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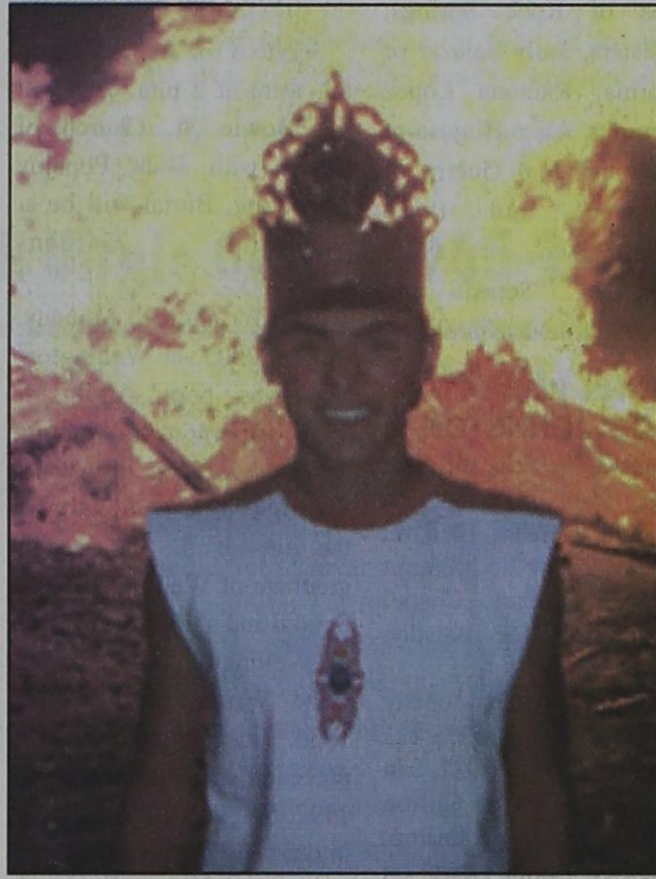
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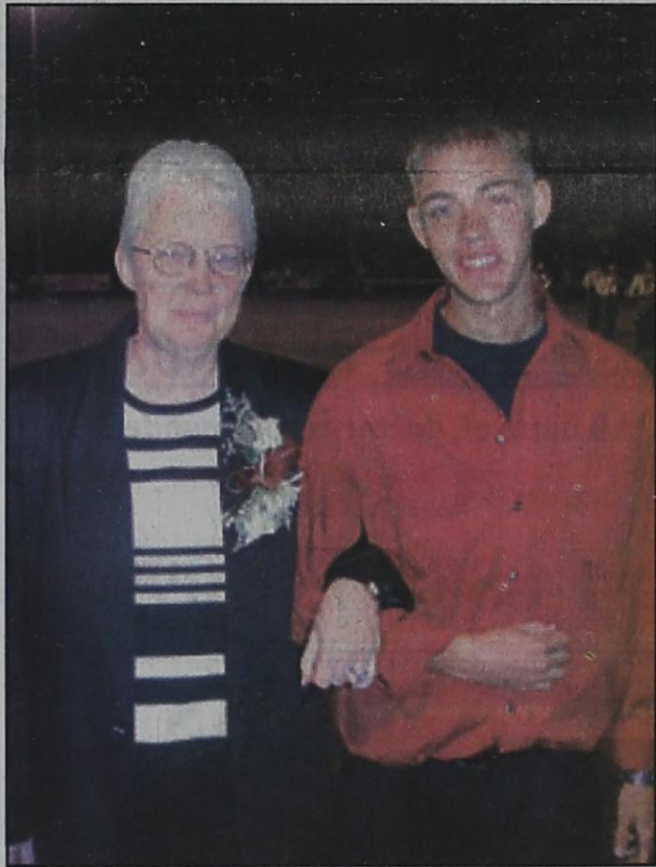
MARIZA MENDOZA was crowned Homecoming Queen at Friday's game.



ISAIAS PONCE was crowned Bonfire King.



HONORED ALUMNI: D'Neise Smith escorts Hilary Aven at ceremonies Friday night.



HONORED ALUMNI: Trent Barnes escorts Retta Knox at ceremonies Friday night.

Teen Court closed by City Council

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

Teen Court is no more in Dimmitt. On Monday night, the City Council voted unanimously to end funding, effective at the end of September, for the institution. "It was an experiment that we tried and it worked well for a while," said Mayor Wayne Collins. "If a student got in trouble, DWI or any number of problems, the judge would refer them to teen court. The teen court was set up where there was a student judge and jury. Prosecutors, etc., were all students, but functioned just like a regular court.

"The students established

a sentence, usually public service of a sort. That was the way it was to work. If a student didn't show up to do their public service, they were referred back to the regular court."

That system worked well at first, he said. "One of the intentions was to use student peer pressure in the form of a student jury to mete out punishment," he said.

"We had a lot of participation," Collins said. "Their peers were pretty tough on them.

"But as time went along, most of the students preferred to pay their fines rather than do the public

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Plumbing ordinance tabled by Council

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The City Council on Monday night tabled the proposed plumbing ordinance.

However, it was due to a procedural issue, said Mayor Wayne Collins.

"In 1983, we adopted a uniform building code, which includes a plumbing code, as well as an electrical one and all sorts of building requirements with the intent of making structures safe," Collins said. "We postponed

voting on the plumbing ordinance to review that building code to see if there are any conflicts between what we're planning to do and what we've already adopted."

Collins said he doesn't believe there will be any conflict between the proposed plumbing code, which allows anyone to work on plumbing, as long as that person gets a city permit before they start work and then gets a city

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Dimmitt Postmaster back on the job after lengthy illness

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

Karen Martin is back on the job as postmaster of Dimmitt. A year ago, the prognosis was that she might have to get used to the idea that she would never get well enough to return to work. In fact, she was told that she would face a lifetime of frequent hospitalizations and illness. Martin, however, wasn't



Karen Martin

ready to accept that verdict. "It was my faith that kept me going," she said. "I just

wouldn't accept what my doctor was telling me.

"I discovered that if you do not have your health, everything else doesn't matter much."

Two years ago, Sept. 23, 2001, Martin became very ill with a rare nerve disorder call Miller-Fisher Bickerstaff variant of Guillion-Barre Syndrome. It caused her immune system to be overactive.

"My immune system was attacking and eating away the lining of my nerves," she said. "I had severe vertigo that made me very sick to my stomach. I had double vision that would come and go. I also had severe burning in my hands and no reflexes in my leg and very little reflexes in my hands."

This past November her neurologist said that she was going to have to change her

life style - quit her job, rest more and be prepared to be hospitalized every other weekend to receive immunoglobulin treatments that would make her very ill for a couple of days.

Martin said she couldn't accept this and asked to be referred to another doctor. So, on Jan. 26, 2003, she arrived in Rochester, Minn., for an appointment at the renowned Mayo Clinic.

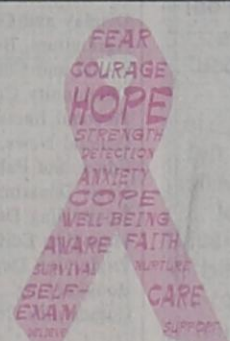
She saw numerous doctors and had various tests run. There are more than 3,000 doctors at the Mayor Clinic, which is composed of six city blocks that have connecting under-ground tunnels and overhead walkways. One reason, she said, is that while she was in Rochester, the high was -10 degrees and the low was -40.

"All the doctors and
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WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	75	48	
Thursday	65	45	.02
Friday	71	44	
Saturday	80	44	.10
Sunday	69	52	.05
Monday	83	55	.16
Tuesday	74	56	
October Moisture	.33		
2003 Moisture	16.41		

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Obituaries

RAUL B. RAMOS

Services for Raul B. Ramos, 64, were at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Ken Keller officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens. Mr. Ramos died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, at Lubbock UMC after being hospitalized for a number of weeks.



Raul B. Ramos

A rosary was said at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5 at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Chapel in Dimmitt. He was born Sept. 3, 1939, in Brackettville. He married

Jackie Acevado on May 19, 1961, in Dimmitt. Mr. Ramos moved to Olton from Brackettville in 1950 and to Dimmitt in 1952.

He worked for Dimmitt Agri-Farms for 33 years. He enjoyed hunting and baseball.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife Jackie of Dimmitt; three daughters, Rita R. Sepeda of Dimmitt, Patsy Ramos of Amarillo and Diane Maria Richards of California; two sons, Raul A. Ramos and John Paul Ramos, both of Dimmitt; two brothers, Steve Ramos of Dimmitt and Fred Ramos of Rock Springs; four sisters, Sally Salazar of California, Ramona Lopez of Dimmitt, Alice Hinjosa of Uvalde and Joel Guerra of Tennessee; and three grandchildren, Xavier Ramos, J.C. Sepeda and Pricilla Nicole Richards.

JOHN ROBERT 'BOB' JOHNSTON

Funeral services for John Robert "Bob" Johnston, 75, of Temple were at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003, at Dossman Funeral Chapel with minister Joe Baisden officiating.

