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County farmers will get \$10.9 million bonus

The county's farmers will get almost \$11 million more for their crops than the current market prices will provide.

The bonus will come from an \$8.7 billion emergency farm relief package approved by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton on Friday.

County farmers will share \$10.9 million of market loss assistance payments approved under the bill, if they held a 1999 agricultural market transition assistance (AMTA) contract in 1999.

And almost all of the county's farmers are involved in that program.

"Nearly everyone is in the AMTA program," said Trish

Elliott, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency, which will administer the funds locally. "I'd say about 98% of the county farmers will qualify for the payments."

The federal aid included in the Fiscal Year 2000 Agricultural Appropriations Bill approved Friday is expected to boost income on many farms by 25 to 30%, according to estimates from Texas A&M University's Agricultural and Food Policy Center.

The bulk of the aid package—over \$6 billion—has been designated to help compensate farmers who are struggling to make ends meet because of depressed farm prices.

Key components of the package include:

◆ \$1.2 billion disaster assistance to be delivered in a method similar to the 1998 single-year disaster assistance program.

◆ \$5.54 billion for issuance of a supplemental Ag Market Transition Act (AMTA) payment equal to 100% of the 1999 AMTA payment rate.

◆ \$400 million for crop year 2000 crop insurance premium subsidies.

◆ Funding for reinstatement of the cotton Step 2 competitiveness provisions with technical adjustments.

◆ \$75 million for a direct payments bill.

The 13th Congressional District, which includes Castro County, will receive over \$112 million in market loss assistance payments as a result of the bill, and \$10.9 million of that total has been earmarked for Castro County producers.

Texas farmers will receive an estimated \$481 million of the total package.

The Market Loss Assistance Payments will be equal to the Fiscal Year 1999 Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) payments that producers received earlier this year. These are annual payments made to producers who have entered into a Production Flexibility Contract with the Commodity

Credit Corporation for crop years 1996-2002.

"Farmers must have a 1999 AMTA contract to be eligible for this payment," said Elliott. "This payment will be for the same amount as their last payment."

Elliott said producers don't have to come by the FSA office to receive their payment.

"We'll pull our files and issue payments to all those producers who had the AMTA contracts in 1999. We'll be issuing those payments out of our office this week."

The total payment for a single farm has been capped at \$160,000, and landowners are eligible to receive a portion of the payment if they share in the farm's expenses.

The \$10.9 million set aside for Castro County is the second-biggest amount for a county in the 13th Congressional District. Hale County earned the most with a \$14.3 million tab. Castro and Lamb Counties tied for second with a \$10.9 million earmark. Other local counties qualifying for the payments and the amount designated for that county are Childress, \$1.9 million; Donley, \$810,000; Gray, \$1.7 million; Hall, \$2.3 million; Hemphill, \$460,000; Motley, \$910,000; Wheeler, \$1 million; Armstrong, \$1.4 million; Briscoe, \$1.9 million; Carson, \$4.3 million; Crosby, \$6.5 million; Floyd, \$8.7 million; Hutchison, \$2.1 million; Potter, \$470,000; and Swisher, \$7.5 million.



NO REAL DAMAGE—Higginbotham Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt had a fire reported Saturday afternoon when some building paper was ignited by sparks from a cutting torch, according to store manager

Dwayne Acker. The Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. responded promptly and the flames were controlled quickly. There was no structural damage and no damage to the interior. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Traffic stop nabs two on drug charges

Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Ron Mann arrested two Ruidoso, N.M., women early Monday after a search of their vehicle yielded about 20 grams of methamphetamines and clandestine drug lab equipment, in addition to marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The two, Phoebe J. Welch, 49, and Geneva Hirsch, 43, were arraigned before Castro County Justice of the Peace Tana Young Tuesday afternoon on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) over 4 grams and under 200 grams and bond was set at \$100,000 each. The pair were arraigned on additional charges Wednesday for manufacture of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) over 4 grams and under 200 grams, with additional bond set at \$200,000 each on those charges.

Welch was driving a 1994 GMC extended cab pickup east on FM 145 about a mile west of US 385, when Mann reported that he clocked the vehicle at 72 mph in a 65 mph zone and stopped the vehicle.

He said a license check on the driver revealed that the woman was wanted on a warrant in Deaf Smith County for failure to appear in court on charges for possession of marijuana.

"The driver seemed paranoid and I smelled an odor of vinegar from a

bag in the back of the truck," Mann reported, "so I asked for permission to search the vehicle."

He said the driver gave verbal permission, and he found 20 grams of a substance that was confirmed to be methamphetamine. He also found a drug lab set-up in the bag in the back, a military-type duffel bag. Mann said the equipment he found is commonly used to "cook" methamphetamines. He said there also was a "recipe book" with instructions for the process.

The driver was charged with pos-

session of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a clandestine lab. Hirsch was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Scales and mirrors with a white residue were found in the search.

The "street value" of the methamphetamine would be about \$2,000, according to Mann.

After bringing the pickup to the Sheriff's Dept., a further search by K-9 Deputy "Robbie" turned up two marijuana cigarettes, adding to the evidence against the pair.

Elections set for Tuesday, early voting to end Friday

Elections are set for Tuesday, with voters deciding on 17 propositions for amendments to the state constitution, and Dimmitt residents voting for a new council member.

In the special election for an at-large position on the Dimmitt City Council, Michael Colley and Bob Murdock are vying to fill the place left vacant by council member Lyman Schroeder, who moved away. The term for the at-large position

will expire in May of 2001.

Early voting

Early voting in person will continue through Friday.

Early voting for the city election will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall, 200 E. Jones, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today (Thursday) and Friday.

Early voting for the general election will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the District Clerk's office in

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County will amend budget to pay for air conditioning

Castro County Commissioners agreed Monday to amend the county's budget to pay for the new air conditioning system in the courthouse, but not before questioning contractor Danny Newton about some operational problems that are still cropping up with the new system.

The county has received bills totaling \$68,081.60 for installation of the new system, approximately \$3,250 more than the amount bid for the job.

According to County Judge Irene Miller, \$2,500 was added to the initial bid for new electrical wiring and another \$750 was added for a pump which will put necessary chemicals into the system.

Pct. 3 commissioner Bay Baldrige questioned the additional costs, saying the initial bid was supposed to include costs for electrical wiring.

Newton told commissioners that

when the old system was pulled out, it was discovered that aluminum wiring was installed and it had to be replaced.

"We didn't know about that wiring when we placed the bid," Newton said.

Newton was also questioned about problems with the new system. Apparently air is not getting to some of the vents in the courthouse. The old valves also are leaking, according to County Judge Irene Miller.

"The system itself works fine," Newton told commissioners. "Your old lines and valves are the problem. This system has a more powerful motor than the old one, and silt and rust that has accumulated in those old pipes is breaking loose and trying to work out of the system. It's settling in the bottom of the fan coils and those coils are plugging up. We can go in and isolate each fan coil and flush it out. It'll be an ongoing thing until we get it all cleaned out."

Miller said Newton's crews are in the process of replacing those valves now, and added that the leaking valves have been an continuing problem in the courthouse for years.

And as the rust continues to break loose, Newton told commissioners pinholes could develop along the lines, causing water leaks.

Newton also informed commissioners that there would be an additional \$55 charge for every hour one of his crew members is working on the lines.

"I thought this was a turnkey job," said Pct. 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron.

Commissioners also pointed out that flushing out the old lines was supposed to be included in the original bid.

But Newton said that since the current problems are related to the old lines, these repairs aren't included in the estimate for installation of the new system.

"I want to know what the county's going to be looking at in additional costs over your \$68,000 bill," Baldrige told Newton.

Newton said there's no way to tell yet, because it could be some time before the lines are cleared out.

Commissioners agreed to amend the budget to pay the \$68,081.60, and decided to pay for any additional costs out of the courthouse maintenance fund.

Commissioners also discussed problems with the phone system in the courthouse.

The phones have been going down regularly lately, and Miller said they have to push a reset button just about every morning.

She said she was informed that the problem is due to a worn out battery backup on the system.

Commissioners discussed having a new Universal Power Supply installed, as recommended by Newton, but decided to have the system checked more thoroughly before

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By Don Nelson

Signs of autumn:

The leaves are turning brilliantly, the harvest moon is waning resplendently, the sun is rising and setting colorfully, the birds are flocking excitedly, the combines and strippers are chugging steadily, the roofers are working frantically. . . .

Verbie and I saw our first flight of sandhill cranes two weeks ago near Buffalo Lake, and a few days later she saw another flight nearer home.

The cranes are the first big birds to arrive in the fall; the geese usually come in about the same time as the first major cold front from Canada.

We should have a significant goose population here within the next couple of weeks.

We live about a quarter-mile from the Country Club lake, and I can usually hear the birds there in the pre-

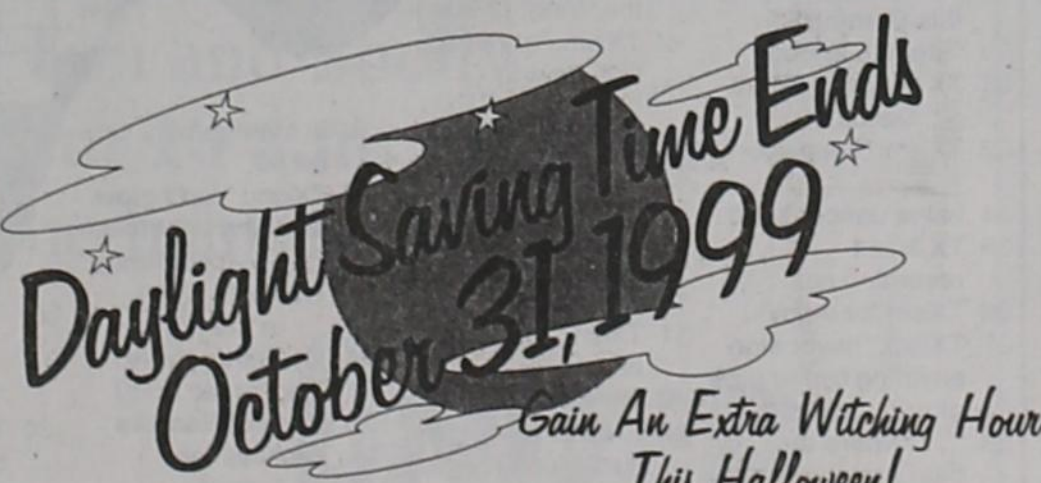
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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	70	33	
Friday	77	38	
Saturday	77	37	
Sunday	75	35	
Monday	80	37	
Tuesday	76	36	
Wednesday	79	36	

October Moisture 47
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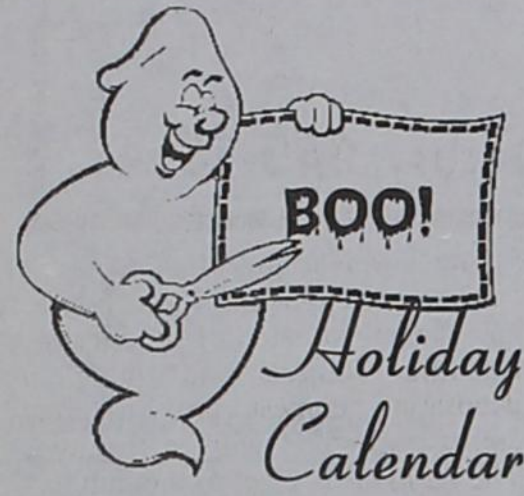


Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before retiring Saturday night so you'll be on time for Sunday activities.



ALMOST A TON of food was gathered by students at Dimmitt High School to benefit the local Food Pantry. Here, students are placing food in a pickup for one of the classes. The seniors won the competi-

tion by gathering 660 pounds of food, the juniors brought 480 pounds, the FCA had 320 pounds and the freshmen and sophomores tied at 220 pounds each, for a total 1,900 pounds. Photo by Joyce Nelson



SATURDAY—The Nazareth Swift Band will hold its annual Halloween Carnival and Spook House from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. A wide variety of games, a cake walk and "bigger and spookier" spook house are planned along with a costume contest and pumpkin decorating contest. A concession stand featuring supper items, snacks, drinks and homemade pies will be open throughout the evening.

SATURDAY—The First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will sponsor its annual Trunk-or-Treat event on the church's parking lot from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for children who are preschool age through grade six. Those who wish to help by donating candy should bring it by the church office. Those who want to hand out treats are asked to be at the church by 5 p.m.

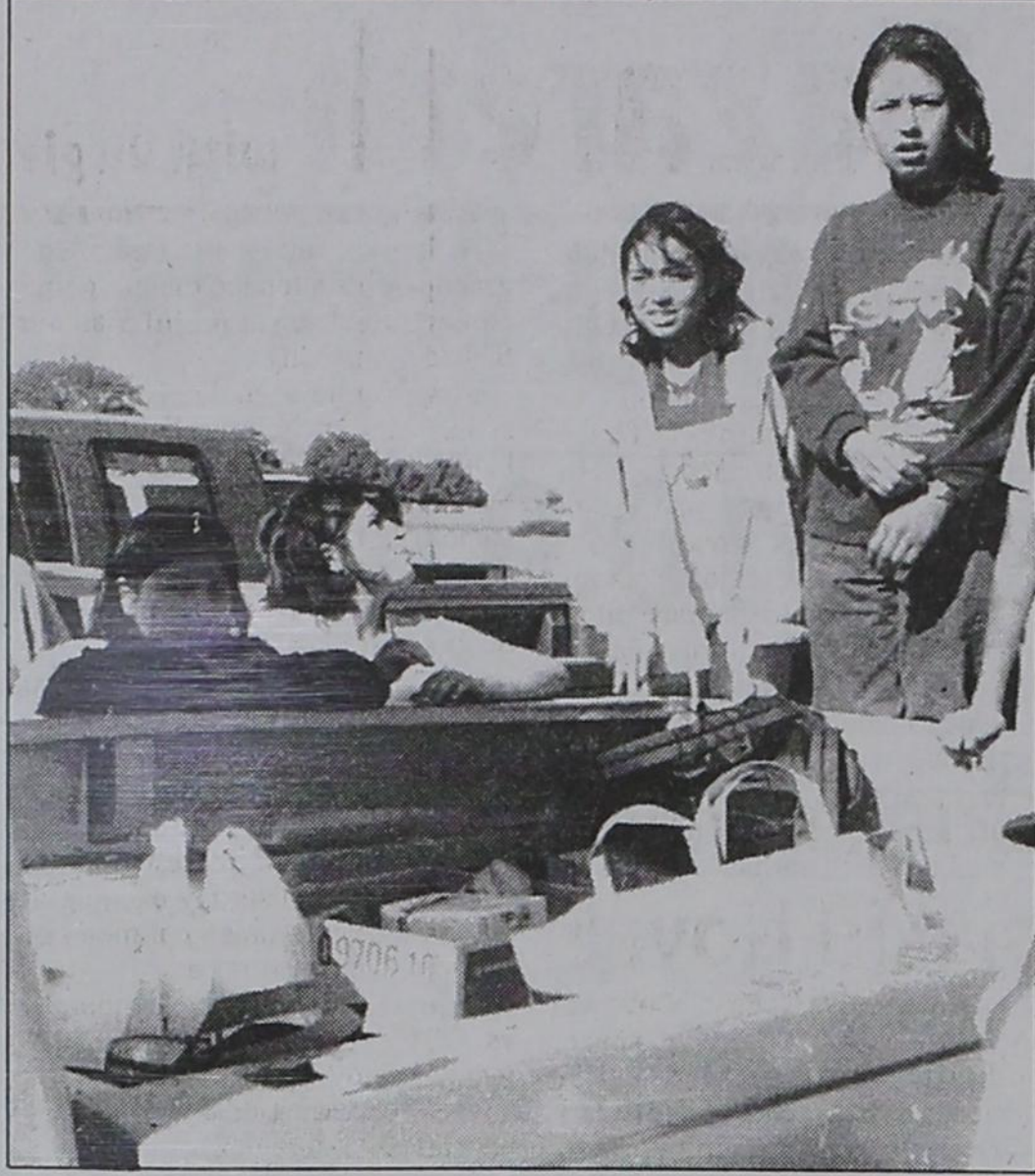
SUNDAY—A Halloween carnival and spook house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gym at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Fun, food and games are on tap during the carnival, which is sponsored by the church. Proceeds from the event will benefit the church's youth projects.

SUNDAY—Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will sponsor a Harvest Festival from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Children of all ages are invited to attend and participate in games, win prizes and have refreshments. There will be an admission charge of 50¢ per child.

TUESDAY—The United Methodist Women will sponsor their annual turkey dinner from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Cost for the meal is \$7 per person. Also, the group will hold a holiday arts and crafts bazaar, featuring several handmade items and baked goods. Doors will open at 9 a.m. for the bazaar.

NOV. 21—A Thanksgiving Community Service will be held at 6 p.m. at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Aaron Reed from the First Baptist Church in Hart will be the featured speaker.

NOV. 21—A holiday arts and crafts bazaar and Thanksgiving dinner are planned in Nazareth. The bazaar will be open to the public throughout the day at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. The turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.



FOOD DRIVE—Students at Dimmitt High School participated in several efforts recently to benefit the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which is administered by Panhandle Community Services. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the four class levels at the school competed to see which could bring the most food. Photo by Joyce Nelson

Letter

Local donors give 139 pints at blood drives

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank you for supporting the blood program and to let you know how important your community blood drives are to the Panhandle's blood supply.

During the past fiscal year, the volunteer donors in your community donated 139 pints of blood at five blood drives. Your donors helped

people they did not even know have another birthday, celebrate another anniversary and see another sunset by ensuring that the gift of life was there when needed.

There is no substitute for human blood. Despite periodic reports to the contrary, it can't be duplicated, manufactured or extracted from any other source but volunteer donors. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in our Panhandle community. Fewer people are giving blood than ever, yet the demand is increasing. With our goal for this fiscal year to collect 27,000 units and the trend of decreasing donors, we hope you understand why your community blood drives are so critical to the patients who need blood every day.

In response to our donors' needs, we have added Saturday hours and started taking appointments to make it more convenient for them to donate.

If I can provide any additional information about the Blood Center or answer any questions, please call me at 358-4563.

Again, our deepest thanks for supporting this lifesaving program.

JOHN T. GUTHRIE
President/CEO
Coffee Memorial Blood Center

More about 1:1

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dawn stillness when I step out to get the morning papers.

Tuesday, I heard some whistling ducks on the lake for the first time. These would be teal and/or pintails, which are usually the first waterfowl to arrive.

We checked out the game preserve lake in Bethel the other evening, and heard a mallard hen among the ducks there, but it was probably one that had stayed over and hatched a family here. More and more ducks have been doing that in recent years.

According to the Ducks Unlimited counts, we should have more waterfowl than ever this winter. And after the twice-normal moisture we've received this year, we have plenty of playa lakes to hold them.

All those flocks of grackles, blackbirds and smaller birds that we've seen in the trees and on the highline wires in recent days—it's hard to know whether they're coming, going, or just passing through.

They're probably coming in from the north to winter here, like the crows do from Kansas and Nebraska every winter.

One way to keep an informal track of the grackle and crow population is to look over the marshy area near the KDHN Radio station at roosting times in the evenings. Also, there are certain trees and properties in town that they seem to prefer. (Maybe even yours, unfortunately.)

Everything from hummingbirds to pelicans are passing through our area right now.

Keep your eyes peeled.

The weather experts are saying now that, because of *La Niña*, the southern US will have a warm, dry winter.

But hey, after precipitation of 31.59 inches so far this year, and the four-inch snow that came with the first little freeze, don't take anything for granted!

Frost may cause development of prussic acid in forage crops

Frosty nights on Oct. 17 and 18 have prompted inquiries on prussic acid in sorghum and sorghum/sudan forage for grazing livestock across the South Plains.

For frost-free conditions, there seems to be a two-phase zone where prussic acid poisoning is a potential problem.

First, a freeze on plants, particularly if there is a lot of young and new growth (prussic acid doesn't affect older growth very much), disrupts plant cells and can bring about prussic acid immediately as enzymes catalyze reactions producing prussic acid.

According to Dr. Ted McCollum, a beef specialist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Amarillo, this yearly phase is usually only a problem with a freeze rather than a frost, but it is better to err on the side of caution if the low temperature is not known.

Many producers prefer to pull their livestock off of sorghum and sorghum/sudans even after a frost to be safe.

Dr. McCollum suggests waiting a minimum of three days before grazing freeze-injured sorghum or sudan forage after an initial frost.

The second phase for prussic acid potential is the occurrence of rapid growth of young forage and new tillers due to warm temperatures after a frost or light freeze. These small shoots are very dangerous because of their potentially high prussic acid content and appeal to livestock.

