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Harman's car recovered in Estelline

Hitchhiker suspected of stealing car in Dimmitt

Billy Harman of Dimmitt received quite a shock on Oct. 9 when he looked for the 1983 Ford Mustang he had left parked on the courthouse square across from his business—it wasn't there.

Harman notified police that his car had been stolen around 12 noon on Oct. 9 and by 4:38 p.m. that day, the missing vehicle had been located north of Estelline.

"This is the first time in my life

I've ever had anything stolen," Harman said. "When I go home, I always take the keys out and lock my car. I just didn't lock it when I went to work."

"I got to work about 9 a.m. and parked the car across the street by the courthouse. I took the keys out and put them down on the floor board. I didn't know it was missing until my dad came in about noon and asked where my car was," Harman said.

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said after hearing of the theft, one of his officers mentioned he had questioned a hitchhiker in Dimmitt on Monday evening, Oct. 8. After interviewing the 31-year-old man from Andrews, officers arranged for him to spend the night in a local motel.

"He had told the officer he was headed to Estelline, so when this car was reported missing, we notified

authorities in Hall County to be on the lookout for the car and for this subject," Aleman said. "Later that day the Hall County authorities notified us they had found the car, abandoned along the road, north of Estelline."

Harman and his father went to Estelline and retrieved the car that day.

"We went and got it that night," Harman said. "It wasn't damaged at

all. He had left the keys in the car and it still had a quarter of a tank of gas. The only thing I noticed was lingering cigarette smoke. I checked out everything—he didn't steal anything from the car. I had just put a brand new motor in the car and it only had about 800 miles on it. I was afraid that may have been thrashed or damaged, but it was all okay."

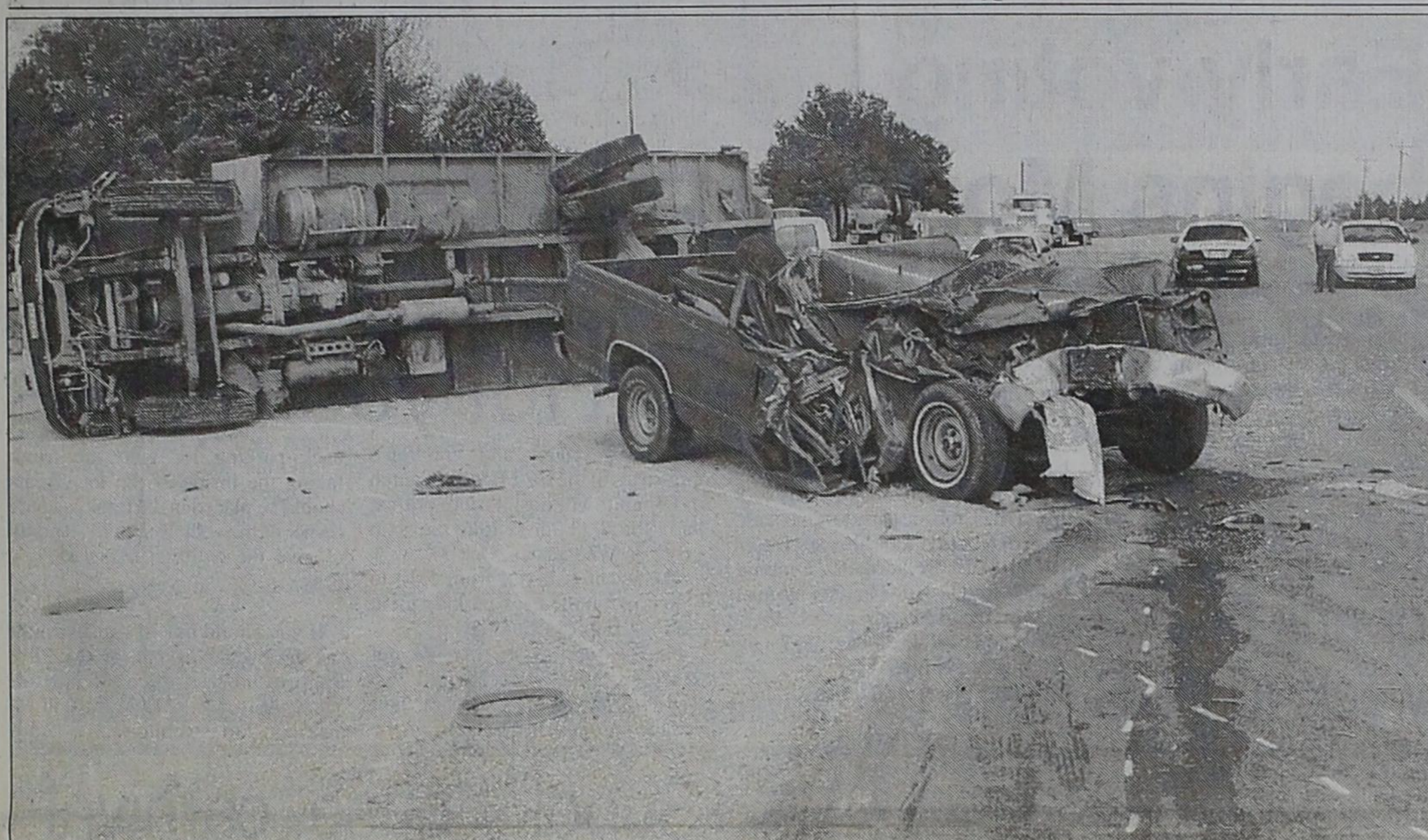
Dimmitt Police continued investigating the theft and issued a

warrant for the suspect.

Aleman said the man was arrested last Thursday, Oct. 11, and was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He remains in the Castro County Jail today.

Harman said while police were looking for his car on Oct. 9 he watched three different people get out of their vehicles and leave the keys inside, just like he had done.

He says he'll never do that again.



ACCIDENT SCENE—16-year-old Jessie Hare's 1997 GMC pickup was totaled and she suffered critical injuries Friday when the vehicle struck a truck owned by Hereford Bi-Products. The truck was attempting a make a left-hand turn when it was struck by the pickup, which was traveling in the same direction. The impact caused the truck to turn over onto

its side. The driver of the truck was not injured and damage to that vehicle was rated as moderate. Hare, who is from Mayhill, N.M., was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Neither driver was wearing a seat belt.

DPS Photo

Two-vehicle accident leaves teenager critical

A 16-year-old New Mexico girl suffered critical injuries Friday after she was involved in a two-vehicle accident north of Dimmitt.

Jessie Hare of Mayhill, N.M., was driving a 1997 GMC pickup north on FM 1055 near the Frio Baptist Church in northern Castro County when it struck a truck owned by Hereford Bi-Products.

The truck, driven by Jovita Pena, 46, of Hereford, was also traveling north on FM 1055, and was attempting to make a left-hand turn when it was struck by the pickup.

According to Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Keith Smith, Hare's vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and couldn't avoid hitting

the truck as it was attempting to turn left onto a feed lot. The pickup hit the back left tire of the truck. A mud flap from the truck was found stuck in the pickup's front bumper after the accident.

Hare was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center, then was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She was listed in critical condition Friday.

Neither driver was wearing a safety belt, and Trooper Smith said charges are pending.

The pickup was totaled in the accident, while damage to the truck was rated as moderate.

A dog traveling in the pickup died at the scene, Trooper Smith reported.

List of county service people continues to grow

Several county residents have called the *News* this week with information regarding their relatives who are serving their country in the Armed Forces.

In its Oct. 11 issue, the *News* listed several names of county men and women who are currently serving in the Army, Marines, Navy or National Guard. A request for additional names and information was included in the story.

Since then, the *News* has heard of the following individuals.

Gunny Sgt. Neal J. Weatherford, son of Joe and Mary Lou Weatherford of Dimmitt, is serving with the Third Recon Battalion in the US Marine Corps. He has been in the service for 23 years and is currently based at Camp LeJeune, N.C. He specializes in combating terrorist activities. He is currently involved in EMT training.

E7 Ricky D. Yates, son of Bill and Dee Brisco, is in the US Army, stationed in Fort Carson, Colo. He is a finance advisor and expects to retire in November.

1st Lt. Jack W. Flynt III, son of Elaine and Jack Flynt II, is a C-17 pilot stationed

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Two-bale cotton yields reported

2001 could turn out to be one of the better cotton years Castro County producers have seen in a long time.

Cotton harvest is just beginning around the county, but early indications are that the quality is good and yields are averaging two bales per acre. Some producers are expecting yields to approach three bales per acre.

The county's first bale of cotton was ginned in September, and since then gins have received a little cotton. That has changed this week as harvest picked up after the first cold spells settled across the Panhandle.

The area has yet to experience its first hard, killing freeze, though, and once that happens, gins will be snowed under.

"We should start seeing producers stripping their cotton hot and heavy this week after we had those two frosts," said Jim Bradford, manager at North Gin of Dimmitt. "We should definitely start seeing some of this cotton that has been defoliated. All of it should be ready to strip within the next couple of weeks."

"Everything's going good. We're running 24 hours a day," said Randall Small at Castro Co-op Gin in Dimmitt. "A good, hard freeze would really help right now. The little frosts we had have helped us a lot, knocking off the leaves, but we need that killing freeze to get the rest of this cotton ready."

A spokesperson for Hart Producers Co-op Gin said harvest is in full swing now, and things really began picking up about a week ago.

If the weather holds in the current warm, dry pattern, producers could

have the cotton off the stalks by Thanksgiving.

Castro County experienced an extremely hot, dry summer and that was just right for cotton production—if producers had plenty of water to keep the crop thriving.

Small and Bradford say cotton acres are down this year, but they hope good yields will help offset the decrease in acreage.

A year ago, yields ranged in the one bale to a bale-and-a-half per acre, so this year's 2-3 bale yields are a pleasant surprise.

"Yields are better than we expected them to be and so are the grades," Bradford said. "We've seen some of the best quality cotton we've ever seen. This year some producers tried out a new variety that's known for quality and the grades have been pretty extraordinary. The staple has been staying good, and the only bad grades we've seen are from some of the dryland or semi-irrigated cotton."

"The grades are coming back good, and we've been satisfied with the turnout so far," said Small. "I'm not sure what yields have been running, but they seem to be pretty good."

At Hart Producers Co-op Gin, grades have been great to fair this year, and the turnout has been good. Yields of two bales per acre have been common, but gin officials say those yields could rise as we get deeper into the harvest season.

10 indictments handed down

Grand jury indicts five on drug-related charges

A Castro County grand jury passed down 10 indictments on Oct. 9, and six of them focused on possession of a controlled substance by five people.

Two of those indictments were against Annabel Villarreal Ruiz, 33, of Hereford. The first was for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver more than a gram but less than four grams. Ruiz's second indictment was for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver less than one gram.

Juan Ruiz, 49, also of Hereford was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver more than a gram but less than four grams.

19-year-old Ramon Martinez of

Hereford was indicted for possession of a controlled substance over four grams but under 200 grams.

Also indicted for possession of a controlled substance less than a gram were 21-year-old Dustin Lane Stanton of Dimmitt and 45-year-old David Garcia of Hereford.

Sabas Leyba Flores, 55, of Hart, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third offense or more.

Jimmy Lewis Stewart Jr., 18, of Dimmitt, was indicted for theft of more than \$500 but under \$1,500 (organized crime).

John David Adams, 30, of Midway, was indicted for credit card abuse.

An incident of forgery resulted in an indictment against 30-year-old Bobby Don Clayton of Amarillo.



CASTRO COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADER Carole Bishop, mother of state 4-H president Jeremy Bishop, joins 4-H'er Beth Horn and Extension Agents Suzanne Gibbs and Marilyn Neal in preparing barbecued brisket sandwiches Friday during a special

fundraiser at the Extension Office in Dimmitt. The 4-H adult leaders sponsored the event to raise money for scholarships and to fund camps and other 4-H activities.

Photo by Anne Acker

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	69	40	0.17
Friday	71	39	
Saturday	61	27	
Sunday	70	29	
Monday	77	37	
Tuesday	58	26	
Wednesday	68	29	

October Moisture 0.17
2001 Moisture 16.24

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



Holiday Calendar

OCT. 26-27—The Nazareth Band Parents will coordinate a Halloween spook house in an abandoned house a block north of SH 86 on St. Mary's Street in Nazareth. Hours will be from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 and from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 27. Admission is \$5 per person. Organizers say this year's spook house will be "scarier than ever."

OCT. 30—The Nazareth Band Parents' annual Halloween carnival will be held in the Nazareth Community Hall from 5 to 8 p.m., and it will feature a wide variety of games and a full concession stand. A costume contest also is planned.

OCT. 31—The First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will sponsor a "Trunk or Treat" event for children up to the sixth grade from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the church's back parking lot.

OCT. 31—Lee Street Baptist Church will hold a fall festival from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the church. This is an alternative celebration for Halloween. People are encouraged to dress as Biblical characters or animals. Door prizes will be awarded. The event will include games, refreshments and a Biblical custom contest. Admission is free.

