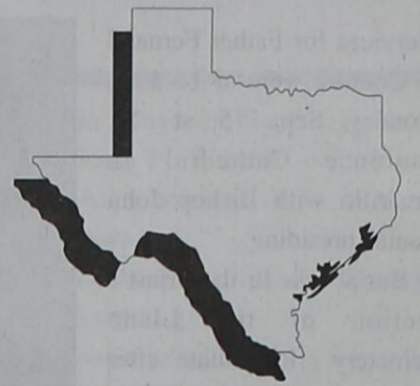


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## Raynee Bradley takes top Fair prize

### Wins Grand Champion for second year in a row

For the second consecutive year, Raynee Bradley won the Grand champion honors with her lamb at the Tri-State Fair Junior Lamb Show on Sunday.

Raynee and her lamb won top honors in the Medium Wool Class 4 and Class 9, as well as winning the Breed Champion in that category. Then she and her lamb took the grand champion title. With the first place, she earned \$75; the grand champion title came with a buckle and \$700.

In addition to Raynee, three others from Castro won firsts, as well as other contestants from this area who showed well.

Raynee, 16, was joined by her brother, Beau, 12, who with his lamb won breed champion in the Fine Wool competition, after taking a first in Class 1 of that division. Both showed as part of the Castro County 4-H.

Also taking a first place was Wendy Bradford in Class 2, Medium Wool. Bradford is a fifth grader at Dimmitt Middle School;



**RAYNEE BRADLEY, LEFT,** won the Grand Champion title at the Youth Lamb Show in Amarillo. Also pictured are her sister, Taylor, 9, a third grader at Nazareth and brother, Beau, 12, a sixth-grader. Also show is judge Scott Doss.

she showed as part of the Dimmitt FFA. Taking first place in Class 5 of the Medium Wool competition was Jenna Acker, a junior at Nazareth High School She showed as part of the Castro County 4-H.

Others from Castro County who placed at the Fair include the following: Shae Odom, Dimmitt FFA, fourth in Class 1 of Fine Wool; Lacey Acker, Castro County 4-H, fourth in Class 1, Fine Wool Cross; Matthew

Harrison, Nazareth FFA, 11<sup>th</sup>, Class 1, Fine Wool Cross; Beau Bradley, Castro County 4-H, 7<sup>th</sup>, Class 2, Fine Wool Cross; Molly Bradford, Dimmitt FFA, 10<sup>th</sup>, Class 2, Fine Wool Cross; Raynee Bradley, Castro County 4-H, 5<sup>th</sup>, Class 3, Fine Wool Cross; Jinna Wright, Dimmitt FFA, 7<sup>th</sup>, Class 3, Fine Wool Cross; Raynee Bradley, Castro County 4-H, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Class 1, Medium Wool; Beau Taylor Bradley, Castro

County 4-H, eighth, Class 1, Medium Wool; Wendy Bradford, Dimmitt FFA, 10<sup>th</sup>, Class 2, Medium Wool; Jenna Acker, Castro County 4-H, 4<sup>th</sup>, Class 3, Medium Wool; Lacey Acker, Castro County 4-H, 7<sup>th</sup>, Class 3, Medium Wool; Beau Bradley, Castro County 4-H, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Class 4, Medium Wool; Matthew Harrison, Nazareth FFA, 7<sup>th</sup>, Class 5, Medium Wool; Beau Taylor Bradley, Castro

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## Council OKs new plumbing ordinance

### Atmos Energy asks for rate hike

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**  
*Managing Editor*

The Dimmitt City Council voted unanimously to allow anyone, whether licensed or not, to work on plumbing in the city. The council also heard a request for a gas rate increase from Atmos Energy.

While the audience wasn't as big as two weeks ago, a vocal group attended the meeting Monday night to lobby the council on the matter of licensed plumbers. The council voted to ask the city attorney to draw up an ordinance which would require that the homeowner get a permit for plumbing work and then it have inspected by the city.

Despite warnings by plumbers, who said that should a water pipe get hooked to a sewage pipe, it

could potentially harm every water user in the city, Mayor Wayne Collins said he thought the permitting process is sufficient to make sure the jobs are done properly.

"Our purpose here is to protect the public safety, but give people the right to work on their own or others' property," he said.

Permit prices start at \$20 and go up, depending on the amount and type of work being contemplated.

The request from Atmos Energy was for a 7.32 percent rate increase, which would mean a cost increase of \$3.29 per month for the average home.

And although the representative for Atmos said this is his company's

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## Adams takes reins as new coach at DHS

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**  
*Managing Editor*

Dene' and Jayson Adams were both reared in small towns. That's why Dene's new job in the DISD was perfect, she said.

"My husband and I both lived in small towns when we were young and we always wanted to go back," she said. Now, just out of Lubbock Christian University in May with a major in kinesiology and a minor in special education, she is head volleyball coach and assistant girls basketball coach, as well as head softball coach. She also teaches PE and health at the middle school. Her husband is a senior at Wayland Baptist, also majoring in kinesiology.



**Dene' Adams**

Last year, DHS didn't have a volleyball team, so it's been a sharp learning curve for the girls this year.

"It's been an adventure," she said. "The first few days of two-a-days was pretty tough on the girls. They had to learn a lot in a week so we could compete. It hasn't been easy."

Dene' points out that volleyball isn't just a

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## Wright returns from national convention

The National Technology Student Association Conference was held in Orlando, Fla., June 24-28. Attending the conference from Dimmitt High School's TSA Chapter No. 31 was Jinna Wright. Wright attended as a contestant from her local chapter as a Texas TSA officer and helped with each Texas delegation session, which were held each night. At these delegation sessions, the Texas delegation had the pleasure of meeting and hearing from each candidate for national office and deciding which candidates Texas was going to support. Wright also had two entries in the national competition: a helicopter and ambulance entered in transportation modeling and a CO2 powered dragster entered in the dragster design. Her ambulance placed in the Top 20 and her dragster placed in the Top 30 of their individual classes.

Attending the National Conference with her was her TSA sponsor, Charles Cotter and her family, Jim, Danice and Cliff Wright. They did find time to go to Universal Studios, to Walt Disney's Animal Kingdom and to Gator World.

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**JINNA WRIGHT** and sponsor Charles Cotter at the National TSA Conference in Orlando, Fla.

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	Friday	74	45
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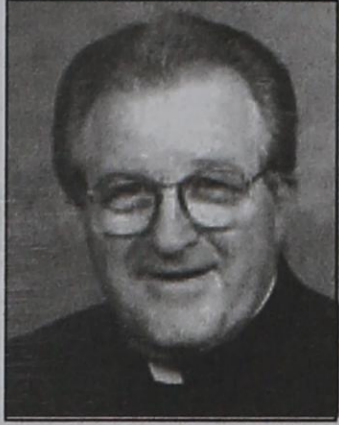
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# Obituaries

## FATHER FERNAND E. COTURE

Services for Father Fernand E. Couture were at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, at St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo with Bishop John Yanta presiding.

Burial was in the priest's section of the Llano Cemetery immediate after the services. There will be a memorial mass at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19, at St. Monica's Church, 79 Summer St., Barre, Vt. Father Fern was born Dec. 17, 1933, in Northfield, Vt. He died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock at the age of 69. His death was the result of injuries sustained in a car wreck in Floyd county on Sept. 4, 2003. He is survived by his brothers, Raymond Couture and wife Catherine Couture, Laurent Couture and wife Claire Couture, both of Montpelier Vt.; sister, Suzanne Willette and husband Joseph Willette of Graniteville, Vt.; nephew, Tom Couture of Lubbock and several other nieces and nephews who currently live in Vermont. Preceded in death by, parents: Joseph and Bernadette (Fortier)



FERNAND E. COTURE

Couture formerly of Barre, Vt; siblings: Magella Couture, Gilles Couture, Jeannine Couture, Jacqueline (Couture) Provost, Diane Couture, all formerly of Barre, Vt.

Father Fern graduated from St. Michael's High School, Montpelier, Vt.

After high school and prior to becoming a priest, he owned and operated Douglas's Barber Shop in Montpelier, Vt., for several years.

He then entered Catholic Seminary to study for the priesthood and was ordained a Servant of the Paracletes on March 14, 1970 in Rome, Italy, at the Basilica of St. Paul. Throughout his 33 years as a priest, he served in several parishes and

missions including Bolivia, Argentina, Barre and Montpelier, Vt., Alton, Ill. (as chaplain for the Catholic hospital), Spearman, Dimmitt and Silverton, all in the Catholic Diocese of Amarillo. He was a member of the Lions Club of Dimmitt. He was instrumental in the leadership of the Legion of Mary, and the Catholic Pro-Life movement in the West Texas area. Subsequent to his ordination in Rome in 1970 he continued his education with courses of study in church history, canon law and the ongoing study of foreign language. He was fluent in five different languages. His passion was the God he served and the people to whom he ministered. He was a strong advocate for the Perpetual Adoration of the Eucharist.

He continued to be active daily in the ministry up to the time of his death.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Our Lady of Loretta Catholic Church Silverton.

## WILLIAM J. 'JOE' WOETOVECH

Services for William J. 'Joe' Woetovech, 74, of Nazareth, were at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 12, 2003, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father John Hickey officiating. Burial was at Holy Family Catholic Family Cemetery.

Mr. Woetovech died Sept. 9, 2003, after a lengthy illness. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy and married Rita Birkenfeld Kleman on Oct. 6, 1973, in Nazareth. He was the owner of J&R Hardware in Tulia and was the past president of the Tulia Chamber of Commerce. He was in the building, lumber and hardware business throughout his life. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Birkenfeld Kleman Woetovech; two sons, Glen and wife Neal Kleman of Sudan and Rodney and wife Jen Kleman of Shamrock; a sister, Vera Logie of Carson City, Nev.; a brother, Sam Zimniak of Grand Forks, N.D.; two grandchildren, Bryce Kleman and Preston Kleman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

## WOODROW W. 'PUNK' GILBREATH

Services for Woodrow W. 'Punk' Gilbreath, 90, of Hereford, were at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, at First Presbyterian Church, Hereford, with the Rev. John Bethard officiating. Burial was at West Park Cemetery, Hereford.

Mr. Gilbreath died Sept. 10 at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 9, 1913, in Dimmitt, the son of Jeff T. and Sallie B. Murphy Gilbreath Sr.