Producers are advised to wait seven days or more after new growth begins before grazing the forage again to avert potential poisoning.

Prussic acid poisoning can often be confused with nitrate poisoning, but at any time, if an animal is grazing on sorghum or sudan forage and it becomes sick, it should be pulled off the field immediately.

Prussic acid dissipates from properly cured hay and shouldn't be a problem. If forage is cut as green chop, the prussic acid potential remains, and prussic acid does not dissipate in silage.

For producers who must know if prussic acid is actually present, forage samples can be tested by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab at Texas A&M University in College Station, just call (409) 845-3414.

Prussic acid problems can also occur in the summer after the drought-stressed plants resume rapid growth due to adequate rain or irrigation.

Producers should wait a minimum of one week after the initiation of rapid growth to minimize the potential of prussic acid development.

Hybrid pearl millet is not a member of the sorghum family and it

does not develop prussic acid.

This leafy, drought-tolerant forage does not produce as much forage yield as conventional sorghum and sudan, although for age quality tends to be higher. Hybrid pearl millet might be of interest to pro-

ducers who need fall grazing.

Also, hybrid pearl millet is tolerant to iron (Fe) deficiency common to the chalky or caliche soils of the Texas South Plains, so forage yields on caliche soils may be comparable to those of sorghum and sudans.

More about

Halloween parties . . .

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like to help distribute candy should have their cars on the church's back parking area by 5 p.m., and the cars "should be parked with the trunk facing to the inside of the area." Treats will be placed in the trunks of each car parked in that area.

The event is for children from preschool-age through the sixth grade only.

For more information, call the church office at 647-3115.

Naz Carnival

The Nazareth Swift Band is sponsoring a Halloween Carnival and Spook House Saturday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Several games for kids of all ages are planned, along with a cake walk, and "bigger and spookier" spook house have been planned.

A pumpkin decorating contest and a Halloween costume contest also are planned for the event and anyone interested is invited to enter either or both of the contests.

Admission to the carnival is free, but small fees will be charged for game participation and for admission to the spook house.

A concession stand will be open during the carnival, serving homemade pies, snack and supper items and more.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will be held Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m.

The festival is for children of all ages and will include games such as pin the tail on Balaam's donkey, go fish with Jonah, throw Solomon's horse shoes, toss the ring on Abraham's tent stake, knock down Daniel's lions and more. Other activities planned include a cake walk, costume contest, door prizes and refreshments. Admission to the

festival is 50¢ per child.

"We want to provide children with an alternative activity other than trick-or-treating," said a church spokesman. "We want this celebration to have a scripture-centered theme."

Children are invited to wear costumes depicting Bible characters, animals and occupations; and organizers request that no witch, ghost, goblin or monster costumes be worn to the festival.

ICC Carnival

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt will sponsor a Halloween carnival and spook house Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the church gym.

Fun, food and games are being planned for the event, and proceeds will help fund projects for the church's youths.

Halloween safety

Children who are planning to attend any or all of the festivities planned for Halloween, including those who plan on going trick-or-treating, should be sure and follow a few simple safety rules.

Parents should inspect all of their children's treats before allowing the children to eat the items.

Holes in Halloween masks should be large enough so that children can see through them.

Children should plan to carry a flashlight when walking door-to-door so drivers can easily spot them. They should also wear reflective, bright colors so they can be seen after dark.

Children should walk on sidewalks or as near to the curb as possible when trick-or-treating.

More Halloween safety tips can be found in this week's issue of the News.

Texas Tech plans Madrigal Dinner

Texas Tech University will sponsor its annual Madrigal Dinner on Dec. 2 and Dec. 4-7 in the University Center Red Raider Ballroom.

Due to overwhelming demand, initial ticket sales are by mail only and all orders may not be post-marked or have an Express Mail date earlier than Nov. 3.

Beginning on Nov. 12, if tickets are still available, they may be reserved by telephone or in person at the Texas Tech University Center Ticket Booth.

Those interested in attending should purchase tickets early; however, as the event sells out each year soon after tickets become available.

Reserved seat tickets for Madrigal Dinner are priced at \$22.50 for Tech students, \$32.50 for the general public and \$67.50 for scholarship benefit tables. The scholarship seat price includes a \$35 contribution to the vocal scholarship fund at Texas Tech's School of Music. Call 742-3610 or e-mail uticketbooth@ttu.edu for ticket order flyers or more information.

Madrigal Dinner includes a full meal as well as performances by Tech's Madrigal Singers and entertainment throughout the evening. The menu for dinner includes center-cut pork chop with raspberry sauce, apple-walnut dressing, fresh green beans, holiday hominy, fruit salad with whipped cream and nuts,

bread made with fine flour, holiday cake with cranberries and the traditional holiday beverage, wassail.

Candles light tables covered with pine boughs and banners representing the great families of Europe are hung around the perimeter of the hall. Entertainment before dinner includes trombones, and during dinner, festivities will include traveling vocal quartets, magicians and jugglers.

Under Tech's director of choral activities, Dr. Kenneth Davis, the Madrigal Singers are chosen by competitive audition. 1999 Madrigal Singers include Ben L. Bransford III, Jeremy Brown, Marcy Clayton, Casey Elliott, Nikki Hagen, Jeffrey Scott Larson, Amanda Christine Laws, Jodi Miller, Lori McMillian, Aubin Speer, Stephen Stroope, Thomas Max Triplett, Stephen Vano and J.T. Williams.

This year's king and queen have yet to be chosen. Stephen Vano will play the part of Lord Chamberlain. Harpsichordist/Madrigal accompanist is John Russell Ford. Mike Marcades will serve as artistic director.

The program is divided into two segments, presented before and after the meal. The first segment includes traditional Christmas carols and the second is composed of authentic 16th Century madrigals.

During the course of the program, the audience will also participate in the singing of carols.

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 - 6 house south of the border
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 - 17 TXism: "don't ___ the bush"
 - 21 Cowboy Bob Lilly's old position (abbr.)
 - 22 shelter used in Palo Duro Canyon
 - 23 colorer
 - 24 Fort Worth had 1st ___ rodeo
 - 29 TXism: "at the drop of ___"
 - 30 TX Buckley played this Bradford on "Eight is Enough"
 - 31 TX Ginger's "Shall ___ Dance?"
 - 32 TXism: "keep your ___"
 - 34 ballet dancer bend
 - 35 TX-sized recording co.
 - 36 TXism for many
 - 37 TXism: "never sign anything by the glow of a ___ light"
 - 38 "... where the deer and the buffalo ___"
 - 39 the silent treatment
 - 41 Bandera ___ (horse track)
 - 42 horn
- DOWN**
- 1 UT has these from "Gone With the Wind" (2 wds.)
 - 2 TXism: "attracted like steel to ___"
 - 3 Dallas suburb to the south
 - 4 famous TX Belle
 - 9 TXism: "drawing ___ on it"
 - 10 AC duct cover
 - 11 TXism: "pad your belly"
 - 12 Bible part (abbr.)
 - 13 used to store horse food (2 wds.)
 - 14 ex-Astro SS Jose
 - 15 electronics manufacturer
 - 18 Bevo's university (abbr.)
 - 19 in Montgomery Co. off 59
 - 20 TXism: "can't grow anything but broken ___" (poor land)
 - 22 TXism: "___ in the fire"
 - 24 TX "Barbed-wire King" Isaac (init.)
 - 25 home of Rangers
 - 26 TX Jimmy
 - 27 Marie or Donny
 - 28 corkscrew
 - 29 Valley cosmetic plant
 - 30 TXism: "sitting there like a bump on ___"
 - 33 telepathy
 - 34 horses corralled on a TX ranch
 - 35 canoe propeller
 - 37 TX Mirabeau B. Lamar was ambassador to this country
 - 38 UT coaching legend Darrell
 - 40 SMU grad actress Bates
 - 41 TX cowgirl Evans
 - 44 pots pardner
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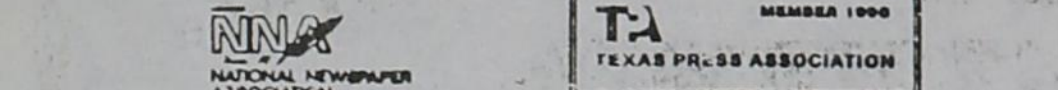
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FUND RAISER—Dimmitt Middle School librarian Ruth Cochran (right) is assisted by Richardson Elementary School librarian Diane Leatherwood at the annual Scholastic Book Fair that was held all last

week. Parents' night was held Oct. 19 in conjunction with the middle school's open house. The sale raised about \$2,000 for the DMS library for purchase of books and other items. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

On the Go

with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center. Opha Burks was hostess, but she was unable to play with us. Charles Burks fell and injured his leg, so Opha just made the goodies and sent a substitute to play.

Leigh Durbin's birthday was Thursday. Leigh, Curtis, Aubrie and I met Jo and Bill Settle for dinner at Sakura in Amarillo. The baby is 27 years old.

Breast cancer screening slated Nov. 4

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Nov. 4 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

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

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

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-exam each month.

Saturday was a busy day. Jill and Kris Keith were honored with a bridal shower in the home of Kay Kellar on Oct. 23. As usual, the gifts were many and lots of friends helped the couple celebrate as they prepare for their life together.

Nita Reece attended from Kress. She is a former teacher in Dimmitt. The Keiths and the Reeces have fished a lot and have traveled many miles together.

Carolyn Moke and Charlene Howell went to Fort Worth to visit aunts, uncles and cousins. Carolyn called it a mini-reunion.

Carolyn Jones was hostess for brunch Saturday morning for the group that went on the eastern states foliage tour last month. Attending were Deanne Clark, Doris Flynt, Marguerite Cole, Carolyn Jones and Vel Simpson of Hereford. Carolyn Sides, Dorothy Hopson and I didn't make the tour, but enjoyed the photos and stories the group had to share with us.

Vel Simpson had Carolyn over for lunch on Sunday after church. Later, Carolyn went to Friona and visited Robert and Becky and their

Fall concert slated at RES

The third-grade classes at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt will give a fall music program on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 9:30 a.m. at the school cafeteria.

The public is invited to attend the program.

daughters, Allie and Abbie.

The Kuntz family had a fun weekend. Fred and Helen picked up Kaye Stevens and I and took us to Lubbock. We met Ricky and Donna, Donna's parents, Jim and Colleen of Lubbock, and Donna's sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Mack. We had dinner at the Cattle Baron. From there we went to the Cactus Theater and enjoyed music from the 1950s. Those with us enjoyed the music, even if we were from a different vintage.

Kaye Stevens and Fred both had birthdays recently. We celebrated with cherry cobbler and ice cream after leaving the theater.

NHS coat drive is underway now

The Dimmitt High School National Honor Society will be conducting a coat drive through Nov. 3.

The group has distributed boxes at local schools and churches and anyone wishing to donate a coat may do so at one of the boxes.

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A teen mass was celebrated in Holy Family Church Sunday evening with Father Peter Otto officiating. The service was followed by the distribution of decoration pumpkins. Those attending were then treated to pizza.

A bridal shower honoring Jill Pohlmeier, bride-elect of Anthony Le Grow, was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Teresa Birkenfeld. Many pretty and useful gifts were received.

Brisket meal slated Nov. 5

The Dimmitt Rotary Club will sponsor a barbecued brisket supper on Friday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria.

The meal will be served before the Dimmitt-Perryton football game. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Student tickets are \$4 apiece. Carry-outs will be available. Advance tickets may be purchased at Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply, Brown, Graham & Co., Dimmitt Thriftway and Dimmitt Consumers, or from any Rotary member.

The barbecue supper is one of the major fundraisers of the club, and proceeds are used to fund local scholarships.

Dance, auction will benefit fire department

A dance and auction will be held in Dimmitt on Saturday, Nov. 6, and proceeds from the event will benefit the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept.

The seventh-annual event will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Gerry's First Place in Dimmitt.

Members and guests are invited to attend.

A large group of parents and grandparents attended the marching contest in Odessa at Ratliff Stadium Saturday morning.

It was quite a challenge for our small band as they performed with bands from Whiteface, Sudan, Smyer, O'Donnell, Fort Davis, Ropes, Rankin, Memphis, Jayton, Wink and Gruver.

The bands from Jayton High School and Sudan High School will now advance to Mesquite for the state competition this weekend.

We are proud of the Swift Band and their director, Fidelis Fetsch.

A good group of interested adults enjoyed dinner Tuesday evening at the school cafeteria, compliments of Catholic Life Insurance.

Topics discussed were "Annuities vs. CDs," "Income Tax-Free Inheritance," and "Living Trusts." The information was very educational.

The carnival promises to be a "bigger and spookier" spook house, and games for kids of all ages. A costume contest and pumpkin decorating contest plus a great concession stand will be featured. The carnival is open to the public.

Congratulations to Craig and Amy Huseman on the birth of a girl, Kennedy Reagan, Oct. 19 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Grandparents are Arnold and Catherine Huseman of Nazareth, Greg and Sydney Martin of Texico, N.M., and Bobby and Michelle Chadwick of Farwell. Great-grandparents are Helen Backus of Nazareth and Preston and Doris Martin of Farwell.

Max Acker was honored on her 93rd birthday Friday afternoon with a come-and-go party. Many friends and relatives came by to see her.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Lori Huseman, Sue Schneider, Anna Lee, Florine Brockman, Leonard Wilhelm, Paul Venhaus, Junior Hochstein and Gene Schacher.

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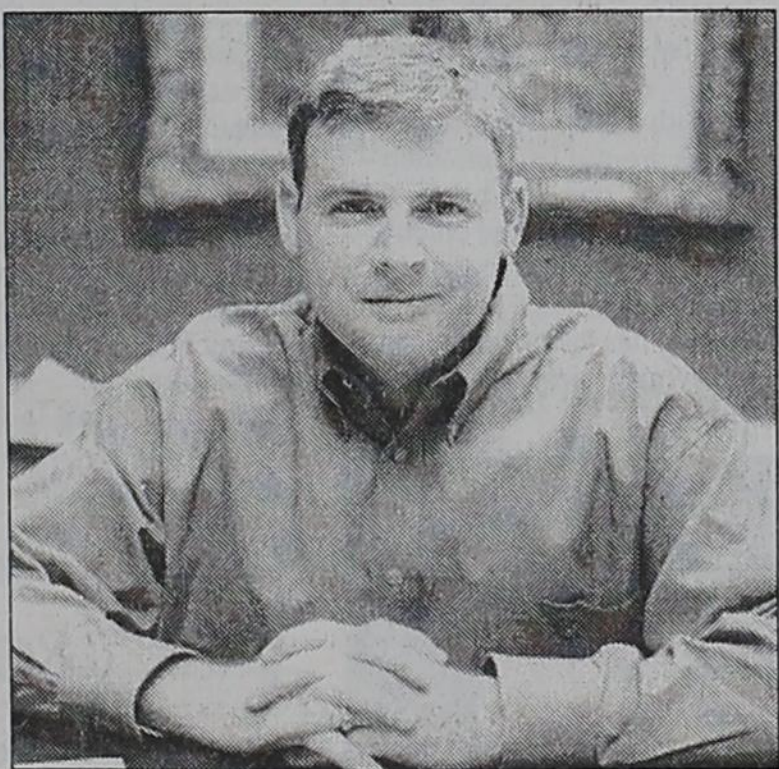
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Good Luck to Tim Farris and his family as they move to Wheeler.



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People



Luis Felipe Martinez and Lezly Rose Martin

Pair to wed in November

Jeanette Martin of Dimmitt and Lance Martin of Nashville, Tenn., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lezly Rose Martin, to Luis Felipe Martinez, son of Felipe and Irma Martinez of Flagg. The couple will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is a pre-law major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1995. He is attending Amarillo College, majoring in pharmaceuticals. After the wedding, the couple plan to live in Amarillo.

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Harvest Festival set at Lee Street Baptist

Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will sponsor a Harvest Festival on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church building. Children of all ages are invited to attend and participate in games, win prizes, and have refreshments. There will be an admission charge of 50 cents per child. "We want to provide children with an alternative activity other than trick or treating," a church spokesperson said. "We want this celebration to have a scripture-centered theme." Those attending are encouraged to wear costumes depicting Bible characters, animals, and occupations. "We especially ask that no one

would come as witches, ghosts, goblins, or monsters," the spokesperson said. Activities will include games, a cake walk, a costume contest, and refreshments. Games will include pin the tail on Balaam's donkey, go fish with Jonah, throw Solomon's horse shoes, toss the ring on Abraham's tent stake, knock down Daniel's lions, and more. Door prizes will be given and small prizes, including candy, will be given for game participants. A prize will be given for the best costume, too. For more information, call 647-5474.

Alzheimer's workshop in Amarillo Wednesday

The Alzheimer's Association of the Texas Panhandle and Mary E. Bivins Foundation will present an educational workshop on Wednesday (Nov. 3) at Amarillo College. "Alzheimer's Disease: Challenges for the Millennium for Family and Professional Caregivers" will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at AC's Workforce Development Exhibit Hall at 1314 S. Polk Street. Reservations are requested. Call 372-8693 or 1-800-687-8693 to request seating. There is no charge for family caregivers to attend the workshop, and a lunch will be provided. Professionals whose work brings them into contact with people who have Alzheimer's disease can register for \$49 and the deadline for registering is Nov. 1. The fee includes the day-long program, materials, breaks, lunch, exhibitor displays and eight clock hours of continuing education credit (0.8 CEU).

This education workshop is provided annually in observance of November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Keynote speaker for the workshop is Dr. Loralu Raburn, a neurologist and president and founder of Clarity Endeavors. Other speakers will include Jeff Eggleston, J.D., attorney with Burdett, Morgan & Thomas; Ameke Mobley, RMT-BC, activity director and music therapy services at Ware Memorial Care Center; and Sheila West, B.S., executive director of the Panhandle Chapter. Materials and products specific to Alzheimer's disease care that are available from a variety of services and organizations will be on display throughout the workshop. Alzheimer's Association books and materials also will be available for purchase.

Froehner to be featured with Dallas orchestra

Dr. Robert Froehner of Grand Prairie, and formerly of Dimmitt, will debut an unusual musical instrument this week during a guest performance with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The SuperPops concerts, entitled "Halloween Spooktacular," will feature Froehner performing on the theremin under the baton of Richard Kaufman, DSO Principal Pops Conductor and music consultant for MGM/United Artists in Santa Monica, Calif. The Halloween-themed concerts, scheduled for Friday through Sunday at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, will showcase classic themes of horror, science fiction, and mystery from legendary films, Broadway, and the classical repertoire. Froehner and the theremin will be featured in Miklos Rozsa's "Spellbound Concerto" from Alfred Hitchcock's 1945 film "Spellbound", and Bernard Herrmann's score from the 1951 film "The Day the Earth Stood Still." The program also includes music from "King Kong", "Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde", "Superman", "Hook", "Phantom of the Opera", "The Mummy", and "Night on Bald Mountain." Dr. Froehner has previously appeared with the DSO with

another unusual instrument, the musical saw, and has recently performed with the East Texas Symphony in Tyler. The theremin was the world's first electronic musical instrument when it was invented in 1919 by a Russian military scientist, Lev Termen (later known as Leon Theremin). While experimenting with different gases in vacuum tubes on a military project to detect enemy radio transmitters, he accidentally discovered that the electrical charge of his body could detune a radio receiver. Since he was also a trained classical cellist, Termen quickly realized the musical value of his discovery and adapted this phenomenon into the first theremin prototype, which he subsequently premiered for Lenin. The most unique feature of the theremin is that it is the only musical instrument played completely without touching. With carefully controlled hand motions around two antennae—one for volume, one for pitch—the thereminist is able to use the electricity of his/her own body to create and control the sound. This process of aerial fingering has the appearance of someone playing an invisible harp or stringless violin.

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Clint Emery and Leslianne Hickerson

January wedding planned

Leslianne Hickerson of Lockney and Clint Emery of Hart are planning to marry on Jan. 1, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Randy and Julie Hancock of Lockney and Blake Hickerson and Carroll Donnell of Arlington. Parents of the prospective groom are Ted and Debbie Emery of Hart. Miss Hickerson graduated from Lockney High School. She is a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and is currently employed by Wittman Optometry. Mr. Emery graduated from Hart High School. He is part owner and manager of Davis Aerial Spraying in Hart.

