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## Voters will cast ballots for senator, amendments

County voters will head to the polls on Tuesday to cast their ballots in a special election to adopt or reject 19 proposed constitutional amendments and to elect an interim state senator to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Tom Haywood.

Early voting in the election will continue through Friday at the county clerk's office, Room 101, at the county courthouse in Dimmitt. Early ballots may be cast between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Polling places in Castro County are as follows:

### Here's where to vote Tuesday

#### PRECINCT 1

101—Hart Golden Group Building.  
105—Sunnyside Baptist Church.

#### PRECINCT 2

201—Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.  
206—Flagg Fertilizer.

#### PRECINCT 3

301—First Baptist Church, Dimmitt.  
307—Easter Community Center.

#### PRECINCT 4

401—District Courtroom, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt.  
408—Nazareth Community Hall.

Candidates vying for the state senate seat are Republicans Harry Reynolds, Kirk Wilson, Doug Jeffrey and Craig Estes; Democrat Greg L. Underwood; and Independent Rick Bunch.

Here's a brief rundown of the 19 amendments which will appear on the ballot:

**Proposition 1:** The constitutional amendment providing for clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County.

**Proposition 2:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias.

**Proposition 3:** The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County.

**Proposition 4:** The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner.

**Proposition 5:** The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries.

**Proposition 6:** The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special legislative session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances.

**Proposition 7:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the veterans' land board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans'

housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans' cemeteries.

**Proposition 8:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment.

**Proposition 9:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill the vacancy.

**Proposition 10:** The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired and distributed in the state of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing or other commercial purposes.

**Proposition 11:** The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns or other government districts, including water districts.

**Proposition 12:** The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant and unnecessary provisions; and to clarify, update and harmonize certain provisions of the state constitution.

**Proposition 13:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to

donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property.

**Proposition 14:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income.

**Proposition 15:** The constitutional amendment creating the Texas mobility fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges and other mobility projects.

**Proposition 16:** The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on a homestead property protected from a forced sale.

**Proposition 17:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private property.

**Proposition 18:** The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting and remitting of civil and criminal fees.

**Proposition 19:** The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion.

## Cargill agrees to buy Cerestar

Cerestar may soon be an American-owned company again. Montedison, the parent company of Cerestar USA Inc. in Dimmitt, announced Tuesday that it has reached an agreement to sell its 56% stake in Cerestar for 1.4 billion euros to the US group, Cargill.

After the sale, Cargill is expected to launch a bid to buy outstanding stock. The operation must still be approved by antitrust authorities in Europe and the United States, according to officials with Montedison.

David Bone, Dimmitt's Cerestar plant manager, said he has confirmed that an agreement has been reached between Montedison and Cargill, but other details are sketchy at this time.

Montedison began selling off some of its assets in a bid to concentrate on its core business of energy and reduce debts. Montedison's holding company, which is controlled by the Italergergia consortium, announced in September that it was in "exclusive talks" with Cargill, Inc., the US food and agriculture group, "for the sale of its stake in Cerestar."

Cerestar is the leading company in its sector in Europe and the fifth largest on the North American market. The company's starch and derivative production is carried out by 17 Cerestar plants across the world—three in the United States (including the one in Dimmitt), 13 in Europe and one in China.

With a 27% share of the European market and around 8% of the global market, Cerestar closed 2000 with a turnover of 1.7 billion euros and employs a workforce of 3,000.

Products manufactured at Cerestar's plants are starch and derivatives from maize and wheat; glucose and fructose syrup; dextrose, native and modified starches; cationic starches, cyclodextrins polyols and citric acid.



**CARTOON CHARACTERS, traditional jack-o-lanterns and holiday characters were featured in the Richardson Elementary School's pumpkin contest for second graders this week. Everything from Raggedy Ann to Blues Clues and characters from the Veggie Tales were featured on pumpkins decorated by the youngsters. Grand prize winners in the contest were (front row, from left) Katie Aljoe, Kelsey Schilling, Brianna Prieto, Adam Reinart, Carter Hill and Jonathan Gamez; (middle row, from left) Monique Aleman, Ty Morrow, Alma Melendez, Coby Venhaus and Carsyn Steffens; and (standing, from left) Abby Oliviero, Haley Bonilla, Will Malone, Jacob Dunnam, Jessica Ross and Kale Johnson. Photo by Anne Acker**



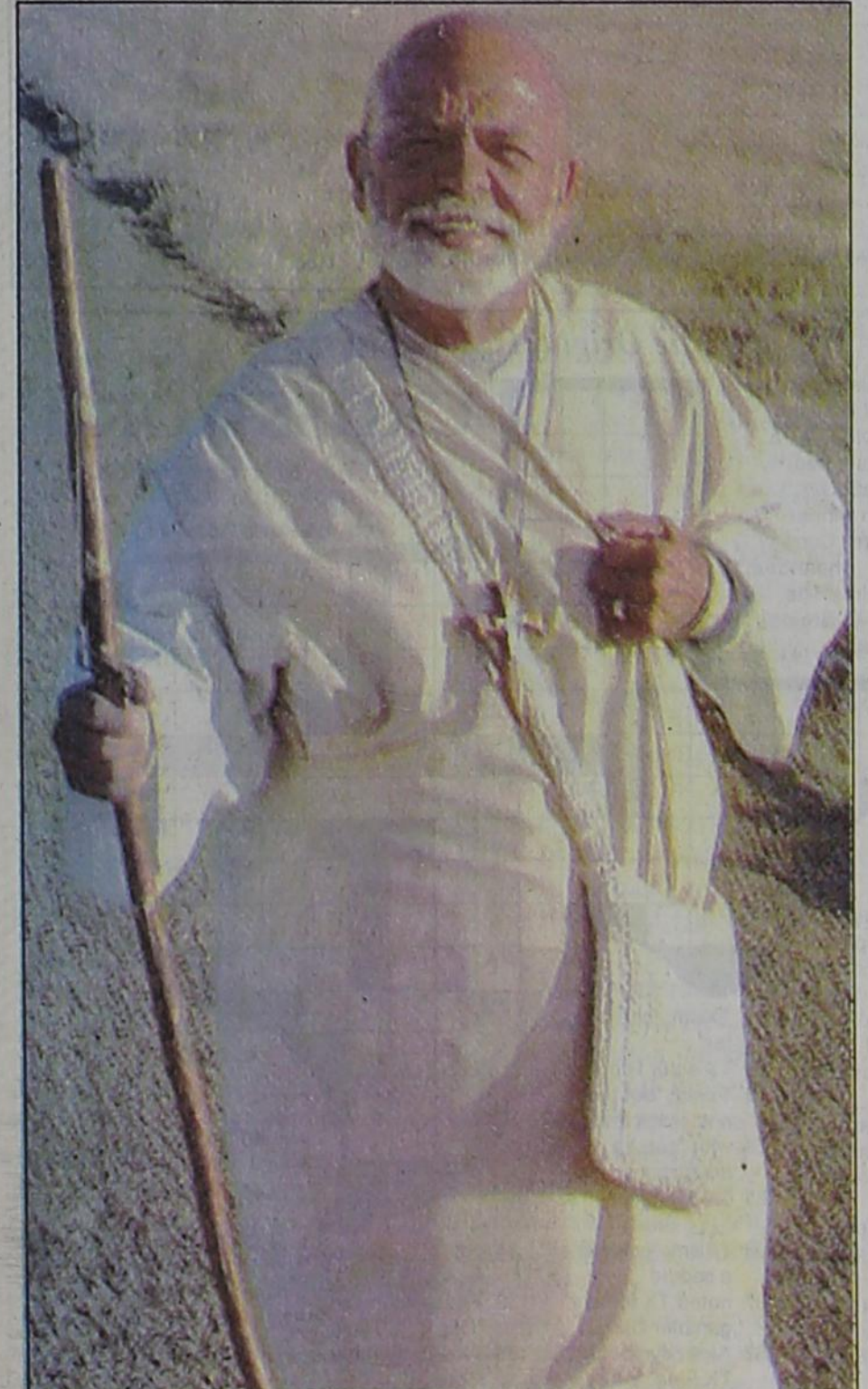
**TUESDAY**—The United Methodist Women will hold their annual holiday bazaar and turkey dinner at the church's fellowship hall. The bazaar will feature a variety of homemade goods and holiday gift items. The meal will include turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, and it will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$7 per person. Take-out plates will be available, but must be reserved in advance by calling 647-4106.

**NOV. 12**—The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is planning its annual holiday shopping promotion, "Home for the Holidays—A Star Spangled Christmas." Dimmitt merchants will be open until 9 p.m. and will offer special sales to kick off the holiday shopping season. Santa Claus is expected to make his first appearance in Dimmitt. Door prizes will be awarded during the promotion, including one drawing for Dimmitt Dollars.

**NOV. 18**—A turkey dinner and holiday arts and crafts show will be held in Nazareth. The arts and crafts show, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. The turkey dinner is sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society and it will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

**NOV. 18**—The Castro County Ministerial Alliance will present its annual Thanksgiving service at 6 p.m. at Dimmitt High School. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

## Man rests here before resuming 'walk for Christ'



**HE'S WALKING 3,300 MILES FOR CHRIST ... Nick DellaValle spends night here during journey**

Photo by Chris Bradford

Nick DellaValle and his wife, Lucy, are on a 3,300-mile walk for Christ, and they brought their message to Dimmitt last week as they made the town their overnight stop on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The DellaValles started their journey on April 1 at the foot of the cross at Mision Nombre de Dios in San Augustine, Fla., and their final destination is the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

Lucy DellaValle drives a pickup while Nick DellaValle walks, and she usually drives about a mile-and-a-half ahead, waiting for her husband.

Nick DellaValle says he will walk until his journey is complete, and he usually covers about 15 miles per day on what he terms as his "2001 Faith Odyssey."

He chose to walk 3,300 miles as a dedication to Christ, with each 100 miles of the journey representing a year that Jesus walked the earth.

After passing through Hereford on Oct. 24, the DellaValles headed south on US 385 to Dimmitt. From here, he continued south on US 385 last Thursday morning, Oct. 25.

"We are walking across America to help bring the Bible alive by presenting the drama of Luke 19:1-10," said Nick DellaValle. "Zacchaeus, one of the most famous tax collectors of all time, will bring with him the answers to many questions:

What kind of city was Jericho? What did the people of this town believe about Jesus? How did Zacchaeus ever become a tax collector? What really happened the day he met Jesus? How did he feel when Jesus called him by name?"

The 4-foot, 8-inch Nick DellaValle dons the costume of Zacchaeus as he covers the miles of his journey across America.

In July of 2000, the DellaValles started a ministry called *Second Chance Ministries*, which is designed "to encourage those who live in the community of Christ to discover and use their gifts in His service; to introduce our best friend and savior, Jesus Christ, to unbelievers; and to illustrate, through the portrayal of Zacchaeus, that God is gracious and willing to give all who have

fallen short of His glory a second chance and a new beginning."

"It is our desire to present the story of Christ's love and forgiveness whenever and wherever God sees fit," Nick DellaValle said. "After trying to inform people about Zacchaeus in the 'normal' manner (through mail, friends, etc.), it became apparent that we were getting nowhere fast. So Lucy and I went to talk with Jesus. He told us to try and be creative; to do something that would get people to notice Zacchaeus and get him invited to churches to tell about the love and forgiveness of Jesus."

DellaValle has a stride of approximately two feet, and it will take him approximately eight million steps to complete his journey.

## 'Home for the Holidays' promotion is scheduled Nov. 12 in Dimmitt

*Home for the Holidays—A Star-Spangled Christmas* will kick off the 2001 holiday season in Dimmitt on Monday, Nov. 12.

On that day, Dimmitt merchants will remain open late and will feature special sales to kick off the holiday shopping season.

The city-wide celebration will include music on the square with Christmas carols and the Dimmitt Middle School Choir, a living nativity, presented by the youth from the Abundant Life Church, a visit by Santa Claus at the gazebo, and the beginning of the Dimmitt Dollars/Star-Spangled Gifts

give-a-ways at participating stores around town. Registration for this year's drawings will begin on Monday, Nov. 12, and each time a shopper registers, he or she will have a chance to win almost \$1,000 in Dimmitt Dollars, merchandise and/or service certificates and gift items.

"It's probably the biggest give-a-way we've ever had," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "The event extends until the drawings on Dec. 17, when the final Dimmitt Dollars prizes will be awarded."

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	65	33	
Friday	68	32	
Saturday	50	39	
Sunday	74	40	
Monday	80	45	
Tuesday	80	48	
Wednesday	77	50	

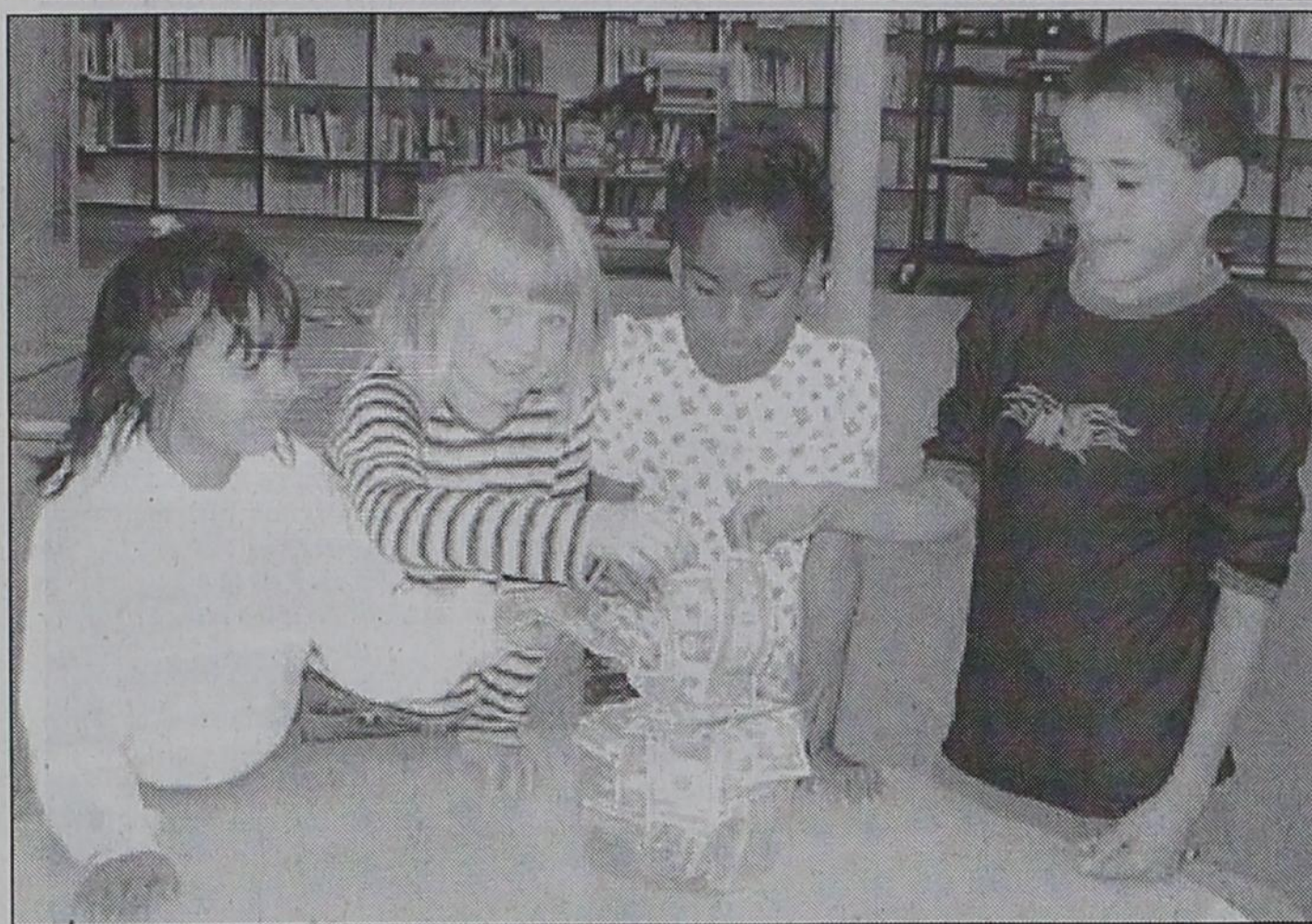
October Moisture . . . 0.17  
2001 Moisture . . . 16.24

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





# People



**RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** students collected money to help provide food and medical care for children in Afghanistan last week, in response to a request from President George W. Bush. Students contributing their dollar to the cause are (from left) Estefani Olivas, Taylor Gresham, Lakana Thomas and Gustavo Ruiz. Students participating in the fundraiser were in pre-kindergarten through the third grade.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Heck and Acker exchange vows Oct. 10 in Brownfield

Jennifer Heck and Scott Acker were married on Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Brownfield.