He married Rosalie Kribbs June 1, 1968, in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie of Hereford; a daughter, Peggy Curtis and husband Jimmy of Hobbs, N.M.; two step-daughters, Kathryn Slaughter and husband Richard of Katy and Elizabeth McIntire of Stafford; a brother, J.T. Gilbreath of Hereford; a sister, Lucille Posey of Hereford; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## BERTHA ALECIA SALAS

Services for Bertha Alecia Salas, 55, of Hart, were Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at St. Johns Catholic Church in Hart with Monsignor Harold Waldo officiating. Burial was at Hart Cemetery.

Mrs. Salas died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003. She was born June 30, 1948, in Mexico. She married Victor Salas on Oct. 10, 1970, in Mexico.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Victor Salar Jr. and Saul Salas, both of Amarillo; Cesar Salas of Austin and Sergio Salas of Hart; three brothers, Jesus Escobedo of Juarez, Mexico, Fidel Escobedo of Pragedis, Mexico and Francisco Escobedo of Olton; four sisters, Chana Calderon of Lordsburg, N.M., Ilaria Escobedo of Pragedis, Ujenia Escobedo of Juarez and Martha Escobedo of Pragedis; and two grandchildren.

## DANIEL VASQUEZ LOPEZ

Graveside services for Daniel Vazquez Lopez, 30, of Dimmitt were at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at Castro Memorial Gardens, Dimmitt, with Pastor Jesse R. Lopez officiating. Fellowship services were at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Foskey-Lillie-McGill Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Lopez died Sept. 14, 2003, in an auto accident. He was born Nov. 30, 1972 in Dimmitt.

# Letters to the Editor

Castro County Hospital District is celebrating Maintenance and Housekeeping Week (Sept. 15-19)

One of the hospital's extended care patients, Mrs. Cleo Forson, wanted to express her appreciation. She says our maintenance people do a really great job of keeping us comfortable and safe. They have done a lot of extra work for us and it is making things really nice. They seem to always come very quickly to fix the things that break. She really appreciates all that they do. As for the housekeepers, she says that they do a really nice job and are helpful, friendly and pleasant. They even do things for her when she needs a little help.

These two departments are two of the main essential keys to operations of our hospital. They work very hard and are appreciated, even though we are constantly requiring help in many places at once. We would like to recognize them because the job that they do is well worth recognizing and their work leads to the success of our hospital. The names of the maintenance crew: Manuel Saenz, Victor Saenz, Clifford Garcia and Rudy Martinez. The housekeepers are: Cande Melendez, Beatris Dominguez, Rita Hernandez, Victoria Ledesma and Juan Jose Martinez.

We are privileged to have them all as a part of our staff. They do a really good job. We would like to thank them all for their wonderful effort.

From Everyone Else at CCHD

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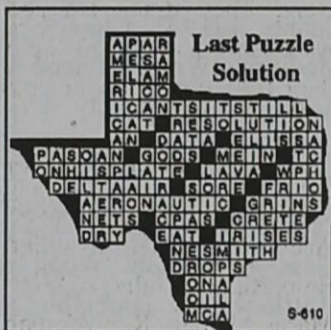
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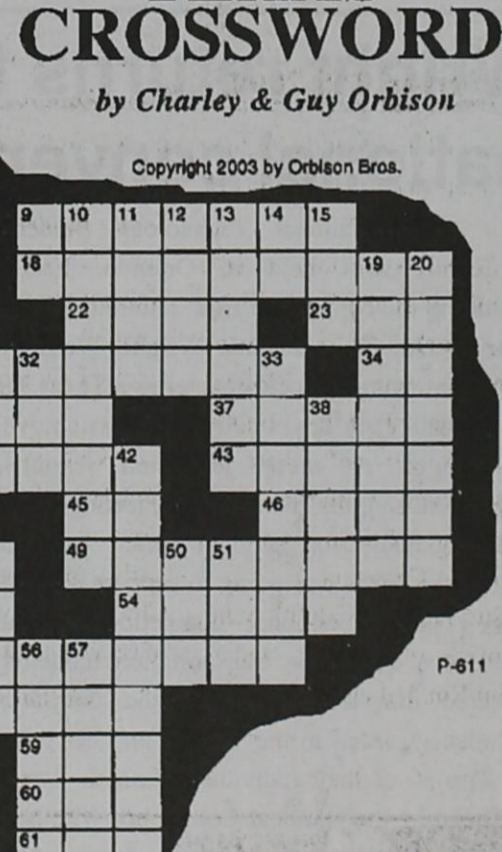
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# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Newspaper people suffer from a special gremlin. A gremlin, as defined by Webster's Dictionary, is a small gnome held to be responsible for a malfunction of equipment, especially in airplanes. (There is a special one for newspapers.)

I KNOW that Peggy Broadstreet is married to GENE Broadstreet - not Gerald. Gene was the friendly postal clerk that sold stamps, weighed mail and always had a smile until his retirement. Now he and Peggy are making Dimmitt a better place to live.

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I am still enjoying the big weekend. I TRIED, but there was no way I could see ALL of those ex-Bobcat band members. I just talked to Denise Dobbs Merritt of Amarillo. She is part of a group of the DHS class of 1982 who has a trip together each year. These 1982 grads were here for the big reunion. Denise, Beth Benton Embry of Mesquite, Janet Sammann of Seguin, Wendy Bruton Lannius of Austin, Sonya Andrews Cranford of Tulsa, Okla., Pam Nelson of Plainview and Connie Gilbreath of Dimmitt.

Denise's husband, Johnny, Class of 1979, didn't get to come because he volunteered to stay in Amarillo and take Annie, their daughter who is 12, to the Nutcracker Ballet auditions. She has been in the cast in the past and will be again this year.

Denise told me that most of this group had just returned from Padre Island, where they celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Julia Mann Powers of Houston wasn't in Dimmitt, but had met them at the big party at Padre. In Mary Edna Tradition "A good time was had by all!"

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Tammy Stanford Summersgill, DHS Class of 1982, was here for the Opus. Tammy was a band director in Lubbock. Tammy, Ben Gollehon and we think Skip Skinner, were Bobcat Band members who became band directors. Tammy's husband, Don, is the current band director at

Shallowater.

Benny, the son of Oleta Gollehon, was band director for the Hereford Whiteface for several years. The Hereford band had many firsts under his direction. This was fair - Smith came from Hereford to direct Dimmitt to success - Benny went to Hereford and returned the favor.

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Mary Hays McWhorter, Class of 1968, who lives at Canyon, said that she, her husband, Dan; mother, Nancy Hays; and sister Nancy Carol Hays first stopped at Louise Kemp's where LaDawn, class of 1964, had come in from San Francisco, for the celebration. Linda Schreck and Arlene Wohlgenuth were there.

Their next stop was at Ray and A'llan Webb Bradley's house, where they were entertaining several from the class of 1968. Some of the other guests there were Sheila Hamilton of Chicago - (she and her sister were also here to celebrate their mother Lauranell's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday); Robert Perez, attorney, class of 1968 of Ecuador; Kay Bradley from McLean twirled a stick in the parade (She didn't have her baton. Wonder if she had to carry a brick?). Another successful Bobcat at the party was Julian Acevedo, retired from the Air Force, who now teaches shop at a junior high school in San Antonio. He's ready to begin work on his master's degree.

Sue Summers has invited Robert and Julian to come for Dimmitt High's Career Day this year. Maybe we will get an interview.

In 1968, Martha Nitsa was the DHS exchange student from Greece. She lived with the Charlie Hays family - Martha's daughter had come to America last year and stayed at the McWhorter home for several weeks in Canyon.

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While Smith was working with the Bobcat Band, I was teaching these kids in Sunday School, Sunday night Training Union or working as youth coordinator at First

Baptist Church. We went to Floydada Baptist Summer camp, to Wonderland Park, Santa Fe, N.M. to ski and had hootenannies. If you know what a hootenannie is - you are probably a grandparent by now.

Hootenannies were the fellowships at FBC for the high school kids after the home football games.

These girls always had a special part in helping to get the games, the music groups, etc., together for the entertainment. There were here for the parade, barbecue and Opus: Beverly Nowman Isbell of Richmond Hill, Ga. and Andrea Davis Price, R.N. and Marsha Baldrige Thompson, both of Lubbock.

Mary Lynn Hays, Juanelle Conard and Paul Birdwell were our favorite trio. Janice Kay Mooney was the accompanist. Scott Moran said if he and the guys asked them to sing, they wouldn't unless Janice Mooney was around to play for them. Our favorite game was Hum a Tune. If Janice couldn't play it, you won. Janice Kay never lost!

We were a little disappointed when we heard that Janice and her husband were planning a three-week trip to California. They left Sunday. She just couldn't get packed, leave by 5 a.m. Sunday morning and get to the Ralph Smith Opus. BUT SHE DID! She and Gerald made it to the Opus and we trust they made the plane and have had a ball in California.

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Karron Flynt Smith, the wife of Steve Smith, is getting some information together for me for next week's On the Go. Ralph claims all exes as "his kids," but Steve was born into the Smith family. We haven't heard a word from him. We are going to next week.

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The Rev. Larry D. Bossett, his wife Mary Etta, and youngest son, David, visited with his sister Mary Bossett-Compton and her husband the Rev. Gerald F. Compton in Washington, D.C.

It was their first trip to the nation's capitol and after the first night, they woke up to find their truck missing.

They continued their trip to visit the Holocaust Museum, rode a ship at Baltimore Harbor and visited the many sights of Washington, D.C. and the surrounding areas.

Larry is the youngest son of Ms. B.C. Bossett of Dimmitt. He has been in the ministry since 1999 after graduating from Slidel Baptist Seminary in Slidel, La., and recently received his masters degree in theology.

He and his family are members of Calvary Baptist Church in Odessa, but also attend Fifth Street Baptist Church in Jal, N.M., where he preaches at least twice a month. While in Washington, D.C., he had the opportunity to preach at Mount Bethel Baptist Church where Mary's husband is first assistant pastor.

The Bossetts also visited with his sister Roberta and her husband, Robert Ewing, the son of Ms. Beatrice Ewing of Dimmitt. The couple live in Maryland, where Roberta is the director of nurses for Ardmore Enterprises and Robert works for the Prince Georges School System as a school bus driver.

Gwen Lewis, the older sister to Larry, Mary and Roberta also visited for two weeks. Gwen lives in Gatesville, where she enjoys teaching at the Gatesville Correctional Center.

The Bossetts did not receive notification that their truck had been found until they returned home; they had to fly back to recover it.

