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Cargill files suit against tax district

DISD will take biggest hit

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

Lawyers for Cargill last week filed suit in district court here against the tax appraisal district, disputing almost \$17 million of the company's \$52 million appraisal. Chief appraiser for the Castro County Appraisal District Jerry Heller said he really wasn't surprised by the move. And the consequences will probably be immediate.

"They will pay all their taxes, but the contested amount, about \$462,000 of that, will go into an escrow account pending resolution of the suit," he said. "Then, depending on how the court rules, the money will be dispensed."

The DISD, hospital district, city, county and water district will all be

affected. The school will be hardest hit, to the tune of \$253,000. The hospital district will lose about \$69,000. The City of Dimmitt will lose about \$40,000 through the loss of taxes, coupled with \$150,000 in lost water rates for the months that the plant will be idled, starting Sept. 20. And the

county will be hit for \$110,000.

The suit will be heard locally in district court, but Heller said he can't predict when it will be heard or how long it could drag on, depending on appeals.

"I've heard of some that drag on for years," he said. "I'm assuming some get settled quickly."

David Bone, Cargill plant manager, had not heard about the suit when contacted by The Castro County News.

"There's no one at the plant who's remotely involved," Bone said. "It's just the next step in trying to come to the conclusion of what a fair value is."

The school district will be hit with a double whammy, superintendent Les Miller said, because the state will reduce the amount of

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Coming home for Harvest Days



Flurry of activities mark both events

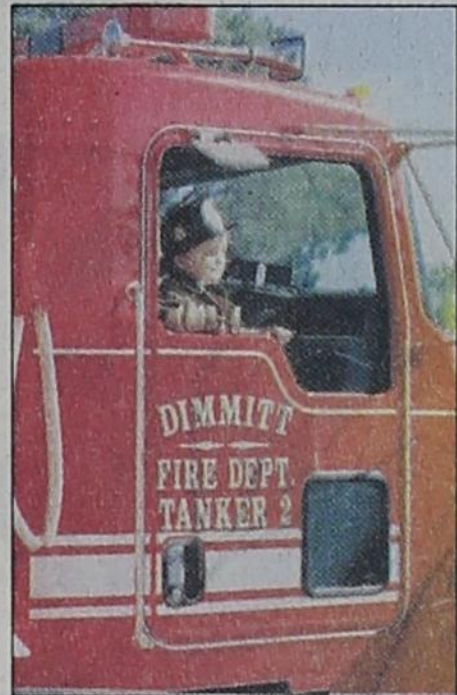
By DOROTHY HOPSON

Dimmitt had something to offer everyone this year with homecoming and Harvest Days happening during the same weekend. Activities for homecoming started early in the week, and then Harvest Days kicked in. On Thursday, there was a pet show and kids' tractor pull. On Friday, all the fair exhibits were judged and later that night Dimmitt played Abernathy.

All last week, homecoming activities reached See HARVEST, Page 11



Top: The Bobcats Band marches down Jones Street during Saturday's parade. Next is the 2004 DHS Homecoming Court: left to right: freshman Gloriela Ontiveros; senior Corrie Black; junior Brittney Williams; homecoming queen, senior Kristin McClure; senior Alejandra Velasquez; and sophomore Karla Agüero. At right, Ayden Hayes, enjoys his ride on a firetruck in the parade. At left, the Flame King and Queen, Charley Saenz and Maribel Montiel, were crowned at Wednesday's bonfire at Bobcat Stadium.



Commissioners cut jobs, raises County scrambles in wake of Cargill suit

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

County commissioners are not through with the budget process for the coming year despite the looming Oct. 1 deadline. Although commissioners have been working on the county's budget since May, Cargill's lawsuit, filed Sept. 7 against the appraisal district threw a wrench into all their work. The price tag on that wrench - approximately \$110,000 in lost tax revenues for the coming year.

Throughout the hearings on Monday, members of the court told the audience that not only are cuts needed this year, more stringent cuts will be required next year if the economy stays the same.

"There are no good decisions," said County Judge Bill Sava. "I think it's good we cut back on the budget, because it makes the point that we're going to have to continue to make hard

decisions. Money isn't going to get any better and, depending on the outcome of the lawsuit, it could get worse."

Late last week commissioners worked for two days looking for ways to cut the budget in answer to the shortfall. They came up with a number of decisions when they decided to:

- * Eliminate a part-time person from the Treasurers office.

- * Cut the hours on a part-time secretary in the County/District Attorney's office; and

- * Cut back JP Tana Young's clerk from full-time to part-time.

- * Reduce the number of jailers from 10 to seven. Not only would those moves save money from salaries, it would save the county \$6,850 annually per person that the county pays for health insurance.

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Azteca awarded \$3.7 in federal grant/loan

Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development, has announced that the Azteca Economic Development Corporation was awarded a \$3.7 million grant and loan through the USDA Rural Development Farm Labor Housing Loan program.

Through its support of the sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide farm labor housing funding for rural Texans," Daniel said. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

The loan and grant received from the USDA Rural Development will be used to rehabilitate the existing labor housing complex.

The rehabilitation of the 80 units will consist of 48 one-bedroom units, 8 two-bedroom units, 16 three-bedroom units and 8 four-bedroom units. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Amarillo local office at: 806-468-8600, Ext. 4.

WEATHER	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	83	46	
Wednesday	81	44	
Thursday	81	44	
Friday	85	44	
Saturday	88	48	
Sunday	89	51	
Monday	91	51	
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QUILT SHOW

Children's quilt: 1. Edna Sanders, 3. Darlene Collins. Combination techniques: 1. Ina Cleavinger, 2. Yvonna Hays. First quilt: 1. Darlene Collins Group quilt: 1. Edna Sanders, 2. Yvonna Hays. Machine applique: 1. Twila West. Machine quilted: 1. Darlene Collins, 2. Yvonna Hays, 3. Doris Lust. Miniature: 1. Ina Cleavinger. Pieced: 1. Twila West, 2. Doris Lust, 3. Ina Cleavinger, 3. Darlene Collins. Quilt tops: 1. Yvonna Hays, 2. Ina Cleavinger, 3. Darlene Collins, 3. Darlene Collins. Wall quilt: 1. Ina Cleavinger, 2. Joyce Davis, 3. Darlene Collins. Specialized method: 1. Sue Summers.

HORTICULTURE

BEST OF SHOW: Brenda Bruton; Youth - Wendy Bradford. Floral arrangement: Fred Kuntz, first. Flower - 1 stem: Brenda Bruton, first; Faye Mohon,

second. Potted plant: Brenda Bruton, first and Best of Show; Jackie Edwards, second; Yvonne Hufhines, third; Stacie Whatley, fourth. Other: Jackie Edwards, first.

CRAFTS

BEST OF SHOW: Laquetta West; Youth - Dusty Horn. Afghan-1A: Jackie Edwards, first; Catherine Hochstein, second; Claudine Langford, third. Ceramics-5A unglazed: Faye Mohan, first; Karen Hutson, second. Crochet - Patsy Entrekin, first. Crochet-7A: Nena Martin, second. Crochet-7B other: Jackie Edwards, third. Cross stitch: Patsy Entrekin, second. Youth: Katy Aljoe, third. Cross stitch-8B other: Lequetta West, first. Dolls-9B porcelain: Lequetta West, first. Dolls - any kind: Sandra Bagwell, first. Doll clothes - Lequetta West, first; Nena Martin,

second. Drawing - pencil: Darrene Collins, first. Youth: Beth Horn, first. Craft Sec - 12D other: Youth: Dusty Horn, first. Embroidery: Patsy Entrekin, first, Jackie Edwards, second. Jewelry: Leroy Edwards, first; Kristy Mitchell, second. Needle point: Carolyn Jones, first. Painting - 19A acrylic: Ali Thrasher, first. Paintings - 19E other: Ali Thrasher, first. Youth: Alisha Womack, third. Stuffed animals: Claudine Langford, first. Youth: Keeley Whatley, first. Wood - hand crafted: Ali Thrasher, second; Yvonne Hufhines, third. Wood - other: Eileen Womack, second. Angels: Faye Mohan, first. Stockings: Carol Kern, first. Miscellaneous holiday: Carol Kern, first. Plastic canvas: Carol Kern, second. Youth: Alisha Womack, second. Plastic canvas: Carol Kern, first. Quilts: Yvonne Hufhines, first. Cross art: Karen Hutson, first; Aileen Womack, third. Youth: Alisha Womack, third. Metal art: Youth - Alisha Womack, first. Other: Sandra Bagwell, second; Jackie Edwards, third. Youth: Alisha Womack, third. Purses: Claudine Langford, second. Dried arrangements: Kristy Mitchell, second. Kits models ships-airplanes: Youth: Dusty Horn, second.

FARM and GARDEN

BEST OF SHOW: Lyle Loudder; Youth - Daniel Kern. Yellow corn: Danny Bruton, first. Cotton: Youth - Alisha Womack. Wheat: Youth - Alisha Womack, first. Other: Youth - Alisha Womack, first. Grapes: Yvonne Hufhines, first. Cantaloup: Youth: Keila Schilling, first. Cucumbers: Yvonne Hufhines, first. Youth: Daniel Kern, first; Dustin Kern, second. Gourds: Youth - Molly Bradford, first; Wendy Bradford, second. Green beans: Carolyn Watts, first; Darla Stewart, second. Youth - Daniel Kern, first; Dustin Kern, second; Wendy Bradford, fourth.

