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County tops state in voter turnout

Voters split ticket as incumbents win

By LINDA MAXWELL

Castro County had an unofficial total of 2,072 ballots cast in the general election, representing 43% of the 4,801 registered voters—well above the expected statewide turnout of 30%.

County voters overwhelmingly returned incumbents to office in local races—all but one of them Democrats—and followed the statewide Republican trend in the races for Governor, US Representative and Land Commissioner, but followed Democratic party lines in most other state races. However, trends were split in judicial races.

In local races, incumbent County Judge Irene Miller (D) held onto her post with 1,137 votes to 847 for challenger Wayne Collins (R).

For County Treasurer, incumbent Janice Shelton (D) received 1,089 to 843 for challenger Carolyn Watts (R).

In the race for Precinct 2 Commissioner, incumbent Larry Gonzales

(D) won with 188 over challenger Clyde Damron (R), who garnered 179.

For Precinct 4 Commissioner, incumbent Dan Schmucker (R) had 358 votes to 250 for challenger Richard Hunter (D).

Voters in Castro, Hale and Swisher counties voted for District Judges in the 64th District and the 242nd District.

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Unofficial totals show that in the race for the 64th District, incumbent Jack R. Miller (D) took 6,301 and challenger Rob Kinkaid (R) received 4,598. In Castro County, Miller—a Dimmitt native—got an

overwhelming 1,457 votes to Kinkaid's 463.

For the 242nd District, incumbent Ed Self (R) received 5,850, while his opponent, Bill LaFont (D), got 4,945. In Castro County the trend was reversed, with Self receiving 888 and LaFont, 904.

In the State Senate District 30 race, incumbent Republican Tom Haywood has been declared the victor, and also carried Castro County, with 951 to 830 for his opponent, Democrat Greg Underwood.

For State Representative, District 85, incumbent Democrat Pete Laney was returned to office. In Castro County voting, Laney received 1,417 votes to 524 for Republican challenger Hollis Cain.

For US Representative, incumbent Mac Thornberry (R) claimed the victory and also carried Castro County with 1,261 votes to 605 for challenger Mark Harmon (D).

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Hospital board studies marketing, growth plan

Marketing was a big topic at the October hospital board meeting last Thursday night.

Board members learned that the Welch Home Place—the unit in Plains Memorial Hospital that serves elderly patients with both geriatric and psychiatric treatment—is pulling in patients from hundreds of miles around because of its unique services and a marketing plan to “get the word out” about those services.

“We are full right now,” reported Mimi Mize, Welch Home Place director.

Capacity of the unit is six inpatients. The Welch Home Place also treats outpatients and those on “partial” hospitalization status.

Jerry Browder, regional vice-president of Horizon Mental Health Management, which operates the unit on contract, added, “People are even coming here from Clovis, which has a good medical community. The service here is so unique that we can attract people from these larger markets.”

The closest other “geri/psych” unit is at Pampa, Mize reported.

The Welch Home Place has added \$2,174,086 to the hospital district's gross revenue in the past year, Browder reported. Net revenue of the unit was \$1,161,007, and operating cash flow totaled \$273,693.

He urged continuation of a consistent marketing effort—“not push-

pull, on-again, off-again. It must be constant.”

Also reporting to the board was Steve Jolly, a marketing and public relations consultant who specializes in rural hospitals. His firm, SRJ Marketing & Communications, has been retained to develop a program for the local hospital district.

“Exposure equals awareness equals sales,” Jolly told the board, and effective marketing is the key.

“Advertising through the local media is an important part of marketing,” he said. “I'm not telling you anything new; you're already doing that.”

But marketing is more than advertising, Jolly said.

“Marketing is the sum total of all impressions,” he told the board. “How the phone is answered, how the billing is done, the appearance of the lobby, the taste of the hospital food, the efficiency of a catheter procedure—all these factors are just as important as the advertising. They affect people's judgment of us and their decisions as to whether they'll use our hospital again.”

The board reviewed architects' proposals for a \$1.3 million “master plan” for expansion and renovation of the hospital.

Board member Carolyn Sides took the architects to task on several phases of the plan, such as amount of space allocated for medical records, location of doors, probable traffic paths, and sizes and locations of offices, reception areas, waiting rooms, etc.

“If we're going to remodel, let's be sure it will be adequate for the foreseeable future,” Sides said. “Otherwise, why remodel?”

She added, “People seem to think we're going to try to do this all at once. That was never the plan.”

The master plan is intended to map out an orderly guide for growth over a period of years.

After Sides had finished her point-by-point critique of the architects' drawings, board member Jerry Annen told her, “If I have a building project, I'm going to give the plans to you first.”

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‘HOP ON UP AND SEE ME SOME TIME’—“Angel” Kirsty Taylor, daughter of Flip and Kelly Taylor, seems to be saying to “Bunny” Taylor Fry, daughter of Cody and Kelly Fry. The two girls were among the crowd of 296 children (in addition to parents and others) who attended the “Trunk or Treat” event at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt Saturday evening. Organizers of the event said the turnout was “very good,” despite the cold, rainy weather.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Bobcats vie for third playoff spot

Here we go again, having to win that last game for a shot at the playoffs.

While River Road (4-0) and Sanford-Fritch (3-1) are duking it out for the District 1-3A championship Friday night, the Bobcats (2-2) will be challenging the Perryton Rangers (3-1) for the third playoff spot.

A simple victory may not do it for the Bobcats, though, under the district's “positive points” system for determining playoff contenders.

Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar explains:

“If Fritch beats River Road, then Fritch would get the No. 1 playoff spot and River Road would be No. 2. Then whoever wins our game would go as the third team.

“If River Road beats Fritch and we beat Perryton, then River Road would be in first place outright, and we'd be in a second-place tie with Fritch and Perryton, with two losses apiece.

“The first tie-breaker is the result of head-to-head play. But that doesn't settle a three-way tie.

“The second tie-breaker is positive points. Fifteen is the most you can get. Fritch already has 15 (because of its 33-0 victory over Dimmitt), Perryton has 7 (because of its 7-0 win over Fritch), and we don't have any yet.

“So we would have to beat Perryton by seven points. Then we and Perryton would be tied with seven each, and we would be in because we won head-to-head against Perryton.”

That is if River Road beats Sanford-Fritch Friday night.

But remember, if Sanford-Fritch

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Heavy rains drench area

When it rains it pours.

It might be a cliché, but it accurately portrays the county's weather over the past week.

The drought which plagued the area for the entire summer was brought to a screeching end with downpours over the weekend. Most areas reported at least three inches of rain from storms which passed over the area Friday and Saturday.

Heavy rains, spotty hail and even funnel clouds were reported across the area Friday night, halting many area football games and other activities. The rains continued through the weekend, with precipitation amounts almost doubling for the year.

KDHN, the National Weather Service Observer for Dimmitt, officially measured 5.4 inches during the past week, with the majority of that falling Friday evening. Pea-to-marble-size hail fell in the city, but areas outside of Dimmitt recorded larger.

About 6:30 p.m., city sirens were triggered after spotters noticed a possible funnel cloud dipping down around the Country Club.

The radio station's rain gauge showed 4.38 inches Friday. Saturday's rains added another .94 to that total, then a surprise shower on Monday evening provided another .08 of an inch.

For October, KDHN recorded 7.50 inches of rain. The 1.02 in November brings the yearly total to 17.24—closer to the annual average.

Friday night's downpours forced the postponement of the Dimmitt-

Dalhart football game. The northeast corner of the field at Bobcat Stadium was under water and the Dimmitt Fire Dept.'s pumper unit was dispatched to pump water off the field. The game was rescheduled for Saturday at 8 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Down the road a few miles, the Nazareth Swifts and Kress Longhorns were waiting for the rain to let up so they could start their game. The teams actually kicked off—about 45 minutes late. The first half was in the books before rains forced another delay—this time for 12 hours. At 9:45 p.m. officials postponed the second half until Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

In Nazareth, rain reports were over three inches, while north of Nazareth, four-inch reports were common.

Carolyn Sides, who lives seven miles west of Dimmitt, said rain reports in the Bethel area ranged from 3.5 to four inches, and “quite a bit of hail fell.”

Ricky Kuntz at Flagg Fertilizer said about 3.85” of rain fell around his office, and about three inches was reported south of Flagg. The spotty hail struck west of Flagg, and some wind damage was reported. Kuntz said he heard of a couple of sprinkler systems being blown over by the wind and one farmer said the wind was so strong his cotton was blown to the turnrow.

About three inches was measured in the Hart area, and the hail reportedly missed the city.

Swifts must win to make playoffs

The Nazareth Swifts are one win away from a berth in the state football playoffs.

The District 3-A championship and both playoff spots are up for grabs this week and the Swifts are in control of their own destiny. All they have to do is beat Happy Friday and they'll earn a spot in post-season play.

Nazareth, Happy, Kress and Springlake-Earth are all tied for first in district with 3-1 marks. Kress and

Springlake square off Friday. The winners of the Nazareth-Happy and Springlake-Kress games will win the coveted playoff berths.

“It's pretty clear cut—the winners are going to make the playoffs and the losers will have to stay home. We've have to win to continue playing,” said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

“If we win and Kress wins, then we'll be the No. 1 seed. If we win

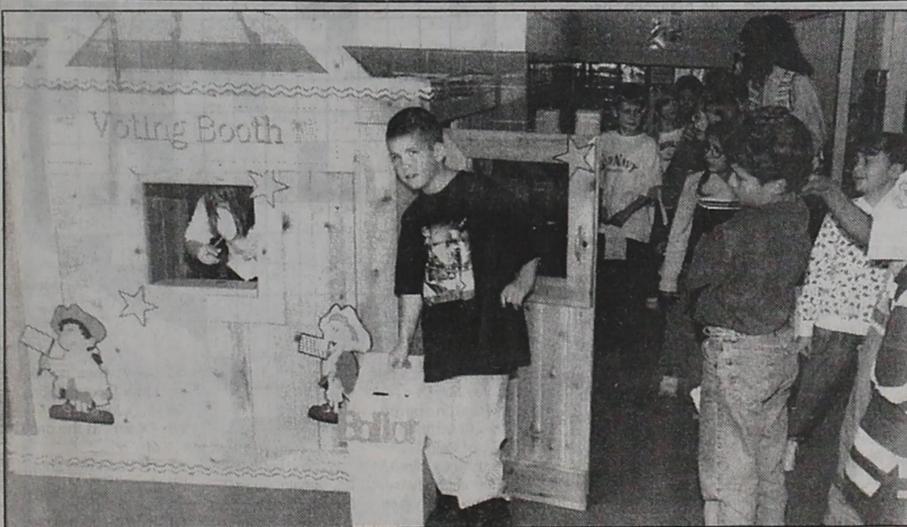
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Rain!

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	68	42	
Friday	74	40	
Saturday	64	51	4.38
Sunday	53	38	.94
Monday	44	39	
Tuesday	59	41	.08
Wednesday	53	36	

October Moisture	7.50
November Moisture	1.02
1998 Moisture	17.24

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



JUST LIKE THE REAL ONE—Third graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School held a mock election Tuesday afternoon, and the young voters followed about the same trend as local and

statewide voters, favoring incumbent Gov. George Bush with 75% of the vote, to 25% for Garry Mauro. Dropping his vote in the ballot box is Houston Sutton.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

County runners must conquer Lubbock course for regional titles

Trips to the state cross country meet in Georgetown are becoming common for Castro County runners, but those runners also know that the road downstate has to go through Lubbock and a tough course at Mae Simmons Park.

The Dimmitt Bobbies, Nazareth Swiftettes and Hart Lady Horns, as well as individual runners Ivan Flores of Dimmitt; Trinity Robb, Mark Birkenfeld and Quentin Jones of Nazareth; and Isaias Garcia of Hart will compete in the regional cross country meet Saturday morning in Lubbock.

The Swiftettes and Lady Horns will run in the Region 1-A race Saturday at 9 a.m. The Hart and Nazareth boys will race at 9:30 a.m.

The Bobbies will race for the Region 1-AAA crown beginning at 11 a.m. Flores will start his three-mile race at 11:30 a.m.

One of the favorites in the girls' Class A race is Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth, who has won several races this season, including the district run. Joining Ramaekers on the Swiftettes' squad are Stephanie Thiel, Mandy Hoelting, Sara Schulte, Lindsey K. Gerber, Jayme

Schmucker and Lesley Brockman.

For the Lady Horns, top runner this year has been Valerie Key. Her teammates are Christy Guzman, Nicki Burress, Julia Cisneros, Vanessa Carrasco, Raquel Garcia and Rosanna Waddell.

The Class AAA race will be a tough one, as always, but Dimmitt has three of the top runners in the area in Shawna Kenworthy, Cherie Norman and Carol Summers. Rounding out the Bobbies' varsity unit are Stephanie Flores, Kelsey Welch, Veronica Gonzales and Lindsey Welch.

CANDIDATE	Early	101	105	201	206	301	307	401	408	TOTAL
US Rep. Thornberry	272	92	27	93	56	300	57	110	254	1261
Harmon	153	134	2	95	17	104	9	54	37	605
Payne	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	10
Gov. Bush	316	120	31	126	64	327	64	125	264	1437
Mauro	139	130	2	89	13	92	4	50	40	559
Turlington	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	8
Lt. Gov. Perry	214	55	22	67	42	218	52	85	200	955
Sharp	227	180	10	122	36	193	15	77	100	960
Garcia	6	11	0	15	0	6	0	12	0	50
Attny. Gen. Cornyn	199	49	18	55	42	193	45	71	140	812
Mattox	255	182	15	138	32	208	20	96	136	1082
Angwin	1	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	4	13
Comptroller Rylander	209	60	17	54	44	186	50	73	144	837
Hobby	228	162	13	135	31	209	15	91	139	1023
Monchak	4	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	12
Comm. Land Office Dewhurst	228	61	24	72	46	221	47	88	166	953
Raymond	180	151	5	105	26	140	14	66	81	768
Montez	5	17	0	16	0	6	0	13	1	58
Comm. Ag Combs	208	60	17	55	48	192	53	72	148	853
Patterson	220	163	14	131	27	190	13	83	110	951
LaBaume	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	2	11
Railroad Comm. Garza	196	74	17	88	39	189	51	90	147	891
Henderson	216	155	11	111	33	184	14	78	107	909
Spurlock	8	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	3	20
Justice, Sup. Crt. Place 1 Enoch	196	59	20	65	48	208	50	85	151	882
Westergren	199	150	6	121	22	145	10	70	79	802
Place 2 O'Neill	185	48	20	65	42	199	48	75	138	820
Spector	199	162	7	120	24	151	11	80	85	839
Place 3 Abbott	207	62	22	81	49	223	51	88	158	941
Van Os	181	144	5	106	17	122	9	61	67	712
Place 4, unexp. Hankinson	183	49	17	54	42	190	42	75	125	777
Scarborough	206	161	10	132	26	162	18	77	102	894
Judge, Crt. Crim. Appeals Place 1 Keasler	187	43	18	70	41	187	43	72	133	794
Baird	203	164	9	113	24	161	14	75	88	851
Place 2 Johnson	191	51	17	65	40	197	47	77	139	824
Cochran	195	161	7	114	27	154	11	70	86	825
Place 3 Meyers	223	75	21	88	49	248	50	92	164	1010
Perry	18	12	1	16	0	14	1	12	23	97
St. Bd. Of Ed. Strickland	223	78	19	67	45	251	52	104	172	1011
State Sen., Dist. 30 Haywood	221	61	15	67	43	232	49	94	169	951
Underwood	192	161	12	124	27	148	13	71	82	830
State Rep., Dist. 85 Cain	151	23	13	50	18	117	34	48	70	524
Laney	300	225	20	143	60	297	31	121	220	1417
Justice, 7th Ct. Of Appls. Place 1 Johnson	215	67	21	80	39	229	49	101	161	962
Place 2 Reavis	216	69	21	79	40	229	49	100	160	963
District Judge, 64th Dist. Kinkaid	115	39	10	36	24	77	36	42	84	463
Miller	333	198	21	167	47	344	28	132	187	1457
Dist. Judge, 242nd Dist. Self	213	70	14	65	42	214	46	78	146	888
LaFont	204	165	16	120	28	171	16	81	103	904
County Judge Collins	193	64	18	64	46	212	33	82	135	847
Miller	262	178	14	150	28	213	33	96	163	1137
District/County Clerk Joyce Thomas	346	204	18	189	47	325	40	142	220	1531
County Treasurer Watts	180	53	20	69	48	208	39	87	139	843
Shelton	272	178	11	131	26	211	24	84	152	1089
Justice of the Peace Young	341	195	21	172	48	320	38	129	198	1462
Comm., Pct. 2 Damron	31	0	0	80	68	0	0	0	0	179
Gonzales	29	0	0	150	9	0	0	0	0	188
Comm., Pct. 4 Schmucker	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	247	358
Hunter	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	61	250

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and Springlake wins, we'll be No. 2 seed and Springlake will be No. 1," Price said.
Happy is 5-4 on the year and the Cowboys have outscored their opponents by a combined 182-89.
The Cowboys have lost to O'Donnell (22-20), Paducah (13-12), Farwell (17-9) and Kress (25-14). Their victories have been against Whiteface (44-0), Claude (27-12), Springlake-Earth (10-0) and Hart (22-0).
Happy's offensive attack has given many teams problems this season, especially since the Cowboys have so many different threats.
Quarterback Patrick McCuaig (6-1, 165) is an accurate passer and has also been known to run with the ball. The Cowboys have several runners they'll use out of the backfield including Beau Hargrave (5-8, 140), Jamie Adams (5-10, 170), Hipolito Saenz (5-11, 170) and Sonny Calhoun (5-11, 165).
Adams, Saenz and Calhoun all

raced for touchdowns and Hargrave gained 162 yards in a 27-0 win over Vega Friday night.
Their main backs are Adams at fullback and Hargrave at tailback.
They're really not a threat to break a long one, but they lower their heads and run tough inside," Price said.
The Cowboys rushed for 387 yards against the Longhorns enroute to a 407-yard offensive performance.
"Happy will run a lot of 1 and some wing T on offense," Price said.
"They're not scoring a whole lot of points, but they are a solid threat. McCuaig is a good athlete and a big threat. It's scary when they run the option and he keeps the ball."
When McCuaig throws the ball, he looks to Calhoun or Steven Burch.
"Calhoun is good at getting in the right position and he can make plays on the ball. He's their favorite receiver," Price said.
The Cowboys' rushing attack has been so successful this year because of an experienced and big offensive line that opens up the path to the end

zone. Anchoring that line are veteran guards Jared Hammett (6-0, 220) and Vance Johnson (5-8, 200), tackles Beau Brown (5-11, 215) and Will Hicks (5-11, 240) and center Lynn Mayes (6-0, 185).
On defense, the Cowboys' will line up in several different formations, and that has posed problems for other teams.
"They'll run a split, 5-3 and 27 on defense and it's tough," Price said.
"Happy's really solid on defense. They've got some big, tough kids up front and they've shut out three district opponents so far."
Happy's defense includes returning starters Brown, Mayes and Burch on the front line with Hammett, Adams and Saenz at linebackers. McCuaig and Bressler cover deep threats in the secondary.
"The heart and soul of their defense is their middle linebacker, Hammett," Price said. "He's tough."
The Swifts, ranked 21st in the state, are favored by five according to the Harris Rating System. Happy is ranked 37th.

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beats River Road, "then whoever wins our game goes into the playoffs," Dollar explained.
Perryton (5-4, 3-1) raised eyebrows by handing Sanford-Fritch its first loss of the year, 7-0, in the mud Friday night at Fritch.
Ranger quarterback Matt Reynolds scored the winning touchdown on a one-yard sneak, and also made a game-saving interception on the 1-yard line in the final second to save the Perryton win.
S-F reportedly had two touchdowns called back.
Reynolds, a 5-10, 160-lb. senior, alternates at quarterback with Cory Dear (6-3, 190 Sr.). Reynolds is used more in the Rangers' option attack while Dear is considered the better drop-back passer.
Like the Bobcats, the Rangers have had lots of injuries. Their main running backs at the beginning of the season were Shaun Eckhart (5-9, 180 Sr.) and Coby Haberthur (6-1, 177

Sr.) But neither one has been in the Ranger backfield in recent weeks.
Eckhart reportedly suffered a pinched nerve in his shoulder, which impairs his ball-carrying ability, but he still plays defense. In fact, he logged 15 tackles and caused a fumble in one half of play against Sanford-Fritch Friday night.
"Haberthur hasn't played in at least the last two games," Coach Dollar reported.
Coming on as a running back has been Jeff Pinion, a 5-11, 150-lb. senior. He's had two starts and has carried 23 times, averaging 8.7 yards per. He racked up 95 yards against Sanford-Fritch Friday night.
The Rangers are huge up front, with an offensive line anchored by tackles Chris Alvarez (224) and Josh Logsdon (260). Jarrod Schwalk (218), who twisted a knee tendon against Canadian five weeks ago, returned to the Ranger line last week.
Dimmitt players whose conditions were questionable at mid-week were running back Justin Sutton (virus),

left tackle Leo Olvera (sprained ankle) and defensive end James Jackson (ribs).
In last year's Dimmitt-Perryton game, the Bobcats built a 14-7 lead midway in the fourth quarter, only to see the Rangers strike for two quick touchdowns late in the game to take a 21-14 win and a berth in the playoffs.
The forecast for Friday night at Perryton is for two good teams to play their hearts out, possibly in the snow.
The prediction is anybody's guess.

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6 TXism: "_____ pipe cinch"
7 TX-born journalist Donaldson (init.)
8 TXism for "female"
9 TX Cyd Charisee's songs in musicals were _____
15 TXism: "can't carry a _____ in a bucket" (bad singer)
16 people who hang their hats in Big Ben city
19 site of the Olympics in 776 BC
21 Looney Tune character at Six Flags: _____ Coyote
22 TX TV show biz reporter for ABC
27 Okie healer Roberts
28 a big wave at Galveston in 1900
29 TXism: "_____ as a calf crying for mamma"
30 Gov. Bush might become this in presidential race
32 Rangers play in _____ West
34 human food tube
37 TXism: "chew the fat"
38 TXism: "taleb _____ grazed"
39 state park near Port Arthur
40 ditch digger
42 building wing

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43 this Erwin is one of the TX "Dixie Chicks"
46 TX Trini's "If _____ Hammer"
47 TXism: "good _____ boy"
48 short letter or memo
49 TXism: "hissey _____"
50 TXism: "big enough _____ an elephant"
53 TXism: "nary a soul"
54 breakfast fiber
55 non TX snake
56 Conway Twitty's mom

1 TX Kenny's "_____ I Can Make It On My Own"
2 TXism: "tough row to _____"
3 TXism: "if _____ better, I couldn't stand it"
4 Dalhart cowboy memorial: "Empty _____"
8 Galveston bird
9 TXism: "_____ tradin' _____ (dicker)"
10 TX George Strait tune: "_____ wound"
11 this Darin starred in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)
12 weapon of choice of Alamo's Jim
13 Oklahoma town

14 Seur _____ Salle led 1st French expedition into TX
15 home of TX eccentric Stanley Marsh
16 this Neeson starred with TX Martin in "Leap of Faith"
17 TXism: "they climb the same family tree"
18 to Bryan from Waco
20 Troy, Juan, Randy and Sean
22 Gov. _____ Culberson
23 cable sports network
24 TX Neiman and actor Pacino

25 hangin' loop
26 Caddo Lake tree: _____ gum
28 beginning of phone or vision
31 TXism for "none"
33 this Thomas was 1st TX woman in U.S. House

35 Jerry Jones' home state (postal abbr.)
36 _____ Joe
38 TXism: "at the drop of _____"
41 TX Bush was shot down in WW II over _____ Chi Jima
44 TXism: "born under a honky tonk _____"
45 TXism: "want _____ I could spit!"
51 TXism: "fits like ugly on _____"
52 TX rattler's home



IT LOOKED GOOD ON THE OUTSIDE, but the egg drop package submitted by the third-grade class of Diane Axtell was not able to protect its delicate contents and the raw egg broke. The egg-drop contest was held last Thursday as a part of the Red Ribbon

Week activities at Richardson Elementary School. Theme for the event was "Don't do drugs; they crack you up." Classes that had a surviving egg received a candy treat for each class member.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A memorial mass was read Friday morning in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein, presiding.

The mass was held in memory of Nancy Wilhite on the anniversary of her death. A large crowd attended including Nancy's father, Robert Wilhite; her brother, James Wilhite; her classmates, who are seniors this year; other high school students and many parents.

The Sunday morning choir performed several beautiful hymns.

The senior class also held a prayer service in Nancy's memory after mass in front of school.

The Swift Band's Halloween Carnival was held Saturday evening in the Nazareth Community Hall. New games and prizes, a pumpkin decorating contest and a costume contest highlighted the event.

A huge crowd attended in spite of the weather. A big attraction was the spook house, held in the old gym. Groups were transported from the hall to the gym in a long, black hearse.

The junior high CCD students enjoyed trick or treating for canned

goods Wednesday evening. All donations collected were for the Castro County Food Bank.

Congratulations to Chris and Anna Albracht of Amarillo on the birth of a baby girl, Emily Ann, on Oct. 29 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She has a brother, Andrew. Grandparents are Sam and Margie Albracht of Nazareth and Mike and Betty Dudek of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are W.J. and Irene Albracht of Hereford.

Louise Braddock enjoyed a trip to Denver, Colo., with Gene and Susie Gerber of Odessa. They spent a few days with Natalie and Ralph Grosser, enjoying lots of visiting, shopping and beautiful scenery.

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swiftettes cross country team on winning the district championship. They will compete at regional in Lubbock on Nov. 7. Team members are Danette Ramaekers, Lesley Brockman, Sara Schulte, Stephanie Thiel, Mandy Hoelting, Lindsey K. Gerber and Jayme Schmucker. The Nazareth Swifts, Trinity

Robb, Mark Birkenfeld and Quentin Jones will also compete at regional.

Congratulations to Mike and Shelly Huseman of Nazareth on the birth of a baby girl, Dawn Elizabeth, on Oct. 29 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has a big brother, Tristin. Grandparents are Louis and Gin Huseman and Ralph and Evelyn Albracht. Great-grandmother is Margaret Birkenfeld.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Allene Burton, Jerry Wilhelm, Patricia Acker and Martha Schulte, who is a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital.

Web site offers more horse info

There is a new horse web site which offers numerous publications and subject matter for horse owners.

From nutrition to head health to important activities, this web site offers useful information for horse owners, both youth and adults.

The web address is: <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu>

DMS yearbook local production this year

The Dimmitt Middle School Yearbook, *The Bobcat Junior Yearbook*, will be a local production from start to finish this year, according to yearbook sponsor Brad Stradley.

Stradley, who teaches content mastery at DMS, said that dissatisfaction with last year's production made him look at alternate ways to put out the yearbook.

He said last year's book was a hard back with 48 pages that cost students \$14 each. He said it had to be completed in January so that it could meet the production schedule and be delivered to students before

the end of the year.