OCT. 27-31—The Field of Screams, a spook house in a field 6-1/4 miles north of Nazareth on FM 168, will be held nightly, weather permitting. Admission is \$5 per person. The spook house will open after dark each night, and will be open until 12 midnight on Oct. 27 and 31, and until 10 p.m. Oct. 28-30.

NOV. 6—The United Methodist Women will hold their annual holiday bazaar and turkey dinner at the church's fellowship hall. The bazaar will feature a variety of homemade goods and holiday gift items. The meal will include turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, and it will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$7 per person. Take-

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Hereford Chamber Singers will present patriotic musical

The Hereford Chamber Singers will present the musical, "America: A Pilgrim's Prayer, A Patriot's Dream," on Sunday afternoon at 3 in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

There will be no admission charge for the show, but donations will be accepted to defray expenses of the group and for disaster relief for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

David Cox is the director of the group, and several Dimmitt residents are members including Charles Axtell, Trish Elliott and Jerry and Carolyn Jansa.

The musical combines the great patriotic music of America with the religious music which is so much a part of our heritage. It will be a celebration of the unique blessings of America and will pay tribute to the giver of these gifts.

Introducing the performance will be an instrumental section which features a celebration of American folk songs. The Hereford Merry Mixers Square Dance group will perform with this portion of the show.

Also included in the program will be a fanfare based on "My Country 'Tis of Thee," with Nathan Abernathy as baritone soloist; a salute to the five major branches of the armed services and the presentation of their respective flags;

and a special number entitled "America," featuring a trio of voices from the group. A tribute to spiritual folk traditions includes a medley of familiar songs with a swinging beat which will have the audience tapping its toes.

The central part of the production includes "Anthem for Our Unsung Heroes," a special tribute to those who give their lives serving the needs of others—volunteers. The closing section is a call to prayer, a call to dependence and repentance that evolves into a prayer for God's mercy, "Lord, Have Mercy," featuring tenor soloist Duffy McBrayer.

The finale is a joyous praise to God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come. It features a portion of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "How Great Thou Art."

The Hereford Chamber Singers is a community choir of adult voices composed of people from all walks of life who love to sing and share their talents with others. It has been organized since 1974 and has performed for audiences throughout the Texas Panhandle, in Austin and San Antonio, and has traveled to Romania and Australia to perform.

This particular show was presented twice in Hereford in May and was well attended and well received.



4-H LEADERS FILL BROWN BAG LUNCH ORDERS ... Brisket and sausage sandwiches served Friday at Extension Office Photo by Paula Portwood

Early voting begins Monday

County voters will head to the polls on Nov. 6 to cast their ballots in a special election to adopt or reject proposed constitutional amendments and to elect an interim state senator to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Tom Haywood.

Early voting for the Nov. 6 election will begin on Monday and will continue through Nov. 2.

Book Fair opens this week at DMS

Dimmitt Middle School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Monday through Friday, Oct. 22-26, and the event will include a special night when parents may browse the selections.

The Scholastic Book Fair will include books and educational products from more than 150 publishers. The book fair is open to the entire community.

The Scholastic Book Fair features traditional children's favorites and new books by popular authors and illustrators. Parents and teachers will find plenty to interest them.

The fair is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special family night at the book fair has been planned for Tuesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Drawings for door prizes will be held that evening.

Building classroom libraries is one goal of the book fair. Visitors can purchase and donate books for any classroom library.

The book fair helps Dimmitt Middle School promote learning while raising money to provide more and better quality books for the Dimmitt Middle School Library.

Another way to help the book fair is by volunteering and hour or two of your time to help with the project. If you would like to volunteer, call Ruth Cochran at 647-3108 at DMS or at 647-4609 at home.

Country bazaar set in Hereford

The Westway Texas Extension and Education Club of Hereford is sponsoring a country bazaar on Saturday at the Hereford Community Center at the corner of Avenue C and Avenue D in Hereford.

The bazaar will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free to the public.

Proceeds from booth rentals will be used for 4-H and other community projects.

A few booths are still available for rent, and interested vendors should contact Carolyn Evers at 364-4739 or e-mail her at cae0336@wrt.net.

Last Puzzle Solution: A grid of letters with a list of words found in the puzzle, including KIBAT, AONE, RODE, AKIN, TEA, PEEPERS, AXLESSTAY, NO, PLAT, ABE, CHACHAN, TRIOLAKAS, AIA, PASOAN, NIRO, TESTS, THUNDERBLOBS, EATLIT, ELISENOR, EL DEN, DEADSEA, DIPPING, INN, EAR, NUEVO, DISAGREE, DOGIE, LATE, TITO, DEN.

DHS Student Council plans Red Ribbon events

Dimmitt High School students will match baby pictures with their teachers, participate several designated dress-up days and more as they pledge their commitment to remaining drug-free.

These activities and more have been organized by the DHS Student Council's DASH (Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health) Committee as part of National Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 25-31.

Red Ribbon Week is a national event that encourages students to lead drug-free lives.

One of the highlights of the week-long observance will be the "Born to be Drug-Free" event, in which students will try and match teachers' baby pictures with the correct name. The student who correctly identifies the most teachers will win a prize at the pep rally on Friday, Nov. 2. Student Council members will be in the hall by the band room with forms students can fill out for the contest on Oct. 26, Oct. 29 and Oct. 30.

Next Thursday, Oct. 25, will be the first of several dress-up days planned, and theme for the kick-off event will be "Turn Your Back on Drugs." Students are asked to wear their clothes backwards on this day. At 7:55 a.m. that day, students will be given "Laffy Taffy" notes with the message "Drugs are no laughing matter."

"Give Drugs the Slip" will be the dress-up theme on Friday, Oct. 26.

Students are encouraged to wear their house slippers (house shoes). At 12:10 p.m., students will be given "Bazooka" bubble gum notes bearing the message "Drugs will burst your bubble. Stay drug-free!"

Monday, Oct. 29, has been designated as "Put a Lid on Drugs Day," and students will wear caps to school. They will be presented peppermint candy with an attached note that says "Stay drug-free—make the commit-"MINT" now!"

All students are asked to wear red clothes and their drug-free red ribbons on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The noon-time presentation that day will be a Hershey's Kiss with the message "Kiss drugs goodbye!"

On Halloween, Oct. 31, students will "Scare Drugs Away," by dressing in Halloween costumes. Smarties candy bearing the message "Don't be tricked into doing drugs" will be presented to students at 12:10 p.m.

Student Council members dressed in Halloween costumes will visit students in the preschool through sixth grades on Oct. 31, and will take them reflective bags with red ribbon bracelet candy and a red ribbon. They also plan to visit Pybbs Preschool and Canterbury Villa Nursing Home. Students in the seventh and eighth grades also will be presented with red ribbons.

Holiday bazaar, turkey dinner set

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

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

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

An 8' x 10' booth will rent for \$20, and a table and two chairs are provided with each booth. When making booth reservations, vendors are asked to specify their preference for a wall or center booth, and to state whether or not they will require the table. Information about what is going to be featured in the booth also is requested.

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

vendors time to set up their displays.

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

Raffle earns money for Red Cross

A 400-pound hog donated by Saul Arce was raffled off last week and almost \$400 was raised for the American Red Cross.

Arce raised the animal himself, then donated it to be raffled off with proceeds designated for the American Red Cross's aid to victims of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. Chances were sold for \$5 each.

Sales tax rebates are down in Hart, Nazareth this month

Sales tax rebates issued during October to the cities of Hart and Nazareth were down from those paid in October 2000, while Dimmitt's rebate inched higher.

Rebates issued in October were for local sales taxes collected in August which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in September.

The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$26,294.36, 0.55% higher than its October 2000 rebate of \$26,149.17. So far this year, the city has earned \$245,342.84, which is down 8.59% from the \$268,411.79 collected through October 2000. Dimmitt collects a 1.5% sales tax.

Nazareth saw a 6.99% decline in its rebate from October 2000 to October 2001, as this month's payment of \$1,381.29 was down from the 2000 stipend of \$1,485.15. This year, Nazareth is running 5.30% ahead of its 2000 totals after receiving \$13,876.77, compared with the \$13,169.23 earned through October 2000. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.

Hart's rebate was down 7.27% for October. The city earned a rebate of \$1,673.94 this month, compared with \$1,805.37 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax that has earned the city \$15,418.77 so far this year. That's 9.18% behind 2000 payments which totaled \$16,978.11 through October.

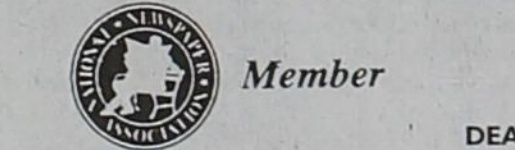
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Voters who wish to cast their ballots early may do so, in person, at the county clerk's office, Room 101 in the county courthouse in Dimmitt. Early ballots may be cast between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Those who would like to request a ballot by mail should send completed applications to County/District Clerk Joyce M. Thomas, early voting clerk, Castro County Courthouse Room 101, 100 E. Bedford St., Dimmitt 79027. Requests for ballots by mail must be received prior to Oct. 30. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 6.

Polling places in Castro County are as follows:

- PRECINCT 1 101—Hart Golden Group Building. 105—Sunnyside Baptist Church. PRECINCT 2 201—Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. 206—Flagg Fertilizer. PRECINCT 3 301—First Baptist Church, Dimmitt. 307—Easter Community Center. PRECINCT 4 401—District Courtroom, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt. 408—Nazareth Community Hall.

Booster Club meets Monday

The Dimmitt Bobcat Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School Cafeteria.

The Friday night game film will be shown after the business meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

'Trunk or Treat' set for youngsters

The pre-school and children's ministries of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will host a trunk or treat party for all children up to the sixth grade on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The event will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the back parking lot at the First Baptist Church.

Parents who wish to hand out treats are asked to come by the church at 5:15 p.m. and park their vehicles around the outside of the

back parking lot with the trunk facing the inside of the lot. Treats should be placed in the trunk, and the owner of the vehicle should stand by to give the children treats as they pass.

If you would like to donate candy for the event, drop it by the First Baptist Church's office at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31, and it will be distributed to the children.

Spook house, carnival are on tap in Nazareth

A spook house and carnival are being planned in Nazareth Oct. 26-28 and proceeds from the two events will benefit the Nazareth Band Parents, who are sponsoring each.

The spook house is being coordinated in an old, abandoned house a block north of SH 86 on St. Mary's Street in Nazareth. A round hay bale in front of the house marks the site.

The spook house will be open from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 26, and from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 27.

Admission to the spook house is

\$5 per person. The Halloween carnival will be held Tuesday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Several games will be held including a cake walk, jail, ring toss and more. Each youngster competing in the games will receive a prize.

There is no admission fee, but tickets for the games will be sold at the door.

A full concession stand featuring a variety of homemade meals and snacks will be open throughout the carnival.

A costume contest also is planned.

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Matt Gfeller had a trip of a lifetime when he safely flew to William Lake, British Columbia, Canada, to join the Wildlife Adventures guided tour. Matt was hunting mule deer, moose and black bear. He got a mule deer and a seven foot black bear that weighed in at 535 pounds!

Matt found the Wildlife Adventures on the computer. He said the guided tour company did everything it promised to do and more. The adventure included a certified chef that prepared meals of wild game and good beef steaks. The lady chef was a real "outdoors man." She not only was an excellent cook, she even helped Matt get the bear into camp!

Part of the fun included getting to know the other hunters who came from Georgia, Florida and New York. The two men from New York, a man and his son, were eye witnesses to the second plane that flew into the World Trade Center. Their view was from Staten Island and they shared their experience around the campsite.

Matt is having the bear skin fashioned into a rug. It will be here in about six weeks. Please note the picture on this page.

Matt's wife, Mandy, and children were hosts to Mandy's sister and her son, Caison, of Lubbock while Matt was hunting.



MATT GFELLER OF DIMMITT had the adventure of a lifetime, enjoying a recent hunting expedition into Canada. He bagged a black bear, weighing more than 500 pounds, and a 10-point mule deer.

Courtesy Photo

The Dimmitt Independent School district furnishes the 20 used computers that have been updated and restored by prisoners on a work project. The computer software and other equipment were covered by the grant. One pair of visagraph goggles was purchased at a cost of \$5,000. The program helps to improve the comprehension, eye coordination, and vocabulary skills of those involved.

Jeannine Crow and Tammy McLain are the seventh and sixth grade teachers who use programs called Close Plus and S.O.S. Mary Hunter and Lupe Acevedo are using the program to help the special class they teach. Beth Roberts has made this available to the English as a second language class.

When Gov. George W. Bush was campaigning for the presidency, he kept promising that his goal would

be that every child in the U.S.A. would have the proper teaching to learn reading. With this program I believe his goal can be achieved.

The Book Club ladies returned to the Rhoads Memorial Library party room for Halloween cookies and orange punch. The refreshments were served by hostesses Darlene Collins and Peggy Broadstreet.

