

Dimmitt snubbed by TYC 'short list'

A lack of diversity in the work force was a major factor in Dimmitt's elimination from consideration for a new juvenile corrections facility, according to Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. Eleven other communities made the "short list," which was announced Friday by the Texas Youth Commission (TYC).

Sava said, "We actually were ranked 24th out of the 43 proposals they received, scoring in the range of 1,700 points, whereas the winners had scores in the range of 2,100 points."

"We are disappointed to say the least. We will regroup and see if we can determine different ways to express our qualifications to sound more competitive in the future."

"The areas in which deficiencies were pointed out to us are in areas we cannot control. One of the things they were looking for was a diversified work force. We scored very low on that."

"We were considered responsive and had addressed and met all of the prerequisites for the proposal. Basically, our work force hurt us badly—we don't have enough diversity in our work force."

Sava said he had been told that the distance from Dimmitt to a Level II Trauma Center also was a hindrance.

Another factor considered included the number of youth from the area who are committed to TYC.

"That is one statistic we don't want to increase," Sava quipped.

Dimmitt's 170-page proposal was among the 43 sent to TYC by 40 communities across the state. From those, 12 locations in 11 communities were chosen for site visits.

The following 10 sites received the highest numerical rating from a TYC review team. In order of ranking, they are:

1. McLennan County and City of Mart
2. Jefferson County (Site next to TYC state school in Beaumont)
3. Fannin County (Bonham)
4. City of Littlefield
5. Limestone County (Mexia)
6. Amarillo Economic Development Corp.
7. Jefferson County (site near federal prison)
8. Plainview-Hale County Industrial Foundation
9. Marshall Economic Development Council
10. City of Hamlin and Hamlin Development Corp.

In addition, two communities in South Texas—Cotulla and Brooks County—will be visited. No South Texas communities made the top 10 numerical ranking, so the City of Cotulla, which ranked 16th, and Brooks County, which ranked 20th, were added.

A large number of the youth committed to the Texas Youth Commission come from South Texas, and Hispanics now represent the largest ethnic group at TYC, a reflection of the growing Hispanic juvenile population in Texas.

Still to be reviewed are proposals from Palacios and Texas City because of circumstances that delayed delivery of their geotechnical (soil sample) data.

"We had a great response to the request for proposals," said TYC Executive Director Steve Robinson. "We very much appreciate all the communities that responded, and all the hard work and diligence that went into preparing the proposals."

Robinson said, "It's a difficult task to select one community when you have so many fine communities that demonstrate their desire and ability to have a TYC facility."

Communities across the state were invited to compete for the new juvenile institution by agreeing to donate a minimum of 120 acres. The secure, fenced facility will open in 1999 with 330 beds, and can be expanded to 660 beds if needed. When staffed for a juvenile population of 330, the estimated annual payroll would be \$10 million.

Finalists were determined using a system that identified factors necessary to run a successful institution. These factors were ranked and assigned weight factors, as follows:

- ◆ Ability to provide an adequate, trained labor force whose cultural diversity reflects the diversity of TYC youth (25 points).
- ◆ Availability and access to utilities, their estimated costs, along with the value of land and incentives offered (20 points).
- ◆ Demonstration of community support (20 points).
- ◆ Site's proximity to communities from which most TYC youth are committed (15 points).
- ◆ Construction ease; factors that would increase costs or hinder construction (15 points).
- ◆ Communications support, including telephone services, radio and television, and postal and carrier services (10 points).
- ◆ Location of medical facilities; access to specialty medical consultations; adequacy of licensed medical transportation (10 points).
- ◆ Availability of fire and police protection (10 points).
- ◆ Location of site in relation to other facilities within community (5 points).

The youth committed to the Texas Youth Commission represent 2% of the juveniles arrested each year in Texas. Some 4,500 juveniles are in TYC custody, at 14 secure institutions and contract care programs across Texas.

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By Don Nelson

Another assumption shattered: The canned pumpkin pie filling we buy at the store isn't pumpkin at all.

It's winter squash, a close cousin of the pumpkin. Its meat is smoother, sweeter and less fibrous.

So if you want real pumpkin pie, you'll have to start with a fresh pumpkin.

And now's the time.

The mighty Friona Chieftains will come to Dimmitt Friday night to flex their muscles and collect another scalp en route to the state playoffs.

That's what the script says.

After all, the Chieftains have lost only one game in the last 17. That was in last year's state semifinals. No one has come close to beating them this year.

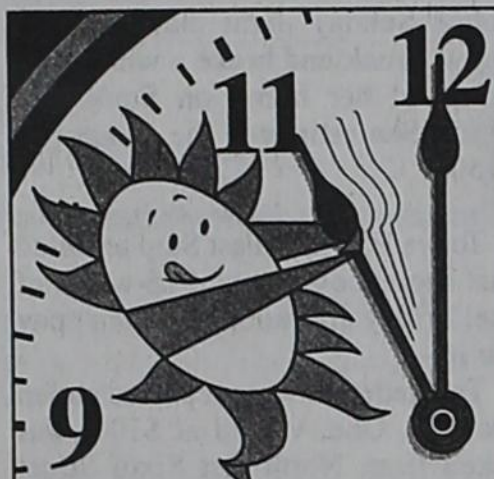
But if there's a team around with a chance to ambush the Chieftains, it's the Bobcats.

Dimmitt needs to look no farther for inspiration than Nazareth, where the twice-beaten Swifts upheld the No. 3-ranked Class A team in the state, Springlake-Earth, Friday night.

The Swifts didn't just beat the Wolverines. They won by two touchdowns, 20-7. With three drives of more than 90 yards apiece.

Naz Coach Rick Price said the key was the Swifts' businesslike attitude

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Fall back!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday morning, so be sure and set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday, so you will be on time for Sunday events.

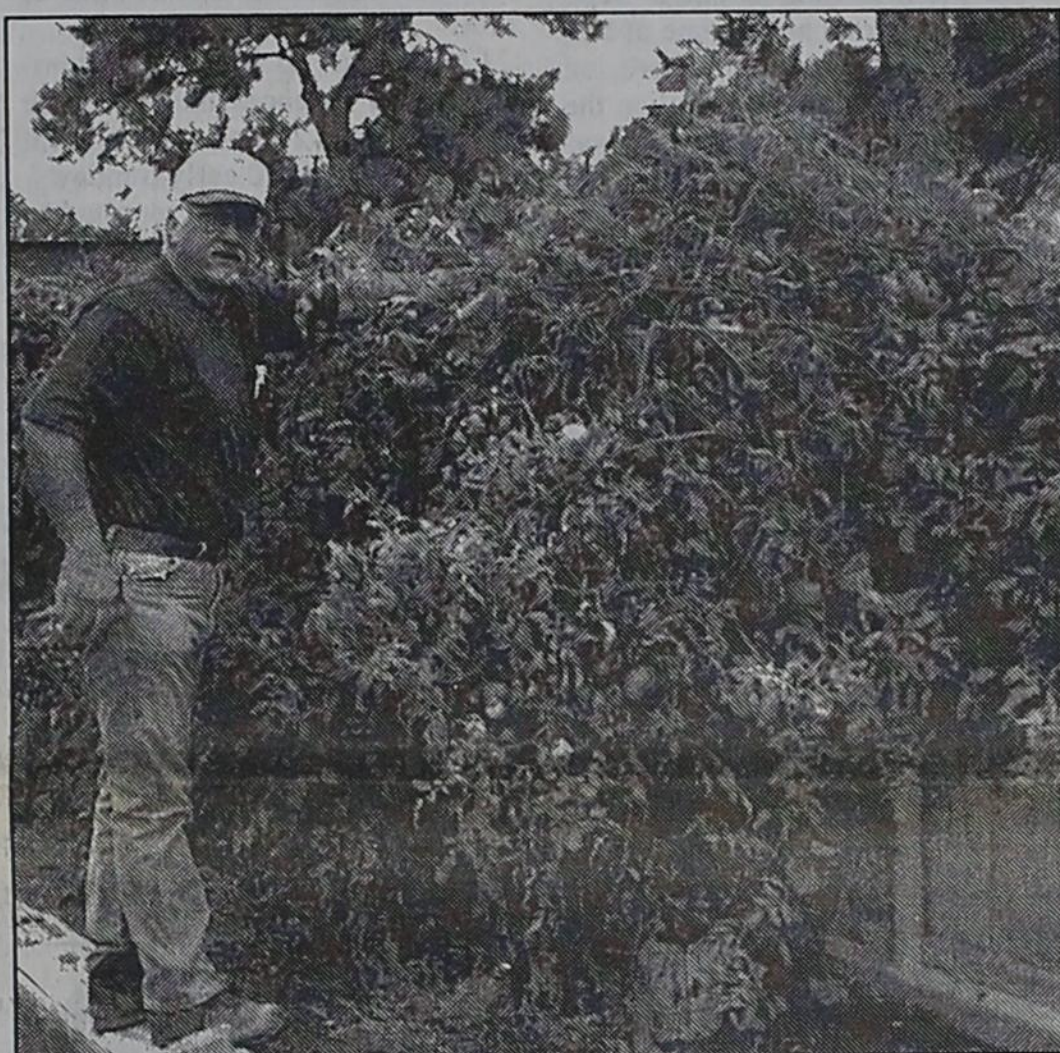
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October Moisture 0.88
1997 Moisture 22.95

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

TALL TOMATOES!



Chuck Braafladt, 1010 Pine St., planted these Beefeaters variety double-vines inside eight-inch PVC pipe "sleeves," then fashioned five-foot hogwire cylinder cages for them, supported by steel fenceposts. They grew eight feet high before arching, and now some of the branches extend to the ground on the other side of the fence—a total length of about 11 ft. Braafladt has been picking ripe tomatoes about six weeks. One of those now on the vine measures 15 inches in circumference.



J. R. Brown, 1603 Sunset Circle, has to shinny up a ladder to pick cherry tomatoes from this vine, which escaped its cage and found a tree to climb. The vine has grown more than eight feet from its 4½-ft. hogwire cage. Brown has been picking ripe cherry tomatoes since July 15, and the vines are still loaded. "The good thing about cherry tomatoes is that they come off early and you can get tomatoes for about a month before the big tomatoes are ready," Brown said.

Photos by Don Nelson

Friona at Dimmitt

Now, this is a big, big game

It could be the game of the year in District 1-AAA when Dimmitt's Bobcats host Friona's Chieftains Friday night.

The Chieftains are undefeated. The Bobcats have only one loss on their season record and are unbeaten in district play, tied with Friona and Perryton for the 1-AAA lead.

The Chieftains are the defending district champions, and advanced to the state semifinals last year.

So the Tribe has to be considered the class of the district until someone proves otherwise.

The Bobcats may be the only team in the district that can do it. They have the district's most explosive offense with a stable of speedy running backs, a sharpshooting quarterback, talented receivers and quick linemen.

Friona has been winning by an average score of 40-10. Dimmitt has outperformed its opponents by an average score of 32-12.

The Chieftains are averaging a whopping 401 yards per game on offense. The Bobcats' average is almost as impressive at 379. On defense, Friona is giving up an average of 209 yards per outing; the Bobcats 273.

So Friday night's showdown may be something like the irresistible force meeting the immovable object. Something has to give.

"Friona has an outstanding offensive line," Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar said. "They pretty much kept it on

the ground until Friday night (in a 60-17 victory over Dalhart). They threw more Friday night than they had been doing before."

And the Chieftains have a war-party kind of backfield to go with that line.

Aaron King, who took over the QB duties this year for graduated quarterback Kyle Grimsley, intercepted eight passes in the playoffs last year as a defensive back.

"So now he's playing offense and defense both," Dollar said.

"King has won the 100 meters in

Early voting is underway

Early voting is underway in the Nov. 4 general elections and in the special election for the City of Dimmitt.

The Nov. 4 general election ballot will address proposed amendments to the state constitution, as well as candidates for state-wide and district-wide offices. Balloting may be done at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voters should bring their voters' registration certificates with them.

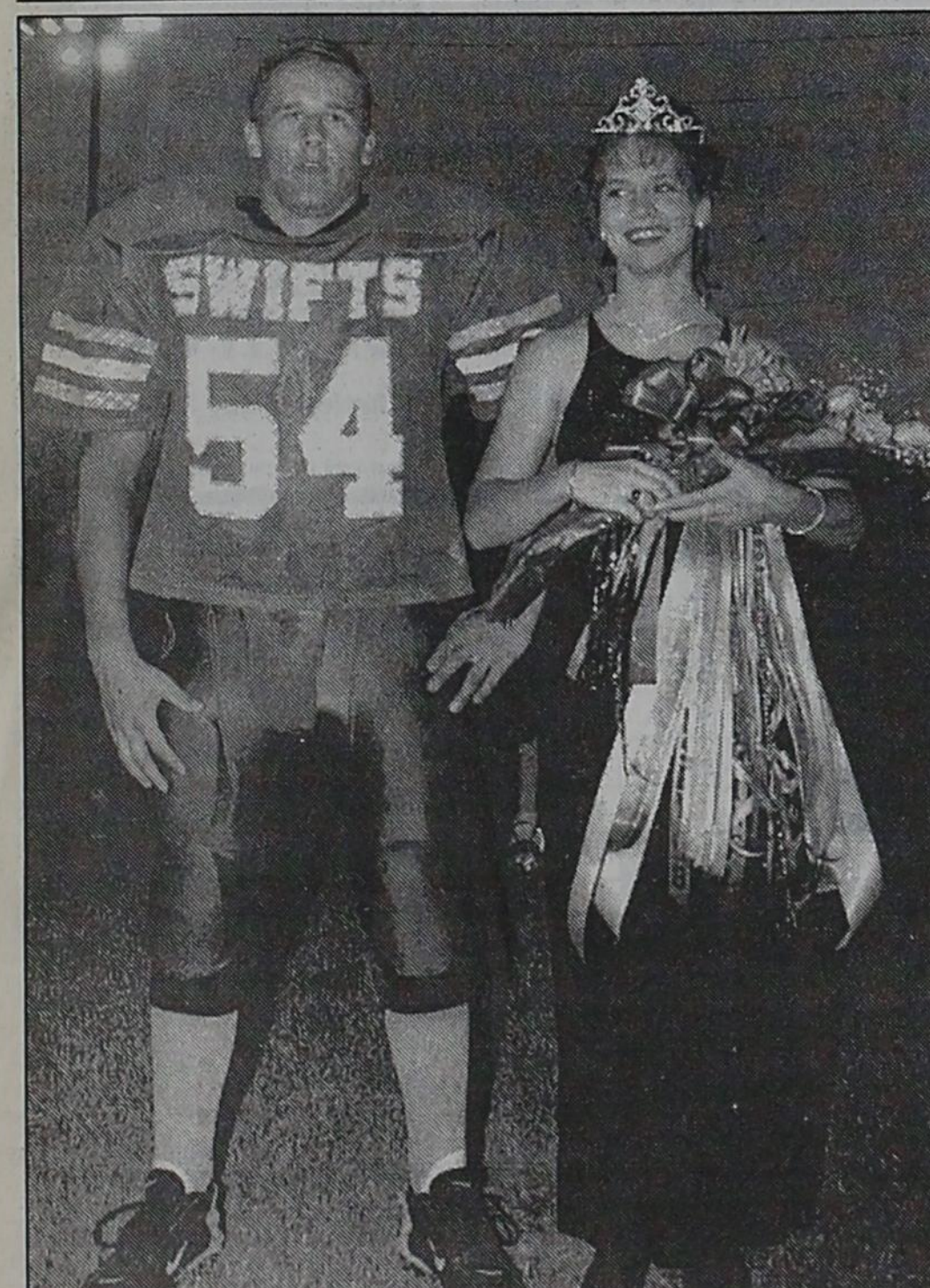
In the Dimmitt City Council race, Danny Montes and Charles Richard have both filed for District 3. Early voting may be done at the City Hall Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

the district track meet," Coach Dollar said.

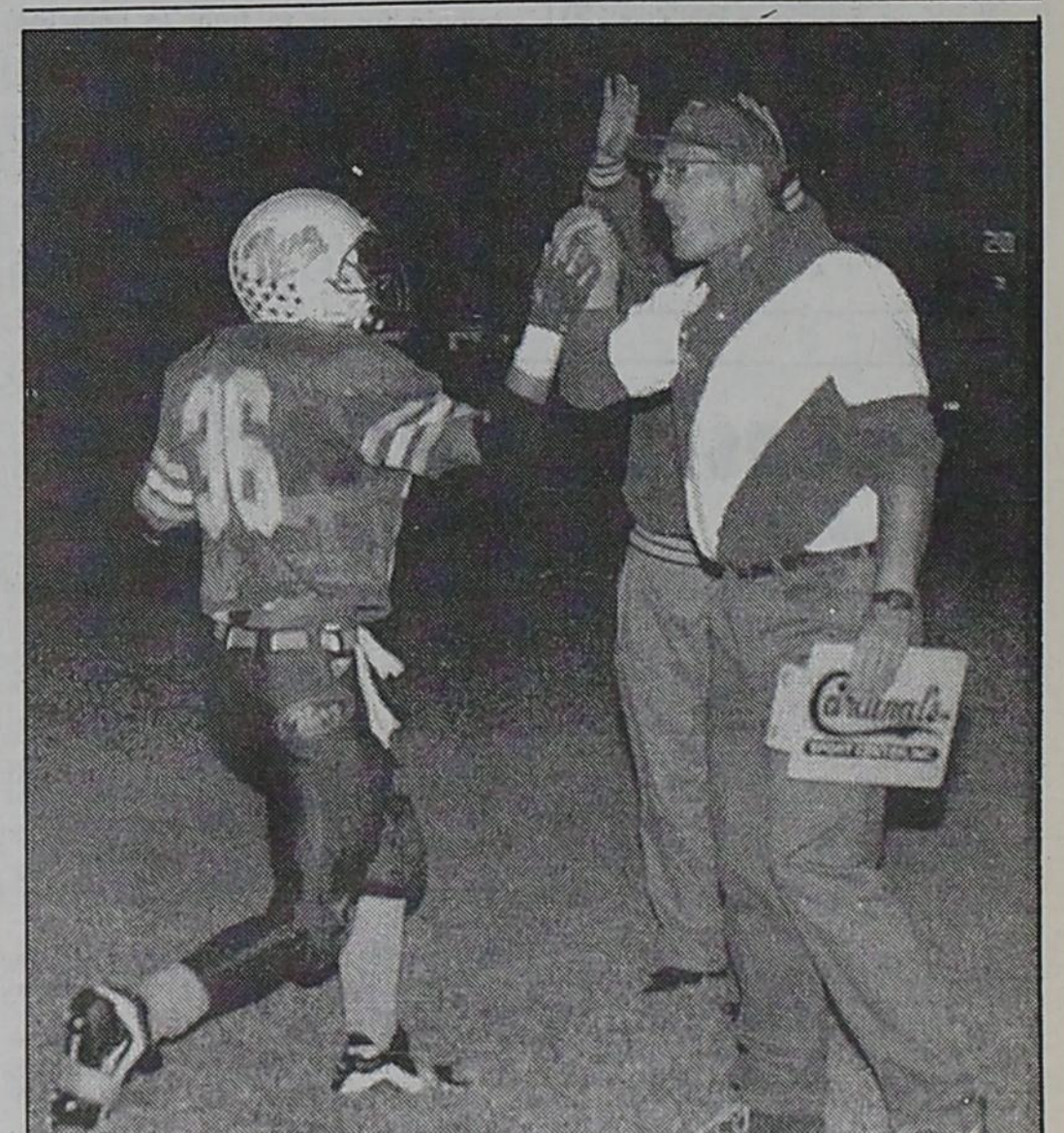
That kind of speed is a real plus in

the Chieftains' triple-option Wish-bone attack, in which the quarterback

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LYNSEY HOELTING was crowned as Nazareth's High School's 1997 Homecoming Queen Friday night during pre-game ceremonies at Swift Field. Hoelting was escorted by senior Stacey Schulte. Other senior candidates for queen were Amy Pohlmeier and Tanya Wethington. Members of the Homecoming Court were junior Tiffany Schmucker, sophomore Sara Schulte and freshman Lindsey K. Gerber. Photo by Anne Acker



WE DID IT! Nazareth Coach Rick Price (center) congratulates running back and linebacker Matthew Kern (36) as the junior comes off the field near the end of the Nazareth-Springlake-Earth game Friday night. The Swifts surprised the state-ranked Wolverines, winning the game, 20-7, and earned Team of the Week honors from the *Amarillo Globe News* for their effort. Photo by Anne Acker

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leading up to the game. "The atmosphere was different last week," Coach Price said. "It's hard to put a finger on it exactly. It wasn't as rah-rah as some coaches would like to see. I thought I could detect a deep resolve from our guys that they weren't going to let down, even though we had two losses."

Although the Swifts' offensive performance was impressive, they did it mainly with defense, by holding the powerful Wolverines to 195 total yards and eight first downs. That's how such games are won—with defense.

I think that will be the key in Friday night's Dimmitt-Friona game. The Bobcats will get their points on offense. They're just too fast, talented and explosive not to.

They're the most exciting team we've had here in 20 years or more. Where they'll need to play the game of their lives is on defense—on every play. Keep Friona from scoring more than they do.

The Bobcats learned a lesson in last year's Friona game: Don't get uptight.

Our boys need to just go out and play their game, stay loose and concentrate on every play, and have fun winning. I think they can do it.

Their coaches believe they can do it. Friona's coaches are afraid they can do it.

This Irishman walked into a pub, ordered three glasses of Guinness, and took them to the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finished, he came back to

the bar and ordered three more. "You know," the bartender said, "a pint goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

"Well, you see," the Irishman replied, "I have two brothers. One has gone to Australia and the other to America. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together."

The Irishman became a regular in the pub, always ordering three pints

and drinking them in turn. Then one day he came in and ordered only two pints.

All the regulars noticed, and fell silent. Then they passed the hat. When the Irishman came to the bar to refill his two pints, the bartender told him, "The boys want to buy this round to express their condolences on the loss of your brother."

The Irishman looked confused for a moment. Then he laughed. "Oh, no," he said. "Everyone's fine. I've just quit drinking."

New Century Energies, Inc. reports third quarter earnings

New Century Energies has reported lower third quarter earnings for 1997, compared with the same period in 1996.

