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Bond denied, 980-952

County favors Bush 2-1 in incredible election

Castro County voters narrowly defeated the jail bond issue 980-952 in Tuesday's unofficial election returns, and all eyes will be focused on the official vote canvass, set for Tuesday.

The bond question had more response than any other ballot item except the presidential race, but there were 444 voters who chose not to choose. Of the 2,376 ballots that were cast, only 1,932 voters marked the referendum question at the bottom of the slate.

Five voting boxes came out against the measure, and three boxes plus the early voters were in favor. Voting Precinct 408, with its polling place in Nazareth, defeated the measure with enough margin to offset the favorable balance (56) in the early voting, and nay-sayers in Voting Precinct 101 (Hart) and 301 (who vote at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt) added in enough (15 and 18, respectively) to push the

totals into the "no" column.

Some feel the negative vote in the Nazareth box may have been a backlash from the gymnasium bond issue passed there in May of 1998 and the resultant seven-cent tax hike in the Nazareth Independent School District.

"Nothing is set in concrete until we canvass the vote," said County Judge Irene Miller. She said the date for the canvass is set by the Secretary of State's office. "It was a real close race—a lot closer than what some thought it would be."

"There is a possibility that people didn't realize it (the bond issue) was at the bottom of the ballot," Miller said. "I guess we'll continue to house prisoners out in other counties and wait and see what the Jail Commission will do."

"I hope they don't drop us back down to a cap of 12 or close us down."

"I just wish more people had attended some of the meetings (about the jail)," said Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. "But that's the way it goes. That is what elections are for."

"I was expecting it to be a close race," Fitzgearld said. "We'll just try to go another route and try to figure something else out (for the jail situation)."

"I think there ought to be a recount," said Jackie Smothermon, a member of the Citizens Jail Committee. "It is really sad that it was defeated. I really thought it would pass."

"I think people know what we need. Even though there were some

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By Don Nelson

Wow, what an unbelievable election.

As we went to press Wednesday morning, we still didn't know who the next President will be.

In Florida, which turned out to be the keystone state because of its absentee count, the figures favored Bush as the recount began.

In my mind, though, the key state was Tennessee. For Gore to lose his home state was unforgivable.

If Gore emerges the winner, he will have little to be smug about because, as Ralph Nader said, the election should have been a slam-dunk for him.

Based on recent elections, though, it appears that in a US presidential race, to be a Washington insider is the kiss of death.

Judging from our jail bond election, I wouldn't bet that Castro County will ever again favor any bond issue, for any purpose.

We taxpayers will pay out about

the same money for housing our county prisoners, whether our money

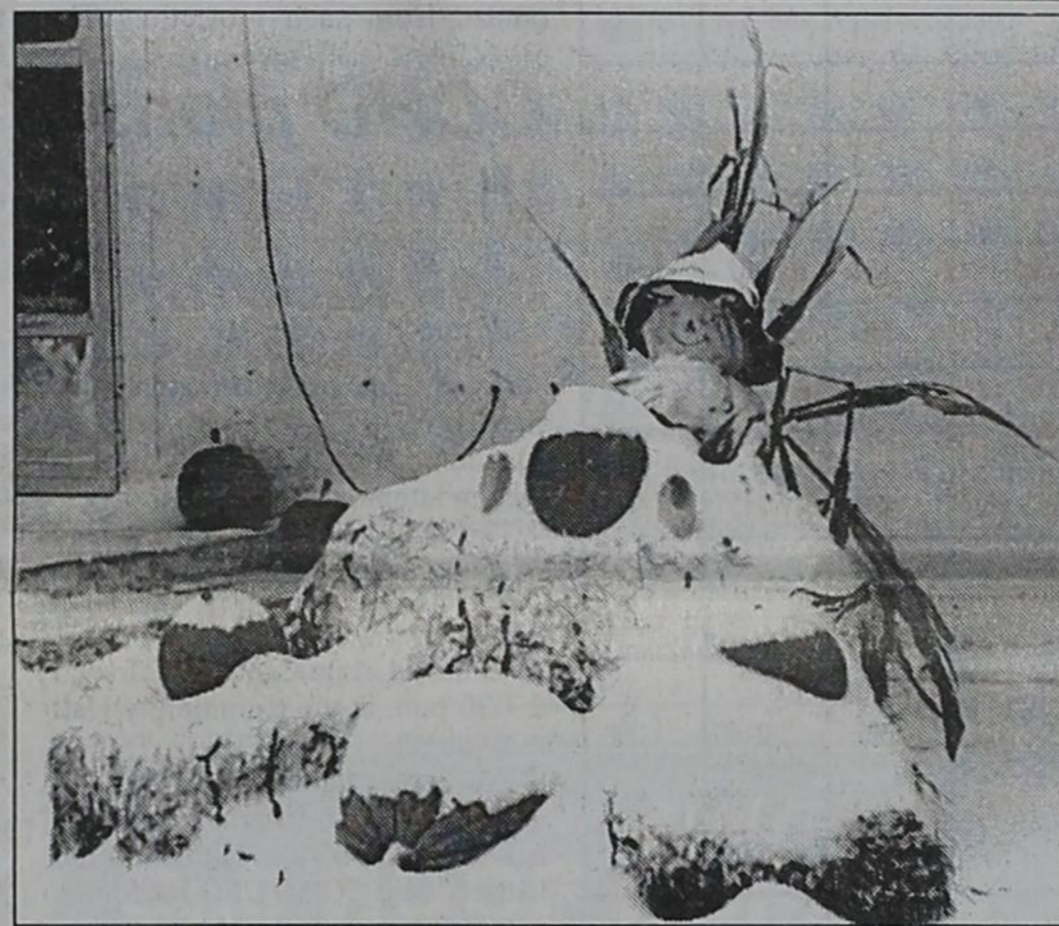
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SNOW!

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	68	33	
Friday	65	33	
Saturday	50	42	.23
Sunday	54	46	.19
Monday	64	35	
Tuesday	49	25	.16
.....	3 inches of snow		
Wednesday	27	20	.18
.....	3 inches of snow		

November Moisture 0.79
2000 Moisture 14.12

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



Change of seasons

More than frost was on the pumpkin Tuesday at this autumn scene at the home of Jacinto Quiroz Jr., 313 NW Sixth St. Six inches of snow fell on the still-green lawns here from Monday evening through Tuesday evening. Along with the first snow came the first hard freeze as the temperature dropped to 20 degrees, with a high of 27 Tuesday.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

SPS may not replace service tech in Dimmitt

Bob Murdock's retirement from Southwestern Public Service this month has left the Dimmitt area without its own electric service technician, and SPS officials aren't sure if a replacement will be assigned.

Officials with SPS's Hereford District are hoping to gain authorization to replace Murdock, but the preliminary word from higher sources say the position will not be refilled.

"We haven't officially ruled out anything yet," said Wallace Hill, Hereford District electric operations manager for SPS. "I'm still trying to negotiate with them and I hope to win the battle."

"Historical data will be used to determine whether or not a full-time technician will be moved to Dimmitt," Hill said. "I'm in the process right now of submitting a proposal stating why we need a service technician in Dimmitt."

Currently, electrical service problems in Dimmitt are being handled by crews from Hereford.

Cerestar USA Inc., one of the top 20 SPS customers in this area, has appealed to SPS, asking that a qualified service man be assigned to Dimmitt because the presence of a technician can be critical to the company on its down-time.

"The lack of a service man here will significantly increase our down time during electrical outages," said Cerestar General Manager David Bone. "We're very concerned about it."

Bone said that the Dimmitt plant, which grinds up to 60,000 bushels of corn per day, averages about two electrical outages per year and has experienced three or four outages in some years.

The SPS office here at one time had two outside service men plus an office staff of one or two, headed by a resident manager.

Three sentenced in district court

Three men were sentenced in 64th District Court on Oct. 26 before Judge Jack Miller.

Andy Aguilar received a judgment revoking probation, and was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, with in-prison therapeutic community.

Convicted of the offense of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance on March 10, 1994, his original punishment had been set at 10 years in the TDCJID, probated for 10 years. The 10 years were reduced to seven. He also must pay a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$242, \$140 in restitution, \$250 in attorney fees, and \$250 in additional attorney fees.

His probation was revoked on the grounds of failure to report to the community supervision officer, failure to notify about changes of employment and change of address, failure to pay restitution and supervision fees, failure to complete community service, and testing positive

for controlled substances.

Randy Juarez was granted deferred proceedings in exchange for a guilty plea to charges of burglary of a habitation on July 21, 1998. He faces four years of community supervision under the terms of deferred adjudication. If the probation term is successfully completed, the proceedings will be dismissed. He also must pay a \$750 fine, court costs of \$251.25 and a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line. He also must perform 400 hours of community service.

An order was entered modifying the probation of Andrew Orlando Diego, who is on eight years probation on charges of aggravated assault with serious injury, stemming from an incident on March 17, 1997. He had been sentenced to eight years in the IDTDCJ, probated for eight years, assessed a fine of \$1,000, court costs of \$242, attorney fees of \$250, a \$50 donation to Crime Line, and 400 hours of community service.

His probation was modified due to violation of its terms, including failure to report to the supervision officer, failure to report change of employment, failure to pay restitution and supervision fees, failure to attend AA meetings, and failure to perform community service.

His probation will continue at eight years, but he also must serve 60 days jail time in the county jail, work on his community service while incarcerated, and have 90 days of intensive supervision after his release.

By the Power of the Lord

Music is medicine for physician's soul

By ANNE ACKER

Dr. Leon Joplin set three goals for himself when he was growing up.

1. He wanted to become a doctor.
2. He wanted to become a professional musician.
3. He wanted to become a professional football player.

Well, as Meatloaf sang in his hit single decades ago, *Two Out of Three Ain't Bad*.

The only dream Joplin hasn't realized is becoming a football player, but caring for people and spreading the gospel through original music have been extremely fulfilling for the Castro County physician.

Joplin and a group of Castro County residents have organized a Christian music group and they are on the verge of recording their first CD featuring original gospel music.

Joplin and his band haven't settled on a name yet, but they are considering several possibilities.

Other members of the group are:

- ◆ Wayland Hazel, music director at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, who plays the piano and guitar.
- ◆ Jason Birkenfeld of Nazareth, who is the drummer.
- ◆ Manuel Saenz, maintenance engineer at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, who plays bass guitar, rhythm guitar and lead guitar.
- ◆ Troy Wood, director of the geriatric/psychiatric unit at Plains Memorial Hospital, who writes music and plays the bass and rhythm guitars and drums.
- ◆ Ed Garvin, a speech teacher at Dimmitt High School, who is a vocalist and writes music.
- ◆ Johnna Patterson, former Castro County Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management, who is a vocalist, writes music and plays rhythm guitar.
- ◆ Tami Griffitt of Dimmitt, who is a vocalist and plays the flute.
- ◆ Bobby Thomas of Amarillo, a registered nurse in the geriatric/psychiatric unit at Plains Memorial Hospital, who writes lyrics and

DR. LEON JOPLIN (left) and Tami Griffitt, one of two female vocalists with the gospel music group, "His Messengers," perform one of Dr. Joplin's original songs during a recent outdoor concert at the Centennial Plaza's gazebo.

Photo by Anne Acker

music.

- ◆ Jerry Frazier of Dimmitt, who plays guitar.

Joplin said Charles Axtell of Dimmitt occasionally joins the group on the rhythm guitar.

The group will give a concert at the First Baptist Church in Hart at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18 and Joplin hopes to hold several more concerts in Dimmitt and surrounding towns.

His music is currently being featured on Dimmitt's own KDHN Radio and on KNNK, a Christian radio station broadcasting from Hereford.

Joplin, who says he's loved singing since he was a child, started performing two or three years ago with Jerry Heller and Griffitt.

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REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

Tributes planned this weekend

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LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I LEARNED— Marcela Salinas (standing, right), a freshman at Dimmitt High School, shows her parents, Margarita and Cornelio Salinas, the computer she works on in keyboarding class. Parents and the public were in-

vited to attend the annual "mini-schedule" open house at the school Monday night. Besides viewing the facilities and sampling their students' schedules, parents also had the opportunity to speak with teachers.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Box-by-box election returns

UNOFFICIAL	Early	101	105	201	206	301	307	401	408	Total
President/Vice Pres.										
Bush/Cheney	405	157	48	124	73	341	69	118	272	1,607
Gore/Lieberman	183	176	6	137	7	103	11	66	38	727
Browne/Oliver	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Nader/LaDuke	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	7
Buchanan/Foster	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	11
US Senator										
Kay Bailey Hutchison	415	157	47	116	65	339	65	122	264	1,590
Gene Kelly	154	152	0	124	13	93	11	51	41	639
Mary J. Ruwart	1	4	0	1	0	2	2	2	3	15
Douglas S. Sandage	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	8
US Rep., Dist. 13										
Mac Thornberry	417	159	43	117	66	338	65	117	267	1,589
Curtis Clinesmith	152	156	9	120	11	100	10	58	41	657
Brad Clardy	3	0	0	5	0	3	3	0	1	15
Railroad Commissioner										
Charles R. Matthews	360	139	44	106	59	289	59	106	217	1,379
Carolyn Fields	20	22	1	15	1	105	4	14	10	192
Gary Dugger	3	3	0	5	2	3	0	2	1	19
RR Comm., Unexp. Term										
Michael L. Williams	360	120	44	97	59	287	59	97	215	1,338
Anthony Garcia	12	38	0	21	1	16	6	57	5	156
Charles L. Mauch	7	2	0	4	1	6	0	2	3	25
Justice, Sup.Ct. Pl. 1										
Nathan Hecht	359	131	45	102	58	291	61	105	210	1,362
Mike Jacobellis	7	13	0	10	0	11	2	9	6	58
Ben G. Levy	10	6	0	11	1	5	1	5	2	41
Justice, Sup.Ct. Pl. 2										
Priscilla Owen	360	132	44	106	57	285	61	106	208	1,359
Joe Alfred Izen Jr.	10	22	0	114	1	17	2	13	6	185
Justice, Sup.Ct. Pl. 3										
Al Gonzales	321	150	38	120	50	246	58	113	196	1,292
Lance Smith	43	11	7	14	7	53	4	14	18	171
Pres. Jdg., Ct. Cr. App.										
Sharon Keller	322	98	34	28	53	249	52	87	175	1,098
Bill Vance	200	192	16	139	17	133	17	72	81	867
Jdg., Ct.Cr.App., Pl. 1										
Charles Holcomb	355	128	44	103	53	290	59	104	201	1,337
Rife Scott Kimler	8	3	0	11	1	9	1	8	8	49
Jdg., Ct.Cr.App., Pl. 2										
Barbara Parker Hervey	317	100	35	83	48	233	50	89	164	1,119
William R. Barr	198	179	14	135	18	138	19	63	84	848
State Rep., Dist. 85										
James E. "Pete" Laney	414	274	36	170	51	326	47	127	221	1,666
7th Ct. of App., Pl. 1										
Brian Quinn	337	124	42	105	56	280	57	97	199	1,297
7th Ct. of App., Pl. 2										
Don H. Reavis	338	126	42	102	54	275	48	96	198	1,279
County Attorney										
James R. Horton	465	275	36	198	51	363	55	149	248	1,840
Sheriff										
CD Fitzgearld	451	278	40	198	49	350	54	143	219	1,782
Co. Tax Assessor/Coll.										
Billy Hackleman	472	287	40	198	59	373	59	145	256	1,889
Commissioner, Pct. 1										
Newlon Rowland	65	272	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	375
Commissioner, Pct. 3										
W.A. "Bay" Baldrige	207	—	—	—	—	361	56	—	—	624
Constable										
James Dobbs	447	271	40	194	47	353	62	141	223	1,778
Jail Bond Election										
For	300	120	15	80	34	187	32	78	106	952
Against	244	119	30	83	29	205	33	73	164	980
TOTAL	607	334	54	272	80	447	81	186	315	2,376

Editorial

Farmers are facing 'desperate times'

By **CARL KING**
President

Texas Corn Growers Assn.
Dear fellow farmer:
We face desperate times. While the costs of farming is rapidly escalating, the prices we receive for our crops are not.

This year was particularly difficult. Not only have we suffered through a severe drought, our ability to combat that drought with irrigation was hampered because of a rapid increase in the cost of natural gas.

Simply stated, the cheap food policy promoted in America will not work if our costs of operation continue to explode.

I suspect that many of you may have either decided to quit farming or are seriously considering that step. Some of you may even feel trapped in farming.

As a farmer I understand the debts that can accrue and the hopes that we all have that next year will simply be better and our futures will forever be changed. It is greatly disappointing to me that the American farmer is an endangered species.

In years past, American farmers have often banded together in an effort to save themselves. These efforts have taken many forms.

In 1986 the West Texas Gas Users Cooperative Association was formed. The purpose of this non-profit corporation was to band farmers together for the common purpose of "evening the playing field" between the farmers and the unregulated natural gas companies that provide natural gas for our irrigation wells.

Unfortunately, in spite of the fact that the government regulates the price of natural gas sold to most gas users, the American farmer is excluded from such protection. The

CCHD plans three Town Hall meetings

The Castro County Hospital District and its board of directors have planned three "Town Hall" meetings this month and the public is encouraged to attend.

The first meeting will be held Monday in Dimmitt at 7 p.m. at the City Hall meeting room. The other two will be Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Golden Group Center in Hart and at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall in Nazareth.

"We will attempt to inform the citizens of Castro County about the activities and services of the hospital district," said CCHD CEO Joe Sloan.

"The board and administrative staff will explain the financial position of the district along with the future direction of the district, and time will be allotted for questions," Sloan said.

American farmer is left to "negotiate" for himself with the gas companies. I have intentionally placed the term "negotiate" in quotes because I question whether that is actually the correct term.

I suspect that more times than not the price we pay for natural gas is not negotiated. Instead, it is dictated to us by the gas company. I also suspect that there have been times when we have "contracted" for a certain price for a specified period of time, and instead of complying with the contract, the gas companies have dictated gas prices that are inconsistent with the contract.

I have been contacted by many farmers as a result of their concern about the rapidly escalating natural gas prices. The purpose of this letter is to investigate your interest in once again joining other farmers in banding together in a common goal of helping ourselves. Specifically, are you interested in joining a united effort with other farmers to attempt to "level the playing field" with the natural gas companies?