"A lot of things had to be left out," Stradley said. The early production schedule was necessary to keep the price down to only \$14.

This year, Stradley said he hopes to have 60 pages in a "soft" cover, selling at only \$7 each.

"We are hoping to be able to have pictures from the eighth grade banquet this year," Stradley said. He said the book also will include spring sports such as track and tennis, in addition to UIL literary events.

In order to keep the book at 60 pages and keep the price down to \$7, Stradley said he will need to sell about 59 more copies to meet the 250-copy production level.

He said he feels the lower price has already boosted sales compared with last year's edition, which only sold about 160.

The books will include individual photos of each student in grades 4-8, along with photos of groups, teams and activities.

Stradley said he has contracted with Dimmitt Printing to do the printing this year and he has equip-

ment to make digital photos for most of the group and action shots that will be used.

Students who have volunteered to help with the yearbook this year include Casey Jones, Jill Merritt and Caitlin Buckley, all eighth graders.

Stradley said that parents or students who want to make sure they

will get a copy of the 1998-99 DMS yearbook may call 647-3108 for more information on ordering, or they may pay the \$7 at the DMS office.

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Cake auction set Nov. 12 at Canterbury Villa

The annual cake auction at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt will be held Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale each year are used to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents of the nursing home, and also go to the residents' activity fund.

Those attending the event are asked to bring a cake to be auctioned off by Jack Howell.

Shot clinic is planned in Nazareth

An immunization clinic offering vaccines against several childhood diseases will be held at the Nazareth School on Monday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B).

Flu and pneumonia vaccines also will be available.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and on the ability to pay.

Extension Office to close Wednesday

The Castro County Extension Office will be closed on Wednesday (Nov. 11) for Veteran's Day.

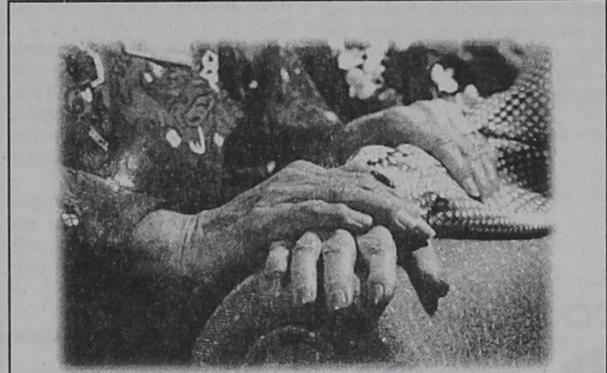
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People



Desiree Durst and Ryan Andrew Botkin

November vows planned

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buford Durst of Austin announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Desiree Durst, to Ryan Andrew Botkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Botkin of Houston and Dr. and Mrs. Sam Curl of Stillwater, Okla.

Botkin is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andy Behrends of Dimmitt. His mother is the former Mary Behrends.

The couple are planning to wed in November.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of Texas School of Law. She is a briefing attorney for the Honorable Alan Albright.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Texas School of Law. He is an associate with the Austin office of Bracewell and Patterson, L.L.P.

Bridal shower fetes Abraham

Jennifer Abraham of Navasota, bride-elect of Shad McDaniel, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Linda Langford.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Langford; the honoree; Rita McDaniel, mother of the prospective groom; and Margaret Womack, the prospective groom's grandmother.

The serving table was covered with a beige crocheted tablecloth and held a multi-colored hurricane lamp with fall accents and greenery.

Kalissia Robertson served fruit punch, ham and cream cheese roll-ups, strawberries, cantaloupe balls, apple slices, kiwi fruit, poppyseed muffins and pumpkin muffins to guests attending the shower.

'Strutters' to perform in Hereford tonight

The Side Street Strutters will entertain members of the Hereford Community Concert Association tonight (Thursday) at the Hereford High School Auditorium.

The concert is slated to begin at 7:30 and admission is by membership in the Hereford Community Concert Association. Season memberships may be purchased at the door of the concert, or by calling 647-3473. Cost for a season membership is \$20 per person, \$50 for family or \$10 for students. Memberships will admit holders to four concerts this season, including an Amarillo Little Theater production, and also includes admittance to shows by the Plainview Community Concert Association.

In 1983, six talented musicians attending Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., formed a jazz band called the Side Street Strutters.

Those featured in the Strutters are Robet Verdi, saxophonist; Vince Verdi, clarinetist; Joe Sellers, who plays the trombone and piano; Greg Varlotta, who plays the trumpet; John Noreyko, who plays the tuba and is a vocalist; and Paul Johnson,

drummer.

In 1984 the group was awarded first-place honors at the International Association of Jazz Educators' jazz competition which resulted in numerous television appearances, including the Today Show, the Merv Griffin Show and the Jerry Lewis National Telethon. Since then they have given command performances for heads of the state, the US ambassador to Switzerland in Bern, and for President Ronald Reagan in Washington, D.C.

The Strutters have appealed to audiences at Disneyland in California since 1985. Their tours have been extensive throughout Europe and North America and have included educational school outreach programs, and clinics for young aspiring musicians.

The Side Street Musicians have recaptured the classic big band and swing sounds of the 1930s and 1940s. The group's extensive and growing repertoire spans well over half a century of jazz, culled from the libraries of such classic composers as Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and scores of other greats.



Blake Ellis and Amy Irwin

Couple to wed in January

Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin of Trophy Club announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Blake Ellis, son of Jim Bob and Cindy Ellis of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Jan. 2, 1999, in the United Methodist Church at Trophy Club.

The bride-elect is studying civil engineering at Texas Tech University. The prospective groom is employed at Koch Industries in Lubbock.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



The Bookshelf

By Cindy Pottorff, Rhoads Memorial Librarian

Here's a memory quiz. How long has it been since the library's building was constructed? And how long has Marie Howell been the assistant librarian?

Hint: Marie's employment at the library began when the library was moved into the present building. Before that time, she worked at the library as a volunteer.

Give up? In November, Marie and the library will celebrate 25 years of service to the community. The library's been around longer but not in the present building.

We are holding a celebration honoring Marie's service to the library on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. in the library. Please come and celebrate with us. There will be a reception and goodies to eat, sponsored with help from the Dimmitt Book Club, Bill Sava, Wayne Collins, the library board and Larry Gonzales.

And, in case anybody is wondering, she isn't retiring at this time.

In other library news, handicapped door openers have been installed on the south outside front door and the south inner front door. These doors have push buttons with a handicapped logo and these buttons will be used to operate the openers. The doors open to the outside only.

People who do not want to use the handicapped openers will be able to

open the doors the old fashioned way.

The doors have a timer and motion sensor to prevent them from closing on someone, so please don't worry if the doors open and then take awhile to close. That's the way they are supposed to work.

Later, work will be done on both the men's and women's restrooms to make them handicapped accessible. One public restroom will be available at all times during the construction. The water fountain also will be updated.

We're able to make these improvements thanks to a generous grant from the Tocker Foundation, a private foundation specializing in grants to small public libraries.

4-H Bake Sale slated

The 4-H Holiday Bake Sale is slated for November.

Orders will be taken from Nov. 16-20, and delivery will be Nov. 21-24.

Items that can be ordered include cinnamon rolls, sticky buns with nuts, hot rolls, nut breads, and pies (apple, cherry, peach, pumpkin, apricot and pecan). Order forms can be picked up from the Extension office.

Bakers, delivery people and grocery suppliers are needed for this project. For more information, contact the Extension office at 647-4115.

Tri-County Red Cross needs donations for disaster relief

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is raising funds for disaster relief.

The local chapter, headquartered at 224 S. Main in Hereford, will be accepting donations and will forward the donations to the national headquarters.

Donations will be accepted for the Texas flood victims as well as other disaster victims.

The American Red Cross is currently in the middle of a \$50 million nationwide fund raising campaign to help cover the costs of what is now the most expensive Red Cross disaster relief effort in its 117-year history. In addition to the everyday disaster work the Red Cross is doing across the country (house fires, etc.), at this moment there are major disaster relief operations in eight states currently underway including Tropical Storm Frances in Texas and Louisiana, Tropical Storm Earl along the Gulf Coast, the Kansas floods and the Oklahoma tornadoes.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, Oklahoma set a new record for the most tornadoes in a single October day with 20. The National Weather Service said Oklahoma's turbulent Sunday also set a new record for the most tornadoes rated F-2 or higher in a single day. Four of the tornadoes were rated at F-2 or higher, breaking a record

that had stood since 1898. The American Red Cross was there, helping the people of Oklahoma to prepare for and recover from these devastating storms.

That same week in Kansas, flash flooding was reported in five counties and resulted in multiple deaths. Seven American Red Cross Service Centers have been opened to date where victims of flooding are continuing to receive Red Cross assistance.

In the Kansas Cities area (Missouri and Kansas), it is estimated that fewer people will have adequate insurance or flood insurance. In fact, it is estimated that only 5% of those affected will have insurance. The homes of 26% of those affected received either major damage or complete destruction. Even though more homes in the areas had minor damage, the Red Cross assistance is usually sought by a greater number of clients who have flood damage (even minor).

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

Holiday Ideas program is set

A Holiday Ideas program will be held Nov. 16 at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt at 6:30 p.m.

The program, for adults and youth, will have holiday gift ideas from the kitchen, decorating ideas, and slick tricks for giving your current wardrobe some holiday pizzazz, according to information from the Extension office.

PMH Auxiliary bazaar, dinner slated Nov. 13

Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will serve a turkey and dressing lunch and will entice buyers with scores of hand-made craft items during its annual holiday dinner and bazaar on Nov. 13 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The craft show will open at 10:30 a.m., then lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The meal features turkey and dressing as well as a wide selection of salads, side dishes and desserts. Cost is \$6 per person. Take-outs will be available and will be \$6.25 each.

Proceeds from the craft show and dinner will help the Auxiliary in its support of Plains Memorial Hospital.

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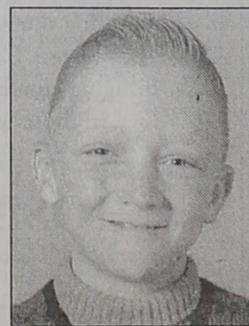
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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schaeffer

Schaeffers to be honored by WT Old Main Society

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schaeffer of Dimmitt will be among an elite group of honorees when West Texas A&M University's Old Main Society recognizes those individuals, organizations and corporations who have made lifetime contributions of \$50,000 or more to the university.

The Old Main Society will install its inaugural members with an unveiling of portraits and plaques at 7 p.m. Saturday in the foyer of Old Main on the WTAMU campus. Dinner will follow.

"The Old Main Society serves as a way for the university and the WT Foundation to recognize the generosity of this special group of donors and their continued impact on WTAMU and its students," said Pat Cathcart, director of development. "The permanent display honoring them in the foyer of Old Main will provide a visible reminder of their gifts through scholarships, facilities and programs at WT."

Contributions from Old Main Society donors endow scholarships and provide financial assistance to students, enhance instructional programs, provide faculty development opportunities and awards for outstanding teaching, and build and enhance campus facilities. The support of private donors is vital as WT meets growing needs in a time of shrinking public support, Cathcart said.

The Schaeffers have a long history of generous support of WTAMU. They established the Shawn David Schaeffer President's Honor Scholarship in memory of their grandson, and they have been instrumental in the establishment of numerous other scholarships. In addition, they con-

tribute to athletics and fine arts, and they support many student projects, such as Jog-A-Thon and Showcase of Music.

Several other individuals, corporations and organizations will be honored.

Greens plan anniversary celebration

Ernest and Bonnie Green of Springlake are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary and nieces and nephews of the couple have planned a reception Sunday afternoon.

The reception honoring the couple on their anniversary will be held Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Springlake. The couple ask that no gifts be given.

Hosting the party will be the couple's nieces and nephews including Bruce and Phyllis Bridges of Sunnyside, Brad Bridges of Earth, former Dimmitt residents Dr. and Mrs. Bill Lee, Jerri Elmore of Lubbock, Evelyn Bridges of Ruidoso, N.M., and Earl McNeill of Tishomingo, Okla.

The former Bonnie Mary McNeill married Ernest H. Green on Nov. 10, 1928, in Earth. They have lived and farmed in the Springlake area their entire married lives.

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Festival of Trees slated in Hereford

Hereford will kick off its holiday season with its annual "Festival of Trees," a community involvement and fund raising project for the Hereford Senior Citizens Association.

The event will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 18, and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Several activities are planned during the celebration, including children's programs, a festival gala, festival auction, visit by Santa, a Lionel Train display, turkey and ham buffet and more.

The main feature of the event is the display of beautifully decorated trees for visitors to enjoy during the five days of entertainment.

The display, within a festival setting, is a major community involvement and fund raising project for the Hereford Senior Citizens Association. In 1997, approximately 5,000 people attended the display and took part in festival activities.

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

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

Proceeds of the auction and other festival activities are used by the center to provide services to senior citizens during the following year.

Activities Nov. 18-21 start at 8:30 a.m. daily. On Nov. 18-20, children's programs will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A preview of the decorated trees will be held Nov. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.

A melodrama and finger food buffet will be held Nov. 19 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

A festival gala will be held Nov. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the festival auction at 7:30 p.m.

Santa will visit with children from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Nov. 21. That day, a Lionel Train display and more Santa fun is planned. A dinner and melodrama will end the day's festivities from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

A turkey and ham dinner will be served from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Nov. 22, while the tree and train review will start at noon.

Reservations can be made for the melodrama by calling the Hereford Senior Citizens Center at (806) 364-5681. There is no admission charge for the tree auction, continuous festival activities, the preview of trees, Lionel Train display or children's programs. There is a \$10 charge for the melodrama and finger food event and \$15 for the melodrama and dinner. The turkey lunch will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.



KISSING THE PIG—Elly Rogers, Dimmitt High School English teacher and cheerleader sponsor, donned large wax "lips" to endure the honor of kissing the pig in a contest sponsored by the student council. Students voted for who would win the honor by placing pennies in containers for each teacher. Tied for the honor, but not shown, is DHS math teacher Randy Ragland. Holding the pig is Cliff Wright. The event raised about \$300 for various student council projects. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Mulshoe Arts, Crafts Bazaar set

The Moonlight Family and Community Education Club and Texas Agricultural Extension Office of Bailey County announce their annual Mulshoe Arts and Crafts Bazaar, set for Nov. 13-14.

A variety of arts and crafts booths will be on display at the Bailey County Civic Center at 2200 West American Boulevard in Mulshoe from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 13 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14.

In addition, there will be special program presentations this year.

At 4 p.m. on Nov. 13, "Tree Ornaments" will be presented by Holly Bills of the Concho County Extension Service. On Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., "Holiday Clothing Accessories" will

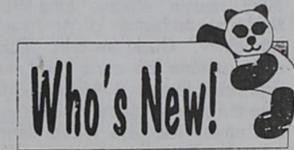
be presented by Marilyn Neal of the Castro County Extension Service; and at 2 p.m., "Creative Holiday Sweets & Treats" will be presented by Bills and Gail Gladden of the Bailey County Extension Service.

4-H Council to meet Monday

The 4-H Council will meet Monday at 5 p.m. in the Extension office.

Council members will discuss plans for the 4-H Stock Show, Christmas Open House activities, and fund raising ideas.

All council members are urged to attend.



OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Greg and Becky Benton Cook of Mt. Vernon. Their daughter, McKayne Elizabeth Cook, was born Oct. 20 at Mt. Pleasant. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 ozs. She has a big sister, Macy, 7; and a big brother, Mason, 2-1/2. Grandparents are Martie Benton of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cook of Pittsburg. Great-grandmothers are Lena Benton of Lubbock, and Imogene Barrett and Marjorie Cook, both of Pittsburg.

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USDA to fund \$2.8 billion in loss assistance to farmers

The US Dept. of Agriculture is making \$2.8 billion in payments to farmers to help offset heavy losses resulting from low commodity prices.

That's according to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"This administration fought for and won a final package that will get out some real help to farmers whose livelihoods are on the line,"

Glickman said. "These supplemental income payments are part of that package. Thanks to President Bill Clinton's strong leadership, many family farmers are now planning for a spring crop instead of a spring auction."

The payments will be issued only to those farmers who were eligible under the 1996 Farm Bill for fiscal

year 1998 final Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) payments, sometimes called market transition payments.

Although \$3.057 billion was appropriated for the payments, Congress mandated that \$200 million be made available for assistance to dairy farmers. As a result, individual farmers will receive about 49.72% of their total fiscal year 1998 PFC payment.

"These payments will be automatically paid to eligible farmers. They will not have to file an application form, the payment will simply be on its way," Glickman said.

USDA intends to make announcements about other provisions in the relief package, including disaster relief, in the weeks to come.

"Even with these payments and other assistance we are providing, there remain serious, long-term structural problems in American agriculture," Glickman said. "This administration has made clear our firm belief that the 1996 Farm Bill does too little to help farmers during bad times. The pain felt in farm country today is a testament to the lack of an adequate safety net. There's still a lot of work that needs to be done, and I look forward to working with congress on these vital issues."



THE DIMMITT ROTARY CLUB served an estimated 275 persons at their brisket supper Friday night in the Richardson Elementary School east cafeteria and grossed an estimated \$1,650. Going through the line are Ann Henderson, Faye Mohon, Wayne

Mohon, Bill Henderson, and Trampas Moke. Servers are (from left) Jerry Heller and Eddie Weaver. Organizers said the attendance was considerably less than last year's event, and a significant part of the down turn could be attributed to the bad weather.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Major stock show sign up night set

This year's major stock show sign up night has been set for Nov. 16 at the Dimmitt High School FFA building starting at 6 p.m.

Each 4-H'er who wants to sign up must bring at least one parent with them. The major stock show cards require the signature of a parent, as well as the signature of the exhibitor.

All cards for the Houston show

must be notarized, and a notary will be present.

No cards will be accepted without both the exhibitor's and a parent's signature. Also, all entry fees are due at this time.

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Cotton Talks

The US Dept. of Agriculture began dispersing \$2.8 billion in supplemental Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA) payments Nov. 3. The payments also are known as Market Loss Assistance (MLS) payments.

MLS payments will equal 49.72% of the 1998 AMTA payment rate. For cotton the MLS payment rate will be around 4 cents per pound.

All recipients of the MLS payment should be aware that the income it represents CANNOT be deferred and will be taxable on 1998 tax returns. Producers who want, or need, to limit their 1998 tax burden should look for ways to defer other areas of expected income to offset the taxes payable on the MLS payment.

Additional information about MLS payment rates for other crops can be obtained from local USDA Farm Service Agency offices.

Negotiations continue within USDA as to the method for dispersing the remaining funds approved in the recently passed ag disaster assistance package. Additional details will be available later.

Paymaster Cottonseed and the Monsanto Corp. announced two new programs for cotton growers who purchase and plant stripper varieties

of Roundup Ready® cottonseed.

The new programs apply only to PM 2326RR, PM 2200RR, and PM 2145RR cottonseed. The programs will provide a grower the opportunity to receive free seed for replanting or provide a rebate up to \$17.50 per bag of seed purchased if initial acreage is lost and the grower opts to switch to an alternate crop.

"PCG continually works with the companies that provide the tools growers use to grow their crops. The announcement by Paymaster of their 1999 Replant and Crop Destruct programs will provide growers with an economically viable option for incorporating new technology into their farming operations," said PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"We strongly support new programs and services, no matter who provides them, that benefit the grower and provide them with useful new tools."

PCG has been working with Monsanto and Paymaster for several months and has encouraged them to develop programs that will make new technology available to more cotton growers.

PCG efforts to obtain a deviation from the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. for 1998 boll count appraisal methods were successful, and that success has helped spur further changes effective for the 1999 crop year.

For the past several years, the FCIC has used a boll count factor of 250 green and unopened bolls per pound when adjusting damaged cotton before bolls are open. If the changes currently contemplated go through, this factor will change to 350 green and unopened bolls per pound of lint for 1999.

The change is good news for producers. PCG officials believe the change more accurately reflects the boll sizes of today's most popular cottonseed varieties and will give a more accurate measure of the crops' yield potential when it is utilized.

Work is currently being done to

gather data about boll size and yields from a number of varieties to confirm the change in the boll count procedure.

Researchers with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are gathering and extrapolating the necessary data for this purpose.

Golden Spread Aggie Moms slate events

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms will hold their annual Christmas Open House and Auction on Dec. 10 at the E.B. Black House in Hereford.

The Christmas event will raise money for the scholarship fund, and local Texas A&M alumni will be invited, along with the families of the Aggie Moms. Members may contact Ginger Olson of Hereford, who was installed as vice president for projects, for more information or to make contributions to the auction.

The event was announced at the October meeting of the group, held at the home of Rita McDaniel in Dimmitt, president of the group. Virginia Artho of Hereford, vice president for membership, presented members with the 1998-99 student directory.

The next meeting of the group will be Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Members are asked to bring items for semester finals student care packages.

The October meeting was hosted by the Dimmitt members, who served a meal. New members Rita Huckert of Nazareth, and Sara Hill and Jocelyn Pohlmeier of Dimmitt were welcomed. Others attending included Suanne Bagley and Diane Townsend of Dimmitt, and Terri Johnson, Carla Scott and Denise Teel of Hereford.

The Aggie Moms provide other areas of support for Texas A&M students, including special needs networking and recognition of university seniors and scholarship recipients.

Any TAMU mother interested in joining the group may contact McDaniel at 647-5522 or Evelyn Lyles at 806-364-8245, or Artho at 806-364-5429.

It is always the secure who are humble.

—G.K. Chesterton

Gold Star Banquet scheduled Nov. 23

The 41st Gold Star Banquet will be held Nov. 23 at the KoKo Palace at 5105 Avenue Q in Lubbock, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Casey Jones, South Plains 4-H council president, will serve as master of ceremonies.

"A special congratulations to Rachel Wall and Kristin Hales, our Castro County Gold Star Winners," an Extension spokesperson said.

Those planning to attend the banquet need to let the Extension office know by Nov. 16, so that reservations may be made. Call the Extension office for more information.

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Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District



1998 ANNUAL REPORT



In 1998 the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service had an outstanding year. The district received \$25,717.00 for cost share assistance through water quality plans. 16 new plans were developed with producers and 15 of these have already applied their practices and have received their cost share assistance. These plans included such practices as irrigation pipeline, installing new pivots, re-nozzle old pivots, livestock pipeline, and pasture planting. Any one interested 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 280 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. Nine producers took advantage to 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 had about 65 in attendance. Also the Awards Banquet which had about 65 in attendance. Also this year they were responsible for three conservation education programs to 220 students in Castro County.

In 1998, 334 producers were accepted into the CRP program. Also in 1998 19 local producers signed up and were accepted into the new cost share program, EQIP.

The district's secretary/bookkeeper is Sue Stephens. 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 1200 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, Sarah Silva of Dimmitt was the county's first place winner with Matthew Birkenfeld of Nazareth being second and Christopher Velasquez of Dimmitt being third. In the essay contest Sara Birkenfeld of Nazareth won first and Rachel Wall or Hart 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:

Landowners assisted	825
Operators applying conservation practices	137
EQIP Contracts	27
1998 Water Quality Plans	16
Current CRP Contracts for 1998	334

Running Water SWCD Election

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District held an election for a director for zone 1 and 2 at the American Legion Hall in Nazareth on Tuesday, October 13, 1998. Numerous local producers participated in the election. Robert Birkenfeld and Louis Huseman were both re-elected to the board. We would like to take this time to thank Robert and Louis for taking the time to serve on the local board.

Balance Sheet

August 31, 1998

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash in bank	
Trust	6,499.29
State	9,322.18
CD	10,086.61
Total Current Assets	25,908.08
Property and Equipment	
Flow Meter	7,540.00
Laser Level	3,345.00
Answering Machine	72.38
Total Assets	36,865.46
Liabilities	
	0
Net Worth	36,865.46

**1998-1999
Running Water Soil & Water Conservation District
Tree Order Form
Harris Nursery**

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BLUE CONE ARVBT.—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____
GOLD PYRAMID ARVBT—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____
PFTZTER JUNIPER—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____
SPARTAN JUNIPER—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$13.00	_____
HILLSPIRE JUNIPER—	5-GAL ONLY—\$13.00	_____	_____
KETELEER JUNIPER—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$13.00	_____
SKYROCKET JUNIPER—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$13.00	_____
EASTERN RED CEDAR—	5-GAL ONLY—\$13.00	_____	_____
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AFGAN PINE—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____
AUSTRIAN PINE—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____
TX UMBRELLA TREE—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$15.00	_____
DESERT WILLOW—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____
MEXICAN PLUM—	5-GAL ONLY—\$15.00	_____	_____
TEXAS RED OAK—	5-GAL ONLY—\$15.00	_____	_____
BURR OAK—	5-GAL ONLY—\$15.00	_____	_____
TEXAS CEDAR OAK—	5-GAL ONLY—\$15.00	_____	_____
LACE BARK OAK—	5-GAL ONLY—\$15.00	_____	_____
LILAC—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____
RUSSIAN OLIVE—1-GAL.	\$6.00	5-GAL—\$12.00	_____

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**1998-1999
Running Water Soil & Water Conservation District
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Alghan Pine		\$50.00/30	_____	Honeysuckle		\$30.00/50	_____
Austrian Pine		\$50.00/30	_____	American Plum		\$30.00/50	_____
Pinon Pine		\$50.00/30	_____	Aromatic Sumac		\$30.00/50	_____
Ponderosa Pine		\$50.00/30	_____	Catalpa		\$30.00/50	_____
Redcedar		\$50.00/30	_____	Desert Willow		\$30.00/50	_____
Rocky Mt. Juniper		\$50.00/30	_____	Flameleaf Sumac		\$30.00/50	_____
Spruce		\$50.00/30	_____	Fourwing Saltbush		\$30.00/50	_____
White Pine		\$50.00/30	_____	Green Ash		\$30.00/50	_____
CONIFERS QUANTITY PRICE AMT. (in plastic bullets) 30 DUE				Hackberry \$30.00/50			
Austrian Pine		\$45.00	_____	Honeylocust		\$30.00/50	_____
Pinon Pine		\$45.00	_____	Lacebark Elm		\$30.00/50	_____
Ponderosa Pine		\$45.00	_____	Lilac		\$30.00/50	_____
Redcedar		\$45.00	_____	Nanking Cherry		\$30.00/50	_____
TOTAL DUE CONIFERS: _____				Russian Olive \$30.00/50			
WILDLIFE PACKETS:				Sand Cherry \$30.00/50			
#1 Quail & Pheasant			_____	Sand Plum		\$30.00/50	_____
25 Russian Olive			_____	Shumard Oak		\$30.00/50	_____
25 Aromatic Sumac			_____	TOTAL DUE HARDWOODS: _____			
25 Nanking Cherry			_____	AMOUNT DUE FOR: Conifers: _____			
25 Plum			_____	Hardwoods: _____			
#2 Deer			_____	Wildlife Packets: _____			
25 Bur Oak			_____	TOTAL: _____			
25 Flameleaf Sumac			_____	8.25% TAX: _____			
25 Fourwing Saltbush			_____	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____			
25 Hackberry			_____	PAID: _____			
#3 Turkey			_____	Check # _____ Cash _____			
25 Hackberry			_____	_____			
25 Bur Oak			_____	_____			
25 Aromatic Sumac			_____	_____			
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Kelley is top survivor

How bad a week was it for football pickers? It was so tough that local contests in many Texas newspapers were won with scores of 86, 87, 93 or 95 out of a possible 136. . . . It was so tough, in fact, that Ewell Kelley of Dimmitt won the local contest. With help from his wife Nell, he racked up 100 big ones, and no one here could top him. Kelley wins the \$20 weekly cash prize from the News. Upsets were rampant over the weekend. You don't even want to know how many Texans picked Nebraska for points-aplenty on their ballots, so when the Horns pulled it off, scores plummeted. Are you wanting to know if there were any perfect scores anywhere in the state? Forget it! Top score in Texas was recorded by Jennifer Childress of LaMarque. Against all odds, she tallied a state-high 127 and captured the weekly grand prize of \$1,000. She entered the contest through the Galveston County Daily News. Don't expect things to get any easier. The bye weeks are gone. 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!