Okra: Carolyn Watts, first; Eileen Womack, second; Stacie Whatley, third. Youth: Alisha Womack, first; Molly Bradford, second; Dustin Kern, third; Daniel Kern, fourth; Wendy Bradford, fifth. Peas: P.O. Goodwin, first; Darla Stewart, second; Carolyn Watts, third. Youth - Alisha Womack, first. Banana peppers: Wendy Bradford, first; Molly Bradford, second. Bell peppers - green: Darla Stewart, first. Youth - Daniel Kern, first; Dustin Kern, second. Bell peppers - red: Yvonne Hufhines, first. Jalapeno peppers: Mark Brown, first, Yvonne Hufhines, second; Carolyn Watts, third. Youth - Daniel Kern, first; Dustin Kern, second. Pumpkin - regular: Lyle Loudder, first; Eileen Womack, second; Jim Bradford, third. Youth: Wendy Bradford, first; Payton Durbin, second; Alisha Womack, third; Molly Bradford, fourth; Paige and Macy Howell, fifth; Riley Durbin, sixth. Pumpkin - ornamental: Eileen Womack, first; Leigh Durbin, second. Youth - Paige Howell, first; Alisha Womack, second; Macy Howell, third; Payton Durbin, fourth; Aubrie Durbin, fifth. Pie pumpkins: Youth - Aubrie Durbin, first; Riley Durbin, second. Squash summer - green: Youth - Wendy Bradford, first; Daniel Kern, second; Dustin Kern, third; Molly Bradford, fourth. Squash summer - yellow: P.D. Goodwin, first; Carolyn Watts, second; Eileen Womack, third. Youth - Daniel Kern, first; Dustin Kern, second; Molly Bradford, third; Wendy Bradford, fourth; Alisha Womack, fifth. Squash - winter: Youth - Daniel Kern, first. Sweet potatoes: Pete Stewart, first. Tomatoes- small: Yvonne Hufhines, first - pear yellow; Yvonne Hufhines, second - red small; Stacie Whatley, third. Youth - Daniel Kern, first; Dustin Kern, second. Tomatoes - large: Yvonne Hufhines, first - Rome; Yvonne Hufhines, second-regular. Youth: Dustin Kern, first; Daniel Kern, second. Watermelons - Black Diamond: Eileen Womack, first. Youth - Alisha Womack, first; Kelsey Schilling, second. Other: Curtis Durbin, first -

Chinese okra; Yvonne Hufhines, second - eggplant; Yvonne Hufhines, third - chili peppers. **CANNING** **BEST OF SHOW:** Brenda Bruton. Apples: Sheryl Brown, first; Tommie Nisbett, second; P.O. Goodwin, third. Peaches: Debbie Horn, first; Sheryl Brown, second. Apple butter: Debbie Horn, first. Cherry: Yvonne Hufhines, first; Eileen Womack, second. Grape: Faye Mohan, first; Martha Jo Hyman, second. Peach: Lynn West, first; Faye Mohan, second; Eileen Womack, third. Pear: Tommie Sue Nisbett, first; P.O. Goodwin, second; Yvonne Hufhines, third. Plum: Stacie Whatley, first; Brenda Bruton, second; Eileen Womack, third. Other: Yvonne Hufhines, first - zucchini; Faye Mohan, second - strawberry/rhubarb. Bread and butter pickles: P.O. Goodwin, first; Tommie Nisbett, second. Chow-chow pickles: Steve Smith, first. Cucumber - dill pickles: Leigh Durbin, first; Sheryl Brown, second. Hot sauce pickles: Sheryl Brown, first; Debbie Horn, second; Yvonne Hufhines, third. Pickles - pepper: Sheryl Brown, first; Carolyn Watts, second. Relish - pickles: Sue Smith, first; Debbie Horn, second; Faye Mohan, third. Pickles - other: Brenda Bruton, first; P.O. Goodwin, second; Tommie Sue Nisbett, third. Green beans: Debbie Horn, first; Darla Stewart, second; Carolyn Watts, third. Beans shelled: Claudine Langford, first. Beets: Jean Norrell, first. Carrots: Debbie Horn, first. Blackeyed peas: Sheryl Brown, first; Yvonne Hufhines, second; Darla Stewart, third. Soup mix: Martha Jo Hyman, first. Tomatoes: Sheryl Brown, first. **BAKING** **BEST OF SHOW:** Lynn West; Youth - Cassandra Garcia. Cookie bar: Lynn West, first. Biscuit: Faye Mohan, second. Candy - any kind: Lynn West, first and Best of Show; Faye Mohan, second. Youth - Jessica Ortega, second. Cookies - any kind: Brenda Bruton, first; Eileen Womack, second. Youth: Coylei Smotherman, first; Sandra Laroe, second; Cesar Sanihes, third. Corn bread: Faye Mohan, first. Muffins - Eileen Womack, second. Youth - Daniel Dominguez, second; Daniel Jackson, third. Cake: Lequetta West, second; Eileen Womack, third. Youth - Cassandra Garcia, first; Alondra Castillo, second. Pie: Sandra Bagwell, first; Chaudrina Langford, second. Youth: Eric Saenz, second; Erika Aguilar, third. Quick bread: Youth - Claudia Bermen, second; Sergio

Sauceda, third. Yeast bread: Claudine Langford, first. **PHOTOGRAPHY** **BEST OF SHOW:** Sharon Squier; Youth - Wendy Bradford. Animals: Brenda Bruton, first; Leta Dennis, second; Sharon Squier, third. Youth - Brad Lane, first. Building: Sharon Squier, first; Brenda Bruton, second. Youth - Brad Lane, first. Landscape: Kristy Mitchell, first; Leta Dennis, second; Wayland Hazel, third. Youth - Michael Horn, first; Brad Lane, second. People: Elaine Hazel, first; Terri Loudder, second; Kristy Mitchell, third. Youth - Michael Horn, first; Brad Lane, second. Sequence: Martha Jo Hyman, first; Brenda Bruton, second; Janet McDaniel, third. Still life: Kristy Mitchell, first; Wayland Hazel, second; Leta Dennis, third. Youth - Brad Lane, first. Transportation: Brenda Bruton, first; Leta Dennis, second; Kristy Mitchell, third. Youth - Brad Lane, first. Other: Brenda Bruton, first; Sharon Squier, second; Leta Dennis, third. Youth - Michael Horn, first; Brad Lane, second. Enlargements - animals: Terri Loudder, first. Youth - Molly Bradford, first. Landscape: Wayland Hazel, first; Faye Mohan, second. Youth: Molly Bradford, first. People: Terri Loudder, first; Brenda Bruton, second; Sharon Squier, third. Sequence: Faye Mohan, first. Still life: Faye Mohan, first. Transportation: Faye Mohan, first. Computer prints: Youth - Molly Bradford, first. People: Faye Mohan, first. Still life: Faye Mohan, first. Other: Rosie Loudder, first; Wayne Mohon, second. Computer enlargements - animals: Faye Mohan, first. Youth: Wendy Bradford, first; Molly Bradford, second. Landscape: Youth - Wendy Bradford, first; Molly Bradford, second. People: Faye Mohon, first. Youth - Wendy Bradford, first. Sports: Wendy Bradford, first. Still life: Elaine Hazel. Youth: Wendy Bradford, first; John Hazel, second. Other: Youth - Wendy Bradford, first. The winner of the pie contest was Yvonna Hufhines. Sandra Bagwell won the beef contest. **NOTE: Monies may be picked up at the Extension Office.**

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "watering ___" (pond)
- 5 horse doc (2 wds.)
- 6 this Nocona was father of Chief Quanah Parker
- 7 George W. abbr.
- 8 sweet tater
- 9 '60s battleground for many TXns
- 12 "Too Tall" was Cowboys 1st ever pick
- 17 Van ____, TX
- 19 TXism: "bet your bottom ___"
- 21 rise late (2 wds.)
- 22 TX Mac Davis was "Reese ___" in "Daytona Beach"
- 23 TX cattle breed
- 28 TXism: "tie up the loose ___"
- 29 TXism: "stretch your ___" (smile)
- 30 TX Dalhart's "Can't ___ Me Calling Caroline?"
- 31 TXism: "truth stretchers"
- 35 this TX Jones pioneered theater-in-the-round
- 36 TXism: "tough as ___ steak"
- 42 ___ hat
- 44 TXism: "it'll make your hair stand ___" (scary)
- 46 TX Stephen Stills tune: "___: Blue Eyes"
- 48 TXism: "got ___ feathers trimmed"
- 49 TX "Monkee" Mike (init.)

DOWN

- 12 Denison-born president (init.)
- 13 luxury English car
- 14 TX Charley Fride's "___ Can Offer You is Me"
- 15 TXism: "don't ___ your lid"
- 16 NM ski area
- 18 TXism: "wouldn't touch it with a ___-foot pole"
- 20 TX actor Torn (init.)
- 23 TXism: "___ the skin of my teeth"
- 24 computer memory
- 25 TXism: "at the drop of ___"
- 26 TX Tanya's "___ Some Love"
- 27 TX Hillerman was in "___ P.I." TV movie
- 32 TX Willie Nelson's "Farm Aid ___"
- 33 Rangers leag.
- 34 this Duvall was in "The Apostle" with TX Farrah (init.)
- 36 TX eatery: "Steak and ___"
- 37 TX actor Jones (init.)
- 38 cattle "___ up"
- 39 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ funeral home" (mean horse)
- 40 calf meat
- 41 OK town
- 43 TXism: "try your hand ___ it"
- 45 ID number (abbr.)
- 47 Rangers NY foe they're free at a TX information ctr.
- 55 TXism: "chew ___ awhile"

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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Kyle Brandon Joiner, DHS 1995, entered the U.S. Navy in May, 2004, as an E-3.

He is a 1997 graduate of South Plains college with an associates degree in sound technology.

He is stationed in Groton, Ill., studying submarine electronics.

He is the son of Beth Joiner of Dimmitt and the late Dwight Joiner.



KYLE JOINER

land; Lori Schulte of San Marcos; and Denise and Dennis Kirby and family of Lubbock.

Also attending were Norm and Sherry Harder of Hereford; J.D. and Sarah Harder of Plainview; Kevin and Trena Rider and family of Dumas; Walt and Lucy

Pohlmeier of Tulia; Eddie and Janice Matthews of Ester; Judy Brockman of Lazbuddie; and Clarice and Tom Acker of Schertz. Others attending from Lubbock were Erika Rider and friend Dan; Lee and Chad Bremer; and Cindy and Ethan Holtman. Attending from Amarillo were Dora Pohlmeier; Brad and Kimla Pohlmeier; Curt and Jennifer Pohlmeier and family; Teresa and Gary Rider; Frank and Sharon Pohlmeier; Billy and Tana May and son; and Shari May.

Those attending from Nazareth were Shawn and Jill Pohlmeier; David Schulte; and Rita Huckert.

Out-of-state guests were Emaline and Ralph Pohlmeier of Yukon, Okla.;

Germaine and John Witt and family from Henderson, Nev.; and Rita Pohlmeier of Waikoloa, Hawaii.

