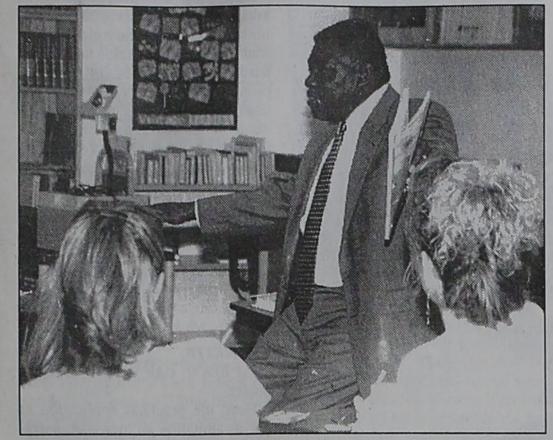
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JOSH LORICK of Columbia, S.C., speaks to Dimmitt High School teachers and administrators in a recent workshop on starting a mentoring program. Lorick developed and administers a mentoring program that is used state-wide in South Carolina. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## DHS starts new mentor program

Stockstill said that students should be assigned to mentors by the end of

this month. Common interests and

Some of the 15 to 18 participating

mentors may mentor more than one

student. The steering committee is

recommending that mentors spend at

least one hour per week with their

Every mentor will go through a

they will be exposed to structured

activities that are recommended for

providing variety and a boost for the

relationship between mentor and

A student's grades or academic

record will not be affected by the

program, but administrators hope it

will bring a decrease in the drop-out

tion and bridge the gap between

adults and students," Stockstill said.

"We hope that what happens during

the course of a nine-month

mentoring period is that a bond is

established between the mentor and

student and some form of relation-

Stockstill said the school is inten-

tionally limiting the size of the pro-

gram this year to make sure it is on

a firm foundation and to establish a

positive image for the program in

He said that this year's mentors

are limited to campus personnel, but

added, "We want in the future for

the program to grow. We want

more campus volunteers, and in the

next two to three years we will ask

Volunteers will go through an

application process and background

checks will be done, according to

Stockstill. He said all of the teachers

currently in the program have had

opened up for community volun-

teers it will not be limited just to

walks of life," Stockstill said.

"We will need volunteers from all

He noted that as the program

grows it will probably require some-

one to administrate the program on

a full-time basis. Right now he and

Summers handle all the paperwork.

He said when the program is

background checks.

"professional" people.

for mentors from the community."

"We want to enhance communica-

assigned student.

rate at the school.

ship will continue."

the community.

student.

Dimmitt High School has started treated as other "extra-curricular" a new mentoring program, with 15 to 18 teachers volunteering to serve as mentors for students whose applications are approved.

Mentors are encouraged to build needs will be considered in matcha one-on-one relationship with the ing up the participants. student or students they are assigned to mentor, according to DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill, one of the administrators of the program. The other administrator is Sue Summers. DHS Counselor.

"We want to establish an image for this program of adults guiding students, not necessarily in just an academic sense," Stockstill said.

He said that Dimmitt students were surveyed at the start of the school year and 160 responded that they would be interested in a mentor relationship.

Students must fill out an application to participate in the program and those selected will be chosen by the mentoring steering committee, which includes Stockstill, Summers, Katie Ivey, Lisa Reeves and Alan Steinle. Students under age 18 must have parental permission to participate, and the program will not be

By Don Nelson

Verbie and I attended a great birthday bash at UT-Austin last weekend. It was the centennial celebration of our college newspaper, The Daily Texan.

More than 400 of us former staffers, plus another 400 guests and students, gathered to pay tribute to the great college newspaper where we practiced our lessons in writing, reporting, editing and objectivity . . .

and where many of us acquired, under fire, a lifetime commitment to the principle of freedom of the press.

The *Texan* is generally regarded as the premier college newspaper in the nation. During its first century, it has helped produce 17 Pulitzer Prize winners, plus dozens of winners of Emmy and Peabody awards, plus hundreds of other journalists who have become prominent in the nation's newspapers, magazines, networks, public service agencies, government and academia, plus thousands of us who haven't.

And to all of us who toiled on the Texan during our student days (mostly after hours, without pay), it is still our mother newspaper, the demanding yet forgiving institution where we kindled fire in our souls for our beloved profession.

If you'd care to know who else was there, here's a little shameless name-dropping: Walter Cronkite; Lady Bird Johnson; Liz Carpenter, who was Lady Bird's press secretary during the Johnson Administration; Bill Moyers (one of my classmates in the Class of '56), who was LBJ's press secretary and has since become famous as an independent journalist; Dave McNeely, political editor of the Austin American-Statesman (whose weekly syndicated column you may see in the Lubbock Avalanche-Jour-(Continued on Page 16)

#### CCHD gets 'clean' audit report The Castro County Hospital Disments, according to Parrish. Sloan Medicaid in the past fiscal year, with from Home Health, and 1.9% from trict received a "clean" audit report said that is impractical for the hospianother 16.4% from the geri-psych tal district, unless additional employ- unit, 10.7% from Medicare

from William M. Parrish Jr. of Parrish, Moody and Fikes, P.C., of ees would be added. Waco.

the Sept. 30 meeting of the hospital board of trustees.

Parrish said the district is looking at a deficit of roughly \$180,000.

He said that figure was "not bad" in light of the fact that the Balanced Budget Act reductions took \$1,037,000 out of the hospital's revenue compared with what had been received the previous year.

Parrish told the trustees that there were several items that the hospital district needs to have a "changing focus" on.

He noted that bank reconciliations were behind on two accounts for the district. Also, the acounts receivable for the district are aging. Missing support for some disbursements was pointed out, along with some unbilled procedures that were performed. He also pointed out that his firm recommends segregation of duties.

Hospital Administrator Joe Sloan said that a change in personnel was responsible for the bank reconciliations being behind and for the missing support on some disbursements (paperwork showing what a payment by the hospital district was made

He also noted that the accounts receivable has been addressed through new billing procedures. Staff members addressed the problem of unbilled procedures, saying that staff had discontinued billing for certain things since reimbursement was not allowed through Medicare.

Parrish pointed out that the hospitraining program, and through that tal is required to keep a standard charge procedure.

Segregation of duties means that not the same people should be doing the billing and the collection of pay-

The audit report was presented at the hospital's income came from Swing Beds, 35.1% from other, 5.2%

DRG,14.2% from Medicare Out, The audit showed that 8.37% of 6.2% from Medicaid DRG, 2% from

Hospice.

Parrish told the board that the hospital's Medicaid Disproportionate (Continued on Page 13)



NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK -Children at Pybus Christian School observed the special week with a visit from local firefighter Tommy Cleavinger (standing, left) and promotional

material distributed by the Castro County Farm Bureau, represented by Lonnie Robb (standing, right) and Malcom Sager (standing, center).

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Flu shots, free screenings available at Castro County Health Fair Tuesday

held Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at quilt. the Senior Citizens Center at 218 W. Jones in Dimmitt.

At least 12 exhibitors are expected, with a wide variety of free health screenings, and plenty of good infor-

The Castro County Hospital Dis- Hospital Auxiliary will be selling trict's 6th Annual Health Fair will be raffle tickets for their handmade

> Flu shots will be offered for \$5 per person, or free to Medicare patients. Cholesterol/triglycerides/blood sugar screenings will be available for

osteoporosis screenings for \$35. Free services offered will include

blood pressure checks, depression screening, coupons for a glaucoma screening, and free nutritional coun-

Free hearing screenings will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by (Continued on Page 14)

## City alters ordinance

At their Monday night meeting, the members of the Dimmitt City Council amended the ordinance for abatement of dangerous buildings, tabled adoption of a drought contingency plan, and voted to bring a list of potential committee members for a park grant project to the next meeting of the council.

A park grant project the city is applying for, with the help of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, suggests that the city set up a broad-based committee of citizens to evaluate the needs of the city in the area of parks and recreation. Each council member is asked to submit a list of willing volunteers to serve on the committee.

The council approved an amendment to the ordinance for abatement of dangerous buildings in the city. The amendment states that the city manager or his duly authorized representative is authorized to enforce the provisions of the code, rather than "the building official" as stated in the ordinance.

Mayor Wayne Collins told the council that there are several buildings in town that have been severely damaged by fires, and the city would like to get them taken care of. He said if a property owner will sign a contract and release with the city, the city will knock down any hazardous buildings and clear the lot free of charge in the interest of public safety. Council members voted to table

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WELCOME BACK, ANGELICA!—Kindergarten students at Nazareth were glad to see their classmate, Angelica Pena (front row, center, holding "check") return to class Monday. Pena suffered damage to the left side of her face, including her eye, when she was attacked by a dog recently. Her classmates and teacher, Jo Beth Mays (back left), sponsored a "Hugs and Kisses for Angelica" day Friday, selling Hershey

Hugs and Kisses around the school. They raised more than \$375, and they presented it to her Monday. Class members include (back row, from left) Michelle Hochstein, Riley Huseman, Brett Braddock, Brian Schulte, Ben Thiel, Sammy Huseman and Colton Ingram; and (front row, from left) Terrell Heard, Tylar Peterson, Pena, Jori Schulte and Brandi Photo by Sara Schulte

## Mail voting applications due Monday

A special election will be held Nov. 2 to fill the place left vacant by Dimmitt City Council member Lyman Schroeder, who moved away. The term for the at-large position will expire in May of 2001.

Applications for early voting by mail may be sent to the city hall, with Monday being the last day that applications for ballots by mail may be requested in person.

Early voting in person will be held Oct. 18-29.

Bob Murdock and Michael Colley have both filed as candidates for the position.

Thursday .... 65 .. 38 Friday ...... 81 .. 37 Saturday . . . . 87 . . 39 Sunday . . . . . 63 . . 37 Monday ..... 75 .. 38 Tuesday ..... 70 ... 45 Wednesday .. 85 .. 51

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station

October Moisture ..... 0.00

1999 Moisture ..... 31.12

## Nazareth kindergarten offers hugs, kisses for injured classmate

Kindergarten students in Nazareth kisses for their classmate, Angelica Pena, who was mauled by a dog recently.

The class sold Hershey Hugs and Kisses, 10 pieces for \$1, around the Nazareth School last week and they raised \$325.75, which students presented to Pena Monday when they welcomed her back to class.

Pena had been absent for several weeks after the attack, which caused severe injuries to her head and eyes. Pena spent several days in the Children's Hospital in Galveston.

She will have to undergo surgery to

reconstruct the tear duct in her eye. The surgery will be a costly one,

have offered up a lot of hugs and and the kindergarten class decided well," Mays said. "We had several they wanted to do something to help the Pena family.

"Last week we studied the letter 'A'," said Jo Beth Mays, kindergarten teacher. "Since Angelica's name starts with 'A', I decided it would be a perfect time to do something special for her."

Last Thursday, the kindergarten students brought the Hershey Hugs and Kisses to class and packaged them in plastic bags. On Friday they hosted a "Hugs and Kisses for Angelica" day. The students went to each class in school and sold the

"The classes participated really people make donations to Angelica's medical fund, too. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated."

When Angelica returned to school on Monday, her classmates presented her with a check for \$325.75.

"All of Angelica's friends were excited that they were able to contribute to her medical fund," Mays

Donations for the medical fund are still being accepted at the Hereford Federal Credit Union in Dimmitt and donation jars are set up in businesses around Dimmitt and Nazareth.

## Do we want democracy, or entertainment?

newspaper. Cronkite and Moyers take. both were staffers on the Texan the late 1930s and Moyers in the world? Do we not want to be a pomid-1950s. Their remarks, taped liceman to the world? by News Publisher Don Nelson, are presented here as a feature of Na- would fit every circumstance? You tional Newspaper Week to point can't telegraph to a potential enemy out the changing role of conven- on the other side what your reaction tional journalism in our society, might be to any set of circumstances. and the effect of those changes on You can't specify that we will send the ongoing public debate that is troops under these certain circumconsidered to be vital to a democ- stances. You can't make a charter of racy.)

CRONKITE:

information that can be disseminated debate, so that the people can let the to the public.

"The nation that expects to be igno- ters are in which we want to commit rant and free, expects what never can ourselves. and never will be.'

It is ignorance that causes the MOYERS: greatest troubles in a democracy. . . . I think we have generally accepted tionship of journalism and democthat there is no other form of government that approaches democracy. should be perfectly clear.

I think that a decreased constancy, a decreased participation in the democracy by the public, is a reflection tive to half the people who lived in of the fact that they are not getting adequate information for several the principal publishers and editors of reasons, not necessarily because of that little newspaper considered them the journalist. They are not getting enough information to either be able to vote intelligently or to be inspired to exercise their franchise. This is a serious threat to democracy.

We really don't have a democracy in this country today, in the sense that the government is an expression of a majority of the people. A majority aren't participating in the elections. President Clinton was elected with a bare majority of those who voted, and that was 52%. So only a quarter of the people in this nation put that Democratic administration into office. . . . That is not a mandate from a majority of the American people.

So we've got, in effect, a kind of oligarchy—a limited number of persons elected by a limited number of persons. No input, really-no running mandate of what we should be doing in this democracy.

I think this is particularly true in foreign affairs. We are getting into this position of being a policeman to

(Editor's Note: Walter Cronkite the world, and we need to debate and Bill Moyers were featured in a whether we should or should not be keynote forum entitled "Journal- policing the world. We have a few ism and Democracy: Will the Mar- editorials, a few op-ed pieces, and yet riage Last?" Friday in the LBJ this business of committing our Auditorium on the UT-Austin cam- young people to combat . . . is the pus as part of the centennial cele- highest-it's really one of the most bration of The Daily Texan, student delicate-jobs a president can under-

We need to discuss what we really when they were journalism stu- want to be in the world-do we redents at the University, Cronkite in ally want to be a policeman to the

Is it possible to have a mandate that a foreign commitment. But we should debate in our presidential races, and in our journals of opinion, we should Democracy depends entirely on the be emphasizing the necessity for that president, the next administration and Jefferson said it best when he said, the Congress know what the perime-

My own thoughts about the relaracy were shaped by three forces.

One was growing up a southerner The necessity of being well-informed in a little town in East Texas, Marshall, where you could be well loved, well thought of and well cherished and still be indifferent to and insensitown. For all practical purposes, even un-newsworthy, so that half the town was written off.

> Where I got my start, the publisher I loved, the publisher my own first son was named after . . . after I left and thought about this, I realized that my native South—the South that all of us love-by bribing the editors out of their chairs, the professors out of their classrooms and the pastors out own work has been the studies of a of their pulpits, had led to the embrace of the Great Lie of racial superiority and racial inferiority.

politics had only one view of reality - we went through a terrible and excruciating civil war, from which the country has never recovered . . . in no small part because journalism, the church and the classrooms did not serve democracy.

The second source of my own concern about this question was my experience in the White House in the '60s, when we drew the wagons around our own campfires and basi-

cally listened to each other. Lyndon Johnson did not want the when Viacom bought CBS.

war in Vietnam.

afternoon, and I said, "It's a great history." But he was down, grumpy and depressed during that phone call. I was urging him to take a vacation, but he said, "I can't—I've got to worry about Vietnam." He didn't want to go to war, but he couldn't figure out how to avoid it.

And we went to war, and in time we drew the wagons around us, and talked mainly to ourselves. And we paid a terrible price.

A major source of impact on my political scientist named Roald Dahl, who says you have to have two things to have a functioning democ-When politics failed - because racy. You have to have effective participation-which is what Walter was talking about—and you have to have public understanding of the choices they face on the issues and among the options of the leaders of the government. And unless you have a viable, partisan process so that one party is holding the other party accountable, telling the truth about the other party—which is what partisan politics should be-you have to rely

Now, we don't have the pure partisanship today, because both parties are captured by powerful economic interests who have a stake in only allowing the debate to go so far.

It was okay to say anything about communism, to dissect and critique communism, but now that capitalism has won-as it should have wonyou get very little discussion about the nature of capitalism and the possibilities of excess in a society that is not only a market economy but a market society, in which only money determines the value of what society

[To exercise] the self-corrective faculty which is the genius of our system, then you've got to have the press participating. And if you have a press that is primarily concerned with the bottom line of the economics of business instead of the basic obligation to this larger common understanding that I've been talking about, then you're in trouble.

Example: This wave of megamergers. Twenty-five years ago there were 50 dominant corporations in this country that essentially dominated the newspapers, the media, the books. Five years ago there were 12.

And last month this came down to 11

As the trend toward conglomera-The day after the election, he was tion in the news media has increased in Austin and I was in Washington in the '90s, the number of crime stoand he called me at 4 o'clock in the ries on both local and network news programs has tripled from 1990 to day. You won the biggest plurality in 1995. Why? Because that's the fastest, cheapest, easiest way to get an audience.

Three years ago, for the first time, the coverage of education and the environment on the three network newscasts took second and third place to the coverage of entertain-

So you have a different kind of journalism at work here. Essentially, the journalism that is infatuated with celebrity and reflecting what it hears in the echo chamber of a market economy and a market society, is limiting journalism from informing people about the choices they have to

A final example:

Two days ago-I'm using the Republicans, but the Democrats do the same thing—the Republicans decided they would pay for their tax cut for the rich, primarily for the upper income bracket, by delaying the payment that's still owed on the earned income tax credit for the working

The earned income-tax credit was designed to help working people to stay working and paying taxes by giving them a modest subsidy. This has been probably the most effective anti-poverty program of the last 20

Well, the Republicans proposed to pay for their tax cut for the upper brackets by stretching out those payments to the working poor over a longer period of time. These are people who live from paycheck to paycheck, week to week, and who depend on that cash flow to survive.

Now, the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Wall Street

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\*Walking

TXism: "neon light

(inspiration)

points it out? And once the press does point this out, you've got to compete for scarce time on the network with news about celebrities, entertainment, disasters and crime and mayhem. I'm convinced that democracy is

Now, how are people going to

know and judge the Republican ploy

unless (a) the Democrats tell the

truth, which seems to be a harder and

harder thing to do, or (b) the press

slowly dying of oxygen deprivation because there is not a consistent way for important news about democracy to be carried in a dominant media stream.

#### CRONKITE:

I'd like to take up two of Bill's

First, the practical application of the assimilation of news organizations into these mega-corporations that are primarily involved in entertainment, at least in the television area. Time-Warner, for instance: Their principal effort is toward entertainment. Journalism, to them, is merely the tail following the dog.

This, right away, is a philosophical approach that is going to create the type of problems that you have been addressing.

Second, the advent of cable, and all the multiplicity of channels today, mean that barely 50% of the audience are watching the three conventional networks. In my day, it was 95% watching the three networks; the other 5% weren't watching anything.

With that audience being diminished, as it has been, the networks are looking to the news organizations to try to hold up that percentage of the pie that they had before, which is impossible, and they want them to make a profit-they are profit-centered, the news organizations of to-

#### <u>Letter</u>

## Reader thankful for prayers in Fort Worth

As a member of Wedgewood Baptist Church [in Fort Worth] and being among those present on Wednesday, Sept. 15, I would like to express my thanks for your prayers on behalf of myself, Jordan, and the rest of my church family.

Journal all pointed out that, as the

Republicans were proposing this in

order to pay for their tax cut, they

were having a big rally in front of

Capitol Hill, holding up banners

saying "Don't let them rob Social

Security," and they were doing the

exact opposite in public of what they

were doing privately behind the

Newspapers pointed that out. My

staff watched the morning and after-

noon news on all five of the major

networks—ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN

Most Americans got their news that

evening from the networks, and not

and Fox-and they didn't.

from those three newspapers.

Our church walls are covered with cards, e-mail and posters from every state and several countries around the world. All the support has helped in our healing process, as our faith in Christ brings us together.

I will never forget that Wednesday night as youth and adults gathered to praise God and celebrate prayers from that same morning. Being in the sanctuary then and being alive today is a definite testimony of God's love and protection. Lamentations 3:22-23 reminds us

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that "Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

As the church continues to heal and grow, we lean on the solid rock of Jesus and are strengthened through the prayers of His people.

STACY STAHL GREY EDITOR'S NOTE: Stacy is the daughter of Richard and Sue Stahl of Dimmitt, and Jordan is her husband. Jordan did some work with Randy Gressett and the Dimmitt Youth Group and is now attending the same seminary in Fort Worth as some of those who were killed in the Sept. 15 shooting incident that was in the news recently. Richard said that Stacy and Jordan had been sitting more toward the front of the sanctuary and were not injured.

**TEXAS** 

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## Letter

## Researcher says Dimmitt has 'Texas Friendly' down to an art

Dear Editor:

647-3123

I just wanted to express my thanks again or forwarding me a copy of my great-grandfather, J.A. Harwell's, obit. I never knew any of my Harwell family, so I began researching in 1990 after my father passed For nine years I haven't been able

to locate any information on J.A. until I was directed to Castro County.

In calling your library, I spoke with a very kind lady who not only told me where my great-grandfather was buried, but gave me the name of the cemetery caretaker, Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown not only spoke with me, but went to the cemetery and checked for additional information and called me back.

