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Church garage sale Nov. 12-14

Our Savior Lutheran Church will host its annual garage sale Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, November 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be a wide collection of household items, books, clothing and shoes, jewelry, children's items, Christmas decorations and more. The church is located on Highway 22 approximately one mile west of the intersection of Highway 22 and Farm Road 933.

Gift wrap for Angel project

King Memorial Methodist Church is collecting holiday gift wrap, bags, tags and tape to benefit the local Adopt-An-Angel program. Donations may be dropped off until Friday, December 11 at the church office, 502 North Colorado Street in Whitney, 254-694-2599.

LW Arts plans holiday market

Lake Whitney Arts will host its seasonal holiday market and handcrafts market Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Outdoor booths will be set up featuring handicrafts and resale products from local vendors. The LWA theatre is located at 500 South Bosque Street in Whitney.

Friday night potluck social

Lake Whitney Senior Center will hold its next Friday Night Potluck Social Friday, November 13. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the meal begins around 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and attend for games, music and good food. The senior center is located at 503 North Colorado in Whitney.

Garden Club to meet Nov. 14

The Lake Whitney Garden Club will meet at the Lake Whitney Public Library Saturday, November 14 at 11 a.m.

LWARS to meet at library Sat.

The Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society (LWARS) will have its monthly meeting Saturday, November 14 at 10 a.m. at the Lake Whitney Public Library.

Local voters favor Republicans as Democrats sweep statewide races

For the first time since the 1990s, Texas Democrats will hold the state's most powerful offices after a stunning election that saw Democrats make significant gains nationwide. In Hill County, however, the majority of voters continued to favor Republicans.

About 47 percent of Hill County's 28,441 registered voters cast ballots in the mid-term election.

The only contested county-level race was for the Precinct 3 commissioner's seat, recently vacated by Scotty Hawkins. Republican Martin Dudik, who was appointed to serve until the election, won the race against Democrat Sarah Martin with 72% of the precinct's vote.

In addition to flipping statewide offices, Democrats will be in control of the Texas House for the first time in more than two decades. Republicans managed to hold on to the Texas Senate.

Locally, Republican Angelia Orr of Hill County won the State House District 13 race over Bosque County Democrat Albert Hunter. Orr received 76% of the Hill County vote, and she received about 69% of the district's vote.

Republican David Cook won the State Senate, District 22 race with about 56% of the district-wide vote and 77% of the Hill County vote.

Republican Pete Sessions defeated Democrat Casey Shepard to win the US House District 17 race. Sessions received about 54% of the district's vote and 77% of the Hill County vote.

Democrat James Talarico won the US Senate race over Republican Ken Paxton with

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The Wildcats earned a 42-point victory over West to seal the district championship last week. They will travel to Godley Thursday to take on Dallas Life Oak Cliff in the bi-district round.

Whitney dominates West, claims back-to-back outright district titles

The Whitney Wildcats left no doubt about who owned District 6-3A Division I on Friday night.

With a fast start, a big-play defense and contributions from across the roster, Whitney rolled past the rival West Trojans 56-14 to finish the regular season with its second consecutive outright district championship.

The Wildcats (9-1, 6-0) jumped out to a 28-0 first-quarter lead and never looked back. The back-to-back outright district titles mark the first time Whitney has accomplished the feat since 1982 and 1983.

Playmaker Kobe Haynes continued to carve his name in the state's offensive record books, racking up six touchdowns to bring his total to 67 all-purpose scores in just nine games. But Friday's victory showcased the Wildcats' team depth with the postseason on the horizon.

Whitney opened the game backed up near its own goal line but quickly went to work. Haynes geared up the ground game before connecting with Rex Gatlin for a 42-yard reception to spark the drive. Seven plays and 98 yards later, Haynes found the end zone to put the Wildcats on the board.

The defense followed with a game-changing play. After senior Colt Poore pressured the West quarterback, sophomore Tyson Rhodes intercepted a pass and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown. It was Whitney's first interception returned for a touchdown this season, extending the lead to 14-0 with seven minutes remaining in the first quarter.

