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News staffer caught up in lockdown

Gunman reported near middle school



ANXIOUSLY WAITING—Parents are waiting at a road block in front of Dimmitt Middle School Friday morning, waiting for their turn to pick up their children. The school was locked down as a security measure

after a gunman was spotted across the street from the school. The man was not on school property and did not point his gun toward the school. A search of the area turned up no leads.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

By LINDA MAXWELL

At 8:30 a.m. on Friday, I walked into Dimmitt Middle School expecting to take a scheduled picture of students who had won recognition.

Principal George Rasor and John Lantz, substitute teacher, were standing in the hall looking with concern toward the front doors.

I supposed they were watching a semi-tractor truck I had seen driving the wrong way on the one-way street in front of the school as I had walked up to the front door.

Rasor greeted me and said for me to go on into the office.

Puzzled, I remained in the open area in front of the office, wondering where the students were—all of the students, not just the ones I was supposed to photograph.

Almost every time I have gone into DMS there have been students going in and out of the office or up and down the halls.

I looked toward the front doors to see if the two men also were wondering about the wrong-way truck, when Rasor again instructed me to go into the office, this time with a more urgent tone in his voice.

He told me the school was "in a lock-down" and that I needed to get into the office and get down.

I had walked into the situation that would preoccupy the whole city for the rest of the day.

A man with a rifle or shotgun had been seen in the vicinity of the school only moments before and the school was locked down for the protection of the students until the police would give the all-clear.

I went into the office and stood in a side room that houses a copier and supplies and has a pass-through door to the counselor's office. Several parents also were in the office. One woman had come to pick up her child for a doctor's appointment, one had come for a parent-teacher conference, and one came to drop off his son's forgotten locker key.

We bystanders stood in the side rooms, nervously wondering what was going on outside and watching the school personnel answer the phone, which was ringing quite often.

\$500 reward offered for gun suspect

The Castro County Crime Line is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gunman who was sighted near Dimmitt Middle School Friday morning.

The man was seen in the 900 block of West Jones Street across the street from the middle school, just before 8:30 a.m.

He was not on school grounds at any time and did not point his weapon toward the school building, according to witnesses. The schools were locked down for the remainder of the day, and a search of the area failed to turn up any suspects.

Anyone with information about the incident may call 647-4711. Also, information may be given by calling 647-3311.

Callers may remain anonymous and rewards may be paid through a drop system.

According to reports, the school nurse had been looking out the window of her office at about 8:26 a.m. and saw a man in a dark jacket and red cap across the street from the school. She said he was ducking down in front of the cars that were angle-parked along the north side of the street. He was holding a firearm, and at one time, he raised the gun and pointed it to the west, as though taking aim at something in that direction (not toward the school).

The nurse called the office and the school secretary called 911 and the Dimmitt Police Dept. A teacher with a classroom just east of the nurse's office also saw the man. Both of the women described him as an Hispanic male, about 240 to 250 pounds, and 5'-10" tall, and both confirmed they saw him with a long-barreled firearm with a brown stock, but both were unable to say if it was a rifle or a shotgun.

The nurse said the man had been standing in front of the chain link fence that borders the property of the Charles Summers family, in the narrow strip between the fence and the parked cars. After he pointed the gun toward the west, the man began moving toward the west, out of her line of sight.

Police called the office to make sure the nurse had not seen animal control officer Chris Fuentes and mistaken him for a stranger. She said she knew Fuentes and it was not him. Shortly after, police confirmed with Fuentes that, although he had been at the middle school and was wearing a dark jacket and a red cap, he had not been anywhere near the spot where the gunman had been lurking and he was not carrying anything that would have resembled a rifle.

The command for the lockdown had been given just before my arrival on the scene, and all the students were inside locked classrooms with their teachers, kept away from doors and windows. After I arrived, school personnel were sent through the building to lock all outside entrances and any other doors that had not already been secured by teachers. The field house was notified and personnel were sent to the "box gym" where it is difficult to hear announcements.

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Early deadlines established for Nov. 23 issue

The *News* will go to press with its Nov. 23 issue a day early because of the Thanksgiving holiday, and that means that early deadlines will be in force for that week.

Society news, including weddings, engagements, anniversaries; and news from community correspondents will be due in the *News* office by 12 noon on Friday.

The deadline for all other news and advertising will be 12 noon on Monday.

The *News* will go to press with the Nov. 23 issue on Tuesday morning (Nov. 21), and it will be available on the newsstands that afternoon.

Hospital board chairman says

'New services are saving us'

Hospital Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers told a small crowd in the Dimmitt City Hall Monday night that the hospital district is staying afloat financially in spite of steep government funding cuts mainly because of its expanded services.

Monday night's session was the first of three "town hall" meetings scheduled by the hospital district. Two other public meetings are set Monday evening—at 5:30 in the Hart Golden Group Center and at 7:30 in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Ramaekers spoke for about half an hour, then he and his fellow board members—Jerry Annen, Carolyn Sides, Dr. W. J. Hill and Mark Welch—along with Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan and various depart-

ment heads, spent another 90 minutes answering questions from the audience.

Many of those questions were posed in an anonymously prepared questionnaire that was distributed in

the auditorium before most of the people arrived.

The questionnaire mainly called for explanations of the district's employment levels, organization, fiscal policies and administration.

(Editor's Note: Due to time and space restrictions, questions and answers from this week's and next week's meetings will appear in next week's edition.)

Here's what Ramaekers had to say in his "state of the district" remarks:

Revenue: Gross vs. Net

"It was reported in the paper that the revenues of the district had increased from \$3 million to \$12 million since 1996. That's true.

"However... the gross billings of a hospital can be very misleading. We have this thing in hospital accounting called 'contractual allowances.' We may have \$1,000 worth of charges according to our billing system, but Medicare may allow only

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A Holiday Celebration

... is planned tonight (Thursday) in Dimmitt, and the annual event will feature a live nativity scene, music and caroling, late-night shopping and drawings for Dimmitt Dollars.

Local merchants will offer special sales and will be open until 9 tonight (Thursday) as Dimmitt officially kicks off the holiday shopping season.

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

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

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

Dimmitt's Abundant Life Family Church will provide a live nativity scene beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the mini-park, located across from the courthouse between Just Imagine and Unique Gifts and More.

Santa will make his first visit to Dimmitt tonight (Thursday) and he is expected to arrive sometime around 7 at the courthouse.

Eighteen Dimmitt businesses will be open until 9 p.m., and they will offer special sales for the holidays. Those businesses include Bealls, Brito Communication, Inc., Corner Place Package Store, Dimmitt Market, First United Bank, Just Imagine, Lockhart Pharmacy, Seale Florist, Tots and Teens, Bobcat Barber Shop, Coleman Pharmacy, First Bank—Dimmitt Branch, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Kittrell Electronics/Radio Shack, Mr. Burger, Thriftway Supermarket, Unique Gifts and More and The Village Shop.

Several businesses around Dimmitt will participate in the Chamber's annual holiday Dimmitt Dollars promotion, and shoppers may register to win the prizes at any participating merchant beginning with today's (Thursday) event.

Other businesses which won't be open late tonight (Thursday), but still plan to participate in the Dimmitt Dollars promotion are ALCO Discount Store, Dimmitt Printing Co., The Headhunters, Castro County News, Dimmitt Office Supply, Hereford TX Federal Credit Union and The Pancake House.

The first Dimmitt Dollars drawing will be conducted around 9 tonight (Thursday), and prizes will be one award of \$200 in Dimmitt Dollars, and two awards of \$25 in Dimmitt Dollars.

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

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By Don Nelson

It's the second Thursday after the Tuesday after the first Monday of November. Do you know who our next President is?

The spotlight has been on Florida, where the "butterfly" design of the ballots in Palm Beach County apparently led some 19,000 voters—mostly elderly Jewish retirees—to vote for Pat Buchanan while thinking they were voting for Al Gore.

It's a fine kettle of fish we've got down there. One affected county is recounting hundreds of thousands of "machine" ballots by hand; two other counties with similar ballot disputes are refusing to do another recount; Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris—a Bush contributor—imposed the state constitution's one-week reporting limit, then announced Tuesday that Bush led in the official recount by 300 votes out of six mil-

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Thanksgiving service planned here on Sunday

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

The service is slated to begin at 6 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Anyone interested in joining in a community choir that will sing at the service is invited to practice at the FUMC at 5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Rusty Dickerson will be planning the service, coordinating various musical groups with the lesson given by Tom Long of the First United Methodist Church in Hart.

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

Weather

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Sunday	59	22	
Monday	41	15	
Tuesday	43	15	
Wednesday	52	22	

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



VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES at Dimmitt High School were sponsored by the DHS Student Council on Monday. The DHS Concert Choir and the DHS Bobcat Band participated in the program. Bill Sava, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, read a dramatic reading, "I Am Old Glory,"

as council member Cherie Norman performed a flag drill. Student Body President Stephanie Casas also gave a reading. Council members concluded the ceremony with the lighting of candles and saying "Thank You" to the veterans who were present.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



OUT OF SCHOOL had a different meaning Friday when students were picked up by anxious parents concerned about reports of a gunman seen near Dimmitt Middle School earlier in the day. Although school was not dismissed early, parents were allowed a few at a time to come to the front of the locked-down school and students were brought out to them. Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

New services are saving us . . .

(Continued from Page 1) \$600. The difference . . . is called a 'contractual' allowance. The \$1,000 is what we call 'gross revenue,' but only \$600 of it is what we have a chance of collecting. "In 1996, the net revenue was very close to what the gross billings were, but now, with the government cuts, we have \$7.8 million in net revenue compared with a \$12 million gross. Our contractual allowances in 1995 were 9% of the gross, but for the fiscal year just ended, they were 36%—and we're expecting them to be in the mid-40s in the current year. "All this gross revenue is out there, but when it comes right down to what we can collect, that number is a bit misleading."

Government Funding Cuts

"What is the government doing to us? In the Castro County Hospital District, for the year ending April 30, 1999, the government, through Medicare allowances and Dispro funds (Medicaid), cut us \$1,037,000. And for the year ending April 30, 2000, the cut was \$1.2 million. "Our April 30, 2000 audit shows a \$71,000 loss. Considering the fact that we were cut \$1.2 million in federal funds, a \$71,000 loss . . . is pretty good. The year before, when we had a \$1,037,000 cut, we had a loss of \$3,000. "Our total taxes collected this year were just over \$1.2 million. So you can see that, basically, the federal government this past year took away enough revenue to make up for all the taxes we collected. "Our tax rate has been the same since 1987, when we had that big increase."

Rural Health Crisis

"(When) the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 came into play . . . (the re-

duction in Medicare and Medicaid allowances) hit us nearly twice as hard as Congress intended it to. "In Texas, they estimated cuts of \$3 billion; it actually is turning out to be \$5.8 billion. "Three hospitals in Texas and 20 in the US have closed this year, and they're expecting 30 to 35 in Texas to close in the next 12 months. "In the past year, among hospitals our size, one hospital lost \$546,000, another \$851,000, another \$921,000, another one \$822,000, another one \$352,000, another one \$272,000. You can see by the numbers that many small rural hospitals are in trouble. "The average reduction was \$813,000 per hospital. . . . "Based on charts that our auditors gave us, our expenses were very much in line, and in some cases below, our peers as a percentage of our gross revenue. "You can see that this is a real crisis situation for us. We're doing everything that we know how to try to offset these reductions."

Expanded Services

"It's obvious that, with the federal government cutting us \$1.2 million, if we're showing only a \$71,000 loss, then all of these new services . . . are actually bringing enough money to the bottom line that we don't have to (1) look at closing, or (2) increase taxes. "As a matter of fact, 30% of the increased revenue over the last four or five years is the result of price increases, and 70% is the result of new services. . . . "We're going to try to continue to operate and promote our new services in a profitable manner. Just as a matter of record, we were told by our auditors that our geri-psych unit

quite humbling. I don't think I've ever told him what it means to me—to be able to come and go as I please, to be able to vote for any person I choose to vote for, to stand up and say the Pledge of Allegiance, to have enough food to feed my children—all that and more. So I would like to say to all veterans, and especially to my daddy, "Thank you for all you gave up so I could live in a free America. I hope never to take these freedoms lightly. You never did."

RONDA WISE

(Welch Home Place) last year added somewhere around \$200,000 to our bottom line, so that unit by itself made up about one-sixth of the federal government cut. "I'll be honest with you. Four or five years ago, when I went on the board, I had many of the same questions: Why? Why do we need this here? Well, \$200,000 worth is why. "Our CAT scan, of course, being a state-of-the-art deal, is expensive, but our projections show that it will pay for itself in a three-year period if we do 24 CAT scans a month. The first couple of months that we've had it, we've done in excess of 40 per month. We feel that over the long term, this is going to be a real cash generator and add some money to the bottom line, again to help offset these cuts. "Physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy are doing well, but many local people still don't realize that we have these services available to us. We still have folks driving to Plainview, Amarillo and Lubbock, and even going to Dallas, for therapy that they can get right here. . . . "The same thing goes for the durable medical equipment. I see the truck in town all the time from National Home Care and various other places. You can get that equipment here. "It's important that whenever we can, we use our facilities here so that they can be profitable and, again, save us on the tax bite."

Plans for Coping

"Where do we go from here? I've got two or three things that I feel are important. "First of all, we've got to work with our politicians. I've been involved in politics more in the last couple of years than I ever intended to be, but that's where it's at. We have to stay in contact with them and work to try to ease some of this pain. "We're going to try to continue to operate and promote our services in a profitable manner. . . . "Lastly, you probably read in the paper recently that we're starting a foundation, which is a tax-exempt corporation, to raise money to get equipment that we need. "Foundation grants, bequests and charitable trusts will be solicited. "This foundation is going to be run not by the hospital board, but by a board made up mainly of members of the community, along with a couple of hospital board members. "It's kind of exciting because I think it may open some doors to some money coming in from outside that we haven't had access to in the past."

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lion cast, with several thousand overseas ballots still to be counted by Saturday evening. But at the same time that she announced the official tally, Harris gave the counties in dispute the leeway to file late recounts by 2 p.m. Thursday and to explain in writing why their new vote totals should be accepted. Then Tuesday night, Harris reportedly took herself out of the process altogether and referred any further decisions to the state's highest ranking judge. Oboyr.

What we have here is electoral chaos, but not—thank God—any kind of governmental crisis. Our constitutional schedule for succession of office has been structured in such a way that there's time to sort this mess out before the designated time to change administrations. Prediction: Although Gore has won the popular vote, Bush will be confirmed as the winner of Florida and its 25 electoral votes, and so will become the next President.

I have mixed feelings about whether to do away with the Electoral College and go to a "direct" election of Presidents. Under the present system, the votes that Gore received in Texas and most of the heartland, and that Bush received in the most populous states on both coasts and in the Midwest, did not even count. That winner-take-all stifling of the minority vote in individual states apparently will keep a "majority"

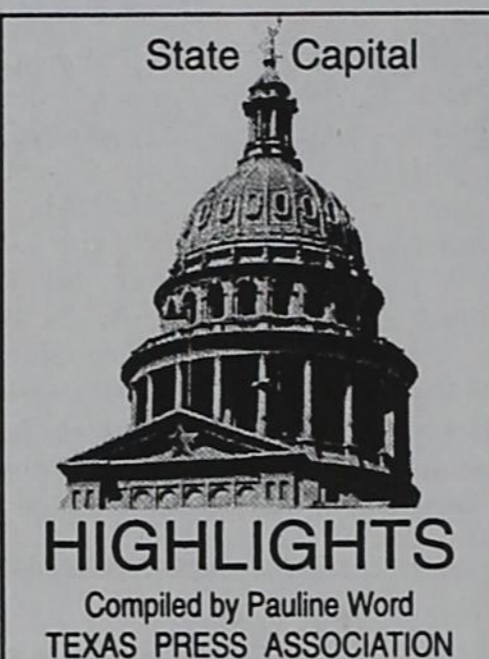
Some of us are on a rotation diet of our own. Every time we turn around, we eat.

candidate from winning the presidency for the fourth time in our nation's history. But on the other hand, our nation is still 50 individual, federated states. Do we really want to move away from that and become the United Folks of America? Our founders gave us a specific, thought-out method for the election of our Presidents and their succession to office. We should be very cautious about tampering with that system.

Some people eat from the three basic food groups—canned, frozen and take-out.

