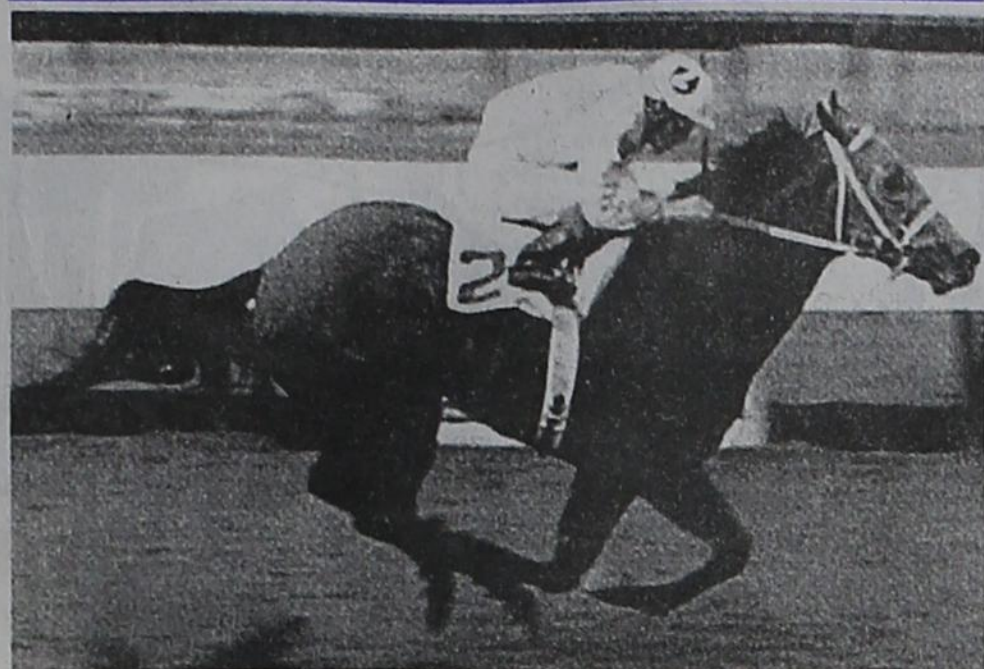


'Eyesa Special Champion!'



ALL-AMERICAN FUTURITY CHAMP AND RECORD SETTER
... Eyesa Special, co-owned by Bud Hill of Dimmitt

Hill's quarter horse sets Futurity record

Bud Hill of Dimmitt knew he had a winner with the 2-year-old colt, *Eyesa Special*, and the horse just proved him right Monday when it not only won the richest quarter horse race in the world but did it in record time.

Hill co-owns the horse with Terry Bell of Lawton, Okla., and Jim Pitts of Wichita Falls.

On Monday, *Eyesa Special* posted the fastest time in the history of the 440-yard All-American Futurity race at Ruidoso Downs, N.M., earning \$1 million from the record \$2.2 million purse.

Eyesa Special took the lead early and crossed the finish line in 21.097 seconds, two lengths in front of *Fashionisanattitude*, which finished second.

"I hand-rode him most of the way," said winning jockey Jacky Martin in an interview with the Associated Press. "I hit him a time or two and it was really all over then."

Crossing the wire in third was *First Down N Surfin*. Other finishers in the nine-horse field, in order, were *Eye on Paydirt*, *Copper Buff*, *Whosleavingwho*, *Beccas Quick Six*, *Ima Royal Winner* and *Blazen Maven*.

Eyesa Special is trained by veteran Jack Brooks.

'Vote for' Harvest Days party

Fun and games on tap

The county-wide Harvest Days celebration gets underway today (Thursday) with a pet show, tractor pull and reception at Canterbury Villa, and the party will continue Friday and Saturday.

A wide variety of home-canned and home-baked goods and arts and crafts will be judged at the county fair on Friday and all entries will remain on display through Saturday. A poker run is also planned for Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule of events includes the annual parade, early settlers reunion, hula hoop contest, lean ground beef cooking contest, homemade pie contest, karaoke and talent show, fiddlers' contest, water polo, a junior ranch rodeo, Funfest rodeo for the kids, cow patty bingo, barbecue supper, music and more.

Today

Events planned today (Thursday) will entertain the youngsters, with the pet show and junior tractor pull on the agenda.

"We're trying to start the junior tractor pull a little later this year to give everyone a chance to get through at school and get registered," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "There's been a lot of concern about having it on Thursday because youngsters might have a hard time registering after school and being at the tractor pull before it starts."

"Believe me, this will not be a problem," Sava said. "Any youngsters who know they want to be entered in this event can sign up now at the Chamber office."

The junior tractor pull will be held inside the Expo Building with the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club assisting Roy Ray of Lockney in conducting the event.

Friday

Participants in Friday's Poker Run, sponsored by the D.A.T.A. Club, will travel across the county, gathering cards to form what they hope will be the winning poker hand.

The event will begin at 6:30 P.M. Friday in the parking lot at Dimmitt High School.

Also on Friday, vendors will be setting up their booths at the county fair, and judges will select winners from all the entries in the fair.



BRONCO BARBIES is the name of this team of girls who will participate in the Junior Ranch Rodeo in Dimmitt Saturday at 2:30 p.m. as a part of the Harvest Days activities at the Expo Building. Team members are (from left) Rexee Jackson, Jessica Gudgell

and Taylor Bradley. Not shown is Maci Bryan. The girls are the daughters of Todd and Kay Gudgell, Sam and Tammy Jackson, and Tod and Carla Bradley, all of Dimmitt; and Dennis and Stephanie Bryan of Happy.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Saturday

A full day of activities has been planned for Saturday, and the annual Harvest Days parade will kick things off at 10 a.m.

"It's hard to spotlight just one or two events on Saturday," Sava said. "There's the parade and fair exhibits, the fiddlers' contest and the Masons' barbecue. And this year we have Pokey the Clown with a Junior Ranch Rodeo. Saturday will be a full day at the fair."

Those planning to attend the early settlers reunion at the Senior Citizens Center should register at 9 a.m. They will watch the parade, then return to the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and visiting.

Several musicians have been lined up to entertain the crowd at the Expo Building throughout the day Saturday.

The Dimmitt Middle School Choir will sing and dance at 10:45 a.m. to kick things off.

For more details on all the activities planned during Harvest Days, see Section B.

2:30 p.m. Teams of youngsters (four on each team) will compete for the opportunity to attend the National Junior Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo later this year.

"We'll have some teams competing from other towns around the area," Sava said. "Pokey missed going to Tulia this year. They have some teams and there is a team from Sunray that came in second in their rodeo. These youngsters all want the chance to go back to the finals and are planning to come here to compete."

Water polo, cow patty bingo and a quilt show are other activities planned Saturday.

The Castro County Masonic Lodge will sponsor a barbecue supper Saturday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Tickets for the barbecue will be \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for students 12 and under, if they are purchased in advance from any Mason.

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By Don Nelson

Elizabeth Hill, 9, will make a good, no-nonsense reporter some day.

She's getting a good start as the reporter for the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club.

Here's her unedited report of her club's latest meeting, shared with me by her mother:

"The meeting was called to order. We discussed busnissis and programs for next months. We disceded that 4-H would do a float for Havest Days. 4-H will also do the conseso in stand for Harvest Days.

"We then had the Bicycle Safty Prgram, (we didn't lean much on the account of that teenage boys where our teachers.) We enjoyed refreshments and meeting was dismissed. Please join the fun at 4-H."

Can you imagine a wife forgetting her wedding anniversary?

Well, my wife did. It was our 46th, too.

I discovered that she had forgotten it when I remembered it the day after.

Actually, it was one of those Monday anniversaries when it's awkward to celebrate anyway. And we

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General election deadlines nearing

Several deadlines in election matters are approaching.

Friday is the last day that candidates may file a declaration of write-in candidacy for the Nov. 7 general election.

Friday also is the first day that voters may submit an application for a ballot by mail. Application should be sent to the county clerk's office. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Oct. 31.

Oct. 10 is the deadline for citizens to register to vote and still be eligible to vote in the Nov. 7 election. Those who already have a voter's registration card do not have to register again, but those who have not registered should do so by Oct. 10.

Early voting for the Nov. 7 election will be held from Oct. 23 to Nov. 3.

Think rain!

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	93	62	
Friday	93	58	
Saturday	96	59	
Sunday	98	62	
Monday	100	61	
Tuesday	100	62	
Wednesday	100	60	
September Moisture			0.00
2000 Moisture			11.61



DID I CATCH ONE? Cari Weinheimer lands a fish from the "pond" and claims her prize Sunday at one of the children's games held during the Labor Day picnic in Nazareth. Children of all ages enjoyed the many games throughout the day.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

Hendersons to be honored as Harvest Days parade marshals

Bill and Ann Henderson of Dimmitt have been named Parade Marshals for the annual Harvest Days Parade, slated for Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

However, the couple are unable to attend the event, so they will be represented in the procession by their grandchildren. Bill is in Houston, receiving medical treatment, and Ann is with him.

Both of the Hendersons have been involved in the Castro County Fair Association, along with other Harvest Days activities, for many years.

This year marked Bill's fourth term as chairman of the Fair Association, and Ann worked with the Fair Association for the last 15 years or more in various capacities.

Bill also is a member of the Castro Masonic Lodge, which sponsors a barbecue dinner each year in conjunction with Harvest Days.

Ann has been a member of the Town & Country Family and Community Educators Club for many years, having held numerous offices in it, and she has helped with that group's participation in Harvest Days.

The couple were members of the former Dimmitt Square Dance Club, which also sponsored events for Harvest Days for many years.

As a member of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce since 1959, Bill had many opportunities to help with Harvest Days and other community projects.

Born in Lamb County to Rich and

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SELECTED FOR HARVEST DAYS HONOR ... Ann and Bill Henderson of Dimmitt are named parade marshals.

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Letter

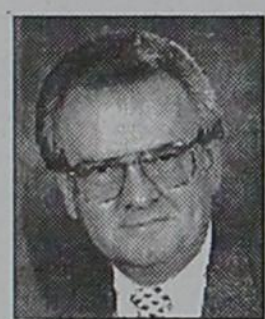
Reader protests ACLU actions

Dear Editor:
Last Friday's Lubbock paper had several articles of the actions the ACLU was fighting.
They have fought against prayer in public places, especially in schools; and the reading of scriptures and anything right, moral or holy. Now they are concerned about the moment of silence prior to athletic events, as these could only be for prayer time.
Harvey Madison, the representative for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is reported as saying he thinks "replacing prayer with a moment of silence is still illegal under the supreme court's ruling as it carries a religious motive."
Now we certainly do not want our children to be prayed over as it might cause some to become religious or moral human beings.
Another article said they were still concerned with the Lockney school's drug testing policy for those involved in extra-curricular activities.
This is a school that has had problems with drug use by some students. Regardless of the desire of the majority of parents as well as the other school systems, they take the side of one who objected.
Another item was their objection to the Boy Scouts for

their stand against open homosexuals serving as Scout masters or leaders.
I cannot imagine anyone wanting a prostitute leading their daughters in Brownies or Girl Scouts, and since homosexuality is a deviated form of prostitution, I suppose the ACLU will take that up next.
Another item stated the ACLU is defending a group known as the North American Man/Boy Love Association, which advocates sex between men and boys and is trying to lower the age of consent.
You talk about something sick, I believe this takes the cake.
It also stated they defend the Ku Klux Klan and the Neo-Nazis, but I know of not time that they have defended the rights of the victims of the Holocaust.
I have searched for items where the ACLU has fought for anything moral or right, but have not found it. I know that everyone has "rights," but with every "right" there are obligations and no one speaks of their obligations.
The morality of this nation is declining fast because of organizations such as the ACLU and others being supported by, I suppose, our tax dollars.
Where will it end?

CHARLES DOSS

Kids can lose respect for parents



By RON TRUSLER
Executive Director
Central Plains Center

Picture this in your mind—a child is staying with the grandparents. He is reasonably well behaved. He turns off the light when leaving a room (when reminded), he displays some understanding of good manners and does not sass you. Not a bad kid!
However, when the parents arrive, the once well-behaved child changes. He is loud mouthed, sasses his parents, and does not mind—a little monster!
What happened? Who or what flipped his switch? What caused the change? If this was just an occasional occurrence, you might think it was the excitement to see the parents. But when the child behaves that way all the time, there is something else going on.

closed doors—not in front of the child. Be united in front of the child.
4. Do not allow the child to run from parent to parent to pit one against the other so he can get his way. If one parent has made a decision without consulting the other parent, go with it. Stick to what the first parent said. Don't get all huffy. If it is a big deal, discuss it behind closed doors.
5. Be a responsible parent, not a "good" parent. "Good" parents try to not upset the child, so things will go smooth around the house. The child does something wrong, but is not disciplined in any manner. Discipline is inconsistent or absent. The results are that the child leans to not respect the rules or the parents who put the rules in place.
Responsible parents develop boundaries that are fair and reasonable. They allow the child to make appropriate decisions, make mistakes, and learn from them. Consequences are natural and logical.

6. Let your relationship with your spouse be primary—the most important. A good relationship with your child is important, but that will be greatly enhanced if you make your spouse the primary relationship.
If parents are not careful, they will get so concerned about doing or saying something that will warp the kid for life. Do not get jumpy. Most parents deeply love their children and would die for them. They have no thoughts of doing anything but what is best for them.
I wish it were easier to be a parent. Maybe a state license or something needs to be required first. No, if that was the case, and I had it to do over again, I would probably flunk the exam. Being a parent is not for wimps! I hope God blesses parents (and Texas!).

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The child has changed environments when the parents arrive. The "rules" and the roles are different now. The child knows how to manipulate and control the family. The bottom line is the child does not respect the rules or roles of his parents. How do you help prevent your child from losing respect?
1. Be consistent. Both parents must do what they say they will do. If you have said the child will be punished or rewarded for something, do it.
2. Do not oppose the other parent. One parent may try to be the child's "buddy" by allowing them to do something the other parent does not allow. For example, mother says, "bedtime at 9," but the daddy lets the child get by until 9:15. It would be best for him to support mom's decision by making sure the child goes to bed at 9 whether mom is there or not.
3. If you do not agree with your partner about something that pertains to the child, discuss it behind

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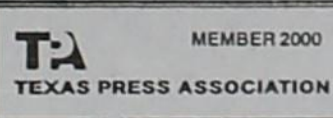
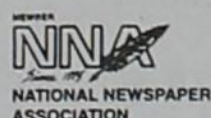
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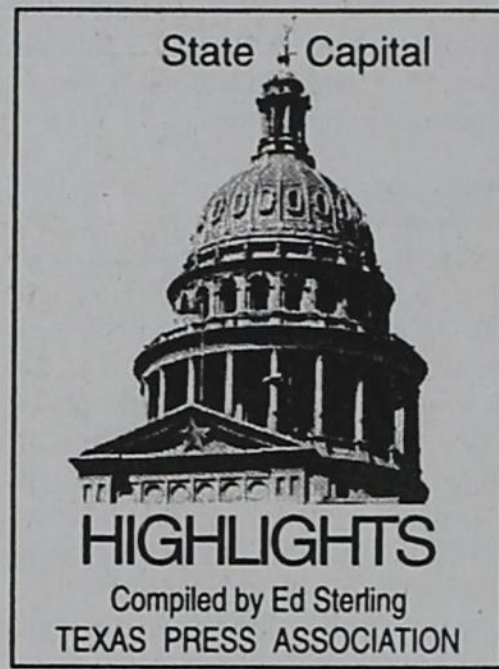
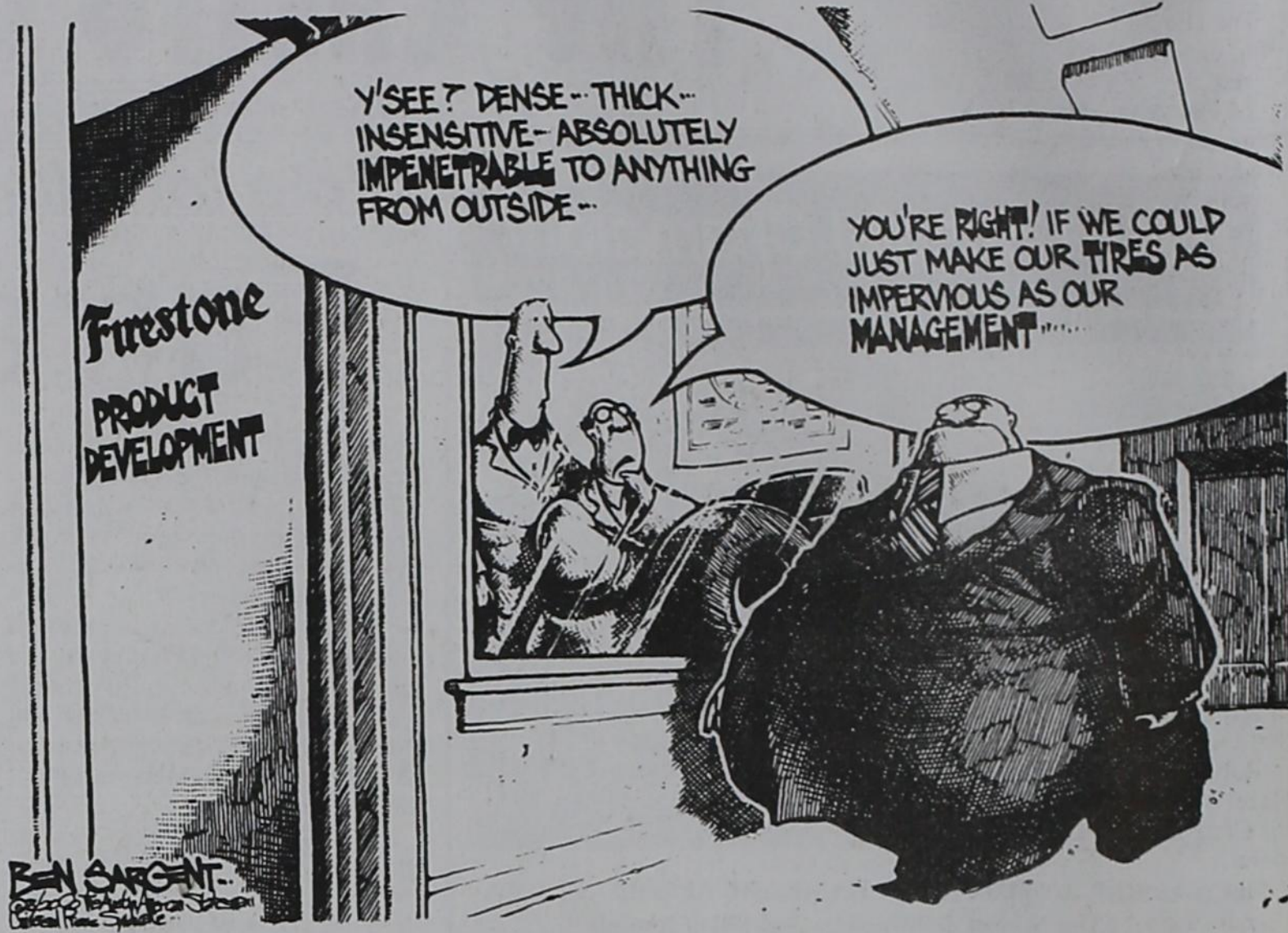
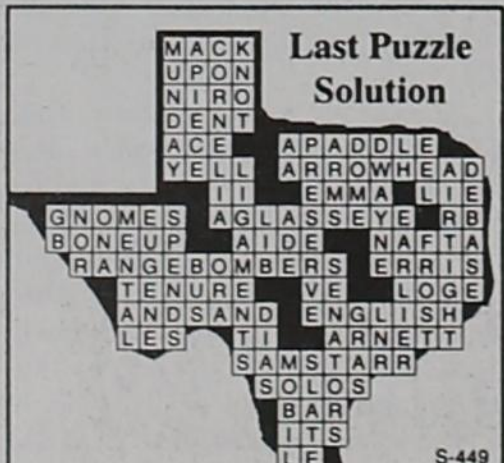
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Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.
All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.
Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.
For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

The state of Nebraska has an official fossil: it's the mammoth.



AUSTIN — Texas Department of Economic Development's "Smart Jobs" program trained one-third as many workers and created one-third as many jobs as promised between 1995 and 1998, the state auditor said in a report released last week.
Awarding and distributing funds became the main focus of the program created in 1994, so training and job creation objectives were not achieved.
"As a result, participants did not receive the type and quantity of training needed to prepare them for new or better jobs and to provide Texas employers with a more highly skilled workforce," the report said.
The state awarded \$55 million in Smart Job money to companies in 1998-99. The Legislature cut off funding for the program in January, after an earlier state audit showed low performance.
State to Appeal Medicaid Ruling
Medicaid officials have not sufficiently improved access to medical, dental and other services under a 1996 agreement affecting more than 1 million needy children, U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Austin ruled

Aug. 14.
Justice ordered the state to live up to the agreement and submit a plan to correct any deficiencies by mid-October.
But the Texas attorney general's office said the state would appeal the ruling.
"We believe that neither the law nor the facts support Judge Justice's decision," said Andrea Horton, a spokeswoman for Attorney General John Cornyn.
SAT Scores Hover in 2000
Texas students performed about the same on the Scholastic Aptitude Test this year as last year.
According to results released by The College Board, Texas students who took the verbal skills portion of the SAT in 2000 averaged 493 and 500 in the math portion.
Last year, Texas test-takers averaged 494 in verbal and 499 in math.
Nationally, scores averaged 505 in verbal and 514 in math in 2000.
Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson said he suspects the rapid rise in the number of students taking the test accounts for the scores remaining about the same.
Non-Emergency Number Debuts
The Texas Department of Public Safety and six wireless carriers have created *DPS, a statewide wireless phone number for Texans to use when reporting non-life-threatening situations on Texas roads and highways.
Customers of ALLTEL, Nextel, Southwestern Bell Wireless, GTE Wireless, Houston Cellular and Verizon Wireless can dial (star)DPS free of airtime charges anywhere in Texas and receive roadside assistance for non-emergencies.
Examples of when a motorist should dial *DPS include:

- Stranded with engine trouble;
 - Hazardous road conditions; or
 - Suspicious activity at a rest area.
- The non-emergency number is not meant to replace 911 as an emergency number, the DPS said.
AGs Settle with Time Inc.
Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, along with the attorneys general of 47 other states and the District of Columbia, entered into an \$8.25 million settlement with Time Inc., one of the largest sweepstakes mailers.
The settlement requires restitution to consumers and changes in sweepstakes advertising.
The settlement also requires that all Time sweepstakes mailings provide a clear and conspicuous "Sweepstakes Facts" disclosure to consumers.
The Sweepstakes Facts will include statements including:
• Buying will not help the consumer win the sweepstakes;
• The consumer has not yet won; and
• The odds of winning a prize.
- Other Highlights**
- Texas now has the highest prison population of any state. At the end of last year, Texas had 163,190 prisoners, edging ahead of California, which had 163,067. In general population, however, California's 32 million dwarfs Texas' 20 million.
 - About 120 earthquakes (some recently in the Texas Panhandle) have rattled Texas since the 1840s, but typical residential property insurance in Texas does not cover earthquake damage. The Texas Department of Insurance suggests that those interested in obtaining earthquake coverage contact a local insurance agent who can help get them in touch with a "surplus lines" broker.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "got the ___ of it"

5 Ripley's Believe ___ Not ___

6 TXism: "___ as a squirrel up a tree"

7 TX ___ Quinta Inns

8 TXism: "the whole ___ and caboodle"

9 "Charles" south of the Rio Grande

15 a TX mesquite

16 TXism: "he ___ to no one" (refused to comply)

18 actor Kurt of film "The Deadly Tower" about "66 UT sniper

20 TXism: "it's ___ bout"

21 TXism: "___ a new hat size" (hit)

26 TX Joe Don Baker film: "Walking ___"

27 dog hotel

29 TXism: "fits like ___ a horse"

30 amigos

32 Ozona high school class

33 early name: "El Paso ___"

36 ex-Cowboy "Shark" Kenneth

37 Nixon who carried TX in '72 (init.)

38 Cowboys arena: Texas

39 "good" south of the border

41 young TX anglers learn how to do this (3 wds.)

DOWN

1 book: "Lone Star Rising, Lyndon Johnson and ___ Times"

2 TXism: "hard as dodging rice ___ wedding"

3 TXism: "___ on her" (pretty)

4 TX Babe: "___ Athlete of the Half Century"

8 just west of Denton

9 A&M's home

10 UH Helmsman winner Andre (init.)

11 Erik Williams line position on the Cowboys (abbr.)

12 former TX fuel supplier (3 wds.)

13 McKinney's '48 gold medal vaulter; ___ Guinn Smith

14 Spurs' Elliott in Henderson Co. on 31

16 once a Hooks FM

17 TX Larry Hagman ___ of Jeannie

19 "Tyler Rose" Campbell

21 winning general at San Jacinto (init.)

22 TXism: "put a ___ on it" (shut up)

23 citrus drinks

24 "critter" hides

25 Fort Worth AFB is named for ___ Carswell

27 Denton AM radio this Watkins won '73 Byron Nelson Classic in Dallas

28 TXism: "put a ___ on it" (shut up)

29 citrus drinks

31 "I Can See Clearly Now" TX singer

34 TXism: "black gold"

35 TXism: "he's over ___ (deserving)"

37 Texas Stadium's ___ of Honor

40 TXism: "jump ___ (escape from law)"

42 TXism: "all bear and no ___ (genuine)"

43 TX Don Henley Eagles' hit: "Take ___ Limit"

49 motorbike with a pedal

50 TXism: "let ___ rip!"

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

The Dimmitt High School graduating classes of 1955 and 1956 observed their 44th and 45th year reunions in Albuquerque, N.M., this summer. The Wyndham Hotel was headquarters for the group. Barbara Stevens Wheat of Albuquerque and Kaye Stevens did a good job making plans and executing them. Everyone had a good time.

The Class of 1955 had 13 members present and the Class of 1956 had 12. Most of these had their spouses with them, and came from Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and many towns in Texas.

Bob and Darlene Cates Walters and Monty and Sue Bagwell Boozer of Dimmitt were there. They had dinner on Saturday night at the hotel, and looked at their high school annuals. They brought pictures to share and caught up on all the latest news.

Here is some of the information that I gleaned from the annual:

Ralph Smith, band director, and Hazel Merritt, were the sponsors for the Class of 1955. The class favorites were Joe Nelson and Darlene Cates, Louise Simpson Nelson and George Ray Jr., Ivan Sinclair and Margaret Odom, Gwen Smith and Clinton Glenn.

The 1955 Bobcat football team had Edgar Dennis, Clinton Glenn, Joe Nelson, Charles Brown and George Ray who were all-district or honorable mention.

Leo Fields was head football coach, head boys basketball coach and head girls basketball coach.

The girls' basketball team won the state championship that year! I quote from a newspaper article that was reprinted in the Bobcat annual:

"Dimmitt, March 13 (Special)—The victorious Dimmitt Bobbies, winners of the Girls State Basketball Championship at Austin Saturday night with a rousing 62-44 victory over Granbury, were given a roaring ovation by more than 1,000 local cage fans when they stepped from their bus tonight.

"The girls were presented corsages and were honored with a victory banquet at an Austin hotel. This was arranged by Dimmitt fans who had attended the tournament.

"Among those named All-State players for 1955 were Dimmitt Bobbies Darlene Cates and Margaret Odom."

Bryce Dowell and Darlene Carpenter Dowell were the editor and co-editor of the 1955 annual.

Nazareth's population increased by several hundred people over the

Labor Day weekend celebration. Dimmitt people did their part to add to the crowd. Several from the Methodist Church drove over to eat lunch at the Nazareth Community Hall. The Danny Rice family was there celebrating Shelly's birthday. The George Sides and Percy Parsons took guests—Deanne Clark and Elva Forrester of Lubbock.

The Carter Townsends, Carroll Webbs, and Dr. Bill and Yulia Murphy went over after the Church of Christ services. Bill and Yulia had as their guests Harold and Lawanda Murphy William and children, Nathan and Abigail of Austin, and Marianna Murphy Pavareth of Abilene.