Mr. Johnston died Monday in a Temple hospital. He was born Nov. 10, 1927, in Mercedes, the son of Clifton and Ellie Smith Johnston. He married Elinor Lewis on Nov. 22, 1947, in Edcouch. He worked for Five Point Gin as a manager in Dimmitt for many years. He retired from Wilsonart in 1990 after 20 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his father and two sons, Robert Johnston in 2002 and Ray Johnston in 1988.

Survivors include his

mother, Ellie Smith Johnston of Belton; wife, Elinor Johnston of Temple; son, Danny Jay Johnston of Temple; three daughters, Jackie James of Amarillo; Rochelle Oldham and Tammy Hardt, both of Belton; three sisters, Mary Frances Roberts of Dougman, WI., Sammye Jo Gray of North Fort Myers, Fla. and Virginia Ellen Daniels of Wimberly; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Scott and White Dialysis Center, 2401 South 31st St., Temple, TX 76508.

ALENE WRIGHT

Services for Alene Wright, 88, were at 2 p.m. today, at the Bowie St. Church of Christ with Rick Popejoy officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Wright died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, in Wellington. She was born April 14, 1915, to Ernest and Lenora Sessions Jackson in Avoca. She moved to Wellington at the age of 5. She was a graduate of Wellington High School and a lifetime resident of Wellington. She married Gabe Wright on Feb. 13, 1936, in Wellington. He preceded her in death in 1992. She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed all kinds of needlework, sewing, painting beautiful pictures, working in her yard and visiting with her friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Moseley

of Wellington and Agatha Johnson and husband, Dean, of Tullia; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Wellington Care Center, Collingsworth General Hospital and Wellington Cemetery Association.

Plumbing

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permit before they start work and then gets a city inspection afterward to make sure the work is done properly.

"But it was best to set it aside and be sure there are no problems before we pass the new ordinance," he said.

Postmaster

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testing were networked together by computers and the testing was networked by computers so each specialist could have results from previous doctors," Martin said. "It was amazing. While there, I had day surgery to do a nerve biopsy on my leg."

The doctors found that Martin was having mini-strokes, a side effect from the immunoglobulin therapy. So they prescribed a blood thinner and put her on a regimen of healthy eating and exercise.

"As the following month went by, my symptoms cleared up," she said. "I underwent extensive physical and occupational therapy three times a week, two-to-three hours a day from February to May."

In May, Martin went back to work for four-to-five hours a day in Amarillo at the main post office, helping the new Postmaster, Jim Eskridge. As of Sept. 22, 2003, she has returned to her regular duties as postmaster of Dimmitt.

"I am so glad to be back," Martin said. "I have recovered about 80-90 percent. I still have trouble with my hands burning and when I get tired the vertigo comes back, but I am so much better." In fact, she's off all her medications.

"It is truly a miracle," she said. "Last year I was hospitalized 135 days. My medical expenses, even with insurance, were outrageous."

She's had only one minor setback - about a month ago, when a tube that had been used to give her medicine was removed, she developed a staph infection and was hospitalized for a couple of days.

"It has been a long two years," Martin said. "It almost doesn't seem real - it's like a bad dream."

"It was my faith in Jesus Christ that helped me keep going and my trust in Him that I would be OK."

"I am so blessed to have such a supportive husband and family," Martin said, adding that she wants to thank everyone in the Dimmitt Community for their thoughts, prayers and encouraging cards.

Teen Court

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service, so few students were being referred to the teen court."

Collins said the council felt like running the Teen Court just wasn't cost efficient, with such minimal participation.

"The city decided not to

continue it anymore," he said. "It was a matter of budgetary considerations. We didn't fund it through the upcoming year."

"The vote Monday night was to officially terminate the program, but it had been effectively terminated at the end of September because there was no money to fund it anymore."

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- TXism: "___ down" (dance)
- baby deer
- TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"
- musical style that's definitely not C&W
- TXism for gadget: "___ macallit"
- Wynonna tune: "___ the Light"
- Houston surgeon who pioneered the pacemaker: Dr. ___ Bakey
- ex-Maverick coach Aduato (init.)
- Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders can't ___ weight
- TXism: "took sick"
- open the jug
- Cath. org. "___ Columbus"
- 1st female mayor of El Paso, Azar (init.)
- relieve pressure on the belt
- TXism: "___ his hide to the barn door"
- Luby's CEO during '91 tragedy: Ralph "Pete" ___
- '91, Cowboys tried to draft this Raghib
- eaten before steak
- Littlefield, TX has the "world's ___ windmill"
- Santa __, TX
- TXism: "back talk"
- "legal eagle" hourly fee
- TX Clark who was ambassador to Australia
- look over carefully
- dir. to San Angelo from Abilene
- TXism: "don't ___ nothing but burn hay" (bad horse)
- TX Ann Miller autobiography: "Miller ___"
- TXism: "wouldn't chase ___" (harmless dog)
- TX Hamblen wrote "___ Ole House"
- TXism: "___ that like a duck needs an umbrella"
- TX-made film: "The Thief Who Came ___"
- marriage symbols
- TXism: "I've ___ half a mind to"
- "one" so. of the border
- Astro & Ranger warm up area: bull ___
- TXism: "___ steps to his own beat"
- ple ___ mode
- ex-Cowboy coach Dave, now Miami coach
- ticks can give you Lyme ___
- exotic antelopes raised in TX
- TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of it"
- TXism: "old ___" (old man)
- TX Benton received these for Kramer film
- TX town that is a backwards "Walker"
- stooled to pray
- TX Lovett's "Here ___"
- this Scala was in "Ride A Crooked Trail" with TX Audie
- TX Gilpin's sitcom
- TXism: "___ as chili without pepper"
- TX Kite's ball holder
- TXism: "get while the gettin' ___ good"
- in Lee Co. on 77
- TXism: "barn ___ is open" (unzipped fly)
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- "___ some dirt" (get some gossip)
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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Congratulations to the Bobcat Band and director Morris for being selected the band of the week by Fox Sports News on cable channel No. 9. We luckily caught the picture of the band while watching for the local Friday night football scores.

Football is the favorite spectator sport at our house. Even so, we experience most of the games either by radio or T.V.

I always feel like the officials penalize the team I'm rooting for a lot more yardage than the opposing team. This true story almost confirms my suspicion.

We were listening to one of our favorite team's games Saturday afternoon. Our team was doomed for defeat. The ref's penalties made no difference in the final score, our team had been out-played. But, late in the fourth quarter, two players on our team ran into each other and knocked each other flat.

One of the officials quickly threw his red flag, penalized the team 15 yards and called it a late hit!?!

According to James Autry, class of 1949 and his wife

Joyce, class of 1948, who were here from Rockyford, Colo., during the DHS homecoming reunion the classes from 1944-'51,'52,'55,'58 and '62 were represented by more than 100 people. This group met at the Fifth Season West in Amarillo. They enjoyed snacks and visiting on Friday. On Saturday night, they had a barbecue dinner and program.

Retired Army Col. Kenneth Fulfer, Class of 1952, who served 32 years in the Army, was the main speaker for the night. He now lives in Dangerfield. Don Johnson, Class of 1954, of Cleburne, gave an inspirational reading in a tribute to "Old Glory" and led the pledge to the flag.

Some of the other Dimmitt exes from far away were Tiny Hunter Rice, 1949 and her sister, Norma Hunter Johns, Class of 1945, from Nevada, Mo. and Dorothy Van Buskirk from San Carlos, Calif. Ray (Class of 1944) and June Ginn of Tempe, Ariz., Raymond (Class of 1944) and Hazel (Class of 1943) Mobley of Farmington, N.M., and Kenneth Howard (Class of 1950) from Dewey, Ariz.

Lewis Martin of Amarillo (Class of 1949) is the reunion chairman. He leads in getting the reunion organized and the

graduates back every two years. This reunion was one of the best ever.

Lewis said the next reunion will be Sept. 16-17, 2005, at the Fifth Season Inn.

Our grandson James Owens and Mandy Lange of Hereford were married recently. When V.C. and I attended the rehearsal dinner, we were seated at the table with Deanna and Bruce Edwards. When our daughter, Susan, introduced us to the Edwards, she explained we were from Dimmitt. Bruce said, "My grandparents, Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards, lived in Dimmitt. My dad and mother, Leroy and Jackie Edwards still do."

We enjoyed visiting with them. Bruce is the song leader and Deanna is the pianist at the Trinity Church in Hereford. Bruce said he got his musical talent from Jackie. She played the piano at the Summerfield Baptist Church and Bruce often led the singing when he was just a lad.

James, the groom, works with Emmitt Heard in the fertilizer business. Emmitt and Todd Miller came to the wedding and left immediately for the men's Walk to Emmaus at Anton where he was scheduled to work on Saturday night. We appreciated him for putting forth an extra effort to attend the wedding.