More about Voters split ticket . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

The county followed the state trend in strongly favoring incumbent Republican Gov. George Bush, giving him 1,437 votes to 559 for Democrat Garry Mauro. Republican Rick Perry claimed the victory as lieutenant governor, but he trailed narrowly in Castro County with 955 to Democrat John Sharp's 960. In the race for Attorney General, John Cornyn (R) was leading by a comfortable margin statewide. He lost Castro County though, garnering only 812 to the 1,082 that went to Jim Mattox (D). Republican Carole Keeton Rylander won the office of Comptroller of Public Accounts, but local voters favored Democrat Paul Hobby with 1,023 votes to Rylander's 837. For Commissioner of the General Land Office, Republican David Dewhurst took the victory, and also carried Castro County, with 953 to 768 for Democrat Richard Raymond. For Ag Commissioner, Republican Susan Combs has been named the winner, but Castro County voters favored Democrat Pete Patterson with 951 to Combs's 853. Republican Tony Garza took the post of Railroad Commissioner, but local voters gave him only 891 votes to 909 for his opponent, Democrat Jim Spurlock. Top vote-getter in Castro County was County Clerk Joyce Thomas, who was unopposed, with 1,531 votes.



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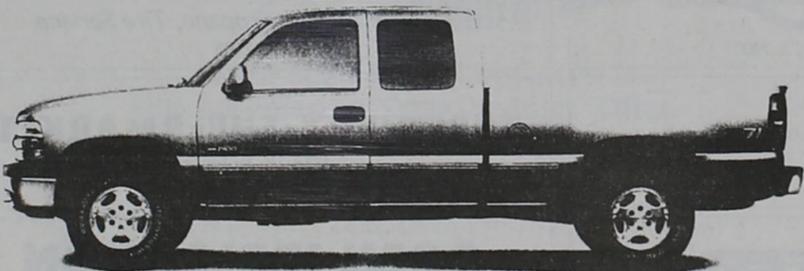
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A SCARY VISITATION—Bailey Eddleman (in wheelchair) is surrounded by members of the Dimmitt High School student council on Friday as the students treated residents of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home with a spirited visit in honor of Halloween. Photo by Linda Maxwell

RES honors first graders

Richardson Elementary School recently announced first grade honor winners for the first nine-week grading period. Recognition was given for citizenship, homework, writing, perfect attendance, and for the most improved. Honored students are listed by class room.

Keith's Class
CITIZENSHIP: Nicolas Aguilar, Ashley Almanza, Megan Ferguson, Anthony Fernandez, Amanda Jackson, Valerie Martinez, Irashima Medrano, Lyssa Ramirez, Olivia Zambrano, Shambria Sherman, Amanda Falcon, Kayla Lively.
HOMEWORK: Andre Aleman, Joshica Alvarez, Ferguson, Travis Harris, Jackson, Kasandra Lopez, Martinez, Zambrano.
MOST IMPROVED: Chris Stanley.

Waggoner's Class
CITIZENSHIP: Monique Marmolejo, Beau Bradley, Cody Essary, Dustin Gilbreath, Matthew Ortiz, Terence Hernandez, Eric Herrera, Kimberly Ruiz, Amy Saenz.
HOMEWORK: Gilbreath, Ruiz, John Lopez, Herrera, Valeria Quiroz, Marmolejo, Steven Sifuentez, Saenz.
MOST IMPROVED: Ruby Corrales.
WRITING: Saenz, Herrera, Gilbreath, Marmolejo, Quiroz.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Bradley, Hernandez, Lopez, Quiroz, Sifuentez.

Matthews's Class
CITIZENSHIP: Clarissa Acevedo, Klarisse Espiritu Santo, Isabel Garcia, Cailee Gilbreath, Reagan Hunter, Elizabeth Jackson, Marissa Martinez, Jill Miller, J.B. Ojeda, Tito Rodriguez, Jonathan Rosalez, Nicole Sanchez, Amy Torres.
HOMEWORK: Gilbreath, Hunter, Miller, Rosalez, Espiritu Santo.
MOST IMPROVED: Ojeda.
WRITING: Espiritu Santo, Brennan Cluck, Torres, Gabriel Calderon, Gilbreath, Markous Sifuentez, Martinez.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Calderon, Cluck, Garcia, Hunter, Jackson, Martinez, Sanchez, Espiritu Santo, Ojeda.

Padilla's Class
CITIZENSHIP: Eric Gil, Karina

Enriquez, Daniel Esquivel, Briana Lopez, Roxanne Lopez, Cruz Maldonado, Corina Mendoza, Melissa Molina, Angelica Nicolas, Yesenia Ontiveros, Jackie Ramirez.
HOMEWORK: Javier Ayala, Laura Chavez, Briana Lopez, Molina, Nicolas, Ontiveros, Ramirez.
MOST IMPROVED: Roxanne Lopez, Karina Enriquez.
WRITING: Roxanne Lopez, Enriquez, Maldonado, Esquivel, Nicolas, Molina.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Chavez, Gil, Briana Lopez, Victor Lopez, Maldonado, Molina, Gustavo Ruiz, Enriquez.

Villarreal's Class
CITIZENSHIP: Diana Arredondo, Ana Diaz, Melissa Escamilla, Elizabeth Gallardo, Jorge Grado, Rigo Lopez, Yannin Marquez.
HOMEWORK: Diaz, Escamilla, Pepito Flores, Gallardo, Grado, Jose Hernandez, Lopez, Marquez, Jennifer Olivas, Viviana Porras, Virginia Reyes, Tracy Silva, Ricardo Velasquez, Ismael Melendez.
MOST IMPROVED: Maribel Alanis, Flores, Melendez.
WRITING: Diaz, Escamilla, Gallardo, Grado, Hernandez, Lopez, Marquez, Velasquez.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Alanis, Diaz, Grado, Marquez, Reyes, Silva, Olivas, Melendez.

Roberson's Class
CITIZENSHIP: Eric Davis, Johnny Lopez, John David Martinez, Matthew vigil.
HOMEWORK: Shyleigh Harris, Steven Sustaita.
MOST IMPROVED: Harris, Mari Peña.
WRITING: Harris.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Lopez, Daniella Oltivero.

RES Egg Drop has 11 winners

As a part of their Red Ribbon Week activities, Richardson Elementary School held an Egg Drop contest last Thursday, with the theme of "Don't Do Drugs—They Crack You Up." Each classroom prepared a raw egg, donated by the school, by placing it in a styrofoam hamburger box. The boxes were donated by the Dimmitt Dairy Queen. Students brainstormed on what type of materials to use for packing and protecting the fragile eggs. Classes whose eggs survived were: third grade, Elaine Steidle and Connie Merritt; second grade, Katrina Howell and Luis Luna; first grade, Pat Keith, Maria Padilla, Karen Roberson, Nora Villarreal, and Linda Shannon; and kindergarten, Tracy Venhaus and Pam Norman. Also honored for surviving eggs were the office staff and the library, although everyone agreed that the office staff "cheated," by taping balloons all over the outside of their egg box. Merritt's class also resorted to balloons, as did Steidle's, although Steidle's class used three helium-filled balloons attached by strings. Several classes encased their boxes inside of inflated plastic bags, with some surviving and some cracking anyway.

The only rules for the contest were that the egg must be raw and the outside of the box must be visible. Merritt said her students wrapped their egg in gauze sealed with a bandage, then packed it with cotton from a cotton gin, cotton balls, and biodegradable cotton packing material. Venhaus's first graders wrapped their egg in yarn, put it inside of two small plastic cups placed rim to rim and taped together, and packed it with cereal and cotton balls. Howell's class used a surgical glove, marshmallows and "bubble" packing material. Cheers went up as eggs were unwrapped intact. The winning classes received a treat of candy for each class member. The official egg dropper was RES Principal Clint Seward, who climbed on the roof above the entry to the cafeteria.

State 4-H Horse rules are changed

The State 4-H Horse Committee met recently and voted to make changes in some of the rules for 4-H horse shows and the State show. This year, each district may take 20 exhibitors or each exhibitor who receives one point in the qualifying show may attend. All drill team participants must own their horses by May 1, just like all other participants. Futurity nominations are due March 15. Western Riding will be a class in the qualifying show next year, and exhibitors will have to pick four of the five qualifying classes. Also, a Trail Class will be pilot tested at the State Horse Show for the next two years, but no points will be awarded. The mule classes will no longer be held at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Dimmitt Book Club to honor Marie Howell

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet Wednesday (Nov. 11) at 4 p.m. and the public is invited. Marie Howell, 25-year employee of Rhoads Memorial Library, will be honored with a reception. Also, club member Shirley Wise will review the book *Wind Water* by Jeanne Williams. It is the story of a crew who went through the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles erecting windmills around the turn of the century.

Author to visit RES library

Michael Finklea, a children's author, will visit the Richardson Elementary School library on Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. He will talk to the students about the importance of being able to read and how to use that ability to be able to write. Books he has written include *The Worldwide Adventures of Winston and Churchill*, *Good Natured Nina the Nervous Gnat*, and *Who Are You Calling Junior?* These will be on display for purchase by students, and he will offer autographs for those making a purchase. In addition, other Accelerated Reader books will be on display. Parents are invited to attend the presentation, too.

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Police Calls

A woman residing in Coronado Acres told police Monday afternoon that a suspect punched a 15-year-old juvenile in the eye.

Two incidents of disorderly conduct were reported at Dimmitt High School, one on Oct. 26 in which suspects got into a fist fight, and one on Oct. 28 in which suspects were fighting in a class room.

A 40-year-old woman who resides at Coronado Acres was jailed Sunday afternoon for interference with a public servant in the performance of duty.

Three vehicle burglaries were reported the morning of Oct. 27. At 7:50 a.m. a student at Dimmitt High School told police that someone took a CD stereo and amplifier, valued at a total of \$370, from his pickup while it was parked at his home in the 200 block of Southwest Fifth. At 8:44 a.m., Juanita Vidal told police that an AM/FM stereo cassette player valued at \$150 was taken from a pickup at her home in the 400 block of Southwest Fourth, and \$40 in damage was done to the small side window on the driver's side. At 9:15 a.m. Reynaldo Garcia III of Nazareth told police that someone took cassette stereo equipment valued at a total of \$410 from his vehicle while it was parked at the Azteca Complex, and did \$50 in damage to the stereo console.

Jesus Sepeda of Dimmitt told police that someone broke out the driver's side window and damaged the driver's side door of his Chevrolet Blazer while it was parked in the Dimmitt High School parking lot. He estimated the damage at \$1,500. An aluminum baseball bat was recovered at the scene.

Saturday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for disorderly conduct and evading arrest or detention. He was arrested at the Azteca Complex around 11 p.m.

Oct. 28, Billy Sterling of Dimmitt told police that someone scratched the paint on a 1995 GMC van at her home in the 100 block of Northwest 10th. She estimated the damage at \$500.

James Loyd Vaughan of Dimmitt told deputies Friday that someone had taken a trailer without his permission and he had seen the trailer at a residence east of Dimmitt. Investigation is continuing.

On Oct. 27, it was reported to deputies that money was taken from the Castro County Jail without permission.

Juan Martinez of Dimmitt told deputies that he had been bitten by a dog on Friday. The dog is being held for proof of rabies vaccination.

Alcohol-related arrests included: —Oct. 26, police stopped a suspect for driving while intoxicated, third offense. A bottle of brandy was taken into evidence.

—On Oct. 28 at 3:45 p.m. a suspect was arrested in the 1500 block of Western Circle and had an odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath. Taken into evidence was a 30-pack of beer. He was charged with driving under the influence, third offense.

—Also on Oct. 28, police charged a 19-year-old with being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage and also for failure to identify. The incident happened in the 1500 block of Western Circle Drive around 4:41 p.m.

—Sunday night, a suspect was reported to be intoxicated and causing a disturbance at the Star Dance Hall.

Jailed on warrants or for violation of probation were:

—A 49-year-old Dimmitt man Oct. 27 on a warrant for violation of parole stemming from charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

—Oct. 28, a 30-year-old Olton man on a bond surrender on charges of DWI, third offense.

—Oct. 28, a Hart man, 22, on a motion to revoke probation, stemming from DWI, first offense.

—Sunday, an Amarillo man, 28, on a warrant for speeding and failure to appear.

Oct. 28 at 1:45 p.m., a 1996 Buick driven by Sandra Diaz Ovalle, 28, of Dimmitt, was backing out of a private drive in the south side of the 1100 block of West Bedford. A 1993 Ford driven by Susan Frazier, 43, of Dimmitt, was backing out from the north side of the street. The vehicles collided, causing light damage to both vehicles and possible injury to one passenger in the Ford.

Last Thursday, a 1994 Dodge belonging to Jessie Ramirez of Dimmitt was struck by an unknown vehicle on the right rear quadrant while it was parked unattended in the Dimmitt Market parking lot. Damage was rated light.

Friday at 10:3 a.m., a 1980 Chevrolet pickup driven by Heather Felice Geter, 16, of Dimmitt, was northbound in the 100 block of North

Broadway and failed to yield right of way making a left turn. The vehicle struck the right front of a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Steven Arnold Knoll, 34, of Rt. 4, Hereford. Damage to both vehicles was rated light. A passenger in Geter's vehicle was listed with possible injury. Geter was ticketed.

At 8:30 p.m. Sunday, a 1998 Chevy Cavalier driven by Brandy Kay Richardson, 21, of Amarillo, was involved in a one-vehicle rollover 3.1 miles south of SH 86 on FM 1055. A DPS trooper reported that she was heading north on FM 1055 when her vehicle hit some water on the road and hydroplaned off the roadway, rolled three times and ended up in the east bar ditch. Richardson and a her two children and a friend received only minor injuries thanks to the fact they were all properly secured by safety restraints, according to the trooper. The vehicle was rated as totaled. Richardson was ticketed for unsafe speed for the road conditions.

It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers. —James Thurber

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CHECKING 'EM IN—Library Technician at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt is Marie Howell, who is celebrating her 25th year of working at the library. She started as a volunteer in 1973, moving up to a paid worker, first part-time and then full-time. She will be honored with a reception by the Dimmitt Book Club at their Wednesday (Nov. 11) meeting at 4 p.m. at the library. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Howell celebrates 25 years on the job

Marie Howell has worked at the library in Dimmitt for 25 years, and she will be honored with a reception by the Dimmitt Book Club at their Wednesday (Nov. 11) meeting at 4 p.m. at the library.

When she started as a volunteer back in the spring of 1973, the library had just been moved to the office space now occupied by Castro County Abstract. It had been moved out of the courthouse basement to make room for renovations.

Howell said she answered an appeal for volunteers to help process books that were received from a closed school library in Elk City, Okla. She said the books were needed to bring up the number of volumes for the library to be able to move into a new building.

Howell also helped move things to the new location, where it became Rhoads Memorial Library. She said she helped move the card catalog in August, and the rest of the things were moved on Labor Day.

When the new fiscal year started, Howell was put on the payroll as a part-time worker, then later became full-time, "and I've been here ever since," Howell said.

She said she and her family moved to Dimmitt in 1967. She and her late husband, George, who died in 1981, had three children. Greg, the oldest, lives in Albuquerque, N.M., with his wife and two children. Mary-Anne is a registered nurse in the OB department at Baptist/St. Anthony's in Amarillo and has five children. The youngest, Jeff, still lives in Dimmitt with his wife and three children.

Howell said she obtained five semesters of library technical assistant courses from Amarillo College in

1974-76, and she receives continuing education credits for workshops she attends.

She is a certified library technician, and has worked with four different librarians. She started out with Mary Edna Hendrix, followed by Carlton Moyers, who stayed for only nine months; Brick Autry, who held the position for about 15 years; and Cindy Pottorff, who has been here for almost eight years.

"I guess I'll get to break in another new librarian," Howell said. Pottorff plans to move sometime after the first of the year to join her husband in Kansas City, where his job took him.

Howell said she has enjoyed her years with the library, and although she likes her vacation times, she is always ready to come back to the library.

Her favorite part of the job is the technical service—processing books and getting them ready for the shelves.

She said when she first started, everything was done by hand, but many of the operations are done by computer now. However, the card catalog is still there, although it is also available on computer.

The books do not have cards in them anymore. Instead they have a bar code strip that is scanned on check-out. The slip for stamping the due date is still there, though.

"Some of our patrons say they still wish they could sign the check-out card," Howell said.

Howell doesn't plan to "check out" of the library business, saying, "I guess I'm gonna be staying on for a while."

and our prayers."

Her lawyer said to do so, she was "child-like and disoriented and suffered from 'dissociative disorder'"—whatever that is.

Earlier this year I recall high school sweethearts in Delaware who delivered their baby in a motel and threw it in a dumpster.

These indeed are horrible crimes deserving punishment. By carrying out the punishment phase of these trials it seems as if our justice system is working.

But what bothers me is that young people are punished, and rightly so, for committing crimes such as this, while it is acceptable for abortionists to do the same thing through "partial birth abortions."

When young people kill their babies it is wrong, but when adults punch a hole in the skull of an infant and suck its brains out, our society says that is okay.

How can our society justify either? Both are murder!

CHARLES DOSS

Migrant parents meeting is today

A meeting has been set for today (Thursday) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School library, 806 West Jones.

This will be an informational meeting on the Migrant Program, according to Migrant Clerk Gloria Hernandez. Also, the video "Building an Atmosphere of Family Oriented Achievement" will be shown.

All migrant parents and other interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call Hernandez at 647-3103.

Letter 'Unequal justice'

Dear Editor: It was with dismay and astonishment that I read of the young lady who gave birth at her senior prom, killed her baby, tossed it in a trash can and returned to the dance floor.

The judge in this case said her actions were "explainable, but not excusable," and that she is "entitled to our understanding, compassion

Letter Band is important

Dear Editor: In response to Billy and Carolyn Harman's letter, we most certainly agree that something has to be done about our block schedule and the attitude of the administration as a whole.

We have had two sons go through the Dimmitt Independent School District system. One graduated in 1993 before the block schedule was in place and one is a senior this year.

But, if we had a child in one of the lower grades now, we would have to enroll that child in another school that doesn't have this block schedule. When a student has to decide between band or an honor class, then the system needs help. We need to modify the block schedule now.

Just imagine a tape recorder playing the National Anthem at our football games and not having any entertainment during halftime. BAND IS IMPORTANT.

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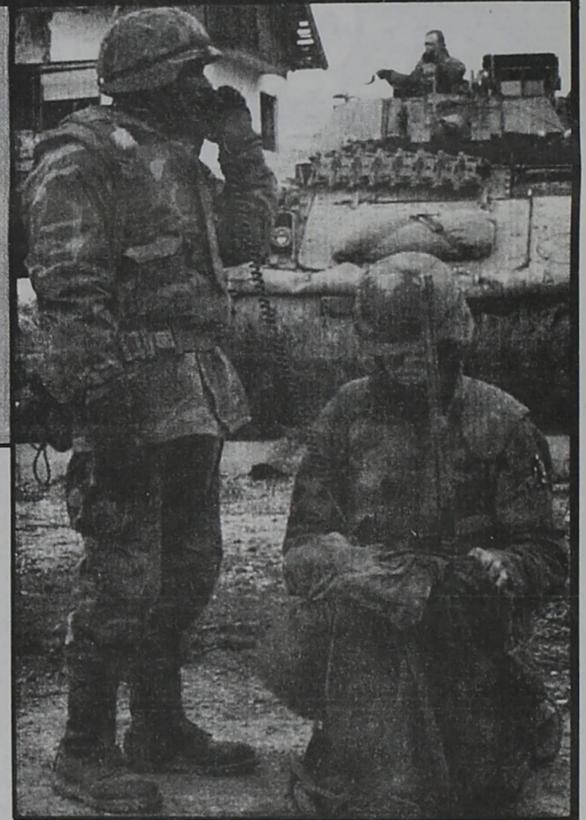
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Sports



Cats, Wolves make a weekend of it



JUSTIN SUTTON (21) gains nine yards against Dalhart in the fourth quarter of Saturday night's 1-3A game in Amarillo.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Game at a Glance

Dalhart	0	0	0	6	-	6
Dimmitt	7	7	14	6	-	34

	DIM	DAL
First Downs	20	7
Rushes-Yards	47-325	32-94
Passing Yards	131	50
Total Yards	456	144
Passes Comp/Att	4/6	4/16
Interceptions By	1	0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Punts-Avg.	3-23	9-31
Penalties-Yards	10-74	8-58

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter:
Dimmitt—Derek Buckley 1 run (Luis Silva kick), 0:27

Second Quarter:
Dimmitt—Justin Sutton 60 run (Silva kick), 1:49

Third Quarter:
Dimmitt—Buckley 6 run (Silva kick), 4:52

Fourth Quarter:
Dimmitt—Sutton 27 run (Silva kick), 11:21
Dalhart—Davis Ewing 9 run (pass failed), 7:55
Dimmitt—Sutton 67 pass from Buckley (kick failed), 5:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—DIMMITT: Justin Sutton 29-224 (2TD); Derek Buckley 8-30 (2TD); Frederick Traylor 8-54; Stacey Villanueva 2-17.

Passing—DIMMITT: Derek Buckley 4/6-0-131.

Receiving—DIMMITT: Justin Sutton 1-67 (TD); Wesley Wright 1-27; Eric Gamez 1-21; Daniel Proffitt 1-16.

Leading Tacklers—DIMMITT: Ralph Enriquez 1u, 13a; Keevin Sanders 3u, 8a; Bobby Hill 3u, 7a.

Tackles Behind Line—DIMMITT: Stacey Villanueva 1, Frederick Traylor 1, James Jackson 1, Armondo Castaneda 1, Bobby Hill 1.

Interceptions—DIMMITT: Jaime LaFuente 1.

Fumbles Caused—DIMMITT: Daniel Salazar 1.

Records: Dimmitt 6-3, 2-2. Dalhart 0-9, 0-4.

By DON NELSON

In a game that was delayed 25 hours and moved 65 miles because of a torrential rain, the Bobcats drowned the Dalhart Golden Wolves Saturday night, 34-6, to keep their playoff hopes afloat.

A flooded field and continued rain and lightning Friday night forced school officials to finally call off the game at Bobcat Stadium.

It became one of many floating football games across the Panhandle over the monsoon weekend, which saw rainfall totals of 4½ to 9 inches.

The contest was played Saturday night instead, at Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium, where half a dozen teams waited in line to play their postponed games on the welcome Astro turf.

With temperatures in the 30s and wind in the 20s, a handful of faithful from both schools huddled in the stands and shook off the occasional drizzle while the players onfield went about their assigned voyage, often with a flair.

Dimmitt running back Justin Sutton took to the Astro turf like a pro and had a career night as he rushed for a whopping 224 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries, and scored another TD on an exciting 67-yard pass play.

QB Derek Buckley notched Dimmitt's other two touchdowns, one on a one-yard sneak and the other on a six-yard keeper. He also completed four of six passes for 131 yards and a TD.

Fullback Frederick Traylor had a good night, too, as he pounded out 54 yards on eight totes.

The Bobcats dominated the hard-luck Wolves, gaining 456 yards and 20 first downs to Dalhart's 144 yards and seven firsts.

Despite the conditions, there were only four fumbles in the game, but one of Dimmitt's three bobbles led to Dalhart's touchdown.

Sutton crossed the goal line three times on long breakaway runs before he could finally get one to count.

His first apparent TD came on the Bobcats' second possession, when he broke loose on a 38-yard scamper to the end zone, only to have it nullified by a holding penalty against a teammate.

The Bobcats got the TD anyway

four plays later. Buckley hit Daniel Proffitt with a 15-yard pass that carried to the Dalhart 25, then Sutton went over right guard and picked his way 24 yards before being dragged down at the 1.

After Traylor was jammed for no gain, Buckley scored on a sneak and Luis Silva added a perfect kick to make it 7-0 with 27 ticks remaining in the opening quarter.

On the Bobcats' next possession, Sutton caught an out-pattern pass from Buckley and added a beautiful 48-yard run to paydirt—only to have that apparent TD nullified, too, by a holding penalty.

Later in the second, Sutton went off of left tackle and outran all Dalhart defenders 60 yards for a TD that counted. Silva-toed Luis added the point to make it 14-0 at halftime.

Long passes from Buckley to Eric Gamez and Wesley Wright set up Dimmitt's next two touchdowns.

Gamez caught a 21-yarder midway in the third, and two plays later Buckley ran the option play to the right, kept and cut in to the end zone for the TD with 4:52 remaining in the third. Silva's kick made it 21-0.

On the final play of the third, Wright made a diving catch of a 27-yard pass from Buckley to set the Bobcats up at the Dalhart 41.

Then, after Traylor opened the fourth quarter with an impressive 14-yard burst, Sutton took a quick pitch, raced to the right and stag-leaped over a Dalhart defender en route to the end zone on a 27-yard TD run. Silva added the point to make it 28-0.

The TD drive covered 69 yards in only five plays.

The Wolves got their only score after recovering a Sutton fumble at the Dimmitt 27. Dalhart's Davis Ewing gained the distance in two plays—18 yards first, then the remaining nine. A pass attempt for a two-point conversion failed, leaving the score at 28-6.

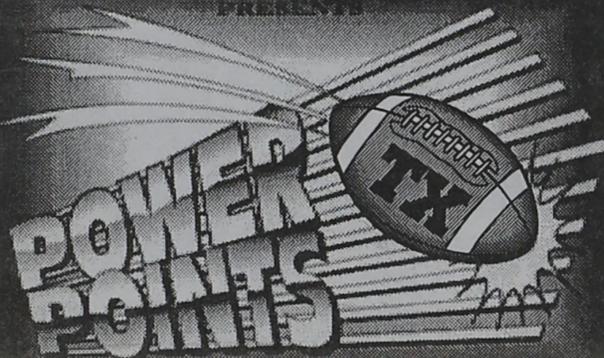
The Bobcats responded with a five-play, 80-yard blitz that ended with a beautiful 67-yard pass play. Buckley connected with Sutton, who got a great clearing block from Gamez and raced up the left sideline all the way. Silva's kick, for a change, went wide, leaving the soaked scoreboard tilted at 34-6.