Lucile Dollar recently returned from a trip to Anchorage, Alaska, to visit daughter Brenda and Bill Allen and their three children and families.

On the way up, she visited her sister-in-law Jacqueline Jackson and sons Jerry and Kathy Jackson and Jody and Dawn Jackson in Renton, Wash. On her return trip, she visited two grandsons, Jeffery and David Thompson and families and daughter Pamela and Kevin Rush in Portland, Ore.

After returning to Dimmitt, she had laser surgery

on her eye by Dr. Ysaga of Amarillo and one of Dimmitt's own sons, Luis Perez, who is a technician there, was his assistant.

Jean Morris and Martha Jo Hyman spent the Labor Day weekend at the Morris home on the Llano River.

Jean's sister, Kay Neal, DHS 1965, was also there. Kay lives at Ransom Canyon near Lubbock. She and her husband, Clayton Neal, DHS 1964, have two boys and two grandchildren. The women were joined later by Nancy Gaura, Jean's cousin from Waco.

The ladies spent most of their time rocking in the rocking chairs on the porch. They had dinner out on Saturday night at the catfish

place and just visited and rested. There was a bald eagle nest near the home with three eaglets nesting in it.

Jean and Kay's dad, Paul Hilburn, was superintendent of the Dimmitt Independent School District from 1958 to 1968. Her mother, Louise Hilburn, taught Latin and English at the high school during that time. They are both deceased.

Martha Jo Hyman and Delores Webster of Hereford had lunch recently at the new "health food" place in Hereford that caters mostly to women. They went to school in Smyer several moons ago and enjoyed their own little reunion.

Naz News

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

As you may know, at the Swifts game against Anton, Cole McClurg sustained a knee injury that will require at least two surgeries. The first was done on Monday.

Coach Ricky Peacock has said that during Friday's homecoming game a collection will be taken up to help Cole's parents with the cost of the surgeries and all the costs that come with a hospital stay.

Thirty-some senior citizens gather at the Center on Sunday evening to enjoy fellowship, a good meal and card games of choice. A short meeting was held after the meal, with Betty Acker reading the treasurer's report.

President Ed Ramaekers asked for discussion on obtaining a video library for the Center and also ideas on making our restrooms handi-

cap accessible. Dan Schmucker shared of couple of e-mails - one was about Texans and the other about three nuns at a baseball game! Thanks Lisa!

The "Fall Garden Tour," sponsored by the Home Merc was enjoyed Sunday afternoon. Gardens visited were at the homes of Darryl Birkenfeld, Peggy Birkenfeld, Rita Woetevick and Stevie Dobmeier.

Mary Gerber was honored Saturday evening with a family party for her 94th birthday. It was held at the home of Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, where Mary now lives. She said she was pleased to have so many of her family members present, also Frances, Sharon and Gerri Gerber of Umbarger. On Saturday evening, at Holy Family Church, the choir

sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Elena Schacher, who lives in Slaton Care Center, was also honored on her 94th birthday by her family, Margaret and Jerome Brockman of Nazareth and Elsie and Ronnie Schilling of Slaton. They enjoyed eating lunch with her at the center and, of course, cake and ice cream.

Congratulations to Roy and Diane Heitschmidt of Olton on the birth of a baby boy, Brett Allen, on Aug. 30. Brett has three siblings, Eric, Emily and Ryan.

The 2004 Labor Day Weekend Parish Fund raiser was a huge success against this year.

The Parade winners were American Legion Auxiliary, first; Holy Family

Youth Group, second; Nazareth Museum, third; and Nazareth Family Park, honorable mention. It was a beautiful day which helped everyone enjoy the games, dinner, auction and horse races.

A 20-year class reunion for the class of 1984 met on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at the home of Micky and Meredith Hochstein in Nazareth with 15 former students present and 13 absent. One student was killed in an auto accident in 1986.

Students present were Micky Hochstein and wife Meredith; Dean Schacher; Marvin Schmucker and wife Gwen; Anne (Birkenfeld) Acker and husband Dwayne; Mark A.

Kleman and wife Judy, all of Nazareth.

From out-of-town, were Roger Schulte of Lubbock; Wade Durbin and wife Jill of Elm Mott; Eric Wilhelm and wife Leona of Amarillo; Gary Verkamp of Idalou, Phillip Birkenfeld and wife Mary of Amarillo; Johnny Schmucker and wife Kim of Dumas; Renee (Ramaekers) Weinheimer of Groom; Sheri (Schilling) Penquite of Holiday; Francis Keen from Arizona; and Sid Gerber and wife Eve of Levelland.

Class sponsors attending were Joe and Imogene Drerup and Bud and Rita Keen.

Several of the students' children were also in attendance.

They all enjoyed a good meal and a lot of reminiscing

and a lot of laughs.

Prayers are asked for Jesse Olvera, Deanna Huseman, B.J. Klein, Marvin Schulte, Dan Schmucker, Vic Brockman, Don Acker, Jerome Birkenfeld, Bea Hoelting, Joe and Amy Schmucker, Alice Palazzini, Edith Huseman, Margaret Cantrell, Laurie Affatato, Ed Standlee, Elsie Maxwell, Jennifer Etheridge, Tom Aberant, Richard Brockman Sr., Corinne Lange, Rita Book, Judy Hoelting, Anna Huseman, Lee, Floyd Birkenfeld, Donna Charanza and those serving in our military: Alan Huseman, Lt. Chad Moniz; Pvt. Chris Sanford, Luke Wells, AIC Dustin Ramaekers and Keith Starr, who are all stationed in Iraq.

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, como estan todos? Hello, how is everyone. I can't believe that I didn't get much information from everyone about their Labor Day activities. It seems like my articles have been getting shorter and shorter. Come on gente, let's get the word out there! Hispanos are always celebrating something. Why not share it with everyone? I'd like to thank everyone who expressed concern over my lost kitty, she came back, again. This is kind of getting old. She knows no one is going to treat her as good as her Mamma, so why does she keep running away? Who knows? Here's this weeks info...

Feliz Cumpleanos a Gavin Flores, he turned 8 on Sept. 7. Apparently Gavin is a skilled Karate student. Gavin recently won first place in his Karate class. Way to go Gavin. Your mom, Grandama and family love you very much.

As always, the Perez family had a lot going on at their place this weekend. This weekend, everyone gathered at the Dimmitt Country Club for the annual David Perez Sr.-Jose Perez Jr. Labor Day weekend golf tournament. Family members traveled from San Juan, Willis, Yoacum, Rio Hondo, Brownsville, Conroe and Amarillo for the event. Special guest golfers Henry Rivera and George Sandoval also joined in on the activities. Events began on Friday with the Scramble and ended on Sunday evening with the awards ceremony.

The Perez men and women had a great time playing and spending time together. However, Joe Perez didn't have such a great time. He got hit by a golf club, run over by a golf cart and stuck in a golf bag. Pobre hombre! Poor man! Sunday night, everyone gathered at the home of Santos G. Perez for the awards ceremony and presentation of new officers. Father Ken Kellar dropped by and blessed everyone before the event began. Winners were announced as follows: Winners of the scramble were Daniel Perez, Lino Perez, Joe Perez George Perez and special guest golfer Henry Rivera. Cesar Guerra and Alex Chavira tied for second place. George Perez, of Rio Hondo, took home the plaque with a score of 70 with a handicap of 21. Daniel Lopez took home the coveted first- place cup with a score of 72

with a handicap of 9. Winners of the Calcúttá event were George Perez, Cesar Guerra and Alex Chavira. The money raised was presented to Santos G. Perez and Nellie Perez in appreciation for all their hard work and hospitality. New officers were also elected during the event. Carlos Perez was elected president; George Perez was elected vice president; Elias Perez was elected secretary; and Stacy Perez was appointed as the official photographer. The president, Carlos gave everyone, "una buena reganada," or a stern, but fair lecture. Everyone voted and agreed that the next golf tournament would be held in San Juan. Sylvia P. Guerra also presented special gifts to all the ladies who helped with the cooking and preparations. Buena Suerte a Ray Lopez y Rosa Sanchez. The two work at the Castro County Sheriff's Office and will be beginning jail school soon. Pretty soon they be facing the dreaded pepper spray test. No lloren! Don't cry!

Let me tell you, there are a lot of Mexican dogs in Dimmitt. I recently attended the Castro County Pet show with my niece Karina Dozal and her Chihuahua, Paris. There were a few other Chihuahua's there including Chico and Cinco. Funny thing, they were all the same color. Se me ase que son primos. I think they are all probably cousins.

Please keep the Arredondo family in your prayers. Juan Arredondo and Jose Arredondo, both of Dimmitt have a brother in Mexico who is critically ill and currently in a coma. They ask that we please keep them and their brother in our prayers.

Esto es todo lo que tengo para contarles. That's all I have to share with you. Oh, don't forget 16 de Septiembre. That's Mexico's Independence Day. This is a VERY special day to anyone with Mexican ancestry. Many celebrate with Mariachi music, baile folclórico, and of course, delicious Mexican food. And let me warn you, don't be surprised if you hear a lot of yelling at midnight. It's customary to "hechar el Grito de Independencia"(cry of Independence). Viva Mexico! As always, send your information to angie79027@hotmail.com.