Naz News with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Respect Life Pilgrimage to the Cross in Broom was held Sunday, Oct. 5, at 3 p.m. It was a day of music, family fun and food, beginning with a Eucharist Procession to the Cross from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Groom.

Attending from Nazareth were Mitzi Brockman and her eighth-grade CCD class, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, Keith and Karleen Hoelting and Ronnie Wilhelm.

Charley and Bev Hill enjoyed the weekend with Kevin and Traci Scholl and family. On Friday, Charley joined his grandson, Ethan, for lunch at his pre-K school in Petrolia, where his mom Traci teaches. Bev joined her granddaughter, Anni, for lunch at her school in Henrietta. Saturday was spent watching Ethan play soccer and Anni cheerleading. On their way home, they visited Albert and Rita Hartman at their home near Lake McKinzie.

The Rose Birkenfeld birthday and Christmas in October was held in Nazareth on Saturday, Oct. 4. The family celebrated Grandma Rose's 94th birthday. A family

gathering of 73 enjoyed a brisket lunch followed by games, prizes and loads of fun. The family was honored by Julia Birkenfeld Bruce and Josh Braddock's presence.

Family members attending were Stevie and Allen Dobmeier of Nazareth, children Kim and Shane Hall of Canyon; Alverna Schacher and family of Muleshoe; Cathy and Kevin Wallace and son of Amarillo; Leslie Birkenfeld of Geronimo, Okla., children Bridget Birkenfeld of Canyon and grandson of Clovis, N.M.; Bryan and Bernice Birkenfeld of Seymore, children Derek of Shallowater; Randy and Katy Birkenfeld and family of Wolfforth; Tonya Mangus and daughter of Fort Worth; Sally Melton and son of Raddiff, Ky.; Ronnie and Terry Birkenfeld of Texas Creek, Colo., and children; John Chris and Jacie Birkenfeld of Texas Creek, Colo.; Michael Birkenfeld of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Joe Lynn and Mary Lou Birkenfeld of Nazareth, children Anne and Dwayne Acker and family of Nazareth; Robert Birkenfeld and Katy Rines of Amarillo; Dale Birkenfeld of Nazareth; Wayne and Lynn Birkenfeld and family of Nazareth; Dennis Birkenfeld and Kayla Clark of Nazareth.

It was hosted by Millie Birkenfeld and family, Phillip and Mary Birkenfeld and family of Amarillo; Patsy and Marty Wells and son of Amarillo, and friend Tim Ashlock of Dimmitt; Christy and Shawn Christian and daughter of Amarillo; Leroy and Asia Birkenfeld and family of Dimmitt; and Chris Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

Prayers are asked for Vera Ramaekers, Carolyn Bermea, Cyrilla Robb, Joe and Amy Schmucker, Alice Palazzino, Edith Huseman, Eric Hoelting, Judy Hoelting, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Huseman, Floyd Birkenfeld, David Nobile, Tad Cornet, Leland Hoelting, Mary Beth Haschke and those who are serving in our Armed Forces.

Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumberra, 647-4266

We are saddened for the loss of Ralph Ramos. He died Saturday, Oct. 5, at 3:30 a.m., in Lubbock's UMC.

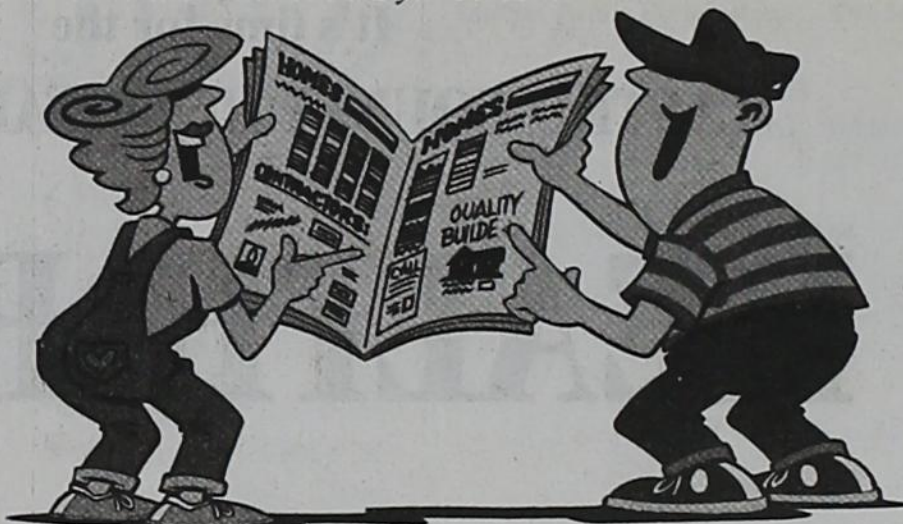
His wife is Jackie Acevedo Ramos of Dimmitt. His children are Rita Sepeda, Ralph Ramos Jr (Raul), Patsy Ramos and John Paul Ramos. I will have more on the family next week.

Sylvia Rodriguez of Dimmitt enjoyed a vacation to Laredo. She visited with her sister and other relatives.

Belle Lumberra bought herself a pumpkin outfit for Halloween and will have a surprise for everyone. Details later.

Prayers are needed for Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar and for the Ralph Ramos Sr. family. My heart goes out to them.

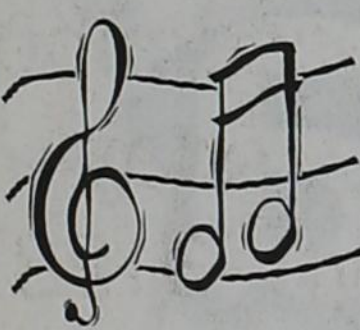
If you have any news for me, call me at 647-4266 or e-mail me at Middleace1966@yahoo.com



Two from Dimmitt graduate from Texas Tech University

Two Dimmitt students graduated from Texas Tech University in the summer of 2003.

They are Adan Gonzales, who earned a bachelor of science degree and Kaci Beth Schulte, who received a bachelor of science in nursing.



Once again it is time to place your holiday pecan order. The Dimmitt Band Boosters Organization is now accepting orders for pecan halves, pecan pieces, roasted cashews and mixed nuts. As always, the products will be packaged in one-pound bags. The pecans will be available for \$7.00 per bag; while the cashews and mixed nuts will be \$7.50 per bag. All orders will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving cooking. The Dimmitt Band Boosters appreciate your patronage and guarantee your satisfaction. All proceeds benefit the Dimmitt middle school, junior high and high school band programs. Orders may be placed with any member of the Dimmitt High School Band or by telephone with either of the people below:

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Tila Rodriguez 647-3232

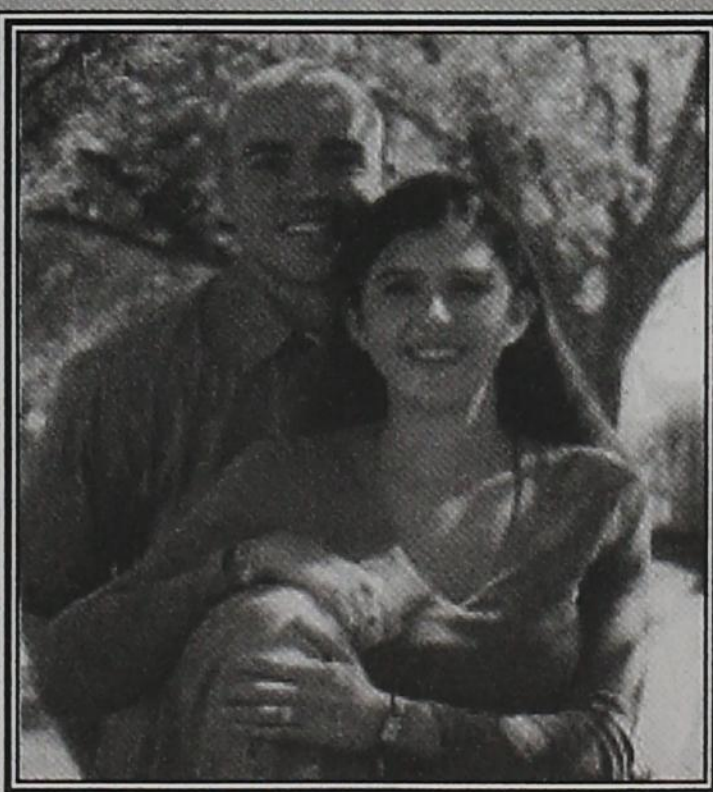
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People



Roberson-Pattison

Emily Dalynn Roberson and Benjamin Glynn Pattison were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20, 2003, at Lake Tanglewood Community Center with Virgil Feinsod officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberson of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pattison of Perryton. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Bill Roberson.

Lake Tanglewood was the backdrop for this outdoor wedding. An arch decorated with greenery, purple grapes and white flowers was the focal point.