Responses we receive will dictate whether we undertake an effort to work together to combat the rising gas prices. In the event that there is sufficient interest in this endeavor, I will send a supplemental notice to those who respond for a meeting so

we can discuss the best plan of action.

I am proud to be an American farmer. My son continues to farm. It is my hope that you will join me in working toward a future in farming not only for us, but also for our future generations.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Those interested in joining King in forming a "united effort" may pick up a questionnaire at the Texas Corn Growers Association office at 210 West Bedford in Dimmitt.)

Chamber can get discounted tickets for ballet

The Lone Star Ballet in Amarillo will perform Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet in December and the group has offered the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce \$3 to \$5 discounts on group tickets purchased in advance.

The performances are slated for 8 p.m. on Dec. 8, 3 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 2 and 6 p.m. on Dec. 10.

"I thought it would be nice if a group of Castro County people attended, maybe at the Saturday afternoon performance or at a different time," said Bill Sava, Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Ticket prices range between \$7 and \$25 if purchased in advance from the chamber.

Wesley UMC plans Dec. 2 art, craft festival

The Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford will host its 20th annual festival of arts and crafts on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford.

Only a limited number of booths are available and applications will be screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications can be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford 79045; or by calling (806) 364-0774.

Shot clinic will be held

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct an immunization clinic Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Nazareth School.

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. Also, the varicella vaccine is covered by Medicaid. Those who should bring their card to the clinic.

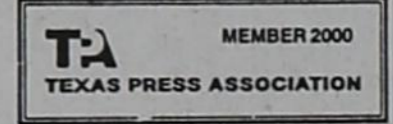
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Last Puzzle Solution

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ACROSS

- money owed
- TX singer
- Mae Morse
- TXism: "fought tooth and ..."
- Grape, TX
- TXism: "heavy as the front ... of a John Deere"
- Houston hotel: Remington on Post
- the south end of a northbound mule
- TXism: "does ... milk?" (no)
- "yes" south of the border
- Astro or Ranger feat: "grand ..."
- Jimmy Johnson set up charity for ... advantaged kids
- Houston ball club
- HPU's "Douglas MacArthur ... Freedom"
- this Otto directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura" (init.)
- TXism: "it didn't ..." (failure)
- TXism: "he ... sleeps fast" (active)
- backwards Illinois or Iowa town
- TX A.J. Foyt racing site in Florida
- TX TV physician: ... Duke
- soluble mineral salt
- Siecke State Forest
- TX Perot's old co.: Electronic ... Systems
- Confederate general statue site in Dallas
- jeans inventor Levi
- leaves "high and dry" in Lamb Co. on 70
- mental deterioration
- TX Jack Earle: "Tallest ... the World"
- ABC newswoman from Dallas' WFAA: Lisa Mc...
- TX Spacek film: ... Are Blue?
- in San Antonio: Mission San Francisco de la ...
- news wrangler
- TXism: "tear jerker"
- state assoc. for TLC providers
- Rangers Kansas City opponent
- mall type
- steamship fuel feeder
- Saks Fifth ...
- TX moonwalker Bean
- managers of TX inns
- Seminole FM
- made-in-TX film: "Baby, the ... Must Fall"
- San Antonio's McNay ... Museum
- TXism: "... soul" (no one)
- TXism: "... that like a duck needs an umbrella"

DOWN

- City, TX
- John Steinbeck's TX wife
- TXism: "... bat" (bad eyesight)
- tall Texas
- "Bum" Phillips
- times not in school
- once a Columbus, TX FM station
- TXism: "turn about is fair ..."
- Jamoca
- Fudge ice cream
- a TX Gatlin (init.)
- TXism: "restless as a ... in church"
- El Campo mascot
- TXism: "unfit ..."
- eyesore on TX beaches
- auto parts store

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

November brings many things that keep people busy. Hunting season for deer and quail both opened this week, if you don't have a hunter in your family, the season may come and go without incident at your house.

At our house things are not as good as usual. V.C.'s bird dogs did not make it through the winter. Our grandson, Rodney McDaniell, replaced them with two pretty little pointers. One was a real hunter, trained and minded very well. He met his demise when he escaped his

pen and someone shot him. The other litter-mate doesn't like to hunt.

Don Graham's dogs, Butch and Joe, went on to dog heaven this year. When the Grahams lived in Dimmitt, Don walked his dogs every morning to keep them in shape to hunt. But dogs get old and time changes everything.

Ralph and Steve Smith are planning a deer hunt near Canadian. We wish them lots of luck. The hunt is not the real point. Many dads and their sons seize this as an opportunity to have time together and enjoy the outdoors.

While we were "on the go," Bernice Hill hosted the Thursday Bridge Club and Helen Braafladt had high score. I had a call that the next Thursday, Bev Hill won top score. Louise Mears and Carol Lantz kept us informed.

Of course, November brings election time. We read in several different weekly and daily papers around Texas that record numbers of people were turning out to vote early.

We were all glad when the voting was done and the campaigns were over.

The Gregorys, Bill and Dalia, have returned to their home in San Antonio from an 18-day trip with Bill's brother, Don, and his wife, Ellen, to Hawaii. The two Gregory families moved to San Antonio and Wimberly during the last year or so.

We stopped by their house when Don and Paula Graham and V.C. and I were on our way home from the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Bill and Dalia treated us to a lovely meal of Chinese food, and I got to find out what is going on in their lives. They attend church sometimes at Max Lucado's church in San Antonio. If you are familiar with Max's books, then you know what a treat they experience doing this. Some of Max's books are *When God Whispers Your Name* and *The Eye of the Storm*.

The Gregorys' children are Bill Jack, who is a CPA and lives in San Antonio; and David, who lives in Abilene with his wife, Mary, daughter of the Bobby Joneses of Dimmitt. David has a car detailing shop and is a sales representative of Backyard Adventures. Ernest Samman, formerly of Dimmitt, established this play-equipment venture, which is

located on the Canyon-Amarillo highway, and many Dimmitt people are employed there.

Blaine Gregory and his wife, Erica, also live in San Antonio. Blaine is in advertising.

The Gregory families visited three Hawaiian islands while they were there. The two couples stayed in a time-share condo. Bill related that they visited Oahu, Kauai and Hawaii. He was most impressed with the garden island of Hawaii. The west half of the island is barren, but on the east side some very industrious people had built a resort hotel and put soil where there was only volcanic rock and no soil. Then they planted every kind of flower and palm tree.

It seems that Don is an avid golfer and he enjoyed the very beautiful golf course that was constructed on a bed of volcanic rock.

On their flight home they caught a glimpse of Johnny and Janet Stanford of Dimmitt—a "small world" incident!

On Oct. 29, Mrs. Joe Scott was honored with a lovely 95th birthday party in the Ben Scott home. The house was beautifully decorated with pretty fall arrangements and the bouquets sent to her from friends and relatives.

Delicious punch, cake and pick-up foods were served by granddaughters Vanessa and Krystal and Mollie's niece, Courtney Hutcherson.

Ben and Lois received the guests. Lois sends her thanks to the many people who had any part in making this party so special. She was very honored and appreciated this so much.

Lois's birthday was actually Oct. 25, and she has received cards and greetings since that day until now, wishing her well.

The out-of-town guests included Lolita and Edgar Vinson, Robert and

Dickie Dobbins, Mona Gail Gibson and Eleanor Gibson, all of Hereford, and Lena Martin and Agnes Shires of Abernathy.

On Oct. 27, Larry Sadler and Lois Scott spent a special time in the home of Tex and Norma Conard, celebrating their birthdays. A delicious meal was served to Ben and Mollie, Ezelle and Verbie Sadler, and Sharon Sadler.

Lois's nephew and wife, Scott and Peggy Belew of Winters, came for a belated birthday celebration, again at the home of Ben and Mollie Scott. The Belews went on to Lubbock to visit their son and attend the University of Texas vs. Texas Tech University football game.

Cody Weatherford, son of Kyle Weatherford played football with the Panhandle Youth Football League.

He is the grandson of Joe and Mary Lou Weatherford and the nephew of Kim Weatherford.

Cody's team is the River Road Little Wildcats and is sponsored by Texas Dodge.

The Panhandle Youth Football League plays according to professional football rules and is made up of fifth and sixth grade boys with

teams from River Road, Canyon, Vega, Hereford and Amarillo schools.

Cody played the right wide receiver position and was the punt returner for his team.

The River Road Little Wildcats won the Cotton Bowl Tournament against the Amarillo Caprock Little Longhorns on Monday night, Oct. 30, and finished as third-place runner-up in the bowl tournaments.

Nathan Nelson and his 2-year-old son, Jake, of Missouri City (Houston) spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents, Don and Verbie Nelson. They all attended the Tech-Texas game together Saturday. It was Jake's first college football game, and he was enthralled with all the color, spectacle and excitement. During halftime, he got to pet the Masked Rider's horse.

I apologize to Christeen Moore Tack and her family for referring to her as "the late" Christeen Moore. She is a resident in the nursing home in Olton.

Also, I omitted Omega Johnson's son from the guest list. Russel lives in Melissa, Texas.

Sanders will direct county spelling bee

Don Sanders, elementary principal for the Hart schools, will serve as the volunteer director for the Castro County Spelling Bee, which has been set for March 7 in the Hart Elementary gymnasium, starting at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the *Amarillo Globe-News* and West Texas A&M University, the bee will include competition for students in grades 5 and below in the Junior Bee and for students in grades 6, 7 and 8 in the Senior Bee.

Students in public, private and parochial schools are eligible to participate, with each school selecting the date for elimination events for students to qualify for the county bee.

Spelling words will be selected from the 2001 edition of the "Paideia" booklet that may be ob-

tained by sending \$1 per booklet to Jeane Bartlett, Spelling Bee Editor, *Amarillo Globe-News*, P.O. Box 2091, Amarillo 79166. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the *Globe-News*.

The winner of the county's senior event will advance to the regional competition, set for April 7 at WTAMU. The winner of the regional contest will be eligible to compete at the National Spelling Bee set in May in Washington, D.C.

FBC group plans musical

The Children's Choir from First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will present the Christian musical, *Go, Go Jonah* on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's auditorium.

The children's musical will present the story of Jonah in a fun and unique way. The children will be singing exciting and fun songs, along with the use of great dialogue, in presenting God's Word to Jonah and how it applies to the world today.

The public is invited to attend the special presentation. "You won't want to miss this night of children presenting the message of God in word and song," said one of the directors of the program.

Thanksgiving service planned here on Nov. 19

A county-wide Thanksgiving service will be held in Dimmitt on Nov. 19 at the First United Methodist Church.

The service is slated to begin at 6 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. You won't want to miss this night of children presenting the message of God in word and song," said one of the directors of the program.

While the Ministerial Alliance is deeply grateful for the generous contribution taken up at last year's service, no collection will be taken this year.

Parmer County holiday bazaar set for November

The Parmer County Christmas Bazaar Committee is planning its annual arts and crafts show Nov. 16-18 in Friona.

Exhibitors will be allowed to set up their booths on Nov. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Nov. 17 from 8 to 10 a.m. The show will be open to the public on Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is a limit of two booth spaces per person and/or organization. Wall tables rent for \$30 and center tables will be \$25. We provide an 8-foot by 30-inch table and two chairs for each booth.

To reserve a booth or for more information about the event contact Valerie DePillo at the Parmer County Extension Office, (806)481-3619.

Vocal showcase slated Nov. 19 at Home Mercantile

Anyone who is a fan of choral singing, three- and four-part harmonies and the beauty of the human voice is invited to attend a "vocal showcase" on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

Featured performers for the event include www.harmony, a barbershop quartet from the Panhandle area, Amarillo Opera Outreach vocalists Mila Gibson, and two choral groups from Nazareth.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck supper and visiting. The music programs will start at 7 p.m., with an intermission planned for 8 p.m.

There is no admission charge and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

This program is the third in a series of eight community events slated to be held at Home Mercantile through April.

The Home Mercantile is a historic building in Nazareth which has been renovated to serve as a community resource center for creative arts and the preservation of local cultures.

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Dimmitt Rotary Club

People



Local veterans will be honored Friday at Dimmitt High School

The Dimmitt High School Student Council and History Department will honor veterans in a special assembly on Friday at 12:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The community and all veterans are invited to attend the ceremony. Veterans are asked to come to the auditorium stage area by 11:45 a.m.

Special signs honoring all those who have served in the Armed Forces will be displayed in the front

school yard throughout the day. "We hope to show our appreciation to these men and women by recognizing them in this way," said Connie Dickerson, Student Council advisor.

Anyone who would like to pay tribute to a veteran in their family is encouraged to come by the high school office (1505 Western Circle Drive) during regular school hours to fill out a form.

Hereford's 'Festival of Trees' is planned for Nov. 15-19

The auction of several fully-decorated Christmas trees, along with children's programs, other activities, a festival gala, holiday dinner and more are planned in Hereford Nov. 15-19 as part of the Hereford Senior Citizens Association's annual Festival of Trees.

The annual celebration opens on Wednesday, Nov. 15, with a wide range of activities and children's programs beginning at 8:30 a.m. A preview of the trees will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

The main feature of the week-long event is the display of beautifully decorated trees for visitors to enjoy. This display, within a festival setting, is a major community involvement and fund raising project for the Hereford Senior Citizens Association. In 1999, approximately 5,000 people attended the display and took part in the festival activities.

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

Activities continue on Thursday, Nov. 16, and the featured event on this day will be a melodrama and finger food buffet from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 17, a festival gala has been planned from 6 to 7:30

p.m., then the festival auction will be held at 7:30.

Santa will visit with youngsters on Saturday, Nov. 18, beginning at 11 a.m. More fun with Santa and a Lionel Train display are on the agenda from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A dinner and melodrama will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The week-long celebration will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 19, with a holiday turkey and ham buffet from 12 noon to 2 p.m., followed by calvary from 2 to 3 p.m. A tree and train review has been scheduled from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Advance tickets for the events will be available from the Hereford Senior Citizens Association. Reservations for the melodrama can be made at the center or by calling 364-5681. Tickets for the melodrama are \$10 each.

There will be no admission charge for the tree auction, continuous festival activities, preview of trees, Lionel train display and children's programs.

Tickets for the turkey and ham dinner will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

Since 1881, any time a new U.S. flag has been designed following the admission of a state or states the new banner has been unveiled on July 4.



GOING THROUGH THE LINE—Treena Matthews goes through the line at the United Methodist Women's annual turkey dinner held Tuesday on election day. The meal was served to approximately

831 people. Organizers of the event said the weather may have been a factor in the attendance, which was down some from the previous year.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

CV sets cake auction today

Canterbury Villa Nursing Home of Dimmitt will hold its annual Cake Auction today (Thursday), starting at 6:30 p.m. at the nursing home, and the public is invited.

The event is sponsored to raise money for the residents' activity fund, which provides Christmas gifts and other items for the residents.

Jason Wooten will act as the auctioneer for the homemade baked goods that are donated for the auction.

Those wanting to donate a cake or other item to be auctioned may drop them off at the nursing home prior to the sale, or they may call 647-3117 for more information.

Those wanting to make a donation to the activity fund may come by the home at 1621 Butler Dr., or call either Deborah Robertson or Sharon Leinen.

Grief, holidays workshop slated

"Grief and the Holidays" is a workshop designed to meet the needs of grieving people who also are preparing for the upcoming holiday season.

The workshop will be offered free of charge today (Thursday) in two identical sessions at BSA Hospice in Amarillo at 600 N. Tyler. The afternoon session will meet from 1 to 3 and the evening session from 7 to 9.

Interested individuals may call 212-8777 in Amarillo for more information or to register for the workshop.

Auxiliary sets bazaar and luncheon

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy a meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings at a cost of \$6

per plate or \$6.25 for carry-outs. Also, the bazaar will feature home-made baked goods and hand-made craft items.

Following the luncheon, a drawing will be held for a quilt that is being raffled off at \$1 a chance or six chances for \$5.

In addition, auxiliary members will be taking donations from those who wish to contribute to Operation Christmas Greeting. Those participating are asked to donate what it would cost to send season's greetings to local friends, and their name will be listed in a community greeting ad

that will be published in the Christmas issue of the *Castro County News*.

"All donations will be greatly appreciated," said a spokesperson of the auxiliary. "All proceeds from these events will be used to help buy items for use at Plains Memorial Hospital."

Veterans' Day breakfast set for Saturday

The Dimmitt Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8056 will host a Veterans' Day breakfast Saturday at 7 a.m.

A ceremony will be held to honor veterans, and all members of the VFW and all veterans and their families are invited to attend.

There is no charge for the breakfast.

Coat drive is underway

Gently-worn coats will be collected by Dimmitt High School's National Honor Society this week and the coats collected will be given to those less fortunate.

The coat drive started on Friday and will continue through next Thursday Nov. 16.

Boxes will be placed in various churches in Dimmitt and in the three schools—Richardson Elementary, Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School.

If your church does not have a box but you would like to donate a coat, contact Cinnamon Bradley at 647-3105.

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Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The first annual Nazareth ISD Alumni fundraiser was held Saturday at the Nazareth Community Hall.

A large crowd enjoyed the steak dinner, social and dance. Of special interest was the "reverse drawing" raffle. Don and Brenda Schulte were the grand prize winners of \$2,500. Henry and Linda Ramaekers' ticket was the first drawn, and they received the "Booby Prize"—a \$1 scratch-off ticket. Cash prizes were awarded to Joe and Dana Kleman, \$25 for being the 25th ticket drawn; Sylvia Hoelting, \$50 as the 50th name drawn; and Mark and Judy Kleman, \$75 for the 75th name drawn.

Many thanks to all who supported the alumni fundraiser and the school, including the Nazareth Lions Club for donating the \$2,500 grand prize.

Traveling to Austin to compete in the state cross country meet this Saturday will be Trinity Robb, who placed second at the regional meet Saturday in Lubbock; and the girls' team including Danette Ramaekers, Stephanie Thiel, Mandy Hoelting, Marsha Black, Susan Kern, Erica Gerber and Teri Ramaekers.

The girls' team finished third at regional, with Danette Ramaekers finishing second and Stephanie Thiel placing 10th.

The top three teams and the top 10 individuals advance to state. Good luck to all Nazareth runners.

A baby shower was held Sunday afternoon for Berkli, infant daughter of Kelly Jones. Berkli was born Oct. 5 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Guests at the shower were Berkli's grandmothers, Susie Jones of Nazareth and Karen Brown of Amarillo; Karen's daughter, Sonya McCubin of Amarillo; and Susie's sisters, Peggy Morris and Angeline Reinart, both of Amarillo.