Known as NCE on the New York Stock Exchange, the company began trading on Aug. 4, following the merger of Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Co. This merger has been accounted for as a pooling of interests resulting in comparable amounts being reported for the current and prior periods.

For the third quarter of the year, which ended Sept. 30, NCE reported a net loss of \$47.2 million, or a negative 45 cents per share, on revenues of \$804.2 million. For the same period in 1996, net income was \$76.6 million, or 74 cents per share, on revenues of \$739.4 million.

The current quarter net loss is due primarily to the recognition of the previously disclosed one-time United Kingdom windfall profits tax of approximately \$111 million (or approximately \$1.06 per share) by Yorkshire Electricity, a 50% owned investment acquired on April 1.

Excluding the impact of the one-time charge resulting from the windfall profits tax, NCE quarterly earnings are 61 cents per share—off 13 cents from the comparable prior period earnings of 74 cents per share.

This decrease in earnings for the third quarter of 1997 was primarily attributed to:

- higher merger expenses resulting from the August closing of the merger;
—electric rate decreases instituted

in October 1996 and February 1997, which offset increased retail electricity sales; and

—the recognition in 1996 of a gain from the sale of water rights which served to enhance earnings during that period.

On the positive side, the ongoing operation of Yorkshire contributed 14 cents to the third quarter earnings—more than half of that coming from the favorable impact of a corporate income tax rate change in the UK.

The nine-month and 12-month results also were down, again primarily due to the windfall profits tax which had a negative effect of \$1.06 per share, and the write-off of certain investments in co-generation facilities during the second quarter of 1997 and the fourth quarter of 1996.

For the nine months ended Sept. 30, NCE reported net income of \$65 million, or 62 cents per share, on revenues of \$2.49 billion. For the same period in 1996, net income was \$212.2 million, or \$2.06 per share, on revenues of \$2.31 billion. Revenues over this period increased by 7.6%, while operating income rose by 2.3%.

Net income for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 was \$125.1 million, or \$1.20 per share, on revenues of \$3.31 billion. This compared with net income of \$281.3 million, or \$2.74 per share, on revenues of \$3.03 billion for the same 12-month period a year ago. Revenues over this period increased by 9.1%, while operating income rose by 3.5%.



OPEN HOUSE AT DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL was held Oct. 13. Here, Glenda Sims (left) speaks with students and parents in her sixth grade "Ex-

ploratory" classroom, including Ashley Burkes, Shantell Self, Kathy Burkes, Sharon Self and Nathan Oliviero. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Police Calls

A Dimmitt woman, 75, told police last Thursday night that a family member had gotten out of control and injured her.

Ben Barrera of Benny's Car Wash reported an incident of unauthorised use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a building around noon Monday.

Friday morning, Linda Grand of Dimmitt Thriftway reported a check that was forged in the amount of \$100.

Charges of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and DWI were listed against a 20-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed early Sunday.

A simple assault was reported to deputies the night of Oct. 12. The victim said she had been slapped and hit by a suspect out on a county road northwest of Dimmitt.

A residence southeast of Sunnyside was broken into overnight. The burglary was reported to deputies by Steve Perry on Oct. 14. He said he had been keeping an eye on the house while his father-in-law was gone. Entry was gained by jimmying the front door. It was unknown what may have been missing from the

home. Lynn Leavitt told deputies Oct. 13 that someone took a cellular phone valued at \$100 from her husband's pickup while it was parked southeast of Nazareth.

Annette Gonzalez of Dimmitt told police Sunday night that someone threw a rock and broke a window in a van at her home on Southwest Third. She estimated the damage at \$150.

Tonya Harris of Fast Stop reported that someone pumped \$16-worth of fuel Friday afternoon and didn't pay for it.

Two bicycles were reported stolen Oct. 14. One, valued at \$100, was taken from Northwest Sixth Street around 5:27 p.m., according to Tony Sifuentez. David Cooksey reported the other one had been taken from Southwest Second and items were removed from it, although the bicycle was recovered.

A dog bite incident was reported to deputies Oct. 14 at 6:45 p.m. at Coronado Acres.

A student at Dimmitt Middle School told police that a juvenile suspect has assaulted him Friday afternoon.

DWI, first offense, charges were listed against a 40-year-old Friona man who was jailed Saturday night.

A 38-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with DWI, second offense, early Sunday.

Charges of DWI, second offense, were listed against an Earth man, 25, and he was also wanted on a warrant on charges of DWI, first offense. He was jailed early Monday.

Public intoxication resulted in the arrest of a 22-year-old Dimmitt man early Monday.

A Lubbock man told police Sunday afternoon that a suspect has failed to obey a court order for child visitations.

A Dimmitt man, 23, was jailed Monday night on a warrant charging him with theft by check.

Warrants from Potter and Randall counties, as well as from Sarasota, resulted in the arrest Oct. 15 of a 35-year-old Hereford man.

Warrants for assault/bodily injury and criminal mischief brought about the arrest of an 18-year-old Dimmitt man Sunday afternoon.

A 22-year-old man from Roundrock was arrested Sunday afternoon on charges of violation of probation.

A Dimmitt man, 19, was arrested Sunday evening on warrants charging him with terroristic threat and assault/bodily injury.

A 7-year-old Dimmitt girl did not have a happy experience with her first try at driving. She had been left in a 1987 Ford pickup while her mother went into a store. The child managed to put the vehicle in gear, it rolled down an incline, crossed a street, and struck a stock trailer parked by the curb in the 100 block of West Stinson. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was reported as light.

Central Plains MH/MR&SA serves area

The Central Plains center for Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse is responsible for the care and treatment of many developmentally disabled persons, as well as those who are experiencing problems with substance abuse and mental health.

An individual served by the center, their relative or representative who has a complaint, question or suggestion regarding the health, safety, or legal/human rights of an individual is encouraged to contact the Public Responsibility Committee in writing, and send to: P.O. Box 1374, Plainview 79072.

"Staff members of this center are dedicated to providing these services in a manner which preserves the dignity and basic human rights of every person," said a representative of the center.

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Last Puzzle Solution. A crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in. The solution includes words like PAPA, ALEC, NIRO, CRAB, LISPTON, etc.

Letter

Public Citizen group gearing up for fight

Dear Editor:

Now that Congress has returned from its summer recess, Public Citizen has moved into high gear in the fight against anti-consumer, pro corporate agenda being promoted by Gingrich, Lott, and their allies.

Public support of Public Citizen this year has enabled us to make the voices of citizens heard on some of the most serious problems facing our democracy today: cleaning up our campaign finance system ... eliminating outrageous corporate handouts from the budget ... defending critical health and safety protections ... and making the tobacco companies accountable for their lies and deceit they have perpetrated.

We have won some important battles and lost a few, yet many more remain for us to fight to help the common good triumph over the narrow interests of the privileged.

As difficult as the past year has been, the coming months will be even more challenging for Public Citizen. A promising bill on campaign finance reform, sponsored by Senators McCain and Feingold lan-

guished on the Hill this year despite our efforts. The issue will be brought up this fall for a vote on the Senate floor. That will be at the top of Public Citizen's agenda.

Fall is also the time when Congress votes on the federal budget, including billions in corporate handouts that lawmakers are trying to set aside for their favorite campaign contributors. Last year Congress shut down the government rather than compromise on such spending demands.

This year Public Citizen will work day and night in Congress and the media to force the politicians to give up their "corporate welfare."

In addition, hearings on the tobacco industry 'Settlement' with the state attorney general will be held in congress this fall and intense negotiations on legislation will occur. Since this is a close door deal, the tobacco companies will probably continue to peddle their deadly products at huge profit, while getting the American taxpayer to underwrite a significant portion of the deal, as much as 40 percent. Americans must wake up and protest this scam before Congress quickly rubber stamps the deal, which is exactly what the tobacco companies want.

Public Citizen fought hard for campaign reform which would have brought real reform in how much money could be spent in any campaign but the Republicans killed it because they like the soft money.

For more information about Public Citizen, contact Teeny Bowden at 647-2977.

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Your Emotional Health

Teen marriage, now or never . . .

By STEVE BARCHENGER



In addition to the challenges and conflicts of every marriage, teenage marriage has its own set of difficulties.

It may be difficult for teenagers who are still in school to support each other financially. In order to make ends meet, married teenagers may have to work full time and drop out of school. And, having enough money becomes more important and more difficult to accomplish if the couple has a child to support.

The emotional responsibilities of marriage can also take a toll on teenagers. It is not easy to make the compromises required for a successful

marriage, but it can be especially difficult for teenagers who are still developing emotionally, to put another person's needs before their own.

Married teenagers with children will also find it difficult to do the things that they once took for granted, such as going to the movies, eating out or just being with friends.

Like all of life's choices, marriage is not for everyone and is not right for every couple. But when two people are willing to make the commitment marriage requires, the result can be a rewarding, fulfilling relationship, well worth the work and compromise it requires.

Steve Barchenger is program director for the Welch Home Place unit of Plains Memorial Hospital.

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ACROSS
1 rattlesnake sound
5 TXism: "tight as a cinch on ___ horse"
6 bin for storing TX grain
7 the Goddess of Liberty sits ___ the TX capitol
8 Confederate Air Force unit (2 wds.)
18 TX Bush ___ for reelection in '92
19 in TX, pari-mutuel betting is allowed at grey
21 young Texans must have an ___ to get into honky tonks
22 dry, arid
23 Cowboys DT John from '79 to '86
24 TXism: "tame ___ dog"
29 cowboy's bolo (2 wds.)
30 concerts by TX group ZZ Top
31 TXism: "ain't ___ spring chicken" (old)
32 Austin lawmaker
34 curved things
35 Dallas school
36 pro QB from Texas Tech, Billy Joe
37 TXism: "___ ain't true, there ain't a cow in Texas"
38 TXism: "it's ___ hog or die"
39 body of water in Hemphill County
41 A.H. ___ Corp. owns Dallas Morning News
42 TXism: "cream ___ to the top" (quality)
43 TXism: "___ together like chili and pepper"
44 TXism: "happy as a ___ Santa's lap"
45 TXism: "___ sleeping dog lie" (ignore it)
46 TX has 254 counties and ___ unique
48 Friday night cheering
49 mongrel dog
50 DFW arrival guess
51 TXism: "___ sack" (burlap bag)
52 TXism: "he's a few bricks shy ___ load" (slow)
DOWN
1 TXism: "___ snappin' turtle"
2 TXism: "___ been a snake it would have bit you"
3 early TX honky tonk
4 TXism: "pull out all the ___ (go for it)"
9 TXism: "pulled the wool over ___ eyes" (tricked them)
10 TXism: "a sight for ___ eyes"
11 TX Bar-B-___
12 TX George Strait tune: "___ wound"
13 in early 70s, TX B.J. Thomas was a self-avowed ___
14 what B.J. abused in the 70s
15 barn pests
16 state fair month (abbr.)
17 Brooks & Dunn C&W tune
20 a pig's nose
22 ___ locker
24 Rangers League (abbr.)
25 TXism: "___ in cement"
26 "long time ___"
30 "___ and bear it"
33 TX Blvds. or Sts.
34 TXism: "sweating like ___ water"
35 Tex Beneke sang 'em for Glenn Miller
37 TX George Strait's ___
27 Judge Roy Bean renamed Vinegaroon after English actress ___ Langtry
28 TXism: "dull ___ week's news"
29 TXism: "up and ___ juice" (coffee)
38 excavate again
40 "___ of the crowd"
41 "esta ___" (good)
42 Dallas' ___ Thornton Freeway
44 double-___ suit
47 non-TX Indian

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

A lovely lady, Marie Zimmermann Harris of Tullia, has died. She wrote "Marie's Malarkey" in *The Tullia Herald* for 34 years, and she was still writing it from her home since she was physically unable to get out because of arthritis. Her last column came out on Thursday, the day she died. She will be missed!

Marie and I had been friends for many years since we were in the Tullia schools together and we attended the Methodist church. We were in a foursome with two other friends, Ellen Sims and Louise Duckett. Marie and I attended Texas Tech. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism, and I went two years and married. I am sorry I did not finish college since I needed the education when I was the Castro County Librarian, and now that I am writing "On The Go" in *The Castro County News*.

Amelia Barrera celebrated her birthday last week. Her husband, Benny, sent her a beautiful bouquet of red roses and white carnations and gave her a new pair of shoes. He had supper ready for her when she got home from work, with chicken and all the trimmings. Yvette and Val Barrera brought a birthday cake for Mom and Dad, since Benny will be having a birthday soon. Kristi

Barrera sent earrings and came later. Ben Barrera and Corrina Montalvo were guests, and Amelia's sister called from Edinberg. The foster children were there, as well, Ronald, Israel and Daniel DeLeon.

The Health Fair that was held at the Plains Memorial Hospital last week was a huge success. Many people took advantage of the flu shots before the cold weather begins. Since the helicopter landed just east of the museum, where I work, I saw all the excitement that went on all afternoon.

The Co-op Gin banquet was held on Monday evening with a large crowd attending. "Hens and Fins" served their famous chicken and fish with cole slaw, beans, potato salad, hush puppies, and cookies. The tables were decorated in a Fall theme, with colorful gourds, small pumpkins, ears of dried corn in miniature wooden wheelbarrows, and cornucopias filled with candy. It was a fun evening.

Dude McLaurin was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served lasagna, salad, and cherry cheese pie. She also won high score, with Edith Graef taking second. Others playing were Carol Lantz, Neva Hickey, Helen Braafladt, Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Loranel Hamilton, Ina Rae

Cates, Susie Reeves, Bill Thornton, and Emily Clingingsmith.

Mary Mays attended the second grade award program on Friday morning, since her granddaughter, Jennifer Hiatt, received several awards.

The Castro County Farm Bureau held their annual meeting on Saturday evening at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria, with a large crowd attending.

Chris Cogburn is the president, and presided over the meeting. Rev. Howard Rhodes gave the invocation. The meal was barbecued brisket, cole slaw, potato salad, and homemade ice cream. Bob Stallman, the Farm Bureau State President, gave the keynote message.

The Citizenship Seminar reports were given by Susan Book of Nazareth, Justin Dyer of Hart, and Jeremy Matthews and Teresa Robertson of Dimmitt. Paula Stiles, agency manager, gave a report, and Greg Sides gave the financial report. Darrell Buckley and Bruce Fuller conducted the election of the board of directors. The adoption of resolutions was led by Tommy Stanton and door prize winners were announced by Lonnie Robb.

Cogburn gave the directors a cap, and he presented Kay Stevens with a gift. She is the secretary in the Dimmitt office, and she did a great job planning the meal and decorating the tables. She used cornucopias filled with colorful Fall leaves, pumpkins, and miniature scarecrows.

Cleo Forson enjoyed a weekend with her friend, Mary Judkins, in Lubbock. They ate out some and saw Lena Martin, a former Dimmitt resident.

It was good to see Gaines and Crystal Howell and children, Misti and Clint, at church on Sunday. They live in Blanchard, Okla., and were in Dimmitt visiting CD and Linda Fitzgearld. Misti has been honored recently, as she was crowned the new 1997 Miss Pre-Teen Oklahoma.

The children and grandchildren of Gail Nelson honored her on her 80th birthday on Sunday afternoon at the Senior Citizens Center. There were several cute great-grandchildren there as well. Since they had served dinner for all the relatives, they had long banquet tables decorated in yellow tablecloths, green napkins, and green vases filled with yellow flowers.

The serving tables were beautiful, with one table that had all hand-painted china and a pretty yellow flower arrangement, and the other

table held the beautiful yellow cake that was served with a yellow fruit punch. A group of crystal vases that held votive candles completed the decorations.

It was good to visit with this family, including some of Gail's sisters—one from Amarillo, one from Oklahoma City, and a sister-in-law from California, whom I had heard so much about—she is a delightful person.

On Oct. 10, the last weekend of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Clara Vick and her sister, Joy Nolan, and Johnny, Janie and Jade Vick attended the 75th anniversary of Alamo Title Insurance at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque. Clara and Johnny were there for the seminar Alamo sponsored.

Oct. 10 they were bussed to Los Amigos Roundup for a barbecue dinner, with live music. This was a unique place, flavor of the "old West era," with a sawdust floor, bales of hay for decoration, the usual peppers strung around, and a large outdoor fireplace with a fire for hand-warming or roasting marshmallows.

Oct. 11 was a dinner party, with 300 or more celebrating Alamo's 75th anniversary, with prime rib, chicken and fish, served with all the trimmings, and finished off with cake and champagne.

The agents from Texas and New Mexico representing Alamo were given beautiful balloon T-shirts advertising the company's anniversary. The weather was so windy that there were only a few balloons that went up on Sunday morning. There also was sleet and snow! The sights were beautiful and the restful weekend was finished with Clara and Joy visiting their niece, Jan Clowe, and her husband, Dick. Albuquerque was a busy city, with all the tourists there from all around the world for the International Balloon Fiesta.

A few weekends ago, Walter Maynard had some of her childhood friends visit for the weekend. They were Jan Tunnell of Hubbard, Fredna Bowman of Memphis and Lera Powell of Plano. They enjoyed a weekend of visiting and antiques and just a little bit too much eating.

Wade and Walter also made a

quick trip up to see the leaves in the Taos-Red river area last weekend. They were eating at Ogilvie's in Taos and found Carol Lantz and Genell Craig there. They all enjoyed the visit and the chance to get away.

The Pastor's Class from Dimmitt's First Baptist Church had a get-together at the home of Howard and Belinda Rhodes, the pastor and his wife. The group played "42" and a fun card game.

Snacks were served to those attending, including Freddy and Cheryl Upshaw, V.C. and Dorothy Hopson, Bob and Darlene Walters, Don and Carolyn Moke, Randy Morgan and Renise Blair, and Paul Wayland, in addition to the pastor and wife.

Ruby Moultrie and other members of the Levelland Methodist Choir were in Dimmitt last Wednesday to sing with First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church choirs in preparation for the joint Christmas Cantata, *The Tree of Light*.

Carolyn Sides has been visiting Laurie and her daughter, Sarah, in

Virginia Beach this week.

Heidi Bruegel Cox and sons, Patrick and Reilly, have been visiting her parents, Fred and Bobbi Bruegel.

Mary Jo and J.R. Brown have just returned from a trip to Canton.

Deanne Clark and her mother, Elva Forrester, attended a Lane Family Reunion in Visalia, Calif., last week.

Several Dimmitt residents attended the jazz band concert in Lubbock on Friday night. The Lovers Lane United Methodist Church Jazz Band includes Kristi Sheffy, who lives in Dallas. Kristi's parents, Don and Karen Sheffy; her sister, Carrie; her grandmother, Polly Bell; and Lonnie and Ann Bell, all attended the concert.

Gwen Bryant and her mother, Merle Arthur, Deanne Clark, Patsy Franks, Doris Flynt and her sister-in-law, Betty McBee of Lubbock, who were in Lubbock for the Texas Federation of Republican Women's state convention, also enjoyed the concert.

Country Peddler Show set

The annual "Country Peddler Christmas" is returning to the Amarillo Civic Center Friday through Sunday, with thousands of gifts and holiday decor items in every price range.

Hours for the show will be 1 to 9

p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission will be \$4 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free. Seniors 65 and over are admitted at half-price. One admission is good all weekend with a handstamp, and there is no charge for parking.

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Kelley Green, 36, died in his home last Thursday at 11:30 a.m. after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer.

Funeral services were held in the Earth First Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Burial followed in Earth Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Delwin Britton, Dickie Brown, Todd Moore, Chuck Peeples, Jeff Schad and Barry Stears. Honorary pallbearers were Brad Bridges, Bruce Bridges, Ricky Byers, Arden Field, David Templeton and Donald Templeton.

Rev. Bobby Broyles, pastor, preached the sermon and a longtime friend from Oklahoma gave the eulogy.

Members of Sunnyside Baptist Church served the meal at 1 p.m. with the help of members from other churches.

Also helping with the meal were people from Earth and from the New Covenant Church in Muleshoe.

I visited with Kelley's grandmother after the meal.

Tom and Yvonne Messer of Bridgeport arrived Friday for a visit with her parents, Alton and Betty Loudder. They also attended the funeral for Kelley Green.

Lowell and Genevieve Westmoreland of Littlefield arrived Saturday morning and all had dinner at the church.

After dinner, they all went to Doug and Judy Loudder's home to visit.

Lance and Terri Loudder and girls, and Roxie Loudder also were there.

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright attended the annual Llano Altos Association meeting Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. They both served as messengers and Bennie preached the night service.

Sunnyside Gin Company received its first cotton module on Oct. 10. The cotton was brought in by Denis Steinbock of Lazbuddie. Turnout was 25%.

Emma Jean King went to Lubbock Friday morning to a Texas Federation of Republican Women's meeting.

On Sunday afternoon she went to

Screening set Nov. 6

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Nov. 6 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician.

Dimmitt to meet the group of Republican politicians who stopped for a brief visit. There was a good turnout at the event.

On last Sunday, Robert and Frances Duke and their daughter, Sandra Duke of Canyon, went to Angel Fire, N.M.

Larry and Lori Duke, Alyssa and Ashlee, joined them on Thursday night.

Robert, Frances and Sandra took the "high road" to Toulid River State Park on Tuesday. They went to Red River and Questa and hiked close to Wild River State Park, to an area where the Red River is a mile from crossing with the Rio Grande River.

Hershel and Retha Wilson, Karen and David Hutson of Dimmitt and Waymen and Earline Garden of Sudan left Friday for an outing to Santa Rosa Lake.

Retha did the driving so Hershel could get some rest.

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Kiwanis Club holds installation

The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club held installation ceremonies at its Monday meeting at K-Bob's, with Div. 33 Lt. Gov. Robert Chavez on hand to help install club officers.

In addition, Charles Richard was recognized as "Kiwanian of the Year." He was recognized for his service as the club secretary and for his work on various club projects.

John Kovacs was installed as president, with Roger Malone as vice president, and Johnny Vick as second vice president. Johnny Stanford was installed as secretary, with Mark Kleman as treasurer. The incoming board of directors include Jerry Kittrell, Malone, Bob Murdock, Lee Schilling, and Mike Huseman.

Retiring from the board is Elmer Berryhill.

Outgoing president Huseman was presented with a past-president's pin and a plaque. He passed the gavel to Kovacs.

Year-pin awards were announced. Members and their years of membership included: Don Sheffy, 16; Kleman, 7; Jack Patton, 29; Murdock, 28; Berryhill, 28; Malone, 13; Bill Thornton, 23; Huseman, 4; Kittrell, 10; Kovacs, 18; Schilling, 17; Vick, 2; Stanford, 5; and Richard, 21.