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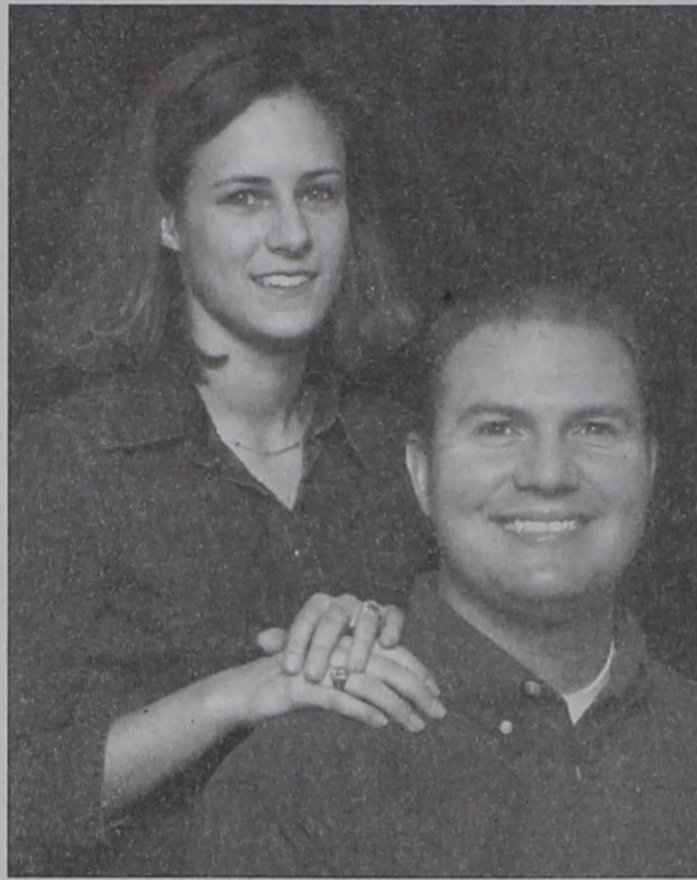
Darryl and Rose Ball of Nazareth have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa, to Larry Backus, son of Francis and Connie Backus of Hereford.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Nazareth High School and a 1996 graduate of Amarillo College. She is employed by Dr. Charles Osborn in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Hereford High School and a 1990 graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in engineering. He is employed at Pantex in Amarillo.

The wedding will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The couple will live in Amarillo.



Sarah Cunningham & Justin Griffith

Cunningham-Griffith

Jerry and Peggy Johnson of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah Cunningham of Lubbock, to Justin Griffith, also of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt.

The prospective groom is the son of Ronnie and Linda Griffith of Hereford and formerly of Dimmitt. He is a 2001 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon with a bachelor's degree in biology. He will graduate in November from the Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of arts and theater degree. She is president of Alternative Fuels Improv Troupe.

The wedding is set for Nov. 27 at the Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.



Tanner Griffith & Heather Nicole Smith

Griffitt-Smith

T.J. and Robin Smith of Logan, N.M., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Nicole Smith, to Tanner Griffith, son of Randy and Tami Griffith of Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Logan High School and attends Amarillo College, where she is majoring in nursing. She is employed at Dillard's.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is attending Amarillo College and majoring in aviation. He is employed at B&W Aerial Spray.

The wedding is set for 2 p.m., Oct. 23, 2004, at Tucumcari Convention Center.

The couple will live in Amarillo.

Community Calendar

Shot clinic at DMS Thursday

The TDH shot clinic will be Thursday, Sept. 16, at Dimmitt Middle School nurses office from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Students must bring their shot records.

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 United 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 has started

The First United Methodist Church will be beginning the Adventure Club after school program on Tuesdays beginning September 14, from 3:45-5 p.m. This program is for kids in K-5th grade. We will be picking children up at the flag pole at Richardson Elem. 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.

Scholastic Book Fair continues

Dimmitt Middle School will host its annual Scholastic Book Fair from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., through Friday, Sept. 17, to raise funds for the purchase of more books for the library.

The Fair will feature specially priced books and educational products, including newly released works, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

"The Book Fair brings children, teachers and families together within a school community to celebrate reading and learning," said DMS principal Michael Graham.

Fair attendees can help build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List Program. Book Fair proceeds also will be used to purchase essential classroom resources and support school projects at DMS.

Sponsorships are available. Area businesses interested in making a donation are asked to contact Ruth Cochran at 647-3108.

Harvest of Arts program at the Home Mercantile

"The fields are shining with harvest." But there is more out there than grain - there is also loads of talent.

In the hope of nurturing the talents of local artists, the Home Mercantile will begin its 6th season of programming with a "Harvest of Arts" on Sunday evening, Sept. 19 from 6-8 p.m.

The program will feature local elementary and high school artists playing piano, guitar, and fiddle, as well as a couple of storytellers a few adults with poetry readings.

Joining the group will be special guest Tennessee Tuckness, an accomplished folksinger-songwriter from Amarillo. Tennessee will give feedback to each artist, as well as perform several songs she has written.

There is no admission charge for this event, and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be a "harvest potluck dinner" at 5 p.m., and anyone wishing to attend is asked to bring a dish that contains something of the recent harvest.

The Home Mercantile is located at the corner of 2nd & Leo Streets in Nazareth. For more information, contact Darryl Birkenfeld at (806) 938-2529.

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.

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

Students under the age of 18 are asked to bring a verification of enrollment and Social Security card for all drivers license renewals and duplicates.

Office hours are: Monday, Thursday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch)
For more information, call 647-4350.

Farmers Market at Home Merc

The Home Mercantile will have a Farmers Market on Monday evenings, from 5 to 7 p.m. 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. The Farmers Market will be held every Monday evening in the Home Mercantile at the corner of Second & Leo Streets in Nazareth until the end of September.

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Who's New

Ramon and Christine Rios of Canyon are the proud parents of **MIGUEL RAMON RIOS**, born at 6:43 p.m., Aug. 26, 2004, at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 6-pounds, 14-ounces and was 19½ -inches long. Grandparents are Ramon Sr. and Antonio Rios and Margarito and Josie Garza, all of Dimmitt.

Ignacio and Lorraine Mendoza of Dimmitt are the proud parents of **IGNACIO MENDOZA JR.**, born at 8:07 a.m., Aug. 26, 2004, at BSA, Amarillo. He has one sibling, Arien Mendoza, 3½.
Grandparents are Frank Mendoza of Dimmitt and the late Lucia Mendoza and Maria Herrera of Dimmitt and the late Roy Herrera.



CHURCH NEWS



Budget

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Sava said the jail decision was reached because as long as the population on each floor of the jail does not exceed nine inmates, only one jailer is needed.

Also in the proposed budget that was voted on Monday night were \$100 per month raises, that had been approved earlier in the year, for full-time employees.

On Monday morning, during the commissioners regular meeting, they heard from the department heads affected by the cuts.

They decided to make several changes to the budget before Monday night's vote.

Commissioners made these changes:

* Left Young with a full-time clerk.

* Left the treasurer's part-time secretary in place.

* Left the hours for the part-time secretary in the County/District Attorney's office as they were. However, that secretary did agree to waive her insurance, since she is already covered by her husband's policy.

The budget voted on did include the elimination of the three jailers and the \$100 raises for full-time employees.

After almost two hours of public input at the specially called meeting on Monday night, the commissioners voted that budget down 3-2, with Sava and

Commissioners Dan Schmucker and Larry Gonzales casting the "No" votes.

All three said they had a hard time giving raises, although there have been none in three years for county employees, and at the same time eliminating jobs.

"I don't disagree with cutting jobs and cutting the budget," Gonzales said. "But I'm not sure about giving raises at the same time."

Schmucker echoed those sentiments. "My conscience wouldn't let me vote for that budget," he said.

The commissioners then spent the next hour coming to a consensus and deciding, without taking a vote, what would or would not be left in the budget, which must be passed by Oct. 1, 2004, according to state law.

In the end, the proposed budget, which will be voted on at a specially called meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, will still have the three jailer jobs cut.

However, instead of \$100 per person per month raises, the budget now gives each full-time employee a \$50 a month raise.

If commissioners pass this budget with the three jailer positions eliminated, the jailers' last day of work will be Sept. 30.

Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said that, although the budget for the year hasn't been finalized, he has already talked to

the three employees who will be affected. They are the last three that were hired.

"They're not happy. I'm not happy, but that's the only way I can do it without being partial to any individual," Fitzgearld said. "Like I told the commissioners, we will do the best we can with what we've got."

Sava said he believes this budget will be approved, but it won't be unanimous.

"I consider it wrong to cut jobs and give raises," Sava said.

During discussions Monday night, Sava lobbied to retain one of the jailer positions, but that argument didn't make it into the proposed budget.

During Monday night's hearing, Sava and several commissioners warned employees that the cuts that were reinstated in this budget could be in next year's budget.

Sava also said the county will probably reconsider its insurance program. It couldn't be done this year because contracts had already been signed.

However, he said that one alternative next year may be to lessen coverage or increase co-pay for the county-paid insurance.

Right now, employees get the best coverage offered in this type policy by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, he said.

It was "standing room only" at the public hearing Monday night, with employees from all the offices potentially affected in attendance.

A number of jail employees spoke to commissioners, claiming that the reduction would cause unsafe conditions in the jail. Other employees said they would have trouble accepting a raise knowing that jobs had been lost.

Although commissioners listened sympathetically to those who asked that all jobs be kept, several pointed out that they also have a duty to the taxpayers of Castro County, none of whom want to see increased taxes.

"Some counties have had to file bankruptcy, while others can't get credit because they can't pay their bills," Gonzales said. "We can't let that happen here. We have to serve the best interests of the taxpayers of Castro County."

"We're the stewards of taxpayers' money. We're going to have to cut if we're going to survive."

Jailer Rosa Sanchez said

that, as a single mother of four, her situation will be desperate.

"It's hard to realize that in two weeks I won't have a job," she said.

"It just doesn't seem fair. I'm happy for the people getting raises, but in two weeks, I have to go home and tell my kids I don't have a job."

Dispatcher Erin Barnes said the loss of jailers could be dangerous. "By taking their backup, that increases the chance of them getting hurt," she said. "I would gladly give up my raise in order for them to keep their jobs."

However, Sava said, next year could be worse.

"It will take a small miracle to save us from more austere cuts next year," he said. "I think that the whole set of circumstances is sad. And no decision is going to be

completely right.

"If we cut raises for county employees, please understand that we probably won't get them next year. When there is not enough money, you're looking at hard options."

Sava said he was pleased that employees attended the hearing and voiced their concerns.

"It's the first time since I've been county judge that I've seen a number of employees get together and voice their opinions in a situation where they could say what they wanted to to elected officials," he said. "I was pleased with the way people conducted themselves."

"None of us were completely satisfied. We had to have left there Monday night with an understanding that we all worked together and did the best we can."

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For additional information

First United Methodist Church

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For the Tractor Pull and Pet Show results, please see Page 11

Garage Sale

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Saturday, September 18 Garden Gate
 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Obituaries

MARIA DEL SOCORRO DIAS

Services for Maria del Socorro Diaz, 62, were at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dimmitt, with Father Franklin Pantoja officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens, Dimmitt.