Berkli received so many useful gifts and everyone had a great time visiting.

Gerber relatives enjoyed visitors on Wednesday. Jerri Gerber of Umbarger and her daughter, Carol Sanford of Canyon, spent the day visiting with Mary and Dorothy Gerber, Leonard and Alvina Gerber and Virgie Gerber.

Wade, Jill and Jake Durbin took their two mothers-in-law, Evelyn Hoeneke and Joan Durbin to London, England, on Oct. 17.

For two days they rode the Hop On, Hop Off Bus, saw the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, St. James Palace, and Marble Arch, also known as "Speaker's Corner." They took a ride on the Thames River, listed to the Royal Air Force Band, and toured the Royal Mews (stables and carriages). They saw John Wayne's saddle which was used in a movie before he gave it to the Queen of England. They also saw the Palace of White Hall, the Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey.

What Joan enjoyed the most was the War House—the underground cabinet offices used by Winston Churchill during World War II. Joan said it would be great if every student could see that.

The group went to Salisbury where

Florence Nightingale did her training. They saw Stonehenge, Salisbury Cathedral, Bath Abbey and the Roman Baths.

On Saturday they toured Winsor Castle, including the family quarters. They enjoyed Sunday mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Farmers Street was visited before they toured the Tower of London and saw the Royal Jewels.

They also got to see Queen Mary's Doll House. It was gorgeous and had electricity throughout. It even had real, tiny books which featured authentic writings from real authors.

Next, the group went to Hampton Courts, Winchester City Museum and Winchester Cathedral. They also toured Wolvesly Castle—it's not a castle that is kept up!

Wade, being on the Waco Fire Dept., had to tour several fire departments and exchanged fire department patches.

On Tuesday, Phillip Durbin, who is stationed in the Navy where the group stayed, took his mother, Joan, to the Shaftesbury Theater to see "Napoleon," compliments of Dorothy. It was magnificent!

Phil, Wade and Joan flew to Germany on Wednesday, rented a car and drove to Selentrop to visit relatives and spend the night at the Schulte-Goebel Bed and Breakfast where Joan's great-great-grandfather, Willabald, was born in 1850.

The Durbins gave them the Texas flag and challenge the Nebraskans to do likewise.

Marcus Schulte is the only one who can speak English. His mother, Sophia, took the Durbins around to

the churches and cemetery where their forefathers were baptized and buried.

It is wonderful how so many buildings in England and Germany are so many centuries old and are so well taken care of.

Evelyn and Jill did things for Jake, taking him to the zoo and aquarium, and they shopped in London while the three Durbins were in Germany.

The group left London on Oct. 25 for a nine-hour trip back to Dallas. It was a most memorable trip.

A farewell party was held Saturday evening at the Legion Hall for Bryan Charanza, who will be joining the Army soon.

The party was hosted by his mother, Donna Charanza. Many family members and friends enjoyed playing cards, listening to music and eating lots of good food.

Harold Gerber of Lake Ivie came for his nephew, Bryan's, party. He told his family that it was a "Thanksgiving" visit, because he probably wouldn't be able to make it

back before Christmas.

Denice Gerber, Jaylene Wilfong and Selma Gutierrez, who work at Tulia Head Start, flew to South Padre Island last week for the regional Head Start convention.

The scenery, especially the palm springs, were simply beautiful, according to Denice. It was even warm enough to wade in the water.

A veterans' day celebration is planned for Monday, Nov. 13, beginning with mass at 7:15 a.m. at Holy Family Church, followed by coffee and donuts at the school cafeteria for all veterans and their wives.

The entire community is invited to a flag ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at the Nazareth School. During this ceremony, Korean War veterans will be honored.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Marie Venhaus, Florene Schulte, Margaret Brockman, Clara Kleman and Deanna Huseman.

NISD will recognize Korean War veterans

Veterans of the Korean War will be honored at the annual flag ceremony at the Nazareth School on Veterans' Day, which is Monday.

The ceremony is slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will feature a flag raising, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic music by the Swift Band and presentation of commemorative medals to the veterans.

It is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War and that's what inspired school organizations to give those veterans special recognition this year.

The Korean War veterans attending Monday's ceremony will be presented with a commemorative medal by Jason Kim of Amarillo, who will also be speaking at the ceremony.

The Swift Band will play the *National Anthem* and the closing song of *God Bless the USA*.

Members of the Nazareth American Legion Post 528 will conduct the flag-raising ceremony.

Shawna Gerber, Nazareth senior, will lead the *Pledge of Allegiance*. A necrology of the Korean War veterans will be delivered by Art Brockman. Dismissal prayer will be led by Father Peter Otto.

Following the ceremony, high school students, veterans and guests will retire to the school gym for the annual Girls State and Boys State reports, which will be presented by Gerber, Jaelyn Birkenfeld, Adam Schulte and Mark Birkenfeld.

The entire community is invited to attend the Veteran's Day festivities.

Holiday bazaar, turkey dinner slated in Nazareth

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a holiday arts and crafts bazaar will be held in Nazareth on Sunday, Nov. 19.

The Christian Mothers Society's annual turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The holiday bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

The event is being organized by the Nazareth Art Club and the group is currently accepting reservations for booth space.

The 8' x 10' booths will rent for \$20 each. Each booth will include a table and two chairs. When reserving space, exhibitors are asked to specify

whether or not they will need the table and whether they prefer a wall or center booth. Organizers also request information about what will be displayed in the booth.

Checks must be payable to Nazareth Art Club and booths will be assigned on a first-come basis.

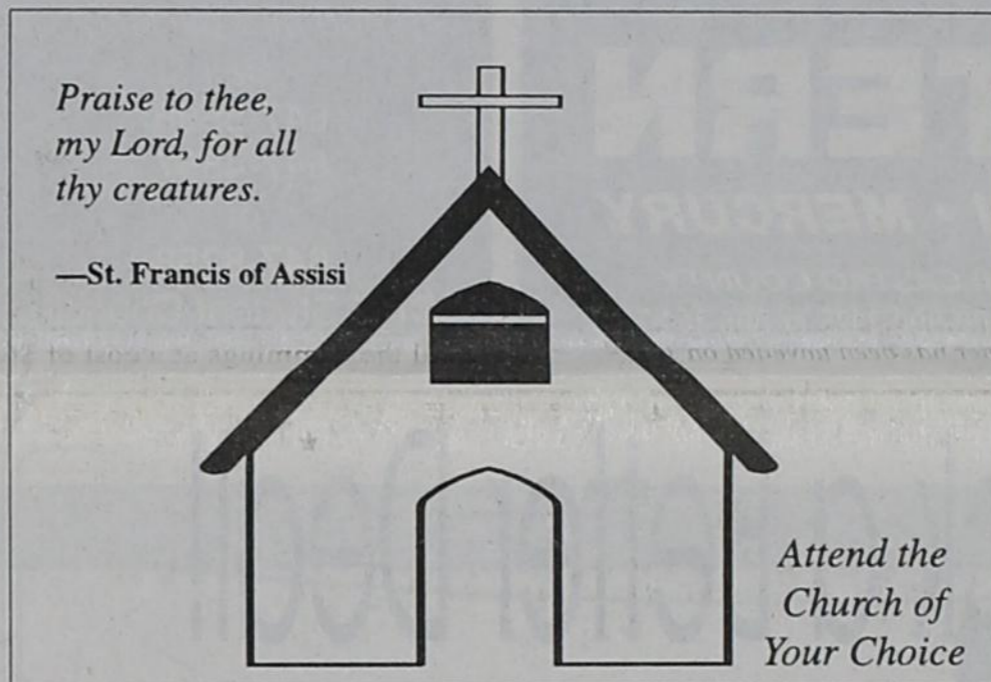
The last day to reserve booth space will be Saturday, Nov. 11.

The cafeteria will be open at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 19 to allow exhibitors time to set up their displays.

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

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Water planning group to consider draft series of tasks Wednesday

Response to public comments about the initial Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan and the development of a series of tasks to be included in the next phase of the regional water planning effort are among discussion items on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting of the planning group.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 office, located at 2930 Ave. Q in Lubbock. It is open to the public.

"As required by Senate Bill 1, the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group members conducted a Sept. 26 public hearing to receive

comments on the initial draft water plan," said A. Wayne Wyatt, chairman.

"The planning group will review comments from the public hearing, feedback received during the comment period, and suggestions from the Texas Water Development Board in Austin. The planning group may consider amending the initial plan based upon comments received."

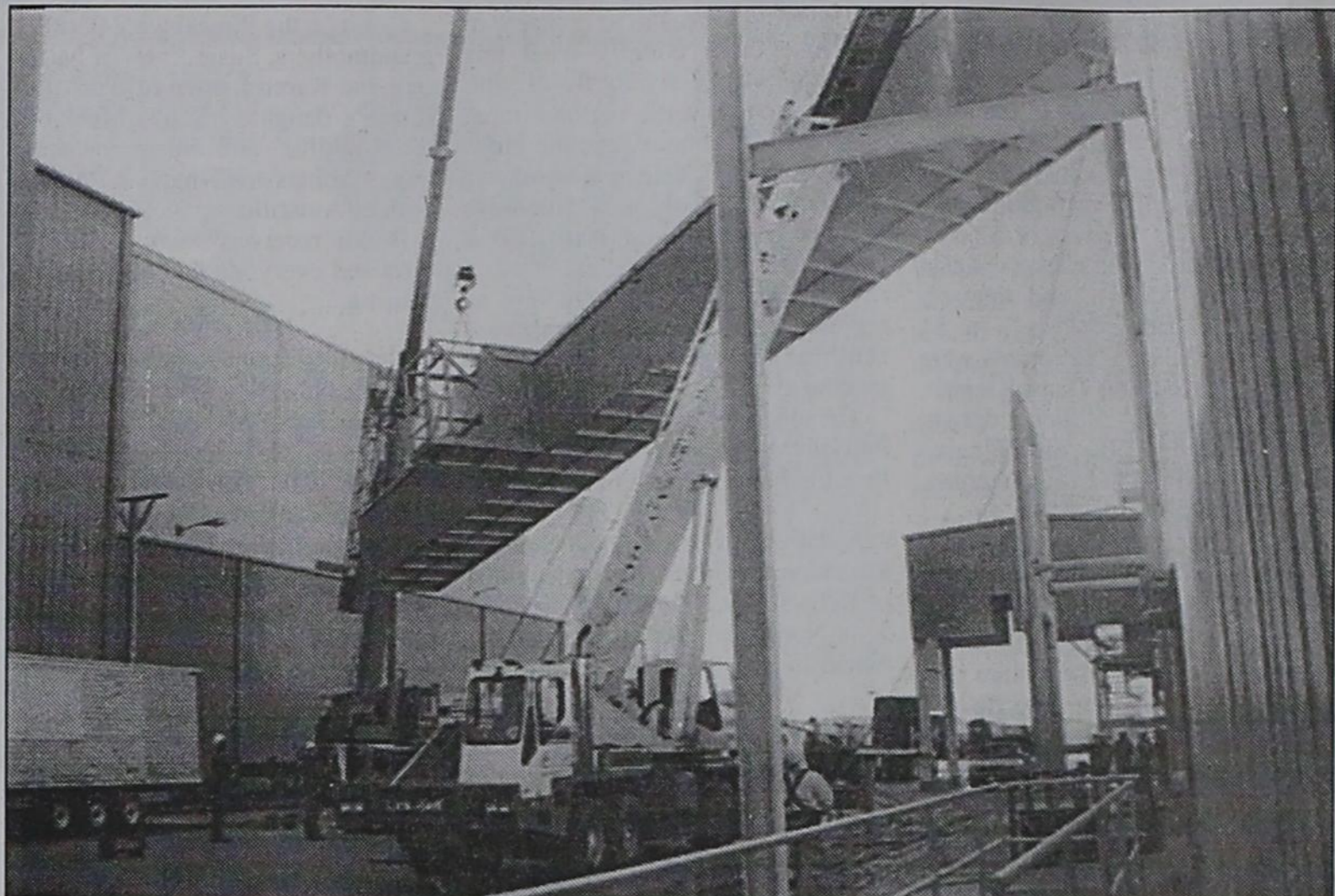
Even though the initial plan is completed, Wyatt said work will soon start on the second phase of the regional water planning effort, which will begin in 2001.

Each of the 16 regional water planning groups in the state submitted a list of policy recommendations

to the Texas Water Development Board, which combined all the policy recommendations into a single package. A majority of the planning groups agreed on several water management strategies which need to be implemented.

Some of these strategies include support of underground water conservation districts as the preferred method of ground water management in Texas; better basic ground water data for use in the next planning cycle; additional ground water modeling for each major and minor aquifer in the state; more research and demonstration projects; development of desalinization projects; support of agricultural research designed to develop drought-resistant crop varieties; development of a statewide water conservation education program; and state support and/or funding to implement the strategies identified in the planning effort.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group is expected to submit the final version of the plan to the Texas Water Development board by Jan. 5, 2001. The board then has until January 2002 to incorporate the plan, along with those from the 15 other regional water planning groups in the state, into a comprehensive state water plan.



A BRIDGE TOO SHORT—This 114-foot long bridge is designed to connect the 42 high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) refinery with the 55 HFCS refinery at Cerestar USA, Dimmitt Plant. The 50-ton structure was raised into place Nov. 1 by two cranes, supplied by Scott Crane Service of Lubbock/Hereford. Built by Gearn Industries of Hereford at an estimated cost of \$145,000, the bridge includes a 90-foot self-supporting span, with another 24 feet reaching from the support piers to the two buildings. A small gap remained to be filled in after the bridge was set and

leveled, to allow room for maneuvering the structure into place with the cranes. The 8-foot wide bridge floor is constructed out of 4-inch square tubing covered with 1/4-inch deck plate. The framework for the walls and roof is made of the same square tubing, and it is covered with metal sheeting. The new Central Control Room at the plant is located in the 55 refinery, and operators will now have quicker access to all major operating areas without going outside and also with fewer stairs to climb. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Cotton growers vote to establish boll weevil program on Northern High Plains

Cotton producers in the six-county Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted to establish a boll weevil eradication program.

The Northern High Plains Zone consists of approximately 600,000 acres in six counties including Armstrong, Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Randall and Swisher.

Final results were 1,603 voting "for" and 521 voting "against" establishing an eradication program. In addition, producers in the zone voted to set a maximum annual assessment for the program not to exceed \$12 per land acre for irrigated cotton and \$6 per land acre for dryland cotton.

To officially establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Northern High Plains zone and set an assessment, the propositions had to be

approved by a two-thirds majority vote, or those voting in favor needed to farm more than 50% of the zone's acreage.

"Producers in the Northern High Plains have shown they want an eradication program," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "We look forward to working with them and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in eliminating this costly pest in Texas."

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) issued 3,410 ballots to cotton producers in the zone who were eligible to vote in the referendum. Some 2,161 valid ballots were post-marked by the Oct. 2 deadline and were counted.

Cotton producers also elected Weldon Melton of Hale County to represent the Northern High Plains

Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. Melton is a cotton producer who has farmed in the zone since 1975.

Melton received 1,264 votes while challenger Donald Ebeling Jr. of Hale County earned 708 votes. Twenty-one votes were cast for write-in candidates.

Rutledge is named CEO at blood center

Dr. James Rutledge is the new president and chief executive officer of Coffee Memorial Blood Center and he officially began serving in his new position on Oct. 30.

Previously, Rutledge served as a vice president in the blood processing group of Pall Medical.

Rutledge served as Pall's account executive for America's Blood Centers and the American Red Cross. Prior to that he worked as vice president of marketing for Campbell Associates, Inc., a Dallas specialty medical product distribution company.

Rutledge holds a bachelor's degree in genetics from the University of California, Berkeley and a doctorate degree in ecology/physiology from the University of California at Davis. From 1977 to 1982 he served as assistant professor at the Division of Allied Health Sciences of the University of Texas at San Antonio. In 1980 he received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award from the College of Science and Mathematics.

For more information contact Judy Neill, Coffee Memorial Blood Center development and communications director, at 358-4563.

Lecture series speakers named

The Amarillo College Student Government Association's Distinguished Lecture Series will feature former NASA engineer and renowned author Homer Hickam Jr. as the first speaker for the 2000-01 series.

He will appear Nov. 20 at the Civic Center Grand Plaza at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$15 for the lecture, with AC students admitted for \$7. A reception will be held in conjunction with the lecture, and tickets that include the reception and the lecture are \$50. Tickets can be purchased at the AC Washington Street Campus, West Campus, Technical Center Campus, and at all Bank of America locations.

Hickam is known for his best-selling autobiography, *Rocket Boys: A Memoir*, which was released as *October Sky*. His most recent book and first novel is called *Back to the Moon*, which has been called a "no-holds-barred joyride of a thriller" by Internet bookseller Amazon.com.

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Farm Service Agency notes

By TRISH ELLIOTT
FSA County Executive Director

We recently mailed letters from this office to designate shares and request payments for the 2001 crop year. You may choose either 100% of your payment in one month or 50% over a two-month period. If no request is received, then you will receive one payment in September.

One letter informed participants that the shares on the contract had been either "designated" or "undesignated" for the 2001 crop year. If your shares are "designated," you do not need to sign a new contract in this office. If your shares are "undesignated," you will need to sign a new contract before any payment can be made.

Owners, if you know you are changing operators, please let us know so that we do not make a payment to the wrong producer. We cannot make another payment to the successor unless the predecessor voluntarily refunds the payment.

CRP grazing

Emergency grazing of certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage continues through Nov. 30.

Only CRP fields established to permanent cover are eligible for grazing.

CRP participants must file a request to graze this acreage before grazing begins.

The payment reduction is 25% of the per-acre annual rental payment rate, multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed.

Pork checkoff referendum

The public is invited to observe the counting of ballots in the pork checkoff referendum on Nov. 29 at 9 a.m. in the Farm Service Agency office in Dimmitt.

Oilseeds program

Funds are available for producers who planted an eligible oilseed in 2000.

Sign-up for the 2000 Oilseed Program started on Oct. 16 and continues through Jan. 12, 2001.

Payments will be made to producers who planted or shared in the production of soybeans, sesame, sunflower seeds (oil and confectionary), crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, grape seed or safflower seed.