Sanders will direct county spelling bee

The Amarillo Globe-News and West Texas A&M University are pleased to announce the continuation of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee for students in the area, grades eight and below. Directors are being named in the counties. The director for Castro County is Don Sanders, principal of Hart Elementary School. The contest is open to students in public, private, parochial, charter and home schools. A contestant cannot be higher than the eighth grade or older than 16 by the date of the national finals, May 31, 2000. The deadline for naming county champions to Jeane Bartlett, spelling bee editor of the Amarillo Globe-News, will be March 31. The two levels of competition in the 2000 Regional Spelling Bee are junior (for students in grades five and below) and senior (for grades eight and below). Any director has the option of combining the two levels if he/she so chooses. However, each county can have only one representative in the regional bee, to be held on April 15 on the WTAMU campus. Each county is free to select a junior winner in addition to the senior champion, but the elementary grade student will not compete in regional unless he/she should win the county event. Both the county junior winner and the county senior winner will be guests of the Amarillo Globe-News at a luncheon preceding the regional competition. The top prize, awarded by the

personnel department of the Amarillo Globe-News. Amy Gibbons, instructor, division of education, WTAMU, serves as bee coordinator for the Amarillo Globe-News. The contest will be an all-expense paid trip (for two) to Washington, D. C. in late May to represent the area in the 2000 national event. The 2000 Paideia booklet has been redesigned and is a collection of over 3,500 words grouped in 29 categories at three difficulty levels—beginning, intermediate and advanced. The booklet, priced at \$1.00 per copy, is available from the St. Ann's schedules annual turkey meal. St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will hold their annual Turkey and Trimmings Dinner on Nov. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meal will include turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, relish plate, cranberry sauce, homemade bread, dessert, tea and coffee. Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under. Take-out plates are also available. A "Broken Star" quilt, pieced and hand-quilted by members of St. Ann's Society, will be raffled off at the dinner. Tickets may be purchased from any St. Ann's member. Serving will be at St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

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Coalition of Health Services to pilot national outreach initiative

A coalition of 20 hospital affiliates, including Plains Memorial Hospital of Dimmitt, has been selected by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) to pilot a new outreach strategy for working families without health insurance for their children.

Serving 29 counties in Texas, the Coalition of Health Services (CHS), based in Claude, was one of only 15 applicants funded nationwide by HHS, and the only one in the state of Texas.

The Coalition's outreach workers plan events in each of the 29 counties to promote Texas Healthy Kids, a new way for parents to get access to quality care for their children.

Over 11 million children in the US and 1.4 million in Texas have no health insurance. Based on Texas Health & Human Services Commission information, an estimated 35,066 children in the 29-county area are uninsured. Studies show that children with insurance are healthier and do better in school. Parents with insurance save out of pocket money, miss less work, and worry less about their children's health.

Texas has created three new programs that make it easier for families to get health insurance. Texas Healthy Kids is available to many families with a monthly income of up to \$2,500. It covers many medical services, including regular check-ups, shots, doctor's visits, specialists, eyeglasses, prescription drugs, hospital stays, and dental care.

In order to get the word out on Texas Healthy Kids, and to get them signed up, the Coalition of Health Services will be sending out the Care Van to football and volleyball games in the 29 counties.

The bright blue Care Van will be in the stadium parking lot Friday

4-H'ers will be collecting toys for needy

The Castro County 4-H is collecting gently-used toys and new toys and will distribute the toys to needy children during the holiday season.

The group has set up boxes at the courthouse and at Dimmitt Thriftway, and anyone who wishes to donate toys for the project may do so at one of those sites until Nov. 15.

Donors also may contact one of the following individuals to arrange for donations to be picked up: Marilyn Neal, 647-4115; Melanie Book, 945-2566; or Jeremy Bishop, 647-5485.

'Trunk or Treat' set for Saturday

The First Baptist Church of Dimmitt will host their annual "Trunk or Treat" Party for children who are preschool age through those in sixth grade. Everyone is invited.

It will be held in the back parking lot of the church on Saturday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Those who want to hand out treats are asked to come at about 5 p.m. and park their vehicles in the back parking area with the trunk facing the inside of the area. Put all the treats in the trunk and hand them out to the children as they come around.

In case of inclement weather, the activity will be moved indoors.

If you are unable to attend and would like to contribute candy, please bring it by the church office or call 647-3115 for more information.

night before the Dimmitt-Dalhart football game in Dalhart and the first 500 spectators to drop by the van will receive a free spirit megaphone and a mini-football. Also, information will be available about the Texas Healthy Kids program.

Other campaign efforts include a high school cheerleading contest and a coloring/art contest for elementary and middle schools.

For more information about the Coalition of Health Services or Texas Healthy Kids call toll free 1-888-892-2273.

UMW plan turkey dinner on election day

The United Methodist Women of Dimmitt will hold a turkey dinner and holiday bazaar Tuesday, which is election day.

The meal will feature turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, and will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall in Dimmitt.

Cost for the meal is \$7 per person and take-out plates will be available. A holiday bazaar featuring homemade baked goods and craft items will open at 9 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall, and it will remain open to the public through the meal.

Spook house planned at Naz carnival

A "bigger and spookier" spook house will be the featured attraction at this year's Halloween Carnival in Nazareth.

The carnival will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Sponsored each year by the Nazareth Swift Band, the carnival includes a spook house as well as a variety of games for kids of all ages. A cake walk, costume contest and pumpkin decorating contest also are planned this year.

A concession stand featuring many supper items as well as snacks and desserts will be open throughout the event.

The carnival is open to the public.

Jill Davis honored with bridal shower

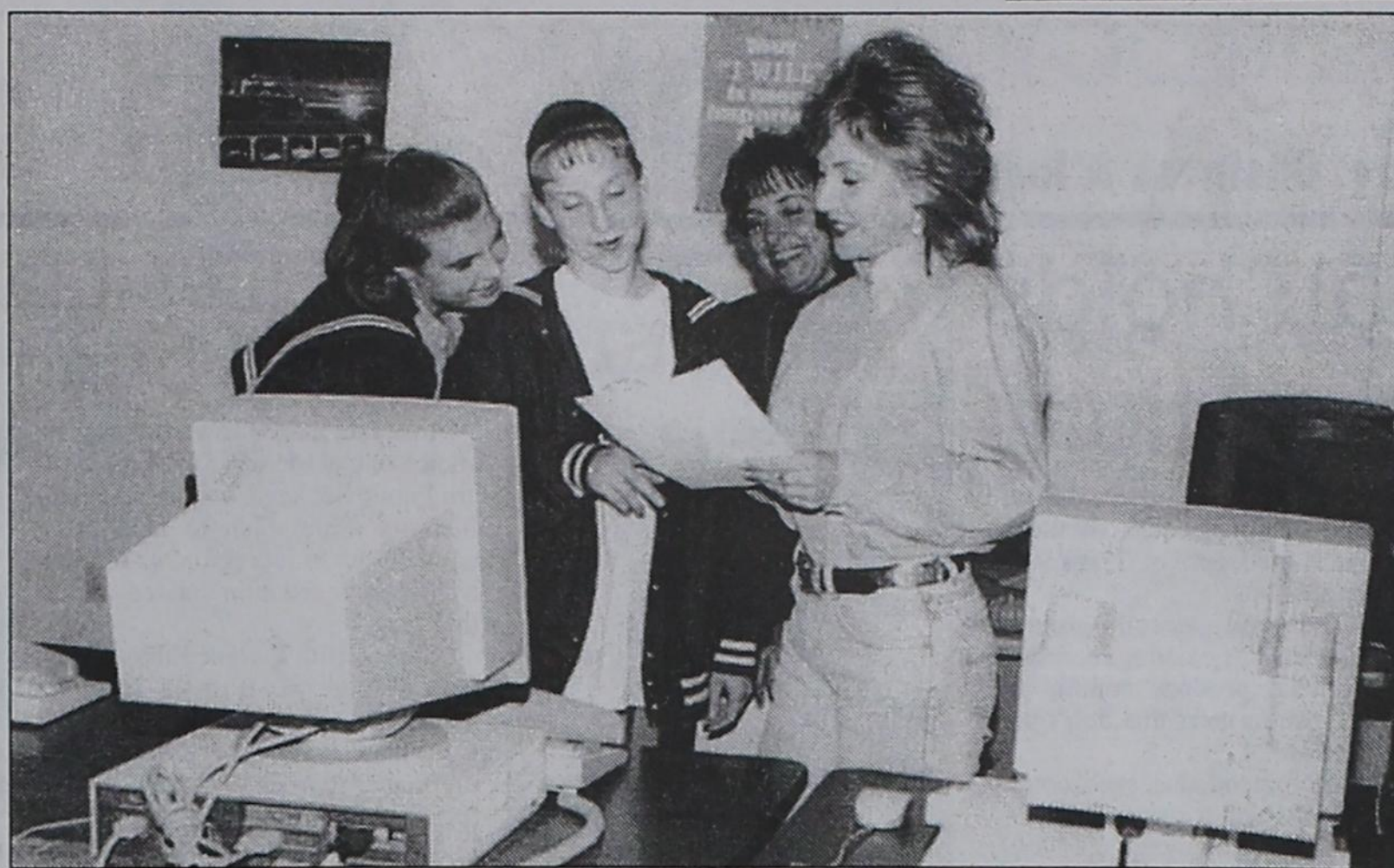
A bridal shower honoring Jill Davis, bride-elect of Kris Keith, was held Saturday at the home of Kay Kellar.

The 30 hostesses assisting Mrs. Kellar with the shower presented the honoree with a set of bed linens.

The serving table was decorated with a white Battenburg tablecloth. A wooden bride and groom nestled in a cloth of iridescent pastel colors decorated the table along with a ceramic vase with a bride and groom holding ivy and babies' breath. Crystal and silver appointments completed the table decor.

Guests were served fruit breads and fruit tea.

Out-of-town guests included Carolyn Keith of Canyon, Jeannie Gable and her children of Earth, Paralyn Moore of Canyon and Nita Reese of Kress, a former teacher in Dimmitt.



DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL held open house last week, with parents invited to visit the school and talk with their children's teachers. (From left) Kristin

McClure looks on as Shelley Paxton and teacher Diane York demonstrate to Anne Paxton what the class has been learning in seventh grade computing.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

4-H Food Show will be Nov. 6

The Castro County 4-H Food Show will be held on Nov. 6, and all youngsters planning on having a project in the show can take advantage of several workshops to help them with their projects.

Food programs will be held at the Extension Office in Dimmitt on Nov. 1 and Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. each day.

The 4-H Food Show will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 6, and the Extension Service will announce the site at a later date.

Some of the county's individual

4-H Clubs also will be conducting food workshops of their own.

Those interested in a food project should call or stop by the Extension office and visit with County Agent Marilyn Neal. She will furnish

guidelines, rules and study sheets and will answer any questions.

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Bridal shower fetes Goldsmith

A bridal shower honoring Sara D'Ann Goldsmith Silvas, bride of Jr. Silvas, was held Saturday in the home of Nicola Furr.

The serving table was decorated with green, brown, orange and old leaves with pumpkins intertwined in lovely candle spirals.

Cream puffs, cheddar and jalapeno cheese squares, tortilla roll-ups, mini quiche, fresh fruit and raspberry tea were served to guests.

Special guests included the bride's mother, Deborah Goldsmith; her sister, Rachel Goldsmith; her great-aunt, Joan Mills of Friona; her cousins, Sharon Mills of Amarillo and Rica Meeks of Laret; an aunt, Delores Meeks of Texico, NM.; and Paralyn Moore of Canyon.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Furr with the shower presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner and a white etagere.

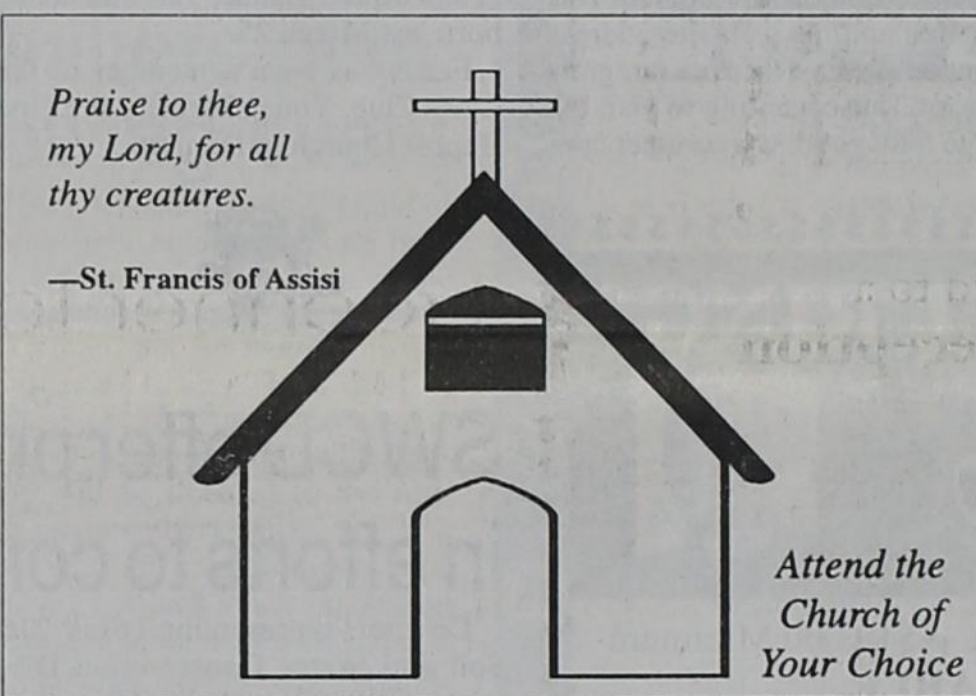
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Farm Bureau holds county convention

George Caldwell, associate director of commodity and regulatory activities for Texas Farm Bureau, was the keynote speaker at the Castro County Farm Bureau convention, held Oct. 19 at Dimmitt High School Cafeteria.

Caldwell's primary area of involvement relates to cotton, feed grains, wheat, rice, soybeans and peanuts. He also is involved in pesticide and water quality issues. In this capacity, he works to implement the state and national policy of the Farm Bureau members and to work with regulatory agencies that affect and regulate the agriculture sector.

The convention opened with the invocation given by Charlie Summers.

Approximately 75 members of the county group attended the convention and enjoyed the barbecued meal catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo.

Among the items on the agenda for this year's meeting was adoption of state resolutions to be forwarded to the Texas Farm Bureau for ratification.

The resolutions adopted by the county members included:

- ◆ Increased efforts and financial support for maintenance and construction of rural railroads in Texas.
- ◆ Trucks with weight limits of

26,000 pounds and over that are licensed with farm tags should be exempt from Dept. of Transportation regulations.

◆ The boll weevil program should update its existing records of farmers that produce cotton, and delete those farmers that don't produce cotton.

◆ Recommend that each county determine whether or not to have a cut-off date for application of 2,4D and other similar chemicals.

◆ Adoption of the remaining state resolutions without change.

Also at this year's convention, members elected new directors and board members for two-year terms. Earning re-election to their seats were incumbents Lonnie Robb, Lester Womack, Tommy Stanton and Gaylord Cogburn. New board members elected included Charles Axtell, Robert Boozer, Dwayne Smith, Rex Lust and Mark Welch.

Winners of the door prizes included Scott Stevens, the book *Little Spouse on the Prairie*; Teresa Rivera, watch; Mary Edna Hendrix, \$25 in Dimmitt Dollars; and J.E. Warrick, \$50 in Dimmitt Dollars.

After the convention adjourned, the board met for a short director's meeting to elect new officers for the coming year. Elected as president was Bruce Fuller. Norman Gerber was named vice president and Gregg Sides will be the secretary-treasurer.



Tim Farris

Farris to head Wheeler bank

Tim Farris, vice-president of the First United Bank of Dimmitt for the past three years, will become the new president of the Wheeler Banking Center effective Monday.

The First United Bank will host a farewell reception for Farris Friday from 9 to 3 in the bank lobby.

"We hate to lose Tim, because he has done a good job for us here," said Ray Bain, First United Bank president, "but I can't blame him because the new job is an advancement for him. We wish him all the luck in the world."

Farris, 29, graduated from Hart High School in 1988 and started his banking career at age 19 with the American Bank of Commerce in Lubbock while attending Texas Tech. He earned a degree in agricultural economics from Tech.

His wife, Shelly, is a former girls' coach at Dimmitt Middle School. The couple have four children, Trey, 5, and triplets Hanna, Tate and Halle, born last March 25.

Farris has been a member of the Lions Club, Young Farmers and First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

SPS files plan required by legislation to help bring competitors to its region

In a major step toward customer choice of electric service, Southwestern Public Service Company recently filed its initial plan to help bring competitors to its region, as required by Texas legislation passed earlier this year.

Senate Bill 7, signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush in June, requires SPS and other electric utilities to evaluate their market dominance as the major sources of power in their regions. SPS filed a plan with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to transfer ownership or control of 595 megawatts of generating capacity. The plan also notes that SPS is adding transmission lines to import an additional 400 megawatts from other regions. Combined, the capacity involved is roughly equivalent to the size of SPS's largest power plant.

The 595 megawatts to be transferred to competitors would be accomplished through auctioning entitlements to some power and divesting some generating capacity by 2002, said David Wilks, president of SPS. SPS and its affiliates under parent company New Century Energies (NYSE: NCE) would auction entitlements to 409 megawatts, or 15% of the regional power-plant capacity they own and control that is dedicated to Texas retail customers, he said.

The auction is a specific require-

ment of the legislation. New Century Energies would continue to own and operate the capacity, but competitors would have the right to the power. Wilks said New Century Energies would sell 186 megawatts of SPS-area generating capacity to competitors in order to further reduce market dominance. The plants involved in the entitlements and divestiture have not been selected.

Wilks said New Century Energies would plan to replace the capacity it is required to sell with capacity at other locations outside the SPS region. The company maintains as a goal expanding its generating capacity, he said.

In addition to the generating-capacity auction and sale, a major transmission line to be completed in 2001 from the Texas Panhandle to Kansas would make even more power capacity available to competitors, he said.

Along with other Texas utilities, SPS will implement a pilot program of competition for at least 5% of its Texas retail customers in July 2001. SPS is proposing to expand the pilot program until full customer choice is implemented in the SPS Texas service area by the end of 2006, Wilks said.

Most of the rest of Texas will be moving to full customer choice in 2002. Senate Bill 7 allows a different

timeline for SPS because it is not interconnected with other Texas utilities and its rates already are among the lowest in the state.

The legislation requires utilities to reduce their market power to 20% before full competition begins in their areas. The SPS plan would promote further competition before the end of 2006 by allowing only competitors to build new plants in the region between now and then, by adding even more transmission lines, and possibly by further divesting some generation.

"SPS and New Century Energies support customer choice in Texas and in every state we serve," Wilks said. "The changes outlined in our plan are necessary to bring choices to customers. We are working to bring about true competition. We want also to lessen the disruption for customers and employees, and to continue our company's commitment to power-plant operations and growth."

"Our power plants are among the finest in the nation," he said, "and have been a major factor in keeping our rates among the lowest in all the states we serve. We want as much of their capacity as possible to remain with SPS and New Century Energies, while complying with legislation. But under any ownership, the plants will still be here, still available to serve customers."

Southwestern Public Service Company is headquartered in Amarillo and is a subsidiary of Denver-based New Century Energies. It is in the process of merging with Minneapolis-based Northern States Power Co., which should be completed some time in 2000. The merged company will be renamed Xcel Energy.

Farm Service Agency notes

By TRISH ELLIOTT
FSA County Executive Director

You are invited to a retirement reception honoring Toby Gerber Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. in our office.

Please come by and give Toby your best wishes and share refreshments with us.

Toby has worked for ASCS and FSA for 21 years and we know you will miss her as much as we will.

We wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

◆ The president has signed a bill that enacted the Market Loss Assistance Program that is equal to another full 1999 Agricultural Market Transition Assistance payment.

We expect to be making the payments within two weeks of the president's approval. The total approved for Castro County is \$10.9 million.

◆ We will be conducting another sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) from Jan. 18 to Feb. 11, 2000.

CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to producers who establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible lands.

Annual rental payments are made based on the agricultural rental value of the land and cost-share assistance is provided in an amount equal to not more than 50% of the participant's costs in establishing approved practices.

The duration of contracts is from 10 to 15 years.

For eligibility requirements, contact the FSA office.

◆ A new provision for the 1999 upland cotton program allows producers to request loan deficiency payments (LDP) on cotton and lock in the world price for computing such payments after harvest, but before the cotton is ginned.

LDPs will continue to be payable only after the cotton has been ginned and classed.

For facts about the program, contact the FSA office.

Murphy earns recertification

Dr. Bill Murphy of Dimmitt, a family physician, has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

AAFP members are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years. The academy, with 88,000 members, is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the country. It was the first national medical group to require continuing medical education for members, thus ensuring their continuing medical expertise.

The specialty of family practice combines the latest in medical technologies with a long tradition of caring and service. Today's family physician is educated and trained to care for the whole person, treating the majority of medical problems.