Your county courthouse personnel have been very helpful and instructional on locating information which is also unique in my experience with Texas and out-of-state county of-

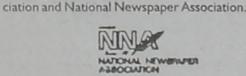
I would like to say that I'm very impressed with your community and hope to someday visit Dimmitt, Texas. I think you've got the "Texas Friendly" down to an art!

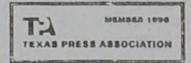
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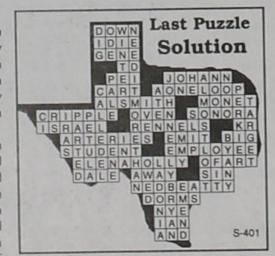


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## On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The First Christian Church Ladies Council was graciously hosted recently by Ethel Fry in her home. The program was given by Glenna Fry from the popular book Chicken Soup for the Soul.

Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by those who attended.

There is quite a bit of excitement in the Nutt family. David and Pam Nutt Kelsey are the parents of triplet sons, born Sunday, Sept. 26, in Fort Worth. The boys are doing well, but are expected to be in the hospital for about a month. They are Jake Devon, who weighed 3 lbs., 7 ozs., Jetson Davis, who weighed 2 lbs., 12 ozs. and was 15 inches long, and Jarrison Dylan, who weighed 3 lbs., 12 ozs., and was 17 inches long.

The Birdwell twins are doing well. Macy Rene weighs 4 lbs., 5 ozs., and Mason Reece weighs 4 lbs., 9 ozs.

Avis and Ralph Smith went to Clarendon recently for a school reunion. The Smiths did their first year of teaching in Clarendon. Ralph was the band director. Avis taught eighth grade history and third and fourth grade P.E. The next year they moved to Dimmitt.

What a successful career they have had.

Gail Bruegel was one of the eighth grade girls Avis taught in Clarendon.

Susie Reeves was hostess for bridge Thursday. Ben Hill was high score and Helen Braafladt finished second.

The Lynskis are settled in their new country and their new address is 18 Cedarcrest Blvd. West, Apt. 1107, Toronto, Ontario, M2R222, Canada.

Alex has a job as a security guard. Tonya has gone to see her mother in the Ukrain. It has been over two years since they have seen each other.

Mildred Bradford, her sister, Earline Settle of Old Hickory, Tenn., and their brother and sister-in-law, Loyd and Louise Lust of Littlefield recently returned from a trip to Eu-

They visited a family living south of Paris that their father had known during World War I. They went to Normandy and to Omaha Beach and other historical sites and made a side trip to the American Cemetery where Americans lost in World War II are

They spent two days in Paris, then flew to Zurich to join a tour group from Lubbock. They traveled by chartered bus with a guide and went to Lichenstein, St. Moritz, Zarmatt; took a trip on the dog train to the top of Gorrnergrat; and enjoyed a wonderful view of Matterhorn, which is usually covered with clouds.

Then they went on to Bern and Lucerne. At Basle, they boarded a river boat for a day trip to Dosseldorf, enjoying stops at Strasburg, Heidleburg and Cologne. They took a bus from Dosleorf to De Hagg and flew home again from

It was a really unbelievable trip with outstanding scenery, castles and cathedrals along the way.

DELICIOUS-(From left) Alyssa Back, 8, and Shelby Reed, 4, along with Kevin Reed, enjoy the food at the annual Dimmitt Lions Club Pancake

Supper, held Friday night prior to the football game against Muleshoe. Photo by Linda Maxwell

#### Adult education classes scheduled

Free adult education classes are being offered at Dimmitt High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

Basic skills/GED classes will meet on Tuesdays and those inter-

ested may enroll on any Tuesday. English as a second language will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and enrollment will be accepted at any class session.

The classes are designed to help adults learn to read, write and speak English, improve mathematics and reading skills, prepare for the GED test (high school equivalency), or to prepare for the citizenship test.

The classes are sponsored by the Dimmitt Independent School District and the Region 16 Education Service Center.

For more information, contact Sue Summers at 647-3105.

## Golden Spread Aggie Moms install officers

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms Bonnie Wuerflein, all of Hereford. held their first meeting of the 1999-K-Bob's Steakhouse in Hereford, and new officers were installed.

president, Beverly Bryant as vice president for projects, Mariellen Homfeld as first vice president for membership, Carla Scott as recording secretary, Eileen Alley as treasurer, and Virginia Artho as reporter, all of Hereford; and Diane Townsend of Dimmitt, historian.

Outgoing President Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt welcomed old and new members, then explained the club's role and activities supporting area Texas A&M students. The Golden Spread club comprises the Hereford, Dimmitt, Nazareth, Friona, Vega and Adrian school districts.

Recognized as new members were Many friends and relatives at- Santos Fierro, Janet McDaniel, and

After concluding past business, 2000 academic year on Sept. 27 at McDaniel proceeded to installation of new officers.

Olson presented a Texas A&M Ginger Olson was installed as ceramic photo frame to McDaniel in appreciation for her "generous two years in office." She then proceeded to current business.

> Discussion for scholarship fundraising possibilities was led by Bryant, who will report on her research of ideas at the next meeting. The club generally holds one fundraising event a year, with a maximum of two allowed by the Federation of Aggie Moms

> The Golden Spread Aggie Moms award two \$500 scholarships to selected area Texas A&M freshmen. Townsend is currently the scholarship committee chairperson. Applicant interviews are held each April.

The Aggie Moms hold four business meetings a year on the last Mon-

and April, with the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 25.

On Nov. 22, the club will gather to assemble care packages to bolster students of club members during fall semester finals. Active members purchase gift items for each student. Inactive members provide for the care packages through their membership

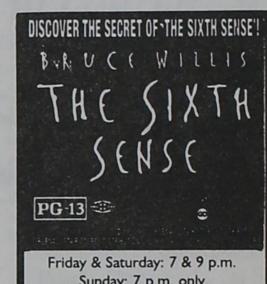
All members joining by Oct. 15 will be included in a helpful student directory compiled by Homfeld and presented to all members as an aid in networking student needs. Dues for active members are \$5 per year. Inactive members pay \$30 per year. Any interested Aggie Mom should contact Homfeld at 289-5918. For further information, you may also contact Olson at 647-2698, or Scott at 578-4530.

In addition, the club hosts a May

icecream social to welcome incoming

scholarship recipients, and to present A&M seniors with a commemorative paperweight.

The club serves as warm support for area Aggie Moms who concluded the meeting with the sharing of "Aggie brags."



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## Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A large crowd attended a welcome reception Sunday evening, honoring tended the marriage celebration of Joyce Wright, all of Dimmitt; and Father Peter Otto at the Nazareth Community Hall. All enjoyed ham-' rick on Saturday evening at the burgers and a dessert pot luck.

Father Pete is an interesting person to visit with. He has been a pastor in several area cities including Plainview and Lubbock, and has recently finished 15 years as a military chaplain.

Christmas in October was the theme for the Birkenfeld Reunion Saturday afternoon.

Seventy of the 90 descendants of Rose Birkenfeld's family celebrated Christmas in October, along with Rose's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Nazareth.

Families came from California, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas. The party was hosted by J.R. and Terry Birkenfeld, their children and

spouses. Everyone enjoyed the festivities and visiting with each other.

The highlight of the day was a surprise presentation to Rose of personalized quilt blocks made by her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Charley and Beverly Hill have Junior Hochstein. returned from a few days of visiting with Charley's older brother, Leonard, and his wife in Las Vegas, Nev.

Several Nazareth friends attended the funeral services for Dolores Griffitt at the Church of Christ in Dimmitt last Thursday morning.

Marlene (Jones) Vandegrift has been here the past two weeks caring for her dad, Marvin Jones. His son, Tom Jones, is caring for him now.

Justin Wethington and Kandal Der- Lucy McGowan, Susan Perrin, and day of September, October, February freshmen and their families, to honor Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon. A reception and dance fol-

Betty and Francis Wilhelm enjoyed a full house over the weekend. Some of their family came from Wichita Falls, College Station, Denver, Amarillo and Bryan to attend the Texas Tech-Texas A&M football game on Saturday.

Father Brendan Sherry has been injured in a car wreck recently. He suffered a broken hip and cracked sternum. His address is Sacred Heart Church, Ballingare, V.I.A. Castlerea, Co. Roscomman, Ireland.

Sunday, Oct. 10, will be a day to celebrate the dignity of human life at the cross in Groom. Activities will begin at 2 p.m., sponsored by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and others who respect life.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Florine Brockman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Leonard Wilhelm, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman Lee, Paul Venhaus and

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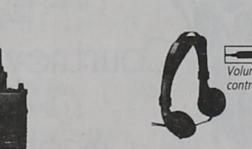
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### Gonzales wins student honor

Shaira Gonzalez, the daughter of Adriana Gonzalez, has been named the Student of the Week by the classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring at Dimmitt Middle School.

She was born Aug. 16, 1990 in Houston, and her favorite food is spaghetti. She likes giant pandas and her favorite book is Little Town on the Prairie.

Gonzalez does well at math, but wishes she did better in social studies. She admires her father and wants to be a scientist when she grows up. She said the thing she likes about DMS is the people she meets.

## 4-H'ers plan bike-a-thon

The Castro County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Club will sponsor a "Wheels for Life Bike-A-Thon" Saturday, Oct. 23, at South Park in Dimmitt.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. and is expected to wrap up about 12

ers who want to participate in this event," said Virgil Brockman, one of nize the bike-a-thon. "Participants Seminary. will be asked to find sponsors who will donate money based on each mile completed. Prizes will be awarded based on the amount of money raised."

For more information about the event, contact Brockman at 647-2303.

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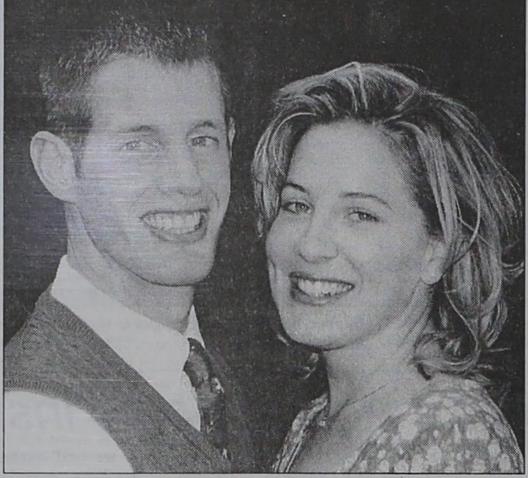
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Chris Flickinger and Brooke Byers

## December vows planned

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Byers of Sunnyside announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brooke Byers, to Chris Flickinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flickinger of Lehigh, Iowa.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on Dec. 11 at the Trinity Chapel in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is "We need all riders and even walk- currently attending Dallas Theological Seminary, pursuing a master's degree in Christian counseling.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Central College in Pella, Iowa, the 4-H adult leaders helping orga- and he is pursuing his master's in Christian education at Dallas Theological

Following the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Dallas.

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The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

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

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

## Mr. and Mrs. Duesterhaus establish home in Silverton Mr. and Mrs. Ben Duesterhaus are

home in Silverton after enjoying a wedding trip to Dallas.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 14 in a formal, singlering ceremony at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. Father Jerry Stein officiated at the nuptial service. He was assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman.

The bride is the former Lena Durbin, daughter of Paul and Joan Durbin of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Vennie Duesterhaus of Pep and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duesterhaus of Littlefield.

Church decorations included pew markers of candelabra accented with red tulle bows.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal gown of white duchess satin. The sleeveless gown was fashioned with a Sabrina neckline on an empire bodice trimmed with a double satin banding and petite bows. The split open back waistline joined the double ribbon trim. The princess-line skirt and chapel-length train were detailed with double bands and scattered bows slightly above the hemline.

She carried a bouquet of yellow candia roses tied with a red tulle bow.

Maid of honor was Lynette Kleman of Roswell, N.M., the bride's best friend. Bridesmaids were Dorothy Ware of Pampa; Denia Durbin, Margie Durbin and Edith Huseman, all of Nazareth, sisters of the bride; and Leigh Durbin of Dimmitt, sister-in-law of the bride. Kayla Ware of Pampa, the bride's niece, was a junior bridesmaid.

The bridal attendants wore red, two-piece, floor-length dresses and carried yellow candia roses tied with red tulle bows.

Best man was Brenden Duesterhaus. Groomsmen included Anthony Albus of Pep, brother-inlaw of the groom; and Chris Bratton of Plainview, Jason Mamantor of El Paso and Ryan Polly of Lubbock, friends of the groom. Jack Ware of Pampa, nephew of the bride, was a junior groomsman.

Ring bearer was Carl Huseman of Nazareth, nephew of the bride. Flower girls were Kendra Huseman of Nazareth, niece of the bride; and Ashlen Albus of Pep, niece of the

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Candle lighters included Vicky Lange of Nazareth and Lachelle Anderson of Lubbock, friends of the

Guests were seated by Phillip Durbin, Brent Durbin of San Antonio and Hugh Durbin of Nazareth, brothers of the bride; and Paul Huseman of Nazareth and Doug Ware of Pampa, brother-in-laws of the bride.

After the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception in the

Nazareth Community Hall.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from Texas Tech in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in nutrition. She is currently employed as an Extension Agent in Briscoe County.

The groom graduated from Whiteface High School in 1992. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1998 with a bachelor's degree and he is currently working for his master's degree at Texas Tech.

## Presybterian Church will celebrate 40 years

The First Presbyterian Church of Dimmitt will celebrate its 40th anniversary Sunday with a covered dish lunch at 1:30 p.m., followed by a worship service at 3.

All former members and friends are invited to share the food and fellowship.

The First Presbyterian Church was organized on Oct. 11, 1959, with 20 members including Joseph N. and Alice Cowen, M.L. and Ellen Louise Simpson, Dr. James and Charlie Wohlgemuth, G.I. and Emily Clingingsmith, Sal and Mary Alice DiCuffa, R.W. and Mattie Scoggin, Carl and Alberta Henneman, Joe and Louise Nelson, Bob and Helen McLain and J.E. and Della White.

The first pastor was Herman Boles, who served from 1959 to 1962. Following the Rev. Boles were A. Burr Morris, who served from 1962 to 1967; C. Mitchell Kennedy, 1967-1970; and Edwin Manning, 1970-

The Rev. Edward Freeman was named "stated supply" in 1981 and he served until 1995 when he retired. In 1995, Andy Blair and the Rev. Janelle Blair, co-pastors in Tulia, were named "co-stated supply" in Dimmitt. They served until 1997.

In August of 1997, the Rev. Connie Nieto, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Plainview, was named "stated supply" for the First Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt and she continues to serve in that capacity today.

Currently, church services are held at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, followed by Sunday School classes at 4

Current elders are Alice Cowan, Ruth Cochran, Emily Clingingsmith, Mary Jo Brown, Betty Freeman, Helen Braafladt and Dee Ann

Davidson. Other officers are Brown, treasurer; Cochran, clerk of the session; and Braafladt, pianist and Sunday School teacher.

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Kandal Derrick and Justin Wethington exchanged wedding vows Saturday evening in a doublering ceremony performed by Rusty Gray of Tulia at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Trudy Derrick of Canyon, formerly of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Melvin and Joy Wethington of Nazareth.

Guests were registered by Lynette Kleman, friend of the couple.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a formal gown of white Italian delustered satin accented with embroidered Schiffli lace. The gown was designed with a traditional Basque waist bodice and a gracefully squared neckline. The short sleeves were fashioned of the same lace as the bodice and were heavily hand-beaded with sequins and pearls. The bouffant skirt was accented with cut-out lace appliques accented with scrolls of seed crystals and sequins. A dramatic carriage back overlaid the grand cathedral train. The hen and train were edged in beaded lace.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a navy cummerbund.

Maid of honor was Mindy Holwick of McLean, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Krystal Johnson of Amarillo, sister of the bride; Kaci Wethington of Amarillo, sister of the groom; Kristin Moore of Kress, friend of the couple; and Amy Wooten of Canyon, friend of the bride, Flower girl was Briann Wethington of Nazareth, niece of the

The bridal attendants wore navy chiffon dresses designed with an empire waist and covered back button closure.

Best man was Jason Wethington of Nazareth, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Trampas Ball and Morgan Heck, both of Nazareth, friends of the couple; and Tyler Ehly

## **Book Fair** scheduled Oct. 18-22

The Dimmitt Middle School library will host its annual Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 18-22, and volunteers are sought to help out with the fund-raising event.

The book fair will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a family event will be held Oct. 19 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. during the DMS Open House. This family event will feature door prizes and a special drawing. Everyone is wel-

"If you can volunteer to work at the book fair for a morning, afternoon, or even just an hour or two, please contact me," said Ruth Cochran, librarian. She may be contacted at 647-3108 or 647-4609, evenings.

"We want to share the newest books and other exciting learning products with our young readers, Cochran said. "Parents and teachers will find plenty of items to interest them, too."

Funds from the event are used for special school projects.

Also, parents who visit the fair may look for the "Classroom Wish List" display to see how they can help build their child's classroom library

"This is the last book fair of the century and volunteers are needed to make it a success," Cochran said.

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position of Council Member At-Large, Dimmitt City Council.



MRS. JUSTIN WETHINGTON ... nee Kandal Derrick

of Nazareth, and Adam Nolen of Tulia, cousins of the groom. Ring bearer was Braden Wethington of Nazareth, the groom's nephew.

The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with navy cummerbunds.

Ushers were Trent Johnson, Wethington, cousin of the groom.

brother-in-law of the bride; and Bj After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will establish their

new home in Plainview.

Patricia and Juan Manuel Dominguez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Janethe, who was born Sept. 29 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She has three older siblings, 8-year-old Juan Manuel Jr., 5-year-old Yaritza and 2-yearold Alejandro. Paternal grandparents are Victor and Pona Dominguez. Maternal grandparents are Jose and Lupita

It's a girl for Billy Terrell and LaShonda Ward of Dimmitt. Their daughter was born on Oct. 1 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, weighing 6 lbs., 11.4 ozs. She has been named Imunique Dagavia Terrell. She has four older siblings including Nikki, 6; Bridget, 5; Deion, 3; and Lyric, 1. Paternal grandparents are Lois Fleeks of Dimmitt and Billy Terrell Sr., of North Carolina. Maternal grandparents are Wanda Ward of Odessa and Terry Hood of Kansas. Great-grandparents are Ora Lee Ward of Dimmitt, Willy B. Terrell of Amarillo, Delores Williams of Crosbyton and L.D. Terrell of Crosbyton.

### 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

Booths rent for \$25 each and those interested in reserving a space should call Paula Allcorn at (806) 285-3067. The annual event is sponsored by

the Olton Young Homemakers.

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ceive a Campus Safety Report within the next several weeks. The report includes security reminders, crimeprevention tips, University policies and procedures, emergency phone numbers, information about acquaintance rape and alcohol and drug abuse, and a statistical summary of crimes and arrests reported in 1996, 1997 and 1998 on or adjacent to WTAMU property.

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During the 1998 calendar year, no murders, manslaughter cases, nonforcible sexual offenses, robberies, burglaries or arson cases were reported on campus. One forcible sexual offense, four aggravated assaults, 57 thefts and one motor vehicle theft were reported on campus in 1998.

students, faculty and staff will re- University pursued disciplinary action on 72 liquor-law violations, two drug possessions and two weapons possessions. The report also includes statistics on reported crimes and arrests that occurred on non-campus WTAMU buildings and property and contiguous public property during the 1996, 1997 and 1998 calendar

"Every college and university is bound by law to maintain and distribute crime statistics," Meri Lyn Odell, University Police Dept. director of police administration, said. "For many prospective students and their parents, campus safety is an important factor in the college-selection process."

WTAMU's Campus Safety Report is available to all interested parties, including prospective students and their parents, upon request. Summaries of the full report are made available to all prospective University employees.

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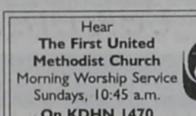
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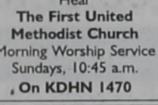
## Springlake plans arts,

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.

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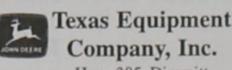
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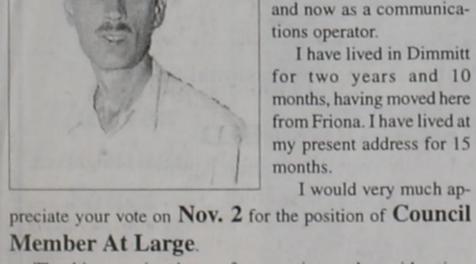
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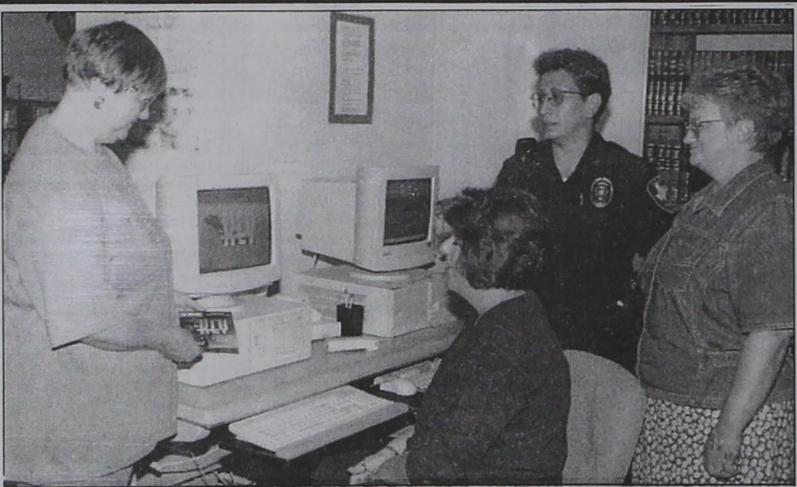
#### October symposium to focus on lupus and scleroderma

The Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., West Texas Chapter, is hosting its fourth annual symposium on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lubbock.