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AUSTIN — Fifty-one percent of registered voters turned out Nov. 7 to cast ballots in the general election. Nearly 6.4 million Texans voted on election day and another 2.5 million cast ballots during the early voting period. Terry County had the highest turnout with 76 percent or 6,209 of the 8,123 registered voters casting ballots. Loving County followed with 74 percent or 156 voters out of 211 registered. The lowest turnout was in Dimmitt County, which trailed the rest of the state by nearly 12 percent. Only 19 percent of that county's 8,311 registered voters voted in the election. In the presidential election Gov. George W. Bush captured 59 percent of the vote statewide to Vice President Al Gore's 38 percent. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader garnered nearly 2 percent of the Texas vote. Texans overwhelmingly re-elected Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. She received 65 percent of the vote to Democratic challenger Gene Kelly's 32 percent. Democrats came out on top in Texas' 30 congressional district races with all incumbents of both parties winning re-election. Texas has 17 Democrats and 13 Republi-

cans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Republicans retained two of the three seats on the Texas Railroad Commission. Commissioner Charles R. Matthews was re-elected and voters affirmed Gov. Bush appointee Chairman Michael L. Williams, who stepped into the position in December 1998 to fill the unexpired term of Carole Keeton Rylander, who vacated to become comptroller. The three Republican incumbent Texas Supreme Court Justices Nathan Hecht, Priscilla Owen and Al Gonzales also kept their seats on the nine-member court. Two Republicans, incumbent David Bradley and newcomer Cynthia A. Thornton, were elected to District 7 and District 10 respectively on the State Board of Education. District 10 Democrat Will Davis did not seek re-election. When the new term begins in January 2001, 10 Republicans and five Democrats will control the board. The makeup of the Texas Senate remained the same with all incumbents winning re-election. In the Texas House of Representatives, Democrats gained one seat, District 11, in which Chuck Hopsom beat Paul S. Woodward, and Republicans added District 59, in which Sid Miller beat Democratic incumbent David Lengefeld. In District 18, which covers part of East Texas, Democratic incumbent Rep. Dan Ellis earned 51 percent of the vote to barely fend off Republican challenger Ben Bius. The longtime Democratic district became a hotly contested vote in Polk County. Only a week before the election a state judge cleared the way for a group of Recreational Vehicle owners to vote in Polk County. The predominantly Republican RV owners live part of the year near Lake Livingston and claim their RVs as a primary residences.

State Farm to refund \$3.1 million

State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurance provider, has agreed to refund an estimated \$3.1 million to insured drivers in Texas. The state sued State Farm alleging the company reduced auto-repair claim payments to policyholders for "betterment" of the vehicle. An estimated 30,000 policyholders who had claims dating from Feb. 1, 1996 to present day will receive refunds plus interest as part of the company's settlement with the state. State Farm also agreed to pay \$175,000 in attorney fees to the Attorney General's Office and said it would not raise current insurance rates to offset the refund. The state has settled with four other insurance agencies while 10 other betterment cases are pending.

Other Highlights

• Lotto Texas celebrated its eighth birthday last week. Since the big-jackpot game began Nov. 7, 1992, players have won \$3.5 billion. Only one \$12.3 million jackpot, drawn Oct. 26, 1994 at Stone Creek Mini Mart in Flower Mound, remains unclaimed. • The state likely will head to court this week to defend a clean-air proposal designed to reduce emissions at Dallas and Fort Worth area airports. Delta Airlines declined to participate in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's plan. Southwest Airlines, American Airlines and the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth already had committed to the TNRC plan. • The Texas Department of Transportation says the federal government is shortchanging the state on two key programs designed to improve trade corridors and border transportation infrastructure. TxDOT officials say Texas stands to gain only \$11.3 million, or 49 cents on the dollar, for all discretionary highway funds.

Letter

Veterans' Day program at DHS is inspirational

I would like to commend the Dimmitt High School Student Council and their sponsor, Connie Dickerson, for their participation in the recognition of our county's veterans. The program was inspirational and moving—especially for me. My father served this country during the bloodiest of wars—World War II. I also lost my uncle at Iwo Jima. How proud I was to see my father sitting on the stage among the honorees. To see a 77-year-old man still stand at attention and salute the flag during the National Anthem is

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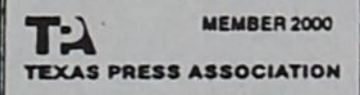
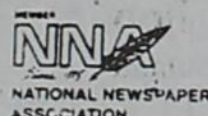
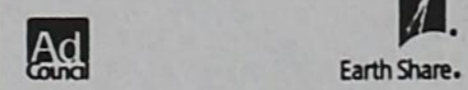


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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

I mentioned that the Bill Gregory and Don Gregory families flew from the Hawaiian Islands on the same plane as Johnny and Janet Stanford. Janet's word for the islands and their trip is "fantastic." They visited two islands—Oahu and Maui.

They were particularly eager to visit the *USS Arizona*, the ship that was attacked by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941; and Diamondhead, the often visited and photographed promontory on Oahu.

The Stanfords spent most of their time on Maui. They enjoyed a luau, stayed in the town of Kihei and visited the ocean center. The center was a plexiglass building where they saw a pet sting ray that begged shells from the professional scuba divers that fed the sharks underwater. The sting ray would chew the shells or spit them out.

Johnny and Janet took a helicopter ride over the Haleakala, known as the House of Sun. The main crops here are sugar cane, pineapple and onions. Two other sources of income are from tomatoes and brown cows.

They were offered a different fruit called apple-banana, which is a cross between apples and bananas. It was good with coffee. Janet and Johnny agreed that this is best-tasting fruit they've ever eaten.

From the helicopter they could see vast forests dotted with waterfalls that were miles long from their beginning to the bottom. The trees in the forests were brought from Aus-

tralia and the ground cover fern. There are over 100 varieties of fern in Haleakala.

The cities along the coast had a contrast of sky scrapers and sea shores.

For me, who has never been to the Hawaiian Islands, it was like a brief tour of this lovely part of the world as I viewed the video they brought to Dimmitt with them and heard Janet's report.

Wayne and Faye Mohon are enjoying Wayne's recent retirement as they've traveled around visiting family, friends and antique shops.

They have been to Borger to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Joe Raper; and their grandchildren, Bryon and Andrew. The men and Andrew fished at Lake Meredith, then met Faye, Beth and Bryon for a picnic lunch.

During the Halloween holiday time Wayne and Faye Mohon took their grandchildren, Caile and Jill Huseman of Nazareth to see Faye's father, Clell Bonifield, who lives in Amarillo in Kensington Cottage.

The children belong to Bruce and Deborah Mohon Huseman of Nazareth.

The kids wore costumes and played games at the party the residents of Kensington Cottage were having.

Wayne and Faye Mohon have made two trips to the Houston area.

One was to visit with Faye's sister, Clella Atkins near Springs, and with Bill and Ann Henderson in Houston.

Bill is responding well to treatment and he and Ann have had many visitors.

Bill's brothers are visiting him at this time.

Faye says Bill still enjoys hearing from everyone. He is in treatment for an indefinite time. Keep sending the cards.

The Mohons drove back to South Texas to Corpus Christi and attended the Texas Baptist Convention, then drove back around Houston.

J.R. and Mary Jo Brown have had an extended fall vacation through several beautiful and historical places in the south.

Their first stop was in Austin where they visited with their daughter, Jill. They enjoyed the Texas University-Oklahoma State University football game. Texas won! They attended a stage production of *A Chorus Line* with Jill.

Then it was on to New Orleans, La., and the French Quarter. They shopped the French markets and enjoyed the Cajun food.

They went through Mississippi to Mobile, Ala., and toured the Bellingrath Gardens. They went up to Atlanta, Ga., where they spent three days seeing the sites. They were particularly impressed with the underground Atlanta, located in the center of the city. It is the area built to protect Atlanta from the invasion of the Union Army when Atlanta was burned down. There are shops and a lot of Civil War history found there. Another highlight was attend-

ing the CNN "Fall Back Live Show." Atlanta is the Coca-Cola world headquarters and Coca-Cola is one of the world's largest corporations.

The Coca-Cola visitors' center is a beautiful place to visit. They saw a lot of Coca-Cola memorabilia.

When they visited Savannah, Ga., they learned that when General Sherman and his Union troops seized Savannah, the leaders of the city asked the general to please spare their city. They presented him with a house to live in and he agreed not to destroy the beautiful homes and other buildings.

The historical society began a foundation to preserve Live Oak Street, which has many beautiful old southern homes.

Next they spent time in the historical city of Charleston, S.C. Near here the first shot of the Civil War was fired at Fort Sumter, located out in the bay.

The Browns came back through Jackson, Miss., Birmingham, Ala., and Bessemer, Ala., and into Texas through Marshall. This last stop was at Wichita Falls where their son, Blake, is assistant men's basketball coach at Midwestern State University.

Martha Jo Hyman and Connie Aguilar have been in Amarillo babysitting Sydney, the baby daughter of Bill and Jo Hyman Settle. They enjoyed the chance to cook and spoil the little one.

Dorothy Nutt's mother, Ruby Wilson of Ropesville, has been visiting here. Martha Jo reports that she and Dorothy had a good time playing Skip-Bo and spades while she was

here.

Ben Hill, not Bev Bill, won high score at the Senior Citizens' bridge club last week. This week the bridge club was canceled, but weather permitting, they'll be playing again on Thursday.

Another correction: We will be glad when the election is over and the counting is done, if our candidate wins.

Layne Myatt gave me some information about the Kids, Inc., football league in Dimmitt.

This is the first year that there has been an organized football league for the youngsters in the fourth through sixth grades. There are two leagues, with the Minor League being for students in the third and fourth grades. Teams in this league are the Cowboys, Jets, Broncos and Vikings.

Ross Myatt, a fifth grader, plays for the Rams, which is one of the major league teams (fifth and sixth graders). The other major teams are Dolphins, Titans and Redskins.

They still have one more week of

games to play in each league and these games will be for the championship.

It's fun to watch these lads play flag football and to see their dads coaching and teaching them.

The members of Texas Extension Education Association elected new officers Friday and planned several fun activities for the coming year.

They enjoyed refreshments and had a good time visiting with each other.

Those present were Marilyn Neal, Mary Edna Hendrix, Fern Jones, Edith Graef, Sandra Bagwell, Mattie Seale, Betty Freeman, Mary Beth Berquist, Claudine Langford and Patsy Entrekim.

The club is just beginning to form and new members are welcome.

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Morning Worship Service
Sundays, 10:45 a.m.
On KDHN 1470



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Virgie Gerber is undergoing tests at Lubbock Methodist Hospital, so any news not reported this week will be included in next week's news.

Leslie and Paul Henderson of Halfway are the parents of a baby girl, Camari Dawn Henderson, who was born Friday, Nov. 10, at 11:30 a.m. Camari weighed in at 6 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19-1/2 inches long. She has a big sister, Mikayla Beth. Grandparents are Dean and Agatha Johnson of Nazareth and J. and Gay Henderson of Plainview.

A flag ceremony was held Monday morning at the Nazareth school in honor of Veterans Day 2000. Special honorees were veterans from the Korean War.

The flag raising ceremony began at 8:30 a.m. and the flag was raised by American Legion members Junior Hochstein and James Wilhelm.

A 21-gun salute followed the National Anthem, which was performed by the Swift Band.

Swift Band members Mark Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman and Kristi Ramaekers performed *Taps*.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, N. Dean Johnson introduced guest speaker, Inseon Kim of Amarillo, who then awarded commemorative medals to the Korean War veterans.

Those receiving medals were Albert Hartman, Carl Dean Kleman, Walter Kern, Alphonse Kleman, Anthony Acker, Frances Gerber, Gilbert Schulte, Luke Acker, Edmond Gerber, Arnold Huseman, Edward Ramaekers, Alfonso Maurer, James Wilhelm, Jerry Wilhelm, Jerome Birkenfeld, Cecil Hoelting, Joe Woetovech, Father John Hickey, Emil Ehly, Nicky Yosten of Hereford, Darrell Lacy, David Acker, John S. Birkenfeld and Richard Entrekim.

After the necrology was given by Art Brockman, Father Peter Otto concluded the ceremony with a dismissal prayer and the Swift Band played *God Bless the USA* in honor of those who fought for our country.

Girls and Boys State participants Jaclyn Birkenfeld, Shawna Gerber, Mark Birkenfeld and Adam Schulte gave reports on their trip last summer.



Big lighting job

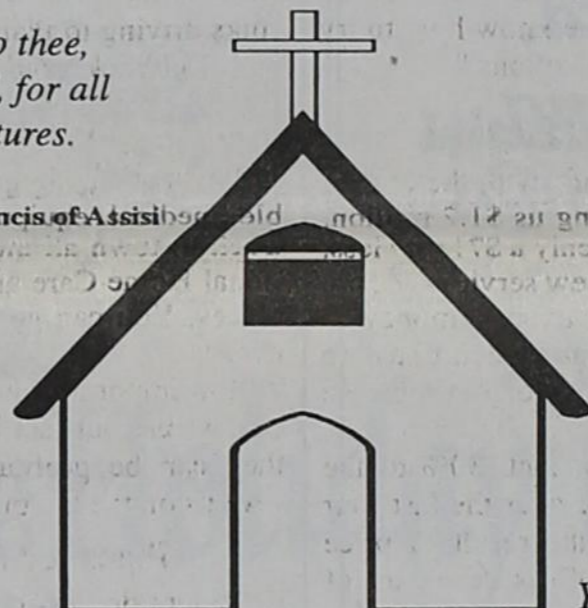
Randy Hargrove (left) and Jesse Vasquez of Cerestar USA, Inc., work on the colored lights for the community Christmas tree at the Centennial Plaza Monday while Duane Maurer operates the "cherry picker" controls on the other side of the huge spruce. It's a job that Cerestar does for the community every holiday season. The tree's lights will be turned on during the "Holiday Celebration" tonight (Thursday).

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People



CASSIE McLEAN OF DIMMITT (left) is currently serving as speaker of the house for the Student Government Association at South Plains College. The SPC group is the president school of Region I in Texas and is serving as secretary school on the state level. Other officers pictured with McLean are (front row, from left) Lindsay Holder of Levelland, presi-

dent; Brandy Gardner of Haskell, vice president; Jamie Stephenson of Levelland, secretary; Brian Lynn of Levelland, treasurer; (back row, from left) Tim Green of Lubbock, senate majority leader; Christy Hartin of Levelland, parliamentarian; and Shae Pettigrew of Portales, N.M. *Courtesy Photo*

Urbanczyk and Johnson wed Oct. 21 in double-ring ceremony

Lori Ann Urbanczyk and Troy Wayne Johnson were married on Oct. 21 in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Msgr. Orville Blum at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford.

The bride is the daughter of Troy and Loretta Urbanczyk of Hereford. Parents of the groom are Joe and Jeanette Johnson of Nazareth.

The altar was enhanced with wrought iron candleabras and garden lanterns. Tulle bows marked the pews.

Music was provided by soloist Bill Sava of Dimmitt, who was accompanied by organist Cheryl Betzen of Hereford. Selections included *God, A Woman and a Man, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Trumpet Voluntary, Mother at Your Feet is Kneeling, Prayer of St. Francis, Where There is Love* and *Psalm XIX*.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal gown of ivory satin with a Princess-style bodice accented with sequin and pearl trim. The gown was fashioned with a vee-neck in the front and back, and it featured Italian lace sleeves. Lace cutouts framed the bottom of the full skirt and the detachable cathedral-length train.

Her veil of ivory tulle was trimmed with satin edging and pearl accents. It was handmade by the bride's mother.

The hand-tied bridal bouquet was created with casa blanca lilies, purple statice, babies' breath, asparagus fern



MRS. TROY WAYNE JOHNSON
... nee Lori Ann Urbanczyk

and seeded eucalyptus. Wendy Noland of Canyon, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amber Griffith of Amarillo, friend of the bride; Trina Johnson of Nazareth, sister of the groom; Kaeli Urbanczyk of Vega, niece of the bride; and Tara Albracht of Bushland, sister of the groom.

Bridal attendants wore two-piece dresses of stone, mystique satin designed with a scooped collar and A-line skirt.

They carried hand-tied bouquets of star gazer lilies, blue iris, purple statice, babies' breath, asparagus fern and seeded eucalyptus.

Best man was Trent Johnson of Amarillo, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Jody Johnson of Claude, cousin of the groom; Trey Johnson of Happy, brother of the groom; and Greg Urbanczyk and Mark Urbanczyk, both of Hereford, brothers of the bride.

Candlelighters were Kesli and Madison Urbanczyk, nieces of the bride.

Bell ringers were Jacob and Caleb Urbanczyk, sons of Rhonda and Kevin Urbanczyk; Hank Urbanczyk, son of Chris and Kamille Urbanczyk, nephews of the bride.

Ring bearer was Shay Johnson, son of the groom.

Flower girls were Hannah Urbanczyk, niece of the bride and daughter of Chris and Kamille Urbanczyk; Jordan Noland, friend of the couple and daughter of Wendy

and Burt Noland; and Kyla Bixenman, cousin of the groom and daughter of Sara Bixenman of Amarillo.

Guests were seated by Kevin Urbanczyk, Brian Urbanczyk and Chris Urbanczyk, brothers of the bride; and Sammy Albracht, the groom's brother-in-law.

A reception honoring the couple was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hereford after the ceremony.

Assisting with the reception were Rhonda, Kamille and Pattie Urbanczyk and Krystal and Joli Johnson, sisters-in-law of the couple.

The bride's cake was an Italian cream cake with fondant icing and it was accented with iridescent icing bows and pearls.

The groom's chocolate cake featured basket weave icing and it was topped with a black cowboy hat and spurs.

The bride wore a brown moleskin suit and green sweater for her traveling attire.

After a wedding trip to Santa Fe, N.M., the couple established their home in Nazareth.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Hereford High School. She attended West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed by Lextron, Inc., in Hereford.

The groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1988. He attended Frank Phillips College in Borger. He is employed by JOE Cattle Co. of Nazareth.