Oilseed program applications should be submitted to the county that controls the payment limitation for the producer. Each producer should file only one CCC-780 form in his or her control county for all of his or her farms.

Eligible producers for this program should have received a postcard that indicates their eligibility.

Please come by the FSA office and sign up or call the office and request that we mail you an application.

Wool and mohair market loss

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 provides for a Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance program to producers who produced or sheared wool or mohair from Jan. 1, 1999, through Dec. 31, 1999.

Sign-up for this program started on Oct. 10 and will

continue through Dec. 29.

Payment rates will be 20¢ per pound for shorn wool and 40¢ per pound for shorn mohair.

Please bring your wool or mohair production records to the FSA office so we can assist you in completing your application.

Lamb meat adjustment assistance

The application period for Year 2 of the Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program started on Aug. 1 and will continue through July 31, 2001.

This program is designed to provide direct cash payments to sheep and lamb producers based on quality incentives for both slaughter and feeder lambs. These lambs must meet the AMS slaughter and feed lamb certification.

Dairy market loss assistance

A market loss assistant payment will be made to dairy farmers within the next few months, and the payment will be based on the higher of the 1997 or 1998 production levels.

Payment calculations for all participants will be limited to the first 39,000 hundredweight of production, and all dairy farmers will receive the same payment rate. Further details should be announced soon.

Cooperating gins

All cotton gins operating this year in Castro County have certified to Commodity Credit Corporation that their bagging and ties meet specifications approved and published by the Joint Industry Bale Packaging Committee for the 2000 crop year.

County Committee Election

The election for County Committee LAA-3 will be held in December. This area is currently being represented by Weldon Davis.

Ballots will be mailed on Nov. 24 and we encourage females, minorities and members of other under-represented groups to participate in the committee process.

2000 crop year disaster aid

Details are still sketchy at this time, but we do know there has been legislation passed for disaster relief. If you have failed acreage that will not be mechanically harvested, you should report it to the FSA office. This includes both insurable and non-insurable crops.

It is also important that your production records are accurate and complete.

As soon as information becomes available, we will relay it to you.

Breaking out new land

Before you break out any new land, you need to notify the local Natural Resource and Conservation Service office. Serious penalties could apply if highly erodible land is placed into agricultural production.



FARM BUREAU COUNTY CONVENTION—The Castro County Farm Bureau held its annual convention on Oct. 19 in Dimmitt, with Delmas McCormick, retiring State Director for District II, as the keynote speaker. Here, (from left) local Farm Bureau Agent Bob Anthony speaks with McCormick and his wife.

Courtesy Photo

SEC director earns honors

Gene Latham, a locally elected director for Swisher Electric Cooperative Inc., in Tulia, has received the Credentialed Cooperative Director (or the Board Leadership) certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Latham was recognized at the Region VIII-X meeting in Little Rock, Ark., for his commitment to education and attainment of the certificate before an audience of more than 1,000 electric cooperative officials from seven states, including Texas.

"Today's electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, particularly increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and working knowledge of the cooperative principles," said Charles Castleberry, general manager of Swisher Electric Cooperative.

"Swisher Cooperative has a commitment to work through Texas Electric Cooperative and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of its electric cooperative consumer-owners."

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses: director duties and liabilities; understanding the electric business; board rules and relationships; business planning; and understanding financial planning.

Farm Bureau holds county convention

The Castro County Farm Bureau held its annual county convention on Oct. 19 at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria, with 65 in attendance.

Five incumbent members of the board of directors were re-elected to two-year terms on the board. They are Bruce Fuller, Norman Gerber, Ronnie Gfeller, Charles Summers and Rex Lust.

Delmas McCormick, retiring State Director for District II, was the keynote speaker. He talked about the future of Farm Bureau and also introduced Loyd Arthur of Ralls in Crosby County. Arthur is running for the District II director's seat being vacated by McCormick.

Bureau members voted on resolutions to be forwarded to the Texas Farm Bureau for ratification. Castro County Farm Bureau President Bruce Fuller gave the welcome and Charles Summers gave the in-

roduction. Agency Manager Malcolm Sager introduced new county secretary Linda Grand. He also presented departing secretary Kaye Stevens with a gift and a cake in appreciation for her four years of service. Sager also introduced part-time employee Genell Craig.

Those who won door prizes were Rudy Flores, key chain; Nell DiCuffa, note pad and pen holder; James Wilhelm, \$25 in Dimmitt Dollars; and Brigetta Dobmeier, \$50 in Dimmitt Dollars.

A meal of barbecue and all the trimmings was catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo.

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Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attend to with diligence.

Drought losses exceed \$1 billion

Agricultural losses in Texas caused by drought have exceeded \$1 billion, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in an Oct. 18 report, after factoring in losses to the state's fall harvested crops of cotton, corn, and sorghum, and added expenses incurred by ranchers to early feed and water livestock.

For the year, direct drought losses have cost Texas agricultural producers \$1.096 billion. Extension economists said, with cotton the hardest hit commodity. Estimated cotton losses have reached \$485 million as extreme heat and dry conditions devastated dryland cotton and declined the growing potential of irrigated cotton through August and September.

In mid-August, cotton losses were estimated at \$285 million, but another \$200 million was added Nov. 1, according to Carl Anderson, Extension cotton marketing specialist.

Dryland cotton planted throughout the central and western areas of the state couldn't withstand another round of record-breaking temperatures and lack of rainfall through both August and September. The rainfall in the Rolling Plains region for the 90 days starting July 1 was only 9% of normal. The Lubbock

area did not fare much better, with just 27% of normal rainfall during July to September.

Dryland acreage that was harvested resulted in extremely low yields or yielded low-quality cotton, Extension officials said.

Other estimated agricultural losses so far this year include: grain sorghum, \$62 million; corn, \$34 million; wheat, \$153 million; added irrigation costs, \$47 million; wheat grazing, \$30 million; forage crops, \$124 million; other crops, \$56 million; and added feed/water costs, \$105 million.

Travis Miller, an Extension agronomist, said rainfall this week is welcome, but is short of replenishing available stored moisture for crops and rangeland.

"We've got a ways to go as far as filling soil profiles," Miller said. According to the NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, it would take 9 to 12 inches of rain to replenish soil profiles in the major central part of the state to end the drought.

Nevertheless, Miller said, recent rainfall throughout certain areas of Texas will help with planting of small grain and vegetable crops.

"The rains were timely as far as

planting wheat," Miller said. "In most places, there's still plenty of time to plant a crop for grain, but I don't think we'll get much forage out of it. In the Northern Plains, between Oct. 1 and Oct. 10 is the optimum time to plant grain crops."

"But you can still make a good grain crop this late. The optimum time for Central Texas is the first two weeks of November for wheat planting as far as grain production. We've just lost a lot of opportunity for grazing (because of dry conditions that continued into the fall months)," Miller said. Plus, since the soil profile is still short, timely rains must continue to provide the opportunity for improved wheat production next year.

Drought conditions have hampered Texas agricultural production four out of the past five years. The 1996 drought resulted in \$2 billion in producer losses, while the 1998 drought led to \$2.1 billion in producer losses. The 1999 drought resulted in \$223 million in producer losses.

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(Town Hall Meetings also are scheduled at Hart and Nazareth Monday, Nov. 20)

Sports



Wilds hammer Bobcats in Cat-fight, 49-0

Littlefield's Wildcats made a cold night seem colder for the Bobcats here Friday as they rolled to a 49-0 district win.

The game, played in the mist before 500 fans at Bobcat Stadium, left the Bobcats with an 0-9 record and kept the Wildcats' hopes alive for a third-place district finish and a play-off berth.

Littlefield quarterback Taylor Allen threw two touchdown bombs—one for 68 yards and the other for 44—and had another TD called back because of an ineligible receiver. He finished with four completions in 12 attempts for 141 yards before he was spelled in the fourth by Matthew and Mitch Vaught, who completed three more for 31 yards.

Running back Jeremy Soria racked up 129 yards rushing in the first half alone—including a 65-yarder in the second quarter for Littlefield's third touchdown—then scored again on a 68-yard pass play in the third.

Tailback Matthew Hock carried the ball 14 times and accounted for 112 of Littlefield's 364 rushing yards. Fullback Theo Watson picked up most of the balance as Littlefield's line dominated Dimmitt's.

The Bobcats had one of their worst nights of the year with just seven yards rushing and 65 passing, and threatened only once in the game.

Watson scored the first TD on a four-yard plunge with 3:37 left in the opening quarter to cap a four-play, 48-yard drive.

Next time the Wildcats got the ball, they ripped off 73 yards in five plays with Hock racing 35 yards for the second TD with 26 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Soria's 65-yard TD run—a beeline straight up the middle—and the extra-point kick by Watson made it 21-0 with 4:50 left in the half.

Littlefield struck three times in the third quarter, first with the 68-yard TD pass from Allen to Soria at the 10:40 mark.

Then the Bobcats had the ball for two plays before Wesley Harkins was knocked loose from it at the Dimmitt 44 after catching a pass from Josselet.

The Wildcats took the gift and went for broke. Allen tossed a strike to Tyler Kirby, who had a three-step lead, caught it in stride and took it all the way for the 35-0 TD, which went

on the scoreboard just one minute after the previous score.

An interception at midfield set up the Wildcats' sixth TD. Again the Wildcats followed the turnover with a long touchdown bomb on first down, but it was nullified by an illegal-receiver penalty. After the penalty, the Wildcats drove 54 yards in five plays, with Hock scoring on a 15-yard run.

Junior slotback Adam Castillo got the final TD on a left power sweep with 5:31 left, capping a 65-yard, nine-play drive.

A good runback of Littlefield's kickoff by Albert Campos to the Dimmitt 45 started the Bobcats on their only threatening drive.

Working out of the shotgun formation, Josselet raced 25 yards up the sideline to the Littlefield 30 to start the drive, then followed with a 12-yard run to the right.

But the drive died on Littlefield's 15 after three incomplete passes.

Pie Supper set Nov. 15

The Dimmitt High School Athletic Booster Club is holding a "Meet the Bobbies and Bobcats" pie supper on Wednesday (Nov. 15) at 8:30 p.m. at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium and the public is invited to attend.

All DHS basketball players will be introduced, along with the coaching staff. Freshmen, JV and Varsity teams for boys and girls will be recognized.

The parents of all players are asked to bring a pie. The pies will be served in the foyer of the gym.

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Game at a Glance

Littlefield	14	7	21	7-49
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First Downs	26	7
Rushes-Yards	54-364	25-7
Passing Yards	172	65
Total Yards	536	72
Passes Comp/Att	7/15	7/29
Interceptions By	2	0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Punts-Avg.	1-37	7-39
Penalties-Yards	7-50	4-20

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter:
L—Theo Watson 4 run (kick wide), 3:37
L—Matthew Hock 35 run (Taylor Allen run), 0:26

Second Quarter:
L—Jeremy Soria 65 run (Watson kick), 4:39

Third Quarter:
L—Soria 68 pass from Allen (Watson kick), 10:40
L—Tyler Kirby 44 pass from Allen (Watson kick), 9:41

Fourth Quarter:
L—Hock 15 run (Watson kick), 4:57
L—Adam Castillo 5 run (Watson kick), 5:31

Records: Littlefield 5-4, 2-2. Dimmitt 0-9, 0-4.



COMPLETION COMING UP — Dimmitt running back B.J. Hill (2) sidesteps a Littlefield blitz to loft a pass to quarterback Brent Josselet (left foreground) on a pitch-and-pass play in the first quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA game here. Following Josselet

on the play is teammate Julian Velo (56). The play gained four yards, and was Dimmitt's only completion in the first period. The visiting Wildcats used a strong running game and a long-strike passing attack to roll up a 49-0 win. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

Cats, Horns finish on the road

All three of the county's football fields will be dark Friday night as the local teams play their 10th games away from home.

Nazareth's Swifts will travel to Stratford for a spotlight battle between state-ranked unbeateners for the District 2-A title and playoff seeding. (See separate story.)

But for Dimmitt's Bobcats and Hart's Longhorns, it will be the final game of the season.

The winless Bobcats will go see why no one has been able to ride the Mules all year, and the Longhorns will go to Kangaroo country to finish up a better-than-average season.

Dimmitt at Muleshoe

The Bobcats could use all the support that their fans can give them Friday night.

They're finishing up a winless season away from home, at Muleshoe, and they aren't given any chance against the 9-0 Mules, who have mowed down their opponents by an average score of 30-11 and have clinched the District 2-AAA title.

"Of the nine games we've played, the boys have given a really good effort in eight of them," Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson said this week.

"Unfortunately, last week was the one week we've had when we had a letdown and no concentration.

"Otherwise, they've shown up and played hard every game—give them credit.

"But they haven't had any payoff for it, and it's hard for them to keep doing that week in and week out without having a victory."

Coach Wilson said the Bobcats have not matched up in experience, strength or size with any of their opponents this year.

"Our youth and lack of experience have been our main problems," Coach Wilson said. "I think we've gotten better. I feel like we could beat some of the teams now that beat us earlier in the year, because of the experience we've gained.

"But the other teams have been able to manhandle our defense by running stuff up the middle, and when we get so many guys trying to stop that stuff, then they could throw a play-action pass and they'd be wide open because we'd have defensive backs and everybody on run support, trying to stop the run. And that has plagued us all season."

And on offense, "Our running game hasn't been there for the same reason," the coach said. "Due to our lack of size and strength, we've had to spread it out. Now we're to the point where the only thing that we're having any bit of success with is throwing the football, and the other teams know that, and so they're playing off and either playing several

defensive backs so we have a hard time getting open, or they're blitzing a lot, and that makes for disasters a lot of times.

"We've turned the ball over 30 times this year. That's a bunch.

"We coaches love this game, and we love this sport, and it's hard, when you love something that much, to go through what we've been through. It's been tough—real tough. And I think the effect has been the same on our players."

The first step in building toward next year is to get an off-season strength training program going, the coach said.

Meanwhile, there's one more game to play. This one is against the biggest, baddest opponent of the year.

And they could use all the support their fans can give them.

Kickoff time will be 7:30 Friday at Muleshoe.

Hart at Kress

Hart is hoping to wrap up its 2000 football campaign on a winning note, and a victory over Kress on Friday night would move Hart into a third-place finish in District 2-A.

The two teams will square off in the regular season finale Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Kress.

Hart, 6-3 overall and 2-2 in district (Continued on Page 11)

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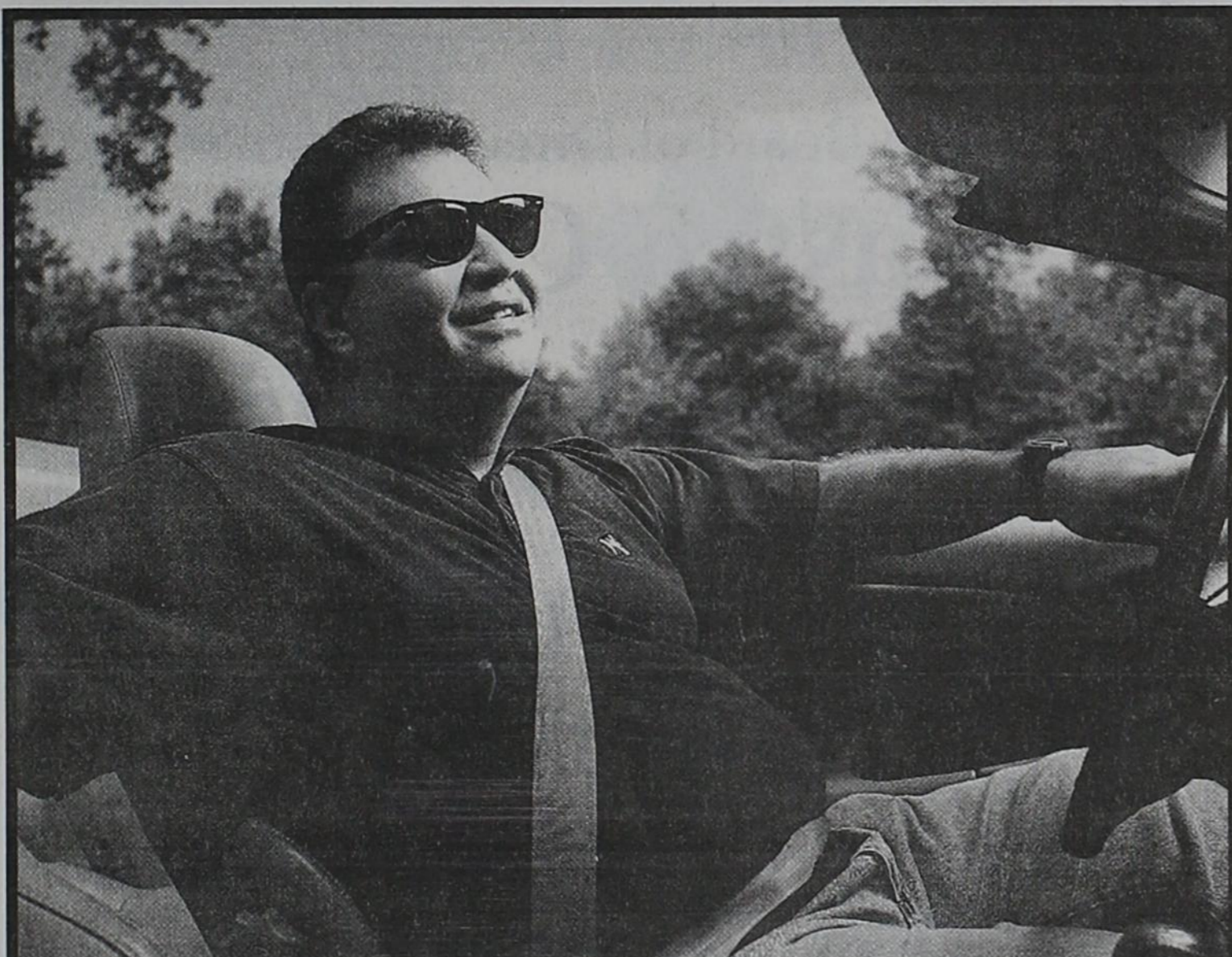
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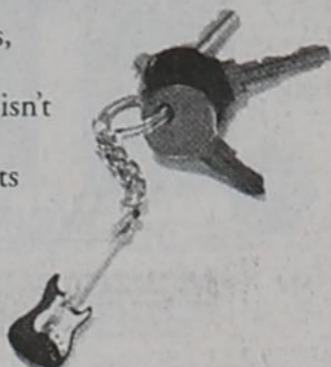
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Norman, Saenz come up short in bid for state

Dimmitt distance runners Cherie Norman and Aaron Saenz turned in good performances Saturday at the Region 1-AAA cross country meet in Lubbock, but they missed out on trips to the state meet.