★ Nancy Hays of Hereford and her

daughter, Mary Lynn McWhorter, of Canyon were having lunch in Amarillo recently with Nancy's sister and niece, Ruth Allison of Amarillo and Ruth Ann Cansler of Austin. Nancy and Mary Lynn were longtime Dimmitt residents. Ruth has recently moved from Hereford to the Towers Retirement Apartments in Amarillo to be near her son, Jim Allison and his family.

★ Hank and Sid Lynn were at church Sunday with their daughter, LuCydne, and her baby girl, Sawyer, from the Austin area.

★ At Senior Bridge Club, Bernice Hill was hostess and Louise Mears had the highest score.

★ A FLASH BACK: Van Earl Hughes recalls that circa 1970 Rose

Acker, our very colorful Italian war bride, was returning for a visit to her home land. Rose asked her good friends, the Edwin Rameys, to write to her while she was gone. Edwin replied, "We are not very good about writing, but we will send you *Sheffy's Chatter*."

Mary Edna Hendrix, who wrote *On the Go* for many years, said that people often said to her that reading her column was like getting a letter from home.

According to Shelly Smith, when her brother, Greg Gentry, learned about the item about his and Meghan's wedding in last weeks column said, "Send me five copies of the *Castro County News*. I want Meghan's family to read it."

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A large group of senior citizens gathered at the center Sunday evening for fellowship and a great dinner. A prayer was offered by Jerome Brockman. After dinner, a short meeting was held and door prizes were won by Marion Durbin, May Hochstein, Catherine Huseman, Catherine Hochstein and Richard Enriken. Happy birthday was sung to the October people, Ernie Brockman, Leola Ramaekers, Lawrence Schmucker, Evelyn Backus, James Acker, Arnold Huseman, and Louis Huseman. Our only guest was Alvina Gerber, brought by Lawrence Schmucker.

★ Donna Charanza hosted a family breakfast Sunday morning for her son, Bryan, who will be flying from Dallas to Germany Thursday morning. Bryan is in the army and is trained in telecommunications. He will be gone for two years.

★ Gilbert and Dolly Schulte; Floyd and Dorothy Schulte; Cecil, Norita and Annette Hoelting; and Vincent and Toby Gerber recently journeyed to Cripple Creek, Colo. They were joined there by Ralph and Beth Schulte of Kellar, Marvin and Carol Hoelting, Brad and Melissa Hoelting, Jill and Don Carpenter, and John and Linda Smith all of Denver, Colo. They enjoyed sightseeing, visiting and a little gambling.

★ On their way home, some of the group visited the Bricktown and the National Memorial in Oklahoma City while Gilbert and Dolly Schulte visited in Homily, Okla. with Floyd and Donna Birkenfeld.

★ Donna and Bryan Charanza, Keith and Brett Hoelting, Tyson Schulte and Monty Hoelting spent last weekend at Harold Gerber's home at Lake Ivie. They enjoyed lots of fishing and just being there together. In spite of not catching a lot of fish, they still enjoyed a big fish fry attended by Harold's many close neighbors.

★ Thursday Alvina and Virgie Gerber and Connie Backus visited with Henry Gerber, who is a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He has been moved from ICU to a private room. He is still undergoing tests. We did enjoy visiting with Henry's wife, Ginger, and two daughters, Deb of the home and Irene of Lubbock.

★ Joan Durbin; Edith, Kendra, Lexi and Anna Huseman recently met with the Kellar Crew, Ralph and Beth Schulte, Gilbert and Dolly Schulte and Annette Hoelting at the Pavilion Garden (Lone Star Horse Race Park) to help celebrate Steve

Bratton's retirement and 60th birthday party.

★ Everyone enjoyed the horse races, a grand meal, a retirement program and dancing (hosted by Steve's three daughters).

★ The 11th race was in Steve's honor, with everyone joining him in the winners circle for the Steve Bratton class and winners picture.

★ Kathy and Steve hosted a wonderful Sunday morning brunch. Steve has been a pilot for Delta Airlines for 32 of his 39 years of flying. We all watched his video of the two fire trucks spraying an archway of water which the plane coasted through on his last flight. His wife, Kathy, presented him with a "Creative Memories" book.

★ Prayers are asked for Greg Hoelting, Francis Wilhelm, John Schacher, Clarence Schulte, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Lori Huseman, Edith Huseman, Margaret Brockman, James Wilhelm, Jerome Birkenfeld and Allene Burton.

★ Many friends and relatives attended the recent wedding of Heather Wieck and Alan Birkenfeld.

★ Denis and Kathleen Mattingly of Logan, Iowa came for the wedding and visited the Ed Hoelting families and other relative before returning home.

★ Coming from Germany were Dr. Klemens Bieringer and his wife,

Cosina. There are five brothers in the Bieringer family. The oldest brother attended the seminary at Louvain, and was ordained a priest a year earlier through Father Darryl Birkenfeld. Darryl was often a guest of the family while studying in nearby Leaven. Last summer, two of the brothers, Klemens and Josef visited here. Klemens, the middle brother of the family, is a trauma surgeon and his wife, Cosina, is a pharmacist. They live in Balweiler, Germany. They had promised to be back home in a week to relieve the grandmothers who were babysitting their four children.

★ Also coming from Germany were Horst Birkenfeld and the Guenter Birkenfelds. Horst and Guenter are relatives of the late Herbert Birkenfeld, the cousin who first contacted Rose Birkenfeld many years ago. Herbert was seeking information for a family genealogy project. He and Rose exchanged letters, pictures and other materials which resulted in a good record of the family lineage.

★ Horst lives in Bad Neuenahr Ahrweiler, Germany, and Guenter is from Munich.

★ Several of the wedding guests were Alan's former classmates from Texas A&M. Among them were Mark and Tiffany Daly and infant son, Daniel, now of Fort Collins, Colo., Craig Wilhelm of Dallas, Tommy Schilling of North Carolina,

Lee Kleman and Jacci of Bushland, Simon Wong of Washington, D.C. and history professor Arnold Kramer and his wife of College Station.

★ Also attending were Alan's roommate from Utah State, Kevin Hatfield and his parents, and a special friend of Kevin's. They all live in Eugene, Ore. Kevin is now a history professor at the University of Oregon.

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This is an alternative celebration for Halloween and people attending are asked to dress up as Biblical characters or animals, or in a way pertaining to the Bible.

The event will include a cake walk and seven different games, all of which include prizes, free

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Wieck and Birkenfeld wed in formal ceremony

Heather Dawn Wieck and Alan Herman Birkenfeld were married on Oct. 6 in a morning ceremony at St. Mary's Church in Umbarger.

Father Daryl Birkenfeld, brother of the groom, performed the ceremony and the couple's immediate family member were in attendance.

Following the wedding, a brunch hosted by the groom's family was held in the bride's home.

At 4:30 p.m., public vows were recited by the couple in a double-ring outdoor ceremony at the Green Valley Ranch near Umbarger. The Rev. G.A. Roach and Father Darryl Birkenfeld officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Letha Wieck of Umbarger. Parents of the groom are Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

The groom and groomsmen arrived at the wedding site in a 1962 "Purple Magic" bus, furnished by a friend.

Guests were registered at the entrance gate by Aarika O'Daniel and Sara Birkenfeld. They were escorted to a semi-circular area of straw bale seats by ushers Kent Birkenfeld, Bradley Wieck, Brian Ramaekers, Lonny Huseman, Chris Kleman, Marty Gerber, Jeremy Neusch and Kevin Hatfield.

Musical selections were performed by the groom's family and special guests, The String Technicians, friends of the groom.

The bride was chauffeured to the wedding site in a 1950 Chevrolet coupe, driven by her grandfather, Benny Moore of Olton.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a satin strapless gown with a brocade bodice and A-line skirt accented with a chapel-length, detachable train. During the reception, she wore a coordinating wrap around her shoulders. A pearl necklace and matching earrings accented her halo tiara of pearls and rhinestones.

Her bridal bouquet was a daisy nosegay wrapped with ivory satin ribbons which cascaded from the center.

The groom was presented for marriage by his parents, and he wore a black Christian Dior tuxedo accented with a black and ivory paisley vest and a black Windsor tie.

Maid of honor was Mandi Wieck of Umbarger, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Jil Wieck, sister of

the bride. Bridal attendants wore black satin floor-length gowns designed with spaghetti straps. Each carried a nosegay bouquet of daisies.

Best man was Craig Wilhelm of Dallas, friend of the groom. Mark Daley of Fort Collins, Colo., friend of the groom, served as a groomsman.

Scripture passages were read by Bob Birkenfeld, brother of the groom; and Katy Wieck, cousin of the bride. Petitions were read by Keith Birkenfeld, brother of the groom. Assisting in the blessings of the four directions and the elements were Cince Schulte and Tom Hoelting, godparents of the groom.

The Nazareth Community Hall was the scene for a reception and dance later that evening.

The tables were decorated with white linen cloths topped with red-checked overlays. Pots of burlap-wrapped white daisy mums graced each table.

The cake table featured a four-tiered wedding cake accented with fresh daisies. The groom's cake was fashioned in the shape of a t-bone steak. Punch was served by Jamie and Candace Birkenfeld and Danielle Peddy, nieces of the groom.

Music for the dance was provided by The String Technicians and disk jockey, Jason Birkenfeld, nephew of the groom.

The bride holds a degree in interdisciplinary studies, graduating from West Texas A&M University. She currently manages Chez L.A. Catering in Amarillo.

The groom is a graduate of Texas A&M University, and he holds a degree in agricultural economics. He graduated from Utah State with a master's degree in rangeland sciences. He is a farmer and rancher and owns Pai Dom Meats in Nazareth.

After enjoying a wedding trip to the Cayman Islands, the couple established their home in Nazareth.

Church festival set for Dec. 1

Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting its 21st Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford.

Only a limited number of booths are available at a fee of \$10. All applications will be screened. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or call 364-0774.

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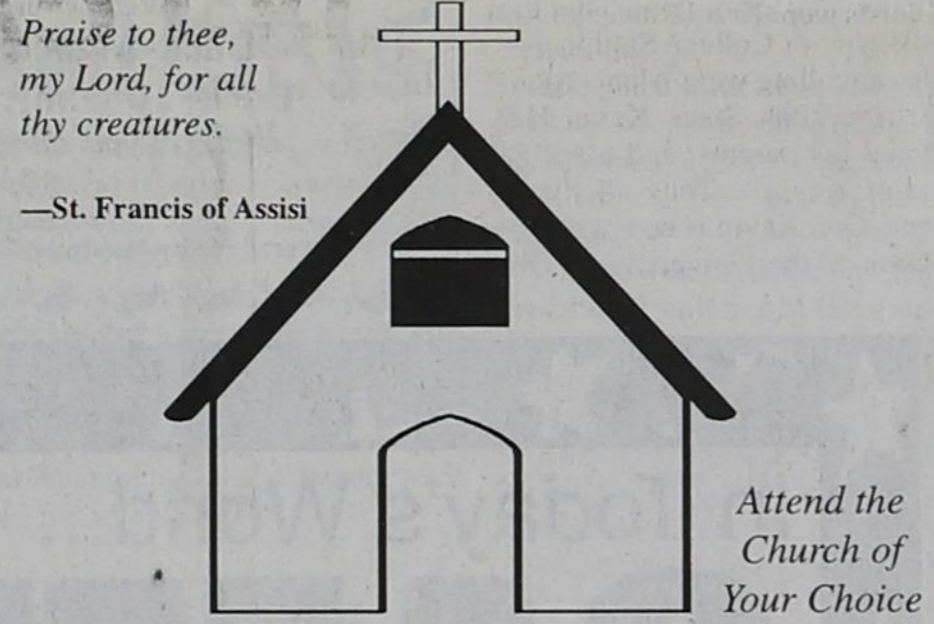
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Number of certified rabies cases rising

The number of confirmed rabies cases in Texas is continuing to increase, raising the possibility that the state may set a record this year for rabies cases.

On Oct. 6, the total number of confirmed rabies cases in Texas surpassed last year's total of 830 cases. Since then, the total has climbed to approximately 850 confirmed cases. There have been 87 more rabid skunks than last year—a 16% increase—and more cases are expected. Over the past five years, the last three months of the year account for at least 22% of the rabid skunk cases, on average.

The state is also experiencing an increase in the number of rabid bats. So far this year, 155 rabid bats have been confirmed, an increase of 26% from last year at this time. The peak period for rabid bats runs from September to October, and about half of each year's total is diagnosed during the last four months of the year.

The Panhandle/South Plains region is also experiencing an increase in rabid animals. There have been 39 cases of rabies confirmed this year, compared with a total of 26 for the year 2000.

Gray County has reported the most cases—17 skunks, with all but one being in or near Pampa. Other counties that have reported animal rabies cases and their totals are Bailey County, one skunk; Deaf Smith County, six skunks and one

horse; Hale County, two skunks; Lamb County, one skunk; Lubbock County, one skunk; Randall County, four skunks and a bat; Sherman County, one steer; Swisher County, one cat; and Wheeler County, two skunks and a raccoon.

