasters are calling for crippling droughts in Indonesia, much of Africa, Peru and Bolivia.

Some analysts have suggested trading strategies of buying May or July calls in the corn, beans or even wheat. Technically the wheat is expected to have a cycle top around Nov 4. The main trend is up. Support comes in at 364 then 358 while resistance shows at 373 1/4 then 399 1/2 basis the Dec contract.

Cotton

One of the biggest things that many analysts are talking about is the lack of trade volume. Many people are watching the technical signals and wondering why most daily timing signals are negative. While the monthly signals have turned higher. Cotton has attempted four times to move lower during this pivotal trading month. This is a market that appears to have formed a double bottom at last week's lows and has formed a choppy

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have not even turned colors as of yet. A lot of this can be attributed to sorghum being planted after cotton acreage failed, but other fields were just planted later.

The sugar beet crop seems to be doing well. Harvest has just begun in the county. I don't tend to hear much from the sugar beet producers, but during the summer I know things were going well. They were seeing fewer disease problems than in years past. Hopefully, that will be a great crop for producers this year as well.

In the 4-H program we are trying to purchase those last few show pig projects for the spring shows. Seems like leaders, I, and our assistant agent have been a million miles looking at pigs in the last month or so. I think we have some great ones, but so does every other county agent and agricultural science teacher in the state.

It is no secret that swine is my favorite 4-H project area. I feel livestock projects in general give youth responsibility and discipline, when they are taught to take care of the project themselves. Livestock also teach them animal husbandry, as well as other life lessons. I think that a lot of the reason that I am who I am is because I raised swine from the time I was nine years old until my senior year in high school. I guess that's why I like swine best. I know more about them and how to take care of them than any other animal.

Lamb Validation is also going on in the county this week. I know by the time this

In Deaf Smith County, irrigated land yields range from 7,500 - 9,000 lbs. per acre, according to Patranella. Dry land yields are around 3,500 per acre, which are above average.

Benson said 80 percent of the sorghum crop has been harvested thus far in Hale County and yields are good.

Other crops in the area include sugar beets, hay, sunflowers, soybeans and wheat.

The sugar beet crop is in need of cool weather to stop the plant growth and increase the sugar content, according to Devin. Harvest is at least a week away in Castro County and is in progress in Deaf Smith County.

Sunflowers in Castro County were planted as an alternative crop because of some cotton crop failure. The sunflowers experienced some head moth and disease problems, said Royall.

The soybean harvest in Hale County is 80 percent complete and is yielding 40-50 bushels per acre, which is normal according to Benson. In Floyd County yields are about average at 35-40 bushels per acre.

Ragland said the earlier planted wheat in Floyd County has done a whole lot in terms of development because of recent moisture.

Overall, the irrigated wheat looks good and the dryland needs some rainfall.

(Pam Dilliard contributed to this story)

bear flag. Many analysts feel that the Dec contract closed at the end of Sept at 71.55 and with a close above this level would be positive.

Weekly export sales were reported at 265,000 bales this past week, 42 percent ahead of the prior week and one-third higher than the 4 week average. The weekly export sales pace is an important development that may shift the market perception that supply and demand balances are negative. More important is that the crop size in the US will be reduced 150,000 bales to 300,000 bales from the last USDA forecast. The world crop size should also fall in response to the lower US crop and from smaller forecasts in Pakistan and India.

Technically the main trend is down and a cycle bottom is expected Oct 25.

Resistance is at 72.55 then 73.30 with support at 71.81 then 71.24 basis the Dec contract. Many analysts feel that a close above 72.66-72.68 area would be extremely positive.

is printed the deadline for validation will be past. No doubt, however, that it will be on a lot of people's minds. We will have about 130 lambs on feed in the Castro County 4-H and FFA programs. The lamb project is a popular one here that tends to get more interest all the time.

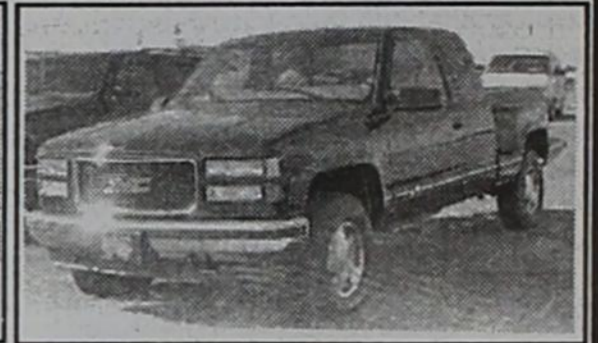
Our state winning horse judging team is currently in Columbus, Ohio at the Quarter Horse Congress. Hopefully, I will be able to report that they did extremely well in my next column.

I will close this column with a writing that was printed in Ann Landers on January 28, 1978. This was given to me while I was in college and has meant a lot to me over the years. The author is unknown.