The bride wore a strapless white formal-length dress. The bodice was covered with iridescent accents. Her fingertip veil also had iridescent accents. She wore a pearl necklace belonging to her grandmother, Jane McKeever. The necklace was a gift to her grandmother from her grandfather, Stanley McKeever, more than 50 years ago. The bride's mother and sister were also married in the pearl necklace. She carried a bouquet of large, white orchids, surrounded by smaller purple orchids.

Each bridesmaid chose her own style of dress. The dresses were formal length, lilac satin. They carried a long-stemmed bouquet of seafoam and white flowers, accented with purple grapes.

Matron of honor was Allison Newton of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Nikki Green of Lake Tanglewood, and Kacie Bell and Erica Pacheco, both of Amarillo, all friends of the bride.



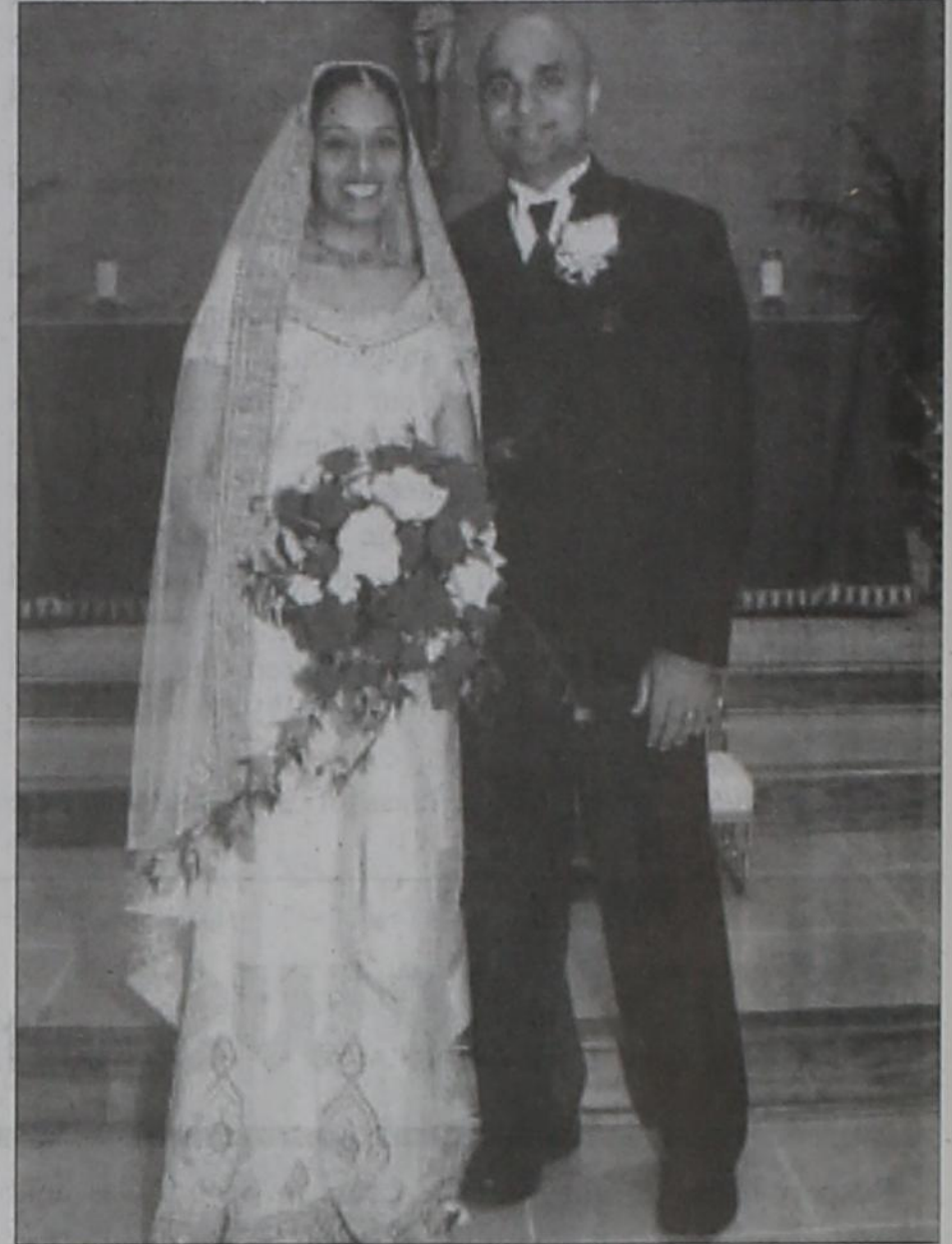
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Glynn Pattison

Best man was Robert Bertrard of Tyler, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Terry Lynn Pattison of Charleston, S.C., Reece Pattison and Russell Pattison, both of Perryton, all brothers of the groom.

The reception was held inside the Lake Tanglewood Community Center.

The couple will live in Amarillo. The bride is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School and graduated from Amarillo College in the Dental Assisting Program. She is employed by Dr. Charles Osborn and Dr. Bill Osborn.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Stratford High, in Goosecreek, S.C. He graduated with air conditioning and refrigeration skills from Oakley Vocational in South Carolina. He is employed at West Texas Peterbilt.



Mr. and Mrs. Binu Devasia Patel-Devasia

Asha Patel, daughter of Dr. Nanubhai and Mrs. Vinaben Patel married Binu Devasia, son of Mr. Varghese and Mrs. Santha Devasia at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Garland at 3 p.m., Aug. 2. An evening reception in the couple's honor was held at the Mesquite Convention Center Hampton Inn.

Following the wedding, the couple spent their honeymoon in the Mayan Riviera.

The bride holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas Tech University and a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling psychology from UT Southwestern Medical Center. She is currently a licensed professional counselor at Resources for Living in Austin.

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CHURCH NEWS

Revival set at First Baptist

First Baptist Church, Dimmitt, will begin revival services Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., with other services scheduled at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday evenings.

Noon services will be held Monday through Wednesday with a meal provided.

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The subject of the meetings will be "Living on Purpose."

Dennis Teeters, pastor, First Baptist Church, Big Spring, formerly past at First Baptist, Lamesa and First Baptist, Abernathy, will speak.

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Why good people make bad choices

By JIM DAVIDSON

In my younger days growing up in a small town, once in a while I would hear someone make the statement, "His mouth ain't no prayer book." While very poor English, loosely translated this meant that just because a particular person said something this fact alone did not necessarily make it so. In other words they did not have to accept what they said as being the Gospel, which was the reference to the prayer book. You know that it goes without saying that this is also true for me. While I do my best to research information for this column and to make sure that it's accurate, sometimes I fail. However, I always try and do my very best to tell the truth and to be conscientious in presenting various concepts and ideas that will help you. It is my heart's desire to help people and I hope that comes across to you as you travel along each week with me.

While very simple, today I have a concept to share that may give you pause to consider your own life and what values are important to you. For the balance of our mental time together I want to discuss "Why good people make bad choices." Again, it's a matter of perspective and what our values are, but to me a "bad choice" is when we choose any behavior or course of action that impairs our judgement, slows our reaction time and cause us to act in a non-rational way. The bottom line is that doing these things places us on a path that is detrimental to our health and also the health and well being of others.

It's here that I believe you can see that when any person makes the choice to drink alcohol, do drugs, smoke, gamble, commit adultery and any number of other sins and vices, they are making a bad choice. There is something I have been wanting to say for a long time and it's this; the fact that a person drinks, does drugs, smokes and gambles does not make them a bad person. The only

really bad people in the world are those who are bent on evil, who have no regard for the life and well being of their fellow human beings. Unfortunately, many people in this world are evil and we have to watch out for them. Now back to point that I hope you will consider "why good people make bad choices." There are many valid reasons, but I believe they can all be traced to these three very important life changing concepts. 1. The fallen nature of man. 2. The principle of influence. 3. Social patterns that change the culture. Now, please allow me to make some brief comments about each one. First, "The fallen nature of man." Since Adam & Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden all of their offspring and future generations, which includes you and me, were born with a nature to sin. It's natural and that's why we all do it.

Next, "The principle of influence." If you will examine the lives of every person who drinks, does drugs, smokes, gambles and has other vices, you will find one or more people in their lives who influenced them. It's true!! We all make choices because other people have influenced us. Our choice then becomes is it for good or for evil. And lastly, "Social patterns that change the culture." This happens slowly over an extended period of time. When the numbers are dominant and a sufficient number of people are engaged in doing a certain thing, it becomes the "norm" or accepted thing to do, thus society accepts it. The end result is that the culture is changed.

Many people are being misled today with advertising or by people who encourage others to make 'bad choices' because that choice is often not revealed until it's too late. When a person drinks alcohol, becomes an alcoholic and, in a drunken state, drives a car and takes the lives of good people, it's only then that everyone knows that they have made a very bad choice. In short, good people can often lead us astray.

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Rotary Awards



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: Mickey Bishop, left, and Jerry Heller, right, are presented as Paul Harris Fellows by District 5730 Governor for Rotary Howard Mercer at the Rotary meeting Thursday.