The bride is the daughter of Lewis and Linda Heck of Dimmitt. She is the granddaughter of J. Stone of Dimmitt and the late Louise Stone, and Vera Heck of Tulia and the late George Heck. Parents of the groom are Francis and Bea Acker of Dimmitt. He is the grandson of Clarence and Odie Schulte of Nazareth and the late Lawrence and Mary Acker of Nazareth.

Parents of the couple gave them a reception at The Pancake House in Dimmitt on Saturday, Oct. 13. A meal was served to family and close friends of the bride and groom.

The bride's table was decorated with a burgundy cloth and white lace overlay. The bride's bouquet featuring stargazer lilies served as the centerpiece.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered white cake with burgundy roses accenting each layer.

The groom's table was decorated in hunter green, and it held a chocolate cake with a golf scene and figurines.

The centerpiece for the groom's table was a hand-made crocheted picture featuring the name Acker that belonged to his late grandparents Candles and greenery surrounded the cro-



**MR. AND MRS. SCOTT ACKER**  
... She's the former Jennifer Heck

cheted picture.

The newlyweds have established their home in Lubbock where the bride works at Vision

One as an optometrist's technician. The groom is employed as manager of The Savannah Apartments of Brownfield.

## DHS will honor vets Nov. 12

Dimmitt High School students will express their appreciation to those who have defended our country and they will honor those veterans with a special tribute on Nov. 12 at 12:15 p.m. at the DHS Auditorium.

All veterans and the general public are invited to attend the ceremony, which is being hosted by the Dimmitt High School Student Council and the History Dept.

Veterans are asked to come to the stage area in the auditorium by 11:45 a.m. on Nov. 12.

Special signs honoring all those who have served in the Armed Forces will be displayed in the high school hallway during the week.

"We hope to show our appreciation to these men and women by recognizing them in this way," said

Student Council Advisor Connie Dickerson.

All DHS students have been given a form called "A Tribute to Veterans." The students have been asked to get their parents' help in completing the forms and returning them to school by Friday.

"We hope to get information on all active service men and women from this region," Dickerson said. "Anyone who would like to pay tribute to a veteran in their family, or if they know of a family member who is currently serving in the Armed Forces, should call the Dimmitt High School office at 647-3105.

"We would like to have the person's name, rank, their years of service and their branch of service," Dickerson said.

## Awards presented to third graders

Third graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt accepted awards for having perfect attendance, being good citizens and hard workers, and for making the honor roll during the first nine-week grading period.

Individual students who were honored are:

**STEINLE'S ROOM**  
Perfect Attendance: Wendy Bradford, Heloise Cillie, Cody Collins, Makenzie Cornett, Gary Gil, John Hazel, Victoria Hinojosa, David Underwood and Caleb Williams.  
Hardest Worker: Cillie.  
Citizenship: Karina Abrego, Cillie, Hinojosa, Nikki Lara, Underwood, Devin Hernandez and Steven Sustaita.  
Honor Roll: Abrego, Bradford, Cillie, Cornett, Hazel, Lara and Underwood.

**DUNNAM'S ROOM**  
Perfect Attendance: Erik Balderas, Eric Gil, Angel Juarez, Jesse Miller, Shea Myatt, Jacob Rials and David Velez.  
Hardest Workers: Marissa Flores and Miller.  
Citizenship: Katrice Perez.  
Honor Roll: Phylissa Kinser, Myatt and Megan Wilkerson.

**MERRITT'S ROOM**

Perfect Attendance: Karina Casas, Alex Herrera, Jessica Martinez, Erik Mendoza, Josua Quiroz, Stephanie Reyes and Jerry Velasquez.  
Hardest Workers: Natasha Aguilar and Eric Davis.  
Citizenship: Velasquez.  
Honor Roll: Jr. Agüero, Aguilar, Kris Cline, Davis, Herrera, Martinez, Danielle Prieto, Salvador Ramirez, Kade Riddle and Velasquez.

**GILLILAND'S ROOM**  
Perfect Attendance: Jonathan Garcia, M.T. Morrow, Fharren Welch, Zac Dunnam, Charlene Calderon and Nikki Ward.  
Hardest Workers: Welch, Geena Steffens, Dunnam, Danielle Sandoval, Melissa Gomez, Ashley Howell and Rudy Martinez.  
Citizenship: Gomez.  
Honor Roll: Sandoval, Steffens, Rudy Martinez, Morrow, Dunnam, Howell and Gomez.

**PADILLA'S ROOM**  
Perfect Attendance: Javier Ayala, Albert Martinez, Estefani Olivas, Cesar Ontiveros, Gustavo Ruiz and Luisa Stillman.  
Hardest Workers: Ayala and Olivas.  
Citizenship: Ricky Gonzalez, Stillman, Javier Vargas, Olivas and Maribel Alanis.  
Honor Roll: Ayala, Ricky Gonzales and Olivas.

**AXTELL'S ROOM**  
Perfect Attendance: Johnny Lopez, Anthony Cisneros, Juan Martinez, Liset Soto, Jonathan Casas, Alonso Bygoytia, Bruce Aldridge, Brianda Agüero, Anthony Wall and Bethany Garza.  
Hardest Workers: Bygoytia, Bethany Garza and Wall.  
Citizenship: Lisa Lopez, Jonathon Casas and Bethany Garza.  
Honor Roll: Monica Paz, Bethany Garza, Wall, Jonathon Casas, Aldridge, Brianda Agüero and Bygoytia.



## Who's New

**PLAINS MEMORIAL**  
Priscilla Tavarez and Daniel Doñes of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Liliana Gissele Doñes, who was born at 5:55 a.m. on Oct. 22 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Liliana weighed 7 lbs., 4.6 ozs., and measured 19 inches at birth. She has a big sister, Aaliyah Kaylin Tavarez. Paternal grandparents are Rosa and Danny Doñes of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Oscar Tavarez of Snyder and Delia Tavarez of Weslaco. Great-grandparents are Santos G. Perez, Raymond Tavarez, Estrella Leyva and Lupe Ramirez.

It's a boy for Veronica and Rigoberto Lopez of Dimmitt. Their son was born at 11:35 a.m. on Oct. 18 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt and has been named Ulysses. He weighed in at 5 lbs., 5.2 ozs., and was 19 inches long. He has two older siblings, 9-year-old Rigoberto Lopez Jr., and 4-year-old Abigail Lopez. Paternal grandparents are Carlos Lopez and Maria Luisa N de Lopez, both of Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Arturo Gomez and Romelia M de Gomez, both of Mexico.

**OUT OF TOWN**  
Bill and Debra Bridenbaugh of Amarillo are the parents of a baby girl, Margaret Rose (Maggie) Bridenbaugh, who was born at 5:32 p.m. on Sept. 26. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 ozs. and was 20-1/2 inches long. She has two older siblings, 9-year-old Chris and 6-year-old Allie. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Bernie Bridenbaugh of Canton, Mich. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Jacque Sava of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Barbara Sava of Dimmitt.

It's a boy for Jason and Christina Gonzales of Amarillo. Their son, Jeremiah Joseph, was born at 11:07 p.m. on Aug. 30, weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz. His father, Jason, is a former Dimmitt resident. Grandparents are Oswald and Sandra Ramirez of Amarillo and Leticia Aguirre of Mount Vernon, Wash. Great-grandparents are Ysrrael Salinas of Dimmitt and the late Rosa Salinas of Dimmitt.

*Together We Can*

Don't gamble with your health!

Castro County Hospital District

# Health Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 13

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Senior Citizens Center

213 W. Jones, Dimmitt

**Flu Shots — \$10**

Free to Medicare recipients

**PSA — \$25**

Screening for prostate-cancer for men over 40

**TSH — \$25**

Screening for hyper/hypothyroidism, people experiencing fatigue and abnormal weight gain

**Lipid Panel/BS — \$20**

Test for good and bad cholesterol and blood sugar levels

**Cholesterol/Triglyceride/Blood Sugar — \$10**

General cholesterol, triglyceride and blood sugar screening

**Bone Density Screening — \$60**

Will be done at Plains Memorial Hospital CT area Nov. 12-16. To schedule an appointment please call Anita at 647-2191. This will be done with our new CT unit utilizing the Bone Densitometry. This is one of the most diagnostic bone density measurement available using the lumbar spine. This is recommended for women age 45 and older and post menopausal women.

— FREE SCREENINGS —

Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Evaluations

Blood Pressure Checks

Depression Screening

Colon Cancer Screening

Skin Cancer Screening

9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Kim Sava, CFNP)

Hearing Screening

2-6 p.m. (Dr. K. Ormson, Audiologist)

— EDUCATION MATERIALS —

- DME • Coalition of Health Services • Poison Control
- American Hospital Association • ADA • Hospice
- Extension Office • Child Protective Services • Red Cross
- Coffee Memorial Blood Center • EMS
- American Cancer Society

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You are invited to a  
Bridal Shower  
honoring  
Kristin Doss  
bride-elect of  
Jonathon Ivy  
Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001  
from 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
in the home of  
Suzan Sanders  
606 Oak, Dimmitt

Selections at Dimmitt Pharmacy, Running M Bath Shop, Seale Florist and The Village Shop.

# Second graders earn awards

The second graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt received awards for being good spellers, math whizzes, hard workers, good writers and readers, and for having perfect attendance during the first nine-week grading period.

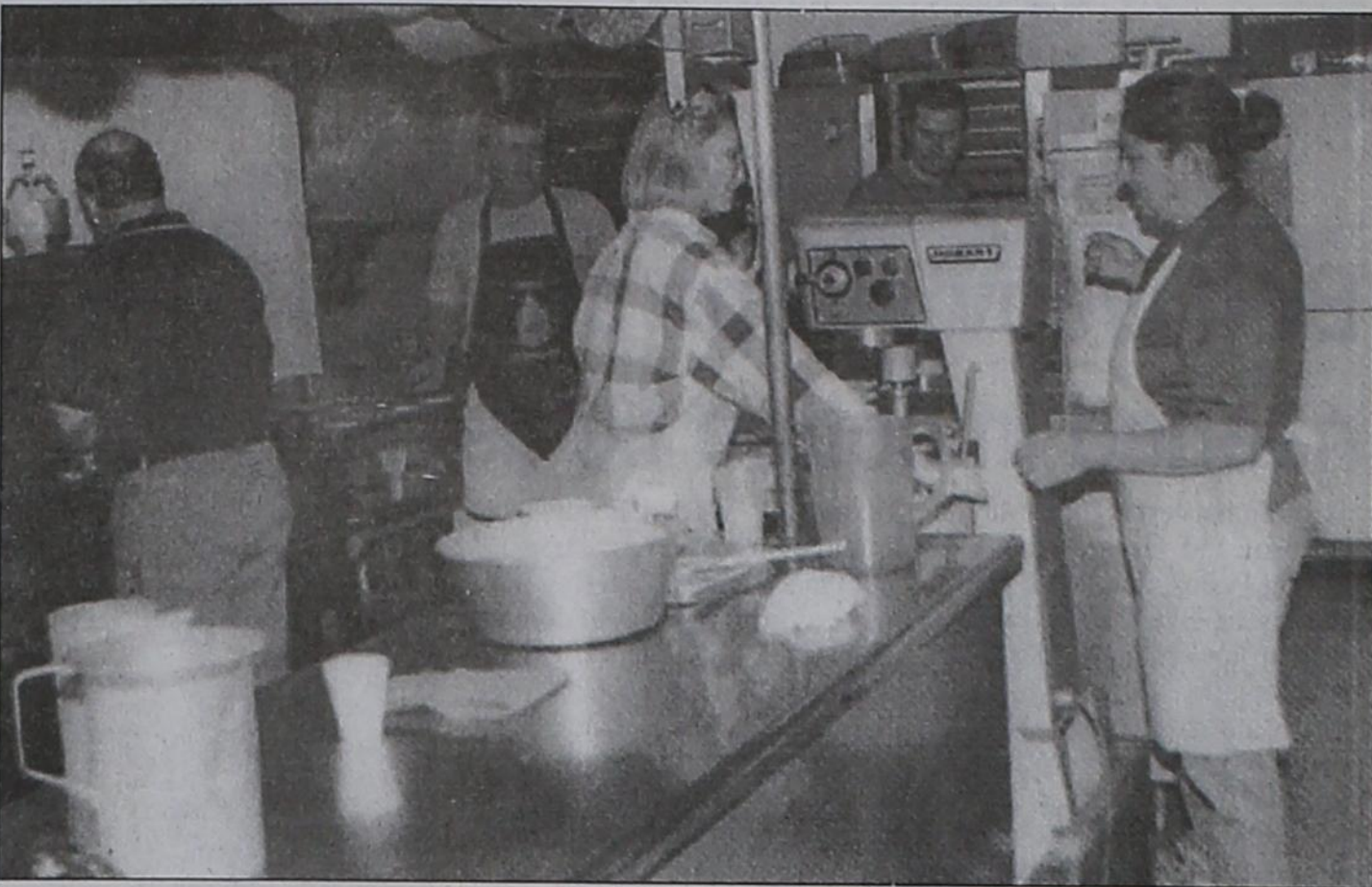
Students who received awards at the recent assembly were:

**JOHNSON'S ROOM**  
**Super Spellers:** Manuel Acevedo, Haley Bonilla, Austin Cluck, Brittany Enriquez, Meranda Garcia, Carter Hill, Alma Melendez, Zachary Price, Adam Reinart, Andres Rodriguez, Israel Rodriguez, Carsyn Steffens and Stacy Uvalde.  
**Hardest Workers:** Acevedo, Tori Addison, Melendez and Steffens.  
**Perfect Attendance:** Acevedo, Clarissa Anes, Cluck, Hill, Melendez, Briana Prieto, Reinart, Rodriguez, Steffens and Uvalde.  
**Math Whizzes:** Acevedo, Bonilla, Cluck, Enriquez, Garcia, Hill, Melendez, Price, Reinart, Rodriguez, Andrew Saenz, Steffens and Uvalde.  
**Penmanship:** Acevedo, Addison, Bonilla, Jennifer Fernandez, Garcia, Hill, Melendez, Rodriguez, Saenz and Steffens.  
**Reading Improvement:** Jonathan Gamez and Clemente Lopez.  
**Super Reader:** Steffens.