People should continue to take steps to discourage skunks from approaching houses. Pet food and water should be moved indoors at night, and areas which could be used as a den should be eliminated. If a skunk attacks a litter of puppies or kittens, the survivors should be euthanized to prevent human exposure a few weeks later.

All pets and livestock with frequent human contact or extraordinary value should be vaccinated to prevent rabies.

Bats that appear to be flying erratically during the day, or which are grounded, should be avoided since they have a high probability of being rabid. Students should not be allowed to take bats to school.

Anyone exposed to saliva of a possibly rabid animal through a bite or through contact with an open wound or the mucous membranes should seek medical attention. The local animal control authority should also be contacted to obtain testing of the animal, if available.

Domestic animals exposed to rabies must be either euthanized or vaccinated, and should be isolated for a period of 45 to 90 days to ensure public safety.



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Agriculture meeting will focus on compost

Compost and its impact on agriculture, soils and communities will be the topic of a "Sustaining Agriculture Day" on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

The event will be hosted by The Promised Land Network, and it will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keynote speaker will be Malcolm Beck, author, speaker and founder of Gardenville, Inc. near San Antonio.

The day-long event opens with a morning tour of KBG Composters' production site and its newly-expanded bagging operation.

After lunch, presentations will be given on how to use bagged compost

for food production, landscaping and soil rejuvenation.

These presentations will be made by Donna Boner of Santa Fe Greenhouse, originator of Yum-Yum Mix Product; and Tracy Neal of Design With Nature company.

The meeting will close with a presentation on the "how-to" of rain-water harvesting from home and commercial buildings by John Husmann of Stratford.

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Swift Band advances to area with I rating

The Nazareth Swift Band earned a Division I rating at the UIL marching contest Saturday in Amarillo, and that qualified the group for the area contest.

The Nazareth Band will compete in the area contest on Oct. 27 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

"We'll be performing the same show that we did Saturday, and we're going to try and fix some of the problems mentioned by judges," said Nazareth Band Director Fidelis Fetsch. "At area, we'll be competing against 12 or 15 other bands, and the top two will advance to state. It's a pretty tough competition."

In the district contest at Amarillo Saturday, Nazareth earned Division I ratings from judges O.T. Ryan of Plainview and Ray Lashaway of

Lubbock. The band received a Division II rating from Phil Anthony of Lubbock.

"The judges liked the kids' excitement and drive. They liked our program and the drill work," said Fetsch. "They liked the solos and the drum major."

In Saturday's contest, the Swift Band presented a late 1950s rock and roll show, and selections included *Great Balls of Fire*, *Rockin' Robin*, *Blue Suede Shoes* and *You're 16*.

Soloists were Kristi Ramaekers on the trumpet, Craig Birkenfeld on the tuba, and Jason Birkenfeld on the baritone. Drum major Quentin Jones was dressed like Elvis Presley for the show.

Grower survey shows support for wind power

In a survey of the nation's corn growers, the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) has found overwhelming support for wind power development and its positive impact on production agriculture.

At the same time, the survey shows farmers continue to question the seriousness of the global warming debate and any detrimental effects it would have on farm productivity.

The survey was conducted by Robinson and Muenster Associates Inc. of Sioux Falls, S.D., as part of the ACGA's "Wealth From the Wind Program." In all, 509 farmers were surveyed with a reliability factor of plus or minus 4.5%.

While 88% of those surveyed support the development of wind power, 49.5% believe that wind power can provide additional farm income and another 47% would be willing to invest in wind power projects.

While wind programs drew a positive response, 62.3% of corn growers believe the debate over global climate change is either overblown or imaginary, 53.6% don't take the threat of climate change seriously and 64.6% do not believe the productivity of their farms are threatened by a changing climate.

Although farmers have a negative response to concerns about climate

change, 56.4% believe that carbon sequestration can reduce greenhouse gas emission. Another 85.1% said that wind power should be promoted if it helps reduce emissions and helps reduce the threat of global warming. Even though farmers may be skeptical about global climate change, they recognize that positive and pro-active measures by production agriculture, including wind power generation and ethanol utilization, can help clean the environment and reduce harmful emissions.

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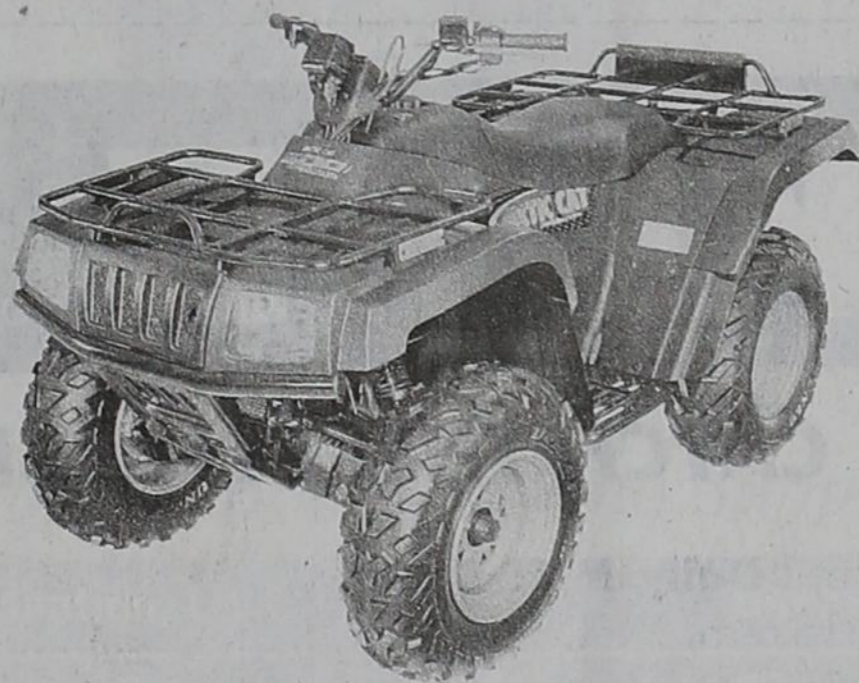
A second validation date has been set for Wednesday, Oct. 24 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Dimmitt FFA Farm or the 4-H Project Center.

The last validation date is tentatively set for Monday, Oct. 29 at the Dimmitt FFA Farm.

"To exhibit your animals in the county or at a major stock show you must have your animals validated. These will be the only times for validating your lamb or goat projects," said Rick Auckerman, Castro County Extension Agent.

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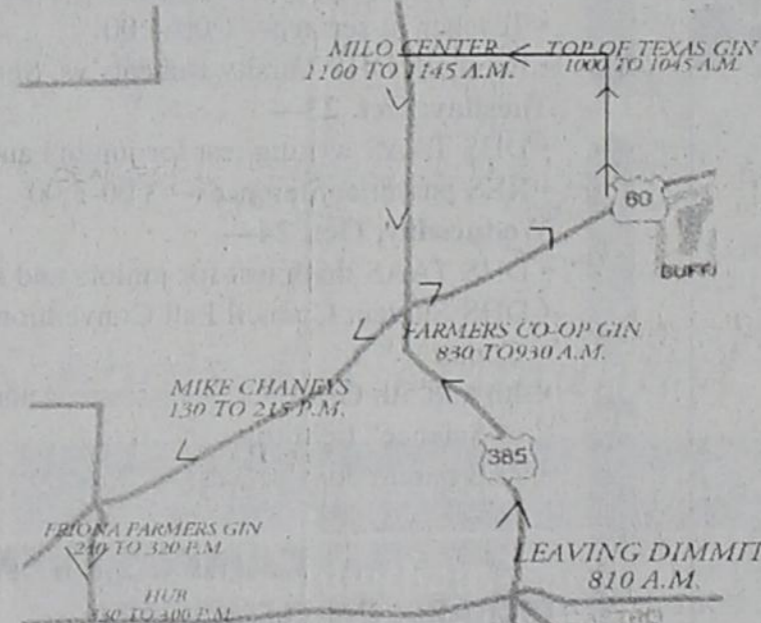
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Sports



Bobcat offense sputters against Roosevelt

The Dimmitt Bobcats traveled to Lubbock Roosevelt for their first district game last Friday. It was not a pleasant trip. When the final gun sounded Roosevelt came away with a 28-0 win and there are those that might tell you, the game wasn't as close as the score indicated.

Dimmitt fumbled four times and lost three while the Roosevelt Eagles fumbled five times and lost all five. To add to the misery, the Bobcats

also gave up two interceptions.

The Bobcats finished the night with 80 yards on offense, 31 rushing and 49 through the air. Mathew Wright seemed to have lost the magic he had against Tulia, completing only three passes with 15 attempts.

Dimmitt received the opening kick off and things looked good on the first play from scrimmage as Brandon Furr picked up 14 yards. But the offense stalled and was forced to punt. On the attempted

punt, a high snap from center gave the Eagles possession on the Bobcat 18 yard line. The Eagle quarterback, Hildebrandt hit Tension in the end zone for the touchdown. Rocha's kick was good for a Roosevelt lead of 7-0.

Unable to mount an effective offense after the score, Dimmitt was forced to punt again, give Roosevelt the ball on the Bobcat 41 yard line. On the very next play, Tanner Self pounced on a loose ball to give the ball back to Dimmitt on their own

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Matthew Sanders, who seemed to be the designated Bobcat workhorse for the night, carried the next two downs, picking up one yard and then burst up the middle for 16 on the next carry. After the two teams traded penalties, Sanders bulled to the 19 for a 25 yard gain. The Roosevelt defense digs in and forces a fourth and three from the 12 yard line. The vaulted Eagle defense stops the Bobcat runner for no gain to take over the ball on downs on their own 19 yard line.

Roosevelt pops the next play for a 28 yard gain out to the 40 yard line. Three straight running plays gives

them another first down at mid field.

After the break between quarters Hildebrandt passes Roosevelt down to the Bobcat 24 yard line, but Dimmitt stiffens and turns the ball over to the offense. Not able to move the ball, Dimmitt is forced to punt and gives the Eagles the ball on the Eagle 18 yard line.

Neither team was able to mount any kind of offense the rest of the half and they went into the half with Lubbock out in front 7-0.

The Bobcats received to start the second half. Two of the five Bobcat penalties for the game come on this series and they run out of downs and punt to Roosevelt. The Eagles come

away with great field position at the Dimmitt 38 yard line. On this series of downs, Clifford Noey is able to score from the two yard line to give the Eagles a 13-0 lead. The kick failed.

Dimmitt mishandled the kickoff and puts the ball into play from their own three yard line. Two plays later, a Bobcat fumble is recovered by Ryan Welborn in the end zone for a Roosevelt touchdown. The two point attempt was unsuccessful and Lubbock Roosevelt leads 19-0.

On the following kickoff, a Bobcat fumble is pounced on by the Eagles at the Dimmitt 11 yard line. The Bobcats return the favor, two plays later by recovering a Roosevelt fumble at the Bobcat one yard line.

Neither team was able to do much for the remainder of the third quarter, trading punts. With 20 seconds left in the third quarter, Roosevelt punts to Dimmitt and then tackles the Bobcat receiver in the end zone for a safety to make the score 21-0 at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Early in the final quarter, Roosevelt's Noey closes out the scoring a 67 yard touchdown run to make the score 28-0.

Neither team was able to move the ball much for the remainder of the game with most of the snaps coming between the two 30 yard lines.

Dimmitt is 0-1 in district play and 1-5 overall and plays away at Shallowater this Friday.

Riddle named student of week

Kassi Riddle is the fourth grade's student of the week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Riddle was born Oct. 10, 1991, in Lubbock to Jon and Niki Riddle.

Her favorite subject in school is reading and her favorite book is *The Summer of the Swans*. Her favorite person is Kylan Riddle.

She enjoys Friday activity periods at Dimmitt Middle School.

She rides her bike for fun and she wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

"If I could change one thing in the world it would be to end all wars," she said.

Riddle says she's good at playing soccer. Her favorite foods are chips and cheese dip and her favorite animal is the puppy.



REGIONAL PUNT, PASS AND KICK QUALIFIER
... 14-year-old Lesley Hinojosa of Dimmitt
Photo by Anne Acker

More about Holiday . . .

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out plates will be available, but must be reserved in advance by calling 647-4106.

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

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

Hinojosa earns regional berth in punt, pass and kick contest

Lesley Hinojosa, 14-year-old Dimmitt High School freshman and daughter of Joe and Lisa Alvarez of Dimmitt, will compete in the regional NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick contest Saturday in Lubbock.

Hinojosa qualified for regional after winning her age division in a contest in Lubbock.

For winning her division, Hinojosa received a trophy, blue ribbon and a football helmet signed by members of the West Texas A&M University Buffalo football team.

Bobcats will meet Shallowater Friday

Dimmitt and Shallowater find themselves in similar situations this season. Both are 1-5 overall and they are hungry for another victory.

The Bobcats hope to get that second victory Friday when they meet the Mustangs in a District 2-AAA showdown at Shallowater. Kickoff will be 7:30 p.m.

