

The Castro County News



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Dimmitt, Texas Thursday, September 23, 2004

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Crash claims five lives

Dimmitt residents were in Mexico to visit ill family member



Above, Fabian Pena, Jose Arredondo's best friend, and Cindy Alvarado, another close friend to Jose, talk about their friend before the Rosary on Thursday night. Below, two of Jose's teachers, Diane Townsend and Teresa Lindsey and Vicente Alvarez, another friend and classmate, remember their friend during Thursday's gathering at the Antonio Arredondo home on SW 5th Street.

Schoolmates, friends start grieving process

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

Thunder rumbled and rain thrummed against the metal carport at the Arredondo home on SW 5th Street on Thursday night as friends gathered to say "goodbye" to two family members and pray for the recovery of a third. Later the group moved to NW 8th Street, to the home of Juan and Juana Arredondo and their daughter, Selena, to recite the Rosary for them, too.

Miriam Arredondo and her son, Jose, a senior at Dimmitt High School, were two of five Dimmitt residents killed Tuesday, See *FRIENDS*, Page 12



SELENA ARREDONDO



MIRIAM ARREDONDO



JOSE ARREDONDO

School funding struck down

Local superintendents hope Legislature comes up with more equitable plan

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

A district judge in Austin has declared the state's funding system flawed and ordered the state legislature to come up with a better plan by the fall of 2005.

Superintendents Digger Elam of Hart, Les Miller of Dimmitt and Marshall Harrison of Nazareth weighed in after the decision was handed down last week.

"I'm happy that finally someone sees a need for equitable financing for school children in Texas," Elam said. "The gap has been getting larger every year as have the demands on education. Hopefully this decision will bring those two things

back together again. "It's probably going to be three or four or maybe five years before something concrete is done. No one wants to jump out and take the horse by the reins."

The reason for that, Elam said, is politics.

"A lot of politicians think they won't get reelected," he said. "The thing they don't seem to think about is the children of Texas. They only see dollars signs and they want things run like a business. We're here to educate our future."

Elam said law makers talk about mandated curriculums, but there are other considerations.

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Council approves bid on new firehouse roof

Passes budget, tax rate for year

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The City Council on Monday passed the city's budget of almost \$1.8 million dollars. In fact, this year's budget is quite similar to last year's. The tax rate of 24.6 cents per \$100 valuation, is the same as last year's, Mayor Wayne Collins said.

"We had to make adjustments to take into account the decrease in taxes and water sales from Cargill, about \$190,000," Collins said. "To make the budget balance, we significantly reduced our capital expenditures. We only included capital items that are obli-

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Date for 4-H special section set

This year's 4-H section will be run in the Oct. 13 edition of the Castro County News in order to make sure the awards banquet and any other pertinent material is included. This is a departure from the way it was done in the past. Previously we were not able to get the banquet and other events that happened during 4-H week into the section. But this year we're backing up the publication date to include these events, so the section will come out one week later than usual.

GOP opens Castro County headquarters

A NICE CROWD turned out on Wednesday, Sept. 15, for the formal opening of the Republican Party's Castro County headquarters, at 210 W. Bedford, between Texas Corn Growers and The Market Place. The number for the headquarters is 647-7252.



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	Wednesday	94	60	
	Thursday	84	55	
	Friday	92	54	.04
	Saturday	94	57	
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Forum

Ranking membership gives Stenholm edge

Editor:
 Voters in West Texas will select the U.S. Congressman for the new 19th District.
 This district takes in a 27-county area from Archer County to Deaf Smith and Castro Counties and down to Gaines County.
 It will be represented either by Charlie Stenholm or by Randy Neugebauer.
 Here are six reasons why West Texans cannot afford to lose Charlie Stenholm
 * Without Charlie in the House of Representatives, the entire state of Texas would have practically no representation on agriculture-related issues. Randy Neugebauer is the lowest-ranking member (number 26 among the Republicans) on the House Agriculture Committee and can only move up as others drop out ahead of him.
 * Without Charlie, the ranking member of the

Agriculture Committee will become Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota.
 * Without Charlie, Texas will lose a member of the Armed Services Committee. (He was recently appointed to this committee.)
 * Without Charlie, Texas will lose a man who votes the interests of West Texas ahead of party loyalty. He is not a rubber stamp for anything or anybody. He is the second most independent member in all of Congress. His character fits West Texas values.
 * Without Charlie, West Texas will lose 26 years of knowledge and experience in the very complicated areas of agriculture, education, healthcare, Social Security, military and veterans' issues, and the federal deficit.
 * Without Charlie, the redistricting plan forced on us by Tom DeLay will have succeeded.
IF CHARLIE STENHOLM LOSES, WE ALL LOSE!
**Pete and Margaret Ragus
 Lubbock**

Consider the man, not the party when voting


Dear Friends,
 On Nov. 2, America will go to the polls to cast their choice for who will best represent the people. In the past, the 19th District has been fortunate to have a Congressman that represented our district and rural Texas very well. Redistricting changed all that. With our region being one of the top agriculture producing regions in Texas, the choice of who will represent our area is monumental.
 I have had the opportunity to watch Charlie Stenholm stand up for not only Texas agriculture but all aspects of farm programs. These programs include not only agriculture but other programs that affect families, including the school lunch program; nutrition programs for children; and rural community programs, such as volunteer fire departments and rural hospitals. Dating back to the days when my father worked on Farm Bills in the 70s and 80s with the Texas Sugarbeet Association, to the current Farm Bill in which I participated through the Texas Wheat Association, Charlie worked with Larry Combest to win support in both political parties. Without both men working their parties, the Farm Bill would have never passed. Congressmen of this caliber are hard to come by. With the redistricting of Texas, our district was put at jeopardy. Instead of having two very good Christian men represent our region, we must now choose between Charlie Stenholm and Randy Neugebauer. This comes down to the fact that Charlie Stenholm has 26 years of seniority in Congress

versus two years for Mr. Neugebauer. Anybody that has gone to Washington, D.C., and worked our political system knows that seniority is everything! With his seniority, Charlie Stenholm will be ranking minority member on the House Agriculture Committee. Every bill that goes before the president to sign, concerning agriculture or rural America, will be looked at by Charlie Stenholm through conference committee. Along with that representation for Texas, comes the respect of some 100 other Congressmen that rely on Charlie for his leadership on agriculture and rural issues. Being a freshman congressman Mr. Neugebauer will not have that opportunity. With the current political climate of no rural representation and the cuts that have already taken place in the current Farm Bill, the clout that Charlie Stenholm brings to the table is necessary for our area.
 Whichever political party you consider yourself to be, I hope that you will take a close look at the facts and vote for the man that can BEST represent our area. That man is CHARLIE STENHOLM.
**David Cleavinger
 Deaf Smith County Farmer/Rancher
 Wildorado, Texas**

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the political season winds down, we hope and expect to get more letters to the editor espousing political causes and candidates. The Castro County News, in an effort to be fair, will not print any letters to the editor about the Nov. 2 election after the Oct. 14 edition of the paper. Letters for that edition must be in the newspaper office by noon, Monday, Oct. 11. There will be no exceptions made. This deadline is to keep unsubstantiated charges from being made just before the election without giving an opponent ample time to refute the statement. In order for your letter to be printed, please enclose your name, mailing address and a day-time phone. All letters will be verified before publication. The Castro County News reserves the right to edit letters for style and length, as well as for defamatory comments. Letters may be submitted in person at the newspaper office, via fax at (806) 647-3112 or via e-mail at editor@castrocountynews.com
**Davie Ann Browder
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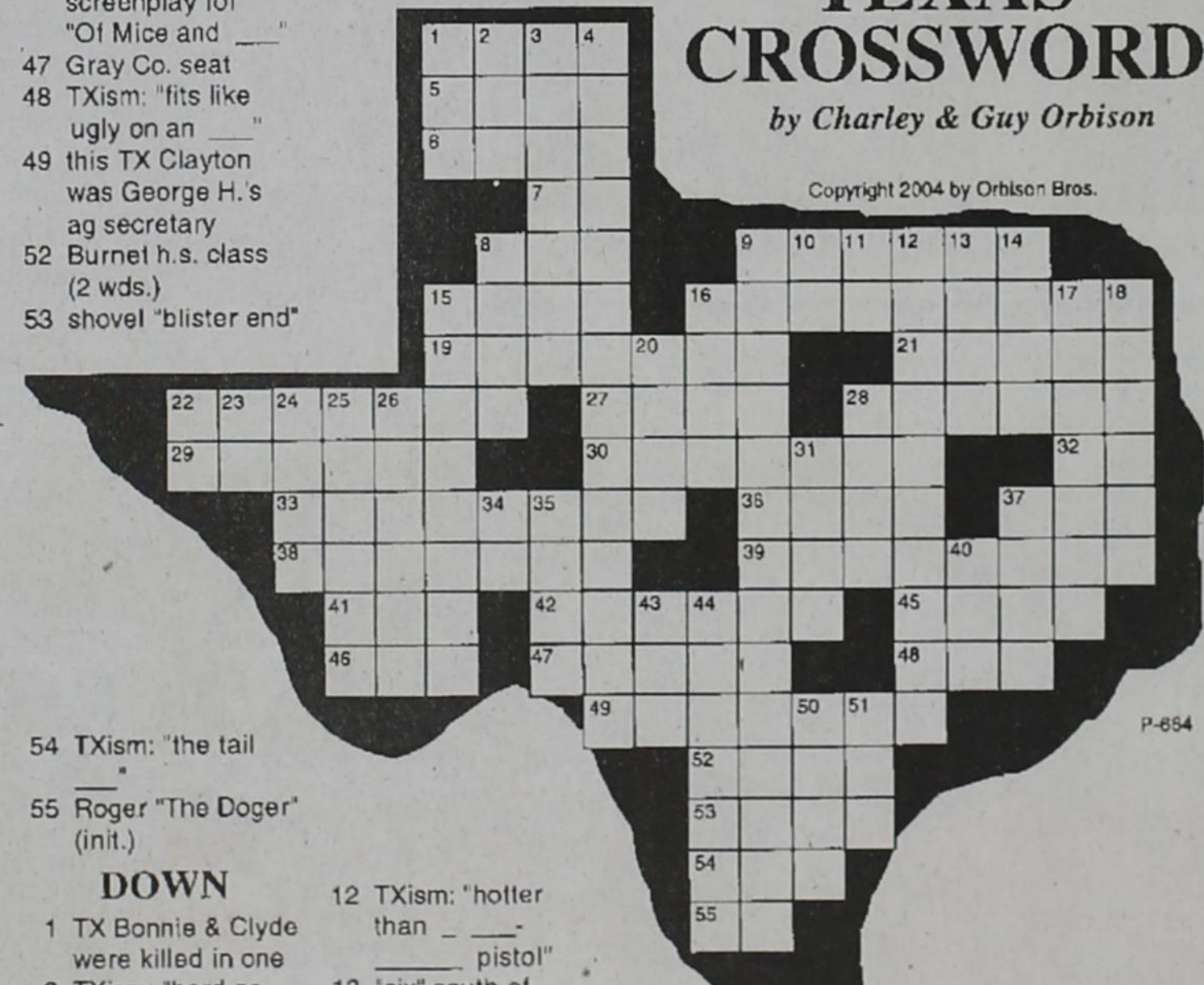
YOUR EYES
 CUTTING THE GLARE
 One of the most common visual symptoms people have is glare. Those annoying reflections will make you squint and struggle with your otherwise good vision. Glare is caused by light being broadly scattered as it bounces off a highly reflective surface, such as water, your car's windshield, or even your own glasses.
 The most recent advancement used to reduce glare has been the anti-reflective coating. This lens coating is usually applied to your spectacle lenses in a dust-free vacuum chamber. It's very effective for the majority of patients, from outdoors men to rush-hour drivers. Another solution may be polarized lenses. With polarized lenses a microscopic "screen" within the lens acts to filter out and diffuse glare entering the eye. It's especially helpful for those who are bothered by glare around the water.
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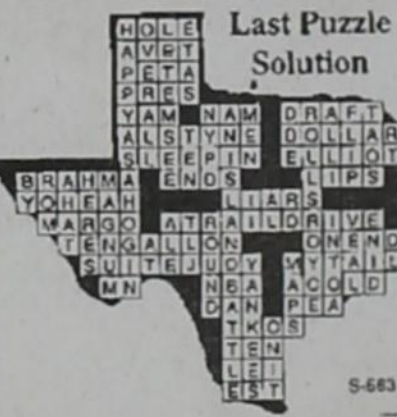
WORD SALSA
 by Tony Tallarico
 Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents, which appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.
Rodea estas palabras inglesas y sus equivalentes españoles, que aparecen en la cuadrícula horizontalmente, verticalmente, diagonalmente y hacia atrás.
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ENGLISH	SPANISH
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CASUAL	CASUAL
CHOCOLATE	CHOCOLATE
DOCTOR	DOCTOR
EDITORIAL	EDITORIAL
FOLIO	FOLIO
HUMOR	HUMOR
INVISIBLE	INVISIBLE
MATERIAL	MATERIAL
PEDAL	PEDAL
ZINC	ZINC