HOWARD MERCER, DISTRICT 5730 Rotary Governor, presents Trish Elliott with a book, "The On-Going Story of Rotary on the Texas Llano Estacado," which will be given to Rhoads Memorial Library.

Community Calendar

Book Club to meet

The Dimmitt Book Review Club will meet at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Rhoads Library.

The reviewer will be Jane Vaughn, who will present a trilogy of Jane Roberts Wood novels: "The Twin to Estelline," best seller, "A Place Called Sweet Shrub" and "Dance a Little Longer."

The public is invited.

Need a fund-raiser or community service project?

DREAMS (PTO) will sponsor a Halloween/Fall Carnival from 5 to 9 p.m., Nov. 1, at the Expo Building.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the Carnival should call Sharon Kinser at 647-3491 or Mandy Gfeller at 647-4551. Cost for a booth is \$25.

GED test classes

GED test preparation classes are on-going at 115 E. Bedford (the Cobb building) every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. For adults who want help in obtaining their GED, the next enrollment period is Oct. 6, 7 and 9, (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) from 6 to 8 p.m. These nights are set aside for initial testing to determine a student's strengths and weaknesses in reading, writing and math. For more information, contact Carolyn Wilhelm at 945-2602.

Prize money can be claimed

Castro County Fair prize monies can be picked up at the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway.

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Adult basic education offered

Region 16 Education Service Center is offering Adult Basic Education from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. The classes will be taught at 115 E. Bedford in Dimmitt. For more information, call 945-2602.

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 2. Future orientation/enrollment dates are set for the week of Oct. 6-8, Nov. 3-5, Jan. 5-7, Feb. 2-4, March 1-3 and April 5-7.

Adventure Club to meet at FUMC

The First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt will be sponsoring the Adventure Club, every Tuesday, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. It is for kids in kindergarten through fifth-grade.

The children will be picked up after school in front of the flag pole at Richardson Elementary and in front of the Cleveland Gym at the Middle School.

For more information, contact the church office at 647-4106 or Kim Hatla at 647-3153.

Band sale

The band students of Dimmitt are selling Christmas cards and various other items to raise money for band projects. Some of the money will go for new instruments for the fifth and sixth grades.

Some of the proceeds will go toward an eighth-grade through senior band trip to New Orleans. For more information or to make a purchase, contact Mr. Morris at DMS, 647-3108 or any band student.

Marching contest dates are Oct. 4 at Denver City and Oct. 11 at Plainview. UIL is set for Oct. 18.

Start saving boxtops, labels again

It's school time and that means its time to start saving box tops for education and Campbell's labels. Also, D.R.E.A.M.S. (PTO) is asking that residents save Lowe's grocery receipt tapes (dated Sept. 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004).

Box Tops for Education are on many Betty Crocker items such as cake mixes; Pillsbury items such as biscuits, rolls and cookie dough; some Old El Paso products; and General Mills cereal. Labels for Education are labels from all Campbell's soups; V8 Juice; Swanson broths;

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Hearts still available from Quilters

The Friendship Quilters Guild is still selling hearts in honor or memory of loved ones who have fought cancer.

The money goes to benefit the American Cancer Society, as do the proceeds of the quilt after it is raffled off.

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Calendar Events

Thursday, October 9

RES to take field trips to the Fire Station for

Fire Prevention Week

High School - Student Council Meeting -

12:00

Football:

JV vs Slaton - Here - 6:30

7th & 8th vs Slaton - There - 5:00 & 6:30

Friday, October 10

Football:

Varsity vs Slaton - There - 7:30

Saturday, October 11

Volleyball: Bobbies vs. Tahoka - Here -

11:00

Cross-Country @ WTA&MU

Marching Band Contest @ Plainview -

7:30pm

Monday, October 13

Jr. High Cross-Country Meet - Here - 4:00

Dimmitt ISD Board of Trustees Meeting -

7:00

Tuesday, October 14

High School - Senior Ring Orders - 11:00 -

4:00

High School - FCCLA - Leadership

Workshop

Wednesday, October 15

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Bobcats open district play against Slaton

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

Dimmitt will open district play Friday at 7:30 p.m., at Slaton. And the Bobcats have spent their off-week getting ready for district play.

"We've been working, making sure we're solid on all our fundamentals," said coach Glen Dunnam. "On both offense and defense we've just been concentrating on assignments and being where we're supposed to be."

On offense, he said, he's looking for better execution.

"We don't need to do anything different as far as schemes and stuff; we just need to execute better on the stuff we do," he said.

On defense, Dunnam said the team has been working on tackling.

"Slaton is pretty much a running team, so we'll have to do a better job tackling," he said, noting that the players have to wrap up the runner, not arm tackle him.

He said the young players have gotten enough experience to be ready for district.

"The mistakes we make

from here on out, young shouldn't have anything to do with it," Dunnam said. "They've been in the battle field enough on Friday night that you can't use young as a label anymore."

Looking at the district, he said it's pretty even from top to bottom.

"We're really in the same position as we were last year going in," he said. "We need to get off to a good start, win this first district game; then anything can happen from there."

He said going 0-5 hasn't gotten the team down, "because this is exactly the same place we were sitting last year. We were 0-5 going into district and we ended up in a tie for second place."

"They know this is a new season and anything can happen from this point on."



Seventh-grade team comes from behind to stage win

The Dimmitt seventh-grade football team won a come-from-behind victory over Friona, 18-16, last week, said coach Chris Knippa.

"The game was pretty much controlled by our running team of Colton Bradley, Frankie Castro and John David Gonzales," Knippa said. "Another good performance came from quarterback Jake Ebeling, who showed good leadership with the team."

The eighth-grade team traveled to Friona and lost 24-0, Knippa said.

"Overall we showed improvement on both sides of the ball," Knippa said. "We had a standout performance out of Houston Sutton, who showed a lot of leadership on both offense and defense."

"Our eighth grade showed a lot of improvement overall and we look forward to them starting winning ways as we go into district."

Both teams start district play Thursday at Slaton, with the seventh grade game at 5 p.m. and the eighth-grade game to follow.

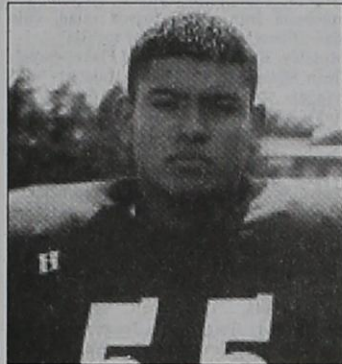
2003 Bobcat Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
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Oct. 10	* Slaton	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Littlefield	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Muleshoe	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Brownfield	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	* Lub. Cooper #	Here	7:30 p.m.
JV and FRESHMEN			
Oct. 9	* Slaton	Here	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	* Littlefield	There	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	Here	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	Here	5/6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	There	5/6:30 p.m.
SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE			
Oct. 9	* Slaton	There	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	* Littlefield	Here	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	There	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	There	5/6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	Here	5/6:30 p.m.

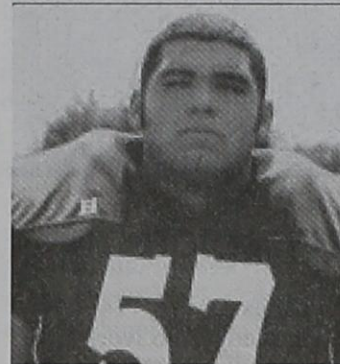
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AFTER A GREAT RETURN of a River Road kickoff, Darrell Reyes, No. 3, explains to a teammate just how it is done. At left, listening, is Layne Penney, No. 20.