Norman finished 24th overall in the girls' two-mile race while Saenz placed 47th among the boys.

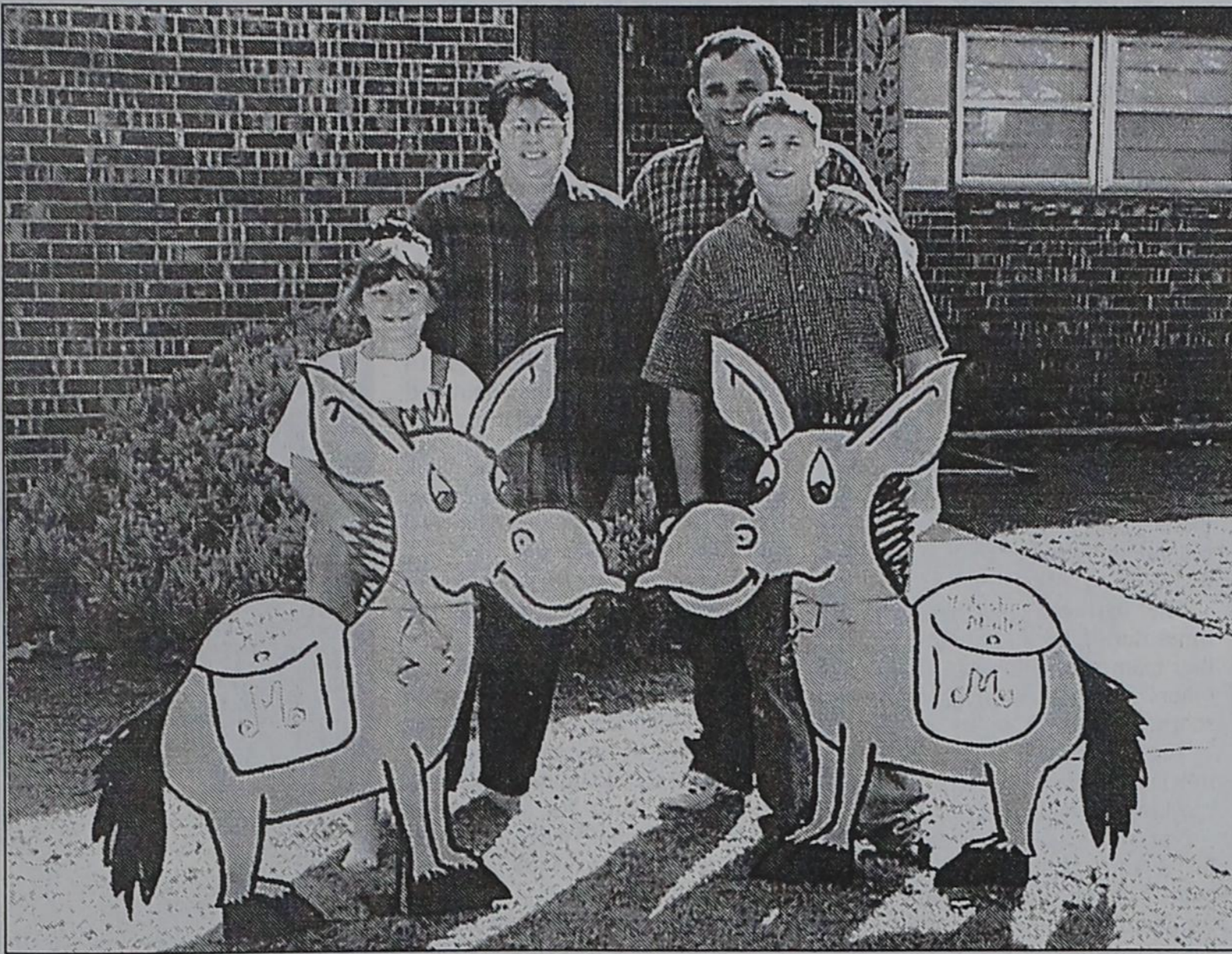
The races were held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on a cold, drizzly day. The course was muddy and sloppy from recent rains.

Norman finished her race in 13 minutes and six seconds while Saenz completed his three-mile course in 17 minutes and 48 seconds.

Girls' teams qualifying for the state meet from Region 1-AAA are Ballinger, Decatur and Springtown. Dimmitt's district rivals, Lubbock Cooper and Shallowater, finished fourth and fifth among the teams.

The name Jacob comes from the Hebrew for one who grabs the heel or one who restrains.

The triangular area between the sides of two adjacent arches is called a spandrel.



MOVE THOSE MULES—Dimmitt Supt. Les Miller (back row, right) and his family, Carla (back row, left), Jill (front row, left) and Ryan, couldn't wait to ship the "Mules" to another house earlier this week. The Dimmitt Student Council is sponsoring a "Send

the Mules Packing" fundraiser this week. The four wooden mules were placed in Miller's yard at the request of Harold Hinsley. Miller then "sent the Mules packing" to the homes of Wade Wilson, Trent Wilson, George Razor and Clint Seward.

Courtesy Photo

'Mule Packing' fundraiser planned by Student Council

On Friday, the Dimmitt Bobcats will square off against the Muleshoe Mules.

Will you be a Mule backer, or are you going to send the Mules packing?

That's the question being posed by members of the Dimmitt Student Council, who have organized a "Send the Mules Packing" fundraiser.

Wooden mules will be placed in yards around Dimmitt during the week. For a small fee of \$5, that wooden mule will be removed from your yard and will be placed in the yard of your choosing. The wooden mules will be moved throughout the week until the ball game on Friday.

To "send the mule packing," call a Student Council member at 647-5596, 647-4557 or 647-8258.

"Mule Insurance" also will be available for a donation of \$15. Those who pay the \$15 premium will be guaranteed that the mule will not be placed in their yard the entire week.

To purchase the insurance, come by the Dimmitt High School office at 1505 Western Circle Drive during regular school hours.

"We hope everyone will enjoy participating in the fundraiser; however, if you do not wish to join in the fun, please do not destroy our mules. Call us and we will remove them," said Student Council Advisor Connie Dickerson. "We hope everyone will support the Bobcats and 'Send the Mules Packing.'"

Hours in which you can "Send the Mules Packing" are from 5 to 9 p.m. through today (Thursday).

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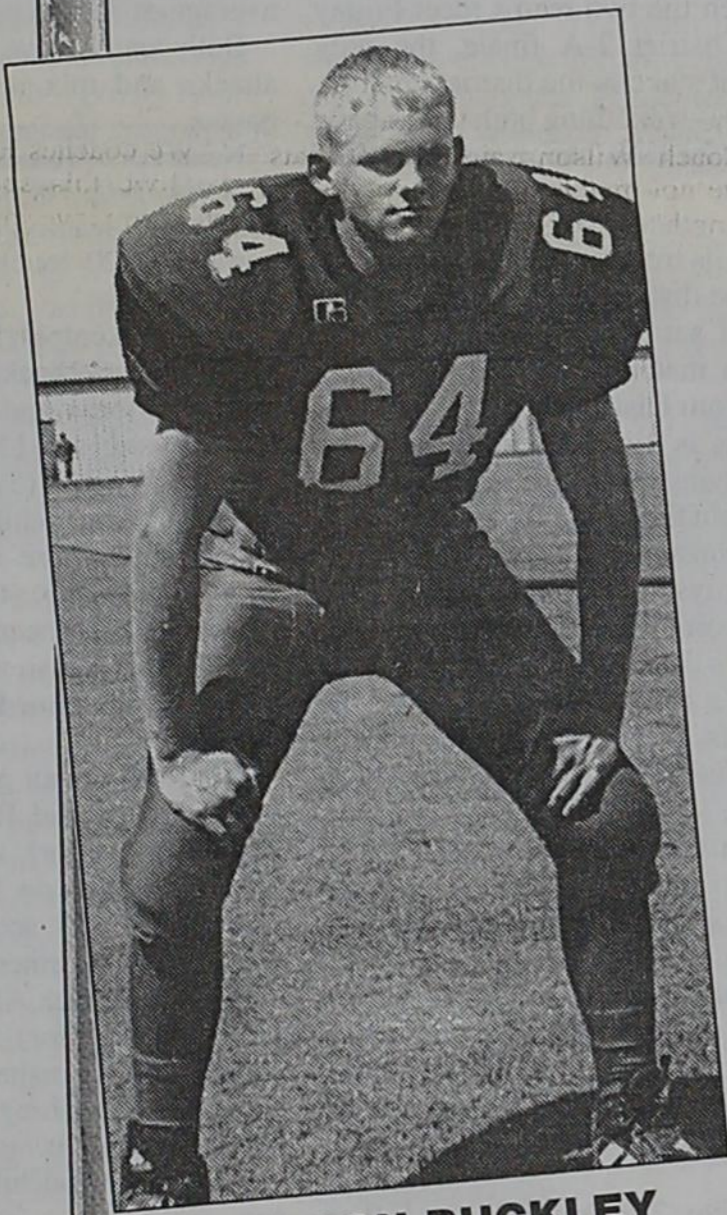
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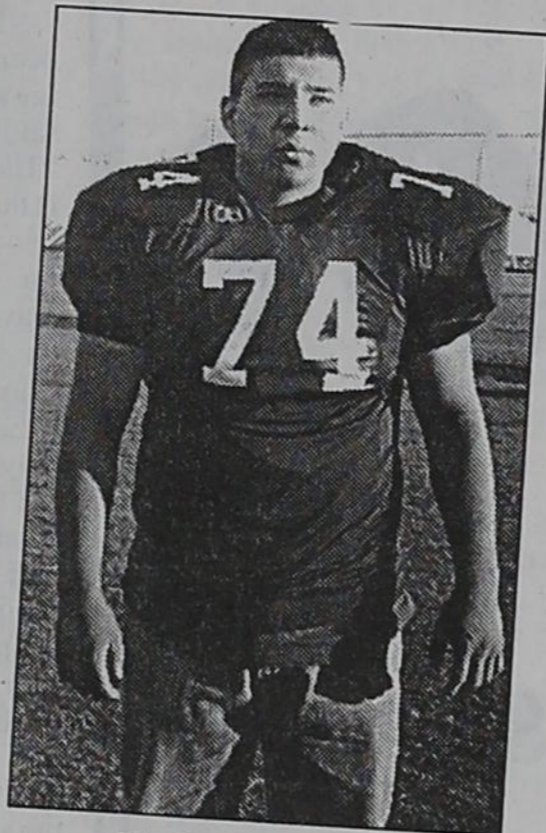
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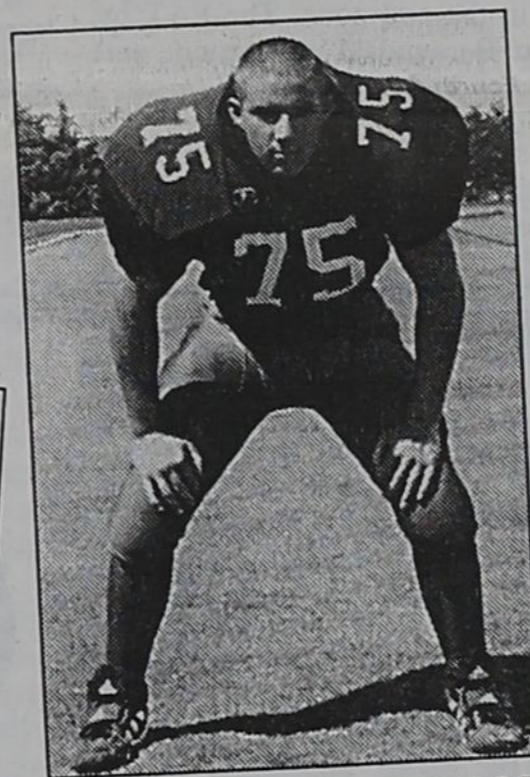
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- Bobcats 22, Springlake-Earth 33
- Bobcats 20, Friona 37
- Bobcats 0, Denver City 36
- Bobcats 7, River Road 21
- Bobcats 13, Tulia 21
- Bobcats 0, Roosevelt 6
- Bobcats 8, Shallowater 33
- Bobcats 19, Cooper 41
- Bobcats 0, Littlefield 49
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- JV 2, Shallowater 12
- JV 12, Cooper 12
- JV 8, Littlefield 13
- Nov. 9 *Muleshoe

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- 8th 0, Tulia 13
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Swifts streak past Vega to reach playoff blocks

By MEGAN SCHULTE

It took an entire quarter for the state-ranked Swifts to adjust to the cold drizzle and soggy turf at Swift Field Friday, but once they got their footing they took control of the game and never looked back, claiming a playoff berth with a 26-6 win over Vega.

A strong second quarter offensive surge and another top-notch defensive performance lifted Nazareth to the victory.

The win improved Nazareth's overall record to 9-0, and upped their district mark to 5-0. It also guaranteed the Swifts a playoff berth, setting up a showdown for the District 2-A championship Friday night at Stratford.

"The guys played hard against Vega, and it paid off with a win that assured us a playoff spot," Swift coach Rick Price said. "We played especially well in the second quarter."

Nazareth unleashed its offensive attack in the second quarter, scoring on a 45-yard run, a 54-yard punt return, and a 15-yard pass.

Both teams had to adjust to the wet, cold conditions, but Nazareth's offense turned in a solid performance, rushing for 190 yards and

passing for 35.

Defensively, the Swifts held Vega scoreless until the last quarter only allowing 144 total yards.

Leading the offensive attack for Nazareth were senior Matty McLain, who rushed 20 times for 107 yards; and junior Aaron Kern, who took the call seven times for 59 yards and one touchdown.

The damp weather hindered the Swift passing game somewhat, but quarterback Blake Birkenfeld completed 4-of-11 attempts, one for a touchdown toss to sophomore Eric Schilling.

The ball changed hands many times during the first quarter as neither team was able to penetrate the others' defense enough to get into scoring position.

The Swifts controlled the ball three times, but were forced to punt before reaching the end zone.

Nazareth had control of the ball just before the buzzer ended first-quarter action, and they came out of the huddle after the break with renewed energy, scoring in eight seconds with a 45-yard touchdown run from Kern. The PAT was blocked, but Nazareth led in the second quarter, 6-0.

Nazareth defense then did its job, holding Vega by causing incomplete passes and pushing them back 13 yards with a quarterback sack. The Longhorns were forced to punt.

The Swifts were unable to gain a first down, though, and Vega again took over.

The Longhorns were only allowed three plays before they were forced to punt.

Kade Wilcox returned the punt back to the end zone 54 yards for Nazareth's second score of the game, with only two minutes left in the half. The Swifts' two point conversion attempt was stopped short, and they had to settle for a 12-0 lead.

Vega ran one play after the ensuing kickoff, before Nazareth's Jason Huseman ended the drive by intercepting a wobbly pass.

That turnover would eventually lead to another Swift touchdown just before the half ended.

The touch down came from a 15-yard pass from Birkenfeld to Schilling in the end zone. The PAT by Philip Bergendahl was good, and Nazareth led at the half 19-0.

Nazareth surprised the Longhorns with an on-side kick to start the second half and the Swifts recovered.

Nazareth ran three plays before

reaching the end zone, using Huseman on the scoring run from 13 yards. Bergendahl's PAT was good, and the Swifts held the lead, 26-0.

Vega had control of the ball two times but was unable to gain a first down.

Nazareth was also unable to gain a first down, and the Swifts controlled the lead into the fourth quarter.

Vega chewed up a lot of the clock with a 15-play drive, but was unable to push into the end zone, and turned the ball over to the Swifts.

A wobbly pass by Birkenfeld was intercepted by Vega, setting the Longhorns up to score.

Vega ran one play before Bob Lamb rushed into the end zone from the 4-yard line. The Longhorns fumbled the two point conversion, and Jase Merritt picked up the loose ball. He raced 96 yards for an apparent two-points for the Swifts, but there was a penalty flag on the play and the run was called back.

Vega then attempted the onside kick, but Nazareth's Bryce Pohlmeier recovered it and Nazareth took over.

The Swifts again were unable to gain a first down, though.

Vega fumbled the ball, and Pohlmeier recovered again, but the game ended before the Swifts could score again.

"I was very pleased for our seniors to win their last home game," Price said. "Our seniors have been great this year."