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ACROSS
 1 Linden newspaper "County Sun"
 5 a statue sits TX capitol dome
 6 what horses do at Lone Star Park
 7 TXism: "mortgage the hoof" (cattle)
 8 circle segment
 9 TXism: "wet hen"
 15 horse's father
 16 Lone Star representative to national pageant (2 wds.)
 19 St. Mary's in Galveston has one with 3,000 pipes (2 wds.)
 21 this TX Rudolph won gold in '60
 22 elderly seaman? (2 wds.)
 27 TXism: "til Gabriel blows his"
 28 TXism: "move it or"
 29 the Alamo battle (2 wds.)
 30 TX Willie Nelson's "The Last Thing This Morning"
 32 Dublin h.s. class
 33 TXism: "sticks like stamp"
 36 TX Stephen Stills now performs
 37 TX-based religious broadcaster (abbr.)
 38 type of flu
 39 High Plains aquifer
 41 this flag has flown over TX since 1865
 42 lies in ambush
 45 TXism: "a day and a dollar short"
DOWN
 1 TX Bonnie & Clyde were killed in one
 2 TXism: "hard as dodging rice wedding"
 3 town SE of El Paso on hwy. 20
 4 TX Gilley's is on this road (2 wds.)
 8 TXism: "when he hemming, he's hawing"
 9 Rangers Central Div. foe (2 wds.)
 10 TXism: "bland beans without salt pork"
 11 ex-Cowboy "Neon Deion" (init.)
 12 TXism: "hotter than pistol"
 13 "six" south of the border
 14 pickup wheel shaft
 15 TXism: "snake oil (con man)"
 16 female horse
 17 friendly
 18 this Kiowa chief jumped to his death in a TX prison
 20 TXism: "to the dogs"
 22 "Bum" Phillips
 23 blue jean man (init.)
 24 "Buenas" (good day)
 25 thin membrane
 26 TXism: "loose as"
 28 TX Ginger Rogers' mother
 31 TXism: "running with the big"
 34 tantalum symbol
 35 Astro & Ranger headwear (2 wds.)
 37 this TX Sharon was killed by Manson family
 40 TXism: "in the of luxury"
 43 this church founded Paul Quinn College (abbr.)
 44 TX Charley Pride's "Where Do Memory"
 50 informed
 51 TXism: "put on the feed bag"

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

The faculty and staff of Dimmitt Middle School had a going away party for Brandi Burzynski last week. Brandi has been the secretary at DMS for the past two years. Brandi's husband Brian who most of you know as Trooper Burzynski (you may have met him beside the road) has been accepted as a Texas Ranger! So the Burzynski Family including fifth grader Josiah has to move to Ft. Stockton. It's Ft. Stockton gain and Dimmitt's loss. Now back to the party at DMS... Everyone brought delicious breakfast foods, so the folks at DMS had a big feast and a little cry. Staff members and teachers all signed a journal to tell Brandi how much we appreciate her. The new secretary at Dimmitt Middle School is Beth Roberts. Beth's mom Bessie Strickland was the secretary at DMS for many years until her retirement! Beth's new boss is Mike Graham, the new principal at Dimmitt Middle School.

Sara Hill, my "nose for news" friend called to ask, "Have you seen the September 2004 issue of The Farmer-Stockman magazine?" I had to admit that I had not. She loaned me her copy so I could share this with you: The cover of the magazine says: "He Knocks the Socks off Corn Yields." This is over the cover photo of Donny Carpenter in his corn field. The story is on page 8 of the magazine, along with Donny; his wife, Melissa; and children, Lauren, 9, and Landon, 7. I



THE DIMMITT REUNION was held during Harvest Days at the Senior Citizens Center. A noon, pot-luck dinner was served. Left to right are: Herb Mayfield, Dean Wiseman, Jimmy Howell, E.M. Jones, Billy Hackleman and Alvin Frazier.

quote: "Donny Carpenter made a whopping 314.79 bushels per acre in 2003 for the No. 1 win nationally in irrigated corn. The Dimmitt, Texas, producer took the top yield accolades with Pioneer 33B51 in the National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC). It proved to be one of the toughest competitions ever in the 38-year history of the contest."

If you see Donny or his family be sure to congratulate them! We are proud of his accomplishment!

We've watched anxiously as hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan ripped and tore through the southeastern-most part of the United States. Carolyn Jones' daughter, Tina Pat Jones Hanold, her husband Frederick, and daughter, Frances, live in the northeast part of Florida on Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach.

Carolyn reports that to escape Frances, the Hanold family drove to North Carolina to some relative's home to escape the storm. When they returned home, they found a couple of uprooted trees and that was all.

Then Ivan roared its ugly head, but he didn't get them either!

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, Amigos. Hello, friends. As I am writing this week's column, my heart is filled with many emotions. There is sadness, anger, hurt, thankfulness and many other strong emotions jumbled up in my heart. I am sure that by now everyone has heard of tragic events that unfolded this weekend. The town of Dimmitt lost five long-time residents in a tragic accident in Mexico. Those who were lost are: Miriam Arredondo, Jose Arredondo, Juan and Juana Arredondo and Selena Arredondo.

The only survivor of the accident was Antonio Arredondo, the husband of Miriam and father of Jose Arredondo.

The family decided to bury their loved ones in Mexico and currently everyone has traveled to Mexico to attend the funerals, but friends and family here in Dimmitt have united in support of the family.

I've thought hard for many hours about what I was going to write this week, searching the Internet and asking family members for details about the accident. In the end, I decided that details about the accident are not important; actually they are useless.

What is truly important is the fact that we have all lost our family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, godparents and co-workers. We are left with memories, some better than others, but memories are all we have.

Thursday I attended a memorial service held at the home of Antonio and Miriam and one held at the home of Juan and Juana Arredondo. I'd like to share with everyone a bit of what I was feeling while I was at the services. Pull out tissue box.

First, many family members, friends, neighbors and students gathered at the home of Antonio, Miriam, Jose and Edna Arredondo, which is just across the street from my house.

I hate to say it, but I didn't know them very well. Still, they are neighbors. I had gotten used to looking across the street and waving hello.

Now, when I leave my house, or look out my window, all I see is an empty driveway and a closed door. As I neared the yard, I noticed the bench on which Miriam used to sit with her two birds in a cage right next to her.

Then, I looked through the fence into the back yard where Jose's old red car is sitting.

I remember how much Jose loved to tinker with the old car and how persistent he could be about getting parts for it.

I think he finally gave up

on it and got himself his real dream car, a new white Mustang. And of course, I can't help to think about Antonio and Edna. How will they go on? I can't even begin to imagine what they are going through. They were a family of only four, and now they are a family of two. How will they go on? We all know that time heals, but we also know that there are always terrible, deep scars that will never go away. Antonio and Edna, be strong and love each other like there is no tomorrow.

After the service at Antonio's house, everyone gathered at the home of Juan and Juana Arredondo. The first thing to catch everyone's eye was a tiny blue plastic chair sitting on the front porch next to a bigger plastic chair.

I myself have driven by that house many times and have

seen Selena and her father sitting in the chairs, always smiling or giggling. At this point, my head was racing with so many thoughts. I have known Juan and Juana for many years. They are mine and Josh's padrinos. They were with my family when I turned 15, when I lost my mother and even when Josh and I were married. How can they be gone? They were such good people. Puro Corazon. All heart. Juan and Juana were strict, but wonderful parents. They raised six beautiful daughters: Yesenia, Anna, Marta, Georgina, Delia and Selena. Can you imagine raising six girls, Juan had it hard. But he and Juana did a great job. The older girls are all out on their own starting their own lives. Unfortunately, Selena was not as lucky. However,

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Naz News

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

On behalf of Cole McClurg's family and the Nazareth Swifts football team, Coach Ricky Peacock said he wants to thank everyone who gave money during Friday's homecoming game and at the Naz Stop. Some \$1,600 has been collected thus far to help the McClurg family with the expenses that have already been incurred with the first surgery on Cole's knee. Another surgery will be required. Cole, a senior at NHS, injured his knee in the Swifts' game against Anton. Coach Peacock reports that Cole is home after his first surgery and up on crutches. Anyone who would like to contribute, but didn't know about the accident, can probably still call Coach Peacock to find out where to give.

An Ember Day Morning of Renewal was held at the Home Merc on Saturday morning. Father Ken Keller shared on his favorite topic of food, but from a theological and biblical perspective. Everyone enjoyed his message.

Our catechists, who are some of the most important ministers in our parish, were recognized at the Saturday evening mass

in Holy Family Church and also Sunday morning during mass.

Sunday evening, a "Harvest potluck dinner" was held at 5 p.m. at the Home Merc. Harvest of Arts festival followed with a wide assortment of talent. Several different ages of piano selections, one new little fiddle player, story telling and poems. Special guest was "Tennessee Tuckness" from Amarillo who played guitar and sang. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Larry Backus of Amarillo and Lisa Ball were married Saturday afternoon in Holy Family Church with the Rev. Ken Keller officiating. A large crowd gathered at the church, followed by a reception, dinner and dance at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Homecoming was enjoyed last week at our Nazareth school. Something a little different each day!

Thursday evening at the football field, Tyson Schulte and Kelcee Kleman were named Flame King and Queen.

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Bridal Shower
honoring
Candace Cleavinger
Sunday, September 26, 2004
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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DARSPA has first meeting of school year

Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association met Sept. 14 at Rhoads Memorial Library to begin its new year of meetings and activities. Present were 34 members and two guests, Frances Frazier and Raneal Perry.

The theme for the year will be "A Year of Opportunities." The September meeting provided the opportunity to renew friendships, welcome new members and discuss plans for 2004 - 2005.

President Mary Jo Brown conducted the business meeting. Secretary-treasurer Judith Hauf's minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and filed. Yearbooks, compiled and published by second vice president Dawn Goolsby, were distributed.

Committee reports were given by Joanne Snider, Zetha Collins, Sandra Nelson and Janet Bain.

Janet is outgoing historian and presented past president Joanne Snider with the scrapbook she had assembled for the year 2003-2004.

Mary Jo Brown reported on the State Convention she and Barbara Bain attended in Corpus Christi April 18-21.

Projects for the year were announced and discussed. Members will again collect and donate books to be given to young readers.

A scholarship will be presented to a graduating senior who plans to enter the field of education. Last year's recipient was Susie Limas.

The group will also participate in the saving of Box Tops For Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, and Lowe's grocery tapes in order to benefit our school system.

To fund projects and activities, members will raise monies primarily through the raffle of a beautiful Christmas wall hanging created and hand stitched by member, Helen Berryhill.

The hanging was unveiled at the meeting and tickets are now on sale for one dollar each. See members to buy tickets or call president Brown at 647-3250.