Although it had sustained damage, they were able to drive it home.

## Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumbrera, 647-4266

Miguel Acevedo Jr. from San Jose California was in town to visit his mother Ricarda Acevedo. Ricarda is scheduled to have cataract surgery in October.

Miguel comes but once a year to visit.

He was given a special dinner on the 12th by his family. Miguel has a birthday on the 20th. A very big, happy birthday goes out to him from his mother Ricarda and from all his

brothers and sisters. Miguel is scheduled to retire from PacificBell in March of 2004. He is returning to Texas and maybe live in Lubbock.

A lot of Dimmitt people attended the Christian Funeral Mass for Father Fern Couture in Amarillo on Monday the 15th.

I just don't know what to say about Fr. Fern that hasn't already been said. We all

feel very sad. He was a very special person to a lot of us. I can still hear him singing. I guess all that matters, is that he will always be in our hearts. Perpetual Adoration was his first ministry implemented in our parish and it is still active. He will be missed by many.

Belle Lumbrera went to Lubbock with her Aunt Jane. She was invited to a birthday tea party for her

little friend Chole Bailey and little sister Brooklyn Bailey. They were given hats, gloves, a boa, and little pastic high heel shoes to wear. They drank tea and were shown how to hold their little pinkie finger up.

Prayers are needed for Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Marcelo Aguilar, Ralph Ramos, Julia Aguilar, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman and Maria Rivera.

## Naz News with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Father John returned this weekend from San Antonio where he attended a Parish Management Seminar.

A large group of senior citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening for fellowship, a very good dinner, a short meeting and cards and dominoes.

Lois Book Kirkpatrick was a guest. His son Ross and his wife Beverly visited with her this summer and Beverly ended up in BSA Hospital with West Nile Virus.

She and Ross are home now in Minnesota, but she is still in therapy learning to walk again.

Congratulations to Mary Gerber, who was honored on her 93 birthday with a family gathering Saturday evening.

Everyone attending the evening mass at Holy Family Church. After the service, the choir and assembly sang happy birthday to Mary.

The family returned to the hall for ice cream and birthday cake and lots of visiting.

Our sympathy to the family of Joe Woetovech, 74. Funeral mass was read Friday morning in Holy Family Church with Father John Hickey of Panhandle officiating.

Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery. Survivors are his wife, Rita; two step-sons,

Glen Kleman and Rodney Kleman and their families.

Our sympathy to the family of Blake Rundell, 26, of Clovis, N.M. Funeral services were held Monday morning at First Baptist Church, Bovina, where he was serving as interim youth director. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Molly, of Clovis; father, Kim Rundell and wife Kathy

of Nazareth; mother, Nancy Orman of Keller; brothers, Scott Rundell of Lubbock and Charlie Rundell of Nazareth; and sisters Kami Rundell of Nazareth and Chelsea Orman of Keller.

Our sympathy to the family of Father Fern Couture, 69, past of Our Lady of Loretta Catholic Church in Silverton. Funeral mass was read on Monday at

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# People



## Bingham-Foote

Jaimye Shai'An Bingham, the daughter of Chris and Twila Williams of Nazareth was married to Brian Jerrod Foote, son of Jerry and Connie Foote of Pampa, on Aug. 9, 2003, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. Father John Joseph Kodankandath officiated at the formal, doubled-ring service. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Chris Williams.

She chose an elegant gown of candlelight matte satin by the designers of Montique. The scoop neckline featured a band of pearls and the bodice was embellished with Soutache accent, further embellished with pearls and crystal beads. The basque waistline allowed the full, box-pleated skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a semi-cathedral length train. The back of the gown featured a deep scoop neckline, accented with tiny covered buttons. The skirt and train were finished with a matching hem treatment to echo the look of the bodice. The bride's long, flowing veil, created by her mother, featured an elegant cathedral-length of diamond white tulle. It was held in place with a beaded and sequined satin-covered comb. Her bouquet of deep, red Charlotte roses, was hand-tied with sheer ivory Angel ribbon and enhanced with baby seeded eucalyptus.

The bride carried a gold cross pendant, set with rubies, which has been carried by five generations of brides in her mother's family. She also carried a Bible, which has been carried by four generations of brides in the groom's family.

Maid of honor was Misti Ball of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Courtney Hoelting and Mandy Birkenfeld of Lubbock; Amanda Kriegshauser of Amarillo; Celina Brockman of Nazareth; and Danielle Foote of Fort Bragg, N.C. The attendants wore long, sleeveless gowns, fashioned of Royal purple shantung. The basque-waisted dresses had a scoop neckline in the front and a deep vee in the back, accented with covered buttons.

They carried spring mix bouquets, hand-tied with sheer purple Angel ribbon.

Best man was Michael Foote of Fort Bragg, N.C. Groomsmen were Casey Danner and Victor Roden of Amarillo; Cory Griggs of Dallas; Brooks Gentry of Magnolia; and Justin Bingham of Irving.

Candlelighters were Kira Ball and Layci Danner, both of Amarillo. Ring bearer was Aaron Danner and flower girl was Candice Atwater. Renee Martin and Rose Ball were at the guest registry.

Ushers were Trey Atwater, Cory Oliphant, Brandon Osbourn and Jeremiah Weichman.

The church pews were decorated with ivory cone-shaped baskets filled with tree fern and baby's breath.

Tall, swan-shaped urns, filled with English ivy were at the entrance, on each side of the guest registry tables.

Bouquets of calla lilies were on the altar. Candlebras, entwined with greenery were on each side of the altar.

Pianist was Marcia Hoelting; Melodi Moore-Bryd place the viola. Vocalists were Greg, Glenda, Jason and Jaime

## Arnold-Smithson

Heather Lena Arnold and Kevin James Smithson, both of San Angelo, were married at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 23, 2003, at Paul Ann Baptist Church in San Angelo in a double ring ceremony with Clint Lannom of DaySpring in San Angelo officiating.

She is the daughter of Morris and Sheila Arnold of Round Rock and the granddaughter of Tommy and Mary Lou Applewhite of Cotton Center and T.A. and Imogene Davis of Slaton and the late Bennie Arnold.

The groom is the son of Teddy and Vicki Smithson of Lamesa and the grandson of Rayphard and MaryLu Smithson of Dimmitt and Gene and Willie Lampp of Sulphur Springs.

The ceremony began with praise and worship led by Stephan Pilant of San Angelo. Musicians were Gina Wilkes, pianist; David Wilkes, guitar; and Luke Wilkes, drummer.

Five white columns topped with English ivy accented

the back of the pulpit area. The center column was topped with a large silk floral arrangement of red, navy and white, making a setting for the unity candle pedestal. The couple had candle-lit torches carried into the sanctuary and placed along the aisle and pulpit area by people who they felt had been a light for them along their spiritual path. These silver torches were placed in silver holders accented with navy tulle and ribbon.

The bride was escorted in by her father. She wore an organza A-line halter gown with beaded embroidery bodice. It had an elegant split back with an embroidered cathedral train accented with white satin ribbons. She wore a tiara in her hair and a chapel veil, which was accented with pearl beads. She carried a bouquet of white and red roses tied with navy and silver cording. For something old, she carried a linen "magic hanky" handkerchief



**Mrs. Brian Jerrod Foote  
nee Jaimye Shai'An Bingham**

Birkenfeld. Musical selections included: Holy Ground; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Pachelbels Canon in D, Ave Maria, Holy Is His Name and The Wedding Procession.

The reception was held at the Nazareth Parish Hall. The couple arrived in a 1930 Model A car, owned and driven by Charley Hill.

The reception hall was decorated with a canopy of tiny white lights and tulle. Topiaries and vases of fresh spring flowers accented the reception tables, which were covered with dark, purple tablecloths. The head table was decorated with the bride's bouquet and embossed silver vases holding the bridesmaids' bouquets.

The bride's cake was four-tiered and adorned with spring flowers and scattered rose petals. It was displayed on a deeply embossed, footed silver platter. The groom's cake was an oval chocolate cake, featuring a monogram and chocolate-covered strawberries.

The groom pushed the bride "up the hill," an old Nazareth tradition, in an antique, steel-wheeled wheelbarrow. The wedding party and guests performed the traditional Grand March to begin the wedding dance.

After a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will live in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of WTAMU with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

The groom will graduate from WTAMU in December, 2003, with a bachelor of arts and sciences degree in engineering technology. He is employed at WTAMU as a utility operator.



**Mr. and Mrs. Kevin James Smithson**

worn by the groom at birth; something new was her dress; and something borrowed and blue was the blue garter belonging to her sister.

Matron of honor was

Holly Kerby of Georgetown, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Terrica Bentley of Round Rock and Katy Drennan, Jessica Loundermilk, Valerie Nelson and Stephanie



**Mrs. Joel Elliott Townsend  
nee Kimberly Anne Spring**

Kimberly Anne Spring and Joel Elliott Townsend both of Dimmitt, were married Saturday, July 19, at The Surrey House and Gardens in McKinney, with Chuck Ball officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Suellen Spring of Dimmitt. Grandparents of the bride are Cheryl Boucher and Geneva Spring both of Columbus, OH and the late James Boucher and Elmo Spring.

Parents of the groom are Carter and Diane Townsend of Dimmitt. Grandparents are C.F. and Waldine Webb of Dimmitt, who attended the wedding, and Otis and Jimmie Townsend of Madison, MS.

Maid of honor was Brandi Thompson of Denton, close friend of the bride.

Bridal attendants were Jennifer Stange of Columbus, OH, cousin of the bride, and Kylie Webb of Dimmitt, cousin of the groom.

Bestman was Jared Townsend of Lubbock, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Brian Conyers of Dimmitt, Jeff Deats of College Station, and Jon Deats of Dallas, all friends of the groom.

Ringbearers were Kason Townsend of Lubbock, nephew of the groom and Stran Blair of Abilene. Guest book attendant was Ashley Townsend of Lubbock, sister-in-law of the groom.

Longtime friends of the couple Neal and Jan Bryan of Flower Mound performed "The Parent's Prayer" during the lighting of the unity candle. The site was decorated with various arrangements of garden flowers and bouquets of white calla lilies designed for the couple by Carol Lust, special friend to Joel and Kim.

The bride wore an A-line satin gown with a scoop neck and spaghetti straps. The dress was accented with crystal beaded lattice embroidery on the bodice. The bridal attendants wore wine colored A-Line Georgette dresses with flutter sleeves.