The theme of "Unmasking the Many Faces of Lupus" will be carried out through sessions on the basic facts about lupus, led by Dr. David Mills; emotions generated by illness and coping mechanisms for people with chronic diseases, by Dr. Patrick Randolph; when your doctor won't listen, by Dr. Jose Allas; foods and vitamins that help you stay well, by Dr. Allas; and depression and chronic diseases, by Mary Jo Rapini, M.ed, L.P.C.

Admission to the symposium is free, and lunch will be available for \$6. Those wishing to attend should register early due to limited seating. Call 806-744-6666 or 1-800-580-LUPUS.

The symposium will be held at the Knipling Eduction/Conference Center of the Covenant Health Care System, 3615 19th Street in Lubbock.



AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL-Debbie Annen (right), Teen Court Coordinator, and Dimmitt Police Officer Rita Ramos (second from right) are donating an educational CD-ROM produced by Mothers Against Drunk Driving to Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt. Looking over the new acquisition are Librarian Marie Howell (left) and assistant Dione Steffens (seated). The CD is designed to help parents

initiate a talk with teens about the consequences of drinking. It is available for checking out so that families may have plenty of time to go through the material together. Annen said she will recommend the disk as a resource for offenders who go through teen court for alcohol-related offenses.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Dimmitt water rated 'superior'

The Dimmitt municipal water system has received a "Superior" rating from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, according to the "Consumers Confidence Report" issued recently by the city.

The report states that the TNRCC assessed the city water system and determined that the water is safe to drink. The assessment is based on periodic mandatory testing that is performed on the water.

According to the report, the water is sampled throughout the year and tested for 97 "constituent" elements. Seven were detected in the local water supply, including arsenic, barium, fluoride, nitrate, selenium, gross alpha adjusted and gross beta emitters. Additional contaminants of copper and lead were found through testing of selected household plumbing systems. Those contaminants were attributed to corrosion of the plumbing systems.

The levels of the seven other "constituents" were found to be well below the maximum contamination level allowed in drinking water. 2155.

Readings were based on sampling done in 1996, while the household tests were performed in 1998.

The report states that the presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health

The highest level of arsenic reported was 3 parts per billion, while the maximum allowed is 50 ppb. Barium was present at .09 parts per million, with 2 ppm allowed. Fluoride registered at 1.9 ppm, with a maximum allowable of 4 ppm. Nitrate should not exceed 10 ppm, and local readings were no higher than 1.84 ppm. Selenium registered at 3.2 parts per billion, with 50 ppb allowed. The level of gross alpha adjusted was 7.6 pci per liter, well below the maximum allowable of 15 pci/l; and the gross beta emitters stood at 9.8, with the maximum level allowed set at 50 pci/l.

For further information on the water quality report, interested persons may contact the city hall at 647-

## Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

With the approval of the FY 2000 Agricultural Appropriations Bill, cotton producers can mark one in the win column as virtually all the industry's needs were met.

As a result of action by the House, the conference report on the Agricultural Appropriations Bill has only to pass the Senate and receive the President's signature in order to become law. After clearing these last two

obstacles, the first part of the assistance package should be on its way to producers in a matter of days.

The House gave final approval to the Appropriations Bill/Agricultural Assistance Package with a final vote of 240 for and 175 against.

On the positive side, it is clear that cotton will receive many of the tools nomic crisis as funding has been use. provided for:

1. Supplemental Ag Market Transition Act payment totaling 100% of the 1999 AMTA payment rate with separate \$40,000 payment limit applied.

2. Funding for Step 2 of the cotton competitiveness provisions for the

life of the current Farm Bill. 3. A doubling of the Loan Deficiency Payment/Marketing Loan Gain payment limitation from \$75,000 to \$150,000 per entity.

4. A continuation of the 30% additional crop insurance premium subsidy first initiated in 1999.

5. Funding for a \$1.2 billion Crop Loss Assistance Program under which producers who suffered catastrophic crop losses in 1999 will be able to supply.

Other provisions of the assistance package include funding for payments to producers of quota and nonquota peanuts, direct payments to growers of soybeans and minor oilseed producers, permanent authority for advance AMTA payments, generic authority for a commodity certificate program, and assistance for dairy and livestock producers.

Over the next few weeks, many Texas farmers and ranchers will receive one of two surveys from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service to determine chemical use patterns by agricultural producers.

Producers are encouraged to participate fully with these surveys since they are the only source for accurate it needs to weather the current eco- nationwide statistics on chemical

If contacted, producers are encouraged to fully participate and understand that all responses are confidential and will be used to project an accurate estimate of agricultural chemical use and needs.

The information also will be used in the decision-making process associated with the Food Quality Protection Act and the review and registration of both currently available and new products for agricultural use.

Final report generated by the upcoming survey will be published in July 2000.

Producers who want to lock in an Adjusted World Price for the purpose of receiving Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) on cotton prior to ginning can do so on cotton harvested and stored in modules, ricks or trailers under rules adopted by the USDA Farm Service Agency and distributed to state and local offices on Oct. 1.

The rule states that a producer will be able to lock in a single, irrevocable AWP rate for each module and that FSA would then calculate the LDP payments for the bales ginned from that module based on the locked-in AWP rate.

In order to participate under this rule, the producers will be required to submit a module number supplied by the cooperating gin and, subsequently, production evidence identifying the specific bales produced from each unique module number for which an AWP has been locked in.

Anyone needing additional information about participating in this process should contact their local Farm Service Agency office for further information.

## Job fair planning meeting set Oct. 13

A final planning meeting will be held Oct. 13 at noon at K-Bob's Steakhouse for the first Castro County Job Fair, and all participants and interested persons are invited to

The job fair is set for Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Sponsored by the local office of the Dept. of Human Services, the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, the Castro County Extension office, and the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Lions Clubs, the fair will include a complimentary meal for participating employers and agencies, as well as "goody bags" and a chance to win door prizes for all who attend.

Local workers are encouraged to attend. Belle Braddock of the local DHS office said that all clients of her office have received invitations to 24, for more information.

attend, but she emphasized that the fair is an opportunity for everyone in the community as well. In addition, the hours of the event were extended to 5 p.m. so that high school students would have a chance to stop by after

Employers from Castro and Deaf Smith counties are being asked to have exhibits and let workers know what type of jobs are available and what type of skills are needed to fill those jobs. There is no fee for employers who participate in the event. The deadline for reserving a booth is

"We hope to make this an annual event and to keep it on a non-profit, no-fee basis," Braddock said of the job fair. "It is feasible that some of those attending could go home with a new job. We're hoping."

Call Braddock at 647-4181, ext.

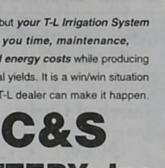


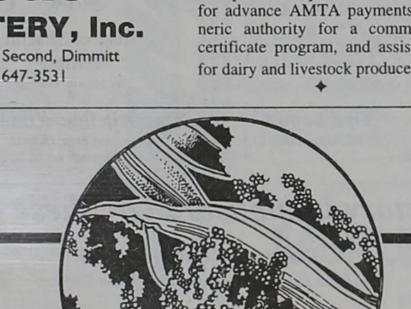
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#### POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

## Raiders win here, too

It wasn't enough that Texas Tech upset No. 5-ranked Texas A&M Saturday. The local winner of the Week 4 POWER POINTS Football Contest is a Red Raider, too-Norman Hays, BA '78. And both he and the state winner picked the Tech upset.

"You bet I did," Hays said. "I can't pick against Tech. I only picked them for one point, but I picked 'em."

He said he would like to discuss the game with some of his Aggie friends, but "I haven't seen any Aggies around town. They're hibernating, I guess."

Hays scored 109 points (of a possible 136) to win the week's \$20 cash prize from the News.

"I missed on Buffalo and Denver," Hays said. "In fact, I haven't even come close to winning before this week, and that 109 wasn't too hot. This season has been pretty wacky so far."

Eugene Garza, 44, of Boling, picked Tech over A&M, too, because "I had a hunch." Garza, a welder and father of three, tallied

134 points to win the weekly state grand prize of \$1,000. 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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## Farm Service Agency notes

By TRISH ELLIOTT **County Executive Director** 

The market prices are still depressed, so you are reminded to watch the markets and not sell your crops until after you have applied for a loan deficiency payment (LDP) payment in the Farm Service Agency office.

Production eligible for these programs must have been produced on a farm participating in the AMTA farm program and includes barley, oats, wheat, corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and cotton. Commodities harvested as silage, ensilage, cobbage, hay, cracked, rolled, or crimped; or those using machinery that either mutilates the grain or mixes the grain with other parts of the plant that produced the commodity are eligible for a farm stored nonrecourse marketing assistance loan or LDP.

Those crops are eligible for either a LDP or a loan, but not both.

Also, producers are reminded that any crops planted after failed acres should have been reported by July 15, 1999, so they will be eligible for Ioan or LDP payments. (Example: Soybeans or sunflowers planted after failed cotton).

If you forgot to certify your crop and evidence of the crop is still there, you can file a late-filed certification and pay the appropriate fees so your second crop can be eligible for loan or LDP payments.

We have specific guidelines to follow for requesting LDPs and loans, and if you need a copy, call or come by the FSA office in Dimmitt.

#### Warehouse code changes

Continental Grain Company, Plainview (Hale County), Code 9-7120, has been discontinued. Cargill Incorporated has been assigned a new warehouse code of 8-1379 for this location.

#### Cooperating gins

All cotton gins in Castro County have certified to the Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC) that they will meet the specifications approved and published by the Joint Cotton Industry Bale Packaging Committee for the 1999 crop year.

#### Weed control

We are still getting reports of weed problems on CRP and on idle contract acreage. Producers are required to control weeds on their farms.

Failure to carry out proper weed control will result in reduction of payments or more severe penalties. Please take the time to check your farms and carry out proper weed control.

#### NAP

If you have had a loss on any crop, please cone in and report the crop failed and file a disaster application before you plow up or destroy the

The Non-Insurable Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is designed to cover non-insurable crops lost due to a natural disaster.

#### FSA loans

Castro County was declared eligi-





ble for FSA disaster emergency loans on Aug. 3. These emergency loan applications will be accepted through March 13, 2000, for physical losses

FSA Farm Loan Manager Ed Luebken is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications into the FSA office as soon as possible.

"We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the March 13, 2000, deadline. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process.

For more information call (806) 647-2153, Ext. 110.

Loan applications for year 2000 also can be picked up at the local FSA office at any time.

#### 2000 AMTA

We will be sending notification of active AMTA contacts soon. We currently don't have computer software to revise year 2000 contracts. There has been no word on whether payments will be issued like they were last year, or if we will go back to issuing an advance payment upon request on Dec. 15 or Jan. 15, and a final payment in September.

If there are any changes that will be in effect for the 2000 crop year, please notify our office as soon as possible so we can modify our records accordingly.

#### Foreign investors

Agriculture land which is bought or sold by foreign investors must be reported to the local FSA Office within 90 days of the sale or purchase. Failure to timely file could result in substantial penalties.

#### Holidays

The Castro County FSA office will be closed on Monday, Oct. 11, in observance of Columbus Day. The office also will be closed on Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans' Day, and on Nov. 25 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.



DUKE TALENT SEARCH—Dimmitt Middle School students recognized in the Duke University Talent Search this year include: (back, from left) Carlos Cruz, Layne Penney, Jared Bell, Jake Porsch, Tyler Myatt, Matthew Sanders, Meggie Lemons, and Matthew Calderon; (middle, from left) Jeremy

Dempster, Callen Mixson, Kristin McClure, and Matthew Larra; and (front, from left) Niccole Heard, Nyssa Martinez, Raynee Bradley, and Ignacio Sifuentez. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## PCS gets \$34,687 grant from USDA

Panhandle Community Services will receive a \$34,687 Housing Preservation Grant from USDA Rural Development, according to Steven A. Carriker, Texas State Director.

USDA Rural development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas, including assisting qualified applicants with some of their housing

"USDA Rural development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Carriker. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

The Housing Preservation Grant funds awarded by the Amarillo Rural Development Office will provide Panhandle Community Services with the means to assist approximately 10 qualified homeowners in the Texas Panhandle with home repairs,

The Housing Preservation Grant is one of several programs in which USDA, Rural Development is able to assist residents in rural communities

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of 10,000 or less population with housing needs. Rural Development also provides housing assistance through direct and guaranteed housing loans under its Single Family Housing Program to buy or build homes, and has a loan and grant program for repairs to existing homes of qualified applicants. All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements.

Rural Development has also financed numerous apartment complexes in the Texas Panhandle through its Multi-Family Program. Qualified tenants may receive subsidized rental assistance in an effort to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to many rural residents.

For more information regarding Rural Development programs and eligibility requirements, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Amarillo at (806)468-8600 Extension

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## Castro County News Sports

## Field goals lift Muleshoe over Bobcats, 13-7

By KEVIN WILSON

Unfortunately for the Dimmitt Bobwrong table.

After missing an extra point the

A STRONG DEFENSE-Dimmitt's Justin Sutton

(21) rolls off after helping tackle Muleshoe's James

Barrett (14) with 1:16 left in the third quarter.

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Revenge is a dish best served cold. cats. Hodge kicked two field goals, one a 42-yard shot, to propel the cats, Ryan Hodge served it to the Mules to a 13-7 win over Dimmitt here Friday night.

previous Friday in a 13-12 loss to him," said Mules Head Coach David Tulia, Hodge got his payback, much Wood. "He put a lot of blame on

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to the chagrin of the Dimmitt Bob- himself." Wood noted, however, that to play," Bobcat Head Coach Bruce the upset loss to Tulia.

Hodge's field goals were daggers games. in the heart of the Bobcat defense, "It's a big confidence boost for which has allowed only 13 points in the last two games.

Barrett was responsible for Muleshoe's only

touchdown in the game, which came in the second

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quarter on a 14-yard run.

nobody else put blame on Hodge for Dollar said about the defense, which had given up 112 in the first three

After an uneventful first quarter, Hodge kicked his first field goal, a "They just took it upon themselves 28-yarder, to put the Mules up 3-0. Dimmitt followed up Muleshoe's drive with a three-and-out.

On the ensuing punt, Muleshoe return man Darrell Lewis fumbled the ball on the Mules' 25 and Dimmitt got a second chance at the lead. Eight plays later, the Bobcats made good on their chance when Keevin Sanders scored from 11 yards out. After the Tanner Griffitt kick, the Bobcats owned a 7-3 lead.

But later in the half, the Bobcats got a taste of their own fumble medicine. A punt by Jeff Bruns was given back to the Mules on the Bobcat 40. The Mules moved the ball down to the 7, but penalties cost them late in the drive and two incomplete passes by James Barrett led to a Dimmitt takeover on downs.

The Bobcats couldn't take advantage, though. After recovering a Dimmitt fumble, the Mules took the lead. Barrett took a quarterback draw 14 yards to give the Mules a lead they would never give up. Hodge's extra point put the Mules ahead 10-7.

With 2:50 left in the half, Dimmitt put together an impressive drive. It started with a 15-yard run by Anthony Oltivero, then quarterback B.J. Hill added a 17-yard run. Oltivero struck again with a 23-yard run on a fake punt four plays later. A threeyard run by Fred Traylor and an 11-yard run by Hill set up the Bobcats on the Muleshoe 1 with :03 left in the half.

The Muleshoe defense stopped Dimmitt when it counted, burying Traylor for a loss as the half expired.

"We look and suddenly we're inside our 10 with a minute left," Wood said. "We talk about momentum all the time. That (play) gave us the 'mo' going into the locker room."

"We had a chance to win," Dollar said. "We just ran out of time."

The Bobcat defense appeared to be in trouble starting the second half as Lewis started off a drive with a nine-yard run. However, a sack by James Jackson nullifed Lewis' effort and the Mules were forced to punt.

The Bobcats could not capitalize as Hill threw an interception on the first play.

After unsuccessful possessions for both teams, Muleshoe put together a 10-play, 64-yard drive. The defense got a reprieve after Roger Whipple fumbled on the Bobcat 16. The fourth quarter started with the

Mules shutting down the Bobcat

offense again, forcing them to punt. Then, starting from their own 49, the Mules used the run attack. Two runs by Chris Vela set up a first down at the Dimmitt 25. But all the Mules could manage after that was a one-yard run from

Barrett, leaving Hodge with a tough job. Hodge capped the drive with a

42-yard field goal, putting the Mules up 13-7.

With 6:44 left on the clock and one last chance, Hill tried to drive the Bobcats to the end zone and the win. Hill picked up three yards on two runs and completed a 14-yard pass to Daniel Flores. However, the magic was gone soon after. Hill lost a yard on one run and threw two incomplete passes.

After an unsuccessful fake punt run by Oltivero, the Mules took over at their own 43.

clock, but the prospects were dim at

The Mules had 3:33 to run off the



TOUCHDOWN PASS-Dimmitt Bobcat Keevin Sanders receives the pass from B.J. Hill that he then carried for 11 yards to score Dimmitt's only touchdown in Friday night's game against Muleshoe, with 8:06 left in the third quarter. The extra point attempt following was good, bringing Dimmitt's score to 7. Photo by Linda Maxwell

the start. An illegal-block call gave the Mules a first-and-25, and it seemed that the Bobcats would get a final chance.

But Barrett and Vela combined for 27 yards rushing on the next three plays to give the Mules a much-needed first down.

After a 16-yard run by Vela, who finished with 109 yards rushing, the Dimmitt faithful could only watch as Muleshoe ran out the final minute.

"We played really well on defense," Dollar said. "We got tired going into the fourth quarter because we had nine players having to go both ways. But they played as hard as any kids could ever play."

He had special praise for defensive end James Jackson.

"James played the best game we've ever had played," Dollar said. "He played just great. I don't know how many tackles he made, but it seemed like he was making every one of

Noting that the Bobcats held the high-scoring Mules to one touchdown, Dollar said, "All of their points came off of our turnovers."

Dollar said he feels this year's Mules are a better team than last year's district championship squad.

"They're so much faster than they were last year," Dollar said. "And defensively, they're probably the best team we've played so far.'

Because of grades, the Bobcats were missing four regulars Friday night, including two two-way starters and a primary backup player. Their earliest date of eligibility is the Sanford-Fritch game Oct. 21.

The Mules now stand 4-1 and the Bobcats are at 2-3 going into their most important stretch of the season.

"They all count now," Dollar said. The first district game will be Friday night at River Road, starting at 7:30.

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Fourth Quarter:

M-Hodge 42 field goal, 6:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing-DIMMITT: Anthony Oltivero 8-49, Justin Sutton 9-34, B. J. Hill 14-24, Fred Traylor 2-3. MULESHOE: Chris Vela 20-114, James Barrett 9-29, Mitch Mason

1-27, Derrell Lewis 4-18, Jeff Bruns 7-10. Passing-DIMMITT: B.J. Hill 4/10-1 -66; J. Sutton 1/2-0-5; Daniel Flores 0/1-0-0. MULESHOE: James Barrett 3/10-

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## Ramaekers wins another one, boosting Naz into fourth place

left the pack behind Saturday morning, setting a pace and sticking with it throughout the entire two-mile race at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

She managed to top the field of 372 runners Saturday, claiming first place in the Lubbock Invitational Cross Country Meet.

Ramaekers time of 12:13.66 was almost 15 seconds faster than the time of 12:28.57 posted by secondplace runner, Andrea Ybarra of Sun-

Ramaekers was third as she came down the first hill on the course, then moved into third as she crossed the bridge, which is about 600 meters into the race. She led the field from that point on, according to Swiftette Coach Matt Garrett.

Ramaekers' finish helped the Swiftettes to a fourth-place team finish in the meet. Nazareth finished with 157 team points. Winning the meet was Sundown, which finished with 89 points. Shallowater was second with 145 and Wall finished third with 152. The Hart Lady Horns finished 35th with 778 points while

Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth Dimmitt finished 39th with 913 points. The field included 53 teams. Ramaekers wasn't the only Swiftette to finish among the best 20 runners in the meet.

> Erica Gerber of Nazareth was 14th with a time of 13:01.14 to help boost her team to its fourth-place finish.