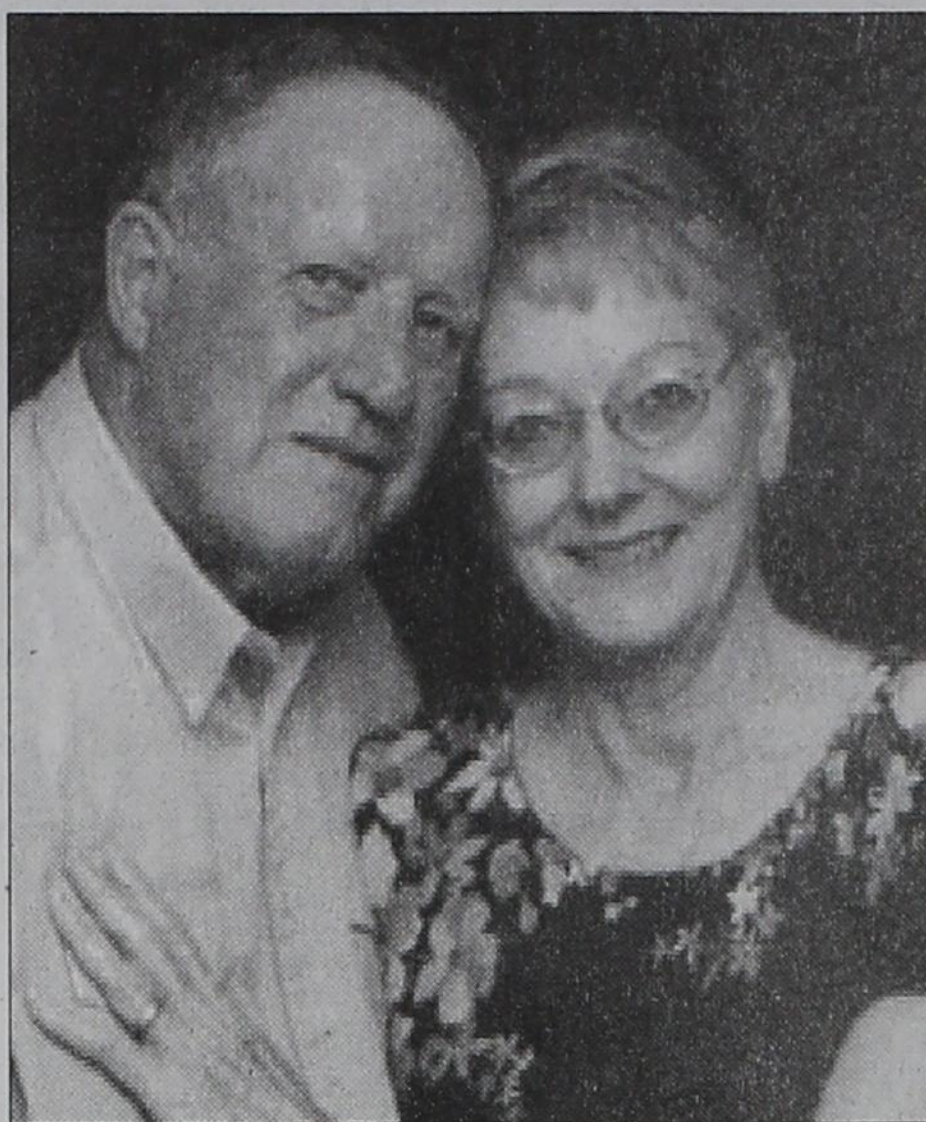
The program was presented by member, Zetha Collins. Her talk, "Just for Fun" was a whimsical and light-hearted reminiscence of days gone by and comparisons with today's ideas.

She included poems entitled: "If I were a Teacher" and "Are You Healthy Tonight?"

Serving refreshments after the meeting were Jackie Edwards, Avis and Ralph Smith, Helen and Elmer Berryhill and Charlene Howell.

Drawings were held for ticket money and door prizes. Those furnishing door prizes were Merle Arthur, Mary Jo Brown, Gainell Hood, Barbara Bain and Loranel Hamilton.

Next meeting will be October 12.



MR. AND MRS. ALBERT HARTMAN Hartmans celebrate 50th anniversary

Albert and Rita Hartman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 2004, with family and friends at the Showbarn in Silverton. Albert Hartman married Rita Wilhelm on Dec. 30, 1954, in Nazareth.

The celebration included an old-fashioned picnic dinner and dance in honor of 50 years of marriage and family.

The evening included a buffet-style dinner, 15-minute Power Point presentation of 50 years of pictures; dancing; and lots of visiting and good fun.

Relatives and friends from all over the country attended. The couple was presented with a golf cart as an anniversary gift from their children.

Albert and Rita have eight children; 23 grandchildren; and 1st great-grandchild. They are: Stanley and Penny

Hartman of Sandia Park, N.M.; Joshua and Brandi, Zach, Caleb and Sarah; Celeste and Harry Jones, of Dimmitt, Matt, Zeb, Jenna and Casey; Vic Hartman of Lake McKenzie, Crystal and Chris, Benjamin, McKenzie and Taylor; Cheryl and Greg Lang of Georgetown, Darren and Garrett; Pat and Susan Hartman of Dalhart, Aaron, Savannah and Jared; Randy and Sheila Hartman of Amarillo, Vanessa, Kylie and Abbi; Paul and Renee Hartman of Sunray, Zane and Ryan; Marlo Maryak of Mansfield, Kirstie and Cole.

CCEEA holds monthly meeting

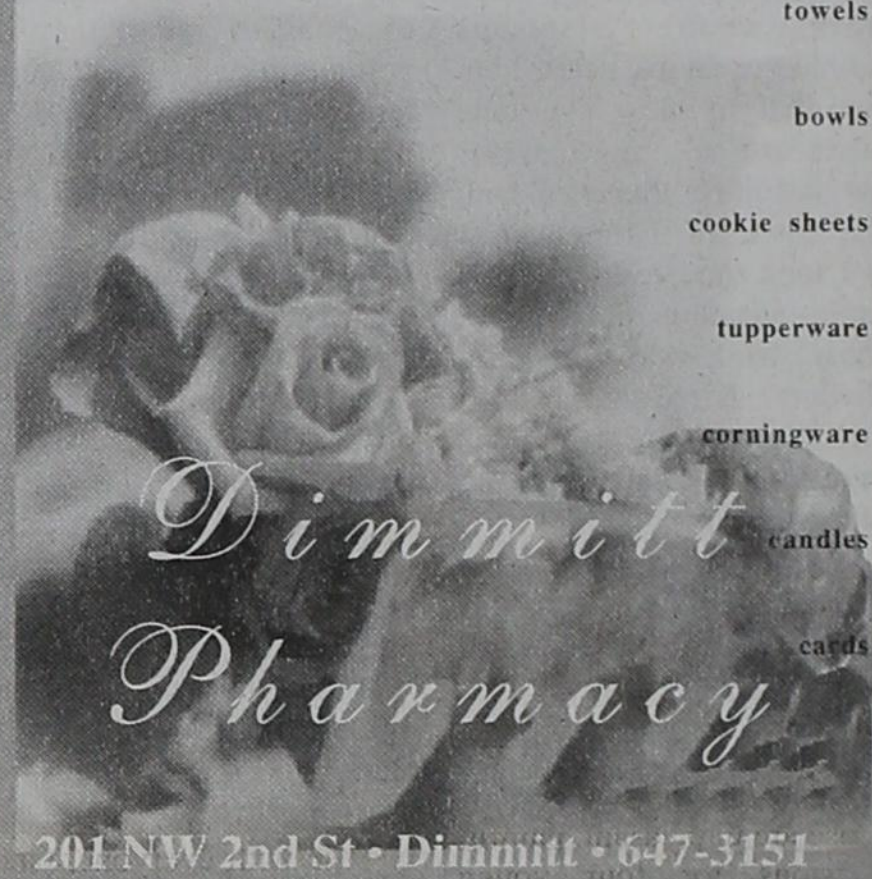
The Castro County Education Extension Association of Texas met with six members and Extension Agent Kristy Mitchell present. The group's cook books are selling well and are available at the County Extension Office at \$10 each. The trip to Abilene for the State Convention was discussed. The group left Tuesday, Sept. 21, and will return Friday. Six members are planning to go.

Our entries in the fair exhibits were really down, so we encourage everyone to start now to prepare entries for next year's fair. Members present were Pauline Hoyler, serving as hostess; Mary Beth Berquist; Claudine Langford; Patsy Entekin; Sandra Bagwell; Jackie Edwards.

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Council

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gated to be paid for.

"In addition, we will have reduced pumping costs for the water department because of reduced water sales to Cargill, so that partially offsets the amount needed."

In other business, the Council:

* Let a bid to Jerry Jeffries Roofing Company for \$19,990 to put a new roof on the fire station.

The city will collect more than \$21,000 from the insurance claim on the damaged roof.

The roof had sustained damage from recent bad weather and was leaking.

"Its kind of an accumulation of bad weather over the past two or three years," Collins said.

"The leaks had gotten worse. The entire cost will be covered by the insurance."

* Voted unanimously to have an initial \$250 sewer tap fee, plus \$50 an hour after the first two hours. Anyone wanting to tap into the city's sewer system must pay the fee for the city to provide the service.

* Appointed Juan Almanza, who had been acting head of the Public Works Department, the new head of the department.

* Decided to call a public meeting for the next council meeting at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 4. The subject will be paving about 45 blocks of unpaved city streets. The council wants to address the options it has and explain the cost to citizens wishing to have their street paved.

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CHURCH NEWS



9/11 was a great awakening

BY REX M. ROGERS

In the wake of terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001, Americans understandably and rightly turned to religion if not to God in search of security and solace.

Prayer meetings in Yankee Stadium, celebrity pronouncements about God's intentions, and a palpable public interest in spirituality all caused pastors and pundits to predict a new Great Awakening in America.

Some three years later surveys indicate that an extraordinary majority of Americans claim to be Christian, most say they are somewhat committed to Christianity, and most indicate they believe the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches.

People are more openly "spiritual" if not actively religious, people are more tolerant of others who evidence religious commitment, and people still call upon their God for homeland security.

More pop culture media presents religion in at least a neutral and at times a favorable light.

Fewer Americans embrace secularism, and religious endeavors enjoy record

levels of financial support.

Meanwhile, more Americans than ever consider cohabitation, gambling, adultery, premarital sex, homosexuality, profanity, abortion and pornography "morally acceptable."

If you've ever read the Bible you'll immediately recognize the incongruity in these observations.

The book of James forewarned us many centuries hence, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (1:22).

Saying one thing and doing another is inconsistency at best and hypocrisy at worst.

Either way, such behavior illustrates an unexamined life, one that loses its power even as it loses its potential.

To operate with a biblically Christian philosophy of life we must align our attitudes and actions with our affirmations.

Our beliefs if truly held will necessarily change our lives.

So far, post 9/11 spirituality, at least biblical spirituality, is all bark and no bite. We're still awaiting the great awakening,

The important things in life

I spent the last week with my family down in Southeast Texas. My dad's time had come and, as with all mankind, he would be returned to the dust from which he was formed. I spent much of my time reflecting on memories from the past and then the question came to me. What is really important in this life?

Man seems to have a built-in desire for the important things in life. We want to do the important things and now sweat the rest. If we take care of the important things then the rest will take care of itself. The problem is man has never been able to figure out what are the most important things. It seems men do not figure it out until either they lose it or they come to the end of their life. A common saying is, "No one writes on their tombstone: 'I wish I had spent more time in the office.'" Yet, during their life, they lived as if it was the most important place. At the end of their life they realized there were a lot more things

that were more important. Unfortunately, when they have run out of time it is only then that they wish they had the time to do those things which now matter most.

How can we figure out what are the important things in life? The only way is to look in God's Word and see what He thinks is important. To live like today is your only day. There are classes on stress management and time management which teach one to prioritize the things you have to do. Put the most important things at the top and take care of them first.

Here is what I noticed these last few days at home. The coffin that kept the earthly body of my dad was not full of cars, or trucks, or homes or money. It had one thing in it: a picture of my mom and dad together. Family and friends gathered around and discussed the times and things that were done to-



Brett Page

gether, but none of the conversation included cars or trucks or homes or money. They were simple memories of hunting, fishing, watching the rain or playing baseball. Job said it best, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

God puts it this way, "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33). What is at the top of your list? Are you taking care of the important things or the trivial?

Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ.

Hispanic Voice

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Selena will forever be remembered by everyone, especially by her classmates, by her big beautiful eyes and clever remarks. Standing in front of the Arredondo's house, my stomach began to turn. I began to think about the girls. Yesenia, the oldest daughter, and I have been best friends for countless years. We are like sisters. It literally makes me sick that I cannot run to her and comfort her and tell her that everything is going to be O.K. It breaks my heart to think of the girls in Mexico, making "arrangements." We all know what that means. Those are unpleasant, painful decisions for four young girls to make. Then I begin to think, how will they ever be able to come back to their parent's and sister's home. Eventually, the girls will have to come and gather their family's things. They will have to put up their mother's dishes, gather their father's cowboy hats and pick up their little sister's toys. How will they do it? I guess the reason I keep asking this question is because I have been in a similar situation. I, too, had to make those final "decisions" and I also had to put my mother's dresses into cardboard boxes. I hope that I haven't hurt anyone by being so open, but everything that I have written is just plain reality. It is life, it's not always nice and sweet, but we must go on. Father Franklin gave a truly inspirational speech and played a few uplifting songs at the service, but my heart is sad. It is made even worse by the fact that I can't run

and comfort the girls like they all comforted me when I lost my mother. I am comforted only by the fact that I know that the girls are strong. They love each other and have a bond that only sisters have. They have seen each other through many things: bickering, boyfriends, best friends and so much more. Now, they will see each other through this.