Kovacs said he had confirmed that the Expo is reserved for the club's pheasant hunter's breakfast in December.

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KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR for 1997 for the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club is Charles Richard (right), who had served as club secretary. He was commended for doing an excellent job and participating in the various club projects during the year. Here, he is presented with a plaque by incoming club president John Kovacs.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Bazaar, 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.

Couple are home in Nebraska after exchanging wedding vows

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Michael Flynt are home in York, Neb., after enjoying a wedding trip to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

The couple exchanged wedding vows recently in an afternoon ceremony performed at Yellowstone Bible Camp in Pray, Mont. The outdoor, double-ring ceremony was conducted by the bride's father, Dan Fraser.

The bride is the former Kami Gay Fraser, daughter of Dan and Becky Fraser of Sidney, Mont. Parents of the groom are Don and Carlanne Flynt of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Carlos and Annie Calvert of Dimmitt, Alleta Flynt of Tulia and the late Wayne Flynt.

The couple were married on the porch of a log cabin with a bouquet of red and white roses decorating the center of the porch. Each rose represented a grandparent, with the red roses for those still living and the white for those deceased.

The pillars of the porch were draped with white tulle and bows.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white satin full-length gown designed with a scooped neckline and fitted waist accented with appliqued pearls. She wore pearls and a waist-length veil which was attached to a satin headband.

She carried a bouquet of roses accented with greenery and spring-colored flowers.

"Something old" and "something blue" was the bride's great-grandmother's handkerchief, which



MR. AND MRS. TROY MICHAEL FLYNT
... She's the former Kami Gay Fraser

she carried. She "borrowed" her grandmother's pearl necklace.

Maid of honor was Mandi Fraser of Sidney, Mont., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tessa Hupka of Billings, Mont., Tisha Stahly of Bozeman, Mont., and Tanya Reeves of Houston, cousins of the bride; and Melissa Flynt, the groom's sister-in-law.

The attendants wore straight tea-length dresses made of white rayon and taffeta. They carried small bouquets of pink, white, violet and pale yellow roses.

Man of honor was Jansen Fraser of Sidney, brother of the bride. Best men were Brandon Flynt, Mark Flynt and Tyson Flynt, all of York, brothers of the groom.

Groomsmen were Jon Camp of Memphis, Tenn., cousin of the groom; Russell Camp of College Station and Scott Nichols of York, childhood friends of the groom; and Brad Dillan of Imperial, Neb., college friend of the groom.

The best men and groomsmen wore black tuxedos.

Flower girl was Chayla Colgrove of Cheyenne, Wyo., cousin of the bride. She wore a white, sleeveless tea-length dress and carried a basket of pink and white roses.

The ring bearer was Chase Walters of Anaconda, Mont., cousin of the bride. The ring pillow was made of linen with hardanger stitchery by the bride's mother.

Following the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception luncheon in the main lodge.

Handmade baskets held potato rolls. Trays of luncheon meat, fresh vegetables and cheeses were served along with watermelon shells filled with fruit.

The three-tiered wedding cake featured white roses with greenery on the sides and an "F" formed out of green fern and primrose buds graced the top.

The cake and red fruit punch was served with silver serving pieces that belonged to the groom's mother.

The tables were decorated with green table runners and hardanger doilies made by the bride's mother.

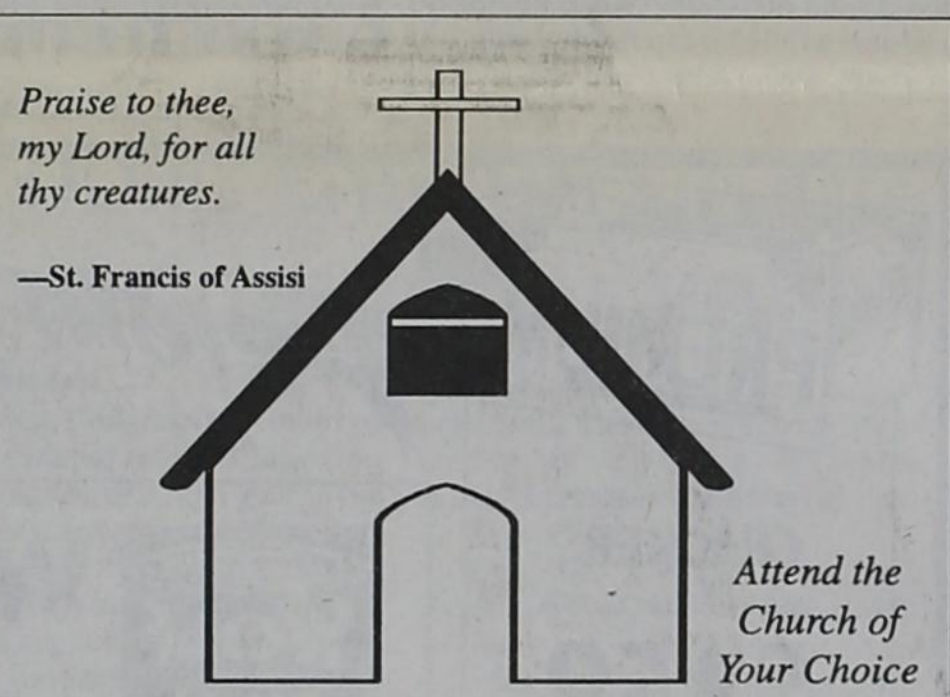
Each table had a bottle of wildflowers filled with oil to make a candle.

The bride will graduate from York College in York in the spring of 1998.

The groom holds bachelor's degrees in business and education and he is currently teaching at Epworth Village School in York.

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Wallace and Almond recite wedding vows

Aundrea Almond became the bride of Rodney Wallace on Aug. 9 at the First Unitarian Church in Wilmington, Del.

The bride is the daughter of Tommie Allen Almond (former Dimmitt resident) and Robert Almond of Wilmington, Del., and the granddaughter of Orlena Allen and the late Louis Allen, formerly of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Hope G. Wallace of Santa Monica, Calif., and Dr. Leon Wallace of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an empire-styled Bianchi gown of ivory silk organza, accented with tiny pearls and a detachable train.

The bride's sister, Alyssa Almond, was maid of honor. Razu Almond was best man. Other attendants were from Washington, D.C., Princeton, New York City, Boston, San Francisco and Knoxville.

Ring bearer was Scott Gilbert, nephew of the groom.

The maid of honor and other bridesmaids wore navy satin gowns with navy lace bolero jackets. They carried stems of fuchsia orchids and wore pearl earrings, gifts from the bride.

The groom and groomsmen wore navy Oscar de la Renta tuxedos.

A garden reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Wilmington.

The bride graduated from Wesleyan University in 1994 as an honor student in East Asian studies. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is currently working toward a combined master of business administration and a master in Japan studies at the University of Michigan. She will join her husband for a year of study in Yokohama, Japan, with a fellowship from the College Women's Association of Japan.

The groom graduated from Wesleyan University in 1994 with a double major in economics and mathematics. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is working toward a Ph.D. in the economy of Japan at the University of Michigan. As a Fulbright Fellow, he will be studying for the next year in Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan.

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to the Tahitian Islands before departing for Japan.

The bride's grandmother, Orlena Allen, now of Palo Duro Village in Canyon, attended the wedding. Other former Dimmitt residents also attending were Keitha Davis Scott, Kay Estes Cotter and Mary Behrends Curl.

The 130 guests came from 16 states, Hong Kong and Japan.

On the morning of the wedding they were treated to a tour of Hagley Museum, an historical site of the founding of the DuPont company.

On Sunday morning they attended brunch with the couple at the bride's parents' home.

Wheels-for-Life bike-a-thon is slated Saturday morning

Castro County residents can help in the battle against cancer by taking part in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Wheels-For-Life bike-a-thon, slated for 9 a.m. Saturday at the First United Bank parking lot.

Participants in the event ask sponsors to help with the event by donating money toward each mile completed during the bike-a-thon. Money raised will benefit cancer research at the hospital.

Prior to the bike-a-thon, Castro County 4-H will sponsor a workshop on bicycle maintenance at 9 a.m. The bike-a-thon will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

There will be drawings for door prizes throughout the morning and refreshments will be served.

Volunteer workers and participants are needed for the event.

"We're looking for participants and helpers who will contribute their time and talent to help children live," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent. "We really need lots of participation, since volunteers are the ones who can make this event successful."

All participants turning in money will receive a certificate, and those who raise \$35 or more will also receive a special St. Jude t-shirt. Those who raise \$75 or more will receive a sports bag, t-shirt and certificate.

"The real prize, though, is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal

life," Neal said.
Contact Neal at 647-4115 for more information and details on participating or becoming a sponsor for the event.

St. Jude Hospital was founded by Danny Thomas and operates primarily through funds from public support.

This event, sponsored by the Castro County 4-H, covers State Goal #1.

PMH to host jewelry show

Plains Memorial Hospital is hosting a jewelry show today (Thursday) at the hospital's ambulance barn from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The annual show is a fundraising event for the hospital and proceeds will be used to purchase needed medical equipment for the hospital.

Designer jewelry by David Yurman, Mikimoto, Peter Braun, Kabana and Jeep Collins will be featured. Name brand watches such as Gucci, Fossil, Seiko, Pulsar and Anne Klein will also be available.

Selections include fine gold and silver jewelry along with costume jewelry.

All major credit cards, cash and personal checks will be accepted.

The public is invited to attend the show.

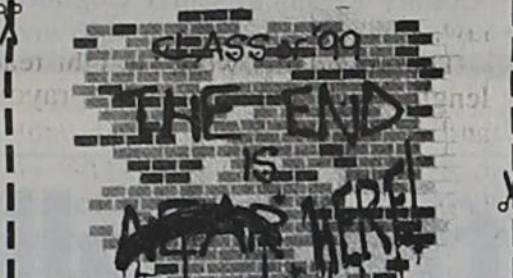


SPIRIT ROYALTY—Nazareth seniors Barry Hoelting (left) and Kaci Wethington were crowned as Spirit King and Queen last Thursday at the Homecoming pep rally. Other candidates for spirit honors were juniors Heather Schilling and Matt Olvera, sophomores Mindi Ethridge and Clay Hoelting and freshmen Shawna Gerber and Bryce Pohlmeier.

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Texas Farm Bureau president cites laundry-list of challenges

Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman urged Castro County Farm Bureau members Saturday night to "be in that 10% of the people who make things happen."

Stallman, a South Texas rice grower, was the keynote speaker at the local Farm Bureau's annual meeting in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria.

He reeled off a list of recent major changes in agriculture:

"The primary change that has been made recently, and one of the most dramatic after 60 years of farm programming, is a completely new farm program in 1996," he said.

"It's really different. One of the guys in Washington said it reminded him of the early days of aviation: It's going to be exciting, with a few periods of extreme terror."

He said "the jury is still out" on the current farm bill.

An ongoing change in the face of farming is the "bi-modalization" of agriculture, he said, "with increases in part-time agriculturalists on one hand and large vertically integrated farming on the other."

"And in the middle, where that traditional family farm is, where you raise your kids and make your living off the land—and where I consider myself to be—those numbers are

declining," he said.

"The average age of farmers and ranchers in the US is 58," Stallman noted. "The numbers of younger people to replace these older ones are not coming in as large a number as they need to. I don't know what the answer is."

Biotechnology is creating dramatic changes on an almost seasonal basis, he said.

"All this genetic engineering that they're doing—BT cotton, BT corn, Roundup-ready soybeans—stuff they wrote science fiction stories about 10 years ago—they are doing today."

"And the stuff on the drawing board is just incredible."

"We'll have to learn to use these products to our benefit, and become more efficient in agriculture."

Perhaps the main aggravations facing farmers today, he said, "are the demands of a society that is four, five or six generations removed from the farm. They're demanding that we do a lot of things, prompted by some groups that would like to change the way we do things, and they really don't understand what they're asking for."

He was especially critical of the environmentalist movement, "whose demands could lead to higher fuel prices, higher taxes and more regula-

tory restrictions."

The environmentalist movement is especially active on the Internet, he said, while farm and ranch organizations aren't.

He urged FB members to stay in contact with their elected representatives.

"We need to improve our public relations, to implement the policies that we approve," he said. "There's no answer to that except hard work."

A crowd of approximately 80 attended the annual meeting, enjoying a barbecue dinner catered by office secretary Kaye Stevens and homemade ice cream provided by directors' families.

By voice vote, members approved six state and three national resolutions.

Resolutions to be forwarded to the Texas Federation of Farm Bureaus call for:

—The State Board of Education to adopt only textbooks that accurately portray farm and ranch life;

—Local school boards to use a hands-on approach to textbook selection to protect the image of farmers and ranchers;

—An increase in the speed limit of trucks to 70 mph daytime and 65



'WE MUST STAY UP-TO-DATE,' Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman says as he speaks at the annual meeting of the Castro County Farm Bureau Saturday night in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria. Seated at left are County FB President

Chris Cogburn, his wife Amy and their son Tucker; at right is County FB Secretary-Treasurer Greg Sides. Approximately 80 members and guests attended the meeting.

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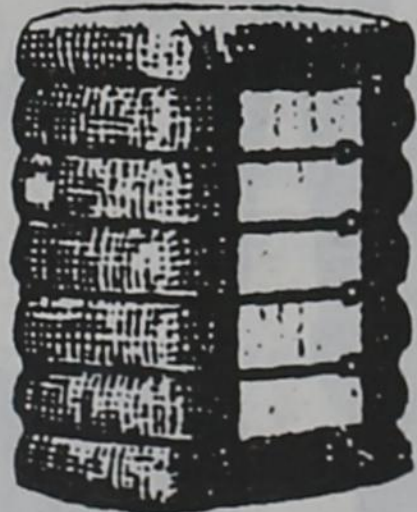
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mph nighttime "to help relieve traffic congestion and increase fuel efficiency";

—Support of the Texas Water Development Board in implementing state and regional water planning as provided by Senate Bill 1; and

—A state tax or deposit on glass bottles because of their damage to tractor tires and farm tires when they are discarded on rural roads.

These resolutions on national issues were adopted:

—Support of research into *e coli* bacteria and other food safety issues since they impact the net profit of producers.

—Support of the use of irradiation

or pasteurization of red meat, especially ground beef.

—Opposition to Section 112 of the 1996 Clean Air Act (regulating the release of particulate matter) "because it is unattainable, unenforceable and has a negative impact on agriculture."

Members re-elected incumbent directors Lonnie Robb, Ray Bradley, Lester Womack, Rick Bagwell, Joe Lust, Chris Cogburn, Randy Schilling and Tommy Stanton to the 16-member board, and also elected Van Hopson to fill a vacant board seat.

County President Chris Cogburn conducted the business session and served as the emcee.

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Sides reported that the county Farm Bureau has total assets of \$20,853, "which is quite an improvement," he said.

Agency Manager Paula Stiles reported a second consecutive year of membership gain. She said there also has been an increase in the number of vehicle and life-insurance policy holders during the past year.

Four county high-school students reported on their experiences as delegates to the state Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar last summer. They were junior Susan Book of Nazareth and seniors Dustin Dyer of Hart, Jeremy Matthews of Dimmitt and Teresa Robertson of Dimmitt.

Cotton Talks

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., of Lubbock makes a move into cyberspace as it unveils its Internet World Wide Web site.

The newly-revised site features "Cotton Country Navigator" as well as areas dealing with the organization itself, cotton improvement and the boll weevil. Through "Cotton Country Navigator," a producer can surf the web but with focus on sites most likely to be of interest.

Sites have been grouped into broad categories including precision agriculture, weather, news, markets, worker protection standards and pesticides. To access the services, a user will need a computer, a modem, appropriate software programs and access to the Internet.

The Plains Cotton Growers' site is hosted by The Door, a Lubbock-based Internet service provider. Unlimited Internet access through The Door is only \$15 per month with a local call to Lubbock.

The World Wide Web address for Plains Cotton Growers and its "Cotton Country Navigator" is <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

For information or advice on the site or how to obtain Internet access, call Plains Cotton Growers at (806) 792-4904.

Early samples moving through the USDA Lubbock Classing Office are reflecting high quality and good color grades, according to Plains Cotton Growers.

However, Wendell Wilbanks, Lubbock-area director for the US Dept. of Agriculture's Cotton Division, has concern over the lower-than-normal leaf grades he is seeing. Wilbanks has been area director of the Lubbock Classing Office since 1986, and he has been classing cotton since 1962.

"In the first 100,000 or so bales classed this season, we are getting a lot of 5 and 6 leaf grades that otherwise are high quality and good

color," said Wilbanks. A leaf grade of 6 can decrease the value or sale price of cotton by as much as 900 points, or 9¢ a pound in the pricing system.

Wilbanks commented that he expects leaf grades to improve overall after area cotton is exposed to a freeze. He considers some of the problem to be associated with plant regrowth that will stop after a frost or freeze finally kills the crop.

Wilbanks expressed greater concern that 30% of the crop classed so far can be described as "light spot."

"This is considerably higher than in past years," said Wilbanks. "Much of it is green from the regrowth now, but I am afraid we may see an increasing color and staining problem as more cotton that has been exposed to weevil damage gets classed."

Legislative and regulatory issues continue to remain the focus of Plains Cotton Growers officials as harvesting picks up across the area.

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Progress is being made toward final implementation of proposed changes to the Step 2 and 3 provisions of the current cotton program. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill containing the changes was sent to President Bill Clinton for review and approval.

Details of the proposed changes include cutting off issuance of Step 2 certificates when the Adjusted World Price exceeds 134% of the loan and allowing issuance of Step 2 certificates when a Step 3 import quota is in effect.

Fierro wins television from Classic Cable

Lydia Fierro of Dimmitt is one of 10 individuals who won a colored television through Classic Cable's marketing campaign for its new guide, "Classic Cable Magazine."

All customers company-wide were invited to enter a drawing for one of the 10 televisions.

Fierro received her new television from Tom Hernandez, local technician for Classic Cable.

EPA bans use of Furadan 4F

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has disallowed a Section 24(c) Special Local Need registration that allowed Texas cotton producers to use flowable carbofuran insecticide (Furadan 4F) on cotton to control aphids.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry issued a Section 24(c) on Aug. 15 when cotton farmers were facing potential losses of \$40 million because of the devastating aphid problems across much of Texas' cotton-growing regions.

Producers can no longer use Furadan 4F insecticide on cotton to control aphids; however, the pesticide may still be used according to

the EPA-approved label.

Section 24(c) under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act allows states to register an additional use of a federally registered product. In this case, the 24(c) allowed Texas cotton farmers to use Furadan 4F insecticide as a foliar application in addition to an "at planting" application, as labeled.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service estimates that 25% of Texas cotton has been harvested. Cotton production is expected to total 5.4 million bales this year, 24% more than the 1996 crop.



AT THE HEALTH FAIR—Raleigh Strother gets his blood pressure checked by Peggy Birkenfeld, R.N., at the annual event sponsored by Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt last week. Health professionals gave 421 flu shots, made 191 blood "draws" for various tests, and made numerous blood pressure checks, among the many other services offered during the day. "Tours" of the ambulances were given, and the medical helicopter made an informational visit. Organizers of the event said they were well pleased with the estimated turnout of 500, slightly more than last year's fair. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

Personal selling—A powerful part of marketing



Often in workshops and seminars I ask business owners to define the term "marketing." One of the most common answers I get is "selling." While selling is certainly a very important part of marketing, it is only one part.

To define marketing as selling is a little like describing an automobile as an engine. Yes, autos have engines, but there is much more. An engine alone does not make an automobile, however, the engine does provide the power for that automobile.

I believe personal selling provides the "go power" in a marketing program. Selling is a function that is critical to every element of the marketing mix. Personal selling is a skill that every business person can benefit from developing.

Everyone lives by selling something

Robert Louis Stevenson said, "Everyone lives by selling something." Stevenson was right. A teacher lives by selling ideas and sound educational principles. A business consultant lives by selling solutions to difficult problems. An automobile dealer lives by selling dependable transportation and status. A welder lives by selling mechanical skills.

Unfortunately, few workers today realize how important selling is to their livelihood. Most do not understand how their only job security comes from a healthy economy where businesses are selling their products and services at a profit. Even if you work for the government, business profits and taxable wages paid by those businesses generate the salary you receive.

Some selling thoughts and tips

- Selling is a process of creating value. You must justify your price by showing the buyer the benefits.
- Buyers do not wish to be sold, they wish to buy. Show them the value and they will buy.
- Buyers need help frequently to make sound buying decisions. If you become a support person to help them, and if they feel they can trust you, they will buy from you.
- Trust in any selling situation is founded on truth and built on knowledge of products and services. Complete trust comes when the seller becomes more concerned about the buyer's needs than selling something.
- Closing a sale is not a technique or gimmick. It is providing the confirmation a buyer needs to help him or her make a more comfortable buying decision.
- Never confuse the features of a product or service with the benefits a buyer will receive. Features are important, but the benefits are the results a buyer must understand before becoming comfortable with a purchasing commitment.
- Use a transition statement to move from features to benefits. For example, "what this means to you is . . ." "the value you get is . . ." and "how this would work for you . . ." are all transition statements. A care salesperson would use a transition statement in this manner. "This model comes with a V-6, fuel-injected engine (features). *What this means to you* is quick acceleration and a great fuel economy (benefits).
- Don't ignore the "I'm ready to buy" signals. When a customer asks, "Which of these two models do you think is best?", the salesperson should confirm the best value for the customer's needs and offer to write up the deal.
- In selling, good things come to those who wait. However, the best things go to those who hustle.
- Never argue with a potential customer. Winning the argument will almost always cost you the sale.
- The selling process doesn't end when you get the money. This sale is only step one in building a lifetime customer relationship. Follow-up after the sale and you'll sell your customers again and again.

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.

Nomination deadline for FSA Committee election is Monday

Individuals who wish to have their name included on a ballot as a representative to the Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee from Community LAA-3, must have their nominating petition submitted by Monday.

Eligible voters in Community LAA-3 will elect a representative to the Castro County FSA Committee in December.

Weldon Davis is currently the county committeeman for this LAA.

All eligible voters in LAA-3 have the right to nominate the candidate of their choice by petition. Eligible nominees must be able to vote in LAA-3.