Jaime LaFuente foiled the Wolves' next drive when he intercepted a pass at the Dimmitt 29. His interception came two plays after the Wolves had had an apparent TD called back because of an illegal block.

The Bobcats ended the game with an impressive goal-line stand. A 28-yard pass from quarterback Derek Burkhalter to Jason Chaffin set the Wolves up at the Dimmitt 6, then the Bobcats were flagged for pass interference and the penalty left Dalhart with a first-and-goal from the 3.

But the Wolves never got any closer as the Bobcats stopped two running plays cold, and two passes fell incomplete.

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- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

Band Boosters to meet Nov. 10

The Dimmitt Band Boosters will have a meeting Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Band Hall, and all band parents are encouraged to attend.

This is for the parents of all band students, those in fifth and sixth and junior high, as well as those in high school, according to a group spokesperson.

At the meeting, the discussion will include the end of football concession report and upcoming events.

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 Nazareth 5 over HAPPY
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 DALHART pick vs. Tulia
 Sanford-Fritch 6 over RIVER ROAD
 Springlake-Earth 2 over KRESS
 Muleshoe 24 over LUBBOCK COOPER
 FRIONA 14 over Littlefield
 Shallowater 15 over LUB. ROOSEVELT
 Denver City 24 over BROWNFIELD
 Colorado City 34 over SLATON
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 CHILDRESS 31 over Henrietta
 CLAUDE 16 over Booker
 Gruver 7 over MEMPHIS
 Wheeler 23 over SHAMROCK
 Spur 1 over CROSBYTON
 LORENZO pick vs. Motley County
 Petersburg 23 over VALLEY
 O'Donnell 28 over ANTON
 WHITEFACE 6 over Ropes
 SUDAN no line vs. Smyer
 Farwell 29 over BOVINA
 SUNDOWN 10 over Hale Center
 OLTON 6 over Morton
 CANADIAN 46 over Boys Ranch
 Spearman 17 over STRATFORD
 Sunray 12 over WEST TEXAS
 Panhandle 20 over CLARENDON
 HIGHLAND PARK pick vs. Wellington
 Quanah 18 over White Deer

IDALOU 7 over Abernathy
 FLOYDADA pick vs. Lockney
 New Deal 32 over RALLS
 BORGER pick vs. Pampa
 HEREFORD 14 over Caprock
 DUMAS 1 over Palo Duro
 CANYON pick vs. Randall
 LEVELL 7 over Lub. Estacado
 FRENSHIP 4 over Plainview
 AMARILLO 23 over Tascosa
 LUB. CORONADO 17 over Lubbock
 San Ang. Central 7 over LUB. MONTEREY
 ABILENE COOPER 18 over Abilene
 Midland Lee 17 over MIDLAND
 ODESSA PERMIAN 12 over Odessa
 SWEETWATER 11 over Big Spring
 Andrews 37 over FT. STOCKTON

107. Spur 137, 109. Ropes 135, 113.
 Crowell 131, 115. Smyer 131.

Class AAA: 1. Newton 209, 2. Breckenridge 206, 3. Cleveland 205, 4. Sweeny 205, 5. Daingerfield 203, 6. Sealy 203, 7. Waco La Vega 203, 8. Brady 202, 9. Corrigan-Camden 202, 10. Childress 201.

Other Area Class AAA: 43. Muleshoe 191, 47. Friona 190, 79. Perryton 185, 83. Sanford-Fritch 184, 95. Lamesa 182, 96. Seminole 182, 104. Dimmitt 180, 106. Littlefield 180, 118. Denver City 178, 123. Shallowater 177, 124. River Road 176, 167. Lubbock Cooper 164, 174. Lubbock Roosevelt 162, 188. Dalhart 156, 191. Tulia 155, 193. Brownfield 154, 197. Slaton 152.

WEEK 10 RANKINGS

Here's how Harris ranks the area teams, including their respective power ratings, by which he bases his decisions.

Class A: 1. Tenaha 194, 2. Iola 190, 3. Era 187, 4. Sudan 185, 5. Aspermont 184, 6. Bartlett 182, 7. Granger 181, 8. Rocksprings 181, 9. Burkeville 180, 10. Wheeler 180.

Other Area Class A: 16. O'Donnell 176, 20. Gruver 173, 21. Nazareth 173, 25. Paducah 172, 29. Springlake-Earth 170, 33. Petersburg 169, 37. Happy 167, 38. Kress 166, 42. Claude 163, 44. Memphis 163, 66. Shamrock 154, 67. Anton 153, 72. Hart 151, 76. Booker 149, 82. Valley 148, 102. Lorenzo 140, 104. Whiteface 139, 105. Motley County 138.

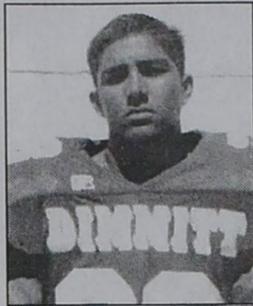
ENMU rep to visit DHS

Doug Dobbins, director of recruiting for Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, will visit Dimmitt High School on Friday from 11:20 to 11:45 a.m.



The funny bone is not a bone, but a sensitive place at the end of the elbow.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Eric Gamez
 Dimmitt—Sr. TE/LB
 Outstanding offensive blocking, 1 reception for 21 yards



Keith Finch
 Hart—Fresh. TB/LB
 12 carries for 40 yards



Mitchell Brockman
 Nazareth—Sr. QB
 5 of 11 for 68 yards passing, 9 carries for 73 yards, 7 tackles

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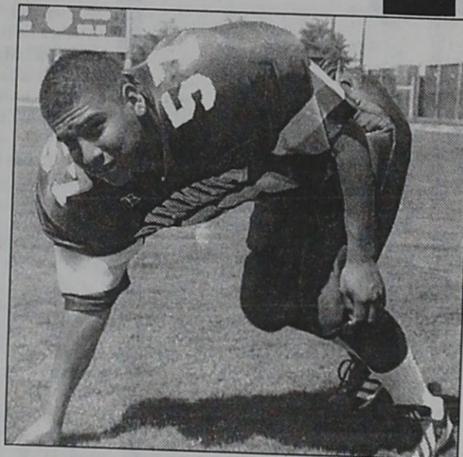
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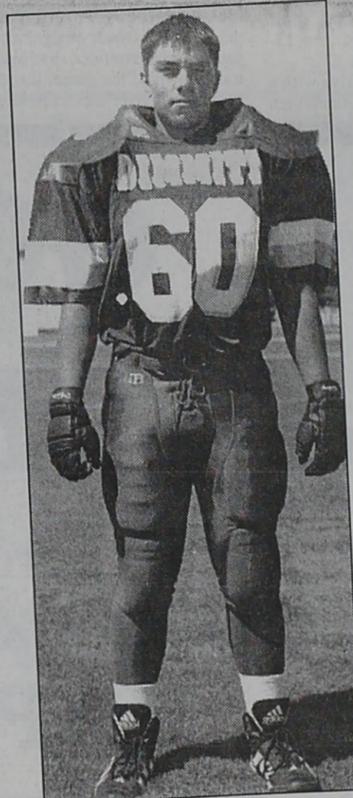
Friday, 7:30 p.m., There



MICHAEL PENNEY
 Junior OG/DT



LUIS REYES
 Junior OG/DE



ARMONDO CASTANEDA
 Junior OT/DT

Schedule & Scores

VARSITY

Bobcats 24, Sundown 13
 Bobcats 21, Lamesa 17
 Bobcats 0, Friona 14
 Bobcats 49, Brownfield 0
 Bobcats 28, Muleshoe 21
 Bobcats 14, River Road 21
 Bobcats 43, Tulia 12
 Bobcats 0, Sanford-Fritch 33
 Bobcats 34, Dalhart 6
 Nov. 6 *Perryton, There 7:30

* Denotes District Games

FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR VARSITY

JV 14, Sundown 0; 9th 22, Sanford-Fritch 44
 JV 12, Lamesa 14; 9th 12, Lamesa 20
 JV 22, Friona 0; 9th 29, Friona 0
 JV 40, Brownfield 6; 9th 46, Brownfield 22
 JV 2, Muleshoe 12; 9th 12, Muleshoe 6
 JV 26, River Road 14; 9th 20, River Road 20
 9th/JV 28, Tulia 6
 9th/JV 0, Sanford-Fritch 13
 9th/JV 26, Dalhart 14
 Nov. 5 Tulia, There 5:00-6:30

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

8th 12, Friona 12; 7th 0, Friona 12
 8th 2, Brownfield 12; 7th 0, Brownfield 26
 8th 6, Muleshoe 8; 7th 0, Muleshoe 12
 8th 38, River Road 12; 7th 16, River Road 32
 8th 16, Tulia 6; 7th 6, Tulia 6
 8th 18, Sanford-Fritch 6; 7th 6, Sanford-Fritch 8
 8th 30, Dalhart 6; 7th 16, Dalhart 26
 Nov. 5 Tulia, Here 5:00-6:30

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Brockman, rain drench Kress in two-day game

By JESSICA KERN

The District 3-A matchup between Nazareth and Kress was a big one because of possible playoff implications, but the game was shifted to the back burner Friday night as another matchup took center stage.

Mother Nature claimed the attention of every official, player, spectator and cheerleader Friday night, forcing a 12-hour halftime in the game.

After a 45-minute delayed start because of rain, lightning, hail and funnel sightings in Dimmitt, Nazareth and Kress got the first half of their game on record with a 22-0 Swift lead.

Then the heavy stuff hit, forcing school officials to postpone second-half action until Saturday morning.

The rain lingered through Saturday morning, but the Swifts won the battle with Mother Nature and Kress, posting a 22-6 win to stay alive in the playoff race.

"I've never been involved in a situation like this before," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "What do you do when you're faced with a 12-hour halftime? We told the guys to go straight home and rest for the second half Saturday morning."

"It really required a lot of mental toughness on the guys part, but they came back Saturday morning focused and did what they had to hold onto their lead."

Price said it wasn't the rain as much as the lightning that worried school officials and prompted the postponement.

"We didn't even take the field for warm-up until 7:30 p.m. Then we finally kicked off about 8:15 p.m.," Price said. "It really didn't rain all that much until right before halftime, then it started pouring."

Price said under UIL rules, the game would have had to resume before 10 p.m. or else it would have to be postponed until a later date. At 9:45 p.m. he said the lightning was still bad, so the game was called.

On Saturday morning, Price said he was worried the game might be delayed again because another heavy system rolled through the area between 7 and 8 a.m. But by gametime the weather had cleared some and the teams took the field with just sprinkles and light rain falling.

The 22-6 win over Kress was a big one for Nazareth. The Kangaroos had been in sole possession of the lead in District 3-A before the game. After Nazareth, Springlake-Earth and

Happy won Friday night, the district was forced into a four-way tie for first between that trio and Kress.

This week's games—Nazareth at Happy and Springlake-Earth at Kress—will determine who wins district and advances to the playoffs. In a nutshell, the winners advance and the losers hang up their cleats.

The right Nazareth Swifts showed up this week and pulled out a big win," Price said. "Circumstances were unusual, but the team was mentally tough and held on for the win."

Senior quarterback Mitchell Brockman was the sparkplug the soaked Swifts needed Friday and Saturday. He finished with 68 yards passing and 73 yards rushing, and he scored Friday's three touchdown runs.

Leading rusher for the Swifts was Cameron McLain, who gained 79 yards on 16 carries. Matthew Kern finished with 45 yards on nine totes while Matty McLain had 21 yards on five carries.

Brockman's favorite receivers were Kade Wilcox and Matt Olvera, who each caught two balls for 38 and 21 yards, respectively.

The Roos had the first shot on offense, but managed just three yards against the Swift defense before they had to punt.

Nazareth took advantage of its first drive, scoring after just eight plays on a 66-yard drive.

The Swifts used a balanced rushing attack to keep Kress off guard. Kern gained nine yards on one carry, Matty McLain gained another four and Cameron McLain picked up 23 on two attempts.

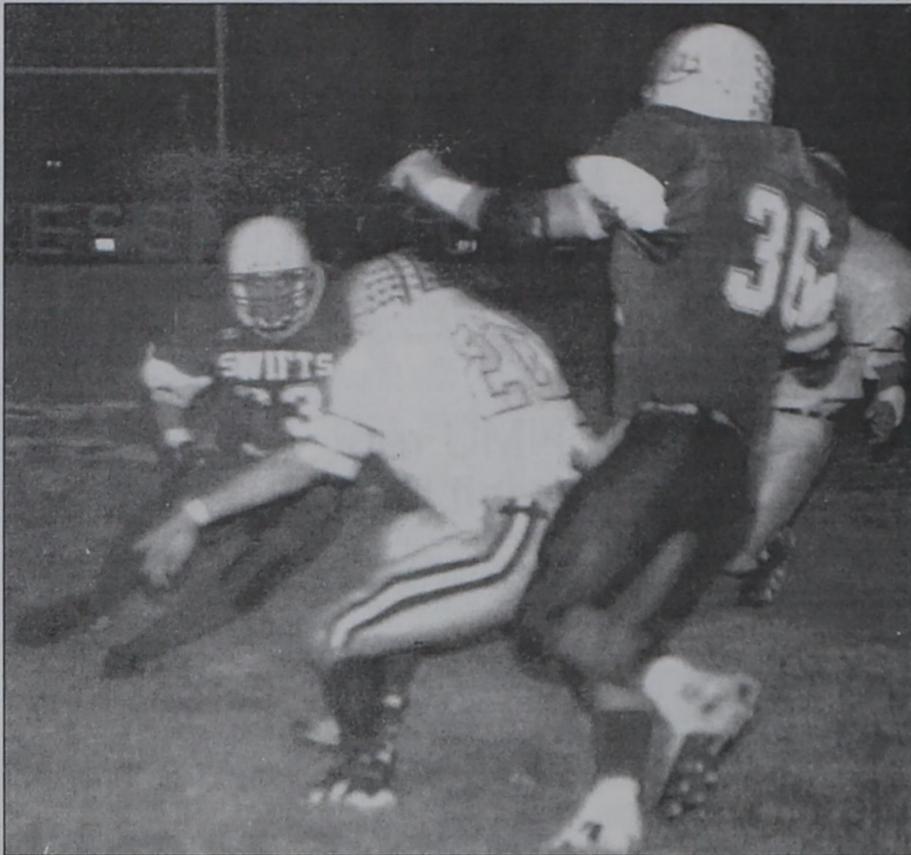
Brockman went to the air and found Matt Olvera for a 15-yard strike, before keeping the ball himself for a 34-yard touchdown. Olvera kicked the point-after to make it 7-0 with 7:49 left in the opening stanza.

Stanton Wethington's ensuing kickoff was brought out to the 20 on a touch-back and Kress started from there.

The Swifts made short work of the Roos' offense and Kress had to punt after finding no room to move. The short kick was fielded by Ky Wilcox who returned it to the Kress 39 where Nazareth started its next drive.

Kern started the drive by gaining 25 yards on three attempts. Cameron McLain picked up another three yards, then Olvera hauled in a 13-yard pass from Brockman.

Brockman capped the drive with a three-yard touchdown scamper, then



LOOKING FOR RUNNING ROOM. Matt Olvera of Nazareth is met by a Kress defender, but still manages to gain 13 yards for a first down after catching a pass from quarterback Mitchell Brockman Friday in a 3-A game at Nazareth. The Swifts led 22-0 at halftime, but then Mother Nature

interfered with things and the game was postponed until Saturday morning. Kress came back Saturday to score once, but the Swifts held on for the 22-6 win to stay alive in the playoffs. Also pictured is Nazareth's Matthew Kern. Photo by Joyce Nelson

found Kade Wilcox in the end zone for the two-point conversion pass and Nazareth was up 15-0 with 1:28 left in the first quarter.

Th Roos started the second quarter from their 20-yard line, driving to the 42 in 11 plays before being forced to punt again. The Swifts took over on their own 33.

The drive opened with a five-yard pass from Brockman to Kern, then the quarterback connected with Kade Wilcox for an 18-yard strike.

A 10-yard gain by Cameron McLain, five-yard run by Matty McLain set the Swifts up just outside the Kress 25. Brockman gained three yards, then exploded for his third touchdown of the game, this time a 22-yarder. Olver's extra point sailed

through the uprights, giving Nazareth a 22-0 lead with 4:39 left in first-half action.

Kress's Wes Weatherly returned the kickoff to Nazareth's 30-yard line, but an illegal block penalty nullified the effort and moved Kress back to its own 9.

Greg Gardea drove 68 yards to put Kress inside the Swift 2-yard line, but Nazareth's defense held.

On the next play from scrimmage, Ky Wilcox intercepted Kress quarterback Dane Morphis's pass to end the threat and preserve the Swifts' lead.

The half ended as heavy rain and lightning covered on the area and at 9:45 p.m., coaches decided to postpone second-half action until Satur-

day morning.

The second-half on Saturday started with Kress kicking off to the Swifts. Nazareth took the ball from its 32-yard line to start the quarter.

Cameron McLain led the drive by picking up 14 yards on three carries. Kern added nine yards and Matty McLain gained seven to start the drive off right. Brockman gained five yards and the Swifts were inside Kress's 36-yard line after 17 plays, but they couldn't convert on a fourth-and-13 play and Kress took over at its own 33.

Sammy Rojas picked up 12 yards to start Kress's drive on the right foot, then Gardea broke away from the Swift defense on two carries, gaining a total of 55 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown scamper. The Roos' two-point conversion attempt failed, but Kress had cracked the scoreboard to make it 22-6, Nazareth, with 4:41 left in the third.

The teams traded punts over the rest of the stanza and as the fourth quarter started, Nazareth fielded a Kress punt at the Swift 20.

After four plays the Swifts had to punt the ball, but an offsides penalty against Kress gave the ball back to Nazareth. The Swifts drove to their 43 before the punt team had to return to the field.

Tragedy then struck for the Kangaroos. Kress took the punt at its own 3-yard line, but fumbled the ball five plays later. Bo Hunter was there for the Swift recovery at the Kress 20.

Nazareth struggled to gain any yardage against Kress, and failed to convert a fourth-and-12, turning the ball back to Kress at the 13.

Kress drove 20 yards before Morphis fumbled and Hunter was there for his second recovery of the morning.

Nazareth took over at the Kress 33, but again struggled to gain positive yardage and had to punt.

Kress fumbled for the third straight time on its next series and Hunter picked up his third recovery. Nazareth ran out the clock to preserve the district win.

Game at a Glance

	Swifts 22	Kress 6		
Nazareth	15	7	0	0-22
Kress	0	0	0	6-6

	NAZ	KRESS
First Downs	13	9
Yards Rushing	204	229
Yards Passing	68	9
Total Yards Gained	272	238
Passes Comp.-Att.	5-11	1-10
Interceptions By	1	0
Punts-Avg.	3-43	4-29
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	5-55	7-50

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:	NAZ—Mitchell Brockman 34 run (Matt Olvera kick)
Second Quarter:	NAZ—Brockman 3 run (Kade Wilcox pass from Brockman)
Third Quarter:	NAZ—Brockman 22 run (Olvera kick)
Fourth Quarter:	KRESS—Greg Gardea 47 run (run failed)

Combined sub-varsity squads nail Dalhart, 26-14

Dimmitt combined its junior varsity and freshman squads last Thursday and proceeded to pound Dalhart, 26-14, in a district showdown.

"The kids did a good job of coming together to get a win," Dimmitt coaches said.

Gabriel Marrufo scored three one-yard touchdown runs and Jake Laurent broke for a 40 yarder to account for the Bobcats' scoring.

After a scoreless first quarter, Marrufo put the Cats on the board in the second with a one-yard plunge. The two-point conversion try failed.

Laurent's long run came in the third quarter, giving Dimmitt a 12-0 lead.

Later in the third, Marrufo picked up his second one-yard score and Albert Campos came up with the two-point conversion to give the Bobcats a 20-0 advantage.

Marrufo added his final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Both of Dalhart's touchdowns came in the fourth quarter, but the Golden Wolves couldn't overcome the Bobcats' early lead.

Coaches praised the offensive effort of Marrufo, Laurent, Deacon Buckley, Benny Pompa, Cory Lane and Jason Harris.

Defensive standouts were Joe Acevedo, Matthew Sandoval, John Stevens, Adrian Rivers, Juan Gonzales, Tanner Self and Emanuel Jaramillo.

Earth UMC plans annual dinner, bazaar

The Earth United Methodist Church will hold its annual "Harvest Day Dinner and Bazaar" Nov. 11 in the church parlor, located at 303 E. First Street in Earth.

The bazaar will open at 4 p.m. and the dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

Prices for the meal will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-out plates will be available.



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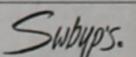
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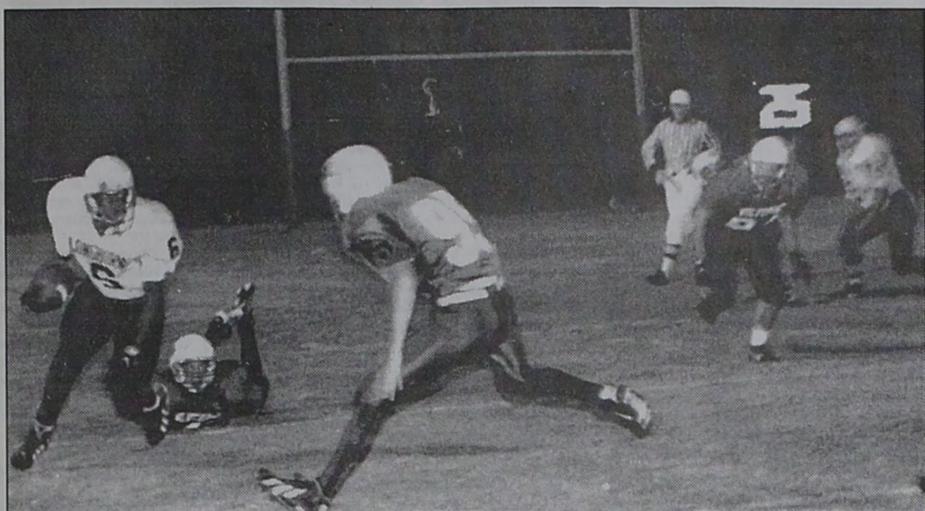
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KEITH FINCH OF HART (6) slips past one Springlake-Earth defender, but he can't elude a second tackle Friday during a District 3-A game at Springlake-Earth. Finch was Hart's leading rusher Friday, picking up 40 yards despite heavy rain

throughout most of the game. The skies were heavy during the entire game, but the teams managed to finish, despite a 30-minute halftime. The Wolverines won the game and are currently in a four-way tie for the lead with one game remaining.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Wolverines capitalize on Hart turnovers for win

Six fumbles, an interception and pouring rain proved to be more than Hart could overcome Friday as they lost a District 3-A game to Springlake-Earth.

The Wolverines jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, then coasted through the rest of the game for a 33-0 win.

Springlake handled everything that came their way Friday, including Mother Nature, which never let up with the rain and rough weather.

But the weather didn't affect the Wolverines' ground game, which attacked Hart for 219 yards. Springlake picked up another 82 yards passing.

Hart was limited to four first downs and 85 yards total offense—all on the ground.

"It was pouring down rain the whole time," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps. "We had a longer halftime (30 minutes), but we went on with the game. The field was a little wet and slick, but it wasn't too bad. We just made too many mistakes and couldn't hold onto the football."

"We came out and shot ourselves in the foot early. We fumbled deep in our territory and gave them short fields to work with. We put ourselves in second and long and third and long situations, then couldn't convert. We couldn't execute on first down."

Keith Finch was the leading groundgainer for Hart, gaining 40 yards on 12 carries.

Springlake-Earth went to the air for its opening touchdown, scoring on a 25-yard pass play from Jose Mendoza to Chance Furr. Felix Durn booted the extra point to give the Wolverines a 7-0 lead.

Later in the stanza, Slade Quisenberry scored on a 20-yard run and Duran answered with another kick for a 14-0 Wolverine advantage.

Springlake added a touchdown in the second on an 18-yard scamper by

Quisenberry. Duran's third kick made it 21-0 at halftime.

After a 30-minute intermission because of the weather, the teams took the field again.

The Wolverines would add two more touchdowns in the third quarter to ice the win.

The first was on a 20-yard run by Quade Furr. The second was a 45-yard run by Trusstin Perry. Both tries for the extra point conversions failed.

Hoop teams to test skills in scrimmages

Basketball teams are fine tuning their shots, passes and defenses in preparation for the season openers on Nov. 17, and several county teams will find out how far they've progressed Tuesday when they compete in their first scrimmages of the 1998-99 season.

The Dimmitt Bobbies and Nazareth Swiftettes will join the Levelland Lady Lobos for their annual scrimmage opener.

This year the event will be held in Dimmitt and each team hopes to get in several good quarters. Tip-off for the scrimmage is slated for 5 p.m.

The Dimmitt Bobcats also have a scrimmage planned for Tuesday. The Cats will work against Plainview and Pampa for several quarters at the West Texas A&M University Fieldhouse, better known as "The Box," in Canyon. The scrimmage is expected to begin around 5:30 p.m., according to Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle.

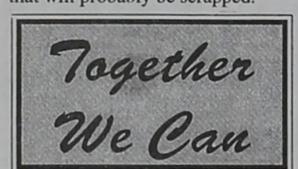
The Cats' second scrimmage will

be Nov. 14 at Levelland High School against the Lobos and Odessa Permian. The scrimmage is slated to start around 9:30 a.m.

The Hart Lady Horns will travel to Muleshoe Tuesday for their first scrimmage. The junior varsity teams are expected to tip off around 4 p.m., followed by the varsity squads at 5.

The Hart girls have a second scrimmage planned for Nov. 14 at Littlefield. No time has been set, yet, but Coach Lucretia Shropshire says it will be sometime that morning.

The Nazareth Swifts have scheduled a scrimmage against Lorenzo Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m., but if the Swifts make the playoffs in football, that will probably be scrapped.



Flores qualifies for regional Bobbies win district cross country crown

Shawna Kenworthy and Cherie Norman of Dimmitt plowed their way through mud puddles and heavy rain to top the field in the District 1-AAA cross country meet Saturday at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Their finishes boosted the Bobbies

to the team championship of the district race and propelled them into the Region 1-AAA meet.

"During the race we had heavy rain, especially on the back stretch. The course had water all over it. There were big mud puddles every-

where," said Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards.

Dimmitt finished with an impressive 31 points while Dalhart was second with 55. Tulia finished third with 78 points, Sanford-Fritch was fourth with 79 and Perryton was fifth with 112.

Longhorns face Vega in season finale Friday

Hart hopes to end a six-game skid this week and close out the year on a winning note Friday when Vega comes to town.

Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. at Longhorn Stadium and Hart has designated the final game as Parents' Night.