After enjoying a successful season that ended in the playoffs in 2000, the Mustangs have been forced into a rebuilding role this season.

Shallowater has won just one of its six games, and that was a 36-16 win over Tahoka in the third week. The Mustangs have lost to Coahoma (23-42), Idalou (2-17), Post (14-19), Lamesa (22-50) and Littlefield (19-20). They have been outscored 116-165.

"Shallowater is probably a better team than their 1-5 record indicates," Dimmitt Coach Glen Dunnam said. "They have been in battles every week. They lost a lot of close games."

Shallowater was inexperienced in the first half of the season, but the team played well last week in the district opener against Littlefield.

The Mustangs have a balanced attack, evenly distributing run and pass plays for an average of 312 yards per game this season.

"They're pretty versatile on offense. They'll run out of the wing-T and the shotgun. They throw about a third of the time. It's a wide open

offense. It can really put a strain on you if you're not in the proper place," Dunnam said.

Directing the attack is quarterback Kiel Kitchens (6-0, 175), who has completed more than 50% of his passes for over 700 yards.

Kitchens is also a threat to run with the ball, and he's one of the area's scoring leaders among Class AAA players on the South Plains.

"The first thing we've got to do is stop Kitchens. He makes that offense go," Dunnam said. "Then we've got to stop their leading receiver (Morris). They like to move him all over the field."

The most experienced area of the Mustangs' offense is their massive front line, featuring Tanner Wilson (6-2, 250), James Dusse (6-0, 220) and Paul Crostwait (6-4, 210).

Shallowater's 5-3 defense includes Kitchens and Jerrod Kerr (5-10, 170) at linebackers.

The front line and linebacker corps are the heart and soul of the Mustangs' defense.

"They've got a couple of big guys up front and they clog up the middle," Dunnam said. "Their linebackers are very active and they get to the ball extremely well. They are three deep in the secondary and they cover the pass well. A lot of people don't get time to throw against them, though, because they have great pressure up front."

Game at a Glance

Bobcats 0, Lubbock Roosevelt 28	
DIM	ROO
Dimmitt	0 0 0 0 —0
Roosevelt	7 0 14 7—28

	DIM	ROO
First Downs	9	13
Yards Rushing	31	216
Yards Passing	49	58
Total Yards Gained	80	274
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-15-2	5-9-0
Punts-Avg.	5-31	2-20
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	5-5
Penalties-Yards	5-30	8-75

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
ROOSEVELT—Tension 5 pass from Hildebrandt (Rocha kick)

Third Quarter:
ROOSEVELT—Clifford Noey 2 run (kick failed)

ROOSEVELT—Ryan Welborn fumble recovery in the end zone (pass failed)

ROOSEVELT—Safety

Fourth Quarter:
ROOSEVELT—Noey 67 run (Rocha kick)

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

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

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519.

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CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 18—

- DHS semester tests
- End of first nine weeks grading period
- Football: DHS JV Bobcats vs. Shallowater, Here—5:30
- 7th and 8th Grade Bobcats vs. Shallowater, There—5:00-6:30

Friday, Oct. 19—

- Early dismissal for all students—1:00
- Teacher in-service—1:00-4:00
- Football: DHS Varsity Bobcats vs. Shallowater, There—7:30

Tuesday, Oct. 23—

- DHS TAAS writing test for juniors and seniors
- RES parent conferences—3:00-3:00

Wednesday, Oct. 24—

- DHS TAAS math test for juniors and seniors
- DHS Student Council Fall Convention, Amarillo Civic Center
- 4th and 5th Grade G/T classes to Amarillo for a "Sample of Science" field trip
- RES parent conferences—3:00-4:00

CAMPUS EVENTS

RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY

- Parent conferences and report card pickup will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00-4:00
- 1st Grade is studying insects and have ant farms

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Students are currently preparing for the District 2-AAA UIL Literary Meet to be held in Littlefield on Oct. 30 and Nov. 15.
- The One Act Play will be held in Muleshoe on Nov. 10.

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL

- Students are gearing up for Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 25-31

DIMMITT ALTERNATIVE CENTER

- Students have completed a renovation project on outside buildings at the Castro County Museum.

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Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris's predictions for this week's games in the area, and his ranking of area teams, based on his unique "Power Rating" system.

SHALLOWATER 17 over Dimmitt
 HART 1 over Nazareth
 CHILDRESS 14 over River Road
 Perryton 23 over DALHART
 Sanford-Fritch 21 over TULIA
 Muleshoe 10 over LITTLEFIELD
 Roosevelt 6 over COOPER
 Denver City 16 over BROWNFIELD
 GREENWOOD 33 over Seminole
 Lamesa 36 over SLATON
 White Deer 35 over BOOKER
 Claude 32 over SHAMROCK
 Wheeler 10 over GRUVER
 STRATFORD no line vs. Boys Ranch
 Vega 7 over KRESS
 SPRINGLAKE-EARTH 21 over Anton
 Farwell 19 over BOVINA
 WHITEFACE pick vs. Sudan
 Petersburg 14 over CROSBYTON
 Meadow 25 over LORENZO
 SMYER 22 over Spur
 KNOX CITY 33 over Crowell
 Munday 14 over MOTLEY COUNTY
 O'Donnell is open
 Paducah is open
 AMARILLO 7 over San Angelo Central
 AMARILLO TASCOSA 7 over Lubbock
 Lubbock Monterey 4 over CORONADO
 ODESSA PERMIAN 3 over Abilene
 Midland Lee pick vs. ABILENE COOPER
 MIDLAND 3 over Odessa
 Pampa 36 over AMARILLO CAPROCK
 Amarillo Palo Duro 6 over BORGER
 CANYON 1 over Dumas
 HEREFORD 8 over Canyon Randall
 ANDREWS pick vs. Frenship
 Plainview 11 over BIG SPRING
 Lubbock Estacado 19 over LEVELLAND
 SAN ANGELO LAKEVIEW 7 over Snyder
 Idalou 6 over NEW DEAL
 POST 8 over Sundown
 Tahoka 25 over RALLS

Abernathy 40 over OLTON
 FLOYDADA 24 over Morton
 HALE CENTER 7 over Lockney
 Panhandle 24 over HIGHLAND PARK
 CANADIAN 32 over Wellington
 SPEARMAN no line vs. Clarendon
 West Texas 8 over SUNRAY
 Friona is open

WEEK 6 RANKINGS
CLASS AAA TOP 10: 1. Fomey, 223; 2. Everman, 221; 3. Sinton, 217; 4. Abilene Wylie, 215; 5. Atlanta, 215; 6. Newton, 215; 7. Sweetwater, 214; 8. La Grange, 214; 9. Cameron Yoe, 214; 10. Lake Worth, 214.

AREA CLASS AAA: 25. Lamesa, 208; 60. Perryton, 200; 66. Muleshoe, 198; 69. Childress, 197; 71. Denver City, 197; 75. Sanford-Fritch, 197; 112. Fort Stockton, 190; 115. Littlefield, 189; 122. Shallowater, 188; 136. Lubbock Roosevelt, 184; 144. Brownfield, 181; 148. Amarillo River Road, 180; 149. Dalhart, 180; 161. Lubbock Cooper, 178; 163. Seminole, 178; 181. Slaton, 172; 182. Dimmitt, 171; 204. Tulia, 157.

CLASS A TOP TEN: 1. Roscoe, 208; 2. Stratford, 207; 3. Iraan, 204; 4. Windthorst, 197; 5. Celeste, 195; 6. Chilton, 194; 7. White Deer, 194; 8. Beckville, 193; 9. Petrolia, 193; 10. Hart, 192.

OTHER CLASS A: 15. Nazareth, 188; 19. Petersburg, 186; 23. Springlake-Earth, 184; 41. Rankin, 175; 45. Crosbyton, 172; 48. Wheeler, 172; 51. Paducah, 170; 58. Farwell, 167; 62. Sudan, 166; 64. Vega, 166; 66. Whiteface, 165; 68. Anton, 164; 71. O'Donnell, 164; 76. Gruver, 162; 82. Booker, 160; 83. Kress, 160; 86. Smyer, 158; 87. Boys Ranch, 157; 93. Motley County, 154; 94. Claude, 153; 97. Meadow, 153; 109. Bovina, 146; 121. Spur, 135; 126. Lorenzo, 128; 129. Shamrock, 121.

O God, You know my strengths, my weaknesses and my secret thoughts, and my selfish desire-yet You love me. Thank You. Amen

I need to remember that God is always within calling distance and the He is ready to listen whenever I call his name.

Thiel, Robb cross finish line ahead of pack

Nazareth runners captured the individual championships in the Buffalo Stampede Saturday morning, and the Swiftettes won the overall team title.

Stephanie Thiel posted the best time in the Class A-AAA girls' race, winning the event after finishing the two-mile course in 12 minutes and 39 seconds. Trinity Robb won the boys' race with a top time of 17 minutes and 25 seconds.

Thiel's biggest challenge came from teammate Danette Ramaekers, who claimed silver medal honors with a time of 13 minutes and seven

seconds. Their finishes boosted the Swiftettes to the overall team title. Nazareth accumulated 40 points, 35 better than second-place Happy. Dimmitt finished ninth with 218 points.

Other Nazareth runners contributing to the winning effort were Erica Gerber, 11th, 13:20; Jamie Black, 12th, 13:31; Jackie Thiel, 20th, 13:48; Kim Brockman, 31st, 14:01; and Teri Ramaekers, 37th, 14:09.

Dalila Longoria was the lone Hart girl competing in the meet, and she

finished 70th with a time of 14:50.

The Dimmitt Bobbies had an "all-freshman" team running Saturday because Kelsey Welch and Sheena Ehly were sick, according to Coach Tim Gilliland.

Teresa Quesada ran her best race of the year, finishing 19th in 13:47. Other Bobbies running were Raynee Bradley, 34th, 14:05; Chrystina Ramos, 37th, 14:09; Carla Carpio, 81st, 15:07; and Alejandra Velasquez, 15:24.

In the boys' race, Robb's younger brother, Trey, placed 10th with a time of 18 minutes and 29 seconds. Also running for Nazareth was Shelby Wilhelm, who finished 52nd in 22:03. The Hart Longhorns captured third-place team honors Saturday, and leading team runner was Roy Robledo.

Hart finished with 72 points to claim the bronze medal. Perryton won the race with 28 points while Boys Ranch was second with 61.

Robledo finished eighth with a time of 18 minutes and 21 seconds to lead Hart.

Every Longhorn competing in the race finished among the top 55. They included Emanuel Barron, 13th, 18:47; Joey Pantoja, 23rd, 19:31; Marcus Reyna, 27th, 19:49; Thomas Chia, 35th, 20:26; Josh Reyna, 42nd, 20:51; and Trent Barnes, 55th, 22:17.

Dimmitt's Adam Guzman was the next best county finisher, posting a time of 18:44 to finish 12th. Aaron Saenz of Dimmitt sustained a leg injury during the race, but still managed to finish 41st in 20:27.

There were 65 runners and six teams competing in the boys' race.

In the junior varsity division, the Swiftettes finished eighth overall with 225 points behind two Amarillo High teams, Borger, Canyon, Dumas, Hereford and Stratford.

Runners were Megan Schulte, 44th, 14:50; Jamie Birkenfeld, 52nd, 15:05; Tanya Herring, 56th, 15:13; Keli Schulte, 68th, 15:26; Jenna Acker, 69th, 15:26; and Susan Kern, 71st, 15:32.

Hart had one boy compete in the JV boys' race—Adam Pantoja, who finished 57th in 22:33.



JACOB REYNA (4) of Hart eludes a Vega tackler and rushes for a first down Friday in a District 2-A game at Vega. Hart overcame a slow start to trounce Vega, 29-13, and remain unbeaten on the season. Hart improved to 6-0 overall and opened district play with a win.