Holiday bazaar, turkey dinner slated in Nazareth

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

The Christian Mothers Society's annual turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The menu will include turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, salad, and homemade rolls and pies. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4

for children under 12. Take-outs will be available.

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

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

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

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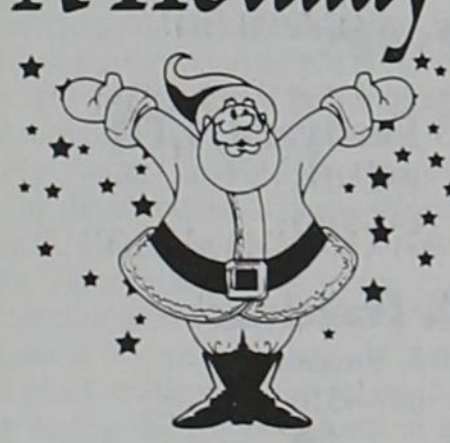
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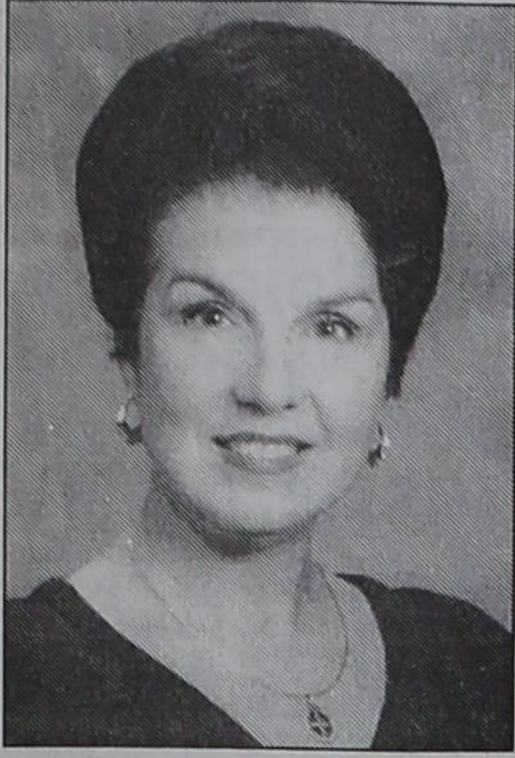
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Mila Gibson

Vocal showcase slated Sunday at Home Mercantile

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although both the Democratic and Republican parties wanted him for a candidate, Dwight D. Eisenhower refused to run twice before agreeing. He did not believe a full-time professional soldier should be president.

Before King George IV of England ordered a set of boots made to fit each of his feet, shoes were designed to be worn on either foot.



What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Nov. 16-24.

DIMMITT

Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.
MONDAY: Apple cinnamon cereal bar, apple juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Apple danish, applesauce and milk.
WEDNESDAY: No school.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.
MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.
TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and milk.
WEDNESDAY: No school.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, Chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions; parsley-buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled cheese with a bowl of soup or enchiladas; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or jellied applesauce, tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and milk.
WEDNESDAY: No school.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs and biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, jelly and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
TUESDAY: Pancakes with syrup, sausage, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal and milk.
WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or sloppy Joe on a bun; salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, chicken strips or chicken nuggets with gravy, corn dog or burrito; mashed potatoes, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with sliced cheese and chili, peaches, sliced pickles, gelatin dessert, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: No school.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: No school.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak and roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Turkey and roll or chef's salad, tossed salad, stuffing, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Nachos or corn dog, Frito salad, corn, pineapple, dump cake and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Ham sandwich, bologna sandwich or turkey sandwich; lettuce, French fries, beans, dessert and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: No school.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a boy, Devon Cole, for Jackie Thomas and Pamela Anglin. The baby was born Oct. 15, weighing 5 pounds and 9.8 ounces and measuring 19½ inches long. Paternal grandparents are Sonny and Alene Thomas of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Terry and Trish Anglin of Aspermont and Vivian and Larry Cates of Centerville, Ga.



FIVE GENERATIONS attended a family gathering recently in the home of Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt. The five generations share two personal statistics—all are female and all reside in Castro County. They are (from left) great-grandmother

Floyce (Carpenter) George, great-great-grandmother Irene Carpenter, grandmother Shelly (George) Rice, mother Tisha (Rice) Gerber, and daughter Blakley Danielle Gerber.

Courtesy Photo

'Angel Tree' applications due Dec. 8

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance and Panhandle Community Services will sponsor the "Community Angel Tree" project again this year and applications are currently being accepted from families who wish to be included in the project.

The annual Christmas project is designed to help less fortunate families by giving Christmas gifts for their children.

For families to qualify, there must be a financial need and the child must be under 11 years old.

Applications may be picked up at Panhandle Community Services in Dimmitt and must be returned to the office before Dec. 8.

Herbs that are supposed to possess medicinal value are sometimes called simples.

Funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to church, and so small when you take it to the store.

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6:30—LIVE Nativity Scene, Mini-Park
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9:00—DRAWING for Dimmitt Dollars at the Gazebo

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Holiday Buffet, Too.

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Auxiliary sets holiday bazaar and luncheon

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

The public is invited to attend and enjoy a meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings at a cost of \$6 per plate or \$6.25 for carry-outs.

Also, the bazaar will feature home-made baked goods and hand-made craft items.

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

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

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

Turkey shoot slated Sunday near Nazareth

A turkey shoot will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in the draw north of Nazareth on FM 168, and proceeds from the event will benefit the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept.

The event will include night shooting and cash prizes will be awarded.

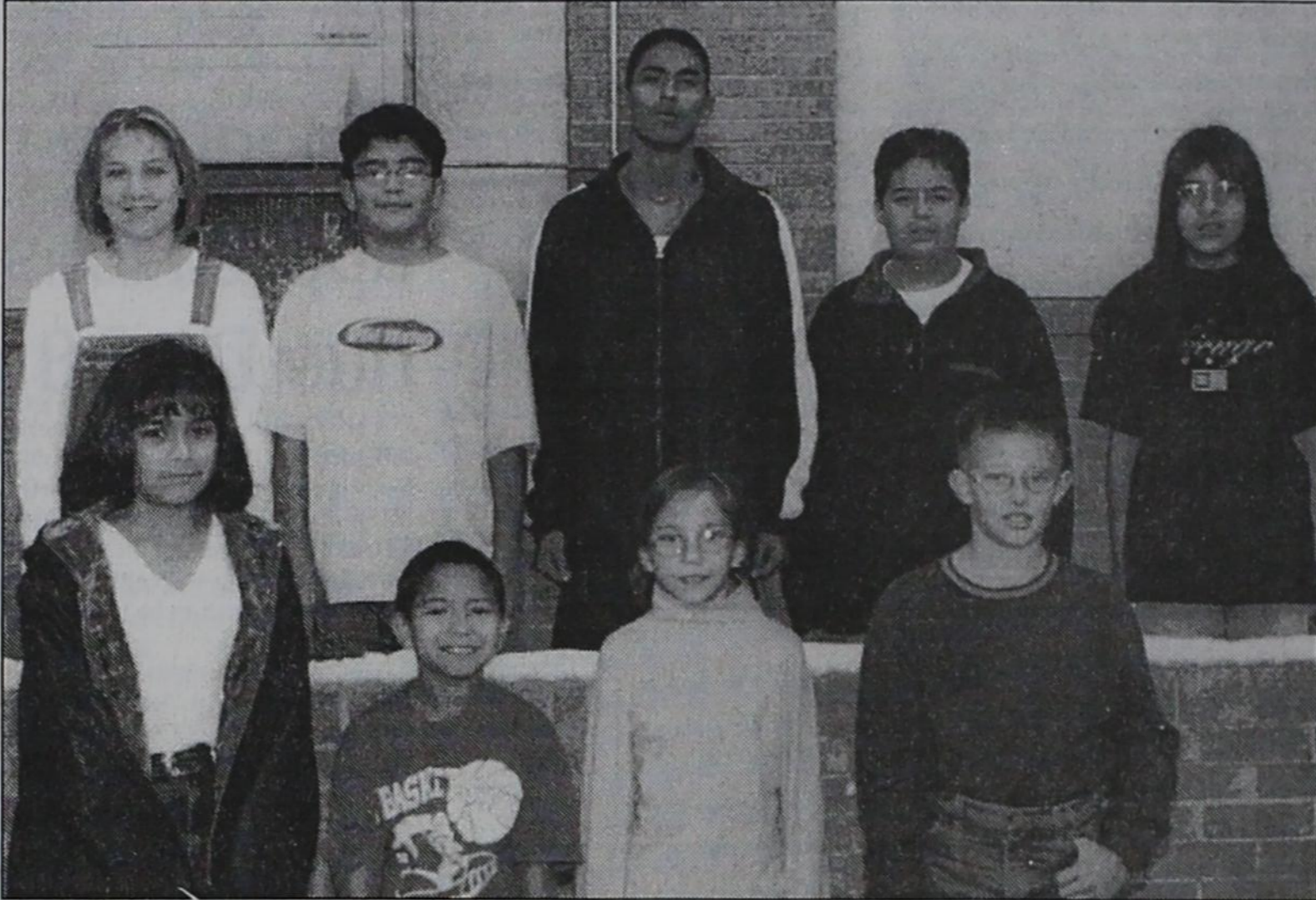
The public is invited to attend.



OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Dimmitt Middle School recently honored these students: (front, from left) Valerie Villarreal, Rubie Sanchez, Abraham Aguirre, Mona Sifuntez, and Estella Gar-

cia; and (back, from left) Sean Hunter, Rafael Gonzales, Chuck Cruz, Nayeli Monsevais, and Shaira Gonzalez. Not shown are Darcy Fisher and Samantha Howell.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



AUGUST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Dimmitt Middle School recently honored these students (from left): Rocio Rodriguez, Chris Fuentes, Kellie

Martinez, and Dennis Underwood; and (back) Shelly Burk, Mick Ortiz, Alex Castillo, Jerry Acevedo, and Daniela Zepeda. Not shown is Cassidy Watts.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Lots of men need two women, a secretary to take everything down and a wife to pick everything up.

Strange how some people would like to abolish prayer just when the country needs it most.

Writers' Guild contest is set

The Plainview Writers' Guild has announced its annual Holiday Poetry/Prose Competition, with Nov. 30 set as the entry deadline.

The entry fee is \$10 per short story/essay or poem submitted, with a maximum of two submissions per author per category allowed, for a total of four possible submissions per author. Only the first 100 submissions in each category will be accepted. Others will be returned by mail.

First place winners in each category will be awarded \$200, with second place receiving \$100 and \$50 going to third place winners.

For a complete outline of the rules for submission call 895-4624 or pick up a copy at 701 Broadway, Ste. 317, in Plainview.

The judges for the event are Betty Hammer Givens and Arch

Mayfield. Givens is a poet and writer and has won several awards. She will judge the poetry. Mayfield will judge the short story/essay category. He is a professor of English at Wayland Baptist University.

Winners will be announced Dec. 21 and will be published in the Plainview Writers' Guild 2001 anthology which will be on sale this coming summer.

Works must be original, unpublished works, not to exceed 28 lines for poetry and not to exceed 1,500 words for prose.

Submissions must be typewritten in 12-point type on numbered pages, with prose being double spaced.

Cash awards will be limited to one award per person per category.

Entries may be sent to Plainview Writers' Guild, P.O. Box 1693, Plainview 79073-1693.

Hello, Dolly! to premier at Plainview

The Plainview High School A Capella Choir has selected the musical comedy, *Hello, Dolly!* for its bi-annual musical.

The production will be at the Plainview High School auditorium tonight (Thursday) through Saturday at 7:30 each night.

Hello, Dolly! was one of the longest running and most successful plays to perform on the New York City stages and continues to be one of the most popular stage productions of all time.

The PHS choral department began staging musicals in the 1960s. Currently, the choirs are under the direction of Walter Wright and his assistant Vickie Gibbs.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets are available at Hale County State Bank and Hale County State Bank West, from any choir member, choir booster, or at the door.

Olton Methodist group sets bazaar

The women of the First United Methodist Church in Olton will hold their annual bazaar on Saturday at the church.

A "country store" will feature crafts, baked items, canned goods, and frozen casseroles. The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Women of the church have made a "Flying Geese" queen-sized quilt which will be raffled that day. Chances are \$2 per ticket. The quilt will be awarded at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. You do not have to be present to win.

A chili and stew lunch, complete with homemade pie, will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

Proceeds from the bazaar are used for maintenance on the parsonage and church property.

Additional information can be obtained from Mary Bass, bazaar coordinator, at 285-2121 (home) or 285-2404 (work); or the First United Methodist Church at 285-2777.

Laura Quiroz completes basic military training

Air Force Airman First Class Laura L. Quiroz, daughter of Jack and Susie Bradford of Dimmitt, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, Quiroz studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Quiroz is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Taron Clark named DMS student of week

The Dimmitt Middle School fourth grade classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring honored Taron Clark as the Student of the Week recently.

The son of Jim and Sherry Clark, he was born in Hale Center on Feb. 7, 1991, and when he grows up he wants to be a football player. He says playing football is something he does well, but he wishes he were better at running.

His favorite food is pizza, cats are his favorite animals, and his favorite book is *Hank, the Cowdog*.


Someone he admires or respects is his dad, and the thing he likes the most about DMS "is that the people are so nice."

Parmer County holiday bazaar set for weekend

The Parmer County Christmas Bazaar Committee is planning its annual arts and crafts show today (Thursday) through Sunday in Friona.

Exhibitors will be allowed to set up their booths today (Thursday) from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. The show will be open to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Donald Wright

Two DSEC directors are credentialed

Donald Wright of Dimmitt and Gilbert Yosten of Hereford, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative directors, both received Credentialed Cooperative Director certificates from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

The two men were recognized at NRECA's Region VIII-X meeting in Little Rock, Ark. They were honored for their commitment to education and attainment of the certificate before an audience of more than 1,000 electric cooperative officials from seven states, including Texas.

"Today's electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a working knowledge of the cooperative principles," said Steve Louder, general manager and president of DSEC. "DSEC has a commitment to work through Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) and NRECA to increase this body of knowledge for the benefit of its electric cooperative consumer-owners."

The NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director, or CCD, program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses including director duties and liabilities, understanding the electric business, board roles and relationships, business planning, and understanding financial planning.

NRECA represents the nation's more than 900 private, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide electric service to more than 34 million people in 46 states. TEC is the statewide service organization for 79 electric cooperatives operating in Texas and serving more than 1.4 million meters in 245 of Texas's 254 counties.

DSEC serves more than 15,000 meters in Deaf Smith, Oldham, Parmer and Castro counties.

Parenting classes continuing

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

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

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

Different topics are set for each session. Topics will be "Teaching Children to Make Healthy Choices" on Tuesday, and "Teen Parenting" on Nov. 28.

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

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

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

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

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

Lunch and snacks are provided.

Dr. Joplin among artists to perform in musical benefit

Dr. Leon Joplin of Dimmitt will be one of the featured performers in the fourth annual Texas Music Jubilee, slated for Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., which is sponsoring the event.

Dr. Joplin will be making a special appearance at this year's show. He will perform songs from his latest recording, cut in Nashville, Tenn. His music is currently being featured on Dimmitt's KDHN Radio and on KNNK Radio of Hereford.

Tickets for the show will be available at the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., Dimmitt Market, Thriftway Supermarket, El Rodeo Restaurant, Pay and Save Grovery and at the door.

Ticket holders will be able to sign the back of their ticket stubs and those stubs will be used in drawings for door prizes.

Saturday's show also will feature an appearance by Jeanette Lunsford, a television, radio, stage and recording artist who appeared in *One Day at a Time*. She has toured the United

States and has often been called the queen of gospel music. She has performed with such greats as Kitty Wells, Lulu Roman, Mel Tillis, Vestal and Howard Goodman and many others. She will be performing songs from her latest recording and others.

Also appearing Saturday will be the "Relations Quartet," an outstanding gospel, television, radio and recording group which has appeared at the National Quartet Convention in Nashville. They return to Dimmitt by popular demand for the second straight year.

A special feature of this year's show will be a performance by 12-year-old Dustin Garrett and his band. Garrett has been singing since he was 2. He has appeared in *The Buddy Holly Story* at the Cactus Theater for four years. He also has performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Bluegrass fans will enjoy the performance of old-time favorites and many more tunes from "Gospel Chords," a bluegrass band.

For more information about the show contact Jan at 647-3311.

Wayland homecoming is slated this weekend

Homecoming activities are set for Wayland Baptist University in Plainview Friday and Saturday.

Registration and coffee at 9 a.m. Friday outside Herral Auditorium will kick off the observance. The Golden Anniversary Class of 1950 will reminisce during a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the McClung University Center, Room 211. Reservations are required. Tickets are complimentary for the class of 1950 and \$8.50 for friends and guests.

Other activities on Friday will include a golf tournament, homecoming banquet, a theatre department presentation, and a bonfire and pep rally wrapping up the evening at 9:30 p.m.

Activities on Saturday will include registration and reunions, the home-

coming parade at 10:30 a.m., a barbecue lunch, an alumni business meeting, and book signings.