Other Swiftettes finishing the course were Sara Schulte, 45th, 13:30; Marsha Black, 57th, 13:39; Lindsey K. Gerber, 63rd, 13:46; Mandy Hoelting, 77th, 14:07; and Stephanie Thiel, 99th, 14:33.

"The girls all ran well. Almost everyone bettered her best two-mile time," Garrett said.

The Hart Lady Horns' top finisher Saturday was Kelly George, who posted a time of 14:17 for an 83<sup>rd</sup>place finish. Vanessa Carrasco was 155th in 15:53. Rounding out the Lady Horns' roster were Sonia Garcia, 203<sup>rd</sup>, 17:12; Nikki Burress, 206th, 17:20; Amanda Carrasco, 311th, 19:06; and Valerie Ellis, 342nd,

Priscilla Rodriguez finished with the best time among the Bobbies, crossing the line in 14:42 for 108th

place. Kelsey Welch was 175th in 16:18. Other Dimmitt runners included Morgan Hazel, Maria Chavez, Sally Stahl and Lyndee Behrends.

While not quite as big as the girls' race, the varsity boys' three-mile race drew more than 250 runners Saturday.

Dimmitt's Ivan Flores finished 21st with a time of 17:37 to lead county runners. He was the lone varsity runner for the Bobcats, although two others competed in the JV division. They were Omar Torres, who posted a time of 19:54; and Adam Guzman, who completed the race in 20:01.

Nazareth's Trinity Robb, Quentin Jones and Craig Birkenfeld all posted good times in the varsity race. Robb was 55th with a time of 18:36. Jones placed 93<sup>rd</sup> in 19:29 and Birkenfeld was 112th in 19:51.

Four Hart Longhorns competed in the varsity boys' race. They include Manuel Barrone, who posted a time of 19:28; Thomas Chia, 19:43; Jose Avila, 20:39; and Timmy Barnes, 23:55.



YOU CAN'T DO THAT! Claude's Eric Eddleman (10) knocks down Nazareth's Kade Wilcox (11) as he attempts to break up a pass play with 7:16 left in the third quarter Friday night at Claude. Eddleman was flagged for pass interference on the play, giving

Nazareth 15 yards and a first down at the Claude 28. The Swifts and Mustangs battled evenly through most of the game, but the Mustangs ended Nazareth's unbeaten string of games when they scored with 19 seconds left in the game for a 27-20 win Friday.

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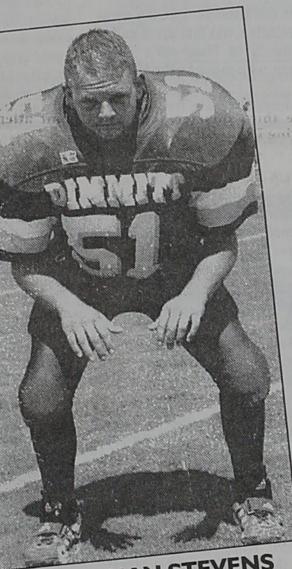
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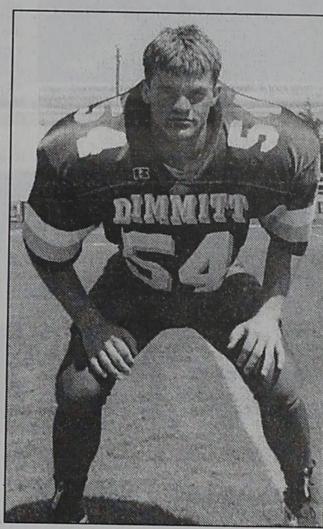
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## Claude nips Swifts with TD pass in final seconds, 27-20

By MEGAN HOELTING

It all came down to one big play. Nazareth and Claude had battled to a 20-point stalemate with less than a minute in regulation Friday night and visions of overtime loomed on the 20. horizon.

Claude struck with a final big play with 19 ticks left on the clock, scoring on an up-for-grabs pass play that netted the Mustangs a 27-20 win victory over No. 6-ranked and previously unbeaten Nazareth.

With 19 seconds left, Claude quarterback Eric Eddleman lofted a 20yard pass into the end zone and teammate Glen Stephenson came down with the ball, giving Claude the go-ahead touchdown and win.

The Swifts scored the game's first touchdown just three minutes into the game on a big 53-yard run by Cameron McLain. That was answered by Claude a short-time later when Jason Fanelli vaulted over the line into the end zone from two yards

The score would remain knotted at 7 until the waning minutes of the first half, when Nazareth picked up its second rushing touchdown of the night, this time on a 4-yard run by

Ky Wilcox.

Claude tied the game at 14 in the third, then took a 20-14 lead early in the fourth. The Swifts answered with a touchdown of their own to tie it at

Nazareth missed a couple of At least it was a stalemate until chances to score after penetrating deep into Claude's territory only to have the drives stall, and the Swifts had one long touchdown run by McLain called back for holding.

"It's too bad that someone had to lose this game," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "There were two good football teams playing their hearts out. Both teams refused to quit, and both made big plays. But to Claude's credit, they made the last big play. A game like this will do a lot to prepare us for our tough district race."

Nazareth's rushing game was led by McLain, who picked up 84 yards on 10 carries. Wilcox gained 75 yards on three totes. Matty McLain picked up 21 yards on six carries.

The Swifts picked up another 121 vards through the air, with Blake Birkenfeld completing four passes for 78 yards. Wilcox completed one pass for 43 yards.

Nazareth received the opening kickoff with Wilcox returning it 44

After a five-yard gain by Cameron McLain, Matty McLain picked up a yard. A run by Wilcox netted the Swifts a little over three yards, but Nazareth found itself facing a fourthand-inches situation from their own

Electing to go for the first down was the right call for the Swifts.

Cameron McLain got the handoff, took off up the middle utilizing good blocking by his teammates, then dodged a couple of tacklers in the secondary before breaking free for a 53-yard touchdown run and a 6-0 Swift lead. Stanton Wethington kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 with nine minutes left in the first quarter.

Claude took the ensuing kickoff and started a long, time-consuming drive of 17 plays that resulted in a tying touchdown. The Mustangs picked up six first downs and covered 59 yards enroute to the touchdown, a two-yard dive into the end zone by Fanelli with 1:12 left in the quarter. Ty Knox booted the extra point for a 7-7 tie.

Nazareth's progress on the next drive was marred by penalties. The Swifts started off the possession with



NAZARETH'S CAMERON MCLAIN (40) is still on his feet while others around him have fallen, but he doesn't stand for long. As he tries to dodge fallen defenders, he's tripped by one of the Claude players

a 10-yard holding call, and they

couldn't make up the deficit, despite

a 9-yard gain by Cameron McLain

plays into their next drive, but later

in the drive, the Swift defense picked

up its pace and a Kenny Herring pass

on third down was batted down by

Nazareth's Stanton Wethington,

sparked Nazareth's next drive, but

that gain was wiped out when

Wilcox was dropped in the backfield

for a 15-yard loss. Two incomplete

passes by Wilcox stalled the drive,

and the Swifts were forced to punt

This time Knox carried the bulk of

The Mustangs changed things up,

attempting a pass from Herring to

A 12-yard gain by Matty McLain

forcing the Mustangs to punt.

16 yards on three plays.

Claude picked up a first down four

on one carry.

(32) and is held to an eight-yard gain down to the Mustang 20 with 7:04 left in the game Friday. Claude broke a tied game with a touchdown with 19 seconds left to upset the Swifts, 27-20. Photo by Anne Acker



SWIFT SENIOR BO HUNTER (2) forces Claude's Eric Eddleman (10) out of bounds at the Nazareth 31-yard line after the Mustang runner gains six yards Friday with 6:05 left in first-quarter action at

Claude. Eddleman and the Mustangs would score on the drive to tie the game at 7. The score would be tied again at 14 and 20 before Claude went on top for good with 19 seconds left in the game, 27-20.

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Stephenson, but it fell incomplete. Herring was sacked in the backfield by Nazareth's Clay Hoelting on the next play, resulting in a threeyard loss. Claude's problems continued when an illegal procedure penalty flag on the following play moved the Mustangs back another five yards. The drive ended with an incomplete pass to Knox and Nazareth regained possession.

downfield to Eric Schilling, and the pass, although it was incomplete, drew an interference flag on Claude, giving the Swifts a first down and a 10-yard gain. That was all the Swifts would get on the drive, though, and they had to punt.

After Claude ran into similar problems and punted the ball back, Nazareth started its second scoring drive of the game.

Wilcox gained 69 yards on a quarterback keeper, then Cameron McLain gave Nazareth a four-yard gain. The Swifts lost 10 yards on the next play thanks to a holding penalty,

but they didn't give up. Three Wilcox passes fell incomplete, but he finally connected on the workload for Claude, picking up one, a 42-yarder to twin brother Kade, which gave the Swifts a 13-7 lead. Wethington's PAT made it 14-7 and that's the way the first-half

> Claude did attempt to tie the game before halftime, but that drive ended in the hands of Nazareth's Daryl Pohlmeier, who picked off a Herring

> The Mustangs got to try their luck first in the second half, but they found no room to run and had to

Nazareth couldn't move the ball in two plays and was headed for the same punt fate when another pass interference penalty against the Mustangs gave the Swifts a first down and a bonus 15 yards.

Nazareth would pick up another 13 yards before consecutive illegal procedure penalties killed the effort and momentum in Mustang territory. The hampered drive died when Birkenfeld fumbled the ball and Claude recovered.

Cameron McLain broke through the Mustang line to sack Herring for a three-yard loss, but the Mustangs weren't held in check for long.

Herring made up the difference by completing a pass to Eric Eddleman, who ran 76 yards down the sideline to paydirt. Knox added the extra point to tie the score at 14.

Nazareth gained one first down on its ensuing drive, then Cameron McLain broke away from the Mustang defense for a 60-yard gain, setting Nazareth up in Claude territory. The Swifts couldn't capitalize on the big play, though, and had to punt at the end of the third quarter.

A Herring to Stephenson pass gained Claude 36 yards, then the Mustangs went to work on the ground, with Knox and Fanelli com-

Birkenfeld attempted a long pass bining for 41 yards and three first downs. The drive was capped by a 3yard touchdown run by Knox. The extra point failed to split the uprights, but Claude had taken the lead, 20-14, early in the fourth quarter.

> Nazareth wasn't silent for long. The Swifts gained 27 yards and a pair of first downs behind the running of the McLain brothers, then

changed things up by going to the air on a big 52-yard touchdown play from Birkenfeld to Daryl Pohlmeier to tie the score at 20 with 5:15 left in the game. Wethington lined up to kick the go-ahead PAT, but it sailed wide and the score remained knotted at 20.

After the teams traded punts, Claude got control back with just over three minutes left and began what would be the game-winning

After throwing an incomplete pass to start the drive, Herring caught the Swifts off-guard on the second play from scrimmage and rumbled 55 yards downfield for a first down and excellent field position. Three plays later, as time was running out, he found Eddleman in the end zone for the 20-yard touchdown pass, Knox kicked the extra point for the 27-20 lead and win.

Nazareth got the ball back with nine seconds left, but attempted pass plays fell incomplete.

#### Game at a Glance

Nazareth	7	7	0	6-20	
Claude	7	0	7	13-27	
		N	AZ	CLA	
First Downs			10	19	
Yards Rushing		4	155	207	
Yards Passing			99	154	
Total Yards Gaine	be	1	254	361	
Passes CompAt	t.	5	-15	6-16	
Interceptions By			0	0	
Punts-Avg.		4	-39	4-36	

#### Scoring By Quarters

Fumbles-Lost

Penalties-Yards

First Quarter: NAZ-Cameron McLain 53 run (Stanton Wethington kick) CLAUDE-Jason Fanelli 2 run (Ty Knox kick)

4-29

Second Quarter: NAZ-Ky Wilcox 2 run (Wethington

Third Quarter: CLAUDE-Eric Eddelman 81 pass

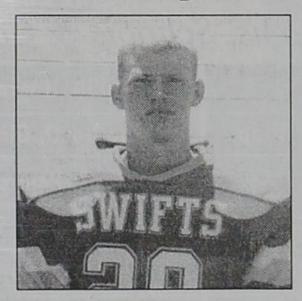
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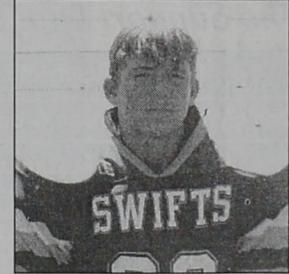
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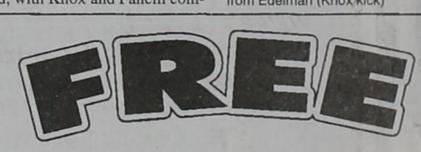
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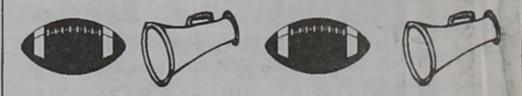
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Here are Jon Harris's predictions for Week 6 of the regular season, along with his latest rankings for Class A and AAA. Harris rates teams by a unique power rating system, and each team's power rating, as calculated by Harris, follows its ranking.

**CLASS A TOP TEN** 1. Wheeler, 199; 2. Bartlett, 194; 3. Sudan, 193; 4. Detroit, 190; 5. Dawson, 188; 6. Baird, 186; 7. Aspermont, 185; 8. Menard, 184; 9. Iola, 182; 10. Gruver, 182.

AREA CLASS A TEAMS 17. Claude, 175; 21. Nazareth, 174; 24. Springlake-Earth, 172; 36. Paducah, 168; 42. Memphis, 166; 51. Petersburg, 160; 55. Valley, 160; 57. Happy, 159; 67. Vega, 158; 75. Booker, 154; 82. Shamrock, 152; 83. Kress, 151; 88. Motley County, 150; 90. Anton, 148; 99. Whiteface, 144; 106. Crosbyton, 141; 108. Hart, 140; 111. Lorenzo, 137; 119. Smyer, 134.

CLASS AAA TOP TEN 1. Sealy, 217; 2. Crockett, 209; 3. Cuero, 208; 4. Atlanta, 207; 5. Corrigan-Camden, 205; 6. Newton, 205; 7. Crane, 205; 8. Gilmer, 205; 9. Cleveland, 204; 10. Diboll,

AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS 18. Childress, 201; 39. Lamesa, 195; 44. Sanford-Fritch, 194; 85. Perryton, 187; 90. Littlefield, 186; 101. Amarillo River Road, 183; 107. Friona, 182; 116. Muleshoe, 180; 117. Tulia, 180; 129. Seminole, 177; 134.

## Here's how our opponents fared

Dimmitt, 175; 149. Shallowater, 173; 159.

Denver City, 170; 161. Lubbock Cooper, 170;

Here's a rundown of how opponents of the Dimmitt Bobcats, Nazareth Swifts and Hart Longhorns fared during the fifth week of the season.

#### **Dimmitt opponents**

Lamesa (4-1) beat Greenwood, 21-14 Sundown (4-1) beat Plains, 38-12 Tulia (2-3) beat Springlake-Earth, 7-0 River Road (2-3) beat Friona (4-1), 9-7 Sanford-Fritch (5-0) beat Stratford, 41-20 Dalhart (2-3) lost to Dumas, 21-7 Perryton (2-3) beat Spearman, 34-10 Brownfield (0-5) lost to Littlefield, 41-6

#### Nazareth opponents

LCHS (0-4) score not available Valley (3-2) beat Hart (1-4) 34-0 Whiteface (1-5) beat Crosbyton, 27-20 S'lake-Earth (3-2) lost to Tulia, 7-0 Vega (4-1) beat Ropes, 27-13 Farwell (4-1) beat Happy (2-3), 36-10 Kress (1-4) lost to Aspermont, 46-3

Hart opponents

Morton (5-0) beat Smyer (0-5), 27-0 Kress (1-4) lost to Aspermont, 46-3 Nazareth (4-1) lost to Claude, 27-20 Happy (2-3) lost to Farwell, 36-10 S'lake-Earth (3-2) lost to Tulia, 7-0 Bovina (4-1) beat Lorenzo, 40-7 Vega (4-1) beat Ropes, 27-13 Olton (4-1) beat Anton, 21-20 (OT)

174. Dalhart, 164; 189. Slaton, 162; 198. Brownfield, 156; 207. Lubbock Roosevelt,

**WEEK 5 PICKS** (Home teams are listed in capital letters). **RIVER ROAD 8 over Dimmitt** KRESS 10 over Hart Nazareth 17 over VEGA Springlake-Earth 14 over HAPPY PERRYTON 21 over Dalhart Sanford-Fritch 14 over TULIA FRIONA 10 over Shallowater Lub. Cooper 30 over LUB. ROOSEVELT Littlefield 6 over MULESHOE SEMINOLE 20 over Brownfield Lamesa 31 over SLATON LORENZO pick vs. Crosbyton VALLEY 10 over Motley County Petersburg 12 over SPUR ANTON 17 over Smyer SUDAN no line vs. Whiteface Morton 2 over BOVINA Farwell 15 over HALE CENTER SUNDOWN 34 over Olton SPEARMAN 46 over Boys Ranch CANADIAN 32 over Sunray

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## Mules blank JV Cats, 40-0

The beleaguered junior varsity Bobcats fell victim to a tough, outstanding Muleshoe JV squad, 40-0.

"The JV boys were down with injuries and we lost several to grades," said Dimmitt Coach Anthony Howerton. "We should get some kids back this week.

Muleshoe scored 14 points in the opening quarter, added 20 in the second and capped the scoring barrage with six in the third for the 40-0

The JV Bobcats dropped to 0-5 on the year.

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**OPENING UP THE HOLE for Hart running back** Leon Minjarez (32) Friday are teammates Manuel Mendoza (66) and Javier Dominguez (33). The Longhorns, who were playing without most of their

regulars in the backfield, turned the ball over seven times Friday and Valley capitalized, scoring after four of those turnovers. The Patriots went on to claim a 34-0 win. Photo by Neoma Williams

## Valley turns Hart miscues into touchdowns for 34-0 win

Valley scored early in the first Hart couldn't capitalize on the big quarter and never looked back Friday, cruising to a 34-0 win over a battered Hart Longhorn team playing

without most of its starting backfield. The Patriots defense did the job Friday, limiting Hart to 86 yards rushing and 89 yards passing. The Patriots stole the ball seven times and those five picks and two fumble recoveries resulted in four of Valley's touchdowns.

On offense, Valley dominated with a power running game led by Nathan Wheeler, who scored on runs of 48, 5 and 3 yards. Behind Wheeler, Valley racked up 196 yards on the ground and added another 24 through the air.

There were some bright spots for the Longhorns in Friday's game. The defense, which was allowing 300 yards a game, held Valley to 220. The Longhorns' passing game improved, also, going from a 20-yardper-game average to 89.

A large chunk of that passing yardage came on one play in the second half when Hart quarterback Jeremiah Velasquez hooked up with Salvador Velasquez for a 56-yard play that moved Hart into scoring position.

play, however.

Hart's leading rusher was Leon Minjarez, who gained 31 yards. Velasquez picked up another 26 yards on the ground.

Hart dropped to 1-4 with the loss while Valley improved to 3-2.

The first of Hart's turnovers was returned for six points and that seemed to set the stage for the game.

Early in the first quarter, Hart quarterback Jeff Bennett was hit hard just as he released the ball, then Valley's Richard Wellman picked off the pass, returning it 9 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Vance Chandler added the extra point to give Valley a 7-0 lead.

Wheeler took over in the second quarter and put his team up by two touchdowns when he broke free for a 48-yard touchdown run. The kick failed, but the Patriots were in control, 13-0.

Wheeler added a second touchdown, this time from five yards out in the third quarter. Justin Davis ran in the two-point conversion for the Patriots, giving his team a 21-0 lead. Wheeler and Davis provided the

fourth-quarter scoring, too.

Wheeler made it a 27-0 game when he scored from three yards out. Then Davis picked off a Hart pass and returned it 47 yards for the game's final touchdown. Chandler's kick made it 34-0.