The bride is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and West Texas A & M University with a bachelors degree in agribusiness.

She is in sales and public relations for Texas Motor Speedway.

The groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and Texas A & M University with a bachelors degree in aerospace engineering.

He is employed with Texas A & M electrical engineering department as a research technician.

The couple planned a honeymoon to Orlando, Fla. They live in Denton.

Reagan, all of San Angelo.

Best man was Larry Western of San Angelo. Honor bridesmaids wore navy blue, two-piece dresses. The embroidered bodice was halter-top styling complimenting the full, A-line floor-length skirt. Each wore a silver beaded necklace, gifts from the bride. They carried bouquets of assorted white fresh-cut flowers tied with navy and silver cording.

Flower girl was Kaycie Kerby of Georgetown, niece of the bride; ring bearer was James Lannom of San Angelo, friend of the groom.

The groom wore a white  
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# CHURCH NEWS

## Father Fern remembered

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

The news that Father Fernand Coture died of injuries sustained in a car accident hit parishioners in Dimmitt hard.

He had been a priest at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church from May of 1999 through July of 2002 and left a legion of friends who say they will miss him.

"He was very spiritual," said Mary Helen Flores, who works at the church. "We'd look up to him for prayer."

"He was a beautiful bereavement priest. His spirituality and knowledge of the Lord made the transition for families easier when they lost someone."

One of the services he started was the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. "It was like a prayer vigil in the presence of the Lord," she said.

In February, 2002, he started the Legion of Mary.

Through it, Flores said, "we come together to pray, share, meet needs in that circle of people and it's kept in confidence among those who are there."

"He also started Spanish and English groups and he

taught us to pray the rosary in Latin," she said. "Father Fern was really always willing to help the poor. He started food vouchers. He would pay for a room, buy medicine. He had a big, big heart."

Juanita Gauna echoed Flores. "He loved being on the altar," she said. "He never got tired of being up there and serving the Lord."

"When he died, he said he wanted us to remember him as the one who showed lots of love for the Lord."

Tommie Perez remembered how much comfort she got from Father Fern after he husband died. "We brought my husband from Abilene, and Father Fern made his funeral," she said. "Everytime I saw Father Fern he reminded me of something beautiful."

Les Miller remembered Father Fern as a man who was pro-education and "not just in the public setting, but in the church. He was real involved in youth studies." "He was a great guy," Miller said. "He was very dedicated to what he was doing."

Father Ken, the new priest at Immaculate Conception, talked about Father Fern's



Father Fernand Coture

accomplishments here.

"He's most known in our particular parish church for his work there with the Legion of Mary, a group that has outreach to the sick and homebound," he said. "They're a tremendous group. He was marvelous about getting it started in our parish and it continues on. Many, many people got acquainted with him through his outreach to the hurting and the sick. When I say Father Fern, people immediately remember his work there, besides all his other pastoral duties."

"It's amazing how even with moving around from parish to parish, each parish so appreciates the work of a man like that."

## Opportunities

Life is so full of about Him? opportunities.

It seems that we're always looking for or praying for opportunities in this life. Parents are constantly looking for opportunities for their children.

Career men and women are normally looking for opportunities to better themselves career wise. Truth is everyone is interested in an opportunity that benefits him or herself.

The questions that I can't help but ask is, do we look for or pray for spiritual opportunities?

To be more specific, I'm referring to opportunities to teach others about the Lord. When we have the opportunity to influence someone for Jesus, do we do it? Do we make the most of every opportunity that God gives us to teach others

When it comes to opportunities to better physical lives, we wouldn't think of ignoring it or passing it by, but what about the opportunities to share Jesus with others?

Jesus didn't just make the most of his opportunities he made for himself opportunities to teach others about God. "Now, when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him and he began to teach them." (Mt. 5:1-2) Jesus went where the most people were for the sole purpose of teaching them about his heavenly Father. He didn't avoid opportunities to teach; in fact, the above verses show us that he looked for opportunities to teach others.

The apostle Paul prayed for opportunities to teach others and even encouraged the Colossians to make the most of every opportunity. "And pray for us, too, that



Chuck Ball

God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." (Col. 4:3) "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." (Col. 4:5) We, like Paul, should pray for opportunities to teach others about Jesus and then make the most of every opportunity that He gives us. Are your eyes opened and looking for opportunities to teach others about Jesus? Let's keep watch for the opportunities and make the most of them when they come.

## Father Ken Heller returns to Dimmitt

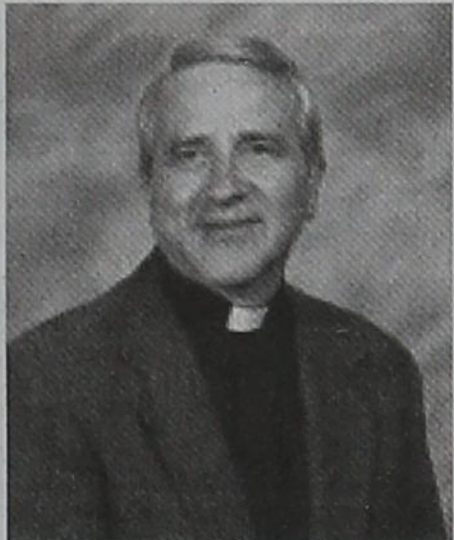
By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

It's not as though this is Father Ken Heller's first stint in Dimmitt. Indeed, the cleric's first post after leaving the seminary was in Dimmitt in the summer of 1969.

"I replaced a priest who was on vacation, Father Rafael Chen," he said. "I took his place in June and July of 1969, so I've spent time away and came back."

Father Ken, as he prefers to be called, is a native of Amarillo. He has been ordained a Catholic priest for 34 years, attending seminary in both Denver and Missouri. He also got his master of religious education at Loyola in Chicago. Then he got his masters of social work at Fordham University in New York City. It so happened he was there during 9/11, and that's how he got involved counseling for 9/11 post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I was studying at Fordham, 9/11 occurs and it's a tremendous opportunity to get involved with the hurting," he said. "Down at Trinity Wall Street, episcopal church near World Trade Center was where I did most of my



Father Ken Keller

counseling. "That little community Paul's Chapel, was fantastic. It developed into a community called 9/12; we decided not to define ourselves by 9/11, but to have hope and call ourselves 9/12."

Father Ken not only counseled people who lost loved ones, but people from the neighborhood that were so involved in the area, as well as the rescue workers.

He graduated from Fordham in June of 2003 and this is his first assignment since he came back. Not only does he have Immaculate Conception here in Dimmitt, but he also pastors at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

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## Church Directory

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Jesus In Our Heart

## One-car accident leaves Dimmitt man dead Sunday

On Sunday morning at 8:08 a.m., a traffic accident was reported to the Castro County Sheriff's Office. The accident occurred about 12 miles south of Dimmitt on US Hwy. 385. The vehicle was driven by a Daniel Vasquez Lopez, 30, of Dimmitt.

The vehicle was traveling at a very high rate of speed and the driver failed to compensate for a curve in the highway, according to

reports. The vehicle went off the roadway, vaulted over a culvert, and flipped several times. Lopez was pronounced dead on scene by Justice of the Peace Tana M. Young. The vehicle was reported and confirmed to be stolen about 10 minutes after the accident was reported. The driver, who was ejected, was not wearing a safety belt. Alcohol is believed to be a factor, the report said.

## Court OKs tax hike

The Castro County Commissioners Court unanimously approved its budget for the coming year, along with a 3 percent tax rate increase. The rate for the coming fiscal year will be 61.4 cents per \$100 valuation. Of that amount, 46.6 cents per \$100 valuation

will go to the general fund; 14.8 cents per \$100 valuation will go to the county road fund. Perhaps the most controversial issue was the matter of a pay increase of \$3,000 for field deputies which the sheriff had requested. The court did not grant that request.

## Naz News

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St. Lawrence Cathedral in Amarillo with Bishop John Yanta presiding. Burial was in the priests section of Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

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Delores Heiman and Virgie Gerber enjoyed visiting with Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier in Tulia on Sunday. Virgil is still on chemo treatments every

## Correction

In last week's Castro County News, the number of years that Dalia Gregory worked in the Dimmitt High School office was incorrect. She actually worked there 10 years.

## Arnold-Smithson

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dress tuxedo coat with tails, black and silver striped vest, black Riata's and black boots.

He had a red rose boutonniere. His honor attendant wore a black dress styled the same as the bridesmaids' dresses. She also carried a bouquet of white, fresh-cut flowers.

The catered meal/reception/dance was held at the Good Year Tire Activities Center.

The white-skirted bridal table was decorated with a four-tier ivory pedestal cake topped with red and navy blue silk flowers and greenery with the bases draped with a lace cloth.

An heirloom silver candelabrum with navy spiral tapers centered the table. Punch was served from her grandmother's Fostoria punch bowl.

Toasted pecans were served from a two-tiered silver tray and caramel pecans were served from a crystal dish. The backdrop was white lattice with greenery and lights.

The white-skirted groom's table featured a chocolate cake with the chocolate icing forming fields of cotton, hay and tillage, displaying the groom's miniature John Deere tractor collection.

Coffee was served from his paternal grandmother's silver service. Centering the table was a wooden cedar cross made by the groom's father. It was draped with a quilted baby blanket made for him at birth by his great-great grandmother.

Chocolate dipped strawberries completed the table. Serving at the groom's table was his sister Amy Harbin of Godley and his cousins, Tammie Warren of Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss. And Tanna Lampp of Sulphur Springs.

After a wedding trip to Lake City, Colo., the couple will live in San Angelo.

She is employed at Concho National Bank of San Angelo.

He is employed at Good Year Tire Proving Grounds of San Angelo.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Klondike High School and has a bachelor of science in applied physics in 2001 from Angelo State University.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Round Rock High School and attends Angelo State University.