I'd like to thank everyone for the donations that have been made. Thank you also to everyone who attended the memorial service. Thank you to Fabian Pena, Cindy Alvarado and the teachers who shared their memories of Jose with everyone. Once again, we have pulled together as a community to help the Arredondo family during their time of need. Every little bit has helped. The food, kind words and flowers were just as valuable, if not more valuable, than the money that has and continues to be donated. We must not forget that the family has had to travel to Mexico to be with their loved ones and must travel back to their homes. Antonio is said to be doing O.K. healthwise, but we all know that he will need a lot of emotional and surely financial help once he returns home. Donations may be made at the Hereford Federal Credit Union-Dimmitt Branch and at other locations throughout the community. Also, if you'd like, you may contact me or Teresa Ornelas to make a donation. I encourage the community to show your support, not only with donations, but in other ways

too. Write a quick note, place a flower at their homes, be creative. Please, keep the Arredondo families in you prayers.

As always, keep sending your info to angie79027@hotmail.com or call 647-0106 or 346-3882.

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Obituaries

ARREDONDO

Funeral services for Juan and Juana Arredondo and their daughter, Selina; and Mariam Arredondo and her son, Jose, were Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, in Los Salados Mex Guanajuato, Mexico.

The five were killed in a traffic accident on Sept. 14, 2004, in Saltillo, Coahuila. They were on their way to Guanajuato, Mexico, to visit the brother of Juan and Antonio Arredondo. Antonio Arredondo was injured in the accident.

Juan Arredondo, 47, was born April 12, 1957. His wife, Juana Maria Arredondo, 46, was born Nov. 2, 1957. Their daughter, Selena, 9, was born Oct. 27, 1994.

Juan, Juana and Selena are survived by daughters, Yesenia Silva of Turkey; Marta Arredondo-Cardenas, Georgina Arredondo and Delia Arredondo, all of Dallas; Ana Lidia Arredondo of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Danille Silva and Giselle Silva, both of Turkey; and Juana's father, Albino Mena of Mexico.

Mariam Arredondo was born Oct. 3, 1957. Jose Arredondo was born May 15, 1985. They are survived by Antonio and a daughter and sister, Edna, of Clovis, N.M.

A fund, the Arredondo Emergency Expense Fund, has been established at Hereford Credit Union in Dimmitt to help with burial expenses.



In memory of Jose

On Friday, a tree was planted outside the band hall at Dimmitt High School in memory of Jose Arredondo, who died tragically earlier in the week in a car crash in Mexico. The tree was provided by the Band Boosters. Front row, left to right: Back row, left to right: Brandy Olvera, Ashley Fleeks, Dana Sandoval, Gabriel Mireles, Gerardo Reyes. Back row: Tila Rodriguez, Band Boosters Secretary; Robin Beames; Deana Beames, Band Boosters President; Fabian Pena; Cindy Smotherman, Band Boosters Treasurer; Heidi Villalba; Daniel Jackson; and Dione Steffens, Band Boosters Vice-President.

Area students compete at Tri-State

Students from Castro County made a good showing at the Tri-State Fair Youth Livestock Show in Amarillo during the first weekend of showing.

Here are the results:

Swine

Brad Lane, Dimmitt FFA; first place, lightweight Hampshire; fifth place, heavyweight Yorkshire.

Lambs

Reserve Grand Champion: Raynee Bradley, Nazareth FFA.

Fine Wool

Class 2: Beau Bradley, second place; Nazareth FFA.

Fine Wool Cross

Breed Champion: Anna Brockman, Castro County 4-H.

Class 1: Logan Robb, third, Nazareth FFA.

Class 2: Taylor Bradley, first, Nazareth FFA;

Logan Robb, second, Nazareth FFA.

Class 3: Anna Brockman, second, Castro County 4-H.

Southdown

Class 2: Taylor Bradley, second, Nazareth FFA

Medium Wool

Reserve Breed Champion: Raynee Bradley, Nazareth FFA.

Class 2: Jinna Wright, first, Dimmitt FFA; Taylor Bradley, third, Nazareth FFA.

Class 3: Lacey Acker, third, Nazareth FFA.

Class 5: Beau Bradley, first, Nazareth FFA.

Class 10: Raynee Bradley, first; Nazareth FFA; Jinna Wright, 10th, Dimmitt FFA.

Class 12: Jinna Wright, 12th, Dimmitt FFA.

Class 13: Jinna Wright, sixth, Dimmitt FFA.

Class 15: Shea Myatt, 11th, Dimmitt FFA.

Dimmitt Wildcats, Hawkeyes begin Tiger League play

The Dimmitt Tiger League Wildcats defeated the Plainview Cornhuskers 20-0 at their season opener in Dimmitt. The Dimmitt Hawkeyes lost to the Plainview Hokies, 30-0.

The next game is set for Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

Police Beat

8/3	600 bl. SW 5 th	Criminal trespass
8/3	600 SW 2 nd	Runaway
8/4	500 bl. SW 3 rd	Assault - C
8/4	1500 W. Circle	Information
8/4	400 bl. NW 9 th	Burglary of a vehicle
8/7	100 bl. E. Bedford	Assault - A
8/7	200 bl. SW 3 rd	Warrant/city traffic
8/7	400 bl. N. Broadway	Theft - C
8/8	600 bl. W. Jones	Disorderly conduct
8/9	600 bl. SW 3 rd	Harassment
8/10	400 bl. N. Broadway	Theft - C
8/11	600 bl. NW 6 th	Assault - C
8/11	600 bl. NW 6 th	Assault - C
8/11	100 bl. S. Broadway	Warrant/city traffic
8/12	200 bl. E. Jones	Frudent use of possession of identifying information
8/14	200 bl. N. Broadway	Driving while license suspended/ invalid
8/14	200 bl. SW 3 rd	Public intoxication
8/17	600 bl. NW 6 th	Assault - A
8/17	3200 bl. W. Hwy. 385	Theft - B
8/17	100 bl. S. Broadway	DWI, second
8/19	1500 bl. Western Cir.	Violation of probation
8/20	700 bl. SW 3 rd	Incident report
8/20	600 bl. NW 6 th	Burglary of a habitation
8/20	S. US 385	Warrant / misdemeanor
8/22	400 bl. W. Jones	Assault - A
8/22	300 bl. NW 2 nd	Aggravated assault
8/23	400 bl. N. Broadway	Theft - C
8/24	300 bl. N. Broadway	Information
8/24	700 bl. W. Stinson	Information
8/24	100 bl. S. Broadway	Warrant / misdemeanor
8/25	400 bl. NW 5 th	Burglary of a habitation
8/25	500 bl. S. Broadway	Theft over \$50 and under \$500
8/26	600 bl. NW 7 th	Assault - A
8/27	300 bl. NW 4 th	Theft - A
8/27	200 bl. SW 4 th St.	Criminal mischief - B
8/27	100 bl. E. Bedford	Driving while intoxicated, first
8/28	1100 bl. W. Bedford	Burglary of a vehicle
8/28	100 bl. W. Etter	Warrant / misdemeanor
8/29	900 bl. W. Dulin	Burglary of a vehicle
8/29	200 bl. NW 11 th St.	Assault - A
8/29	300 bl. W. Halsell	Driving while intoxicated, first
8/30	400 bl. NW 2 nd	Possession of marijuana
8/31	200 bl. SW 6 th	Possession or delivery of a controlled substance
9/1	800 bl. SW 4 th	Theft - B
9/4	100 bl. NE 8 th	DWI-first
9/4	900 bl. Halsell	Burglary of a building
9/4	900 bl. E. Jones	DWI-first
9/5	100 bl. Broadway	Theft - B
9/5	1800 bl. Sunset Cir.	Mental
9/6	400 bl. NW 6 th	Theft - C
9/7	800 bl. W. Etter	Burglary of a habitation
9/8	400 bl. S Broadway	Credit card abuse
9/8	100 bl. E. Jones	Burglary of a vehicle
9/9	900 bl. W Dulin	DWI-third
9/10	700 bl. SW 8 th	Concern
9/11	800 bl. SW 5 th	Harassment
9/13	500 bl. SW 3 rd	Criminal mischief - B

DISD Calendar

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Thursday, Sept. 23

High School Student Council Meeting - 12:15
Football: 9th vs TBA - Here - 5:00
JV vs Plains - Here - 6:30
7th vs Sundown - There - 5:00
8th vs Plains - There - 5:00

Friday, Sept. 24

End of First Six-Weeks Grading Period
High School - Pep Rally - 3:20
Football: Varsity @ Plains - 8:00

Saturday, Sept. 25

Volleyball: JV & Varsity @ Levelland - 10:00
Cross - Country: Bobbies @ Lubbock - Mae Simmons Park

Monday, Sept. 27

Cross Country: 7th & 8th - Here - Dimmitt Country Club - 4:00

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Volleyball: Varsity vs Whiteface - Here - 6:00pm
RES - Parent / Teacher Conferences - 3:00 - 4:00

Wednesday, Sept. 29

RES - Parent / Teacher Conferences - 3:00 - 4:00

Thursday, Sept. 30

High School Student Council Meeting - 12:15
Football:
9th & JV - OPEN DATE
7th & 8th - OPEN DATE

Friday, Oct. 1

End of First Six-Weeks Grading Period
Football: OPEN DATE

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School News

Earlier this month Richardson Elementary School held their annual Fill the Boot contest to raise money to fight Muscular Dystrophy.

The winners of the contest were Mrs. Merritt's third grade class and Miss Thames' second-grade class.

Together the two classes raised nearly \$300.

Their effort was rewarded by getting to eat hamburgers with a few members of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department.

The grand total raised at Richardson Elementary School during the Fill the Boot contest was more than \$1,000.

Dimmitt menus

Friday: Breakfast - Hot Pocket egg and cheese, Rice Krispy treats. Lunch - Chicken enchiladas, fishburger, salmon casserole, Mexipinto beans, baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo, taco condiment salad, tossed salad, fruited gelatin fresh fruit, fresh melon, Fritos, birthday cake.

Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cereal, Honey Bun Lunch - Hamburger, Italian spaghetti, fajita sub sandwich french fries, green beans, frijoles refrieto, hamburger salad tossed salad, hoagie sub salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, garlic bread, candy chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Smuckers Peanut Butter sandwich Cocoa Puff cereal bar, bananas. Lunch - Corn dogs, turkey salad sandwich, grilled cheese with soup, pork and beans Mexicali corn, blackeyed peas, cole slaw, potato chips tossed salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, pickle spear, fruited gelatin, Fritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, peaches, cereal Danish. Lunch - Fried chicken, bean chalupas, hoagie submarine sandwich, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice vegetable medley, tossed salad, taco condiment salad hamburger salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, wheat rolls.

Thursday: Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tarts, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, enchilada casserole, ham and cheese on bun broccoli with cheese sauce, mixed vegetables, orange wedges, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, garlic Italian bread, tortilla chips, crackers.

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Bobcats fall to Sundown

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

SUNDOWN - The Bobcats scored first in their Friday night matchup, but couldn't keep up with Sundown's quarterback, Creighton Henderson, who was responsible for four touchdowns, as the Bobcats fell to Sundown, 42-20.

Head coach Robert Wills saw some progress from his team.

"In spite of the stats, I think we block from tackle to tackle extremely well," he said. "We just didn't do a good job on the perimeter. On pass protection, we're not doing a good job - they got too many sacks on us."

"Defensively, we did a lot of things wrong that got us in trouble that we're going to have to correct this week. That's the glaring problem we had; we didn't do a good job on their option."

But, he said, he's encouraged.

"Visiting with the kids, showing them film, I think for the first time they understood the big picture," Wills said. "They came out for practice Monday understanding what they need to correct. I think that will be a turning point in what we're trying to do out here. I've been looking for the light to come on and I think I've seen that."

He had words of praise for sophomore guard Jerry Acevedo. "Jerry did a really, really good job offensively," Wills said. "Charley Saenz is catching the ball real well. Linebackers Layne Penney and Fabian Diaz defensively were standouts."

Dimmitt senior Charley Saenz pulled in a 76-yard pass from quarterback Marshall Wills for the Bobcats first touchdown in the first quarter Friday. The PAT failed, but Dimmitt was on the board, 6-0. Sundown then scored on two 10-yard runs and converted both PATs to take the lead, 14-6 as the second period started.

In the second quarter, Sundown scored two more times - on a 4-yard run and a 31-yard pass play and converted both PATs to extend their lead to 28-6. But the Bobcats came back as Saenz scored again, this time on a 36-yard pass from



THE DIMMITT BOBCATS get fired up during Friday's pep rally.