Game at a Glance

Swifts 26, Vega 6	
Vega	0 0 0 6 —6
Nazareth	0 19 7 0—26

	NAZ	VEGA
First Downs	8	9
Yards Rushing	190	126
Yards Passing	35	18
Total Yards Gained	225	144
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	4-11-1	2-15-1
Punts-Avg.	3-32	6-25
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	8-52

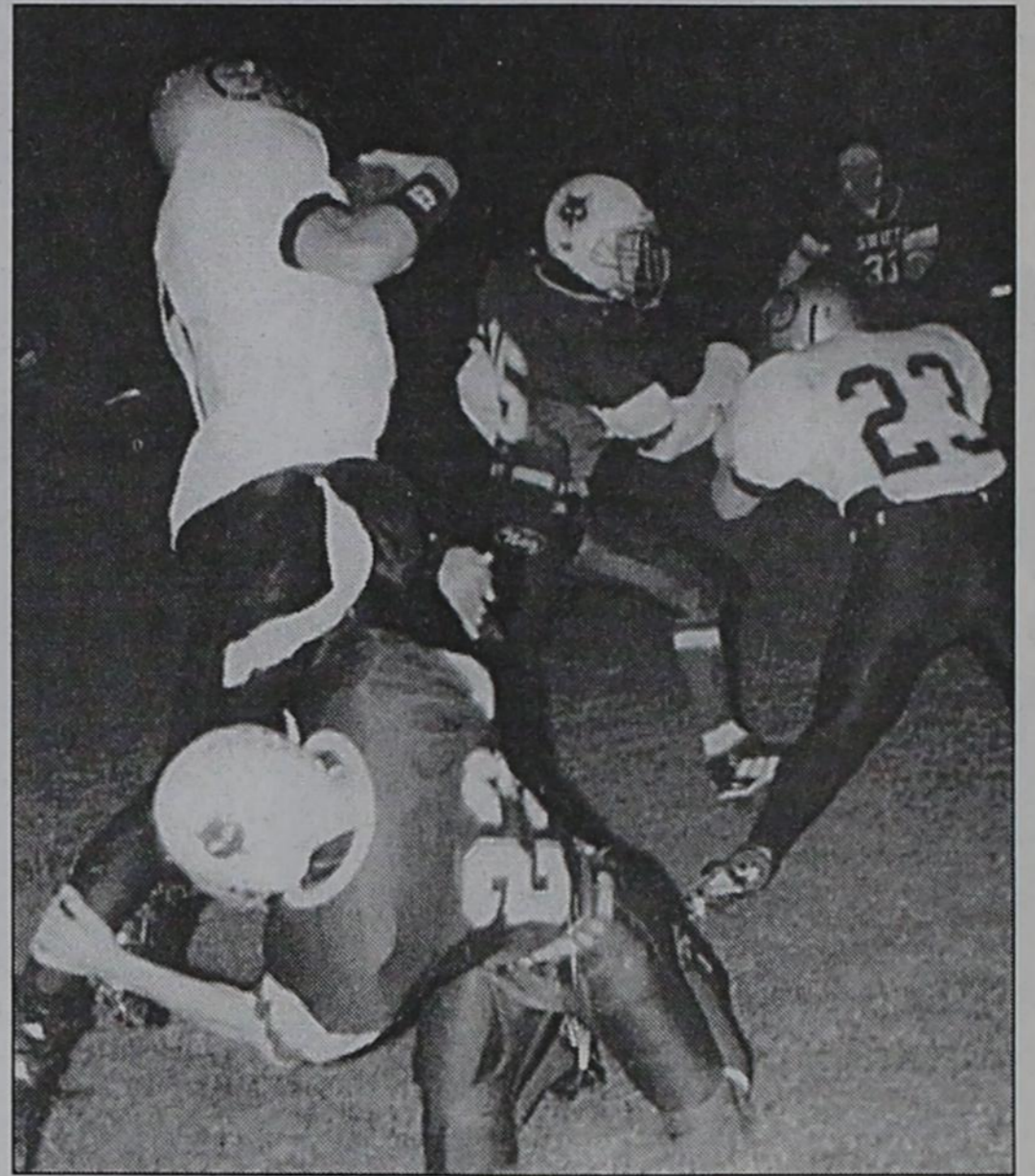
Scoring By Quarters

Second Quarter:
NAZ—Aaron 45 run (kick blocked)
NAZ—Kade Wilcox 54 punt return (kick failed)
NAZ—Eric Schilling 15 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (Philip Bergendahl kick)
Third Quarter:
NAZ—Jason Huseman 13 run (Bergendahl kick)
Fourth Quarter:
VEGA—Bob Lamb 4 run (run failed)



YOU'RE NOT GETTING PAST ME!—Kade Wilcox (11) of Nazareth fulfills his blocking assignment and gives teammate Jason Huseman some running room Friday in a District 2-A game between the Swifts and Vega at Nazareth. The Swifts got off to a slow start before jumping out to a 26-0 lead. Nazareth's final 26-6 win assured the team of a playoff berth.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



BIG TAKEDOWN—Nazareth's Trey Robb (23) wraps up a Vega runner as teammate Jase Merritt (15) attempts to evade a blocker Friday night when the Swifts hosted the Longhorns in a 2-A game. Nazareth (9-0 overall) claimed a 26-6 victory to clinch a spot in the playoffs and set up a showdown this week with Stratford for the District 2-A championship.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Unbeaten Swifts and Elks to battle for district crown

Stratford and Nazareth are unbeaten this season, both are state-ranked and both have clinched playoff berths.

When the two teams meet Friday in a District 2-A finale, the only thing at stake is the district championship—something both teams have fought for since the first game of the season.

The winner will add a gold football to its trophy case and will represent the district as the No. 1 seed in playoff action. The loser of Friday night's matchup will be the No. 2 seed from District 2-A.

"This is big. Even though we've been trying not to, we've been thinking about this game for awhile now," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "The guys are excited about it. This is the point where we were hoping to be—it's the scenario we were hoping for. It's nice that we've made the playoffs, now we can relax and focus on winning the district championship."

Each team has experience in the playoffs and big games. A year ago the Elks, participating in Class AA, reached the state semifinals. Nazareth advanced to regional before falling to Rankin by a touchdown.

Stratford dropped to Class A this year and have been ranked among the best in the state all year.

The No. 2-ranked Elks are 9-0 on the season and have dominated their opponents, outscoring them 405-102. The Elks' defense has allowed just 13 points in district while their offense has rattled scoreboards to the tune of 195 points in four outings.

Stratford's offense is top-rated in the area, having gained 4,183 yards this season for an average of 464.77 per outing. The Elks don't just concentrate on the running game, either. They have picked up 2,994 yards on the ground and 1,189 through the air.

Stratford lines up in a veer offensive formation with split backs and twins on one side.

"It's a formation you don't see very often. They also will run out of the shotgun with double tight ends and double flankers—almost a single wing look," Price said.

The Elks will give Nazareth's top-rated defense all it can handle. The defensive unit has been staunch all year, allowing a meager 33 points in nine games. Opposing teams have averaged just 100 yards per game against the Swift defense.

The Nazareth offense has reeled off 359 points, to date. In district, the Swifts have outscored opponents 133-20. Nazareth's offense is rated second behind Stratford's with an average of 355.55 per game.

Both teams have strong running attacks and mix it up with a few passes.

Nazareth's running back Matty McLain (6-0, 180-pound senior) is the Swifts' leading rusher with 956 yards and 20 touchdowns on 135 attempts.

Blake Birkenfeld (5-10, 140-pound junior quarterback) directs the Swifts' offense and he has thrown for 984 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Kade Wilcox (5-10, 160-pound receiver), Eric Schilling (6-3, 170-pound sophomore tight end) and Daryl Pohlmeier (6-1, 170-pound tight end) have been a solid trio of receivers for Nazareth, and they have hauled in a combined 12 touchdowns this season.

Stratford's main ground gainer is running back Sid Resendes (5-10, 210-pound senior), who has rushed for 1,619 yards on 171 carries this season. He has scored 23 touchdowns in nine games.

Elk quarterback Adam Bell (5-11, 160-pound junior) is his team's second-leading rusher with over 700 yards and 11 rushing touchdowns to his credit. Bell has passed for 1,159 yards and 13 touchdowns this season.

"They've got some big linemen up front and they've got big receivers and big running backs," Price said. "Bell brings a speed element to Stratford's offense. He gives them a final punch. He's has an accurate arm, too."

He spreads his passes around, too. Three different Elk receivers lead the area—Michael McAlister (6-0, 160-pound junior wide receiver), Rene Vital (6-5, 195-pound senior wide receiver) and Corey Naugle (5-11, 190-pound senior tight end). That trio has been on the receiving end of the majority of Bell's passes and have caught a combined 10 touchdowns.


"They have more of a tendency to run out of the shotgun with either Bell or Resendes. If it's a big passing play, Bell will line up under center."

"We've been emphasizing tackling on defense this week," Price said. "Resendes and Bell pose different challenges for us. When Resendes runs he wants to overpower tacklers. Bell tries to evade defenders. The first key is going to be knowing who you're tackling and what they're going to try and do."

Stratford's main defense is the 5-3 and a massive front line anchors the unit. The linebackers, featuring Naugle in the middle, are an active group, and Price said Naugle is the team's leading tackler.


Bell and McAlister line up at the corners.

"They like a bump-and-run, man-to-man coverage in the secondary and they dare you to throw over them," Price said.

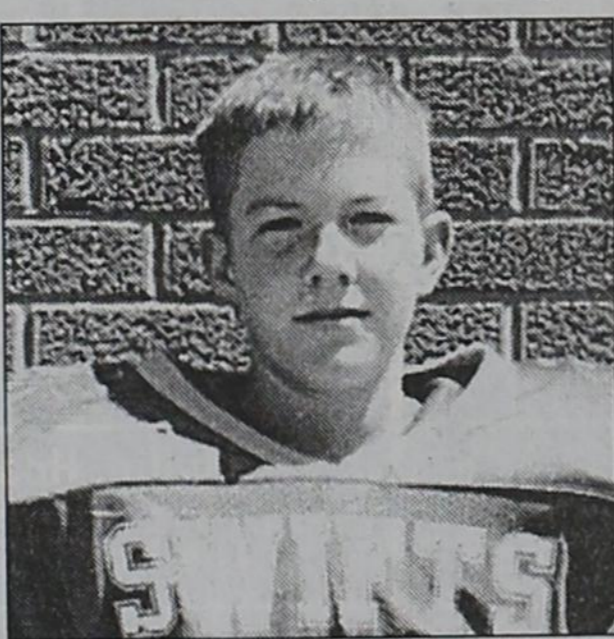


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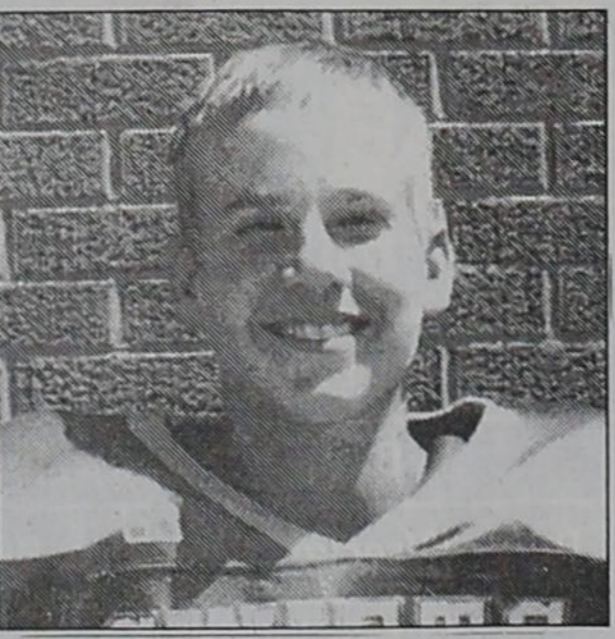
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Country Club sets meeting

The Country Club of Dimmitt Private Club will hold its annual membership meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Country Club.

All members are urged to attend, and refreshments will be served.

State-ranked Elks trample Hart's playoff dreams

The state-ranked Stratford Elks eliminated Hart's hopes of a playoff berth Friday night when they traveled into Longhorn Stadium and left with a 49-0 win.

The Elks assured themselves of a playoff berth with the win, but Hart's hopes were shattered. Stratford improved to 9-0 on the season and 4-0 in district play while Hart dropped to 6-3, 2-2.

Hart's offense never got on track and the Longhorn defense couldn't contain the Elks offense.

Jeff Bennett led Hart in tackles while Jacob Reyna was the team's leading rusher.

From the opening possession, the Elks showed why they are the second-ranked team in the state. Stratford used a power running attack led by Sid Resendes to rack up 455 yards offense enroute to the win.

Resendes finished with 145 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries.

The Longhorns only gained 86 yards for the game and all of those came on the ground.

Hart was hampered by three turnovers and six penalties in addition to the Elks' aggressive defense.

On Stratford's opening possession, the Elks marched downfield in a hurry, capping the drive with a 1-yard run by Resendes.

After forcing a Longhorn punt, the Elks' offense took over again, and this time they went to the air. Quarterback Adam Bell found an open receiver, Corey Naugle (who is also an all-state linebacker on defense), for a 56-yard scoring strike. Javier Licon rushed for the two-point conversion to give the Elks a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

The teams traded punts and Hart started its third series, only to fumble away the ball on its first play. Stratford recovered the Longhorn miscue and started another scoring drive, the first of two it would put together in the second quarter.

Licon hauled in a 14-yard pass from Bell to cap the drive, then Nick Ashley booted the extra point to make it a 21-0 Elk lead.

Later in the quarter, Bell struck again, this time finding Rene Vital for a 34-yard touchdown play. Ashley's kick made it 28-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the Elks continued to dominate the game.

A 5-yard touchdown run by Resendes opened second-half scoring, and gave the Elks a 35-0 lead after Ashley booted the PAT.

Bell got in on the scoring action

when he rushed for a 6-yard touchdown. Another extra-point by Ashley split the uprights for a 42-0 lead.

Stratford completed its scoring with a 1-yard plunge by Wes Hunsaker in the fourth quarter.

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 0, Stratford 49				
Stratford	14	14	21	0-49
Hart	0	0	0	0-0

	HART	STRAT
First Downs	5	16
Yards Rushing	86	300
Yards Passing	0	155
Total Yards Gained	86	455
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	0-4-1	8-14-0
Punts-Avg.	6-39	1-30
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-1
Penalties-Yards	6-40	4-25

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
STRATFORD—Sid Resendes 1 run (kick failed)
STRATFORD—Corey Naugle 56 pass from Adam Bell (Javier Licon run)
Second Quarter:
STRATFORD—Licon 14 pass from Bell (Nick Ashley kick)
STRATFORD—Rene Vital 34 pass from Bell (Ashley kick)
Third Quarter:
STRATFORD—Resendes 5 run (Ashley kick)
STRATFORD—Bell 6 run (Ashley kick)
STRATFORD—Wes Husacker 1 run (Ashley kick)



PERFECT TIMING—Hart linebacker Jeff Bennett knocks the ball away from a Stratford receiver Friday in District 2-A action at Hart. The state-ranked Elks jumped out to an early lead before

coasting to a 49-0 win. Hart dropped to 6-3 overall and 2-2 in district play, and the loss eliminated the Longhorns from playoff contention.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Cross country

Longhorns, Swiftettes, Robb will be racing for state titles

Hundreds of runners fought their way through mud, cold drizzle and stiff competition Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, and when the final results were tallied, two Castro County teams and another individual had earned tickets to the state cross country meet.

The Hart Longhorns qualified for the Class A state meet as a team after they finished second in Saturday's Region 1-A race. The Nazareth Swiftettes also earned tickets to state with a third-place team finish. Joining the Longhorns' in the state boys' race will be Nazareth's Trinity Robb, who was the regional runner-up Saturday.

The Class A state meet will be held Saturday at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. The girls' race will start at 12:30 p.m., while the boys' race will begin at 12:50 p.m.

The course will be open after 2:30 p.m. on Friday and each team is planning on a walk-through to allow runners to become familiar with the hills and valleys prior to Saturday's state final races.

This will be a first-time appearance for the Hart Longhorns in a state cross country meet and the guys were "ecstatic" Saturday when the team totals were announced.

"We knew two of the guys had made it to state, but we had a 45-minute wait to find out if the team did. We all said a few prayers," said Hart Coach Tyra Moore.

"When they found out they were second, the guys were all jumping for joy. We were hugging each other and crying," said Moore. "And they celebrated more by throwing their coach in a mud puddle! I tried to get away, but it didn't work."

Robb and Swiftette runner Danette Ramaekers each claimed the individual silver medals and were just seconds behind the champions in their respective races.

Also finishing among the top 10 runners in the boys' race were Hart's

Roy Robledo and Isaias Garcia. For the girls, Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel was another top 10 finisher.

The Longhorns used those top 10 finishes as a boost toward the team silver on Saturday, scoring 75 points to claim the runner-up crown. Whiteface won the team title with 56 points and Iraan finished third with 95.

The Swifts qualified for the regional race as a team, and they finished sixth overall with 187 points.

The Swiftettes' 112 team points was good enough for third behind regional champion Whiteface (78 points) and runner-up Garden City (105 points).

Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett said he feels like the Region 1 course at Mae Simmons Park is the hardest regional cross country course in the state.

The wet weather and muddy course affected the times of most of the runners in Saturday's regional meets, but the Region 1-A winning times were still the best in the state when compared with other regions.

Robb paced area athletes in the boys' race, posting a time of 16 minutes and 56 seconds to finish second behind regional champion Gerardo Montanez of Whiteface (who had the winning time of 16:41).

Robledo posted the fourth-place time of 17 minutes and 26 seconds while Garcia completed the tough course in 17 minutes and 35 seconds.

Hart had three other runners finish among the top 30 and that was a big plus for the Longhorns, who averaged a time of 17 minutes and 57 seconds per runner.

Emanuel Barron posted a time of 18 minutes and 10 seconds for 20th place. Just two seconds behind Barron was teammate Joey Pantoja, who was 22nd in 18 minutes and 12 seconds. Thomas Chia finished 27th in 18:24. Rounding out the Longhorn roster were Marcial Mendoza, 45th,

19:01; and Marcus Reyna, 76th, 20:06.

"We worked hard all year. Our goal this season was to go to state and we're going," said Moore. "I told the guys they just had to believe in themselves and be strong and the rest would come."

For the Swifts, Trey Robb was 19th with a time of 17:58; Quentin Jones was 34th in 18:37; Craig Birkenfeld was 60th in 19:29; and Shelby Wilhelm was 94th in 20:59.

In the girls' race, Michelle Fuchs of Garden City held the top spot throughout the race, and she won the race with a time of 12 minutes and 31 seconds.

Ramaekers, who said she got off to a bad start in the race, was trailing Lyndi Stuart of Roby near the end, but an extra effort over the final 10 meters allowed her to pull ahead and finish in second place with an official time of 12 minutes, 47 seconds, just a second faster than Stuart.

Thiel cracked the top 10 with a 13 minute and eight second race, then Erica Gerber joined her teammates at the finish line after a 14th-place effort in 13:17.

Other Swiftettes competing with their respective places and times were Marsha Black, 51st, 14:04; Teri Ramaekers, 56th, 14:08; Mandy Hoelting, 59th, 14:15; and Susan Kern, 82nd, 14:31.

Ramaekers, Robb and the Swiftettes will be making return appearances at the state meet, but this will be the first time for the Longhorns.

A year ago, Ramaekers finished as the state's silver medalist and led her team to a third-place finish. Three other members of this year's team were with Ramaekers at state a year ago—Hoelting, Black and Gerber. Robb finished 16th among individuals in the boys' race at state a year ago.

"We're excited about getting the chance to compete at state again," said Garrett.

This year's boys' field will feature some tough teams, including Whiteface, Hart and Iraan from Region 1-A; Acker-Sands, Perrin-Whitt and Cross Plains from Region 2-A; Trenton, Big Sandy-Dallardsville and Douglass from Region 3-A; and Snook, Waelder and Kingsville Academy from Region 4-A.