Petitions will not be mailed. If you wish to nominate a candidate, stop by the FSA office and pick up a petition. If the form is completed by someone other than the nominee, the preparer must sign the form.

The election of responsible agricultural producers is important to all farmers and ranchers.

Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program and are qualified to vote in LAA-3.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 21, and must be returned to the FSA office or be post-marked by Dec. 1.

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About 35,000 commended students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they

will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, commended students placed among the top 5% of more than a million students who entered the 1998 Merit Program by taking the 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Oct. 23-31.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.
FRIDAY: Fishburger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.
MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, applesauce, assorted muffins and milk.
TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, watermelon, green beans and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad with dressing and milk.
THURSDAY: Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, cornbread and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, escalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or pears; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing, fish burger or fajitas with sauteed onions, candied sweet potatoes, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy carrot-raisin salad; and cornbread, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
MONDAY: Choice of ground beef and macaroni, bean chaluas or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or pineapple sunset salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of Chili Fritos with picante sauce, cheese pizza or beef and bean burrito with chili; broccoli with cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, poor boy steak or green enchilada casserole, hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, potato salad or coleslaw; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza or hamburger basket, corn on the cob, salad, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or chicken enchilada casserole, tortilla pieces, salad, corn, peaches, chocolate pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets; gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, plums, apricots, carrot sticks, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk, punch or tea.

mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, peaches, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, 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 beef tamale pie; salad, pinto beans, tortilla pieces, pineapple, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

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

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choices of spaghetti and meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or chicken enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, salad, corn, peaches, chocolate pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets; gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, plums, apricots, carrot sticks, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hoagie sandwich; corn, 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: Brisket, rolls, baked potato, salad, Longhorn cookie and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Chicken nuggets or corn dog, salad, peas, fruit, dessert and milk.
FRIDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or pizza, salad, corn, pears, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: * Chalupa or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, fruit, dessert and milk.
TUESDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, peaches, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: * Sandwich or corn dog, tater tots, lettuce, corn, apple, dessert and milk.
THURSDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, salad, beans, pineapple, fruit cocktail and milk.

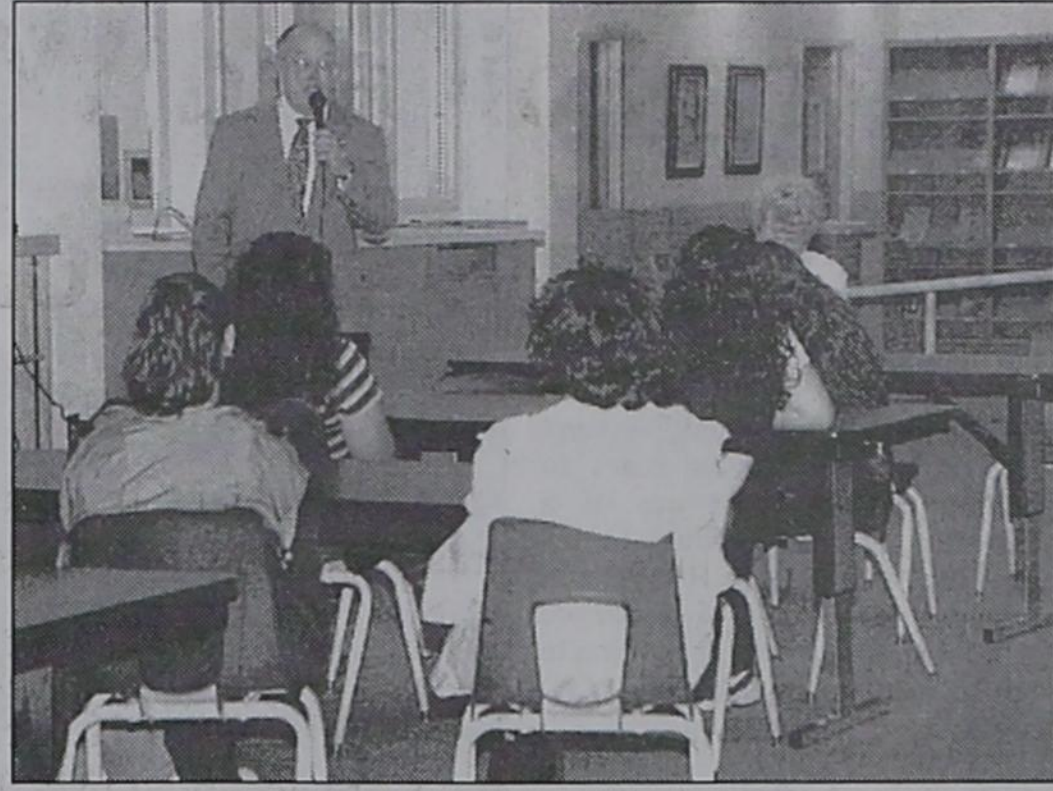
FRIDAY: * Taco or pizza, lettuce, peas, fruit, Halloween cookies and milk.

(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.)

Chamber suggests afghans for gifts

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava said that the Castro County afghans available for sale through the Chamber would make a unique, quality gift suitable for Christmas giving.

The afghans sell for \$35 each and feature artwork depicting all three communities in the county, as well as some of the major industries and landmarks.



TEXAS STATE SENATOR TOM HAYWOOD addresses students at Dimmitt High School. He visited with two classes last Thursday morning, and spoke about the duties of a senator, a typical day's schedule, and how a bill is passed.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Homecoming was celebrated last week at Nazareth Schools with a special theme highlighting every day. A pep rally was held Thursday evening at Swift Field and seniors Barry Hoelting and Kaci Wethington were crowned as Spirit King and Queen.

On Friday evening, just prior to the Swifts' homecoming game with Springlake-Earth, senior Lynsey Hoelting was crowned as Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by senior Stacey Schulte.

The game which followed was very exciting and the Swifts were able to beat the No. 3-ranked Wolverines, 20-7.

The Nazareth Swift Band sounded great at halftime.

Fritz and Julene Gerber had all their children home last weekend including Stanley, Cindy and Caleb Gerber of Dumas; Chris, Kelly, Rylan and Reghan Gerber of

Kearney, Neb.; Neal, Colleen, Danielle and Seth Wilhelm of Wichita Falls; Jon, Lori, Erika and Taylor Wych of Amarillo; and Lydia Schacher and family from Nazareth.

They all enjoyed the homecoming football game Friday evening against Springlake-Earth.

Chris and Kelly and their children also visited with Kelly's parents, Rodger and Edna Rae Schilling, in Dimmitt.

A steak supper and raffle was held Saturday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Christian Mothers and Nazareth Band Parents, the event was well attended.

All proceeds went to the Jerry Lange family, to help defray costs of medical expenses for Susan Lange, who is halfway through her chemotherapy treatments.

Isabel "Easy" Schulte recently celebrated her 88th birthday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Eating lunch with her on Friday and Saturday were her children, Etta Mae and Bill Sellers of Tahlequah, Okla., Jo Ann Bowen of Plainview, Orey Taylor of Lubbock, and Fritz and Julene Gerber and Denny and Dolores Heiman of Nazareth. Also here for the weekend were Jeff Kleman and his son, Brian, of Salisaw, Okla.

Father Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark., visited with family and friends in Nazareth and Dimmitt recently. He had been to Alta Olma, Calif., to visit with his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Veronica. From here he returned home to Arkansas.

Denny and Dolores Heiman and Darrin and Jennifer Heiman recently drove to Las Vegas, Nev., to spend the weekend with Rodney and Jennifer Heiman and children of Red Bluff, Calif.

Joy and Larry Ringwald of Oklahoma City, Okla., were here this weekend to visit with Joy's parents, Leonard and Rosemary Wilhelm. Rosemary is doing as well as expected.

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.

Christmas Open House scheduled

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the annual Christmas Open House for Nov. 20.

Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava said that any businesses that need replacement bulbs for their Christmas lights should contact the Chamber at 647-2524. Also, any businesses that have not already installed the uniform lighting may obtain it through the Chamber.

Sava said he is trying to find someone who would be willing to help install lights and bulbs for businesses that do not want to do it themselves.

Sales tax rebates up in Hart, Naz

Hart and Nazareth saw increases in their October sales tax rebates while Dimmitt's payment was down from October 1996.

The city of Hart received a check for \$2,822.21, up 167.81% from the 1996 payment of \$1,053.79. For the year, Hart has received a total of \$17,032.02. That's 48.56% more than the 1996 payments of \$11,464.40 issued through October.

Nazareth's rebate reflected an increase of 35.75%, from \$655.87 in 1996 to \$890.40 this year. Nazareth's year-to-date payments are \$10,506.24, up 26.74% from the 1996 total of \$8,289.06.

In Dimmitt, this month's payment was down 4.38% from \$21,580.40 in 1996 to \$20,635.17. But for the year, Dimmitt is still ahead of 1996 totals. Payments issued up to October 1996 totaled \$226,451.81. This year's total through October is \$233,458.55, an increase of 3.09%.

Castro County collects a one-half percent sales tax, and its rebate for the period was \$9,715.74, down 3.83% from the October 1996 payment of \$10,103.05. This year the county has received \$109,537.48 in rebates, an increase of 12.09% from the \$97,714.50 in 1996.

This month's payments include local sales taxes collected on August sales and reported to the Comptroller in September by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Because of the Veterans Day holiday in November, the state comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be delivered a week earlier than usual, on Friday, Nov. 7.

DMS sets book fair

Dimmitt Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair beginning Monday and continuing through Friday, Oct. 31. The fair will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and admission is free.

On Monday, there will be a special Parents' Night from 5:30 to 7:30, and all parents are invited to attend. There will be drawings for three \$10 gift certificates, good for any merchandise available at the fair.

The reading event will offer students, parents and teachers the opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers.

Books featured in the Scholastic Book Fair are carefully selected by a committee of reputable editors and educators. Many hours are spent considering hundreds of books from around the world in search of selections to excite and motivate students to become lifelong readers. Special attention is given to finding books that will appeal to all readers.

Along with winners of prestigious state and national awards, the Scholastic Book Fair will present hundreds of titles from over 100 publishers. Included will be how-to books, biographies, timeless classics and a variety of the newest titles in children's literature.

Parents are invited to come to the fair at any time during the week to help their students select books to purchase.

Proceeds from the book fair will help Dimmitt Middle School add to the collection of Accelerated Reader materials for the students to use.

For more information, contact Ruth Cochran at Dimmitt Middle School, 647-3108.

Fall Concert is planned

Richardson Elementary School third grade music students of Ruby Teaschner will present a Fall Concert Oct. 29 at 9:30 a.m. at the RES cafeteria. The public is invited.

Teaschner said the students will perform "The Dinosaur Dance," as well as Halloween and other seasonal songs.

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By Cindy Pottorff
Rhoads Memorial Librarian

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Our telephone number is still 647-3532, the same as always.

Now, for the big surprise. Due to the generous support of the City of Dimmitt and Castro County, we now have an Internet Public Access Terminal up and running. The Internet personal computer is located directly to your right as you enter second set of double doors at the library. There will be two computers and a printer on a table. The computer on the left will be the Internet PC.

The Internet connection was hooked up Wednesday morning and on Wednesday afternoon we answered a reference question using the Internet. And yes, this computer does have full graphics capabilities.

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Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District



1997 ANNUAL REPORT



In 1997 the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service had an outstanding year. The district received \$27,071.00 for cost share assistance through water quality plans. 11 new plans were developed with producers and seven of these have already applied their practices and have received their cost share assistance. These plans included such practices as irrigation pipeline, installing new pivot, renozzel old pivots, and pasture planting. Any one interests in developing a water quality plan should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Dimmitt.

During this year, using the district's Poly Sonic Flowmeter, Earl Behrends checked 152 irrigation wells and pivots for Castro County producers. Also during this year, the Dimmitt Field Office provided producers with the opportunity to have their center pivots evaluated. 15 producers took advantage of this service and had their center pivots evaluated as well as having their irrigation wells checked. The district's Poly Sonic Flowmeter has proved to be a valuable tool.

This year the district carried out a good information program. This program consisted of two conservation presentations, one of which was the CRP meeting which was held here during March and had about 85 in attendance. Also this year they were responsible for 11 conservation education programs to 381 students in Castro County. One wildlife and plant identification program was given to a local scout group.

In 1997, 168 producers were accepted into the CRP program. These producers enrolled 41,130

acres of cropland that will be established to grass, of this number about 50 producers have grass already established. 118 producers will be seeding their grass seed this spring. Also in 1997, eight out of 12 local producers signed up and were accepted into the new cost share program, EQIP. These eight producers will have contracts that total \$68,190.00 of cost share assistance available.

The district's secretary/bookkeeper is Sue Stephen. She works in the field office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day providing assistance to the local district, to local producers, and to the local NRCS field office personnel.

The Running Water Conservation District has and still maintains a windbreak tree program. This past year the district sold over 1400 trees to producers for the purpose of planting a windbreak around a home or farmstead. The district will have their windbreak tree program again this year. Any one wishing to order trees this next year should contact Sue at the local field office.

This past year the district had an outstanding number of good posters and essays to choose from for their county winners. In the poster contest, Brock Birkenfeld of Nazareth was the

county's first place winner with Melissa Rueda of Dimmitt being second and Jake Hoelting of Nazareth being third. In the essay contest, Rachel Wall of Hart won first and Cody Annen of Dimmitt won second.

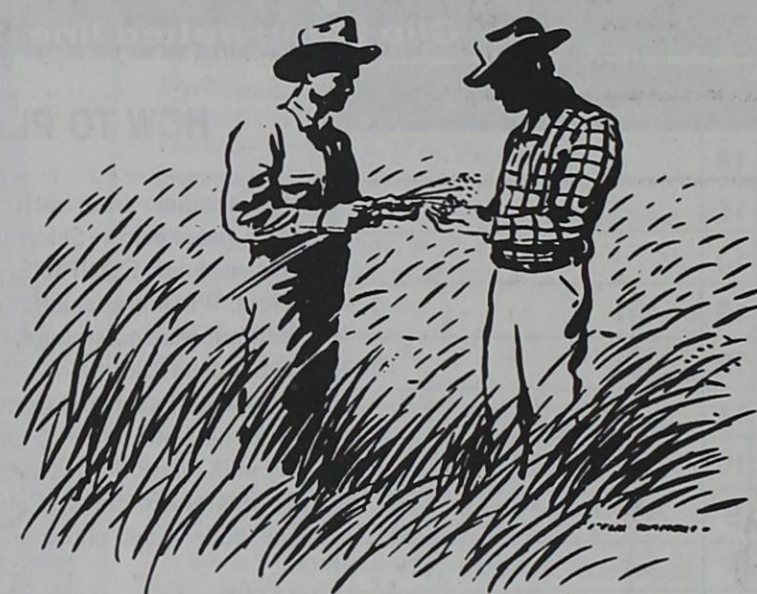
The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service had an outstanding year in carrying out a sound conservation program. This year they accomplished the following:

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| Landowners assisted..... | 585 |
| Operators applying conservation practices..... | 254 |
| Cropland with practices being applied..... | 78440 ac |
| Rangeland with practices being applied..... | 2679 ac |
| Pasture land with practices being applied.. | 1195 ac |
| EQIP Applications..... | 12 |
| 1997 Water Quality Plans..... | 11 |
| Current CRP contracts..... | 168/41,130 |

Running Water SWCD Election

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District held an election for a director for zone 5 at the NRCS office in Dimmitt on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Numerous local producers participated in the election. Coby Gilbreath was re-elected to the board. Coby lives in Dimmitt and will be representing the farmers in the southeast part of the county. We would like to take this time to thank Coby for taking time to serve on the local board.

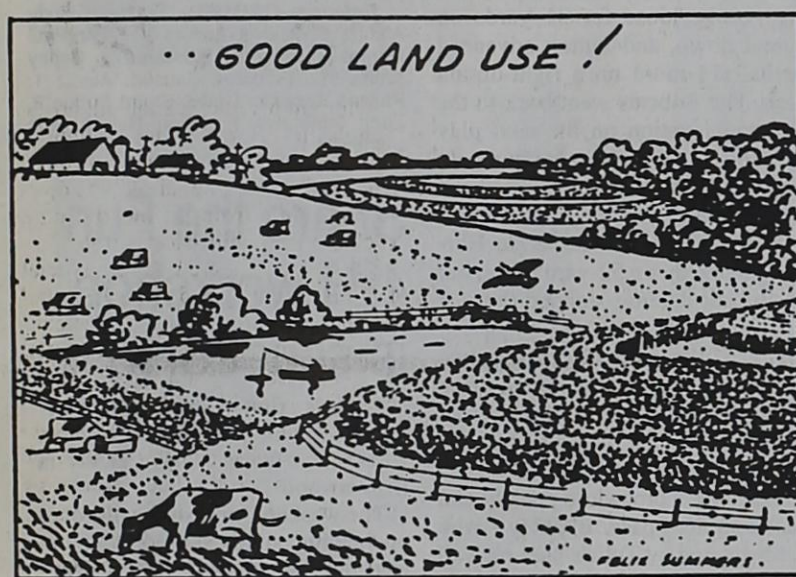
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Balance Sheet

August 31, 1997

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| Assets | |
| Current Assets | |
| Cash in Bank | |
| Trust..... | 3,978.94 |
| State..... | 7,901.20 |
| CD..... | 10,086.61 |
| Total Current Assets..... | 21,955.75 |
| Property and Equipment | |
| Flow Meter..... | 7,540.00 |
| Laser Level..... | 3,345.00 |
| Answering Machine..... | 72.38 |
| Total Property and Equipment.. | 10,957.38 |
| Total Assets..... | 32,924.13 |
| Liabilities..... | 0 |
| Net Worth..... | 32,924.13 |



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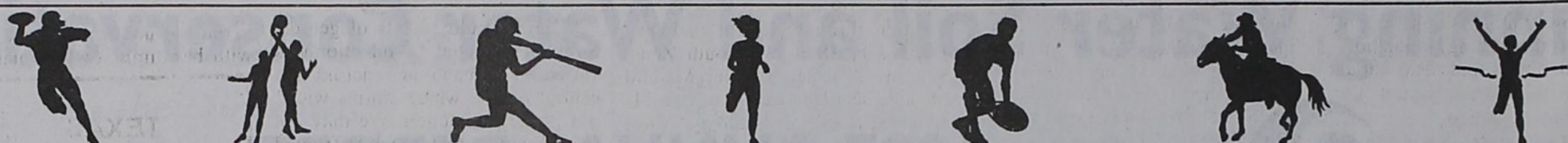
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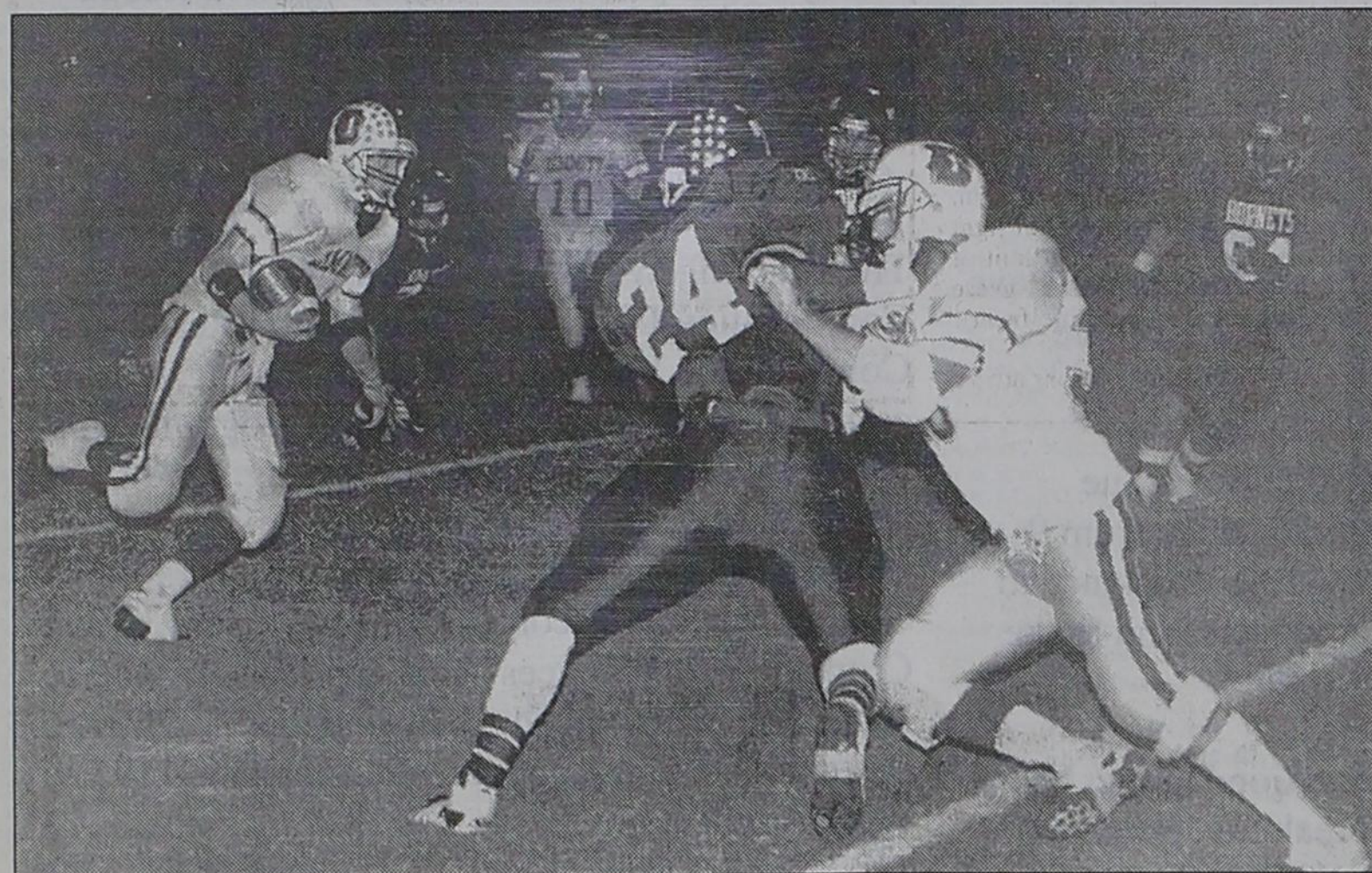
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Sports



Sutton, Cats subdue Hornets, 30-0



TOUCHDOWN!—After taking a pitch from quarterback Derek Buckley (10), Dimmitt running back Stuart Sutton (left) heads goalward on a six-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' game at Tulia Friday night. In foreground,

fullback Beau Hill throws a clearing block against Tulia's Marcus Finch (24). This touchdown and Luis Silva's extra-point kick gave the Bobcats a 23-0 lead. It was Sutton's second TD, and he scored again later on a 61-yard screen pass to make the final tally 30-0.