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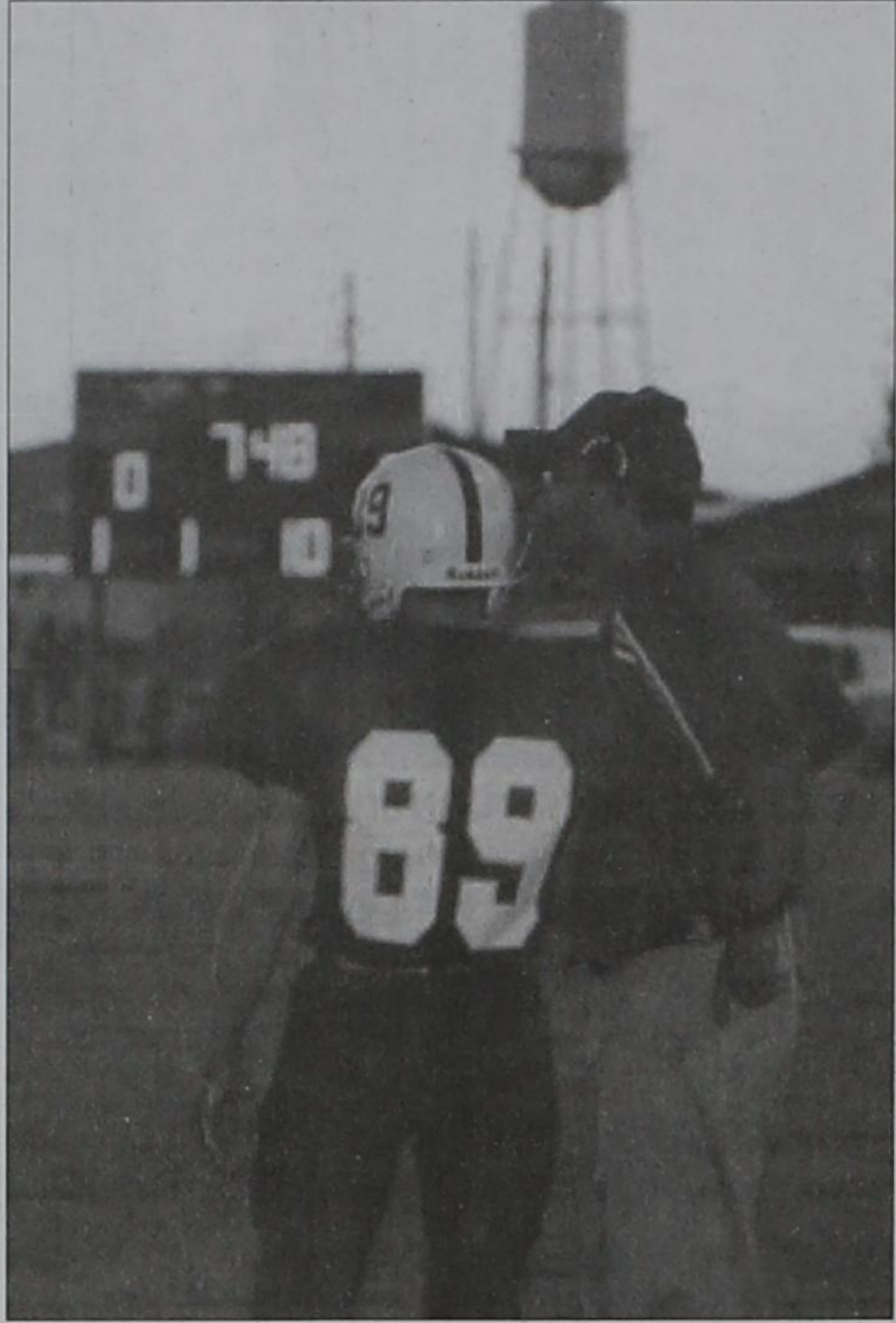
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Homecoming Revisited

IN THE SWIFTS 30-6 homecoming win over Clarendon Nazareth held their opponents to under 150 yards on offense. Above, No. 14 Zane Harris is about to pounce on a fumble by Clarendon as other members of the team converge on the ball. At left, Coach Randy Peacock sends in a play with No. 89 Clifford Gerber during the same game.



Cornyn meets with new American Legion head

WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, welcomed the new head of the American Legion, John Breiden of Brenham, recently. Cornyn hosted Breiden in his Washington office, and reiterated his strong support for full concurrent receipt, quality health care and other issues important to America's veterans. "When it comes to concurrent receipt, the bottom line is that veterans earned it," Cornyn said. "Veterans shouldn't have to take no for an answer - especially from government bureaucrats. The honor-bound agreement between our

men and women in uniform and our nation does not end at retirement. No veteran should ever be left behind." Sen. Cornyn voted in June to include full concurrent receipt in the Senate version of the Defense Authorization Bill. Currently, the House and Senate are negotiating the final version of the defense bill. Cornyn said he is committed to continue supporting the Senate position. In the meeting with the new National Commander of the American Legion, Cornyn also voiced support for adequate veterans' health care funding, in particular for VA medical

facilities. He pledged to work with Breiden to ensure the future of these and other important services for veterans. Cornyn has been very active in working to prevent the possible closure of the VA facilities in Waco and Big Spring. He joined other members of the Texas delegation in sending letters of support for the Waco and Big Spring VA Medical Centers to Evert Alvarez Jr., Chairman of the CARES Commission, which will make a recommendation to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi, on the future of the facilities.

Swifts easily handle Lubbock sophs., 41-13

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER
Managing Editor

LUBBOCK - The Nazareth Swifts got off to a big first quarter Thursday against the Lubbock sophomores that Coach Randy Peacock played every player that was suited up. "Jordy Rowland ran for 181 yards on seven carries and scored four touchdowns by halftime," Peacock said. "So the game was pretty well decided by the half. We just jumped on them offensively and put the game out of reach. "Jordy also threw the ball well. He was nine of 12 for 127 yards and a touchdown in the first half." Also on offense, Tucker Waggoner had eight carries for 39 yards and a touchdown. Tyson Schulte had five carries for 47 yards rushing and had six receptions for 109 yards and a score. Schulte was four of six passing for 38 yards. The defense played well, too, Peacock said, allowing Lubbock only one decent drive in the first half. "Other than that drive, we pretty much controlled them," he said. "We had a couple of breakdowns with the reserves in there and they scored once with our

junior varsity players in." Peacock said he was happy with the opportunity to let everyone get some playing time. "It was a good game for us to throw some guys in there that needed some more playing time, especially our younger kids," he said. Cliff Gerber continued kicking well, connecting with five of six extra points. "He's become real consistent for us," Peacock said. Friday, the Swifts will open district play at home against Farwell. "Farwell is playing pretty good now," Peacock said. "They're undefeated and have pretty good size on their offensive line and a couple of good running backs. "They're playing with a lot of confidence right now, so they'll be a tough game for us. They're probably playing as well as anybody in the district." This game will allow Peacock and his coaches to find out a lot about how well the Swifts have matured throughout the first five games of the season. "We've made some progress the last three weeks, but we've got to play well on both sides this week to have a chance this week," he said.

School menus

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Friday: Breakfast - Smucker's Peanut Butter sandwich. Lunch - Turkey and dressing; hot dog on a bun with chili, fajitas, candied sweet potatoes, parsley buttered potatoes, mixed vegetables, ambrosia fruit salad, tossed salad, cole slaw, fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla.
Monday: Breakfast - Frosted Flakes cereal, fresh bananas, donut holes. Lunch - Fish nuggets, beef enchiladas, barbecue hot links on bun, potato rounds, Mexipinto beans, vegetable medley, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin, muffins, arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage and biscuit. Lunch - Cheeseburger, Italian lasagna, turkey fajita with onions and peppers, potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce, fideo Mexicano, hamburger salad, tossed salad, apricot cobbler, garlic Italian bread, flour tortilla.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Banana nut loaf, Lunch - Burrito with chili, chicken fried steak, pigs in a blanket, seasoned black-eyed peas, mashed potatoes, Mexicali corn, taco condiment salad, orange wedges, tossed salad, muffins.
Thursday: Breakfast - Cereal Bar Cocoa Puff. Lunch: Shrimp poppers, tuna salad sandwich, cheese enchilada with sauce, hash brown potatoes, potato chips, butter beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad, Spanish rice.
NAZARETH
Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on a roll, assorted cereal. Lunch: Nachos, corn dogs, gelatin, peaches, green beans, Frito salad, jalapeno peppers.
Monday: Breakfast - Banana nut loaf, assorted cereal. Lunch: Frito pie, hamburger and fries, cornbread, walnut coconut dream, applesauce, green peas, tossed salad.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal. Lunch - Chicken fried steak - sausage pizza, gelatin, mashed potatoes, cream style gravy, fruit cocktail, tossed salad.
Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast stick, sausage patty, assorted cereal. Lunch - Chalupas, chef salad, strawberry shortcake, pears, corn, lettuce.
Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast burritos.
Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, sausage pizza, chocolate pudding, corn, fresh grapes, tossed salad.
HART
Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on a roll, assorted cereal. Lunch - Barbecued beef on a bun, tuna salad sandwich, brisket, baked potato, salad, gelatin dessert, Longhorn cookie.
Monday - school holiday
Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal. Lunch - Burrito, chicken sandwich with chips, chicken fajitas, salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Hamburger with potatoes, burrito, chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler.
Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal. Lunch - Hamburger with potato chips, burrito, enchilada casserole, chips, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding.

Swifts 2003 Football Schedule

VARSITY			
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Oct. 10	Farwell*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17			Open
Oct. 24	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Hart*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30 p.m.
* denote district games			
JUNIOR HIGH			
Oct. 9	FARWELL	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	SHALLOWATER	Away	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	BOVINA	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 30	HART	Away	5 p.m.
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Longhorns upset bid falls short at Hart's homecoming

By BOB LIBBY

The Hart Longhorns played the underdog role against Petersburg and came up short of pulling off a major upset on homecoming night.

After holding Hart's initial possession in check, Petersburg got its offensive machine rolling and finished off a seven-play drive with a deflected touchdown pass reception by Chris Ovalle off of a teammate's helmet. The PAT kick was good and with 7:57 left in the first quarter the Buffaloes had drawn first blood.

After recovering one of four Longhorn fumbles for the night, Petersburg's offense got into gear once again but was unable to convert the miscue into a touchdown in the second quarter.