Dr. Murphy has been an active member since 1963. He has practiced in Dimmitt since March 1, 1965, and has delivered more than 2,000 babies.

Family practice was recognized in 1969 as a medical specialty by the American Medical Association and the American Board of Medical Specialties. Family practice was the first specialty to require its diplomats to re-certify by taking recertification exams every six years.

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Correction

In last week's issue of the News, in a story about the Alan Steinle family's experience with hot air balloons, the name of Jim Hoidahl was misspelled and his web-site address was incomplete. The News regrets the errors. Those wanting to visit the web site may go to: www.zianet.com/hsss

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SWCD offer producers support in efforts to control prairie dogs

Directors representing Texas' 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) at their 59th annual meeting on Oct. 19 put their support behind agricultural producers in the Texas Panhandle who want some type of regulated control of the black-tailed prairie dog population.

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

Prairie dogs are somewhat large, ground-dwelling squirrels found mainly in the Texas Panhandle. They live in colonies or "towns" that vary in size from a few animals to thousands of individuals.

Prairie dogs favor short-grass prairies to build their homes, which are comprised of a system of bur-

rows seven to 10 centimeters in diameter and stretching two to five meters below the ground.

Prairie dogs construct crater-like mounds, often 30 centimeters high, of packed soil around the entrance to their burrows to protect the burrows from floods and to serve as lookout posts. Their primary food sources are low-growing grasses and weeds.

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

Approximately 600 SWCD directors representing the state's 216 SWCDs, and other conservation leaders attended the convention in Lubbock.



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OPEN HOUSE at Dimmitt Middle School was held on Oct. 19, with parents and members of the community invited to visit the school and talk with teachers.

Joel Puente (seated) shows his mother, Janie Puente (center), a board game that students are learning in algebra class, taught by Beth Buckley (left).

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Second graders honored

Second graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School were recognized recently for honors awarded for the first nine-week grading period.

Those honored are listed below by classroom.

Mann
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Beau Bradley, Tyler Gilliland, Kassandra Lopez, Cruz Maldonado, Jill Miller, Miguel Zepeda.

TOP SPELLERS: Bradley, Brennan Cluck, Ruby Corrales, Gilliland, Eric Herrera, Lopez, Maldonado, Miller, Melissa Molina, Kimberly Ruiz, Nicole Sanchez, Keila Schilling, Zepeda.

HARDEST WORKER: Lopez, Schilling, Herrera, Zepeda.

PENMANSHIP: Ricky Castillo, Zepeda, Brenda Salas, Maldonado.

MATH WHIZ: Bradley, Cluck, Corrales, Herrera, Lopez, Maldonado, Miller, Molina, Olivero, Ruiz, Sanchez, Schilling, Zepeda.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Brenda Salas, Herrera, Molina, Daniel Esquivel.

Gilliland

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Sinfo Arguijo, Raquel Barrios, Jessica Behrends, Marquel Sifuentes, Irashema Medrano, Erin Muniz, Sidney Sheffy, Martin Puga.

TOP SPELLERS: Arguijo, Barrios, Behrends, Jeffrey Bishop, Eric Fuentes, Monique Marmolejo, Medrano, Amy Saenz, Sheffy.

MATH WHIZ: Puga, Barrios, Bishop.

HARDEST WORKERS: Arguijo, Behrends, Fuentes, Bishop, Amanda Jackson, Marmolejo, Medrano, Sheffy.

PENMANSHIP: Medrano, Sifuentes, Shambria Sherman.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Medrano, Muniz, Anthony Fernandez, Puga.

Howell

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Ivonne Alvarado, Ricardo Barrios, Cailee Gilbreath, Reagan Hunter, Kayla Lively, Lyssa Ramirez, Virginia Reyes, Marco Rivera, Selena Saenz.

TOP SPELLERS: Nicolas Aguilar, Alvarado, Gabriel Calderon, Isabel Garcia, Gilbreath, Hunter, Elizabeth Jackson, Jonathan Mireles, Caleb Penney, Fabian Reyna, Saenz.

HARDEST WORKERS: Gilbreath, Hunter, Saenz.

PENMANSHIP: Reyna, Penney.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Lively, Ramirez.

MATH WHIZ: Aguilar, Alvarado, Calderon, Garcia, Gilbreath, Chelsy Gonzales, Hunter, Jackson, Mireles, Penney, Reyes, Reyna, Saenz.

Thames

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Quincy

DMS names honor students

Outstanding seventh and eighth graders in various subjects have been recognized along with students who made the "A" and "A-B" honor rolls during the first nine-week grading period at Dimmitt Middle School.

Winners of the top student awards in seventh grade include Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney, Alejandra Velasquez and Salud Zepeda in English; Zepeda in history; Penney in pre-algebra; Rigo Presas in Math 87; Penney in science; Zepeda in Industrial Arts; Penney in mechanics; Montiel in Health; Holly Gilliam in computer; Estella Gonzales in food production; Velasquez in life management skills; Robin Beames in band; and Corrie Black in choir.

Eighth graders honored include Shae Odom and Ethan Martin in English; Stephanie Hazel and Amy Laurent in history; Jake Porsch in algebra I; Veronica Agüero in pre-algebra; Todd Jansa and Erica Abrego in reading; Caleb Dickerson and Sheena Ehly in science; Porsch in Industrial Arts; Martin in mechanics; Oneida Ortega in Spanish; Lizbeth Gonzales in food production; Kendra Martinez in life management skills; Jansa in band; Toni Deitzel in choir; and Ortega in computer.

Students making the honor roll in each class are:

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll: Laraine Agüero, Erin Black, Molly Bradford, Kimberly Buffham, Cameron Cluck, Tyler Cornett, Anthony Enriquez, Ashley Fleeks, Chauncey Gilbreath, Kaden Griffith, Luis Luna, Gabriel Martinez, Nayeli Monsivais, Ross Myatt, Eric Odom, Chris Pompa, Landon Porsch, Michael Rasor, Lana Reinart, Vanessa Reyes, Kamryn Steffens, Kalan Steinle, Houston Sutton, Curtis Thomas and Cassidy Watts.

A-B Honor Roll: Mariel Alanis, Brittany Allen, Amanda Castaneda, Julian Chavez, Klay Clearman, Michael Cline, Naoli Corral, Ashley Cotter, Adam Dozal, Nicholas Ellis, Casey Enriquez, Haylee Evans, Courtney Garza, David Gil, Christopher Gilliam, Cynthia Gomez, Gillian Gonzales, Shaira Gonzales, Christopher Gregory, Stayce Perez, Cynthia Prieto, Anna Reyes, Rubie Sanchez, Samuel Sanchez, Jose Silva, Makenzie Sims, Zachery Starling, Natasha Sullivan-Ramos, Dustin Thomas and Dennis Underwood.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll: Chelsea Buckley, Brittany Heard, Jessie Lara, Brandy Smith, Edward Wait, Kyle Whiddon and Daniela Zepeda.

A-B Honor Roll: Jerry Acevedo, Kim Back, Anna Brockman, Sherry Bryan, Randi Cates, Arica Cisneros, Jason Dones, Jaime Esqueda, Celena Gregory, Maria Hernandez, Samantha Howell, Nancy Martinez, Thelma Medrano, Joshua Norman, Bryce Parker, Rye Patton, Candis Rodriguez, Julian Saenz, Kayla Saenz, Blanca Salas, Eloy Salinas, Micaela Salinas, Dana Sandoval, Michael Waggoner and Maria Zambrano.

SIXTH GRADE

A Honor Roll: Kathy Amador, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Ross Hunter, Ryan

Hunter, Sean Hunter, Brittany Williams and Hayli Wise.

A-B Honor Roll: Marissa Allison, Cindy Alvarado, Garrett Behrends, Vanessa Caballero, Billy Dollar, Apolonia Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Clarissa Herrera, Rodrigo Jackson, Sarah Lopez, Casey Maurer, Emilio Mendoza, Samantha Neri, Ashlee Nino, Shauna Nutt, Jessica Ortega, Nicholas Ortiz, Sabrena Patten, Dakota Pitcock, Kendra Puente, Laura Rasor, Sergio Saucedo, Tucker Self, Brenda Silva, Kendra Smith, Nancy Vargas, Pedro Velez and Tyler Waggoner.

SEVENTH GRADE

A Honor Roll: Corrie Black, Shelley Burk, Holly Gilliam, Meggie Lemons, Nyssa Martinez, Ryan Miller, Layne Penney, Felisha Starling, Alejandra Velasquez and Salud Zepeda.

A-B Honor Roll: Vicente Alvarez, Kayla Acker, Robin Beames, Raynee Bradley, Jaime Cavazos, Carlos Cruz, Marissa Demster, Lori Garza, Lesley Hinojosa, Kristin McClure, Callen Mixson, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Kelly Reyes, Nallely Reyes, Charley Saenz, Stuart Sheffy and Natasha Williams.

EIGHTH GRADE

A Honor Roll: Erica Abrego, Sheena Ehly, Stephanie Hazel, Todd Jansa and Matthew Sanders.

A-B Honor Roll: Veronica Agüero, Cynthia Barrera, Nicky Gauna, Lizbeth Gonzales, Alicia Heard, Shayla Kenworthy, Angelica Lara, Amy Laurent, Tabitha Laurent, James Lindsey, Ethan Martin, Kendra Martinez, Rey Medrano, Tyler Myatt, Shae Odom, Oneida Ortega, Jake Porsch, Daniel Rodriguez, Marcela Salinas, Kami Sanders, Lisa Sears, Sarah Silva, Adam Wright and Anthony Zambrano.

RES honors third graders

Third grade students at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School were recognized recently for honors awarded for the first nine-week grading period.

Those honored are listed below by classroom.

Axtell
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Jonathan Davis, Phillip Perez, Sam Hazel, Jordan Fuentes, Laura Rodriguez, Danny Lopez, Frankie Castro, Alyssa Saenz, Joshua Hill, Keshia Smith.

HARDEST WORKER: Ethan Wales.
HONOR ROLL: Wales, Davis, Jonathan Lule, Hazel, Rodriguez, Hill, Stormy Nutt, Smith.

Johnson
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Paul Acker, Alyssa Back, Jeremy Barrera, Robert Barrios, Linda Calderon, Jake Ebeling, Alex Lopez, Stephanie Sanchez, Ray Velez.

HONOR ROLL: Acker, Back, Kimberly Martinez, Cornelio Salinas, Barrera, Barrios, Ebeling.

BEST CITIZENS: Salinas, Sanchez, Martinez, Holly Bryan.

HARDEST WORKERS: Salinas, Martinez.

Koch
HONOR ROLL: Bailey Nutt, Brooke Parker.

BEST CITIZENS: Chris Fuentes, Nutt, Alley Ontivero, Javier Ibarra.

HARDEST WORKERS: Casey Eby, Nutt, Parker, Ontivero, Ibarra.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Eby, Fuentes, Austin Heard, Tommy Howell, Micheal Martin, Kathleen Martinez, Ontivero, Parker.

Merritt
HONOR ROLL: Jeffery Addison, Mayra Aguilar, Lindsey Cates, Chase Hatla, Chance Schilling, Jazzalyn Sepeda, Nick Tijerina, Isaac Trevino, Hanna Wise.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Addison, Hatla, Schilling, Wise.

BEST CITIZENS: Aguilar, Jessica Leivas, Wise.

HARDEST WORKERS: Melissa Ruiz, Aguilar, Hatla.

Stanton
HONOR ROLL: Antonio Molina, Deysi Arredondo, Armando Prieto, Selina Sanchez.

CITIZENSHIP: Fernando Mendoza, Molina, Lizbeth Porras, Maira Rodarte.

HARDEST WORKER: Sanchez, Domingo Rodriguez.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Arredondo, Joel Cardona, Mendoza, Molina, Rubi Sanchez, Selina Sanchez, Rodarte.

Steinle
HONOR ROLL: Stephanie Castro,

Jessic Dennis, Brittany Flores, Elizabeth Hill, Shawn Ryan.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Castro, Dennis, Hill, Anthony Jackson, Stephanie Mendoza, Erica Rivera, Isidro Rodriguez, Ryan, Isaac Sifuentes.

HARDEST WORKER: Carolyn Jenkins, Sifuentes.

CITIZENSHIP: Yvonne Lopez, Jenkins, Mendoza, Sifuentes, Hill.

Quilters plan sewing event

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt will hold a "quilting bee" Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

All interested persons are invited to participate in the project. The goal for the event is to make as many lap quilts as possible, and those produced will be donated to the residents of Canterbury Villa.

Participants may bring a food item for a pot-luck luncheon, and all are asked to bring their own serger if they have one. Material for the quilts is being furnished.

"Those who don't know how to run a serger are still encouraged to attend and help with sorting and laying out of the fabric pieces," said Joyce Davis, a member of the guild.

Duran, Dustin Gilbreath, Travis Harris, Jonathon Lafuente, Valerie Martinez, Edgar Meza.
TOP SPELLERS: Clarissa Acevedo, Duran, Cody Essary, Gilbreath, Adriana Marquez, Martinez, Meza, Steven Sifuentes, Joshua Williams.
HARDEST WORKERS: Terence Hernandez, Lafuente, Briana Lopez, Martinez.
PENMANSHIP: Gilbreath, Martinez, Alexandra Wilkins.
READING IMPROVEMENT: Essary, Brigitte Flores, Gilbreath, Marquez, Martinez, Meza, Yareli Olmos, Sifuentes.
MATH WHIZ: Acevedo, Duran, Essary, Flores, Gilbreath, Lafuente, Marquez, Martinez, Meza, Olmos, Sifuentes.

Venhaus
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Ashley Almanza, Joshua Alvarez, John Lopez, Marissa Martinez, Valeria Quiroz, Christopher Stanley, Amy Torres, John Wait.

TOP SPELLERS: Andre Aleman, Alvarez, Gus Arguijo, Quiroz, Tito Rodriguez, Torres, Olivia Zambrano.

HARDEST WORKERS: Martinez, Rodriguez.

PENMANSHIP: Melany Gonzales, Angelica Nicolas, Wait.

MATH WHIZ: Aleman, Alvarez, Lopez, Quiroz, Rodriguez, Armando Salas, Torres, Arguijo.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Martinez, Aleman, Torres, Alvarez, Quiroz, Randy Preston.

Luna
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Diana

Arredondo, Anna Diaz, Jose Flores, Jorge Grado, Yannin Marquez, Ricardo Velasquez.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Arredondo, Diaz, Grado, Marquez.

TOP SPELLERS: Arredondo, Laura Chavez, Diaz, Melissa Escamilla, Claudia Gallardo, Elizabeth Gallardo, Grado, Marquez, Jennifer Olivas, Viviana Porras, Jacqueline Ramirez, Tracy Silva.

PENMANSHIP: Arredondo, Diaz, Claudia Gallardo, Elizabeth Gallardo, Grado, Rigoberto Lopez, Porras, Sandra Lucio, Velasquez.

HARDEST WORKERS: Arredondo, Diaz, Grado, Marquez.

MATH WHIZ: Arredondo, Chavez, Diaz, Escamilla, Elizabeth Gallardo, Grado, Marquez, Olivas, Ramirez, Silva, Velasquez.

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Sports



Short-handed Cats fall to Eagles, 51-13

By DON NELSON

Three of Dimmitt's two-way starters were on suspension for the rest of the season for disciplinary reasons. Another missed the game because of failing grades. Still another was out with an injury.

Those Bobcats who were left played their hearts out Friday night in a 51-13 losing effort against Sanford-Fritch's powerful Eagles.

Only 19 players were suited up for Dimmitt, and subs filled in for five offensive and five defensive spots.

The short-handed Bobcats were no match for the powerful, ball-controlling Eagles, who scored a touchdown in the first quarter and two in each of the last three periods to run up a 44-0 lead before the Bobcats could get on the scoreboard.

Wide receiver Daniel Proffitt caught five passes, including a 16-yarder for Dimmitt's first touchdown with 8:34 remaining in the game.

One of Proffitt's receptions was a beautiful diving catch for 14 yards during Dimmitt's first scoring drive. Later he made a falling catch for 11 yards to keep the Bobcats' second scoring drive alive.

"Daniel played his best game so far," Coach Bruce Dollar said. "Two of his catches were just unbelievable. He also nearly intercepted a pass,

and he made some real crucial tackles."

Dimmitt's other three pass receptions were by Justin Sutton, who made the most of them.

Sutton's first catch from quarterback B. J. Hill was a flat pass at the Dimmitt 20, and he picked his way 24 yards to begin the Bobcats' final scoring drive.

And with just 18 seconds left in the game and the Bobcats facing a fourth down at the S-F 16, Sutton took a screen pass in the left flat, cut inside and raced to the opposite corner of the field for Dimmitt's second TD.

Sutton turned in another scrappy running performance, too, gaining 82 yards on 20 carries.

Hill completed eight of 14 passes—all to Proffitt and Sutton—for 104 yards.

"I thought B. J. played his best game of the year," Coach Dollar said. "He threw the ball well and kept his poise."

But despite such heroic individual efforts, the coach said, "They just wore us out. Their size and strength up front made it a mismatch. They had the best offensive line we've played this year. They're just so big and stout."

The Bobcat defense stripped Eagle runners of the ball on S-F's first two



DIMMITT'S DEFENSE swarms in on Sanford-Fritch's Jeremy Tate in the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game at Fritch. Fred Traylor is making the initial hit while James Jackson (50), Daniel

Proffitt (88) and B. J. Hill (9) close in. At lower right is Dimmitt's Armando Castaneda (60). Other S-F players are Doug Moneymaker (75), Matt Keifer (74) and Shaun Harris (66). Sanford-Fritch won, 51-13.

Photo by Carter Townsend

possessions, but weren't able to capitalize.

The Bobcats had problems of their own on their punt plays. A low snap on the first one and a high snap on the second gave the Eagles good field position, but the Dimmitt de-

fense held both times.

Later, though, with the Bobcats backed up to their own 7, a Sanford-Fritch defender tipped Wesley Harkins' punt and the ball died on the Dimmitt 21. The Eagles scored their first touchdown five plays later, with freshman Drew Neal running the final six yards.

Senior Willie Lytton scored the second TD on a two-yard plunge late in the second period to cap a 71-yard drive.

In the final minute of the second quarter, S-F covered 67 yards in five plays—four of them passes—for a third TD.

Sophomore quarterback Brant McElroy teamed with senior wide receiver Cade Carr for all three of the completed passes in the aerial drive.

McElroy played in place of starting quarterback Shiloh Reed, who suffered a torn quadriceps muscle the previous week and is out for the season.

"McElroy did a good job for them," Coach Dollar commented. "His dad was an all-state quarterback at Plains."

Carr caught McElroy's first pass and raced 49 yards to the Dimmitt 18 to open the hurry-up drive.

After a 13-yard completion gave the Eagles a first-and-goal at the Dimmitt 4 with five seconds left in the half, McElroy lofted a beautiful fade pass to Carr in the right front corner of the end zone for the third TD. At halftime it was 21-0.

"The first half, I thought we played well," Coach Dollar said. "They got an easy one, then we got a great punt off but they scored in five plays. If we could have held them right there, it would have given us some momentum and we might have gotten something going in the second half."

Early in the third period, after a 23-yard Dimmitt punt, the Eagles drove 40 yards in five plays for their fourth marker, with McElroy passing to Heath Simpson for the final 12 yards.

A fumbled snap by the Bobcats at the Dimmitt 36 set the Eagles up for their fifth scoring drive. They covered the distance in five plays, with Lytton gaining the final 18 yards on a sweep up the left sideline.

On S-F's ensuing kickoff, Sutton caught the ball while back-pedaling, looked the situation over and dropped to one knee in the end zone for an intended touchback. But the ref ruled that he had had a foot on the playing field when he caught the ball and called it a two-point safety for the Eagles, making the score 37-0 at the end of the third.

After the safety, Lytton returned the Bobcats' free kick to the Dimmitt 41, and 11 plays later—on the first play of the fourth quarter—Justin King raced 15 yards up the middle for S-F's sixth TD. Matt Keifer added his sixth extra-point kick to make it 44-0.

The Bobcats then covered 70 yards in seven plays for their first touchdown, with Hill hitting Proffitt on a 16-yard scoring pass at the 8:34 mark. Sutton kicked the extra point to make it 44-7.

With 6:40 left in the game, Lytton got loose again up the middle, this time on a 31-yard dash, for the Ea-

gles' final score.

With 3:10 remaining, the Bobcats launched their final scoring drive, covering 80 yards in 10 plays. Sutton finished the scoring with a catch from Hill in the left flat and a beautiful cut-in run of 16 yards with five seconds left.