West managed to move the ball on its next possession,

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Smith Grant funds Lake Whitney Arts construction project

Lake Whitney Arts recently received a $19,000 George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation Grant to build a new costume and prop storage building. The foundation's purpose is to enrich the lives of citizens in Hill County through programs that support local health, education and welfare. The new 20'x40' climate-controlled building is located at the Lake Whitney Arts theater site on South Bosque Street.

Veterans Day Ceremony In Whitney Wednesday

Whitney will hold its Veterans Day ceremony Wednesday, November 11 at 10 a.m.

The event will be held at the Family Life Center of King Memorial Methodist Church, also known as the Lake Whitney Senior Center, located at 503 North Colorado Street.

The community is invited to attend the event honoring veterans and active service members of the United States military.

Refreshments will be offered at 10 a.m. before the service begins at 11 a.m.

District Judge Justin Lewis of the 66th Judicial District Court in Hill County will deliver the keynote speech.

Whitney High School students from the Student Council will participate in the service, and the WHS Jazz Band will play patriotic music.

A special display of the "Missing Man" exhibit is planned by Specialist Randy Bruhn of the US Army National Guard.

A Wreaths Across America table will be managed by Staff Sergeant Elizabeth Flores of the US Air Force and other members of the Fort Graham Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Sentences handed down in 66th Judicial District Court

The office of District Attorney Mark Pratt recently prosecuted the following felony criminal cases in the 66th Judicial District Court of Hill County. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice convictions are from October:

Kyle Edward Waddell, sexual assault of a child, six years prison

Denarrius Arkeem Stigler, possession of methamphetamine between four and 200 grams, nine years prison; possession of a material, compound, mixture or preparation that contains a quality of hydrocodone between 28 and 200 grams, eight years prison; possession of oxycodone between one and four grams, eight years prison

Saul Reyes, evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, four years prison

Lindsay Danne Pollard, bail jump and failure to appear felony, three years prison; possession of methamphetamine between one and four grams, three years prison

Krystal Dawn Seward, possession of methamphetamine under one gram, 15 months state jail; possession of methamphetamine under one gram, 15 months state jail

Billy Jack Howard, assault family violence household member - impeding breath/circulation, five years prison

Jose Jimmywade Stephen, possession of methamphetamine under one gram, 18 months state jail

Lisa Marie Patterson, possession of methamphetamine under one gram, 12 months state jail

Terry Shawn Linville, theft of cattle/horse/exotic livestock under $150,000, 10 years prison

Jamar Laron Garner, evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, four years prison; evading arrest/detention with previous conviction, 15 months state jail

Jacob Conley Anderson, possession of methamphetamine under one gram in a drug-free zone, four years prison

Caroline Eve Fitzgerald, driving while intoxicated - third offense or more, four years prison

Charles Levi Rose, possession of methamphetamine between four and 200 grams with intent to deliver, 15 years prison

District Judge Justin Lewis presides over the 66th Judicial District Court.

Collections begin ahead of Food For Families drive

The annual Food for Families food drive is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, November 20, at Our Daily Bread, Lake Whitney's food bank, 100 Sims Drive in Whitney.

Food for Families food drive is a joint annual project of the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America, H.E.B. Grocery Company and KWTX News 10. The Waco news station will be televising from the food bank during the day.

All November donations will be counted toward the Lake Whitney food bank's goal of 75,000 pounds. The food bank is open Mondays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.

Donations may also be dropped off at Whitney City Hall, Lake Whitney Public Library, Gladiator Farms, Pizza Junction and any of the Whitney and Aquilla ISD campuses, as well as all of the area churches.

The Lake Whitney Ministerial Alliance food bank operates completely through donations and with help from volunteers. All donations are accepted and appreciated.

Non-perishable food items most needed include canned vegetables, boxed or bagged goods, such as Hamburger Helper, macaroni and cheese, instant mashed potatoes, canned meats, pasta sauce, fruit and soup (no glass jars.)

All donations remain in our community and go directly to

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