#### Game at a Glance

Longhorns 0, Valley 34 0 HART VAL First Downs 196 24 220 2-15 Yards Rushing 89 175 3-14 Yards Passing **Total Yards Gained** Passes Comp.-Att. Interceptions By 3-21 8-27 Punts-Avg. rumbles-Lost Penalties-Yards 2-20 5-45

#### Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter: VALLEY—Richard Wellman 9 intercep-tion return (Vance Chandler kick) Second Quarter:

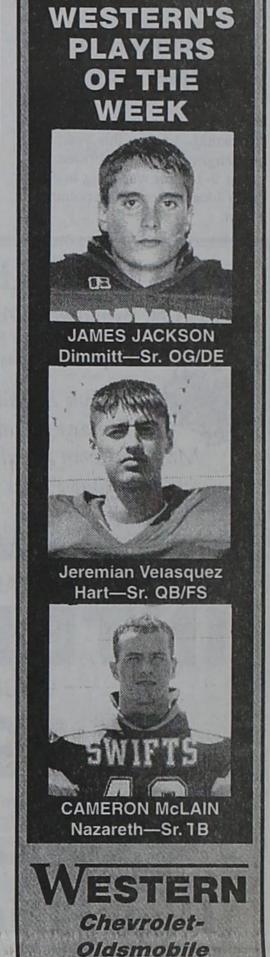
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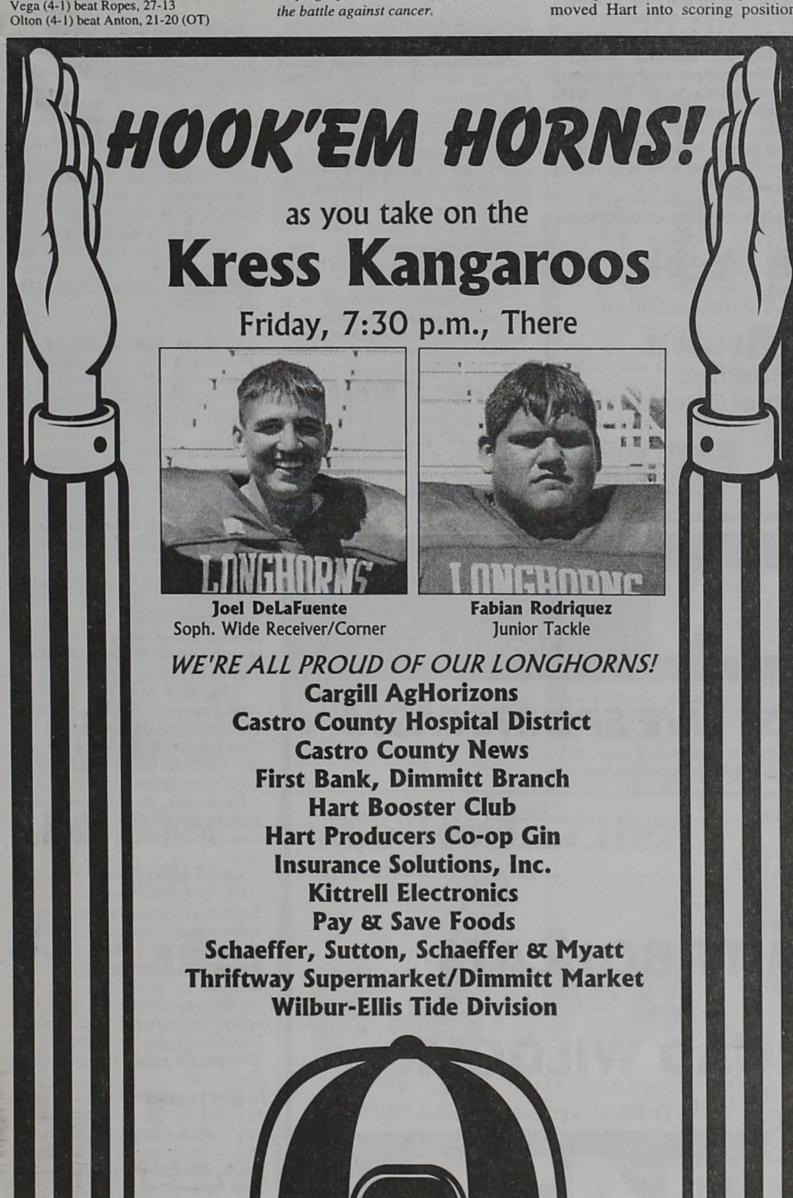
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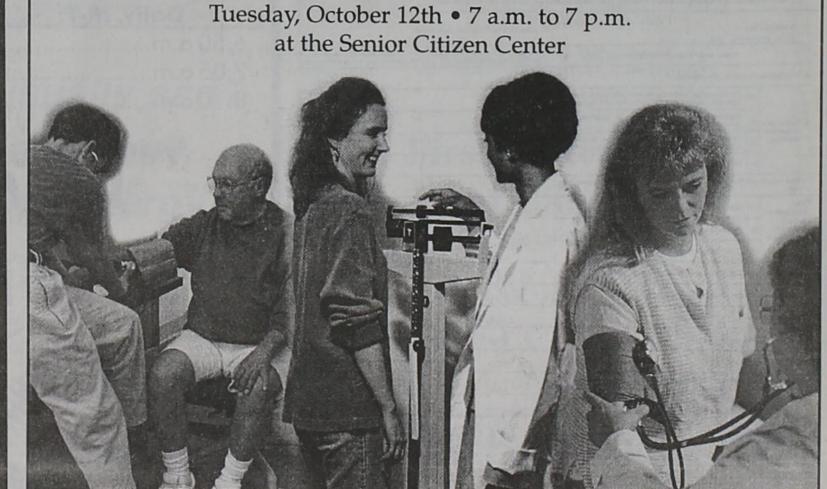


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CASTRO COUNTY HEALTH FAIR

## District battles will begin Friday

We're halfway into the 1999 football season and the big games start this week for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

Each team will open district play on the road Friday, with the Bobcats traveling to Sanford-Fritch, Nazareth visiting Vega and Hart traveling to Kress.

Each game will start at 7:30 p.m.

#### Dimmitt at **River Road**

River Road's Wildcats pulled off a trick Friday night that no other team has managed so far this year: They beat mighty Friona. At Friona, yet.

The 9-7 upset was a big boost for the Wildcats after a disappointing 1-3 start.

So both squads of Cats go into Friday night's game with identical records of 2-3.

More important, both coaches will tell you, is that both teams also have identical records of 0-0 in district play. Friday night's game is the 1-AAA opener, and the team that wins that first one will be a giant step closer to a playoff berth.

Bobcat Coach Bruce Dollar said he feels that River Road's surprise win over Friona "was one of those deals where Friona messed up their own playhouse. They had probably five penetrations and scored only one time. They just got down there and got penalties; they had two interceptions and a couple of turnovers."

However, he said, "River Road is a good football team. There are no bad ones left."

Oddly enough, Dollar noted, every



VALIANT EFFORT—Dimmitt Bobcat Daniel Proffitt (88) stretches out his arms in a futile effort to reach a pass in the second quarter of Friday

night's game with the Muleshoe Mules. The play brought the Bobcats up Photo by Linda Maxwell to third down.

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team in District 1-AAA is carrying a 2-3 season record into district play, except for 5-0 Sanford-Fritch.

RR's Wildcats started the season with a 44-0 loss to Class AAAA Canyon, but topped West Texas High 33-12 in their second outing. They suffered two setbacks in a row, 28-20 to Amarillo Caprock and 40-9 to Childress, before their dramatic 9-7 upset of Friona Friday night.

Friona is the only common foe that the two teams of Cats have faced. Dimmitt lost to Friona 49-14.

Guiding the Wildcats is 6-0 senior Adam King, who passed for more than 1,000 yards and 13 touchdowns last season while earning all-district honors.

"King is a great quarterback, probably the best one in this part of the country," Coach Dollar said. "They have about five receivers (Jeff Gilmore, David Ferril, Matt Hensley, Eric Flanders and Mitch Grider), all to Valley two weeks ago. about the same speed.

"They throw the football."

The only running back in RR's one-back scheme is usually Grider, the defending district champ in the 100-meter dash. However, their leading rusher against Friona Friday was Nick Rincones, who gained 45 yards on nine totes while Grider was busy making three interceptions against Friona on defense

The Wildcats advanced to the area round of the playoffs last year and started this season with 17 seniors and a slew of experience to bank on.

That's why they were favored in the pre-season rankings to win the District 1-AAA title.

And that's why their 2-3 record has been so disappointing to them. They'll be determined to redouble their efforts in the district race, starting Friday night.

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The Bobcats, though - shorthanded as they are, with 13 players doing most of the work - will take a lot of determination and pride into the game, as well.

"We're going to line up and play to win," Dollar said.

Don't forget the earlier kickoff time-7:30 p.m.

#### Nazareth at Vega

Nazareth and Vega both closed out non-district play with 4-1 marks, the best among District 3-A teams. Now the two will square off in a district opener Friday at Vega.

Kickoff in the game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The Swifts suffered their first loss of the season Friday in Claude when the Mustangs drove down the field and scored the winning touchdown with 19 seconds left in regulation.

Vega's lone slip was a 14-13 loss

"Vega's off to a good 4-1 start. They've got notions of getting into the playoffs," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

The Longhorns, who have been struggling in recent years, seem to have put it all together in 1999. They have outscored opponents by a combined 122-47. Included among their four wins are a 41-8 decision over Crowell, a 13-6 win over Boys Ranch, a 28-6 nod over Shamrock and a 27-13 win over Ropes.

Leading Vega's powerful offensive attack, which is averaging 286.80 yards per game, is running back Mark Ruiz (5-11, 170), who has gained 527 yards this season. Ruiz accounted for 173 of those rushing yards against Ropes Friday, and he scored three touchdowns on runs of 1, 8 and 5 yards.

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Joining Ruiz in the backfield is another talented runner, Justin Wolfe (6-1, 160), who gained 106 yards against Ropes; and quarterback Todd Hubbart (5-9, 150).

"Vega's got a really good offensive team. They like the wishbone. They're quick, but not real big. They're another option team, so we've got to be disciplined in order to stop that. They'll line up with two tight ends, a full backfield and make you stop the run," said Price.

Justin Noggler (5-11, 160), who ceiver/quarterback Chris George, caught a 23-yard touchdown pass both rehabilitating injured knees. from Ruiz Friday.

for the Longhorns are Jarrod Cook quarterback at the beginning of the (5-11, 230), Jonathan Frerick (5-11, 178).

Vega's defense has been enjoying success as well this season, allowing its five opponents just 47 points. 189 yards per game-158.60 on the quarter when he was hit, and ground and 30.40 through the air.

The 4-3 defensive scheme features Cook, Green and Frerick on the line and Ruiz and Hubbart in the secondary. Linebackers include Lamb, Fausto Ruiz and Cody Spiva.

"Vega likes to stunt their linebackers quite a bit, so we're going to have to be ready to pick that up," Price

Price said the Swifts will have to be on top of their game each week through the district schedule, because it's "going to be a wide-open race."

"Hart's beat up right now, but as soon as they get healthy, I think they'll be in the running. Springlake-Earth is 3-2 and they've played some really tough teams and they've played those teams close, so I think they're still the strongest. Kress also had a tough non-district schedule and they're better than their 4-1 record indicates. They'll make some noise in district. Happy had a good start, but then has had some injuries, too.

"We just have to be ready to go out and take care of business each week, starting with Vega" Price said.

## **Hart at Kress**

The Hart Longorns will face one of their stiffest District 3-A challenges right off the bat when they travel to Kress to face the Kangaroos in a District 3-A opener Friday night

The injury-plagued Longhorns hope several players will be able to return to the starting lineup this week. Among those are the two starting running backs, quarterback, lineman. . . the list has almost seemed endless to Hart Coach Bryan

Welps this season.

In last week's loss to Valley, Hart was minus leading rusher Keith Finch, who was nursing a severe ankle sprain; fullback Jacob Reyna, who was nursing a hand injury; and One of Vega's leading receivers is center Emilio Diaz and re-And Jeremiah Velasquez, who was Anchoring the front line on offense tabbed to be Hart's starting season, finally saw action Friday, but 148) and tight end Rex Green (6-3, his broken arm is still in a cast and wasn't 100%.

Hart went with Jeff Bennett at quarterback Friday-at least in the first quarter. But Bennett suffered a The Longhorns have allowed just back injury early in the second Velasquez was pressed into service at quarterback.

"We were pretty banged up," Welps said. "We should have Keith and Jacob back this week, though, and Jeremiah should be stronger. Jeff is expected back and we don't know about Chris yet. He could be back, but he's questionable."

Hart will need all available players healthy as it begins district play this

The Kangaroos may only be 1-4 this season, but those losses have all been to quality teams, mostly from other classifications. In other words, Kress's schedule

had been T-O-U-G-H. The Kangaroos have managed to

score 51 points this season, with most of those coming in their only win of the season, 34-13 over Lubbock Christian High School.

Kress has suffered shutout losses at the hands of New Deal (28-0) and Farwell (28-0) and they lost to Aspermont (46-3) and Memphis (34-

Kress has a lot of experienced players back from last year's team which just missed a trip to the playoffs when it fell to Springlake-Earth in overtime in the last game of the

Headlining that list of veterans are several players at skill positions including tailback Sammy Rojas (5-7, 155), fullback Chris Saenz (5-8, 155) and quarterback Dane Morphis (5-11, 150). A solid line includes tackle Rolf Sherman (6-0, 240), center Jerald Perez (5-7, 245), guard Emilio Vuittonett 5-7, 180) and tight end John Springer (6-3, 160).

Kress likes a split back formation on offense and Rojas is the Roos' leading ground gainer.

"They do a lot of things. They'll line up in several different offensive formations and try and confuse you. They run mainly out of the I or with split backs and they'll run the option off of those formations," Welps said.

On defense, the Kangaroos like a split set, and they'll also try and confuse opposing teams with different

Kress's leaders on the defensive side of the ball are Sherman at tackle, Rojas at outside linebacker, Saenz at tackle and Shy Shafer (5-7, 150) at middle linebacker. Morphis provides experienced coverage in the second-

"They use those big tackles to apply pressure on the inside, then the linebackers cover well to the outside. They've got a lot of team speed," Welps said.

"Kress has a good ball club. And now that district starts, it's a whole new season. Every team in our district is good and we've got to get healthy and then I think we can make a run for the playoffs. This first game with Kress is a big one for us. The guys still remember last year's 9-7 loss and they're really up for this game," Welps said.

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ing changes in the medical staff by-

Joplin also announced that Dr.

When presented with estimates for

roof repairs to the hospital and clinic,

board members asked whether bids

had been sought on the project, and

he feels the district should at least

give locals a chance to bid on such

projects, and Ramaekers said he

the roofing and on the project of

replacing the telephone system at the

The board agreed to seek bids on

In statistical reports, Sloan pointed

out that hospital admissions are up,

with 73 in August 1999, compared

with 53 in August of 1998. Admis-

sions for the year to date stand at

371, a considerable increase over the

202 listed for last year. Also, clinic

visits for August stood at 1,789 for

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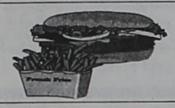
Sloan said they had not.

agreed.



LOTS OF PANCAKES-George Rasor works the griddle at the annual Dimmitt Lions Club Pancake Supper, which was held in Dimmitt Friday night

prior to the football game. Over 200 people were served and the event raised over \$1,000 to be used for various club projects. Photo by Linda Maxwell



### 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. 7-15.

#### DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Hot oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh bananas MONDAY: Scrambled eggs with biscuits,

orange juice and milk TUESDAY: Rice Krispie cereal, apple

slices and milk WEDNESDAY: French toast with syrup,

pineapple juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

FRIDAY: No school.

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#### THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, tossed

salad, hash brown potatoes, hot cheese rolls FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise,

mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk. MONDAY: Nachos with cheese,

Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk. THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.

#### Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noddles, harn and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, chicken fried steak or enchiladas; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or jellied applesauce; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk,

white milk or punch. TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; onion rings, refried beans or spinach; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; combread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato with apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; wheat rolls, commeal twist bread sticks or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, chicken baked Italiano or vegetable pasta alfredo; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or juice. FRIDAY: No school.

HART

Breakfast THURSDAY: French toast sticks, Canadian

Pep rally

set Friday

The Dimmitt High School cheerleaders have issued a special invitation to everyone to come out and

help support the Dimmitt Bobcats football team as they get ready to

face the River Road Wildcats in the

Parents and community members are welcome to attend the rally, in

addition to members of the student

body, according to Elly Rogers,

sponsor of the cheerleading squad. She said that the cheerleaders give

a "spirit stick" to representatives of the school class level that shows the

first game of district play.

bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk. MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, peaches, toast and

TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice,

WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers

THURSDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk. FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, Lucky Charms, assorted fruit juice and milk.

#### **Elementary Lunch** THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken

sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple an d milk FRIDAY: Choice of burrito, spaghetti and meat sauce, Texas toast, corn, salad, brownie,

gelatin dessert and milk. MONDAY: Choice of pizza, chicken sandwich with chips or stromboli; salad, pears, or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad,

yogurt, gelatin dessert, potato puffs, assorted fresh fruit and milk. TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burnito or

sloppy Joe on a bun; sliced pickles, potato wedges, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk. WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; com, gelatin

dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, barbecued rib with chips or chili and combread; pinto beans, sliced pickles,

lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk. FRIDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, whole wheat sugar cookies, gelatin dessert and milk.

#### Junior High/High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of brisket, hamburger basket or baked potato; wheat rolls, pinto beans, sliced cheese, salad, brownie, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, chicken sandwich with chips or stromboli; salad, pears, yogurt, gelatin dessert, potato puffs, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun; sliced pickles, potato wedges, whole wheat sugar cookies, ice cream

and milk, punch or tea. WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger with potato chips, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger with 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

FRIDAY: Choice of spaghetti and meat sauce or lasagna with ground beef, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

#### **NAZARETH** Breakfast

THURSDAY: Sausage and pancake on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: No school. TUESDAY: Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Waffles, sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange

Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Chicken nuggets with bread or steak fingers with bread, tossed salad, com, applesauce, Rice Krispie and milk

FRIDAY: \* Chicken fried steak or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit cocktail, Jell-O and milk or juice. MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: \* Ham and cheese pocket or pizza, tossed salad, com, pineapple, dessert

and milk or juice. WEDNESDAY: \* Soft taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, beans, grapes, pea-

nut butter bars and milk or juice. THURSDAY: \* Nachos with roll or com dog, broccoli and cauliflower salad, green

beans, applesauce, tropical apples, and milk FRIDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti and biscuit

peas, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.

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

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary at-

tended the Texas Association of

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1A and B fall meeting in Lubbock

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cille Drerup, Lequetta West, Lois

Waggoner, Sue Tischler, Mattie

Seale, Claudine Langford and Jackie

The meeting was sponsored by

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bock, Highland Medical Center and

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Sloan told the board he will pres-

Sloan reported on a trip he and

board president Henry Ramaekers

made to Washington, D.C., to visit

with legislators about the effects of

the Balanced Budget Act. He said

they met with Charles Stenholm and

Sloan said that Stenholm is a

strong supporter and a founding

member of the Rural Health Caucus.

He said Thornberry also seemed

Sloan told the board that the South

Plains Emergency Medical Services,

after having been consolidated with

the Regional Advisory Council, is

drawing up new by-laws, that will

include fewer board members. for

the combined organization are being

In other business, the board voted

to follow the recommendations of

chief of staff Dr. Leon Joplin in ex-

tending an invitation to Dr. Don

McGrorey for another year, with a

change in his list of privileges; ap-

proved provisional status for Dr.

Margaret Bailey and Dr. Byron

Wilkenfeld, and extended courtesy

privileges for Dr. Hugh Paik, and Dr.

ent the information to the local

ing session.

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Share payment for 1999-2000 will be only \$244,000, while the past fiscal year had payments of over \$800,000. The payments are based on the amount of indigent care at the hospi-

Parrish recommended that the district explore the possibility of becoming a critical access hospital.

In another matter, the board signed a resolution calling on Congress and the administration to provide relief to America's hospitals from the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

The resolution states that the massive cuts in Medicare spending under the act were estimated to reduce payments to hospitals and health systems by approximately \$53 billion over a five-year period, but they actually will cost health providers as much as \$71 billion over the five years. Since the reductions have reduced availability of vital health care services for all patients and further reductions will be required in the coming three years, the resolution calls for restoring Medicare funding before the legislature adjourns this year and asks for a commitment of a minimum \$25 billion in additional funding.

The board viewed a letter from the National Rural Health Association

### Game night set Friday at Senior Center

ter will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

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

age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

## The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Cen-

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

They toured hospitals and went to

Nancy Hays, TAHA second vice

The group adjourned for a break

president conducted the auxiliary roll

call and there were 12 out of 22 hos-

before lunch, which was a buffet of

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bles, rolls, salad and blueberry

Entertainment during lunch was

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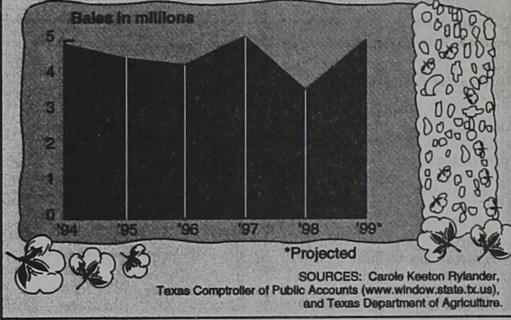
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TAHA. That thought was "Treat everyone with love, grace and respect. Don't neglect ones self. It's safe saving." She also passed out book markers printed with "The Optimist Creed."

Also addressing the convention was Shirley Volluz, TAHA president, who told about some of the conventions the officers were planning to attend.

was held in Houston. It was a great ing a Fundraiser."