Hart is 3-6 on the year and 0-4 in district play while Vega is 2-7, 0-4.

"This is going to be a bloodbath," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps. "There is a lot of pride on the line. Nobody wants to end up in the cellar."

Vega fields an improved squad from year's past, but the team has still struggled through a tough schedule this year. Its two wins were a 35-13 victory over Crowell in the season opener and 23-20 decision over Ropes. Vega's losses have been to Boys Ranch (44-21), Shamrock (28-0), Valley (13-12), Nazareth (41-7), Springlake-Earth (20-12), Kress (40-12) and Happy (27-0).

Vega has allowed 202 points this season while scoring just 119.

Vega runs a wishbone offense featuring runningback Mark Ruiz (5-9, 145).

Ruiz has been Vega's top groundgainer in several games this year and Hart must contain him to shut down Vega's offense.

Vega has several experienced offensive linemen including Blake Altman (5-9, 180), Russell Robinson (5-8, 190), Gary Reed (5-8, 175) and Jared Cook (5-10, 220).

"Vega's had some problems on offense. I know they lost their starting quarterback and they've got a freshman in there now," Welps said.

"But they like to run the ball and they're an option team like we are. They'll show up to play Friday

night." Defensively, Vega's Split 6 formation includes a solid front line anchored by Rex Green (6-1, 170) and Reed at the ends and Cook and Robinson at tackles. Bob Lamb (5-9, 160) heads the list of linebackers and the linebacker corps is the strength of the defense, according to Welps.

Veterans Day program set

Veterans will be honored Wednesday during a special memorial program at Dimmitt High School.

The Veterans Day program will begin at 12:15 p.m. at the school.

All veterans, whether or not they served in a war, are invited to attend the program and they should arrive at the school by 11:45 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the program.

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Game at a Glance

Longhorns 0, Springlake-Earth 33

Hart	0	0	0	0	—0
Springlake-Earth	14	7	12	0	—33

	HART	S-E
First Downs	4	10
Yards Rushing	85	219
Yards Passing	0	82
Total Yards Gained	85	301
Passes Comp.-Att.	0-3	5-10
Interceptions By	0	1
Punts-Avg.	2-22	4-35
Fumbles-Lost	6-6	5-3
Penalties-Yards	2-10	6-35

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
S-E—Chance Furr 25 pass from Jose Mendoza (Felix Duran kick)
S-E—Slade Quisenberry 20 run (Duran kick)

Second Quarter:
S-E—Quisenberry 18 run (Duran kick)

Third Quarter:
S-E—Quade Furr 20 run (run failed)
S-E—Trusstin Perry 45 run (kick failed)

Here's how our opponents fared

Here's how Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth opponents fared in the ninth week of the prep football season. Each school's opponent is listed in capital letters.

Dimmitt opponents
RIVER ROAD (6-3) beat TULIA (1-8), 30-6
PERRYTON (5-4) beat FRITCH (8-1), 7-6
MULESHOE (8-1) beat FRIONA (8-1), 21-6
SUNDOWN (5-4) beat Morton, 18-0
LAMESA (5-4) beat BROWNFIELD (0-9), 41-0

Nazareth opponents
S'LAKE-EARTH (4-5) beat HART (3-6), 33-0
HAPPY (5-4) beat VEGA (2-7), 27-0
FARWELL (8-1) beat Olton, 14-0
VALLEY (7-2) beat Spur, 26-20
CLAUDE (3-5) beat Memphis, 19-12
WHITEFACE (3-6) beat Smyer, 6-0
LCHS lost to FW Temple Christian, 14-6

Hart opponents
HAPPY (5-4) beat VEGA (2-7), 27-0
NAZARETH (6-2) best KRESS (6-3), 22-6
MORTON (1-8) lost to Sundown, 18-0
BOVINA (3-6) lost to Hale Center, 31-12
VALLEY (7-2) beat Spur, 26-20
SMYER (1-8) lost to Whiteface, 6-0
OLTON (4-5) lost to Farwell, 14-0

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Jill Smith teaches at university

Jill Smith, daughter of Robert W. and Norma Smith of Dimmitt, is teaching at the University of Georgia at Athens, Ga.

Smith began her teaching career as an instructor in the statistics department at the beginning of the fall semester.

The University of Georgia became the first state-chartered university in the United States in 1785. It has an enrollment of 31,000 students.

She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1986. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Texas Tech University in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. She received her master of science degree in statistics in 1993 from Texas Tech. She has completed two years of doctoral work in biological statistics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.



LOCALLY PRODUCED—The Dimmitt Middle School Technology Education Classes are selling birdhouses and representations of the US Flag made out of old fence pickets. The items are made by students in the industrial arts classes and profits from the sale will be used to purchase tools and equipment and to help pay the way for students to attend the industrial arts shows in Levelland and Waco. Showing off some of the items for sale are Cecilia Mendoza (left) and Abraham Salinas.

DMS technology students have fund-raising project

Dimmitt Middle School technology education students are having a fund-raising project that will continue through Thanksgiving week.

The students have built birdhouses and representations of the US Flag and are selling them to raise money for tools and equipment and to help send class members to the industrial arts shows at Levelland and Waco.

The bird houses are selling for \$5 to \$20 depending on the size and whether they are mounted on a post or not. The painted "flags" range from \$10 to \$20, according to size. Both items are made from old fence pickets.

"They have that fashionable, weathered look," said Don Bell, DMS industrial arts teacher. "The kids have done all of the work themselves, including the painting on the flags."

Bell said the students will be selling the items through Thanksgiving week, and added that they would make a great Christmas gift.

Also, anyone who would like to donate old fence pickets for the students to use may call Bell at 647-3108.

Food practice set for today

Today (Thursday) Marilyn Neal will be available at the Extension office in the courthouse to work with 4-H'ers who are preparing for the County Food show.

Those wanting extra help with their food projects should give her a call.

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Nov. 5-13.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Frosted Flakes Cereal, peaches and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.
 MONDAY: Waffles with syrup, grape juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes Cereal, orange wedges and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie Cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
 FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Grilled chopped steak, Chinese-style vegetables, cantaloupe, assorted muffins and milk.
 FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruited gelatin, assorted muffins and milk.
 MONDAY: Teriyaki steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexicali corn, orange wedges, hot rolls and milk.
 TUESDAY: Southern fried chicken, whole new potatoes, fruit fantasy, wheat rolls and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Pigs in a blanket, seasoned blackeyed peas, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Sloppy Jane on a roll, Spanish rice, gelatin and milk.
 FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chopped steak or nachos with cheese; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or flour tortilla; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese chicken plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, or tortilla chips; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
 MONDAY: Choice of teriyaki steak, vegetable lasagna or grilled ham and cheese; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexicali corn or broccoli with cheese sauce; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or orange wedges; hot rolls, French bread or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of southern fried chicken, beef stir fry or salad plate; whole new potatoes, Chinese style vegetables or savory green beans; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or gelatin; wheat rolls, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, turkey stew or pigs in a blanket; potatoes au gratin, seasoned blackeyed peas or vegetable medley; tossed salad, hamburger salad or fresh bananas; cornmeal yeast rolls, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
 THURSDAY: Choice of beef taco, sloppy Jane on a roll or chicken tetrazzini; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or chili Fritos; savory green beans, baked potatoes or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, cantaloupe or pineapple sunset salad; tortilla chips or crackers; and lowfat or chocolate milk or punch.

beans, potatoes, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls, and milk, punch or tea.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or sub sandwich; macaroni and cheese, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
 THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or lasagna with ground beef; salad, green beans, wheat rolls, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, cake with cherry topping, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, burrito or corn dog; potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: French toast, sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Biscuit and egg, fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, fruit juice, Cheerios, graham crackers, banana and milk.
 MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal and milk.
 TUESDAY: Waffles, sausage, fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage, biscuits, scrambled eggs, fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
 THURSDAY: Blueberry muffins, fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, Lucky Charms, fruit juice and milk.

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket, tortilla pieces or enchilada casserole; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, gelatin dessert, spinach and milk.
 MONDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog, nachos with ground beef, pinto beans, peaches, chocolate pudding, ice cream and milk.
 TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, peaches, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or sub sandwich; corn, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.
 THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog or lasagna with ground beef, salad, pinto beans, wheat rolls, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun, burrito or corn dog, chili; potato chips, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, peaches and milk.

High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili; salad, apricots, fresh fruit, beets, gelatin dessert, spinach and milk, punch or tea.
 MONDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or nachos with ground beef; pinto beans, dill pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ice cream, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy; green

Olton plans Sandhills Arts and Crafts Show

The annual Sandhills Arts and Crafts Show will be held in Olton Saturday, Nov. 28.

The show, sponsored by the Olton Young Homemakers, will be held in the Olton School Cafeteria, located at Eighth and Avenue G.

It will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A few booth spaces are still available and exhibitors interesting in reserving one should contact Lisa Davis at Box 518, Hart, Texas 79043; or call her at 938-2806. Booths rent for \$25 each and are 8 x 10 feet.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Fish with roll or steak fingers, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, grapes and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, applesauce, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.
 MONDAY: * Sloppy Joes or pizza, tossed salad, fried okra, applesauce, pears and milk or juice.
 TUESDAY: * Chicken sandwich or hamburger, lettuce, potato wedges, fruit, cookie and milk or juice.
 WEDNESDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, chili, tossed salad, Spanish rice, fruit, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.
 THURSDAY: * Pizza or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, cooked squash, peaches, brownies and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Nachos and roll or corn dog, salad, corn, applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.

* Items designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.

Breast cancer screening set

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) and those interested in scheduling an appointment for an exam should call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673, toll-free.

The clinic is conducted by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System. It will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Cost for the screening is \$15 and a minimum of 15 women must schedule an appointment for the mobile mammography clinic to come to Dimmitt.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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

Food Show set Monday

The Castro County 4-H Food show will be Monday at the Extension office in the basement of the courthouse.

The show will begin at 6 p.m. Those interested in participating need to contact Extension Agent Marilyn Neal as soon as possible.

4-H Center clean-up set Saturday

A clean up day has been set for Saturday at the 4-H Livestock Center.

The cleaning will start at 8:30 a.m. Work will include cleaning around the livestock pens and in the barns.

"We encourage everyone to bring some work gloves and tools, such as rakes, brooms, and so forth," a spokesperson said. "We need to remind all 4-H'ers who feed and house their livestock projects at the 4-H Center that they must attend a minimum of two clean up days per year."

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- ✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

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9. Agricultural services
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11. Farm produce for sale
12. Livestock and pets
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21. Notices
22. Lost and found
23. Cards of thanks
24. Legal notices

11—Feed, Seed & Grain

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Reasonable price. Financing available. Call Don or Shirley at 647-0135, 647-4222 or 647-5642.

20—Help Wanted

YOUTH CRISIS INTERVENTION Counselor wanted. Bachelor's degree in human services or related field required. Fax resume to (806) 647-8646 by 5 p.m. Nov. 13. 20-30-2tc

TEXAS REFINERY CORP. needs mature person now in Dimmitt area. Regardless of training, write W.J. Hopkins, Dept. W-79027, Box 711, Fort Worth, Texas 76101-0711. 20-30-2tc

18—Services

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20—Help Wanted

TRUCK DRIVER WANTED. 806-986-4348. 20-31-2tc

TRUCK DRIVER needed. Send inquiries and resume to P.O. Box 307, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-26-tfc

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TWO NICE HOMES ON 50 acres, Minard Junction area. Barn, live oaks, deer, turkey, \$176,000. Owner finance, low down. Additional acreage available. \$695/acre. 1-830-792-4953.

20—Help Wanted

20—Help Wanted

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FULL TIME POSITIONS

Affiliated Foods is taking applications for evening shift order selectors. Steady work with growth and advancement opportunities.

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Affiliated Foods, Inc.

Human Resources Department
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Amarillo, Texas
806-345-7746

FARM/FEEDLOT MECHANIC needed. Send inquiries and resume to P.O. Box 307, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-26-1fc

PEN RIDER needed. Send inquiries and resume to P.O. Box 307, Hart, Texas 79043. 20-26-1fc

PART-TIME SECRETARIAL position available, working into FULL-TIME position. Please send resume to First Texas FLBA, PO Box 848, Dimmitt. 20-31-2tc

21—Wanted, Misc.

NEED WINTER PASTURE (maize or corn) for 100 head of motley cows. (806) 945-2288, home; (806) 945-2225, office; or (806) 647-6420, mobile. Don Schulte, 21-24-1fc

WILL BUY JUNK cars. Will pick up. 647-0628 or 647-3672. 21-31-4tp

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 22-31-4tc

I'M MAD... at banks who don't give real estate loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254) 947-4475. 22-31-1tp

23—Lost & Found

LOST! One black cow south of Nazareth. Has white streak down the middle of its head. Call 945-2675. 23-30-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
The Rehab Dept. of Plains Memorial Hospital would like to thank the following contributors for providing for a fun and safe children's Halloween carnival. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated. We would like to thank the following: First United Bank, Hereford Federal Credit Union, Police Dept., Dairy Queen, Carlile Theater, Alco, Consumers, Cerestar, State Farm Insurance, Seale Florist, Harman's, Mr. Burger, Video Magic, Thriftway, Chamber of Commerce, Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Welch Home Place, Beta Epsilon Phi, Antonio Rodriguez, Dr. Leon Joplin, Jill McLean, Sloan Family, physical therapy employees, friends and family.
PLAINS MEMORIAL REHAB DEPT.
24-31-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks to Ben, Mollie and family for the lovely party celebrating my 93rd birthday at the Hereford Country Club on Oct. 24. The beautifully decorated tables and wonderful food made it even more special. A special thanks, also, to the many friends for the gifts, cards and their presence at the party. It was a very special time for me.
LOIS M. SCOTT
24-31-1tp

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR-2306
IN THE ESTATE OF
J. PAUL WAGGONER, Deceased
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF J. PAUL WAGGONER, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J. Paul Waggoner, Deceased, were issued on Nov. 2, 1998, in Cause No. PR-2306 pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to Gertie Ball Waggoner, whose address is as follows: GERTIE BALL WAGGONER, 730 Pine Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to GERTIE BALL WAGGONER at the above address.
DATED this second day of November, 1998.
GERTIE BALL WAGGONER
Independent Executrix of the Estate of J. PAUL WAGGONER, Deceased
25-31-1tc

25—Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATIONS FOR BIDS
The City of Dimmitt, Texas, will receive bids for providing and erection of a 150,000-gallon elevated storage tank and construction of associated piping (Contract 1) and demolition of 50,000-gallon elevated water storage tank (Contract 2) until 2 p.m. on Nov. 18, 1998, at 200 Jones Street, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the Mayor, City Hall, City of Dimmitt, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412; phone (806) 747-0161, for a price of thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, in good condition, and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, of each set of documents, the entire deposit will be refunded.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412; phone (806) 747-0161, for a price of thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, in good condition, and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, of each set of documents, the entire deposit will be refunded.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bids may be held by the City of Dimmitt, Texas, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the Bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

The City of Dimmitt, Texas, reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. All contractors/subcontractors who are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
BY WAYNE COLLINS, MAYOR
25-30-2tc

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION HEARINGS

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall, at 6:30 o'clock, p.m., on October 19, 1998, and at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on November 23, 1998, hold hearings pertaining to the annexation of the following described property:

Tract 1:
The most Easterly TEN FEET (10 ft.) of the following described property, said 10 feet being adjacent to and abutting the West Right-of-way boundary line of the easement/deed that was granted/executed for the purpose of establishing and/or maintaining a public roadway, now known as U.S. Highway 385, said property being described as follows:

1.430 acre tract out of the NE corner of Section Twenty-one (21), Block M-10-A, Castro County, Texas, more particularly described by a Deed, recorded in Vol. 128, pg. 515, Deed Records, Castro County, Texas,

being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/4 in. rebar stake set at the intersection of the North line of Section 21, Block M-10-A and the West Right of Way line of U.S. Highway 385 as monumented on the ground, from which 3/4 in. rebar stake a cable set vertically in the ground for the Northwest corner of Section 21, the Northeast corner of Section 20, the Southeast corner of Section 17, and the Southwest corner of Section 16, all in Block M-10-A bears South 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. West 1884.216 varas (5233.934 ft.) And a galvanized cable set vertically in the ground for the Northeast corner of the West 319.43 acres of Section 21 bears South 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. West 944.274 varas (2622.98 ft.)

THENCE South 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. West at 107.46 varas (298.50 ft.) a 1/2 in. rebar stake set for the Northeast corner of a 1.500 acre tract;

THENCE South 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. West at 107.46 varas (298.50 ft.) a 1/2 in. rebar stake set for the Northeast corner of a 1.500 acre tract;

THENCE South 00 deg. 02 min. 30 sec. West at 208.72 ft. (76.132 varas) a 3/4 in. pipe stake, the Southeast corner of said 1.5000 acre tract;

THENCE North 89 deg. 57 min. 30 sec. East at 298.62 ft. (107.503 varas) set a galvanized cable vertically in the West right of way line of U.S. 385 as monumented on the ground;

THENCE North 00 deg. 00 min. 30 sec. East 208.72 ft. to the place of beginning and containing 1.430 acres of land.

TRACT 2

The most Easterly TEN FEET (10 ft.) of the following described property, said 10 feet being adjacent to and abutting the West Right-of-way boundary line of the easement/deed that was granted/executed for the purpose of establishing and/or maintaining a public roadway, now known as U.S. Highway 385, said property being described as follows:

All of the E/2 of Section Forty-one (41), Block K-13, EL&RR RR Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas.

TRACT 3

The most Easterly TEN FEET (10 ft.) of the following described property, said 10 feet being adjacent to and abutting the West Right-of-way boundary line of the easement/deed that was granted/executed for the purpose of establishing and/or maintaining a public roadway, now known as U.S. Highway 385, said property being described as follows:

All of the East One-Half (E/2) of Section Twenty-one (21), Block M-10-A, Castro County, Texas.

TRACT 4

The most Easterly TEN FEET (10 ft.) of the following described property, said 10 feet being adjacent to and abutting the West Right-of-way boundary line of the easement/deed that was granted/executed for the purpose of establishing and/or maintaining a public roadway, now known as U.S. Highway 385, said property being described as follows:

All of Survey Forty-two (42), Block K-13, EL&RR RR Co. Survey, Castro County, Texas.

TRACT 5

All of the West One-half (W/2) of Section Number Thirty-eight (38), Block K-13, EL&RR RR Co. Survey, Abstract No. 892, Cert. 974, Patent No. 100, Vol. 55, dated March 7, 1918, Castro County, Texas;

TRACT 6

All property within the Right-of-way easements/deeds that were granted/executed for the purpose of establishing and/or maintaining a public roadway, now known as U.S. Highway 385, said property being described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the West Right-of-way boundary line of the easement/deed granted/executed to the State of Texas for highway purposes, now known as U.S. 385 and the South boundary line of Section 16, Block M-10-A, Castro County Texas;

THENCE South along the said West right-of-way boundary line through Section Twenty-One (21), Block M-10-A; through Section Forty-One (41), Block K-13; through Section Forty-Two (42), Block K-13; and through Section Forty-Three (43), Block K-13, all in Castro County, Texas, to the intersection of said West right-of-way boundary line of U.S. 385 and the South Boundary line of said Section 43;

THENCE East along the South boundary line of said Section 43 to its Southeast corner;

THENCE continuing East along the South boundary line of Section Thirty-Eight (38), Block K-13, Castro County, Texas to the intersection of the East boundary line of the right-of-way granted/conveyed for highway purposes, now known as U.S. 385 and the South boundary line of said Section 38;

THENCE North along the said East right-of-way boundary line of highway U.S. 385 through Section Thirty-Eight (38), Block K-13; through Section Thirty-Nine (39), Block K-13; through Section Forty (40), Block K-13; and through Section Twenty-Two (22), Block M-10-A, all in Castro County, Texas, to the intersection of said East right-of-way boundary line of highway U.S. 385 and the North Boundary line of said Section 22;

THENCE West along the North boundary lines of said Section 22 and Section 21, both in Block M-10-A, Castro County,



CUTE CONTESTANTS—Kids ages 3-6 lined up for the costume judging at the Plains Memorial Hospital Halloween Carnival Saturday afternoon at the hospital. Organizers of the event said attendance at the carnival was great. "We needed more room to put

everybody," said Lorena Fuentes, secretary of the therapy department, which sponsored the event. The department gave out treats, set up games and a spook house, and gave out prizes for costumes and a pumpkin decorating contest. Photo by Linda Maxwell

DMS honors top students

Seventh and eighth grade students at Dimmitt Middle School were recognized for top achievements in various subjects and students in the fourth through eighth grades earned honors for making the honor roll during the first nine-week grading period.

Seventh grade honor students for the period are Todd Jansa, English; Sheena Ehly, Matthew Sanders and Jake Porsch, history; Porsch, Jorge Martinez, Alex Castillo and Marilu Silva, math; Marcella Salinas, reading; Ehly and Erica Abrego, science; James Lindsey and Sanders, Industrial Arts; Ethan Martin, mechanics; Jansa, Amy Laurent and Alicia Heard, health; and Ehly, Porsch, Sanders and John Lucio, computer.

Those honored in the eighth grade were Colby Williams and Jaci Hardwick, English; Juan Diaz, Efrén Gomez and Abraham Salinas, history; Ashley Irons and Juan Diaz, math; Caitlin Buckley, reading; Ramey Rice and Valerie Martinez, science; Salinas and Gomez, Industrial Arts; Isabel Garcia, mechanics; and Juan Delgado and Armando Olivas, computer.

Students making the "A" honor roll during the period were:

Eighth Grade: Isabel Garcia, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt and Lauren Waggoner.

Seventh Grade: Erica Abrego, Caleb Dickerson, Sheena Ehly, Todd Jansa, Angelica Larra, Amy Laurent, Jake Porsch and Matthew Sanders.

Sixth Grade: Corrie Black, Shelley Burk, Holly Gilliam, Nyssa Martinez, Kristin McClure, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney and Salud Zepeda.

Fifth Grade: Kathy Amador, Garrett Behrends, Billy Dollar, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Ashlee Nino, Laura Rasor, Tucker Self, Brittany Williams and Hayli Wise.

Fourth Grade: Kim Back, Anna Brockman, Chelsea Buckley, Randi Cates, Autumn Crow, Celena Gregory, Samantha Howell, Jessie Larra, Clarissa Sanchez, Victoria Sanchez and Michael Waggoner.

Students making the "A-B" honor roll included:

Eighth Grade: Jaci Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Stephanie Burrows, Elizabeth Cartwright, Katrina Casas, Juan Delgado, Juan Diaz, Priscilla Dones, Keenon Doss, Amelia Esqueda, Efrén Gomez, Brett Grogan, Jaci Hardwick, Ashley Irons, Jaime Karina, Lupe Maldonado, Amy Melendez, Jami Middleton, Emilio Porras, Ramey Rice, Leticia Rodriguez, Melissa Rueda, Roxie Saenz, Abraham Salinas, Heather Smitker, Jenna Steinle, Hector Velasquez and Colby Williams.

Seventh Grade: Cynthia Barrera, Christina Campos, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Jared Griffith, Stephanie Hazel, Alicia Heard, Shayla Kenworthy, Tabitha Laurent, James Lindsey, Ethan Martin, Rey Medrano, Erika Mendoza, Tyler Myatt, Justina Navarro, Shae Odum, Joel Puente, Marcela Salinas, Kami Sanders, Shantell Self, Sarah Silva, Elizabeth Stephens and Anthony Zambrano.

Sixth Grade: Liliana Aguilar, Raynee Brady, Kelvin Clark, Carlos Cruz, Jorge De La Torre, Marissa Demster, Lesley Hinojosa, Megan Lemons, Margarita Mendoza, Ryan

Miller, Callen Mixson, Chrystina Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Maribel Rivera, Stuart Sheffy, Ignacio Sifuentes, Felisha Starling and Adam Zambrano.

Fifth Grade: Marissa Allison, Vanessa Caballero, Melissa Campos, Stephanie Enriquez, Faviola Favella, Sandra Favella, Jonathon Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Aaron Herrera, Clarissa Herrera, Rodrigo Jackson, Sarah Lopez, Juan Medrano, Mark Melendez, Emilio Mendoza, Pedro Mirelez, Jennifer Montes, Samantha Neri, Shauna Nutt, Nicholas Ortiz, Elias Porras, Kendra Puente, Kristy Reyes, Desiree Sanchez, Sergio Saucedo, Zjhon Smothermon, David Stephens, Bianca Torres, Nancy Vargas, Pedro Velez and Morgan Wright.

Fourth Grade: Gerardo Acevedo, Karla Aguero, Huberto Aguilar, Marisol Arellano, Alfredo Bygoytia, Alondra Castillo, Jessica Castillo, Wesley Chavers, Jose Chavez, Rudy Corrales, Kirsti Edwards, Maria Flores, Julia Falcon, Cassandra Garcia, Raymond Gonzales, Rafael Gonzales, Joslyn Harmonson, Brittany Heard, Stephen Hernandez, Natashia Jordan, Nancy Martinez, Scott Martinez, Zane Matthews, Seth McLain, Thelma Medrano, Judith Meraz, William Moyers, Seth Noland, Brandi Olvera, Bryce Parker, Rye Patton, Gerardo Reyes, Candis Rodriguez, Gladys Ruiz, Julian Saenz, Kayla Saenz, Micaela Salinas, Dana Sandoval, Kashondra Sherman, Caleb Smitker, Brandy Stanley, Crystal Torres, Maria Zambrano and Daniela Zepeda.

Second grade awards listed

Richardson Elementary School recently announced the second grade award winners for the first nine-week grading period. Those honored include top spellers, hardest workers, and those recognized for penmanship, reading improvement and perfect attendance.

Those honored are listed below by classes.

Luna's Class
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Fabiola Gomez, Domingo Rodriguez, Mariana Enriquez.
TOP SPELLERS: Gomez, Rogelio Hernandez.

HARDEST WORKER: Gomez.
PENMANSHIP: Juana Arredondo, Angela Vasquez.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Arredondo, Rodriguez.

Lynch's Class
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Raquel Barrios, Kassandra Chavers, Fernando Fernandez, Damian Gauna, Chase Hatla, Sam Hazel, Joshua Hill, Stephanie Mendoza, Isidro Rodriguez, Jazzalyn Sepeda and Hanna Wise.
TOP SPELLERS: Barrios, Gauna, Hatla, Hazel, Hill, Kellie Martinez,

Mendoza, P.J. Perez, Anthony Puente, Isidro Rodriguez, Laura Rodriguez, Sepeda, Keshia Smith, Hanna Wise.

HARDEST WORKERS: Martinez, Laura Rodriguez, Hill, Hazel.

PENMANSHIP: Hill, Perez, Puente, Isidro Rodriguez.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Chavers, Fernandez, Mendoza.

Thames's Class
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Paul Acker, Anthony Fuentes, Jordan Fuentes, Javier Ibarra, Michael Martin, Brooke Parker, Viviana Quiros.