**HARDEST WORKERS:** Escamilla and Juan Hernandez.  
**Penmanship:** Ibarra, Juan Hernandez and Soto.  
**THAMES' ROOM**  
**Penmanship:** Matt Aguilar, Matthew Anes, Johnny Ray Dones, Kelsie Grantham, Brittany Luna, Abby Oltivero, Nallely Salas, Coby Venhaus and Patrick McGrorey.  
**Math Whizzes:** Aguilar, Anes, Dones, Karina Dozal, Grantham, Tiffany Medrano, Alberto Nicolas, Amy Smith, Richard Torres, Venhaus and McGrorey.  
**Hardest Workers:** Aguilar, Dozal, Grantham, Nicolas and McGrorey.  
**Perfect Attendance:** Noe Jackson, Luna, Tiffany Medrano, Oscar Navarro, Nicolas, Smith and Venhaus.  
**Reading Improvement:** Aguilar, Anes, Dozal, John Falcon, Grantham, Jackson, Luna, Tiffany Medrano, Ty Morrow, Navarro, Nicolas, Abby Oltivero, Angel Robles, Salas, Smith, Richard Torres, Josslene Torres McGrorey and Lupe Rodriguez.  
**Super Spellers:** Aguilar, Dozal, Grantham, Nicolas, Smith and McGrorey.  
**Super Reader:** Smith.

**VENHAUS'S ROOM**  
**Math Whizzes:** Katrina Barrios, Josiah Burzynski, Nacho DeLaCruz, C.J. Dennis, Joshua Garcia, Tanner Gilbreath, Alex Ibarra, Marissa Jackson, Tramaine Kirven, Brittany Lindley, Will Malone, Candace Munoz, Michael Oltivero, Miguel Rodriguez, Krista Silva, Michelle Wait and Bridget Ward.  
**Perfect Attendance:** Burzynski, DeLaCruz, Joshua Garcia, Tanner Gilbreath, Marissa Jackson, Lindley, Oltivero, Miguel Rodriguez, Jessica Ross, Wait and Ward.  
**Hardest Workers:** Jeffery Almanza, Gilbreath, Lindley and Samantha Rodriguez.  
**Super Spellers:** Barrios, Burzynski, DeLaCruz, Dennis, Joshua Garcia, Gilbreath, Ibarra, Marissa Jackson, Kirven, Lindley,

Malone, Munoz, Michael Oltivero, Silva, Wait and Ward.  
**Penmanship:** Burzynski, Michael Oltivero and Ward.  
**Reading Improvement:** Almanza, Samantha Rodriguez and Jessica Ross.  
**Super Reader:** Lindley.  
**WAGGONER'S ROOM**  
**Super Spellers:** Gabriela Aguilar, Monique Aleman, Katy Aljoe, Jacob Dunnam, John David Flores, Kale Johnson, Israel Marquez, Christopher Martin, Tiffany Oltivero, Uriel Rodriguez, Bo Puento, Jose Salas, Amber Sanchez, Kelsey Schilling, Mazie Triana and Prisciella Reyes.  
**Math Whizzes:** Aguilar, Aleman, Aljoe, Dunnam, John David Flores, Kale Johnson, Martin, Tiffany Oltivero, Uriel Rodriguez, Puento, Jose Salas, Amber Sanchez, Schilling, Blake Ramos, Mario Velasquez and Prisciella Reyes.  
**Super Reader:** Kale Johnson.  
**Hardest Worker:** Stephanie Bryan.  
**Perfect Attendance:** Aleman, Dunnam, John David Flores, Kale Johnson, Marquez, Martin, Uriel Rodriguez, Amber Sanchez, Schilling and Triana.  
**Penmanship:** Schilling, Uriel Rodriguez, Sanchez, Eric Oltivero, Kale Johnson and Prisciella Reyes.



Members of the Dimmitt Lion's Club work diligently to prepare pancake batter for last Friday's Pancake Supper before the football game between the Dimmitt Bobcats and the Lubbock Roosevelt Pirates. Pictured left to right are Jack Edwards (back to camera), Joe Josselet, Renee Marie and Chaun Gunstream.  
 Photo by Chris Bradford

Hear  
**The First United Methodist Church**  
 Morning Worship Service  
 Sundays, 10:45 a.m.  
 On KDHN 1470

**LOPEZ'S ROOM**  
**Math Whizzes:** Gerardo Bojorquez, Lilliana Castillo, Crystal Escamilla, Gustavo Ibarra, Eduardo Grado, Karen Guadiana, Juan Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Jorge Jaramillo, Luis Martinez, Marco Medrano, Alonso Sanchez and Marisol Soto.  
**Perfect Attendance:** Bojorquez, Ibarra, Grado, Guadiana, Luis Martinez, Medrano, Elisa Perchez, Veronica Porras and Sanchez.  
**Super Reader:** Escamilla.  
**Super Speller:** Escamilla, Ibarra, Guadiana, Juan Hernandez and Jaramillo.

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**Math Whizzes:** Katrina Barrios, Josiah Burzynski, Nacho DeLaCruz, C.J. Dennis, Joshua Garcia, Tanner Gilbreath, Alex Ibarra, Marissa Jackson, Tramaine Kirven, Brittany Lindley, Will Malone, Candace Munoz, Michael Oltivero, Miguel Rodriguez, Krista Silva, Michelle Wait and Bridget Ward.  
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# Holiday bazaar, turkey dinner set

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a holiday arts and crafts show will be held Sunday, Nov. 18, in Nazareth.

The arts and crafts show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. The turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall, and the event is sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society.

The Nazareth Art Club is sponsoring the show and the club is currently accepting reservations for booths.

An 8' x 10' booth will rent for \$20, and a table and two chairs are provided with each booth. When making booth

reservations, vendors are asked to specify their preference for a wall or center booth, and to state whether or not they will require the table. Information about what is going to be featured in the booth also is requested.

The last day vendors may reserve booth space is Saturday, Nov. 10. The cafeteria will be open at 7:30 a.m. the day of show to allow vendors time to set up their displays.

For more information or to reserve booth space contact Lucille Drerup, PO Box 3, Nazareth 79063, phone (806) 945-2562; or Rose Mary Wilhelm, 2855 Highway 86, Nazareth 79063, phone (806) 945-2583.

# Rose Garden seeks donations

Some people may feel it's a little early to begin making holiday plans, but it's never too early to plan on helping others, especially during the holiday season.

"The great Master taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive," said Jan Wishard, director of The Castro County Hospital District's Rose Garden/Hospice Thrift Shop, which is located at 112 W. Jones St., in Dimmitt next to Medical Center of Dimmitt.

"We here at the Rose Garden are in need of more donations in order to help our Hospice patients as well as the good folks in Dimmitt," Wishard said. "We

would appreciate donations of all good, clean items including clothes, coats, shoes, purses, jewelry, nick-knacks, dishes, workable appliances, etc.

"The Rose Garden is a unique place—we have really good merchandise at bargain prices," Wishard said.

Hospice volunteers man the store and do a wonderful job, according to Wishard.

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## Boll weevil traps still needed in cotton fields

Cotton harvest is underway in much of the High Plains and Rolling Plains, and some growers may believe the boll weevil traps around their field are no longer needed.

In some cases, growers have been removing the traps that surround their fields, possibly because they believe the traps interfere with their harvesting equipment or because their fields have been harvested.

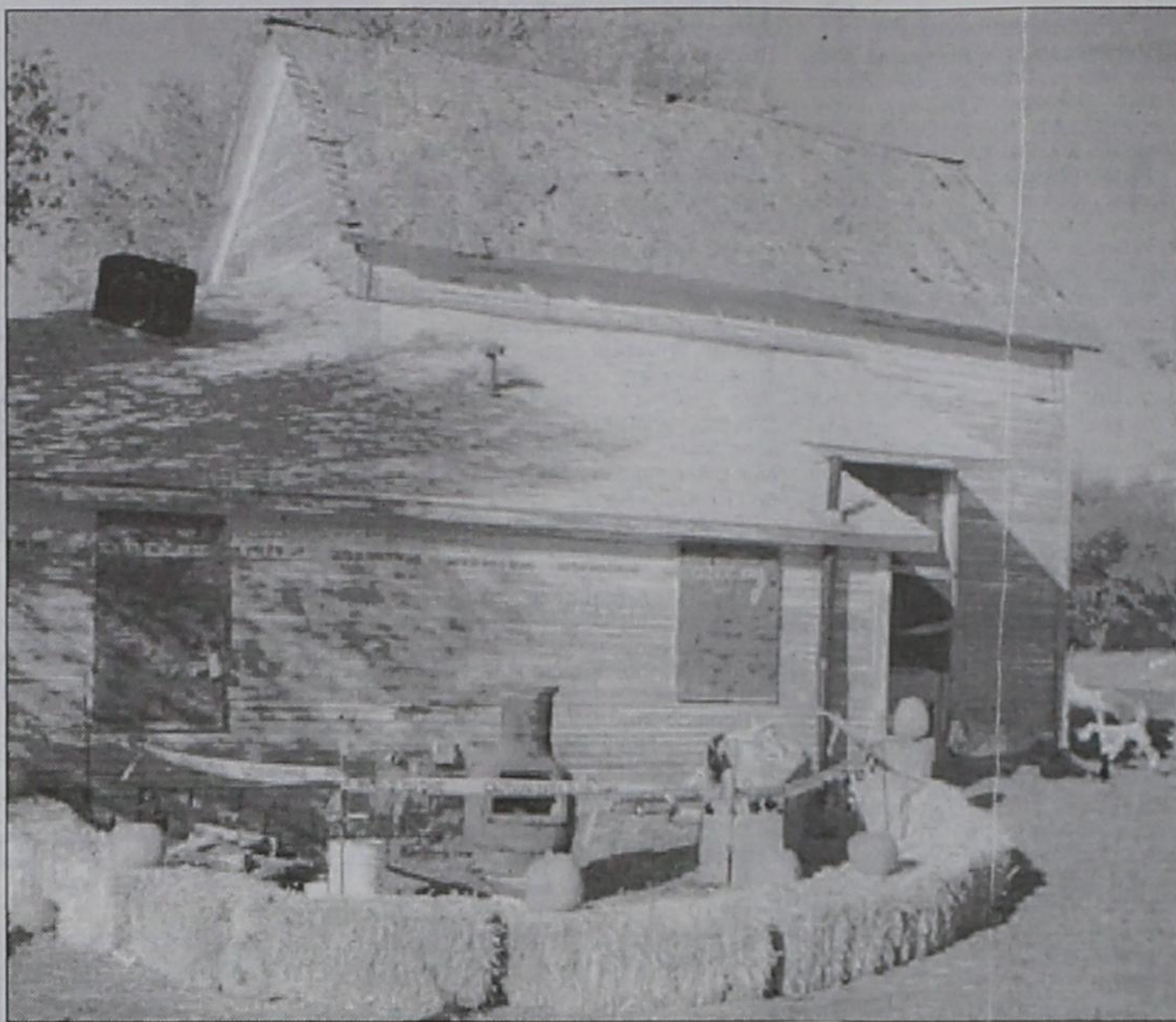
"Because the traps are very effective in eliminating boll weevils, especially as the weevil populations are reduced to low levels, leaving functional traps in the vicinity of cotton fields helps the eradication program eliminate weevils more quickly and at a lower cost to growers," said Charles Allen, director for the

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's program.

If the traps are interfering with harvest, growers should contact their field unit supervisors to determine a new placement for the traps, Allen said. The supervisors will work with growers to remove the traps so they don't interfere with operations.

Traps that have been taken down should be replaced as soon as possible after the fields have been harvested, he said. Foundation personnel will be happy to assist with replacing the traps.

Growers may contact their field unit supervisors or their district office for more information.



GHOSTS AND GOBLINS, shadows and eerie creatures provided a frightening trip for those brave enough to venture into a haunted house, sponsored by the Nazareth Band Parents, over the weekend. This abandoned house in Nazareth

served as the location for the Halloween event, and organizers planned an elaborate, frightening experience for rooms in the house, as well as a spook who roamed the grounds around the home.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Garrison will be honored by Texas Tech

Shirley Garrison of Hereford, who has a vested interest in Castro County businesses, is one of three individuals who were recognized at Texas Tech University's 74<sup>th</sup> annual pig roast and reception on Tuesday.

The yearly event honored the college's scholarship donors, scholarship recipients and intercollegiate judging teams as well as the three outstanding agriculturist recipients.

The annual awards honor individuals who have contributed to Texas agriculture in the areas of production, agribusiness and public service. The award is named for the president emeritus of New Mexico State University, who served as dean of Texas Tech's agriculture college from 1958 to 1970. Recipients are nominated by their peers and selected by previous award recipients.

Garrison earned the award in agribusiness. He received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech University in 1940, after which he served in World War II. He then worked for two years in a post-war program of food distribution and agricultural rehabilitation in Europe. Garrison since has been involved in many areas of agriculture, including education, farming and agribusiness.