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# DCN Dimmitt Community Network

## September Computer Classes

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**Reminder: You must complete the application forms & receive a password BEFORE you can take a class or use the Network computers.**

Dimmitt Community Network Class Schedule	
<b>Computer Animation</b>	September 23, 30 (two Tuesdays), McLain, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., City Hall, Technology Center
<b>Digital Editing</b>	September 2, 9 (two Tuesdays), Ketchum, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., City Hall, Technology Center
<b>Forensic Science</b>	September 3, 10, 17, 24 (four Wednesdays), Snitker & Snitker, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., City Hall, Technology Center
<b>Beginning Computers</b>	September 20, 27 (two Saturdays) Steffens 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., City Hall, Technology Center
<b>Make It &amp; Take It</b>	September 8 & 15, (two Mondays) Newman & Snitker 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Center, Learning Lab September 18 & 25, (two Thursdays) Ketchum & Snitker 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Learning Lab
<b>Quilt Design</b>	September 11, 18, 25, (three Thursdays) Hays, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Learning Lab
<b>Computer Trouble Shooting</b>	September 17, 24, (two Wednesdays), Winkle, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Learning Lab
<b>Microsoft Excel</b>	September 11, 18, (two Thursdays), McLain, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., City Hall, Technology Center
<b>Make a Movie</b>	September 22, 29, (two Mondays), Newman, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Center, Learning Lab
<b>GED</b>	(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of each week in September), Devers, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Panhandle Community Services Lab
<b>English as a Second Language</b>	(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - Each week in September), Devers, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Panhandle Community Services Lab

- Beginning Computers** - Must already know how to use the mouse and keyboard and be able to turn on and shut down the computer properly. Learn more about windows, terminology and personalizing your computer.
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- Quilt Design** - Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows.
- English as a Second Language** - Must be able to use the mouse, keyboard and windows. Learn to use the Rosetta Stone language program. This program allows you to learn either Spanish or English. This particular class will be taught in Spanish.
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other week.

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Prayers are asked for Michael Schacher, Carolyn Berea, Cyrilla Robb, Joe and Amy Schmucker, Alice Palazzini, Edith Huseman, Eric Hoelting, Judy Hoelting, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Lee, Floyd Birkenfeld, David Nobile, Gene Stevens, Tad Cornett, Virgil Pohlmeier and those who are serving in our Armed Forces.

## Father Ken

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"I'm very happy to be back in Dimmitt," he said. "The town has changed some.

"We were at a different church in 1969; it was on the east side of town, now it's a different church on the west side of town. Some of the same families are present and I've enjoyed reacquainting myself with them and meeting the new families.

## Amarillo Colleges announces awards for local students

The Amarillo College Foundation recently announced the names of Castro County residents who are receiving 2003-2004 scholarships at Amarillo College.

Dimmitt residents include Lisa Fernandez, dental hygiene major, Rotary Club of Amarillo Scholarship; Christian Fuentes, general studies major, Foundation Directors' Award; Teresa Fuentes, general studies major, E. C. Herb and Floreine Hossler

Scholarship; Elizabeth Leal, accounting major, Amarillo Area Community Link Scholarship; and Crystal Lopez, paralegal major, General Scholarship.

Nazareth resident Ramona Schulte, physical therapy assistant major, is receiving the Frances Finch

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# Bobcats fall to Floydada

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Although Floydada defeated Dimmitt, 36-20, on Friday, head coach Glen Dunnam found some bright spots in his team's performance.

In the first half, senior James Lindsey made his first start at quarterback. "He did a good job running the option, made good reads," Dunnam said. "He made some good reads in the passing game too. We had a couple of drops in the first half that hurt and a couple of fumbles that put the defense in a bind. But overall as a whole in his first starting assignment, I thought he did a good job."

At the half, the score was 21-0.

In the third quarter, the Bobcats held Floydada, forcing a punt, which Tyler Myatt returned for 41 yards, putting Dimmitt in good field position. However, an intercepted pass stopped that drive. Floydada scored, went for two and made the score 29-0.

When Floydada kicked off after that, there was less than five minutes left in the period and quarterback Nicky Gauna, who'd been out with an injury, came in. He took the team down the field and Matthew Sanders scored on a 4-yard run. The 2-point pass from Gauna to Myatt was good, making it 29-8.

The Bobcats got the ball back in the third quarter, but

turned it over on downs. In the fourth quarter, Floydada scored again, making it 36-8.

When the Bobcats got the ball back, they drove down the field, helped by a holding penalty and a long run by Sanders, which took the team to the 12. However, a fumble on the 5-yard-line gave Floydada the ball back. On their first play, however, Dimmitt's Darrell Reyes stripped the ball and recovered it on the 20. A run by Gauna got the Bobcats to the 13 and then a pass from Gauna to Charlie Saenz made the score 36-14, but the 2-point conversion pass failed.

The Bobcats immediately got the ball back when they

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recovered their onside kick. They drove to the 31 and a pass from Gauna to Myatt was good for the score, but the 2-point conversion failed, leaving the final score at 36-20.

The Bobcats weren't quite through, as the defense held Floydada to get the ball back. However, an interception ended that drive and Dimmitt was out of time.

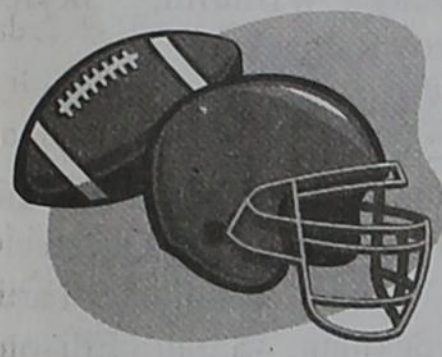
"We'd already used our timeouts trying to hold them, so after that they ran the clock out," Dunnam said. "Overall offensively, we did a decent job of moving the ball. Still, we're having too many turnovers that are stopping drives. Gauna did a good job throwing the ball 152 yards in a quarter and a half and Myatt had 125 yards receiving."

He also had praise for the offensive line. "We had time to throw the ball most of the night," Dunnam said. "I think they're starting to jell

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**DIMMITT QUARTERBACK JAMES LINDSEY** drops back for a pass against Floydada.



## Dimmitt Bobcats



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2003 Bobcat Football Schedule			
VARSITY			
Date	Team	Place	Time
Sept. 19	Abemathy**	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	River Road	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	OPEN		
Oct. 10	* Slaton	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Littlefield	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Muleshoe	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Brownfield	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	* Lub. Cooper #	Here	7:30 p.m.
JV and FRESHMEN			
Sept. 18	Abemathy	There	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	River Road	Here	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	OPEN		
Oct. 9	* Slaton	Here	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	* Littlefield	There	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	Here	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	Here	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	There	5:30 p.m.
SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE			
Sept. 18	Abemathy	Here	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	River Road	There	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Frona	Here	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	* Slaton	There	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	* Littlefield	Here	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	* Muleshoe	There	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	There	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	* Lub. Cooper	Here	5:30 p.m.

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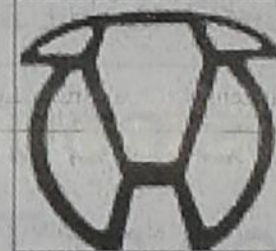
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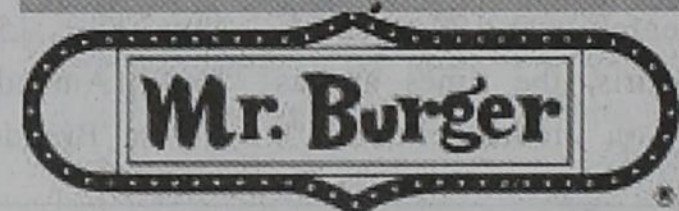
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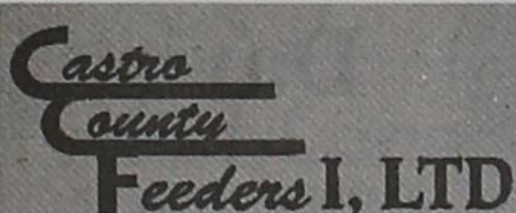
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# Swifts fall to Sunray

By DAVIE A. BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Despite leading in the first quarter, the Nazareth Swifts lost their momentum after the first half Friday night, succumbing to injuries and a more-experienced Sunray team, 44-14.

"In the second half, Sunray came out and decided to line up and just run over us and we couldn't stop them," Nazareth coach Ricky Peacock said. "We'd lost Monty Hoelting early in the game with a shoulder separation. Garrett Kleman didn't play because he'd bothered by his ankle. And defensive lineman Michael Acker was hurt; he was able to keep playing, but wasn't 100 percent.

"Sunray lined up and ran at our young kids inside."

Although the Swifts were up 14-12 in the second quarter, they entered the locker room at the half trailing 21-14.

"Our defense is really a concern right now," Peacock said. "We aren't showing we can stop anybody and you can't rely on outscoring someone to win.

"To Sunray's credit, they lined up and physically whipped us up front.

"We were out-weighted

at some spots and we had sophomores playing against seniors and nine times out of 10 you're not going to win that battle. We've still got a lot of growing up do to and a lot of work to do defensively. We've got to find a way to get better."

On offense, Peacock said the team played pretty good for about a quarter and a half.

"We ran the ball better than we had, but we never could get anything going in the passing game and that really hurt us," he said. "We got down inside the 25 in the fourth quarter. Sunray kind of bent, but didn't break. We've got to find a way to put the ball in the endzone in those situations if we want to win big games like that."

This week, Nazareth travels to White Deer for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Peacock said White Deer is struggling a bit this year, but it will still be a tough game.

"They're numbers are down; they're not quite strong as they've been in the last couple of years," he said "They're kind of like us, got some young guys that are playing and haven't been in the fire yet."

What's crucial, he said, is

how the Swifts will respond after the last two weeks losses.

"We're just going to try and challenge them to play better defensively and play harder," he said. "We feel like we didn't play as hard in the second half Friday night. We have to compete better in four quarters; when we do that we'll start coming out on the winning end."

Leading rusher for the night was Nathan Huseman with five carries for 71 yards, followed by Jordy Rowland with 14 carries for 34 yards. In passing, Rowland was 10 of 33 for 138 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Top receivers were Tyson Schulte with four catches for 38 yards and one touchdown; Trey Robb with three catches for 55 yards and Stuart Sheffy with one catch for 33 yards and a touchdown. On defense, leading tackler was Robb with 13, followed by Huseman with 11, Ricky Pena and Zane Farris with eight each; Edward Wilhelm and Rowland with seven each; Skyler Birkenfeld and Michael Acker with four apiece; and Adam Gerber, Tucker Waggoner, Tyson Schulte and Andrew Brockman each with two tackles.



**NAZARETH'S RICKY PENA** fades back for a pass, as Michael Acker (70) and Jacob Braddock give the quarterback some protection.