The Nazareth hosts cordially and efficiently fed the large crowd. The town looked pretty. Polly Simpson was there with her friend, Teeny Hoelting, and they reported that the parade was especially good.

The new city park with the lovely water wheel, stream and pond, a pretty rock garden, benches, a walkway and flowers galore almost made us forget the drought we are suffering. This pretty place and the good food didn't "just happen." It took a lot of hard work and community pride to get this done.

The tennis group that Margaret Parsons and Deanne Clark play with had planned a trip to the Parsons' lake house near Breckenridge. A fourth player had to cancel so Deanne and her mother, Elva Forrester, came here instead. Deanne and Margaret played tennis with A'llan Bradley, Kathy Rundell, June Sutton, Sharon Steffy, Cari Chase and Doricell Davis.

Percy and Elva played canasta with Carolyn Jones and V.C. and Dorothy Hopson. It was a fun weekend.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the home of Mildred Bradford. Those present were Martha Dannevik, Reba Touchstone, Shirley Wise, Peggy Broadstreet, Margaret Parsons, Doris Lust and Ina Cleavinger. I can't report who won high. I've been told that most of the time they don't even add their scores.

My granddaughter, Carolan Gary of Hereford, and I were having lunch in Hereford recently when Linda Wise Welch and Cathy Wales Carthel of Friona came in. Linda is the daughter of Shirley Wise and Cathy is the daughter of Lois and Charles Wales of Dimmitt. They both live in Friona, are married to

Friona guys and live on farms near each other. Carolan and Cathy knew each other through a church they had both attended.

The Senior Citizens play bridge every Thursday. Louise Mears goes down to open up at about 8:30 a.m. and gets things ready. There is a different hostess each week and she or he furnishes a dessert and snacks. There are usually three tables and they finish playing by about 2:30 or 3 p.m.

Jim and Ina Cleavinger have been to Baytown to see their son, Jimmy, daughter-in-law, Terrie Lynn, and grandchildren, David, Audrey, Rachel, Nathan and Victoria.

Nathan, 4, came home with "Pop Paw" and "Grandma." he enjoyed playing in the yard and going to the farm.

After a five-day visit with Jim and Ina, they took Nathan to San Saba to their deer lease cabin to meet Jimmy to take Nathan home.

The Senior Citizens sponsor a game night every Friday from 6 p.m. to about 9:30 or 10. There are always sandwiches and chips and dips, etc. Last Friday night they had 24 people present. There were five tables of "42" and one table of "chicken foot."

One time a month they have a big dinner. If you need something to do on Friday nights and can't make it to the football games, come join this group. Dues are \$15 a year for people age 55 and older.

A bake sale sponsored by the Senior Citizens will be held during Harvest Days at the Expo building, with the proceeds going to the Bill Henderson medical fund. The Hendersons, Ann and Bill, have been named honorary parade marshals for Harvest Days 2000, to honor them and wish them God speed.

Their new address is 7219 Cecilia Street #32, Houston 77030.

Betty Freeman has visited with the Alex Linskyi family via telephone recently. The Linskyis came to Dimmitt from Ukraine a few years ago when their son, Serge was in high school. Alex, originally came to Dimmitt

with Dr. Bill Murphy, who met Alex on a mission trip to Ukraine with a church group. Alex was here on a visa and returned to his home in Ukraine to apply for a permanent visa and brought his wife, Tonya, to Dimmitt with him. They were not successful in obtaining permanent resident privileges to live in the US, so they were forced to move to Canada, where citizenship is much easier to get.

They send their love and greetings to all of their friends. Their new address is 7471 Yonge Street, Apt. 403, Thornhill, On., L 3 t 2 B 9, Canada.

They miss Texas and would love to hear from you.

(This is my personal note: I do not understand how anyone ever gets a permanent US visa. Many letters were written on their behalf to the immigration office verifying that we would have liked for them to stay in Dimmitt. Our population is decreasing and we need people like them, but this fell on deaf ears. Tonya, Alex and Serge, we miss you, too.)

Taylor is 3! She is our great-granddaughter and the granddaughter of Van and Carole Hopson and daughter of Cody and Kelly Fry. She lives in Aubrey near Denton, but to follow a tradition that she have her birthday parties here, the family came home to celebrate Taylor's birthday.

Aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents, Rex and Jerrye Wooten, were here to celebrate. Taylor and her young cousins swam (in a plastic inflatable pool), performed antics on the trampoline, popped balloons, ate birthday cake and opened gifts. The other little ones were Christian and Hunter Garza and Donavin Ewing of Hereford.

Don't forget that we're having company this weekend for Harvest Days. CUFUPU! (Clean Up, Fix Up, Pride Up!)

Former Dimmitt resident J.D. (James) McDonald was featured recently in an article by Jeanne Simmons in *The Lake Country Sun*. He was instrumental in helping start the Possum Kingdom Westlake Vol-

unteer Emergency Medical Service, and was the first director of it, having been elected to the position in 1983.

"McDonald is a spark plug who fires up human engines with enthusiasm. Other members of the service are willing to work with him because his enthusiasm is contagious. It's hard to get discouraged around the man," the article said.

McDonald also is one of the paramedics who works with the EMS, and he hopes to see the service get upgraded to Mobile Intensive Care Unit capability.

When contacted, McDonald said he and his wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Misty, left Dimmitt in 1981. He had grown up here and worked for Hays Implement for a number of years before moving to Possum Kingdom Lake.

He said their daughter is now married and living in Graham. Kathy is active in fund raising for the EMS, and for the volunteer fire department. Both also are active in their church there.

McDonald said he is a marine mechanic when he is not busy with paramedic and EMT service duties.

The family's address is HC 74 Box 570, Graham, TX 76450 or you can e-mail them at: jamesdmc@brazosnet.com

The Family Community Educators Extension Club met Friday at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

The group discussed the menu for food that will be served during Harvest Days, and they discussed the state meeting.

Club members Patsy Entekin and Mary Beth Berquist served a delicious lunch of ham and tuna sandwiches, fruit salad, brownies, tea and coffee.

Patsy, who is the vice president of the group, opened the meeting with a prayer and recitation of the creed.

Members answered the roll call by naming a favorite winter meal, with vegetable soup, chili and stew being the most popular answers. Those present included Sandra Bagwell, Mattie Seale, Mary Edna Hendrix, Betty Freeman, Edith Graef, Ferne Jones, Patsy, Mary Beth, and guest Faye Mohon.

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Bell wins scholarship

Michaele Bell of Dimmitt has received the Shawn David Schaeffer Memorial President's Honor Scholarship from West Texas A&M University.

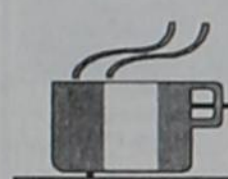
To receive the scholarship, students must rank in the top 10% of their high school graduating class, score at least a 25 on the ACT or a 1,200 on the SAT and have proven themselves as community leaders. To maintain eligibility, students must keep a cumulative grade-point average of 3.4 or higher and carry at least a 15-hour class load each semester.

Although restrictions may not be placed on a scholarship, the donor is allowed to indicate preferences such as geographic area or major. The West Texas A&M University Foundation makes every effort to match student recipients with those preferences made by the donor, according to Pat Hill Cathcart, executive director of the WTAMU Foundation.



GOD BLESS THE USA—Mark Birkenfeld performs his solo while other members of the Nazareth Swift Band provide backup to *God Bless the USA* Sunday during the Nazareth Labor Day parade. Directing the group (left) is Drum Major Elizabeth Olvera. Photo by Anne Acker

The town of Terminus, Georgia, changed its name to Atlanta in 1845.



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Quilters to sew for Evelyn Rivers project

The Friendship Quilters' Guild of Dimmitt has set a fun and work day for Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center to work on quilts to be donated to the annual Evelyn Rivers project in Amarillo.

The project donates coats and other warmth-giving items to needy children from throughout the area. The guild would like to include at least six quilts in the items to be distributed.

The quilts will be pieced from material and batting furnished through R&R Quilts of Amarillo. However, volunteers are needed to help with the cutting, pressing and sewing.

Volunteers are asked to come and

bring sewing machines or sergers and thread and other items needed for sewing. Also, participants may bring a sack lunch.

"Those who don't have machines or who don't want to sew are still very welcome to participate," said Joyce Davis, a member of the guild. "We will need people to do cutting and pressing and other jobs in finishing the quilts."

The quilts will be made in the "Six Hour Quilt" pattern with six-inch wide strips of fabric the width of the quilt, which is then bordered with another six-inch wide strip.

"We feel this is a worthwhile project and will give the children something they can take with them as their very own," Davis said.

'My Fair Lady' to be presented by Amarillo Opera on Sept. 16

The Amarillo Opera will present the musical comedy *My Fair Lady* on Saturday, Sept. 16, in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

The show is slated to start at 7:30 p.m.

My Fair Lady is the classic tale of self-proclaimed misogyny and the caution against setting out to "prove ones point." George Bernard Shaw's musical retelling of the myth of Pygmalion and Galatea brings the point home in *My Fair Lady*.

Living in Victorian England rather than ancient Rome, Henry Higgins (Pygmalion) proudly announces his abhorrence of women. His talents as a language specialist are challenged when he assumes the task of converting Eliza (Galatea) from an unkempt cockney flower girl into something, which might pass as "a lady."

Sung in English, *My Fair Lady*, will feature Keralee Crume Johnson, returning from New York as the unforgettable Eliza Doolittle. Sherman Bass will play Professor Henry Higgins and Jade Edwards is Freddie Eynsford-Hill. Eliza's father, Alfred P. Doolittle, will be performed by Jeffrey Stevens. Local professional musicians will be conducted by Lee Kendle. Gene Murray will undertake stage direction. Mila Gibson is the artistic director.

The musical features many well-known favorite songs such as "On the Street Where You Live," and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

For ticket information, contact the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office at (806) 378-3096.

German entourage schedules stop in Nazareth on Sunday

Busloads of German citizens, members of the Karl May Society, are planning a stop in Nazareth on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The 90-member group will be German-speaking members of the worldwide literary society which honors the life and works of Karl May (1842-1912), the best-selling German fiction writer, even today.

The group will arrive at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth on Sunday and will be welcomed by Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman and residents who would like to speak German.

A *Fruhschuppen* will be hosted for the visitors, and it is slated to begin with an historical dramatization of Father Joseph Reisdorff, performed by J. Michael Harter of Amarillo; and Irish resident T.P. McCormick, portrayed by Keith Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

Following the entertainment, a brunch will be served, featuring local German sausage and home-grown trimmings. After the meal, visitors will tour the Nazareth Museum and hear some local musicians before re-boarding their buses to continue their trip to the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in attending Sunday's event is welcome, and families attending are asked to bring a potluck dish for the meal.

The Germans are visiting in Lubbock through Tuesday and they plan to participate in a multi-faceted program organized through a partnership of Texas Tech University and the Karl May Society.

According to Texas Tech faculty member and symposium organizer Dr. Meredith McClain, this is the first time the society has ever met outside of Europe.

Some members of the group will be making their fourth visit to the

Lubbock area while others will be entering the US for the first time.

Members of the society are enthusiastic about visiting the Llano Estacado region, since it was the setting of May's best-selling novels.

From the end of the 19th Century through today, no one has influenced the German image of America more than May. He is still one of the most popular writers in the German language and he is author of a wide variety of literary works, stretching from popular sensational novels to highly symbolic epic works. The German image of the Native American—the Yankee—including German immigrants, as well as the American landscape, have been deeply influenced by May.

May was in America very late in his life and only for a short visit in the Northeast.

Book Club will meet Wednesday

The Dimmitt Book Club will open the new season at 4 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 13) at Rhoads Memorial Library, and the public is invited to attend.

Doris Flynt, president of the group, will present proposals for the revision of the constitution. Club members will share a brief review of a book that they have read during the summer.

Regular book reviews will begin in October. The public is always invited to attend the club meetings and all interested persons are invited to join the club.

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The 2000 Labor Day parish picnic was held on Sunday and it was a huge success in every way. It was great to visit with so many friends from the surrounding towns and we also are fortunate to always have many of our young couples and their children come for the picnic and spend the weekend.

A big thanks to our Parish Council members and members of the Council of Economic Affairs and the chairmen of each event, especially the lunch chairmen, Jane Gerber and Mary Beth Gerber. Thanks to all the workers who came for their assigned jobs. It takes everyone to make it a success.

The parade began at 10 a.m. with Tom Hoelting and Marvin Hoelting doing a great job as emcees. The parade was led by the very capable Honor Guard and then there were so many good floats, old cars, FFA, FCCLA, Swift football team, cheerleaders and the Swift Band. The judges had a hard decision in picking the winning floats.

Parade winners were Nazareth Museum, first place. This float carried Bruce Braddock and his family, who are the only remaining descendants of the T.P. McCormick family who still reside in Nazareth. Second-place honors went to "Life on the Prairie," a float entered by the American Legion Auxiliary. The Swift Band earned third-place honors with their float. The band did a great job livening up the crowd with the two selections that they performed. Honorable mention honors went to the "Beverly Hillbillies," Beverly and Charley Hill and family who rode in Charley's 1930 Model A Ford along with the Hills' grandchildren, Anni, Ethan and Brynlee; and the 1941 Cadillac ambulance-hearse, driven by David Hughes of Kress.

Essay contest to promote youth voting awareness

The Texas Secretary of State's Office, in cooperation with Texas newspapers, is sponsoring an essay writing contest for school-age children in an effort to encourage voter participation in Texas.

The essay topic is "Why My Parents Should Vote." Students are divided into three age groups and must turn in their entries by Oct. 6. The top three winners in each category will receive certificates and will be invited to appear at a media event at the Capitol. All winning entries will be displayed in the Capitol through the November election and will be announced in a news release.

Congratulations to Mary Gerber, who was honored on her 90th birthday with an open house at the American Legion Hall Saturday afternoon.

The celebration was hosted by her family, Fritz and Julene Gerber, Ed and Eileen Gerber, Vincent and Toby Gerber, Dorothy McQuilliams, Regina and Ronnie Hoelting, Jerome (deceased) and Glenda Gerber, Norbert and Helen Gerber and Dennis and Dolores Gerber.

Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier of Tulia, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock and Dolores Heiman and Virgie Gerber of Nazareth attended the wedding of Kirk Self and Brandi Williams Saturday afternoon at Trinity Baptist Church in Amarillo. Kirk is the grandson of Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier.

Evelyn Hill of Lubbock recently attended the wedding of her son, Brad Hill, and Thomasina Raper at the Troy Christian Chapel in Troy, Mich.

Our sympathy to the family of Andy Schumacher, 81, of Dimmitt. Survivors include his wife, Oleda; three daughters, Charlotte Rentfro of Purcell, Okla., Yvonne Wilcox of Mineral Wells and Nan Davis of Tulia; two sons, Glenn Schumacher of Plainview and Randy Schumacher of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Prayers are asked for Florene and Ernie Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Paul Venhaus, Sue Schneider, Anna Lee, Virgil Brockman, Edith Huseman, Patricia Butler, Elias Bermea, Kevin Acker, Dorothy McQuilliams, John Womack, Lori Huseman, Gin Huseman and Clyde Hoelting.



FIVE GENERATIONS—Adell Clark of Canterbury Villa was recently honored with a surprise birthday party to celebrate her 90th birthday in the home of Jim Bob and Cindy Ellis of Dimmitt. Among the more than 30 guests were her family, representing five generations. Those five generations include (from left to right) Mrs. Clark holding her great-great-granddaughter, Tierra; Barbara Clark McDermitt of Waco; Becky McDermitt Burr and Cassie Burr, both of Durant, Okla. *Courtesy Photo*

Schaeffers to be honored at WTAMU

Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmitt will be among the benefactors honored at a special banquet at West Texas A&M University tonight (Thursday).

The Schaeffers established two memorial scholarships which are presented to students at the university each year. They are the Geneva Schaeffer President's Honor Scholarship and the Shawn David Schaeffer Memorial President's Honor Scholarship.

The individuals and corporations responsible for establishing the endowed scholarships upon which the program relies will be honored tonight (Thursday) at the President's Honors Scholars Dinner. The

Schaeffers are among the honorees. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility on the WTAMU campus. This year's banquet will include recognition of four new President's Honor Scholarships that have been established in the past year.

Each President's Honor Scholarship endowment is a \$40,000 contribution given by an individual or group. The donation may be a one-time gift, or payments can be made over a maximum of five years. Gifts are permanent endowments that are never spent. Only the income is used to make scholarship awards.

The four newest endowments are in recognition of Stanley Schaeffer,

Carl Clyde Periman, Mary Arless O'Keefe Periman, W.K. and Minnie Savage.

DHS Class of '80 plans its reunion

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1980 is planning its 20-year reunion, which will be held Sept. 29-30 over homecoming weekend.

Those planning to attend should contact one of the following: Lou (Phillips) Flowers, Route 1, Box 62-A, Meadow 79345; Angie (Silva) Sandoval, PO Box 590, Dimmitt 79027; Debbie (Dennis) Underwood, Rt. 4, Box 78, Dimmitt 79027; or Jeri (Mann) Vines, 7201 King's Place, Amarillo 79109.

Organizers of the event are still trying to locate addresses for the following class members: Chonito Arce, Jimmy Joe Butler, Christina Davila, Steve Stone, D'Anne (Muffy) Truelock and Paula Williams. Anyone who knows how to get in contact with any of these people should contact one of the people whose address is listed above.

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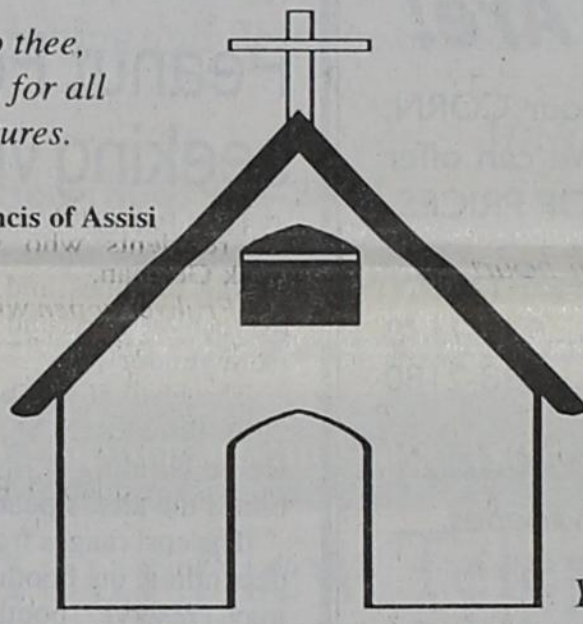
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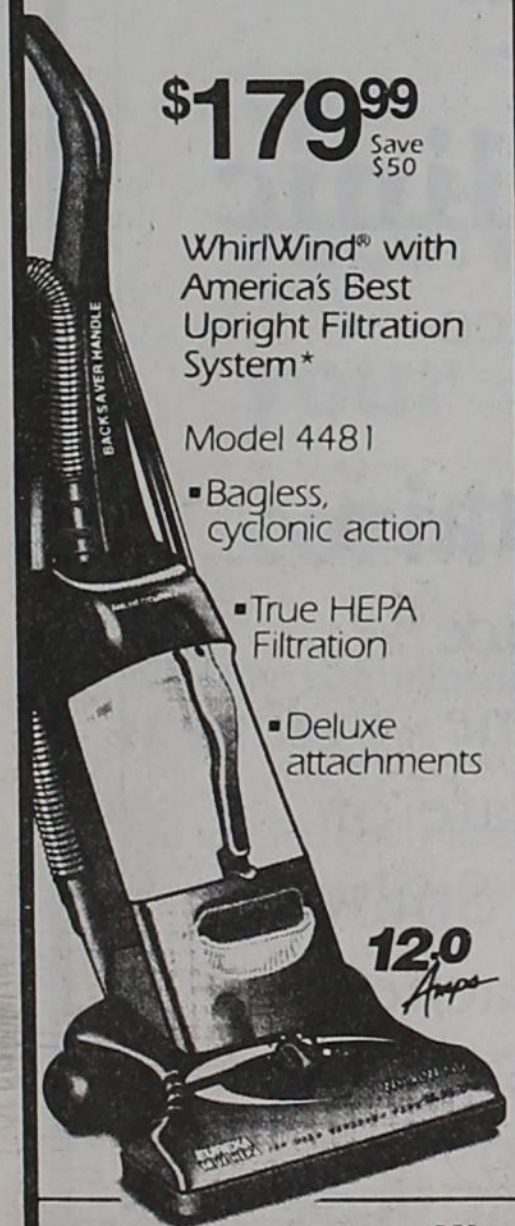
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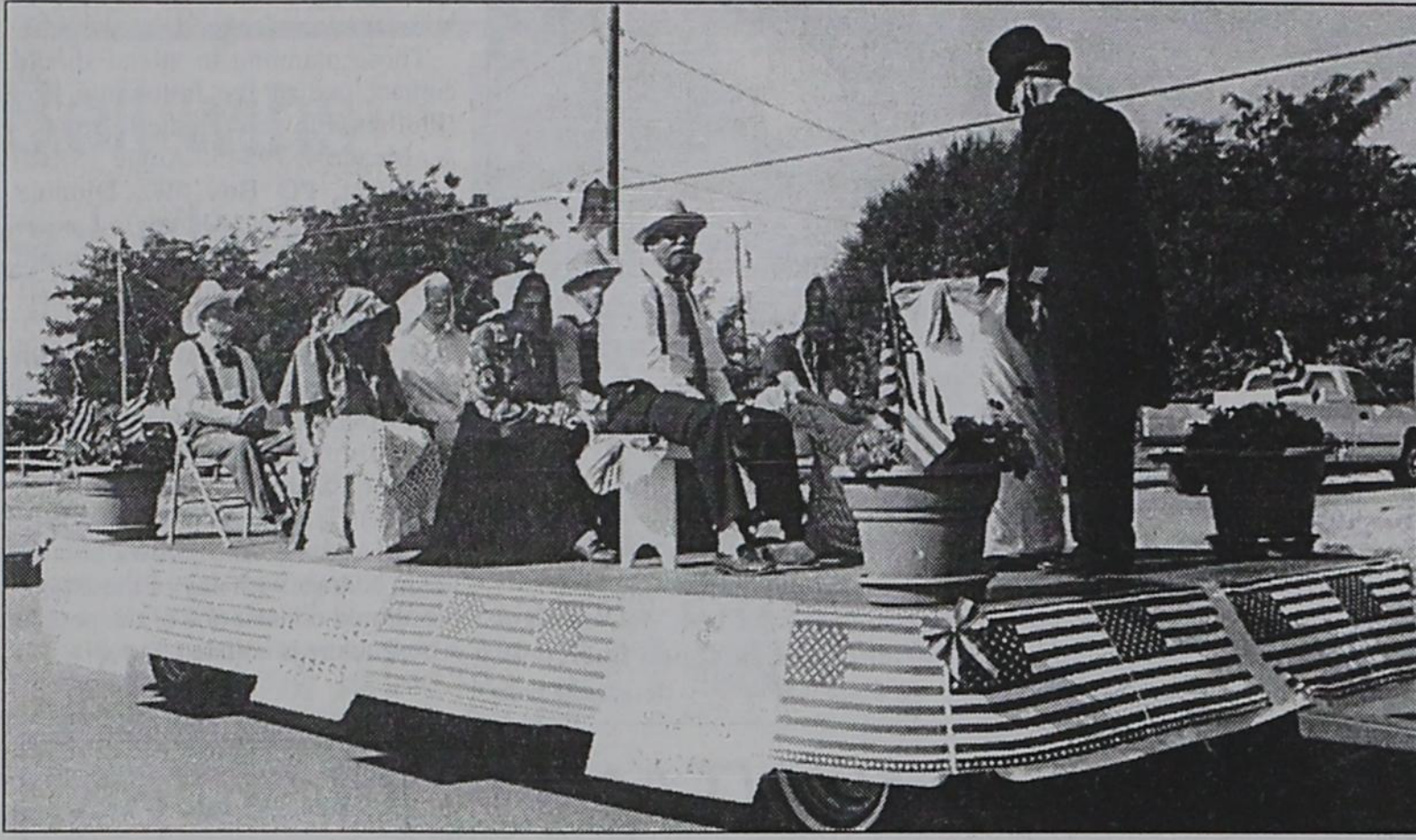


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FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO— Abraham Lincoln, (right) portrayed by Ronnie Hoelting, recites the Gettysburg Address to "pioneers" while riding aboard the American Legion Auxiliary's float Sunday in the Labor Day parade at Nazareth. This float finished second and earned a \$100 prize. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Persistent drought results in ag losses of \$595 million

Drought conditions that have plagued farmers and ranchers throughout the year and continue across Texas have led to \$595 million in agricultural losses, according to economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Cotton, the number one cash crop in Texas, has been hardest hit, with Extension economists estimating \$285 million in crop losses. "As we look at the Southern Plains from San Angelo to Big Spring, Lamesa and on into the Snyder and Roscoe areas, cotton is just simply burning up," said Dr. Carl Anderson, an Extension cotton marketing economist. "If it continues on for another 30 days, half of the dryland crop will be lost and you can add another 500,000 bales."

"As you come south (of I-20), that cotton would be lucky to make 150 pounds of lint per acre," said Billy Warrick, an Extension agronomist based in San Angelo. "An indication of lucky would be stretching it. A lot of cotton is six inches tall with one boll on top. That doesn't contribute much to yield to say the least."

Anderson said many of the irrigated areas in West Texas have been hampered by both drought and insect problems.

"Yields are a little less because of insect pressure and the cost of insect control has been severe on many farmers," he said. "In many situations, farmers have been trying to save their crop from insects and drought has been taking away from it as well."

Other estimated agricultural losses so far this year include:

- ◆ \$15 million in grain sorghum losses.
- ◆ \$125 million in wheat losses.
- ◆ \$27 million in added irrigation costs.
- ◆ \$11 million in loss of wheat for grazing.
- ◆ \$50 million losses in forage crops.

- ◆ \$20 million losses in other crops.
- ◆ \$62 million in added feed and water costs.

Meanwhile, drought has prevented many of the state's beef producers from building herds in anticipation of stronger prices. Dormant pastures continue to result in reduced body condition of livestock and those livestock are requiring supplemental feeding. Hauling water to livestock and herd reduction continued to expand, especially in drier areas.

Dr. Ernie Davis, an Extension beef economist, said this could intensify considerably over the next few weeks if dry conditions continue.

Hay production since mid-year has come to a virtual standstill. Hay production lost to drought is projected at \$50 million.

Rain is needed soon to replenish pastures and to achieve an additional cutting of hay prior to the first frost. If this does not occur, ranchers will be facing another costly feeding cycle through the fall and winter this year.

Meanwhile, the Texas cotton crop was planted on 6.3 million acres this spring, with many expecting above-average yields. Only the state's earliest cotton acres were able to escape the devastating summer drought. The lower Rio Grande Valley, the lower and upper coastal region and the Central Texas Blacklands produced an average crop that totals close to a million bales.

High temperatures of 100 degrees Fahrenheit and above and a lack of rainfall have caused a substantial setback across five million acres of cotton planted in the Rolling Plains and Southern High Plains of West Texas. With less than two million acres irrigated, the three million acres of dryland cotton in the region have suffered significant losses, according to Extension economists.

An estimated one million acres of cotton had already been lost by the

beginning of August, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, and new estimates, expected to be released Tuesday, indicate more acres will be written off.

In the Rolling Plains, one million acres of cotton stretching south from the Red River to near Abilene are expected to be less than half of the usual 300 pounds of lint per acre. Cotton losses in the Rolling Plains are expected to be at least 250,000 bales, a value of \$75 million.

The Southern High Plains region, stretching from San Angelo to Big Spring, and from Lubbock into New Mexico, also has been hit hard by high temperatures.

A lack of sufficient rainfall last winter failed to build subsoil moisture. Losses in the Southern High Plains are estimated at 700,000 bales a value of \$210 million. These estimates do not include likely losses in fiber quality, such as a shorter staple length, due to moisture stress.