Founded in 1966, Garrison Seed Co., in Hereford, was the first of many business ventures for Garrison. He was a founding partner of Southwest Feedyard in Hereford from 1969 to 1982. Garrison was owner of Easter Grain in Castro County from 1984 to 1999. Currently, Garrison is partner and chairman of the board of the First United Bank of Dimmitt; partner and chairman of the board of Backyard Adventures of Canyon, which got its business start in Dimmitt; and a partner and chairman of the board of Frontier Capital Group of Dimmitt.

Texas Tech has recognized Garrison with membership in the Sociedad de la Espuela (the Spur Society). He has been honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award and a Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award.

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## Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

The reports are getting better for the High Plains cotton crop, according to the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's Cotton Division.

The Cotton Division is responsible for testing and assigning the official quality characteristics for each bale of cotton produced in the United States.

The High Plains is served by two cotton classing offices located at Lubbock and Lamesa. Recent reports for the week of Oct. 25 show the crop getting better with each passing day.

Early results reflected mostly poorer performing dryland crops.

Now that samples from the area's better-quality cotton are beginning to arrive, the overall quality readings are beginning to creep up and could by year-end make 2001 one of the best crops ever in terms of average quality.

Season-to-date readings from the Lubbock office show that fully 80% of the 415,399 bales classed through Oct. 25 received

color grades of 21 or better.

Average staple length for the season stands at only 33.29, although the most recent week's average was up at 33.68. As more cotton is received, staple measurements could approach or even surpass the staple 34 threshold.

Over 65% of the crop has received leaf grades of 2 or better, and only 3% of the bales

classed to date have been reduced for bark content.

Micronaire values for the season are averaging 45.92, right in the heart of the base range of 43 to 49.

Many of the bales classed to date have been high mike bales reading 50 or greater. Hopefully, the mike average will continue to drop as the season progresses.

## Little named administrator of Farm Service Agency

James R. Little has been named the administrator of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA).

FSA administers farm commodity and conservation programs, farm loan programs and emergency and food aid assistance.

"Jim Little's 30 years of experience with USDA and his knowledge of FSA programs makes him an ideal choice for this position," said Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman. "The department has relied on Jim as acting administrator since January, and I am confident that he will continue his capable leadership of FSA."

Before accepting the acting administrator role, Little was the USDA's associate chief financial officer for financial operations.

He began his career with USDA as a staff accountant with the former Rural Electrification Administration, now a part of the Rural Development mission area.

Little has held several posi-

tions in the department which have contributed to his knowledge of USDA's county-based agencies and their programs. These positions include acting budget director, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; deputy director of the budget division of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; deputy director and director of the financial management division of ASCS and FSA; and treasurer and controller of the Commodity Credit Corp.

As administrator, Little also serves as the executive vice president of the Commodity Credit Corp., a wholly-owned government corporation that finances many of USDA's commodity and international programs.

Little, a native of North Carolina, has a bachelor of science degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Woodbridge, Va., and have one daughter, Regan.

## TRTA plans convention

District 16 of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will hold its annual fall contention today (Thursday) at the Region 16 Education Service Center.

District President Krodel announced that the keynote speaker will be Mike Lehr, an officer on the TRTA board of directors, who will give a report on current events at TRTA.

The TRTA Legislative Committee representative, Roy Pennington, will discuss the legislative priorities that will be presented the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature when it meets in January, 2003. A representative from the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) will present a general update on benefit information. State standing committee chairmen will give a report on the goals and activities planned for this year. These include the chairmen of the following committees: Community Volunteer Services, Health Care, Retirement Education/Planning, and Informative and Protective Services.

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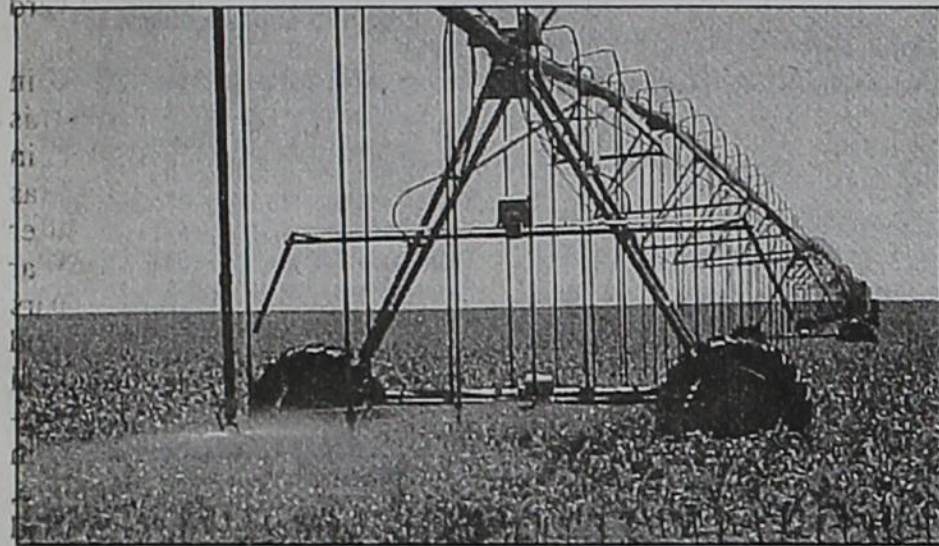


### Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to resolve environmental concerns in rural America.

EQIP offers financial, education, and technical assistance to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices to solve natural resource concerns. These concerns address soil erosion, water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, wetlands, and forest and grazing lands.

Contracts are required and may range from five to 10 years. As you would expect, a contract will identify needed conservation practices and an installation schedule agreed to by you, the landowner. The contract will be part of your conservation plan approved by the local soil and water conservation district. Seventy-five percent of the funds go to priority areas. Castro County is currently in the South Plains Ogallala Water conservation area. Water quantity is the main resource concern in this area. Some of the more common practices applied for are converting center pivot sprinklers to LEPA, irrigation pipelines, and drip irrigation. Management practices such as conservation cropping systems, crop residue use, irrigation water management, nutrient and pest management will also be part of the contract. Castro County had 36 plans approved in 2001, with a total of 144 plans in the county. Contracts were for the installation of irrigation pipe and the conversion of existing center pivot sprinklers to LEPA to increase the efficiency of existing irrigation systems.



### Water Quality Management Planning

Senate Bill 503 provides agricultural producers an opportunity to comply with the state water quality laws through voluntary incentive based programs. Conservation practices cost shared through the Senate Bill 503 program include: irrigation pipeline, drip irrigation systems, center pivot irrigation systems. Castro County had 11 plans approved for the 2001 fiscal year, for a total of 120 plans. Plans were for the installation of irrigation pipelines to increase the efficiency of their existing irrigation systems, installation of a drip irrigation system and the conversion of existing center pivots to LEPA. For more information on eligibility and cost share and on how you can develop a Water Quality Management Plan, contact the NRCS or the Castro County SWCD at 647-2153, ext. 101.



### RWS and RWC Poster and Essay Contest

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors an annual poster and essay contest for Castro County students. The poster contest is for students in 1st through 6th grades. The essay contest is for students in 7th through 12th grades. The first through third place poster and essays receive savings bonds. The 2001 poster winners were Cailee Gilbreath, Ricardo Barrios and Anthony Hochstein. The 2001 essay winner was Sean Hunter.

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#### Directors

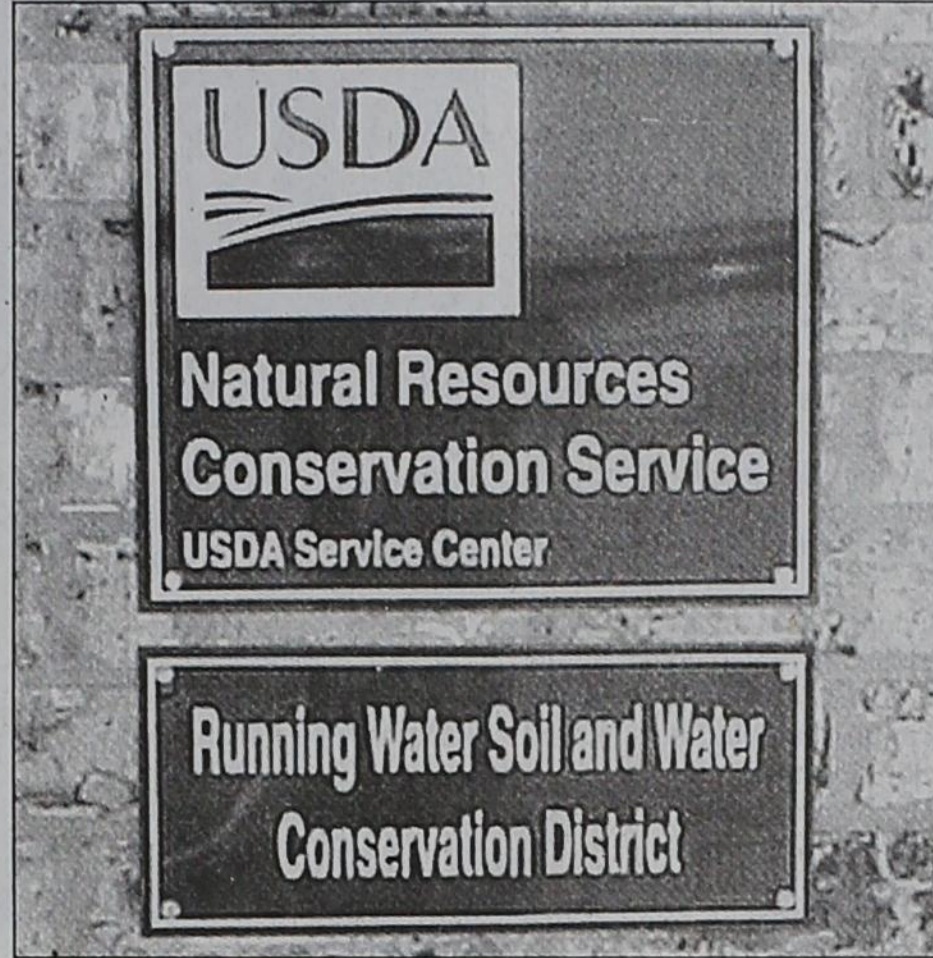
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- Zone 5—David Horn\*

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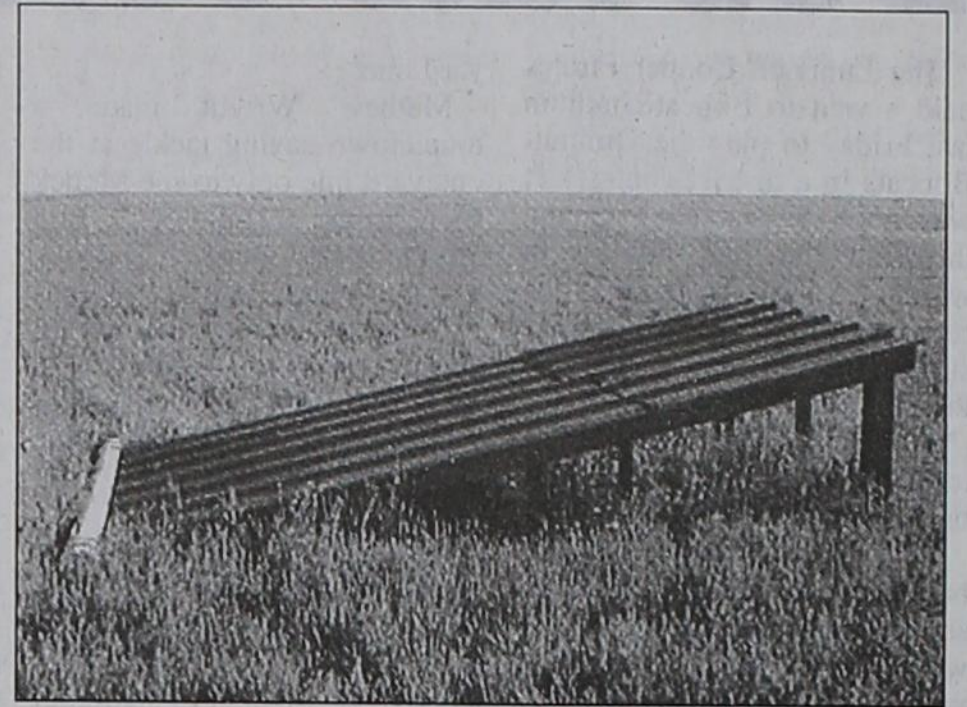
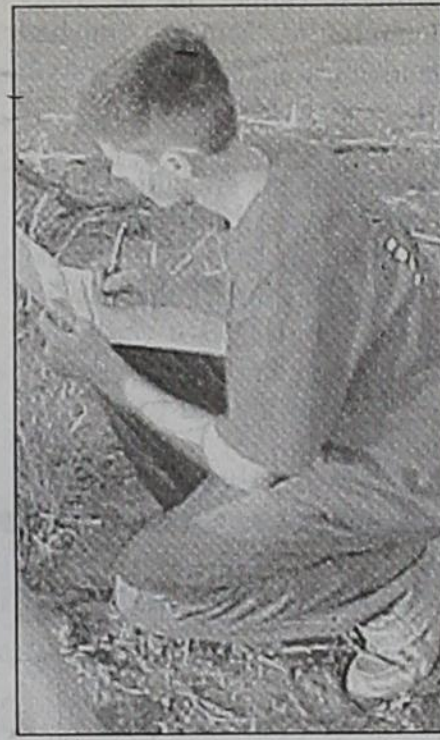


### District Hires Summer Help

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District employed Dimmitt High School junior Patrick Hunter for the second consecutive summer, to assist NRCS with heavy workloads. Patrick was involved in a variety of activities including assisting with the CRP, EQIP, and State 503 Water Quality Programs.

The RWS and WCD has long recognized the importance of irrigation water and its efficient use. They feel that it is important to provide irrigation assistance in the field for producers in Castro County. Patrick's primary responsibility was irrigation well monitoring to determine gallons per minute and efficiency. He was also able to check the gallons of water pumping through center pivot systems. In the past year, Patrick and NRCS employees have checked 205 irrigation wells, and center pivots for producers in Castro County.

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### Conservation Reserve Program

As of this time, Castro County has 545 CRP contracts encompassing 103,699 acres of land. CRP participants are reminded it is their responsibility to monitor their contract(s), so weeds do not have an adverse effect on the grass or become a nuisance to neighbors. If the forb, legume, or shrub has been seeded on your contract, chemicals cannot be used. Shredding is the only option.

CRP participants are also reminded that CRP acreage cannot be used as a land or road under any circumstance. The approved cover must be maintained according to the conservation plan of operation. If you have questions about your CRP contract, please come by the NRCS office.