At 3:30 p.m. the Athletic Hall of Honor induction ceremony will be held in McClung University center, Room 211. Also, Joe Lombard, a 1975 Wayland graduate and a former resident of Castro County, will receive the first Coach Harley Redin Award.

The Flying Queens will take on Huston Tillotson College at 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m., the Pioneers will take on Schreiner College. Coronation of the Homecoming Queen will be held during halftime of that game.

Call 296-4844 for more information or reservations for any of the activities.



Big foot

Christopher Garvin, 4, son of Ed and Crystal Garvin of Dimmitt, puts a few finishing pats on repairs to a snow foot in his front yard at 1520 Ruskin Circle last week. The giant creation was

constructed the night before by his dad and Mindy Maxwell, and had to have a pedicure the next day, due to some melting.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

CCHD sets two more meetings

The Castro County Hospital District and its board of directors are planning two more "Town Hall" meetings this month, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The first meeting was held Monday in Dimmitt.

The other two will be Monday (SNov. 20) at 5:30 p.m. in the Golden Group Building in Hart and at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall in Nazareth.

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

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

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Sports



Mules win finale, 54-6

Cats finish 0-10 season with heads up

The Bobcats' long, winless season came to an end Friday night in Muleshoe's Benny Douglas Stadium.

As the Mules capped an unbeaten season with a 54-6 onslaught, the Bobcats kept their heads up while a notably large Dimmitt crowd braved a bone-chilling wind to cheer them on.

And the Bobcats earned the respect of their hosts with a 65-yard scoring drive against the Mules' first-team defense just before halftime.

This is Muleshoe's first undefeated football season since 1938. One of the members of that 1938 team was R. V. "Hopper" Ivy of Dimmitt, who played left end. He and his teammates were honored by Muleshoe High School at a team reunion before the season finale.

Danny Ramirez, the Mules' sensational senior tailback, set a new record every time he carried the ball Friday. He scored his 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th touchdowns of the year and gained 173 yards in 19 carries to hike his season rushing total past the 1,300-yard mark.

Ramirez scored on a 13-yard scamper and a 61-yard punt return in the first quarter for a 13-0 Mule lead, and on runs of 35 and 25 yards in the second quarter to give Muleshoe a 26-0 margin with 6:28 remaining in the half.

Meanwhile, the aggressive Mule defense held the Bobcats to minus-15 yards rushing, 12 aerial yards on 3-of-13 passing, and no first downs.

But in the final four minutes of the half, the Bobcats struck back.

After the Bobcat defense forced the Mules to give up the ball on downs at the Dimmitt 35, senior runningback Bobby Hill ran two right sweeps in a row, gaining 15 yards and a first down. Then, after a third right sweep went for naught and a pass fell incomplete, Hill broke over left tackle for 13 yards and another first down with 57 seconds left in the half.

Two plays later the Bobcats got their biggest gainer of the night on their lateral-pass play, with Brent Josselet hitting B. J. Hill near the left sideline with an overhand lateral and Hill winging it downfield to tight end

Matthew Sandoval, who got to the 12-yard line before stepping out of bounds with 29 ticks left in the half.

After B. J. Hill moved to his original post of quarterback, two incomplete passes and a sack might have ended the Dimmitt threat, but the Mules were penalized for a face-mask infraction on the sack, giving the Bobcats another play as the clock ran out.

That play was another incomplete pass, but the Mules were flagged again—this time for pass interference—with no time remaining in the half. But since a halftime can't end with an unresolved penalty, Dimmitt had a first-and-goal at the 3-yard line with the clock reading 0:00.

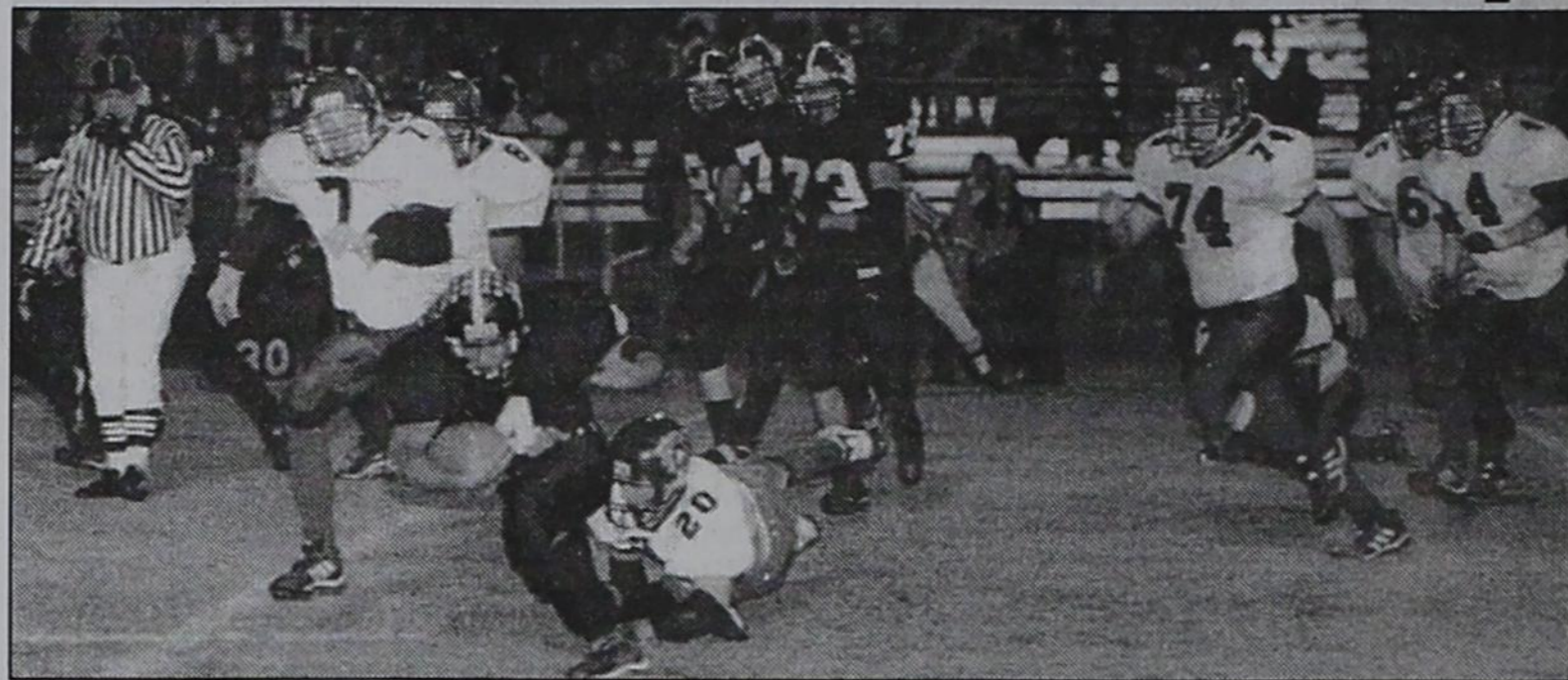
B. J. Hill ran right on a quarterback keeper, then cut in and dove into the end zone for Dimmitt's touchdown. A two-point conversion run came up short, leaving the halftime score at 26-6.

Dimmitt's momentum didn't last long, though. After taking the second-half kickoff, the Bobcats fumbled on their first play and the Mules recovered at the Dimmitt 26. On the next play, Ramirez broke over right guard and raced the distance for his fifth TD of the night.

The Mules' final three touchdowns came on a 37-yard sprint by fullback Darrell Lewis with 5:48 remaining in the third; a three-yard plunge by reserve tailback Chris Vela with 38 seconds left in the third; and a nine-yard run on a draw play by reserve tailback Jesus Tovar with 8:39 remaining in the game.

Junior running back and punter Anthony Oltivero was hurt as he caught an eight-yard pass from Josselet late in the first quarter.

Running a crossing pattern, Oltivero was fully extended when he was hit hard as he caught the pass. He held onto the ball, but had to be helped off the field. Later, the game was interrupted while an ambulance came onto the field to take him to the



BY AN ANKLE—Dimmitt's Albert Campos (20) makes an ankle-tackle on Muleshoe tailback Danny Ramirez to deny the Mules a first down on a fourth-and-nine play in the second quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA finale at Muleshoe. Other Dimmitt defenders closing in are B. J. Hill (7), Johnathan

Jimenez (8), T. J. Reyna (74), Tanner Griffitt (65) and Bobby Hill (4). This play gave the Bobcats the ball at their own 35, and from there they launched their only scoring drive of the night. The district champion Mules won the game, 54-6, to cap an undefeated season. Photo by Carter Townsend

Muleshoe hospital. He was transferred to Lubbock for tests and treatment, but did not require hospitalization.

"He had an A/C separation, which is basically a sprained shoulder," Coach Wade Wilson said. "He's doing great now."

◆ This was the first winless season

ever experienced by both the boys and their coaches.

"I've been involved in organized football since I was in the second grade, playing in the Pop Warner league," Coach Wilson said, "and I've never experienced a winless season before."

◆ "It's been hard," he said. "It was a tough season, but I was real proud of

the kids, the way they practiced hard and played hard week in and week out. They showed a lot of character. They kept surprising me all year long, in good ways."

He added, "We've already started getting ready for next season. Several of the boys are in off-season weight lifting, and Coach Farmer is putting them through the wringer."

Game at a Glance

Dimmitt	0	6	0	0-6
Muleshoe	13	13	21	7-54

	DIM	MUL
First Downs	6	18
Rushes-Yards	22-6	41-334
Passing Yards	48	119
Total Yards	54	453
Passes Comp/Att	6/29	5/10
Interceptions By	0	2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Punts-Avg.	7-31	1-38
Penalties-Yards	5-40	6-44

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter:
M—Danny Ramirez 13 run (pass failed), 3:42
M—Ramirez 61 punt return (D.J. Dominguez kick), 1:49

Second Quarter:
M—Ramirez 35 run (Dominguez kick), 8:47
M—Ramirez 25 run (kick blocked), 6:28
D—B. J. Hill 3 run (run failed), 0:00

Third Quarter:
M—Ramirez 26 run (Dominguez kick), 11:42
M—Darrell Lewis 37 run (Dominguez kick), 5:48
M—Chris Vela 3 run (Daniel Johnson kick), 0:38

Fourth Quarter:
M—Jesus Tovar 9 run (Lindy Pineda kick), 8:39

Records: Dimmitt 0-10, 0-5, Muleshoe 10-0, 5-0



GETTIN' DOWN—Dimmitt running back Bobby Hill (foreground) is ridden to the turf by big Muleshoe noseguard Daniel Johnson, but not before he had earned a first down at the 50-yard line in the second quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA finale at Muleshoe. Others in on the play are Muleshoe linebacker Cade Hooten (51) and Dimmitt's Deacon Buckley (64) and Tanner Self (53). Hill gained 28 yards on this run and two others to launch Dimmitt's only scoring drive. The Mules won the game, 54-6, to cap an undefeated season. Photo by Carter Townsend

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IN HOT PURSUIT—Nazareth's Kade Wilcox (11) and Daryl Pohlmeier angle across the field as they attempt to run down Stratford quarterback Adam Bell (7) Friday in a District 2-A title game at Elk

Stadium. Stratford jumped out to an early 23-2 lead in the first half and prevailed 30-16 in the battle of the unbeaten 2-A teams. *Photo by Dwayne Acker*

Joe Lombard to receive Wayland alumni award

Former Nazareth High School coach Joe Lombard will be honored Saturday as the first recipient of the Harley Redin Alumni Coach's Award during a ceremony at 3:30 p.m. at the McClung Center at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview as a part of the WBU homecoming festivities.

The Harley Redin Alumni Coach's Award was established in honor of the former Wayland basketball coach who coached a total of 27 years at Wayland, compiling a school record of 608 wins and 165 losses.

Lombard, presently head girl's basketball coach at Canyon High School, is a 1975 graduate of Wayland. He is entering his 23rd year of coaching high school basketball in the Texas Panhandle, amassing a winning percentage of 91% with teams that won 752 games while losing just 72. He has coached in 13 Texas high school state championship games, winning nine state crowns.

The former Pioneer basketball player began his coaching career in 1978 at Nazareth High School, and

during his seven years there his teams compiled a 240-16 record and captured six 1A state titles.

Like Redin, who coached the Pioneers and Flying Queens simultaneously from 1948 to 1957, Lombard has not coached girls exclusively. Those last two years in Nazareth while he guided the Swiftettes to a 68-0 record and back-to-back titles, he was coaching the boys' team to a 61-9 mark and two state runner-up trophies.

During his 15 years at Canyon, Lombard has amassed 441 wins and three state titles. Last season, his Lady Eagles finished the season as state champions with a 35-2 record and were ranked fifth in the nation by *USA Today*.

Dr. Greg Feris, director of athletics at WBU, said that the Redin Award was created not only as a tribute to Redin and the legacy he has provided Wayland, but also to recognize and honor alumni who have established themselves as outstanding coaches, either at the college or public/private school level. "It is only fitting that someone of

Joe Lombard's caliber be the very first recipient of the Harley Redin Alumni Coach's Award," Feris said. "Joe exemplifies the type of honoree we had in mind when we created the award. He not only is a great coach, as his record shows, but he also is a great role model."

Lombard said that receiving the award is a tremendous honor.

"To be mentioned in anything associated with Harley Redin is overwhelming, especially being an alum of Wayland and having had the privilege of knowing him and watching him coach," Lombard said.

Following Saturday's ceremony, which will take place as part of the Athletic Hall of Honor induction ceremonies, a plaque will be placed in the Hutcherson Physical Education Center lobby as a tribute to Redin and each recipient.

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Early rampage boosts Elks over Swifts for district title

By MEGAN SCHULTE
Two interceptions and two scores in the second half put Nazareth within range, but No. 2-ranked Stratford dashed the Swifts' hopes of a district championship when they intercepted a pass near the end zone late in the game.

Stratford held on for a 30-16 win and claimed the District 2-A championship with a perfect 10-0 record while the Swifts suffered their first loss of the season and finished as the 2-A runner-up with a 9-1 mark.

Nazareth couldn't get on track in the first half and Stratford, behind its powerful offense featuring running back Sid Resendes and quarterback Adam Bell, took control of the game early.

Stratford out-gained the Swifts on the ground, 230-127; and through the air, 119-94. Resendes finished with 126 yards on 30 carries while Bell picked up 103 yards rushing. He also completed 16 passes for 119 yards and a touchdown.

Nazareth's Matty McLain rushed 21 times for 62 yards and had both of the Swifts' touchdowns. Aaron Kern gained 47 yards on 11 totes. Quarterback Blake Birkenfeld completed 6-of-21 passes for 94 yards.

★ The Elks took the opening kickoff

and marched steadily down field until they scored at the 7:57 mark.

Nazareth ran eight plays, then punted deep into Elk territory, which set up a Swift safety by Eric Schilling. Stratford controlled the second quarter, scoring twice and holding the lead. The Swift defense only allowed Stratford one score in the third quarter.

Nazareth controlled the fourth quarter, scoring twice, but they were unable to catch Stratford.

"I am proud of the boys for the way they played in that second half," Coach Rick Price said. "I think we learned a lot about ourselves in that second half. We proved to ourselves that we could face adversity and take our game to another level."

★ The Elks received the opening kickoff Friday night and it only took them four minutes and eight plays to score.

A couple of big plays by Bell, including a 41-yard run, set up the first touchdown of the game. The drive was capped by Resendes who ran the ball in from four yards out. The extra-point by Nick Ashley was good, and the Elks led 7-0.

Nazareth then held the ball for eight plays, before they were forced to punt.

★ Stratford took over on their own 4-

yard line. They ran two plays, gaining four yards, before Eric Schilling buried Michael McAlister in the end zone for a safety, trimming the Elk lead to 7-2.

Nazareth fielded the ensuing free kick, but was forced to punt away the ball after only running three plays.

Stratford then ran nine plays before scoring again, this time with the help of quarterback Bell.

He completed a couple of key passes to Corey Naugle during the drive, then gained the final end zone himself for a 2-yard touchdown with 10:54 left in the second quarter. Bell found a diving Renee Vital for the two-point conversion play and the Elks jumped to a 15-2 lead.

Nazareth took possession of the ball on their own 20-yard line after the ensuing kickoff. Unable to obtain the first down, the Swifts were forced to punt only six plays later.

Stratford took advantage of this and 11 plays later, with a 4-yard run from Resendes, the Elks scored again. The two-point conversion was again good on a run by Javier Licon and Stratford led at the half, 23-2.

Nazareth fumbled the kickoff to start the third quarter, and Stratford recovered at Nazareth's 42-yard line.

The Elks ran four plays before they scored again, this time using a pass from Bell to Licon. The PAT was good, and the Elks led 30-2.

Nazareth ran the kickoff back to the 39-yard line, but was unable to gain the first down and was forced to punt three plays later.

The Elks were unable to control the ball though, and Nazareth's Tyler Ehly intercepted a wobbly Bell pass, setting the Swifts up with good field position.

Nazareth pushed the Elk defense back, and gained a first down, but they could still not make it to the end zone and Stratford took over.

The Swift defense held, and snatched the ball back when Jase Merritt intercepted another Bell pass.

Nazareth held on to the ball, and finally scored two minutes into the fourth quarter.