The Swiftettes will be competing against their own regional rivals Whiteface and Garden City; Region 2-A qualifiers Miles, Alvord and Brock; Region 3-A teams Era, Detroit and Lindsay; and Priddy, Nueces Canyon and Rocksprings from Region 4-A.

More about

Bobcats and Longhorns . . .

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play, has enjoyed an amazing turnaround this season after a disappointing 1-9 campaign in 1999.

The Kangaroos have struggled in several games this season and will bring a 4-5 mark into Friday's game.

Kress has been outscored by its opponents, 162-126 overall, and in district play, 41-109.

The Kangaroos have posted wins over Lubbock Christian (28-0), Meadow (20-0), Motley County (37-0) and Boys Ranch (20-13). Their losses have been to Whiteface (0-13), Tahoka (0-40), Stratford (7-49),

Kress (14-32) and Nazareth (0-15).

Kress's game plan is simple—get Gabriel Vasquez the football.

The 5-9, 145-pound running back is the key to the Kangaroo offense. He's a big factor on the defense and he's a threat on special teams as well.

In Kress's 20-13 win over Boys Ranch on Friday, Vasquez returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown.

Quarterback duties for the Kangaroos fall to Jim Vineyard (5-10, 170) who has thrown for almost 500 yards this season.

Vasquez is one of his favorite targets, along with flanker Shy Shafer (5-8, 160) and tight end

Chase Street (6-2, 150).

Kress's offense is built around the running game and the Roos like a power attack out of an I formation.

That attack is aided by a couple of good-sized linemen in Montana Murrell (6-1, 225) and Julian Hinojosa (5-10, 225).

Kress defends in a split 6 formation. The linebacker corps features Shafer, Gabriel Vasquez, Vineyard and Earl Vasquez (5-9, 170).

The front line is huge, averaging over 200 pounds per player.

The Kangaroos have cranked out 185 yards of offense per game this season while the defense has allowed 219 yards per outing.

Basketball season will tip off Tuesday

Basketball season officially opens in Castro County on Tuesday and the Dimmitt Bobcats and Bobbies, Nazareth Swiftettes and Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns will be stepping onto the court in pursuit of season opening victories.

Several of the county's varsity teams tested their talents against other teams Tuesday when they competed in the first scrimmages of the 2000-01 season. The Dimmitt Bobbies and Bobcats have a second scrimmage scheduled for Saturday, but the rest of the county teams won't see action again until Tuesday.

The Hart Longhorns won't have a basketball scrimmage prior to their season opener.

Nazareth's Swifts are in the football playoffs, so they won't begin the basketball season until a later date.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., Dimmitt will have its final tune-up game at Wolfforth-Frenship.

The Bobbies will open regular season play at home on Tuesday against Canyon Randall.

The Bobcats will travel to Levelland Saturday for a scrimmage against Odessa Permian and Levelland. Tip-off in that scrimmage is tentatively slated for 10 a.m.

The Bobcats' first regular-season game will also be against Canyon Randall on Tuesday in Dimmitt.

The Swiftettes will open the regular season on Tuesday in Friona.

Hart's regular season opens on Tuesday when the Lady Horns and Longhorns host Cotton Center at home.

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WILD RIDE—Littlefield cornerback Jonathan Peel (20) upends Dimmitt's Anthony Oliviero as a third-down pass from Brent Josselet (7) intended for Oliviero goes incomplete in the first quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA game here. Other Dimmitt players identifiable in photo are Bobby Hill (4) and Julian Velo (56). The visiting Wildcats won the game convincingly, 49-0. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

Lamb meat adjustment assistance program set

The US Dept. of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program provides eligible producers direct cash payments to help improve their opportunity for equitable participation in import competition. The three-year program will target \$10 million in cash payments for each year. Funds not utilized during any year will be carried forward throughout the program.

The plan is broken down into two categories: Year 1 and Years 2 and 3, with Years 2 and 3 covering two calendar years. Year one ran from July 22, 1999, to Sept. 30, 2000. Applications had to be received in the producer's FSA county office by Oct. 13.

In Years 2 and 3, producers will be eligible for payments of \$3 for each feeder lamb and \$5 for each slaughter lamb, marketed during the period of Aug. 1, 2000, through July 31, 2002. During June 1 through July

31 of Years 2 and 3, a producer will be eligible for a total payment of \$8 for each marketed slaughter lamb.

There are no maximum payments or herd limits for the second or third year, but feeder lamb producers whose gross income for calendar year 2000 or 2001 exceeds \$2.5 million are not eligible for payments. All applicants must be engaged in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products at the time of application.



Harris Picks



Here are Jon Harris's predictions for Week 10 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 AAA TOP TEN

1. Diboll, 216; 2. Daingerfield, 215; 3. Alcedo, 213; 4. Lindale, 213; 5. Martin, 212; 6. Abilene Wylie, 211; 7. Gatesville, 211; 8. Lamesa, 210; 9. Barbers Hill, 210; 10. Crockett, 210.

AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS

54. Muleshoe, 200; 68. Sanford-Fritch, 197; 71. Perryton, 196; 78. Shallowater, 194; 86. Lubbock Cooper, 192; 98. Littlefield, 190; 112. Childress, 186; 119. Denver City, 185; 155. Tulia, 177; 156. Amarillo River Road, 176; 171. Brownfield, 172; 175. Seminole, 172; 189. Slaton, 166; 195. Dimmitt, 162; 204. Lubbock Roosevelt, 158.

CLASS A TOP TEN

1. Stratford, 202; 2. Iraan, 201; 3. Shiner, 200; 4. Rankin, 199; 5. Roscoe, 193; 6. Nazareth, 191; 7. Paducah, 191; 8. Burkeville, 190; 9. Celeste, 190; 10. Springlake-Earth, 189.

AREA CLASS A TEAMS

14. Petersburg, 187; 17. Wheeler, 186; 28. Gruver, 182; 35. White Deer, 180; 44. Crosbyton, 172; 45. Vega, 171; 47. Sudan, 169; 53. Claude, 167; 54. Hart, 167; 62. Farwell, 163; 70. Kress, 160; 79. Whiteface, 158; 85. Motley County, 156; 86. Lorenzo, 155; 90. Booker, 152; 94. Boys Ranch, 151; 103. Anton, 147; 108. Bovina, 145; 113. Spur, 144; 114. Meadow, 142; 115. O'Donnell, 140; 121. Shamrock, 134; 122. Smyer, 133.

WEEK 10 PICKS

(Home teams are listed in capital letters).

MULESHOE 38 over Dimmitt
STRATFORD 13 over Nazareth
Hart 7 over KRESS
Gruver 30 over BOOKER
Wheeler no line vs. SHAMROCK
WHITE DEER 12 over Claude
VEGA 20 over Boys Ranch
FARWELL 16 over Anton
Sudan 27 over BOVINA
Springlake-Earth 31 over WHITEFACE
LORENZO 27 over Smyer
Meadow 2 over O'DONNELL
Petersburg 42 over SPUR
Munday 18 over ASPERMONT
PADUCAH 24 over Knox City
MOTLEY COUNTY 18 over Crowell
Perryton 21 over RIVER ROAD
CHILDRESS 10 over Tulia

Sanford-Fritch 11 over DALHART
SHALLOWATER 39 over Lub. Roosevelt
Lubbock Cooper 6 over LITTLEFIELD
Brownfield 6 over SLATON
GREENWOOD 14 over Denver City
LAMESA 38 over Seminole
Crane 22 over ALPINE
AMARILLO 19 over Lubbock
LUBBOCK MONTEREY 3 over S.A. Central
TASCOSA 3 over Lubbock Coronado
Abilene Cooper 1 over ABILENE
ODESSA PERMIAN 6 over Odessa
Midland Lee 24 over MIDLAND
Dumas 3 over CAPROCK
BORGER 6 over Pampa
Palo Duro 9 over RANDALL
HEREFORD 15 over Canyon
Snyder 17 over LUBBOCK ESTACADO
Frenship 3 over BIG SPRING
Andrews 24 over LEVELLAND
Plainview 3 over SAN ANG. LAKEVIEW
Idalou 7 over POST
New Deal 47 over RALLS
Sundown 19 over TAHOKA
ABERNATHY 6 over Lockney
Floydada 2 over OLTON
FRIONA 25 over Morton
Wellington 6 over HIGHLAND PARK
Canadian 12 over SUNRAY
WEST TEXAS HIGH 19 over Clarendon
SPEARMAN 12 over Panhandle
Hale Center is open

Parenting classes continuing

"Almost all parents want to be good parents. These classes help them understand how to do that," said Rusty Gray, the instructor for the Fall Parenting Classes being held at the Extension office building at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

The series of classes is being held on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. during November. The cost is \$10 per person or \$12.50 per couple for each session.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Different topics are set for each session. Topics will be "Traits in a Healthy Family" on Tuesday,

"Teaching Children to Make Healthy Choices" on Nov. 21, and "Teen Parenting" on Nov. 28.

The classes have been arranged through Parents' Place of Plainview.

Gray is the pastor of Tulia Christian Fellowship and has been recognized as "Educator of the Year" for his work with parenting classes in the area.

Parents' Place also has scheduled "Virtues Connection" seminars for Plainview and Tulia, with area teens invited to attend at a cost of \$60 per person.

The seminars also have been recommended for teens who have come under the criminal justice system.

The 8-hour seminars will be held the last Saturday of each month for November and December in Plainview. Dates have not been announced for Tulia. Seminar topics will include developing study skills, listening, deciding what is important to you, balancing your life, establishing goals, handling anger and emotions, earning an income, understanding freedom, people skills, virtues, and more.

Lunch and snacks are provided.

For more information, contact Brenda Flores at Parents' Place at 293-8338.

Retired school personnel will meet Tuesday

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel will hold a meeting Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library and all members and prospective members are urged to attend. Also, guests are welcome.

Nelda Laney, wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, will present a program on the restoration of the state capitol. Also, she will show the ornament that has been designed in commemoration of the restoration project. Copies of the ornament may be ordered and proceeds go toward the restoration.

Roy Pennington of Dumas and his wife, Jo, will be special guests for the meeting. He is the area president of Texas Retired Teachers' Association. Refreshments will be served.

Here's how our opponents fared

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

Dimmitt opponents

TULIA (3-6) lost to Dalhart, 19-30
RIVER ROAD (1-7) lost to Sanford-Fritch, 0-20
M'SHOE (9-0) beat ROOSEVELT (2-7), 56-0
DENVER CITY (7-2) lost to Lamesa, 27-49
S'LAKE-EARTH (7-2) beat Bovina, 42-0
FRIONA (8-1) beat Lockney, 34-13
SH'WATER (7-2) beat COOPER (6-3), 32-25

Nazareth opponents

SAN JACINTO (1-7) lost to Am. Heritage, 23-45
LCHS (0-7) score not available
HALE CENTER (5-5) beat Floydada, 19-16 (OT)
FARWELL (3-6) lost to Sudan, 7-25
STRATFORD (9-0) beat HART (6-3), 49-0
KRESS (4-5) beat BOYS RANCH (2-7), 20-13
CLAUDE (3-6) beat Booker, 18-0

Hart opponents

MEADOW (3-5) beat Smyer, 19-7
MORTON (4-4) beat Olton, 19-13
ANTON (3-6) lost to Whiteface, 7-20
NAZARETH (9-0) beat VEGA (4-5), 26-6
CLAUDE (3-6) beat Booker, 18-0
FARWELL (3-6) lost to Sudan, 7-25
KRESS (4-5) beat BOYS RANCH (2-7), 20-13

Third graders set musical program

Parents and the public are invited to attend the "Fall Follies" music program performed by third graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School.

The program will start at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Nov. 15) in the elementary cafeteria. The students are directed by Ruby Teaschner.

Selections will include *Fifty Nifty*, *The Cat Song*, *The Pizza Song*, and a song that will incorporate sign language.

Tulia Chamber plans holiday open house

The Tulia Chamber of Commerce and Tulia merchants invite everyone to their annual "Holiday Open House," set for Nov. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Participating merchants will showcase a wide variety of merchandise, including clothing, decorative items, collectibles and antiques.

"Treat yourself to an enjoyable afternoon, complete with tasty treats and festive decor," a Chamber spokesperson said.

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According to folklore, when a candle burns to fast, there is said to be a thief in the house.

Hair today, gone tomorrow; 50 percent of Caucasian men go bald; only 18 percent of African American men do.

Planned Parenthood slates Hereford party

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its clinic in Hereford on Nov. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hereford Clinic at 110 N. 25 Mile Ave, Suite G, and the public is invited.

The Hereford Clinic Coordinator is Lisa Sifuentes of Dimmitt. Elsa Marquez is in charge of community relations/patient care. Sherri Drinnon of Amarillo is the Nurse Practitioner, and Sheila Merritt, a West Texas A&M University nursing student, also is on staff.

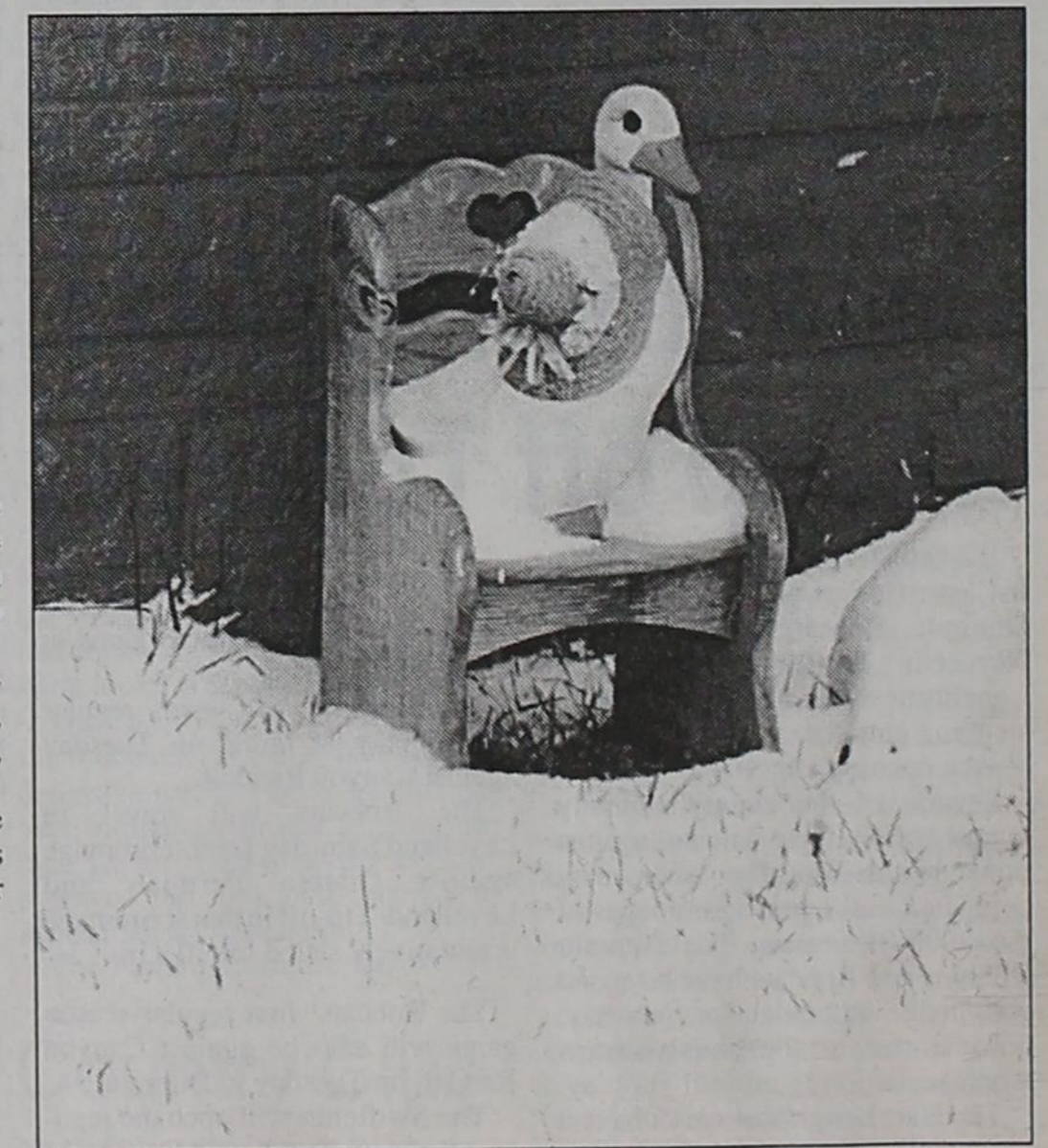
The Hereford Clinic was opened on Oct. 29, 1970, founded by Mrs. Walter London Jr., who served on the board of PP for Amarillo and organized the first volunteer auxiliary for the Hereford unit.

Confidential and affordable healthcare is available for women of

all ages, as well as testing for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV for men. Appointments can be made by calling toll-free at 1-800-999-3107, or by calling the Hereford Clinic at 364-5641.

The Hereford Clinic is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Nurse Practitioner Clinic days are each Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, the clinic is open late on the first Wednesday of each month, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A "Dose of Reality" Teen Clinic/Open House is held the second Tuesday of each month, and one is set for Nov. 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The sessions are geared for teens ages 13 to 19, providing them with the knowledge and skills to make responsible choices about their sexual health.



GOOSEY-GOOSEY GANDER—This goose seems to have wandered into a winter scene at 107 Northwest Seventh in Dimmitt. Six inches of snow fell here Monday and Tuesday, with temperatures dropping to 20 degrees, bringing the first hard freeze of the season. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*



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THANKSGIVING PREVIEW—Enjoying a meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings are (from left) Joyce Davis and CD and Linda Fitzgeard, along

with other diners, at the annual turkey dinner and bazaar sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church.

Obituaries

Coalene Millsap

Funeral services for Coalene Millsap, 82, of Dimmitt, will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Chuck Ball, pastor of Hickory Ridge Church of Christ in Hickory Ridge, Ark., officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Millsap was born June 27, 1918, in Ft. Supply, Okla. She married Claude Millsap on Feb. 20, 1938, in Amarillo. He died on Sept. 30, 1977.

She graduated from Amarillo High School in 1936. She moved to Dimmitt in 1952 from Amarillo. She worked as a ward clerk at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt until she retired. She was a member of Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and by her brothers, Raymond LaCour and James LaCour.