Photo by The Hart Beat

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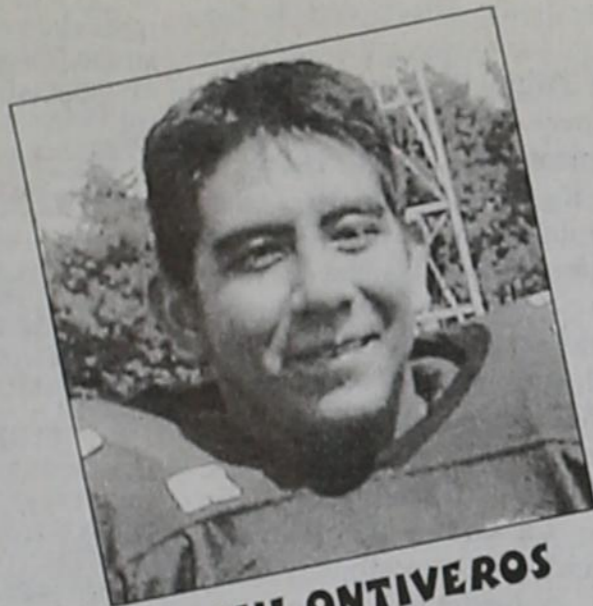
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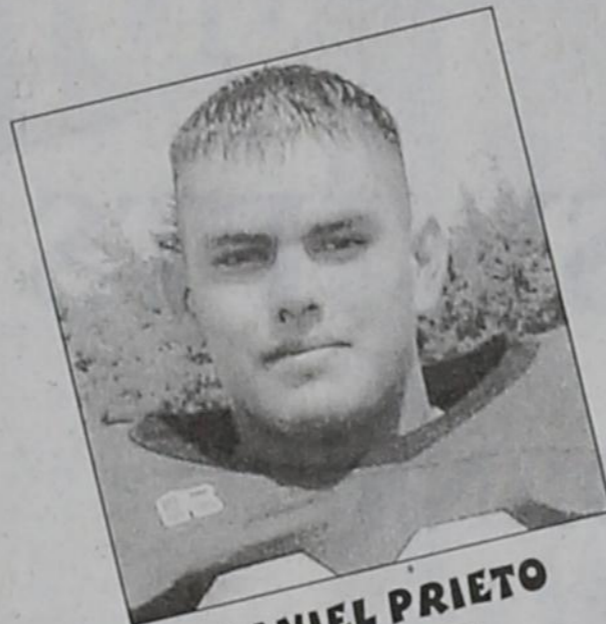
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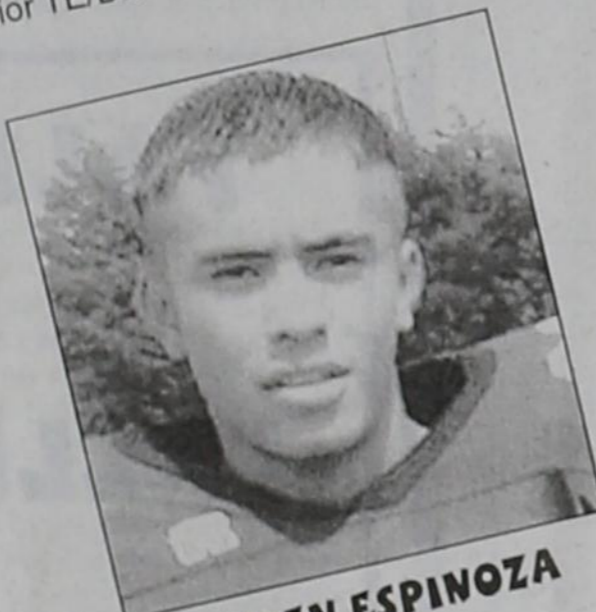
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SCHEDULE & SCORES

VARSITY

Bobcats 14, Springlake-Earth 20	
Bobcats 14, Friona 42	
Bobcats 6, Denver City 35	
Bobcats 14, River Road 35	
Bobcats 35, Tulia 7	
Bobcats 0, Lubbock Roosevelt 28	
Oct. 19 *Shallowater	There
Oct. 26 *Lubbock Cooper	Here
Nov. 2 *Littlefield	There
Nov. 9 *Muleshoe (Parents Night)	Here

JUNIOR VARSITY

JV Bobcats 0, Springlake-Earth 8	
JV Bobcats 6, Friona 16	
JV Bobcats 0, Denver City 20	
JV Bobcats 0, River Road 43	
JV Bobcats 0, Tulia 44	
JV Bobcats 0, Lubbock Roosevelt 35	
Oct. 18 *Shallowater	Here
Oct. 25 *Lubbock Cooper	There
Nov. 1 *Littlefield	Here
Nov. 8 *Muleshoe	There

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

8th Grade 24, Friona 30	
8th Grade 14, Denver City 12	
8th Grade 14, River Road 6	
8th Grade 6, Tulia 14	
8th Grade 28, Roosevelt 14	
Oct. 18 *Shallowater	7th Grade 0, Denver City 34
Oct. 25 *Lubbock Cooper	7th Grade 8, River Road 30
Nov. 1 *Littlefield	7th Grade 20, Tulia 22
Nov. 8 *Muleshoe	7th Grade 38, Roosevelt 22
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Swift defense stymies Rough Riders for 54-0 win

By MEGAN SCHULTE

A solid defensive performance by Nazareth Friday kept Boys Ranch out of sync and resulted in a 54-0 Swift win in a District 2-A opener at Swift Field.

Nazareth scored early and often, and capitalized on four Rough Rider turnovers to take a commanding lead early in the game.

Only 17 seconds into the game, the Swifts scored for the first time. The onslaught continued until late in the third quarter.

The shutout boosts Nazareth's record to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in District 2-1A.

"The team played great defensively. One of our goals was to get a shutout on Boys Ranch," Nazareth Head Coach Rick Peacock said. "They had put up some big offensive numbers, and we kept them to under 100 yards total offense. It was a great team effort on defense."

Nazareth gained a total of 382 yards to Boys Ranch's 81 yards. The Rough Rider passing attack was limited to 56 yards on an 11-of-23 completion rate.

Senior Aaron Kern, who had nine tackles, headed up the Swift defense. He was assisted by teammates

Daryl Pohlmeier, who had seven tackles; and Garrett Kleman, who recorded six.

The Swifts picked off four Rough Rider passes, with Adam Acker snagging two, Jase Merritt picking off one and Kade Wilcox getting the other. Acker and Merritt each returned a pick for a touchdown. The others gave the Swifts good field position.

"We made some big plays in the secondary this week, with three interceptions returned for touchdowns, although one was called back on a penalty," Peacock said. "We totally controlled their passing game with good coverage and lots of pressure from our front line."

"Offensively, we took advantage of good field position and put some points on the board," Peacock said. "We threw the ball well considering the windy conditions."

Firing the Swifts' air attack was senior Blake Birkenfeld who completed eight passes for 87 yards and three touchdowns. Catching three of those passes and leading with 33 yards receiving yards was junior Chase Schulte. Eric Schilling caught a pair of passes for 27 yards and Kade Wilcox caught three passes

for 26 yards.

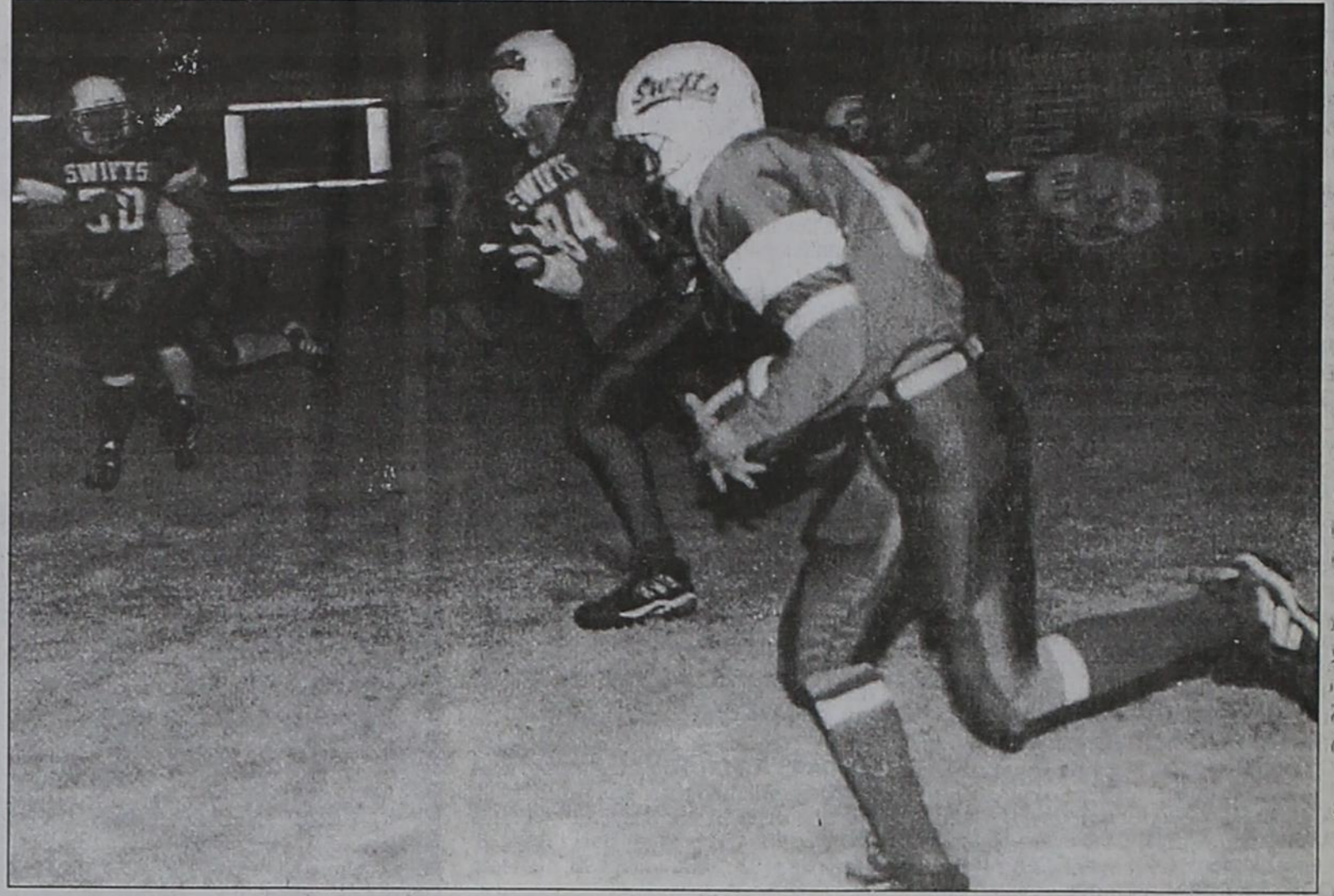
Leading Nazareth's ground attack was Kern who carried the ball 14 times for a total of 83 yards and a touchdown. Also contributing yards were teammates Jase Merritt, who rushed for 23 yards and a touchdown; Brock Birkenfeld, who gained 76 yards; and Trey Robb, who managed 25 yards and a touchdown.

Nazareth kicked off Friday night and on the first play from scrimmage, Merritt intercepted a wobbly Rough Rider pass and ran it in for the 24-yard touchdown. The point-after try (PAT) by Wilcox was good, and Nazareth led, 7-0, just 17 seconds into the game.

Nazareth forced a punt four plays later, and started advancing toward the end zone. A 10-play drive was capped by Kern, who barreled into the end zone for the two-yard touchdown. Wilcox's kick was good, and Nazareth led 14-0.

The solid Swift defense forced another punt only three plays later, and again Nazareth's offense wasted little time in advancing to the goal line.

Blake Birkenfeld found Wilcox in the end zone for the three-yard touchdown. The kick was good by Wilcox, and the score was elevated



HEADED FOR PAYDIRT—Nazareth's Adam Acker (60), led by teammates Reece Hales (50) and Eric Schilling (84) intercepts a Boys Ranch pass and races 57 yards to the end zone for the touchdown Friday in a District 2-A opener at Swift Field. The Swifts

picked off the Rough Riders' quarterback four times in the game, and Acker had two of the snags. Nazareth posted a 54-0 shutout of Boys Ranch to improve to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in district.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



NAZARETH RUNNING BACK AARON KERN (36) evades several Boys Ranch defenders and gains good yardage before he's stopped Friday night in Nazareth. The Swifts, led by Kern's 83-yard rushing performance, dominated the game, winning easily, 54-0. Kern also rushed for a touchdown and led Nazareth's defense with 11 tackles.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Game at a Glance

Swifts 54, Boys Ranch 0

Nazareth	21	14	19	0	—54
Boys Ranch	0	0	0	0	—0

	NAZ	BR
First Downs	19	4
Yards Rushing	295	25
Yards Passing	87	56
Total Yards Gained	382	81
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	8-11-0	11-23-4
Punts-Avg.	N/A	N/A
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	N/A	N/A

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
 NAZ—Jase Merritt 24 interception return (Kade Wilcox kick)
 NAZ—Aaron Kern 2 run (Wilcox kick)
 NAZ—Wilcox 3 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (Wilcox kick)

Second Quarter:
 NAZ—Eric Schilling 17 pass from Birkenfeld (Wilcox kick)
 NAZ—Wilcox 14 pass from Birkenfeld (Wilcox kick)

Third Quarter:
 NAZ—Merritt 2 run (Wilcox kick)
 NAZ—Trey Robb 17 run (kick failed)
 NAZ—Adam Acker 57 interception return (kick failed)

to 21-0 in the first quarter.

Boys Ranch was unable to gain a first down, and Nazareth took over again.

The Swifts scored their fourth touchdown two minutes into the second quarter on a 17-yard pass from Blake Birkenfeld to Schilling. The PAT by Wilcox was good, and the Swifts extended its lead to 28-0.

Nazareth forced a punt again three plays later.

This time the Swifts ran 12 plays before hitting pay dirt.

Nazareth's fifth touchdown came on a 14-yard pass from Blake Birkenfeld to Wilcox. Wilcox then booted the extra point to make it 35-0 at the half.