Of the \$285 million in cotton losses, Anderson said the economic impact felt by rural communities and agribusinesses could reach \$600 million.

"Government payments will be very welcomed (by the cotton farmers)," Anderson said. "We've been in a continuous drought. Most producers haven't had time to catch up and the market price last year was so weak. The market is better now, but it's not going to show much in the pockets of producers because of the way the loan deficiency payments work. Any programs that might be added for disaster reasons would be welcomed."

Drought conditions have hampered Texas agricultural producers four out of the past five years. The 1996 drought resulted in \$2 billion in producer losses, while the 1998 drought led to \$2.1 billion in producer losses. The 1999 drought resulted in \$223 million in producer losses.

Two locals win at Tri-State show

Eric Odom and Chris Reynolds, both members of the Castro County 4-H Horse Club, won honors at the Tri-State Open Horse Show held Aug. 27.

Odom won first in poles and Western Pleasure, open division; second in Western riding, reining, barrels, and hunt seat equitation; third in halter mares, Western Pleasure youth division, and showmanship; fourth in horsemanship; and sixth in hunter under saddle.

Reynolds took first in Western Pleasure, youth division, and in horsemanship; and second in showmanship and in Western Pleasure, open division.

Peanut Festival seeking vendors

The Peanut Valley Festival at Eastern New Mexico University is adding antiques and collectibles to the festival's arts and crafts offerings from vendors.

The festival will be held Oct. 20-22 in Portales, N.M., in the Campus Union building at ENMU, and celebrates the area's peanut harvest.

The cost ranges from \$90 to \$120, depending on booth size. Vendors may reserve booths by calling Randall Paterson at 505-562-2631 or e-mail him at: randallpaterson@enmu.edu.

To be eligible for inclusion, antiques must be at least 50 years old, and all arts and crafts must be handmade.

Local Cargill AgHorizons branches restructuring into Farm Service Group

Cargill AgHorizons Farm Service Centers in Hart and Plainview are restructuring to form a single Farm Service Group.

The group, led by Jarrel Sewell, manager of Cargill AgHorizons at Hart, will focus on providing innovative products and services to meet changing farm customer needs.

"Providing our customers with farm business solutions is our goal. This structure allows us to better utilize regional expertise and improve our product and service offer-

ings to our customers," said Sewell.

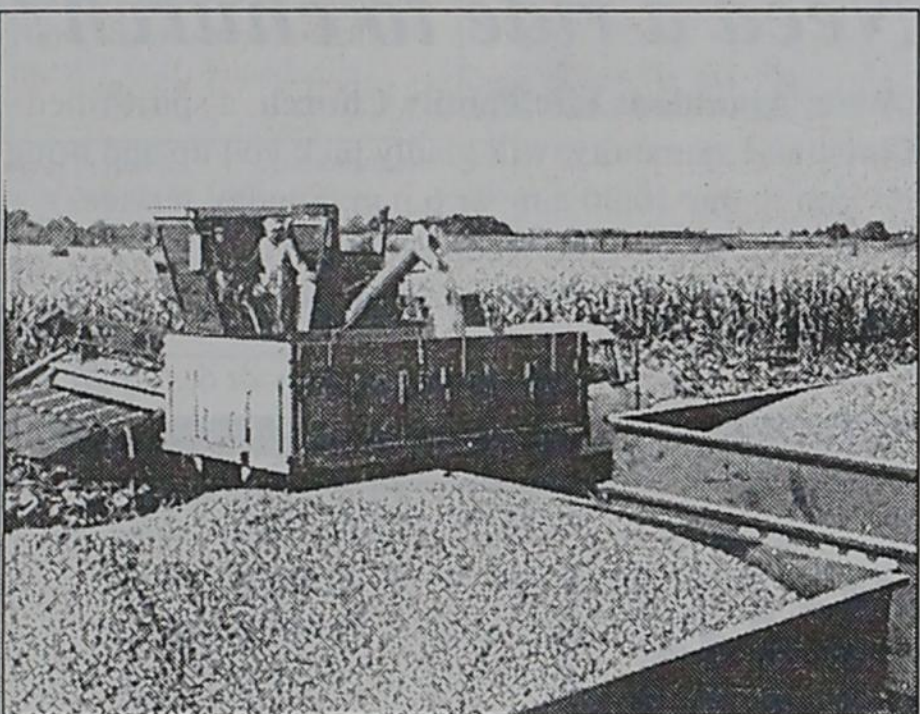
The Hart-Plainview Farm Service Group will realign responsibilities among employees to bring greater focus and specialization to each role. In addition, each group will offer services in a variety of areas, some for the first time. These service areas include:

- ◆ **Performance Marketing:** Solutions for effective grain marketing, such as innovative grain marketing alternatives, market information and market analysis.

◆ **Performance Finance:** Solutions for cash management with a range of financing products to help farmers manage cash flow.

The restructuring will also allow more flexibility at a level that is closest to farm customers. Individual Farm Service Groups will be responsible for meeting customer needs in their own area, instead of centralizing those decisions.

This restructuring is another step toward Cargill's goal of becoming a customer solutions organization.



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VALOR now serving local exchanges

Since Friday, VALOR Telecom has been serving local telephone exchanges following the transfer of ownership from Verizon (formerly GTE), along with numerous exchanges in other areas of the state. All customer records and pending orders were transferred to VALOR as of Friday. In the first 15 days of the transfer, temporary systems will be

used while transferred records and service orders are loaded into new automated systems and re-tested. Current phone service will not be affected by the transition, according to VALOR. To handle new service orders and the backlog of pending orders, VALOR Telecom has hired additional personnel, installed new sys-

tems and worked closely with government and regulatory officials and community leaders to prepare for the transfer of lines. During September and October, VALOR may receive a high volume of calls, and customers may experience delays in placing new orders. However, any delays will be temporary during this transition period,

according to information from VALOR. With respect to customer billing, phone rates will not change, but the VALOR phone bill has been reformatted. Therefore, some of the charges and fees may appear in a different section. Furthermore, the transfer of lines will not affect customers' current long distance and Internet services. Customers who have selected Verizon (formerly GTE) as their long distance and/or Internet service provider will begin receiving a separate bill for those services. VALOR officials said that the company will soon offer long-distance service so that customers can have the convenience of receiving one bill for local and long distance services. Phone exchanges transferred to VALOR include Dimmitt, Friona, Happy, Hart, Littlefield, Nazareth and Tulia.

VALOR is establishing Customer Service Centers in Carlsbad, N.M., and Texarkana to provide sales and service support and to answer billing inquiries. Customers will be able to call these centers when they need to install new phone lines, inquire about their phone bill, or receive service information. According to VALOR, The Texarkana Call Center will perform remote repair functions, as well as schedule technicians for field repair work. The Española, N.M., Call Center will perform finance operations/billing functions, including activities required for accounts with past due balances and toll billing. Approximately 600 former GTE (Verizon) employees will continue providing service in the affected communities as VALOR employees.



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THE WINNING FLOAT in Nazareth's Labor Day parade Sunday was this one featuring the Bruce Braddock family, who are direct descendants of early Nazareth settlers, the T.P. McCormick family.

The float showcased how families lived in 1900 and how they live today. The winning entry received \$150.

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Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

How far down can a crop go once it starts moving in the wrong direction? That's the question on everyone's mind as the month of August hosted an incredible turnaround for many High Plains cotton producers. That question be answered, at least in part, by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) as that agency reviews and tabulates the results of crop surveys taken at the end of August.

Almost everyone agrees that the Sept. 1 crop estimate, which will be released Tuesday, will reflect a change from a month ago; however, how much is purely guesswork at this time. Many in the industry were surprised by the Aug. 1 estimate and the forecast of some 600,000 acres of abandonment on the Texas High Plains. The main reason for their surprise was that the crop appeared to be in good shape and the area had

experienced only isolated incidents of adverse, crop-destroying weather. Since that time, the TASS abandonment forecast is beginning to look a little less surprising and possibly even a little conservative. Dryland acreage south of Lubbock has taken the greatest hit from a very dry July and August period. The dryland crop, which was for the most part planted on a series of rainfall events during the month of June, simply did not receive any moisture to carry it after the June rains were depleted. Irrigated cotton has also taken it on the chin. In some areas, especially those where growers did not have the necessary water to keep the crop fully supplied during the past month, yield prospects may be less than anticipated.

Entries sought for national grain sorghum yield contest

The 2000 National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management contest is underway and farmers who are 30 or more days from harvest still have time to enter the contest. Sorghum growers from across the United States compete each year to determine how their sorghum yields stack up on the county, state and national levels. Winners of the contest, which includes five divisions, are determined by the amount a contestant's yield exceeds the five-year average yield in that contestant's county, as determined by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The contestant's score is the difference between their yield and the county five-year average. Winners are determined by high scores in each division. The contest's five divisions are non-irrigated conventional tillage, irrigated conventional

tillage, non-irrigated no-till, non-irrigated mulch-till and irrigated ridge-till. Based on scores, state and national winners are named in first-, second- and third-place finishes in each division. State first-place winners go on to compete for national honors. Producers may enter as many contest plots as they wish. A \$35 non-refundable entry fee must accompany each entry and contest plot. Contestants must be members of National Grain Sorghum Producers; however, dues may accompany the entry. State and national winners of this year's contest who are present will be honored at a conference Feb. 18-20, 2001, in Nashville, Tenn. Producers interested in entering the contest should contact NGSP at (806) 749-3478 or send e-mail to ngsp@sorghumgrowers.com.

How much change in yield will result from this situation, in addition to the probable yield impact of persistent, although spotty, insect infestations, is hard to discern at this time. From an economic standpoint, any yield decrease in the irrigated crop will hurt since it does nothing to offset the significant costs associated with multiple treatments for beet armyworms, bollworms, boll weevils and aphids. Many growers have faced some or all of these pests over the past two months. The bottom line is that High Plains growers are all taking a hit as a result of dry conditions and insect pressure. A picture of how these problems are affecting the High Plains crop should begin to take shape with release of the latest estimates on Tuesday.

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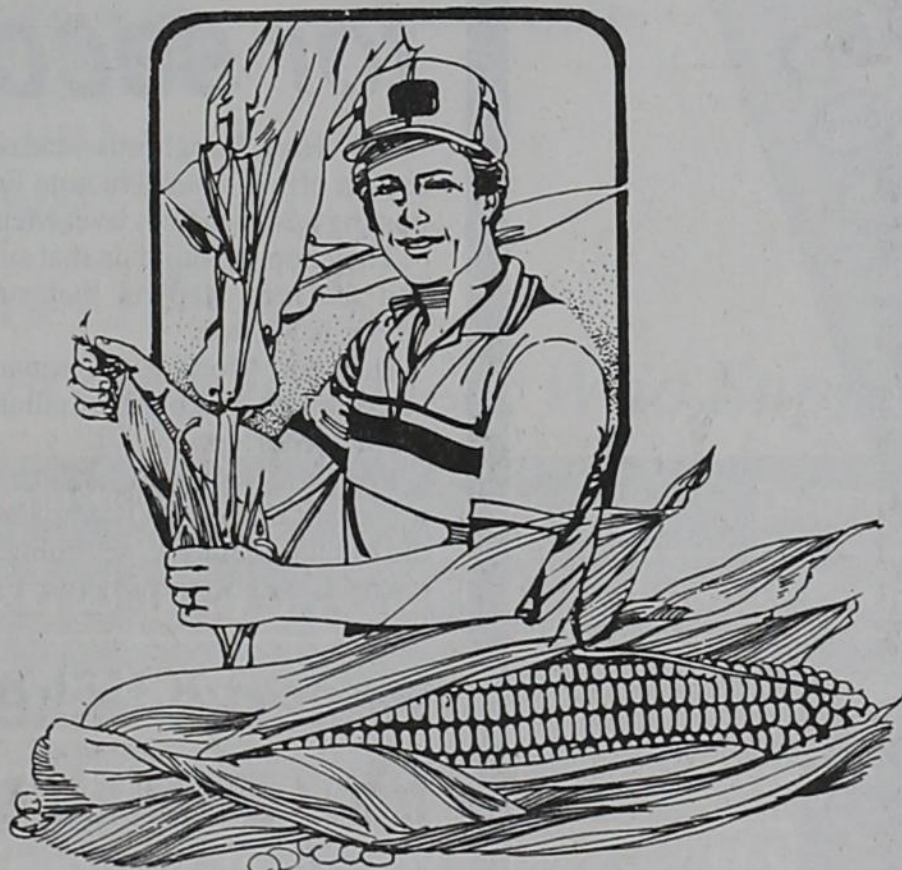
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Sports



Cats eye tough opener at Springlake

Don't let the Wolverines' Class A status fool you. New Head Coach Wade Wilson and his Bobcats expect a "really tough game" in their season opener at Springlake-Earth Friday night.

The Bobcats will be testing their new, wide-open "circus ball" offense against a basic power team with a nine-year playoff tradition.

"Pound for pound, they out-size us across the line of scrimmage," Coach Wilson said. "Of course, everybody's going to; we're not very big."

"Hopefully, we can out-quick them—mix them up a little bit and keep the ball out of their hands, because they're an offensive machine."

Game time is 7:30 (as are all of Dimmitt's varsity games this season), and because S-E's field runs east and west, the throwing game could be hindered mightily until the sun sets, about half an hour after kickoff. The temp at kickoff time will be about 90 after a predicted high for the day of 95.

While the Bobcats were suffering through a 2-8 season last year, the Wolverines were earning a bi-district trophy and finishing with a 9-3 mark in their ninth consecutive year in the playoffs.

Wolverine Head Coach Rick Hulett has compiled a 106-42-4 record in his 14 years at the S-E helm.

"They're coached very well," Coach Wilson said. "They've been doing the same thing for a long time. Those kids who are seniors have been doing the same thing since they were in the seventh grade. Coach

Hulett has a real good football program."

On offense, the Wolverines will run the basic triple-option veer out of the I formation, with junior quarterback Chance Furr making the option decisions.

"They like the running game," Coach Wilson reported after scouting the Wolverines in a pre-season scrimmage against Paducah and in their season opener Friday night against Abernathy. "They like that three yards and a cloud of dust. They like to control the clock. And they do a good job of it."

In addition to Chance Furr at quarterback, keep an eye on his older brother, Quade, a senior split end and defensive back. Both are good athletes, Coach Wilson said. And, yes, they're cousins of Jeremy Furr, senior Bobcat end/DB.

"Also, they have a move-in named Philip Field who came in from Muleshoe, who is 6-3 and 190. From what we've seen, he's a tremendous athlete, and he's just a sophomore," Coach Wilson said.

But the biggest, baddest Wolverine of them all this year is 6-4, 240-lb. Ben Angeley, a senior tackle who gets mail almost daily from one college or another, including such Division I schools as Texas Tech, A&M, Oklahoma State, New Mexico, Tulsa and SMU.

The Bobcats and Wolverines already have faced a common opponent in Abernathy. The Bobcats outscored the Antelopes four TDs to two in a pre-season scrimmage a couple of weeks ago, and the Wolverines defeated the Antelopes 28-21 in their season opener Friday night.

"They showed their toughness against Abernathy," Coach Wilson said after watching Friday night's game. "After we scrimmaged Abernathy, we thought they'd be a real tough team in their district (5-AA), and Springlake-Earth pretty much handled them Friday night. They came from behind in the fourth quarter and put together a drive and scored late. Abernathy was shocked."

The Wolverines also "pretty much handled" Paducah, the state's No. 5-ranked Class A team, in their final pre-season scrimmage, Coach Wilson said.

The Bobcats' new "circus ball" offense will feature lots of split formations and, most likely, a good bit of passing.

The Bobcats are going into their opening game healthy, except for a "turf toe" that has been hindering senior wide receiver Daniel Proffitt, who is expected to play a key role in the wide-open offense.

DIMMITT'S STARTING OFFENSE

Tight End—83, MATTHEW SANDOVAL, 6-4, 180, Sr.
Wide Receiver—88, DANIEL PROFFITT, 5-11, 160 Sr.
Tackle—56, JULIAN VELO, 6-3, 258 Sr.
Tackle—57, DANIEL LOPEZ, 6-1, 239 Sr.
Guard—53, TANNER SELF, 5-10, 170 Sr.
Guard—75, THOMAS BROCKMAN, 5-9, 170 Jr.
Center—64, DEACON BUCKLEY, 5-11, 176 Jr.
Quarterback—2, B. J. HILL, 5-10, 155 Sr.
Running Back—3, JAKE LAURENT, 5-8, 151 Jr.
Running Back—5, ANTHONY OLTIVERO, 5-9, 160 Jr.
Running Back—20, ALBERT CAMPOS, 5-9, 145 Jr.

DIMMITT'S STARTING DEFENSE

Nose Guard—10, JUAN GONZALES, 6-0, 195 Jr.
Tackle—65, TANNER GRIFFITT, 6-0, 239 Sr.
Tackle—74, T.J. REYNA, 5-10, 190 Jr.
Linebacker—4, BOBBY HILL, 5-9, 165 Sr.
Linebacker—6, MITCHELL GENTRY, 5-5, 127 Sr.
Linebacker—35, EMANUEL JARAMILLO, 5-9, 145 Sr.
Linebacker—51, JONATHAN STEVENS, 5-10, 165 Sr.
Corner Back—9, MATTHEW WRIGHT, 5-10, 135 Jr.
Corner Back—88, DANIEL PROFFITT, 5-11, 160 Sr.
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The coaches have tried to gear the workouts to the extreme afternoon heat of the past several weeks.

"We're not in tremendous shape yet," Coach Wilson admitted, "but I'd rather be in good shape like we are than dead-legged."

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Swifts' line will be tested against veteran Eagle unit

The Nazareth Swifts enjoyed a balanced offensive assault in their season opening 60-0 win last week while their defense held San Jacinto to 17 total yards offense.

The Swifts hope to repeat the effort this week when they travel to Lubbock to take on the Lubbock Christian High School Eagles Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles struggled offensively in their season opener Friday, falling to Smyer, 0-21.

Lubbock Christian managed 139 total yards and five first downs against Smyer's defense Friday, with senior quarterback Justin Preston (5-9, 150) finishing as the team's leading rusher. He carried the ball 10 times for 34 yards.

The Eagles tried out several runners against the Smyer defense. The next three biggest ground gainers for the Eagles were Johnathan House, a 5-10, 150-lb. junior fullback who picked up 26 yards on seven totes; Blaze Taylor (6-2, 145) who raced for 20 yards on his one carry; and tailback Blake Townley (5-10, 155),

who accounted for 18 yards on four carries.

Preston also completed three passes for 26 yards. He completed passes to tight end Tanner Noble (6-1, 160) for 14 yards; wingback Ben Hayes (5-6, 115) for 10 yards.

That offense operates behind an experienced line including tackles Kevan Galyean (6-0, 190) and Michael Bullock (5-8, 215), and guards Kyle Galyean (5-11, 175) and Travis Hobgood (6-1, 160).

Lubbock Christian operates out of a Wing T set on offense and lines up in a 50 formation on defense.

The defense features several returning starters including Kevan Galyean at linebacker, Kyle Galyean and Bullock at tackles, Trey Roberson (5-10, 155) in the defensive backfield and Hobgood on the end.

The Eagles' defense gave up 216 yards on the ground and another 93 through the air against Smyer Friday night, but they held the Bobcat offense to seven points until the fourth quarter.

Longhorns aiming for second victory

The Hart Longhorns started the season off on a positive note Friday, posting a 24-0 victory over Meadow.

They hope to build on that success and the next step on that success ladder is Morton.

Hart and Morton will square off Friday night at 8 p.m. at Indian Stadium in Morton.

Friday night's game will be Morton's first of the 2000 campaign and the Indians feature 19 returning starters for Coach Rex Cumpton. Five of

those starters are seniors who are beginning their third season in the starting lineup.

Morton runs a Wing T offense and 4-3 defense and the players are familiar with Cumpton's system, having played under the coach two other seasons.

The long list of offensive returnees includes quarterback Dustin Silhan (6-1, 180), runningback Robert Enriquez (5-6, 150), split ends Devin Waggoner (5-10, 160) and Tyson Mankin (5-9, 140), wingback Chance Waggoner (5-10, 160), guards Harvey Herrera (5-10, 170) and Erica Abbe (5-11, 195), center Joel Martinez (6-1, 215) and tackles Rocky Williams (5-10, 205) and Matt Lucero (6-0, 245).

The Indians finished the 1999 season with a 6-4 mark, but finished fifth in a super-tough district race. Cumpton is hoping the experience gained over the past two years will propel his team into the playoffs this year.

Defensively, Morton's 4-3 is anchored by tackles Williams and Herrera, Martinez and Rito Morales (5-9, 160) at the ends and Mark Guillen (5-9, 150) at middle linebacker. Guillen will be joined at linebacker by Rocky Orosco (5-7, 140) and Waggoner.

Reserve tickets now available to the public

Reserve tickets for Bobcat Stadium in Dimmitt for the 2000 football season are now being sold to the public on a first come-first served basis.

The price is \$20 per seat for the entire season.

The tickets may be purchased at the Dimmitt Independent School District administration building, 608 W. Halsell, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and someone will be available during the noon hour.

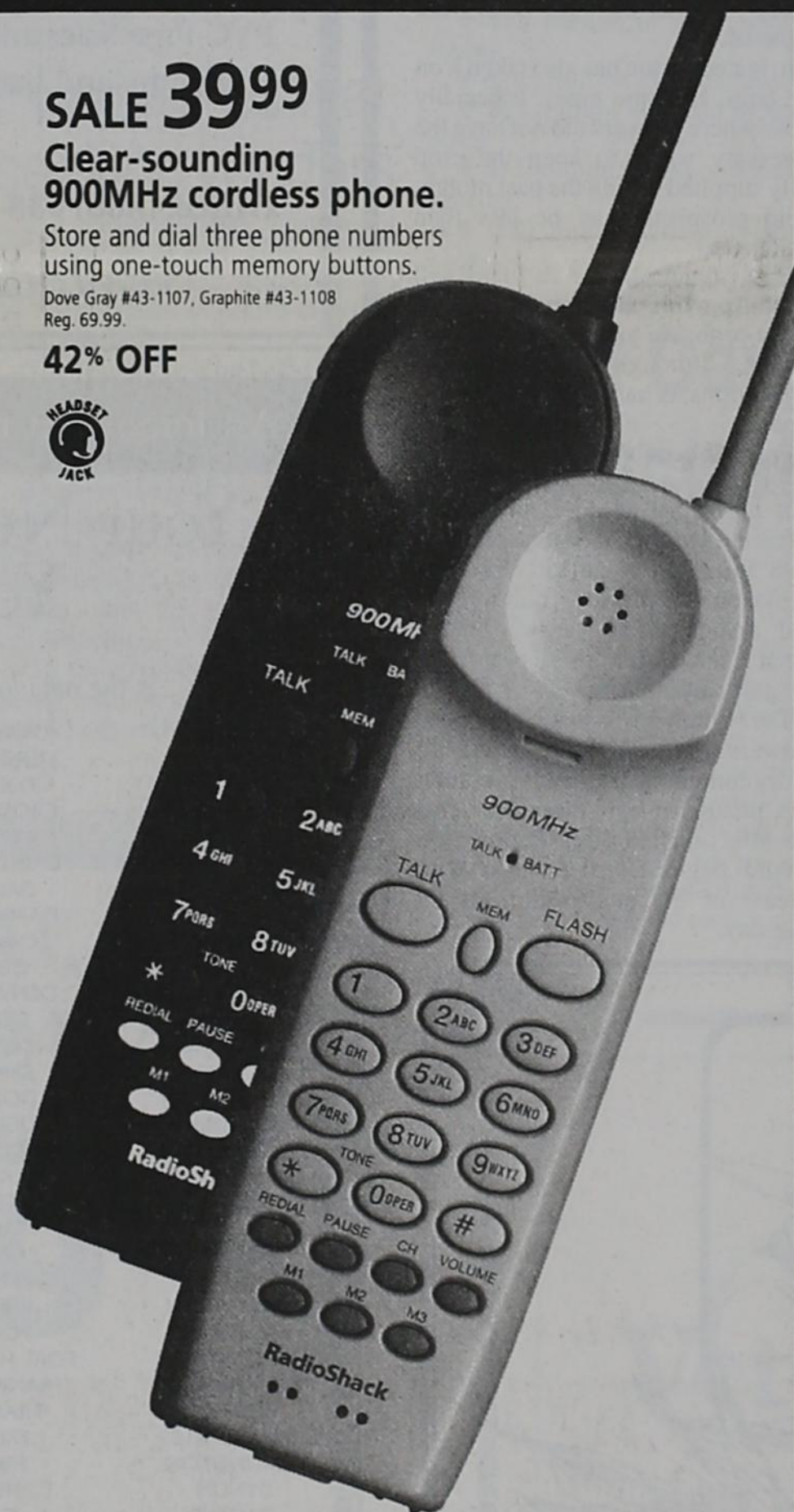
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Here's how our opponents fared

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

Dimmitt opponents

Springlake (1-0) beat Abemathy, 28-21
 Friona (1-0) beat Guymon, 33-0
 Denver City was open
 River Road was open
 Tulia was open
 Roosevelt (0-1) lost to New Deal, 12-45
 Shallowater was open
 Lubbock Cooper was open
 Muleshoe was open

Nazareth opponents

Lubbock Christian (0-1) lost to Smyer, 0-21
 Hale Center (1-0) beat Anton, 48-15
 Farwell was open
 Claude was open
 Boys Ranch was open
 Hart (1-0) beat Meadow, 24-0
 Kress (0-1) lost to Whiteface, 0-13
 Vega was open
 Stratford was open

Hart opponents

Morton was open
 Anton (0-1) lost to Hale Center, 15-48
 Claude was open
 Farwell was open
 Vega was open
 Nazareth (1-0) beat San Jacinto, 60-0
 Boys Ranch was open
 Stratford was open
 Kress (0-1) lost to Whiteface, 0-13



LIKE A MACK TRUCK, Nazareth's Matty McLain surges forward and overruns San Jacinto's Kevin Cooper (11) as he returns a punt to the Patriot 17 yard line with 2:38 left in second-quarter action Friday night. McLain scored twice as Nazareth claimed a 60-0 win.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

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vs.

Springlake-Earth Wolverines

7:30 p.m.