Game at a Glance

Dimmitt	0	0	0	13-13
Sanford-Fritch	7	14	16	14-51

	DIM	S-F
First Downs	8	20
Rushes-Yards	34-76	47-307
Passing Yards	104	90
Total Yards	180	397
Passes Comp/Att	8/14	6/10
Interceptions By	0	0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Punts-Avg.	3-27	1-44
Penalties-Yards	4-20	7-60

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter:
S-F—Drew Neal 6 run (Matt Keifer kick), 0:53

Second Quarter:
S-F—Willie Lytton 2 run (Keifer kick), 2:28
S-F—Cade Carr 4 pass from Brant McElroy (Keifer kick), 0:02

Third Quarter:
S-F—Heath Simpson 12 pass from McElroy (Keifer kick), 8:50
S-F—Lytton 18 run (Keifer kick), 5:35
S-F—Safety, 5:26

Fourth Quarter:
S-F—Justin King 15 run (Keifer kick), 11:53
D—Daniel Proffitt 16 pass from B. J. Hill (Justin Sutton kick), 8:34
S-F—Lytton 31 run (Keifer kick), 6:40
D—Sutton 16 pass from Hill (kick wide), 0:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—DIMMITT: Justin Sutton 20-82, B. J. Hill 7-6, Fred Traylor 3-5, Juan Gonzales 2-4, Wesley Harkins 2 (-21).
Passing—DIMMITT: Hill 8/14-0-104.
Receiving—DIMMITT: Daniel Proffitt 5-64, Sutton 3-40.
Leading Tacklers—DIMMITT: Sutton 11½, B. J. Hill 10, Bobby Hill 10, Jonathan Stevens 8.
Tackles Behind Line—DIMMITT: B. J. Hill 1.
Fumble Recoveries—DIMMITT: B. J. Hill 1, Stevens 1.
Fumbles Caused—DIMMITT: Sutton 2, Bobby Hill 1.
Records: Dimmitt 2-6, 0-3; Sanford-Fritch 7-1, 2-1.

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Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

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For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.



THE HART LONGHORN CROSS COUNTRY team recently competed at the district race, and one individual earned the right to advance on to the regional meet. He is Thomas Chia (left), and he will run at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Nov. 6, trying to earn a trip to state. Other

team members competing at district were (from second left) Jose Avila, Timmy Barnes, Isaias Garcia, Emanuel Barron and Joe Pantoja. Chia will compete with other Class A boys at 1:30 p.m. in the regional run. Photo by Cynthia Gerber

Here's how our opponents fared

Here's how Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth opponents fared in the seventh week of the prep football season.

Dimmitt opponents

Sundown (6-2) beat Bovina, 35-0
Brownfield (1-7) lost to Slaton, 24-21
Lamesa (7-1) beat Colorado City, 48-12
Friona (7-1) beat Lubbock, Cooper, 51-7
Perryton (5-3) beat Tulia (3-5), 15-14
Dalhart (4-4) beat River Road (3-5), 20-19
Muleshoe (6-2) beat Lubbock Roosevelt, 62-0

Nazareth opponents

LCHS (0-7) lost to Grace Prep, 47-0
Valley (6-2) beat Crosbyton, 61-14
Farwell (6-2) beat Morton, 46-13
Whiteface (1-7) lost to Anton, 33-14
Claude (4-3) beat Shamrock, 68-14
Kress (3-5) beat Vega (4-4), 37-35
Happy (4-4) beat Hart (1-7), 57-0

Hart opponents

Smyer (0-8) lost to O'Donnell, 41-0
Valley (6-2) beat Crosbyton, 61-14
Bovina (6-2) lost to Sundown, 35-0
Morton (5-3) lost to Farwell, 46-13
Olton (4-4) lost to Hale Center, 42-0
S'lake-Earth (6-2) beat Nazareth (6-2), 3-0
Kress (3-5) beat Vega (4-4), 37-35

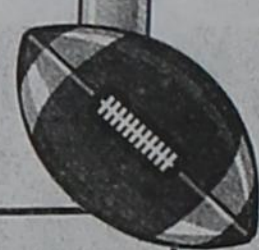
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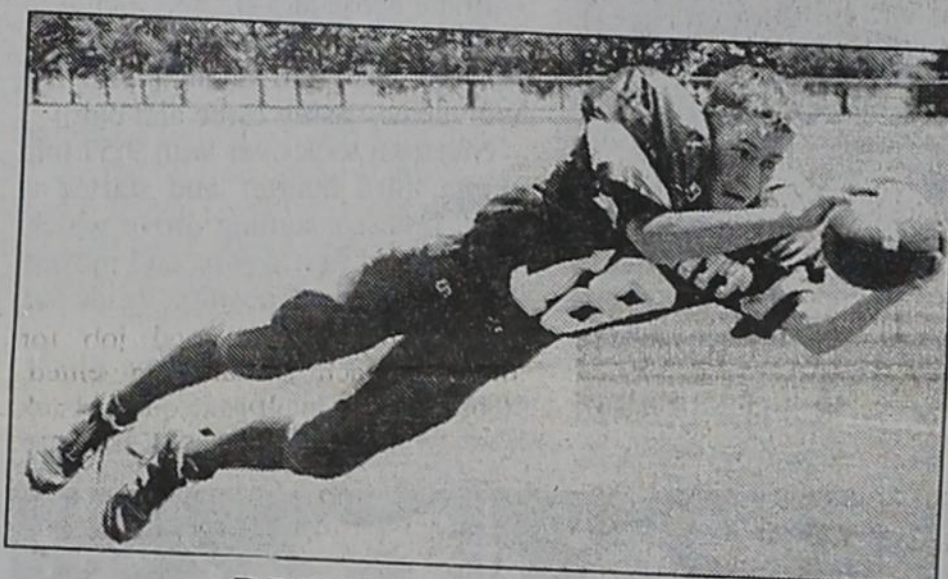
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Bobcats 33, Sundown 14	
Bobcats 6, Lmesa 49	
Bobcats 14, Friona 49	
Bobcats 35, Brownfield 0	
Bobcats 7, Muleshoe 13	
Bobcats 0, River Road 6	
Bobcats 1, Tulia 28	
Bobcats 3, Sanford-Fritch 51	
Oct. 29 Dalhart	There 7:30
Nov. 5 *Perryton (Senior Parents)Here	7:30

* Denotes District Games

JUNIOR VARSITY

JV Bobcats 0, Sundown 12	
JV Bobcats 0, Lamesa 6	
JV Bobcats 26, Friona 41	
JV Bobcats 12, Brownfield 28	
JV Bobcats 0, Muleshoe 40	
JV Bobcats 0, River Road 38	
JV Bobcats 6, Tulia 34	
JV Bobcats 8, Sanford-Fritch 36	
Oct. 28 Dalhart	Here 6:30
Nov. 4 Tulia	Here 6:30

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

7th 36, Friona 0	8th 46, Friona 8
7th 12, Brownfield 14	8th 0, Brownfield 18
7th 6, Muleshoe 18	8th 46, Muleshoe 0
7th 18, River Road 14	8th 22, River Road 0
7th 16, Tulia 30	8th 8, Tulia 24
7th 28, Sanford-Fritch 8	8th 36, Sanford-Fritch 6
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Swift offense stymied by Wolverines in 3-0 loss

A first-quarter field goal by Springlake-Earth following a big goal line stand for the Nazareth Swift defense was the only scoring Friday night as the Wolverines edged the Swifts, 3-0, in an intense district battle at Nazareth.

Springlake-Earth shut down Nazareth's potent offense, allowing just 139 total yards.

The Wolverines keyed on Nazareth's leading rusher, Cameron McLain, holding him to 27 yards on 17 carries. McLain's younger brother, Matty, rushed nine times for 39 yards.

Nazareth gained most of its offense through the air, picking up 78 yards on 6-of-11 completions by Blake Birkenfeld.

Leading receivers for the Swifts were Kade Wilcox, who hauled in four passes for 53 yards. Matty McLain and Eric Schilling caught a pass apiece.

Springlake-Earth didn't gain many more yards on offense, picking up a total of 154 yards, 129 of which came on the ground.

"This was a classic defensive struggle. I cannot over-emphasize how well our defense played," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "Unfortunately, their defense played just

a little better than ours.

After Friday night's game, both teams are 6-2 on the season, but the Wolverines claimed sole possession of the District 3-A race with a 3-0 mark. The Swifts fell to 2-1 and must win their remaining two games against Kress and Happy to be assured of a playoff berth.

"There were two classy teams playing their hearts out and I hate that one of us had to lose," Price said. "Nevertheless, we still control our own destiny. We really need to make sure that we put it all together and win these next two games to snare a playoff spot."

After taking the opening kickoff, Cameron McLain picked up 10 yards on his first carry of the game and it was downhill from there. He picked up three yards on the next play, but lost five yards over the next two plays and Nazareth had to punt.

That was the story for most of the game. Both teams were forced into punt after punt as the defenses on each side dominated.

On the Wolverines' first drive, Romy DeLeon gained 30 yards on a big play, but Springlake-Earth

coughed up the ball on the next play and Nazareth's Stanton Wethington recovered.

Three plays and seven yards later, Nazareth was punting again.

Springlake returned the favor after gaining just one yard in three plays.

After trading punts, Springlake started its only scoring drive in the first quarter.

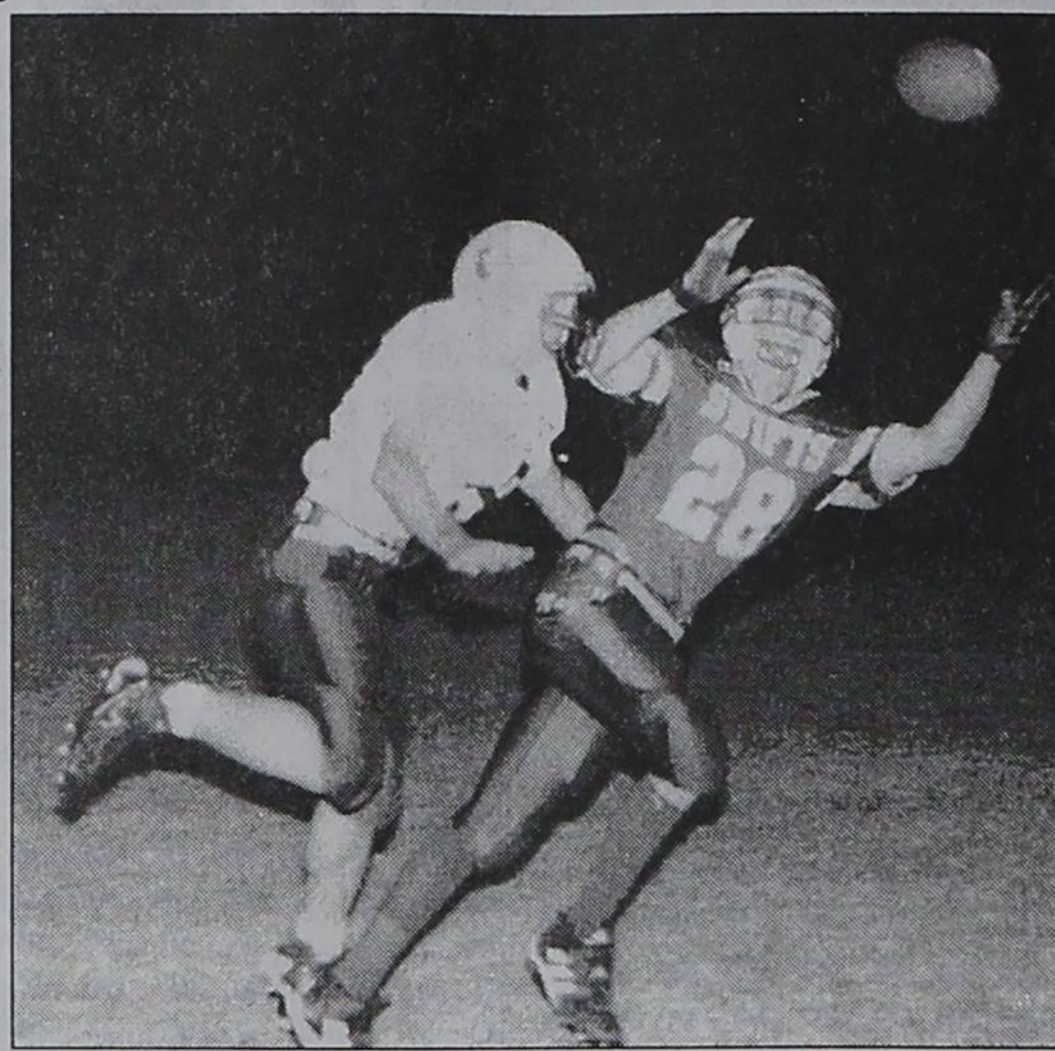
DeLeon fought for two tough yards, then Craig James gained another five for the Wolverines.

Nazareth gave the Wolverines a big first down and 15 yards when they were flagged for a facemask penalty on the next play and that moved Springlake deeper into Swift territory.

The Wolverines would gain just five yards after that, with the Swift defense digging in and breaking up a pass play on third down.

Springlake-Earth decided to go for the field goal and with one second left, Felix Duran booted the game-winning kick to give the Wolverines a 3-0 lead.

Nazareth managed a first down on the ensuing drive, with Kade Wilcox picking up four yards, Ky Wilcox gaining a yard and Cameron McLain rushing for nine. But the



NAZARETH'S DARYL POHLMEIER (28) dives for a pass, but the ball is just off of his fingertips and sails out of bounds at the Springlake-Earth 28-yard line Friday night. Springlake-Earth managed an early field goal against the Swift defense and that was all they needed to claim the win, 3-0, and the district lead.

Photo by Anne Acker

quarter began, but this time it was Nazareth's defense that came up strong, first with a deflected pass by Pohlmeier, then a sack by Wethington and Adam Schulte for a 10-yard loss.

Nazareth took over with 10:54 left but a stifling defense and an incomplete pass hampered the offensive effort. Ky Wilcox was attempting to throw the ball as he was chased by Wolverine defenders, and he was hit as the ball came out. The referees ruled it as a fumble and Springlake took over on the Swifts' 36.

Nazareth held strong for four plays, giving up nothing and forcing another punt.

A 14-yard pass from Birkenfeld to Matty McLain started the next series, then the junior fullback rushed for another 14 yards on the next play. That was all Springlake allowed.

The Wolverines ran seven plays in the final 3:48, but the Swifts had one last chance when Springlake's fourth-down play failed, leaving a second on the clock.

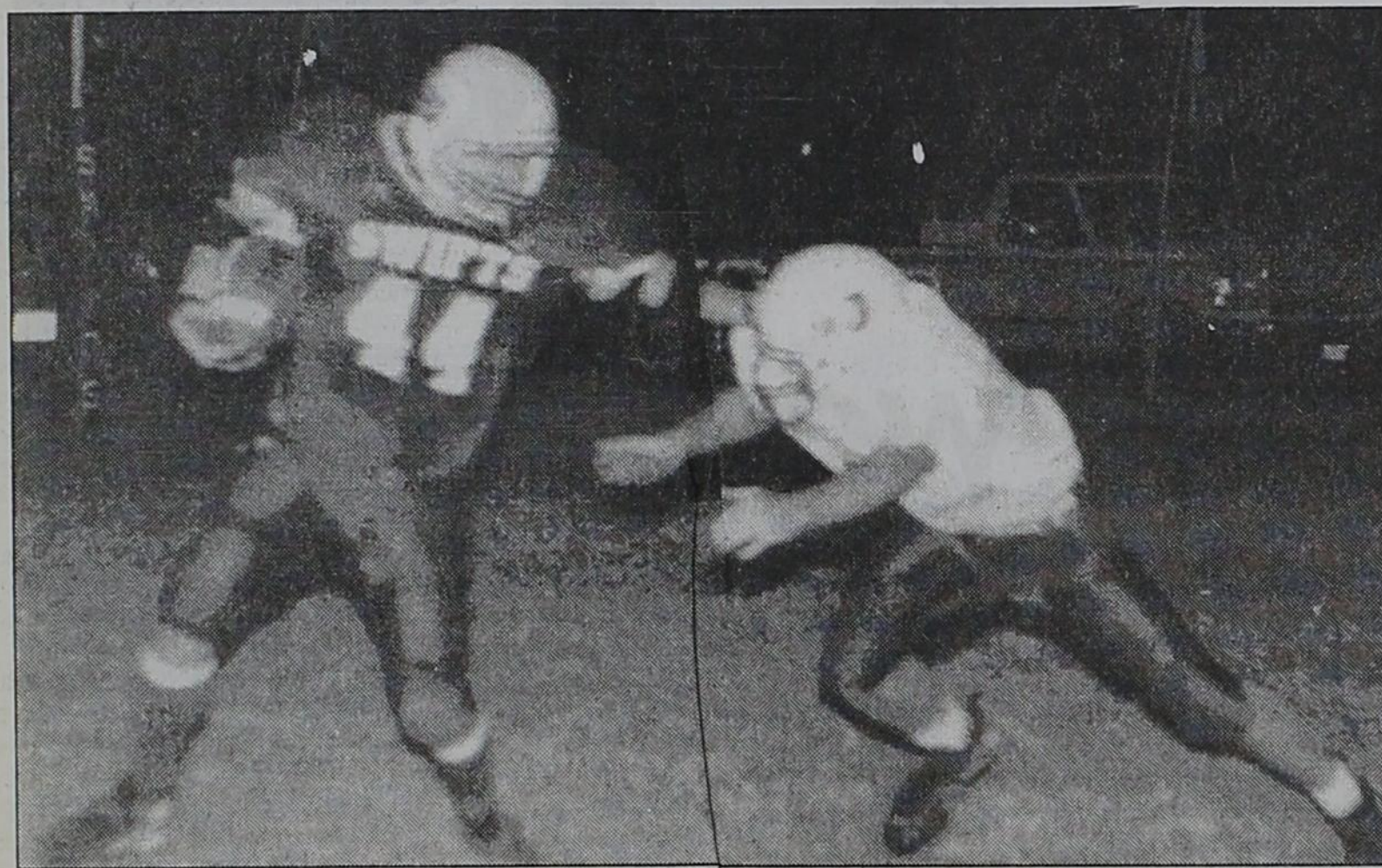
For the final play, Ky Wilcox dropped back to pass, but he was swarmed by the Wolverines and was sacked as the buzzer sounded.

Game at a Glance

Swifts 0, Springlake-Earth 3			
Nazareth	0	0	0
S-E	3	0	0
	0	0	-3
	NAZ	S-E	
First Downs	8	9	
Yards Rushing	61	129	
Yards Passing	78	29	
Total Yards Gained	139	158	
Passes Comp.-Att.	6-11	2-9	
Interceptions By	0	0	
Punts-Avg.	6-39.8	6-31.7	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1	
Penalties-Yards	3-30	3-20	

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter: S-E—Felix Duran 22-yard field goal.



NAZARETH FULLBACK MATTY MCLAIN (44) slips past a Springlake-Earth defender and picks up 14 yards on a pass play before he's knocked out of bounds Friday in a District 3-A battle for first place. The game was a battle between two stingy defenses,

but Springlake-Earth managed to shut down Nazareth while the Swifts gave up a field goal in the first quarter. The Wolverines' 3-0 win over the Swifts gave them sole possession of the lead in the district race.

Photo by Anne Acker

drive stalled after that and the Swifts went the opposite direction, forcing a punt.

A couple of losses on rushing plays and an incomplete pass summed up the Wolverines' next offensive series and it ended with the same fate—another punt.

After another Nazareth punt, the Wolverines got a big 22-yard gain from DeLeon on the first play, but nothing else.

The teams traded punts again and the Wolverines had one more chance to move the ball as time was winding down in the first half. A 13-yard gain by Chance Furr was all the Swift defense would allow over three plays, and time expired with the score at 3-0.

The second half started off just like the first half ended, with the Wolverines going three and out.

Nazareth took over with 9:57 left in the third quarter and started a long, time-consuming drive which netted three first downs and moved them into scoring position inside the Wolverine 17.

Birkenfeld engineered the drive, completing four passes—three to Kade Wilcox for 38 yards and one

to Schilling for 11 yards. The McLain brothers combined for 16 yards, but the Swifts couldn't penetrate the Wolverine's goal line defense for the touchdown.

An incomplete pass to Daryl Pohlmeier on fourth down deep in Springlake-Earth territory ended the scoring threat.

The Wolverines started a long drive of their own after that, running 16 plays and gaining three first downs to eat up the rest of the clock in the stanza.

Springlake-Earth was at the Swifts' 25-yard line as the fourth

Wilhelm will attend national FFA meeting

Karen Wilhelm of Nazareth FFA is representing Texas at the 72nd national FFA convention in Louisville, Ken. this week.