Matty McLain ran the ball in from four yards out, the PAT was good and the score rose to 30-8 Stratford.

Nazareth recovered its own inside kickoff, then proceeded on its next scoring drive.

A 40-yard pass from Birkenfeld to Pohlmeier moved the Swifts inside the red zone and the running game took over from there.

★ McLain pushed through the

Stratford defense into the end zone. Bergendahl's PAT was good, and Nazareth narrowed the Stratford lead to 30-16.

The Swifts put together another good drive in the fourth quarter and they were marching toward the goal line when their hopes for a comeback ended. After working their way deep into Stratford territory, Nazareth attempted a halfback pass by McLain into the end zone, but the Elks read the play perfectly and intercepted the pass at the goal line.

After that, the Elks were able to run out the clock to preserve their win.

"Stratford is a very good football team, and we hope to get another crack at them this year," Price said.

Game at a Glance

	Swifts 16	Stratford 30
Nazareth	2	0
Stratford	7	16

	NAZ	STR
First Downs	14	21
Yards Rushing	127	230
Yards Passing	94	119
Total Yards Gained	221	349
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-21-1	10-16-2
Punts-Avg.	2-35	5-35
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	0-0	7-80

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
STRATFORD—Sid Resendes 4 run (Nick Ashley kick)
NAZ—Eric Schilling tackled Michael McAlister in end zone for safety

Second Quarter:
STRATFORD—Adam Bell 2 run (Renee Vital pass from Bell)
STRATFORD—Resendes 4 run (Javier Licon run)

Third Quarter:
STRATFORD—Licon 26 pass from Bell (Ashley kick)

Fourth Quarter:
NAZ—Matty McLain 4 run (Phillip Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—McLain 1 run (Bergendahl kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: NAZ—Matty McLain 21-62; Aaron Kern 11-47; Jason Huseman 5-28; Kade Wilcox 1-0; Blake Birkenfeld 1 (-10). STRATFORD—Resendes 30-126; Bell 13-103; Licon 2-10; Michael McAlister 1 (-9).

Passing: NAZ—Birkenfeld 6-20 for 94 yards and no interceptions; McLain 0-1 with one interception. STRATFORD—Bell 10-16 for 119 yards and two interceptions.

Receiving: NAZ—Daryl Pohlmeier 3-73; Schilling 2-12; Wilcox 1-9. STRATFORD—Corey Naugle 5-56; Javier Licon 2-35; McAlister 1-9; Craig Moore 1-11; Vital 1-8.

Records—NAZ: 9-1, 4-1;
STRATFORD: 10-0, 5-0.



HURDLING FOR EXTRA YARDAGE Friday night is Nazareth's Matty McLain (44). The Swifts suffered their first loss of the season against the No. 2-ranked Stratford Elks Friday, 30-16. McLain was the Swifts' leading rusher, carrying the ball 21 times for 62 yards and touchdown runs of 1 and 4 yards. The Swifts finished the regular season with a 9-1 mark as District 2-A runners-up, and they'll face Wheeler Friday in a Class A bi-district playoff at White Deer. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.
Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swifts will face Wheeler in bi-district playoff Friday

Nazareth suffered its first loss of the season Friday night at the hands of the No. 2-ranked Stratford Elks, but the Swifts are still in the playoffs and their attention is now focused on Wheeler.

Nazareth and Wheeler will meet in a Class A bi-district playoff Friday night at White Deer. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

The Mustangs are no strangers to the playoffs. They have been to the playoffs 23 times in school history, including appearances for the last four years and eight times during the 1990s. Last year, Wheeler advanced to the Class A state semifinals.

After getting off to a slow 1-4 start in non-conference play, Wheeler put it all together when district rolled around and the Mustangs breezed through the race with a perfect 5-0 mark to claim the 1-A championship.

"This is Wheeler. They're a lot better now than they were early in the season. They'll be in playoff mode now and they're notorious for cranking it up once they hit the post-season," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price.

Wheeler has outscored opponents 209-181 this season, including a 157-52 scoring mark against District 1-A foes.

Wheeler claimed the district title last Thursday night with a big 45-6 win over Shamrock.

The Mustangs rely heavily on their running game out of the veer option set, and leading that attack is all-state running back Caleb Finsterwald.

Finsterwald, a 6-0, 195-pound senior, is the team's leading rusher this season and against Shamrock last week he rushed for 157 yards on 11 carries, capping his performance with touchdown runs of 1 and 55 yards.

Finsterwald isn't the Mustangs' only offensive threat though. Teammate Justin Chapman, a 5-11, 160-pound senior quarterback, rushed for 95 yards on 14 carries against Shamrock, and he scored from 18 and 3 yards. He also passed for a touchdown.

"Wheeler's got good size across the front. I'd say they average about 190," Price said. "Finsterwald's pretty good. He's not a Resendes (Sid Resendes of Stratford) or Finch (Keith Finch of Hart), but he's pretty good."

"Wheeler likes to run the veer with split backs and they want to find some way to hurt you with the dive. They'll still run enough option off of the dive so that you can't just concentrate on stopping the one play. You have to honor the quarterback (Chapman) as well."

"Recognizing their offensive sets and stopping the dive will be the key

for us on defense," Price said. "What strikes me most about them is that even though they aren't huge across the front, they're very tenacious with their blocks and they're aggressive."

Finsterwald and Chapman also see action on defense, covering in the secondary.

Chapman and Finsterwald, along with fellow seniors Bret Goad, Kelby Ledbetter and Donnie Phipps, are a big reason for Wheeler's turnaround this season.

Goad (6-0, 200), an all-state linebacker, also sees action on the offensive line. Ledbetter (6-4, 225) also starts on the offensive line and together they have been opening up holes for their skill players. On the other side of the ball, Ledbetter is a defensive end. Phipps (6-0, 190) lines up at wide receiver on offense and is a defensive back.

Wheeler's 4-3 defense features a massive front line averaging 209 pounds per player. The linebacker corps is the heart of the defense, though, especially with Goad lining up in the middle.

"They'll use their outside linebackers on stunts and they'll line them up in weird places. Goad's in the middle and they like to let him patrol from end-to-end while they gamble with everybody else," Price said.

Price said he wants the Swifts to establish their running game inside, and if that happens, it could help open up the outside lanes and the passing games.

"We're going to have to fight for the middle," he said.

Hoop Schedule

THURSDAY-SATURDAY: Varsity Lady Horns and Longhorns in the Morton Tournament (Girls will play Shallowater JV at 12 noon today (Thursday) while the boys will play Coronado JV at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday).) JV Longhorns and Lady Horns in the Hale Center Tournament.

FRIDAY: JV and varsity Bobbies and Bobcats at Levelland, beginning at 4 p.m.; JV and varsity Swiftettes at Tulia, beginning at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY: JV and varsity Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Borger, here, beginning at 5 p.m.; JV and varsity Longhorns and Lady Horns vs. Muleshoe, here, beginning at 4 p.m.; JV and varsity Swiftettes at New Deal, beginning at 4 p.m.

NEXT THURSDAY: Bobbies in the first round of the Queens Classic, Hutcherson Center, Plainview.

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Kress edges Hart, 16-8, in season finale

By BRAD ELAM

It was a hard-fought battle from the opening kickoff, but turnovers proved to be the difference Friday as Kress edged Hart, 16-8, in a District 2-A game.

Both teams started off slowly, but Kress was able to pull away at the end of the game.

Hart was able to hold Kress on its first offensive possession, but turnovers killed the Longhorns when they got the ball early in the game.

Hart took over in good field position on its first possession, but a fumble killed the drive.

Kress took advantage, scoring on a 31-yard run for a 6-0 lead after the point-after kick failed.

Hart's offense had another chance

after taking the ensuing kickoff, but the Longhorns were unable to move the ball and that held true through most of the first half.

The Longhorn defense shut down Kress, forcing a punt, but the kick resulted in poor field position for Hart.

The Kangaroos downed the punt at Hart's 2-yard line, then added two points to their score when they tackled Hart's Keith Finch in the end zone for a safety.

Kress took its 8-0 lead into the locker room at half time, but the Kangaroos did have one chance to extend that lead before the half ended.

A 50-yard field goal attempt just before time expired in the half fell

short.

The second half was a lot like the first as each team's defense dominated.

Both teams struggled on offense until Hart put something together late in the third quarter and penetrated the Kangaroos' side of the field.

The drive came to a standstill, though, when a Salvador Velasquez pass was intercepted by Kress and returned for a Kangaroo Touchdown. Kress opted to go for the two-point conversion and was successful for a 16-0 lead.

Hart coaches felt like officials should have flagged Kress with a pass interference penalty on the play, but the touchdown stood.

With time running out in the fourth

quarter, Hart forced a Kress punt, which was blocked by the Longhorns' Dan Eric Castillo.

Albert Velasquez picked up the loose ball and returned it for a touchdown. Jeff Bennett caught a pass from Finch for the two-point conversion, pulling Hart within eight points of the Kangaroos.

Hart's defense did its job quickly, shutting down Kress and forcing another punt that gave the Longhorns control with less than 30 seconds left in the game.

Finch found Velasquez downfield for a good gain on the pass play, then Velasquez took the snap and completed a pass to Finch. But time expired before Hart could find the end

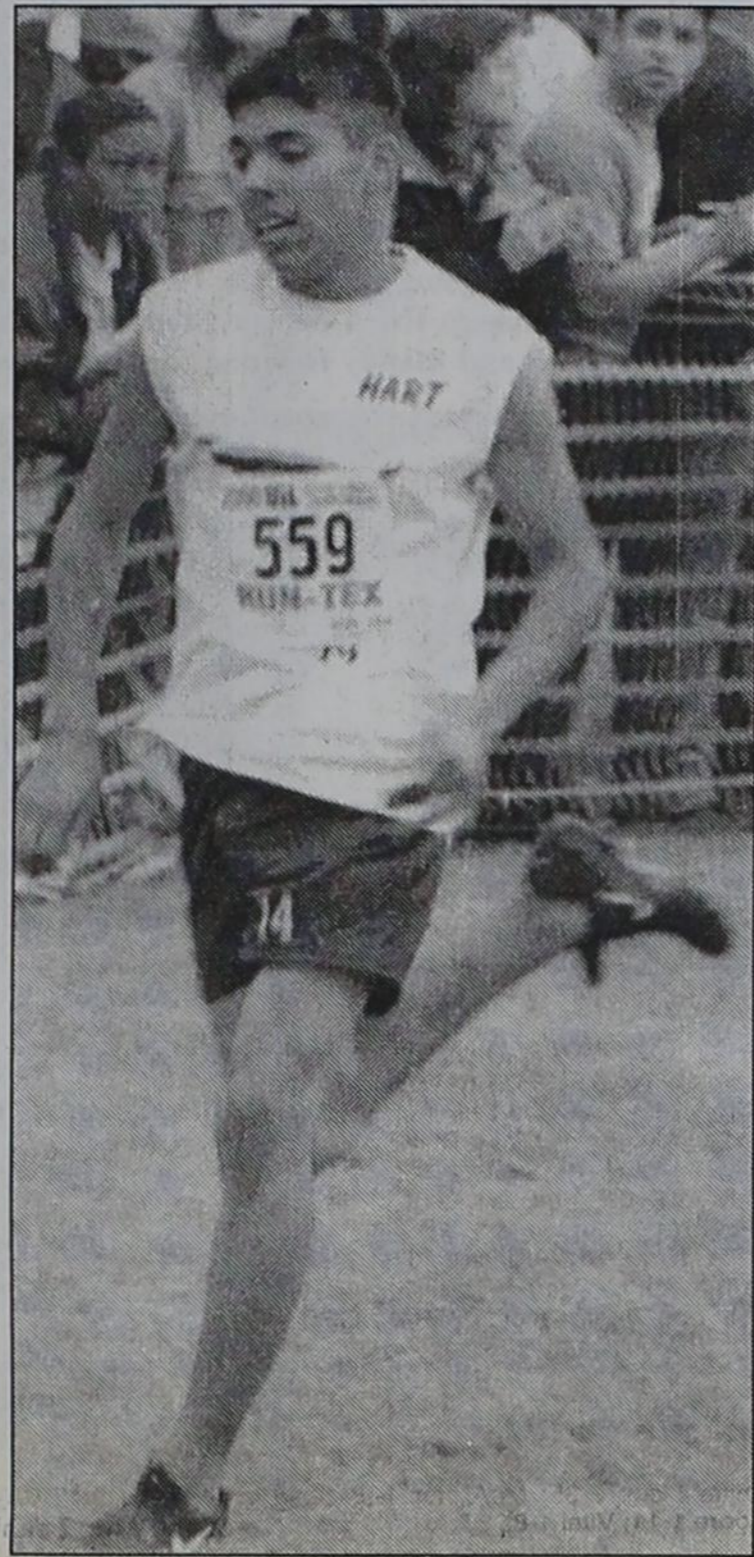
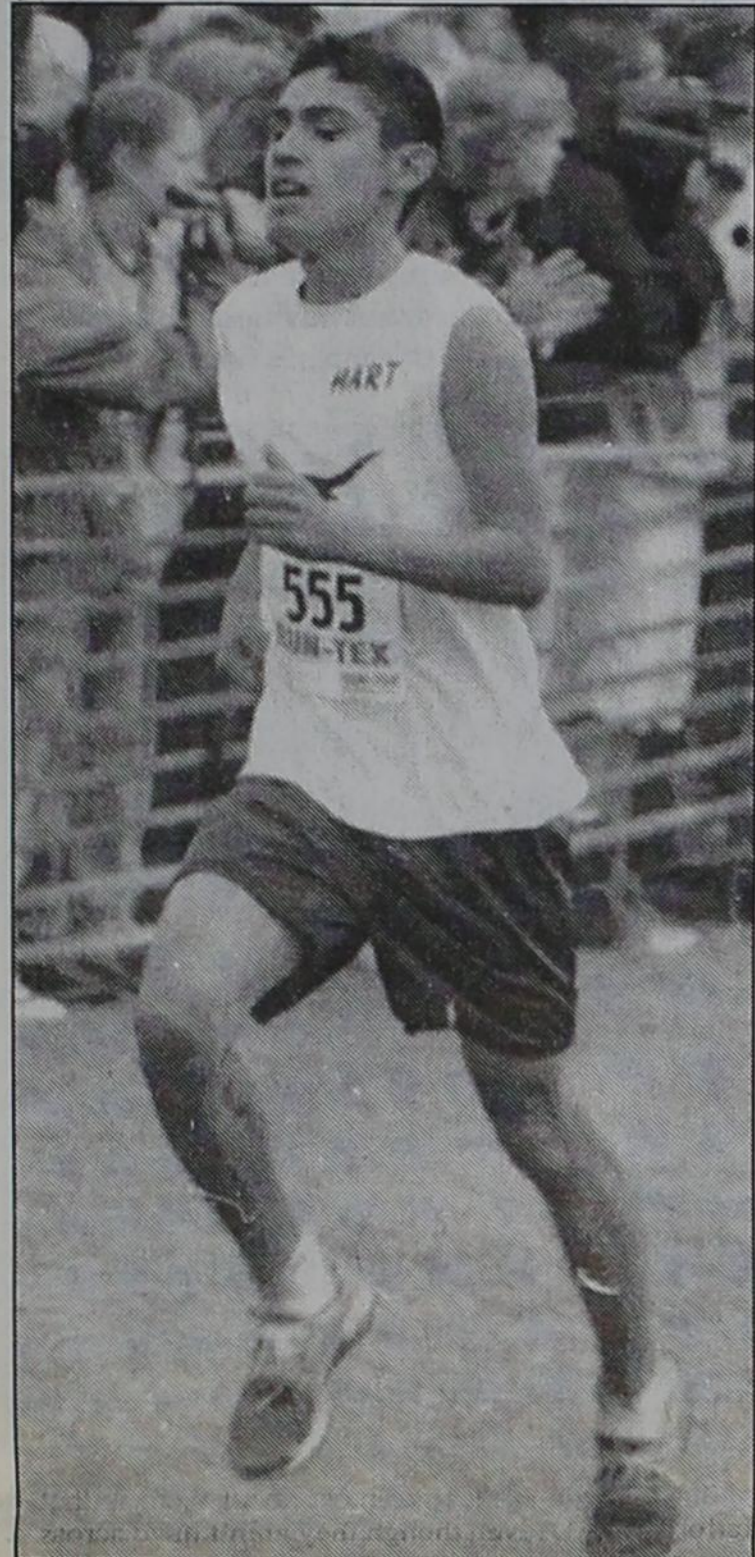
zone again and Kress held on for the 16-8 win.

Longhorns 8, Kress 16		HART		KRESS	
Hart	0	0	0	8	-8
Kress	0	9	0	7	-16
First Downs	3	9			
Yards Rushing	52	115			
Yards Passing	26	32			
Total Yards Gained	78	147			
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	2-7-1	3-10-1			
Punts-Avg.	3-31.7	5-30			
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0			
Penalties-Yards	8-87	6-45			

Scoring By Quarters

Second Quarter:
KRESS—Vasquez 40 run (kick good)
KRESS—Safety

Fourth Quarter:
KRESS—C. Street 85-yard interception return (kick good)
HART—Albert Velasquez 40-yard blocked punt return (Jeff Bennett pass from Keith Finch)



HART'S ISAIAS GARCIA (left) and Roy Robledo (right) fought their way through the pack and finished among the top 35 runners in Saturday's Class A state cross country championship race at Round Rock. Garcia finished 26th with a time of

18:02 while Robledo was 34th after completing the three-mile course in 18:11. The Longhorns, paced by Garcia and Robledo, finished eighth among the teams competing in the race.