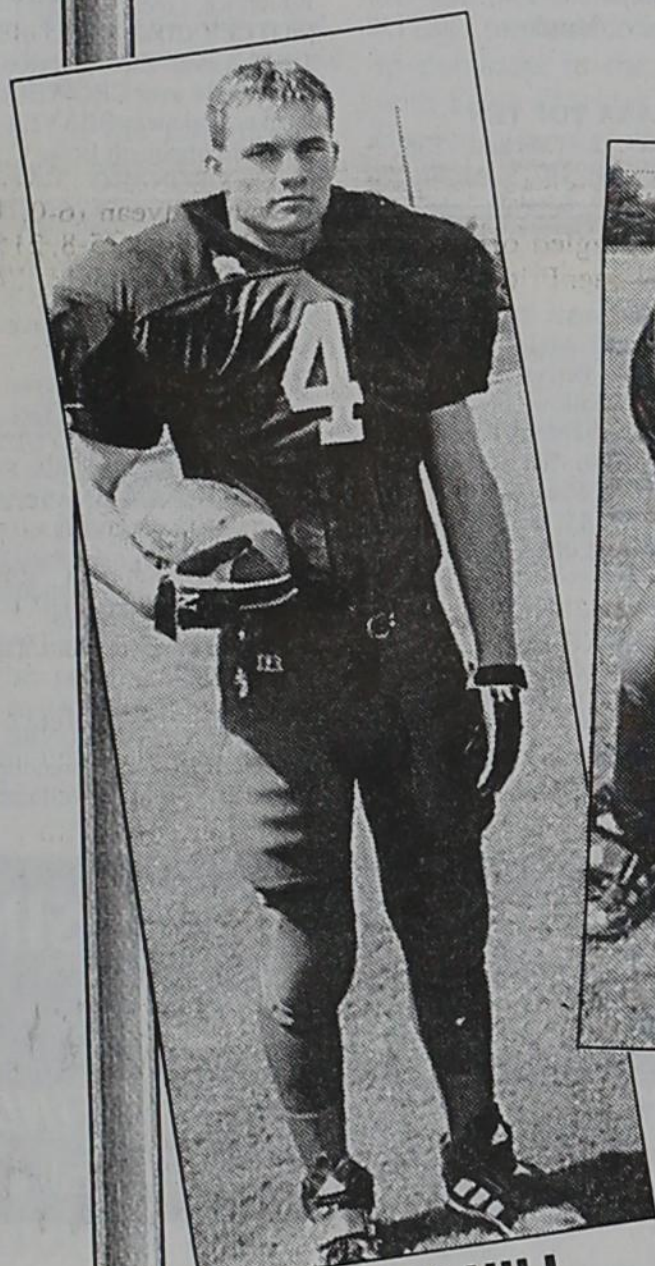
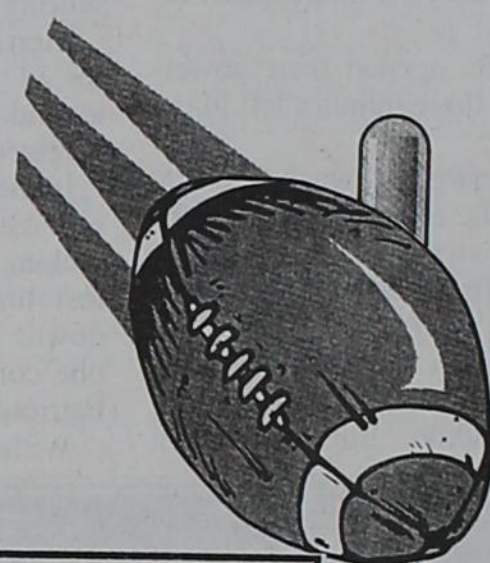


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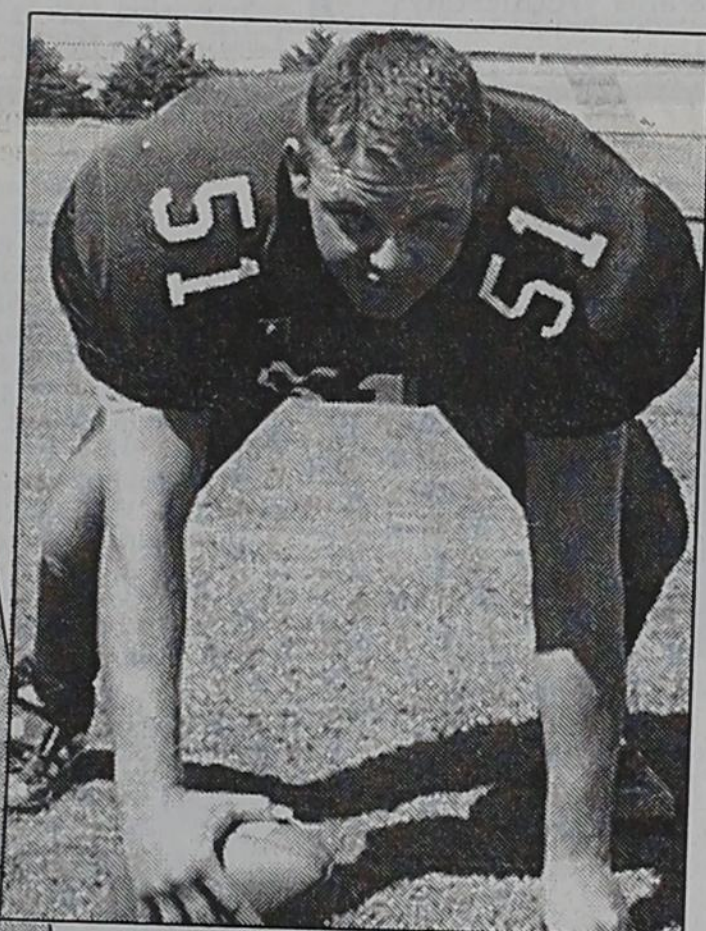
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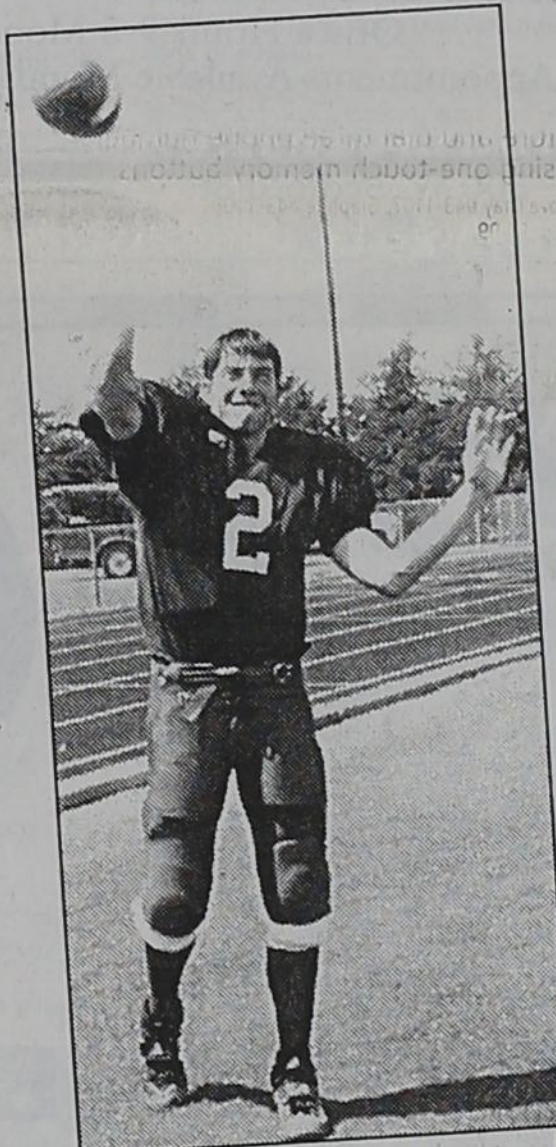
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JONATHAN STEVENS
Senior OL/LB



B.J. HILL
Senior QB/DB

Schedule

VARSITY

Sept. 8	Springlake-Earth	There	7:30
Sept. 15	Friona	Here	7:30
Sept. 22	Denver City	There	7:30
Sept. 29	River Road**	Here	7:30
Oct. 6	Tulia	There	7:30
Oct. 13	*Roosevelt	Here	7:30
Oct. 20	*Shallowater	Here	7:30
Oct. 27	*Cooper	There	7:30
Nov. 3	*Littlefield***	Here	7:30
Nov. 10	*Muleshoe	There	7:30

NINTH & JUNIOR VARSITY

Sept. 7	Muleshoe	Here	5:30-7:00
Sept. 14	Friona	There	5:30-7:00
Sept. 21	Denver City	Here	5:30-7:00
Sept. 28	River Road	There	5:30-7:00
Oct. 5	Tulia	Here	5:30-7:00
Oct. 12	*Roosevelt	There	5:30-7:00
Oct. 19	*Shallowater	There	5:30-7:00
Oct. 26	*Cooper	Here	5:30-7:00
Nov. 2	*Littlefield	There	5:30-7:00

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

Sept. 7	Muleshoe	There	5:30
Sept. 14	Friona	Here	5:30
Sept. 21	OPEN		
Sept. 28	River Road	Here	5:30
Oct. 5	Tulia	There	5:30
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Swift offense explodes for 60-0 season-opening win

By MEGAN SCHULTE

Nazareth just needed a campfire and some marshmallows and the Swifts could have set up camp in the end zone Friday night in their season opener at Swift Stadium.

It took nine minutes to get started, but the Swifts spent the rest of the evening running or passing their way into the San Jacinto end zone. The end result was a 60-0 shutout.

"After a slow start, we were able to establish ourselves and execute our game plan," Nazareth coach Rick Price said.

The Swifts took advantage of San Jacinto mistakes (three intercepted passes and three fumble recoveries) to control the game offensively and roll up 303 total yards. San Jacinto ended the game with only 13 yards gained.

"We saw many bright spots both offensively and defensively. Still, we have some ragged edges that will require some work," Price said.

Senior Matty McLain rushed six times for 82 yards and two touchdowns, while quarterback Blake Birkenfeld threw the ball eight times, completing four passes for 117 yards. The junior also ran the ball for one score.

Other Swifts who found the end zone were senior Jason Huseman, and juniors Aaron Kern and Jase Merritt. Kade Wilcox scored on a 70-yard pass from Birkenfeld, and again on a 20-yard interception return.

The Swifts opened their power-house with three minutes left in the first quarter.

McLain charged down the left side and found the end zone making the first of his two touchdowns and giving the Swifts an early upper hand.

McLain's second TD came six plays later when he forced the Patriot defense to surrender 9 yards right down the middle. Both extra-point

kick attempts missed the mark and Nazareth led 12-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Nazareth scored early (10:17) leaving the Patriots startled. Leading the attack was junior Aaron Kern who invaded San Jacinto territory by storming 14 yards up the middle for the TD. Adding to the score was the PAT, kicked by senior, Philip Bergendahl, making it 19-0 Nazareth.

Kern then grabbed a San Jacinto fumble and it only took the Swifts two more plays to score again, this time with the help of quarterback Blake Birkenfeld, who crossed the goal line from one yard out.

Nazareth then let the Patriots run only four plays before forcing them to punt.

San Jacinto then turned the tables on Nazareth and gave them no option but to punt.

Nazareth held the Patriots again, and the Swifts took possession on the Nazareth 32.

It took the Swifts two plays before Birkenfeld spiraled the ball downfield, connecting with wide receiver Kade Wilcox—who was headed down the sideline in full stride—for a 70-yard touchdown play. The PAT was good again, elevating the score to 32-0 nine minutes into the second quarter.

San Jacinto made no progress and again punted, leaving the Swifts in scoring position.

Merritt took the call twice, running for 13 yards, and then a three-yard touchdown. The PAT was off, and Nazareth led at halftime 39-0.

In the third quarter Nazareth came out ready to dominate. Gradually picking up speed, they made up for lost time by scoring three touchdowns in the third quarter, the first one coming after a mistake by the Patriots.

With four minutes left in the third

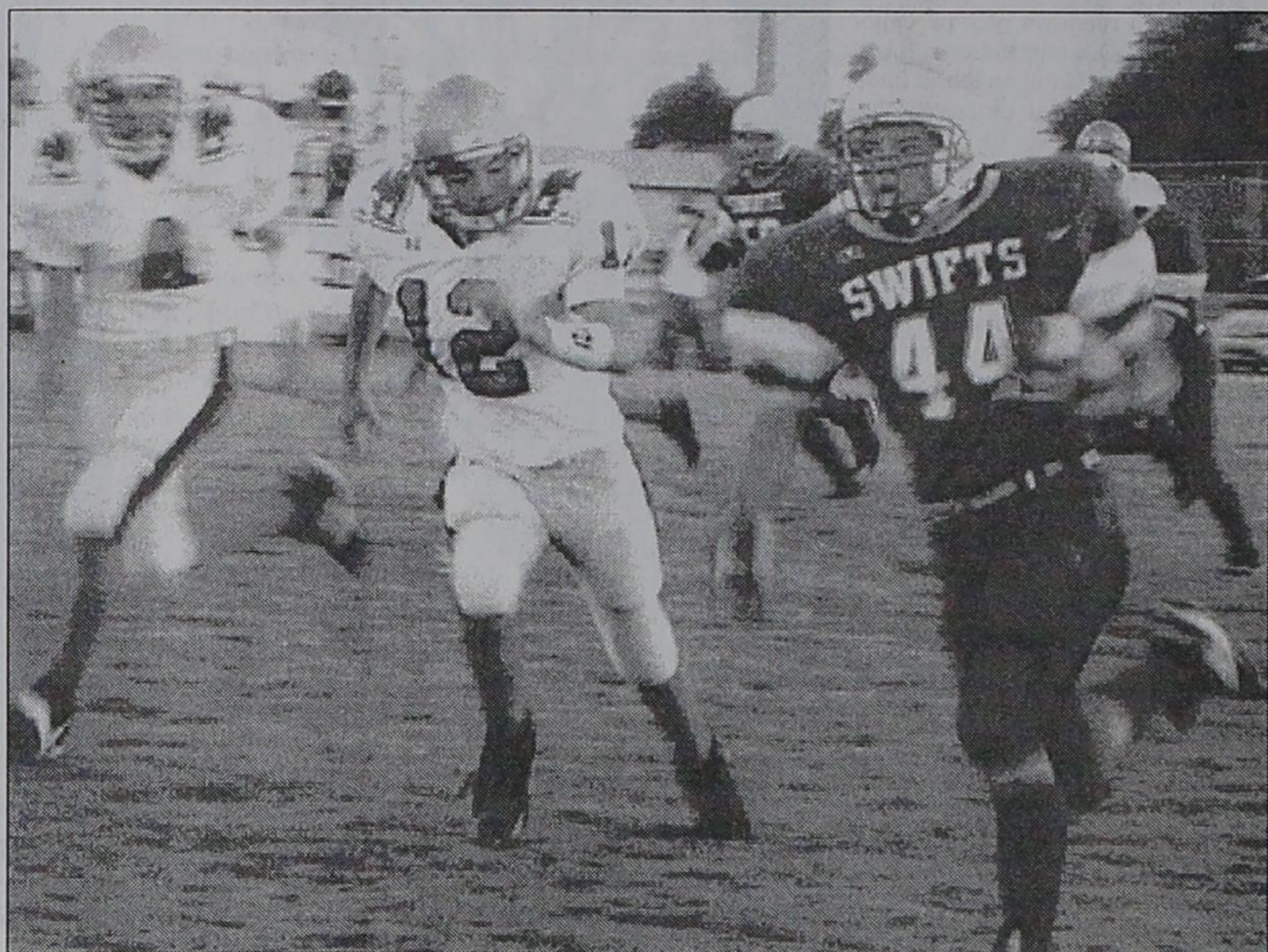
quarter, junior Daryl Pohlmeier intercepted a wobbly pass and ran it in for a 46-yard touchdown.

The second was yet another interception, this time by Wilcox, who ran for a 20-yard touchdown with 3:29 left in the quarter. The PAT was again good making the score 53-0.

The finale touchdown came from senior Jason Huseman who ran a 6-yard touchdown with 58 seconds left. The PAT by Bergendahl added to the score making it 60-0.

The fourth quarter was filled with unsuccessful attempts from the Patriots to reach the end zone.

"I expect us to continue to improve on several things in the next few weeks," Price said



TOUCHDOWN RUN—Nazareth's Matty McLain turns the corner and heads downfield, beating San Jacinto Christian's Blake Arp (4) and Curtis Reneau (12) for a 37-yard touchdown to give Nazareth an

early 6-0 lead Friday in the season opener at Swift Stadium. McLain rushed for two touchdowns to lead the Swifts in a 60-0 win.

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Game at a Glance

Swifts 60, San Jacinto Christian 0

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Nazareth 12 27 21 0-60

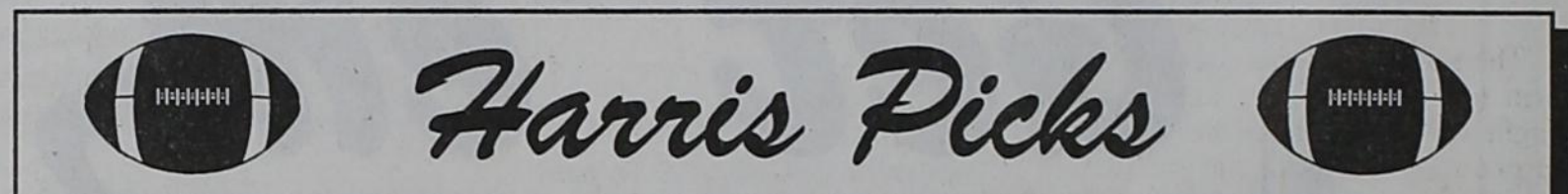
	NAZ	SJCA
First Downs	12	4
Yards Rushing	194	15
Yards Passing	89	2
Total Yards Gained	282	17
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	4-10-1	5-18-3
Punts-Avg.	N/A	N/A
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-3
Penalties-Yards	N/A	N/A

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
NAZ—Matty McLain 37 run (kick failed)
NAZ—McLain 10 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter:
NAZ—Aaron Kern 13 run (kick failed)
NAZ—Blake Birkenfeld 1 run (Philip Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Kade Wilcox 71 pass from Birkenfeld (Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Jase Merritt 3 run (Bergendahl kick)

Third Quarter:
NAZ—Daryl Pohlmeier 60 interception return (Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Kade Wilcox 27 interception return (Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Jason Huseman 1 run (Bergendahl kick)



Here are Jon Harris's predictions for Week 1 of the regular season, along with his latest rankings for Class A and AAA. Harris rates teams by a unique power rating system, and each team's power rating, as calculated by Harris, follows its ranking.

CLASS A TOP TEN

1. Iraan, 200; 2. Stratford; 196, 3. Shiner,

192; 4. Wheeler, 191; 5. Paducah, 189; 6. Rankin, 187; 7. Baird, 186; 8. Roscoe, 186; 9. Rotan, 185; 10. Celeste, 185.

AREA CLASS A TEAMS

14. Claude, 184; 16. Sudan, 183; 19. Gruver, 182; 21. Nazareth, 182; 22. Springlake-Earth, 182; 23. Farwell, 180; 47. Petersburg, 170; 58. Bovina, 164; 69. Booker, 160; 72. O'Donnell, 160; 75. Vega, 160; 82. White Deer, 156; 84. Motley County, 155; 87. Lorenzo, 154; 91. Shamrock, 153; 92. Anton, 152; 95. Robert Lee, 152; 96. Whiteface, 150; 97. Boys Ranch, 149; 101. Kress, 147; 103. Crosbyton, 146; 104. Hart, 146; 116. Spur, 142; 123. Throckmorton, 134; 128. Fort Hancock, 130; 129. Meadow, 130; 132. Smyer, 125.

CLASS AAA TOP TEN

1. Everman, 209; 2. Crockett, 208; 3. Lamesa, 207; 4. Newton, 207; 5. Alcedo, 206; 6. Sweeny, 206; 7. Lindale, 205; 8. Daingerfield, 205; 9. Gatesville, 205; 10. Marlin, 204.

AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS

58. Childress, 194; 77. Muleshoe, 191; 89. River Road, 188; 97. Perryton, 187; 111. Seminole, 185; 115. Shallowater, 184; 117. Littlefield, 183; 123. Sanford-Fritch, 182; 127. Dalhart, 180; 140. Tulia, 179; 147. Lubbock Cooper, 178; 156. Dimmitt, 175; 182. Denver City, 170; 185. Slaton, 168; 197. Brownfield, 163; 210. Lubbock Roosevelt, 146.

WEEK 1 PICKS

(Home teams are listed in capital letters).
SPRINGLAKE-EARTH pick vs. Dimmitt
Nazareth opponent LCHS not rated
MORTON 13 over Hart
Lamesa 30 over LUBBOCK COOPER

NEW DEAL 28 over Lubbock Roosevelt
SHALLOWATER 6 over Coahoma
KERMIT 3 over Brownfield
FRIONA 14 over Tulia
CHILDRESS 8 over Quannah
WEST TEXAS 2 over Sanford-Fritch
POST 9 over Denver City
MONAHANS 13 over Seminole
IDALOU 12 over Slaton
WHEELER 3 over PADUCAH
WHITE DEER 7 over Boys Ranch
ANTON 27 over Smyer
BOVINA 10 over LORENZO
FARWELL 10 over Petersburg

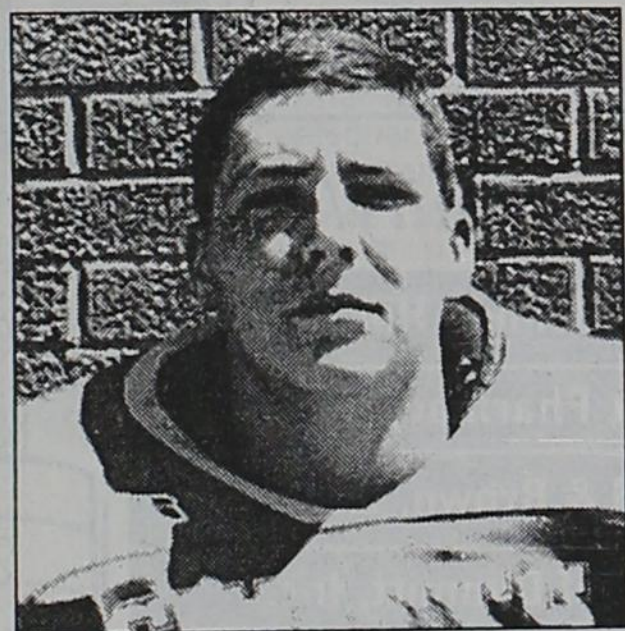
Whiteface 7 over CROSBYTON
MOTLEY COUNTY 25 over Meadow
SPUR 8 over Throckmorton
SAINT JOE 34 over CROWELL

Booker opponent BEAVER not rated
Stratford opponent Boise City not rated
LUB. CORONADO 13 over EP Montwood
Amarillo 10 over PLAINVIEW
Hereford 27 over AMARILLO TASCOSA
Lubbock 9 over CANYON RANDALL
Abilene 18 over LUBBOCK MONTEREY
MULESHOE 20 over Amarillo Caprock
Borger 9 over Andrews
FRENSHIP 10 over Canyon
Dumas 3 over PERRYTON
Levelland 1 over PALO DURO
PAMPA 12 over Lubbock Estacado
Plains 6 over ABERNATHY
New Deal 14 over VEGA
FLOYDADA 21 over Ralls
LOCKNEY pick vs. Sundown
Tahoka 34 over KRESS
Seagraves opponent Mid. Christian not rated
SUDAN 27 over Olton
HIGHLAND PARK 24 over Shamrock
Canadian 17 over GRUVER
CLAUDE 12 over Clarendon
MEMPHIS 12 over Wellington

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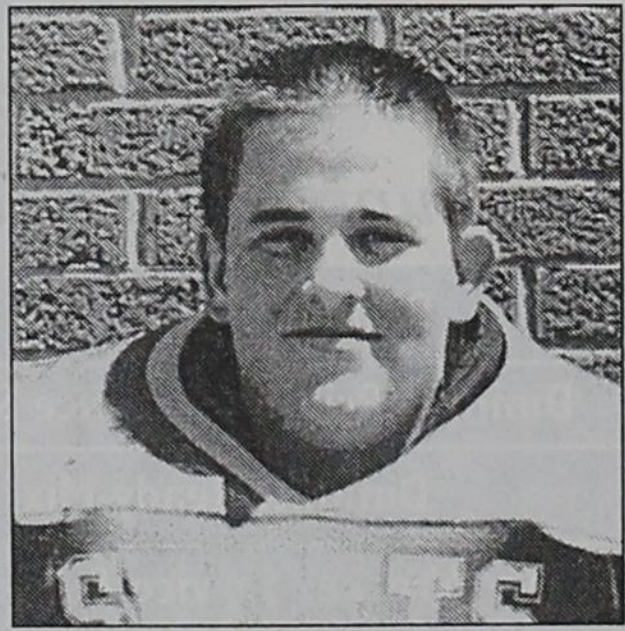
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CLOSING IN—Hart defenders swarm Meadow's runner and stop him for a loss Friday night in a non-conference game at Longhorn Stadium. Leading the defensive charge for Hart are Leon Minjarez (11), Albert Velasquez (10) and Fabian Rodriguez (75). Hart controlled the game on both sides of the ball, posting a 24-0 victory. *Photo by Neoma Williams*

Longhorns crush Meadow behind Finch, Velasquez, 24-0

By BRAD ELAM
The Hart Longhorns equaled their win total from a year ago Friday night when they handed the Meadow Broncos a 24-0 loss in the 2000 season opener.

The 24 points which Hart scored on its home turf at Longhorn Stadium Friday night were the first points the team scored at home since the 1998 campaign.

Hart dominated the game from the opening drive and recorded their first shutout in more than a year and a half.

"The kids played really well Friday night," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant. "I was really pleased to see our conditioning pay off. We wore them down in the second half. We still need work, but overall I think we played well."

Keith Finch led the Longhorns' offensive attack with 113 yards rushing and two touchdowns. He also was a leader on defense, recording two interceptions.

Hart quarterback Salvador Velasquez scored two rushing touchdowns of his own in the game.

Josh Finch picked up 52 yards on five carries.

Other defensive standouts for Hart included Leon Minjarez, Kenneth Wiley and Marcial Mendoza.

Hart racked up 236 yards offense in the game, with 208 of those yards coming on the ground. The Longhorn defense limited Meadow to 122 yards of offense—88 rushing and 34 through the air.

Hart started its first drive from its own 40-yard line. The Longhorns used a mixture of passing and running plays as they picked apart the Meadow defense and chewed up the clock before scoring.

The series was highlighted by a 20-yard pass from Salvador

Velasquez to receiver Albert Velasquez on a third-and-long play. Salvador Velasquez would pick up the first touchdown a short time later, scoring from three yards out for a 6-0 Hart lead. The extra point failed to split the uprights.

The Broncos couldn't move the ball on their first possession as Hart's defense dominated and forced a punt.

Hart's defense, led by Minjarez and Eric Gutierrez, who had big tackles and sacks during the period, kept the ball out of Meadow's hands for most of the first quarter.

Meadow only managed to run six plays and gained just 11 yards on offense in the quarter.

The Longhorn defenders continued to dominate in the second period, with Keith Finch shutting down the Bronco offense with a pair of interceptions in the stanza.

Hart couldn't take advantage of the Meadow turnovers, though. Penalties marred the Longhorn offensive performance in the first half. Several long runs were called back because of penalties.

Hart had to settle for a 6-0 lead at halftime.

A big play by Hart started things off in the second half.

Hart kicked off to the Broncos, but Meadow only held possession for a few seconds.

Hart's Frankie Chaparro stripped the ball from the Broncos kick returner and Hart recovered inside the Meadow 20-yard line.

Two plays later Keith Finch went to work, scoring from seven yards out to give Hart a 12-0 lead.

The third quarter belonged to Hart as its defense began to wear down the Broncos.

Hart's defense allowed just 22

yards in the third period. Wiley had a big tackle, followed by a quarterback sack that shut down one Bronco drive.

Hart's offense picked up steam in the third period, gaining 116 yards as the Longhorns pulled away from Meadow.

Keith Finch added another touchdown in the third, this time scoring from 24 yards out for an 18-0 Hart lead.

Freshman runner Josh Finch had a big play that set up Hart's final touchdown, breaking free for a 32-yard gain to the Meadow 3-yard line before he was dragged down.

Salvador Velasquez finished off the scoring with a one-yard plunge across the goal line for the final 24-0 score.

Meadow did manage one long run in the fourth, but three sacks by Hart's defense after that gainer ended any hopes Meadow had of cracking the scoreboard.

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 24, Meadow 0				
Meadow	0	0	0	0
Hart	6	0	12	6-24

	HART	MEA
First Downs	12	8
Yards Rushing	208	88
Yards Passing	28	34
Total Yards Gained	236	122
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-8-0	3-10-2
Punts-Avg.	3-31	3-27
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	5-2
Penalties-Yards	11-90	5-25

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
HART—Salvador Velasquez 3 run (run failed)

Third Quarter:
HART—Keith Finch 7 run (run failed)
HART—Finch 24 run (run failed)

Fourth Quarter:
HART—Velasquez 2 run (run failed)



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Sept. 9-17.

DIMMITT

Elementary Breakfast

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh bananas and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.

MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.

MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexican corn, applesauce and milk.

TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, Mexipinto beans, watermelon and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno peppers and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger on a bun, cheese enchilada with sauce or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and white milk, chocolate milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of grilled cheese with a bowl of soup, bean chulapas or beef taco; Mexican corn, southern collard greens or seasoned blackeye peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or applesauce; fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chili Fritos or beef tamale pie; broccoli and cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, southern fried chicken or Chinese chicken plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla pieces; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or fruit and cheese

plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; and cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, ham, Lucky Charms cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Sausage, biscuits, Lucky Charms, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, Lucky Charms, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage, biscuits, Cheerios, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: McMuffin, Lucky Charms, tost, fruit juice, raisins, banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled egg, sausage, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, Cheerios, graham crackers and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or burrito; macaroni and cheese, peaches, corn, gelatin dessert, salad, ginger cookies, carrot sticks, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of chef's salad, spaghetti and meat sauce or lasagna with ground beef; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, Longhorn cookie, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of chef's salad, burrito or steak fingers; rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, dill pickles, green beans, cherry cobbler, peaches, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or corn dog; salad, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, toast, and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger with potato chips or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, gelatin dessert, apple cobbler, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, hamburger with potato chips or chicken fajita; salad, ranch dressing, sliced cheese, gelatin dessert, pineapple, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, chef's salad, chili and hot dog on a bun or baked potato; salad, dill pickle, potato chips, fresh fruit, apricots, vanilla ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange

juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast tacos, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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FRIDAY: Beef taco or pizza, lettuce, corn, beans, pears, brownies and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.

Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club hears bicycle program

Older members of the Dimmitt-Bethel 4-H Club presented a program on bicycle safety for younger members of the club during a recent meeting.

At the August meeting, club members discussed participation in the Harvest Days celebration and decided to sponsor a float in the parade. Club members will either work in the concession stand or sponsor the dunking booth during the fair.

All members of the club were urged to gather entries for the fair.

Those attending planned programs for meetings between now and December.

Classifieds get results!

Longhorns race to second place in Brownfield

The Hart Longhorns placed five runners among the top 20 and that was good enough for a second-place finish in the Brownfield Jamboree cross country race at Coleman Park in Brownfield.

Hart finished with 44 team points, second only to Whiteface, which tallied 30. Sands was third with 88 points, Borden County was fourth with 89 and Lorenzo finished fifth with 100.

Leading the way for the Longhorns was Manuel Barron, who finished seventh with a time of 18:18. Teammate Ray Robledo placed 10th with a time of 18:56.

Other Longhorns placing among the top 20 were Joey Pantoja, who was 14th in 19:27; Thomas Chia, 19th, 20:16; and Jose Avila, 20th, 20:19.

The Lady Horns also competed in Brownfield Saturday, finishing 10th overall among the teams with 283 points.

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had already decided we were going to let some major remodeling projects serve as our anniversary gifts to each other.

Still, I would have appreciated at least a casual mention on the actual day.

Sniff.

Have you ever actually read the operator's manual that came with your last vehicle?

I can't force myself to do more than scan the highlights. I usually get bored and end up stashing the manual in the glove compartment to serve as an emergency reference.

Evidently, you can miss a lot of stuff that way.

For instance:

Our car, which is two years old, has a great radio/CD/cassette system.

I learned the basic operation of the controls the old-fashioned way—by playing with them.

The controls work about the same

as most others I've seen. So who needs an instruction book for that?

We had had the car several months before I paid any attention to the little black *TONE* button that was there among all the others.

I was impressed by what it did.

"Hey," I told Verbie, "if you just keep pushing this button, it'll call up the right tone setting for classical, pop, jazz, talk or C&W." She was impressed, too.

So every time I would push one of our pre-set radio buttons, I'd also tap-tap-tap the *TONE* button to get just the right tone for that station. It makes a lot of difference, especially with voices.

And when we played a compact disc, the sound system would automatically read the specs from the CD and switch to the proper tone.

(I guess that should have told me something, but it didn't.)

Well, the other day I learned by accident that when you set a push-button for a radio station, you can

also key in a pre-set tone to go with it. No more tap-tap-tapping one button after punching another.

So here I am, a village elder, drawing Social Security—and still trying to catch up with the technology in front of me.

Ya think I ought to go back and actually read that instruction manual? Nah.

Speaking of senior-itis, here are some of the benefits of growing old:

>Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

>Kidnappers are not interested in you.

>It's harder for sexual harassment charges to stick.

>Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them, either.

>Your eyes won't get much worse.

>Things you buy now probably won't wear out.

>No one expects you to run into a burning building.

>Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.

>In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.

>You can live without sex, but not without glasses.

>Your back goes out more than you do.

>Your arms are almost too short to read the newspaper.

>You sing along with the elevator music.

>You consider coffee one of the most important things in life.

>You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

>You send money to PBS.

>You can't remember the last time you lay on the floor to watch TV.

>Your ears are hairier than your head.

>You talk about "good grass" and you're referring to someone's lawn.

>You got cable for the weather channel.

>You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.

Police Calls

A 5-year-old Plainview girl is waiting for results from a serum test to see if she will have to undergo rabies shots after she was attacked by a cowdog at the home of her aunt in Castro County, about three miles east of Dimmitt.

Monday morning, deputies were called to Plains Memorial Hospital to take a report on the incident after the child was brought there.

The aunt told deputies that two of her nieces had been playing with an adult male cowdog and a female puppy, when the male attacked the 5-year-old, biting her in the face.

The child had injuries to the right side of her face, jaw and her right eye. Deputies reported that medical personnel advised the family to take the child to an eye specialist because of the type of injury it was.

Veterinarian Dr. W.J. Hill was contacted to put the animal down (with the consent of the owner) and take the serum sample to be sent for testing. Neither of the animals had been vaccinated against rabies.

Last Thursday at 9:15 p.m., a Dimmitt woman told police that someone took six CD's, valued at \$90, from her home on West Etter.

Jailed on warrants during the past week:

—Friday, a 42-year-old Hart man on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance; and on a Randall County motion to revoke probation.

—Sunday, a 25-year-old Amarillo man on warrants for theft by check (over \$20 and under \$500) and reckless driving, and also for driving while license suspended/invalid license, and failure to identify/fugitive from justice.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 21, on a warrant for no driver's license.

—Monday, an Amarillo man, 38, on a Deaf Smith County warrant for DWI, second offense and a Potter County warrant for assault/bodily injury, and for no driver's license and speeding.

Jail Count

The jail count as of Tuesday morning was 13 inmates. None were farmed out at that time.

Aug. 25 at 9:05 p.m., DPS Trooper Brian Burzynski was involved in a "fender-bender" accident. According to reports, he had pulled in at the Fast Stop store in Hart when the clerk came out and reported a customer who had driven off without paying. Burzynski backed into a guard post as he prepared to pursue the offender. The DPS vehicle had only minor damage and no one was injured.

Aug. 26 at 10:59 p.m. a 1997 Dodge Ram pickup and a livestock trailer belonging to Guy Leatherwood of Dimmitt were involved in a crash with an unknown vehicle, which left the scene of the accident. The pickup and trailer had been parked, unattended, in the 400 block of West Etter. The trailer had light damage and the pickup had none.

Also on Aug. 26, between 2 and 3 p.m., a parked, unattended 1997 Mercury Cougar belonging to Michael Hinojosa of Dimmitt had light damage to the right back and the left front after an unknown vehicle struck it in the rear, causing it to strike a building in the 300 block of South Broadway.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Friday on a warrant for indecency with a child/sexual contact. Police said the man is accused of having sexual intercourse with a minor, a 16-year-old San Antonio girl while she was in Dimmitt. The man also had warrants for speeding, failure to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

An incident of aggravated assault/bodily injury was reported to police in Dimmitt Saturday night. A woman, 22, and a man, 21, both of Dimmitt, said that a suspect had struck them with a pipe in the course of a fight.

A Dimmitt man told police last Thursday evening that someone broke into a house in the 500 block of South Broadway in Dimmitt and took a color television with built in VCR, valued at \$300, and a small stereo valued at \$150. Investigation is continuing.

Friday afternoon, a 31-year-old Dimmitt man told police that someone broke into a pickup and took a CD player valued at \$450. The vehicle had been parked in the 500 block of Southwest Sixth.

A lawn mower valued at \$200 was taken from a home in the 100 block of Northwest 12th. The theft was reported last Thursday.

Obituaries

Carrie Cowan

Graveside services for Carrie Cowan, 83, formerly of Tulia, were held Tuesday afternoon at Tulia's Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Rob Lindley, pastor of Tulia's First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were handled by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Cowan died Monday in Georgetown.

She was born in Wylie and moved to the Elkins Community east of Tulia. She was a graduate of Tulia High School and West Texas State Teachers College. She married W.C. Cowan Jr., in 1937 in Dimmitt. After her marriage, she lived in Tulia, Abilene and Ruidoso, NM.

Survivors include two daughters, Carole Kinkaid of Abilene and Janice Riley of Athens; three sisters, Juana Jones of Amarillo, Mary Frances Crow of Roswell, N.M., and Lynette Lasater of Odessa; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to West Texas Alzheimer's Association or a favorite charity.

Petra Martinez

Petra Martinez, 77, of Dimmitt, died last Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 8:05 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

A vigil service was held Friday evening in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Burial was held Saturday morning at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Fern Couture, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martinez was born Oct. 19, 1922, in Rotan. She married Jose B. Martinez on Aug. 25, 1939, in Sinton. He died Oct. 8, 1995, in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Martinez moved to Dimmitt from Brownfield in 1965. She was a housewife and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include seven daughters, Maria Vera, Felis Nino and Rosie Flores, all of Dimmitt, and

Lydia Ortegon, Gloria Ortegon, Estella De La Garza and Lisa Romero, all of Plainview; five sons, Tony Martinez, Max Martinez, Juan Martinez, Luis Martinez and Rudy Martinez, all of Dimmitt; three brothers; three sisters; 46 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Novelle Mullins

Graveside services for Novelle Mullins, 81, of Tulia, who formerly worked as a nurse in Dimmitt, were held Wednesday morning in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia with Rev. Ron Brunson, pastor of New Covenant Church in Plainview, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mullins died Sept. 4 in Carillon in Lubbock.

She was born Sept. 22, 1918, in Tulia, where she grew up. She attended schools in Tulia and in Happy. She lived in California and Arizona for a brief time before returning to Tulia. She moved to Plainview in 1963. She worked as a nurse in Tulia, Amarillo, Dimmitt and Plainview. She married William Clyde Mullins on April 12, 1936, in Clovis, N.M. He died May 13, 1989.

She is survived by three daughters, Dawn McCulloch of Plainview, Rita Mullins of Lubbock, and Delores Weatherly of Amarillo; three sisters, Georgia Christine Webb of Amarillo, Bobbie Allison of Ontario, Calif., and Bebe Hollabaugh of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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NAZARETH MAYOR RALPH BROCKMAN (holding scissors) cuts the ribbon, officially dedicating the new city park Monday evening. Several Nazareth residents agreed to serve on a committee to organize construction of the park, then applied for a \$10,000 grant, which the city received. Members of the committee donated time and talents in making the park a reality. Committee members

include (from left) Jerome Brockman, Sandee Hoelting, Ralph Brockman, Diane Wilhelm, Kathy Birkenfeld, Lillian Cameron, Irene Wilhelm, Mary Lynn Olvera and Catherine Huseman. The park features a gazebo, several landscaped areas with flowers, trees and shrubs, a water wheel, small pond, bridge and more (bottom photo). Photos by Anne Acker

New Nazareth Family Park is dedicated Monday evening

A prayer and blessing over the newly-constructed city park in Nazareth, along with a ribbon cutting, music and more officially dedicated the new scenic area Monday evening.

An engraved rock plaque suspended from a landscape timber frame proclaims the year of the park's construction and its name—Nazareth Family Park 2000.

A brass ensemble from the Nazareth Swift Band performed the National Anthem as members of the Park Committee unfurled flags and placed them around the gazebo, which is centered in the new park.

An opening prayer was delivered by Father Peter Otto, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church. Father Otto then blessed the park, walking from corner to corner as he did so.

Two more selections by the ensemble followed the blessing.

An update on the park project was then delivered by Jerome Brockman, chairman of the Park Committee.

Brockman explained how money for the project came from a matching funds grant which the city won through the Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Project.

After an official ribbon cutting ceremony by Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman and members of the Park Committee, musical entertainment was provided by Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld and their son, Jason. Homemade ice cream and cookies were served to those attending the dedication ceremony.

The city appointed several residents to the Park Committee, and that group designed a park plan which was presented along with the grant application. The grant money was supplemented by donations from civic organizations and clubs in Nazareth, as well as from various individuals, according to Brockman.

Brockman was one of several individuals who devoted hours and hours of time to the project.

In addition to the gazebo, which features lights, benches, a pheasant weather vane and more; several benches are placed around the park and a water wheel pumping water to a small pond accent the northwest corner. A small bridge was constructed across the pond and decorative fencing and landscape timbers

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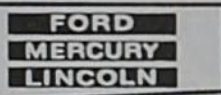


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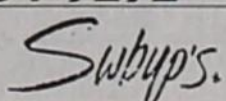
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Public hearing set Sept. 26

Proposed regional water plan approved

Castro County residents are invited to offer comments about the content of the draft Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan at a public hearing set for Sept. 26.

The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater, located at 1501 Sixth Street in Lubbock.

"This public hearing will give area residents the opportunity to comment on various water management strategies in the draft plan which are recommended to help conserve and preserve our region's surface and groundwater resources for the next 50 years," said A. Wayne Wyatt of Lubbock, chairman of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Planning Group.

As part of the provisions of Senate Bill 1, passed during the 75th Texas Legislature, the Texas Water Development Board in Austin divided the state into 16 regional water planning areas. The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning region is managed by a group of area citizens representing 11 water user interest groups.

These water user interest groups include agriculture, public sector, county governments, municipalities, industries, environmental issues, small business, electric generating utilities, river authorities, water districts and water utilities.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group has been working since February 1998 to develop a regional water plan that identifies both short-term (2000-2030) and long-term (2031-2050) water supply needs and recommends water management strategies.

"The draft plan contains a description of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning area, population and water demand projections, water supplies identified by the planning group, projected water supplies and needs for counties within the planning region, and the recommended short-term and long-

term water management strategies," Wyatt said.

Copies of the draft plan are available for viewing in the county clerk's office in each of the 21 counties within the planning region including Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum. In addition, a copy is available for review in a public library within each of these counties, including Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Copies of the draft plan are available for review at High Plains Underground Water Conservation

District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock.

Single copies of the report may be checked out of the district's library for no more than five days. A \$100 deposit is required. A copy of the draft plan may be purchased for \$75, which is the approximate cost of reproduction.

The plan and executive summary also are available on the Internet at the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group's web site at www.llanoplan.org.

Written comments about the content of the draft Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499. Comments will be accepted through Oct. 13.

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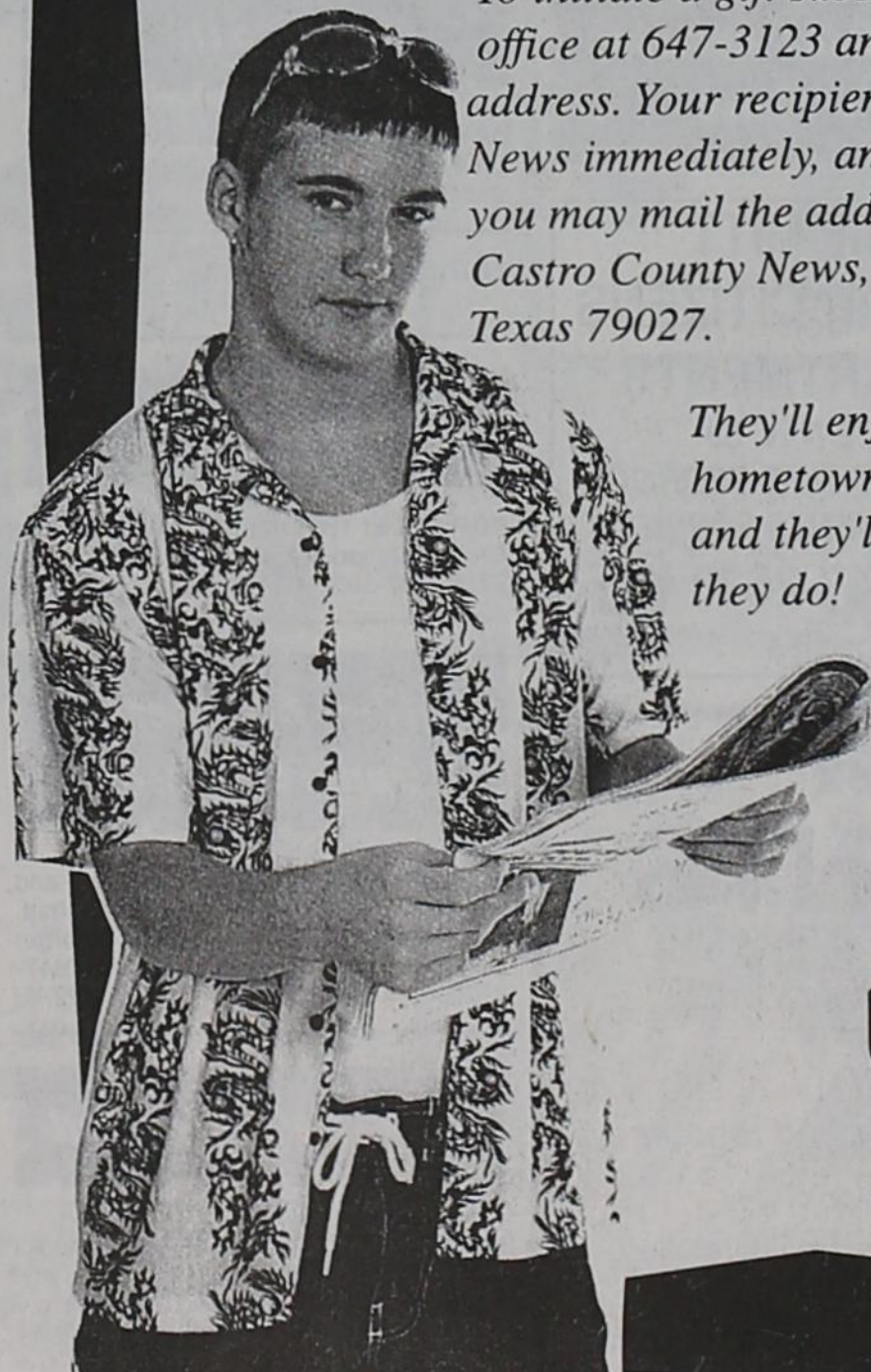
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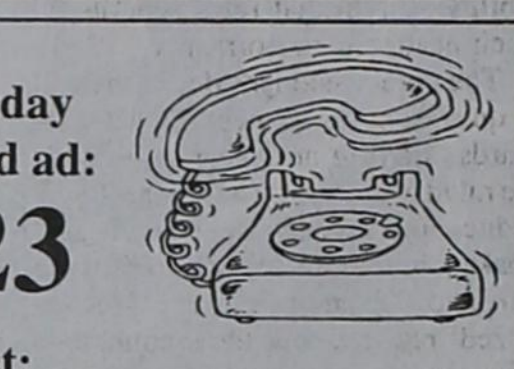
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Education commissioner toughens school rating system requirements

Saying the state needs to continue raising expectations for both students and schools, Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson has announced new standards designed to toughen the state's school accountability system that rates schools on their academic performance.

The commissioner's decisions will require schools to meet higher standards starting next year in order to be rated as "acceptable" by the Texas Education Agency, and will also make it harder for schools to earn the coveted "exemplary" and "recognized" rating labels, the accountability system's highest ratings.

The standards also call for the state to skip a year of issuing ratings in 2003, the year the state's new testing program is phased in.

The rules set new standards for performance on both dropout rates and the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, the two indicators on which school district and campus ratings are based.

Under the system, schools get ratings based on the TAAS scores and dropout rates of all students and students in each of four student groups—African American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged.

The TAAS tests are given in reading and mathematics in third, fifth, sixth and seventh grades; and in reading, writing and mathematics in the fourth, eighth and 10th grades.

Eighth graders also take TAAS tests in science and social studies.

Students must pass the 10th grade test, known as the exit-level exam, in order to receive a diploma.

Under the current accountability system standards, schools that have TAAS passing rates of 90% for all students and student groups and dropout rates of 1% or less for all students and student groups are rated exemplary.

Schools with TAAS passing rates of 80% for all students and student groups and dropout rates of 3.5% or less for all students and student groups are rated recognized.

Schools whose TAAS passing rates are at least 50% for all students and student groups and that have dropout rates of 6% or less for all students and student groups are rated acceptable.

Performance lower than that required for the acceptable rating makes a school "low performing" or a school district "academically unac-

ceptable," two labels which schools must communicate to their communities and which also trigger an on-site visit from teams of educators trained in the state's school accreditation process.

The 2000 accountability system standards complete the full implementation of the accountability system as it was designed six years ago. The standards announced by Nelson, which will take effect in 2001, begin a new era for the acclaimed system. Starting next year, school districts and campuses will have to have a dropout rate of 5.5% or less for all students and student groups in order to be rated acceptable, compared with the current standard of 6%.

In 2002, that standard will be strengthened again, to 5% or less for all students and student groups. Dropout standards needed to receive the exemplary rating will remain at their current level of 1% or less, but schools seeking the recognized rating cannot have a dropout rate higher than 3% in 2001 and 2.5% in 2002, compared with 3.5% this year.

The dropout standards are not quite as stringent as Nelson originally proposed in June, when he issued his preliminary recommendations on the system for 2001 and beyond.

Under those recommendations, Nelson proposed lowering the maximum dropout rate allowed for the acceptable rating to 5% in 2001 and 4% in 2002. But Nelson said comments from superintendents and other school district staff led him to scale back that proposal—for now.

"Many felt that it was 'too much, too fast.' So, I've decided not to make it as tough as proposed, for now," Nelson said. "But they can anticipate a continuing move toward more rigorous dropout standards in the future."

"So I advise school administrators to begin preparing for it now, because it will come to pass. They should start looking at how they can strengthen their dropout prevention and recovery programs, and look at ways that they can keep more of our kids in school."

Other changes to the accountability system in 2001 include:

- * Elimination of attendance rates in determining district and campus ratings. Many educators argued that attendance rate is not a true performance indicator, and districts already

have strong incentives to maximize their attendance because it determines how much state education money a district receives.

* Consideration of a district's special education compliance status. By law, the effectiveness of a school district's special education program, based on the Agency's most recent compliance review, must be considered in determining the district's rating.

* Changes to the size requirements for student groups. A student group will have to have at least 30 test takers who comprise at least 10% of all test takers at a campus or district.

But if the group has at least 50 test takers, then that group's performance will be evaluated, regardless of the percentage of total test takers the group represents. For dropouts, at least 10 dropouts must be reported for a student group, and the group must have at least 30 students in grades seven through 12 who com-

prise at least 10% of the total.

If there are at least 50 students in membership, the dropouts for the group will be evaluated, regardless of the percentage of the total that the group represents. TAAS performance standards for the acceptable rating, which have been increasing steadily since 1994, will remain at the current level of 50% for 2001, but will increase to 55% for all students and student groups in 2002. Nelson has not yet decided whether to raise that standard for 2004 and beyond because changes to the testing program mandated by the Texas Legislature will take effect in 2003.

Those changes will add science and social studies to the exit-level test and move it from the 10th to the 11th grade. Students who hope to graduate in 2005 will be the first students who will have to take the new test.

In addition, new tests will be created for the ninth and 10th grades. Nelson says he wants to see how students perform on the new tests before making decisions about what

standards to impose for the acceptable rating.

In the meantime, Nelson has decided to add performance on the social studies TAAS to the test indicators in 2002. In addition to the other standards, schools must achieve a 50% passing rate in social studies for all students to qualify for the acceptable rating. TAAS standards for the exemplary rating will remain the same at 90% of all students and student groups for reading, writing and mathematics, and 90% of all students for social studies.

Standards for the recognized rating also will remain unchanged at 80% for all students and student groups for reading, writing and mathematics, and 80% of all students for social studies.

Another major change is that the state will skip a year of issuing ratings in 2003, when the new testing requirements take effect. Nelson said ratings will not be issued that year because of several reasons, the primary one being that the individual student passing standard for the new

tests will not be set until mid-summer, making it impossible to determine campus- and district-level passing rates until early fall. He also wants to give schools a chance to prepare for the new tests before their performance on them is used to determine their ratings.

"If standards were to be set prior to the first administration, many districts and schools would likely feel that they had little ability to address these expectations," Nelson said.

"When the current accountability system was implemented in 1994, there were three years of trend data with TAAS with which to analyze performance. Delaying ratings until 2004 will give educators one year to adjust to the new requirements."

Although no ratings will be issued in 2003, Nelson said the agency will continue to issue school district and campus performance reports known as the Academic Excellence Indicator System and school report cards so that parents and others can have the information to use in making school selection decisions.

Illusionists will be at Texas Tech

Kevin and Cindy Spencer, illusionists, will give a performance Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. at the University Center Allen Theater at Texas Tech University.

Tickets are \$8 for students and \$16 for general admission.

The two combine scenery, music, lighting, special effects, audience interaction and cutting-edge illusions to produce a powerful theatrical experience for their audiences, according to information from Tech.

They were named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year in 1995, and in 1996 they were the first artists to receive such recognition for two years in a row. Now they have held the title longer than any other artist—six consecutive years.

Only one other magician (David Copperfield) has been the recipient of the honor.

"Their production excites audiences of all kinds with incredible illusions, mind-boggling magic, comedy, music and audience interaction, according to Tech spokesperson Sara Birdwell.



YOUNGSTERS FLOCKED to the barrel rides and other children's games Sunday at the Labor Day picnic in Nazareth. The annual celebration featured a parade, many

games, Bingo, a benefit raffle and auction, roast beef dinner, hamburger supper and dance. Proceeds from the annual event will benefit Holy Family Church.

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Anyone interested in joining the GED classes must go through the testing and must attend all three sessions of testing.

The sessions are free of charge, sponsored by the Region 16 Educational Service Center in Amarillo.

The GED classes meet at the library on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and on Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m.

Also, English as a second language classes are starting, and participants must be tested. However, testing must be on an individual basis. Those interested may call Carolyn Wilhelm at 647-3415 for a test appointment.

Also, Wilhelm may be contacted for more information.

Canyon Pregnancy Center sets banquet

The Canyon Pregnancy center will hold its annual fund-raising banquet on Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church of Canyon, with Guy Condon as the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

There is no charge for attending the banquet, but reservations are required and may be made by calling the center at 655-4673 by Sept. 18. Donations will be accepted at the end of the evening.

Condon is the president of Care Net, the nation's largest Christian outreach of crisis pregnancy centers.

The evening's music will be presented by Michele Lee Gibbons of Fort Worth, a singer and composer.

The banquet is the center's largest fund-raiser to support the non-profit center's services at their location at 1001 23rd Street in Canyon. The services include free pregnancy tests, infant care training, supplies and clothes for both infants and expectant mother, REALITY CHECK (an abstinence and life-skills educational program), post-abortion support groups, childbirth classes, and more.



POKEY THE CLOWN

... Will supervise Junior Ranch Rodeo during county fair Saturday
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More about

Harvest Days . . .

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Tickets at the door will be \$7 and \$4.50.

The meal will be catered by Desperados of Amarillo, formerly Dyer's Barbecue.

The Castro County 4-H Roping Club will sponsor a "Funfest Rodeo" Saturday night beginning at 7 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena.

This year's rodeo will include barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, steer riding, mutton bustin', a calf scramble, stick horse race, ladies' greased pig event and more—most of

which are for students 18 and under.

Those planning to enter the stick horse race must furnish their own stick horses, according to organizers of the rodeo.

Books will open at 6 p.m. and will close at 6:45. Admission to the rodeo is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Children 6 and under will be admitted free.

The day's celebration will conclude with a dance Saturday at 9 p.m. at the VFW. Music will be provided by G-O-S Band.

More about Hendersons . . .

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George Henderson, Bill grew up in Castro County on a farm halfway between Hart and Dimmitt and attended school in both places. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1953. He served in the Army Signal Corps from 1957-1959, and when he returned to Dimmitt in 1959, he opened Henderson TV & Appliance.

Ann is the former Ann Sargent of Hart, having moved there with her family in 1950. She was a telephone operator for several years, and worked for the Singers in the early 1960's. She works at the family business.

Bill has continued to be involved in the family farming operation through the years.

He is a member of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and served several terms as a trustee.