Kicker Anthony Cedillo however was able to convert a 26 yard field goal to give Petersburg a 10-0 lead over the Longhorns.

Hart's defense, which

played well throughout the first half, was able to keep Petersburg's offense at bay which bought time for the offense to regroup. With 4:18 left in the second quarter, quarterback A.J. Carrasco connected on an 80-yard touchdown strike to Isaias Ponce to put the Longhorns within striking distance. Roy Robledo's PAT was good, making the halftime score, Hart 7, Petersburg 10.

The second half was all Longhorns.

Hart dominated every phase of the game except for the score board. The offensive line did an excellent job of creating blocks and enabling the backs to pick up extra yardage.

The Longhorns had time-consuming drives throughout the entire second half but were unable to convert them into a score.

The backfield was led by tailback Roy Robledo who rushed for 106 yards for the

night.

Quarterback A.J. Carrasco finished the game by completing 3 of 5 passes with one touchdown and one interception and 105 yards.

The stingy Longhorn defense controlled the line of scrimmage.

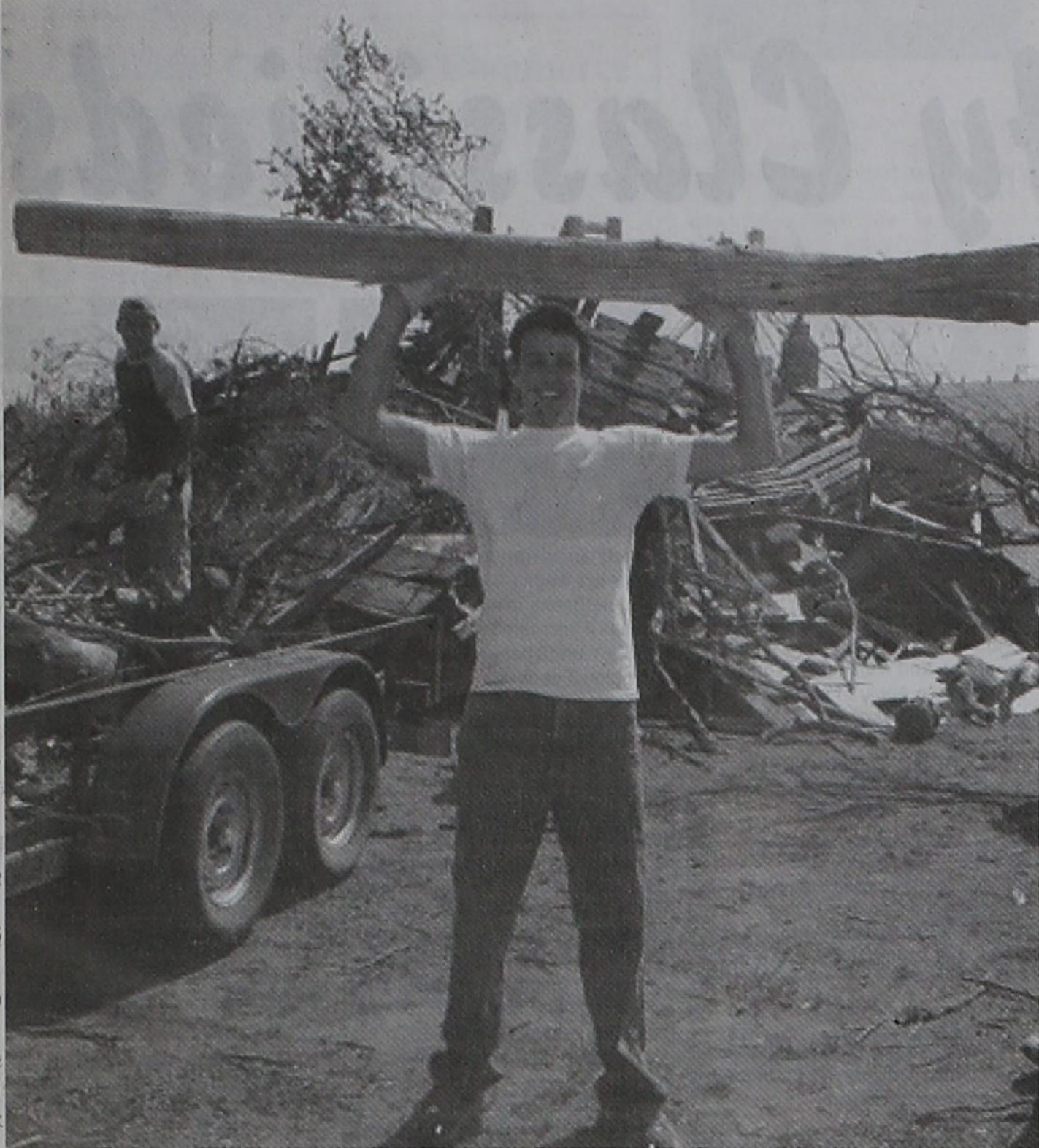
With the exception of a 67 yard run in the fourth quarter, Petersburg's offense was three and out.

It was an extraordinary team effort on behalf of Hart's scrappy defense.

The Longhorns made one last drive late in the game. On fourth and five on the Petersburg 10 yard line, a Buffalo defensive back was able to recover quick enough to pick off an open Longhorn receiver to thwart Hart's comeback attempt.

Even though Hart fell short, the effort of this team was tremendous.

The strides made in the last two games have now put Hart into the role of legitimate playoff contenders.



PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING: Senior Jeff Corbit helps build the bonfire on Thursday.

Cattle brucellosis eradication in Texas: Close but not just yet

Animal health officials were disappointed, but not surprised in September, when they detected a cattle herd infected with brucellosis in Henderson County, breaking a 13-month stretch during which no newly infected herds were detected in Texas.

Texas and Missouri are the only states in the nation not free of this bacterial disease, which is detected through testing of blood, milk or tissue from cattle.

Although some infected animals exhibit no signs of disease, brucellosis can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk.

"We are closing in on the last infected herds in Texas, and after months of not finding infection, we were hopeful we might have finally eradicated the disease," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for Animal Health Programs at the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "With more than 153,000 cattle herds in Texas, finding the last infected herd is like looking for the proverbial 'needle in the haystack.' We still may find a few more infected herds in Texas before we join the ranks of the other brucellosis-free states in this national disease eradication program."

"Twice now, we've gone longer than a year without finding a brucellosis-infected herd in Texas," said Coats. "The first time was from July 2000 through December 2001, but soon after, we detected and depopulated four infected herds in Montgomery, Rusk, Henderson and Colorado counties. Then, after a lull of more than a year, we detected the latest infected herd, in Henderson County, through our routine testing of adult breeding cattle being sold at livestock markets. We're in the process of testing neighboring herds and tracing cattle movement into and out of the Henderson County herd to determine if infection has spread."

Coats explained that, because cooked meat is safe for human consumption, the cows and bulls from the infected herd will be sent to slaughter. The owner will receive payment from the slaughter facility, and an indemnity from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and TAHC to help offset the loss of not only the adult cattle, but also nursing calves. Weaned steers and spayed heifers may be kept, because these animals cannot spread brucellosis, which is transmitted primarily by infected cows during abortion or calving.

"Years ago, Texas had thousands of infected herds, which often were quarantined for up to a year or longer, while we periodically tested the cattle, to ensure all infected animals were removed and slaughtered," said Coats. "During the quarantine period, animals could be sold only to slaughter,

creating a hardship for the rancher. There also was the chance that infection could be spread to nearby herds during the quarantine. Now, by depopulating infected herds as soon as possible, we can stop disease spread, and the producer can be in business with new, test-negative animals within weeks."

Coats said Texas continues to apply the "tried-and-true" formula for eradicating brucellosis, which involves vaccinating heifers, testing breeding cattle prior to change of ownership and collecting blood samples from cattle at slaughter.

Vaccination is now voluntary in most instances, and ranchers may have their accredited veterinarian administer RB-51 vaccine to heifers four to 12 months of age. (Bull


calves do not receive the vaccine, because it can make them sterile.) RB-51 provides heifers protection against brucellosis, but unlike earlier vaccines, it does not create confusion about test results.

"To ensure infected animals are not moved from herd to herd, breeding cattle 18 months or older, or younger cows that are bred or have calved, must have a negative blood test for brucellosis before changing hands at a livestock auction or through private treaty. This 'first-point' testing of cattle has been the most effective and efficient method of finding infection," he said.

At slaughter plants, blood samples and animal identification information, such as ear tag numbers or backtags, are collected from cows and bulls, he explained.