## Nazareth Homecoming Schedule

Monday, Sept. 22 Slouch day - wear pajamas	Spirit Queen candidates are: Tanya Herring, Keli Schulte, Kembra Albracht, Candace Birkenfeld
Tuesday, Sept. 23 Wild West Day - western wear	Spirit King candidates are: Monty Hoelting, Shay Wilhelm, Skyler Birkenfeld, Troy Ramaekers
Wednesday, Sept. 24 Impress With Your Best - dress up	
Thursday, Sept. 25 Fighting for a Victory - dress as your favorite super hero	Friday, Sept. 26 7 p.m., pre-game activities begin with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen
Friday, Sept. 26 True Blue - Blue & Gold Day	Homecoming Queen candidates are: Kimberly Brockman, Sarah Ellison, Rebecca Olvera
Thursday, Sept. 25 Chili Supper, 5:30 p.m., Community Hall 7:30 p.m. Pep Rally begins	Homecoming Court: Jenna Acker, Kendra Huseman, Macee Schulte

## Nazareth Swifts 2003 Football Schedule

VARSITY			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 19	White Deer	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Clarendon (homecoming)	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Lubbock Monterey Sophs.	Away (Lowrey)	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Farwell*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17			Open
Oct. 24	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Hart*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30 p.m.
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JUNIOR HIGH			
Sept. 18	Plainview	Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	Plainview	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	Bushland	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	FARWELL	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 16			Open
Oct. 23	BOVINA	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 30	HART	Away	5 p.m.
Nov. 6	SPRINGLAKE-EARTH	Home	5 p.m.

## Nazareth cross country team competes at Tulia

The Nazareth Cross Country team competed last weekend at Tulia.

For the boys, Steven Birkenfeld finished at No. 11 with a time of 12:31 and Kyle Birkenfeld was 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:55.

For the girls, the times are as follows: Allyson Hochstein, 24<sup>th</sup>, 13:40; Jenny Merritt, 29<sup>th</sup>, 13:46; Caitlin Huseman, 49<sup>th</sup>, 14:28; Darcy Schulte, 64<sup>th</sup>, 15:02; Stormie McClurg, 77<sup>th</sup>, 15:22; Karis Kleman, 78<sup>th</sup>, 15:23; Bailey Nutt, 83<sup>rd</sup>, 15:44; Kelby Myrick, 119<sup>th</sup>, 16:47; Amanda Acker, 125<sup>th</sup>, 16:53; and Alyssa Braddock, 126<sup>th</sup>, 16:57.

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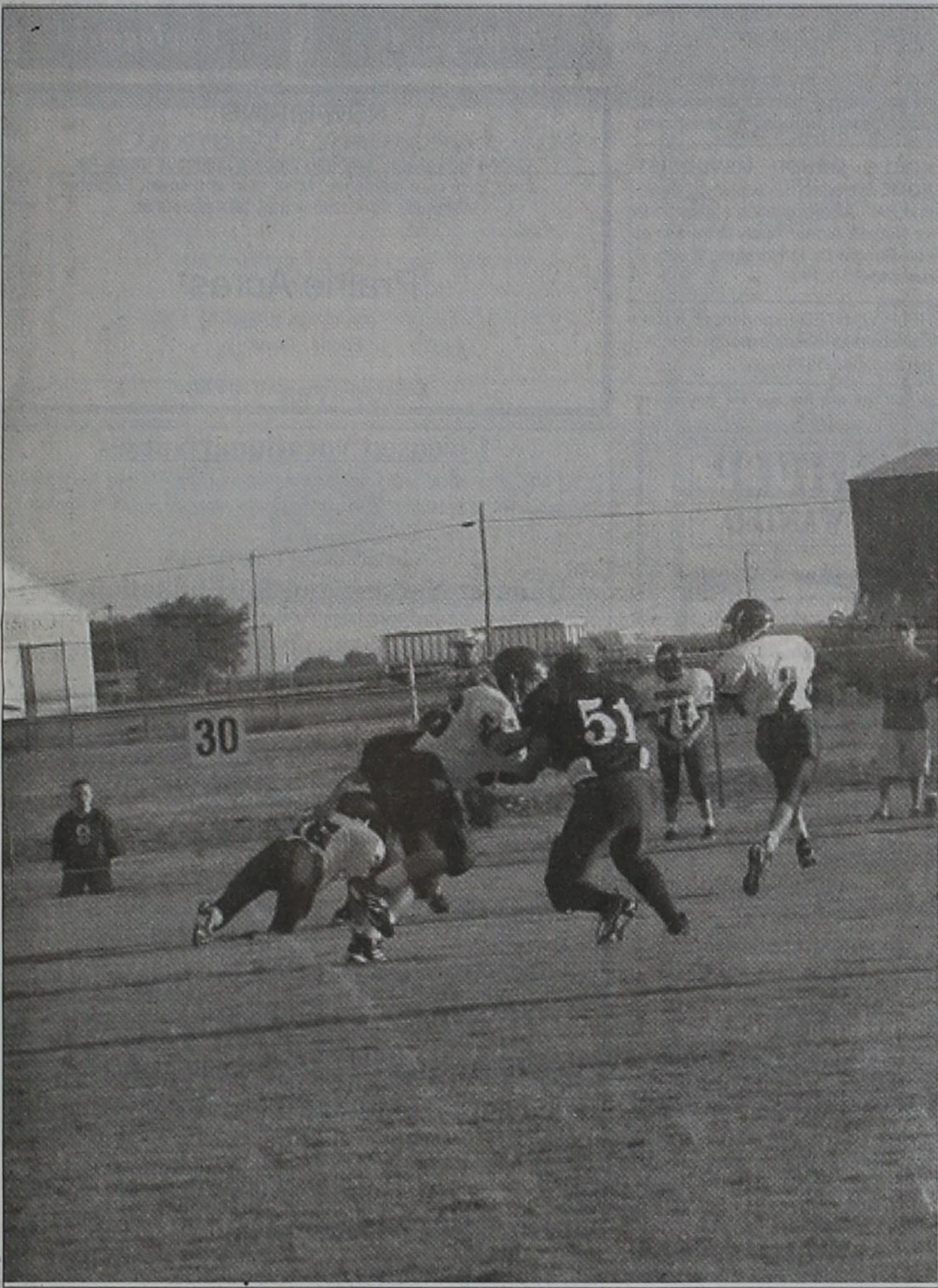
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## HART JV BEATS CLARENDON, 34-0

HART'S ERAN CASTILLO fades back to pass against Morton on Friday night

## Longhorns overcome by Morton, 35-14



TOP PHOTO: PAUL FINCH carries the ball against Clarendon. Bottom photo, Mario Diaz, No. 51, takes a handoff against Clarendon.

By BOB LIBBY

The Morton Indians visited Longhorn Stadium and came out on top with a hard-fought 35-14 victory over Hart. Despite the loss, the Longhorns displayed a gritty performance going up against a very talented Morton team.

Morton started the scoring late in the first quarter with a blocked punt that was returned eight yards for a touchdown.

The PAT was wide and Morton had a 6-0 lead.

Hart played tough defense throughout the first quarter as the quarter ended without any more scores.

The Longhorns had problems all night long with special teams. Hart's offense was stopped on the ensuing possession, which led to another Indian score.

Even though the punt was not blocked, Morton gained

possession in excellent position to convert good field advantage into a touchdown. Pete Cornish was the recipient of quarterback

Calvin Johnson's nine-yard pass to make the score 12-0.

Johnson converted the 2-point conversion to make the score 14-0.

The Longhorn offense responded to the adversity by putting together a 10-play drive culminating on an 11-yard touchdown strike from Eran Castillo to AJ Carrasco for Hart's first score of the season.

Roy Robledo's PAT was good, making the score 14-7 in favor of Morton.

Hart was unable to keep the Indians off the board as Johnson powered the ball in from three yards out to make the score 20-7. The Jesus Alvarez PAT was good

making the halftime score 21-7 in favor of Morton.

The versatile Johnson opened up the second half scoring with 50 yard punt return for a touchdown for the game's only third quarter score.

Early in the fourth quarter the Horn offense regenerated itself when Carrasco connected with Josh Reyna on an impressive throw and catch from 16 yards out to make the score 28-14 with the Robledo PAT conversion.

The Horns had several opportunities to catch the Indians but were stymied every time.

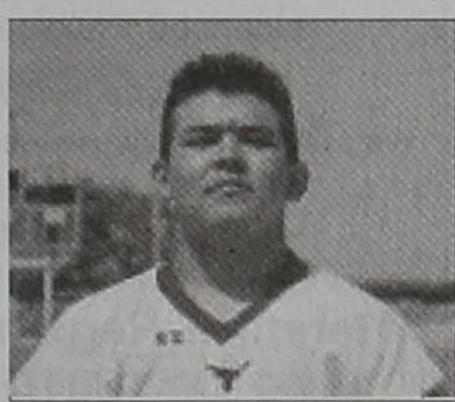
Johnson ended the scoring by eluding several would be tacklers and dashed 55 yards for the game's final touchdown.

He then connected with Paul Cardenas for the 2-point conversion.

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### Hart Longhorn 2003 Football Schedule

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Sept. 26			OPEN
Oct. 3	Petersburg- Homecoming		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	* Bovina	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	* Farwell	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	* Springlake-Earth	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	* Nazareth	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Amar. Christian Fellow.	Here	7:30 p.m.