TOP SPELLERS: Acker, Robert Arguijo, Anthony Fuentes, Jordan Fuentes, John David Gonzales, Ibarra, Kathleen Martinez, Bailey Nutt, Ally Oltivero, Devonee Ortiz, Parker, Melissa Ruiz, Stephanie Sanchez, Quiros.

HARDEST WORKERS: Acker, Gonzales, Nutt, Ortiz, Parker.
PENMANSHIP: Jordan Fuentes, Jessica Leivas, Nutt, Oltivero, Ruiz, Quiros.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Acker, Gonzales, Leivas, Nutt, Oltivero, Ortiz, Parker, Quiros.

Mann's Class
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Castro, Lindsey Cates, Jessica Dennis, Jake Ebeling, Augustina Farias, Alex Lopez, Noe Lopez, Alyssa Saenz, Cornelio Salinas, Ray Velez, Ethan Wales.
TOP SPELLERS: Castro, Cates, Ebeling, Tabatha Esquivel, Alex Lopez, Martin Lopez, Noe Lopez, Erik Porras, Noe Puente, Saenz, Salinas, Velez, Wales.

HARDEST WORKERS: Castro, Wales.

PENMANSHIP: Linda Calderon, Farias.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Dennis, Ebeling, Noe Lopez, Saenz, Salinas, Wales.

OVERALL IMPROVEMENT: Jonathan Cristan.

Casas's Class

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Robert Barrios, Elizabeth Hill, Daniela Lopez, Kimberly Martinez, Klarissa Martinez, Dustin Venhaus.

TOP SPELLERS: Alyssa Back, Barrios, Frankie Castro, Casey Eby, Becky Flores, Hill, Lopez, Jonathan Lule, Kimberly Martinez, Klarissa Martinez, Casandra Rosalez, Dustin Venhaus.

HARDEST WORKERS: Lule, Hill, Kimberly Martinez, Andrew Larra.

PENMANSHIP: Larra, Isaac Sifuentes, Lule, Barrios.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Sifuentes, Larra, Joe Pedrosa.

Howell's Class

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Mayra Aguilar, Sally Arce, Austin Heard, Carlee Noland, Stormy Nutt, Robert Sanchez, Chance Schilling.

TOP SPELLERS: Aguilar, Arce, Jeremy Barrera, Brittany Flores, Heard, Tommy Howell, Anthony Jackson, Yvonne Lopez, Noland, Nutt, Schilling, Mona Sifuentes, Nick Tijerina.

HARDEST WORKERS: Nutt, Aguilar, Noland, Natividad Sias.

PENMANSHIP: Nutt, Aguilar, Jackson, Schilling.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Lopez, R. J. Sanchez, Tijerina, Isaac Trevino.

TOP READERS: Jackson, Aguilar.

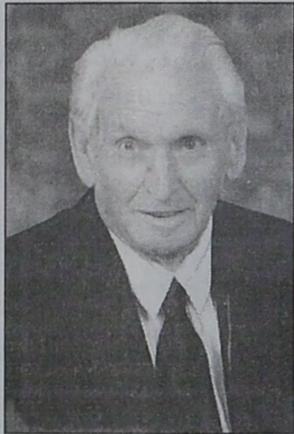
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Texas to THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Any citizens who are in support or opposition to the annexation of the above described property are invited to be at the annexation hearings. The plan for providing and maintaining city services to the property shall be discussed at these hearings.

DON SHEFFY, City Secretary
25-31-1tc

Obituaries



Shorty Oldham

Funeral services for O.A. "Shorty" Oldham, 82, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, and Shawn Thomas officiating.

Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park of Dimmitt.

Mr. Oldham died Nov. 1 in Dimmitt.

He was born Oct. 24, 1916, in Hopkins County. He married Jean Campbell on Jan. 14, 1945, in Clovis, N.M. they moved to Dimmitt in 1950 from Lubbock. He had served in the US Navy during World War II. He was a retired farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Jan. 5, 1973.

He is survived by two sons, Eugene Oldham of Plano and Kenneth Oldham of Belton; two daughters, Doricell Davis of Dimmitt and Gay Hamlett of Deep River, Conn.; three brothers, R.Y. Oldham of Lubbock, T.D. Oldham of Shallowater, and Joe Oldham of Lamesa; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kable Oldham, Colby Oldham, Christopher Oldham, Chad Davis, Jad Gabel, Lance Oldham, Shannon Powell, and Tom Hamlett.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o First United Bank, P.O. Box 929, Dimmitt 79027.

St. Ann's sets turkey dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will hold their annual Turkey and Trimmings Dinner on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish hall on third Street in Bovina.

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

The cost is \$6 per plate for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under.

Also, a double diamond quilt, pieced and hand quilted, will be raffled off.



Rosa Y. Salinas

Services for Rosa Y. Salinas, 62, of Dimmitt, will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Vigil services were held Wednesday evening at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mrs. Salinas died Sunday at Corpus Christi.

She was born Aug. 30, 1936, in Skidmore. She married Ysrael Salinas Sr. on Oct. 17, 1958, in Plainview. She was a homemaker and she moved to Dimmitt in 1972 from Muleshoe. She was a Catholic and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Daniel Salinas of Dimmitt, Ysrael Salinas Jr. of Amarillo and Rocky Salinas of Amarillo; seven daughters, Elvia Garza, Estella Salinas and Lamar Aguilar, all of Dimmitt, Sandra Gonzales of Amarillo, Margie Hussong of Orange, Sylvia Gonzales of Houston and Rosa Gomez of Skidmore; two brothers, Jesus Ynfante and Juan Ynfante, both of Mathis; three sisters, Manuela Munoz and Angelina Navarro, both of Midland, and Maria Elena Jiminez of Mathis; 27 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rocky Salinas, Daniel Salinas, Ysrael Salinas Jr., Fabian Salinas, Eloy Gonzales and Mike Garza.

Roy E. Hollums

Funeral services for Roy Esbert Hollums, 95, of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday afternoon in Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Hollums died Oct. 27 at his residence in Dimmitt.

He was born March 27, 1903, in Blue Ridge, Collin County, to Aaron Lindsey (A.L.) Hollums and Amanda Ellen Ashmore Hollums. He attended school at Antelope in Floyd County, near Floydada. He married Jessie Audrey Foster on Aug. 24, 1927, in Floydada. She preceded him in death on July 8, 1986. Mr. Hollums lived in Goldthwaite, then in 1980 he moved to the Estacado Community near Lorenzo. In 1991, he moved to Lubbock, and then to Dimmitt in 1994. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Lorenzo and of the Senior Sunday School class. He was a farmer and rancher.

He is survived by a son, Kenneth Hollums of Dimmitt; a daughter, Marlene Green of Lubbock; a brother, John Hollums of Weatherford; a sister, Elizabeth

Newton of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and 9½ great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Guadalupe Salinas Sr.

Funeral services for Guadalupe D. Salinas Sr., 48, of Bovina, the brother of a Nazareth man, were held Friday morning in Templo Bautista of Bovina, with Rev. Ben Delgado, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Bovina Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Salinas died Oct. 26 in Parmer County Community Hospital.

He was born April 1, 1950, in Stanton. He moved to Bovina in 1963 from Springlake, and married Julia Madrigal on June 17, 1967, in Bovina. He owned S&S Trucking Co. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Guadalupe D. Salinas Jr.; a daughter, Deanna Curtis of Bovina; four brothers, Frank Salinas of Muleshoe, Ysreal Salinas of Nazareth, Crystal Salinas Jr. of Olton, and Ernesto Salinas of Amherst; four sisters, Tina Salinas and Lidia Lopez, both of Bakersfield, Calif., Maria Galvan of Mission, and Margarita Sammaron of Friona; and three grandchildren.

Faye Kelley

Funeral services for Faye Kelley, 92, of Earth, were held Saturday morning at First Baptist Church of Earth with Rev. Bobby Broyles, pastor, and Michael Kelley and Don Dent officiating.

Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery under direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.

Mrs. Kelley died Oct. 28 at Running Water Draw Care Center in Olton.

She was born Sept. 23, 1906, in Sweetwater, Okla. She married Guy Kelley in Wheeler on Dec. 25, 1923. He preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 1992. She had been a resident of Earth since 1928, having moved there from Meridian, Okla. She was

a member of the First Baptist Church of Earth and of the Earth Garden Club. She was a home maker. A son, Guy F. Kelley, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, Donald Kelley of Earth; four daughters, Freda Woodburn of Amarillo, Betty Jean Smith of Edwards, Mo., Laqueta Dent of Dallas, and Joan Chapman of Dallas; two brothers, Pat McCord of Earth and Jack McCord of Melbourne, Ark.; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Running Water Draw Care Center, P.O. Box 907, Olton 79064, or to Earth Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 523, Earth 79031.

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We couldn't close without thanking the good people of Dimmitt who have been very good to us during our six years here. Thanks also to the people of Nazareth, who have stood behind us for many years while we were in business there and after we moved our restaurant to Dimmitt.

We will open a new Ernie's Bar-B-Q in Tulia the last week of November, and we invite you to visit us there. We will be notifying you of the address, opening date, etc.

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ANGIE GRAND PRE

This black cow was not the only animal left standing in water following this weekend's area rainfall. Some areas received 5 inches.

Area hit with heavy rainfall

Rain and hail pounded the Texas Panhandle and South Plains over the weekend, with some areas getting more than five inches of rain.

During the period from 7 a.m. Oct. 30 to 7 a.m. Nov. 1, Hereford reported the heaviest rains with 5.49 inches, according to the National Weather Service. Pampa reported 4.08 inches, and Canyon reported 2 inches of rain to the NWS.

On the South Plains, the NWS reports 3.1 inches of rain fell in Plainview, and 1.56 inches fell at Olton. Floydada, with 1 inch, reported the lightest rainfall.

Randall County Extension Agent Robert Devin said that given the

dry, hot summer the region encountered, the rain was a welcome sight.

"It will ensure we have adequate soil moisture going into winter," Devin said.

However, the hail did cause some damage around the area, he said. Further complications involve damage to cotton quality and the flooding of fields.

Nevertheless, the rain is welcome, and with a little break from the weather, the wheat crops should really take off, Devin said.

The rainfall brings the yearly total in the area to near normal. The year's first freeze has still not occurred.



ANGIE GRAND PRE

This horse from south of Canyon is looking for dry ground and having to basically wade in it's pasture.



ANGIE GRAND PRE

This herd of cattle west of Happy is standing in a field of water after being drenched by flood like rainfall the evening of Oct. 30.

CALENDAR

November 4

Ranchers' Conference

The third annual West Texas Ranchers' Conference will be held in the exhibit building at the San Angelo Fairgrounds. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the conference will conclude at 2 p.m. For more information, call Jeff Ripley at (915) 659-6524.

November 7-8

Fishing Tournament

Fish at Baylor or Childress Lake in the tournament which lasts from safelight to 3 p.m. on the 8th. \$75 entry fee, 80% payback. Official prefish is on the 7th. For more information check out the C.A.S.T. online at fishcast.com.

November 9

Cook-Off Recipes due

Deadline for entering recipes in the 1999 National Beef Cook-Off. Call (312)823-9300 for more information.

November 12-13

Meat Goat Symposium

The West Texas Meat Goat Symposium at the TAMU Agricultural Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. For more information, call Jeff Ripley at (915) 659-6524.

December 1-3

Farm and Ranch Show

The 14th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will be held in the Amarillo Civic Center from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. Admission is free and for more information, call 1-800-827-8007.

December 15

Master Marketer Program

Deadline for applications for the 1999 Master Marketer Program is this day. The program will be held Jan. 6-7, Jan. 20-21, Feb. 3-4 and Feb. 17-18 at the TAM Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-5401.

December 31

Nomination Deadline

Nominations for the 1998 Rural Minister of the Year award are being accepted by the Minister Selection Committee of the Texas Conference of Churches. For more information, call Monique Dorsett at (409) 862-8561 or your local Texas Agricultural Extension Service agent.

To place your event in the calendar, fax it to (806) 655-0823.

Beef Cook-Off needs convenient recipes

One quick, easy and great-tasting beef recipe will earn \$40,000 at the next National Beef Cook-Off. Could it be yours?

The National Beef Cook-Off will award this total prize package to the amateur cook who creates the best beef recipe using a convenient beef product as the main ingredient. Recipe entries for the contest will be accepted until Nov. 9, 1998.

For the 1999 National Beef Cook-Off, set to take place in Omaha, Neb., Sept. 24-25, 1999, recipes will compete in two convenient beef categories:

1. Ground beef, specifically ground chuck or ground round; and

2. Prepared beef, with the main ingredient limited to the following items:

- Refrigerated or fully cooked beef products (branded products, but not store brands are eligible), including heat-and-eat beef pot roasts, roasted prime rib, tri-tip, brisket, shredded beef and short ribs;

- Refrigerated or frozen seasoned/marinated uncooked beef (branded products, but not store brands are eligible), including marinated steaks, kabobs and seasoned fajita strips;

- Refrigerated deli beef (brand name and service deli products are eligible), including sliced deli

"The Cook-Off is trying to help by gathering America's best convenient beef recipes. The contest's two new categories, ground beef and further prepared beef, provide real solutions for weekend family dinners."

Mary Adolf

roast beef, pastrami, corned beef and smoked all-beef sausage.

- Canned beef products or beef meal kits are not eligible for entry.

"Time-starved Americans are looking for great-tasting meals that can be on the dinner table quickly," said Mary Adolf, vice president, U.S. consumer marketing for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "The Cook-Off is trying to help by gathering America's best convenient beef recipes. The contest's two new categories, ground beef and further prepared beef, provide real solutions for weekend family dinners."

Sixteen national finalists (eight in each category) will win an expense-paid trip to compete at the 1999 national event. The two category winners of the event will each receive \$10,000 and then vie for the "Best of Beef" title and an additional \$30,000 grand prize.

Only original and unpublished

recipes are eligible for the contest. Entries will be judged by food professional on taste, ease of preparation and appearance. Recipes must be prepared in 30 minutes or less and must contain no more than six ingredients (excluding salt, regular ground black pepper and water).

To be eligible for the 1999 National Beef Cook-Off, contest entrants must be at least 18 years of age and residents of the United States.

Food professionals, including chefs, food writers, food home economist, dietitians and food educators, previous "Best of Beef" winners or family members of previous winners, and employees/members of the beef industry are not eligible to compete.

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Floydada product in season

Richard Porter
special to the *Ag Reporter*

It's hard to drive through Floydada this time of year and not catch the spirit of autumn. It seems everywhere a person looks, he sees pumpkins.

That's probably because everywhere a person looks, he sees pumpkins.

Small wonder the folks in Floydada consider their town to be the pumpkin capital of the country.

According to Mack Hickerson, owner of Hickerson Pumpkins in Floydada, it seems the community has pumpkins coming out of its ears.

Partly that's good, and partly that's bad.



RICHARD PORTER

Artemio Diaz Torres (left) and Noe Maruquin harvest pumpkins from the Pierce farm near the McCoy community in Floyd County.

hot, dry growing season," Ragland said.

In addition, the price of 7 cents per pound is above the average of 5 to 6 cents growers have had in the past.

Primarily, Floyd County grows three types of pumpkins: jack-o-lanterns, which average 8-10 pounds; mini-pumpkins, which are decorative; and Big Macs, which can grow to more than 100 pounds.

Although the abundance of quality pumpkins suggests reasons for happiness, there is a down side, according to Hickerson, who ships to metropolitan areas around the state. Part of that abundance is due to a slow-down in sales following the recent flooding in South Texas.

"We were right in the peak of shipping to South Texas (when the rains hit)," he said. Although he could get pumpkins to the warehouses, swollen rivers had the roads south of San Antonio closed. The result was a three-day lull in shipping.

"When I hit a three-day lull, that's 30 semi

loads of pumpkins. That's the equivalent of 1 1/2 million pounds," he said.

Hickerson is not the only one singing the blues about the flood's affect on Floyd County pumpkins.

Tonya Evans, who with her husband, Deryl, grows the crop near the McCoy community. She runs a harvest crew and when they had to shut down for three days she said it was difficult to keep help to resume the harvest.

"When the crew doesn't have anything to do, they have to go find something," she said.

Still, she was pleased generally although they had only an average yield on their farm.

She echoed Ragland's assessment of the quality of this year's crop.

"They were prettier this year than they usually are," she said.

All in all, Floydada's claim to pumpkin capital fame still is safe because of the season's success, according to Ragland.

Grain sorghum study awarded \$3.2 million

ABERNATHY—One key to survival for grain sorghum producers is staying competitive in the global marketplace by being able to efficiently grow a high-yielding, quality product while faced with environmental and weather-related obstacles. But, U.S. researchers are closer to helping sorghum growers reach this goal with a \$3.2 million grant recently awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for plant genome research focusing on sorghum.

"We congratulate the National Science Foundation for their foresight in making such a valuable investment in the future of our industry," said Tim Lust, executive director of the National Grain Sorghum Producers. Lust added that this latest funding represents a 30 percent increase in federal dollars dedicated to sorghum research. "This project could help scientists make significant strides in sorghum research and advance genetic improvements in other grain crops while helping to keep accomplishments in this area of biotechnology in the public sector," Lust said.

Sorghum is an excellent crop on which to conduct genetic studies associated with tolerance to environmental stress such as drought. The sorghum genome project will involve several scientists around the nation as they work to vertically integrate rather than duplicate their research.

Grain sorghum is a leading cereal crop in arid and semi-arid areas of the world, ranking fifth in importance among the world's grain crops.

In the U.S., sorghum is used mainly as a feed crop, but is increasingly becoming a significant source of food for human consumption worldwide.

"We had an excellent year for pumpkins around here."

J.D. Ragland

"Last year at this time we were completely out of pumpkins from this area. This year we may have too many," he said.

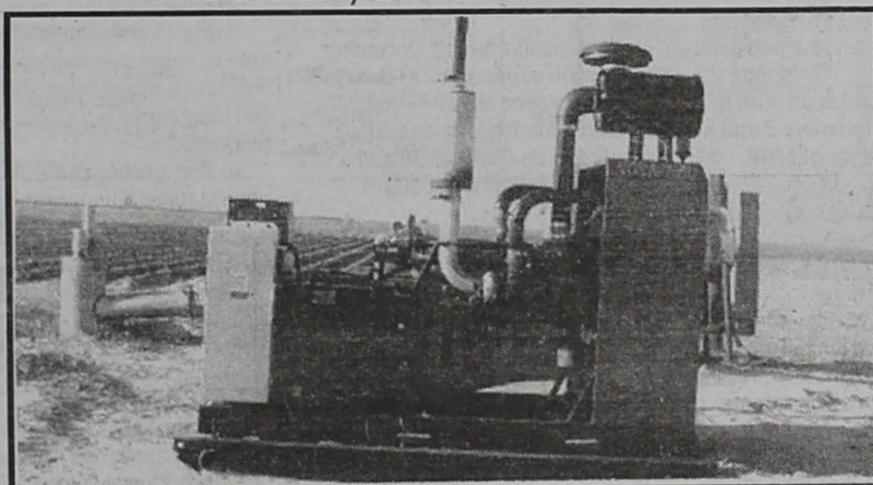
One of the reasons for the abundance is a good growing season and a slightly above average yield, Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland explained.

Although he has been in the county only a few years, it's his understanding that this year's crop produced slightly more than the annual average of 20,000 pounds per acre on 1,500 planted acres. Even better, the quality has been exceptional.

"We had an excellent year for pumpkins around here. We had hardly any disease problems and that can be attributed to the

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OPINION-ISSUES



Robert Lee

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A Tribute to Clancy

Last summer, my two younger grandsons suffered a terrible loss. Their dog, Clancy, died. They couldn't remember life without Clancy because Clancy was there before they hatched. He was their friend, their playmate, their protector and occasionally their confidant. He was a good listener and never divulged a secret. He was the one person that never got mad at them and approved of everything they did. It was difficult for them to visualize a life without Clancy, I could feel their pain and I hurt also. After all, he was my granddog.

I've been fortunate in having many good dogs that owned me and I hurt over the loss of every one. One never forgets one's first dog. My first dog's name was Fuzzy. He rode in my bicycle basket and was a terror to reckon with as long as he was in the basket. Next, there was a cocker spaniel by the name of Boots. My sons had Floppy, Trouble and Little Joe. The most comical dog that owned me was Herman, a basset hound. Herman loved people and had certain human friends scattered over town that he visited periodically. He would spend a couple of hours every morning at the post office visiting, showing up at the lumberyard about ten where he napped between customers until

noon.

The dog I enjoyed the most was Brutus, a huge and very intelligent German shepherd. He was my constant companion for over seven years. Anytime the pickup moved, he was on board. He wasn't afraid of anything on earth except firecrackers and Momma. When he died, I hurt for a long time.

When Clancy died, I intended to write a tribute, hoping to ease the pain of his loss. Boys, I'm a little late but here it is. I hope that you have many more good dogs in your lifetime but we'll never forget Clancy.

Clancy Lee passed from this earth on July the 6th, 1997 after a long and distinguished career in security at 18 Fairway in Canyon and occasionally at 111 North Plains in Happy. He had two assistants named Rusty and Eddie but they weren't very dependable. One never knows what a cat is going to do. They're not really cut out for security work, being more inclined to be villains.

Clancy joined the Lee clan in the early eighties and as a youngster impressed everyone with his good looks, intelligence, energy and bravery. The household grew the next few years with the addition of two boy babies. These two youngsters increased his workload and tested his

patience to no end. He guarded and protected them, doing his best to teach and guide. The head of the household was rather head strong, creating conflicts occasionally but beneath the surface was a strong bond of love and devotion. Even after those darn cats showed up, Clancy, with patience and a strong devotion to duty, persevered. Most of the golfers know Clancy and realized that it was better to get a new ball out then reach through the fence for a lost ball.

Being a workaholic, Clancy never took vacations, preferring instead, to go to Happy where he put his talents to work protecting the grandparent's property while the rest of the family played in the mountains. He did have one bad habit. Never drinking or smoking, he did pick up the bad habit of sucking eggs. The granddad was very tolerant because, though he never sucked eggs, he had also picked up several bad habits over the years.

One of Clancy's outstanding qualities, a quality very rare for one in the security business, was his gentleness. As far as we know, he never carried a gun or a weapon of any kind, depending on his firm countenance getting the job done.

In his last years, he became deaf and limped for an encounter with a car.

Feeble and wear, with failing eyesight, he never lost his dignity and was devoted to his family until he drew his last breath. But why shouldn't he? After all, he was a Lee family member.



Burt Rutherford

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

Cattle feeding industry needs better mousetrap

I'm sure you're all familiar with the old cliché about building a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door. In cattle feeding, a better mousetrap is more money for fed cattle."

But how can cattle feeders get the mousetrap built?

Bob Sims, president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), said that's been the question confounding cattle feeders for quite some time.

Speaking at the TCFA "Challenge, Commitment and Change" Annual Convention in Fort Worth, Sims said, in his opinion, most of the market challenges that cattle feeders have faced this year have been self inflicted because cattle feeders can't agree on what type of mousetrap to build.

"Is group marketing the better mousetrap? I don't know, but I doubt it because, to date, there has been too little commitment (to the idea)," he told cattle feeders. "I do know this-in all the discussions about the how and why of this year's market, the phrase 'packer control of inventory' gets talked about."

But, Sims pointed out that the packer doesn't control the majority of the supply-cattle feeders do.

"The problem is we have not been aggressive in marketing cattle and we have allowed the packer to fragment us to the point where he has control over enough of our supply to use it to his advantage."

If the status quo continues, Sims said there a couple of things cattle feeders can expect.

"One, captive supply of inventory will not go away. Once the packer gains an advantage in the marketplace, he's not going to give it up voluntarily."

So what does that mean?

"I don't know, but it's reasonable to suggest that all marketers will find it increasingly difficult to sell their cattle in a viable marketplace."

So that pushes cattle feeders toward more alliances and other

marketing arrangements.

"Is that our mouse trap?

Possibly, but short of the producer getting part of the retailer's P&L, all you're doing is giving the packer even greater numbers of packer-controlled cattle."

Sims said the dynamics currently at work in the cattle market have forced change on everyone already, and there will be more to come.

"The question is, are we going to be victims of that change or are we going to take an active role in shaping change to our advantage?"

If cattle feeders choose to take an active role in shaping change, then they need to look at several areas, Sims said.

"First, we must encourage the packer to change from a margin operator to a processor of a desirable product that he's willing to put his name on."

"Certainly, to some extent, economics will dictate how swiftly that change occurs. But remember, the packer is operating on our margin. So is the retailer. And, unless and until we create a situation that causes them to think, and therefore act, differently, nothing will change."

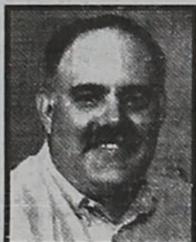
That means cattle feeders need to change themselves into a more unified group.

"Many times throughout the year, I was asked what TCFA was going to do about the market wreck," he told cattle feeders.

"My response was always the same. Who is TCFA? It is you and me and everyone else (who is a member). So to ask what TCFA is doing about market prices is the same as asking yourself what you are doing about market prices. Until we're willing to help ourselves, nothing will happen."

For cattle feeders to help themselves, it will take a commitment to doing business differently, he stated.

"Think of an alley with four gates. We're the alley and the
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Monte Winders

FUTURES SPECIALIST

Market News

Cattle

A few of the cattle traders had a good laugh at the fact that many people feel with the TCFA convention going on that the futures trade will be a weak lackluster trade.

Some feel that cattle feeders have more to cheer about now than they have had in more than a year. Futures seem to be locked into a wide-banded uptrend.

The show lists seem to be getting smaller, yards are staying current and carcass weights are declining. We are hearing stories of closeouts back in the black. Now some traders are starting to moan about the fact that cattle prices are not higher.

Some feel that we are looking at the beginnings of a supply bull market.

Any rally in the cattle could be short lived or dampened by the extreme pessimism concerning the hogs. Pork producers are seeing the lowest prices in more than 25 years. You would have to go back to the winter of 1972 to see worse prices. The odds are very high that still lower money awaits the hog market.

With these facts it makes it difficult to argue that cattle still

have significant potential to rally.

Technically the December live cattle have support at 6485 and 6460 with resistance at 6687 and 6797.

The main trend is up with a cycle top on November 3 and a trend reversal price of 6148.

Corn

The corn futures have had a good rally but we seem to hit some resistance and now are trading a good range.

One analyst was quoted, "It has light volume and all we do is go back and forth." The pressure has come from swift harvest progress that the cornbelt has been making.

The unwinding of wheat/corn spreads supported the corn but gains are limited to hedge sales. The massive government payments scheduled for the fourth quarter are allowing producers to hold off on sales that might have been needed for cash flow.

The ideas of sales and aid are starting to come to a head on the news. Market chatter suggests that corn and soybean amounts are rumored to be around 500,000 MT for Russia.

On the bear side, Mexico's Ag

secretary hiked its summer corn production estimate to 184 million tons, an increase of 900,000 tons over the last USDA estimate.