### Windbreak Trees

Each day, ever-increasing demands are placed upon our land and its natural resources. People can help lessen the impact of these demands by making a personal commitment to their own property through tree planting. Few conservation efforts provide the extensive and enduring benefits that well-designed and installed tree planting does. Tree planting is a step anyone can take to become a better steward of the land. Properly designed, a windbreak can reduce heating costs for homes and businesses, provide protection from the wind for people and livestock, reduce wind erosion and provide wildlife habitats.

Homestead windbreaks greatly decrease heating costs in the winter and cooling costs in the summer and prevent snow from drifting around the home and farm structures. Windbreaks significantly increase the monetary value of homestead and the aesthetic quality of life.

Livestock windbreaks are used primarily to protect livestock from cold wind, blowing soil, and blowing snow. By reducing wind velocity and the effects of cold temperatures, windbreak protection can significantly reduce stress on animals and reduce feed energy requirements. This results in better animal health, lower animal mortality, lower feed costs, and increased livestock profits.

The Dimmitt NRCS, located at 114 W. Belsher, can provide assistance in planning windbreaks around homes, farmsteads, ranch headquarters, feedlots and other areas. In 2001, the Running Water soil and Water Conservation District sold approximately 1000 windbreak trees to Castro County landowners. In addition to trees, drip irrigation supplies are also available for purchase to insure the growth of windbreak trees.

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# Swifts, Longhorns fighting for playoff berths

The Nazareth Swifts and Hart Longhorns both have a shot at making the playoffs with two weeks left in regular season play, but to win one of those two elusive spots, each needs to post a victory Friday night.

Nazareth (7-1, 3-0) will travel to Vega Friday for a showdown with the Longhorns (3-5, 0-3) at 7:30 p.m.

Hart gets the big challenge

## Here's how our opponents fared

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

### Dimmitt opponents

SPLAKE-EARTH (4-4) beat Sudan, 21-0  
DENVER CITY (8-0) beat Slaton, 44-0  
SHWATER (3-5) beat MSHOE (7-1), 21-20  
RIVER ROAD (3-4) beat Dalton, 14-34  
FRIONA (4-4) lost to Abemathy, 17-19  
L'FIELD (5-3) beat ROOSEVELT (4-4), 31-7  
TULIA (1-7) lost to Perryton, 2-47

### Nazareth opponents

LCMS (1-7) lost to Midland Trinity, 7-55  
SAN JACINTO (0-7) N/A  
CLAUDE (3-5) beat Gruver, 27-6  
STRATFORD (8-0) beat VEGA (3-5), 49-7  
HALE CTR (5-4) beat Morton, 36-13  
FARWELL (3-5) beat Whiteface, 14-7  
HART (7-1) beat BOYS RNCH (3-5), 69-7

### Hart opponents

MEADOW (4-4) lost to Crosbyton, 3-14  
MORTON (2-5) lost to Hale Center, 13-36  
CLAUDE (3-5) beat Gruver, 27-6  
FARWELL (3-5) beat Whiteface, 14-7  
ANTON (5-3) beat Bovina, 39-16  
STRATFORD (8-0) beat VEGA (3-5), 49-7  
NAZ (7-1) beat KRESS (4-4), 51-21

Friday—the state's top-ranked and defending Class A state champion Stratford. Hart will make the long trek north to face the Elks in a 7:30 p.m. matchup.

The Dimmitt Bobcats can be the big spoiler in District 2-AAA by knocking off Littlefield Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Wildcat Stadium.

### Dimmitt at Littlefield

The Littlefield Wildcats (5-3, 2-1) are in a four-way tie for first place in District 2-AAA headed into the final two weeks of play. The Wildcats, Muleshoe, Shallowater and Lubbock Cooper all have 2-1 records, while Lubbock Roosevelt is 1-2 and the Bobcats are 0-3.

A Dimmitt victory over Littlefield Friday will narrow the playing field considerably.

Littlefield has outscored its opponents 195-175 this season, and its three losses have come at the hands of Muleshoe (21-40), Lamesa (14-54) and Snyder (7-28).

The Wildcats have knocked off Levelland (35-32), Slaton (28-0), Brownfield (20-14), Shallowater (20-19) and Lubbock Roosevelt (31-7).

The Wildcats' offense has been explosive at times this year, and leading the attack is quarterback Matthew Vaught (5-10, 160), who has thrown for 682 yards. His leading receivers are Tyler Kirby (6-3, 160) and

Joe Rudd (5-10, 155), who have combined for most of the Wildcats receiving yards this year.

The backfield features tailback Matthew Hock (5-10, 180), who has rushed for nearly 700 yards this season.

Offensive linemen include Clayton Swan (6-1, 205), Allen Dolle (6-0, 170), Brandon Scales (5-10, 190), Anthony Williams (6-0, 245) and Danny Marquez (6-1, 305), giving Littlefield plenty of size across the front.

Littlefield's offense is averaging 275 yards per game, and the Wildcats have gained almost as many yards through the air as they have on the ground.

Littlefield's defense has been allowing 323.9 yards per game. The most experienced area of the defensive unit is the secondary, featuring veterans Eric Mendez (5-9, 165), Jonathan Peel and Kirby. Hock is a linebacker.

### Nazareth at Vega

The Swifts can crack the door to the playoffs with a win over Vega Friday.

Vega is 3-5 on the season and has been outscored by opponents, 142-150 this season.

The Longhorns were enjoying a successful season with a 3-2 mark until they opened district play. They opened district with a 13-29 loss to Hart, then fell to Kress in a double overtime

heartbreaker, 13-7. Stratford handed Vega its third straight loss Friday, 49-7.

Vega's recent games resemble their early-season efforts. The Longhorns didn't score a point until the third week of the season. They opened the season with a 0-20 loss to New Deal, then suffered a 0-26 shutout at the hands of Panhandle. It all came together in week three, though, and Vega picked up its first win, a 46-13 decision over San Jacinto. After that, Vega reeled off two shutout wins—51-0 over Shamrock and 18-0 over Bovina.

Vega has rushed for 1,108 yards and thrown for another 559 this season, an average of 208 per game.

Senior quarterback Tate Bennett (6-1, 170) directs Vega's I-formation attack and he's a threat to run with or pass the ball. Hart will be focused on stopping him and Justin Noggler (6-0, 180), a wide receiver who is one of Vega's primary offensive threats.

Bennett has thrown for 559 yards this year and Noggler was on the receiving end of the majority of those yards. Tight end Scott Broman (5-9, 170) also is a capable receiver.

Other threats out of Vega's backfield are running backs Zeb Shipp (5-8, 145) and Fausto Ruiz (5-10, 190).

Defensively, the Longhorns have allowed 2,081 yards, the bulk of which has come on the

ground. Vega has given up 1,358 yards rushing in eight games and another 723 through the air.

### Hart at Stratford

Hart will face its biggest challenge of the year Friday when it heads to Stratford to meet the defending state champion Elks.

Stratford has remained atop the Class A poll for most of the season, and the Elks' unblemished 8-0 record features shutout victories over Boise City (60-0), Gruver (41-0), Kress (43-0) and Boys Ranch (56-0). Other blowout victories have come over Vega (49-7), White Deer (42-13) and Dalhart (41-2). The Elks' closest game so far this season was a 23-14 win over Sunray.

The Elks' success comes, in part, from a massive, veteran offensive line that has allowed Stratford to average more than 400 yards per game this season. Those linemen include Wes Kimball (6-0, 255), Skyler Walden (6-0, 205), Nick Ashley (6-0, 270) and Adam Reed (6-2, 225).

All-state quarterback Adam Bell (6-0, 160) returns to direct the offense and one of his leading receivers, Michael McAlister (6-1, 180), also was a starter on last year's state championship squad.

The Elks graduated their leading rusher and all-state running back Sid Resendes, but

Javier Licon (5-10, 190) has filled his shoes by rushing for more than 700 yards already this season.

Stratford has a balanced offense, although they prefer to focus on the running game with Licon and Bell gaining the bulk of the yards.

Defensively, the Elks have been dominating, allowing opponents less than 100 yards per game.

With Walden, Ashley, Kimball and Reed lining up in the trenches, Stratford presents a huge wall. Teams that do scale that wall then run into the speedy Licon at linebacker, and Bell and McAlister in the secondary.

## Tulia group plans buffet

Tulia's Swisher County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will hold its 15th annual bread and salad buffet today (Thursday) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Swisher County Senior Citizens Center on 619 SE Second St. in Tulia.

Tickets for the buffet meal are \$6 each.

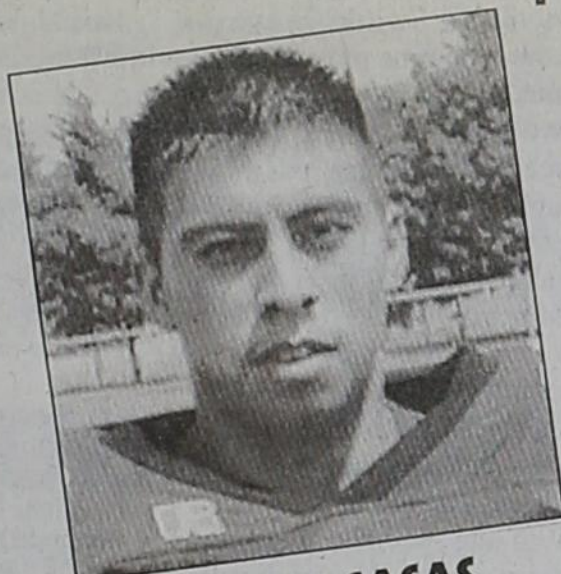
In conjunction with the meal, the group will have a bazaar featuring holiday cakes, breads and candy, and local merchants will have holiday merchandise and gift displays.

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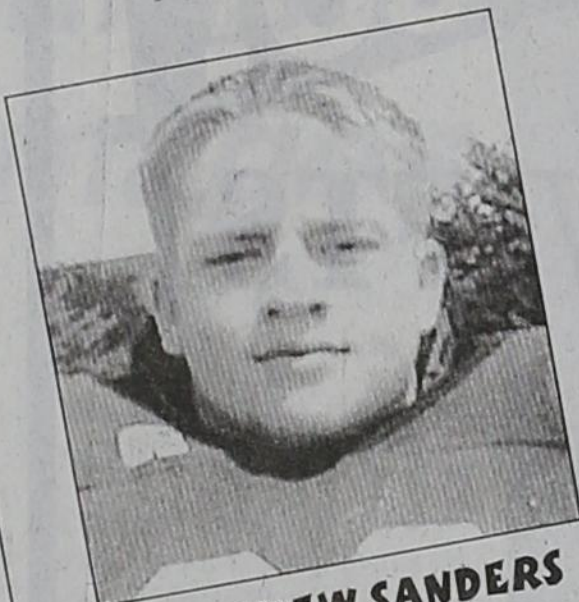
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Bobcats 14, River Road 35  
Bobcats 35, Tulia 7  
Bobcats 0, Lubbock Roosevelt 28  
Bobcats 8, Shallowater 48  
Bobcats 0, Lubbock Cooper 53  
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JV Bobcats 6, Friona 16  
JV Bobcats 0, Denver City 20  
JV Bobcats 0, River Road 43  
JV Bobcats 0, Tulia 44  
JV Bobcats 0, Lubbock Roosevelt 35  
JV Bobcats 14, Shallowater 14  
JV Bobcats 0, Lubbock Cooper 45  
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# Swifts erase 13-0 deficit to win big, 51-21

By MEGAN SCHULTE  
 Nazareth spotted Kress 13 points Friday before igniting for a 51-21 District 2-A win at Swift Field.

The Swifts managed just one offensive play in the first quarter, and that was a Blake Birkenfeld pass that was intercepted.

The Swifts finally cut the lead to three early in the second quarter, and that single interception was still the only offensive play Nazareth had run. That opened a floodgate that Kress couldn't plug.

Nazareth improved to 7-1 overall and 3-0 in district play while Kress dropped to 4-4, 1-2.

"Kress really came out and got after us," Nazareth head coach Rick Peacock said. "They used their big offensive line to control the line of scrimmage early and kept the ball away from our offense. We only ran one play in the first quarter."

Leading Nazareth's defensive attack was senior Aaron Kern who had 15 tackles. Also joining the force were teammates Jase Merritt with eight tackles, Daryl Pohlmeier with seven tackles, and Evan Huseman and Brock Birkenfeld both with six tackles.

"Defensively we tried some things early to try and stop their running game," coach Peacock said. "After the first quarter we settled down and began to get into the flow defensively. We really played well in the second half, and kept their offense out of the end zone."

Heading up the Swifts'

rushing force was Kern, who carried the ball 10 times for 79 yards. Blake Birkenfeld and Jordy Rowland contributed 31 and 23 yards, respectively, as well as throwing for 95 and 30 yards, respectively.

Leading the receiving attack were juniors Eric Schilling and Chase Schulte, catching for 49 and 46 yards, respectively. Kade Wilcox also caught passes for 23 yards.

"We have another big game this week at Vega," coach Peacock said. "A win would set up a possible district showdown with Stratford the last week of the season, depending on their outcome against Hart this Friday."

Nazareth kicked off to Kress Friday night and only three minutes later the Kangaroos were in the end zone via a two-yard run by Gabe Vasquez. The

point-after attempt by Vasquez was good, and Kress led, 7-0.

On Nazareth's first offensive play, Kress intercepted a wobbly pass, and that would set up the second Roo touchdown.

Kress used very few plays before capping the drive 43 seconds into the second stanza with a seven-yard run by Vasquez. The wheels came off of Kress's wagon on the extra point attempt, though.

The Swifts needed a big play and Brock Birkenfeld delivered, blocking the extra point attempt, then he recovered the loose ball and took off for the opposite end zone. He got past midfield before he was caught from behind by a Kress defender, but with a heads-up play, he pitched the ball back to Reece Hales who then pitched it back to Trey Robb who ran the remaining yards for the two-point conversion, trimming Kress's lead to 13-2.



IT'S A FIRST DOWN—Eric Schilling (84) hauls in a short pass from quarterback Blake Birkenfeld, then takes the ball inside Kress's 10-yard line before he's knocked out of bounds Friday night at Swift Field. The Swifts started off slow, but eventually prevailed, 51-21.



LOOKING FOR THE END ZONE—Trey Robb (20) of Nazareth takes advantage of blocks by teammates Aaron Kern (36) and Blake Birkenfeld (1) to push his way near the goal line

Friday in a District 2-A game with Kress at Swift Field. Nazareth fell behind 13-0 early in the fourth quarter before mounting a big comeback for a 51-21 victory.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Kade Wilcox took the ensuing free kick and returned it 90 yards for the touchdown. Blake Birkenfeld connected with Wilcox to complete the two point conversion, and Nazareth was back in the game, trailing Kress by a field goal, 10-13.