Photo by Carter Townsend

By DON NELSON
Tulia's Hornets won't soon forget Stuart Sutton.

The senior flanker combined a punt return, a bread-and-butter option play and a screen pass to rack up 185 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns in a 30-0 Dimmitt victory Friday night at Tulia.

With the Bobcats leading 7-0 late in the second quarter, Sutton fielded a Tulia punt at the Dimmitt 32, started up the middle, broke to the right and raced down the sideline on a 68-yard touchdown return.

"I was supposed to run straight to the right but I saw a crease in the middle, so I ran to the middle and then cut outside," Sutton said. "Travis (Crow) made a real good block that got me to the end zone."

On the second play of the fourth quarter, with Dimmitt holding a 16-0 lead, Sutton—filling in at tailback for the injured Zack Matthews—took a pitch from quarterback Derek Buckley on an option-right play and scampered six yards for Dimmitt's third TD.

"Beau (Hill, fullback) made a good lead block on that play," Sutton said.

And later in the fourth, with Tulia's defense pressuring Buckley, Stuart caught a screen pass near the right sideline, waited for his blocks, then picked his way 61 yards through the Hornet secondary for the game's final touchdown.

"Patience is what makes that play work—you've got to be real patient," Sutton said. "I just waited for the blocks to come in front of me."

In all, Sutton gained 93 yards on kickoff and punt returns, 31 rushing yards on six carries (all in the second half) and 61 yards receiving.

"Stuart had a great game," Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar said. "We knew he could play well wherever we use him. He also played well on defense (with two knocked-down passes, two tackles and three assists)."

Luis Silva was perfect at the tee, kicking four of four extra points.

The victory kept the Bobcats undefeated in District 1-AAA play at 4-0 and set up a showdown this week against defending district champion Friona (7-0, 4-0).

The Bobcats' victory over the 1-6 Hornets was especially satisfying, Coach Dollar said, because "they played their best game of the season by far."

"I knew Tulia was going to play," Dollar said. "Their coaches were pleased with the way they played—their effort and everything—because they felt their boys played up to a level that they thought they could play at. They played hard. We had seen them on three of their films, and they didn't play with much intensity in those three games. But they sure did against us."

He added: "They are so strong physically. They're the strongest team we've played up front. They played hard-hard against us."

Offensive guard Michael Keith agreed.

"They were pretty stout," Keith said. "They pinched a lot, then when we got their tackles blocked, their linebackers were making the play."

We weren't getting to their backers. They were pretty tough."

Pacing Dimmitt's defense in the shutout were senior linebacker Rudy Alaniz with 10 solo tackles, 11 assists and a caused fumble; junior linebacker Jerry Thomas with 8½ tackles, including one behind the line; senior end Charley Sanders with three solo stops and five assists; and defensive back Casey Smith with four solo tackles and three assists.

"Anytime you get a shutout and the defense plays well, it's a good win," Coach Dollar commented.

The Bobcats got their first touchdown the first time they got the ball, on an eight-play, 55-yard drive. Hill, Buckley and Matthews alternated the toting duties, with Hill getting the touchdown from half a yard out with the game 4 minutes, 56 seconds old.

Then it was a scoreless battle until late in the second period, when Tulia's Marcus Finch got off his fifth punt of the game.

Instead of rushing Finch as they had done before, the Bobcats pulled back and set up for the punt return. Sutton caught the ball at the Dimmitt 32, and no one touched him as Dimmitt's blockers cleared the way.

Matthews suffered a thigh bruise in the second quarter and sat out the second half.

"It happened while I was on defense," Matthews said after the game as he nursed his sore leg. "I tackled a guy and his helmet hit the middle of my thigh. I can't stretch my leg out."

With Matthews out of the lineup, Dimmitt's coaches moved Sutton into the tailback slot, and from there he scored the Bobcats' third TD on the second play of the fourth quarter.

The touchdown came just four plays after Dimmitt got a two-point safety to go up by 16-0. With the Hornets facing fourth-and-six at their own 11, Finch set up near the goal line to punt, but a high snap sent the ball sailing over his head and out of the end zone for a safety.

Sutton returned Finch's free kick 13 yards to the Dimmitt 45, then the Bobcats struck on a lightning-fast, four-play drive.

Hill—who gained 85 yards on 15 carries into the stubborn Tulia line—broke loose for 31 yards on second down, and Sutton advanced the ball 13 more on a right-option pitch. The Bobcats went back to the same right-option on the next play and Sutton carried it in from six yards out.

Trailing 23-0, the desperate Hornets put together a 52-yard drive, but the Bobcat defense stopped them at the Dimmitt 18.

After Hill gained 12 yards on two plunges into the middle, Sutton raced 14 yards on the right-option before being forced out of bounds at the Dimmitt 30.

Then after a procedure penalty and an incomplete pass, Buckley—who was badgered by Tulia's pass rush all night—took advantage of the inside rush and flipped a pass over to the right flat to Sutton, who had set up behind a screen near the sideline.

Sutton took the pass at the 39-yard

line and raced 61 yards for the game's final TD with 4:37 remaining.

Buckley completed only three of 11 passes against Tulia's pressure—well below his usual average.

"They were bringing eight people," Coach Dollar said. "You can't block all eight of 'em and send receivers out. That stops the deep passing game because you can't hold it a long time—you've got to get it off quick."

"People might have been wondering what's wrong with our passing game, but there's not anything wrong with what we're doing. They just kept sending people. But they paid for it later on—they were leaving the outside open, and we got the ball to the outside on the option and on the screen pass."

"We're going to have to live with that eight-man rush, but the other team is going to pay for it in the long run because they lose their outside containment when they do that. You take what they'll give you."

Game at a Glance

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| Tulia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | —0 |

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| First Downs | 16 | 10 |
| Rushes-Yards | 35-204 | 46-168 |
| Passing Yards | 88 | 33 |
| Total Yards | 292 | 201 |
| Passes Comp./Att. | 3/11 | 3/11 |
| Interceptions By | 0 | 0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 1-0 |
| Punts-Avg. | 4-34 | 5-30 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-15 | 4-32 |

Scoring Summary

- First Quarter:**
D—Beau Hill 1 run (Luis Silva kick)
- Second Quarter:**
D—Stuart Sutton 68 punt return (Silva kick)
- Third Quarter:**
D—Safety on Tulia misplay
- Fourth Quarter:**
D—Sutton 6 run (Silva kick)
D—Sutton 61 pass from Derek Buckley (Silva kick)

Individual Statistics

- Rushing—DIMMITT:** Beau Hill 15-85; Zack Matthews 6-51; Derek Buckley 7-36; Stuart Sutton 6-31; Jerry Thomas 1-1.
- TULIA:** Roy Gonzales 28-97; T. J. Olivarez 7-33; Aaron Scarborough 5-29; Marcus Finch 4-12; Reed Underwood 3-(-5).
- Passing—DIMMITT:** Derek Buckley 3/11-0 for 88. **TULIA:** Reed Underwood 3/11-0 for 33.
- Receiving—DIMMITT:** Charley Sanders 2-27; Stuart Sutton 1-61. **TULIA:** Philip Marshall 1-16; David Moreno 1-13; Marcus Finch 1-4.
- Defense—DIMMITT:** Tackles: Rudy Alaniz 15½, Jerry Thomas 8½, John Paul Ramos 6, Charley Sanders 5½, Casey Smith 5½. Fumbles Caused: Alaniz 1. Passes Knocked Down: Stuart Sutton 2, Zack Matthews 1, Jason Hall 1, Eric Soldevilla 1.

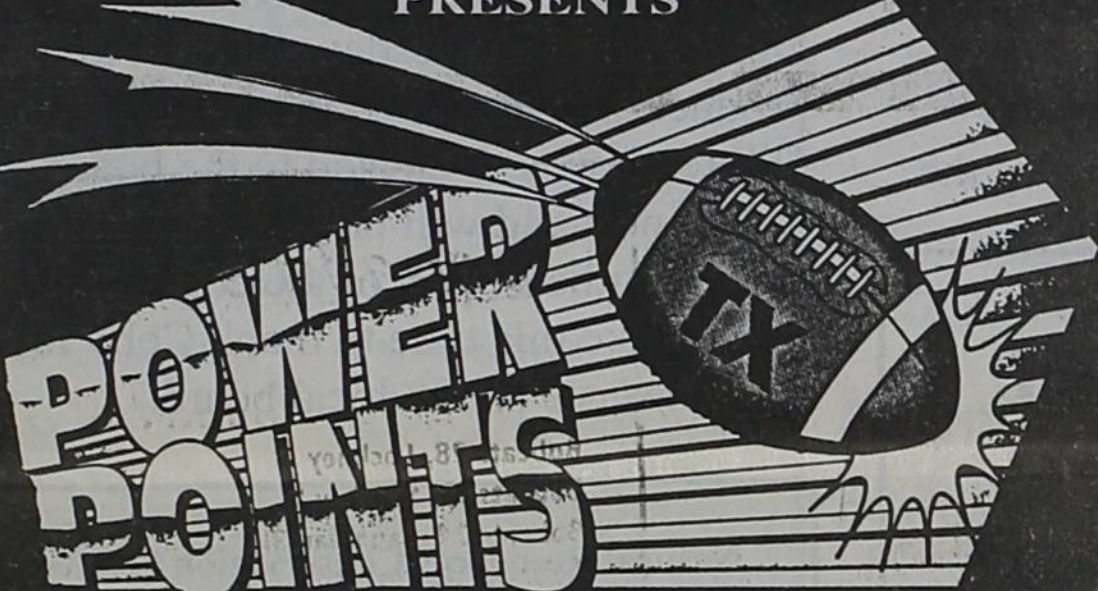
Share the Fun 4-H workshop is scheduled

Texas's first "Share the Fun" workshop will be held Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

The weekend workshop will focus on helping youth and adult volunteers develop quality "share the fun" programs and will offer information on the state contest rules.

Members attending the workshop must be 14 years old as of Jan. 1, 1998.

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TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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| Baltimore at Washington | Tennessee at Arizona |
| Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants | Indianapolis at San Diego |
| Dallas at Philadelphia | Jacksonville at Pittsburgh |
| Denver at Buffalo | Oakland at Seattle |
| Kansas City at St. Louis | Atlanta at Carolina |
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- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and Pitt and Pittsburgh.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about or protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant. "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

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Daily, M-F:

- 7:00 a.m. Sports Texas (Pros)
- 7:05 a.m. Texas State Network Sports Report
- 7:15 a.m. Sports Texas (High School/College)
- 7:20 a.m. Dallas Cowboy Report
- 11:15 a.m. Sports Texas Midday Report
- 12:40 p.m. Dallas Cowboy Update
- 3:45 p.m. Sports Texas Afternoon Report

Friday:

- 7:30 p.m. Statewide Pre-Game Show
- 7:30 p.m. **BOBCATS vs. FRIONA CHIEFTAINS**
- 10 p.m. Area/State High School Scoreboard

Saturday:

- 7:05 a.m. Texas State Network Sports Report

KDHN 1470 A.M.

Duck hunting season opens Saturday across most of state

Waterfowl biologists have predicted record breeding populations, record fall flights and ideal habitat conditions. Now, the only prediction standing in the way of what's shaping up to be the best duck and goose hunting season in years is a weather forecast.

Duck season reopened Saturday in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit in north and west Texas, which includes Castro County, and will open across most of the state this Saturday. The only question left unanswered is when to expect the cold fronts that will drive birds down from the north and into Texas.

"In recent years, we've been getting a strong front around the end of October or the first of November, and if that happens, we'll be in great shape," said Brian Sullivan, waterfowl program leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"Federal guidelines say we have to

close the season the third week in January, and in order to take advantage of a 74-day season this year, we had to open the season in October. The timing of fronts will be the key to early hunter success."

Even if the weather doesn't cooperate, waterfowl hunters will have plenty of opportunity as they welcome the longest duck season in nearly 40 years and the largest bag limit since the aggregate point system was abandoned in 1984.

The 1997-98 duck season will be the longest since 1958 in eastern Texas and since 1930 in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit.

New this duck season are hunting zones which divide eastern Texas into north and south zones along US Highway 90 from Del Rio to San Antonio and Interstate 10 from San Antonio to the Louisiana state line.

Duck hunting season dates are Saturday through Nov. 2 and Nov. 15 to Jan. 18 in the North Zone; and

Saturday through Nov. 30 and Dec. 13 to Jan. 18 in the South Zone. Season in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit was from Oct. 11-14 and started again Saturday. It will continue through Jan. 18.

The liberal season and bag limits nationwide are based on near record numbers of migratory waterfowl heading south this fall, according to reports from the Central Flyway Council and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Breeding duck populations are up significantly in 1997, the fourth consecutive year of increases. The total number of breeding ducks in the traditional survey area of Canada, Alaska and the north-central US reached a new record high level of almost 43 million. Officials are also estimating this year's fall flight at 92 million—the highest on record.

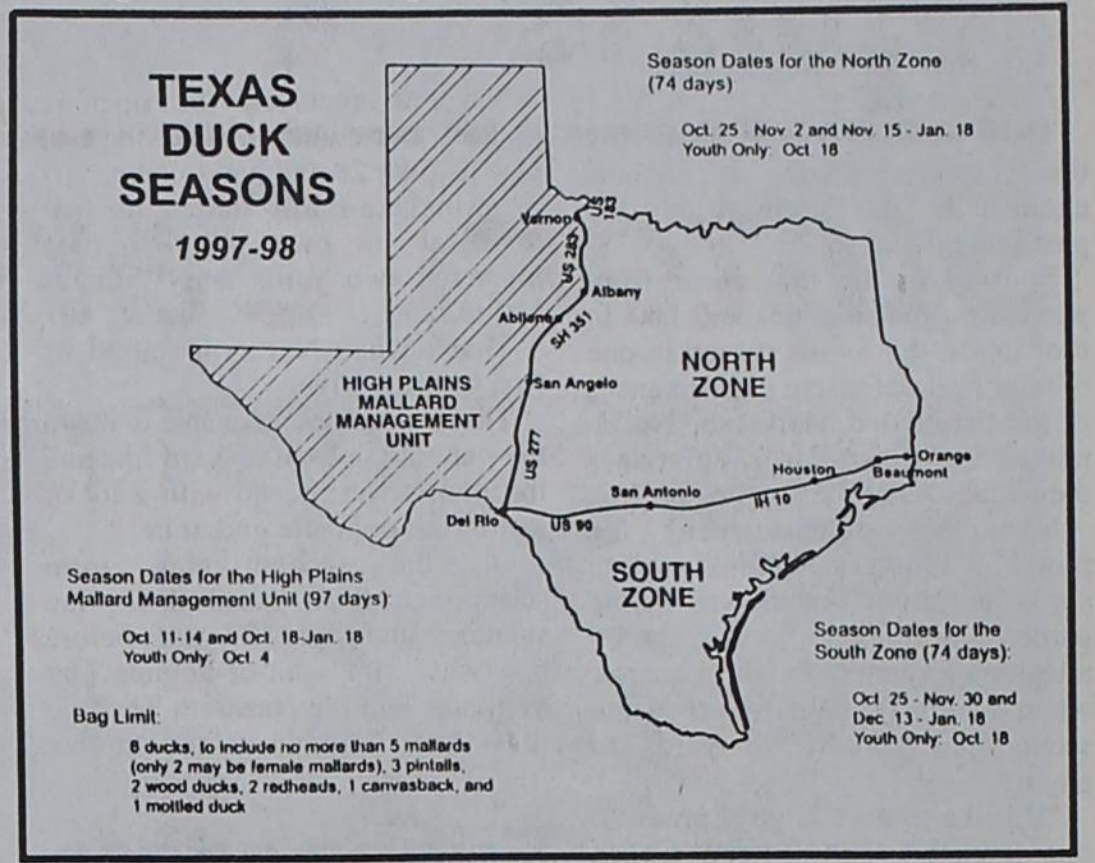
Cooler weather also is expected to bring with it excellent goose hunting this year, according to Sullivan.

"There should be lots of geese," Sullivan predicted. "Production was varied in Canada and across the central Arctic, where storms wiped out goose production. We may not see as many immature white-fronted geese as we anticipated, so hunting may be tougher. As for snow geese, we just need some cold weather to get them here. It should be an excellent year for snows."

Goose season dates for the Eastern Zone are Nov. 1-Feb. 15 for light geese and Nov. 1-Jan. 25 for dark geese, with a bag limit of 10 light geese and two dark geese (one white-front and one Canada, except two Canadas from Jan. 19-25). Goose season in the Western Zone will run from Nov. 1-Feb. 15 for both light and dark geese, with a bag limit of 10 light geese and five dark geese (four Canadas and one white-front).

Merganser and coot seasons are set

to run concurrent with duck seasons, (no more than one hooded merganser) and 15 coots.



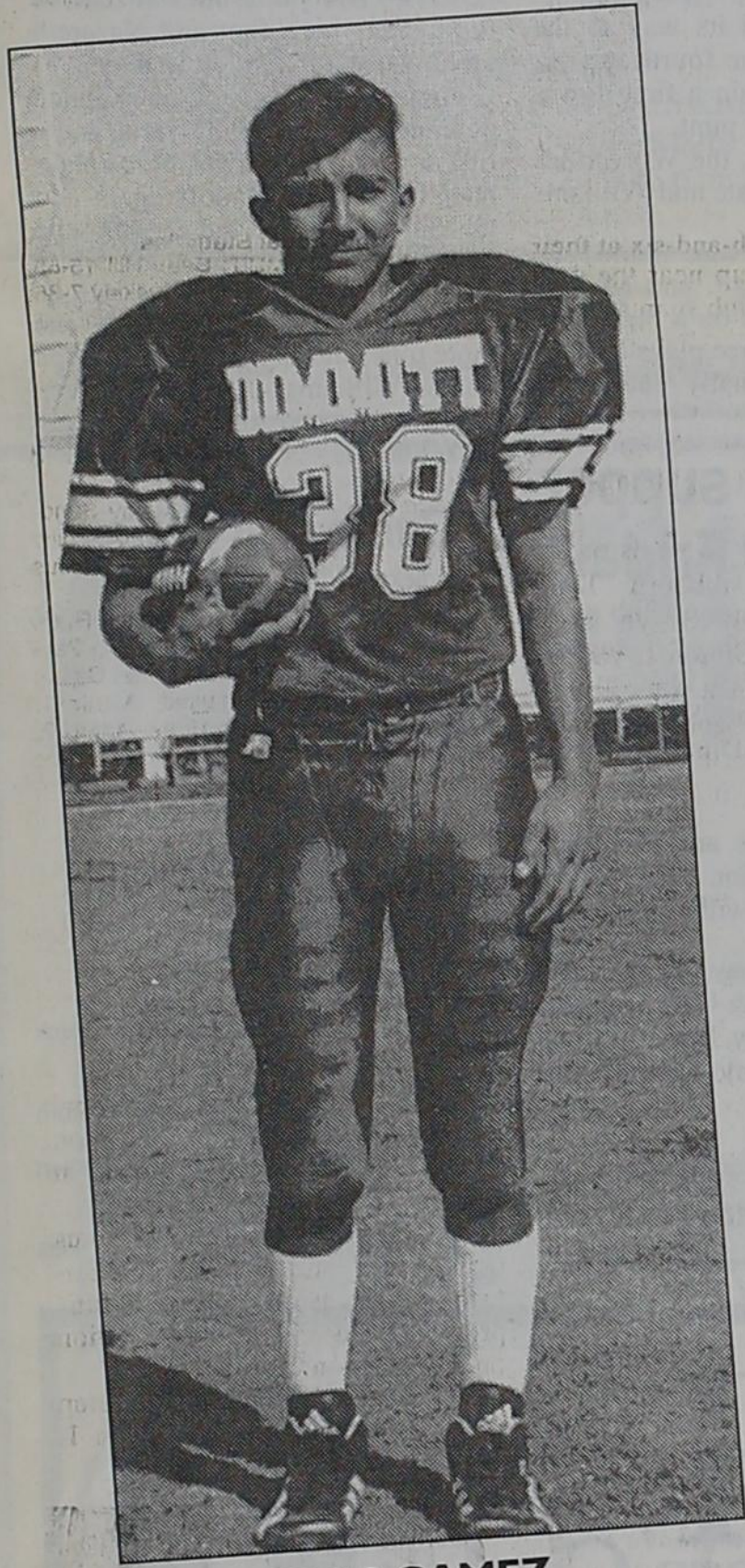
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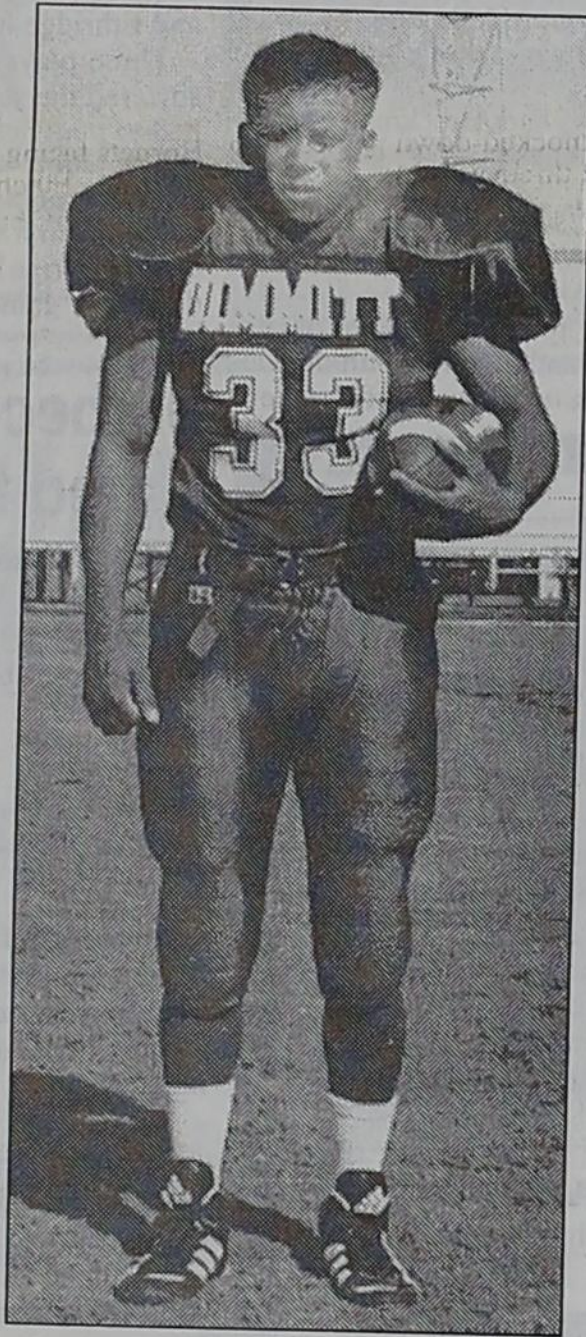
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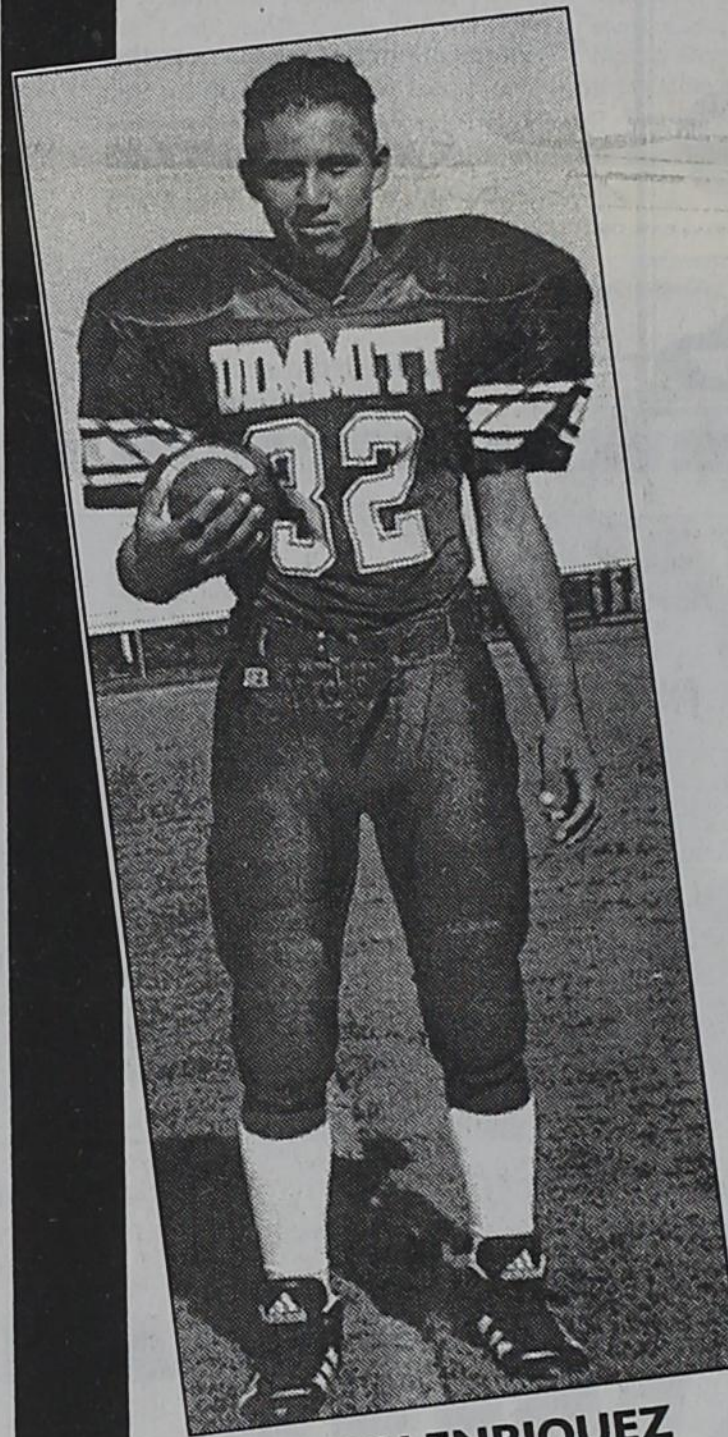
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- Bobcats 28, Lockney 13
- Bobcats 35, Sundow 14
- Bobcats 24, Canadian 31
- Bobcats 28, Muleshoe 6
- Bobcats 47, Sanford-Fritch 0
- Bobcat 28, Dalhart 12
- Bobcats 30, Tulia 0
- Oct. 24 *Friona, Here 7:30
- Oct. 31 *River Road, There 7:30
- Nov. 8 *Perryton (Parents), Here 2:00