Mrs. Diaz died Sept. 7, 2004, at Baptist St. Anthony Hospice in Amarillo. She was born Sept. 30, 1941, in Mexico. She married Isidro Diaz on Aug. 10, 1964 in Porbenir Chih, Mex.

Mrs. Diaz moved to Dimmitt from Muleshoe in 1985. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include her husband, Isidro Diaz of Dimmitt; three daughters, Olga Diaz and Elvira Porras of Dimmitt and Sandra Ovalle of Amarillo; three brothers, Guadalupe Garibay of Midland, Juan Garibay of El Paso and Jesus Garibay of Las Cruces, N.M.; a sister, Ernestina Ramirez of El Paso; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Cargill

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money it gives the district almost proportionately to the amount the district will lose from the Cargill taxes.

He said the DISD trustees anticipated that this might happen and there is enough in reserve to cover it.

"We don't ever plan on going into reserve unless we have to and we'll make whatever cuts we can," he said. "This has been talked about for a while so, in planning ahead, we were planning for some of this. Until we get the exact numbers we don't know how it's going to impact us."

It's not only an impact on local, but it's also on state aid. The way the state funds us, they have our value set and say we should collect taxes at that value. When we don't collect taxes at the value it hurts us because the state pays us proportionately, so it will be almost twice a big of a loss for us."

One bright spot for all the taxing entities is the pending sale of GOMAX, according to Heller.

The deal hasn't closed yet, according to an attorney who is representing the purchasing interests.

Heller said he doesn't yet know who is buying the property, but the first thing that must be paid after such a sale is the back taxes of \$202,000, not counting interest that has been accruing since 1997. About half of that money will go to the DISD and the rest will go to the other taxing entities.

"We're hopeful the taxes will be paid in the next week or two," Heller said.

Miller said that money will help compensate for the lost taxes this year if the sale goes through. But should that \$253,000 be lost permanently, it means the board will have to take another look at spending.

"We've cut and streamlined everywhere we can," Miller said. "The next thing we can do is start cutting programs."

"We think that the appraisal district has done a good job on their appraisals in the past. But that's a half million dollars we're talking about. Anytime you take a hit for a half million dollars, something's going to have to be given up. We'll start looking at streamlining even more than in the past."

"In the past we've reduced staff everywhere we can without cutting programs. Cutting programs may be the next step."

The hospital district raised taxes this year and that will lessen the impact of the \$69,000 loss, said CCHD CEO Linda Rasor.

"Our increase in taxes will offset what we lose," she said. "But we were going to use the money from the tax increase for capital improvements, like a new roof and a new ambulance. We'll have to use it to make up the loss and that will slow the progress of our capital improvements program."

The city is in the midst of budgeting for the coming year.

Mayor Wayne Collins said he doesn't expect the Cargill case to be decided this year, so the city is adjusting.

"We're going to leave the tax rate the same for the city," he said. "We'll probably look at our capital expenditures and see which of those can be deferred. We're in pretty good condi-

tion on capital improvements and we'll look and see if some of those can be deferred.

Least affected, he said, will be the water district, but every entity will be hurt.

"This will impact the ability of local governments to fund their operations," Collins said.

However, he said he doesn't believe the recent decision to idle the plant, at least for some months, was related to the decision to challenge the tax assessment, although this year's assessment changed very little from previous years' assessments, which weren't challenged.

"I don't think they filed suit because they're planning on shutting Cargill down," Collins said. "The company just purchased an additional quarter section of land near their waste water treatment facility northeast of Dimmitt about three miles, so I don't think they're planning on shutting down their Dimmitt plant."

The San Antonio firm that filed the suit on behalf of Cargill did not return a call from The Castro County News.

DISD Calendar

- Thursday, Sept. 16**
High School Student Council Meeting - 12:15
Football: 9th vs Friona Here - 5 p.m.; JV vs Sundown - Here - 6:30
7th & 8th vs Sundown There - 5 & 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 17**
Richardson Elementary - School Pictures
High School - Pep Rally - 3:20 p.m.
Football: Varsity @ Sundown - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18**
Volleyball: @ Childress Tournament
Cross - Country: Bobbies @ Olton
- Monday, Sept. 20**
Nothing but EDUCATION on the agenda
- Tuesday, Sept. 21**
Volleyball: JV & Varsity vs Plains - Here - 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 22**
Nothing but EDUCATION on the agenda
- Thursday, Sept. 23**
High School Student Council Meeting - 12:15
Football: 9th vs Bovina - Here - 5 p.m.
JV vs Plains - Here - 6:30
7th & 8th vs Plains There - 5 & 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 24**
End of First Six-Weeks Grading Period
High School - Pep Rally - 3:20 p.m.
Football: Varsity vs Plains - There - 7:30

COMBINED NOTICE

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Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Dimmitt, Dimmitt, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 724231.

Project Title: Water System Improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Dimmitt's water system by installing a new municipal water well.

Location: City of Dimmitt, TX

Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9502

Estimated Cost of Project: \$227,125 (\$197,500 ORCA) (\$29,625 City of Dimmitt)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Dimmitt's Water System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Michael Peters, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Dimmitt.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Dimmitt will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Office of Rural Community Affairs under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Wayne Collins, Mayor as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Dimmitt may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and the Office of Rural Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds

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Bobcats fall to Abernathy

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor
The Dimmitt Bobcats fell to Abernathy, 38-0, at Bobcat Stadium on Friday. Head football coach Robert Wills said early break-downs led to two early scores for Abernathy.

their skill people had tremendous speed. We knew that going in and we let it get away from us."

However, Wills found some positives in Friday's game.

"I see that the kids are starting to understand some of our blocking concepts," he said. "That's one thing that's encouraging. They're still able to make some adjustments. I don't think we ever let down. When things started going bad, they still played well. We had some key injuries early and had to shuffle some players around."

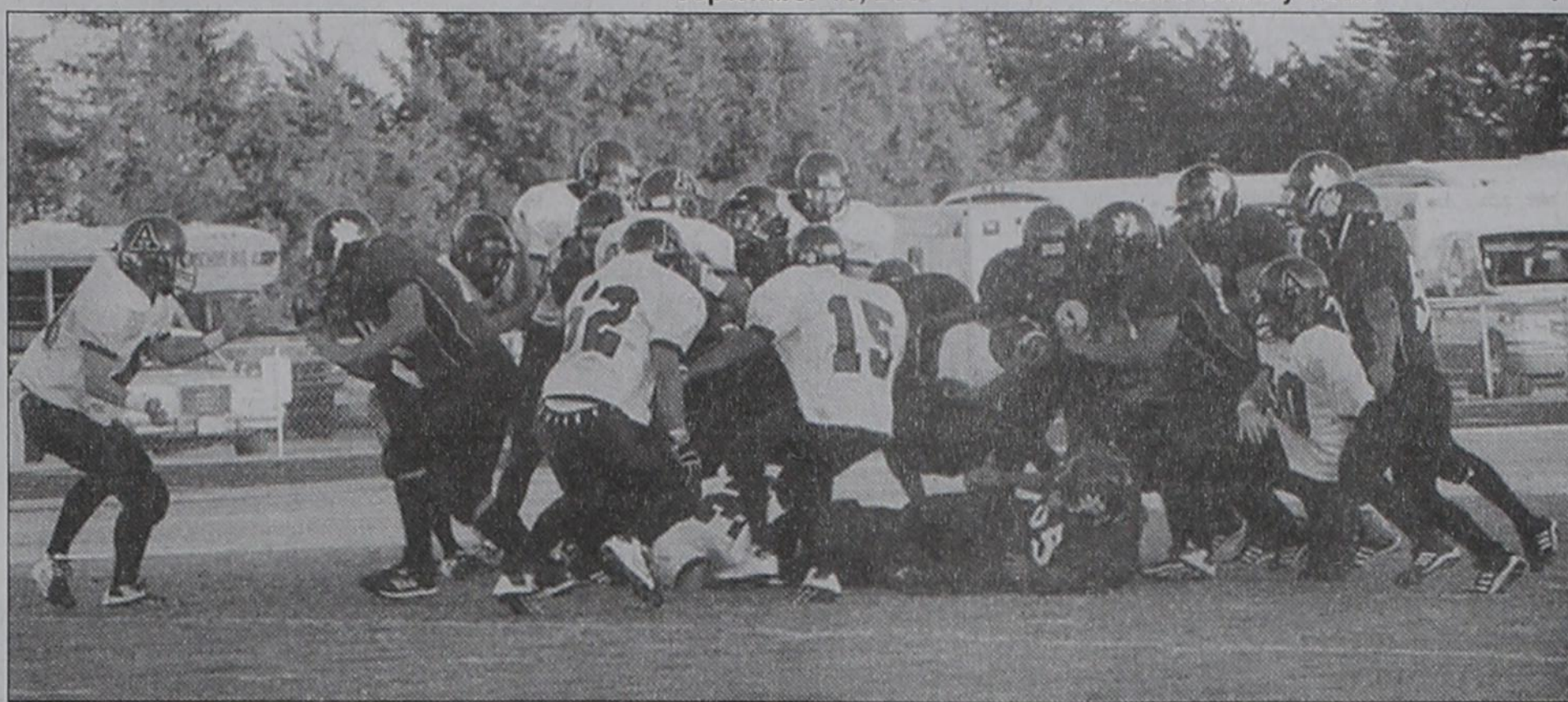
"They made some big plays on us," Wills said. "That's what happened early on the kickoff return and the long run when they broke the trap and resulted in those first two touchdowns. We settled down and played pretty well the rest of the half. Those are two critical areas that hurt you when you try to get things going."

Abernathy's speed was also a factor.

"They had tremendous speed and that hurt us more than anything," he said. "All

This week, Aaron Herrera is probable and Omar Pena probably not going to be able to play, Wills said.

"I pulled two kids off the JV this week - Jordan Bell to



CHRIS VELASQUEZ, NO. 2, in the center of the pack carries the ball before being stopped.

play tight end and defensive end Juan Medrano at full-back and cornerback," he said. "I expect good things from them."

Dimmitt travels to Sundown for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff on Friday.

"They're big and strong," Wills said. "I think we match up with them speed wise better than any of the teams we've played."

"They have a big fullback and their quarterback operates real well. Their line is solid.

"We have to go in and execute, not make mistakes and turn the ball over to compete."