The annual convention started Wednesday and will run through Oct. 30.

Wilhelm will serve as a national voting delegate for Texas FFA. The duties of a national voting delegate include discussing topics affecting the national organization, making changes to adjust the needs of the members, and electing a new team of national FFA officers.

Theme for this year's national convention is "FFA—Signature of Success." The theme symbolizes the agricultural education organization's mission to prepare students for success throughout their lives. More than 49,000 FFA members, advisors, supporters and guests are expected to attend the convention at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in the Commonwealth of Louisville.

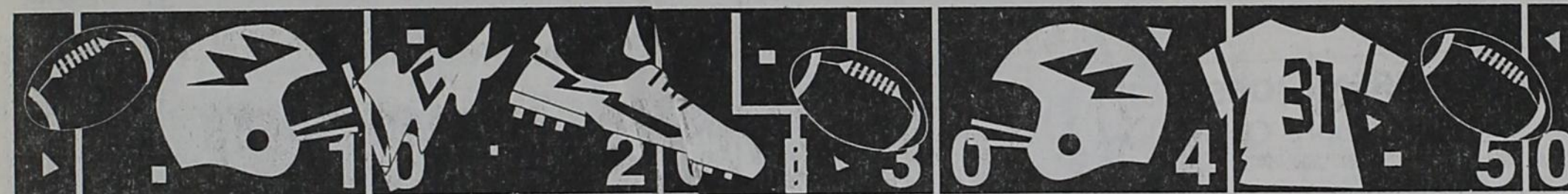
"The national FFA convention is the perfect forum to see the energy, motivation and talent that will unite us with our ever-changing world," said Larry D. Case, national FFA advisor. "Students from across the country celebrate each other's successes, share their pride in American agriculture and apply what they've learned about leadership, personal growth and career success. Watching students show pride and energy is the best guarantee we have for the future of our nation."

At the convention, exceptional members and supporters will receive awards for their achievement and commitment to the FFA. Students will compete for national titles in several events, including speaking and parliamentary procedure competitions.

Opportunities for personal growth and leadership development continue with presentations by educational and motivational speakers including Danny Glover, nationally-acclaimed actor; Danny Roever, motivational speaker; Jaime Clark, expeditionist; and Emory Austin, motivational speaker.

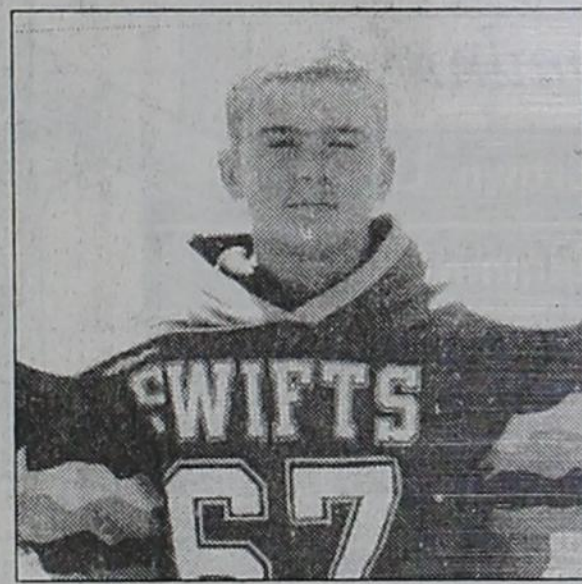
The Texas FFA Foundation, a non-profit organization that exists to provide support for Texas FFA activities, will be providing each of the voting delegates with a \$100 stipend for their travel expenses. The Texas FFA Foundation provides businesses, associations, other foundations and individuals the opportunity to contribute to the growth and success of our Texas youth. The goal is to build the Texas FFA Foundation's financial base so students, teachers and Texas generate the benefits of well educated, skilled, productive citizens.

"This is our way of showing support for Texas FFA members," said Jerry Clark, Texas FFA Foundation Chairman of the Board. "By providing this stipend, we are able to assist members with travel and lodging expenses for the week of the national convention. It helps guarantee each delegate the opportunity to serve as a national voting delegate, which is quite an honor."

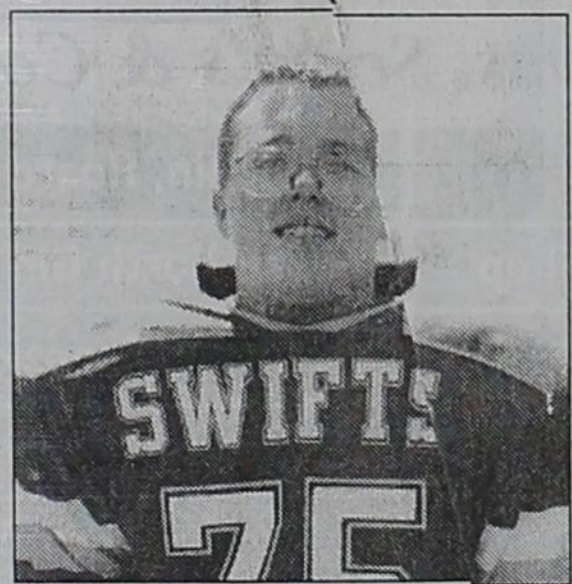


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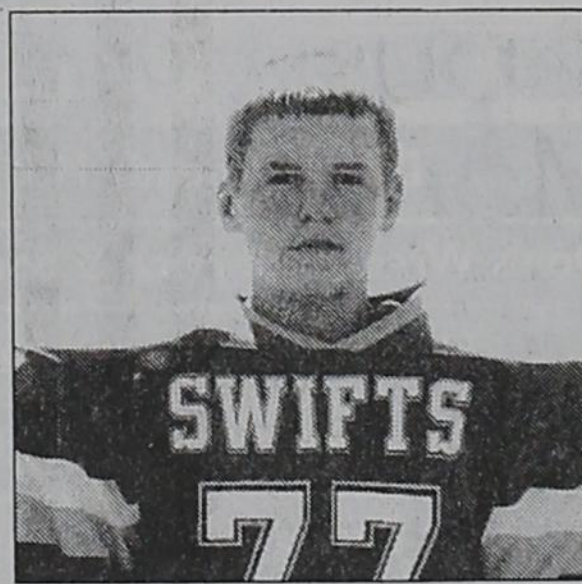
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Swiftettes coast to team championship

Ramaekers overcomes strain for district cross country title

Danette Ramaekers didn't let a little thing like a muscle strain hamper her as she bested the pack over a two-mile course Monday in the District 4-A cross country meet at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Ramaekers won the race Monday, posting a time of 13:01.01. The time was a little off of the time she posted on the same course a couple of weeks ago, but considering she had suffered a slight quadriceps strain 10 days before the race, the 13 minute finish was impressive.

Ramaekers was able to jump out to a big early lead, setting the pace before coasting to the finish line.

"Danette had a slight strain of the quadriceps, but she's fine. There was no question about her being able to run on Monday," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "She'll be fine when regional gets here. We just told her not to push too hard and

she really didn't have to."

Ramaekers not only won the race, she won it with a time that was more than 33 seconds faster than that posted by her teammate Erica Gerber, who was second with a time of 13:34.59. Right on Gerber's heels was another Nazareth runner, Lindsey Gerber, who was third with a time of 13:37.55.

Nazareth runners dominated the race Monday, claiming seven of the top eight places to win the district team title with 17 points. The team goal going into the district race was to have everyone finish in the top 10.

The Swiftettes just missed out a perfect score because Lyndi Finsterwald of Wheeler came in fourth.

Finsterwald was followed by another

pack of Swiftettes including Mandy Hoelting, who was fifth with a time of 14:03.01; Sara Schulte, sixth, 14:05.98; Marsha Black, seventh, 14:08.91; and Cassie Birkenfeld, eighth, 14:10.80.

"Almost everybody improved their times from what they ran the last time we were in Amarillo," Garrett said. "The girls ran well. They ran together as a team and not as individuals and that's what it's going to take down the road. We can win together as a team or we can lose together as individuals."

The Swiftettes, ranked second in the state, will advance to the Region 1-A cross country meet, which will be held Nov. 6 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. The Swiftettes are scheduled to run at 1 p.m.

Three Swifts earn trips to regional race

Trinity Robb of Nazareth couldn't catch Adam Bailey of Shamrock Monday, but his time of 19:15 over three miles at Thompson Park in Amarillo was good enough for silver medalist honors in the District 4-A cross country meet.

Robb's time was 40 seconds faster than the next runner, too, and his finish Monday earned him a trip to the Region 1-A meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Nov. 6.

Two other Swift runners will join Robb at the regional race after they finished among the top five at the district race.

Nazareth's Quentin Jones was the fourth-place finisher Monday, recording a time of 19:58. He was followed by teammate Craig Birkenfeld, who was fifth in 20:10.

"All three of the boys finished in the top five and that is really good," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "They all improved their times and worked hard. I think there is a good chance that they could get out of the region and make it to state, but they'll have to work really hard."



HART PUNTER JOEL DE LA FUENTE struggles to get a kick away, but he's swarmed by Happy defenders and the kick is blocked Friday in a District

3-A game. The Cowboy defense held Hart in check for most of the game, and the special teams blocked three Hart punts. The Cowboys won the game.

Photo by Rachel Wall

Cowboys corral Longhorns

A new herd of Longhorns took to the field Friday against Happy, and the inexperience proved to be too much for Hart, as the Cowboys controlled the game for a 57-0 District 3-A shutout.

Numerous injuries throughout the season have diminished Hart's varsity roster to a skeleton crew, so Coach Bryan Welps was forced to cancel the remainder of his junior varsity schedule and move those players up to varsity.

Eight Hart players who were tabbed to start at the beginning of the season have been sidelined with injuries already, and the injuries are taking a toll.

The loss to the Cowboys was Hart's sixth straight of the season and dropped the Longhorns to 1-7 overall and 0-3 in district play. Happy improved to 4-4, 2-1.

Hart's offensive problems continued Friday night, and the shutout was the fifth of the season.

Turnovers have plagued Hart all year and this week was no exception.

The game started out on a positive note for the 'Horns, though. A 13-yard gain on the first play of the game sparked the team for awhile, but the drive was stalled when Happy's Hip Saenz picked off a pass

to give the Cowboys control.

Hart would regain possession a short time later after Jeremiah Velasquez recovered a Cowboy fumble.

Hart continued to move the ball well, and one of the new faces at fullback gained a first down on the first carry of the drive.

The Longhorns picked up another first down on the series before Happy's defense swarmed on a loose Longhorn fumble and recovered the ball.

Two possessions ended in two turnovers.

Happy would turn the second of those miscues into points and the Cowboys never looked back from that point.

After recovering the fumble, Happy used just one play to reach the end zone and took an early lead.

Hart's offense couldn't move the ball and had to punt, and disaster struck for a third time.

The kick was blocked by the Cowboys, who picked up the ball and returned it for a touchdown and 14-0 lead.

Hart's offense was flagged for three penalties on the next drive before turning the ball over again.

Hart's limited success in moving

the ball on offense seemed to end with the first quarter Friday.

Happy took control of the game in the second quarter.

A six-yard touchdown run by Saenz boosted the Happy lead to 21-0.

Saenz would later add another touchdown on a nine-yard pass reception from quarterback Patrick McCuaig to give the Cowboys a 35-0 lead in the first half.

The second half was a lot like the first with Hart turning the ball over and collecting penalties.

The Cowboys continued to drive the ball and would score a touchdown on their first two possessions of the second half.

The biggest play of the day for Hart was after the Cowboys blocked another Hart punt.

After the punt, Longhorn punter Joel DeLaFuente picked up the blocked kick and returned it 27 yards.

Hart got a first down and kept the ball, but the offense couldn't move.

Happy would block one more punt before the game ended, and this one was returned for another touchdown.

The Longhorns mounted a drive in the final minutes of the game, only to come up short.

Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris' weekly football rankings for Class AAA and Class A, including his unique power rating system; and his predictions for this week's games. Home teams are listed in capital letters.

CLASS A TOP TEN
1. Wheeler, 200; 2. Sudan, 194; 3. Baird, 190; 4. Dawson, 189; 5. Detroit, 188; 6. Menard, 187; 7. Aspermont, 185; 8. Celeste, 183; 9. Claude, 183; 10. Jarrell, 182.

OTHER CLASS A AREA TEAMS: 11. Gruver, 181; 20. Springlake-Earth 176; 23. Nazareth, 175; 38. Memphis, 168; 43. Paducah, 166; 47. Petersburg, 165; 48. Happy, 164; 53. Valley, 162; 67. Kress, 156; 73. Vega, 155; 77. Motley County, 163; 79. Anton, 152; 80. Booker, 152; 97. Shamrock, 144; 99. Ropes, 143; 105. Spur, 139; 106. Whiteface, 139; 107. Lorenzo, 138; 120. Crosbyton, 131; 123. Smyer, 129; 124. Hart, 125.

CLASS AAA TOP TEN
1. Sealey, 221; 2. Crockett, 215; 3. Atlanta, 210; 4. Commerce 208; 5. Newton, 207; 6. Crane, 207; 7. Forney, 207; 8. Aledo, 206; 9. Corrigan-Camden, 206; 10. Breckenridge, 206.

OTHER CLASS AAA AREA TEAMS: 15. Childress, 204; 41. Lamesa, 196; 61. Sanford-Fritch, 191; 65. Friona, 190; 91. Muleshoe, 186; 97. Dalhart, 184; 99. Perryton, 184; 100. Shallowater, 184; 102. River Road, 183; 104. Littlefield, 183; 106. Tulia, 183; 116. Seminole, 181; 161. Dimmitt, 169; 179. Lubbock Cooper, 165; 185. Slaton, 163; 195. Brownfield, 157; 207. Lubbock Roosevelt, 134.

WEEK 9 PICKS
Dalhart 10 over DIMMITT
Nazareth 18 over KRESS
Springlake-Earth 42 over HART
HAPPY 10 over Vega

Springlake plans arts, crafts show

A holiday arts and crafts bazaar is being planned for Nov. 13 in Springlake and those interested in reserving a booth space should contact the Springlake City Hall.

The show will be held in the old church building at Springlake. Booth prices are \$20 and \$25.

To reserve a spot, call the city hall at 986-4211, Betty McMurry at 257-2101 or Mary Clayton at 986-4385.

SANFORD-FRITCH 7 over Perryton
RIVER ROAD pick vs. Tulia
Shallowater 18 over LUBBOCK COOPER
FRIONA 4 over Muleshoe
Littlefield no line vs. LUB. ROOSEVELT
Lamesa 38 over BROWNFIELD
SEMINOLE 18 over Colorado City
Denver City 7 over SLATON
Coahoma 23 over TAHOKA
Seagraves 17 over PLAINS
Stanton 12 over POST
Hale Center 7 over BOVINA
FARWELL 31 over Olton
SUNDOWN 24 over Morton
WEST TEXAS 29 over Boys Ranch
CANADIAN 12 over Spearman
STANFORD 1 over Sunray
Quanah 16 over CLARENDON
HIGHLAND PARK 30 over Panhandle
WHITE DEER 7 over Wallington
Abernathy 41 over RALLS

New Deal 17 over FLOYDADA
IDALOU 1 over Lockney
WHEELER 47 over Booker
Claude 16 over MEMPHIS
Gruver 38 over SHAMROCK
Motley County 21 over GROSBYTON
Petersburg 27 over LORENZO
VALLEY 20 over Spur
ANTON 8 over Ropes
SUDAN 35 over O'Donnell
WHITEFACE 10 over Smyer
Hereford 3 over BORGER
Caprock pick vs. DUMAS
Pampa 10 over PALO DURO
Canyon 12 over LEVELLAND

FRENSHIP 9 over Lubbock Estacado
Plainview 27 over RANDALL
AMARILLO 26 over Lubbock
S.A. Central 3 over LUB. CORONADO
LUB. MONTEREY 17 over Tascosa

October is Lupus Awareness Month

October is Lupus Awareness Month and the Castro County Automimmune Disease Association invites the public to the group's next meeting, today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m., to find out more about Lupus and what can be done about it.

The meeting will be held at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 115 W. Bedford, and refreshments will be served.

"We want to invite everyone to attend, not just those suffering from Lupus," said Linda Maxwell, a member of CCADA. "We want to promote increased understanding of this disease and help those who have been diagnosed with it."

"Lupus affects one out of every 185 Americans, and although it can strike at any age or either sex, 90% of those who have Lupus are women," Maxwell said. "Information from the Lupus Foundation of America (LFA) shows that between 1.4 million and 2 million people have been diagnosed with Lupus, making it more prevalent than AIDS, sickle cell anemia, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and cystic fibrosis combined."

Lupus can be difficult to diagnose, as the symptoms come and go and may mimic other illnesses, according to the LFA. Some symptoms

of the illness include transient joint and muscle pain, fatigue, a rash caused or made worse by sunlight, low grade fever, hair loss, pleurisy, appetite loss, sores in the nose or mouth, or painful sensitivity of the fingers to the cold.

Although Lupus ranges from mild to life threatening and thousands of Americans die with Lupus each year, the majority of cases can be controlled with proper treatment.

Lupus erythematosus is a chronic disorder of the immune system that causes inflammation of various parts of the body. People with Lupus have immune system abnormalities. The disease can affect the skin, joints, kidneys, lungs, heart, nervous system, blood and other body organs or systems.

"Imagine not being able to make it through a simple trip to the grocery store without stopping to rest, or having to avoid the beach or even a brief walk in the park, because your body cannot tolerate the sun," Maxwell said. "Those dealing with Lupus face a life of uncertainty and many deal with pain everyday."

"We hope to raise awareness about this disease and keep informed about new treatments and sources of help."

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County teams hope to rebound with wins

Dimmitt at Dalhart

Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar picked up the Dalhart roster sheet.

"It's unbelievable how big they are," he said. "Here are some of their numbers: 5-11, 225; 5-10, 210; 6 foot, 210; 6 foot, 250; 6-3, 260; 6-2, 285; 6-3, 275; 6-5, 280. . . ."

Wait a minute. This is a high school team?

Sure enough. When the Bobcats make the trek to the heart of XIT country Friday night, they'll find themselves looking at a bunch of Wolves averaging 260 on the offensive front.

With that kind of size, shouldn't the Golden Wolves have been running over everybody, instead of compiling a record of 4-4 overall and 2-1 in district so far?

"Well, we were waiting for Dalhart to come on, and they did against Sanford-Fritch," Coach Dollar said.

Two weeks ago, Coach Bill Henly's Wolves knocked S-F from the unbeaten ranks, 17-14.

"The kid who moved in at quarterback week before last made all the difference for them," Dollar said.

That kid is Brent Gallo. He was the Wolves' starting quarterback as a sophomore two years ago. Then his parents separated and he moved out of town with his mother. But this year he returned to Dalhart to live with his dad, and he became eligible the week of the Sanford-Fritch game.

He completed 11 of 25 passes for 257 yards, including two crucial TDs in the fourth quarter, to bring Dalhart from behind and hand the high-flying Eagles their first loss of the year.

"Gallo was just what Dalhart needed," Dollar said. "That kid can really throw the football."

To capitalize on Gallo's throwing ability, Coach Henly switched from

a straight-T power formation to a one-back formation with wide receivers.

Gallo didn't have as spectacular a night last Friday night, though, when the Wolves eked out a 20-19 win over another district co-favorite, River Road.

"Gallo hurt his hand the other night, and he didn't throw much," Dollar said. One of his passes was picked off and run back for a River Road TD.

In the fourth quarter against the Road, Coach Henly started alternating quarterbacks and formations almost every play, with senior Trent Cunningham—who started the first six games—running the straight-T option and Gallo running the one-back set, and with both of them staying on the field almost every play.

The tactic confused River Road's defense and produced the game-winning drive.

Dalhart's main ball-toter—that one back in the one-back set—is 170-lb. senior Garland Swecker, who gained 98 yards against River Road Friday.

There's another Dalhart player who deserves your attention—Grant Henly, the coach's son, whose mother holds her breath every time he lines up to play.

Henly, a 6-0, 160-lb. junior, plays wide receiver and does the place kicking. And he wears a flak jacket while doing it, because he has only one kidney left.

Henly was one of the top vaulters in the Panhandle when he had a nightmarish mishap in a state qualifiers' meet last spring and fell 13 feet or so onto the pole-box, damaging one kidney so badly that it had to be removed.

He was determined to play this year, and has been one of Dalhart's key performers.

Last year's Dimmitt-Dalhart game here had to be postponed because of a storm and flooded field. The two teams met the next day on the Astro-turf at Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium, with the Bobcats winning it, 34-6.

The Bobcats will show up and play hard again Friday night, Coach Dollar vowed.