In the third quarter, Nazareth ran three plays before sending Merritt into the end zone for a two yard touchdown. The PAT was good again, and Nazareth led 42-0.

The Swifts forced another Boys Ranch punt. The kick was short and Nazareth took over on the Rough Riders' 17-yard line.

On the next play Robb took the handoff, found daylight and raced for the end zone. The kick was no good, but Nazareth held the lead 48-0.

The Rough Riders ran one play before Adam Acker intercepted a

pass and ran 57 yards for the touchdown. The kick was off to the right, but Nazareth led 54-0.

The ball changed possession three times in the fourth quarter, neither team able to score.

Nazareth runners ready to defend district crowns

Nazareth sports some of the best Class A cross country runners in the area, and those competitors will be racing for district championships Monday in Amarillo.

The Swiftettes and Swifts will run for the district crowns beginning at 3 p.m. Monday at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Headlining the girls' race will be Nazareth seniors Stephanie Thiel and Danette Ramaekers, both four-year veterans who have numerous state appearances under their belts. They'll be joined by juniors Erica Gerber and Teri Ramaekers, sophomore Kim Brockman, and freshmen Jamie Black and Jackie Thiel.

Senior Trinity Robb is the Swifts' top runner, having already won several meets this season. He's the favorite to win the district boys' race. Joining him on the team are sophomore Trey Robb, senior Quentin Jones, junior Craig Birkenfeld, freshman Cole McClurg, senior Blake Birkenfeld, and juniors Shelby Wilhelm and Justin Kleman.

Nazareth will be competing against Amherst, Channing, Happy, Hartley, Lazbuddie, Silverton, Texline and Valley on Monday. The top teams in district will advance to the Region 1-A cross country meet,

which will be held Nov. 3 at Mac Simmons Park in Lubbock.

"There are a lot of great Class A cross country teams in this region," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett.

Here's how our opponents fared

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

Dimmitt opponents
 SP' LAKE-EARTH (2-4) beat Farwell, 28-6
 DENVER CITY (6-0) beat Seminole, 28-0
 MULESHOE (6-0) beat COOPER (2-4), 47-2
 RIVER ROAD (3-2) beat TULIA (1-5), 35-6
 FRIONA (4-3) beat Olton, 56-14
 L'FIELD (3-2) beat SH'WATER (1-5), 20-19

Nazareth opponents
 LCHS (1-5) beat SAN JACINTO (0-6)
 CLAUDE (1-5) lost to Wheeler, 9-28
 HART (6-0) beat VEGA (3-3), 29-13
 HALECENTER (3-4) lost to Ab'nathy, 15-40
 FARWELL (1-5) lost to S'Lake-Earth, 6-28
 STRATFORD (6-0) beat KRESS (3-3), 43-0

Hart opponents
 MEADOW (3-3) was open
 MORTON (2-3) was open
 CLAUDE (1-5) lost to Wheeler, 9-28
 FARWELL (1-5) lost to S'Lake-Earth, 6-28
 ANTON (4-2) lost to Sudan, 23-29
 NAZARETH (5-1) beat B. RANCH (3-3), 54-0
 STRATFORD (6-0) beat KRESS (3-3), 43-0

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Friday, 7:30 p.m., There

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Unbeaten Horns knock off Vega in district opener

Hart's offense might have been sluggish to start the game Friday night, but the Longhorn defense was dominating.

That helped Hart score an important 29-13 win over Vega Friday in a District 2-A opener for both teams.

Hart entered the game as one of only 13 unbeaten Class A teams in the state, and thanks to a solid defensive performance, the Longhorns kept that unblemished record intact.

Hart improved to 6-0 overall and 1-0 in District 2-A play while Vega dropped to 3-3 overall and 0-1 in district.

Hart exploded with 425 yards of total offense, including 324 on the ground. Keith Finch led Hart in rushing with 156 yards on 21 carries. Salvador Velasquez added 102 yards on five totes.

As quarterback, Velasquez completed 6-of-9 passes for 101 yards.

Hart's defense gave up just 168 yards. Leading the defense was Finch, who had 17 tackles. Leon Minjarez finished with 14 tackles, Albert Velasquez added 11, and Bo Gonzales, Eric Gutierrez and Rene Rincon added 10 each.

"Our defense played well," said Hart Coach Jay McCook. "Offensively we struggled at times."

The open week did not help us. We had way too many penalties."

Hart had 10 penalties for 130 yards while Vega was penalized six times for 30 yards.

Missed assignments and turnovers kept the Longhorns from scoring offensively in the first quarter. Vega was sluggish offensively, too, and Hart's defense forced Vega to punt on successive drives. Vega managed just 40 yards of offense in the first half.

The second quarter saw Hart's offense chew up most of the clock on two long, sustained drives.

Salvador Velasquez had a key 50-yard run on fourth and two that kept one drive alive, and that run moved Hart inside Vega's 10-yard line. Three plays later, the area's leading rusher, Keith Finch, was able to run the ball in from the three-yard line. Finch added the extra point to give Hart a 7-0 lead.

Hart's defense forced Vega to punt, then the offense mounted a second assault on the end zone.

Josh Finch had two big carries in the quarter, setting up Hart's second score, a 32-yard run by Keith Finch. After the extra point, Hart led 14-0.

Vega owned the ball one more time in the first half, and elected to run out the clock.

Hart's defense came up with a big play in the third quarter and it resulted in a touchdown.

On the second play of Vega's first drive, Keith Finch put a big hit on a Vega ball carrier, forcing a fumble. Leon Minjarez scooped up the fumble and ran it in from 32 yards out for the score. Josh Finch scored on a fake extra point to increase Hart's lead to 22-0.

Vega answered on the next drive when Fausto Ruiz scored on a five-yard run. A phantom flag helped Vega keep the drive alive when Hart was penalized for having 12 men on the field.

Hart answered on its next possession, and this drive was keyed by another long run by Velasquez.

On second-and-long, Velasquez faked a handoff before scampering 45 yards inside Vega's 20. Four plays later, Velasquez hit a wide open Jacob Reyna for a 12-yard touchdown pass.

Nogglar ended scoring for Vega with a six-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 29, Vega 13		
	HART	VEGA
First Downs	14	11
Yards Rushing	268	103
Yards Passing	70	87
Total Yards Gained	338	190
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-8-1	6-12-0
Punts-Avg.	1-30	3-36
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	11-116	6-30

Scoring By Quarters

Quarter	HART	VEGA
First Quarter	0	0
Second Quarter	14	0
Third Quarter	7	0
Fourth Quarter	7	0
Total	29	13

Key Plays:
 HART—Keith Finch 3 run (Finch kick)
 HART—Finch 34 run (Finch kick)
 HART—Leon Minjarez 28 fumble return (Josh Finch run)
 VEGA—Fausto Ruiz 5 run (Justin Nogglar kick)
 HART—Jacob Reyna 13 pass from Salvador Velasquez (Finch kick)
 VEGA—Nogglar 6 run (pass failed)



HART'S KEITH FINCH (8) TURNS THE CORNER and finds a lot of help downfield from teammates lining up to block Vega's Longhorns out of the way. Those blockers include Joel DeLaFuente (2), Jacob Reyna (4) and Bo Gonzales (32). Finch

gained good yardage, but would be stopped short of the goal line with 44 seconds left in the first quarter. After a slow start, Hart rebounded to post a 29-13 District 2-A win at Vega. Photo by The Hart Beat

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

-Mark Twain

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Horns, Swifts will tangle in key district battle Friday

Two of the top Class A teams in the area are in Castro County, and they'll square off Friday night in a game that could have playoff implications.

District 2-A is one of the toughest Class A districts in the state, with the defending state champion Stratford Elks currently ranked first and the Hart Longhorns holding down the No. 10 position. The Nazareth Swifts are next in the polls.

The unbeaten Longhorns and 5-1 Swifts will square off Friday night at 7:30 in Hart. Both teams are 1-0 in District 2-A play.

Nazareth's lone loss of the season was a 19-29 decision to Hale Center early in the season.

Hart has outscored its opponents by a combined 257-75 this season enroute to its unblemished record through six games.

The Swifts have put 249 points on the board and have allowed just 52 in six games.

Hart opened district play Friday with a 29-13 win over Vega while the Swifts shut out Boys Ranch, 54-0.

Hart has amassed 2,898 yards of offense in six outings, an average of 483 yards per game.

The Longhorn defense is allowing 186.17 yards per game. So far this year, teams have rushed for 596 yards and thrown for another 521 against Hart.

The Swifts have gained 1,839 yards on the ground and have thrown for 725. That averages out to 427.33 yards per game.

DHS responds to president's dollar request

Students and staff members at Dimmitt High School are collecting money this week in response to President George W. Bush's request to help hungry children in Afghanistan.

Jars have been placed in each teacher's classroom at DHS, and students and staff members are asked to give \$1 to the cause. Donations will be collected through Friday.

"Our goal is to be able to send to the White House at least \$1 for every student enrolled at Dimmitt High School," said Connie Dickerson, Student Council sponsor. "The money, according to President Bush, will be directed through the American Red Cross to the people who need it."

There are more kinds of fish than all other kinds of water and land vertebrates put together.

A legion was a division of the Roman army varying in size from 4,000 to 6,000 men.

On defense, Nazareth is giving up an average of 146.33 yards per game. The Swifts' six opponents have earned a combined 645 yards rushing and 233 yards passing.

The winner of Friday's game could have an inside track at one of the two playoff spots up for grabs.

"We've got to play the best game we've played all year on Friday," said Hart Coach Jay McCook. "Nazareth's the best team we've faced. We'll have to play an almost perfect game this week. We have to limit our mistakes and come out fired up."

Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock said he feels defense will be the key to the game.

"I think this game will be decided by which defense plays the best. Both teams are capable of scoring a lot of points, so it's going to come down to who can do the best job defensively."

Hart's Keith Finch and Nazareth's Aaron Kern are two of the key players to watch Friday night.

Both are among the leading rushers in the area and have scored almost at will against their opponents.

Finch spends time at quarterback, but also lines up in the backfield. He's one of Hart's defensive standouts, too, providing coverage in the secondary.

Kern grinds out his yardage and touchdowns on the ground, and when he's on the other side of the ball he's the Swifts' leading tackler at linebacker.

Finch has rushed 110 times for 1,063 yards in six games this season, and he's completed more than half of his passes for over 400 yards and five touchdowns.

Kern has gained 884 yards this year and has found the end zone 11 times.

Longhorn runners aim for district title

The Hart Longhorns have enjoyed many cross country victories this season, but none of those races has been as important to the runners as their next one.

The Longhorns will be running for the district championship Monday afternoon at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, and they are the favorites to claim the district crown.

The state-ranked Horns feature Roy Robledo, Emanuel Barron, Joey Pantoja, Marcus Reyna, Thomas Chia, George Marin and Isaia Garcia. Coach Tyra Moore said if Garcia is unable to run, either Freddy Hernandez or Josh Reyna will run the varsity race.

The district races will begin at 3 p.m. with the junior high girls' race, followed by the junior high boys at 3:30 p.m. The JV girls will run at 4 p.m., the varsity girls will run at 4:30

The Longhorns and Swifts aren't one-dimensional teams, though. Each team has several runners who have collected yards and touchdowns this season, and both sport a solid passing attack.

Other key offensive players for the Longhorns are running backs Josh Finch, Leon Minjarez and Joel DeLaFuente, quarterback Salvador Velasquez, receiver Jacob Reyna, tight end Albert Velasquez and linemen Corey Moore, Marcial Mendoza, Rene Rincon, Matthew Gonzales and Eric Gutierrez.

"Hart has a great team. They have a lot of seniors who play both ways and they have a lot of good athletes. Keith Finch is definitely the catalyst. He's the guy they move around and he can make things happen. Josh Finch has had some big games too, so we can't overlook him. And Jacob Reyna and Salvador Velasquez have been big contributors in recent games. They don't have just one or two players they rely on. You can't zero in on one guy and expect to stop Hart," Peacock said.

For the Swifts, Blake Birkenfeld is quarterback and his favorite target is Kade Wilcox. Other runners who have joined Kern in the backfield this season are Trey Robb, Brock Birkenfeld and Jordy Rowland. Tight end is Eric Schilling and Chase Schulte is a receiver. Up front, the Swifts feature Daryl Pohlmeier, Reece Hales, Ross Schulte, Evan Huseman and Koty Huseman.

"We must have a complete game this week," said McCook. "We have to control their passing game and stop Kern on the ground. We also need to score. This will be the game of the week in the area."

Peacock said he's excited about Friday's game with Hart, and said "fans should get their money's worth."

and the JV and varsity boys will run at 5.

The Lady Horns also hope to advance to the regional race, and those fighting for the right to advance will be Kellie George, Dalila Longoria, Angie Mata, Sonia Garcia, Sandra Menchaca, Crystal Diego and either Maegan Farris or Marissa Mendoza.