The freshmen play Friona here Thursday at 5 p.m. The JV will play Sundown at 6:30 here. The junior high teams travel to Sundown on Thursday for 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. games.

In Friday's game, Abernathy jumped out to a 7-0 lead as senior Chris Shorter took the opening kicked and returned it 70 yards for the score; the PAT

was good. The Antelopes next score came on their second possession as Horsford scored the first of his three touchdowns on the night with a 62-yard scoring run; the PAT failed, but Abernathy led, 13-0.

In the second quarter, Abernathy scored on a 1-yard run; the PAT failed and Abernathy led 19-0.

The third quarter saw Horsford score on a 6-yard

run. The conversion failed and that ended the scoring for that quarter with Abernathy in the lead, 25-0. In the final period, Abernathy scored on a 22-yard pass from Tullis to Spears and a 4-yard Horsford run. The final PAT was good, giving Abernathy its final score of 38-0.

The Bobcats had 84 yards total offense, while Abernathy had 354 yards.

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	There	7:30
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
Oct. 29	*Lockney	There	7:30
Nov. 5	*Floydada	Here	7:30

* District Games
***Senior Parents Night

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At Friday's homecoming game against Abernathy, fans were asked to contribute money to help defray expenses incurred by high school football player Jeremy Green of Levelland, who sustained a broken neck in a football game this season and is paralyzed. Fans gave \$1,362.29, according to AD Alan Steinle. "At our Fellowship of Athletes breakfast, the kids got the idea," Steinle said. "We want to give them and the fans that contributed all the credit and our thanks."

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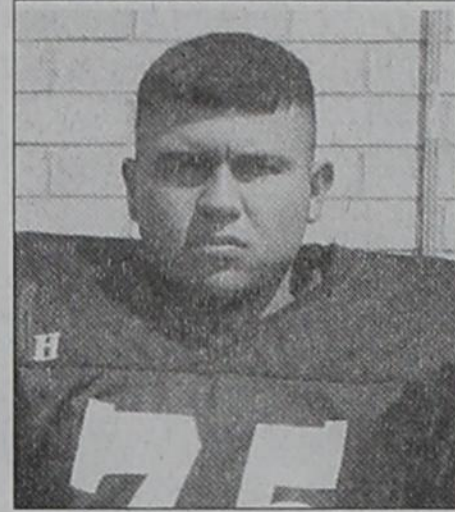
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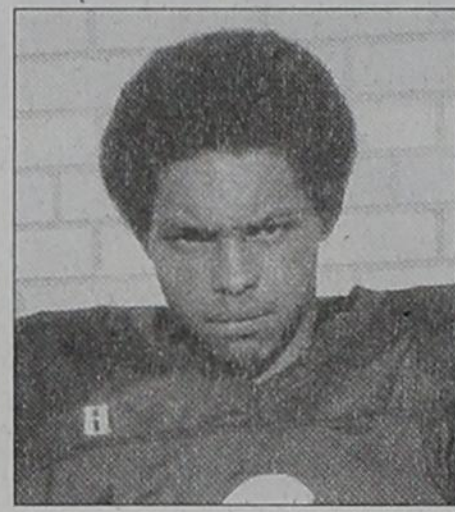
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Morton tops Nazareth

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

MORTON - The Nazareth Swifts fell to Morton, 20-7 on Friday night.

Morton's Calvin Johnson provided the offense and a blistering defensive game kept the Swifts at bay much of the game.

Morton struck in the first quarter with a 33-yard pass from Johnson to Paul Cardenas for the score; Johnson kicked the PAT.

Morton scored twice in the second quarter, first on a 1-yard Johnson run and then on a 15-yard pass from Johnson to Andrew Tarango. Johnson kicked the first PAT, but missed the second.

The Swifts came back in the third quarter with a 37-yard touchdown run by Tucker Waggoner. The Clifford Gerber kick was good, and the score stood at 20-7, where it remained the rest of the game.

Nazareth is 1-2 on the year; Morton improved to 3-0.

Nazareth head football coach Ricky Peacock said it was Morton's defense that was most surprising.

"They were better defensively than they looked on film," Peacock said. "They recovered real well.

"We thought we could hurt them with screens, and it looked like we could but they recovered. They were also a lot quicker than they looked. I think they're a good team, probably one of the more athletic teams we'll face.

Peacock said the Swifts defense was pretty solid, except on a few key third-down plays.

"We kept letting them out on third and long," he said.

"We knew going in that our secondary was going to get tested and it was. The secondary learned some valuable lessons Friday night."

Peacock said he was pretty pleased with the Swifts interior defense.

"Other than the Johnson kid scrambling, we contained the running game pretty well and forced them to throw the ball," he said. "Chase Black made his first start and he played pretty well from the free safety position. That was a good sign for us.

"I didn't feel like we played too badly defensively except for giving up some third-down plays and not forcing them to punt."

On offense, however, Peacock said the team struggled.

"But we have to give Morton a little credit," he said. "They showed us a lot of different stunts and twists we hadn't seen and prepared for and that threw us off rhythm a little bit."

Although no one was injured in Friday's game, the injuries have depleted the team, Peacock said.

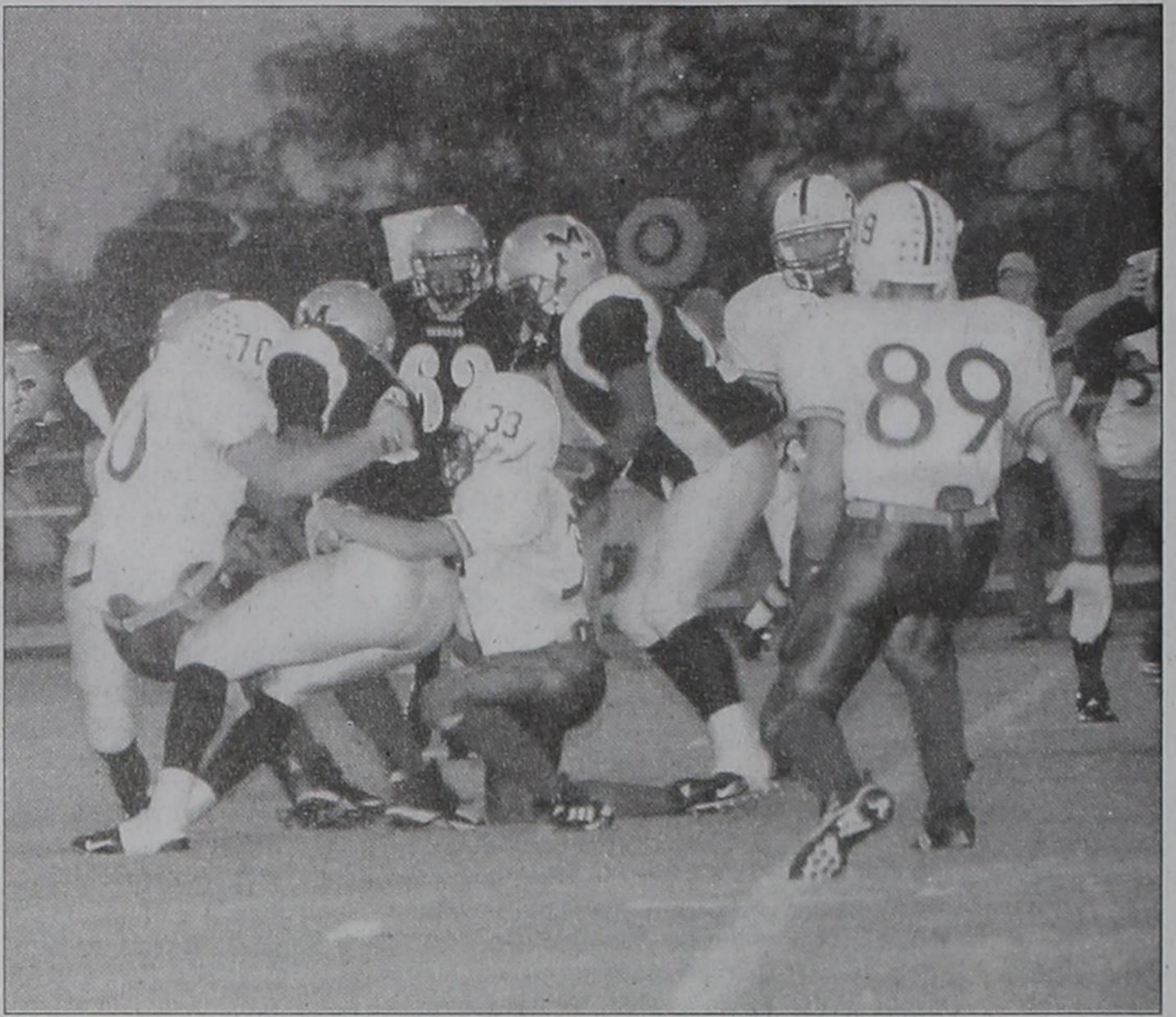
"We're down to 23 kids," he said. "From a depth standpoint that hurts us because we're not able to rest the kids like we'd like to.

"We're going to have to work harder on our conditioning and get ready to play a few more snaps."

The Swifts will play Whitedeer at 7:30 p.m. Friday in their homecoming game.

"Whitedeer has always played us a good game," Peacock said. "It's always been a physical game. It's a good rivalry. They're 1-1 and beat Claude last week.

"They'll come over with a little more intensity and fire. We'll have to regroup and tighten our chin straps and get ready for a physical ball game. We've got to cut down on mistakes and execute a little better on offense.



ABOVE, MICHAEL ACKER, No. 70, and Chase Black, No. 33, bring down Morton quarterback Calvin Johnson as he goes for a first down Friday night.