"The kids' morale is okay," he said. "They're disappointed because they had high expectations for the season, but they understand that sometimes things don't work out the way you want them to, and you can't feel sorry for yourself—you have to get back up and keep going."

since district has started, the real Roos have come forward and now they're in the running for the playoffs.

Overall this season, Kress has been outscored 210-103 by opponents, but most of the losses were early and came at the hands of talented teams from other classifications.

Kress's lone district loss was to Happy, 20-14. The Kangaroos have beaten Vega, 37-35; and Hart, 30-6, in 3-A action.

Kress's lines up with split backs on offense and those two runners include tailback Sammy Rojas (5-7, 155-pound senior) and fullback Chris Saenz (5-8, 155-pound senior). Directing the attack is quarterback Dane Morphis (5-11, 150-pound senior), and he's a threat to run with or pass the ball.

Morphis is an accurate passer and his top target is Shy Shafer (5-7, 150). He's a dangerous runner, too, and has scored several rushing touchdowns already this year.

The offensive line is big, solid and experienced, with Rolf Sherman (6-0, 240) anchoring the strong side at tackle, Jerald Perez (5-7, 245) lining up at center and Emilio Vuittonett at guard (5-7, 180).

Kress's main defense is the split, too, but they have been known to mix things up and run different formations to confuse opponents.

Leading defenders for the Kangaroos include Sherman at tackle, Rojas at outside linebacker, Saenz at tackle and Shafer at middle linebacker. The secondary features Morphis.

S-E at Hart

Hart suffered another big blow this week when another starter was lost for the season because of an injury.

That brings the total of sidelined regulars to nine for the beleaguered Longhorns, and the district leader is coming to town Friday night.

Hart will host Springlake-Earth Friday in District 3-A class slated to start at 7:30 p.m.

Hart will be without Jeff Bennett,

Anthony Reyna, Jacob Reyna and Gabe Carrasco, all suffering from concussions; Emilio Diaz, Chris George and Keith Finch, all out with knee injuries; Jeremiah Velasquez, who suffered a dislocated knee cap last week; and Dan Eric Castillo, who's out with a back injury.

The Longhorns were forced to cancel the rest of their junior varsity schedule because of the swarm of injuries to varsity players, and several of those JV players have been moved into the starting lineup for this week.

"We've just got two seniors left and one junior. The rest are JV players," said Hart Coach Bryan Welps. "We'll have a very young team this week, fielding just one senior on offense and one senior on defense."

"In the backfield we'll start freshman quarterback Salvador Velasquez, freshman tailback Leon Minjarez and sophomore fullback Marciel Mendoza, who was playing at guard."

Hart will have its hands full this week, too.

Springlake-Earth's defense is one of the best in the area, and is coming off of a shutout of the Nazareth Swifts Friday in a big 3-0 win that gave the Wolverines the outright district lead.

"Springlake-Earth is a huge, physical club and they're probably the most sound team we've played. Their whole team is excellent. There's not a bad athlete on the team," Welps said.

Senior running back Romy DeLeon and quarterback Chance Furr are the mainstays on offense for the Wolverines, who like the I formation with a few variations. Welps expects Springlake-Earth to run a lot of option plays, especially with the solid line anchored by Buck Angeley (6-2, 160) and Ben Angeley (6-4, 220).

The Wolverines' basic defense is the 5-2 and they run it well, with the linebacker corps as the strength of the unit.

Cowboys claim 'Chicken Challenge' championship

Rodney McDaniel of Dimmitt and Jarrod Goree of Plainview claimed the championship title in the first-ever Texas-New Mexico Chicken Roping Challenge held recently in Ruidoso, N.M.

The unusual event was held during the annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium at Ruidoso Downs in between rounds of the symposium's celebrity team roping event, and was sponsored by Joe Rhodes of Joe's Boot Shop in Muleshoe.

The Texas team of Goree and McDaniel turned in a time of 16.87 seconds on their first (and only successful) try, defeating the New Mexico team of Lisa and Scot Stinnett of Fort Sumner, N.M. The Stinnetts failed to record a time on any of their three tries, according to a report by Scot Stinnett, which was published Oct. 15 in the *Clovis Live-*

stock Market News.

Rhodes also sponsored a preliminary event on the Labor Day weekend at his boot shop to determine the Texas team members. He said he got the idea from reading about an annual chicken team roping held at a bar in Hachita, N.M., and decided he would hold a Texas championship event and then challenge the Hachita champions.

However, the Hachita champs were unable to attend the Lincoln County event, so the Stinnetts were recruited. Scot Stinnett was a member of the team that won the reserve champion title at the Muleshoe event. His partner had been Mike Muniz of Santa Rosa, N.M.

McDaniel and Goree received handmade trophy buckles made by Floyd Mosier of Clayton, N.M.

Stinnett reported that Rhodes received lots of favorable comments about the event and has lined up commitments from organizers in Arizona, Utah and Colorado for teams to join New Mexico and Texas in the challenge at the 2000 Cowboy Symposium.

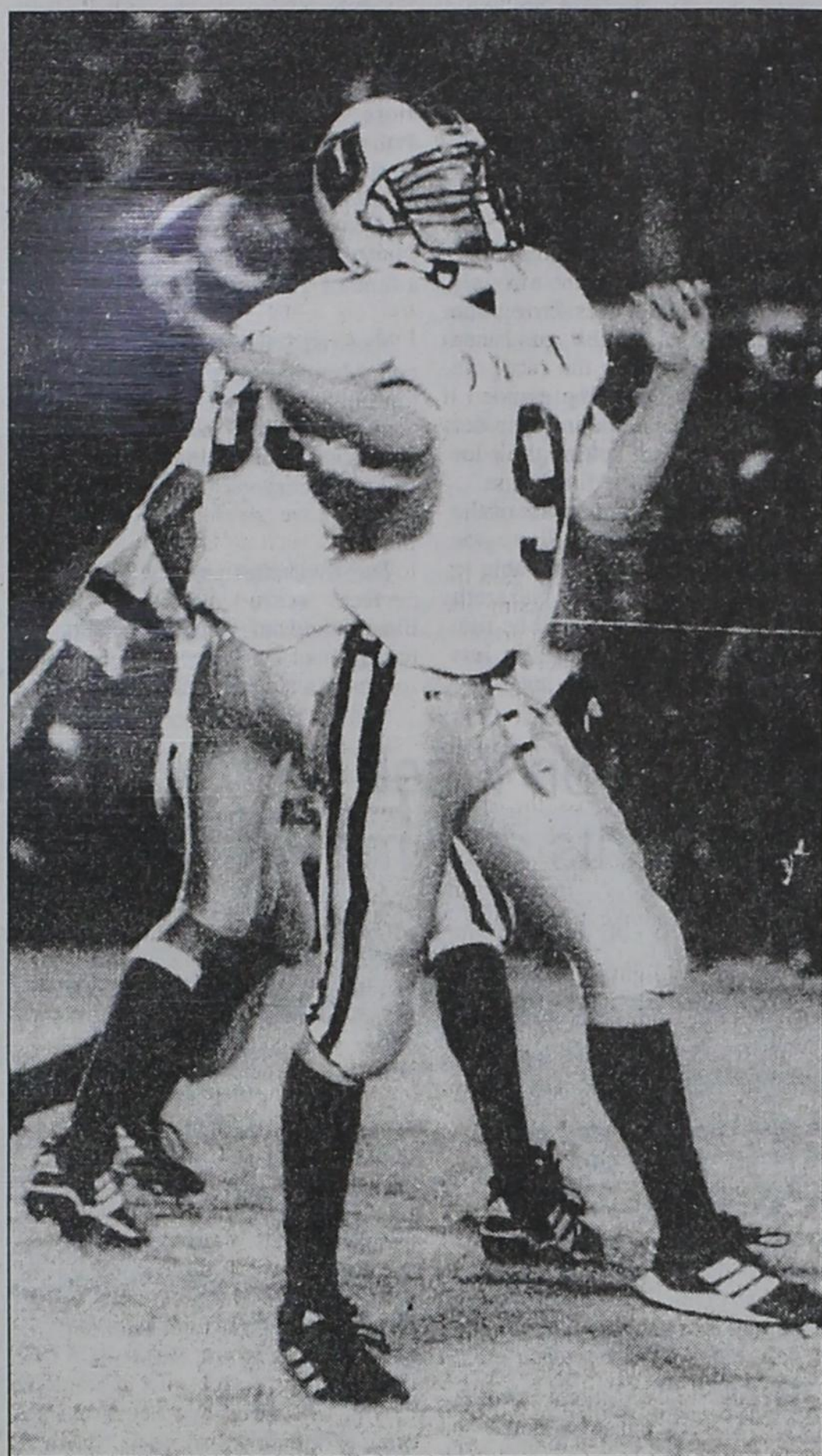
TPRDC elects Scott Bentley

The Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation has re-elected Scott Bentley, senior vice-president with The First National Bank of Amarillo, as its President.

Steve Seabourn, executive vice-president with First American Bank in Amarillo, was elected vice-president; Rob Parker, vice president with Herring National Bank, also in Amarillo, was elected as secretary; and Lone Vincent, executive director of the High Ground of Texas in Stratford, was re-elected as treasurer.

Other directors are Donnie Johnston with First State Bank of Canadian, Shelly Nutt with the Texas Corn Producers Board in Dimmitt, Tim Cooper with FirstBank Southwest in Perryton, Jon Sessions, City Manager of Wellington, and Roger Eades with Plains Insurance Agency in Hereford.

The Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation (TPRDC) is a US Small Business Administration Certified Development Company which serves the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.



B. J. HILL, after having to scramble, gets off a pass to Daniel Proffitt in the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' district game against Sanford-Fritch Friday night. The pass was good for 14 yards as Proffitt made a beautiful diving catch. Five plays later, Hill connected with Proffitt again on a 16-yarder for Dimmitt's first touchdown. Hill turned in his best passing game of the season, completing eight of 14 for 104 yards, with no interceptions. Sanford-Fritch won, 51-13. Photo by Carter Townsend

Eagles top JV Cats 38-6

The Junior Varsity Bobcats took it on the chin here last Thursday, 38-6, at the hands of the Sanford-Fritch JV.

Matthew Gauna scored Dimmitt's lone touchdown in the second quarter on a 40-yard reception from quarterback Brent Josselet, who also completed several good passes to Matthew Wright.

Tailback Lee Brown turned in his best running performance so far, Coach Anthony Howerton reported.

Dimmitt's defensive standout was Mitchell Gentry, Coach Howerton said.

The JV Bobcats' record is 0-8.

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Nazareth at Kress

The Nazareth Swifts have no choice now.

They MUST win their next two games to guarantee themselves a playoff berth from District 3-A.

The Swifts suffered their first district loss Friday in a defensive battle with Springlake Earth.

Nazareth now is in a three-way tie for second place with Kress and Happy.

First on the Swifts' list is Kress. The two teams will tangle Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Kress. The Swifts will close out district by hosting Happy on Nov. 5.

The Kangaroos struggled through a non-district schedule this year, winning just one of five games. But

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Treat children to a safe Halloween

Children are on the lookout for the perfect costume and the biggest sack they can find for Halloween trick-or-treat candy. Adults need to be thinking safety, both for their own children and for others out on this bewitching night.

"Parents may worry about the safety of candy, but they also need to be aware of the potential for injuries," said Susan Warren, director of Safe Riders Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"Many injuries can be avoided if adults follow some simple safety suggestions and if parents will talk with their children about safety before they go out on Halloween."

Safety tips for children:

- Look left, right and left again for cars and trucks before crossing the street, even in a quiet neighborhood. Walk on sidewalks. If there isn't a sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Don't cut across lawns or go through backyards, parks and alleys.
- Don't hide or cross the street from between parked cars. Go to a corner to cross the street.
- Never accept rides from strangers. Don't take treats from a person in an auto.
- Use a flashlight when walking. Be sure it has fresh batteries.
- Wear light-colored costumes put reflective strips on them. Be sure costumes are short enough so you will not trip.
- Wear comfortable shoes that fit. High heels or big floppy shoes are not safe for walking.
- Use face paint rather than a mask or hood that covers your eyes.
- Stay away from lighted candles, matches and open fires.
- Trick or treat only at those homes with porch lights on.
- Accept treats at the door; never go inside a stranger's house or apartment.
- Be cautious around animals. Even those pets you know may be frightened by costumes and loud or strange noises.
- Don't eat treats until they are inspected or if the package is open.

Safety suggestions for adults:

- Look for a "flame resistant" label on costumes, masks, beards and wigs. Use fire-resistant materials when making costumes.
- Be sure children carry only soft, flexible knives, swords or other props.
- Accompany trick-or-treaters under age 12.
- Set a time for children to be home. Know the route they will take.
- Never let a child go trick-or-treating alone. Be sure at least two buddies go together.

• Even if you are inside your house or apartment giving out treats, check occasionally to see what is happening outside.

Safety tips for motorists:

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods. Watch carefully for excited children who may not be paying attention to traffic.
 - Obey all traffic signs and signals.
 - Watch for children walking in the street or on medians and curbs.
 - Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
 - If you are driving children around, be sure they get in and out of the car on the curb side, away from traffic.
 - Do not wear a Halloween mask while driving.
- "Halloween should be a fun-filled time," Warren said. "The only frightening events should be make-believe ghosts and goblins, not real-life injuries."



THE SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE TOURING Ensemble will perform at Dimmitt High School on Nov. 19. The commercial music student ensemble performs a wide range of contemporary hits from the Dixie Chicks to Pearl Jam. Touring ensemble members include (front row, from left) Paul Brooks of Lubbock, Janalei Potrament of Mesa, Ariz., Leslie White of Lubbock and Jeremy Danial of Slaton, all

vocalists; (middle row, from left) Zach Nichols of Wichita, Kan., and Kory Washburn of Amarillo, guitarists; and (back row, from left) Jay Lemon, ensemble director and instructor in commercial music at SPC, Les Lawless of Midland, percussionist, and Michael Sanford of Lubbock, bass guitarist.

Courtesy Photo

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 Oct. 28 to Nov. 5.

DIMMITT Breakfast

- THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh banana and milk.
- FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.
- MONDAY: Raisin toast, fruit cocktail and milk.
- TUESDAY: Corn Pops cereal, apple juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY: Fresh donuts, orange wedges, white milk.
- THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.
- FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh banana and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

- THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers and milk.
- FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.
- MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, honeydew melon, relish cup and milk.
- TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.
- WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.
- THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.
- FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

- THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued chicken or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
- FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
- MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, barbecued beef on a bun or beef taco; mashed potatoes, baked potato or savory green beans; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
- TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy beef steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
- WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

- THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled chopped steak or beef stir fry; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
- FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchilada, Chinese chicken plate or fish nuggets; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

- THURSDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
- FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, Lucky Charms cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
- MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
- TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
- THURSDAY: Biscuits, sausage, graham crackers, variety of cereal, raisins, assorted fruit juice and milk.
- FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs and ham, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

- THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger and potato chips, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
- FRIDAY: Choice of spaghetti and meat sauce or lasagna with ground beef; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookies, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
- MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket, sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.
- TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; lettuce, tomato, pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
- WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken strips and nuggets; gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk, punch or tea.
- THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
- FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk.

NAZARETH Breakfast

- THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
- FRIDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.

- MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
- TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
- THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
- FRIDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

- THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, apple, Jell-O and milk or juice.
- FRIDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, peas, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.
- MONDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, peaches, Halloween cupcakes and milk, punch or tea.
- TUESDAY: * Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, fried potato cubes, lettuce, pears, dessert and milk or juice.
- WEDNESDAY: * Fish with hushpuppies or steak fingers with bread, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
- THURSDAY: * Chili or chef's salad, carrots, celery, oranges, cinnamon roll and milk or juice.
- FRIDAY: * Chicken pot pie or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, dessert and milk or juice.

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

Russell is named area SWCD director

Aubrey Russell of Panhandle has been elected as the Area I director of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The officer election was held Oct. 19 at the 59th annual state meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) directors in Lubbock.

Russell represents the McClellan Creek SWCD, where he has served on the board of directors for 27 years. In 1998 he was elected the Area I alternate for the association.

Russell began farming in 1958. He irrigates wheat and milo in Carson County and owns two ranching operations in Carson and Roberts Counties.

One of his major concerns regarding the future of soil and water conservation programs has to do with keeping state and federal funds within the state.

"We need to achieve funds to help out with conservation needs, and we have a lot of needs," Rus-

sell said.

Ricky James of Hale County was named the alternate director for Area I. He has served on the Hale County SWCD board for 10 years.

James was born and raised in Plainview and has been farming there ever since. He is now on his 26th crop.

His biggest concerns related to conservation are educating the public and the decreasing number of people involved in agriculture.

"We are a small group and it is hard to be vocal with small groups," said James.

The purpose of soil and water conservation districts is to provide technical assistance needed by farmers and ranchers to develop comprehensive conservation programs for their operations. Conservation districts achieve this through a cooperative agreement with the US Dept. of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Scientists hope to clone genes in sugarcane for use in corn

Scientists at the University of Wisconsin have been talking with scientists in South Texas about a sugarcane characteristic they'd like to see in corn.

Extension virologist and microbiologist Eric Mirkov said certain sugarcane varieties grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley support certain bacteria. These take up nitrogen from the air and convert it to a form they can use for growth.

The Wisconsin scientists would like to transfer that ability to corn through biotechnology.

Mirkov says they have to identify the gene that allows this bacteria to grow and then clone those genes. They will then transfer the genes to corn so that corn can support the bacteria.

Mirkov said the chances of making the transfer are good, plus the savings could be staggering if corn could be made to supply its own fertilizer, or any part of it.

Soil and fertility scientist Bob Wiedenfeld said this would be a

major feat and would dramatically affect farm economics. He said nitrogen fertilizer is a significant input.

The resulting science could mean economic benefits not just for corn growers, but for sugarcane growers as well. He says that learning the details of how the bacteria takes up nitrogen, how it converts it and how sugarcane is able to use it for growth could reduce or potentially eliminate a grower's use of fertilizer.

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4—Want To Rent

WANT TO RENT: 3/1-3/4, preferably in country. 647-3711. 4-29-2tp

5—For Rent, Misc.

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6—For Sale, Misc.

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WANTED: Experienced farm worker-truck driver. Housing provided. Call (806) 945-2271. 20-30-2tc

WANTED: Office manager with feedyard knowledge. Send resume to PO Box 730, Hart TX 79043. 20-30-2tc

CANTERBURY VILLA OF DIMMITT has the following positions available: CNAs, full-time or part-time; and LVNs, flexible hours. Contact Traci Sparks at 1621 Butler Blvd. 20-30-2tc

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-27-4tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Special thanks to everyone in Castro County for being supportive in our time of need. Thanks to all the businesses for placing the collection containers, thanks to all the churches for their prayers with abundance, and thanks to the hospital district. Everybody's kindness is greatly appreciated. We also would like to thank the Nazareth kindergarten class for all the special hugs and kisses for our "Angel." Thank you.
GILBERTO, JOANN, APRIL, ADAN & ANGELICA PEÑA
24-30-1tp

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Lloyd James McDaniel, "Red Mc," accepts with sincere appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during the loss of our father. May God bless each of you.
DONNY & JANET McDANIEL
STANLEY & RITA McDANIEL
24-30-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
A few words cannot say *thanks* in the way we would like, from the heart, for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers and food upon the loss of our Mother. We hope everyone will know the many prayers behind our thanks. God bless everyone.
FRANCES ANES
VERONICA STEFFENS
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13. Automobiles for sale
14. Recreational vehicles
15. Auto parts and supplies
16. Business opportunities
17. Services
18. Insurance
19. Students seeking work
20. Help wanted
21. Notices
22. Lost and found
23. Cards of thanks
24. Legal notices

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
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We thank God for each of you because we know that through you, he will heal our hearts.
With much thanks and love,
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KIM, DALE, KALE & CASEY HOLLINGSWORTH
OPAL ELLIOTT
TERRELL ELLIOTT & FAMILY
24-30-1tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR-2352
IN THE ESTATE OF DELORES LEE GRIFFITT, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Delores Lee Griffitt, Deceased, were issued on Oct. 26, 1999, in Cause No. PR-2352, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: RANDOLPH EARL GRIFFITT and KIMBERLEY ANN HOLLINGSWORTH.
The residences of the Co-Independent Executors are: RANDOLPH EARL GRIFFITT, 1603 Butler Blvd., Dimmitt, Texas 79027; and KIMBERLEY ANN HOLLINGSWORTH, 247 Fir, Hereford, Texas 79045. The post office address is c/o RANDOLPH EARL GRIFFITT, 1603 Butler Blvd., 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.
DATED the 26th day of October, 1999.
RANDOLPH EARL GRIFFITT
KIMBERLEY ANN HOLLINGSWORTH
25-30-1tc

The primary method used by the IRS in selecting returns for audits is a computer program that measures the probability in error in each tax return.