After the drawing, the members adjourned to various workshops. "Candy Gifts" was attended by

Mattie Seale, Claudine Langford and Jackie Edwards, all of Dimmitt. Lucille Drerup, Lequetta West, Lois Waggoner and Sue Tischler The Teen Volunteers Convention attended the workshop on "Organiz-

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## 22-Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553.

22-27-4tc

## 25—Legal Notices

The Castro County Hospital District is seeking bids on a roofing project to include the entire roof at Plains Memorial Hospital and the entire roof at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. Contact Jim Hicks for a request for proposal at 806-647-2191, P.O. Box 278, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt 79027. Bids are due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the CCHD Administrative offices, 310 W. Halsell. 25-27-2tc

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Direcciones de las Casillas Electorales:

Precinct 1: 101-Hart Golden Group 105-Sunnyside Baptist Church

201—Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt.

206-Flagg Fertilizer Precinct 3: 301-First Baptist Church, Dimmitt 307-Easter Community Center

Precinct 4: 401—District Courtroom, Dimmitt 408-Nazareth Community Hall

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en County/District Clerk's Office, Room 101, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, entre las 8 de la manana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 18 de octubre de 1999 y terminando el 29 de octubre de 1999.

Los solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberian enviase a: Joyce M. Thomas, Early Voting District/County Clerk, Castro County Courthouse, Room 101, 100 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán recibires para el fin de las hjoras de negocio el: 26 de octubre de 1999. Emitada este día 1 de octubre, 1999.

IRENE MILLER, County Judge 25-27-1tc

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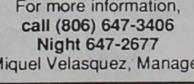
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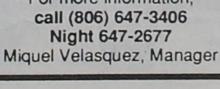
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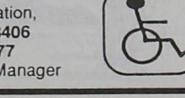
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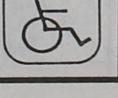
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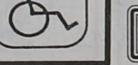
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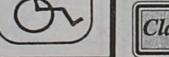












### 25—Legal Notices

To the registered voters of the County of Castro, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 2, 1999, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES: Precinct 1:

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County/District Clerk's Office, Room 101, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., beginning on October 18, 1999, and ending Oct. 29, 1999.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to Joyce M. Thomas, Early Voting Clerk, District/County Clerk, Castro County Courthouse, Room 101, 100 East Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Oct. 26, 1999

Issued this, the 1st day of October,

IRENE MILLER, County Judge 25-27-1tc

## FCA plans canned food drive Oct. 15

The Dimmitt chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be conducting a canned food drive on Friday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt-Tulia football game at Bobcat Stadium.

Those who bring two cans of food to the game will receive \$1 off of the regular ticket price. Those bringing four cans of food to the game will have their admission price discounted \$2.

One can of food will be considered a donation, but the donor won't receive a discount off of his or her

All food items collected will be given to Panhandle Community Services, which operates the local food

According to PCS Director Stella Devers, the food bank is in "desperate need" of food.

Food collected will be distributed through the Castro County Ministerial Alliance to elderly and disabled residents of the county.

## Townsend will review 'The Locket'

Diane Townsend will review The Locket by Richard Paul Evans when the Dimmitt Book Club meets Wednesday at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The club's regular business meeting will start at 4 p.m. in the library's meeting room and the review will follow. The public is invited to at-

The Locket is a story about love between the generations, and the nurturing and forgiveness those relationships always require. The story revolves around Michael, a young college student, and Esther, an elderly nursing home resident; and the challenges they face in their lives.

#### **UIL** marching contest is Oct. 16

The Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band will participate in the UIL Marching Contest Oct. 16 at Dick Bivens Stadium in Amarillo.

The band's performance time will be at 3 p.m., according to director Harold Hinsley.

The band participated in the Plainview Marching Contest Saturday and won a II rating. They competed against other 3A bands from Lamesa, Muleshoe and Tulia. Their musical selections were Magnificent Seven, Your Mama Don't Dance, The Jeopardy Theme, and Rockero. They will perform basically the same program for the UIL contest.

"We have made a great deal of improvement thus far, but we have a great amount of improvement yet to be done," Hinsley said of the band. "Please try to find time to come to this event and show your support for the band."



LITTLE CHEERLEADERS-Participants in a recent cheerleading clinic conducted by the Dimmitt High School cheerleaders were invited to perform

several cheers during halftime of Friday's football Photo by Linda Maxwell

## game against Muleshoe.

## Police Calls

Sunday night, a male victim at Coronado Acres received a wound to the face from a 12-guage shotgun in an apparent accidental shooting. The man was taken to a Hereford hospital by private vehicle, and was transferred to Amarillo by helicopter. The Sheriff's Dept. reported that the man was subsequently transferred to a Dallas hospital. His condition was unknown, and authorities declined to release his name, pending further in the past week: investigation.

A 17-year-old juvenile female told police Friday afternoon that a suspect kicked her and continues to threaten

Sunday afternoon, a 15-year-old Dimmitt youth was bitten on his left leg by a dog in the 600 block of Southwest Third. The injury was not

Mike Huseman, loan officer of Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, reported to police Friday afternoon that a suspect had forged three

Isaac Ramos, 18, of Dimmitt, told police Sept. 28 that someone removed a black Nike t-shirt from his yard without his consent. He valued the shirt at \$8. It was taken in the 400 block of West Dulin.

Tila Rodriguez of Dimmitt reported Sept. 29 that someone burglarized her Chevy Lumina while it was parked at her home in the 700 block of Northwest Seventh and removed some children's clothing from the vehicle.

Another burglary of a motor vehicle was reported Oct. 3 by Andrew Prieto. He said some tools were taken from his pickup while it was in the 600 block of Northwest Sixth.

juvenile female had run away from and struck the Miata, causing light home and had not been attending school.

Saturday, police received a report from a 24-year-old Dimmitt woman that someone has been calling her to harass and annoy her at a late hour.

Jailed for alcohol-related offenses

-Friday. a 17-year-old Dimmitt man on charges of DWI, first offense, and a warrant for public intox-

-Saturday, two Hereford men, ages 20 and 25, for public intoxica-

-In separate incidents Sunday, a Hereford man and a Dimmitt man, both 24, for DWI, first offense.

Jailed on warrants were:

—A 47-year-old Sundown man on a violation of probation fugitive arrest warrant and for driving with license suspended.

-A Dimmitt man, 25, on a warrant for driving with license suspended.

Sept. 26 at 3:10 p.m. Ruben Lopez Jr., 40, of Dimmitt, was backing his 1990 Mercury Sable out of a parking space in a private parking lot in the 800 block of North Braodway, when he backed into a 1990 Lincoln Town Car driven by Connie Farris, 54, of Hart. Both vehicles were rated with light damage and no injuries were

Sept. 27 at 7:10 p.m. a 1992 Mazda Miata owned by Gabriel Montiel of Dimmitt was parked, unattended in a parking lot in the 600

A Hereford woman reported to block of North Broadway, when an police Monday that a 16-year-old unidentified vehicle backed unsafely damage to it.

> Raymond Lee Powers, 18, was driving a 1988 Ford Mustang belonging to Leslie W. Davis, going north on US 385 south of Dimmitt and attempted to make a left turn onto FM 3215. Police said he missed the intersection and struck a road sign, causing \$95 in damage to the sign and causing light damage to the Mustang. Powers left the scene. He later was ticketed for failure to control speed and failure of duty to report when striking a fixture or highway landscape.

Chevrolet pickup driven by

Reynaldo Dominguez, 30, of Dimmitt, backed out of a driveway in the 300 block of Southeast Second and backed into a 1994 Buick Skylark driven by Oreda Bradshaw Campbell, 49, of Dimmitt. Both vehicles were rated with light damage and no injuries were reported. Dominguez was given a ticket for backing without safety and no liability insurance.



## Coffee Blood Center extends open hours

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is open on Saturdays and will take appointments for blood donations in an effort to make it more convenient for volunteer do-

"The number one reason given in a recent national survey for not giving blood was that it was not convenient. Volunteer donors are the only source for the gift of life, so the blood center is responding to the needs of our donors by making it easier for them to donate with Saturday hours and appointments," said John Guthrie, president and CEO of Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

The new donations hours, which went into effect Oct. 1, are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday (by appointment).

Guthrie said that walk-ins are always welcome and will be worked in, but appointments with donors will

Appointments to donate blood also may be made on Monday through Friday.

The Birthday Club is another way the blood center is encouraging people to donate. If a donor gives blood on his or her birthday, the center will give them a "Blood Drop Beanie" as a thank you for "giving someone else an opportunity to celebrate another birthday," according to Guthrie.

Guthrie said as many as 500 units of blood are needed weekly to meet the needs of patients in the Panhan-

Call the center at 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178 to make an appointment or if you have any questions.

### Depression screening set Friday

pression Screening Week, a depression screening has been set for Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones.

pate in the screening. They will have the opportunity to complete a written screening test, hear an educational presentation, and talk individually with a mental health professional. Referrals will be provided to those in need. All screenings are free and anonymous. For more information contact Welch Home Place, Castro County Hospital District, at 1-800-661-9989. No appointments are re-

Welch Home Place is offering a free program that will teach older adults about depression and give them the opportunity to test themselves for the illness. Some 68% of Americans 65 and older think they know only "a little" or "almost noth-Monday at 12:05 p.m., a 1968 ing" about the illness of depression, according to the National Mental Health Association.

Older Americans regularly learn their cholesterol numbers and blood pressure, but they rarely consider being tested for depression. This is unfortunate because seniors spend considerable time visiting doctors and have ample opportunity to discuss their moods. Often, they are embarrassed to broach the issue and their doctors don't ask. This is unfortunate because many older Americans with physical illness such as heart disease, Alzheimer's, and cancer are at greater risk for developing depression. In addition, seniors with depression have a higher risk of developing other physical illnesses. One recent study revealed that chronically depressed seniors have an 88% higher risk of contracting all forms of cancer than do not depressed se-

More than 2 million of the 34 million Americans age 65 and older

In observance of National De- suffer from some form of depression; however, depression is not a normal part of aging. Depression is a medical condition that involves feeling of sadness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, and hopelessness can inter-All ages are welcome to partici- fere significantly with an individual's ability to function. Unlike the blues or grief, depression persists and is not relieved by good news, the passing of time or by supportive friends.

Local seniors can take the first step toward getting help or can just check their emotional health by attending the free, anonymous screen-

Also on Friday, a screening will be offered from 1:30-3:30 p.m., in Muleshoe at the Area Healthcare Center, 106 W. Ave. H.

### More about Health fair . . .

Nancy Innes, audiologist.

Information booths will be manned by the American Heart Association, Harrington Cancer Center, American Diabetic Association, American Kidney Foundation and the Poison Control Center. Other exhibitors include: Hospice and Home Health services, Emergency Medical Service, Home Extension Office, Health Outlook Planning Education, PMH Durable Medical Equipment, PMH Physical Therapy department and the Castro County Autoimmune Diseases Association.

"Part of the Castro County Hospital District mission is to serve as a resource for good health information for the community. The Health Fair is one way we can provide this information in an enjoyable format," Joe Sloan, CEO, Castro County Hospital Distric, said. "Don't miss this opportunity to receive free and reduced cost medical screenings and a wealth of free medical information."



## Obituaries

#### Elizabeth Ann Frazier

Elizabeth Ann Frazier, wife of Landol Frazier, formerly of Dimmitt, died last Wednesday, Sept. 29, in Decatur.

Memorial services were held Friday afternoon at Coker Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Virginia Oswalt officiating. Burial followed in Crown Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Mrs. Frazier was born Feb. 5, 1936, in Groesbeck. She was a former resident of Fort Worth. She worked for several years as a bank teller at Bank One in Fort Worth until her retirement. She was a member of Trinity Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Landol Frazier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Todd and Linda Clynch of Wichita Falls and Troy and Amber Clynch of Fort Worth; a brother, Kenneth Oswalt of Arlington; and two daughters, Kendra Frazier Holder of Flower Mound and Traci Frazier of North Richland Hills; and seven grandchil-

#### **Delores Lee Griffitt**

Funeral services for Delores Lee Griffitt, 70, of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Church of Christ of Dimmitt with Dean Wiseman officiating, assisted by Chuck Ball and Tom Bailey.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery of Hereford under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Griffitt died Sept. 28 in Amarillo.

She was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Fieldton. She attended schools in Fieldton and Amherst then moved with her family to Hereford in 1946, and graduated from Hereford High School. She married Earl Griffitt on Aug. 14, 1948, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1990.

Mrs. Griffitt was a Hospice Volunteer at Plains Memorial Hospital, a volunteer at the Castro County Historical Museum, and was a member of the Castro County Extension Club. She operated Earl's Garage in Dimmitt for seven years.

She is survived by a son, Randy Griffitt of Dimmitt; a daughter, Kim Hollingworth of Hereford; a brother, Terrell Elliott of Hereford; a sister, Opal Elliott of Hereford; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or to Hospice Cares, 112 W. Jones, Dimmitt 79027.

#### Jose Jimendez

Services for Jose Maria Jimendez, 57, of Lubbock, former resident of Dimmitt, were held Monday at Tull Thornton Jr. Chapel at Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors. Burial followed under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jimendez died Friday at St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 25, 1942, in Pleasant. He was a longtime resident of Dimmitt, where he had attended schools. He was a farmer and a welder.

Survivors include three sons, Tony Jimendez, Bobby Jimendez and Joe Jimendez, all of San Antonio; a brother, Miguel Jimendez of Hereford; and a sister, Maria Flores of Hereford.

#### **Leontina Padilla**

Funeral services for Leontina Dimas Padilla, 83, of Friona, mother of two Dimmitt women, were held Wednesday afternoon at Mary Magdalen Church with the Rev. Ed Sweeney officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under neral Home.

A vigil service was held Tuesday evening at St. Mary Margaret Catholic Church.

Mrs. Padilla died Monday at Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

She was born Sept. 23, 1916, in Blanchard, N.M. She married Daniel Padilla on Nov. 24, 1932, in Blanchard. He died Oct. 9, 1972.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Carlos Padilla on June 12, 1995; and Nestor Padilla in November 1982.

Survivors include seven sons, Daniel Padilla, Juan Padilla, Raymond Padilla and Todd Padilla, all of Friona, Lorenzo Padilla of Levelland, Salvador Padilla of Earth and Sebastian Padilla of San Antonio; four daughters, Frances Anes and Veronica Espinosa, both of Dimmitt, and Genoveva Zamora and Rita Padilla, both of Earth; a sister, Flora Garcia of Las Vegas, N.M.; and a brother, Thomas Marquez of Albuquerque, N.M.

#### **Sharleen Preston**

Services for Sharleen Preston, 38, of Lamesa, the sister of a Dimmitt woman, were held Sept. 29 at St. John's Baptist Church in Lamesa.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Guajardo Funeral Chapels.

Mrs. Preston died Sept. 25 at Covenant Methodist Hospital.

She was born Aug. 12, 1961, in Lamesa. A 1979 graduate of Lamesa High School, she attended a Vocational Training Program for Nursing. She married Malcom Preston on June 19, 1985, in Lamesa. She was a dietary manager at Medical Arts Hospital. She was a member of St. John's Baptist Church, where she served as president of the Young Mothers and was a member of the

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Thyrone Harris and Patrick Harris, both of Lamesa; a stepson, Scott Preston of Wichita, Kan.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pink Parson of Lamesa; a brother, Phillip Parson of Lamesa; a sister, Tina Parson of Dimmitt; her grandmother, Carlene Parson of Lubbock; and six step-grandchildren.

#### Mary F. Steuben

Funeral Mass for Castro County native Mary Frances Steiert Steuben, 77, of Potosi, Mo., was said Sept. 24 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Burial followed in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Jefferson Barracks, Mo., under direction of Kriegshauser Mortuary South of St.Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Steuben died Sept. 20 at Farmington, Mo.

She was born Dec. 28, 1921, in Castro County between Hart and Nazareth. She attended school at Nazareth, then went to St. Scholastica's at Fort Smith, Ark. She took nurse's training at St. Edward's Hospital in Fort Smith and served as a nurse there. She married Charles Steuben in 1945 at Fort Smith. He preceded her in death. They moved to St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Steuben was a nurse for 38 years and worked in semi-retirement for several more. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Louise Steuben of Amarillo and Charlette A. Schloemer of Potosi, Mo.; a sister, Ann E. Baumhardt of Amarillo; two brothers, Anthony U. Steiert of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pete Steiert of the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Fu- Hart; and a host of nieces and neph-

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#### Samuel H. Raper Sr.

Graveside services for Samuel H. Raper Sr., 81, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Raper died at 4:25 p.m. last Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

He was born July 16, 1918, in Vernon. He married Pearl Clark on March 24, 1945, in Dimmitt. He moved to Dimmitt in 1945 from Earth. He was an army veteran, having served during World War II. He worked for the City of Dimmitt for 28 years, retiring in 1983. He was a

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Sharmin Raper, in

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Sam Raper Jr., of Dimmitt and Bobby K. Raper of Hereford; three sisters, Mary Woodburn, Rubye Dempsey and Joyce Angel, all of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.

## Childbirth preparation classes set

Childbirth preparation classes are being offered by Plains Memorial Hospital.

Sessions are slated for Oct. 11, 18 and 25, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each evening. Also, an infant/child CPR class will be given on Nov. 1-2, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. both evenings.

There is no cost to attend the classes, but participants are asked to pre-register due to limited space.

Registration forms are available at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and should be returned to Cindy Ellis, RN, childbirth educator, at the clinic.

The classes will cover breathing and relaxation techniques, as well as other means of coping for the woman in labor. They are designed for women who are 28 weeks or more into their pregnancy.

For more information, call Ellis at 647-2191 or the Medical Center at 647-2194.

## Pecan sales starting now

The Dimmitt Bobcat Band started its annual Pecan Sale Wednesday, and will continue through Oct. 20

Band members will have pecans, cashews and mixed nuts for \$7 per one-pound package.

Contact any band member or call Carolyn Harman at 647-2421 or Yuvonne Hufhines at 647-5416.

This is a one-time order, and the nuts should be delivered before Thanksgiving.

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any action on adopting a drought contingency plan until the plan provisions are completely spelled out and the council has time to examine them. The plan would set up a coordinator who would recommend to the council when water rationing may be required due to limited water supplies in times of drought.

In another matter, the council gave final approval for the annexation of the Scott and Lee properties on South

In his manager's report, Don Sheffy said that the new water tower is almost completed.

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nal); Mark Morrison, managing editor of Business Week; Mark Mc-Kinnon, political strategist who is currently working in the George W. Bush presidential campaign; Karen Elliott House, a Matador girl who has gone on to win a Pulitzer Prize with the Wall Street Journal and who is now the president of Dow-Jones International; Jane Chesnutt, editor of Woman's Day; Liz Smith, nationally syndicated columnist; Shirley Strum Kinney, president of the State University of New York at Stonybrook; Adam Clayton Powell III. who heads the Freedom Forum Technology Center; and scores of others who make the wheels turn at the nation's newspapers, networks, magazines and think tanks.

It was one heckuva get-together, with a lot of delightful people.

The main part of the party took place Friday in the LBJ Auditorium on the campus. There were six different forums during the day, with time out only for a sandwich lunch.

Here's another advantage to growing old: the older you get the more cold viruses you've caught and built up immunity to and the fewer colds you're likely to get.

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The highlight forum featured Walter Cronkite and Bill Moyers in a discussion entitled "Journalism and Democracy: Will the Marriage Last?"

I taped their discussion, and highlights of it are on the op/ed page, P-2. I hope you'll take the time to read

Since 1920, The Daily Texan has been under the management umbrella of Texas Student Publications, Inc. The TSP board has always had a student majority.

That hasn't set well through the years with some administrations, politicians and regents who have tried in various ways to control the Texan's content or censor its editorial voice.

Periodically through the years, editors, staffs, faculty and supporters have had to fight for the Texan's independence against those who did not understand that this great newspaper is a free-press training ground

and not a mouthpiece for any administration or board, and that the mistakes students may make are not nearly as important as the responsibility that they learn or the ideas they discuss in the real-life atmosphere of an accountable newspaper.

I was in on two such struggles involving attempted censorship by the Board of Regents-in 1955-56, as a student staffer, and again in 1972, as a member of the Chancellor's Committee of Editors.

Without going into detail, suffice it to say that the students still run The Daily Texan.

And those of us who saw our first by-lines on its pages are still proud of what the Texan meant to us then. and of what it continues to contribute to the training of the next generation of journalists.

It was a great party.

If only the Longhorns could have handled Kansas State's blitz Saturday, the weekend would have been perfect....



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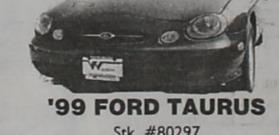
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#### COMING next month

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Read the High Plains
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more.

## Randall County man tests new idea of grazing corn

#### Angie Grand Pre Assistant Editor

From a magazine article to reality, Eddie Bryan of Happy is trying something new.

"It was an idea of something to try," Bryan said. "I wondered if it would work and I am still wondering if it works, but I've had a good year."