The USDA shows 56 million bushels of new crop US corn under loan. Also, clear harvest weather has allowed farmers to make strides and have over 75% of the crop done vs. an average of 53%.

Technically we see December corn with support at 213 then 209 and resistance at 219 3/4 and 223.

The main trend is up with a cycle top on October 30 and a trend reversal price at 203 1/2.

Wheat

The wheat market has seen a good two-way trade for the last few weeks. Any good rally seems to be pressured by mixed commercial activity. Sources have said that the wheat has been plagued by "buy-the-rumor, sell-the-rumor" trade since Russia has formally requested food aid from the US.

There is a need for significant amounts of rains, rice and meat. Chatter has suggested that wheat would lead in tonnage in the package with totals around 1.5 MMT.

Also the market has awaited for two months any confirmation of the Chinese-Canadian wheat deal.

The market is also waiting for further news of a wheat/rice swap involving the US, Indonesia and China.

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Advancing next year’s limitation payments is one of a number of things Congress is doing.

That may not fit for every farmer. Some producers may feel they don’t need it in their cash flow this year and simply may not take the payments. Advanced payments were just one of the options Congress was able to do last month.

Reopening the current farm bill would be an unwise response based solely on the disaster of this year’s failed crops and low prices.

Here at home, and time after time in the Agriculture Committee hearing on the state of the farm economy, producers are urging that we not allow the fact that we have a problem today to drive us away from a good farm policy. They remind us that under this same farm bill, we had virtually record-setting high prices just a few years ago.

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four big packers are the gates. We try to crowd our fed cattle down that one alley through four gates controlled by the packer.”

There are just a few ways that cattle feeders can get a ticket into one of those gates-cash trade; grade and yield, formula or grid pricing; contract; or a top-of-the-market-for-the-week arrangement.

“None of these tickets for gate entry has much, if any, negotiation involved. If we continue to crowd that alley without any unity in negotiating, we are going to continue to get freighttrained,” Sims said. “Until we have the commitment to do something for ourselves-which is show some unity-the freight train will keep coming.”

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In other news the USDA is reporting gains on planting progress with 84% done vs 87% average. The emergence rate is 63% vs 70%, which suggests a more normal crop in 1999. Wheat under loan rose to 221 million bushels, up 4 million. The LDP opportunities have been greatly reduced making the loan look more attractive.

Technically December KC wheat shows support 317 then 311 and resistance at 334 and 340.

The main trend is up with a cycle top on October 27 and a trend reversal price of 308 1/2.

Cotton
Many analysts have talked about the fact that this market is poised to make a major move. The big question is WHICH DIRECTION?

Many cotton buyers and exporters are saying that the move the lower. There is no real export activity on the scene. The major buyers in the Asian countries have been hit with the worst economic news in the world.

Wholesale change to the farm program now in the midst of this disaster could come with unwanted federal strings. Farmers tell me they do not want to return to the government interference of acreage allotments and production controls of the past.

The real challenge would become guarding against the detrimental effect on farmers’ current planting flexibility.

For long term help, I would like to see a dramatically changed and strengthened crop insurance program.

I have always felt that farmers need a safety net. An adequately-devised crop insurance program is that safety net. With an adequate crop insurance program, then one farmer in one county would be covered for crop losses due to weather, even when his neighbors make a bumper crop.

To me, crop insurance is still the optimum choice, rather than relying on the spotty coverage of disaster programs.

The drought and extraordinarily low prices have made life hard for farmers and ranchers, their families and our communities.

You might say that farmland is mostly located out where farmers and ranchers can better see the horizon - so they always look toward the next day, if not the next harvest.

I want to improve their immediate outlook, as well as tomorrow’s harvest.

Sims noted that the 1998 Convention in Fort Worth marked the 31st year for the Association.

“TCFA was built by some very individualistic folks. We’re still that way. But let’s not kill our industry as we know it because of individualism. So I leave you with a challenge-if you want to change the marketplace we sell cattle in, get involved. Get involved in TCFA and NCBA. We, as an industry, can either decide to work together and compete, or we can maintain our cowboy independence and egos, with no unity nor commitment, and become totally irrelevant. The choice is ours to make.”

Now the producers are holding most of their production waiting for a rally. With the analysts looking at a sort of key reversal in the last week of October, many of them are talking higher prices for the cotton.

Traders have said that the talk has circulated about potential cancellation of large sales to Korea.

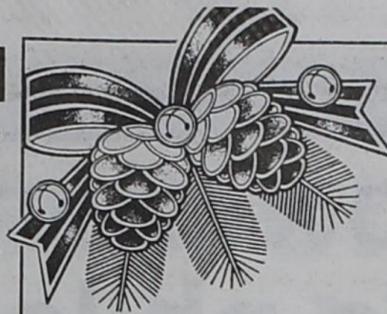
These talks fly in the face of reports that substantial export business may be concluded before the end of October. Reports that China has announced an export subsidy has prompted fears that sales tender might be on the horizon.

Still many traders point to the fact the December cotton hit a new contract low but closed more than \$1 above it.

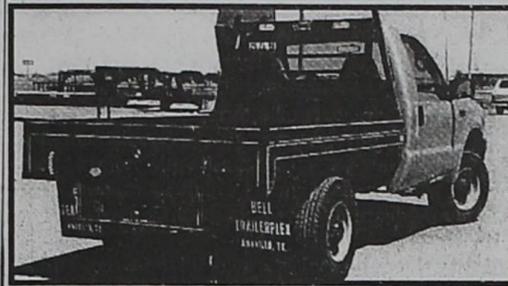
Technically December cotton has support at 6585 then 6550 with resistance at 6825 and 6865.

The main trend is down with a cycle bottom on October 29 and trend reversal price at 6948.

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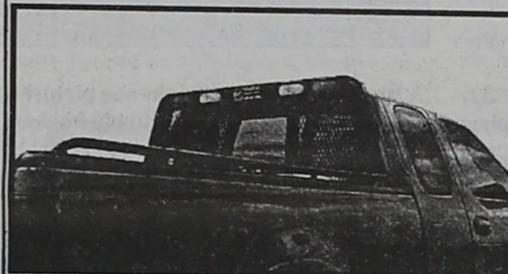
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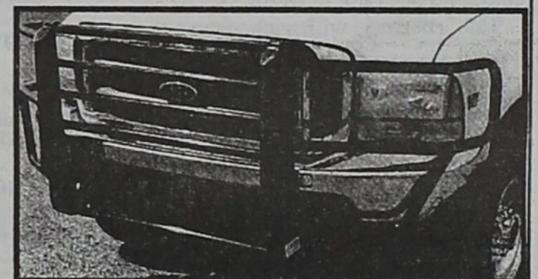


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Narrow row planting is changing one man's philosophy on cotton

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John Blount is in the middle of a major change in philosophy.

It has nothing to do with his view of the meaning of life.

It has everything to do with his views on growing cotton.

Blount decided two years ago to try a whole different approach to cotton farming. He decided to try ultra narrow row planting.

"I'd read articles from across the country from people who were getting better yields. They had a seminar in Lubbock two years ago and I just thought I'd try it," he said.

He started out dividing his acreage between the ultra narrow row cotton, which had 15-inch rows and conventional cotton, which had 32-inch rows.

Last year he got 200-300 pounds more from his UNR than from his conventional.

That was all it took.

This year he planted all UNR and harvested 1,267 pounds per acre over his first 90-acre field.

According to Randy Boman, cotton agronomist for the Texas A&M Extension Center in Lubbock, UNR cotton is all about plant spacing.

The idea, he explained, is to give each plant its own space rather than bunching them together.

That is a radical change in philosophy, according to Blount.

"They told us 15 years ago that one day we would be planting cotton like we plant corn," he said, adding the rather colorful (but unprintable) standard response of those times.

"They're finding out that you don't want your plants bunched up like they used to be," he continued.

Blount went on to explain that changing to UNR cotton is more than simply deciding to alter the width of the rows. It is a whole philosophy.

To begin with, he uses minimum-till planting practices. Although he admitted that he had not chiseled his land in about six years, he pointed out that with UNR cotton he does not need to.

That's because with such narrow rows he cannot cultivate the crop throughout the season the way he did with his conventional cotton.

"I stay off of it. About the only time I'm on it is to harvest. I've got narrow tires on my sprayer so I have two sets of tracks 80 feet apart, and that's about it," he said.

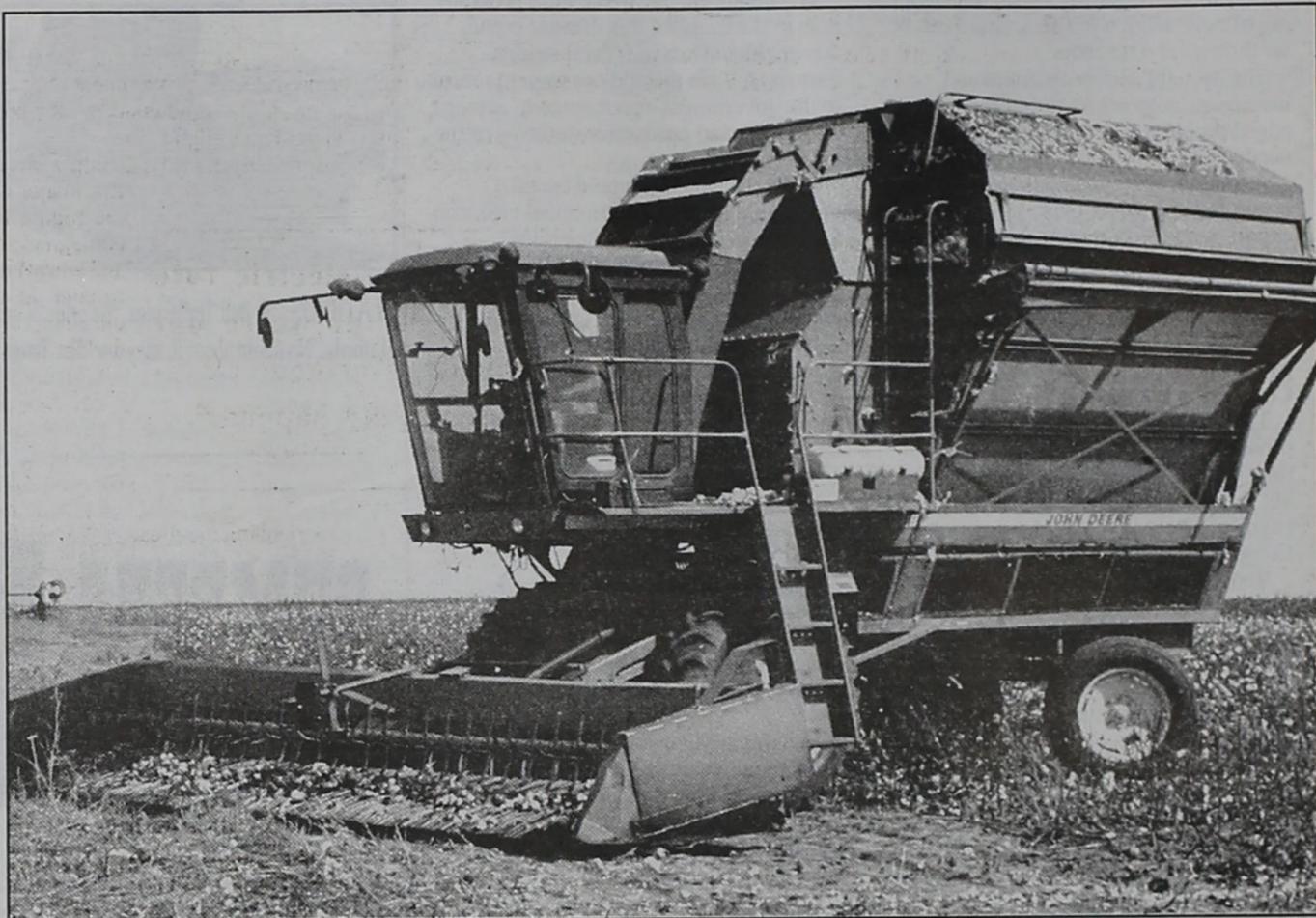
On the subject of chemical applications, he explained that he is using about the same amount of chemicals but is having to broadcast rather than band them.

While that type of application costs a little more, he said, it is offset by fewer trips through the field all together, less wear and tear on his tractor, and less cost for keeping someone in that tractor.

Given those differences and better yields, he has the potential to see a better bottom line at the end of the season, he said.

As was mentioned earlier, the theory behind UNR cotton is to give the plants more space by planting the rows closer together.

Although that might seem like a conflict,



RICHARD PORTER

A broadcast header like the one pictured is what must be used to strip ultra narrow row planted cotton instead of a traditional stripper header. This is cotton being harvested in Hale County near Cotton Center.

Boman explained the theory.

Forty-inch rows—a fairly common spacing in conventional cotton—allows for 13,068 row-feet per acre and gives a plant population of 78,000 plants per acre, or approximately 6 plants per foot, he said.

"When you crowd it like that it has a tendency to cause barren plants," he said.

On the other hand, in UNR cotton using 10-inch rows there may be 100,000 plants

"I don't think ultra narrow row cotton is going to be for everybody because it requires very timely management."

Randy Boman

to the acre but it takes 52,272 row-feet to make up that acre.

That gives a plant density of 1.9 plants per row-foot. Thus each plant has a little more space to itself, he said.

One intriguing part of the theory is that it takes 3-5 days for each mainstem node to develop on a plant. UNR cotton produces fewer mainstem nodes per plant than conventional cotton, therefore it is possible that the plants could take fewer days to mature. That has the potential to reduce the growing season some, Boman said. The trade-off would be that there are more plants in the

field, so the loss of mainstem nodes would be offset, he continued.

However, he pointed out, that all is just theory.

In reality, there are some challenges associated with UNR cotton.

"I don't think ultra narrow row cotton is going to be for everybody because it requires very timely management," Boman said.

For one thing, true LEPA irrigation philosophy is not realistic so producers have to use a somewhat less efficient spray system with their pivots, he said, adding that a possible trade-off there is the fact that the canopy will close sooner so that will cut down on some evaporation loss.

Another area of concern is weed control.

Boman pointed out that it is difficult to do post-directed work on rows less than 20 inches apart. Producers have to do a good job on pre-plant and pre-emergence herbicide applications.

Also, according to Boman, UNR cotton is planted flat instead of in raised rows, and often is planted in highly erodible soil. It is important to have some type of cover crop to keep that soil in place, he said.

Finally, finding planting and harvesting equipment can be problematic at best and downright expensive at worst, he said.

Planting with drills does not allow for accurate seed placement and harvesting requires a broadcast header which tends to clog up more readily than conventional stripper headers.

If a producer has to buy different equipment to handle UNR cotton, it may be an expensive investment, according to Boman.

In the case of Blount, he was able to overcome some of the above-mentioned equipment problems.

He purchased a new planter with 15-inch row spacing and 31 boxes because he didn't like the inconsistency of a drill.

"The reason I went with it instead of a drill is because of the seed spacing. A drill just dumps them out there," Blount said.

As far as harvest goes, he was able to modify an old header that had been 12 1/2 feet long by stretching it to 21 feet. He did the work himself.

The equipment seems to work fine, although he did admit that the header clogs up easily.

His consultant helped him figure out the appropriate plant density, based on his water availability.

He shoots for a density of 80,000 plants per acre.

Blount admitted that he still is learning with his new philosophy, and one area where he has seen a need for improvement in his approach is in chemical application.

"I was real radical (this year) and didn't put out any yellow (pre-plant) herbicide," he said.

He believes that approach, coupled with some unforeseen difficulties as the season progressed, contributed to a weed and grass problem.

He will need to address that issue differently next season, he said.

Still, he is pleased with the way things are looking. The change of philosophy doesn't seem to have been in the wrong direction.

Paymaster announces replant & destruct program

LUBBOCK - Paymaster Cottonseed announced today a significant improvement in their stripper cotton replant and crop destruction program for 1999. Under the new program cotton growers who have to replant Paymaster Roundup Ready® stripper varieties will be provided replacement seed at no charge, up to a cost of \$35 per bag. Certain conditions will apply, but the program applies to all Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper cotton varieties.

Farmers who plant Paymaster Roundup Ready stripper varieties, but have to abandon all or part of their planted acres and choose to replant with an alternate crop, will be

refunded half of their seed cost, up to a cost of \$17.50 per bag.

"This is a major benefit to cotton growers," said Jim Willeke, president of Paymaster Cottonseed. "They have to fight the weather, insects, weeds and increasing costs to make a crop. We have been listening to their concerns. This is our way of helping them when times are tough."

Steve Verett, executive vice president for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. was enthusiastic about the program. "We strongly support Paymaster's new replant program," said Verett. "We have been working with both Paymaster and

Monsanto to develop options that address the needs of the farmers. This program will really help."

Willeke added that thousands of cotton acreage have to be replanted each year due to weather conditions unique to the high plains.

The general conditions of the replant program are as follows:

- The original planted acres must have been planted to a Paymaster Roundup Ready variety.
- Replant seed will only be furnished for replanting the

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Study released on impact of deregulated electricity

LUBBOCK—The deregulation of the electric power industry in Texas will be a major topic addressed by the Texas legislature during the next legislative session.

Deregulation has the potential to broaden the electric power markets in Texas by providing consumers with the ability to purchase their electric power needs from more than one supplier.

According to a study released by Texas Tech University, there are concerns that not all segments of the consuming public will benefit from deregulation, in particular the agricultural industry in the Texas High Plains Region.

The THP region is a major consumer of electricity for irrigation during the peak summer consumption period.

Approximately 55 percent of the irrigated acres in the region use electricity to power irrigation wells and sprinklers, according to the study.

Texas Tech University recently released preliminary results of how electrical power deregulation may affect the THP economy.

The objectives of the study were to estimate the impacts on irrigated crop productions in the THP region from increasing electric power rates and determine the associated impacts on the THP regional economy from changes in agricultural production.

Phillip Johnson, Ph.D., assistant professor of agricultural and applied economics in Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sci-

ences and Natural Resources conducted the initial assessment on a 19 county area of the THP.

"We assume electric rate increases but we're not predicting that these rate increases would happen," Johnson said.

Overall, the state may benefit from lower electricity costs.

However, the report lists several reasons why sections of the state and some specific industries may see rate increases.

One factor is that the costs of building and maintaining electrical distribution systems for rural consumers are high, due to fewer customers per mile of transmission line and large transmission losses.

This may work against agricultural electrical power customers in a deregulated market.

"Under deregulation the consumer of electricity for irrigation could be a competitive disadvantage compared to other consumers such as industrial consumers," Johnson said. "Therefore we wanted to evaluate the impacts of possible electric rate increases."

Johnson's report concerning potential economic impacts on irrigated crop produc-

tion and regional economic activity from increased electrical rates under utility deregulation raises some concerns for producers on the Texas High Plains.

For study purposes, crop acres for the four major crops in the region (cotton, corn, grain sorghum and wheat) were estimated at various electric rate scenarios.

Cotton was the most heavily affected. Regional employment also would suffer, with the City of Lubbock experiencing the greatest proportion of the losses.

The study shows that, "if the short-term effects of deregulation result in electric rate increases, an important part of the state's economy could be harshly affected."

A farm-level example used in the study was Hale County.

Hale County was selected to illustrate the micro impacts on cotton profitability as electrical rates increased.

Results indicated that there would be a 40 percent reduction in per acre net return for irrigated cotton production when electricity was used as the irrigation fuel under a 30 percent rate increase scenario.

Results using a 50 percent increase scenario indicated that per acre net returns would decrease 67 percent for land using electrical power for irrigation.

"There are many economic, technological and managerial approaches to mitigating the problems that agriculture is likely to face, which could ease the transition to a fully deregulated electric power market, said Johnson. "There is a need to provide research and evaluation of these alternatives to provide farmers and electric utilities the best information possible for them to be able to make informed decisions."

Texas Tech's mechanical engineering department already is working on a possible alternative to alleviate problems predicted with electrical power deregulation.

Researchers in that department are developing a system of distributed generation, which involves a series of small generators fueled by natural gas, placed on individual producer's land to power irrigation systems. South Plains Electric cooperative also has done some work with this system.

"Again, the effects of deregulation could be of net benefit to the state," Johnson concluded.

"On the other hand, as this study shows, if the short term effects of deregulation result in electric rate increases, an important sector of the state's economy could be harshly effected (the ag industry)."

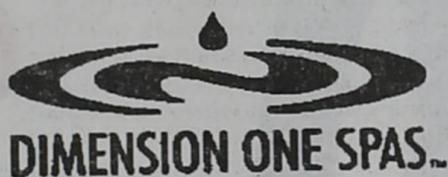
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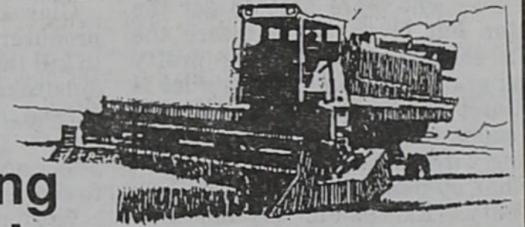


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Extension Service initiates future forums

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Special to the Ag Reporter

LUBBOCK - The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is moving forward by taking a step back, according to Dr. Chester P. Fehlis, associate vice chancellor and deputy director for the service.

Fehlis was in Lubbock Friday to discuss a new initiative of Extension, the Texas Community Futures Forum.

The object of the initiative is to help bring together agencies other than the Extension Service which are charged with providing community services and organize an effective means of providing those ser-

vices, Fehlis said.

He explained that the program grows from work the service has been doing since the mid-1980s in the area of long-range planning.

"We've been doing this (long-range planning) since 1985. Always before, the main focus purely was just to get a long-range plan, or strategic plan for Extension," he said.

Over the years, he continued, other state agencies such as the Department of Health, the Department of Human Resources, Texas Department of Agriculture, and TNRC, have come to Extension and asked for access to information the service gathered as

part of its planning process.

"We decided this time, rather than provide it to them that way, why not just invite those agencies to be a part of this process," Fehlis said.

When the service pitched its idea to its sister agencies with a meeting in Austin on Oct. 27, representatives from 53 organizations showed up and expressed an interest in participating.

Given that support, Fehlis said, the Extension Service will organize local forums in every county in the state to be held in January and February. In addition, each county will complete a four-year action plan by next fall which will be imple-

mented in January 2000.

Fehlis said the aim will be to bring together representatives from the community's chamber of commerce, industrial foundation, agricultural businesses, and other appropriate groups to meet with the state's agencies. Also, the community at-large will be welcome.

Although many of the issues discussed may fall outside the service's field of expertise, Fehlis said they still will be able to contribute something to the process, if only by facilitating the meetings.

However, there are issues of concern to communities in which the Extension service can participate directly. Fehlis suggested 4-H as an

example. If a community is having trouble with juvenile delinquency, 4-H is one of many programs available to give young people something constructive to do while helping build their self-esteem, he said.

"This really is going back to an old system that we had, basically in looking at the total community and seeing how an agency like ours can facilitate getting things to happen. We have a strong reputation from the past, and yet people still tend to relate to Extension the way they used to see us in the '60s and '70s. In essence, we've got change the image of the organization and to truly become a 21st-century organization," Fehlis said.

Wet weather mixed bag for ag producers

RICHARD PORTER

Herald Agriculture Editor

Opinions about the weather depend on whether a producer is raising cotton or wheat and cattle.

"From the cotton standpoint, the rain has not been good, but the wheat and cattle guys are loving it," Michael Clawson said.

Clawson is the county Extension agent for Swisher County and as he explained, cotton producers are taking it on the chin once again this year.

Those who were able to get the cotton out of the field before the rain started were getting pretty good grades. Unfortunately, a lot is still out there and the rain is going to cause those grades to go down, along with yields, he said.

That opinion was echoed by Hale County Extension Agent Bob Benson.

He said that up to four inches of rain was reported in some parts of the county from this weekend's storm. Worse, there was some hail reported in the southeastern part of the county, Benson said.

"When you get three to four inches of rain this time of year with the cool weather and days, it just takes longer to dry back out. Anytime you get that much rain on open cotton it's going to be bad," he continued.

J.D. Ragland, Extension agent for

Floyd County, said he rain probably would cause some bolls to drop to the ground and producers would start seeing some stringing as they stripped.

According to Benson, rather than rain, the region needs to see a freeze to kill the crop, followed by dry weather.

"We sure would like to see some dry weather. I kind of hate to say that after this summer, but if we had our druthers we sure would like to see a good freeze and then have it clear on out," he said.

Clawson said that although many producers had applied a harvest aid to kill the cotton early some of those aids take 10-14 days to work. As it turned out, last week's rains hit before the chemicals could take affect and now farmers are starting to see some regrowth.

With more rain forecast for the area this week, things probably will not improve for a week or so, according to Larry Nelson, co-owner and manager of Edcot Gin in Edmonson.

Nelson summed up the feelings of many of his producers as he expressed his opinion on the weather.

"We can't do anything about Mother Nature. We're kind of like an old cow in a hail storm. We just have to hump up and take it," he said.

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Hunt proves to be a lot of bull

David McDonnall
special to the Ag Reporter

This one didn't get away.

We've all heard exaggerated hunting and fishing tales of monster trophies that sportsman almost bagged but inevitably the big one always gets away.

However, for elk hunter Gary Wells this year the big one didn't get away.

After six years of trying Gary shot a trophy bull elk while hunting on the exclusive Valle Vidal ranch in New Mexico.

Gary was lucky in just getting the chance to hunt on the ranch. He explained that the ranch is owned by the federal government and managed by the state of New Mexico.

Hunting licenses are given out on a drawing basis. Gary said this year 1,300 applicants applied for the elusive elk hunting license, but only 35 hunters, including Gary, were drawn.

He explained that once you draw a license to hunt on the ranch you can never apply again whether you get an elk or not.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime deal," Gary said. The ranch is located near Red River, New Mexico, and Gary said the elk hunting there truly is a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience.

"I've never seen so many elk in my life," Gary said of the ranch. "If you're an elk hunter, this is elk heaven."

As part of his hunt Gary hired Vance Lewis, brother of Tracy Ragsdale of Canyon, to serve as his guide. Lewis lives in Red River and knows the area well.

Roland Brooks of Canyon also went along

to film the hunt.

Friday night the group spotted a herd of elk in a valley far away.

Saturday morning the hunters awoke at 4 a.m. and were on horses headed to the elk herd by 5:30 a.m.

It was a 45-minute horse ride to where the hunters had seen the elk the night before. However, during the pre-dawn ride in the hunters heard a large elk bugle only a few yards away.

After a hurried dismount the hunters tried to locate the big bull in the pre-dawn darkness, but the elusive bull slipped through the blackness and back into heavy timber.

The hunters then gave up and continued their ride to the herd they had seen the night before.

When the hunters arrived the herd was still grazing, but they were moving fast toward the trees. Gary tried to get close to them before they made it to the trees but was unable to.

The rest of the day the hunters spent relaxing on the mountain while waiting for the elk to reappear.

About 5:30 p.m. the elk started coming out of the timber. The first bull to appear was large but not as big as Gary hoped, so the group held off and decided not to pursue him.