Hart's long-distance specialists will be competing against runners from Anton, Bovina, Springlake-Earth, Farwell, Kress, Meadow, Smyer, Sudan and Whiteface.

The Longhorns have competed against most of these teams in previous meets, and have come out on top. But Coach Moore isn't overlooking anyone.

"Smyer is the team I'm really worried about right now," Moore said. "They've been sneaking up in recent meets."

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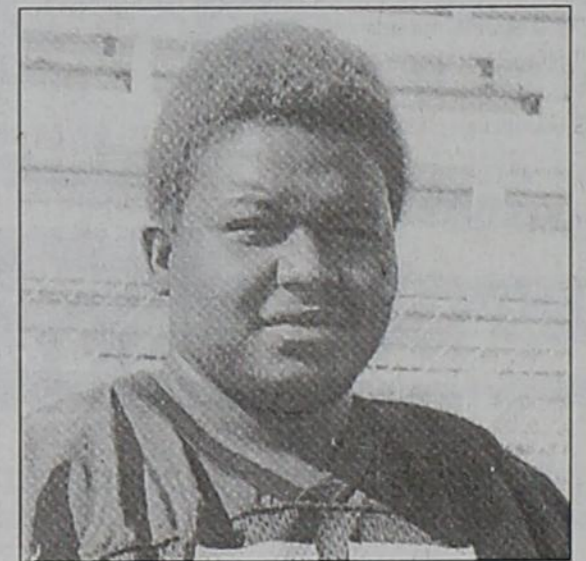
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Obituaries

Clarence Buxkemper

Clarence O. Buxkemper, 88, of Slaton, father of James Buxkemper of Nazareth, died last Thursday, Oct. 11.

A rosary service was held Friday evening in Slaton's Englungs Chapel with Msgr. Roland Buxkemper officiating.

Mass was celebrated Saturday morning at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Slaton with Msgrs. Roland Buxkemper and Curtis Halfmann officiating. Burial followed in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englungs Funeral Service of Slaton.

M. Buxkemper was born Nov. 4, 1912, in Runnels County and he attended school in Rowena. He married Lucille Rohmfeld on Nov. 16, 1937, in Olfen. She died June 28, 1996. They moved to Slaton in 1940.

He was a cotton farmer until his retirement in 1977. He was active with the Germania Insurance Association and was FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer of the Year in 1958.

Survivors include four sons, Roland Buxkemper and Kevin Buxkemper, both of Slaton, James Buxkemper of Nazareth and Anton Buxkemper III of Lubbock; a brother, Leroy Buxkemper of Slaton; four sisters, Viola Book of Vancourt and Lydia Brosch, Delta Meurer and Dorothy Schneirs, all of Slaton; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 205 S. 19th St., Slaton 79364.

Donna Sue Johnson

Donna Sue Johnson, 54, a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, died Monday.

Private family services will be held at a later date. She was cremated. Arrangements were handled by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Miss Johnson was born Jan. 23, 1947, in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Ina Mae Johnson.

Survivors include a son, Paul Johnson of Lubbock; two brothers, Dale Johnson of Pampa and Don Johnson of Canadian; a grandchild; and a host of friends.

Masons plan appreciation meal Tuesday

Castro County's law enforcement officers, volunteer firemen, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and others who serve the public will be honored with a meal Tuesday evening.

The fish fry will be sponsored by the Castro County Masonic Lodge, and will start at 7 p.m. at the lodge in Dimmitt.

"We've planned this meal in appreciation for all these individuals have done for the public through the years," said a spokesperson for the Masons.

Dr. Leon Joplin of Dimmitt will provide entertainment during the event, and he will sing several songs.

Breast cancer screenings set

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

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

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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-Jules Renard

Una Faye Tate

Una Faye Tate, 86, of Albuquerque, N.M., died Oct. 10.

Services were held Monday afternoon at Montgomery Church of Christ in Albuquerque with Darrell Brazell and Kevin Owen officiating. Arrangements were handled by French Mortuary of Albuquerque.

Mrs. Tate was born Aug. 5, 1915, in Mobeetie. She married former Dimmitt resident Giles Tate, on June 12, 1938. He died last year.

Mrs. Tate was a member of the Montgomery Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Byron and Mary Tate of Tucson, Ariz., and Boyce and Helen Tate of Houston; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lorene and J.L. Brazell of Albuquerque and Gaynell Eubanks of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Oletta Muddell and Vivian Lacy, both of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dan Eubanks, David Tate, Paul Tate, Brent Tate, Darrell Brazell and Willie Denney.

Honorary pallbearers were Reagan Smetak, Phil Pratt, Chuck Looney, Everett White, Tim Leftwich, Jay Grill, Steve Varley and Dr. Lee Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to plant trees in the Tree of Life Project, c/o Montgomery Church of Christ, 7201 Montgomery Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87109.

Alphina Jo "Fina" Vaughan

Funeral services for Alphina Jo "Fina" Vaughan, 72, of Hart, were held Monday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Hart with Aaron Lee, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Vaughan died at 12:15 a.m. Friday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

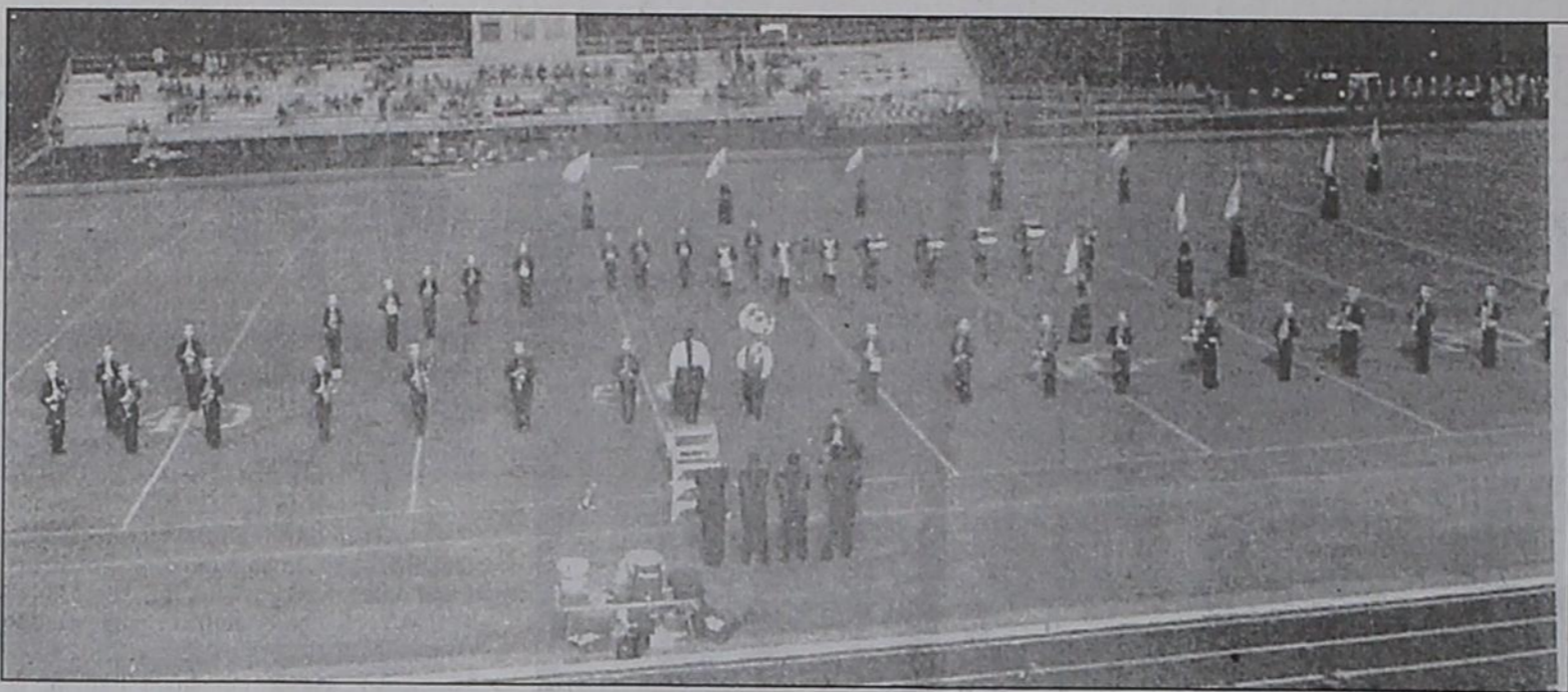
She was born April 7, 1929, in Hugo, Okla., and she was raised in Paris. She attended Paris High School. She married Don Vaughan on Aug. 8, 1970, in Lubbock.

She was a hostess for a restaurant for many years. She moved to Hart in 1978. She was the bookkeeper for Hart of the Plains Pump for many years before retiring in 1998. She was a member of Hart Golden Group, Order of the Eastern Star and the Hart Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Loy Richard Milam of Tompkinsville, Ken., and Clarence Ray Milam of Lubbock; a sister, Mary Ruth Burnett of Shallowater; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hart Golden Group.

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Photo by Chris Bradford

Bobcat Band earns Division II rating

Judges at the UIL Marching contest Saturday said the Dimmitt Bobcat Band "shows good potential" and presents a "good, overall show."

Those judges awarded the band a Division II rating for its performance.

The annual marching contest was held at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Judges for the event were Phil

Anthony of Lubbock, Ray Lashaway of Lubbock and O.T. Ryan of Plainview.

Judges commented that the band showed some good moves, and praised performances by the tuba and trumpet sections.

"I thought we had a good, quality performance," said Dimmitt Band Director Chris Brouillette.

Among the selections the band played during its show were *Fiesta, How the West Was Won* and *Ol' Man River*.

Solists in the show were L.J. Soler, Casey Jones and Todd Jansa.

"I'm very proud of the way the band performed. Everyone did their job," Brouillette said.

Police Calls

Numerous compact discs (CD), a CD player with headphones and a CD case were reported stolen from a house in the 200 block of NW Seventh St. in Dimmitt recently.

Martha Martinez told police someone had entered her residence without permission on Sept. 25 and removed the items, valued at \$215.

Another burglary of a habitation netted the suspects a black and grey Elexus speaker with felt-covered housing. The speaker, valued at \$25, was taken from a residents 1-1/2 miles southeast of Highway 194 in Hart.

According to police reports, someone forced open the front door of the residence. The speaker was stolen and a clear glass table top was damaged during the burglary.

A 26-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested Oct. 10 for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

On Oct. 11, police picked up an 18-year-old Dimmitt man on an outstanding warrant for engaging in organized criminal activity.

Forgery of a financial instrument landed a 27-year-old woman from Jonesboro, Ark., in the county jail on Oct. 12.

An 18-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on Oct. 13 after he was picked up on an outstanding warrant from Deaf Smith County. Initial charges were for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) troopers arrested a 19-year-old Dimmitt man for public intoxication on Oct. 13.

Another case of public intoxication sent a 30-year-old Dimmitt man to the county jail on Oct. 14.

Two men were arrested for DWI in separate incidents on Oct. 13—a 19-year-old Hart man and a 38-year-old Dimmitt man.

A 26-year-old Happy man was picked up on several outstanding warrants, including one for evading arrest.

DPS troopers arrested a 42-year-old Dimmitt man Monday for

driving with a license suspended, for having no driver's license on two or more occasions, and for failing to maintain financial responsibility.

Law enforcement officers picked up three other individuals on outstanding warrants during the past week. All three were charged with speeding, and one of the three also had an outstanding DWI warrant on his record.

Tulia group plans buffet

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

Tickets for the buffet meal are \$6 each.

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

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More about Armed forces...

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at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Wash. He occasionally flies missions into Kuwait. In fact, he deployed to points in Europe and the Middle East just a few days after the World Trade Center and Pentagon bombings. He was in Kuwait briefly on that trip.

His wife, 1st Lt. Jenna Flynt, is also stationed at McChord Air Force Base. She has been serving as the chief of the Crisis Action Team during these times of heightened security. Her twin sister, 1st Lt. Rachel Tukey, is a KC-135 pilot stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington. She frequently flies missions in the Middle East.

Cadet First Class Laura Flynt, daughter of Elaine and Jack Flynt, is in her senior year at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The academy cadets have recently faced maintaining the same defense configuration as the rest of the military while adhering to a very rigorous class schedule.

The Flynts' other daughter, Abbie, is presently serving as a missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ in Samara, Russia.

Army Sgt. Jose A. Juarez Jr., son of Jose and Mary Juarez of Dimmitt, is stationed at Fort Polk, La. He is scheduled to be sent to Germany on Dec. 14.

Plane Capt. Aaron Arguijo, son of Robert Arguijo and the late Elena Arguijo, is serving in the US Navy. He is currently aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

Alfonso Longoria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Longoria of Hart, is policeman in Plainview and is part of the Plainview National Guard Unit. He has been called to active duty. He, along with 11 other Plainview men and one man from Lockney, will serve in a security capacity in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the country.

Brad Murdock, son of Bobby and Wanda Murdock of Dimmitt, is a munitions specialist controller stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M.

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