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- Freshmen 0, Lockney 12; JV 14, Lockney 0
- Freshmen 18, Friona 26; JV 10, Friona 28
- Freshmen 28, Olton 6; JV 46, Hereford 12
- Freshmen 22, Muleshoe 14; JV 18, Muleshoe 6
- Freshmen 6, Sanford Fritch 30; JV 32, Sanford Fritch 13
- Freshmen 0, Dalhart 22; JV 26, Dalhart 8
- Freshmen 22, Tulia 20; JV 44, Tulia 0
- Oct. 23 *Muleshoe, There 5:00-6:30
- Oct. 30 *River Road, Here 5:00-6:30
- Nov. 6 *Friona, There 5:00-6:30

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- 7th Grade 6, Sundown 8; 8th Grade 14, Sundown 0
- 7th Grade 18, Olton 22; 8th Grade 8, Olton 6
- 7th Grade 26, Muleshoe 20; 8th Grade 6, Muleshoe 33
- 7th Grade 32, Tulia 0; 8th Grade 36, Tulia 6
- 7th Grade 16, Friona 20; 8th Grade 18, Friona 0
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Swifts shock No. 3 Springlake-Earth, 20-7

By SARA BIRKENFELD
Intense defense!
Those words have been adopted by the Nazareth Swifts as encouragement for the defensive unit the past several years.

Spurred on by that cheer from players on the sidelines and fans in the stands, the Swifts turned in one of their best defensive performances of the season and handed the No. 3-ranked Springlake-Earth Wolverines their first loss of the season, 20-7. Nazareth's defense held the powerful Wolverine offense to 190 yards and eight first-downs in the game. Springlake-Earth's only touchdown came in the third quarter when James Williams returned the second-half kickoff 90 yards to paydirt.

"I'd like to give a lot of credit to our defense," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "We basically shut them down."

The Swifts, who improved to 5-2 overall, needed the win to stay alive in the playoff chase. The victory boosted their District 2-A mark to 2-2. Springlake-Earth dropped to 6-1, 3-1.

Nazareth not only did the job on defense, but paralyzed the Wolverines' defense with a power running game that netted 307 yards. Nazareth was able to capitalize on three long, sustained drives of 95, 99 and 93 yards.

Leading the attack was sophomore running back Cameron McLain, who rushed 21 times for 175 yards and a touchdown. Junior quarterback Mitchell Brockman rushed for 54 yards on 10 carries and scored twice. He also had success through the air, completing three of his five passing attempts for 75 yards. Barry Hoelting was on the receiving end of each pass.

"Our backs were to the wall and the guys responded to it well," said Price. "I felt there were a couple of scoring opportunities we wasted, but overall I was really pleased."

Nazareth received the opening kickoff, but couldn't move the ball past its own 28 and had to punt.

Springlake-Earth started its first drive at its own 44, but only mustered two yards and Williams had to punt.

That's when Nazareth started its first scoring drive.

The Wolverines were able to down the punt at the Swift 5-yard line and the Swifts were faced with a lot of turf to the opposite end zone.

On the second play from scrimmage Kern raced down the sidelines and gained 27 yards before he was run out-of-bounds by Williams and the Nazareth 31. Two plays later, McLain gained another first down at the Swift 41.

Friona edges seventh Cats

The Dimmitt seventh graders came up a touchdown short of beating Friona on Oct. 14.

Friona edged the host Bobcats, 20-16.

Each team scored a touchdown in the first quarter, and Dimmitt held an 8-6 advantage after the period, thanks to a successful two-point conversion attempt.

Raul Ontiveros returned a kickoff 73 yards for a touchdown to put Dimmitt on the board, then Lee Brown ran in the two-point conversion.

Friona added another touchdown in the second quarter and managed a TD and conversion in the third to claim the win.

Dimmitt got a touchdown in the third quarter on a five-yard run by Daniel Prieto. Matthew Gauna completed a pass to L.J. Soler for the two-point conversion to make the final 20-16.

"This was a really good game with two good teams competing," said Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster.

Nazareth continued its march downfield, and Merritt crossed midfield and gained a first down at the Wolverine 45 three plays later.

But Nazareth struggled to gain 10 yards over the next three plays and was faced with a fourth-and-one from the 35.

The Swifts elected to go for the first and McLain did the job, breathing new life into the drive.

A run by Merritt moved the ball to the 23, then Nazareth worked its way to the 15 for another first down.

Two plays later, Brockman capped the 95-yard drive on a quarterback keeper good for a 15-yard touchdown. The extra point kick by Hoelting was partially blocked, leaving the score, 6-0, Nazareth. With less than a minute left in the quarter.

Springlake took the ensuing kickoff back to its own 26, and two plays later Williams found an open Trusstin Perry for an 8-yard gain to the S-E 34.

Gabriel Cantu picked up five yards to give the Wolverines a first down to start the second quarter.

Williams gained another first down into Swift territory at the 49.

S-E converted a fourth-and-four play on a run by Williams to keep the drive alive four plays later.

The Wolverines drove to the Swift 26, but the drive stalled there. Nazareth's defense allowed just five more yards in four snaps and the Swifts took over at their own 21 with 5:30 left in the half.

The teams traded punts and Nazareth started another drive late in the quarter, but on the second play from scrimmage, the pitch from Brockman to Matthew Kern was fumbled and the Wolverines recovered at Nazareth's 42.

Springlake-Earth threatened to score with less than two minutes left in the half after Williams broke free and raced for 29 yards and a first-and-goal from the Swift 6.

But the Wolverines went backwards from there.

One play resulted in a loss, then a delay of game penalty moved the ball back to the Nazareth 15.

Williams attempted a pass near the goal line, but it was broken up by the Swifts and the Wolverines elected to attempt a field goal. Garcia's kick was wide and the Swifts held onto their 6-0 lead at halftime.

Springlake-Earth and Williams did away with that lead seconds into the third quarter.

Williams fielded the second half kickoff and found a hole, taking



DODGING THE PACK—Nazareth quarterback Mitchell Brockman (2) gets away from Springlake-Earth's Trusstin Perry (78), Robert Mendoza (72) and Chris Polando (70), turns upfield and finds a little running room, reaching the Springlake-Earth

40 before he's tackled with 1:32 left in the game Friday at Swift Field. Brockman scored two touchdowns as the Swifts upset No. 3 Springlake-Earth and handed the Wolverines their first loss of the season, 20-7.
Photo by Anne Acker

advantage of it and racing 90 yards for the Wolverine's first and only touchdown. Garcia kicked the extra point to give Springlake a 7-6 lead.

Williams' ensuing kickoff was muffed by the Swifts and the ball went out-of-bounds at the Nazareth 1.

But Nazareth wasted little time in digging out of the hole. Kern gained 12 yards up the middle on the first play. Three plays later Nazareth picked up another first down on a 3-yard run by McLain.

Then the air display started. Brockman looked deep to a wide-open Barry Hoelting who made it to the Wolverine 16 before he was dragged down from behind by Williams.

Three plays later Brockman eluded Wolverine defenders and scored on a 4-yard run with 7:36 left in the third. Nazareth made it 14-7 when Kern's run for the two-point conversion was good.

Nazareth took advantage of its momentum and attempted an onside kick, which was successful when

Stanton Wethington recovered it at midfield.

Three plays later Springlake was flagged for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, giving the Swifts a first down at the S-E 24.

From there, the drive stalled, and the Wolverines took over when the Swifts failed to convert a fourth-down play.

The Wolverines managed one first down on their next drive before it stalled and Williams was forced to punt.

Nazareth worked its way to the Springlake 38 in the fourth quarter before failing to gain a first down, and Ethridge had to punt.

Three plays later, the Wolverines suffered the same fate and Williams had to punt again.

The short kick was fielded by Hoelting at S-E's 43, and McLain gained a first down on a big run to the Wolverine 29 three plays later. A delay of game penalty ended the

Swifts' forward progress, and Nazareth failed to convert a fourth-down play, yielding possession to the Wolverines.

On the first play of the S-E drive, Cantu raced up the middle and managed to outrun all Swift defenders, but he was finally taken down by Hoelting deep in Nazareth territory at the 15. But S-E couldn't move the ball from there, and faced a fourth-and-five from the Swift 9.

Williams attempted to obtain the necessary five yards, but was short of the marker by a foot and Nazareth took over with 2:08 left to play.

Three plays later McLain shunned defenders to pick up 37 yards and a first down for the Swifts. Three plays later he got the handoff again and this time made it all the way into the end zone for a 45-yard touchdown to seal the victory, 20-7.

Springlake got the ball back one more time, and as the seconds ticked down, Williams attempted a deep pass near the end zone, but Hoelting picked it off.

Barbecue supper slated for Friday

The Dimmitt Rotary Club will serve a barbecued brisket supper Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria, before the Dimmitt-Friona football game.

Tickets for adults are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Students pay \$4 each. Carry-outs will be available.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply, First Bank, Thriftway, Dimmitt Consumers, or from any Rotary Club member.

Game at a Glance

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| Springlake-Earth | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | -7 |
| Nazareth | 6 | 0 | 8 | 6 | -20 |

| | NAZ | S-E |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| First Downs | 17 | 8 |
| Rushing Yards | 307 | 174 |
| Passing Yards | 75 | 16 |
| Total Yards | 382 | 190 |
| Passes Comp./Att. | 3-5 | 3-13 |
| Interceptions By | 1 | 0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Punts-Avg. Yards | 3-29 | 4-31.5 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-15 | 2-20 |

Scoring Summary

First Quarter:
NAZ—Mitchell Brockman 15 run (kick failed).
Third Quarter:
S-E—James Williams 90 kickoff return (Gabriel Garcia kick).
NAZ—Brockman 4 run (Matthew Kern run).
Fourth Quarter:
NAZ—Cameron McLain 45 run (kick failed).

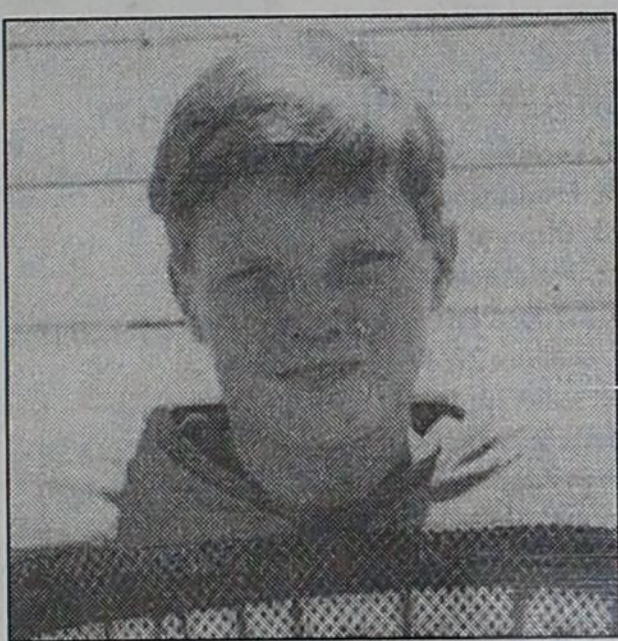
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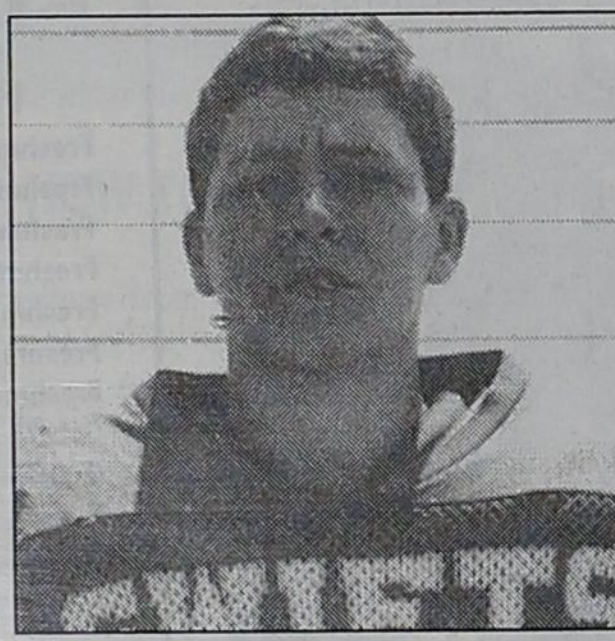
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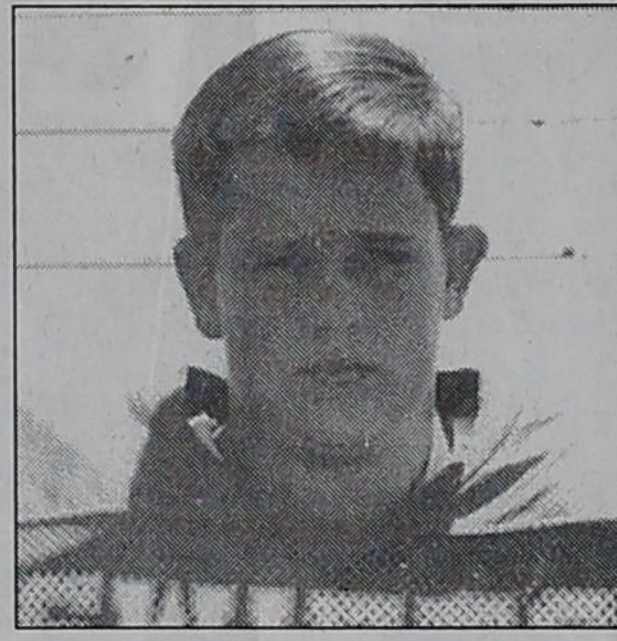
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Hart lead vanishes as Olton wins, 27-21

The Olton Mustangs put together a fourth-quarter rally that resulted in a 27-21 victory over Hart Friday night.

Hart led throughout the game, until the final 3:31. But mistakes throughout the game hurt the Longhorns, according to Coach Chad Watson.

Hart was penalized 16 times for 107 yards and those penalties cost Hart 10 points when scoring plays were nullified.

"Olton is a very well-coached team and we just had too many penalties," said Watson. "We have been in a lot of close games, but we make too many penalties that cost us."

Hart's defense struggled against Olton's rushing attack.

Matt Wilburn ran wild against Hart in the second, third and fourth quarters, rushing for three touchdowns and returning a punt for another to boost his team to victory. Wilburn finished with 165 yards rushing to lead the Mustangs.

Despite Wilburn's effort, Hart led 14-0 after the first quarter, 14-12 at halftime and 21-19 at the end of the third quarter. But the Longhorns couldn't shut down the Mustang runner in the fourth quarter and his fourth touchdown broke the Longhorn lead and gave the Mustangs the win.

J.J. Finch, who led Hart's offen-

sive attack by rushing for 163 yards and two touchdowns, put the Horns on the board in the first quarter when he burst into the end zone from two yards out. Lucas Anzaldua booted the extra point for a 7-0 Hart lead with 7:36 left.

Later in the stanza, Hart quarterback Jared Aven connected with receiver Moses Reyna for a 35-yard touchdown pass with 1:12 remaining. Anzaldua's ensuing PAT made it 14-0, Hart.

Olton's defense did the job in the second quarter; however, shutting out the Longhorns, while the Mustangs put two touchdowns on the board in the last 3:40 of the half.

Almost half of Wilburn's rushing yardage came his first touchdown run, an 80-yarder with 3:40 left in the half. The pass for the two-point conversion fell incomplete, leaving Hart in control, 14-6.

Wilburn trimmed the Longhorn lead even more before halftime when he returned a punt 25 yards for a second Mustang touchdown with 1:59 left. The two-point conversion failed and it was 14-12, Hart, at intermission.

Hart padded its lead with 7:11 left in the third quarter on a 10-yard touchdown run by Finch. Anzaldua's extra point gave the Longhorns a 21-12 lead.

Wilburn answered Finch's touch-

down with one of his own in the third, this time from a yard out with 2:26 to go. John Smith kicked the extra point to make it 21-19.

The Mustangs finally took the lead late in the fourth quarter when Wilburn broke free for a 44-yard touchdown run, and Mike Adams caught a pass from Smith for the two-point conversion, to make it 27-21.

Game at a Glance

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| Hart | 14 | 0 | 7 | 0-21 |
| Olton | 0 | 12 | 7 | 8-27 |

| | HART | OLTON |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 15 | 11 |
| Rushing Yards | 179 | 204 |
| Passing Yards | 92 | 39 |
| Total Yards | 271 | 243 |
| Passes Comp./Att. | 7-13 | 1-7 |
| Interceptions By | 1 | 1 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Avg. Yards | 2-25 | 3-27 |
| Penalties-Yards | 16-107 | 11-105 |

Scoring Summary

First Quarter:
HART—J.J. Finch 2 run (Lucas Anzaldua kick).
HART—Moses Reyna 35 pass from Jared Aven (Anzaldua kick).
Second Quarter:
OLTON—Matt Wilburn 80 run (pass failed).
OLTON—Wilburn 25 punt return (pass failed).
Third Quarter:
HART—Finch 10 run (Anzaldua kick).
OLTON—Wilburn 1 run (John Smith kick).
Fourth Quarter:
OLTON—Wilburn 44 run (Mike Adams pass from Smith).



HART'S MOSES REYNA (33) tries to dodge an Olton defender during action Friday in a District 3-AA game at Olton. The Longhorns jumped out to a 14-0 lead and led 14-12 at halftime. Each team added

a touchdown in the third, and Hart still held a two-point advantage. But Olton came back in the fourth quarter and scored late in the game to claim the victory.