Photo by Tracy Rich



Racing for the gold!

The Hart Longhorns are focused and ready to begin the biggest cross country race of the season Saturday morning at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. For the first time in Hart's school history, the boys qualified a cross country team for the state finals. The

Longhorns finished eighth among the teams Saturday. Team members include Isaias Garcia, Roy Robledo, Joey Pantoja, Emanuel Barron, Thomas Chia, Marcial Mendoza and Marcus Reyna.

Photo by Tracy Rich

Hart teams preparing for Morton Tournament

Hart basketball teams are jumping into the 2000-01 season with a flurry of games this week, including a tournament this weekend.

After the season opener on Tuesday, Hart began preparing for the Morton Tournament, which begins today (Thursday) and continues through Saturday.

The Lady Horns will open tournament action today (Thursday) at 12 noon against Shallowater junior

varsity.

The Longhorns will face Lubbock Coronado sophomores at 1:30 p.m. in their first-round game.

Other girls' matchups today (Thursday) include Amherst vs. Bovina, Dora vs. Spade and Three Way vs. Morton.

If the Lady Horns beat Shallowater today (Thursday), they will meet the Amherst-Bovina winner Friday at 3 p.m. Losers of the two first-round games will play Friday at 9 a.m.

Saturday's girls' schedule opens with the 7th-place game at 9 a.m. The consolation championship game will start at 12 noon while the third-place game is slated for 3 p.m. The championship game will be played at 6 p.m.

The boys' schedule on Saturday includes the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m., consolation finals at 1:30 p.m., third-place game at 4:30 p.m. and the finals at 7:30 p.m.

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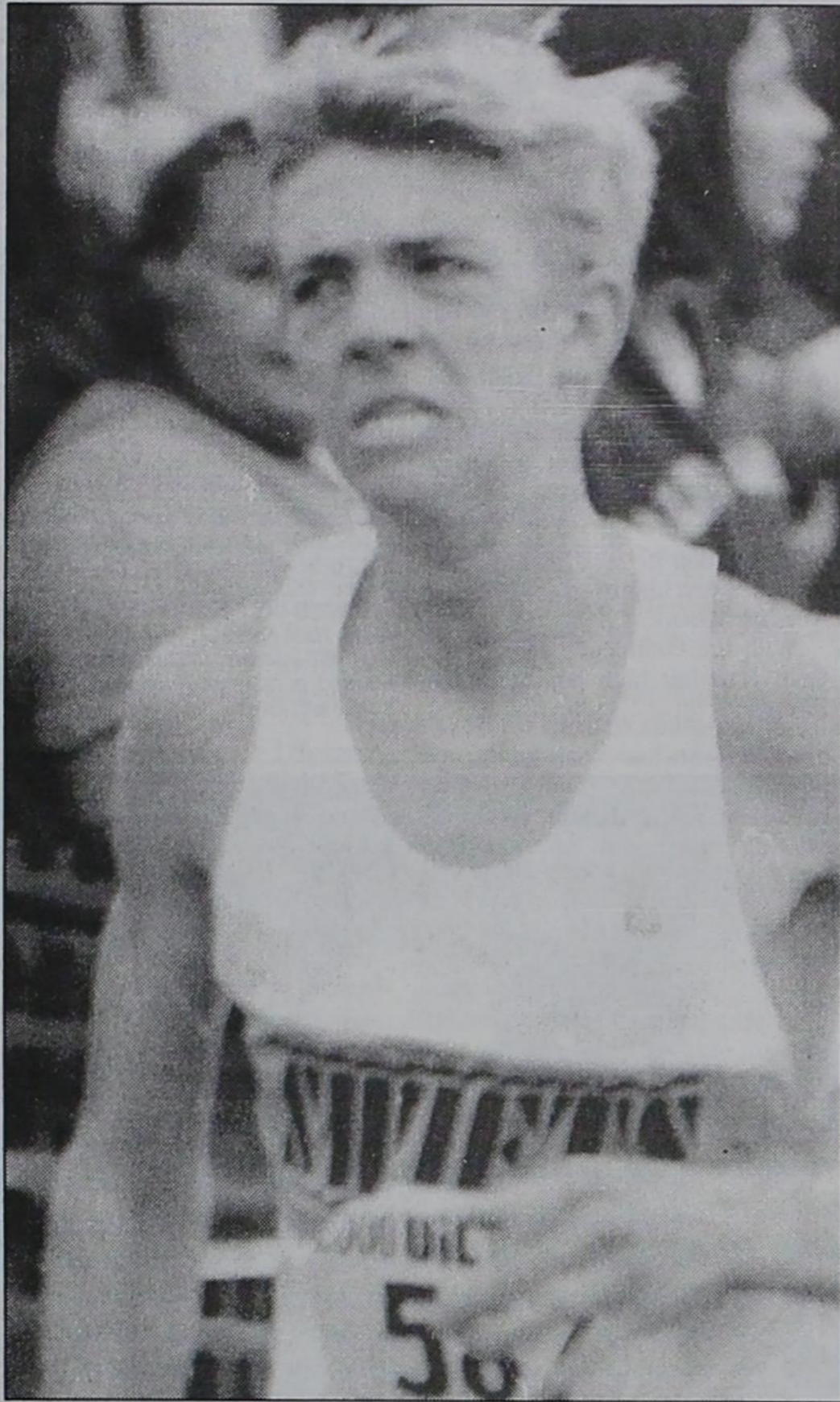
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CHAMPION EFFORT—Nazareth's Trinity Robb gives everything he's got as he nears the final leg of the Class A state cross country championship Saturday at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. Robb, a returnee at the state meet, knocked almost 40 seconds off his 1999 time and bettered his placing by several spots this year. His official finish was 12th place and he completed the three-mile course in 17:32.

Photo by Tracy Rich

Longhorns finish eighth, Robb is 12th

Ramaekers, Thiel lead Naz in state race

The Nazareth Swiftettes ran one of their better races of the year from top to bottom on the roster, but they had to settle for a tie for third place at the Class A state cross country meet Saturday.

Hart's Longhorns, making their first appearance at the state meet, finished eighth overall in the boys' race with 177 points while Trinity Robb of Nazareth was the 12th-place individual.

There isn't a senior among any of the state qualifiers, so the outlook is bright for next year.

The Swiftettes placed two runners among the top 10 Saturday at the state meet, which was held at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

Junior Danette Ramaekers finished fifth with a time of 12 minutes and 28 seconds over the two-mile course while junior Stephanie Thiel was eighth after running the course in 12 minutes and 37 seconds.

Nazareth finished in a third-place tie with Whiteface, but the Lady Antelopes got the nod for third when race officials compared the finish of each team's sixth best runners.

The course was a little muddy and sloppy in spots because of recent rains, but coaches from Hart and Nazareth say their teams still performed well.

"We had all seven girls finish under 14 minutes and that's pretty good. We haven't ran in a meet this year where we all did that," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "I think we ran as well as we could run."

"I thought our guys ran strong and good," said Hart Coach Tyra Moore. "I think they were all a little nervous because it was their first time at state and for a lot of them it was the first time they'd been away from home. I think the guys all felt that they could have done better, but I thought they were awesome and I told them that."

Ramaekers and Thiel were the Swiftettes' leading runners on Saturday, giving the Swiftettes a strong basis on which to build.

Sophomore Erica Gerber was the next Nazareth runner to cross the line and she finished 24th with a time of 13 minutes and three seconds. Other Swiftettes running were junior Marsha Black, 50th, 13:31; junior Mandy Hoelting, 55th, 13:37; junior Susan Kern, 59th, 13:42; and sophomore Teri Ramaekers, 64th, 13:49.

In the boys' race, Robb knocked 40 seconds off of the time he had posted in the Class A state race a year ago and he finished a few places higher this year.

"Trinity ran well Saturday," said Coach Garrett.

For the Longhorns, leading runner Saturday was junior Isaias Garcia, who finished 26th with a time of 18 minutes and two seconds. Freshman Roy Robledo was 34th in 18:11. Rounding out the Longhorn roster were junior Joey Pantoja, 62nd, 18:43; junior Emanuel Barron, 64th, 18:43; sophomore Thomas Chia, 79th, 19:14; junior Marcial Mendoza, 87th, 19:35; and freshman Marcus Reyna, 89th, 19:46.

Garcia and Robledo each experienced a problem during the race, but they were able to overcome the problem to post good finishes.

"The guys all got off to a good start, but when they went over the first creek Isaias said he got tangled up with another runner and he fell. When they reached the one-mile mark he was about 40th and Roy was in ninth. At the two-mile marker, Roy slipped on a rock and hurt his ankle," Coach Moore said.



READY, SET, GO!—The Nazareth Swiftettes' cross country team including Susan Kern, Teri Ramaekers, Danette Ramaekers, Erica Gerber, Stephanie Thiel, Marsha Black and Mandy Hoelting concentrate on

getting a good start in the Class A state championship race Saturday at Round Rock. The Swiftettes tied for third, but had to settle for fourth on the tie-breaking sixth runner's finish.

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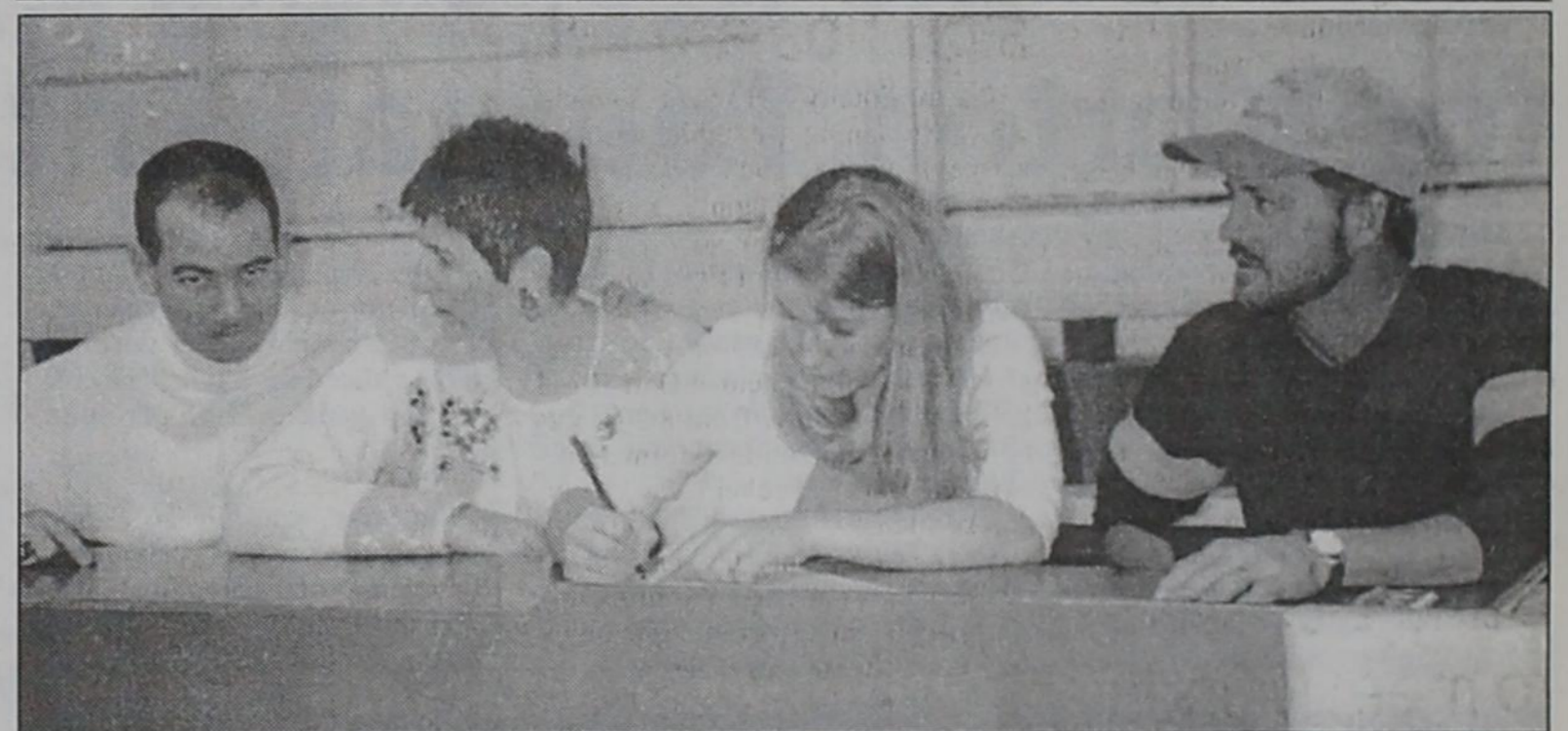


State Medalists

Nazareth's Danette Ramaekers was her team's leading runner in the state race Saturday, placing fifth with a time of 12 minutes and 29 seconds.

Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth (runner on the right) fights to pass another runner and is able to post the eighth-best time of 12:38 at state.

Photos by Tracy Rich



NAZARETH ALL-STATE SHAWNA GERBER (third from left) signs a national letter of intent to play basketball for Midwestern State University last Wednesday. Gerber, who will be a senior at Nazareth this year, is a four-year starter who averaged more

than 14 points a game last year in leading her team to the Class A state championship. Pictured with her are her high school coach, Matt Garrett, and her parents, Karen and Dan Gerber.

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Two county precincts purchase motor graders

County commissioners agreed to purchase new motor graders for county Precincts 1 and 4 Monday and authorized Precinct 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron to advertise for bids for a new machine for his precinct.

The new equipment will be purchased from West Texas Caterpillar. Two bids were submitted for the Precinct 1 machine—one from West Texas Cat and the other from Yellowhouse Machinery.

After comparing the two bids, commissioners elected to accept the bid from West Texas Cat because it was the cheaper bid when the guaranteed buy-back offer was factored in.

Total cost for the new machine is \$155,350 and West Texas Cat offered the county \$29,786 for equipment it wanted to trade in. That left a trade difference of \$125,564. Included in the bid is a \$109,000 guaranteed buy-back after five years. That left a total difference of \$16,564.

Yellowhouse Machinery bid \$152,500 for a new machine and offered \$38,500 for the trade-in, leaving a net trade difference of \$114,000. The difference in the bids came in the buy back. Yellowhouse offered only \$87,500 on the guaranteed buy-back program.

"The best I can figure, the West Texas Cat bid is monetarily the best

if the interest rates are the same," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland.

After unanimously agreeing to purchase the Precinct 1 machine from West Texas Cat, commissioners then opened bids on a motor grader for Precinct 4.

The only company to bid on the Precinct 4 equipment was West Texas Cat, and that bid also was accepted.

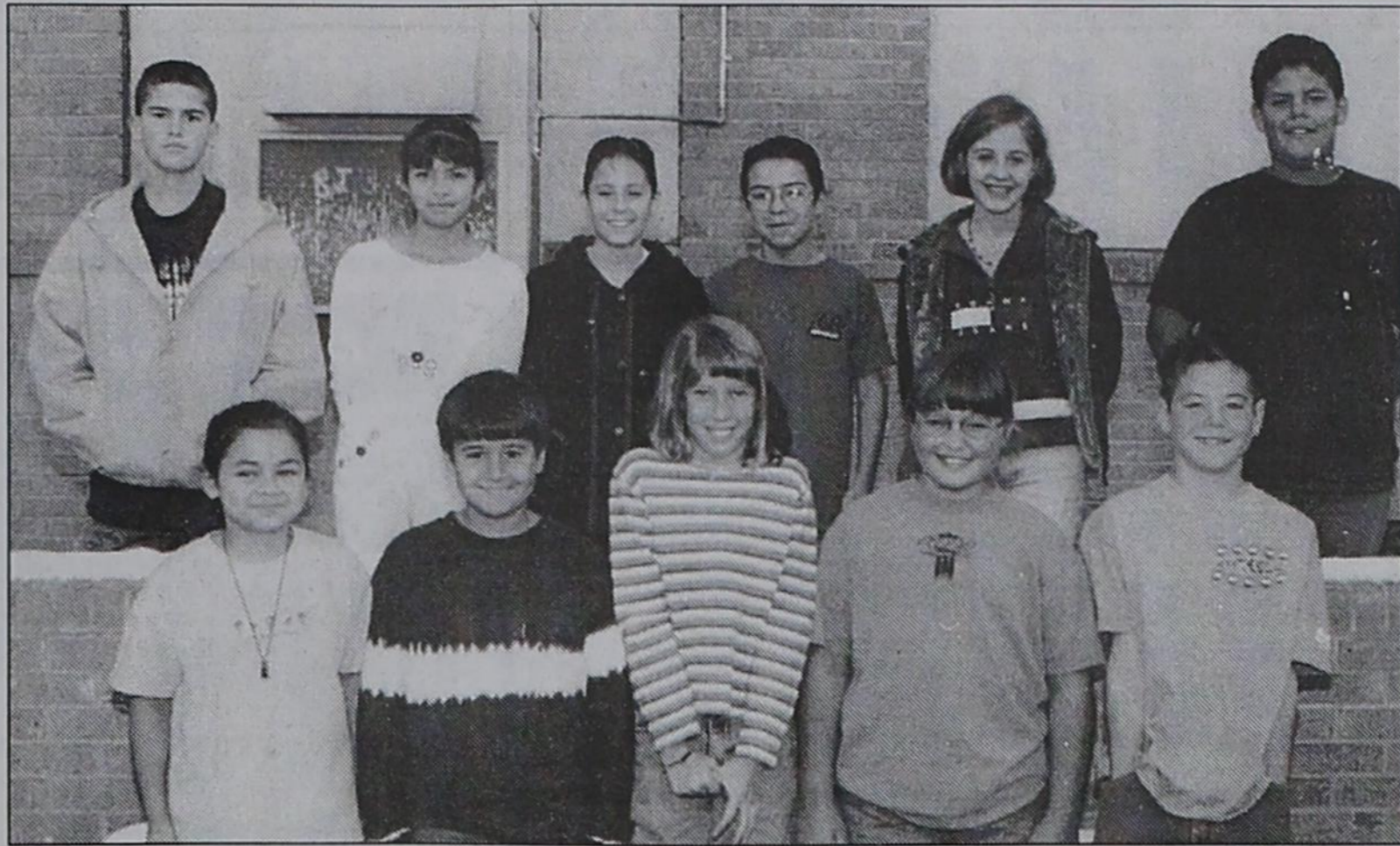
The starting price of \$155,350 and buy-back of \$109,000 was the same on both machines, but Precinct 4's trade-in equipment drew a higher offer of \$83,786.