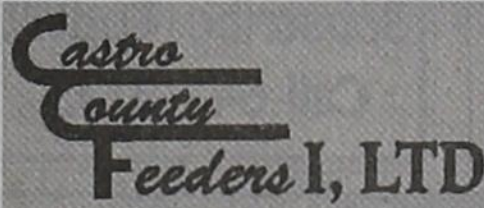
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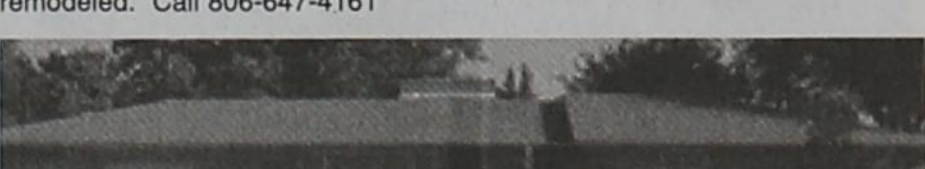
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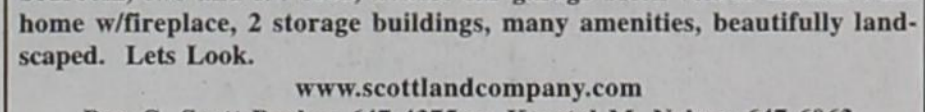


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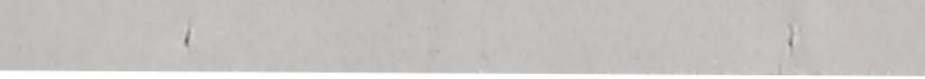
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**Thursday-Breakfast:** Sausage and biscuit  
**Lunch:** Grilled chopped steak, Chinese style vegetables, apple slices with cinnamon, rolls  
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**Friday-Breakfast:** Sausage on roll, assorted cereal  
**Lunch:** Hamburger, chicken sandwich, french fries, cookies, applesauce, pinto beans, lettuce, tea  
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**Lunch:** Pizza, Chicken Stir Fry, gingerbread, black-eyed peas, peaches, tossed salad, tea  
**Tuesday-Breakfast:** Breakfast Pockets, cereal  
**Lunch:** Chilli Dog, chilli, pizza, peaches, tossed salad, corn  
**Wednesday-Breakfast:** French toast sticks, sausage pattie  
**Lunch:** Ham sandwich, hamburger, tator tots, cookies, grapes, green beans,


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**Thursday-Breakfast:** Pancake/Sausage on stick  
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**Monday-Breakfast:** Biscuit buttermilk, sausage, cereal, graham crackers.  
**Lunch:** Oven fried chicken, burrito, corn dog, broccoli and cheese, salad, rolls, carrot sticks, strawberries, peaches, sugar cookies, kool-aid, tea.  
**Tuesday-Breakfast:** Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, cereal, graham crackers.  
**Lunch:** Chicken enchilada, casserole, corn dog, burrito, tortilla chips, corn, salad, carrot sticks, pears, peaches, gelatin dessert, sugar cookies, kool-aid, tea  
**Wednesday-Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, graham crackers.  
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-Lauren and Landon Carpenter-

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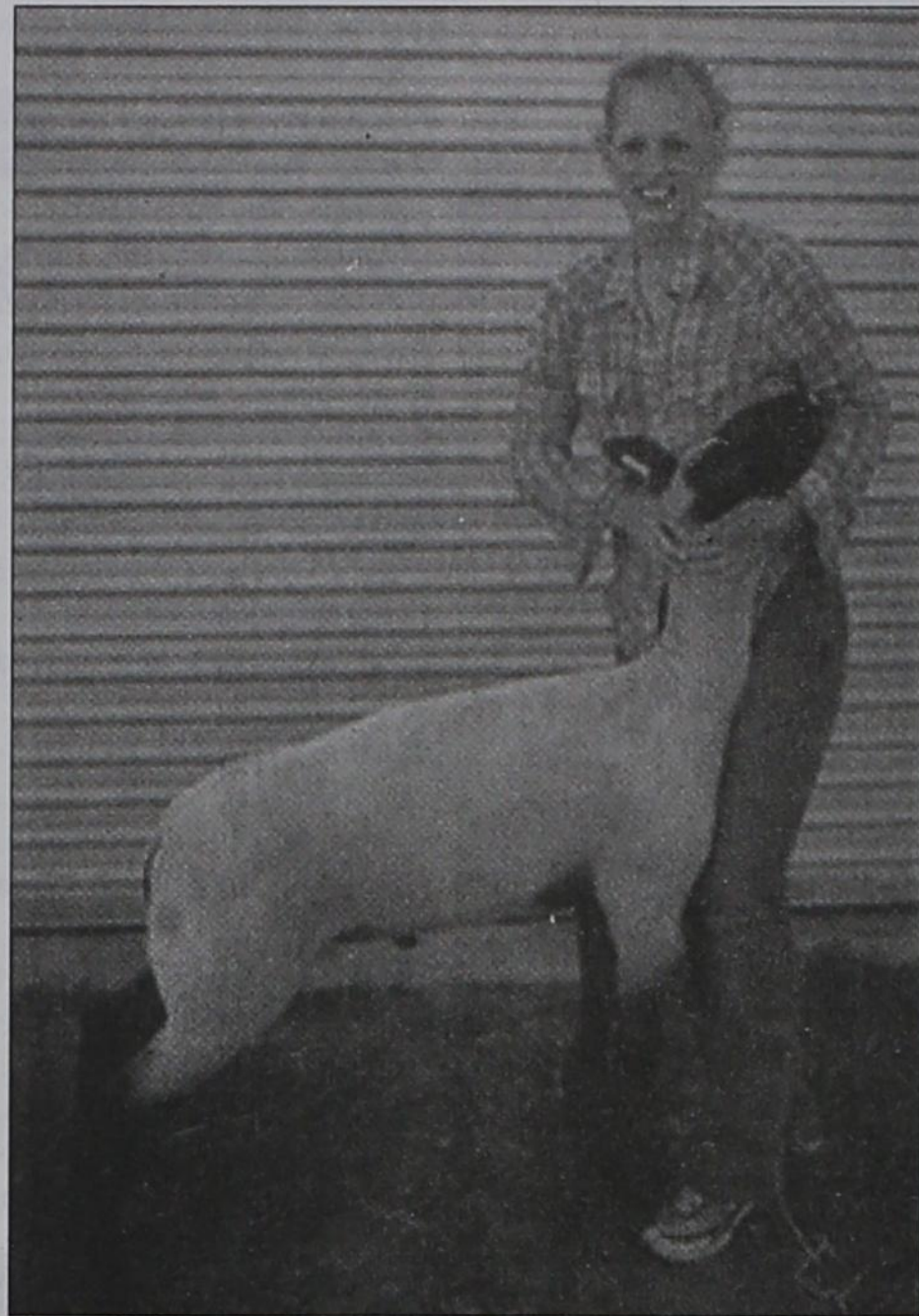
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**BEAU BRADLEY**, 12, a sixth grader at Nazareth, and his lamb were named Champion in the Fine Wool division. The pair had picked up a first-place in the Class 1 category of that division. Also pictured with him are his sister, Raynee, far left, and Taylor, center, who also competed at the Fair in Amarillo.



**JENNA ACKER**, a junior at Nazareth High School, and her lamb won a first-place award in Class 5, Medium Wool Division at the Tri-State Fair Junior Lamb show held this week in Amarillo. She competed as part of the Castro County 4-H Club.



**WENDY BRADFORD**, a fifth-grader at Dimmitt Middle School, and her lamb placed first in Class 2, Medium Wool. She competed as part of the Dimmitt FFA.

**Fair**

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Bradley, Castro County 4-H, 5<sup>th</sup>, Class 6, Medium Wool; Matthew Harrison, Nazareth FFA, 11<sup>th</sup>, Class 6, Medium Wool; Raynee Bradley, Castro County 4-H, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Class 7, Medium Wool; Beau Bradley, Castro County 4-H, 5<sup>th</sup>, Class 7, Medium Wool; Kalen Steinle, Dimmitt FFA, 11<sup>th</sup>, Class 7, Medium Wool; and Eric Odom, Castro County 4-H, 5<sup>th</sup>, Class 9, Medium Wool.

**Adams**

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recreational sport, but one that requires physical stamina and skill. She said the girls have made amazing progress, especially since it's so early in the season.

"Every game we've improved immensely," she said. "We can now pass, set, hit. One of my requirements is being able to serve overhand. Every game we serve better, hit better, sit better. "We set little goals and we accomplish them every game." The Bobbies first home game is set for 5 p.m., Sept. 23, against Tulia.

**Fair**

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At the awards ceremony at the close of the conference, Dimmitt High School TSA was awarded a plaque in honor of having affiliating with National TSA since its beginning 25 years ago. It was at that time it was changed from the American Industrial Arts Association to the National Technology Students Association. Dimmitt High School has been affiliated nationally for more than 30 years to AIASA and TSA.

**City Council**

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first rate hike request since 1999, Collins said that's a bit misleading.

"Just a year or two ago, they asked for a rate increase on some of the services they provide," he said. "This may be the first time since 1999 they asked for a rate increase like this one. But a year ago, they did get a rate increase for services they provide."

The Council voted to suspend the rate increase for 90 days and see what the Steering Committee recommends.

But Collins already knows how he feels. "I'm opposed to it," he said. "They have increased their dividends 15 years in a row. I think they're making enough money. They are a regulated utility and cities have original jurisdiction. We'll try to come up with something with the steering committee, but I don't feel a rate increase is justified."

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## Dimmitt Retired Teachers meet

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association met on Sept. 9, at Rhoads Memorial Library with President Joanne Snider presiding for the first meeting of the 2003-2004 year with 35 of the 55 members attending.

Eleven new members were welcomed: Dawn Goolsby, Judith Hauf, Kay Kellar, Sandra Nelson, Vicki Richards, Jacque Sava, Alice Moore, Zetha Collins, Modesta Lopez, Harriett Goodwin and Sue Howell.

The quilt block, designed and made by Helen Berryhill, to be entered in district competition, was presented. The winning block at district will be put into a quilt with winning blocks from the other 19 districts and will be displayed at the new TRTA building in Austin.

Mary Jo Brown, program chair, distributed the yearbook and explained the projects and programs planned for the year. There will be a basket each meeting for members to fill with books to be given next spring to children who need more books.

Box Tops for Education, Campbell soup labels and Lowe's grocery tapes will be collected for the schools.

The members voted to begin an honorarium and Memorial Scholarship Fund to be presented to graduating seniors who plan to go into the field of education. A committee will work out the

details. Memorials will be given by our organization for the loss of a member, a member's spouse or a member's child.

The nominating committee will be Mary Jo Brown, Pat Bagley and Barbara Bain.

Avis Smith, volunteerism chair, gave information on keeping records of volunteer work so that hours can be sent to state as that information is used for legislative purposes.

Pat Bagley, health care chair, explained the "10,000 Septs for Health" program, a new state-wide initiative introduced this year to get retirees "moving."

Ralph Smith, legislative chair, handed out information urging retirees to write federal legislators to repeal the unfair GPO/WEP acts and to write state legislators to support legislation to protect the Teacher Retirement System and the health program.

Barbara Bain presented last year's scrapbook to Joanne Snider and ask members to give materials for this year's scrapbook to Janet Bain, historian.

Mary Jo Brown introduced Karen Durham, who presented the program, "Wit and Wisdom," a humorous presentation of advice for living.

Next month's meeting will be a trip to Clovis to tour the Leslie Candy Factory and the Norman Petty Recording Studio where Buddy Holly and Roy Orbison started their careers.