As an active Mason, Bill was honored as a recipient of the Golden Trowel Award in 1999, and has served as Deputy District Grand Master and District Educational Officer, as well as holding several offices in the local lodge.

Bill also is a charter member of the Dimmitt Rotary Club, and was honored in 1999 as a Paul Harris Fellow, the most distinguished award given in Rotary. He was cited for his many years of service to the club, in which he has held several offices.

Ann and Bill are both active with the H.O.P.E. program for Castro County.

Bill was a member of the former Dimmitt Jaycees up until he got "roostered out."

The couple have six children, Debbie Morgan and Janie Ward, both of Hereford, John Henderson of Amarillo, Karen Hoelscher of Prosper, and Jimmy Henderson and Marshall Henderson, both of Dimmitt; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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- Fiddlers' Contest
- Junior Ranch Rodeo

Poker Run will be held Friday

The best poker hand, worst hand and runner-up hand will qualify for prizes in the annual Poker Run, slated for Friday in Dimmitt.

Sponsored by the DATA Club, the Poker Run will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Dimmitt.

Participants are asked to meet at the west parking lot at Dimmitt High School. That's where the run will begin. Gamblers will collect their poker hand through a series of stops and the best hand will be declared

the winner.

Those planning to play must pay \$5 for each poker hand they will collect. More than one hand can be purchased per vehicle.

Everyone is invited to participate in the event, and any vehicle can be used—car, pickup, motorcycle, etc.

The last stop on the run will be the gazebo, located at the courthouse. Refreshments will be offered there, and prizes will be presented for the best and worst hands, etc.



PEDAL, COLTON, PEDAL!—Colton O'Brien of Dimmitt strains to keep the wheels turning as he struggles to obtain a full pull in the pedal tractor pull at Dimmitt last year. The tractor pull is one of several children's events planned for the Harvest Days celebration, which is today through Saturday. *Photo by Joyce Nelson*

Fair Association hopes for abundance of entries

Representatives of the Castro County Fair Association are asking Castro County residents to display samples of crops, home-grown flowers and vegetables, canned goods, homemade clothing, craft items and photographs at the county fair.

"Were an agricultural county," said Chamber of Commerce Director Bill Sava. "Everybody here is interested in agriculture. Everybody depends on it even though we may not be actively involved in growing crops. Displays at the county fair gives us a chance to see what can be grown here and what is grown here. That's why we have a fair—to show off our crops and crafts. All the rest

is 'fluff.'"

There are over 125 categories for displays at the county fair, each offering the opportunity to win ribbons and cash awards.

"We'd like to see a dozen or more entries in each of those categories," Sava added.

Fair books, giving a complete breakdown of categories, are now available at the Castro County Extension Office at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt. Information on the fair is also available by calling 647-4115 or 647-2524.

There is no entry fee to display items at the fair. Items will be accepted Friday from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets are available now for Harvest Days barbecue supper

A barbecue supper catered by Desperado's Barbecue (formerly a partner of Dyer's Barbecue) of Amarillo will be held Saturday in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and tickets for the meal are on sale now.

Adult tickets are \$6.50 in advance or \$7 at the door. Children's tickets will be \$4.50.

The meal is being sponsored by the Castro County Masonic Lodge #879. Advance tickets can be purchased from any member of the Masons.

Masons are the sponsors of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. Children accepted into the hospital are treated at no cost to the child or family. There are 16 such hospitals across the United States.

Other charities supported in part by the Masons are an orphanage and a home for senior Masons of retirement age, located in Fort Worth.

Locally, Masons give at least one scholarship each year to an outstanding senior. The Hart and Dimmitt schools were represented by these scholarship winners during the past two years.

Recently, the Dallas Stars Ice Hockey Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and the funds were used to help purchase equipment for the hospital's sled donor program.

Sled hockey is an exciting new sport that provides psychological, social and physiological benefits for children with disabilities.

The Castro Masonic Lodge helps support such charities.



WHAT A JOB!—Four individuals at last year's Harvest Days celebration had the lucky task of judging the homemade fruit pie contest. They included (seated, from left) Bay Baldrige, David Hoehns of Lubbock, Jackie Odom and Oneida Hutto. Directing the contest was Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent. The pie contest is on tap again this year. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Tractor pull is set today

Youngsters will struggle and strain to pedal miniature tractors to the finish line before the machines are bogged down by weights today (Thursday) in a pedal tractor pull at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The event, co-sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce, is one of many Harvest Days events designed to keep children entertained. The annual celebration kicks off today (Thursday) and will continue through Saturday.

Children between the ages of 4 and 12 can register to compete in the tractor pull at 5 p.m. today at the Expo Building. Advance registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford in Dimmitt.

The contest is slated to start at 6 p.m. at the Expo Building.

There is no charge for participating in the contest and the pedal tractors are provided by the Texas Pedal Pullers Association.

More than one child may compete at a time. When the start signal is given, the child must start pedaling. A trailer pulled by the tractor holds a weight on an inclined pulley. As the

tractor is pedaled, the weight moves up the pulley, increasing the amount of power it takes to pedal.

When the children stop pedaling, their turn is over and the distance the pedaled is measured. Those with the longest distance are the winners.

If the weight reaches the top of the pulley the child qualifies for the next round in his or her age group. For the second round, weights are increased. Top competitors will continue to take turns with greater weights until a champion is named.

Merchants plan special 'fair deals'

Several merchants in Castro County are planning special sales Friday in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava encourages everyone to visit local merchants and take advantage of the bargains.

We're proud of Castro County's history and heritage, and proud to be a long-time partner with the people of this great county.

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KICK-OFF Harvest Days
by attending the annual
PET SHOW
Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Expo

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Harvest Days, 2000

Our cooperative congratulates all who are working to make the Harvest Days celebration bigger and better.

Through the newest innovations of agricultural science and satellite technology, our cooperative is working to make the harvests here bigger and better, too, to benefit our member-owners and our county.

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HARVEST DAYS PARADE
at 10 a.m. Saturday

At Westway Trading Corp., we run a "parade" of our own ... a parade of Westway trucks running throughout North Texas and New Mexico, providing the cattle feeding industry with our own blended liquid feeds and supplements.

Have a great time during Harvest Days!

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JACKIE ODOM eyes the photography display at the Expo Building during last year's Harvest Days celebration. Several county residents entered their favorite photos in the photography contest at the county fair.
Photo by Joyce Nelson

DMS choir to perform at Harvest Days

The fifth and sixth-grade honors choir from Dimmitt Middle School will entertain with a 15-minute music and dance program Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration. Scheduled to begin at 10:45 a.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt, the choir will perform three songs including *Hoedown*, *Boogie Woogie*, and *Down to the Bone*. The 70-member choir is directed by Elaine Hazel.



Dance is set


A dance featuring music by G.O.S. Band will be held Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the VFW Hall in Dimmitt. Only those 21 and older will be admitted to the dance, which is sponsored by the VFW.


THE CHOIR from Dimmitt Middle School performed during the Harvest Days celebration last year and will make a return engagement this year. The choir, directed by Elaine Hazel, will sing three songs and also will do a couple of dance acts.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

Entries are sought for Harvest Days Parade

Entries are being solicited for the Castro County Fair and Harvest Days Parade, which will wind through Dimmitt on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Led by the Canon Air Force Base Honor Guard, this election-year parade will feature the theme "VOTE—For Castro County." Again this year, the Dimmitt Lions Club will officiate and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will furnish rosettes, ribbons and cash awards. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava suggests that organizations, businesses and individuals who are planning to have a parade entry contact him at the Chamber office, 115 W. Bedford Street to pick up an entry form or call him at 647-2524. "If we know they're coming, it's just a lot easier to organize the pa-

rade," Sava said, "but we won't turn anyone down, not even on parade day." "This is an excellent way to publicize a business, a candidacy, an activity, an organization's projects, or simply to show interest in Castro County," Sava said. For judging, entries will be categorized as business floats, civic floats, antique cars, antique trucks, antique tractors, horse-drawn entries, and "other" (for any that do not fit another classification). Three cash awards will be presented to those selected as "Best in Parade" (first, second and third place). Ribbons will be awarded in non-competitive children's divisions, but no ribbons will be awarded to "political candidate/elected official" entries.


You'll enjoy hearing
DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR
Saturday, starting at 10:45 a.m. at the Expo Performance Area
See you there! 
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We hope you have the biggest and best Harvest Days celebration ever.

Attend and take part in all the events you can—
Canterbury Villa Reception for Residents • Junior Tractor Pull • Pet Show • D.A.T.A. Club Poker Run Harvest Days Fair & Parade • Early Settlers' Reunion & Lunch • Dimmitt Middle School Choir • Aruna Lewis Christian Recording Artist • Hula Hoop Contest • Chow Time • Lean Ground Beef Cooking Contest Pie Contest • Karaoke/Talent Show • Fiddlers' Contest • Water Polo • Pokey The Clown's Junior Ranch Rodeo • Cow Pattie Bingo • ZERO HOUR in Concert • Barbecue Supper • Team Rodeo • Dance

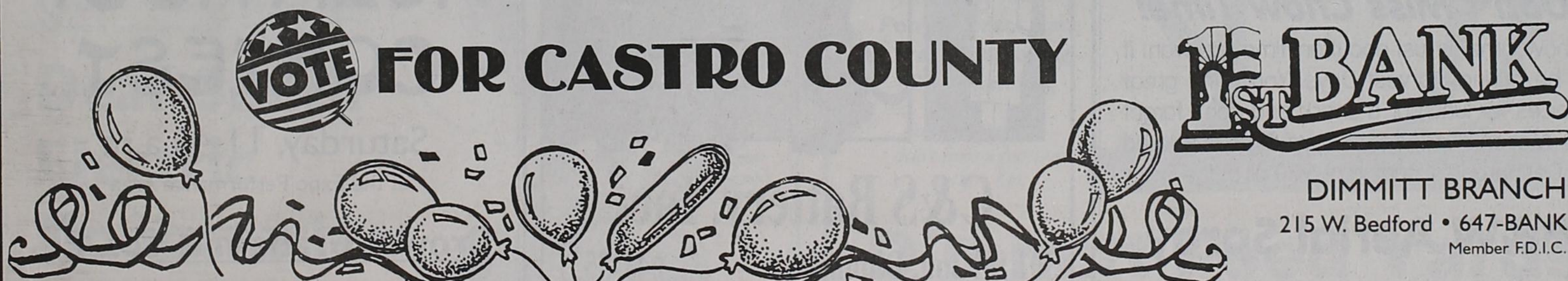
It's all been planned for your enjoyment. We hope to see you there.

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Here's Everything that's Happenin'!

CASTRO COUNTY HARVEST DAYS — DIMMITT, TEXAS — September 7-9, 2000

Day & Time	Event	Sponsored By	Contact Person	Phone Number	Additional Information
Thur 10:30 AM	Reception for Residents - Canterbury Villa	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	At Canterbury Villa - Guests Are Welcome
5:00 PM	Registration for Junior Tractor Pull	Kiwanis Club / Chamber	Bill Sava	647-2524	Inside Castro County Expo
5:30 PM	Pet Show	Chamber / Dimmitt Vet Clinic	Bill Sava	647-2524	Please Restrain Pets - North Side Of Expo
6:00 PM	Junior Tractor Pull	Kiwanis Club / Chamber	Bill Sava	6472524	Inside Castro County Expo
Fri All Day	"Fair Deals" Friday - Shop Castro Co. Merchants	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	"Fair Deals" - Look for "Fair Deals" Signs
12 Noon	Registration of Fair Exhibits - 'Til 6 PM	Castro County Fair Committee	Emma Jean King	647-4115	Entries Accepted Until 6 PM - Inside Expo
	Vendors Set Up - Craft Booths Set UP - 'Til 9 PM	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	*Exhibit Area Closed To Public After 6 PM*
6:30 PM	D.A.T.A. Club Poker Run - Dimmitt High School	D.A.T.A. Club	Donna Reinart	647-2524	Run Begins At Dimmitt High School
7:00 PM	Reunion - DHS Class of 1940	1940 D.H.S. Seniors	Irene Bradley	647-5346	Dutch Treat @ K-Bobs. Make Plans for Sat.
7:30 PM	Football - Dimmitt @ Springlake	Bobcat Football	Coach Wade Wilson	647-3105	Go Cats!
	Football - Hart @ Morton	Longhorn Football	Coach Todd Bryant	938-2140	Go Longhorns!
	Football - Nazareth @ Lubbock Christian	Swift Football	Coach Rick Price	945-2231	Go Swifts
Sat 7:00 AM	Vendors Set Up Booths	Castro County Fair Association	Bill Sava	647-2524	Set-Up To Be Completed By 9:00 AM
9:00 AM	Exhibits, Booths, Activities Open At Fair	Castro County Fair Association	Bill Sava	647-2524	Crafts - Food - Games - Rides
	Early Settlers' Reunion - Registration	Early Settlers' Committee	W & W Maynard	647-4358	Senior Citizens Center - 218 W Jones
10:00 AM	Castro County Fair & Harvest Days PARADE	Lions Club / Chamber	Bill Sava	647-2524	Honor Guard - Canon AFB
10:45 AM	Dimmitt Middle School Choir (4th, 5th, 6th Gr.)	Dimmitt Middle School	Elaine Hazel	647-3108	In The Expo Performance Area
11:15 AM	Aruna Lewis - Christian Recording Artist	Castro County Fair Committee	Bill Sava	647-2524	In the Expo Performance Area
11:45 AM	Hula Hoop Contest - We Stop When They Drop!	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	Expo Performance Area
12 Noon	Chow Time - With Extension Homemakers	Castro County Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	Outside Food Booths Too! What A Country!
	Early Settlers' Reunion Lunch (Covered Dish)	Early Settlers' Committee	W & W Maynard	647-4358	Senior Citizens Center - Welcome Home
12:15 PM	Lean Ground Beef Cooking Contest Results	Castro County Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	Announcement - Expo Performance Area
12:30 PM	Pie Contest - Judging of Entries and Results	Castro County Extension Service	Marilyn Neal	647-4115	Announcement - Expo Performance Area
12:45 PM	Karaoke/Talent Show - Sign Up Now - Be A Star!	Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	In The Expo Performance Area
1:30 PM	Fiddlers' Contest	Castro County Fair Association	Herb Mayfield	647-5526	In The Expo Performance Area
2:00 PM	Water Polo	Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department	Tommy Cleavinger	647-4549	SE 3rd St Behind C&S - Look for Firetruck
2:30 PM	Pokey The Clown's Jr Ranch Rodeo at the Expo	Castro Co 4-H Horse Club / Chamber	B Sava/Doug Smith	647-2524	Perf. Area - Outside If More Space Needed
2:45 PM	Cow Pattie Bingo	Castro County Fair Association	Brenda Bruton	647-2285	S.E. Corner of Expo - Time Approximate
3:00 PM	"ZERO HOUR" in Concert	Chamber of Commerce	Bill Sava	647-2524	South Side of Expo
4:00 PM	Drawings for Quilt & Other Items	Friendship Quilters	Joyce Davis	647-5362	Visit Quilt Exhibit in NE Corner of Expo
5:00 PM	Booths Close - Fair Entries Picked Up	Castro County Fair Association	Emma Jean King	647-4115	Entries Must Be Picked Up By 6:00 PM
5:30 PM	Bar-B-Q (Desperado's) - Serving 'Til 8 PM	Masonic Lodge #879	Bill Stevenson	647-2524	Inside Expo - Take-Out Plates Available
7:00 PM	Team Rodeo - At the Rodeo Arena	Castro County 4-H Roping Club	Greg Odom	647-2518	The Perfect Way to End The Fair
9:00 PM	Dance With G.O.S. Band @ VFW	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Don Howell	647-2207	21 & Over - 9 PM until 1 AM



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Harvest Days will offer enjoyment for everyone

Harvest Days, slated today (Thursday) through Saturday in Dimmitt, will feature a wide range of activities designed to interest young and old alike.

Among those activities are a reception for Canterbury Villa residents, a pet show and junior tractor pull today (Thursday); "Fair Deals," football and a poker run on Friday; and the county Fair and Harvest Days parade on Saturday.

"We're trying to start the junior tractor pull a little later this year to

give everyone a chance to get through at school and get registered," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "There's been a lot of concern about having it on Thursday because youngsters might have a hard time registering after school and being at the tractor pull before it starts.

"Believe me, this will not be a problem," Sava said. "Any youngsters who know they want to be entered in this event can sign up now at the Chamber office."

The junior tractor pull will be held inside the Expo Building with the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club assisting Roy Ray of Lockney in conducting the event.

The D.A.T.A. Club's Poker Run will be held on Friday and it's an event that takes participants to Hart,

Nazareth and Dimmitt for a fun time. Moved back into the Harvest Days celebration this year, the event will begin at 6:30 P.M. Friday in the parking lot at Dimmitt High School.

"It's hard to spotlight just one or two events on Saturday," Sava said. "There's the parade and fair exhibits, the fiddlers' contest and the Masons' barbecue. And this year we have Pokey the Clown with a Junior Ranch Rodeo. Saturday will be a full

day at the fair."

Pokey the Clown will conduct the Junior Ranch Rodeo beginning at 2:30 p.m. Teams of youngsters (four on each team) will compete for the opportunity to attend the National Junior Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo later this year.

"We'll have some teams competing from other towns around the area," Sava said. "Pokey missed going to Tulia this year. They have

some teams and there is a team from Sunray that came in second in their rodeo. These youngsters all want the chance to go back to the finals and are planning to come here to compete."

The Junior Ranch Rodeo will be approximately a two-hour event and when it's over there'll be time to eat and make the Castro County 4-H Roping Club's team rodeo at the rodeo arena at 8 p.m.



Welcome to
Castro County's annual
**Harvest Days
Celebration**
Thursday thru Saturday

Come out and enjoy the
many events planned during
our annual celebration!

**Baker Electric
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Water polo will provide relief from heat

Teams wielding fire hoses will try and keep a ball suspended in the air with streams of water in the water polo contest Saturday afternoon at 2 as part of the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

The event is sponsored by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. Those interested in competing in the water polo contest should report to the lot on Southeast Third Street behind C&S Battery, Inc.

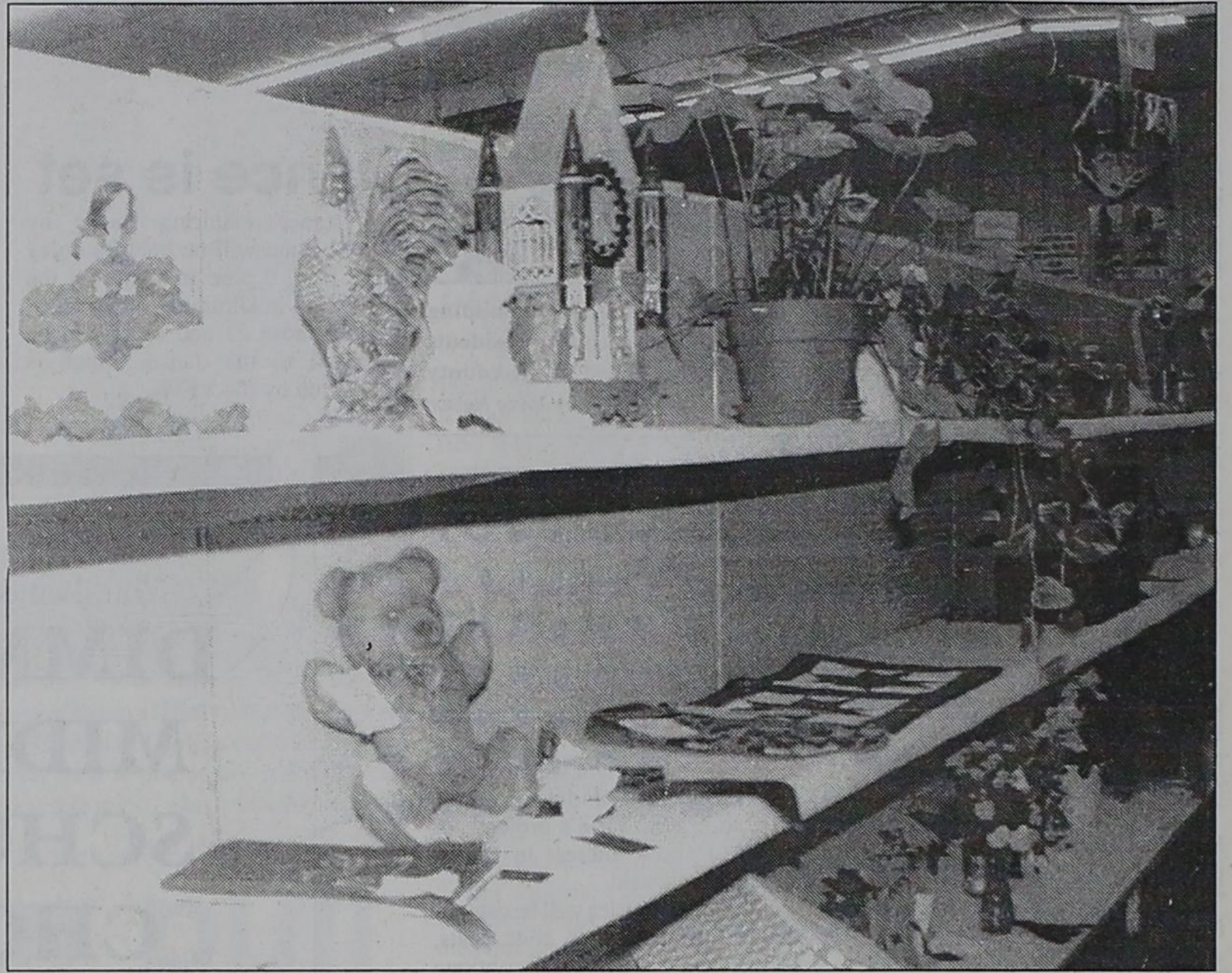
Those competing are guaranteed a break from the heat because they will get soaked, according to organizers of the event.

For more information about the water polo contest, contact Tommy Cleavinger at 647-4549.

Reception set for CV residents

The public is invited to visit with residents and staff at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home during a special reception today (Thursday) at 10:30 a.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce as part of the annual Harvest Days celebration.



PLANTS, CRAFTS, STUFFED ANIMALS, QUILTED ITEMS AND MORE ... County residents showcase talents in the county Fair

Photo by Anne Acker



Lively music for your entertainment at the
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sponsored by the
Castro County Fair Association
starting Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

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Registration.....9 a.m.
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**A
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We just show up Thursday afternoon at the Expo, right?

Yep. At 5:30 p.m.

I'm not sure this is my kind of crowd.

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Please, Boss—I wanna go!

And take us with him, Big Guy!

Give 'em ALL a ribbon.

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301 SE 2nd, Dimmitt 647-3531



JOIN IN THE FUN!

**HULA HOOP
CONTEST**

Saturday, 11:45 a.m.
at the Expo Performance Area

Brown, Graham & Co., P.C.

Cow's 'bingo' will earn lucky individual \$500

The annual cow patty bingo is one of the favorite games of chance during the Harvest Days celebration, and it nets a good profit for the Castro County Fair Association, too.

At 2:45 p.m. Saturday, a cow will be turned loose in a fenced area marked with 100 numbers in squares. When that cow drops its "deposit," one of 100 people will win \$500.

The fenced area will be set up on the southeast corner of the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Individual squares will sell for \$10 each and the person who has purchased the square on which the cow "bingos" will win the \$500 prize.

Hula hoopers must exhibit stamina to win

Youngsters of all ages will swivel their hips in an effort to keep a hula hoop twirling Saturday as they compete in one of many contests during the Harvest Days celebration.

The hula hoop contest will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Expo Building.

Hopeful hula hoopers will compete in groups of three for the first round of the competition and will "hula until they can't hula anymore," according to Bill Sava, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Winners of the threesomes will return for another round against two other winners, and the winner of that will remain in the running until only one hula hooper remains. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

60-year reunion planned

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1940 is planning a 60-year reunion on Friday in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration in Castro County.

Class members are invited to meet at 7 p.m. Friday at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Dimmitt for a dutch-treat dinner. After the meal, the group is planning to gather at the Bradley home at 200 Southwest Third for ice cream and cookies.

On Saturday morning at 10 the class will enjoy the Harvest Days parade as it passes in front of the Senior Citizens Center at Southwest Third and Jones Streets.

Reunion organizers hope their classmates will join them for lunch at the Early Settlers' Reunion at 12 noon.



BEST DECORATED BIKES at last year's Harvest Days Parade were (foreground, from left) Kelsey Schilling, first place; Josh Alvarez, second; Keila Schilling, third; and Reagan Hunter, fourth. All their bikes followed the parade theme, "Be a Sport, Support Dimmitt." Photo by Don Nelson

Mutton bustin', greased pigs, boot scramble highlight rodeo

There will still be a rodeo at this year's Harvest Days, but it'll be a little different than in the past.

This year's rodeo will include barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, steer riding, mutton bustin', a calf scramble, stick horse race, ladies' greased pig event and more—most of which are for students 18 and under.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Horse Club and 4-H Horse Judging Team, will be held Saturday at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena. Books will open at 6 p.m. and will close at 6:45. The rodeo is slated to start at 7 p.m.

Entry fee for the barrel racing, pole bending, flag race and ladies' greased pig event is \$10 per person, per event. A \$5 entry fee will be charged for the steer riding. The boot scramble will cost \$1 per person. Free events include the calf scramble and stick horse race.

Admission to the rodeo is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Children

6 and under will be admitted free.

The barrel racing, pole bending and flag race will be separated into three categories—ages 8 and under, ages 9-14 and ages 15-18.

The steer riding will be for children 12 and under. To compete in the mutton bustin' (lamb riding), youngsters must be under 42 inches tall.

Children between the ages of 8 and 18 will be allowed to enter the boot scramble.

Age limits for the calf scramble and stick horse race are 7-and-under and 5-and-under, respectively.

Ribbons will be given for all free events. A 70% payback will be awarded to the top three individuals in each timed event.

The steer riding and the mutton bustin' will award the top three riders with a 100% payback.

The calcutta auction for the ladies' greased pig contest will begin right before the event. There will be a

60% payout for both the calcutta and the top three winners. Winner of the boot scramble will be awarded a 50% payback.

For more information about the rodeo, contact Greg Odom at 647-2518.



You don't have to be an "early" settler ...

... to enjoy the Early Settlers' Reunion at the Senior Citizens' Center Saturday. Whatever your age or length of residence here, just show up and bring a covered dish or two for the lunch at noon, and you'll be welcomed. You'll enjoy the fun, fellowship, and the feeling of friendship you'll find there.

From May to October, Panhandle Ag Service's planes work from dawn to dark, helping improve the quality and yields of our crops through the aerial application of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer. We tip our wings to one of the greatest agricultural counties in the nation as it celebrates Harvest Days!

Panhandle Ag Service, Inc.

Don't miss the big **HARVEST DAYS PARADE**

Saturday at 10 a.m.



647-5244
121 S. Broadway
Dimmitt

Pets of all shapes and sizes expected for HD pet show

You never know what kind of pet you might spot when children show off their favorite friends at the Harvest Days pet show.

The annual event has become one of the most popular attractions at Harvest Days, and this year's show is expected to be a big one.

The pet show is planned for today (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. on the north side of the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic, the pet show is

expected to include dogs, cats and birds, as well as some unusual pets—maybe a fish or two, rabbits, baby chickens, turtles, guinea pigs and more.

There is no entry fee and anyone who wants to show off his or her pet is expected to bring the animal to the Expo.

Employees of Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic will judge this year's pet show.

All pets entered in the show will receive a ribbon and pet food samples.

During this Harvest Days celebration, we salute Castro County and especially the corn growers who help make this a great place to live and grow.

Texas Corn Growers Association



Support? You Bet!

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has supported the progress of the farms and industries of Castro County for 62 years.

We hope you have a great time during Harvest Days. Our congratulations to those whose work makes it such a great celebration.

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She's adorable!

Kids, get ready for the **JUNIOR RANCH RODEO** featuring **Pokey the Clown!**

Try your hand at **Wild Cow Milking Pony Express Race Steer Doctoring Calf Branding**

For ages 3 to 16—don't miss a moment of the fun!