Commissioners agreed to allow Delbert Morris, the district attorney's private investigator, to move his office to the empty office across the hall which formerly housed the probation officer.

County Judge Irene Miller told commissioners Morris had requested the office space, and added that no one else had asked to move into that office yet.

"If he moves, then we may be able to move the law library into his old office," Miller said.

In other action, commissioners approved bonds for Billy Hackleman, Bay Baldrige and CD Fitzgeard.



SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Dimmitt Middle School recently honored these students (from left): (front) Jazzalyn Sepeda, Chase Hat-

la, Lana Reinart, Chauncey Gilbreath, and Cameron Cluck; and (back) Weldon Allison, Alejandra Velasquez, Tabitha Green, Jessie Lara, and Hayli Wise.

Coat drive ends today

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

The coat drive started on Nov. 3 and will continue through today (Thursday).

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

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

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Hereford's 'Festival of Trees' continues through Sunday

The auction of several fully-decorated Christmas trees, along with children's programs, other activities, a festival gala, holiday dinner and more will be held in Hereford this weekend as part of the Hereford Senior Citizens Association's annual Festival of Trees.

The annual celebration opened on Wednesday with a wide range of activities and children's programs beginning at 8:30 a.m. A preview of the trees was held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

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

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

Activities continue today (Thursday) with the featured events being a melodrama and finger food buffet from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

On Friday, a festival gala has been planned from 6 to 7:30 p.m., then the festival auction will be held at 7:30.

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

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

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

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

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

Livestock show sign-ups are set

Castro County 4-H and FFA youth who are planning to exhibit livestock at major shows, such as those in Houston and San Antonio, may sign up for these shows on Nov. 27 at the Dimmitt High School FFA building starting at 6 p.m.

Sign-up and validation for major shows also will be held at Hart High School on Monday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, contact Jim Tucker or Rick Auckerman.

"It is important that each 4-H member bring at least one of his or her parents, since parent signatures are required on entry cards," said Auckerman, Castro County Extension Agent.

"All entry cards for the Houston Livestock Show must be notarized and we will have a notary public present," said Jerry Mathis, Dimmitt FFA teacher.

No entry cards will be accepted without the signatures of the exhibitor and one of his or her parents.

All entry fees are due at the time of sign-up.

Band Boosters to meet Monday

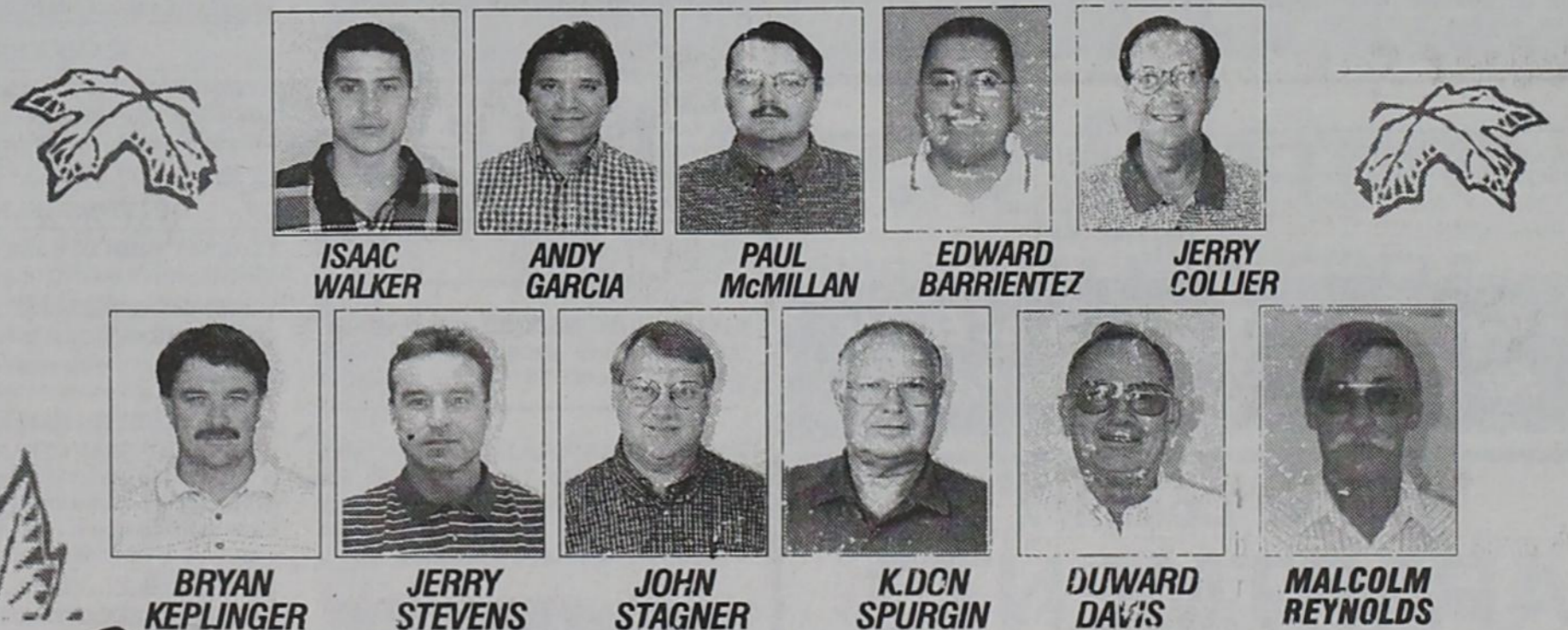
The Dimmitt Bobcat Band Boosters will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School band hall for their last meeting in 2000.

Items for discussion at the meeting will include work schedules and other needs for the basketball game concession stand, and upcoming all-region try-outs for junior high (Nov. 28) and high school (Dec. 4) band students.

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Gunman reported near middle school . . .

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All four school locations (Dimmitt High School, DMS, Richardson Elementary School, and the Alternative School) were locked down as a safety precaution.

Shortly after I arrived, Assistant Police Chief Santos Perez came to the school, followed by Officer Rita Ramos. Perez said he had understood from the first call that the man had been inside the school, so he and Officer Fuentes went into the school by the doors by Cleveland Gym and worked their way toward the nurse's office. Ramos went in the school's main entrance.

After learning the man had not been in the school and that everything was secure there, the officers went out and began looking for the gunman.

Perez said he notified the dispatcher to contact all city officers and call them to the scene. Ramos remained at the front of the school to secure the entry.

Members of the Sheriff's Dept. also came out to aid in the search of the area.

Shortly after Perez had arrived, DISD Supt. Les Miller was let in on the front doors. As he had driven by on his way from Richardson Elementary, he had been drawn to the school by the flashing lights of the police cars outside.

Parents and others began calling the school to see what was going on, since the school was being mentioned on police scanners. The school secretary reassured callers, saying the students were securely locked down and everyone was fine.

"Everything is under control," she said again and again, trying to hide the worry she was feeling.

One mother called to say she had been unable to bring her tardy children to school because no one would let them in.

Just before the time for the first bell to ring signalling for students to change classes, it was announced that students must remain in their first period classrooms.

Razor announced to the school that a man had been spotted in the vicinity of the school with what possibly was a rifle and that police were scouring the area in search of the man. He said the school would remain locked down until at least 10:30.

Teachers began paging the office to see if students could go to the restrooms and some reported that students had become physically ill.

Tension was very real. At one point, someone opened the door to the counselor's office. There were the students I had come to take a picture of! About 12 seventh-grade girls were huddled together, most sitting on the floor, and looking pale and strained and worried. They asked me if I were going to take their picture in that condition, and expressed concern about how their hair looked.

"Is this everyone?" I asked, and they said yes, except for the boys. I assured them I would not be taking their picture at that time.

At about 10 a.m. someone came to the office and said that worried parents were gathering outside the school grounds.

Correction

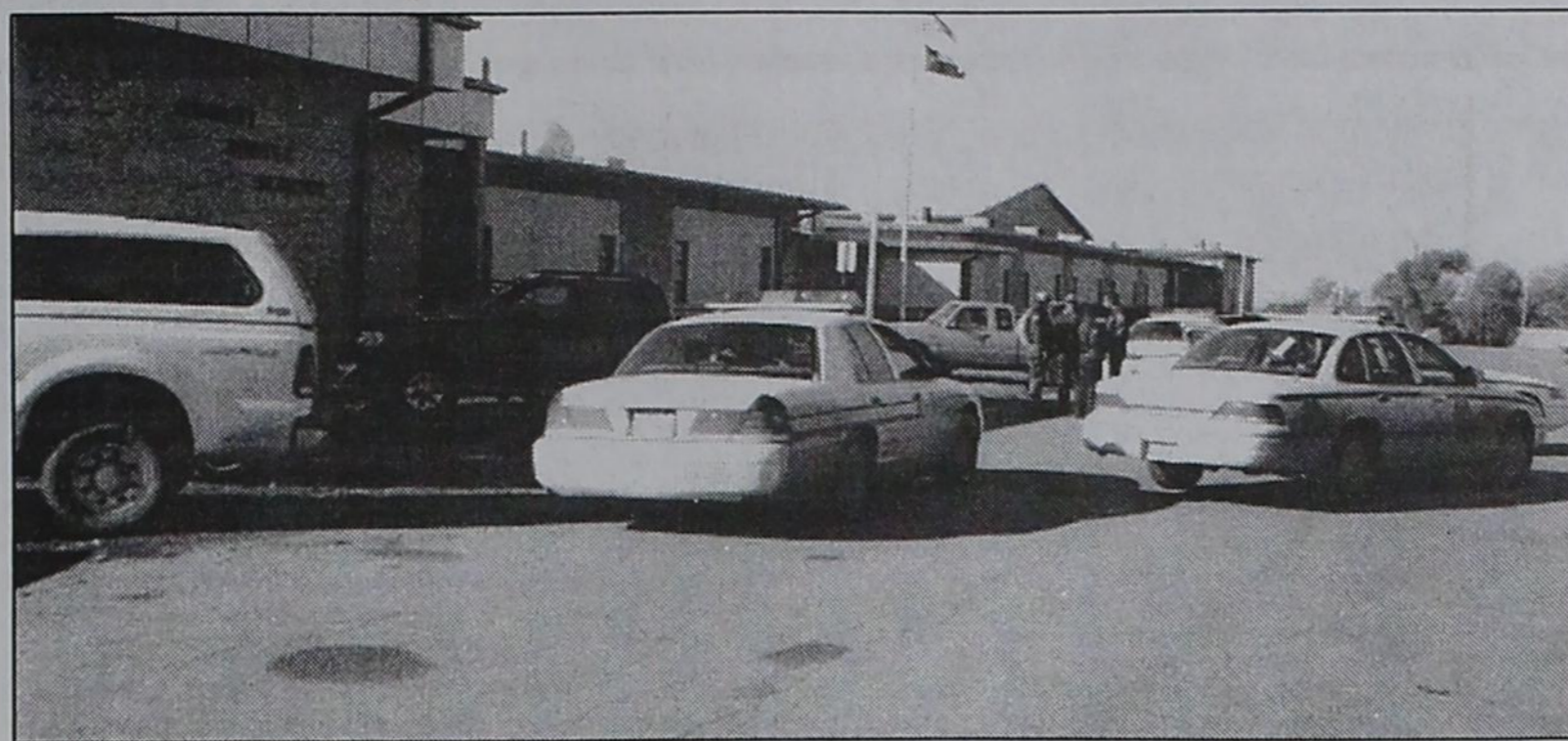
In last week's issue of the *News* in the story reporting the election results, it was stated that Voting Pct. 101 (which votes at the Hart Golden Group Building) voted against the jail bond issue. However, Pct. 101 voted 120 to 119 in favor of the measure. Voting Pct. 105 (which votes at Sunnyside Baptist Church) voted against the measure, with 15 in favor and 30 against. The numbers were reported correctly in the chart with the unofficial voting results. The *News* regrets the error.

Cost for jail bond election estimated near \$50,000

County commissioners were forced to approve a couple of line item transfers Monday to help pay for costs involved with the jail bond election.

The largest expense incurred was from the firm of Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects, who drew up the plans for the proposed jail facility which would have been constructed had the bond passed. Their fee was \$28,500.

Another \$10,000 was paid to consulting construction firms. Other fees surrounding the election included legal notices, land surveys, lawyer's fees and more.



LAW ENFORCEMENT vehicles and officers were represented in heavy numbers around the schools in Dimmitt Friday after a gunman was reported in front of Dimmitt Middle School at about 8:26 a.m.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Razor said that school was not being dismissed, but if parents insisted on picking up their children then school officials would not stop them. However, the parents would have to go through a security checkpoint before being allowed to have their children come out to them.

Perez confronted one upset father who was trying to insist on coming into the building, but Perez told him they could not just let people come in at will. The lockdown was for the children's protection.

Razor told the bystanders in the office that we could leave if we wished—at our own risk.

I walked up and down in front of the building, taking pictures of anxious parents and congregated law enforcement vehicles.

At about 10:15 a.m., Ramos came up and spoke to other officers, saying a possible suspect had been spotted, and several of the law enforcement vehicles left the school to go the scene where he had been observed.

I tried to follow the departing vehicles, but was unable to see where they went. I checked in at work to let them know I was out of the lockdown (They knew where I had gone that morning and they had heard everything on the scanner).

At about 11 a.m., I returned to the school grounds and took more pictures—of the long line of at least 50 cars of parents waiting to pick up children, of parents waiting at the front of the school, and of children coming out the doors.

I watched as two children were brought out to their mother. I asked the children how the other students were doing. One of the boys said that some of the students were frightened, but others didn't seem to be bothered by the situation. He said some of the students in his first period class asked to go to the restroom so they

could vomit. He said that at the time of his release (at about 11:15-11:30) the students were in fourth period and had been moving between classrooms—under direct supervision at all times.

Their mother said she wanted her children out of there, and she was just waiting for a ride to take them home.

As we stood talking, Razor came out of the building and asked the woman to get the children off the street. He said they needed to be in a vehicle or come back into the building. The woman agreed and said she appreciated the school's concern. She put the children into a vehicle with a friend who also was waiting to pick up children.

Roads leading to the school were blocked off, limiting access to the front entrance. Five cars at a time were allowed on Southwest Eighth Street, and three at a time were allowed at the front of the school. Parents had to give positive identification and men were asked to remove jackets. Then students were located and brought out to the parents.

Law enforcement personnel, school personnel and volunteer fire fighters were used to man road blocks and help with traffic control.

"Our teachers did a tremendous job by their professionalism," Miller said. "They didn't let the kids get overly concerned. The principals kept staff informed."

"Maintenance personnel helped around the perimeter. Transportation provided buses, other vehicles and radios. Food service made an extra effort, especially at the high school, because they usually don't have as many for lunch.

"Everyone did a good job," Miller said.

"The law enforcement agencies responded as quickly as possible and were very helpful throughout the day," Miller said. "Assistant Police Chief Santos Perez and Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald, along with their officers, and several Texas State Troopers, also are to be commended, as they secured the area, conducted a thorough search, and set up security checks around all of the campuses throughout the day."

Miller commended the parents who waited patiently in line to pick up their children.

He said the school district needs to educate parents as to what to do in case of any kind of emergency.

"We want to alleviate their concerns that their children will be safe," Miller said. "They need to understand that in a lockdown no one can come in or out."

"I understand their concern, but if they will cooperate and let us do our job, we will keep the students safe."

He said school district personnel had met a little over a week ago with

police to go over the school's emergency response plan and had worked on some details. He said other meetings are planned.