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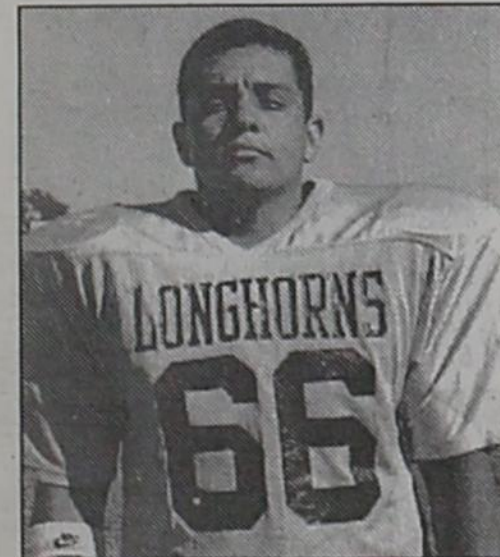
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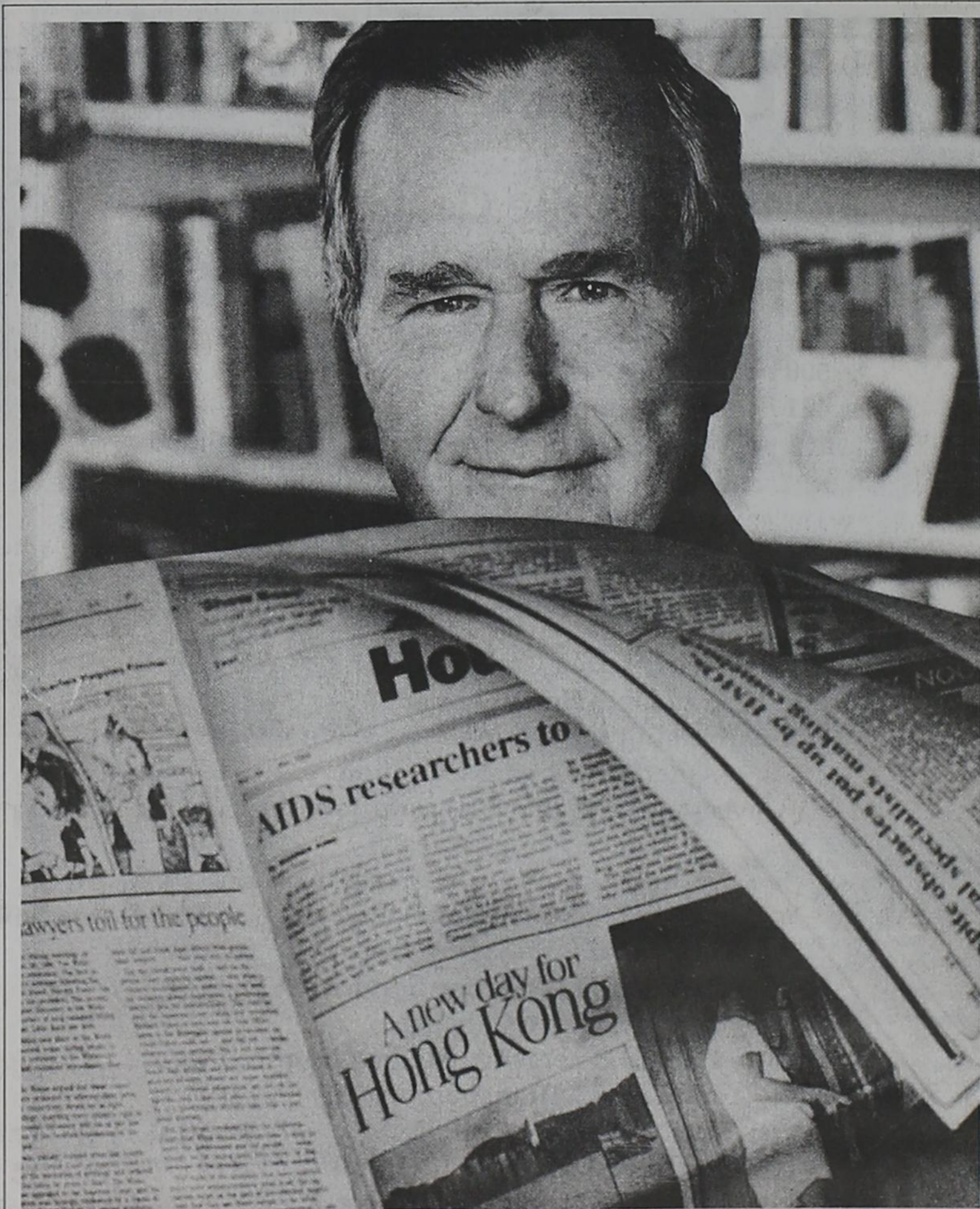
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Sutton, JV Bobcats shut out Tulia, 44-0

Quarterback Justin Sutton scored four touchdowns and passed for two two-point conversions as the Junior Varsity Bobcats blanked the Tulia JV, 44-0, here last Thursday.

All the scoring was done in the first three quarters.

The victory hiked the JV Bobcats' record to 6-1 on the season and 4-0 in district play.

Sutton broke loose on a 70-yard run for Dimmitt's first TD in the first quarter. A Sutton-to-Taylor pass added two points to give the JV Bobcats an 8-0 lead.

Later in the opening period, the JV Bobcats put together a 10-play scoring drive, with Sutton getting the TD on a two-yard run. The conversion attempt failed.

Daniel Flores got Dimmitt's third touchdown on a nifty 50-yard run in the second quarter. Sutton passed to Sanders for a two-point conversion to make it 22-0.

Sutton scored the final TD of the first half to extend Dimmitt's lead to 28-0.

Sutton scored again in the third

quarter to hike the JV Bobcats' lead to 36-0, then Brandon Allison finished the scoring with a two-yard TD run and a two-point conversion plunge, making it 44-0.

Tyson Traylor paced the Dimmitt defense in the shutout, while coaches cited the entire offensive unit for its good play in the scoring spree.

The JV Bobcats will travel to Muleshoe today (Thursday) for their next district game. Kickoff time is 7 p.m.

Haywood visits here

State Senator Tom Haywood visited in Castro County last week.

Oct. 15, he spoke to the monthly luncheon meeting of the Republican Organization of Women at K-Bob's. The 22 members and 11 guests present reviewed the Constitutional amendments and discussed the recent legislative session of the Texas Senate.

Then Ed Self, candidate for District Judge of the 242nd Judicial District, spoke about himself and his candidacy. He said he wanted to clarify that he is a friend to Judge Jack Miller, of the 64th Judicial District, and is not running for the place Miller occupies.

A brief business meeting was held. Approval was given for a letter to be sent asking US Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison and Congressman Mac Thornberry to be alert to the loss of rights by treaties and agreements made with the United Nations over US properties such as Independence Hall and Yellowstone National Park.

Haywood made visits to Hart, Dimmitt and Nazareth schools on Oct. 15 and last Thursday. He also visited with area superintendents.

A reception was held for Haywood the evening of Oct. 15 in the home of Jack and Doris Flynt in Dimmitt.



LONG BOMB—Dimmitt quarterback Derek Buckley (10) uncorks a long pass intended for Casey Smith in the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game at Tulia. Tailback Stuart Sutton (1, center) looks for someone to block while Rusty Wooten (65) takes care of Tulia's Michael Allen (52).

This pass was broken up, but on the next play Buckley hit Sutton with a screen pass that went 61 yards for Dimmitt's final touchdown. The Bobcats won in a 30-0 shutout to remain unbeaten in district play.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Horns will face Bovina Friday night

Hart has fallen on hard times, and the Longhorns hope to turn the tide this week when they host the Bovina Mustangs in a District 3-AA game. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

The Longhorns have dropped their last six games after winning the season opener. Hart and Bovina have yet to win a district game in two outings. Bovina lost to Hale Center and Lockney while Hart dropped games to Lockney and Olton.

Bovina is 5-2 overall and has outscored opponents 187-93 this season.

"They're the same as last year—well coached," said Hart Coach Chad Watson. "They run a Wing-T on offense and 5-2 on defense. And they've got a big offensive and defensive line."

The Mustangs' powerful offense is averaging more than 300 yards per game this season and the defense has allowed only 185 yards per game.

The Wing-T offense features several experienced veterans including the entire offensive line and four skill players. They include quarterback Tony Beauchamp (6-3, 190), runningback Albert Larrera (5-11, 185), wingback Martin Reyna (5-9, 160), wide receiver Luke Steelman (6-3, 185) and tight end Francisco Nieto (6-2, 215).

Linemen are Erik Galvan and George Villarreal (5-9, 165) at guards, Lupe Rivera (5-10, 245) and Santiago Serna (5-10, 200) at tackles.

"They are mainly run-oriented on offense, but they do have the ability to throw the ball," said Watson.

Watson said the key for the Horns this week will be stopping Beauchamp, who does run with the ball.

"He was district champion in the 100 last year and he's got great speed. We've got to contain him."

Watson added that Hart has to eliminate its turnovers and penalties. "We've also got to be able to move the ball."

Bovina runs a basic 5-2 on defense featuring Beauchamp, Larrera, Manny Quintana, Derrick Vanegas and Reyna in the secondary, Steelman at one of the ends, Jose Vitolas (5-10, 190) at noseguard and Ivan Sanchez (5-10, 210) and Miguel Hernandez (5-10, 260) at tackles.

Dimmitt eighth graders blank Chieftains, 18-0

Dimmitt eighth graders capitalized on drives in the second, third and fourth quarters and the defense stymied Friona for an 18-0 victory at home on Oct. 14.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Bobcats got on track in the second and scored on a seven-yard quarterback keeper by Jake Laurent for a 6-0 lead.

Dimmitt extended its lead to 12-0 in the third when a quick pitch to Albert Campos resulted in a five-yard touchdown.

The Bobcats capped the game with a touchdown pass from Laurent to Anthony Oltivero in the fourth for an 18-0 win.

Offensive standouts were Laurent, Oltivero, Omar Torres and Benny Pompa while Manuel Rivera, Tanner Self and Johnny Caldera turned in good performances on the defensive side of the ball.

Swifts have new life in playoff race

The Nazareth Swifts are still alive in the playoff chase thanks to a big District 2-A victory over highly ranked Springlake-Earth last week, but there are still three games left and the Swifts must win them all to have a shot at the playoffs.

This week the 5-2 Swifts will travel to Motley County to take on the 2-5 Matadors. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Motley County hasn't won a district game, yet, while the Swifts are

2-2 in conference play.

The Matadors operate out of a one-back set and the offense is directed by quarterback Keane Cruse (6-2, 185). Motley County likes to throw the ball and Cruse's main receivers are Aaron Green (5-10, 185) and Aaron Binder (5-9, 175). Scott Smith is tight end.

Cruse has thrown for 602 yards this season and Green has been on the receiving end for half of those yards.

The Matadors have a big, talented running back in Joe Mangram (6-2, 220).

The offensive front is anchored by Chris Guerrero, a 6-5, 310-pounder, and Dayton Grundy (6-0, 170).

Motley County has only put 77 points on the board this season, and has given up 216.

The Matadors have averaged 233 yards per game on offense this season, but against Sudan on Friday, Motley County couldn't get its offense in gear. The Hornets held MC to 105 yards passing and totally destroyed the Matadors' running game, dropping them for a minus-50 yards rushing.

Motley County will line up in different defensive formations, and has allowed more than 267 yards per game.

The front line features Mangram, Robert Gillespie (5-6, 160), Guerrero and Blake Barton (5-10, 175).

Green, Grundy, Jerod Rieger (5-11, 135) and Benji Rodriguez (5-10, 200) provide a strong linebacking corps. The secondary includes Cruse and Ty Barclay (5-9, 140).

GOP Fly-in draws crowd

Sunday afternoon, four Republican officials flew in to Dimmitt and spoke for a gathering at the gazebo on the courthouse square.

Those who spoke included Texas State Republican Chairman Susan Weddington, State Senator Tom Haywood, Dist. 30 Committeeman Frank Alvarez, and Committeewoman Pat Peale.

The four greeted supporters and encouraged local Republicans in current issues and races.

It was announced that state and area Republicans will host a "Listening to the Heartland" conference Nov. 20 in Lubbock to get to know people in this area, and to receive input about issues and concerns in response to effective governing.

Also, the local Republican Party will be hosting Ag Commissioner candidate Susan Combs on Nov. 12 at 6 p.m., with the place to be announced at a later date.

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Of special interest will be the smaller version of Glenna Goodacre's "Vietnam Women's Memorial" and several original works by Tom Lovell who was tragically killed this summer in a car wreck in Santa Fe.

The exhibition will include western, wildlife, landscape, and figurative art. Oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, bronzes, limited edition prints, and books are included in the show. All works of art will be available for purchase. Prices of the artwork will range from \$50 to approximately \$15,000.

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Dimmitt 9th posts 22-20 come-from-behind victory

The Freshman Bobcats rallied from a 20-0 halftime deficit to win a 22-20 heart-stopper over Tulia's freshmen here last Thursday.

Tulia scored 14 points in the first quarter and six in the second to take a big 20-0 lead, and seemed on its way to a win as the Freshman Bobcats tried to get into sync.

But after halftime, the Freshman Bobcats rallied with 14 points in the third, then scored the winning TD and two-point conversion with just 48 seconds left in the game.

B. J. Hill winged a pass to Daniel Proffitt that went 43 yards for Dimmitt's first touchdown. Emanuel Jaramillo got the two-point conversion on a run.

Later in the third, Hill broke loose on a 32-yard TD run to cut Tulia's lead to 20-14. The two-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

With time running out in the game, Hill connected with Ben Ruiz on a pass, and 48 yards later the Freshman Bobcats had their tying touchdown.

Then Hill ran into the end zone with the all-important two-point conversion to make it 22-20.

Tulia fought back with its aerial attack, but Bobby Hill intercepted a pass with 30 seconds left to seal the Dimmitt win.

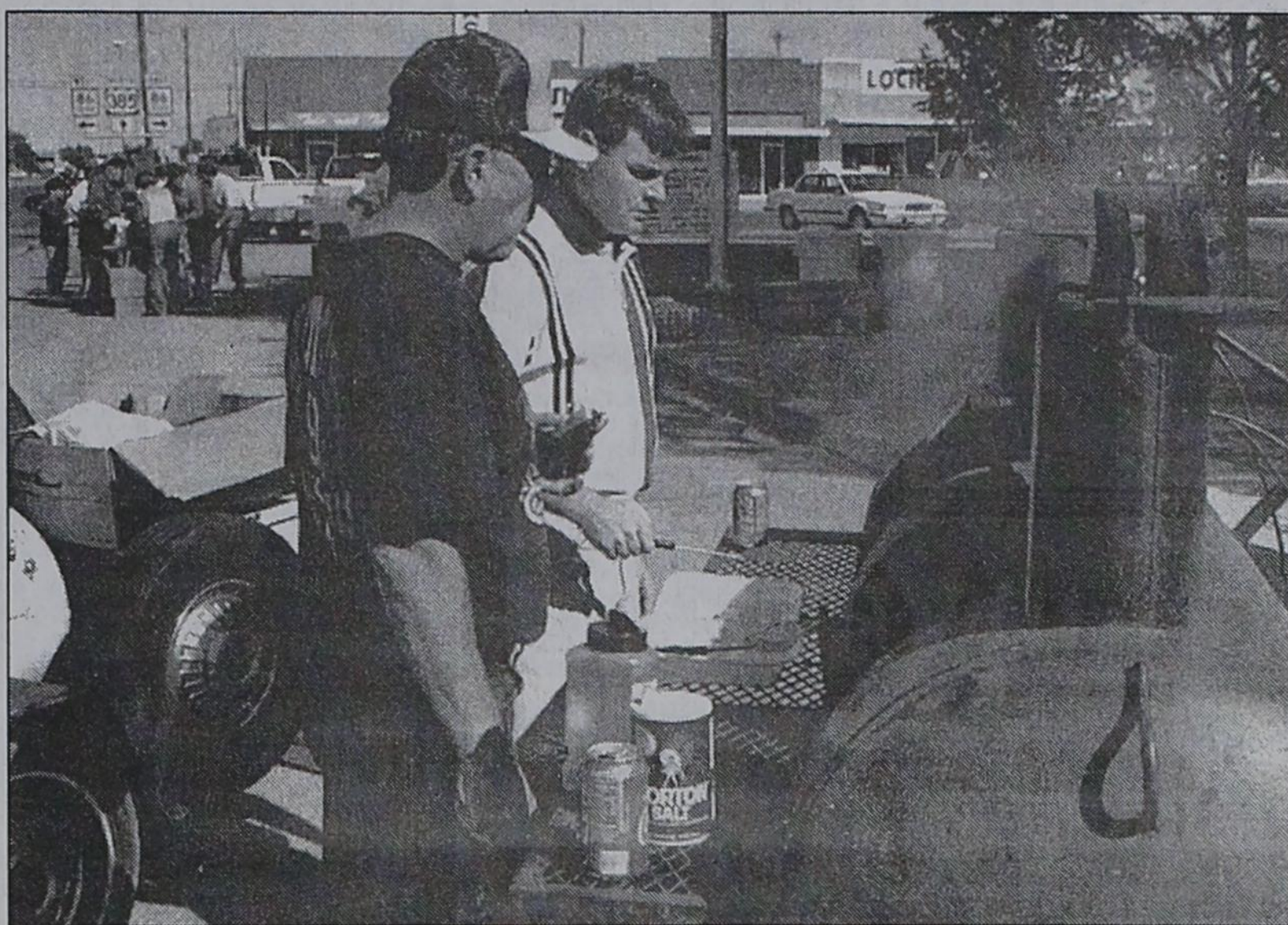
The victory hiked the Freshman Bobcats' season record to 3-4.

"Daniel Proffitt had a great game catching the ball," Coaches Lynch and Gothard commented, "and B. J. Hill was right on the money with his passes. Ben Ruiz made a great catch to win the game."

On defense, Luis Gonzales and Antonio Barrera came in at new positions "and did a great job," the coaches said.

"You have to give the kids credit for coming from behind," they said. "What we must do is not put ourselves in that situation the next time."

The next time will be today (Thursday), when the Freshman Bobcats go to Muleshoe for a 5 o'clock kickoff.



BURGERS COMING UP—Joe Josselet (foreground) and Tim Farris dodge the smoke as they grill patties during the Dimmitt Lions Club's 13th annual Beef Appreciation Day on the courthouse square Saturday.

In left background, customers get all the fixings at the serving tables. The Lions served up more than 350 hamburgers during the 2½-hour event.

Photo by Don Nelson

RES third graders listed on honor roll

Richardson Elementary School third graders recently received recognition for the first nine-week grading period. Recognition was given for the honor roll, best citizens, and hardest workers.

Honor students are listed below by classroom:

Axtell

HONOR ROLL: Jessie Lara, Chelsea Buckley, Micaela Salinas, Scott Martinez.

BEST CITIZENS: Lara, Martinez, Salinas.

HARDEST WORKERS: Tabitha McAllister, Lara, KaShondra Sherman, Salinas.

Bain

HONOR ROLL: Anna Brockman, Randi Cates, Kirsti Edwards, Roxanne Martinez, Bryce Parker, Dana Sandoval, Victoria Sanchez.

BEST CITIZENS: Brockman, Sandoval.

HARDEST WORKER: Cates.

Stanton-Sepeda

HONOR ROLL: Karla Aguero, Humberto Aguilar, Gladys Ruiz.

BEST CITIZENS: Jorge Quintana, Blanca Salas.

HARDEST WORKER: Dario Luna, Salas.

Merritt

HONOR ROLL: Arica Cisneros, Beau Gonazles, Celena Gregory, Brittany Heard, Samantha Howell, Haley Lunsford, Seth McLain, Thelma Medrano, Caleb Smitker.

BEST CITIZEN: Cisneros.

HARDEST WORKER: Samantha Howell.

Koch

HONOR ROLL: Brandy Smith, Daniela Zepeda, Joslyn Harmonson, Clarissa Sanchez, Roger Ramirez, Kim Back.

BEST CITIZENS: Smith, Zepeda.

HARDEST WORKERS: Jessica Castillo, Carmen Pena, Zane Matthews, Mary Sanchez.

Terminal patients have option with 'do not resuscitate' order

You've heard of the "living will," by which you can specify in advance that you not be kept alive by artificial means if you're terminally ill or injured.

But have you heard about the "Out of Hospital: Do Not Resuscitate" order?

That's another "advance directive" that you can order if you have been diagnosed by a physician as having a terminal condition.

It is designed to prevent resuscitation efforts that are normally performed by an Emergency Medical Service.

Known as "Out-of-hospital DNR," the order applies only to six resuscitation processes: cardiac compression, tracheal intubation, artificial ventilation, defibrillation, cardiac pacing, and the administration of cardiac resuscitation medications.

According to Vicki Buckley, R.N., director of the Castro County Hospital District's Home Health Agency, the out-of-hospital DNR is not designed to cover the issues addressed by a durable power of attorney for health care, or a directive to a physician. For instance, it will not name an agent or make health-care decisions or prevent the administration of life-sustaining procedures other than the processes listed on the out-of-hospital DNR form.

The form for the directive is a state-approved document with a distinctive logo (unlike a "living will," which may be produced and copied by many sources).

The DNR logo is designed to quickly inform the EMS response team that the DNR form is valid.

The form is filled out by the person or the person's agent, and his or her attending physician, and is witnessed by individuals who are not related to or caring for the person completing the form.

The form should remain with the person wherever he or she goes. The person also may wear a state-approved identification bracelet or necklace.

It is the presence of the form, bracelet or necklace that informs the EMS, Home Health or Hospice nurse not to perform the resuscitation efforts usually required by practice standards.

A woman known to be pregnant cannot use an out-of-hospital DNR order.

Physicians and health-care workers

are required by law to honor an advance directive if they know it exists. For that reason, it is wise to have multiple copies of the directive made and give them to all health-care agencies involved with the patient's care.

("Advance directives" are documents that provide instruction on health care for the patient when the patient is unable to speak for himself. State law allows Texans to use three different advance directives: [1] out-of-hospital DNR, [2] durable power of attorney for health care [DPOA], and [3] directive to physician [also known as a living will].)

Anyone over 18 may obtain and fill out an advance directive. For the durable power of attorney for health care, an agent must be named.

The easiest way to obtain advance-directive forms—and more information on the requirements that govern them—is to ask your health-care provider, your physician, the Home Health Agency or Hospice. Any Medicare provider should have information on all three types of directives for health care, Buckley said.

The Home Health Agency also provides public education programs to groups, agencies and civic clubs. For further information, you may contact Home Health Agency Director Vicki Buckley, R.N., at 647-2848, or Emergency Medical Services Director Shane Lindsey at 647-2191.