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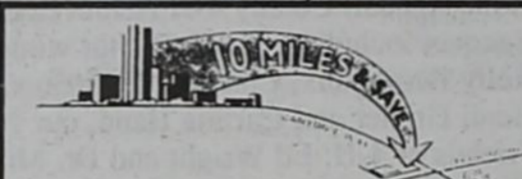
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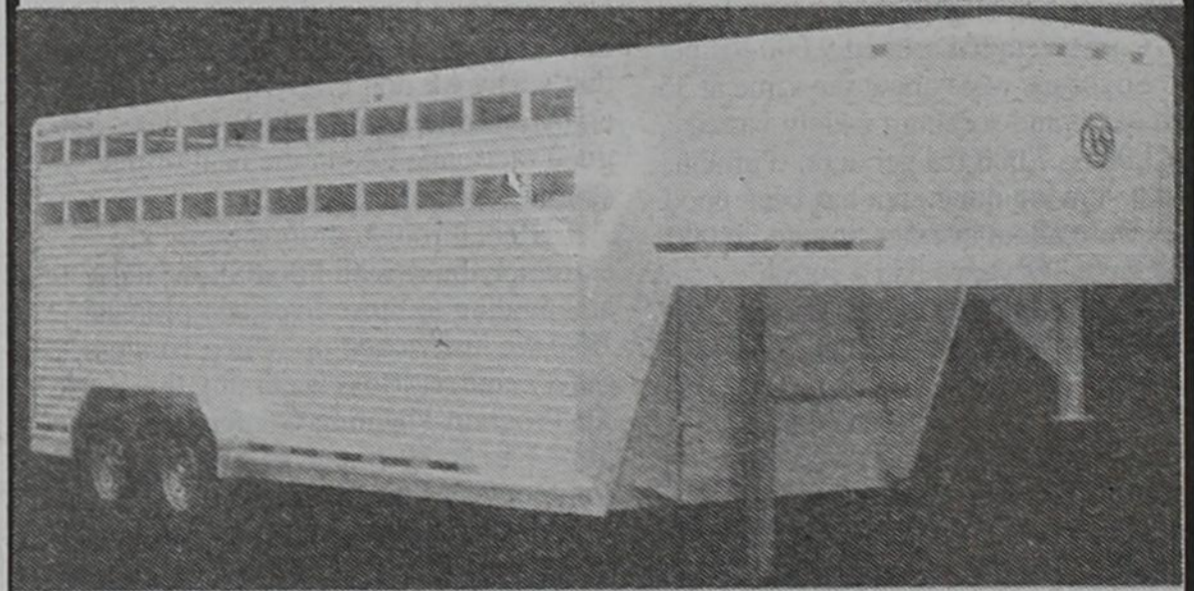
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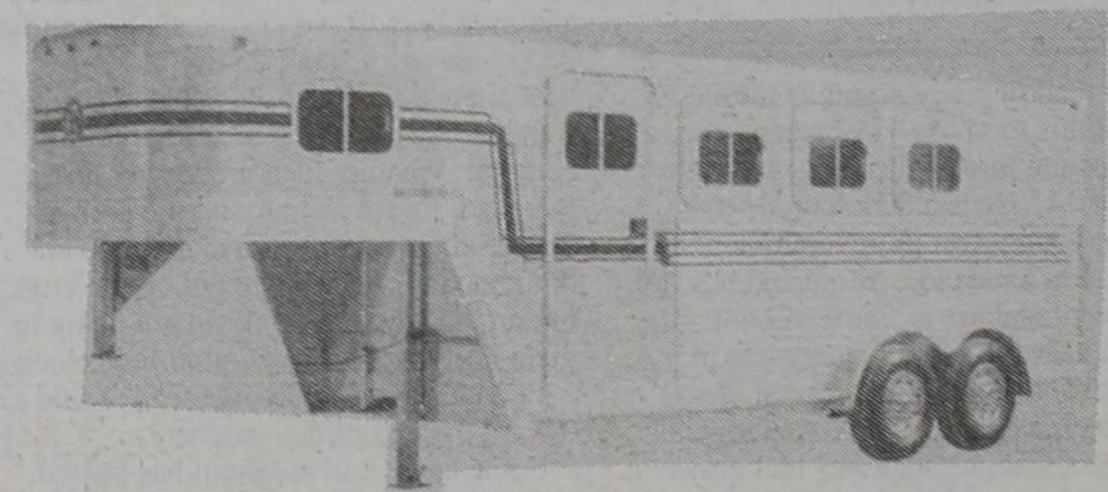
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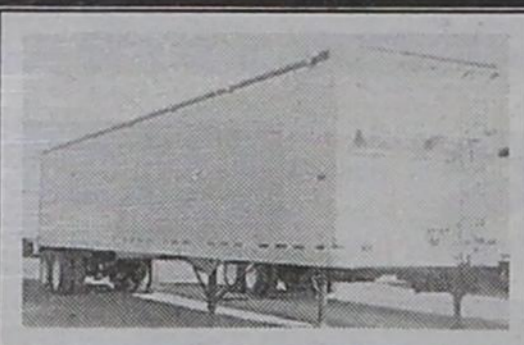
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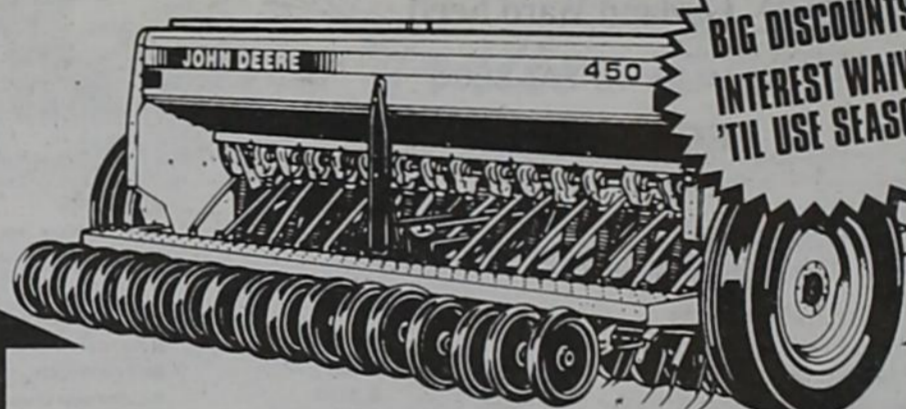
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