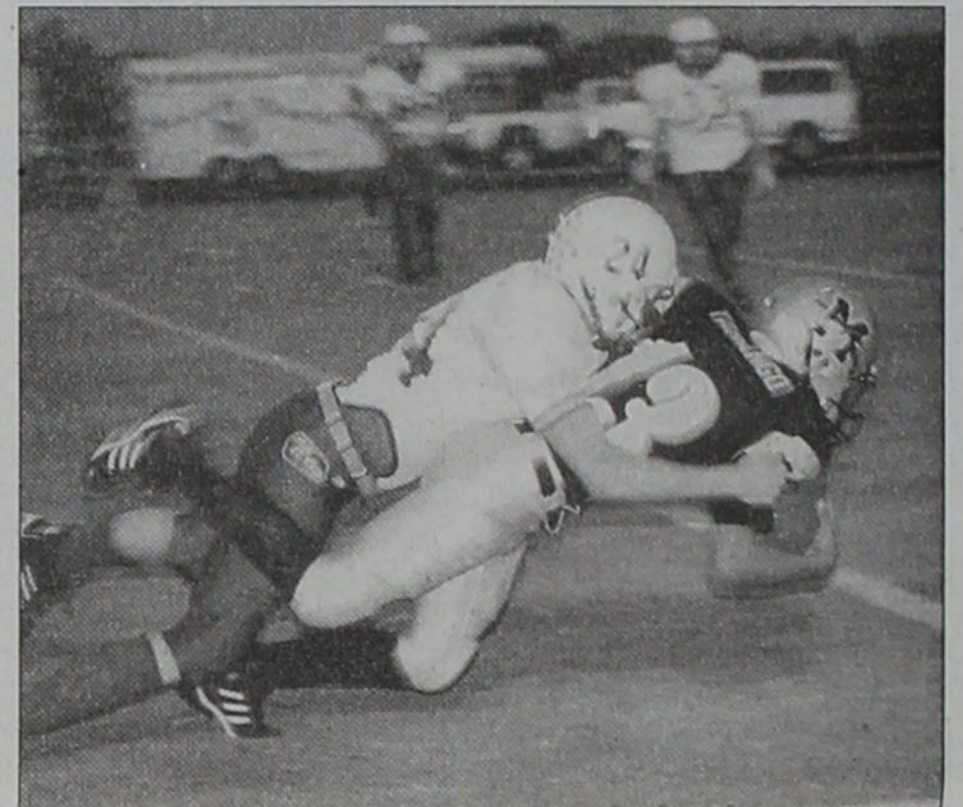
"We've got to continue to get better. I told the kids we're working toward that first district ball game with Hart in three weeks. We've got to start catching some balls and making some plays."

Peacock said senior Cole McClurg, whose knee was

injured during the Anton game had surgery on Monday and will have to have at least one more operation.

During Friday's game, Peacock said, a collection will be taken up to help the McClurg family with the medical expenses.

This is homecoming weekend at Nazareth, so before the 7:30 p.m. kickoff, there will be pre-game activities at 7:10 p.m. which will include the introduction of the Homecoming Court. At the half, the band king and queen will be announced.



BRYCE PARKER, NO. 24, at right, tackles the Morton runner on the 5-yard line, saving a touchdown.

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The Morton Tribune



QUARTERBACK DUSTIN SCHULTE, No. 10, scrambles for an 8-yard gain as Garrett Kleman, No. 66, comes up to help.

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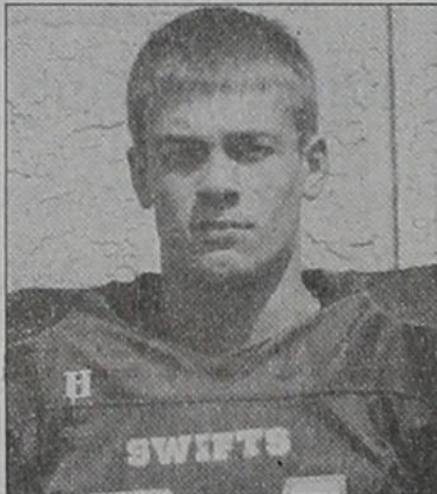
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Nazareth menus

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on a roll, cereal. Lunch - Beef tacos, burgers and fries, lettuce, pinto beans, peaches, brownies.

Monday: Breakfast - Muffins, cereal. Lunch - Chicken fried steak and rolls, pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pineapple pudding.

Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Pizza, chicken stir fry, tossed salad, beans, peaches, gingerbread.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Tator tot casserole, chef salad, sopapilas, tossed salad, green beans, pears, dessert.

Thursday: Breakfast - Sausage/pancake on a stick, cereal. Lunch - Burritos, baked potatoes, tossed salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, peanut butter chews.

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 **	Home	7:30
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

** denotes Homecoming
*denotes district games

Wellington blanks Hart

Take on Clarendon for homecoming

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

AMARILLO - The Hart Longhorns fell to Wellington, 38-6, on Saturday afternoon at Dick Bivins Stadium.

Longhorns head coach Jay McCook was disappointed in his team's performance.

"We measured up fine against Wellington; we just didn't play," he said. "This week, we're going to look at every facet of our game."

"We're going back to ground zero and starting over. We just didn't execute on any facet of our game."

The setting for the game, Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, might have had something to do with his team's performance, he said.

"I don't know if it was the atmosphere, playing in a big stadium, the kids might have been overwhelmed."

This week is homecoming for Hart and the Longhorns will take on Clarendon at a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

"They've got a good quarterback and we've got to contain him," McCook said. "They've got a big receiver to throw the ball to. We've got to stop him. They're smaller than we are and get off the ball well."

"If we play like we did Saturday, we'll be 1-9 this year. I hope maybe the players got their worst game out of the way and will decide to play. Wellington was a good team; we just didn't contain them."

Wellington got off to a quick start, scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter, and taking a 21-0



NO. 6 GEORGE CHAPA gets ready to throw the ball as No. 32 Nathan Green blocks for him.

lead. The first two scores came from Taylor Allred, on runs of 2- and 80-yards. He finished the game with 148 yards rushing and the two touchdowns.

Wellington's final score in the first period was a 21-yard pass from Tate Baumgardner to Scott Sims; the Chase Holland run was good and Wellington led, 21-0.

In the second quarter, Wellington scored once more, this time on a 77-yard punt return by Sims.

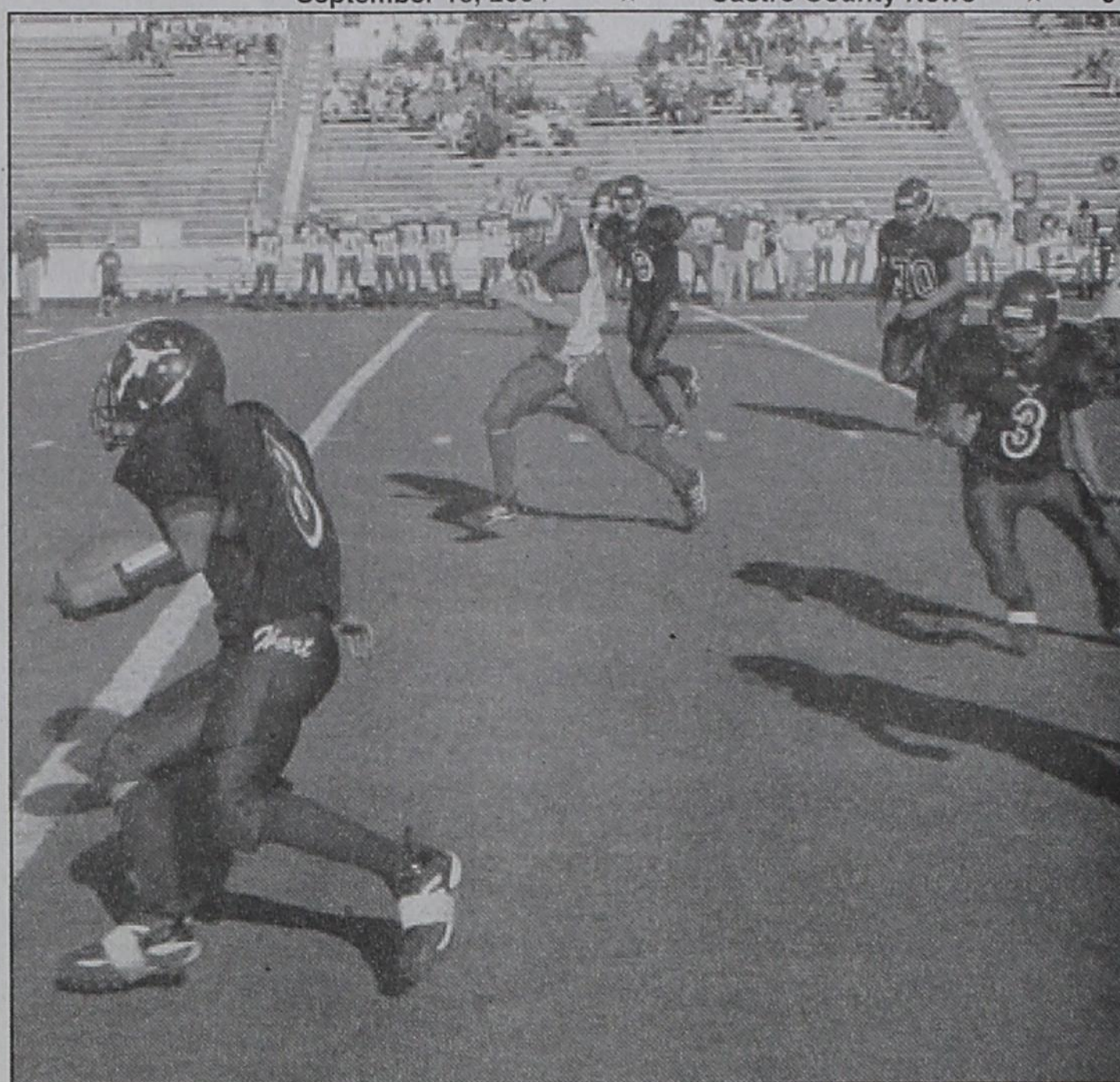
Hart scored its only touchdown on a 1-yard run

by Rene Gonzales; the kick failed and the score stood, 28-6 at the half.

In the third quarter, Wellington got back on the scoreboard with a 27-yard field goal by Arcola.

The Skyrockets final score came in the fourth quarter on a 44-yard run by Eric Outley; the Arcola kick was good, leaving the final score, 38-6.

Wellington amassed 293 yards on the ground and 68 in the air. Hart had 120 rushing yards and 75 passing yards. The Longhorns are 1-2 on the season.