Dimmitt Feed Yards

County fair rules are announced

CASTRO COUNTY FAIR COUNTY EXPO BUILDING SEPT. 9, 2000

Fair exhibits should be labeled before they are entered in the fair.

Friday, Sept. 8, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.: All entries due for fair exhibits. Judging begins at 6:30 p.m. quilts start at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Viewing of all exhibits at the fair. Pick up exhibits. (All items must stay on display until 4:30 p.m.)

General rules and Regulations.

1. Exhibitors in the Fair must be residents of Castro County. Anyone age 18 or under and single is in the Youth Division. Adults will be 19 and over.
2. EACH PERSON MUST DO HIS OR HER OWN WORK. The entry may not have been judged in a previous Castro County Fair.
3. The superintendents in each section who are in charge of entries reserve the right to accept or reject entries, depending on conditions for suitability for exhibit.
4. You may enter only ONE article in each class. Superintendents have final decision on classification.
5. Entries must be entered as listed in each division from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8.
6. Exhibitors' items must remain on

exhibit until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11. Cash awards and/or items should be picked up Saturday, Sept. 11.

7. All articles not removed from the building by 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, will become the property of the Fair Association and will be disposed of by the Association.

8. All articles must be labeled with your name in an inconspicuous place.

9. Label all entries with your NAME, SECTION, CLASS and DIVISION. Entry tags may be picked up at the Extension Office two weeks prior to the fair. This will speed up your entry process.

10. There will be five (5) ribbons given, per class.

Cash Awards must be picked up within 30 days at the Extension Office. Best of Show, \$5; First Place, ribbon and \$1; Second place, ribbon and 50¢. For more information contact the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; or Marilyn R. Neal, County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences at 647-4115.

Baking Section

1. Products may have been frozen, but it is NOT necessary. Thaw at room temperature in packaging materials to be ready for judging.

2. Display products on FOIL-COVERED CARDBOARD AND WRAP WITH CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP. If not displayed in this

manner, your food will be disqualified. PIES SHOULD BE IN FOIL PANS. Cream pies may be taken after they are judged.

3. No commercial mixes, unless decorated cake entry.

4. Note the number of items required for each entry.

Class Number and Amount

1. Cookie Bars/Squares—6.
2. Biscuits—6.
3. Brownies, any kind—6.
4. Candy, any kind—6.
5. Candy, molded, any kind—6.
6. Cinnamon Rolls—6.
7. Cookies, any kind—6.
8. Cornbread, any kind—6 pieces.
9. Hot rolls—6.
10. Muffins—6.
11. Cake: coffee, decorated (mix accepted), plain iced, pound, specialty (i.e. German Chocolate, Italian Cream).
12. Pies: cream, fruit, nut, other.
13. Quick bread (whole loaf).
14. Yeast bread: white, whole wheat, other (whole loaf).

Home Food Preservation

Standards for Canned Products

General Requirements

1. All entries must have been canned by person making entry.
2. All food entries should have been canned within the last food preservation season.
3. All vegetables (EXCEPT TOMATOES) and meats should have been processed in a pressure canner at recommended pressure for the recommended times according to the current USDA recommendations.
4. All fruits, fruit juices, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, relishes, marmalades, butters and conserves should have been processed in a boiling water canner for recommended times according to the current USDA recommendations.
5. All tomatoes and tomato juices should have been processed according to recommendations in the current USDA guides.
6. All entries should be in standard canning jars in good condition with new self-sealing lids and jar rings free of dust, dents or other defects. All jars should be clean and free of dust. Any entries not canned in standard canning jars or lids will be disqualified.
7. All jars should be neatly packed with recommended head space and liquid covering product (if appropriate).
8. Jars should be sealed when tested by judges. Any jar not sealed will be automatically disqualified.
9. There will be no signs of spoilage such as leaky seals, bubbles, bad odors, cloudy liquid, sediment or mold.
10. All jars should be neatly labeled with name of product and canning date.
11. For information on quality canning standards, call the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

Canned Fruits & Vegetables

All canned products (except jelly and preserves) must be in standard square or round pint or quart glass tempered (mason) jars. Mayonnaise and other commercial jars are not to be used. Jelly and preserves may be in standard pint or half-pint jars. Jellies, jams

and preserves must be processed and NOT paraffin-sealed.

Class Numbers

- FRUITS:**
1. Apples
 2. Applesauce
 3. Apricots
 4. Cherries
 5. Fruit Juice
 6. Peaches
 7. Pears
 8. Other

JAMS, JELLIES & PRESERVES:

9. Apple
10. Apple Butter
11. Apricot
12. Cherry
13. Grape
14. Peach
15. Pear
16. Plum
17. Strawberry
18. Tomato Preserves
19. Other

PICKLES:

20. Beets
21. Bread & Butter
22. Chow-Chow
23. Cucumber-Swt
24. Cucumber-Dill
25. Hot Sauce
26. Okra
27. Peach
28. Pepper
29. Picante
30. Relish
31. Corn Relish
32. Tomatoes
33. Other

VEGETABLES:

34. Asparagus
35. Beans (Green)
36. Beans (Lima)
37. Beans (Shelled)
38. Beets
39. Carrots
40. Corn
41. Okra
42. Peas (Black-eyed)
43. Peas (English)
44. Potatoes
45. Sauerkraut
46. Soup Mix
47. Squash
48. Tomatoes
49. Tomato Juice
50. Other

DRIED FOODS:

51. Apples
52. Apricots
53. Bananas
54. Grapes
55. Peaches
56. Pears
57. Plums
58. Prunes
59. Other

Clothing Section

All garments must be clean and on hangers. Age groups are: Junior I, 9-11 (at time of fair); Junior II, 12-13 (at time of fair); Senior, 14-18 (at time of fair); Adult, 19 and over (at time of fair).

1. Apron
2. Blouse
3. Children's clothing
4. Coordinates—pants, skirt or blouse (2 or more pieces)
5. Dress
6. Evening Wear
7. Hat
8. Holiday apparel—adult or children
9. Jumpsuit
10. Men's suit
11. Pants
12. Shirt
13. Shorts
14. Skirt
15. Suit
16. Vest
17. Other

Craft Section

1. Afghan—Crocheted, Knitted, Other
2. Applique
3. Baskets—Hand-woven, Padded, Other
4. Calligraphy
5. Ceramics
6. China Painting
7. Crochet
8. Cross Stitch
- Counted—A. Baby Items; B. Pictures, C. Home Accessories
- Pattern/Kit—D. Baby Item; E. Pictures; F. Home Accessories
9. Dolls, Any Kind
10. Doll Clothes
11. Decorated Shirt—Applique, Painted, Other
12. Drawing—Pastels, Pen and/or Ink, Pencil, Other

13. Embroidery—Crewel, Punch, Other
14. Jewelry
15. Knitted Items
16. Leather
17. Needlepoint
18. Painting—Acrylic, Oil, Paper, Tole, Water Color
19. Pastels—Chalk
20. Pillows—Applique, Candlewick, Needlepoint, Quilted
21. Place Mats—Quilted, Other
22. Rugs—Hooked, Braided
23. Stained Glass
24. Stenciling—Fabric, Paper
25. Stuffed Animals
26. Tablecloths—Applique, Crochet, Embroidery, Holiday, Pieced, Other
27. Tatting
28. Wood—Crafted, Hand-Crafted, Painted, Other
29. Wreaths other than Christmas
30. Christmas wreaths
31. Angels—Ceramics, Other
32. Holiday centerpiece
33. Nativity set
34. Ornaments—Ceramics, Other
35. Outdoor decorations
36. Stockings—Counted Cross Stitch, Pattern Cross Stitch, Crochet, Felt, Knit, Needlepoint, Other
37. Trees—Ceramic, Other
38. Tree Skirts—Felt, Patchwork, Other
39. Holiday Items—Other than Christmas
40. Paper crafts

Farm and Garden Section

- Corn: 6 ears for each exhibit (no shucks)
1. Blue
 2. Indian
 3. Popcorn
 4. White
 5. Yellow
- Cotton: 10 open bolls
6. Open Variety
 7. Storm Proof
- Grain Sorghum: 10 heads
8. Milo (red hybrid or white hybrid)
- Sheaf Forage: at least 3-1/2" diameter
9. Alfalfa
 10. Irrigated Pasture
 11. Millet
 12. Sweet Sorghum
- Small Grains and Seeds:
15. Alfalfa
 16. Barley
 17. Castor Oil
 18. Corn
 19. Grass Seed
 20. Milo
 21. Millet
 22. Oats
 23. Rye
 24. Sesame
 25. Sudan
 26. Wheat
 27. Other
- Sunflowers:
29. Sunflower, 1 head, field variety
 30. Sunflower, 1 head, garden variety
- Fruits:
31. Apples—3
 32. Grapes, bunch
 33. Peaches—3
 34. Pears—3
 35. Plums—6
 36. Strawberries, pint
 37. Other
- Vegetables:
38. Beans, Shelled, 1 quart
 39. Beets—6
 40. Bell Peppers—3
 41. Broccoli—3
 42. Cabbage—1
 43. Cantaloupe—1
 44. Carrots—6
 45. Cauliflower—1
 46. Cucumbers—3
 47. Gourds—3
 48. Green Beans—12
 49. Honey Dew—1
 50. Irish Potatoes—6
 51. Lettuce—1 head
 52. Okra—6
 53. Onions—3
 54. Peas, shelled, 1 quart
 55. Peppers—6
 56. Pumpkin—1
 57. Rhubarb—6
 58. Summer Squash
 59. Winter Squash
 60. Sweet Potatoes, 6
 61. Tomatoes—6
 62. Turnips—3
 63. Watermelon—1
 64. Other

Horticulture Section

1. African violet
2. Floral arrangement
3. Flower, one stem
4. Potted plant
5. Other

Photography Section

- (Professional and Amateur)
1. A person may enter only one (1) picture in each class, except one set of sequences.
 2. Each entry must be mounted separately.
 3. Only mounted pictures will be accepted (heavier than construction paper for displays. DO NOT MOUNT ON WHITE).
 4. Pictures will be judged on impact, technique and composition.
- Snapshots: 3-1/2 x 5 or 4 x 6
1. Animals
 2. Building
 3. Landscape
 4. People
 5. Sequence *
 6. Sports
 7. Still Life
 8. Transportation
 9. Other
- Enlargements: 5 x 7 or larger
11. Animals
 12. Buildings
 13. Landscape
 14. People
 14. Sequence *
 16. Sports
 17. Still Life
 18. Transportation
 19. Other
- * 3 or 4 photos telling a story.
Antiques: For display ONLY.



LOCAL TALENT—Cailee Gilbreath of Dimmitt won third place at the fiddlers' contest at last year's Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt. Gilbreath is the daughter of Coby and Connie Gilbreath. The crowd-pleasing fiddlers will be performing at this year's event, too.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Fall sampling for nematodes pays

Nematodes are tiny pests that cause big yield losses for area cotton growers. According to the Cotton Foundation's Nematode Survey and Education Program, nematodes are responsible for reducing more than 190,000 bales annually in Texas. As the harvest season approaches, growers should consider taking soil samples on all suspect fields and using appropriate measures to control these pests when necessary.

"One out of two cotton acres on the High Plains are infested with nematodes," said Terry Wheeler, assistant professor of plant pathology/nematologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock. "Growers can expect a 10% to 30% reduction in yields in fields with damaging levels of root-knot nematodes."

Since nematode damage often mimics fertilizer or water deficiencies, fields with moderate infestations may go unnoticed by growers.

"Nematodes feed on cotton roots reducing the production efficiency of

the plant. Their feeding and reproduction causes galls to form on the roots which are visible later in the growing season," said Wheeler.

One way to check a field for root-knot nematodes is to carefully dig up a few plants in August or September when galls become more pronounced. However, the most effective way of determining if nematodes are present is through soil sampling.

"The best time to take soil samples is in the fall after harvest. The growth stage of nematodes in October and November makes them easier to detect so the assay is more accurate," Wheeler said.

Using proper soil sampling procedures will also help ensure an accurate assessment of nematode populations.

"We like to take a small amount of soil from 15 to 20 locations in a 30-to-40-acre field," said Wheeler. "The soil should be taken from the root zone at a depth of 4 to 12 inches because that's where nematodes are heaviest."

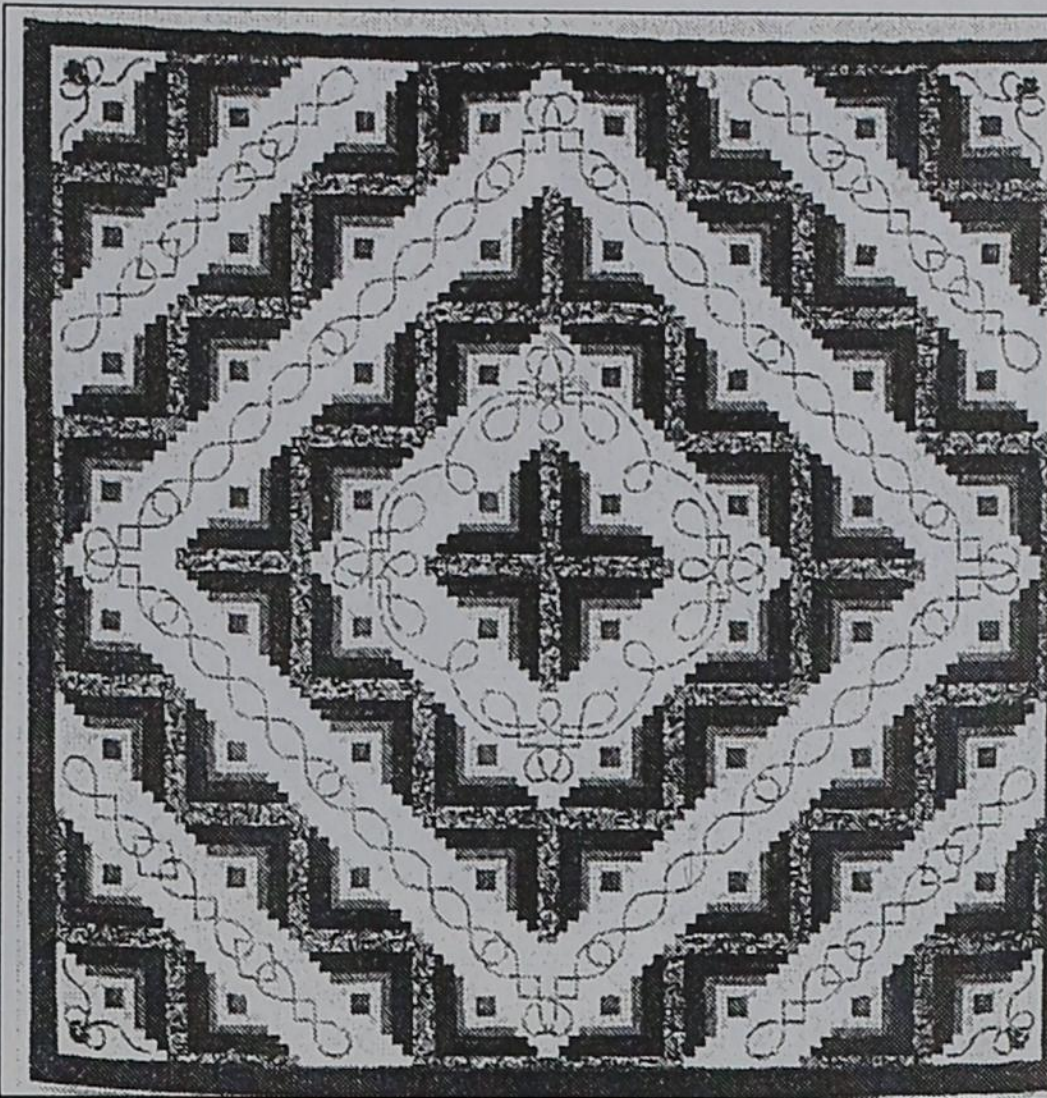
The key to getting an accurate sample is keeping the nematodes alive. Nematodes are sensitive to drying and to cold and hot temperatures so it's important to keep the soil as close to room temperature as possible.

Wheeler advises growers to take action when populations reach 250 nematodes per pint of soil.

"Growers may start seeing damage at that level, but as the nematode number rises, the chance of significant damage goes up as well," warned Wheeler.

Managing root-knot often requires rotation with peanuts or chemical control methods and there are only a few nematicides available.

"Temik® 15G is probably used in 99.99% of the cases on the High Plains. Nematicur® and Telone™ are the other nematicides available. I've conducted numerous trials that have shown Temik to be very effective at managing these pests," said Wheeler. "These nematicides do not eradicate nematodes, but they do knock down the first generation and minimize the damage. Controlling the first generation is critical in terms of how much loss you're going to see at the end of the year."



THE FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS GUILD'S creation, "Bluebirds in the Celtic," a design patterned after the log cabin quilt, has been named a finalist in the International Quilt Festival and will be displayed at the festival in Houston in November. The guild's creation is being raffled off during Harvest Days and tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The raffle winner will be able to claim the quilt after the Houston show.

'Log Cabin' quilt raffle concludes this weekend

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt will announce the winner of its Log Cabin quilt raffle Saturday afternoon during the Harvest Days celebration.

Members of the organization pieced together and quilted the patchwork creation, which is based on the original Log Cabin pattern. Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt modified the Log Cabin pattern to fit the Guild's needs.

The group began selling chances on the quilt last April during the Ogallala Quilters Festival, and have been selling tickets throughout the summer. Tickets will be on sale during the Harvest Days celebration today (Thursday) through Saturday at the Expo Building. Cost is \$2 per ticket or three for \$5.

To purchase tickets in advance, contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or any member of the Friendship Quilters Guild.

This quilt has been accepted into the International Quilt Festival in Houston, and will be on display at the event later this year. The winner of the quilt raffle will be able to take possession of the Log Cabin creation after the Houston show.

The quilt is fashioned in colors of blue, green orange, red and neutral shades and features a Celtic geometric design in the light-colored borders. A nest of two bluebirds is highlighted in the center light-colored diamond.

For the year 2000, a new fabric was developed featuring the word "Millennium" in several different languages and that fabric has been incorporated into the Guild's quilt.

The quilt raffle is the Friendship Quilters Guild's only fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from the raffle are used to help the organization as it helps local charities. The group also uses the money for supplies it needs to make quilts and lap quilts for charities.

Fair Committee organizes many Harvest Days activities

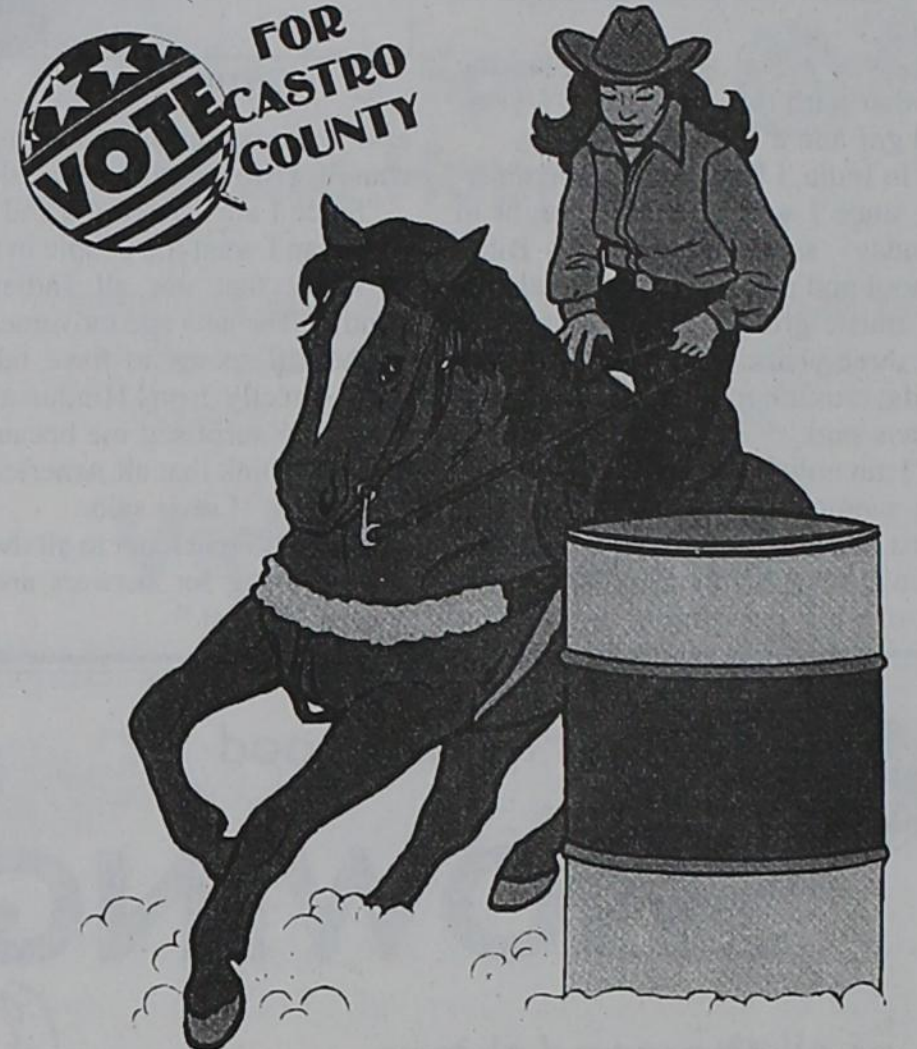
The annual Harvest Days celebration is a joint effort between the Castro County Fair Association, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and Castro County Extension Office, and their hard work and effort is what makes the event a success each year.

Members of this year's Fair Association are Brenda Bruton, Darlene Collins, Joyce Davis, Betty Freeman, Ann Henderson, Bill Henderson, Oneida Hutto, Emma Jean King, Doris Lust, Herb Mayfield, Faye Mohon, Marilyn Neal, Bill Sava, Mattie Seale, Polly Simpson, Maria Sloan and Becky Stovall.

Fair Committee officers are Bill Henderson, chairman; King, vice chairman; and Simpson, treasurer.

Members of the committee serve as superintendents for the county fair.

Mohon is in charge of the Baking Section, King oversees the Farm and Garden Section, Seale presides over the Horticulture Section, Bruton is in charge of the Photography Section and Lust and Davis run the quilt show. The Chamber of Commerce and its executive director, Bill Sava, oversee the exhibit section of the fair.



TEAM RODEO

Join us for the Team Rodeo Saturday evening at 7:00 at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena. This event is being sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Roping Club.

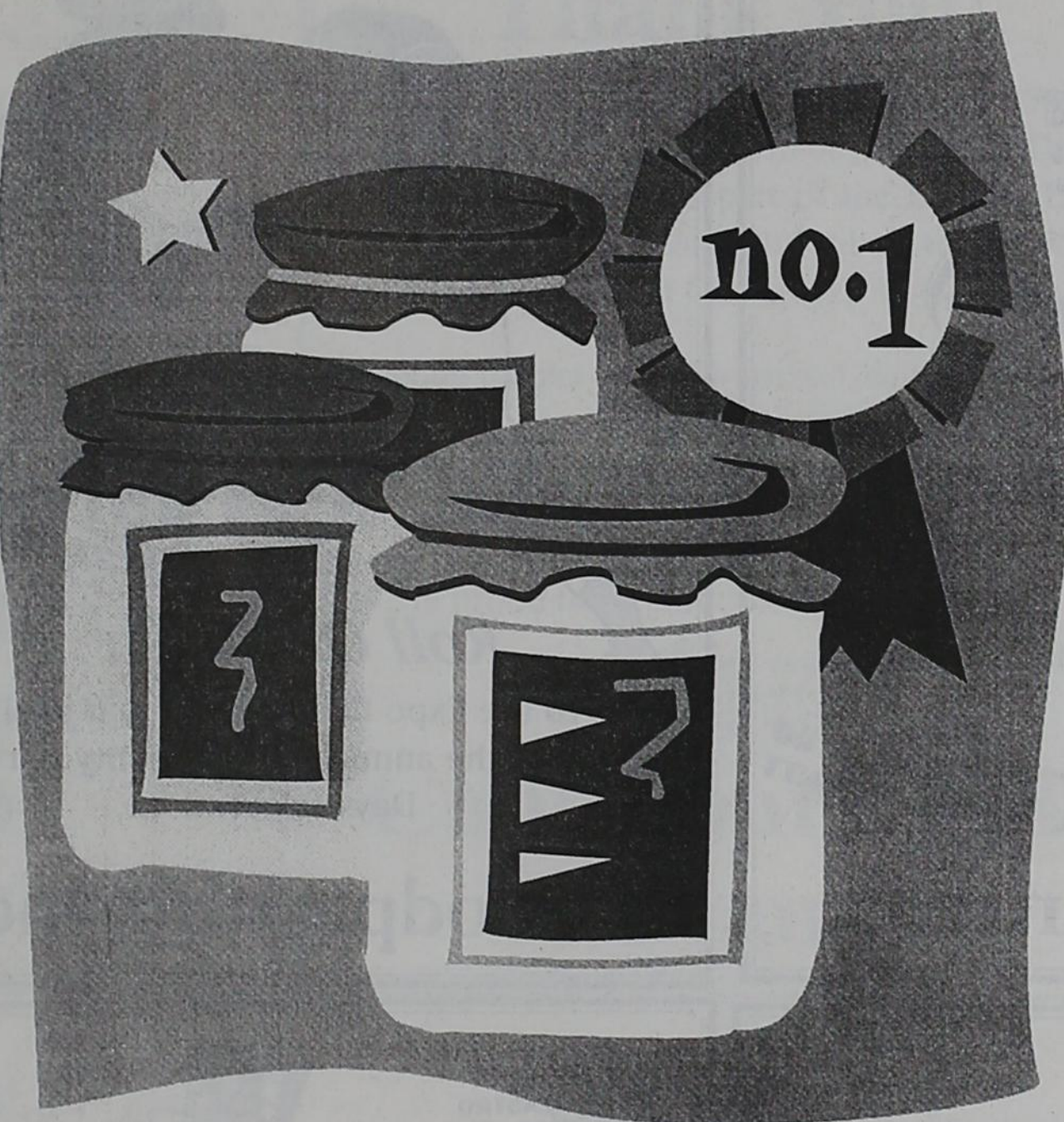
Our best wishes to all the cowboys and cowgirls who will be competing.

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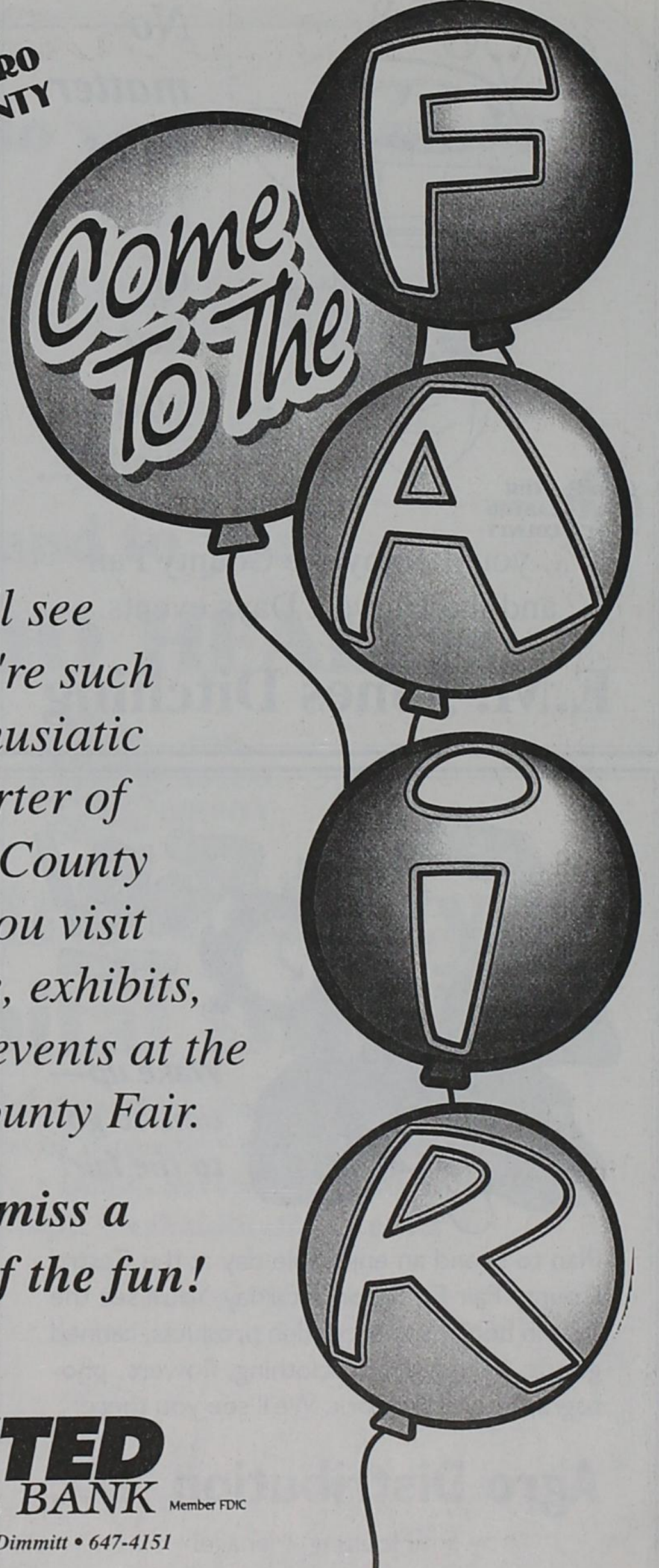
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Christian artist will perform during Harvest Days Saturday

Aruna Lewis, a Christian music recording artist, will be one of the featured entertainers Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

Lewis's concert will begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Expo Building and the show is free to the public.