Survivors include a daughter, Valeria Davis of Dimmitt; a sister, Geraldine Coy of Louisville, Ken.; a grandson, Matt Davis of Dimmitt; and a great-granddaughter, Maegan Davis of Dimmitt.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care, 213 Etter St., Dimmitt 79027; or New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 N M 236, Portales, NM 88130.

Pallbearers will be Edmund Hunter, Gary Webb, Carter Townsend, Jay Parks, Duane Clevenger and Dan Goldsmith.

'Rainbow Room' will celebrate first birthday

Community Partners of the Central Plains, better known as the Rainbow Room, will celebrate its first birthday in Plainview on Friday, and as part of that celebration, a drawing will be held for a 2001 Ford F150 pickup.

Central Plains Community Partners serves Hale, Castro, Floyd, Dickens, Crosby, Swisher, Motley and Briscoe Counties. The Rainbow Room is a resource for Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers.

In an average month, CPS investigates 60 new cases in addition to the 35 cases that it serves on an ongoing basis. CPS also supervises 76 conservatorships—children who are in foster care.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center 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.

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M.B. Odom

Funeral services for M.B. Odom, 85, of Dimmitt, were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating, and assisted by Larry Odom.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park of Dimmitt with arrangements by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Odom died Nov. 2 at 9:28 a.m. at his residence.

He was born Oct. 5, 1915, at Stonewall, Okla., and grew up in south central Oklahoma. He married Lucille Thompson on Sept. 23, 1938, in Blanchard, Okla. They moved to Dimmitt in 1941, and he farmed in Castro County, retiring in 1981. Mr. Odom was a member of First Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon. He also taught Sunday school classes for many years and was a 4-H leader.

"He was a devoted family man," a family spokesperson said.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Odom, on Oct. 14.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Sharon Cox of Lazbuddie; three sons, Bruce Odom of Eunice, N.M., Larry Odom of San Angelo, and Mike Odom of Dimmitt; a sister, Gladys Richardson of Santa Barbara, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Care, 213 Etter, Dimmitt 79027; or First Baptist Church, 1201 Western Circle Dr., Dimmitt 79027.

Jeraldean Simmons

Funeral services for Jeraldean Thornton Simmons, 68, of Lubbock, the sister of Bessie Strickland of Dimmitt, were held last Thursday morning at W.W. Rix Chapel in Lubbock with Rev. Billie Smith officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Simmons died Oct. 31 at Lubbock Hospitality House.

She was born July 29, 1932. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She is survived by three daughters, Kay Crowell and Pat Sayles, both of Houston, and Cindy Schuchard of Lubbock; a brother, Joe Thornton of Fort Worth; a sister, Bessie Strickland of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 1500 Broadway, Lubbock 79401.

Luther Smithson

Funeral services for Luther Edward Smithson, 71, of Temple, a former Dimmitt resident, were held Friday morning in the First Baptist Church of Temple, with Dr. Jerry Carlisle and Rev. Theiss Jones officiating.

Burial was in Bellwood Memorial Park of Temple, under the direction of Scanio-Harper Funeral Home of Temple.

Mr. Smithson died Oct. 31 at his home.

He was born May 6, 1929, in Chilicothe to Ben and Maude Myrtle McCoy Smithson. A graduate of Dimmitt High School, he also graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla. He married Maxine Martin on June 10, 1951, in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Smithson was an Air Force Captain and a veteran of World War II. He was a self-employed farmer and moved from Dimmitt to Temple 39 years ago. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Temple and of the Daily Living Sunday School Class. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Dovie Wood.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Marty Smithson of Houston and Eddie Smithson of Baytown; two daughters, Gwendelyn Mellott of Houston, and Linda Kovach of The Woodlands; five brothers, Rayphard Smithson and Howard Smithson of Dimmitt, Wayne Smithson of California, Clinton Smithson of Rockwall, and Donald Gene Smithson of Trenton; two sisters, Mauriene Matthews of Plainview and Wilda Neuman of Sun City; a foster brother, Donald Shelton of Dimmitt; and 11 grandchildren.



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Nov. 9-17.

DIMMITT

Breakfast to go
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.
MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Beef taco, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla, and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.
MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk.
TUESDAY: Hamburger, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chili, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of green enchilada casserole, bean chalupe or chicken spaghetti; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice, southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potatoes or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, cantaloupe or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchiladas with sauce or barbecued hot link on a bun; vegetable medley, tater tots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelon; garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef and bean burrito with chili, chicken fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy; seasoned baked-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
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.

HART

Breakfast
THURSDAY: Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
MONDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, jelly and milk.
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs and biscuits, hash

brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, jelly and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of toasted cheese sandwich, enchilada casserole with chips or enchilada; tortilla chips, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, tuna salad sandwich with potato chips or hot dog on a bun; Fritos, salad, shredded cheese, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Turkey and bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, carrot cake, fruit salad and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich or deluxe burrito; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or sloppy Joe on a bun; salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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

FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, sliced bread, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, pineapple, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, corn, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Chicken pot pie or pizza, tossed salad, cooked carrots, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, green beans, chocolate chip cookies, fruit and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, peas, fruit cocktail, applesauce and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak and roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Turkey and roll or chef's salad, tossed salad, stuffing, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.

NAZARETH

Breakfast
THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange

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

Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, age don't matter. -Satchel Paige



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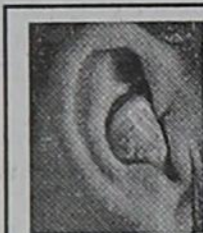
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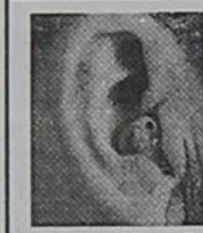
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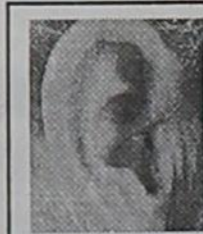
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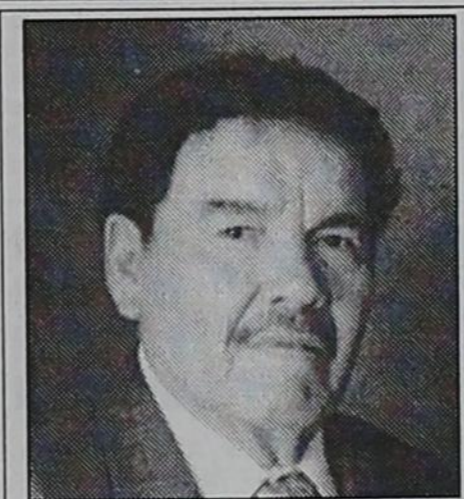
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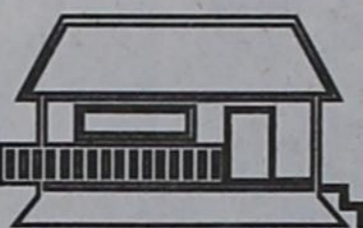


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20—Help Wanted

NURSE AIDE-CLINIC, full-time. Doctor office experience preferred. Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., occasionally Saturday mornings. Castro County Hospital District, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt, TX 79027; phone 806-647-2191, ext. 423; FAX 806-647-2407. 20-31-2tc

21—Wanted, Misc. WANT TO BUY garden rototiller. Call 647-5449. 21-31-tfc

22—Notices

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24—Card of Thanks

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We would like to thank our many friends and relatives who came and made Bobby's retirement party such a special time. We would also like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls of congratulations and gratitude.
BOBBY & WANDA MURDOCK 24-32-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks to my children, Ben and Mollie Scott, for the great 95th birthday party. Thanks to everyone who came, sent cards, called, visited or sent gifts. I do treasure your love and friendship.
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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
For sale by sealed bid: One 1983 red Chevrolet pickup. One 1986 grey Dodge pickup. Fair condition, may be seen at City of Dimmitt Public Works. Bids will be accepted at Dimmitt City Hall, 201 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Bids will be opened Nov. 13, 2000, at 5 p.m. City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. 25-31-2tc

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LEGAL NOTICE
The City of Dimmitt is now accepting bids on one new police car. A police package is preferred. A 1996 Crown Victoria Ford will be offered for trade. Bids may be sent to the City of Dimmitt, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Bids will be opened on Monday, November 13, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 25-31-2tc

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THREE BEDROOMS, two baths, den, carport, built-ins, nice neighborhood. \$38,000.

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3—Real Estate For Rent

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'Holiday celebration' will include music, nativity and shopping

A live nativity scene, music and caroling, late-night shopping and drawings for the holidays will be featured during "A Holiday Celebration" promotion in Dimmitt next Thursday, Dec. 16.

Local merchants will offer special sales and will be open late on Nov. 16 as Dimmitt officially kicks off the holiday shopping season.

Sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, the annual event will feature a visit from Santa Claus, live music from the gazebo, and the first of several weekly drawings for Dimmitt Dollars.

The Chamber also plans to unveil a new Christmas display at the mini park, located just north of the courthouse.

The promotion will begin at 5:45 p.m. with music and Christmas caroling from the gazebo. Featured performers will be Dimmitt Middle School music students.

Dimmitt's Abundant Life Family Church will provide a live nativity scene beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the square.

On Nov. 16, 17 stores will be open until 9 p.m., and they will offer special sales for the holidays.

Businesses around Dimmitt will participate in the holiday Dimmitt Dollars promotion, and shoppers may register to win the prizes at any participating merchant beginning with the Nov. 16 event.

The first Dimmitt Dollars drawing will be conducted around 9 p.m. on Nov. 16, and prizes will be one award of \$200 in Dimmitt Dollars, and two awards of \$25 in Dimmitt Dollars.

Each Thursday (except on Thanksgiving) between Nov. 16 and Christmas, the Chamber will hold additional drawings for Dimmitt Dollars. The grand prize in each weekly drawing will be worth \$100 while two additional prizes each week will pay \$10.

For more information about the Holiday Celebration, contact Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.



'HIS MESSENGERS' include Dr. Leon Joplin (standing), Wayland Hazel (left foreground) and (seated on hearth, from left) Jason Birkenfeld, Manuel Saenz, Troy Wood, Jerry Frazier,

Bobby Thomas and Ed Garvin. This photo was taken during a recent rehearsal at Hazel's home. Not pictured are the group's two women members, Tami Griffith and Johnna Patterson.

Photo by Don Nelson

More about

Music is medicine . . .

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"We would do golden oldies rock and roll for wedding receptions and other occasions—just for fun," Joplin said.

A year ago Joplin joined the choir at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Then he started writing his own music and lyrics. Before long, he had three songs to his credit—*By the Power of the Lord, Oh Holy One and Jesus, I Have Heard*.

"I'd just sit down at the piano and begin writing," Joplin said. "I believe that if you turn your life over to the Lord, he'll let you have what you want in a round-about way, as long as you're willing to do his work."

Joplin's belief was strengthened as his musical dream began unfolding in August.

He showed his songs to Hazel, who "helped with the technicalities," Joplin said.

Then in August, as Joplin was planning to attend a medical convention in Nashville, Tenn., he mentioned to Hazel that he was going to tour some recording studios. Hazel suggested that Joplin record some of his music while he was there.

They began researching various recording studios, looking for those that catered to the type of southern gospel music Joplin was performing.

Their search led them to Kokopelli, a small recording studio at Jolton, Tenn., a suburb of Nashville.

"Kokopelli is in a two-story home in a mountainous area. The guy has a nice recording studio set up in the basement of his home," Joplin said. I gave him my music (sheet music and tape), then he told me to come back on Monday," Joplin said.

When he returned to the site on Monday, Joplin's confidence in the

studio he'd selected was shaken, especially when he spotted the band members who would be accompanying him as he recorded his songs.

"There were five or six guys milling around—they all had on old t-shirts and shorts and they were carrying around old, rusty-looking guitars. They said they were ready to do a rough take of my songs."

Joplin admitted he had doubts about the studio at that point, but once the band started playing, those doubts diminished.

"As I was finishing the scratch tape, I noticed a picture of Ronnie Millsap on the wall. I walked over to get a closer look and there were several band members pictured with Millsap. They were the same guys who had just performed with me.

"When I realized who they were, I got a little nervous," Joplin said. "These guys were big-time, professional musicians. It only took them 2-1/2 hours to knock down the music for my songs."

The lead guitar player, bass guitar player and drummer for Millsap were among those performing with Joplin that day.

About a week after he returned home in August, Joplin received the CD from Kokopelli and he was thrilled with the finished product.

"It was great. It sounded wonderful," Joplin said.

After returning from Nashville, he started inviting people to form a band. The group currently meets each week to rehearse, and several of the band members have collaborated

in writing more songs to go with Joplin's original three. To date, 20 songs have been created by the group.

Joplin, Hazel, Wood, Griffith, Thomas and possibly Garvin will travel to Nashville in January 2001 where they will record their first CD at Kokopelli. It is expected to be released sometime in February 2001.

Producing the soundtrack will be Adam Hampton, who is Millsap's piano player.

Joplin said Hampton called him a couple of weeks ago and said a Nashville recording company, Springhill Publications, was interested in hearing the group's music.

"We're hoping to be picked up by a record company, or we may even start our own label," Joplin said.

Police Calls

A Dimmitt woman told police Sunday night that a suspect entered her apartment with force and threatened to kill the people who were there. The suspect was jailed early Monday for investigation of burglary of a habitation.

Nov. 1, R.L. Stockstill, principal of Dimmitt High School, told police that someone removed satellite receiver components from the school. The equipment was valued at \$597.83.

Saturday night, some suspects were stopped in the 200 block of South Broadway. They were charged with driving under the influence and minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

At about 3:44 p.m. Monday, a suspect attempted to take a car belonging to a Dimmitt woman and was involved in an accident in the 800 block of North Broadway.

An employee of Fast Stop in Dimmitt told police Sunday night that a suspect forged a check and passed it at the convenience store.

A Nazareth man told deputies Oct. 25 that someone had broken out the driver's side window on his 1987 Mack Truck and took a Cobra 29 Sound Tracker C.B. radio. The radio was valued at \$200 and damage to the window was also listed at \$200. Investigation is continuing.

Sunday night, a suspect was stopped for a traffic violation and was found to be driving with license suspended.

Oct. 31, a 38-year-old Friona man was jailed for driving with license suspended.

Sunday at 1:21 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 59, was jailed for public intoxication.

Jailed on warrants during the past

Correction

In last week's Police Calls, it was reported that a Dimmitt man said that someone took items from his room at the Dimmitt Motel. However, the man, who resides at the motel, reported a burglary of a habitation at another location, not at the motel. The News regrets the error.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
PR NO. 2404

THE ESTATE OF
PAUL J. VENHAUS, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
PAUL J. VENHAUS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of PAUL J. VENHAUS, Deceased, were issued to JOE F. VENHAUS and GREG E. VENHAUS on the 31st day of October, 2000, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named are required to present the same before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time prescribed by law, as follows:

JOE F. VENHAUS
HCR 2 Box 8
Nazareth TX 79063

GREG E. VENHAUS
607 Lela
Friona, TX 79035

25-32-1tc

Christmas bazaar set in Muleshoe

The Moonlight Extension Education Club will hold its 22nd annual Christmas bazaar on Dec. 9 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space are currently being accepted, and space will be rented until Dec. 4. To request an application contact Linda Huckaby at 902 W 8th, Muleshoe 79347.

friends don't let friends drive drunk

Holiday Calendar

TODAY—Canterbury Villa's annual cake auction to benefit the residents' activity fund, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jason Wooten will serve as the auctioneer. Call 647-3117 to make a donation or for more information. Donations of cakes and baked goods will also be appreciated.

NOV. 16—"A Holiday Celebration," sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. During the event, Dimmitt merchants will open late for holiday shopping. Santa will visit and live music will be performed from the gazebo. The first of several weekly drawings for Dimmitt Dollars also will be held.

NOV. 19—Annual turkey dinner and holiday arts and crafts show will be held in Nazareth. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Holiday bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Nazareth school cafeteria.

NOV. 19—The Castro County Ministerial Alliance will conduct a Thanksgiving service at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

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Going into this election, the only man to have ever beaten him is Dimmitt's Kent Hance.

◆
Now that the election is over, put your partisan feelings aside long enough to ponder these thoughts:

> If you woke up this morning with more health than illness . . . you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

> If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation . . . you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

> If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death . . . you are more blessed than three billion people in

the world.

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> If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful . . . you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

> If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder . . . you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

> If you can read this, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day, and count your blessings.

(My thanks to my cousin, Anne Taft of Friendswood, for passing on these thoughts.)

More about

Bond denied . . .

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negative things that we all know we didn't want, basically the majority knows what we need," Smothermon said.

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In the hotly contested and still uncertain presidential race, county voters contributed more than twice as many votes to Texas Gov. George W. Bush as they did to Vice President Al Gore, with Bush getting 1,607 and Gore 727. Pat Buchanan garnered 11 votes, Ralph Nader 7, and Harry Browne received 2.

Republican candidates carried all contested races on the local ballot, but uncontested Democratic candidates drew more votes than some of the contested races.

Kay Bailey Hutchison won her re-election bid to the US Senate by a projected 2-1 margin, and showed the same strength in Castro County, with 1,590 votes to the 639 that went to Gene Kelly.

For US Representative of District 13, incumbent Mac Thornberry was leading by about the same projected margin in the district, closely matched by his 67% majority in Castro County. Thornberry received 1,589 votes and Curtis Clinesmith had 657.

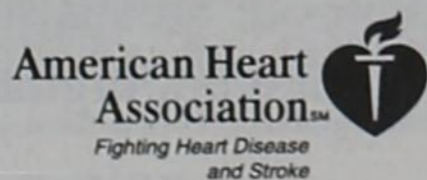
The most "popular" local vote-getter among unopposed candidates was County Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman, who received 1,889 votes. Next was County Attorney candidate James Horton with 1,840, followed by Sheriff CD Fitzgearld with 1,782, Constable James Dobbs with 1,778, and State Rep. James E. "Pete" Laney, who took 1,666. Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland got 375 votes, and Pct. 3 Commissioner W.A. "Bay" Baldrige received 624.



LOTS OF GOODIES were offered for sale at the bazaar held Tuesday at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church, sponsored by the United Methodist Women in conjunction with their annual turkey dinner. Showing Aural Davis (left) some of the items for sale are UMW members Polly Bell (center) and Peggy Broadstreet (right). Photo by Linda Maxwell

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