The Swifts tightened up their defense and forced a punt three plays later, then wasted little time in taking control of the scoreboard.

This time Robb ran four yards for the six points. The extra point was good, and Nazareth took the lead, 17-13.

The Swifts forced another Kress punt four plays later.

Nazareth proceeded to march down field again, capping this drive when Blake Birkenfeld completed an eight-yard touchdown pass to Wilcox with 34 seconds left in the half. The PAT by Wilcox was good, and Nazareth led, 23-13.

Two plays later, Kress answered that touchdown with one of their own, using a big 65-yard run by Steven Hinojosa to narrow the Swift lead before the break. The kick by Vasquez failed, but Nazareth still controlled the lead, 23-19, at the half.

Nazareth again forced Kress to punt the ball after only three plays, but the Swifts were unable to score, and nine plays later had to punt.

Two plays later, Wilcox intercepted a Kress pass, and Nazareth started the push to the goal.

Blake Birkenfeld ran the ball in 24 yards for the touchdown. The PAT was no good, but Nazareth held the lead, 36-19.

Kress failed to gain the first down, and Nazareth regained possession of the ball.

With one second remaining in the third quarter, Nazareth pulled out some tricks, running a double reverse from Blake Birkenfeld to Wilcox who pitched it back to Chase Schulte, who then passed it back to Blake Birkenfeld for the 17-yard touchdown. The kick was good, and the Swifts led 43-19.

Nazareth ran seven plays before sending Brock Birkenfeld into the end zone from 10 yards out, giving the Swifts a 49-19 lead.

Wilcox's extra point kick was blocked, and Kress ran the ball into the end zone for the two points, but Nazareth held the lead 49-21.

The last score of the game

### Game at a Glance

	Swifts 51, Kress 21	
Nazareth	0 23 20 8 -51	
Kress	7 12 0 2 -21	
	NAZ	KRESS
First Downs	19	11
Yards Rushing	186	176
Yards Passing	50	142
Total Yards Gained	236	328
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	11-14-1	2-10-2
Punts-Avg.	N/A	N/A
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	12-90

### Scoring By Quarters

**First Quarter:**  
 KRESS—Gabe Vasquez 2 run (Vasquez kick)

**Second Quarter:**  
 KRESS—Vasquez 7 run (kick failed)  
 NAZ—Trey Robb two-point conversion from blocked Kress extra point  
 NAZ—Kade Wilcox 90 kickoff return (Wilcox pass from Blake Birkenfeld)  
 NAZ—Robb 4 run (Wilcox kick)  
 NAZ—Wilcox 8 pass from Birkenfeld (kick failed)  
 KRESS—Steven Hinojosa 65 run (run failed)

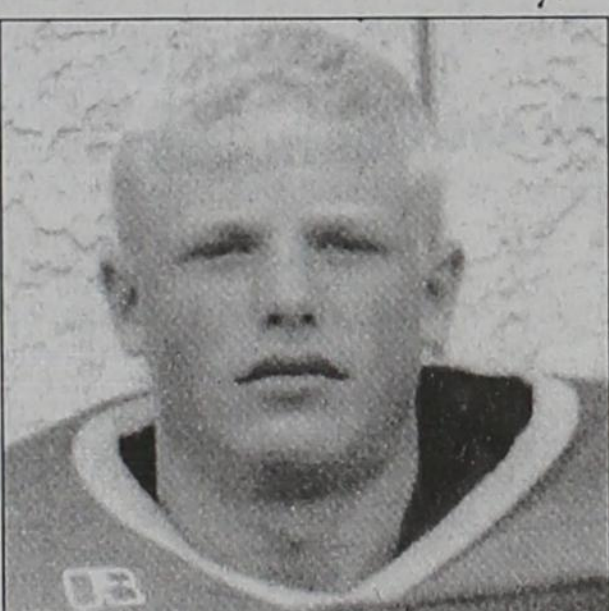
**Third Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Robb 6 run (Wilcox kick)  
 NAZ—Birkenfeld 24 run (kick failed)  
 NAZ—Birkenfeld 17 pass from Chase Schulte (Wilcox kick)

**Fourth Quarter:**  
 NAZ—Brock Birkenfeld 10 run (kick failed)  
 KRESS—Two-point conversion from blocked Nazareth extra point  
 NAZ—Safety

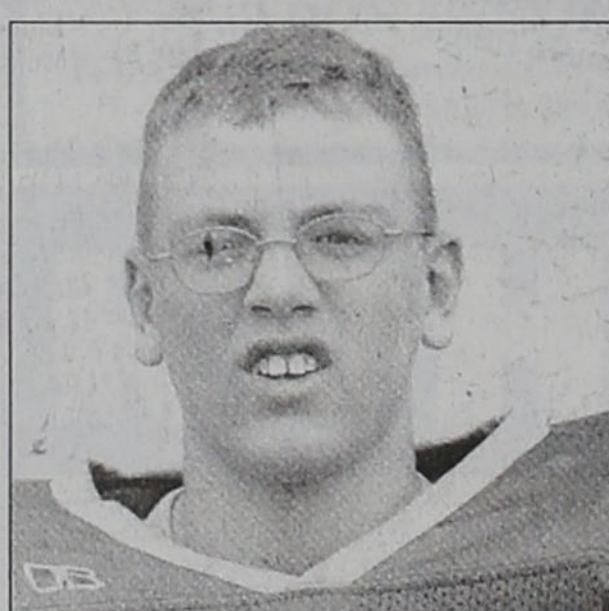
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# Longhorn defense strangles Boys Ranch

By BRAD ELAM

The Hart Longhorns got back on the winning track Friday night by demolishing Boys Ranch, 69-7.

One week after losing a heartbreaker to Nazareth, the Longhorns took out their frustrations against a Boys Ranch squad looking for its first district win.

Things started fast for the Longhorns as the defense forced Boys Ranch to punch after its first three plays.

On Hart's opening possession, Josh Finch sprinted 45 yards for the opening touchdown. Keith Finch added the extra point to make it 7-0.

After forcing another punt, Salvador Velasquez found Keith Finch open. After making a great catch, Finch rumbled 75 yards for the next touchdown.

Boys Ranch would strike back on its next series, scoring its only touchdown of the game when Crayshun Cramer hit Ronnie Anderson on a 30-yard pass play to cut the Hart lead.

After that it was all Hart.

Boys Ranch had enjoyed success moving the ball in the first quarter, racking up over 100 yards of offense in the stanza. But Hart's defense held Boys Ranch to negative yards over the next three quarters.

Hart's offense continued to roll in the second quarter as Salvador Velasquez threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Reyna.

Hart added another three touchdowns in the quarter as the Longhorns began dismantling the Rough Riders game plan.

Keith Finch, the area's leading rusher, scored on the next two Hart possessions, running the ball in from 30 and 10 yards on consecutive series.

Reyna added his second touchdown of the game with time running out in the half. Velasquez hit Reyna on a 45-yard touchdown pass to end the half.

The third quarter was much of the same as the Horns scored three more touchdowns.

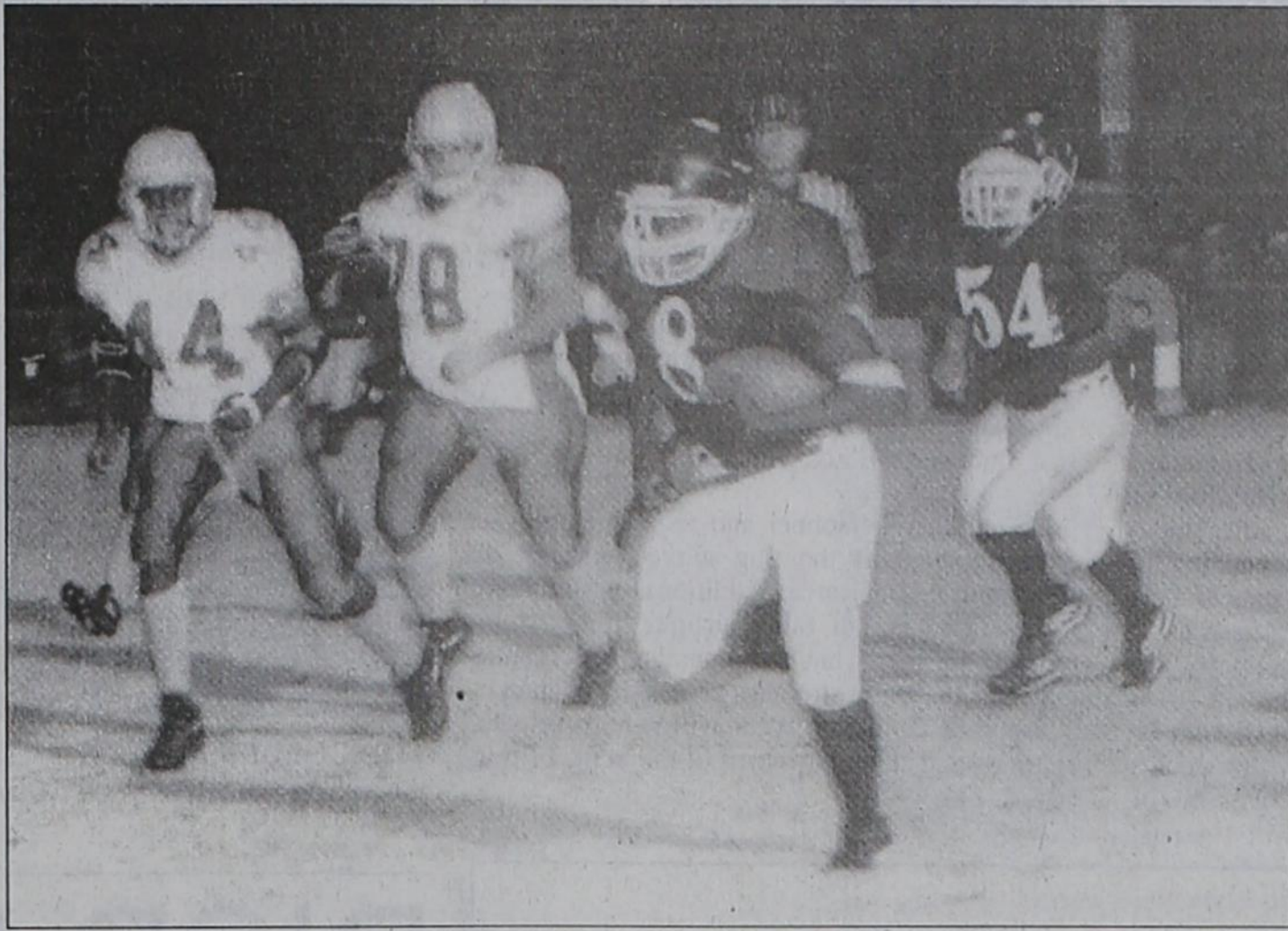
Keith Finch opened the scoring by running 12 yards for his third rushing touchdown and his fourth of the game to make it a 47-7 game. Salvador Velasquez and Keith Finch picked off passes from Boys Ranch to set up Hart's next two touchdowns.

Later in the quarter, Salvador Velasquez hooked up with Reyna again, this time on a 29-yard scoring play. Reyna, fighting for the area's lead in receptions, caught five passes for 101 yards and three touchdowns.

Josh Finch ended the scoring for Hart with a 14-yard touchdown run.

The win was a big one for the Longhorns, as they scored a season-high 69 points and racked up 633 total yards on offense.

Keith Finch carried the ball 14 times for 171 yards and three touchdowns.



**HART'S KEITH FINCH** is off to the races again, outrunning everyone for the end zone Friday when the Longhorns traveled to Boys Ranch in a District 2-A game. Finch scored four touchdowns as Hart ravaged the Rough Riders, 69-7.

Photo by The Hart Beat

and a touchdown.

Josh Finch also had a big game, rushing for 75 yards on only seven carries, and running for two touchdowns.

Salvador Velasquez had his biggest game of the year, completing 10-of-14 passes for 327 yards and five touchdowns with no picks.

Albert Velasquez caught three of those passes for 136 yards

yards in the rushing category.

Hart forced seven punts and three turnovers.

Leon Minjarez led the defense with three sacks and 11 tackles. Marcial Mendoza added 10 tackles and three sacks. Albert

and a touchdown.

Keith Finch added two catches for 90 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, the Longhorns played outstanding after the opening quarter, allowing only 93 total yards and a minus-13



**LOOK OUT, HERE COMES LEON**—Boys Ranch couldn't find the secret to containing Hart's explosive offense Friday, because the Longhorns used so many different weapons, like Leon Minjarez (11), who dodges a diving Rough Rider defender on his way to first-down yardage. Hart won the district game with ease, 69-7.

Photo by The Hart Beat

Velasquez, Keith Finch, Eric Gutierrez and Kenneth Wiley, added 10 tackles apiece.

Josh Finch and Jacob Reyna also did an outstanding job on special teams, fielding punts and making big returns, according to coaches.

"The defense did another outstanding job," Hart Coach Jay McCook said. "Salvador had his biggest game of the year. We moved the ball well offensively. We got our focus back from last week."

Hart needed the big win before facing the state's top-ranked team, Stratford, this week. Hart can gain an upper hand in district by beating the Elks Friday.

"We must play our best game of the year," McCook said about the game with Stratford. "We cannot have any mistakes or turnovers. They can be beat and we have the team that can beat them."

## Game at a Glance

	Longhorns 69	Boys Ranch 7
Hart	14	26
Boys Ranch	7	0
	22	7
	0	-7
	HART	BR
First Downs	23	6
Yards Rushing	291	6
Yards Passing	314	97
Total Yards Gained	605	103
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-13-0	8-18-2
Punts-Avg.	0-0	6-39
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	2-10

## Scoring By Quarters

**First Quarter**  
 HART—Josh Finch 45 run (Keith Finch kick)  
 HART—Keith Finch 64 pass from Salvador Velasquez (Keith Finch kick)  
 BOYS RANCH—Ronnie Anderson 29 pass from Crayshun Cramer (Ronnie Brewer kick)

**Second Quarter**  
 HART—Jacob Reyna 12 pass from Velasquez (kick failed)  
 HART—Keith Finch 29 run (kick failed)  
 HART—Keith Finch 10 run (Keith Finch kick)  
 HART—Reyna 49 pass from Velasquez (Keith Finch kick)

**Third Quarter**  
 HART—Keith Finch 15 run (Keith Finch kick)  
 HART—Albert Velasquez 55 pass from Salvador Velasquez (Keith Finch kick)  
 HART—Reyna 27 pass from Salvador Velasquez (Salvador Velasquez pass from Keith Finch)

**Fourth Quarter**  
 HART—Josh Finch 14 run (Keith Finch kick)

# County runners will be racing for regional titles on Saturday

Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock will be filled with Castro County residents Saturday, as parents, fans and athletes from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth flock to the park for the Region 1 cross country meet.