Wills. The try for two failed and at the half, Sundown led, 28-12. In the third quarter, Sundown scored on a 10-yard pass; the PAT made it 35-12. Dimmitt scored after Saenz took a handoff from Wills and then passed 17 yards back to Wills for the score. The two connected again for the two-point conversion, but this time it was a Wills to Saenz pass, to put the score at 35-20. Sundown scored again in the fourth quarter, as their quarterback, Creighton Henderson passed 18 yards for his third passing TD; the PAT made it 42-20.

On the night, Henderson had 181 yards in the air with three touchdowns and he carried 10 times for 65 yards and one touchdown.

Friday night, the Bobcats will travel to Plains for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. "They have a real solid football team," Wills

said. "Their running game is good. We're going to have to shut their tailback and quarterback down."

There have been some schedule changes with the other games this week. The seventh-grade team will play at 5 p.m. Thursday at Sundown. Their eighth-grade team will play at 5 p.m. at Plains. The freshman team had a game at home with Bovina, but Bovina canceled. However, Wills said he is sure there will be a 5 p.m. game for the freshman on Thursday at Bobcat Stadium. That will be followed at 6:30 p.m. with a JV game against Plains.

2004 Bobcat Football Schedule

VARSITY			
DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 27	New Deal 41; DIMMITT 0		
Sept. 3	Farwell 39; DIMMITT 12		
Sept. 11	Abernathy 39; DIMMITT 0		
Sept. 17	Sundown 42; DIMMITT 20		
Sept. 24	Plains	There	7:30
Oct. 1		OPEN	
Oct. 8	*Friona	Here	7:30
Oct. 15	*Olton	There	7:30
Oct. 22	*Tulia	Here	7:30
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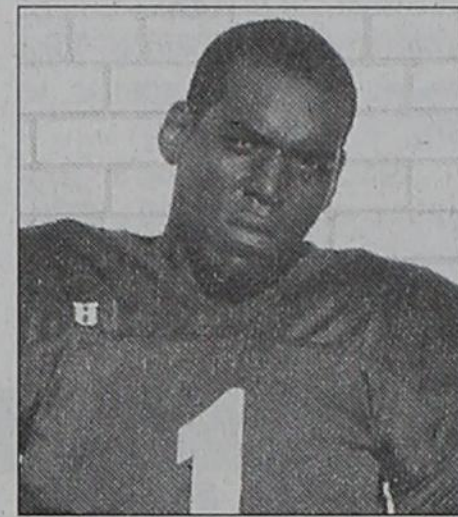
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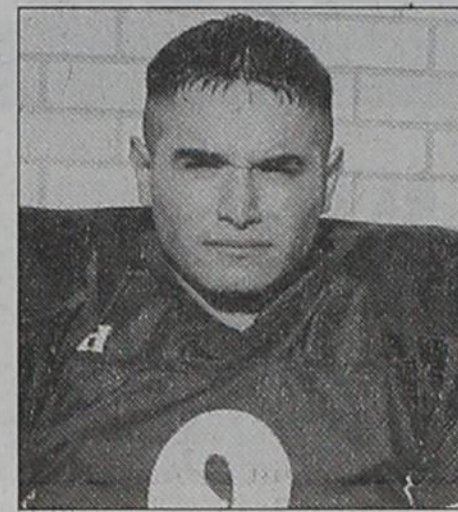
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ABOVE, ZANE FARRIS, No. 14, pulls in a White Deer punt and heads upfield at No. 89, Clifford Gerber comes over to block for him. At right, No. 23, Stuart Sheffy breaks a tackle in the first quarter. Lending assistant are Michael Acker, No. 70, and Farris.



Nazareth rolls past Whitedeer for Homecoming win

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

NAZARETH - The Swifts came out fired up for Friday's homecoming game and shutout White Deer, 44-0.

The Swifts put on an impressive performance with 311 rushing yards and 84 in the air, as they scored in every quarter of the game.

"We came out a lot more focused this week, maybe due to homecoming," said Nazareth head football coach Ricky Peacock. "The kids

wanted to make a good showing. We talked to them all week about getting out of the gate early; not waiting until the second half to start playing offensively.

"We executed well on both sides of the ball, showed signs of improvement, which is what we've got to continue to do."

Peacock said he's seen improvement in all areas, including defense.

"The biggest thing was our pursuit," he said. "We had a

lot of people getting to the ball. Most of the time there were seven or eight people around the ball and others trying to get there. That's what we've been preaching to them."

Offensively, the Swifts are also showing improvement, he said.

"We've said all along our defense was ahead of our offense," Peacock said. "We've still got a long way to go but it's getting better. We're staying with our blocks longer."

In the first quarter of Friday's game, Alan Gerber drew first blood, catching an 18-yard pass from quarterback Dustin Schulte for the score; Clifford Gerber kicked the extra point. The second score came on a 9-yard run by Schulte; the PAT failed.

In the second quarter, the Swifts got on the board again, this time on a 45-yard run by Tucker Waggoner, who amassed 174 yards on 14 carries and two touchdowns on the night. The Swifts went for two and Stuart Sheffy was in the endzone waiting for the Schulte pass, giving the Swifts a 21-0 lead at the half.

The third quarter was more of the same, but the homecoming crowd loved every minute. Waggoner

scored his second touchdown on a 5-yard run and Clifford Gerber's kick was good, making the score 28-0. But the Swifts weren't through. Clifford Gerber kicked a 23-yard field goal to give the Swifts a 31-0 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Zane Farris scored on a 1-yard run, but the kick failed. The final score of the night came from Skyler Birkenfeld with a 7-yard fumble recovery he ran in. Garrett Kleman kicked the extra point, ending the scoring with the Swifts up, 44-0. Peacock said Kleman was kicking in the fourth quarter because he's the backup.

"You can never tell when an injury will happen," he said. "We wanted to get him some practice in a game situation." Otherwise, on the night Kleman, who is a linebacker, had 10 tackles and one quarterback sack.

Also on defense for the Swifts, Chase Black had 10 tackles; Acker and Sheffy had five each; Birkenfeld had four; and Schulte,

Farris, Waggoner, Edward Wilhelm and Kean Lilley had three tackles each

Although this is a young team, Peacock said, it's a very coachable one.

"The kids play hard and have a lot of pride. That's something else that goes a long way," he said. "Kids who want to do well will find a way to do well. You talk to them about playing hard every down. That's something they've got to develop on their own. It's pleasing to see the maturity and growth of some of the kids from a coaching standpoint."

This week the Swifts travel to Clarendon for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. "They've got a good little ball club and have won two in a row," Peacock said. "They're getting better, getting adjusted to the new coach's system, executing things better. They're going to give us a good test this week. We'll have to come out and play from the start, be aggressive on defense and offense and carry it to them."

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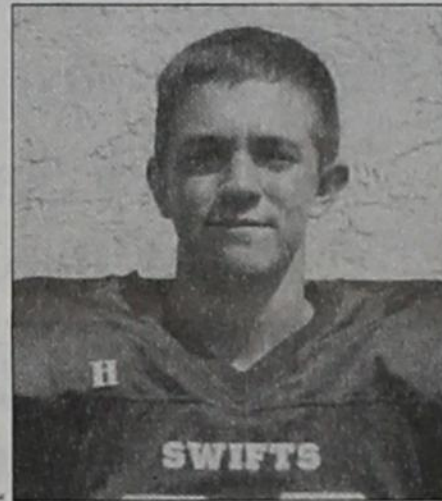
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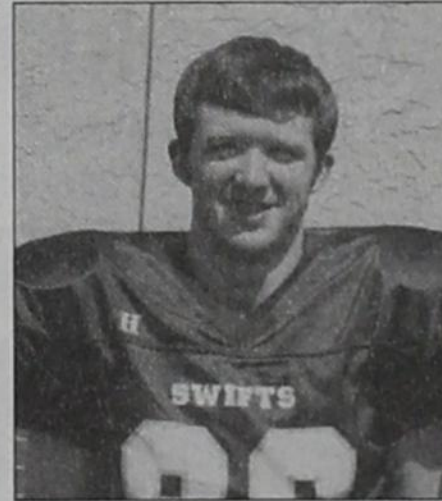
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At the half, Cameron Cluck and Candace Birkenfeld were chosen Band King and Queen.

Our sympathy to the family of Ashli Marie Hitton of Amarillo, who died Sept. 16 in Lubbock. Her parents are Mark and Delphine (Wethington) Hitton and a brother, Michael. Services were held at Ivy Chapel with the Rev. Pat Carathers, pastor of St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, officiating.

New names on our prayer line are Gin Huseman, Martha Kirkpatrick, Viola Wagner, Terri Birkenfeld and Shawn Pohlmeier.

Nazareth menus

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on roll, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, corn, grapes, cookies.

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Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon pastry, cereal. Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, hamburgers, potato cubes, lettuce, pinto beans, apricots, cookies.

2004 Nazareth Swift

Football Schedule

VARSITY			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/27	Claude 12, NAZARETH 54		
9/2	Anton 25; NAZARETH 20		
9/11	Morton 20; NAZARETH 7		
9/17	White Deer 0; NAZARETH 44		
9/24	Clarendon	Away	7:30
10/1	OPEN		
10/8	Hart*	Home	7:30
10/15	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30
10/22	Farwell*	Home	7:30
10/29	Sudan*	Away	7:30
11/5	Bovina*	Home	7:30

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Clarendon ruins Hart's homecoming

Longhorns will travel to White Deer for Friday's game

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

HART - Clarendon outrushed the Longhorns to ruin their homecoming, 34-14, on Friday.

"Turnovers killed us," said head football coach Jay McCook. "We had eight or nine and lost six and had one interception."

The Longhorns had several drives stopped by turnovers. "But we got the ball back," McCook said. "We intercepted three passes, one for a score."

McCook said this week's effort was much better than in the loss to Wellington.

"The kids stepped up and played," he said. "But we have to wrap up better on defense."

"We moved the ball well. The line did a better job of blocking this week than we did last week."

David Cisneros, at outside linebacker, intercepted one pass and ran it back for a score.

"Cisneros did a real good job on defense," McCook said. "Adrian Rosas in the secondary intercepted a pass and did a real good job."

"We've got some personnel changes this week. We're moving some players around. Hopefully we'll start getting our injured kids back. Joey Martinez will be back for district play."

On Friday, Clarendon opened the scoring with a 26 yard run by Will Betts. Chase Thornberry ran the ball in for two, making it 8-0. However, Hart's Rene Gonzales' 26-yard scoring run brought the Longhorns closer, but the PAT failed.

In the second quarter, Clarendon scored twice, the first time on a 1-yard run by Tim Sanchez; the kick failed, but

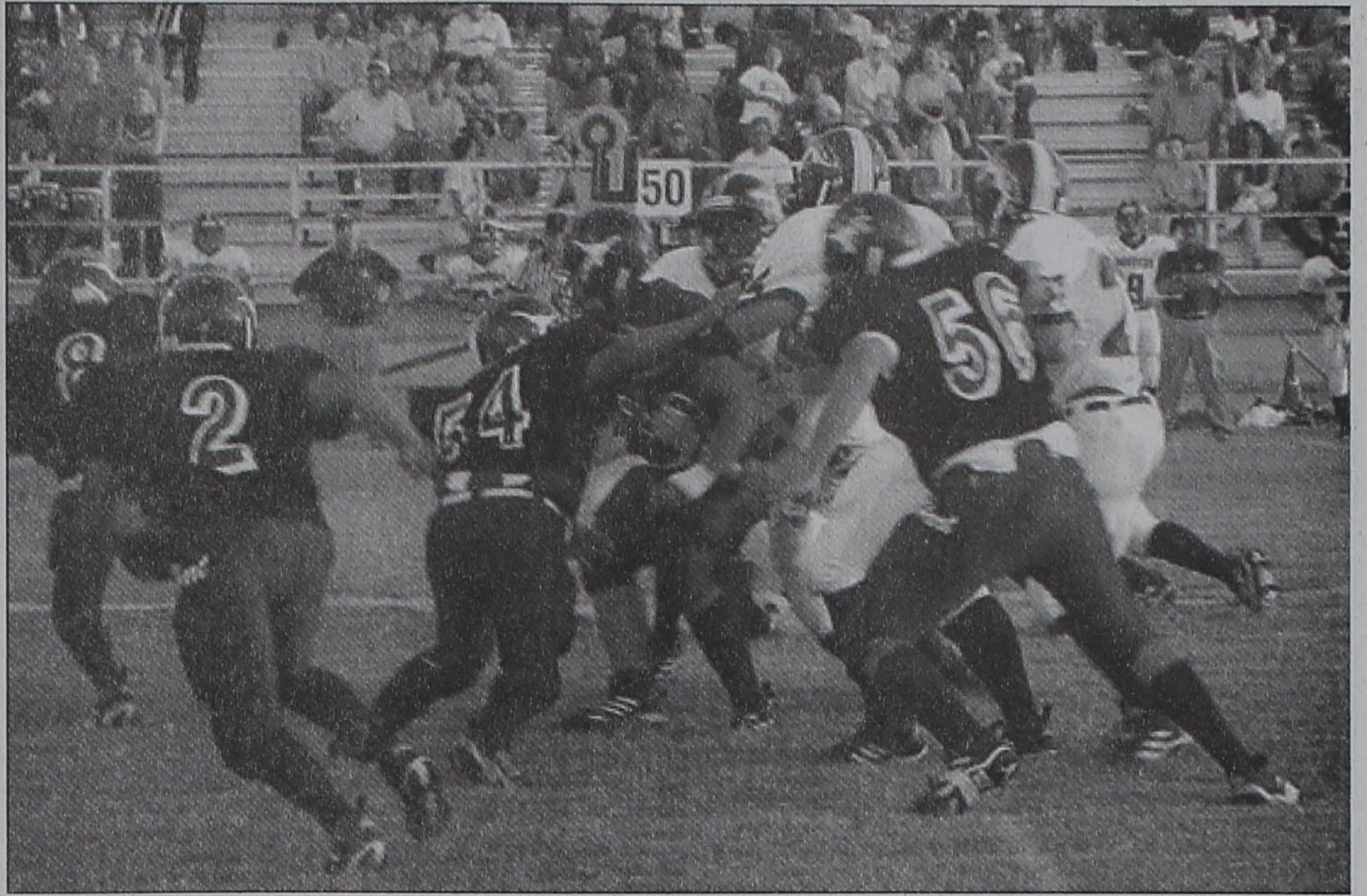


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A HERD OF LONGHORNS gang tackle the Clarendon runner during Friday's Homecoming Game.