Then as the group was watching the timber elk started coming from all directions.

"It was like somebody rang a school bell and elk just started appearing everywhere," Gary said.

It was 10 minutes before dark and the

"I've never seen so many elk in my life."

Gary Wells



COURTESY PHOTO

Vance Lewis (left) poses with Gary Wells and his trophy bull elk from a recent hunt on an exclusive ranch near Red River, New Mexico.

hunters were looking at over 70 elk and 10 bulls.

Gary and guide Vance decided to start moving toward the herd before nightfall came.

The two started sliding down the grass hill to get closer to the valley the elk were in.

During the slide, Gary's camouflage pants got caught on a branch and got pulled down to his ankles.

After readjusting his pants, the duo continued to move closer to the herd.

It was now three minutes before dark, and the two were still about 400 yards away from the bull they were pursuing.

Then the whole herd started getting nervous.

The rest of the hunters back on the hill radioed Vance and told him that Gary would have to shoot now if he hoped to get the

See Hunt on page 14

Paul Engler receives distinguished Texan award

Paul Engler of Amarillo, chief executive of one of the world's foremost cattle feeding operations, received a 1997 Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award from the Texas A&M University System's Agriculture Program on Oct. 26 in Fort Worth.

"Paul Engler has long been revered as a pioneer in the Texas cattle feeding industry for his innovative approaches that have had a major economic impact on the Texas panhandle," said Dr. Edward A. Hiler, vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences. "In recognition of these efforts, the agriculture program is truly proud to honor Paul as a Distinguished Texan in Agriculture."

Engler received his award at the annual Texas Cattle Feeders Association convention at Fort Worth's Radisson Hotel. The award was established in 1992 to honor agricultural leaders in Texas for outstanding leadership and significant contributions to Texas agriculture.

"Paul Engler, more than any other indi-

vidual, is responsible for the development of the successful cattle feeding industry in Texas," wrote Dr. Barry B. Thompson, chancellor of the Texas A&M University is support of Engler's nomination. "His revolutionary ideas helped turn an underdeveloped cattle feeding enterprise into a billion dollar industry for Texas."

Engler's innovations in feeding and managing his operations are well known throughout the industry, and he is highly respected among his peers, said Dr. John M. Sweeten, resident director of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Among the technologies developed or implemented by Engler are the industry's first computerized grain flaking system, computer controlled batch and continuous mixing systems, new manure handling technologies, methods to suppress dust, automated cattle sorting facilities and others.

Sweeten said, however, that Engler's abil-

"Paul Engler, more than any other individual, is responsible for the development of the successful cattle feeding industry in Texas."

Dr. Barry B. Thompson

ity to work with people is equally impressive.

"Paul Engler has the reputation of putting people first," Sweeten said. "He encourages and challenges his employees to be the best they can be and to be involved environmental stewardship. He also has implemented an employee stock ownership program by selling 32 percent of his company to the employees."

Engler serves on the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture Development Council and the Chancellor's Century Council.

He is a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. He is also a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He also serves or has served in leadership positions in numerous other organizations, including from the American Maize Products Corporation, the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, the National FFA Foundation, the International Agribusiness Advisory Board of the Rabobank of the Netherlands, Harrington Regional Medical Center, and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. Among his honors are "Man of the Year in Agriculture" for the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association District I and a Distinguished Alumnus Award for the University of Nebraska.

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Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY



Howdy folks, straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital USA in Floyd County America. Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins step right up folks and get some of the worlds greatest pumpkins! Wha, what a pumpkin year we've had here in Floyd County. It seems like we've had more interest this year than we've ever had. This years quality is probably the very best that we've had in the 40 year history production of pumpkins in Floyd County. The primary reason is that we had less disease problems this year due to the dry conditions.

You see, usually throughout the growing season occasional showers serve

as a breeding ground for inhibiting several kinds of disease that greatly effects the quality of pumpkins. Although we needed moisture for our cotton and other crops this summer and since

mother nature was so stingy with it, it actually contributed to our quality of pumpkins this year. Now as far as the yield is concerned, it remained about the same around 20,000 lbs. per acre. So step right on up and over to Floyd County and select your just right pumpkin. Heck, you surely don't want to miss out! O' don't forget, make plans to attend our Annual Pumpkin Days celebration held in Floydada on October 31. An entire fun filled day of events was scheduled which

revolve around the Pumpkin Patch theme.

Well a few comments on other county ag progress. Cotton harvest has been extremely active up until this week. We finally got about 1 inch of moisture on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week which was much needed but did put a hold on cotton harvest for a minute. About 30% of our 60-80,000 harvestable acres have been harvested at this time. Yields are averaging right around a bale and slightly better on irrigated acres, which isn't bad, especially for this year. What little bit of dryland that has been harvested has been extremely poor, there just wasn't enough rain.

I know farmers are wanting to get back in the fields, but the much needed moisture will certainly benefit the wheat. Sorghum yields have also been extremely wide spread. Yields have varied from

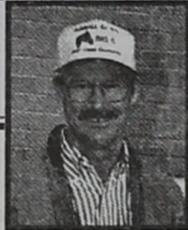
5,000 lbs. to nearly nothing. Peanut thrashing has just gotten underway. Yields look to be lower than expected. Average peanut yields are from 25-3,500 lbs. Which we were hoping to make around 4,000, but lack of moisture has contributed to the lower outcome.

Well, as you can see, as with every other farming community it's extremely busy right now in Floyd County. 4-H wise we're just about to wind up pig buying, going to validate lambs tomorrow and county food show next week. Better sign off here, been nice chatting with ya. Chat, heck I think this time I might agree with my wife who tells me I don't know the meaning of short visits, they're all lengthy conversations. O' well I guess I just like visiting.

Ya'll come to see us! Til next time howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye!

Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY



Randall County finally received some much needed moisture and it looks like that October will actually end up with above normal rainfall. Most of the wheat is up but grazing will be limited this fall or for the most part, non existent. The remaining milo will probably not be harvested until we have a killing frost which does not seem too likely in the near future with above normal temperatures

forecast as I write this article.

Speaking of frost, the flies remind me that old man winter is just around the corner. In fact my Bermuda grass is, for the most part,

dormant and the tomato plants are history. One of the many advantages of a warm season grass is that I can finally park the lawn mower. Next spring I'll anxiously await the day it finally greens up and is ready for the first mowing but

by fall I just as anxiously await the first frost. If nothing else, it keeps us looking forward to the next season with anticipation. With the mild weather the trees are really showing off their color. I'm not sure that the cottonwoods have ever been as colorful. I hope that you have a chance to soak up some of "mother nature's splendor". It is sure a welcome sight after the summer we just experienced.

Water, particularly under ground water, and the "right of capture" is again being challenged in Texas. It will probably serve us all well to become more informed on the issue and stay abreast of

happenings and the potential impact on each of us. As I understand it, the Texas Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving the Carrizo Aquifer in north Texas. Some feel that by agreeing to hear the case which includes a request by the plaintiffs to change the Texas law from the "right of capture" to Ohio's version of a "correlative rights" there is some interest in rewriting the law in this area..

Some of the potential ramifications include: Each landowner in the state would have to employ a geologist or other professional to determine the volume of

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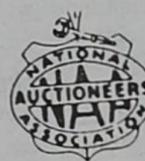
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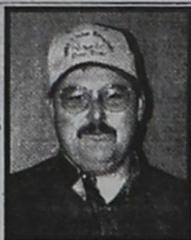
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Rebel Royall

CASTRO COUNTY



We are finally seeing some moisture in the area. It took all summer, and is delaying cotton harvest, but it is finally raining a little bit. This is good news for the many wheat growers we have in the region. Many have had wheat planted for a couple of months now. Many of these fields are stocked with cattle. This crop will carry these cattle through the winter months and allow them to gain enough to go into the feed yard early next spring.

I always enjoy seeing the wheat pastures in the winter. They stick out like a sea of green in our brown winter landscape.

Wheat is like every other crop, there are many natural occurrences which can destroy it.

Some of these include insects, (mainly green bugs and Russian affids), hail storms, deep freezes (late in the winter after the wheat is jointed), etc. But in our county there are a lot of producers who plant wheat simply to graze out. They profit from the cattle gain throughout the winter, kill out the wheat, and plant their usual crop (corn, cotton etc.)

For them wheat is a good way to use their land in the winter and hopefully turn a profit. The land is not barren through the

colder season.

Some plant wheat just for the grain crop. Usually these producers plant a little later in the year than the ones mentioned above. Their planting date is sometime in October usually. This later planting date helps them avoid some of the insect pressure associated with early fall, and helps keep the wheat from suffering from a killing freeze due to maturity.

Both camps have valid reasons for what they do. Like all producers, wheat producers must fit their program to their personal needs. Wheat is a good crop that fits our area well, it allows for diversity and fits well in our cropping systems.

I saw an interesting tid-bit on E-Mail this morning. With all the hoop-la surrounding John

Glenn's trip back to space I found it interesting to note that he and the other crew members of the shuttle will be doing agricultural research for Texas A&M. Glenn will perform health research in connection with Texas A&M's veterinary college.

The end result could be a more effective cancer treatment with fewer side effects. Veterinary clinical pharmacologist Dr. Dawn Boothe says the experimental treatment is designed to deliver more powerful drugs to the tumor without the drugs effects being felt in other parts of the body. The treatment could be used on both humans and animals. Boothe says the trick is to deliver the drug directly to the tumor via the way of the blood system, but then stop the drug

from continuing on into other parts of the body causing adverse effects. Stopping the blood flow would also cut off oxygen and nutrients and slow the tumor's growth. Glenn will create microcapsules made of oil and water.

Those two substances will not mix here on earth, but they will in zero gravity.

The cancer-fighting drug will be placed inside the tiny hollow bubbles. Boothe says the microcapsules will stay intact as the shuttle reenters earth's atmosphere. Texas A&M researchers will inject the microcapsules into rabbits to determine how well they work. Results from these studies are expected to be reported before the end of the year.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Michael Clawson

SWISHER COUNTY



With Fall fast approaching, Panhandle and South Plains producers are quickly turning their interest to harvest and wheat planting. In Swisher County, the majority of the wheat planting has been put on hold.

Continued drought conditions and lack of soil moisture are playing havoc on the hopes of a good wheat crop. Some irrigated wheat has been planted but this is a small percentage of the total wheat acreage in Swisher County. Once again, rain is

needed to enhance the likelihood of making a wheat crop.

It looks like we are in for an extremely

long corn and grain sorghum harvest - in terms of time and low yields. Corn harvest is getting off to a slow start and the yields do not look promising. Drought stressed and limited irrigation cornfields are being harvested and reported yields range from 2500 to 5000 pounds (45 to 90 bushels).

This is down from the average yield for Swisher County by at

least 30 to 55%. When we get to the full-irrigated corn, the outlook is not much better. A lot of the corn has been affected by common corn smut and the estimated reduction in yields due to smut is 30 to 40%. Currently, Swisher County has grain sorghum being cut to fields that have not even begun to head. Much like the corn, grain sorghum yields are not promising.

Like I said, we are in for an extremely long corn and grain sorghum harvest.

For the producers who have irrigated cotton and received some rain to assist them with water demands, the yield potential looks quite good. We

are a long way from having the cotton to the gin and a lot of things could happen between now and then. Producers need insect pressures to stay light and a little cooperation from Mother Nature on the weather. A recently released USDA report confirmed a short U.S. cotton crop. Cotton economists are predicting that this could lead to a price rally. This may be the only bright spot that comes out of this year's crops, so producers need to be prepared to take advantage of the price rally.

On a brighter note - County 4-H clubs are planning for their first 4-H meeting of the new year and we are beginning to see a lot of familiar and new faces around

the Extension Office. 4-H members are preparing for the South Plains Fair, Fashion Follies and the annual Swisher County 4-H Achievement Banquet. Steers and lambs have been purchased and pig-buying time is fast approaching. Things are fixing to get really hectic for County Agents throughout the area with pig sales, club meetings, project visits, area fairs, Plan of Work, Long Range Extension Program plans and conferences with District Directors.

Some of these things are more fun and exciting than others. It is probably not that hard to determine which ones are the fun ones!

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Area 4-H member's recipe

Hamburger Pot Pie

from Kelly Christian



Ingredients

- 3/4 C shortening
- 2 C sifted flour
- 1 tsp. onion salt
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1/2 C. chopped onion
- 1 16 oz. can cut green beans, drained
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 T sugar
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/8 tsp. oregano
- 1 10 3/4 oz. can tomato soup

Directions:

- Cut 3/4 C shortening into flour and onion, salt in bowl until crumbly. Add 1/4 C cold water, 1 T at a time, tossing lightly with a fork to moisten.
- Shape into ball. Roll into two 12 inch circles on floured surface. Fit one into 9 inch pie plate, trimming edges.
- Brown ground beef with onion in 1 T shortening in skillet. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into prepared crust. Top with remaining pastry. Seal edges and flute; slit top.
- Bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes. Yield: 8 servings.

Kelly is a member of Randall County 4-H.

Greek Spanakopitta

from Megan Green



Ingredients

- 2 egg whites
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 T parsley, chopped
- 8 oz. cottage cheese, low fat
- 1/2 C. Feta cheese, crumbled
- 1 10 oz. pkg. Spinach, frozen, chopped
- 1 1/2 tsp. brown rice
- 8 inch round pastry circle
- 1/3 C whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 T safflower oil

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat eggs whites lightly and set aside.
- Add onion and parsley to spinach, and cook spinach according to package directions. Drain well, by pressing water out of mixture in a strainer with the back of a large spoon.
- Combine egg whites, cooled spinach mixture, cottage cheese, feta cheese and rice.
- Turn mixture into 8 inch round nonstick pan or a lightly oiled pan. Top with rolled out pastry circle.
- Note: to make pastry circle--Combine all ingredients and form into a ball. Chill, place on a sheet of waxed paper. Place another sheet on top and roll out. Peel off top layer, place dough over filling and seal pie by pressing dough to edge of paper.
- Bake at 325 degrees for 30-40 minutes.
- Cut into wedges to serve. Yield: 4 servings.

Megan is a member of Randall County 4-H.

Whole Wheat Bread

from Jil Wieck



Ingredients

- 1 C. warm whole milk
- 1 1/4 C warm water
- 4 T molasses
- 1 T salt
- 1 C whole wheat flour
- 2 pkg. yeast
- 2 T shortening
- 6 1/2 C white flour

Directions:

- Place 3 cups white flour, 1 cup whole wheat flour in a bowl. Sprinkle with yeast.
- Heat milk, water, molasses, salt and shortening.
- Mix with dry ingredients and add 2 more cups flour.
- Pour onto cabinet, knead for 5-8 minutes, adding 1 1/2 more cups flour.
- Place in greased bowl, smooth and wrap with plastic wrap. Let double in size then punch down. Let rest for 15 minutes.
- Divide into 2 loaves and bake in greased 8 1/2 inch x 5 inch pan for 35 minutes on 400 degrees.
- Remove from oven and pan onto cool rack.

Jil is a member of Randall County 4-H.

Cloverleaf Rolls

from Tiffany Allen



Ingredients

- 1 pkg. active dry yeast
- 3 T sugar
- 1 1/4 C warm milk
- 1/4 C light margarine
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 to 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- additional melted margarine

Directions:

- In a mixing bowl, combine yeast, sugar and milk; beat until smooth. Add butter, egg and salt; mix well.
- Add 3 cups flour; beat until smooth. Add enough remaining flour to form a soft dough.
- Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic; about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top.
- Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about one hour.
- Punch down and divide in half.
- Divide each half into 36 pieces and shape into balls. Place three balls each in greased muffin cups.
- Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes.
- Brush with butter.
- Bake at 375 degrees for 15-18 minutes or until lightly browned.
- Remove to wire rack. Yield 2 dozen rolls.

Tiffany is a member of Randall County 4-H.

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Castro County man honored by Farm Bureau

The late Larry Hausmann of the Dodd Community in Castro County has been named the Texas Farm Bureau Pioneer Award winner from District 2.

Hausmann, who died in 1990, was nominated for the honor by the Castro County Farm Bureau "for his untiring work to promote agriculture in Castro County."

Hausmann held many offices in the Castro County Farm Bureau, including president in 1973-1975, during which time the bureau showed a gain in membership each year. He again served as president in 1986-87, at which time the bureau had its highest level of membership. Other offices he held included vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Hausmann served on numerous county

committees for the bureau, as well, including: the State Legislative Committee, the National Legislative Committee, and the Young Farmers/Ranchers, Nominations, Membership, Policy Development, and Information committees. At the state level, he served on the State Nominations Committee and the State Resolutions Committee.

He was a runner-up for the Young Farmer/Rancher Award, and assisted Sate President S.M. True. He attended state conventions regularly.

"He worked hard at the local level to increase membership as seen by the growth each year he served as president," said a bureau spokesperson. "He was a very energetic person who worked hard to promote

"He was a very energetic person who worked hard to promote Farm Bureau in Castro County."

Farm Bureau spokesperson

Farm Bureau in Castro County."

He was a life-time farmer in the Dodd community. He was a member of the Earth Lions Club, the Cuero Jaycees, the Corn Growers Association, and a cotton organization. He actively campaigned for and supported State Rep. Pete Laney.

Hausmann was an active member of St. Martin Lutheran Church of Littlefield.

He is survived by his wife, Bettye, of Lubbock; three children, Allen Hausmann of Houston, Glen Hausmann of Austin, and Merri Meriwether of Mansfield; and a grandchild. Hausmann's family will be awarded a plaque and \$200 toward expenses to attend the Farm Bureau State Convention in Lubbock in December.

Castro County Farm Bureau president Chris Cogburn said, "The Board of Directors of the Castro County Farm Bureau are pleased and excited that this honor has been bestowed on the late Mr. Hausmann and his family. He worked continually for the betterment of Farm Bureau, not only in our county, but for the state as well."

Bank applies new slogan to Panhandle producers

The Farm Credit Bank in Austin recently introduced a new slogan, or vision-statement for the Bank: Trusted Partners Serving Rural America. This statement says quite a lot about how the Bank is striving to work with local Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Associations for the good of the members/stockholders. Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank Association has adapted this vision into its own theme for 1999: A partner in good times and bad, Panhandle-Plains FLBA is ready with financing and loan servicing to meet your needs.

Most operations need long term financing at some point. Whether for purchase, improvement, or refinance, the Federal land Bank Association (FLBA) is a partner you can count on. The FLBA has a solid history in this area since 1917, and will continue this tradition. When the associations in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview merged in Feb. of 1997 to form

Panhandle-Plains FLBA, a lender was formed that has the capital strength and diversity to withstand even a Texas drought. The year of 1998 has all the makings of yet another challenge, and Panhandle-Plains FLBA is ready to assist producers in our territory.

If restructuring debt is a viable solution for your operation, the Association has a loan plan to provide working capital. These are generally structured on a ten-year term with fixed or variable rates. The loan must be collateralized by a first lien on agricultural real estate. These loans can be to refinance operating carry-over, cattle, or equipment notes. Working capital loans should not be confused with home equity loans, which are popular at this time. Only non-homestead land can be used as collateral for FLBA working capital loans.

The FLBA can refinance loans made for purchase or improvement of agricultural

real estate. Notes to institutions such as banks or insurance companies, or to individuals, can be refinanced for terms up to 20 years. In many instances, both principal and accrued interest can be refinanced. Refinancing may provide your operation the "break" it needs to get past a cash flow shortage, and thereby assist in setting up next year's operation.

In some instances, it may only be necessary to restructure an existing Land Bank note. Restructuring can reduce current liabilities and free cash for other notes or operating expenses.

A complete or partial restructure of an upcoming installment is possible. It is always a good idea to pay accrued interest; however, if conditions warrant, all of the interest and principal due can be reamortized back into the loan.

Working capital loans, refinance loans, and restructuring of existing loans are sub-

ject to underwriting guidelines of Farm Credit Bank and the Association. Any new application or request for loan servicing requires credit, appraisal, and title analysis. FLBA interest rates have followed a downward trend over the past 6 weeks. Both the variable and fixed rate programs are quite competitive, being priced well below the prime rate.

To survive the tough times, operators must be able to readily identify problems and search out solutions. The best time to consider this type of loan or loan servicing is immediately following harvest. Even though 1998 has been a challenge, it looks as though the area will benefit from fair weather during harvest. Loan officers are ready to analyze your operation now to see if FLBA financing is a viable option. Offices of the Panhandle-Plains FLBA are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

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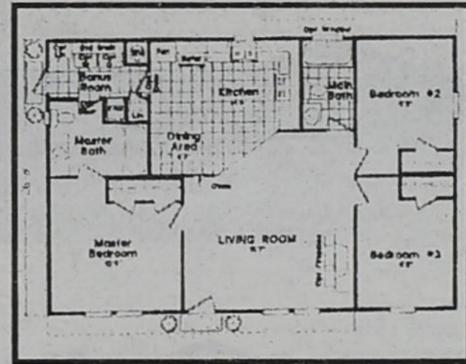


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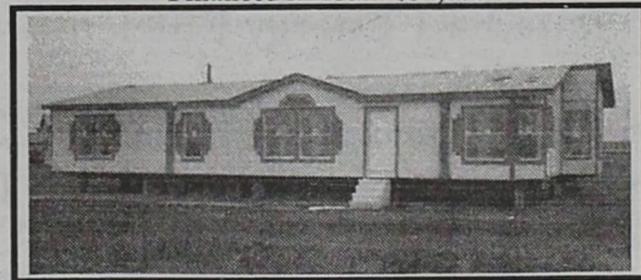
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Cotton from page 6

acres originally planted to a Roundup Ready Paymaster cotton variety. The farmer must use the replant seed for planting on the designated acres in the year of the sale.

• The farmer and authorized dealer selling the seed must jointly complete forms certifying that specific grower information relating to the replanting agreement is correct.

• Replant seed must be obtained from the dealer making the original sale.

• Either a Paymaster district sales manager or Monsanto local marketing manager must be notified and approve the replant agreement.

• Completed replant agreements must be mailed to Paymaster Cottonseed within two weeks following replanting and must be re-

ceived by Paymaster not later than July 15, 1999.

• The Paymaster Roundup Ready varieties included in this program are PM 2145RR, PM 2200RR and PM 2326RR.

Farmers applying for a crop destruct refund must meet the following criteria:

• The acres abandoned must have originally been planted to a

Paymaster Roundup Ready strip-pet cotton variety.

• Crop destruct acres cannot be planted back to cotton; however, acres can be planted to alternate crops.

• A crop destruct form must be completed and signed by the farmer and the transgenic seed dealer who made the original sale.

• All crop destruct acres must

be approved by a Paymaster or Monsanto representative prior to destroying the crop.

• The deadline for crop destruction is July 1, 1999.

• Documentation verifying the crop has been destroyed and will not be harvested nor replanted to cotton must be presented to Paymaster Cottonseed before a refund check will be issued.

Hunt from page 9

bull.

"The guys were all yelling (into the radio) 'Shoot him, shoot him'," Gary said.

With the range at over 400 yards and a steady crosswind, Gary was afraid the bull was too far, but he knew he had to shoot.

Gary steadied his Ruger .300 Winchester Magnum on the big bull and squeezed the trigger. A second later, he heard the tell-tale thump of the bullet striking hide - confirming his hit.

But the bull was still staggering away, and Vance told him to shoot again.

A second time Gary aimed, squeezed the trigger, and a second thump confirmed a hit.

The bull took 10 steps and then collapsed, Gary said.

When the bull hit the ground, Gary said he held up his hands in celebration for the moment he had dreamed of for seven years.

The rest of the group quickly caught up to Gary and Vance and

made their way to the bull.

The group arrived back in camp at 1 a.m. after loading the bull onto pack horses and riding back.

The bull's antlers scored 331

"My motto was quality not quantity. But this year I had quality and quantity."

Gary Wells

Boone and Crocket points, a good trophy but short of the 375 points needed to make it into the record book.

In the six years he has been pursuing elk, Gary said he has never even had a chance to shoot at one, thus creating a lot of skeptics back home.

People at First State Bank where he works and especially in his couples Sunday School class at First United Methodist Church

were all skeptical of Gary's elk hunting ability prior to this year.

"They would say things like 'Gary do you know what an elk looks like?'," Gary said of the teasing he received after six unsuccessful years.

"My motto was quality not quantity," Gary said of his past hunts. "But this year I had quality and quantity."

Gary's father-in-law in Dumas also had a role to play in the hunt's success. He had handloaded the ammunition Gary used in bagging his trophy. He had loaded Gary several rounds of ammunition featuring the deep penetration 180 grain Nosler Partition bullet.

"When I showed him how the bullet had performed he was just so excited that he got to load the round," Gary said.

Gary could not be more pleased with his elk hunting experience this year.

"It was just great," Gary said of the hunt. "It was awesome."

Devin from page 10

water stored under his or her land. Once determined, some agency would have to meter the water use. One can quickly add up the costs for equipment and the accounting system needed to police the water use from every well in Texas.

Additionally wells drilled near property lines or on small tracts that result in the cone of depres-

sion from the well extending beyond that landowner's property line would have to be abandoned or re-drilled.

Needless to say it would be in all our best interests to make it our business to stay up to speed on this issue. An excellent source of information is your local under ground water district.

See you next month.

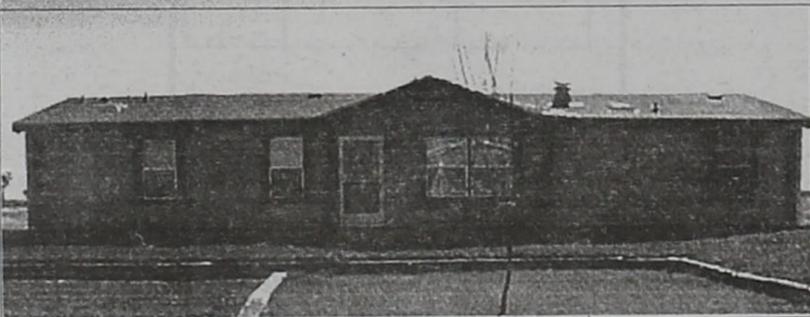
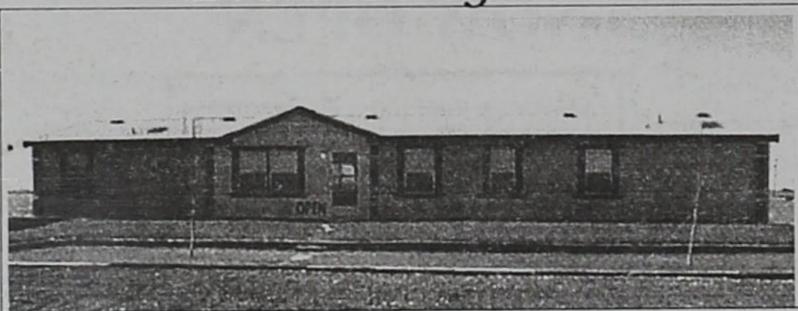
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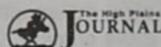
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