Bryan read an article in a farm journal about a man in Nebraska grazing corn. The man has grazed cattle on corn for 7 years and had exceptional results.

Thus far, Bryan has had the same results

As of the end of September, Bryan's 125 head had gained an average of 2.65 lbs. per day. The cattle had been on the field for 39 days.

"Eddie is not the only one in the Panhandle trying this. It is going to be interesting when he finally takes the cattle off to see all the final numbers."

Ted McCollum

According to Ted McCollum, the extension beef cattle specialist of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service in Amarillo, in the Nebraska experiment, over a 60 day period, the cattle gain 2.25 lbs. per day.

"The idea was started on a hailed-out corn crop," McCollum said.

"Eddie is not the only one in the Panhandle trying this," McCollum said. "It is going to be interesting when he finally takes the cattle off to see all the final numbers."

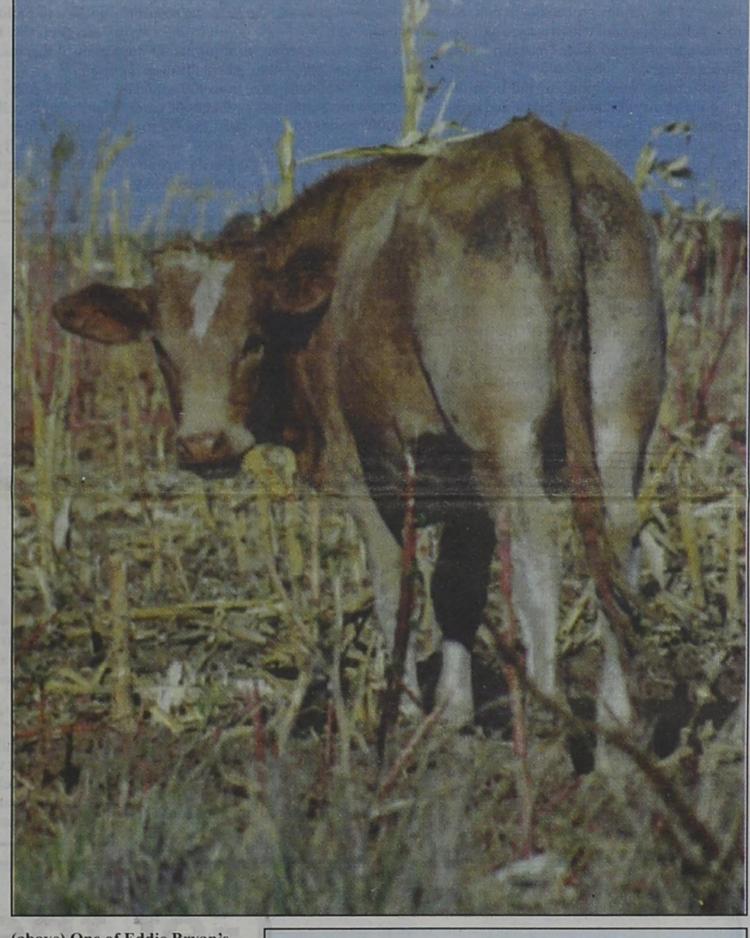
He said grazing corn could be an alternative to forage sorghum. Strip grazing is recommended and the cattle must have a protein supplement, according to McCollum.

Bryan started with a 'problem field' east of Happy in Randall County. He planted 13,000 seeds per acre on the 46 acres in May and watered the field once. He also put 100 lbs of 26503 fertilizer.

"There was a big rain right after I planted, so I don't think I got it all up," Bryan said. "But, I think there is enough to graze it for 60 days."

He planted the field with a dryland milo planter.

"The corn was 40 percent dented when I turned them out," Bryan said. "For the first week, they ate the grass and then started eating the corn. Even the corn that is on the



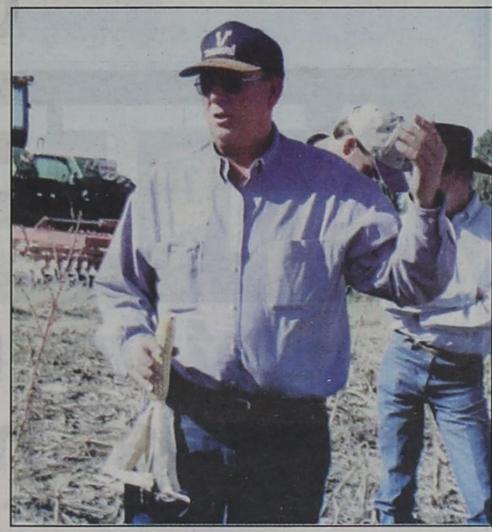
(above) One of Eddie Bryan's 125 head of heifers chews on an ear of corn in a corngrazing test field east of Happy. (right) Eddie Bryan talks to a group during Randall County Crops Tour about his experimental findings. Photos by Angie Grand Pre.

ground they are eating."

Most of the seeds he planted came from Nebraska.

"As far as a dryland test plot, this was not a good year to try cause of all the rain we received," Bryan said. "We had a lot of rain here this summer."

Bryan's grazing corn demonstration was part of the Randall County Crops Tour. About 40 people attended the 4 stop tour which included a stop in Bushland to learn about sorghum silage vs. corn silage, a talk on feedlot runoff and a tour of the WTAMU feedlot.



## Floyd County produces acres of Guar

**Richard Porter** special to Ag Reporter

Although J.D Ragland would like to see his producers make lots of money on the traditional commodities grown in the South Plains, he realizes that is not going to happen in the current environment.

Given that fact, the Floyd County Extension Agent is looking for things to get excited about and one he has found is the increasing willingness of county producers to try new crops and new methods of production.

Over the last couple of years, county farmers have begun to experiment with peanuts.

This year, several are looking at guar. According to the publication, "Keys to Profitable Guar Production," provided by

Ragland, the plant is a drought tolerant, summer, annual legume that was introduced to the United States from India in 1903. The consumable part of the seeds (or

beans) of the plant is processed, in part, for their galactomannom which is used as a stabilizer and smoother in ice cream and other frozen desserts.

Industrially, other parts of the bean are used in the manufacture of paper and drill-

Ragland said there are about 500 acres being grown in the area this year and that is been sold through contracts to Rhodia Inc., a processing mill in Vernon.

The interest in guar resulted from a couple of things, he continued. Primarily, farmers were looking for an alternative crop to plant behind hailed out cotton they could make money on without a lot of inputs. After all, they already had spent quite a bit on the cotton they lost.

Guar is a drought tolerant plant so it seemed a natural for the area. In addition, it did not require much use of herbicides and the ones it did require were commonly used on cotton.

Because it is new to the area, Ragland admitted he and his producers do not know much about guar production. They are having to learn as they go.

One thing they have noticed is the crop requires very little water to grow.

In fact, Ragland said, it might be possible to over water it. There is one field in the county where the plants have turned brown and that is what he and the producer suspect

In general, according to information he \* received from other areas where the crop is produced, yields can range from 900 pounds per acre with as little as four inches of water to 2,000 pounds per acre under limited irri-

The crop is grown primarily around Vernon, but in 1998 it spread to Terry,

"It is a deep, tap-rooted summer legume and is an excellent soil-improving crop. It works well in rotation with cotton, grain sorghum, small grains, vegetables and flax."

Keys to Profitable Guar Production

Gaines, Dawson, Lynn, Yoakum, and Hockley Counties. Currently, producers in Floyd County are getting from 14 to 17 cents per pound through their contracts.

Roger Poage, the manager for Lon Davis Grain in Floydada, which is handling some of the contracts, explained that producers need 14 cents in order to make an acceptable return.

In addition to being drought tolerant, Ragland explained that guar is believed to be a good source of nitrogen and thus can be used to build up soil.

In fact, the fore mentioned article explained that guar fits well into a crop rota-

"It is a deep, tap-rooted summer legume and is an excellent soil-improving crop. It works well in rotation with cotton, grain sorghum, small grains, vegetables and flax," the authors explained.

The article further pointed out that when

followed by cotton, the increased fertility in the soil has led to a 15 percent increase in yield in some tests.

In one three-year test at the Chillicothe Experiment Station, cotton planted in a twoin-four-out system produced 250 pounds of lint per acre, according to the article.

Seedbed preparation is the same as for cotton, corn or grain sorghum, the article

The one problem Ragland and Poage both observed is that the bean pods grow low on the plant and that could lead to some difficulty in harvesting.

"It needs to be planted on a rise so the header can get to it," Poage said.

Also, he continued, the size of the market could be a limiting factor in profitability.

Still, Ragland believes there is some promise to the experiment.

If nothing else, it shows his producers can be creative.

## Conference to bridge gaps

Who will speak for agriculture? The Unity in Agricultural Awareness Conference will answer that question. This national conference is aimed at unifying agricultural awareness efforts and providing an information outlet for educators and media personnel to dispel the untruths surrounding the industry. It was developed to bring focus to these problems and identify those who speak for agriculture. The Department of Education and Communications at Texas Tech University, along with an advisory council of industry and government representatives have developed an exciting and informational program for the conference.

The Unity in Agricultural Awareness Conference will be held October 10-12, 1999, at the Holiday Inn-Lubbock Plaza. A variety of speakers from the agriculture, education and media industries will be featured. Clem McSpadden, a nationally known motivational speaker, sponsored by the ProAg organization will kick-off the program Monday morning.

Philip Morris Management Corporation will be presenting materials about their new agricultural awareness initiative, "Shared Solutions." Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will also be present. The U.S. Meat Export Federation will be represented by Bruce Cobb. Other groups

presenting updates include Ag in the Classroom, Food, Land & People, AgriFood Masters and star Farms.

Other program activities include a roundtable discussion hosted by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal which will focus on the future of the agriculture industry in the next millennium. A series of question and answer panels will address the most serious communication and education problems facing the agriculture industry in the coming

Congressman Larry Combest, Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee for Agriculture, and Congressman Charles Stenholm, ranking minority member on the same committee, are planning to participate in the conference.

Various groups will have booths set up to distribute materials, including curriculum guides for educators and information packets for media personnel. This will be a national effort to bridge the communication gaps between agriculture, education and media.

For more information please refer to the conference website: www3.tltc.ttu.edu/ UIAA. You can also contact Dr. Jacqui Lockaby or Wendy Whalen in the Agricultural Education and Communications Department, 806-742-2818.



Harmon Farms harvest the first 1999 milo crop for producer Gerry Hilbers. Jeremy Blount of Harmon Farms looks on while Hilbers is congratulated by Ron Christenson and David Marmolejo of the Sunnymead Ranch.

#### Hilbers has Idalou's first 1999 milo crop

The first milo harvested crop of Idalou's producer Gerry Hilbers. 1999 season was sold to the Sunnymead Poultry Ranch at Heckville in August.

Harmon Farms harvested the crop south of FM 400 on the edge of the canyon for

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## Agriculture viewed as an art to Combs

Brad Tooley Editor

Agriculture is an art form according to Susan Combs, Texas Agriculture Commissioner.

Combs shared her passion for agriculture and it's beauty recently at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's 78th Annual meeting in Canyon.

In her speech titled, "The Fine Art of Agriculture," Combs expressed a deep love for the state and especially its agriculture, which contributes \$15 billion annually to the Panhandle economy alone, she said.

Combs, a fourth-generation rancher, manages a cow-calf business on her family's 100year-old ranch in Brewster County.

She told of new commercials being filmed, which will boost interest in Texas agriculture. In one of the commercials, famous Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan pitches some vegetables, saying, "If it doesn't come from Texas, it just doesn't taste right." In another commercial actor Tommy Lee Jones describes the healthy, aesthetic atmosphere of the state.

"We're using art forms to sell Texas agriculture," said Combs. She advocates putting the Texas State symbol on "anything and everything" produced in Texas.

"Texas agriculture offers unlimited opportunities for growth and economic development from the producer to the retail sector," Combs said in a press release. "But as the state's second-largest industry, we need to capitalize on our assets both here and abroad to keep agriculture competitive and profitable."

On the topic of agriculture, Dr. Gary Nall introduced three longtime agri-businessmen that made a deep and lasting impact on the industry.

Charles E. Ball, a journalist and former executive vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association was recognized as an organizer, communicator and promoter of agriculture, helping start programs such as the Beef Check Off marketing program. He is author of "The Finishing Touch," and "Building the Beef Industry."

A.L. Black, a Friona farmer, was active on several levels of soil and water conservation and former president of Water Inc. He was chairman of the Texas Water Development Board and former chairman of the board of Friona Industries. Dr. Kenneth B. Porter was recognized for more than 40 years service with the Texas Agriculture Experimental Station and his research and development of cereal grains and varieties of wheat.

Tom Patterson of Amarillo was elected president of the society to follow Nancy Josserand of Hereford.

## Idalou native advocates organ donation as vital

Renee' Fikes special to the Ag Reporter

The business card Dusty Hubbard Milanes, formally of Idalou, hands out to associates, clients and friends is not a typical one.

Along with her phone number and e-mail address, the card reads: "Nathaniel. Dec. 22, 1993-Oct. 21, 1994. 'In life he gave us smiles; In death he gave others life.' Please consider organ donation."

Organ donation is an issue close to Milanes. She puts the name of an organ donor on her card to remind people about the importance of donation.

Her husband, Oscar, an Amarillo anesthesiologist who contracted heptatitic C, died February 25, 1992, after receiving four liver transplants.

"When a physician comes to you and tells you that you need a transplant of some kind, you have no clue where to go next," Milanes said. "People just don't know what's out there unless they've been waiting on an organ or have been part of a donor family."

Milanes, her husband and children lived in a family house in Pittsburgh while waiting on organs for her husband's transplants. Being in close contact with other families waiting for organs helped Milanes understand the need for more education about the issue.

"Although my husband received his transplants, which were ultimately not successful, I realized there are people hanging on the very edge of life," Milanes said. "This is a last resort. The desperation is real.

"After the death of my husband I was determined to do something to give back to those who gave to us."

She began working for LifeGift Organ Donation Center. She became the Procurement Coordinator in which she talked

with donor families, managed donor cases, coordinated procurements, placed organs for transplant and flew after organs all over the country that had been donated.

"What an exciting, rewarding position," said Milanes. "But, it was also exhausting physically and mentally. It was impossible to be a good coordinator and a good mother. So, I resigned the position and now do many of the same things, I just don't get paid for it any more."

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In an attempt to follow through with her husband's plans, she formed Transplant Recipients International Organization, (TRIO) group in Amarillo, a support group for transplant recipients and organ donors' families. The group also offers transplant candidates support and gives them a good idea what would happen, she said.

She is the statewide chair for the Texas Medical Association Alli-

"I want to give back and make a difference. The more knowledge people have about any issue, the more comfortable we feel about it."

Dusty Hubbard Milanes

ance Live & Then Give organ donor program. She also does public speaking and advocacy for donation. Milanes is on the board for the National Kidney foundation of West Texas, Inc. and she is a member of the Potter-Randall County

"My husband got several chances to live. I want to give back and make a difference," said Milanes. "The more knowledge people have about any issue, the more comfortable we feel about it."

She is a 1975 graduated of Idalou High School, is a nurse who received her bachelor's degree in nursing for the University of Texas-El Paso and she models.

"Educating people about organ donation is something I needed. I think I needed to help guide people," Milanes said. "It helps me to help them know how it all works."

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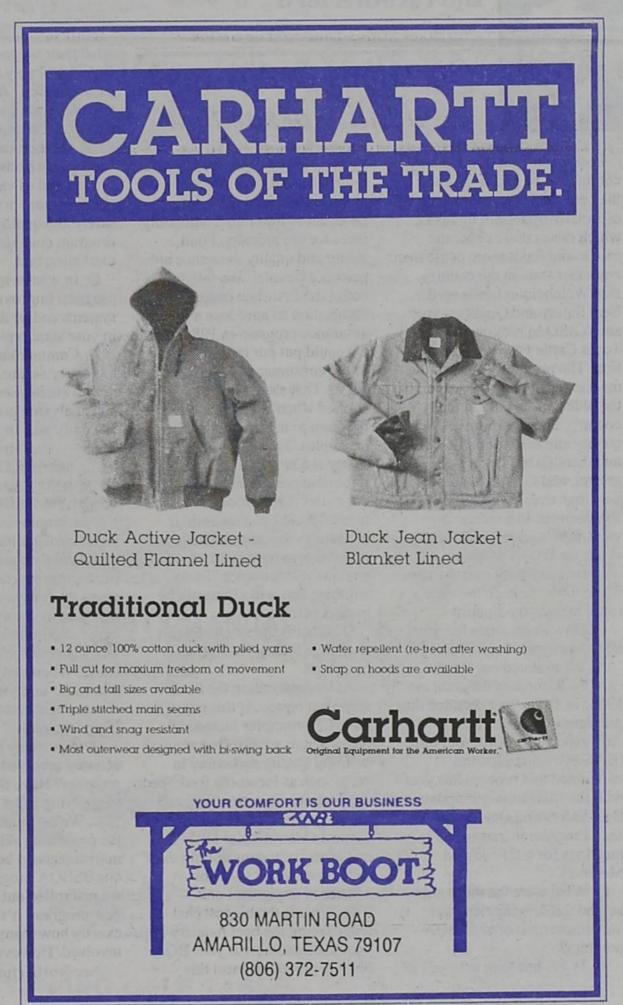
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## OPINION-ISSUES



Robert Lee

LONGTIME RESIDENT FROM HAPPY

### Happy Tales

I recently read a column in the . Amarillo paper written by Walter Williams entitled, "Many Children Need a Whipping." He stated, "Children, especially boys are born barbarians. We as parents have a mere 18 years to civilize them before foisting them off on the rest of society, and we're not doing the best job that we can." He continued with, "One of the best things that we can do for today's youth is for adults, in position of authority, to develop a willingness to give the hind parts of misbehaving youth appropriate attention. In another words, return to the uncivilized practice of whipping children."

Over the years, I have observed that the most unhappy children are those that receive the least disciplining. Children do not want to be in charge and they crave discipline. Through discipline, we show that we are paying attention and we care. I remember my dad and me admiring my first-born at about the age of one or two. Dad very wisely stated, "He sure is cute but remember, he's not as cute to others as he is to us." A parent

can't begin too early, teaching a child good behavior. I've seen one and two year old tyrants making life miserable for their parents and everyone around them; with the parents giving in to their every whim, believing the child is too young for discipline. These spoiled children pay the price as they start to school and learn that the world is not as permissive and forgiving as their parents. Some of these children grow into adulthood and live their whole lives, always out of step, confused and unhappy. They are unable to understand why the world doesn't consider them special.

A friend of mine had adopted a boy that was proving to be something of a handful in his teen years.

My friend explained to the boy that he intended to whip him the next time he smart-mouthed his mother. The boy smarted off and my friend drug him out in the yard and chastised him. After the job was completed, the boy popped off again and received a second whipping. My friend told me that a few days later, a little

fellow in a porky-pig hat rung his doorbell. Introducing himself as being from a child welfare agency, he explained that my friend had been turned in. My friend explained what had happened and said that if the boy misbehaved again, he planned to whip him again. He also explained that if the agency man interfered, he planned to whip him too. I'm happy to report that agency man left to never return and the boy turned out to be a good citizen.

I've noticed that the most successful and happy people are those that have the most selfdiscipline. Discipline is a form of learning. Without discipline, it is impossible for learning to take place. There has been a lot of criticism directed at our schools the past few years. I maintain the problem is not the school but the homes where families fail to discipline their children and a society that refuses to allow disciplinary action in out schools. Sometimes, it appears that the children are not only running the homes buy the schools also. We have tied the hands of our teachers and others in positions of authority.

Parents, please discipline with love, spank and make your children behave so the rest of us can love and enjoy them. As a result, we'll have a better world in the future.



**Monte Winders** 

**FUTURES SPECIALIST** 

#### Market News

Cattle

The latest Cattle on Feed Report came in a little bearish. On feed numbers were 2 percent higher than expected with the placements 7 percent higher and marketings 1 percent lower. Many analysts felt this would have the market lower with the February taking the biggest hit. Many traders are worried about the spread between the choice and select beef prices. They feel that this could cause some accounts to liquidate to avoid delivering if the cash markets remain discount to futures. Others say a \$2 basis between futures and cash is enough to prompt deliveries. Toward the end of the month spreaders seem to take the lead in the trade with many selling October and buying December and February cattle. Many players say they are looking for a sideways trade until we see a real heavy trade in the cash market. Most of the weeks we have seen a little carryover but many packers are saying that the cattle are green and need more days on feed. If this is true then we could see some of the near marketing being backed up and not moved as soon as possible. Also one fact that feeders needed to watch very closely is the grain prices. If they start higher then it could have some effect on feed costs. Another idea to watch is the Russian request for more food assistance and the USDA is now in the process of reviewing that

request.
Technically the December live cattle have support at 6832 then 6765 with resistance at 6900 and 6945. The main trend is sideways to lower with a trend reversal price of 6727.