Perez said that there were no leads in the case as of Tuesday afternoon. However, officers had yet to question the driver of the "wrong-way truck" to determine if he saw anything.

He said officers searched the entire area from the school on west, including some vacant houses in the area. He expressed appreciation for the help from the Sheriff's Dept. and DPS officers, including some from Hereford.

"The school personnel were really good. They did a great job, locking down quickly," Perez said. "All the teachers, administrators—everyone did a fantastic job."

Perez said his department had a lot of positive feedback from parents.

"I could understand their fears, but the kids were in the safest place at that point," Perez said. "I want to thank the parents for their patience and cooperation when they were

picking up their children."

Police Chief Ray Aleman was out of town on Friday. He said Tuesday that the police have been training for something just like this. They have been coming into the school buildings at night to familiarize themselves with the layout so they could be prepared.

"That helped our agency a lot," Aleman said. "This is something every community has to deal with, something you have to train for. We hope it never happens, but nowadays, you just don't know. It can happen anywhere. We have to have training in this area to be able to protect our community and our children."

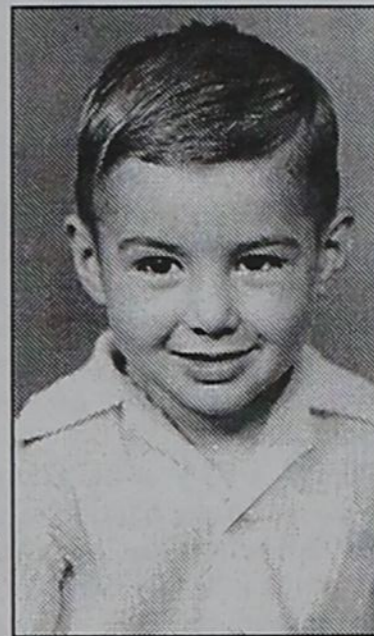
Aleman showed me a "Thank You for Keeping Us Safe" banner that was signed by all the students in the elementary school.

"Hopefully, we will get with the schools and continue with our emergency planning," he said. "We will continue to patrol the schools with extra patrols for some time."

He said the incident is still under investigation.

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He's up before dawn while the day is still cool. It's out to the feedyard to saddle his mule. On evenings and weekends he's coaching a game. But being a cowboy is his claim to fame. In his boots and his hat, he looks pretty nifty. Guess what folks? This cowboy's turnin' fifty!

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Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Mr. and Mrs. Rene F. Urbina of Hart are the parents of a baby girl, Trinidad Vita Urbina, who was born at 10:18 a.m. on Nov. 11 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Trinidad weighed 7 lbs., 7.6 ozs., and she measured 19-1/2 inches long at birth. She has two older siblings, Kerry Rene Urbina and Victoriano Guadalupe Gonzales. Her paternal grandparents are Alejandro and Maria Urbina of Hart. Maternal grandparents include Guadalupe and Lydia Gonzales of Hart.

A domestic cat can run 30 miles an hour, beating the fastest human, who reached 27.89 mph.

DISD to seek bids on field house expansion

The Dimmitt Independent School District school board voted unanimously Monday night to go out for bids on a 50-foot by 50-foot extension on the high school field house.

Bids will be due Dec. 8 so the proposals can be viewed at the Dec. 11 meeting of the board.

DISD Superintendent Les Miller told the board that the addition to the building would be used for a weight room, with the present weight room being converted into a varsity locker room. The current varsity locker room would be used for the junior varsity, and the junior varsity locker area would become the visitors' locker room. Presently, visiting football teams have to dress in the high school gym dressing rooms.

Board member Greg Odom said he would like to see the bid propos-

als include options for a total "turn-key" job, as well as for basic construction with local personnel doing the finish work.

In another matter, the board members voted 6-1 to accept a bid from Gene Messer Ford on a new pickup for use by the maintenance and transportation departments. Odom voted against, with Barbara Bain, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbrera, John Nino, David Schaeffer, and Rick Wright in favor.

The bid from Messer was \$16,312.50 for a 4.6 L V-8 engine in a half-ton pickup, which was the lowest bid for that size of engine. The only lower bid also was from Messer for a smaller engine. Other bids were received from Stevens Five Star Car and Truck Center, Western Ford, and John Chandler Ford.

In other business, the board: —Approved the DISD district goals that have been developed by a committee of teachers, parents, community representatives and administrators.

—Rescheduled the Dec. 11 and Feb. 12 meetings of the board to be noon meetings instead of at 7 p.m., due to conflicts with other school activities.

—Heard reports on the band, football and cross-country programs.

—Amended the budget to include additional "E-Rate" revenues.

—Viewed the instrument bus, outfitted this year for the band. The board also heard thank-you speeches from band members, parents, and band director Harold Hinsley in appreciation for providing the bus.

Band Booster President Carolyn Harman told the board that the boosters would like to pay for painting the panels that cover the windows on the bus to show their appreciation.

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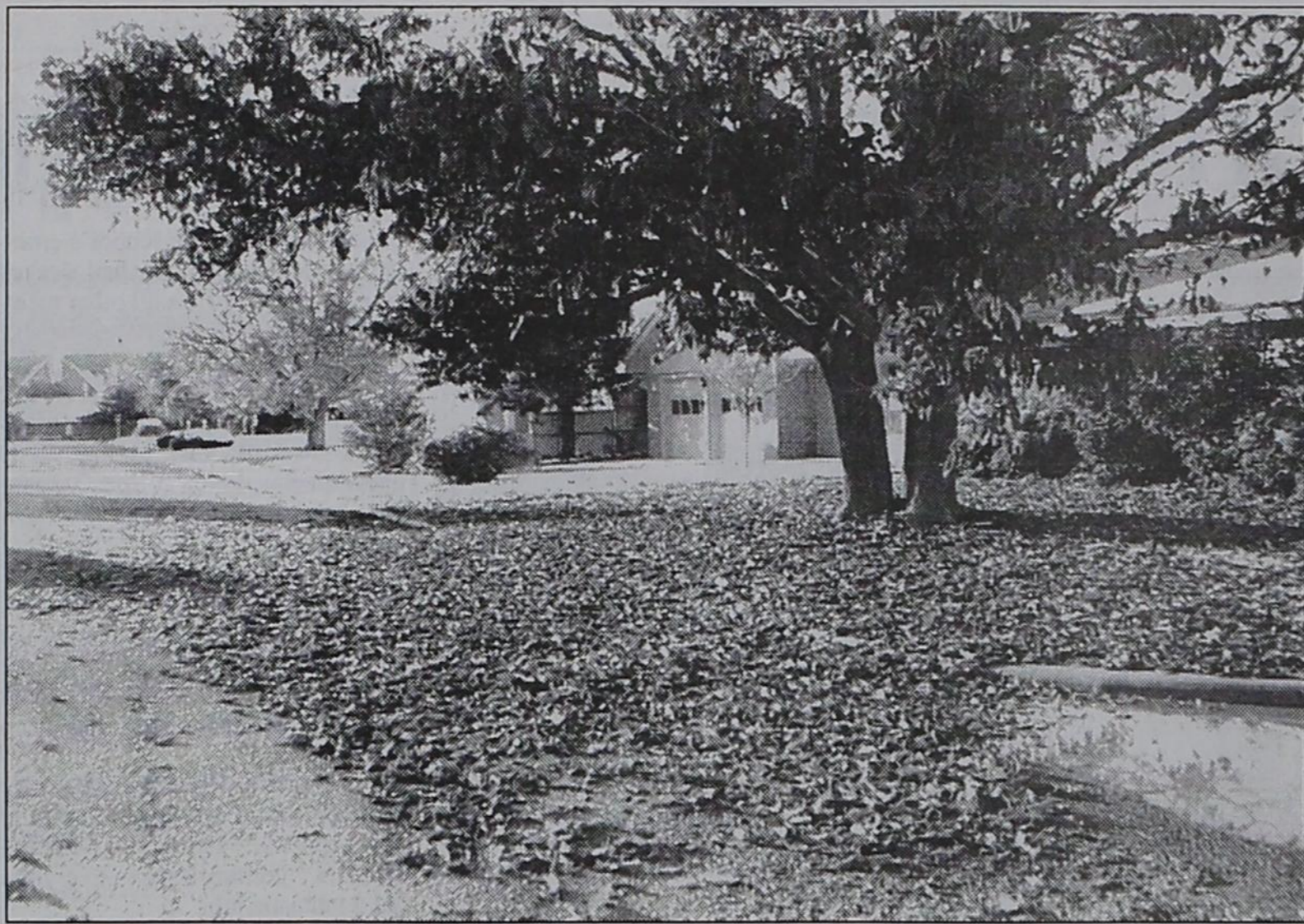
Holiday Calendar

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

FRIDAY—Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual holiday bazaar and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Cost for the meal is \$6 per plate or \$6.25 for takeouts. The auxiliary will also be accepting donations for its Operation Christmas Greetings project.

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

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



FALL HAS FELL and so did a lot of leaves after the hard freeze that came Nov. 6-7, accompanied by snow. This weekend is expected to see a continuation of cold temperatures with more snow possible.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Dimmitt City Council

Police car purchased, bids sought for pickup

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to purchase a police car, go out for bids on a pickup, and purchase health insurance.

Only one bid was received on a police car. Western Ford, Lincoln Mercury of Hereford offered to provide a 2001 Crown Victoria with police package for \$18,499, allowing \$2,500 trade-in for a 1994 model.

City Manager Don Sheffy said that funds for the purchase were allotted in the city budget.

Sheffy also told the council that funds could be taken out of the capital outlay expenditures for the sewer and water departments to pay for a new pickup for his use. He said the council had told him at the time of his employment that they did not want someone who just stayed in the office, so he said he needs better transportation.

At a previous meeting, council members had tabled action on selecting a provider for employee health insurance, waiting to investigate a self-insure plan.

Mayor Wayne Collins said they have not been able to get any companies to bid on the re-insurance portion of the plan.

"It looks like we would be better off to stay with Blue Cross for now," Collins said.

Council members voted to take the insurance matter "off the table" and approve a renewal with Blue Cross.

The council also agreed to designate Don Sheffy as the person authorized to deal with the airport grant requirements on behalf of the city. Sheffy said the grant process will move to select an engineering company soon.

Freshmen upend Muleshoe, 41-14

Dimmitt's freshman football team trounced the Muleshoe Mules last Thursday, posting a big 41-14 win to end their season on a positive note.

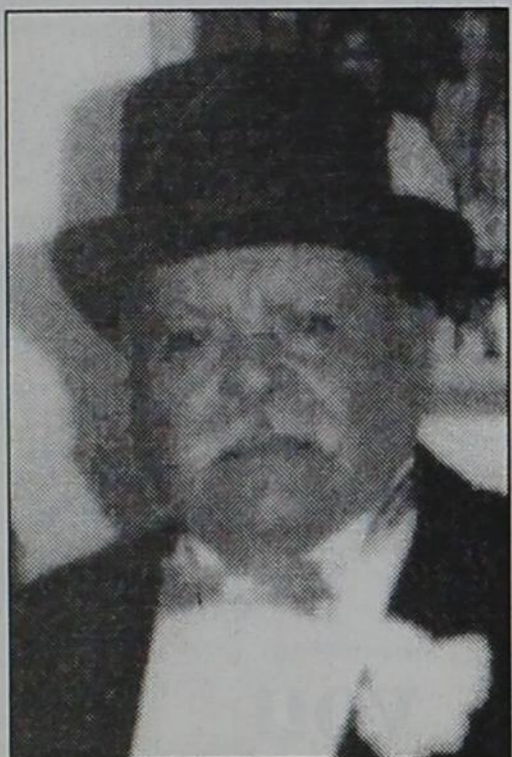
The victory improved the Freshman Bobcats' season record to 3-6.

Quarterback Nicky Gauna had a great game, passing for more than 300 yards and five touchdowns. Leading receiver for the Cats was Kenny Sherman, whose receiving yardage surpassed 150 yards.

In the junior varsity game, the Mules downed the Dimmitt JV, 30-8.

Success is not what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.

Obituaries



Antonio C. Ramirez

Antonio C. Ramirez, 80, of Uvalde, father of a Dimmitt woman, died Nov. 2 at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Funeral services were held Nov. 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Uvalde with Father Ken Dakin officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Uvalde.

Mr. Ramirez was born April 16, 1920, in Hondo. He married Juanita Luna on Dec. 12, 1941, in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Oralia Rodriguez; and two sons, Carlos Ramirez and Billy Ramirez.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Becky Hinojosa of Uvalde, Manuela Nombro of Rocksprings, Maria del Socorro of Dimmitt and Juanita Ramirez and Blanca Ramirez, both of Brownwood; a son, Antonio Ramirez Jr. of Grand Prairie; a grandson raised as a son, Noe Ortega of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Raymunda Ramirez of San Antonio; 40 grandchildren; and 77 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were seven grandsons including Juan Manuel Ramirez, Juan Carlos Ramirez, Jesus Roberto Rodriguez, Enrique Ortega Jr., Francisco Javier Ojeda, Marcus Hinojosa and Billy Ramirez Jr.; and a great-grandson, Pedro Ramirez Jr.

Nov. 7, a Dimmitt woman told police that a suspect committed assault against a family member, throwing her into a wall and pushing her onto a couch.

Friday around 12:18 p.m., a suspect trespassed into a residence on Southwest Fifth Street and assaulted a victim in an incident of family violence.

Saturday, a 53-year-old Dimmitt man was cut on the hand by a suspect in an incident of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on Northwest Sixth Street.

Monday, a Dimmitt woman told police that a 20-year-old family member told his friends to leave her residence on Northwest 12th and then he assaulted her, causing bodily injury.

Friday at 8 p.m., police received a report of a terroristic threat. Two female complainants on West Bedford said the suspect threatened to assault them.

Sunday night Janie Vick told police that someone entered Corner Place Package Store without her consent and took some beer, valued at \$41.55. The burglar(s) also did \$500 in damage to the glass in the front door which was broken out.

Monday, employees of the Dairy

Queen told police that someone broke into the store between midnight and 9:35 a.m., gaining entrance through the drive-up window. About \$150 was taken.

Hector Ledesma reported Tuesday morning that someone damaged the front windshield of his pickup while it was parked at his home on West Bedford.

An employee of Dimmitt Market told police Nov. 8 that someone forged a check and passed it at the store.

Friday at 2:50 a.m., a 20-year-old Earth man was jailed for DWI, first offense, and refusal of the breath test. He was stopped in the 900 block of West Bedford.

Friday at 8:52 p.m., a suspect was arrested for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors in the 500 block of West Bedford and some minors were charged with being in possession of an alcoholic beverage. At 9 p.m., a 47-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested at the same location for public intoxication and using profanities in public.

Sunday at 12:34 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 20, was jailed for DWI, second offense.

Friday afternoon, a suspect was picked up as a runaway reported by

the Amarillo Police Dept.

Jailed on warrants during the past week were:

—Nov. 8, a Dimmitt woman, 50, on a warrant for tampering with governmental records with intent to defraud or harm; and a 21-year-old Hereford man on charges of theft by check over \$20 and under \$500 and for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

—Friday, a Hereford man, 28, on warrants for speeding and violation of promise to appear.

Jail Count

As of Tuesday morning, there were 12 inmates in the county jail, with one farmed out.

Mary Tyler Moore and Candice Bergen are both five-time Emmy winners for Comedy Actress.

To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance.

—Oscar Wilde
An Ideal Husband

Two events in a biathlon are cross-country skiing and target shooting.

Police Calls

Hoop Scores

Bobcats 42, Canyon Randall 54

Randall 17 8 10 19—54

Dimmitt 9 14 10 9—42

SCORING: Dimmitt—Tamara Robertson 13, Heather Black 11; Randall—Jennifer Arenas. **Records:** Dimmitt 0-1; Randall 1-0.

Swiftettes 50, Friona 46

Nazareth 15 14 7 14—50

Friona 11 13 12 10—46

SCORING: Nazareth—Mandy Hoelting 13, Whitney Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel 9; Friona—Kayla Smiley 14, Kristie Jack 12. **Records:** Nazareth 1-0; Friona 0-1.

Lady Horns 41, Cotton Center 30

Cotton Center 4 13 5 8—30

Hart 6 11 11 13—41

SCORING: Hart—Lacie Curry 13, Vanessa Carrasco 11, Crystal Diego 10; Cotton Center—M. Laney 9. **Records:** Hart 1-0; Cotton Center 0-1.

Bobcats 49, Canyon Randall 68

Randall 23 16 11 18—68

Dimmitt 9 18 13 9—49

SCORING: Dimmitt—D. Norman 18, Randall—Keenan Hooker 18, Calvin Nit 16. **Records:** Dimmitt 0-1; Randall 1-0.

JV Bobcats 34, Randall JV 26

Randall JV 8 3 1 14—26

Dimmitt JV 4 9 7 14—34

SCORING: Dimmitt JV—Jenna Steinle 9. **Records:** Dimmitt JV 1-0; Randall JV 0-1.

JV Lady Horns 33, Cotton Center 15

JV Bobcats 36, Randall 57

JV Swiftettes 54, Friona 47

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Rosa Y. Salinas

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God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.

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And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
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