Clarendon led, 14-6. Quentin West scored next and the PAT was good to put Clarendon ahead, 21-6. The Longhorns rebounded before the half with a 10-yard David Cisneros pass interception. Gonzales ran the ball in for 2, as the Longhorns edged closer, 21-14.

However, in the second half, Hart failed to score as Clarendon scored one in the third quarter, on an 8-yard run by West. The PAT failed and the score stood 27-14.

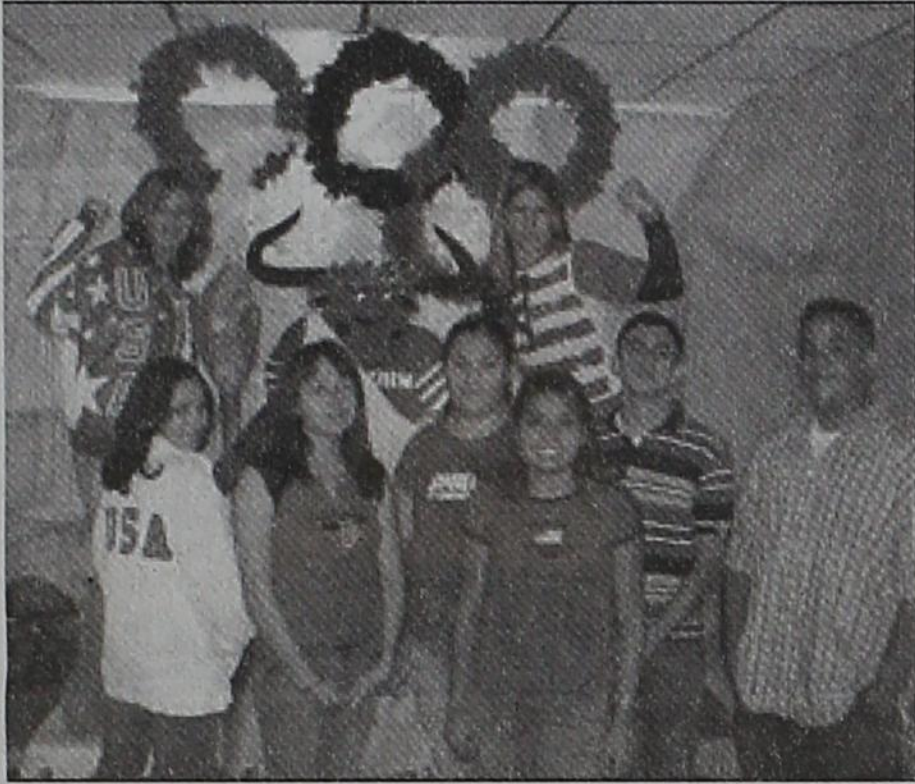
In the fourth quarter, Thornberry passed 9-yards to West for the final score; West kicked the PAT to make it 34-14.

On the night Hart had 10 first downs, 165 yards rushing and 65 passing. The Longhorns dropped to 1-3; Clarendon is 2-1.

On Friday, Hart travels to White Deer for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

"With White Deer, we have to quit turning it over," McCook said.

"We're throwing the ball well and now we need to find some receivers who'll step up. We've got to tackle better. They're a pretty well-balanced team."



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Hart students show their patriotism on USA Day during Homecoming Week activities at Hart High School. Front row: Yvette Carrasco, Mirella Mendoza, Nancy Montemayor, Julie Rodriguez, Andrew Torres. Back Row: Lindsay George, D'Neise Smith, Ben Montemayor. The Theme of the Week was "Longhorns-Going for the Gold."

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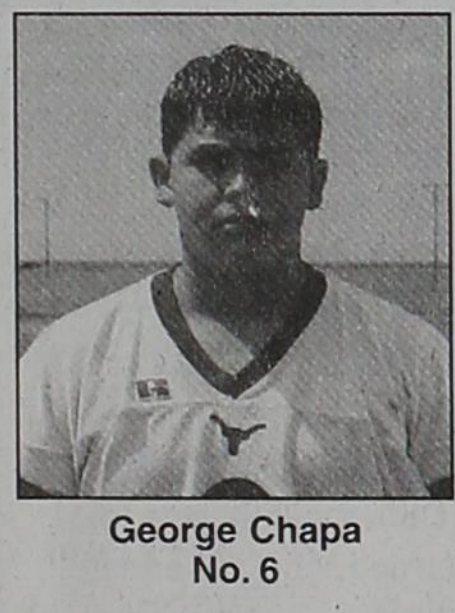
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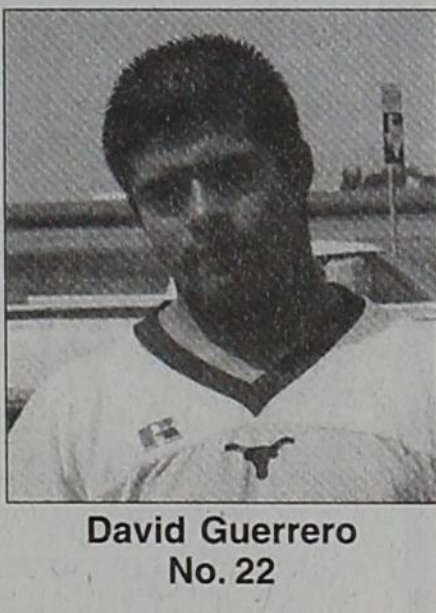
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Sept. 2	Petersburg 21; HART 14		
Sept. 11	Wellington 38; HART 6		
Sept. 17	Clarendon 34; HART 14		
Sept. 24	White Deer	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	OPEN DATE		
Oct. 8	*Nazareth	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Farwell	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*Bovina	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Springlake-Earth	Away	7:30 p.m.
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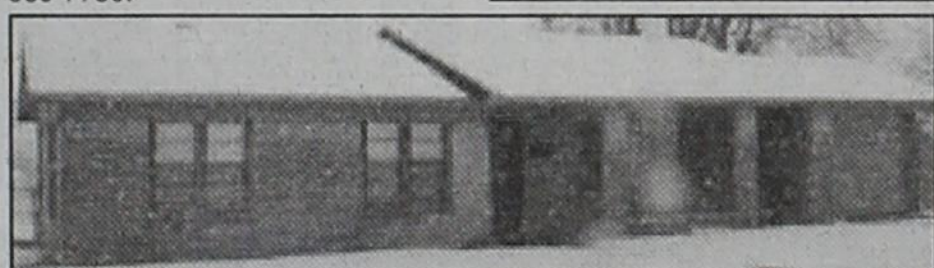
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The Judges of the 64th and 242nd Judicial District Courts will conduct a public hearing as required by the Local Government Code, Section 152.905. At this time, parties in interest and citizens have an opportunity to be heard on the issue of annual compensation of the Castro County Auditor. The District Judges will be setting annual compensation of the County Auditor, the Assistant County Auditor and setting the budget for the County Auditor's office. The hearing will be conducted in the district courtroom, on the second floor of the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt, Texas at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 6, 2004. 26-1tc-105

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Community Calendar

Romance without Regret

Jason Evert will present a program, "Romance Without Regret," which will answer the toughest questions about sexuality and relationships. (Parents and grandparents are invited, too).

The talks will be Monday, Oct. 4, at Holy Family Church in Nazareth, 210 St. Joseph St.

At 5 p.m., there will be Holy Sacrifice of the mass. At 5:45 p.m., there will be free hamburgers at the Nazareth Community Hall, 104 First St. Evert will speak at 6:30 p.m.

Those planning to attend are asked to contact Mitzie Brockman at 945-2246, with the number of people who plan to go by Sept. 27.

Boy Scout organizing meeting

Boys Scouts of America, South Plains Council, will host a meeting for all interested parents and boys interested in joining the Boys Scouts at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria. The meeting will provide the opportunity for all new and old members to come to chat, answer questions and help organize a local chapter of Boys Scouts in Dimmitt.

The Scouts will be for boys in the first grade and older. For more information, contact Christopher Brooks, District Executive, at (806) 293-2424 or chbrooks@bsamial.org

'40 Days of Purpose'

When First Untied Methodist Church, Dimmitt, launches its "40 Days of Purpose Campaign," on Sept. 26, it will join a worldwide network of thousands of churches.

During the campaign, the truths about God's five purposes for people, worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism will be communicated through:

- * an all-church video seminar each Sunday of the campaign
- * a weekly message by the pastor.
- * a personal or family daily devotional reading.
- * a week Scripture memory verse that everyone memorizes
- * a weekly small group or Sunday school lesson
- * a daily e-mail of encouragement.

Adventure Club is meeting

The First United Methodist Church will be beginning the Adventure Club after school program on Tuesdays beginning September 14, from 3:45-5:00 p.m.

This program is for kids in K-5th grade. We will be picking children up at the flag pole at Richardson Elementary and in front of Cleveland Gym at Middle School. Come join us for a life changing adventure!

For more information call the church office at 647-4106.

Breast cancer screening Oct. 7

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt on Oct. 7, 2004.

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.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents age 50 to 64 who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

VOE needed from students

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For more information, call 647-4350.

Farmers Market set for Home Merc

The final Farmers Market will be held from 5-7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27, at the Home Merc.



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Students of the Month - DMS

THE STUDENTS OF the month for August at Dimmitt Middle School were, left to right: Rubi Sanchez, eighth-grade; Cornelio Salinas, eighth-grade; April Munoz, seventh-grade; and Marty Puga, seventh-grade.

Anyone interested in selling vegetables from their gardens or farms to the public is encouraged to call Darryl Birkenfeld at (806) 938-2529 to register as a vendor.

Time to start saving

It's time to start saving Lowe's Grocery receipt tapes (dated Sept. 1, 2004, through March 31, 2005) and Box Tops 4 Education.

Box Tops for Education are on many Betty Crocker items, such as cake mixes, Pillsbury items like biscuits, rolls and cookie dough; some Old El Paso products; and General Mills cereals. (The schools get 10 cents for each Box Top 4 Education).

Boxes will be set up at or near each Dimmitt principal's office so you can send them to school with your kids or bring them when you visit the school.

Also, boxes will be at The Body Shop, 1st Bank Muleshoe, First United Bank, Castro County Courthouse break room (upstairs), Church of Christ, Headhunters, Henderson's TV, Hereford Credit Union, La Coiffures and Rhoads Memorial Library.

Blood drive in Amarillo

Brooke Army Medical Center with its bloodmobile will be holding a blood drive Sept. 25 and 26, at Water Garden Gems. The Blood Drive will be held in conjunction with the 13th Annual Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society's Show, held on the grounds at Water Garden Gems. All show events are free and open to the public.

Water Garden Gems is located on the north frontage road of IH-10 East of San Antonio between Exits 593 (Trainer Hale Rd.) and 595 (Zuehl Rd.). Gates are open between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 25; and between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26.

For more information, contact (210) 659-5841.