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 Showbar.

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.

High Plains to lead research into precision agriculture

Precision agriculture, which links space-age technology with down-to-earth management practices, offers new opportunities for Texas farmers to cope with the challenges of modern production.

That's according to legislators and scientists, who addressed some 400 participants at a field day at Halfway on Oct. 13.

To help the state's farmers learn about and assess the new technology, the Texas Legislature is backing a far-ranging research and education program, according to Texas Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney of Hale Center, who was among speakers at the event. Laney said the state has budgeted \$1 million a year for the program for two years.

The effort is designed to "bring technology we have in other parts of our society out to the farm," explained Rep. David Swinford of Dumas. He cited global positioning satellites and other systems that now enable farmers to pinpoint problem areas such as soil deficiencies and insect buildup, calling it "Star Wars, agriculture style."

On hand for visitors to examine and discuss with experts were more than a score of such systems and combines, sprayers and other farm equipment already employing such technology. Scientists and educators from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, West Texas A&M University and the US Dept. of Agriculture-Agriculture Resource Service, all collaborating in the program, presented displays and demonstrations.

Swinford said leaders of the Experiment Station and Extension Service had shown him that the state was lagging behind other areas in making use of such new tools.

"Agriculture is changing rapidly, and Texas agriculture must be prepared for dramatically different conditions than it has known," said Dr. Edward Hiller, vice chancellor for agriculture and dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University. He said those changes include the absence of traditional farm support programs, operation in a global economy and increased economic risk.

Currently, producers treat each field as a single unit, yet recognize that soil properties, insect and weed populations and other factors that regulate crop yield vary from location to location within a field. Precision agriculture uses the new technology to allow farmers to apply production inputs in proper amounts only when and where needed, within small portions of a field, to maximize efficiency and profits and reduce environmental pressures.

The state program will provide sound research to quantify factors of precision agriculture, develop and evaluate instruments and software to measure and analyze production variability and plant response, determine the economic and physical feasibility of precision agriculture components, develop and evaluate variable rate application technology and establish an effective network through the AgriPartners program to transfer the findings to the farm.

Research will be conducted at Experiment Station facilities at Lamesa, Halfway, Bushland and Etter. With these sites, Swinford says

"we have the ability to cover most of the crops in the Texas High Plains."

Those crops include cotton, grain sorghum, corn, wheat, vegetables, soybeans, sugar beets, peanuts and sunflowers. The work will be adaptable throughout Texas.

A score of specific investigations initiated as part of the program and locations include:

- ◆ Comparison of site-specific versus conventional management of corn, wheat and soybeans (Etter).

- ◆ Environmental and economic tradeoffs of site-specific versus conventional farming methods (Etter).

- ◆ Crop yield monitoring and livestock integration (Bushland).

- ◆ Evaluation of precision agriculture technologies for site-specific irrigation in pathogen-infested soils (Bushland).

- ◆ Rapid determination of seasonal nitrogen status and spatial variation

in potatoes (Halfway).

- ◆ Precision agriculture for summer grain crops (Halfway).

- ◆ Precision farming practices in cotton (Ag-Cares Farm, Lamesa).

- ◆ Determining root-knot nematode density for variable-rate nematicide application (Lamesa).



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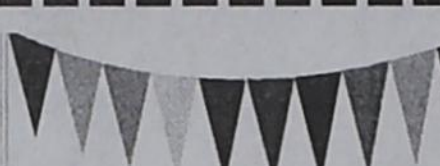
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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on Oct. 28, 1997, at 6 p.m. in the Aldermen's Chambers at the City Hall to discuss and consider a variance of Section 14-21 of the City Code for Rayphard Smithson, 720 Maple, who plans to construct a storage building which will be located within the 5-ft. side lot line property and the 10-ft. rear property line "No Construction Zone" as established by Section 14-21 of the City Code.

Persons wishing to make comment both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Dept. of Public Works, 217 E. Jones, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by Article 1011g of the Vernons Civil Statutes.

VICTOR BURROWS
Building Inspector, City of Dimmitt
25-29-11c

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF DIMMITT ELECTION
A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL DIMMITT, TEXAS:

Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abakp se aborram desde las 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. el 4 noviembre, 1997, para votar en la eleccion para a council member from district number three (3) to fill an unexpired term.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Dolores Baldrige/Betty McClure, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el octubre 27, 1997.

Emittads este dia 23rd de septiembre, 1997.

JO HAMILTON
Firma del Oficial que Preside
25-29-21c

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF DIMMITT ELECTION
TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF DIMMITT TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, for voting in a city election, to elect a council member from district number three (3) to fill an unexpired term.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE: Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 16, 1997 and ending on October 31, 1997.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Dolores Baldrige/Betty McClure, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 27, 1997.

Issued this 23rd day of September, 1997.

JO HAMILTON
Signature of Presiding Officer
25-29-21c



PASSING OF THE GAVEL—The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club held officer installation ceremonies Monday at noon. Here, Kiwanis Division 33 Lt. Gov. Robert Chavez (left) looks on as incoming club president John Kovacs (center) accepts the gavel from outgoing president Mike Husman (right). Photo by Linda Maxwell

High Plains cotton growers enjoying good fall weather

Cotton growers on the Texas High Plains are crossing their fingers that Mother Nature will keep smiling on them for a few more days so they can get their valuable crop harvested in good condition.

The 25-county area surrounding Lubbock annually produces around three million bales. That is about half of the state's cotton and 20 to 25% of the nation's crop. This year, under provisions of the new farm bill, the US Dept. of Agriculture says area farmers planted 3.26 million acres and will harvest an estimated 3.5 million bales.

"Mother Nature has been really good to us this fall," said Dr. Randy Boman, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock. "What she took away from us early in the growing season she gave back to us in the fall. We've really had a good year, even with the tough start."

At planting time in May and early June, near-record rains delayed planting in much of the area, washed out some fields and provoked some disease problems. Winds, hail and blowing sand also took a toll.

"We lost about 250,000 acres, some of which was replanted to cotton," Boman said.

With the area's short growing season, late-planted cotton needs a lot of help from Mother Nature, as well as growers.

Early in the season "we were at 300% of our normal rainfall," said Mark Brown, Lubbock County Extension agent. "Now we're at 119% of normal."

In addition to the rain, cooler than normal temperatures slowed the crop's progress.

"In June, the average daily temperature in Lubbock was 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit below normal. In July, we finally managed to get in the plus column, with readings 0.6 degrees above the average daily temperature."

July's average daily reading was one degree above normal.

Under those conditions, the US Dept. of Agriculture on Aug. 12 estimated the area would harvest only 3.1 million bales.

But weather conditions in August and September turned things around for the growers.

"The average daily temperature in Lubbock during September was 3.5 degrees above normal," Boman said.

"What was really good, was that most of the favorable conditions of September carried over into October."

"We had a lot of open weather with clear sunny days," said Dr. James Leser, Extension Service cotton entomologist.

He says that was important for the accumulation of heat units, a formula based on temperature and number of hours of exposure to gauge the amount of heat the cotton plant accumulates each day. Growers use this to determine the stages of development of the plant.

A cotton plant needs between 700 and 800 heat units to develop a bloom into a harvestable boll.

Despite the slow, cool start, Lubbock County was at 99% of its normal heat units between May 1 and Oct. 15, said Brown.

From Aug. 20 through Oct. 6, Lubbock received 750 heat units. That's generally enough to mature blooms on the plant on Aug. 20 into harvestable bolls, according to Boman.

Chorale to sponsor dinner, music show

The Texas Plains Chorale is sponsoring a barbecue dinner and country music show beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The Chorale includes several Dimmitt residents including Charles Axtell, Jerry Heller, Dwight Joiner, Avie Lewis and Wayne Proffitt.

Entertainment will be provided by three cowboy musicians, story tellers and singers. The Chorale is sponsoring this event to raise funds for a planned tour of England in June 1998.

The Chorale members will prepare the dinner with all the trimmings. Cost of tickets for the event is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students age 13-18 and senior citizens age 55 and over, and \$7 for children age 12 and under. A family of four may attend for \$35.

Tickets are available at the Hereford Chamber of Commerce office, KPAN Radio in Hereford, or from any member of the Texas Plains Chorale.

The Chorale will sing some western-style music after the barbecue dinner and before turning the rest of the evening over to the guest musicians.

Headlining the performance will be David Ligon of Nickel Creek Ranch in the Guadalupe Mountains of Texas. Ligon is well known for furnishing music and being the "cookie" for trail rides all over the world.

He was born and raised in Fort

Stockton and is a rancher and wind miller by profession. He has played the guitar and sung with many bands and groups since he started out in 1947.

Ligon plays traditional cowboy style, bluegrass, Appalachian style and country-western music. He holds an annual music festival on his ranch that draws people from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado.

Other musicians expected to join the show are Vance Sorrells, who has performed with Roberta Flack, Emmy Lou Harris, Gordon Lightfoot, Ian Tyson and Kris Kristofferson. He is a composer and theatrical musical director and his own music has been incorporated into various theatrical productions in St. Louis and Washington, D.C. he is currently staff musician at Camp Stewart for Boys in Hunt.

Stewart Crawford and his wife will complete the group. Crawford plays guitar, banjo, dobro and sings. He has performed with Sorrells for a long time and with Ligon for several years.

Crawford's wife plays the bass fiddle.

He has been performing for 40 years, first on the East Coast and then on the West Coast. In 1974 he moved to Louisiana where he formed the South Louisiana Bluegrass Association, and he served as its president until 1995. He lives in Comfort, where he has an award winning bluegrass band.



Local women attend TFRW state convention

Four local women served as Castro County Republican Women delegates to the Texas Federation of Republican Women's State Convention held in Lubbock over the weekend.

Serving as delegates were Deanne Clark, Doris Flynt, Emma Jean King, and Gwen Bryant. Patsy Franks and Cathy Hill were alternates. Bryant's mother, Merle Arthur, was a guest.

The Castro County ladies helped register delegates, in addition to attending business sessions, seminars, banquets, and receptions.

The gala Friday night was held at the Caprock Winery, and several candidates and delegations held dessert receptions.

The 439 voting delegates and 20 alternates attending considered by-laws changes and resolutions dealing with the abolishment of the IRS and opposition to President Clinton's intent to sign the United National Global Climate Treaty.

A massive slate of candidates and office holders spoke to the conventioners, highlighted by Gov. and Mrs. George Bush, Ag Commissioner Rick Perry, Senator Kay

Dimmitt artist's work to be shown at Barnes & Noble

Computer Realism by Dimmitt artist Joan A. Craig will be featured at Barnes & Noble Book Sellers in Amarillo during October.

The store is located at 2415 Soncy Road and there is no admission charge to view the work.

Bailey Hutchison, and Carole Keeton Rylander, Railroad Commission Chairman.

New officers for the TFRW were elected. Pat Peale of Cooke County was elected District Director for this district (#30).

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Obituaries

J.C. Gardner

Graveside memorial services for J.C. Gardner, 85, of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Westlawn Memorial Park Garden of Devotion in Dimmitt.

Gardner died Oct. 7 in University Manor in Lubbock after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 21, 1911, at Wolfe City to Jesse Johnson Gardner and Willie Elizabeth Gardner. He moved to Plainview, where he met and married Muriel Maxine Smith on May 13, 1933.

Gardner started or helped start many Baptist churches as an ordained minister. Among those he was instrumental in starting were the Arney Baptist Church of Arney; Northside, Lee Street and New Hope Baptist churches of Dimmitt; Yahats Baptist of Yahats, Ore.; and Medicine Park and Richard Spur Baptist churches near Lawton, Okla. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Westmoreland Baptist Church of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years and by a son, John David Gardner of Georgia.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary Zonelle Phillips and Virginia Elaine Maxwell, both of Lubbock; a son, Kenneth Jaye Gardner of Ariz.; 17 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Kelley Don Green

Kelley Don Green, 36, of Sunnyside, died last Thursday, Oct. 16, at his home in Sunnyside.

Services were held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Earth with Rev. Bobby Broyles officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Green was born June 12, 1961, in Littlefield. He had lived in the Sunnyside area for 28 years, moving from Mannford, Okla. He married Dara Loudder on July 11, 1989, in Sunnyside. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Will Green of Sunnyside; two daughters, Brandi Fennell and Melissa Green, both of Sunnyside; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Green of Earth; his grandmother, Clota Belle Kelley of Earth; and a brother, Steve Green of Mannford.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care, 1112 W. Jones Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; or Earth Memorial Cemetery, PO Box 523, Earth, Texas 79031.

Kenny Rose

Services for Kenny Rose, 36, of Matador, brother of Coleen Baxter of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church at Matador with Rev. Phillip Hilton, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sunray, the Rev. Felton Gilmore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Matador, officiating. Burial followed in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Rose died Sunday in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

He was born May 17, 1961, in Matador and he graduated from Matador High School. He attended TSTI in Amarillo.

He married Lisa Ashley on Oct. 6, 1985, in Matador. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church and was active in Little League and Boy Scouts. He was a television and appliance repairman and he had operated an automotive detailing and service business.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Quinten Rose of Matador; a daughter, Savannah of Matador; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Rose of Matador; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thrasher of Plainview; a brother, Tony of Matador; and a sister, Baxter.

Orman Ward "Lou" Tumlinson

Orman Ward "Lou" Tumlinson, 72, of Victoria, uncle of Brenda Bruton of Dimmitt, died at 11 p.m. Saturday at Veterans Hospital in San Antonio after a lengthy illness.

Graveside services were held Wednesday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Tumlinson was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Elida, N.M. He had lived in Lubbock before moving to Victoria in 1991.

He was a World War II veteran and was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worked in the construction business as a refrigeration engineer for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clayton Tumlinson; and a sister, Elizabeth Cryer.

Survivors include a brother, Preston Tumlinson of Deming, N.M.; three sisters, Elva Webster of Stone Mountain, Ga., Nora Belle Chilton of Mountainair, N.M., and Naomi Riegel of Clovis, N.M.

The family requests memorials be to Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery, PO Box 452, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

More about

Friona at Dimmitt . . .

(Continued from Page 1)
can opt to tuck it in and run on every play.

A Wishbone quarterback also must be able to read the opposing defense's movements and decide immediately whether to run, pitch or throw. King obviously has been doing a heads-up job.

"They have two good running backs (halfback Matthew Kendrick and fullback Daniel Cuevas, the only returning starter in the backfield). Cuevas was an all-district running back last year," Coach Dollar said.

"They've also got a big tight end (6-4, 220-lb. Quint Ellis), and their split end (Angel Vega) was all-district last year."

Ellis and Vega got a workout Friday night when the Chieftains threw more than usual in their 60-17 win over Dalhart.

"Basically, we took what they gave us," Friona Coach James Morton said. "We've been passing well all year. I think Reed is doing a good job with it."

Ellis was a terror on defense last season, too, with 95 tackles and 10 sacks. And Coach Morton says he's a lot stronger this year.

"They're solid all the way through," Coach Dollar said. They'll be by far the best team we've played so far. Nobody has stopped them yet."

So how do the Bobcats plan to stop them?

"We're going to have to not make any mistakes," Coach Dollar said.

"We can't have any turnovers—they capitalize on turnovers. They score a lot of points, but from a standpoint of field position, they're not having to go very far to do it."

"We've got to play the same caliber of football that they play."

Last year's Bobcats got uptight before the Friona game and played as though they were snakebit, losing

43-0. But this year they know they have the talent to be the spoilers.

"I think a lot of teams get intimidated by the fact that Friona went to the state semifinals last year," Coach Dollar said. "I think that has caused some of the teams they've played to make mistakes, and they capitalize on that."

For both teams, the final three weeks of the regular season is the stretch run. The Bobcats and Chieftains both must still play Perryton, and Dimmitt also has tough River Road down the road.

"I don't mind telling you—I'm worried," Coach Morton said. "We could go 8-and-2 and get left at home. We're really concerned about it."

"We've done all this work and played all these other games to get to this point—to this stretch run," Coach Dollar said.

"The thing about it is, you can't put all your marbles in one basket just for this game, because we've got River Road and Perryton coming, and they're both playoff contenders. Although River Road's only hope is to get into a tie, they still have a real good football team—they took Friona to the wire."

"We have to be able to stay on an emotional high and at an intense level three weeks in a row."

After looking at Dimmitt's game films, Coach Morton had high praise for the Bobcats.

"I didn't think they could get any quicker than they were last year, but they are. And especially, they're stronger up front, in the line."

"They've got the best skill kids of any team we've played all year."

"I think the defense is where I see the biggest improvement—the linebackers and linemen. No. 4 (Casey Smith) has good speed."

"Buckley does a good job running their offense. And they have speed everywhere—Matthews, Hill, Sutton, all their receivers. . . ."

Kickoff time in Bobcat Stadium Friday night is 7:30. If you don't have a reserved seat, get there early or bring your own rock to sit on.

"We're looking for a competitive game," Coach Dollar said.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Pickers have bad week as Texas teams lose

Barbara Sava of Dimmitt had a tough week with her football picks. She scored only 95 points in the Week 8 POWER POINTS Football Contest.

But all the other local pickers had an even worse week, so Sava gets to pocket the \$20 weekly cash prize from the News.

"I can't believe it," said Sava, a great-grandmother. "I picked a few and did my tie-breakers, but my son Bill (Chamber of Commerce executive director) made most of my picks for me. He's gonna flip—I beat him out!"

She said she'll donate her winnings to the group that also gets a lot of her time—the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Across the state, it was a total wipeout as four Texas football teams on the ballot went down in flames—and all to Big 12 Conference rivals. As a result, most pickers sank to double-digit totals.

Two Texas contestantstied for high score at 126 of a possible 136 points: Patricia Howard of Brenham and Phillip Moring of Refugio. Moring's Tiebreaker 1 guess of 32 points in the Dallas game made him the winner. (The actual total was 48; Howard had guessed 27.)

So Moring, a 36-year-old oilfield worker and father of two girls, gets the weekly grand prize of \$1,000 cash.

Moring entered through the Victoria Advocate.

This week's POWER POINTS Football Contest is on Page 10. 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!

Hunter safety class scheduled Mondays

A hunter's safety class will be taught at the Extension Office in Dimmitt every Monday night through Dec. 15, starting at 7 each of those evenings.

Hunter safety certification is required for any youth hunter over the age of 13 in the state of Texas. It is also required for any adult hunter who wishes to hunt out of the state.

Instructor for the course is Anthony Mays, shooting sports leader for the Castro County 4-H. There is not charge for attending the class.

Although sessions started Monday, it is not too late to sign up and acquire enough hours to satisfy licensing requirements.

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4-H Family Day is Nov. 22 at Texas Tech

All 4-H members between the ages of 11 and 19, their parents and adult leaders are invited to attend the 1997 4-H Family Day at Texas Tech University on Nov. 22.

The purpose of 4-H Family Day is to help promote careers in agriculture and human sciences and to help increase the public awareness of 4-H.

4-H Family Day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration. Several booths will be open and other activities will be going on throughout the day. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

The Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma University game is scheduled for 1 p.m. and cost is \$12 per person and that includes a game ticket and lunch.

Anyone planning to attend should contact the Extension office by Oct. 27 to purchase tickets.

For more information contact the Extension Office at 647-4115.

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Playboys to open benefit in Turkey

The South Plains Playboys, celebrating their 10th anniversary this year as South Plains College's premier western swing ensemble, have been invited to be the opening band Saturday in Turkey.

Headliners for the evening will be Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys in a concert held to raise funds for the renovation of the Gem Theater in Turkey.

Concert times will be at 2 and 7 p.m. in the old Turkey High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 per person for the matinee performance and \$20 each for the evening performance. Interested persons can contact Lawana Cruse, president of the Turkey Heritage Foundation, for ticket information at 806-423-1273.

The SPC group will perform a 30-minute set of western swing classics

such as Bob Wills' Faded Love, San Antonio Rose and Milk Cow Blues.

"What a kick this is going to be, to perform on the same stage with this legendary figure in country music," said Robyn Hobson of Grandview, one of four fiddlers in the student ensemble.

Proceeds from the concert will be used for renovation of the once-popular Gem Theater, which closed down more than 30 years ago. It will be used for live entertainment, such as cowboy poets, dramas, and jamborees.

"We want to promote classic country music of such greats as Ray Price and Hank Thompson," said Cruse. She said she and her sister-in-law, Marie Cruse, hope to open the newly remodeled theater in six to eight months.

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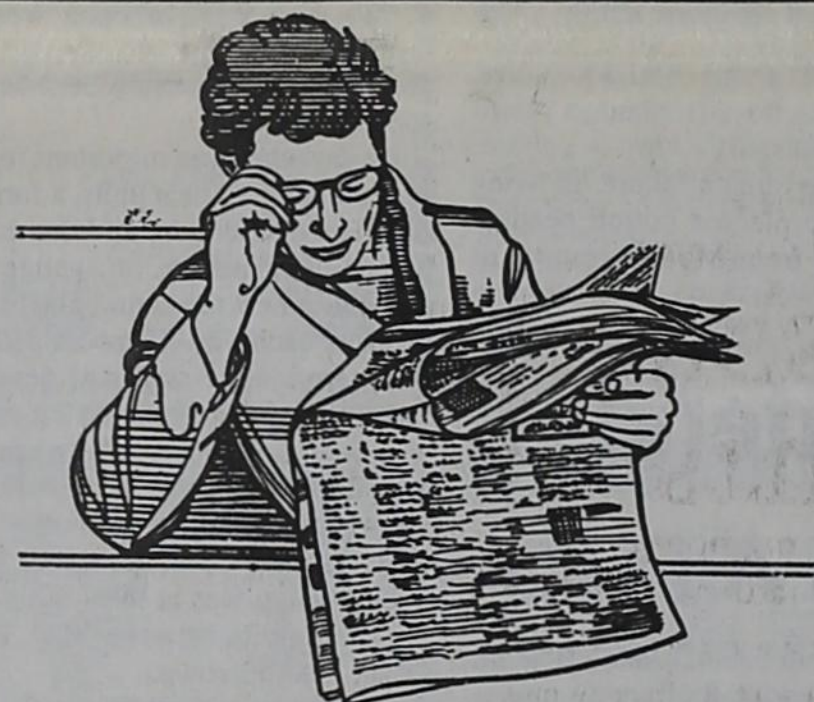
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