NO. 8, RENE GONZALES tucks the ball away and heads downfield on Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Hart School menus

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich with chips, hot dog on bun, chili, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies. Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Burrito, hamburger with potato chips, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, pork and beans, yogurt, peaches, fresh fruit, ginger cookies, ice cream. Tuesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls,

cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Corn dogs, steak fingers, rolls, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, gravy, salad, peach cobbler, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail. Wednesday: Breakfast - Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, mac rib with chips,

pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, brownies, ice cream. Thursday: Breakfast - Pancakes with syrup, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Pizza, spaghetti and meat sauce, Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, whole wheat sugar cookies.

Hart's Homecoming activities continue

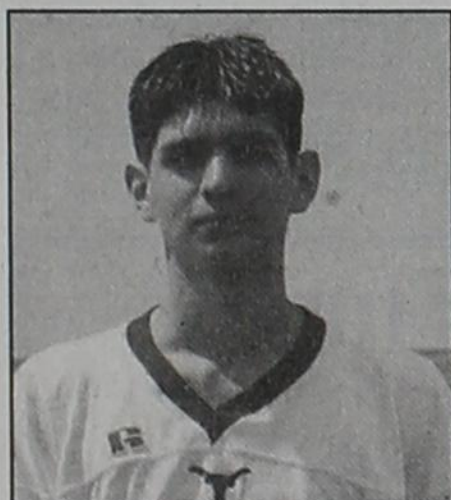
In Hart, the theme for Homecoming is "Longhorns: Go For The Gold."

Monday was USA Day (the students will wear red, white and blue); Tuesday was Hart Day; Wednesday was Favorite Sport Day; and Thursday is Synchronized Day (twin day). Friday will be Dress Up Day.

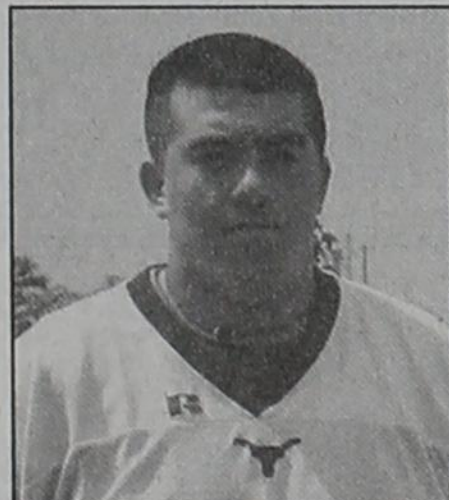
On Thursday the Bonfire King will be crowned at the bonfire, set for 8:30 p.m.

The crowning of the Homecoming Queen will be at the half of the Homecoming Game between Hart and Clarendon.

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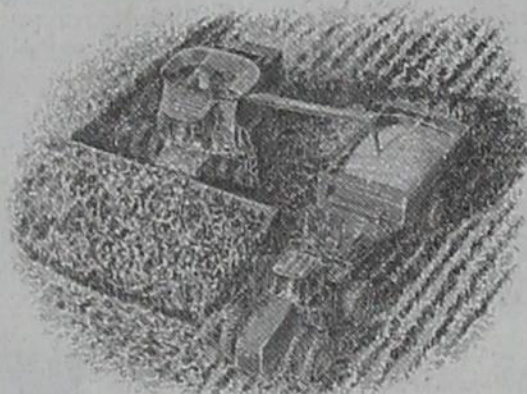
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Aug. 27	Lorenzo 8, HART 26		
Sept. 2	Petersburg 21; HART 14		
Sept. 11	Wellington 38; HART 6		
Sept. 17	Clarendon**	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	White Deer	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	OPEN DATE		
Oct. 8	*Nazareth	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	*Farwell	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	*Bovina	Home	7:30 p.m.
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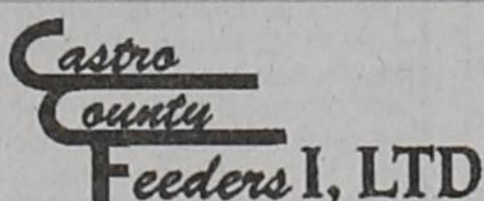
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a fevered pace. On Monday, there was a powder puff football game - the teams tied.

Tuesday was Nerd Day, with Shelly Paxton and Kalan Steidle winning. Wednesday was Kid Day; winners were Nyssa Martinez and Marcus Herrera.

On Wednesday night, the pinning of the football team was held at Bobcat Stadium. Flame King and Queen, Charley Saenz and Maribel Montiel, were announced as the bonfire was ignited.

Thursday was Pajama Day; winners were Krystal Martinez and Kaden Griffitt. Also there were Junior Olympics.

Winning teams were: team Spirit Fingers (with team captain Layne Penney), first; "Don't Hate '08" (with team captains Kaden Griffitt and Ross Myatt), second; and team GIGGIBY (with team captain Jeremy Norman), third. Friday was Dress Up Day to support the team.

Also Friday during pre-game activities, Kristin McClure was crowned homecoming queen by senior football players Layne Penney, Ryan Miller and Charley Saenz.

Other candidates were seniors Corrie Black and Alejandra Velasquez; freshman Gloriela Ontiveros; sophomore Karla Aguero; and junior Brittney Williams. The girls entered the stadium in golf carts, decked out in purple and white, driven by their fathers.

The court had ringside seats throughout the game on risers at the edge of the field.

Saturday was the perfect day for a parade and meeting up with old friends. After the parade, visitors could go to the Expo Center and see all the exhibits, while being entertained by the Dimmitt middle and high school choir.

There were numerous places to buy food to munch on while browsing.

At the Senior Citizens Center, what was once called the "Old Timers Reunion" was held. Everyone enjoyed the pot luck lunch.

Also, at the Center, the Class of 1954 took over one of the smaller rooms for their get-together.

Louise Mears and Merle Arthur registered 71 people, including 23 members of the Dimmitt High School class of 1954.

Monty Boozer welcomed

everyone, but spot-lighted the Class of '54. Monty introduced them as his favorite class.

They were seniors and he was only a freshman in 1954.

"The conversations back then were about girls, football and cars," he said. "Today they talk about Medicare, prescriptions and Social Security!"

I visited briefly with some of the Class of 1954 members:

* Benny Gallehon of Corsicana.

He was to Hereford High School what Ralph Smith is to Dimmitt. Benny led the Hereford band to many superior ratings from 1960-1974.

He lives in Kingwood now.

* Mary Nelson Burnham and Dee Howard Kaestar (now of Tulsa) were members of the Dimmitt girls basketball team that won state that year.

* Dugan Butler of Ruidosa, N.M., was here with her sister, Josephine Woods and niece Patsy Hard Davis of Denver, Colo.

* Bob and Patsy Delozier Crooks made it back for the reunion. They live in Carthage. They met while teaching school at good ole DHS.

* Oran Howell of Corsicana is another member of the Class of 1954.

He is the brother of Jack and Jimmie Howell, who were elected along with their wives, Charlene and Sue, to chair the 2005 reunion lunch next year.

* Raneal Ivy Perry, Class of 1954, and her husband, Gene, were here from Cleveland, Okla.

He is pastor of the Westport Baptist Church in Cleveland.

The class met one more time Saturday, that night for dinner and more fun at K-Bobs.

Cindy Sides Ebling, Class of 1977, from Plainview, was helping with the clean-up crew.

She is a daughter of George and Carolyn Sides. George was dressed as a "cool cat" of the 50s.

I hope Davie got a picture. Carolyn was a member of the Class of 1954.

Bryce and Darlene Carpenter Dowell were here from Granbury.

They will be back for their reunion next year. We are already looking forward to that!

Harvest Days Memories



SYDNEY SETTLE GIVES the tractor a trial run before Thursday's Tractor Pull.



THE CASTRO COUNTY Relay for Life float featured a bevy of cancer survivors.



MICHAEL AND MARISSA Oltivero won the division with the youngest miniature Chihuahua.

Pet Show results

Everyone was a winner at Thursday's Pet Show. Those entering included: Scout Thrasher, best pregnant dog; Cale and Roxanne Wilhelm, best curly tail animal; Paige and Macy Howell, first place fish; Emma Schilling, first place largest dog; Hailey Schilling, first place youngest dog; Luke Nino, first place golden retriever; Morgan Nelson, best dressed cat; Mavrik Gfeller, longest haired animal; Lanan Millican, best cow dog; Riley and Aubrie Durbin, best calico cat; Lexie Bain, most recovered pet; Rhett Bain, most unusual eyes in a dog; Brantley Powers, first place turtle; Sherridan Powers, best behaved cat; Michael and Marissa Oltivero, youngest miniature Chihuahua; Trey and Matthew Oltivero, best gerbils in show; Brennan Castro, first place littlest dog; Megan Davis, first place rat terrier; Karina Dozal, most talented dog; and Landon and Lauren Carpenter, blackest cat.

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Tractor Pull Results

- AGE DIVISION 4**
 1. Gavin Ramirez, 2. Brennan Castro, 3. Ethan Herrera, 4. Sydney Settle, 5. Tristan Nelson, 6. Brenna Mendoza, 7. Riley Durbin, 8. Jordan Oltivera, 9. Sherridan Powers.
- AGE DIVISION 5**
 1. Alexandra Reed, 2. Aaron Lopez, 3. Paige Howell, 4. Luke Nino, 5. Santana Garza Jr., 6. Bryan Lawrence, 7. Joe Oltivero, 8. Sara Wall, 9. Alex Barnes, 10. Haydin Nino.
- AGE DIVISION 6**
 1. Kagan Bradley, 2. Matthew Oltivero, 3. Samantha Leahy, 4. Cedrick Ramirez, 5. Nathan Quiroz, 6. Regan Mendoza, 7. Christian Martinez, 8. Sage Reed, 9. Abby Willian, 10. Aubrie Durbin, 11. Morgan Nelson, 12. Nathan Herrera, 13. Dustin Kern.
- AGE DIVISION 7**
 1. Cole Kleman, 2. Paul Sanchez, 3. Brantley Power, 4. Marco Lopez, 5. Noah Webb, 6. Harey Schilling, 7. Rober Woolbright
- AGE DIVISION 8**
 1. Trey Oltivero, 2. Kasey Garza, 3. Caitlin Smith.
- AGE DIVISION 9**
 1. Torne Woolbright, 2. Daniel Kern, 3. Cale Wilhelm, 4. Jill Huseman, 5. Maegan Davis.
- AGE DIVISION 10**
 1. Michael Oltivero
- AGE DIVISION 11**
 1. Kaile Huseman

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