Computer classes for adults

Computer classes for adults will be offered at the Home Mercantile classroom starting in October.

Anyone interested in the classes can come to a meeting at the Home Merc on Tuesday evening, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., or call the computer instructor, Tammy McLain, at 945-2250.

Local students can apply to attend AFA Leaders Conference

Agriculture Future of America is hosting its annual event to provide college students personal and professional training.

The four-day event, set for Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 4-7, models corporate employee development training programs that are common in today's business climate.

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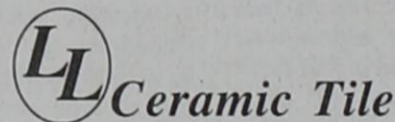
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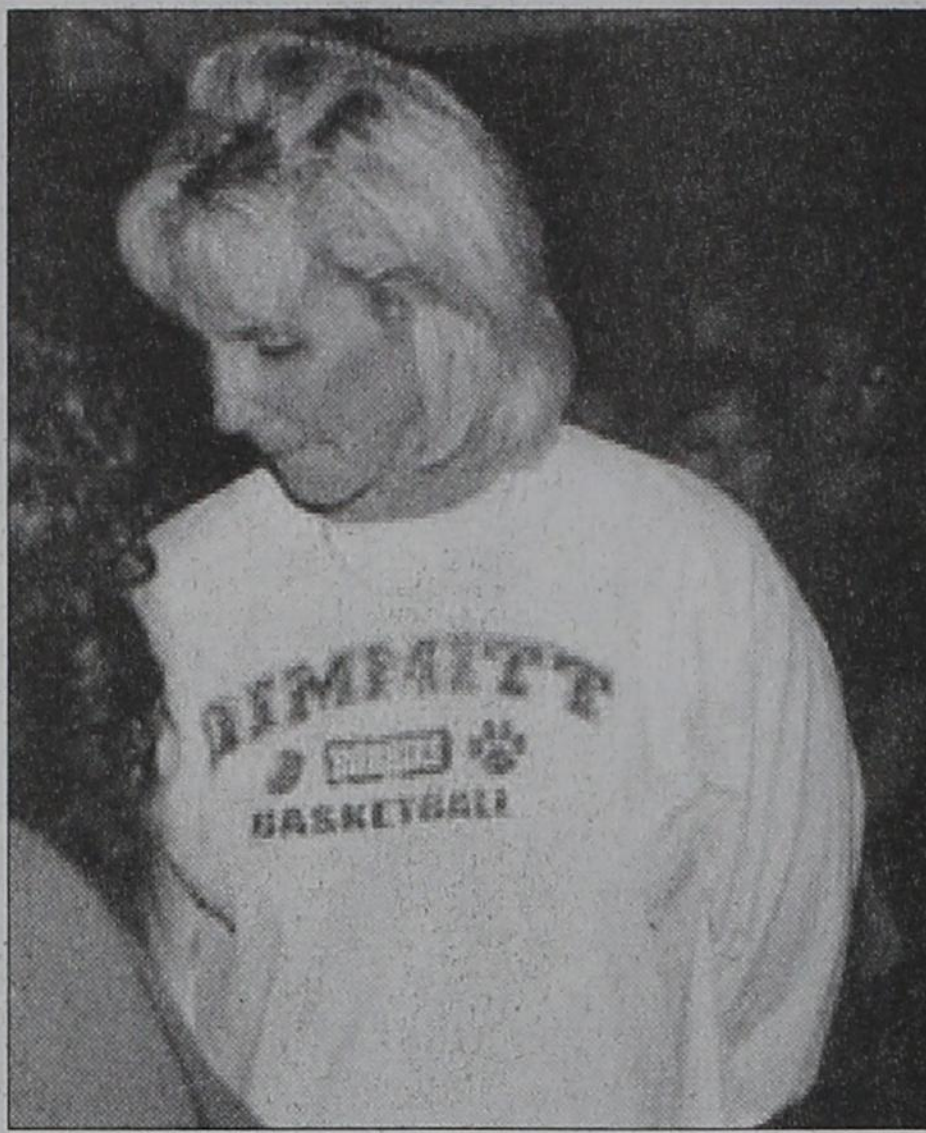
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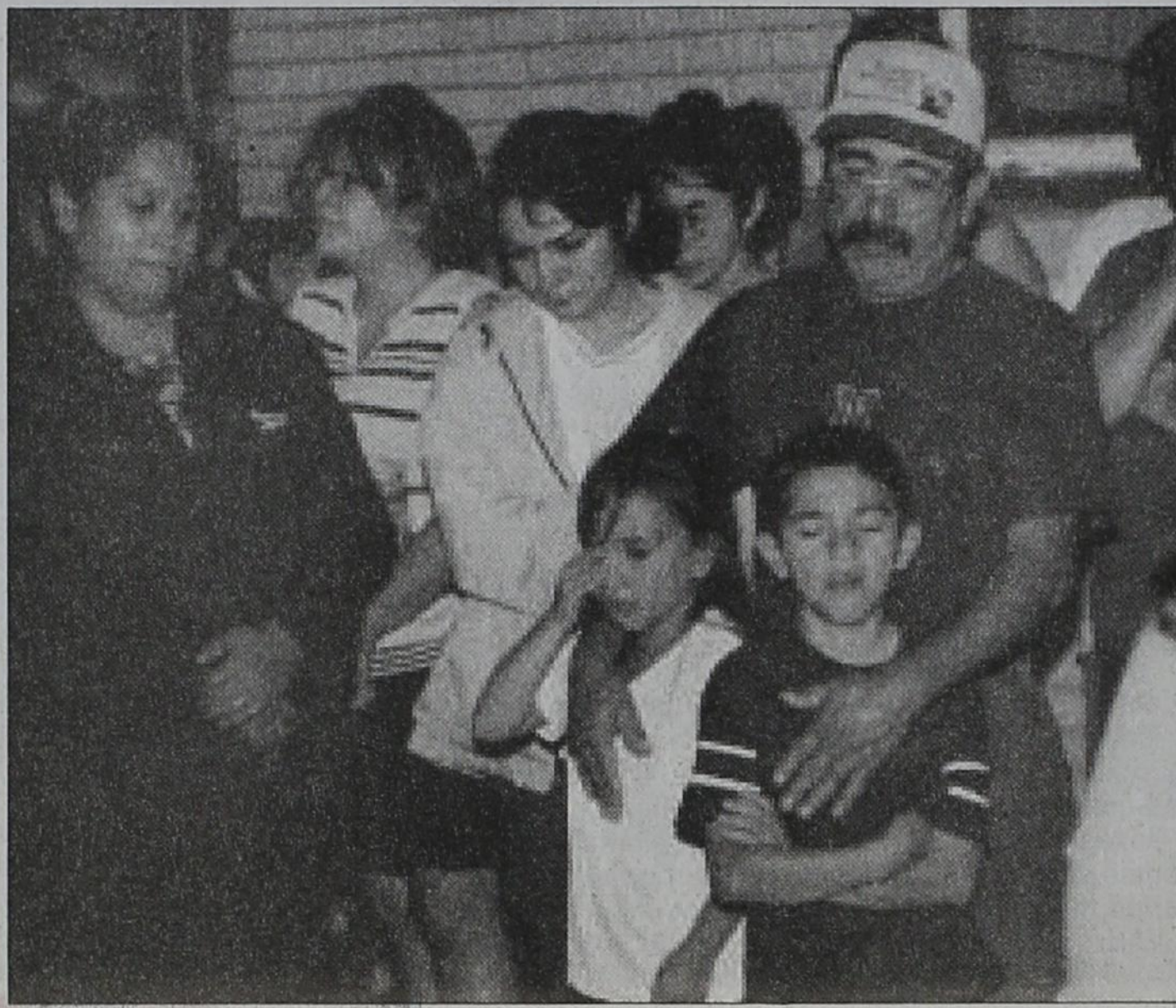
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Above Mrs. Santos G. Perez, at left, and a neighbor sit beside a makeshift altar in the carport outside the home of Antonio and Miriam Arredondo on SW 5th Street. Mrs. Perez acted as the "unofficial" grandmother to the Arredondo family which lived across the street from her home. At top right, Dimmitt High School Assistant Principal Thel Shelby pauses before talking about Jose Arredondo, who was a senior at DHS. At right, Jesus Arredondo and his two children, Maritza and Jesus Junior, cousins of the Arredondos, stand amid friends and family before the Rosary, which was held on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Photos by Davie Ann Browder



I Wave Good-bye

You were once here by my side
 Now you're gone and I wave good-bye
 We were friends when we were small
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 Till the day came when your life must end
 I said good-bye to my best of friends
 I never thought that this would happen
 My best of friends is now in heaven

Before the Rosary for the Arredondo family on Thursday, Sept. 16, Jose Arredondo's friend, Fabian Pena, read this poem, which was written by a high school student in another state when his friend died.

Friends

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Sept. 14, in a traffic accident in Mexico. The father, Antonio, remains hospitalized with shoulder and hand injuries.

Also killed in the same accident were Juan and Juana Arredondo and their daughter, Selena, a fourth-grader at Richardson Elementary.

Juan and Antonio were brothers and were en route to visit another brother who is in a coma.

At the Antonio Arredondo home, inside the carport, a makeshift altar held flowers, candles and photos. The first two to speak were Cindy Alvarado and Fabian Pena, classmates of Jose Arredondo.

Pena, who described Jose as his best friend, talked about his reaction to the news of the deaths.

"When they first told me Jose had passed away, I felt so lost," Pena said. "I tried to hold back my tears."

"On a band trip to New Orleans, they wouldn't let me and Jose stay together. I guess they thought we might have too much fun."

Band director Doug Morris said Jose's bandmates have taken the news hard.

"Jose was a wonderful member of the band. He was a kid that worked real hard," Morris said. "Obviously we had quite a few kids that were very, very upset. To say it has been a difficult situation for the kids would be an understatement."

"Any time you lose one of your own tragically it's real hard on those left behind. It's just a tragic loss for our band family."

Alvarado said she will never forget Jose because he was always there for her.

"We all know he's by our side now. He's in heaven," she said. "I'm glad to have had Jose in my life. He taught me a lot of things."

Teresa Lindsey, one of Jose's teachers at DHS, remembered him as a prankster.

"He was funny and had a huge heart," she said. "He was very empathetic."

Thel Shelby, the assistant principal at DHS, talked about Jose's goals.

"He wanted to make something of himself," she said. "Jose's teachers noticed what he'd done and were real proud of him."

Santos G. Perez, who lives across the street from the Antonio Arredondo home, said she regarded them as "family."

"Although I was not their real grandmother, I loved them and felt like their grandmother," she said. "Edna (the Arredondo's daughter who lives in Clovis, N.M.) and Antonio will need a lot of support. We've told Edna she can call when she needs help."

After friends and family spoke, members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church said the Rosary for the Antonio Arredondo family and then moved on to the Juan Arredondo home on NW 8th Street to hold a similar vigil.

From reports coming out of Mexico, it appears the five were killed instantly Sept. 14, in Saltillo, Coah., when an 18-wheeler rounded a curve on the highway to Mexico City at a high rate of speed and found a line of vehicles stopped due to a traffic accident.

Unable to stop, the 18-wheeler plowed into the Arredondo's 1999 red Ford Explorer, smashing it into another 18-wheeler stopped directly in front of the Explorer.

Reports from Mexico said that the driver of the 18-wheeler fled from the scene of the wreck.

Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 17, in Cd. Manuel Doblado, Guanajuato. For a more complete obituary, please see Page 6.

The Arredondo Emergency Expense Fund, has been established at Hereford Credit Union in Dimmitt to help with burial expenses.

Jars are also in many businesses around town for anyone wishing to contribute.

Schools

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"Most schools are connected through the community," he said. "The community expects football, basketball, the children to be fed and picked up at their door. All these things go hand in hand."

Someone in Austin, a state representative or senator, he said, is going to have to take a chance - step out and take the lead in rewriting the school-funding laws.

"The bottom line is how best to service and educate our students and it will come with some type of equal funding," he said. "You can't have a gap of haves and have nots."

To critics who talk about test scores, Elam said that SAT scores have been on the increase here for the past 10 years. "If they want to go by test scores, that's OK. Texas kids do well on those tests."

Miller said he was happy with the ruling, but was surprised at the speed the decision was handed down. It came within minutes of closing arguments.