Girls' teams from Dimmitt and Nazareth, boys' teams from Hart and Nazareth and one individual boy from Dimmitt will be testing their endurance on the tough cross country course at the park.

The Dimmitt Bobbies including Kelsey Welch, Teresa Quesada, Raynee Bradley, Sheena Ehly, Chrystina Ramos, and Carla Carpio, will compete in the Region 1-AAA race at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Aaron Saenz will represent the Bobcats in the

Region 1-AAA boys' race at 1:30 p.m.

The Region 1-A girls' race will start at 11 a.m. while the boys' race will start at 11:30 a.m.

Members of the Swiftettes' team are Stephanie Thiel, Danette Ramaekers, Erica Gerber, Teri Ramaekers, Kim Brockman, Jamie Black and Jackie Thiel.

The Longhorns' team includes Joey Pantoja, George Marin, Emanuel Barron, Roy Robledo, Marcus Reyna, Thomas Chia and Isaias Garcia.

The Swifts' varsity lineup features Trinity Robb, Trey Robb, Craig Birkenfeld, Quentin Jones, Blake Birkenfeld, Shelby Wilhelm, Cole McClurg and Justin Kleman.

# Basketball teams line up scrimmages

Opening tip-off in the 2001-02 basketball season is almost here, and several of the county's teams are gearing up for pre-season scrimmages this week.

The annual three-way scrimmage between the Dimmitt Bobbies, Nazareth Swiftettes and Levelland Loboettes will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland said the scrimmage should last about 2-1/2 hours.

Dimmitt also will host Nazareth in a junior varsity and junior high girls' scrimmage Monday at 5 p.m. at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

Hart's Lady Horns will participate in a junior varsity and varsity girls' scrimmage with teams from Morton and Bovina next Thursday, Nov. 8, beginning at 5 p.m. in Morton.

Dimmitt's varsity Bobcats will scrimmage Pampa and Plainview Tuesday at Highland Park in Amarillo at 4 p.m.

The Bobbies will have a second scrimmage on Nov. 10 at Frenship. Dimmitt will square off against Happy and Frenship in this practice scrimmage. The Freshman Bobbies, JV Bobbies and varsity Bobbies will be participating.

Organizers of the Frenship scrimmage haven't scheduled a start-time, yet, according to Gilliland.

The JV and varsity Bobcats will scrimmage on Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. at Amarillo High, and they'll be part of a six-team scrimmage that includes Amarillo, Palo Duro, Caprock, Pampa, Levelland and Dimmitt.

"We could play all of those teams, but nothing's definite yet," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle. "I expect them to divide the teams into two, three-team

pools. Those two pools will play each other for awhile, then rotate."

The high school basketball season officially begins on Nov. 13.

Dimmitt will travel to Canyon Randall in the season opener on Nov. 13 with the JV girls and boys tipping off at 5 p.m., the varsity girls starting at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity boys taking the court at 8 p.m.

Nazareth will meet Reagan County in Brownfield, starting with the JV girls at 4 p.m., the JV boys at 5:15 p.m., the varsity girls at 6:30 p.m., and the varsity boys at 8 p.m.

If the Swifts are in the football playoffs, their games will be canceled.

Hart has an open date on Nov. 13, and won't play its first game until Nov. 16, when the varsity squads host Hedley, with a 5 p.m. tip-off in the varsity girls' game.

# Music program slated Sunday

The Home Mercantile in Nazareth will present a "Vocal Showcase" featuring Mila Gibson from Amarillo Opera Outreach on Sunday at 6 p.m.

The evening will get underway at 5 p.m. with a potluck dinner, followed by the show.

Gibson is an accomplished vocalist with many musical productions to her credit. She will feature an entertaining mix of classical, contemporary and spiritual music, and will be accompanied by a pianist and a vocal understudy.

Two local choirs from Nazareth will also participate in the program as well as a choir from San Jose Church in Hereford.

For more information, contact Lydia Villanueva at 364-4445

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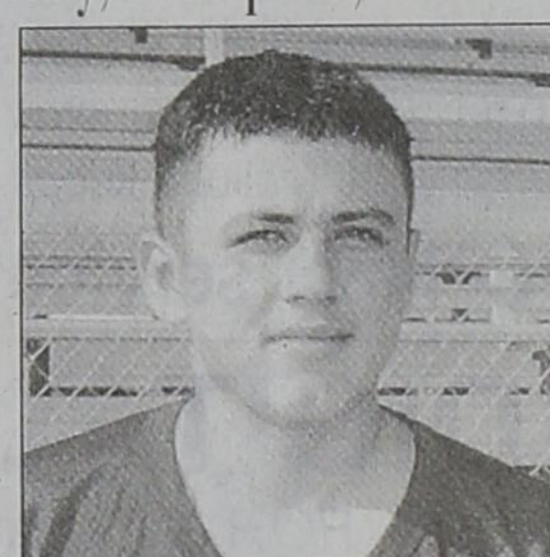
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## From Boston, bound for Los Angeles

# Flag Across America runners to go by Hereford, Summerfield

As a demonstration of American resolve, and in support of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, employees of American Airlines and United Airlines, military service members and federal employees are carrying a United States flag across the country.

The "Americans United Flag Across America" foot race will trek through Hereford and the northwestern edge of Castro County today (Thursday).

The procession will pass through Hereford on Highway 60 at approximately 8:32 a.m. today (Thursday), and will continue west, reaching the Castro County community of Summerfield at 10 a.m. The entourage will continue heading west.

The flag being carried across the country was flown over Iraq in the cockpit of a US F-16 in support of Operation Southern Watch on Oct. 2.

The flag left Boston on Oct. 11 with a goal to arrive in Los Angeles on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

These cities represent the origination and destination of American Flight 11 and United Flight 175, the hijacked planes used to destroy the World Trade Center.

The flag is being carried around the clock to achieve this goal. The route started in Boston and proceeded through New York, Washington, Atlanta, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Albuquerque, Phoenix and Los Angeles.

US military personnel and federal employees were involved as the flag moved through the Washington, D.C. area. Additional participation from employees of other airlines, military and federal employees, and the general public, is anticipated as the event stretches across the country.

Proceeds from this event will benefit selected charities that support victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

## Naz News with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Holy Family Parish hosted a covered dish luncheon Sunday at 12 noon to welcome our new pastor, Father Dennis Boylan, and to show our appreciation to Msgr. Erpen and Msgr. Stortz, who served the Nazareth and Happy churches for the past few weeks.

A large crowd filled the Nazareth Community Hall for fellowship and a delicious meal.

White ribbons were pinned on each individual as they arrived for mass in Holy Family Church Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Members of the Catholic Daughters handled the pinning duties, and the white ribbons represented morality in the fight against pornography in the media.

Don and Betty Acker recently hosted the first-ever Frankie Leinen reunion. All of their

children were present as were many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lucy Leinen of Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt was the special guest of honor. Jim Leinen and his wife, Barbara from Upland, Calif., traveled the farthest. Jerry and Wynette Leinen and their sons of Amarillo were in charge of the briskets. Everyone brought a covered dish, which made for a great meal. Lots of former times were shared. They also enjoyed skeet shooting during the afternoon.

There were 30 family members in attendance and everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to the Nazareth cross country teams—JV and varsity girls, varsity boys and junior high boys and girls. All five teams took first place at

the district meet. Justin Kleman also took first place in the boys' JV run. The varsity teams will now compete at the regional meet in Lubbock on Saturday.

Prayers are asked for Greg Hoelting, Francis Wilhelm, John Schacher, Clarence Schulte, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Margaret Brockman, James Wilhelm, Jerome Birkenfeld, Allene Burton, Father Richard Scully and Evelyn Backus.

The Nazareth High School Band competed at the UIL Area Marching Contest in Odessa on Saturday.

There were 13 bands performing in class A from four regions stretching from Amarillo to El Paso. Our band placed ninth in the contest.

The program included *Great Balls of Fire*, *Rockin' Robin*, *Blue Suede Shoes*, and *You're Sixteen*. Our drum major is Quentin Jones. Kristi Ramaekers, Craig Birkenfeld and Jason Birkenfeld were our soloists. Our director is Fidelis Fetsch.

We are proud of our band because there are only 35 members, and of those, 11 are high school students. The rest are junior high students—14 from the eighth grade and 10 from the seventh grade.



THE GOLDEN ARCHES (McDonald's) and a few crispy French fries served as a costume for Samantha Kleman Tuesday at the Halloween carnival in Nazareth. Photo by Jenna Acker

## DISD honored for migrant education

Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School have been recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for successfully educating migrant students.

TEA's Division of Migrant Education has selected the two schools as winners of the 2001-02 "Promising Campus Award" given to school campuses and school districts that achieved

academic success with their migrant students. Statewide, 121 school districts and 583 campuses are receiving this recognition.

The Dimmitt schools will be recognized in an awards luncheon program held as part of the 2001 Texas Migrant Education Conference Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 7-9, at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston.

The purpose of the award is to recognize school districts and campuses that strive to meet the unique needs of migrant children and their families, and that help migrant students to meet high academic standards. There are approximately 126,000 migrant children in Texas.

In order to receive the district award, a school district had to attain a migrant student passing rate of at least 80% in each subject area (reading, writing and mathematics) on the Spring 2001 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, and have a migrant student dropout rate of 5.5% or less. The 121 district winners were divided into four categories based on number of migrant students enrolled.

Campus winners were ranked within the four categories of "Exceptional," "Excelling," "Promising" and "Acknowledged" based upon migrant student performance on the TAAS and migrant student dropout rate. Statewide, 48 campuses were distinguished as "Exceptional," 175 campuses are "Excelling," 188 campuses are "Promising" and 172 campuses are "Acknowledged."

Each year the Migrant State Conference Planning Committee discusses and selects the criteria for district and campus awards. The committee includes state, regional and district migrant educators.

## Turkey dinner slated in Bovina

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina will hold its annual turkey dinner on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's parish hall on Third St. in Bovina.

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

Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

## Moonlight Club slates bazaar

The Moonlight Extension Homemakers Club in Muleshoe will hold its annual Christmas bazaar on Dec. 8 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space will be accepted until Dec. 1. To request an application, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8<sup>th</sup>, Muleshoe 79347.

## Music show to benefit sheriff's department

A high-energy country, gospel, bluegrass and clogging variety show with a cast of more than 20 entertainers will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

"The Texas Music Jubilee" will be making its fifth annual appearance in Dimmitt, and proceeds from the show will benefit the Castro County Sheriff's Dept.

Advance tickets for the event will be available at the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., Lowe's Market Place and Colonial Inn Motel, all in Dimmitt. Tickets also will be available at the door.

The show will feature an appearance by "One Day at a Time" television and radio recording star Jeanette Lunsford, who is often called the "Queen of Gospel Music."

Lunsford has toured the US and has performed with such greats as Kitty Wells, Mel Tillis, LuLu Roman, Louise Mandrell, Vestal and Howard Goodman, and the late J.D. Sumner and the Stamps Quartet.

"She has thrilled the hearts of

many as her love for Jesus flows through words and music, touching all who hear her song and sincere testimony," said a spokesperson for the show.

Also featured in the concert will be the Relations Quartet, a gospel, television, radio and recording artist group that has appeared at the National Quartet Convention in Nashville, Tenn. This will be the group's fourth appearance in Dimmitt.

For bluegrass fans, the show will feature the group, Now and Again, a bluegrass gospel band known for its fast-paced show of old-time gospel and bluegrass music along with several, original and home-grown songs.

Making its first appearance in Dimmitt will be Liberty Ministries, a group of anointed singers and musicians who perform bilingual gospel music.

The concert also will feature the world-renowned, high-stepping, exciting, award-winning Top of Texas Cloggers.

For more information about the show, contact Jan at the Sheriff's Dept., 647-3311, or 647-4611.

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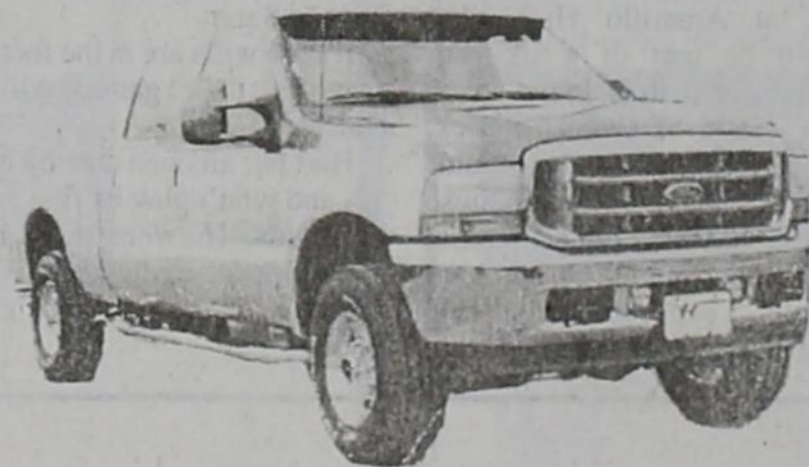
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# Police Calls

A 24-year-old Hart man was arrested and charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle Monday morning in Hart

after local law enforcement responded to a tip from the Tulia Police Dept.

The two incidents had occurred in Swisher County, and

investigation led the Tulia officers to a residence in Hart.

On Monday morning, the Tulia Police Dept., asked for help from the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. in locating the subject.

Sheriff's Deputy W.H. Cox said the subject was located at his fathers' home in Hart, and that's where he was taken into custody.

While Deputy Cox was awaiting confirmation on the warrant for aggravated sexual assault of a child, he was notified that the subject also could have been involved in the theft of a motor vehicle in Tulia.

Deputy Cox said the suspect told him where the stolen vehicle was located, then led him to the scene.

Hart Police Chief Jay Livingston assisted Cox with recovery of the vehicle, which was found at another Hart residence.

Castro County Sheriff's Deputies investigated a case of aggravated assault, which reportedly happened at 3:25 a.m. Sunday on CR 614 east of Dimmitt.

Reports indicate that a 15-year-old Dimmitt man was assaulted and injured by a 37-year-old Dimmitt man.

Investigation is continuing.

Laura Rodriguez told Dimmitt Police that she had purchased a house from an individual, but later found out that the house she bought did not belong to the person who sold it to her.

Police are looking into the matter.

Dimmitt Police responded to Dimmitt Middle School on Oct. 23 after receiving reports that a fight was in progress.

On Oct. 26, a 30-year-old Hereford woman was jailed on charges of forgery by passing and forgery of a financial instrument.