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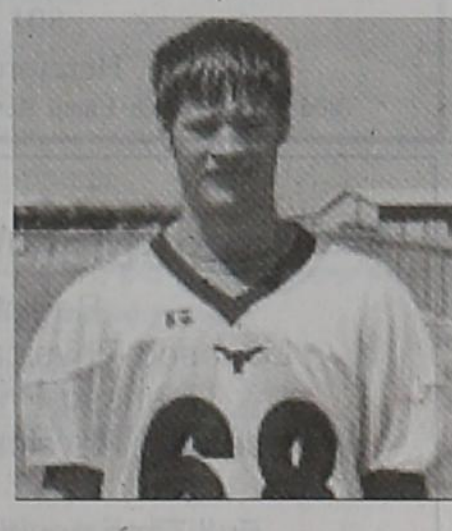
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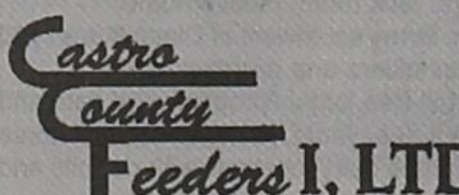
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 We're grateful to Darlene Collins and Karen Newman, who presented an impressive, professional program on our new Community Network.
 The Castro County Senior Citizens are to be commended for maintaining such an attractive and

Thank You

useful senior center. We would be hard-pressed to have a successful reunion without the use of the center. Everyone especially appreciated the comfortable new upholstered chairs, which were donated by the Thursday Bridge Club and several individuals in the community. (Incidentally, the next time you see Rayphard or Mary Lou Smithson, compliment them on all of the voluntary work they do for both the Senior Citizens Center and the Castro County Museum.)
 Our special gratitude to the individual volunteers who were the key to the reunion's success. With the co-chairs of the reunion called out of the state on family business, Mildred Bradford, Doris Lust, Dorothy Mayfield and Carolyn Sides did most of the advance planning and coordinating, then worked throughout the day to make sure all the details were

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taken care of. Other volunteers helped at the registration desk, the serving tables and in the kitchen, and we really appreciate your efforts.
 Congratulations to our two prize-winners—Irene Carpenter, 93, the oldest person present; and Suzan Collins Headrick of Virginia, who traveled the farthest to be here. Both received Castro County Afghans.
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Directors were elected Tuesday at the Castro County Farm Bureau's Annual Convention, held at the Expo Center. Elected were Mack Steffey, Darrell Buckley, Rodney Hunter, Tommy Stanton, Terry Hill, Gregg Sides and Kenneth Frye.

The main speakers for the event were Tommy Cleavinger, Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department Fire Marshall and Randy Griffitt, a volunteer.

Cleavinger said the



CASTRO COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Front row, left to right: Charlie Summers; Ronnie Gfeller; Linda Grand, county secretary; Kenneth Frye; Bruce Fuller; Tommy Stanton. Back row, left to right: Rex Lust; Darrell Buckley; Terry Hill; Mack Steffey; Malcolm Sager, agency manager.

volunteers are down to about 17 members and encouraged anyone with a few hours free to contact any area VFD to volunteer some time. He said that the new equipment recently purchased will help the department on calls.

And he encouraged the public to notify the sheriff's department when they're burning off stubblefields.

Griffitt said that the department, through mutual aid agreements with surrounding counties, is assured of having enough

men and equipment to fight even very large fires.

Farm Bureau President Bruce Fuller praised the hours spent by volunteer firemen. "I don't think anyone realizes how much these men sacrifice to keep us safe," Fuller said.



JULIE NINO, daughter of David and Rosa Nino of Emory has been elected a cheerleader at Texas Tech University. She is the granddaughter of Maria Sepeda of Dimmitt and the late Frank Sepeda and the late Emilio and Cuca Nino, who were also from Dimmitt.

Don't open that e-mail

It seems that virus writers are getting more and more ingenious. It is getting increasingly harder to stay virus free even with a good anti-virus program running on your PC. I've recently had to clean up some really nasty ones that slipped through both McAfee and Norton Anti-Virus, two of the leading anti-virus programs on the market.

How does this happen? Any anti-virus program is only as good as the latest virus definition update it has received. Virus definitions are kind of like a picture book of known criminals in your area. If you see



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someone that looks suspicious you look in the book and find his picture - if he's there then he's a criminal (provided the book is up-to-date). But supposing a new criminal moves into your neighborhood and your book is two weeks old, then there is no way to really know if he is a criminal or

not. That's the way anti-virus programs work. Unfortunately, viruses are now spreading so fast that they often times get to your computer ahead of the latest definitions.

Last week I encountered the W32.Swen.A virus for the first time. This virus comes disguised as an urgent e-mail from Microsoft advising you of a Microsoft Internet Update Pack or Microsoft Security Update with an attached file. The message looks very realistic with Microsoft logos on it, but I assure you it is NOT from Microsoft. If you open the attachment at all, you are

in for a real surprise. The best thing to do at that point is to shut off your computer and take it in to a pro. Removal of this virus is extremely difficult and should not be attempted by anyone that is not experienced with editing the windows registry.

I firmly believe anyone caught writing or spreading a virus should be caned in public and then have their mouse-clicking finger cut off, but I digress. NEVER open mail from anyone you don't know and make sure you have a current working anti-virus program running at all times.

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SET TO COMPETE: On Saturday, October 4, 2003, the Dimmitt High School Band competed in the 12th Annual Texas Tumbleweed Classic Marching Contest in Denver City. The band's show featured the Grammy award winning music of Chuck Mangione.....Children of Sanchez, Land of Make Believe and El Gato Triste. Featured soloists in the show are Daniel Jackson, trumpet and Fabian Pena, alto saxophone. The band was awarded second runner-up in the AAA division. The band is led on the field by senior Drum Major Raquel Davis. The Dimmitt Bobcat Band will next compete at the Plainview Marching Festival, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11. The band will also perform for U.I.L. evaluation at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon, at 3:12 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18. Officers are: President — Stephanie Hazel, Vice President — Todd Jansa, Secretary — Kathy Almador, Librarian — Cody Clayton.



UP AND GOING: Tracy Birkelbach and Jim Bradford congratulate each other for getting the first bale of cotton through the new equipment at North Gin. The project started in February with the destruction of the old gin. The new gin will have a 60-bale-per-hour capacity and has more than 35,000 square feet of floor space. Open house for the new facility is scheduled for noon Friday, Oct. 17.

Honor rolls - Richardson Elementary

<p>Mrs. Axtell Third Grade First Six Weeks Perfect attendance: Jorge Diaz, Raul Martinez, Adam Quiroz, Ian Rivera, Marcelo Salinas, Gino Saucedo, Eric Sanchez, Francheska Bridwell, Lauren Carpenter, Diana Vaught. A Honor Roll: Raul Martinez, Gino Saucedo, Eric Sanchez, Lauren Carpenter, Devin Gunstream. Best Citizens: Francheska</p>	<p>Bridwell, Lauren Carpenter, Devin Gunstream. Mrs. Padilla Second & Third Grade Bilingual A Honor Roll: Mayra Salad, second grade A-B Honor Roll: Jesus Arrendodo, Adriana Bojorquez and Jasmin Lozano, second-graders; Jeannette Hernandez, third grade. Perfect Attendance: Doris Alvidrez, Jose Esqueda,</p>	<p>Tomas Garcia, Jeannette Hernandez, Vanessa Lopez, Roxana Medina, Osvaldo Monsivais and Andres Arredondo, all third graders; Adriana Bojorquez, Jorge Gonzalez, Esmeralda Porras, Mayra Salas, all second graders. Alicia Bradley Third Grade A Honor Roll: Carolyn Collins, Arielle Correa. Perfect Attendance: Eric Bihary, Carolyn Collins,</p>	<p>Alyssa Hernandez, R.J. Hinojosa, Israel Machado, Aaron Oltivero, Marco Valles, Tohme Woolbright. Citizenship Award: Carolyn Collins, Areille Correa, Alyssa Hernandez, Shelby Reed, Marco Valles, Carlos Ortiz. Mrs. Merritt Third Grade Honor Roll: Don Martinez, Taylor Gresham, Ivan Fuentes, Tyler Seward, Lenzie Loudder, Katy Taylor.</p>	<p>Perfect Attendance: Don Martinez, Taylor Gresham, Ivan Fuentes, Alex Revilla, Fabian Chavez, Erika Valesquez, Tyler Seward, Lenzie Loudder, Katy Taylor. Citizenship: Lenzie Loudder. Mrs. Steinle Third Grade Perfect Attendance: Elida Bonilla, Adrian Busso, Maegan Davis, Gabrielle Galvan, Carly Gilbreath, Kelly Jackson, Matthew Taylor.</p>	<p>Jackson, Joshua Luna, Sarah Morris, Isidro Ortega, Christine Wait. Citizenship: Elida Bonilla, Gabrielle Galvan, Carly Gilbreath, Mayra Hernandez, Sarah Morris, April Rivera, Jaime Sifuentez. A Honor Roll: Elida Bonilla, Carly Gilbreath, Sarah Morris. Hard Workers: Ben Rodriguez, Hector Sanchez.</p>
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STARTING YOUNG: These three young ladies had lots of spirit at the Homecoming festivities at Nazareth two weeks ago. They are, left to right: Roxanne Wilhelm, 5; Shania Schacher, 5; and Madison Stamford, 5.