"I was pleasantly surprised that they put a one-year limit on it," he said. "It's going to make legislators take action. I would like them to take all

Hart menus

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, hot dog on a bun, chili, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies. Monday: Breakfast - Sausage and biscuit, cereal. Lunch - Burrito, hamburgers with potato chips, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, pork and beans, yogurt, peaches, fresh fruit, ginger cookies, ice cream. Tuesday: Breakfast - Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Corn dogs, steak fingers, rolls, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, gravy, salad, each cobbler, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail. Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Hamburgers, mac rib with chips, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, brownies, ice cream. Thursday: Breakfast - Waffles, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - pizza, spaghetti with meat sauce, Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, whole wheat sugar cookies.

school sizes into consideration when passing any kind of legislation."

Miller said if the new funding bill pays on average daily attendance, he hopes there is an adjustment for smaller schools. That's because programs mandated by the state cost the same in a small district as they do in larger ones. But with fewer students, there is less money available.

"I hope they look at the tax structure," Miller said. "Hopefully they can do something to relieve the local burden from property owners who carry the bulk of paying for schools."

Harrison recently returned from the Texas School Board Convention. He's taking a "wait and see" attitude on how the Legislature will solve the school funding problem.

"It's hard to say what's going to happen," Harrison said. "I don't believe they'll put more money back in the system. After the Edgewood decision, it was six years before the system now in place was formulated."

"I think the push from the Legislature is going to be that districts have to be more efficient with what they're giving us."

Harrison said he's cau-

tiously optimistic.

"Do I believe they'll put more money back in the system - no," he said. "Do I believe they'll look at every avenue of expenditure and determine if it's directly related to student instruction. Yes. Am I glad the judge ruled the way he did. Yes. My concern is the state is now backed up against the wall with a deadline."

Regardless of what the legislature does with school funding, Harrison said, "It's very, very important that we look at all our expenditures and make sure they directly

impact our student environment. "I don't believe it's going to be a fun ride the next few years. The key issue to remember is with the ruling coming out the way it did, it said schools are important in most people's eyes. An educated working class denotes prosperity. If we don't allocate the funds to educate the kids, we're setting society up for failure. I think that's what the decision said. The kids of Castro County and Texas deserve the same amount of money as kids in any other district."

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Nazareth Homecoming 2004



Band King and Queen
Cameron Cluck and Candace Birkenfeld



Homecoming Queen and Court

Left to right: Junior Kembra Albracht; Senior Jenna Acker; Homecoming Queen, Senior Raynee Bradley; Senior Jamie Birkenfeld; Sophomore Hollie Kleman; Freshman Kelcy Albracht.

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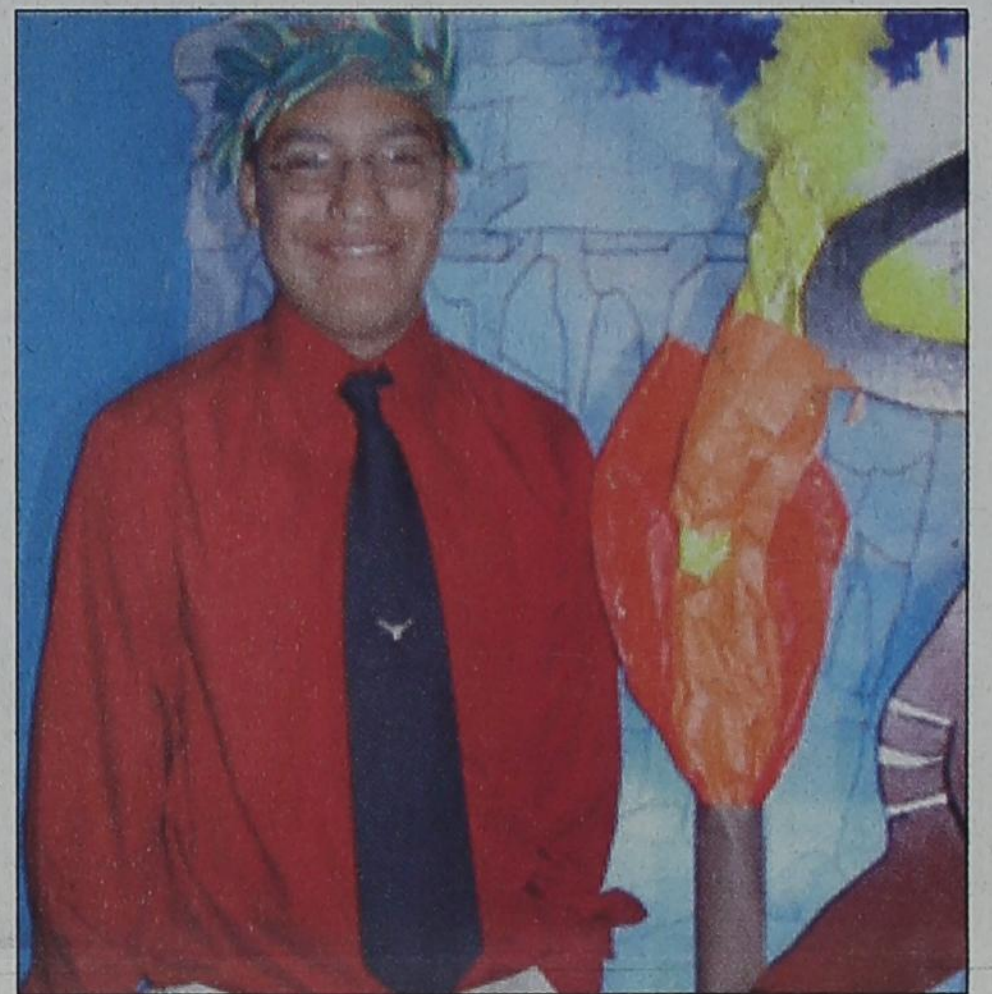


Homecoming Queen

At left, Amanda Reyna was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Longhorns game against Clarendon.

Bonfire King

At right, Ezekial Barron was crowned Bonfire King at Thursday night's Bonfire and Pep Rally.



Distinguished Alumni



At left, Leland Hacker was recognized as a Hart Distinguished Alumni at halftime during Friday's homecoming game. Pictured with Hacker is D'Neise Smith, Student Council Vice-President. Hacker was named a Distinguished Alumni during a Pep Rally earlier Friday at the school. Hacker, a member of the Class of 1948, worked at Waco Children Home for 40 years; served as vice-president of Southern Baptist Child Care Executives 1991-1992.

At right Polly Simpson with Kyle Johnson, Hart Student Council President, is named a Distinguished Alumni during a Pep Rally on Friday at Hart High School. Simpson was also recognized during the half-time of Friday's Homecoming game against Clarendon. Simpson, a member of the Class of 1946, served as Castro County Judge and was President of the West Texas Judges Association.



Detten's Carpet Care Common Costly Misconceptions About Carpet Cleaning

Part 3 of a series

- # 5 The company that offers the lowest price is the company you should hire. No. We've seen so many problems arise from the lowest bid companies that we suggest you never hire the company that quotes the cheapest price. The two most common problems are:
 1. The price may not be for the services you want performed. The company may be equipped to remove only the dirt from your carpet, but you may want bacteria, fungus, pollens and tobacco residue removed as well.
 2. The price you see advertised may not be the price you pay. Many homeowners have learned that the low price they saw advertised lasted only until the carpet cleaner got into their home. Then they were pressured into paying a lot more for a variety of add-ons. Some carpet cleaners even break the law by using illegal bait and switch tactics.
- # 6 Any honest carpet cleaning company

should be able to give you an exact price over the telephone. We wish this were true, but it isn't. Honest, reputable carpet cleaning companies almost never price carpet cleaning by the room. Instead, carpet cleaning is usually priced by the square foot. So, if you'd like us to tell you the exact cost of cleaning your carpet, we need to know the exact number of square feet we cleaned. To get an accurate measurement, we use a measuring wheel or hand-held sonic measuring device to calculate the exact size of the carpet area. To give you an idea of how we estimate the cost of cleaning, here are three things we consider. First, the type of carpet. Certain types of carpet are harder to clean than others. Second, the amount of soiling. Carpet that hasn't been cleaned for ten years will take longer to clean than carpet that was cleaned within the past six months. Third, the amount of furniture we have to move. If you move your furniture, you'll save money.

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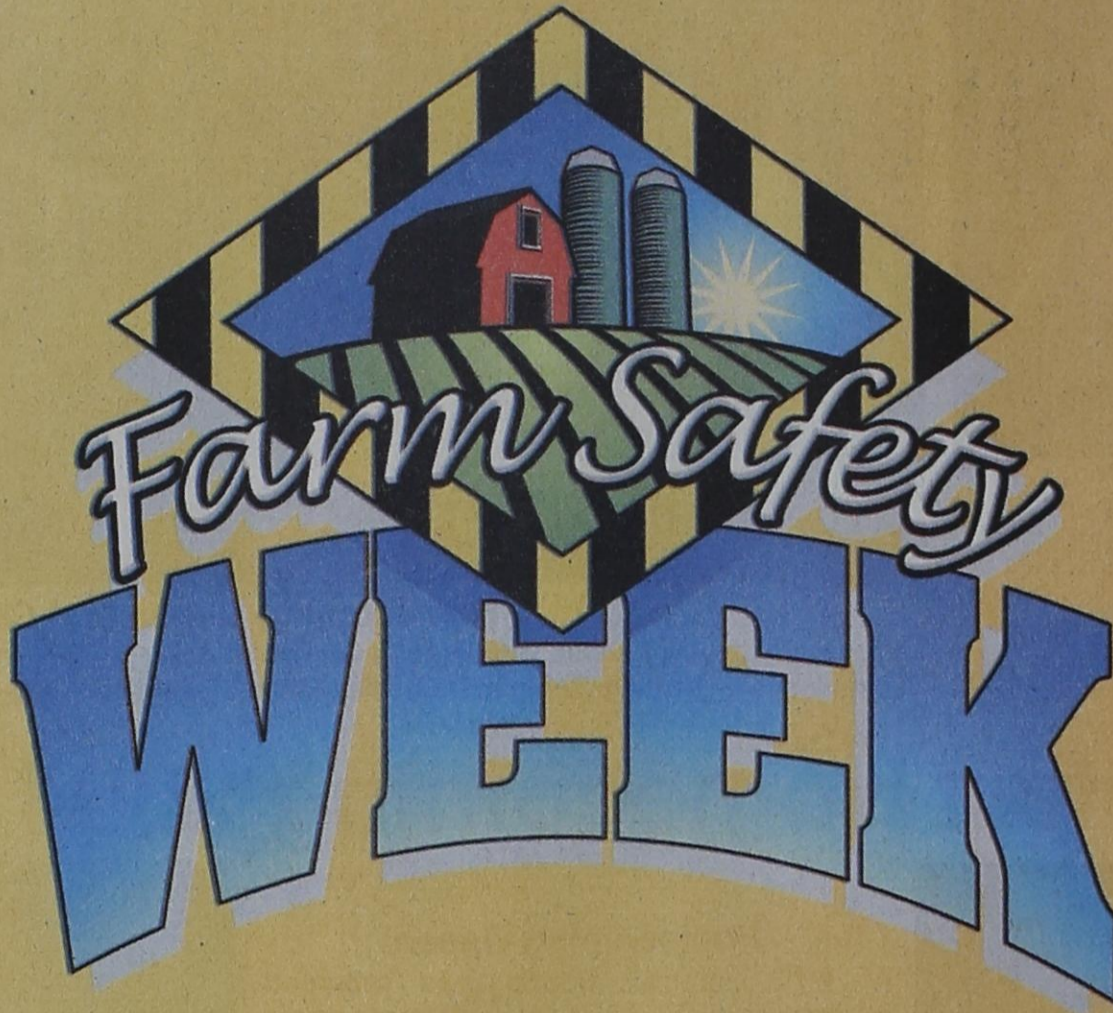
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- Most farm accidents involve machinery, with tractor accidents responsible for the most fatalities. Inspect your machinery to determine problems. Provide rollover protection for tractors and use seat belts. Don't allow extra riders. Follow the "No Seat, No Rider" rule.
- Teach children the correct way to turn off machinery. Supervise them closely.
- Teach children to recognize the poison symbol and keep them away from pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer containers.
- Take the necessary precautions to prevent entrapment and suffocation caused by unstable surfaces in storage bins, silos and hoppers. Never let children play in the back of grain trucks, whether the grain is flowing or not.
- Methane, carbon dioxide, ammonia and other gases can build up in unventilated silos or manure pits and can cause asphyxiation or explosion.
- Read and follow operator's or owner's manuals for equipment. Follow products labels for the proper handling, use and storage of products, equipment and chemicals.
- Don't let children have unsupervised access to ponds, and keep them away from septic tanks, old wells or other bodies of water.

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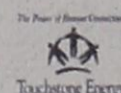
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