6—For Sale, Misc.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas, hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly Report, filed with us on this 25th day of October, 1999, and have found the same to be correct and in order, and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands, are in the sum of \$1,126,564.85.

First United Bank—Dimmitt, Texas

	Working Fund Balance	Certificates of Deposit
General Fund	\$684,755.22	
Precinct 1	\$25,831.73	
Precinct 2	\$77,585.05	
Precinct 3	\$123,039.30	
Precinct 4	\$215,353.55	

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 25th day of October, 1999.
IRENE MILLER, County Judge
NEWLON ROWLAND, Commissioner, Pct. 1
CLYDE DAMRON, Commissioner, Pct. 2
BAY BALDRIDGE, Commissioner, Pct. 3
DAN SCHMUCKER, Commissioner, Pct. 4
25-30-1tc

Olton group plans holiday crafts show

The annual Sandhills Arts and Crafts Show will be held in Olton on Saturday, Nov. 27, and all area crafters are invited to showcase their work.
Booths rent for \$25 each and those interested in reserving a space should call Paula Allcorn at (806) 285-3067.

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Police Calls

A 39-year-old Dimmitt woman told police that a suspect had struck her all over her face in an incident Friday afternoon.

Saturday night a Dimmitt couple were both jailed for assault/family violence/bodily injury after police were called to their residence in the 500 block of West Belsher.

A Hart woman, 46, was jailed Monday afternoon on Class A misdemeanor charges of assault/family violence.

Michael Earl Smith of Dimmitt told police Oct. 21 that someone took a riding lawn mower, two self-propelled lawn mowers and an irrigation shovel from a location in the 100 block of Northwest Third. He valued the items at a total of \$2,265.

On Oct. 19, Kent Birkenfeld of Nazareth reported a burglary of a motor vehicle. He said that sometime during the night someone took approximately \$500-worth of personal property from a vehicle parked 4 miles south of Nazareth on FM 168.

Janet McDaniel told police Tuesday morning that someone broke out the glass on the door of a commercial washer at the laundromat at 102 W. Locust. She estimated the damage at \$500.

Nanubhai Patel, manager of the Sands Motel in Dimmitt, told police Oct. 12 that a suspect stayed at the

motel and then left without paying. Early Saturday a suspect was charged with driving under the influence. The suspect had been driving a 1990 Chevrolet pickup in the 900 block of East Jones.

Saturday at 12:36 a.m. a 51-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed for public intoxication.

On Sunday, a 19-year-old Tulia man was jailed at 2:11 a.m. for DWI, first offense; and a 48-year-old Hearst man was jailed at 5:25 p.m. on similar charges.

Jailed on warrants during the past week:

—Oct. 20, a 21-year-old Edinburg man on three DPS warrants; and a Dimmitt man, 22, on a theft warrant.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 39, was jailed after court for violation of probation, which stemmed from aggravated assault charges.

—Saturday, a Hereford man, 26, on warrants for speeding, failure to appear and no liability insurance; and a 20-year-old Mesquite man for warrants for evading arrest or detention and motion for surety.

—Sunday, a 19-year-old Hereford woman on a DPS warrant for speeding; a Dimmitt woman, 26, on a Randall County warrant for insufficient funds; and a 23-year-old Dimmitt man for warrants for forgery, aggravated assault and theft of livestock.

—Monday, a 21-year-old Dimmitt man on DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Oct. 11 at 5:12 p.m. a 1980 Ford pickup driven by Margarito Rincon Sanchez, 67, of Dimmitt, backed into a parked, unattended 1993 Mercury Cougar owned by Victor Garcia of Dimmitt. Police said both vehicles were parked in the 100 block of South Broadway. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported.

Oct. 15 at 9 p.m. in the 100 block of Southwest Third, a 1989 Ford Thunderbird driven by Dena Renee Wilkerson, 38, of Dimmitt, struck a 1988 Cadillac Seville driven by Laura Herrera, 18, of Dimmitt. Police said Herrera was heading east in the 300 block of West Bedford when Wilkerson attempted to cross Bedford from Northwest Third to Southwest Third. Wilkerson and her passenger, Alex Wilkerson, 14, both had possible injuries; and Herrera and two of her passengers, Adam Gonza-

les, 17, and Chandra Herrera, 5 months, were listed with possible injuries. Damage to both vehicles was rated light. Wilkerson was given a ticket to failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. Herrera was cited for no liability insurance and an unrestrained child under two years of age.

More about County . . .

(Continued from Page 1) taking any action.

Commissioners accepted a bid of \$1,400 for a piece of land in the Hacker Addition, which was seized because of delinquent taxes.

Jerry Heller, tax appraiser, told commissioners the property went through a sheriff's sale earlier this year and there were no bids. Since that sale, Heller said new residents have moved into a house next to the property and they expressed an interest in purchasing the land. After another ad was run for the property, only one bid was received.

Heller said the \$1,400 bid was \$70 more than the \$1,330 in taxes owed against the property.

He added that the Hart School District had already accepted the bid. Commissioners followed the school's lead and agreed to accept the bid.

Commissioners appointed Michelle McGrorey to serve on the Child Welfare Board.

McGrorey is a longtime nurse and she told commissioners her specialty is in pediatrics. She said her goal in serving on the board is to promote awareness of child abuse and neglect in Castro County.

The best medical advice for a cold is to go to bed, drink plenty of fluids and take it easy.

The best way to get rid of those troublesome strings on a celery stalk is to peel the stalk with a potato peeler.

If your doors stick during hot weather, apply some beeswax along the edges.

City council votes to censure SPS merger

The Dimmitt City Council voted unanimously Monday night to pass a resolution opposing the proposed merger of Southwestern Public Service Co. and Northern States Power Co.

The resolution will be sent to the Public Utilities Commission of Texas, and Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said he will contact other area cities to see if they would be willing to follow Dimmitt's lead in protesting the company's proposal.

The resolution states that the city is opposed to the merger for the following reasons:

1. SPS has the lowest rates for residential customers in the state of Texas and a merger with an out-of-state company could not lower the rates, but rather would cause pressure from within the new company to raise rates, causing higher energy costs for all its Texas customers.

2. The notice sent out by SPS to its customers lists several advantages to the proposed merger, but all advantages listed state that they will expire at the end of a 54-month period, being further proof of an expected upward pressure on rates at the end of the period.

3. SPS no longer maintains an office in Dimmitt. Citizens wishing to pay in person must use a contract collection agency that is not adequately paid by SPS. SPS has suggested to the agency that they should charge the customer for collection instead of SPS making adequate payment for the service. This suggested charge amounts to a rate increase for those customers, without necessity of approval by the PUC.

The resolution also authorizes Collins to communicate with the PUC and legislators concerning the city's opposition.

The H&R Block office in Dimmitt is the current collection site for SPS, and also for Energas, for citizens who want to pay their utility bills in

person, rather than by mail or draft.

Reba Holt, owner of the office, said that she is paid 20 cents for each bill payment that she collects. On her best day of collections so far, she took 135 payments, earning \$27. If she has to pay someone to come in and watch the office for her, it ends up costing her \$45 per day, leaving her "in the hole" on the deal.

She said that SPS has suggested that she charge 25 cents to each customer who pays at the office.

"It wouldn't cost as much as the 29 cents for a money order and 33 cents for a stamp, but they still shouldn't have to (pay the 25 cent fee)," Holt said.

Holt told the council that SPS has been unresponsive and uncooperative at times when she has tried to help customers resolve billing problems. She described problems that customers have told her about, such as not receiving bills and then being notified that they were being disconnected.

Mary Lou Lumbrera, an employee of the H&R Block office, said that many customers are not aware that their due dates got changed in a recent reworking of accounts for SPS.

SPS and Energas both have contracted with a company called First Data, which contracted with the local office to handle accepting the bill payments. Holt said she has heard SPS pays First Data \$1 per receipt and she receives 20 cents from First Data. She said she does a lot of the utility companies' paper work and computer entries, serving about a third of the local customers.

In other business, the council heard a complaint from Fernando Fernandez, minister of the Church of God of the Firstborn. He told the council that he had been charged for disposing of shingles at the city landfill, even though the shingles were from his own home. City policy states that

individual homeowners who do their own roofing may dispose of shingles without charge, but businesses, churches and contractors must pay.

Fernandez's residence is in the same building as the church. The council voted to reduce the amount he was charged by half, since the residence is about half of the structure. Also, an adjustment was made to billings he received for disposal of building debris, since he said it was for demolishing a structure, rather than for remodeling.

Gasoline not best solution for insects

By PAMMY MILLICAN
Castro County Extension Agent

Bees, wasps and fire ants are more noticeable around Texas homes this time of year. However, some folks have the wrong idea when it comes to treating these annoying pests.

Entomologist Mike Merchant said pouring gasoline over wasp nests and on ant hills is an ineffective form of pest control. He said gasoline fumes can make their way through underground insect nests and come up in unexpected places.

Gasoline has also been found to contaminate the environment. The US Environmental Protection Agency says that gasoline evaporates more slowly in the soil and can pose a long-term contamination problem.

Director of Environmental Health for the City of Plano Brian Collins said gasoline is a pollutant for soil, groundwater, and storm water. People who pour gasoline into the soil can be cited and fined.

Merchant adds that pesticides are safer than gasoline because they are designed to break down faster and do not pose long-term contamination problems. The Extension Service says underground wasps and bee nests should be left alone by homeowners and are best treated by a pest control professional.

More about Election . . .

(Continued from Page 1) the courthouse today (Thursday) and Friday.

Election Day:

For the city election, balloting will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room at 200 East Jones in Dimmitt from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For the general election, polling will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

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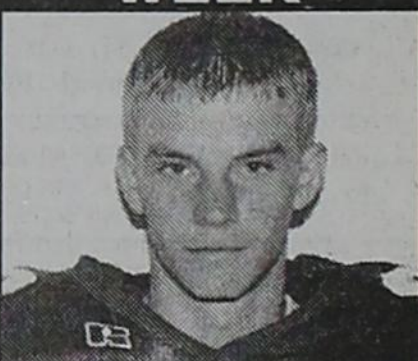


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Obituaries

Rafaela Garcia

Funeral services for Rafaela Garcia, 84, of Dimmitt, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt with Fr. Fern Couture, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Garcia died Oct. 26 at 12:26 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born Oct. 24, 1915, in Mexico. She married Pedro Garcia in 1928 in Yorktown. He preceded her in death in 1996.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Lupe Garcia; a daughter, Antonia Garcia; and a step-son, Rumundo Garcia.

Survivors include five daughters, Noverta Ramos of Friona, Rachael Rodriguez of Dallas, Nancy Verones of Houston, Janie Saucedo of Levelland, and Margie Martinez of Dimmitt; five sons, Jesse Garcia of Mt. Pleasant, Pedro Garcia Jr. of Houston, and Victor Garcia, Jose Garcia and Alfredo Garcia, all of Dimmitt; three brothers, Jesus Arqueles and Cirelido Arqueles, both of Brownfield, and Faustino Arqueles of Temple; a sister, Victoria Arqueles of Phoenix, Ariz.; 59 grandchildren; 106 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

Henry Howell

Funeral services for Henry W. Howell, 84, of Dimmitt will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Howell died Oct. 26 at 2:13 p.m. in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia.

He was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Macon, Ga. He married Melba Connell on March 28, 1937. She preceded him in death on May 26.

They moved to Dimmitt from Crowell in 1938. He was retired from Dimmitt Consumers and was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by a son, Don Howell of Dimmitt; a daughter, Marilyn Gossett of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; a sister, Zada Dunn of Paris; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Marie Howard

Memorial services for Marie Howard, 81, of Amarillo, former Castro County resident, were held Saturday afternoon in the chapel at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Ted Taylor, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Hereford, officiating. The body was cremated, with Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo handling the arrangements.

Mrs. Howard died last Thursday, Oct. 21, in Amarillo.

She was born in Plainview and graduated from high school there in 1936.

She married Keith Howard on Dec. 12, 1943, in Hollywood, Calif. She and her husband farmed in Dimmitt for many years. She was a church organist in Dimmitt.

She moved to Amarillo in 1969. She was a musician and entertainer in Amarillo for 30 years, having played at Ruth's Steak House, Amarillo Club, Amarillo Country Club, Tascosa Country Club and Royal Inn. She was a member of the Wednesday Morning Donut Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 23, 1994.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Allen of Amarillo, Keith Ann Gearn of Hereford and Jeanette Browning of Hereford; five grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The Nazarene Christian Academy Scholarship Fund, PO Box 432, Hereford 79045.



Clyde F. Tate

Clyde F. Tate, 81, of Wichita Falls, former Dimmitt resident, died Oct. 18 in the Hospice Center of Wichita Falls.

Memorial services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church in Burkburnett with Dr. Tim Russell officiating. Immediately following the memorial service, a military honor guard from the US Air Force conducted a brief ceremony at the graveside in the City of Burkburnett Cemetery. Services were organized by Owens and Brumley Funeral Home of Burkburnett.

Mr. Tate was born July 6, 1918, in Dimmitt. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1935. He married Elsie Mae Jennings in Fort Worth on May 1, 1949. They celebrated their 50th anniversary this year.

Mr. Tate joined the US Air Force in 1941 when it was still called the Army Air Corps. He served the Air Force for 26 years, serving through both World War II and the Korean War. He was part of the 11th Field Maintenance Squadron of the Strategic Air Command, and he was later with the 261st Organizational Maintenance Squadron of the Strategic Air Command.

He was selected by the Air Force to attend its Non-Commissioned Officers Academy.

As an aircraft mechanic, crew chief and aircraft maintenance superintendent, he specialized in the B-52s, B-29s, B-36s and KC-135s, and was responsible for maintaining all aircraft in a war-ready configuration.

During his tenure with the Air Force, he served tours of duty in Japan, the Philippines and Spain.

When he retired in 1967, he was a chief master sergeant who added an honorable discharge to his other medals and honors received throughout his career.

After his retirement, he continued his commitment to the Air Force by working as a civilian at Sheppard Air Force Base, first for Serv-Air and later for Northrop. While at Sheppard, he was the supervisor of quality control in aircraft maintenance, specializing in T-37s and T-38s used in the pilot training program. He retired again in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie M. Tate; a daughter, Rebecca Tate of Houston; a son, Clyde F. Tate II of Wichita Falls; two stepsons, Lee Jennings of Fort Worth and George Jennings of Yakima, Wash.; a brother, Giles Tate of Albuquerque, NM; and two nieces and two nephews.

The family requests memorials be to University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, PO Box 297153, Houston 77297.

City council changes date for meeting

The Dimmitt City Council will meet next Thursday (Nov. 4) at 6:30 p.m. instead of at its usual Monday night time slot.

The meeting was postponed so that the council could canvass the votes from Tuesday's election.

According to the Saffir-Simpson scale, the slowest speed a hurricane can have is 74 m.p.h.

Committee to evaluate recreation needs for city

A committee has been started for the purpose of evaluating parks and recreation needs for Dimmitt. The group also will draw up a master plan that will be used in applying for a Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. grant.

The effort originally started when the city began looking for grant funds to build a new city swimming pool, since the present pool is in bad condition.

The city council contacted the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, which recommended the TPWD Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program.

Ed Barrett with PRPC met with council members and interested persons last Thursday afternoon to discuss the process of drawing up a master plan. The plan should encompass planning for at least five years, and should prioritize the recreational needs that are perceived by the community.

Committee members will be surveying community residents to see what they feel are the most pressing needs for parks and recreation in Dimmitt.

"Anyone is welcome to volunteer for the committee that is working on the master plan," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. "We also welcome any input or ideas anyone may have."

Barrett told those at the meeting that there are two application periods each year, with deadlines of Jan. 31 and July 31. He said he would like to have the master plan ready by Jan. 1 to be submitted for pre-approval, so that there would be time to modify it according to TPWD suggestions before the Jan. 31 deadline. He noted that if everything cannot be completed in time for the Jan. 31 deadline, the committee could still aim for the July 31 deadline.

He said the application process is very competitive, with only about \$2.5 million available across the state for each application period. He said the funds are granted on a 50-50 matching basis, with a maximum grant amount of \$500,000 for any one project.

Dimmitt should have a good chance for top scoring in some areas of the application process, including the number of minority and low income citizens who would be served, and because it would be a water-based park and recreation opportunity.

Barrett said it also would increase scoring if the city could show cooperative efforts on the project between the city and other governmental or educational entities.

Collins said he would approach the county and the Dimmitt schools to see what might be worked out.

Wasp season is upon us

By JOHNNA PATTERSON
County Extension Agent-IPM

Late summer and fall are the time of abundance for wasps. All summer, the social wasps of various species have been busy founding nests and building modest colonies.

By late summer, the fruits of their labor are evident as colony sizes expand greatly in preparation for producing the large numbers of queen wasps prior to the coming of winter.

This time of year is also when stinging incidents become more common. Large colonies mean more wasps, thus more contacts with people. Also, as colonies get larger they seem to become less tolerant of us clumsy humans who thoughtlessly stumble into their nesting territories.

Many different kinds of wasps are active this time of year. Wasps seen around the home garden may be merely looking for prey or feeding on honeydew or plant nectar. If you see wasps returning to the same place each evening, or if you've recently received a sting, a nest may be nearby.

The two most common stinging wasps are paper wasps (larger wasps, 1-1/2 inches long, striped in various colors of red, yellow and brown) and yellowjackets (smaller, about 1/2 of an inch long, yellow and black striped with little hair).

Paper wasps make a small paper nest which they hang in any convenient place. They are sometimes called umbrella wasps because their nest hangs down like an upside-down umbrella. The queen and worker wasps are seen clinging to the underside of the exposed nest, where they are tending their young. In the backyard garden, paper wasps commonly nest inside bird boxes, under fence rails, above doorways or under bird baths.

These wasps may be killed by drenching with a pesticide that can be sprayed from several yards away.

Some products are sold specifically for this use, often under the name "Wasp and Hornet Spray" or something similar. Some of these sprays also carry a refrigerant that immediately immobilizes the wasps, though this is not critical for paper wasps.

There is a new organic spray for paper wasps called Victor Poison-Free Wasp and Hornet Killer. It contains mint oil and is reported to be effective. I'm taking some home with me to try and I'll let you know how it works.

Yellowjackets are trickier to deal with. Yellowjackets usually nest underground or in hollow walls, wherever there is a convenient void. There are many more yellowjackets in a nest, sometimes thousands. They are more likely to sting. Most of the serious stinging reports each fall are due to yellowjackets.

The best options for control are:

1. Avoid the area until frost when they die out naturally.

2. Apply a dust or aerosol insecticide to the nest entrance.

Ignoring the nest is practical only when the nest is in an out-of-the-way place, where people are unlikely to tread. A sign or tape posted 10 feet from the nest should provide adequate breathing space for the wasps and prevent stings.

Controlling a yellowjacket nest by applying insecticide to the nest en-

trance is easier said than done. Sevin dust can be applied using a bulb-type duster at the nest entrance. It is best to do this at night when the wasps are in the nest and less likely to emerge.

If you are allergic to bee or wasp stings, don't try this. Leave it to a professional. If you cannot get close enough to the nest entrance to treat, it is probably best to call a professional.

Liquid insecticide sprays applied to the outside of a nest entrance may kill a few wasps, but are unlikely to eliminate a colony. Wasp traps, as commonly seen in stores, provide similarly disappointing results.

For more information on bees and wasps, see Extension publication L-1828, Wasps and Yellowjackets. A copy can be viewed on the web at <http://agpublications.tamu.edu/pubs/leentom/11828.html>.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

First-timer wins the pot

John Hochstein of Nazareth entered the POWER POINTS Football Contest for the first time last week. And he won it.

Hochstein, a fertilizer technician with Wilbur-Ellis at Hart, compiled 119 points to outscore all other local pickers in a week that was rife with more upsets. He receives the \$20 weekly cash prize from the News.

"No, I have no system at all," Hochstein said. "I just decided to give it a try."

Statewide, it was a whisker-close finish, and a Lazbuddie girl almost won it.

But 11-year-old Castle Crawford had one pre-Halloween booby. She picked Nebraska's Corn Huskers to beat the Texas Longhorns, and put that game on her one-point line. And you know what happened in that game. As a result, she finished with 135 points—and was edged out by Kenneth Moon of Eastland, who picked the Longhorns and scored a perfect 136 for the weekly \$1,000 grand prize.

Moon, a custodian and bus driver for the Eastland Public Schools, entered through the Abilene Reporter-News.

"I feel like, maybe, I'm lucky or blessed," Moon said. "It sure feels good."

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

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