Corn

The corn futures have started closing slightly higher toward the end of the month. Many feel this could be in response to the exploding gold prices. The December and March contracts rose to two-week highs during one of the days amid harvest delays because of US Midwest rains. Also concerns inflation may hit the US economy and

commodity fund short covering have supported prices. Many analysts had expected a quiet prereport trade and were surprised by the trade and volatility. One trader said the strength in corn and other grains is simply inflation news. The weather picture has rains in the Midwest heavier than expected. Although not considered a significant threat to harvest, the delay in the progress has the cash and futures markets without fresh selling. Also the latest 6-10 day forecast from the National Weather Service has above normal precipitation in the Corn Belt. This could slow down the harvest some with latest rate of harvest being at 19 percent and that is above the average but well behind what the crop watchers thought it would be. In export news, South Korea has passed on a small cargo of US corn and other Asian buyers we expected to wait out the week in the hopes of lower prices into harvest. However, traders are saying that the December contract had a good value at \$2.10 with end users, domestic and foreign, stepping up to extend coverage there.

Technically we see December corn with support at 212 then 207.75 and resistance at 215.75 and 223. The main trend is up with a trend reversal price at 212.5.

Wheat

Toward the end of the month we have seen the prices starting to close higher to sharply higher. This also began triggering heavy stop-loss orders in the December CBT wheat. Funds wee major buyers at most of the exchangers and that fact has many traders starting to talk about the fact that this market could make a major move without any benefit from the corn and beans. Some weather watchers are feeling that the rains falling throughout much of the US central plains should benefit hard red winter germination and emergence. There is also some talk that rains were heavy enough in sections of Kansas to lead to the need for reseeding.

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#### **Burt Rutherford**

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

## Questions & Answers on quality assurance

Food safety and food quality continue to be pressing issues for the beef industry. And this is especially important in Texas, which raises more cows and calves and feeds more cattle than any other state in the country. Ben Weinheimer heads up the Beef Safety and Quality Assurance (BSQA) program for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. The program is one of the most extensive, aggressive and the oldest of its kind in the country. The commitment to quality and safety among TCFA's membership has never been greater, and the stakes are higher now than ever before, says Weinheimer. In a recent interview, here's what he had to say about the BSQA program, where it's been, and what must be done in the future to keep the state's cattle industry competitive.

Q: How many years has your BSQA program been in place?

A: We initiated our Beef
Quality Assurance Program in
1986. In 1996, we expanded the
program to include Hazard
Analysis Critical Control Point
(HACCP) principles and
completed that process this year
with the roll-out of our updated
Beef Safety and Quality Assurance Program in manager
meetings for our Feedyard
Members.

Q: What were the motivations behind the development and implementation of your BQA program?

A: TCFA has long believed in

"getting ahead of the curve" on issues that not only affect our members, but that have the potential to turn into a regulatory issue for the industry. Food safety and quality assurance are perfect examples. We felt, by being the first state cattle association to introduce a quality assurance program in 1986, that we could put our industry ahead of the consumer and regulatory curve. That same philosophy applied when we updated our program to include HACCP principles. That aside, food safety is a highly emotional and important consumer issue. It is our belief that anybody involved in beef production owes their consumers the responsibility and obligation to participate in safety and quality assurance. To do anything less will ultimately be market suicide.

Q: What is the single biggest challenge facing your BQA program?

A: Understanding the E. coli organism better. At this point, the HACCP principles included in our program are directed at assuring quality and safety in areas such as incoming feed, feed medications, injection sites and processing and treatment. A Critical Control Point for E. coli and other pathogens doesn't exist because we don't have the science to implement one.

Q: What is the biggest challenge facing the beef industry in your state and how is your BQA helping producers meet this challenge?

A: If you asked our members what their biggest challenge is, they'd probably answer "it's the cattle market." A quality assurance program can't help them get higher prices or realize more value for their cattle - yet. As food safety becomes more critical and as various alliances become more prevalent, a beef safety and quality assurance program could be an important marketing tool.

Q: In what ways has your BQA program improved production systems and/or the quality of beef in your state/region?

A: Commercial feedyards, by their very nature, are numberdriven businesses. So collecting and analyzing production figures is a daily task in a feedyard, and has been ever since the beginning of the industry. Our Beef Safety and Quality Assurance Program doesn't ask a feedyard manager and his employees to collect any significant additional data or significantly change normal production practices. It merely gives the feedyard a program and a system to use those figures better and more efficiently to do an even better job of raising cattle. When that emphasis is placed on safety and quality assurance, a better product is bound to result.

Q: How many producers are actively involved in your program? Have they been open to applying BQA principles?

A: We've found feedyards, and the consulting veterinarians and nutritionists, to be very open to our BSBQA program. Because we just rolled out an essentially new program, it's hard to say exactly how many are actively involved. However, we feel safe

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One KCBT floor trader said, "the rain should be great for most of the crop but it may lead to flooding certain areas." One trader at the Minneapolis exchange was talking about the fact that there is much durum wheat out there but much of it does not meet milling specifications.

The latest crop progress report shows that 37 percent of the winter wheat was planted and is about 3 percent higher than average. It is also said that the spring wheat crop is 93 percent harvested and that is a little ahead of the average. Taiwan has entered this market with a buy of 69,400 tonnes with South Korea bought 24,500 tonnes of US wheat.

Exporters are awaiting results of Algeria's tender for 100,000 bushels. Many feel they could buy it from Germany and Argentina.

Technically December KC wheat shows

support at 301 and 294 and resistance at 307 then 310.25. The main trend is sideways with an upside trend reversal price of 304.75.

#### Cotton

At the end of September the cotton futures had been closing a little higher but this is seen on light volume trade. The latest consumption data had provided a reason to sell but prices keep edging higher receiving some support from additional rains in the US Southwest. Market watchers have noted that there still seems to be little to give the market any direction. The December futures remains stuck in a range, unable to rise or fall beyond it for now. Analysts expect some kind of breakout to occur although they don't know which way. Continuing problems in the US Southeast with rain and flooding remain supportive. Crop

areas in NC have been unable to recover from the wet conditions and thousands of acres of farmland are believed to be damaged. The cool wet weather in West Texas is also supportive. The region needs warm clear weather to finish off the crop. Other traders are cautious about a move up noting that the overall US crop is huge while domestic and overseas demand is limited.

The world price pressure may keep cotton prices from rising substantially. The Cotlook A index, an average of the world's cheapest quotes, has fallen into the low 48's, which is a new season low.

Technically December cotton has support at 5330 then 5230 with resistance at 5425 and 5545. The main trend is in a trading range with a trend reversal price at 5399.

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#### Today - November 15 Museum Exhibit

"Plowing the Plains," an exhibit about the agricultural history of the Southern Plains will be displayed in the Alexander Photo Gallery at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Call 651-2244 for information.

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The national conference, Unity in Agricultural Awareness, will be held in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn-Lubbock Plaza. For information refer to www3.tltc.ttu.edu/UIAA or call 806-742-2818.

#### October 12-14 Stockman Show

The Texas Farmer Stockman Show will be held in Lubbock from 8 am to 5 pm each day. For information, call your local extension agent.

#### October 21

Stocker Cattle Seminar

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange will be hosting a seminar on the new Stocker Cattle futures and options contract in Clovis, New Mexico, Call 1-800-331-3332 for reservations or information.

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in saying that nearly every feedyard, through their own efforts or that of their consultants, has some sort of quality assurance program in place. Our updated program includes the ability of a feedyard to receive third-party certification of their BQA efforts. As those certification forms begin to arrive, we'll have a better handle of exact numbers. Our goal is for every one of our nearly 200 Feedyard members in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico to conduct a third-party audit of their BSBQA program and receive certification of their efforts.

Q: How do you disseminate information about your BQA program to producers, vets and others?

A: When we updated our program to include HACCP principles, we held a series of managers meetings with our feedyards. During these meetings, we went through the new program in detail, explaining HACCP and how it applies in a feedyard. Those who were unable to attend the meetings received the updated

BSBQA notebook in the mail along with a detailed explanation. Because the BQA ethic already largely exists within our membership and their consultants, adoption of the new program has been good.

Q: What is in it for a producer or vet to take part in your BQA program? What do they have to gain?

A: The ability to further hone their management practices. By increasing efficiency, even just a little bit, a feedyard can position itself to be more competitive in an industry that, quite frankly, is struggling for its economic life right now. For consulting vets and nutritionists, it gives them the opportunity to refine their feedyard services by having an organized system of recordkeeping and verification in place that can be used to modify or correct any deviations in their recommendations.

Q: What makes your state BQA program unique from other states?

A: The fact that it was the first ever such

program initiated by a state cattlemen's association and its present emphasis on HACCP principles.

Q: What difficulties have you faced in gaining acceptance of your program among producers and veterinarians?

A: No program, regardless of its merit, will ever be fully accepted by everyone. However, we've had generally good acceptance of our program, both when we first introduced it in 1986 and again when we brought our HACCP update this year. Much of that acceptance has been because the consulting veterinarians agree with the program's philosophy and intent.

Q: What is the most important thing you've learned through your involvement in the BQA program?

A: That change takes time. However, many of our Feedyard Members embrace the philosophy of beef safety and quality assurance and see the real need for such programs from the big-picture point of

That's been gratifying.

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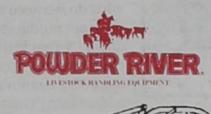
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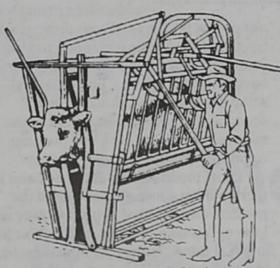
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## Around the Counties

### What's going through the mind of your county agent

#### Mark Brown

LUBBOCK COUNTY

The 1999 growing season has certainly proven to be a "challenging" one for South Plains producers, regarding weather and markets alike. In my July report, I discussed hail damage and excessive rainfall occurring in Lubbock County. My September report will sound like a carbon copy.

We received little rainfall across the county in July or August, and producers struggled to stay up with irrigation demands. Then, most of Lubbock County received 5 to 6 inches of rainfall on September 15-16, and approximately 10,000 acres were hail damaged in southern Lubbock and northern Lynn Counties.

As I write this article, we are halfway through the Panhandle South Plains Fair and most of our Lubbock County cotton crop has reached maturity. However, the weather has hampered the use of cotton harvest aids. The high moisture situation and low temperatures will make cotton harvest aid decisions...... yeah you guessed it....... "challenging." These conditions will require increased per acre product rates.

Very seldom are fields prepared for harvest with a single harvest aid application. Normally a two-shot process is required to first defoliate and then desiccate or condition the cotton plants for stripper harvest. For the more consistent harvest aid combinations, we are probably looking at costs of \$ 25 per acre or more to prepare the crop for harvest. In the face of per lb cotton prices in the forties, and low cottonseed prices that won't cover the cost of ginning, the cost of harvest aid inputs will once again be..... "challenging." The alternative to not using harvest aids is to wait for the killing



first freeze, which normally occurs around Halloween in our area. The economics involved in waiting on the freeze is that a sudden hard freeze prior to some light frosts can stick all the leaves, thus causing

excessive trash at the gin. Also once cotton begins opening, field weathering lint losses average about 3 percent per week. This can run into some real losses if open cotton is left in the field for a period of several weeks.

Unfortunately, projected cotton prices for the next several years don't indicate great improvement. Some of these "challenges" will be addressed in San Antonio at the Beltwide Cotton Conferences January 4-8, 2000. These meetings involve all sectors of the cotton industry. This year's theme is "Strategies for Solutions".

Switching gears, let me report on our 1999 Produce contest at the South Plains Fair.

I was impressed with the results of our "biggest melon" contest. The first place pumpkin weighed in at a whopping 146 lbs, and was grown in Floydada. The biggest watermelon weighed 122 lbs and was grown in Ropesville. The exhibitors of these melons have earned their braggin' rights.

In closing, I'd like to invite each of you to the Texas Farmer Stockman Show in Lubbock during October 12-14, 1999 from 8 am to 5 pm each day. This show includes commercial exhibits, field demonstrations of conventional and ultranarrow row harvest equipment, equipment ride 'n drive fields, livestock and horse demonstrations, educational programs, and varied industries tents. Make plans now to attend. I'll see you at the Farm Show.

#### **Robert Devin**

RANDALL COUNTY

Congratulations to those recognized during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Randall County Crops Tour.

Our Top Hand winner was Harold
Artho and the Outstanding Result
Demonstrator was Pat Wilhelm. The
Conservation Farmer was Earl Reynolds
and the Conservation Homemaker was
Lana Skarke. Judy Glueck was also
recognized as the Conservation Teacher
of the Year. In addition seventeen
producers were honored for their support
in conducting Result Demonstrations
during the last year.

Thanks to Norwest Bank and Taylor and Sons Food for providing the noon meal and to Consumers Supply of Canyon and Umbarger, First State Bank of Happy and Canyon, Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank, the Palo Duro Soil and Water Conservation District, and all the other businesses that made the event such a



success.

WOW! Five thousand plus kids received personal tours of the Texas Agri-Food Master's Ag Fair at the Tri-State Fair. "Agriculture is Everywhere" was this year's theme and the

goal was to increase awareness as to the many ways that agriculture touches our lives each day. In addition over 15,000 fair goers also toured the exhibit. The Panhandle Chapter is looking for a few good volunteers for the next class scheduled for next spring. If you have an interest in agriculture and in sharing scientific based information with our urban counterpart, then give us a call to learn more about how you can become involved.

The 2000 Maser Marketer Program will be held in Lubbock in January and Randall County has an opportunity to send two producers to the series. Give me a call if you are interested. We had six attend the

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#### Michael Clawson

SWISHER COUNTY

The Fall season is here and so is harvest. Corn harvest is nearing completion with yields averaging 9,000 to 10,000 pounds per acre. Some fields that received hail damage only made 6,000 pounds while some of the better corn made over 11,000 pounds per acre. Test weights on corn are running about average at 55-58 pound per bushel.

Grain sorghum harvest is starting to kick into full swing. Yields are going to vary considerably from dryland to irrigated. Some irrigated fields have the potential to produce 6,000 pounds per acre. However, there are numerous dryland farms that will not see a combine. The dry conditions we had in late summer hurt the dryland grain sorghum. There are dryland grain sorghum fields that have lots of "sucker" heads or did not head out at all. Early estimates predict the grain sorghum to average 3,000 pounds per acre.

Over the past week, the cotton has really begun to open. Producers are looking into harvest aid options to assist them in getting their cotton out early. During the next week or two, we will see cotton strippers rolling into the fields. Irrigated and some dryland cotton that received timely rains look pretty good. Yields should average 750-800 pounds per acre on these fields. The dryland acres that received limited rainfall will be lucky to make half a bale per acre.

Wheat crop is off to a good start after we received the rain a few weeks ago. Before we got the rain, things looked pretty gloomy for the wheat producers. Even though we are off to a slow start, wheat fields are beginning to green. We will need more moisture over the next week or so in order to have good grazing for the winter.

The Master Marketer Program is returning to Lubbock in 2000. The Master Marketer program is sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System, Texas Corn Producers board, Texas Wheat producers Association, and Texas Farm Bureau. The program is an in-depth, intensive risk management program designed to enable the participants to develop marketing plans, evaluate their alternatives, and gain all the skills necessary to execute their marketing plan and better manage risks to improve their profitability. The Master Marketer Program participants will receive training in a series of four two-day



sessions, taught by outstanding speakers from across the United States. The program is limited to 60 participants; therefore interested producers need to submit their registration form as soon as pos-

sible

The registration fee is \$250, plus a commitment to work with your county agent to educate other producers on marketing their commodities. For more information on the Master Marketer Program, contact your county extension agent for agriculture.

The Swisher County 4-H Banquet was held September 19th. Award pins were presented to 130 4-H members for their hard work in 1999. 4-H members and leaders receiving special awards include:

Outstanding First Year Members -Stormie McClurg and Kassy Martin Outstanding Junior 1 Record Books -Seth Bryan and Kayla Lashmet

Outstanding Junior 2 Record Books -William Hulsey and Ryan Maney

Outstanding Senior Record Books - Kiri Schoenenberger and Matthew Cruse Bronze Star Award - Kendra Finck and

Ky Finck Silver Star Award - Kate Harman and Megan Simons

Megan Simons
Teen Leader Awards - Elaine Sturgess

and Christopher Gibson "I Dare You" Leadership Award - Genie

Noel and Devree Gardner
Fara Moore Memorial Award - Blaine

Barnes and Brent Burrow Gold Star Award - Jenny Rogers and Jonathan Springer

Business "Friend of 4-H" Award - Jeff's Restaurant in Kress, Jeff and Rhonda Rogers

Individual "Friend of 4-H" Award - Paul Rousseau

Annie Young First Year Leader Award -Angie Martin

4-H Alumni Award - Penny McClurg and Kent Springer

Silver Spur Awards - Jana Vaughn and David Dunn

Congratulations to these 4-H members and leaders for an outstanding job.

During the Tri-State Fair eight 4-H members exhibited their steer projects.

Those competing were Ky Finck,
American Breed Champion; Hillary Finck,
3rd Place; Kendra Finck, 3rd Place; Derek
Finck, 5th Place; Kayla McCoy, 6th Place;
Lindsay Obenhaus, 8th Place; Megan
Simons, 8th Place; and Chelsea House, 9th
Place.

#### J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY

Howdy folks, Straight from downtown Pumkin Capital, USA, Floyd County America. This is your friendly county agent "Hank Kimble" reporting live from Hooterville. No, not really, but since I've got your attention you'd think we was in Hooterville the way this years crops have been difficult to get started, "Man what-abattle!" To have started with such a pretty crop, things can sure change in a hurry. I am constantly reminding myself, we can control a lot of things in life but not mother nature and what she brings our way. To date we have lost around 110,000 acres of cotton from the original 200,000 planted. And to add to it some 20,000 acres looks awfully sick. The cotton has just simply taken a lot of punishment. Wind, heavy rains, hail, washed out and some blown out. And if that wasn't enough continual cloudy, cool, rainy weather and not enough sunshine or warm temperatures have contributed to much seedling disease and plant death. It appeared from the original 60,000 acres of wheat some 30 - 40,000 acres was going to be harvested, but now maybe only about 8 - 10,000 could possibly be harvested. No doubt that yield will be down here as well. Sorghum losses are estimated at about 12 - 15,000 acres from an original 40,000. Bottom line is, it ain't been good!

However the moisture has been beneficial, well I guess it's how you look at it, but considering last years drought, it has helped in reestablishing our soil moisture profile. To date, Floyd County has



received 17 inches of moisture for 1999. Well, what do we need and what are producers doing? What little bit of cotton we have it needs warm dry conditions, and as far as what are

our producers doing - Everything across the board - most are replanting to milo, some soybeans, some sunflowers, some haygrazer and sudan, a little guar and some doing nothing, thinking about spending the rest of the summer in the mountains, coming back and planting some early wheat!

I know producers are flustrated and I feel for them cause we had one of the prettiest crops started many had ever seen. I am only a county agent, and I don't have any real good answers for situations like this, it's definitely not something they teach ya in college.

On a much brighter note we just returned home from state 4-H Roundup. Floyd County was represented 25 4-H'ers strong. Highlight results include a 2<sup>nd</sup> place Share-The-Fun, 3<sup>rd</sup> place food show winner, 2<sup>nd</sup> place fashion show, 6<sup>th</sup> place Horse demonstration and 7<sup>th</sup> place Focus on Health demonstration. Also 2 Floyd County 4-H'ers received scholarships. Other 4-H summer events include Leader Lab, Electric Camp, County Camp, Achievement Banquet and working in a few jackpot shows.

Time to sign off. Remember keep smiling and have a positive attitude and don't forget to laugh, cause laughter doeth a heart good, just like a medicine! Ya'll come to see us, Til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye!

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session last year and the feed back was excellent. Be watching for more information on the formation of a local marketing club later this year. And speaking of developing marketing skills, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange will be hosting a seminar on the new Stocker Cattle futures and options contract. The closest location to us is in Clovis on October 21. Call 1-800-331-3332 for reservations. Space is limited.

Worker Protection Standard-EPA
Worker and Handler cards issued in 1994
will be expiring in 1999. Watch next
month for training and retraining opportunities.

Thanks to the five Randall County 4-H volunteers who completed the 20 plus hours of Sheep Pro training as a part of the Sheep Master Volunteer Program. We look forward to their help in the 4-H sheep project. The Tri-State Fair was quite an "affair" for Randall County 4-Hers. Highlights included reserve grand lamb, reserve grand hog, grand steer, 4-H wheat show winner, high point individual in the

grass judging contest, first in the horticultural basket display and third in parade float contest. And lots of others placed well. The new cattle barn was great. The lighting and electricity was extra good. It will be exciting to see the grounds once construction is complete.

The Workforce 2000 Task force with the sponsorship of Cargill is providing 50 high school juniors an opportunity to begin planning and exploring career opportunities. The three day series covers such topics as money, credit, interviewing skills, dress, etiquette, and employer expectations.

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