She is originally from India and now resides in Texas. Her husband, Terry, is a cowboy and they met in India in 1988 when he traveled to the country as a missionary through his church. Terry taught at her father's training institution, which trains evangelists.

Her father is a preacher, teacher and evangelist in India. He also is a well-known composer and singer in India.

Lewis is a full-time working mother with two children, a 7-year-old girl and a 17-month-old boy.

"In India, I was involved in ministry since I was a child. I taught in Sunday school, vacation Bible school and also served in the classical music group called Tabernacles for three years. I also was involved in the crusade ministry as a soloist," Lewis said.

"I am now in the process of pursuing a music career as a Christian artist. Since December 1997 I have been in several churches, locally and out of state, performing my music. I



Aruna Lewis

also serve on the praise team at my church, Trinity Fellowship," she said.

"Since I am from India and I am a Christian I want the people in the US to know that not all Indians are Hindus. The new age movement here in the US seems to have taken its roots directly from Hinduism. This has really surprised me because we, in India, think that all Americans are Christians," Lewis said.

"I want to reach out to all those out there looking for answers and offer hope to the lost."



BEST DRESSED GUINEA PIG at last year's Harvest Days pet show was Cheddar, shown by Wendy Bradford and her sister, Molly (not shown). The annual pet show is judged by members of the Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic staff and each entrant receives a ribbon and pet food prizes. This year's pet show will be held today (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. at the Expo.

Early Settlers luncheon set Saturday in Dimmitt

The annual Dimmitt Early Settlers' luncheon, held in conjunction with the Castro County Harvest Days celebration, will be held Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center on West Jones. All former and current residents are invited to come and bring a covered dish.

The center will open at 9 a.m. and is on the parade route. The luncheon will start at noon and will be followed by a brief business meeting and recognition time.

Any reunion (high school or family) groups are especially invited. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish for the dinner.

For more information, call Walter Maynard at 647-3115.

Awards will be presented to the person who travels the farthest distance, the oldest person in attendance, and the earliest resident of the county, as well as the person with the most family members present.

Harvest Days 2000

Clowns, pedal tractors, pet show, ranch rodeo planned for youngsters

A variety of competitions and activities for youngsters are being planned this week in conjunction with the Harvest Days celebration.

Children of all ages will enjoy a pet show and pedal tractor pull today (Thursday) and a junior ranch rodeo and team rodeo on Saturday.

Tractor pull

Registration for the pedal tractor pull will begin at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) and the contest will start at 6 p.m.

Registration forms may be picked up early at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, Richardson Elementary School, Dimmitt Middle School or Pybus Christian School.

Sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, the event will be held inside the Expo Building.

Youngsters between the ages of 4 and 12 will compete in individual age categories. There is no entry fee.

Sponsors of the event say it has been moved to a later time to allow youngsters from Hart and Nazareth to compete, if they wish.

Pet show

The Harvest Days pet show also will be held next today (Thursday) at the Expo Building beginning at 5:30 p.m., just before the tractor pull.

The event is sponsored by Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and will be held outside on the north side of the Expo Building.

"We're going to follow the shade with it," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Officials will be staff members of Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic and ribbons and pet food prizes will be given to all entrants.

Junior ranch rodeo

The junior ranch rodeo has been

planned for Saturday at 2:30 p.m., following the fiddlers' contest.

It will feature Pokey the Clown, who will guide teams through a variety of contests including wild cow milking, pony express race, steer doctoring and calf branding.

Teams will consist of four members in three age categories: Pee Wee (ages 3-7), Junior (ages 4-11), and Senior (ages 7-16).

There is a \$20 entry fee, per team. The junior ranch rodeo planned for this year's Harvest Days celebration will be a qualifying event for the WRCA Junior Ranch World Championship Finals, slated for November at the Amarillo Civic Center.

The event, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and the Castro County 4-H Roping Club, is expected to last approximately two hours.

For more information or to register a team in advance, contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Team rodeo

The team rodeo and play day, sponsored by the Castro County 4-H Roping Club, will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena on East Street.

Information on the event is available from Greg or Jackie Odom at 647-2158 or the Castro County Extension Office at 647-4115.

Reunion planned

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1960 is planning its 40-year reunion Friday and Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration.

All former schoolmates and teachers are invited to join the class at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. for visiting and reminiscing.

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ZERO HOUR—The Christian rock group "Zero Hour" will perform Saturday at the Expo Building as part of the Harvest Days entertainment. Members of the band include (from left) Dimmitt natives

Justin Roberts, lead guitar and backup vocals, and Josh Roberts, vocalist and guitar player; Paul Sirmon, bass guitarist; and Nick Bell, drummer and backup vocalist.

Courtesy Photo

'Zero Hour' will perform Saturday at Expo Building

Zero Hour, a Christian rock group featuring Dimmitt natives Justin Roberts and Josh Roberts, is scheduled to perform at 3 p.m. Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration in Dimmitt.

The band will take the stage at the Expo Building and will perform several selections, according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Joining the Roberts brothers in the band are Paul Sirmon and Nick Bell of Amarillo.

Josh Roberts is featured on vocals and the guitar while Justin Roberts plays lead guitar and assists Bell, the drummer, on backup vocals. Sirmon plays the bass guitar.

"They played for us last year and we're glad to have them back. We

had a lot of enthusiastic comments about the group," said Sava.

"They'll be playing for quite a while and we hope everyone will come and listen. The reason we're sure they'll stay quite a while is

because we promised them supper at the Masonic Lodge's barbecue, and knowing those guys, they won't leave before it's time to eat.

The barbecue supper is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Pokey the Clown will direct 'rodeo'

Pokey the Clown will guide teams through a variety of contests including wild cow milking, pony express race, steer doctoring and calf branding in the junior ranch rodeo, which will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Expo Building.

The junior ranch rodeo, one of the many events planned for children during this year's Harvest Days Celebration, will follow the fiddlers' contest.

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Motorists urged to exercise caution at railroad crossings

Railroad Commissioner Chairmen Michael Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews and Commissioner Tony Garza recently urged motorists to be cautious when approaching any highway-rail intersection. The safety reminder came following the release of figures showing highway-rail crossing collisions in Texas last year increasing for the first time since 1994.

According to the final 1999 statistics from the US Federal Railroad Administration, 365 collisions occurred at highway-rail crossings in Texas last year compared to 322 in 1998. The 1999 figure represents a 13 percent increase from the previous year. Texas once again led the nation last year in the number of collisions.

"This is not the way I had hoped to end the decade," Williams said. "The worst part is that these collisions are generally avoidable."

Commissioner Matthews added that it is important to be cautious at rail crossings and to obey crossing signals and warning signs.

"No meeting, deadline or appointment is worth the life-and-death risk you take when crossing the path of an oncoming train," Garza said. "Fact is, you can't beat a train. That's a lesson that can't be repeated enough."

The commissioners noted the 41 highway-rail fatalities recorded in 1999 represented a nine percent decrease from the previous year. The state also recorded 175 injuries last year.

Counties recording the most highway-rail crossing collisions in 1999 included: Harris (29); Dallas (25); Tarrant (24); Jefferson (14); and Bexar (12).

Statistics reveal that crossing gates were present in 28 percent of highway-rail crossing collisions recorded last year. More than half (56 percent) of the motorists involved never stopped at the intersection before being hit.


According to preliminary data compiled by the Railroad Commission of Texas, 98 highway-rail grade crossing collisions have already occurred in the state through the first three months of 2000.

Through a joint effort with the

"Operation Lifesaver" program, the Railroad Commission works year round to educate drivers about rail crossing safety with classes held in schools and other educational venues statewide.


Texas has almost 12,000 miles of mainline track within the state—the most of any state in the nation. Texas also has the largest number of highway-rail crossings in the country with more than 18,000.

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Karaoke fun showcases local talent

Individuals attending the Harvest Days celebration and county fair this weekend can show off their musical talent just by picking up a microphone Saturday at the Expo Building.

"Karaoke Fun" will be held in the performance area set up in the Expo Saturday afternoon at 12:45.

Everyone is invited to participate or just come and watch the fun.

The karaoke songs and singing set up will be supplied by Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Karaoke singing features background music of popular songs playing, with the participant singing the words that are written out.

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Buckle Up

A reminder from this newspaper and the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety

Thank You!

Our residents and staff are grateful for the Appreciation Reception which will be held for us Thursday at 10:30 a.m., as part of the Harvest Days celebration. It's a meaningful tribute to the county pioneers who live at Canterbury Villa.

Special thanks to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the reception, to executive director Bill Sava and chairman Debra Robertson, and to all others who helped.

We're proud to be part of this great county!



Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt

You can't have a celebration in Texas without **BARBECUE!**

Don't miss the great Harvest Days Barbecue Supper from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Expo Building, catered by Desperado's of Amarillo and sponsored by the Masonic Lodge #879. Adult tickets are \$6.50 in advance, \$7 at the door, and children under 12 can eat for \$4.50.

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Presenting Dimmitt's golden anniversary class



These are the boys of Dimmitt High School's Class of 1950. The photo was taken during their first-grade year, 1938-39, at the big red brick school house that stood where the city park is now located. In the front row, from left, are Charles Thompson, Jimmie George, Sammy Dale Hardy, Marlin Word, Gayle Mixon, Clifford Powell and Nicky Smith. In second row,

from left, are Dale Maxwell, Bobby Easter, Donnie Ray Hawks, Von Earl Mundell, Joe Richard Cox, Guy Ziegler and John Thomas Bagwell. In third row, from left, are Wyle Morrel, D. L. Wright, Charles Houtchens, Lloyd Smith, Billy Mitchell and James Keith Maynard. One other boy in the class, Wayne Cox, is not pictured.



The girls in Dimmitt's Class of 1950 must have known it was going to be picture day because of their neatly coiffed hair and the pretty "Sunday dresses" they wore to school that day. In the front row, from left, are Joy Cranfill, Florence Boyles, Roberta Green, Loritta Harruff, Patsy Kay Tate and Betty Sue Jones. In second row, from left, are Lola Bussey, Melba Sevier, Doro-

thy Jo Winkle, Doris Conner, Ladell Smith and Jo Ann Godfrey. In third row, from left, are Mauriene Smithson, Bobbie Trainer, Nalda Loftin, Phyllis Jean Behrends and Lanelle Mobley. These photos are from the collection of the late Addie Stringer, who taught here, and were provided by her granddaughter, Deborah Baker of Dumas.

Cattlemen help moms feel good about eating, serving beef

In an effort to boost beef demand, the cattle industry has launched a two-pronged, \$30 million marketing initiative built around beef's convenience and nutrition.

This strategy is focused on improving the perceptions of beef with today's mom, the primary shopper and keeper of the family meal.

"Today's busy mom needs two things from us—products that fit

her hectic lifestyle and products she can feel good about eating and serving to her family," said Paul Hitch of Guymon, Okla., chairman of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

The beef checkoff is helping fulfill those two goals and, in the process, helping move the demand needle for beef.

According to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, beef demand

in 1999 showed a 4% increase—the first year-to-year increase in demand in 20 years.

"While the checkoff can't claim all the glory in this increase in beef demand, I'm convinced that the projects and programs that cattlemen fund with their \$1-per-head checkoff have helped consumers learn about beef's convenience and nutrition," Hitch said.

With checkoff funding, the beef industry worked in both the food service and retail arenas to introduce more convenient beef meals with branded beef items that can be heated in the microwave and be ready to serve in about 10 minutes.

"Several manufacturers of these products have seen double-digit sales and distribution increases since the beef industry launched its 1999 national marketing campaign to build consumer awareness of these microwaveable beef products," Hitch said.

Thanks to checkoff funding, 30 new beef products were introduced in 1999, allowing grocery stores to help solve one of their customers' biggest problems—what to have for dinner tonight. But new beef products are only part of the effort. Most beef sold at retail comes from the meat case, and here, the beef industry helped retailers make great strides.

Through a new marketing initia-

tive called "Beef Made Easy," cattlemen are helping retailers market fresh beef products by cooking method. Color-coded merchandising material makes the beef section easier to shop, and on-pack cooking instructions make beef dishes easier to prepare.

Since the beef industry launched the checkoff-funded "Beef Made Easy" a year ago, 23 of the top 34 leading supermarket chains have begun testing or rolling out the concept, and with positive results.

One Midwestern retailer reported a 4.1% increase in total beef volume after the first month of implementation.

An Eastern retailer saw a 7.9% increase in beef tonnage the first three weeks, and a Northwest retailer saw beef sales rise 25.9% the first four months it implemented the program.

In the food service area, partnerships with casual dining operations

helped promote new beef menu items in the fastest growing segment in the restaurant trade.

"The beef checkoff helped chefs discover variations on basic favorites, such as burgers and steaks. That gave chefs the ability to offer more variety on the menu and provide their customers with new options," Hitch said.

Beef's popularity in casual dining restaurants saw steady growth, with an 18.5% increase in hamburger/cheeseburger servings, a 12% increase in roast beef sandwich servings and a 25% increase in steak servings in 1998 compared with 1997 (the latest data available), according to research done by Technomic, Inc. a Chicago-based firm specializing in food service.

"More consumers turn to restaurants as a convenient meal solution, and beef offers an option people like and can find," said Hitch.

"Beef appears on almost every restaurant menu with 7.1 billion servings in commercial restaurants in 1998, a 13% increase since 1990."

In the second part of the beef industry's efforts—nutrition—news has been nothing but positive, Hitch said. Another important area where checkoff dollars are helping build beef demand is in the export market. Exports of beef and beef variety meats in 1999 were up 9% in quantity to 1.1 million metric tons and up 14% in value to \$3.2 billion, compared with 1998.

Hitch said the beef checkoff will continue to build on the strategy of communicating the convenience and nutritional qualities of beef in 2000.

"We're now approaching beef not as a commodity but as a branded product. Moms find great benefit in that. And so do cattlemen. It's a good deal for everyone."

Variety of dishes expected for lean ground beef contest

If it can be made from lean ground beef, it'll be welcome at the fair.

Any dish that has two pounds of lean ground beef as its main ingredient can be entered in the lean ground beef contest, which will be held Saturday at 12:15 p.m. as part of the Harvest Days celebration and county fair.

The ground beef creations can be casseroles, meat loaf, pizza, soups, Mexican food or anything else, according to organizers of the event.

Anyone can enter the contest and there is no entry fee.

Those planning to enter the event

are asked to bring their fully-prepared dishes to the Expo Building at 12:15 p.m. Saturday. That's when a select panel of judges will "taste test" the creations and select a winner.

Winner of this year's contest will advance to the lean ground beef cooking contest at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo later this month.

The contest was held at last year's county fair, and 10 county chefs prepared dishes for the event.

Detailed rules and guidelines may be obtained from the Extension office in Dimmitt.

Here's to the great floats, fire engines, antique cars, tractors and combines in the **HARVEST DAYS PARADE** riding on great tires from **PAXTON Tire & Service**

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Let's dance the night away!

If you like music, you're in for a treat Saturday. Christian recording artist **Aruna Lewis** will perform at 11:15 a.m., followed with the **Karaoke/Talent Show** at 12:45 p.m., **Fiddlers' Contest** at 1:30 p.m. and **Zero Hour** at 3:00 p.m. all at the Expo. Then the VFW will sponsor its dance starting 9 p.m. at the VFW, with music by the **G.O.S. Band**.

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Texas hunting and fishing licenses are available now

Texas hunters and anglers are reminded that current hunting and fishing licenses expire at the end of August.

New licenses for 2000-20001 are now available at more than 3,000 outlets statewide. Texas Parks and Wildlife issued about 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through its 28 field offices, more than 100 state parks and hundreds of retailers across Texas.

In addition to license vendor outlets, sportsmen can purchase licenses by phone using a toll-free license service at (800) 895-4248 that serves both Texans and non-residents. This allows hunters and anglers to buy licenses over the phone using a major credit card 24 hours a day. A license confirmation

number is issued at the time of purchase and the physical license mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased, but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

Anyone planning to hunt migratory game birds such as dove and waterfowl this year must be certified under the Harvest Information Program. HIP certification will automatically be printed on the license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Those who must be HIP-certified are encouraged to verify that HIP certification is printed on their licenses. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified to hunt migratory birds.

Annual resident hunting and fishing licenses cost \$19 each, \$32 for a combination hunting and fishing license. For the avid outdoorsman, the Super Combo license includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the face value of the Super Combo package is \$82.

New this year for senior sportsmen is the \$25 Senior Super Combo license and a \$10 senior combination hunting and fishing license.

"We've offered a special resident fishing license to seniors since 1996 and wanted a companion package to our regular combination and Super Combo license packages," explained Jayna Burgdorf, TPW's license program director. "For our senior customers who are avid hunters and anglers, the Senior Super Combo offers substantial savings."

A reciprocal fishing license agreement with Oklahoma has been re-established effective Sept. 1. The agreement removes licensing requirements for Texas residents 65 years of age or older when fishing in Oklahoma and for Oklahoma residents 64 years of age or older when fishing in Texas.

New this year is a change in mule deer tags. In an effort to more accurately estimate the number of mule deer harvested, mule deer tags will be optional on all hunting licenses. At the time of purchase, hunters will be asked if they plan to hunt mule deer this season. By issuing tags to only those who hunt mule deer, a better sampling base may be used for harvest surveys. If mule tags are not issued at the time of purchase, hunters may add the tags at a later time at

any location that sells licenses.

In addition to hunting and fishing licenses and stamps several other items can be bought wherever licenses are sold, including Annual Public Hunt (APH) Permits and entries in Big Time Texas Hunt drawings.

The Big Time Texas Hunts program offers the opportunity to win one or more dream hunts with proceeds dedicated to TPW public hunting and wildlife management programs. In addition to the Grand Slam—a one-in-a-lifetime package containing four separate hunts for bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer—the Big Time Texas Hunts categories include the Texas Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza, Texas Waterfowl Adventure and Texas Big Time Bird Hunt. Entries for the Big Time Texas Hunt drawings are \$10 each. There is no limit to the number of entries that an individual may purchase, and entries may be purchased as gifts for others. Individuals must be 17 years of age or older to purchase an entry. Current employees of Texas Parks and Wildlife and Transactive Corporation are not eligible to apply in the Big Time Texas hunts.

The \$40 APH Permit, which allows hunters access to 48,000 acres of public dove leases in addition to more than 1.2 million acres of other public hunting lands, may also be purchased at all license sales outlets. A map booklet and supplement of dove lease maps will be mailed to purchasers of the APH permit; however, by purchasing the APH permit at a TPW law enforcement office, the map booklet and supplement can be obtained immediately.



JOSLYN HARMONSON of Dimmitt waits patiently for her fingernails to dry after she has a manicure at one of the booths set up at the fair Saturday during the Harvest Days celebration. Photo by Joyce Nelson



MOST UNUSUAL PET at the Pet Show was Pierce, the prairie dog, shown by Kathy Maurer. Awarding the ribbon is Dr. W.J. Hill.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Get your ticket for **Cow Patty Bingo!**

Chances are \$10 each and are being sold by members of the Fair Association. Only 100 chances will be sold.

The "Bingo Field" will be 100 numbered squares southeast of the Expo Building. The cow will be turned loose at 2:45 p.m. Saturday. The game will end when the cow "bingos" on somebody's square, **AND THE WINNER WILL GET \$500!**

Enjoy the fun and benefit the Fair Association!

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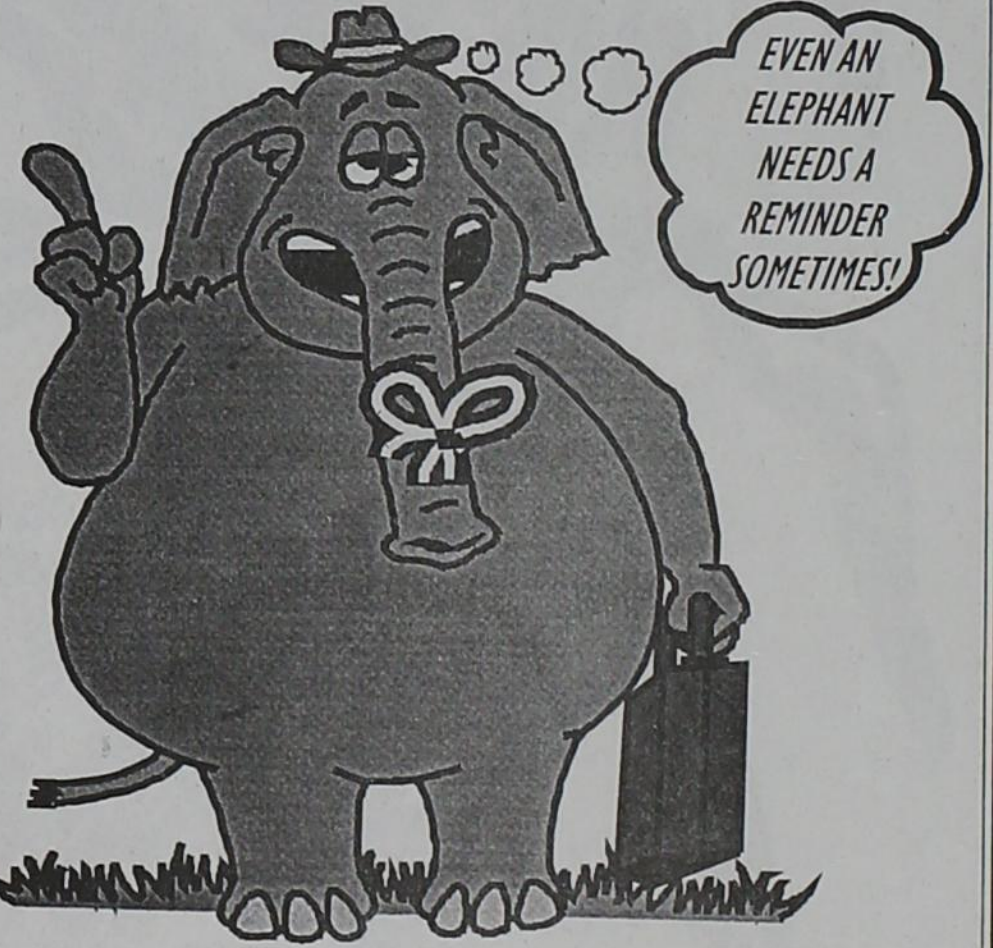
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THE CASTRO COUNTY HORSE CLUB showed off their equestrian skills along with other horsemen last year during the Harvest Days parade. This year's parade will be held Saturday at 10 a.m., and the route will begin on East Bedford Street by Dimmitt Consumers. Photo by Anne Acker

Talented area musicians flock to fiddlers' contest

Fiddlers from across the Texas Panhandle are expected to rosin up their bows and perform great music Saturday in the annual fiddlers' contest, conducted as part of the county fair and Harvest Days celebration.

This year's contest is expected to kick off at 1:30 p.m. in the performance area at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. All area fiddlers are invited to enter the contest and may sign up at the Expo Building up until the contest starts.

There are four age groups in the contest and cash prizes are offered for first-, second- and third-place winners in each age division. The entry fee is \$5 per person for

those 12 and under while older fiddlers will be assessed a \$10 entry fee, per person. Age divisions include 12-and-under, ages 13-18, ages 19-40 and ages 41 and up.

Cash prizes in the 12-and-under division will be \$25 for first place, \$20 for second and \$15 for third. Prizes in the 13-18 and 19-40 divisions will be \$75, \$50 and \$25,

for first, second and third, respectively.

For those competing in the 41 and up division, prizes will be \$100, \$75 and \$50.

Each contestant will be allowed six minutes to play three selections including a waltz, hoedown or breakdown, then a tune of their choice.

Out-of-town judges will select the winners.

Here's where you need to line up for the parade

Organizers of this year's Harvest Days parade have rearranged the parade line-up spots in an attempt to alleviate some of the traffic congestion, and all parade entries will now meet at different spots in southeast Dimmitt.

Everyone entering a float, car, bicycle, etc., in this year's parade is asked to be at the appropriate starting spot by 9:15 a.m. Saturday.

Parade entrants will be judged prior to the parade and awards will be presented to winners while the entrants are lined up.

The only award which will not be presented during lineup will be the "Best of Parade," which will be announced as the winners pass the Broadway-Bedford intersection on the parade route.

"Best of Parade" cash awards will be \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. Other special awards will be presented to the "Best Dressed Cowgirl" and "Best Dressed Cowboy." Ribbons and rosettes will be presented to winners in most categories.

This year's parade will begin at Dimmitt Consumers and will travel west on Bedford Street for nine

blocks, then will turn south on Front Street. The parade will continue along Front Street until it reaches Jones Street, then will turn east on Jones and travel 10 blocks back to Southeast Fourth Street.

Parade traditionals, including the parade marshal, elected officials, bands, color guard, etc., will line up in the 100 block of Southeast Third Street, facing north, and in the 200 block of East Jones, facing east. The DHS band is asked to gather in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Bedford and Southeast Third. Other bands will gather in the 100 block of Northeast Third.

Antique cars will line up in the 300 block of East Jones, facing west. They will be followed by antique trucks, which will line up in the 200 block of Southeast Fourth Street, facing north. The antique tractors will be next in line, meeting in the 200 and 300 blocks of Southeast Fourth Street.

Floats entered by civic clubs, churches and teams will line up in the 200 and 300 blocks of Southeast Third.

Three-wheelers, go-carts and mo-

torcycles should gather in the City of Dimmitt Warehouse parking lot at the northeast corner of East Jones Street and Southeast Third Street.

Bicycle riders should report en masse at the southwest corner of East Jones and Southeast Third Streets, east of the Dimmitt City Hall.

Commercial floats, including cars carrying politicians, are asked to meet in the 300 and 400 blocks of Southeast Second Street, facing north.

Animal-drawn wagons should line up in the 300 block of Southeast Fourth, facing north.

Riding Clubs will meet north of the Expo Building in the 400 block of East Stinson, facing west.

Farm equipment will line up on Southeast Third Street and in the 400 and 500 blocks of Southeast Third.

Homemade pies will be sampled Saturday at fair

Mouth-watering homemade fruit pies will be sampled by several lucky judges Saturday in the second-annual homemade pie contest, held in conjunction with the county fair and Harvest Days celebration.

Homemade pies will be accepted from any county resident, and should be brought to the Expo Building for judging Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Winners of the contest will be announced sometime Saturday afternoon.

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During Harvest Days 2000, we salute Castro County and all our wonderful neighbors here. We look forward to many more years of partnership and progress.

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