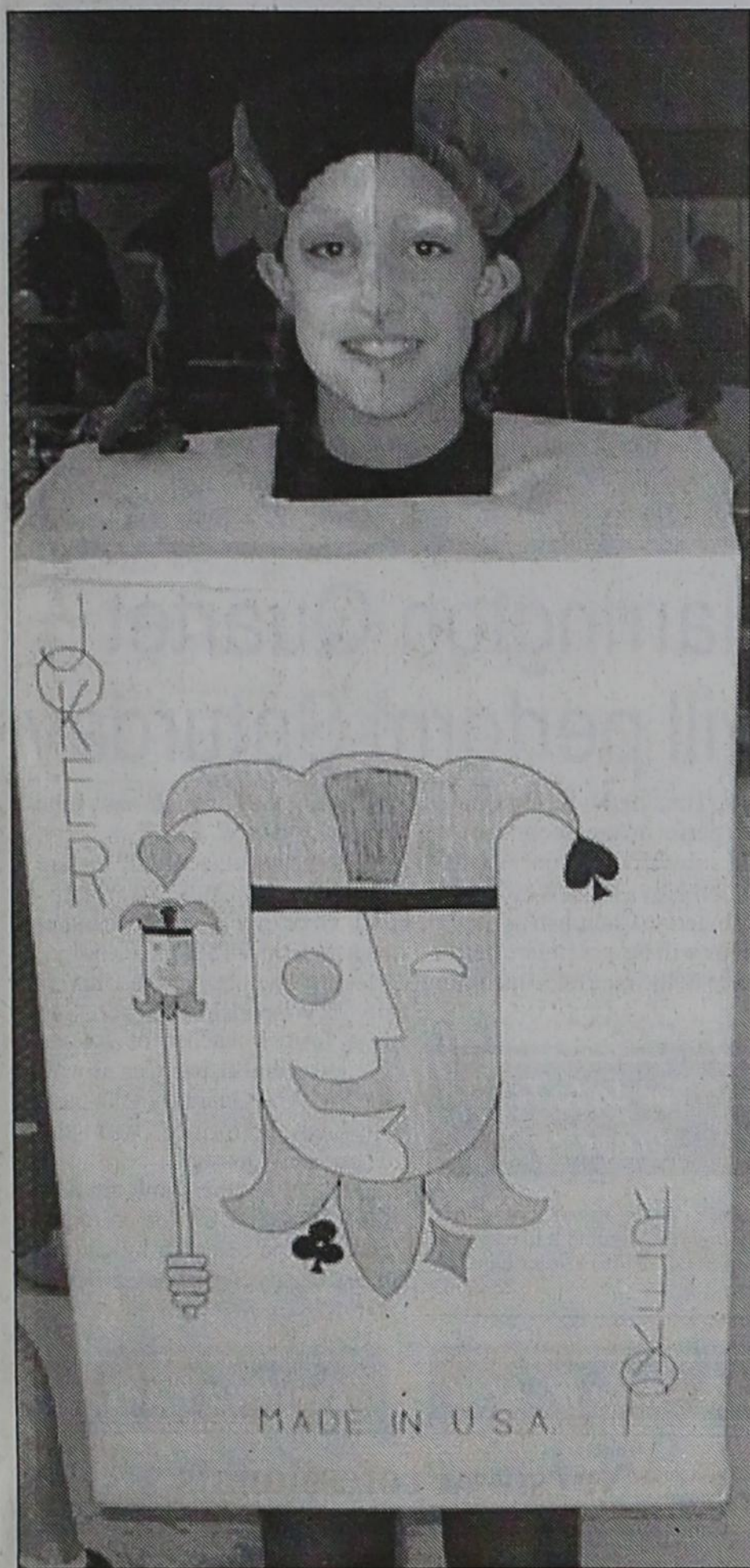
A 20-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on Oct. 26, and he was charged with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.

A 30-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with driving while his license was suspended.



**THIS HOME PLATE BASEBALL** doesn't restrict himself to one sport, as Steven Birkenfeld proves by shooting some hoops Tuesday at the Halloween carnival in Nazareth. A large crowd of kids of all ages enjoyed the carnival and spook house.

Photo by Jenna Acker



**THE JOKER'S** all dressed up and ready to win games at the Halloween carnival Tuesday night in Nazareth. Adrian Ellison donned this "deck of cards" with a joker on top as she took part in the games and activities.

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Your medical records will be maintained through the Dimmitt Medical Center. I encourage you to continue to use the Plains Memorial Hospital and the Dimmitt Medical Center following my departure. The clinicians are excellent and the quality of care given here is exemplary.

I wish you all the best.

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## Retired teachers tour Bushland home

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association and guests recently toured the home and barn of Bill and Helen Piehl of Bushland.

The home, which took two years to complete, has many beautiful features and a magnificent view from all directions. It overlooks the rolling hills and a canyon.

The massive home is made of stone, which was moved from a quarry belonging to their nephew. Most of the wood used in the home is pecan.

The doors were made by a craftsman in Taos, N.M., and they are solid pecan.

The dining room doors are solid brass from Mexico. The marble used throughout the home was imported from Italy.

The walls and arched ceilings are of plaster from the Sweetwater area.

The way the light shines gives

it different hues of color at different times of the day.

The Piehls are very active in 4-H, and he serves as the State 4-H Adult President. They are also active in the Amarillo area and are benefactors of West Texas A&M University.

The barn, which was completed last year, has already been the site of several animal shows for the area. It has many unique features, such as a show room, individual stalls for show animals and washing areas, as well as a kitchen and dressing area.

Pipes with hot water run underneath the floor to heat it for the comfort of the animals.

The barn is also used for benefits for various organizations. The first organization to hold a benefit there when it opened last year was the Lone Star Ballet of Amarillo.

The Piehls were very gracious hosts and the group enjoyed their

trip very much.

Also present on the tour was Mrs. Geneva Schaeffer, a friend of the Piehls, who helped them in planning the beautiful home.

After the home tour, the group went to Cattle Call in Amarillo for dinner.

The group's next meeting will be held Nov. 20, and Nelda Laney, wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, will be the guest speaker.

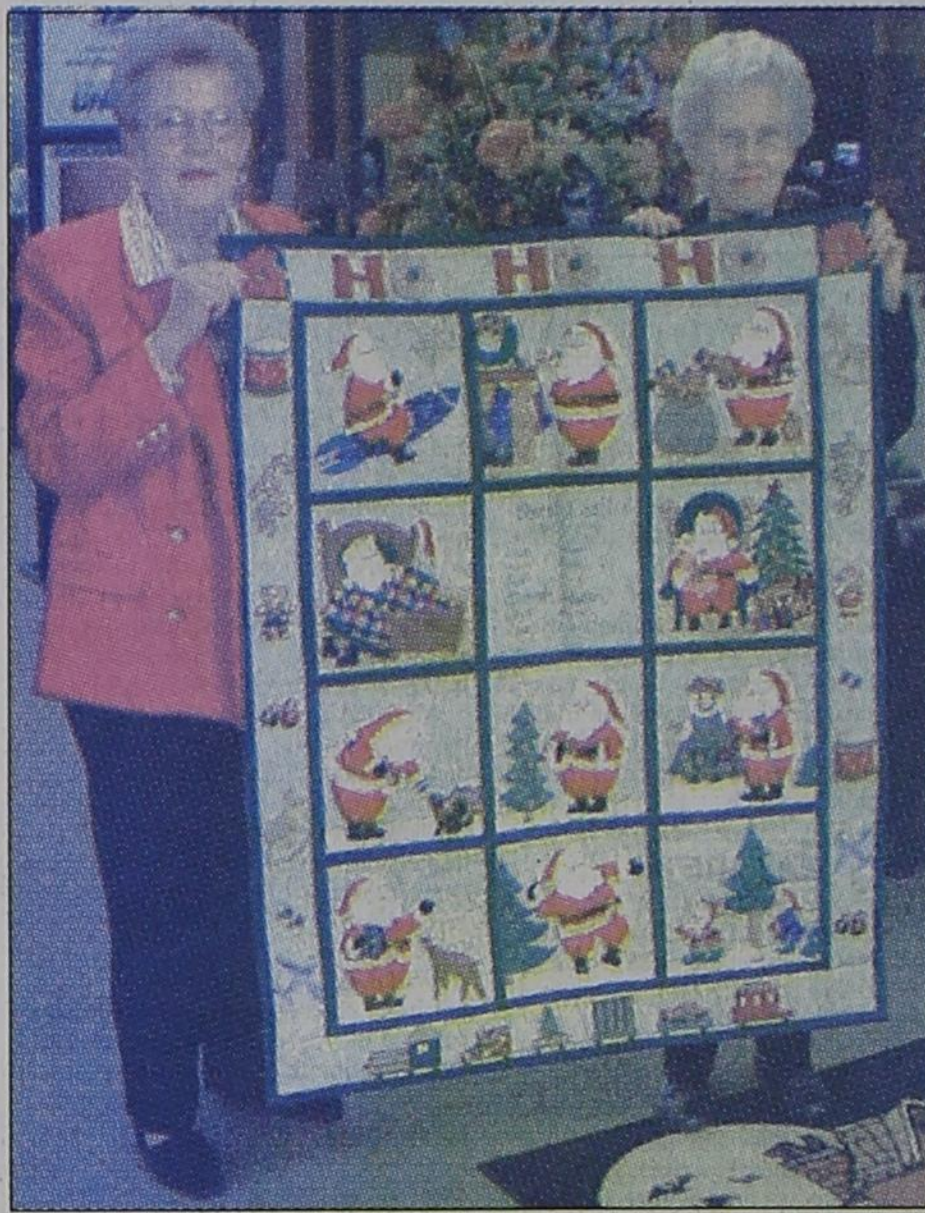
Mrs. Laney will talk about the meaning of the Christmas ornaments that she has designed for the benefit of the State Capitol Restoration Program.

Members of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association are currently accepting donations for a chance to win a Christmas wall hanging made by member Helen Berryhill.

Each \$1 donation will earn the donor a ticket for the quilt drawing, and those donations can be made to any club member or by contacting Jan Glenn at First United Bank in Dimmitt.

The wall hanging is currently being displayed at the First United Bank in Dimmitt.

Proceeds will go to fund club projects, including its "Books for Children" campaign.



BARBARA BAIN (left) and Helen Berryhill show off a wall hanging made by Mrs. Berryhill. The wall hanging will be on display at First United Bank, located at 201 N. Broadway in Dimmitt, until it is given away on Nov. 20. Donations of \$1 may be made to any member of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association (DARSPA) or to Jan Glenn in the bank. All proceeds from the wall hanging will go to fund projects of DARSPA, one of those projects being Books for Children.

Photo by Chris Bradford



### What Do Angels Look Like?

What do Angels look like?  
You can ask me, for I know ...  
I had an angel come to me  
A long, long time ago ...  
She welcomed me with open arms.  
And loved with open heart;  
And promised that, no matter what,  
We'd never had to part.  
Well, Angels keep their promises.  
For mine is always there—  
To encourage and to understand,  
To comfort and to care.  
She's never very far away,  
And, now that I am grown,  
I am sharing with my Angel  
Little Angels of my own ...  
And when my earthly Angel  
Walks the Earth with me no more,  
I'll never need to wonder  
Just what more God has in store ...  
Long after she has done her job  
Among all living things,  
She'll forever be an Angel—  
But one who's got her wings ...  
So, what DO Angels look like?  
You'll know one when you see ...  
Angels come in many forms ...  
But she looks like MOM to me.

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## Obituaries

### Virginia Crider

Funeral services for Virginia Crider, 83, of Dimmitt, were held Friday morning at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were held Friday afternoon at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Burial followed under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Crider died at 1:11 a.m. on Oct. 23 at Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock.

She was born July 12, 1918, in Floydada. She married Lewis Crider in 1939. He died in 1992.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1966 from Midland. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Bridge Club and Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She attended Texas Tech University. She taught in the Dimmitt schools until she retired in the late 1980s.

Survivors include two sons, Lewis Crider of Conroe and Gary Calvin Crider of Arlington; two grandsons, Richie Crider and Michael Crider, both of Dimmitt; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

### Dwight Joiner

Dwight Joiner, 59, of Dimmitt, died Sunday at his home.

A memorial service will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. A second service will be held today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Amarillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Joiner was born Aug. 12, 1942, in Leonard to Wilber D. and Mary Louise Joiner. He married Beth Stansell on Dec. 22, 1967, in Dimmitt. He moved to Dimmitt in 1967 from Goliad. He was a musician and was a former music educator, teaching in the Dimmitt Independent School District and in other public schools for over 30 years. He was an organist and a choir master at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Amarillo, where he was a member.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Cory Joiner and Kyle Joiner, both of Amarillo; his mother, Mary Lou Joiner of Hereford; a sister, Carolyn Linker of Farmers Branch; a brother, John Joiner of Midland; and two granddaughters.

The family requests memorials be to the organ fund at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Amarillo.

The wall hanging is currently being displayed at the First United Bank in Dimmitt.

Proceeds will go to fund club projects, including its "Books for Children" campaign.

## Creative pumpkins earn second graders awards

Second grade students at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt decorated pumpkins for Halloween and the creative entries received special prizes Tuesday afternoon.

Grand prize winners in the contest were as follows:

**Most Creative:** Carsyn Steffens, "Old Witch."

**Most Original:** Adam Reinart, "Captain Underpants;" Jonathan Gamez, "Davey Crockett," and Jessica Ross, "Pumpty Dumtette."

**Best Look-Alike:** Kale Johnson, "Harry Potter."

**Cutest:** Haley Bonilla, "Clifford the Firehouse Dog."

**Cutest Story Book Character:** Brianna Prieto, "Raggedy Ann."

**Cutest Seasonal:** Coby Venhaus, "Rudolph."

**Cutest TV and Book Character:** Abby Oltivero, "Elmo."

**Most Versatile Holiday Dresser:** Ty Morrow, "Frosty."

**Most Adorable:** Katy Aljoe, "Blue from Blue's Clues."

**Scariest:** Alma Melendez, "Principal from the Black Lagoon."

**Best Hair:** Kelsey Schilling, "Pippi Longstocking."

**Best Character from a Book:** Monique Aleman, "Heckedy Peg."

**Most Life Like:** Will Malone, "Miss Muffett."

**Most Read Character:** Carter Hill, "Cat in the Hat."

**Best New Character:** Jacob Dunnam, "Bob the Tomato from Veggie Tales."

Tiffany Oltivero, Meranda Garcia, Stacy Uvalle, Tori Addison, Austin Cluck, Michelle Wait and Patrick McGrorey.

Others prize-winning participants were Richard Torres, Manuel Acevedo, Blake Ramos, Eric Oltivero, Chris Martin, Andrew Saenz, Karina Dozal, Andres Rodriguez, Israel Rodriguez, Michael Reyes, Katrina Barrios, Kelsie Grantham, Mario Velasquez, John David Flores,

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