It will be followed by dinner at Poor Boys.

## Police Report

Aug. 21 to Sept. 11

8/21	500 bl. NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Burglary of a vehicle
8/22	1500 bl. Western Cl.	Criminal trespass
8/23	100 bl. E. Bedford	Warrant/misdemeanor
8/24	600 bl. W. Oak	Criminal mischief-C
8/27	300 bl. NW 4 <sup>th</sup>	Garage caught on fire
8/27	600 bl. NW 7 <sup>th</sup>	Criminal mischief-B
8/27	700 bl. SW 6 <sup>th</sup>	Civil matter
8/28	800 bl. N. Broadway	Burglary of a habitation
8/29	100 bl. NW 11 <sup>th</sup>	Vehicle hit brick wall to apartments
8/29	200 bl. W. Jones	Disorderly conduct
8/29	800 bl. W. Jones	Disorderly conduct
8/29	300 bl. W. Halsell	Suspect served with emergency detention
8/30	300 bl. SE 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Burglary of a building
8/31	1600 bl. Butler	Mental
8/31	100 bl. SW 4 <sup>th</sup>	No driver's license
9/3	100 bl. E. Bedford	Warrant/misdemeanor
9/5	600 bl. NW 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	Stalking
9/5	700 bl. W. Grant St.	Burglary of a vehicle
9/5	1500 bl. Western Cl.	Warrant/misdemeanor
9/6	1000 bl. W. Etter St.	Warrant/misdemeanor
9/6	U.S. Hwy. S. 385	Driving while license suspended
9/6	400 bl. N. Broadway	Disorderly conduct
9/6	500 bl. SE 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Theft-A
9/7	800 bl. Front St.	Aggravated assault
9/9	500 bl. W. Bedford	Theft-C
9/10	200 bl. SW 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Disorderly conduct
9/10	600 bl. NW 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	Assault-C
9/10	100 bl. E. Bedford	Burglary of a vehicle
9/11	800 bl. N. Broadway	Disorderly conduct
9/11	800 bl. W. Andrews	Theft-B
9/11	200 bl. NW 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Burglary of a habitation

## Sheriff's Report

Aug. 25 through Sept. 11

8/25	56-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI-3rd or more
8/26	21-year-old Dimmitt man, speeding
8/28	21-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI-2nd
8/31	29-year-old Hereford woman, no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility
8/31	24-year-old Clovis man, warrant
9/1	39-year-old Dimmitt woman, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no drivers license, unrestrained children
9/3	19-year-old Dimmitt man, warrant
9/5	19-year-old Dimmitt woman, assault with bodily injury
9/6	24-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI
9/6	20-year-old Hart man, DWI, Driving while license suspended
9/7	24-year-old Dimmitt man, DWI-2nd
9/8	41-year-old Dimmitt man, warrant
9/8	22-year-old Dimmitt man, Driving while license suspended
9/10	53-year-old Lubbock man, warrants
9/10	41-year-old Summerfield man, warrant
9/10	25-year-old Amarillo man, warrants
9/10	20-year-old Dimmitt man, Driving while license suspended
9/11	52-year-old Hart man, criminal mischief

## Who's New

It's a boy for Adam and LaDawna Anglin of Dimmitt. Bryan Scott was born at 2:06 a.m., Sept. 7, at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. He weighed 6-pounds, 3.4-ounces and measured 18.5 inches long. He has an older brother, Kyle Sean, who is 4. Maternal grandparents are Jo Campbell of Dimmitt and the late Alford Campbell. Paternal grandparents are Terry and Trish Anglin of Amarillo and

Vivian Cates of Dimmitt.

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Bobby and Dorothy Traylor of Dimmitt are the proud maternal grandparents of Acqtavian J'Lynn, born to Ironica Lashell Traylor at 8:18 p.m., Aug. 26, 2003, at Hereford Regional Medical Center in Hereford. He weighed in at 6-pounds, 13-ounces and was 18-inches long.

## Castro County agrees with state on 17 of 22 Texas amendments

While all 22 proposed state constitutional amendments passed statewide in Saturday's election, Castro County voted a little differently, approving only 17 of the 22. That of course, will have no impact on the overall outcome of the election.

However, of the 22, the five defeated locally were as follows: No. 4, 186-215; No. 9, 191-208; No. 16, 193-195;

No. 20, 176-214; and No. 21, 168-234. The 17 amendments approved locally were: No. 1, 344-84; No. 2, 257-156; No. 3, 227-193; No. 5, 225-194; No. 6, 236-171; No. 7, 297-122; No. 8, 281-138; No. 10, 383-41; No. 11, 243-163; No. 12, 296-165; No. 13, 344-77; No. 14, 211-197; No. 15, 272-135; No. 17, 325-95; No. 18, 259-151; No. 19, 202-192; No. 22, 305-108.

## USDA Livestock Assistant Program signup under way

Castro County livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses caused by natural disasters will find some relief through the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) offered by the USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA). The LAP sign-up period began August 6 and ends Oct. 24, 2003.

"This program provides additional relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to severe weather and related causes," said Patricia Elliott, County Executive Director.

"LAP is intended to address the needs of producers who were not adequately covered by the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), but producers cannot receive payments under both programs for the same loss," said Elliott.

Elliott added, a producer's LAP payment will be reduced by the amount(s) the producer received under 2002 Cattle Feed Program, Livestock Compensation Program - I and Livestock Compensation Program - II regardless of whether the LAP payment is for 2001 or 2002.

Authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, LAP provides \$250 million, nationwide, to livestock producers for grazing losses that occurred in either 2001 or 2002. Under LAP, a producer's grazing land must be located in a county that was declared a primary disaster area under a Presidential or Secretarial declaration.

The county must have been approved after Jan. 1, 2001, and a designation requested no later than Feb. 20, 2003, and subsequently approved. Contiguous counties are not eligible.

For those counties designated as a disaster area for 2001 or 2002, additional LAP eligibility criteria must be met for each year. A county must have

experienced an average of 40 percent or greater loss of normal precipitation for four consecutive months during the applicable year and suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for three or more consecutive months in a calendar year in order to be eligible for that year.

A county may meet eligibility requirements for both 2001 and 2002; however, a producer in that county may receive a LAP payment for only one of the years.

Although LAP is a grazing loss program, payments are based on the lesser of the calculated pasture value or the value of livestock feed allowance multiplied by the producer's maximum grazing loss. The eligible amount is 50 percent of the loss amount.

A producer must have control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock. During 2001 or 2002, a livestock producer must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestation, flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, severe storm or other natural disasters.

"Because funding for LAP is limited, a national factor will apply," said Elliott.

"This factor will be announced after the sign-up period ends."

The 2003 Act requires that an adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation apply - a change from previous LAP provisions.

A \$40,000 payment limitation also applies to LAP assistance. The total value of all applications will be determined and, if in excess of \$250 million, will be adjusted proportionately.

USDA has developed a Web site that provides producers with one convenient location for details on new and existing disaster assistance. The Web site can be accessed at <http://disaster.usda.gov>.

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## Dimmitt Homecoming schedule

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

**Camouflage Day**  
**8:25 p.m.** - Pinning Ceremony, Bobcat Stadium  
 The Pinning Ceremony will include the introduction of the Flame Royalty, the pinning of the football players, the crowning of the Flame King and Queen and the burning of the DHS.  
 Flame King and Queen Candidates for 2003 are:  
 Freshmen: Jerry Acevedo and Carmen Pena  
 Sophomores: J.J. Pena and Marisa Alison  
 Juniors: Charley Saenz and Liliana Aguilar  
 Seniors: Nicky Gauna and Sarah Silva

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

**Pajama Day**  
**High School Gym** - 1 p.m. High School student body will participate in various competitions (the winning teams will be announced at Friday's pep rally)

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

**Dress Up Purple and White Day**  
**High School Gym** - 3 p.m. Homecoming Court and Queen candidates will be presented. The Coming Home Class of 1983 will be recognized. The winners of the Spirit Days contest and the winning teams for the Junior

Olympics will be announced.  
**6:45 p.m. - Bobcats Stadium**  
 The pre-game Crowning Ceremony will be held. Homecoming Court and Queen candidates will be introduced and the Queen will be crowned by the football captains.  
**7:30 p.m.** - Kickoff between the Dimmitt Bobcats and the Abernathy Antelopes Homecoming Court for 2003  
 Freshman: Almeta Juarez  
 Sophomore: Vanessa Caballero  
 Junior: Kristin McClure  
 Homecoming Queen Candidates for 2003: Shayla Kenworthy; Sheena Ehly; Adriana Arcos

## Floydada JV blanks Bobcats

The Dimmitt JV fell to Floydada 40-6 here Thursday.  
 "Our defense made some great plays at times, then we'd have a busted play where Floydada ended up scoring," Reagan Frye. "A lot of times we had them third and long or fourth down, they'd bust a play and end up with a score."  
 "In the second half we played a lot better. Our offense got going, we moved the ball, scored a touchdown. And our defense did a lot better job holding them. They only scored once against us in the second half."  
 Frye said Chris Casas was a standout on offense.

## DISD calendar

Dimmitt ISD is proud to be a "RECOGNIZED DISTRICT" by the Texas Education Agency.  
 Calendar Events  
**Thursday, September 18**  
 High School Homecoming Week - Pajama Day  
 High School - Jr. Olympics - 1:00 - 3:30  
 Middle School - Pep Rally - 3:30  
 Football: JV vs Abernathy - There - 6:00pm  
 7th & 8th vs Abernathy - Here - 5:00 & 6:30  
**Friday, September 19**  
 High School Homecoming Week - Dress-Up Day  
 Homecoming Pep Rally - 3:00  
 Homecoming Supper - 4:30 - 6:45 - High School Cafeteria  
 Homecoming Queen Crowning - 6:45 - Bobcat Stadium  
 Football: Varsity vs Abernathy - Here - 7:30pm  
**Saturday, September 20**  
 Cross-Country @ Olton  
**Monday, September 22**  
 Middle School Open House - 5:30 - 6:30  
**Tuesday, September 23**  
 RES Parent Meeting - "What You Can Do to Help Your Child Read Better" - RES  
 Library - Child Care will be provided - 6:00 - 7:00pm  
 Middle School - Book Fair - Library  
 Volleyball: vs. Tulia - Here - 5:00  
**Wednesday, September 24**  
 Middle School - Book Fair - Library

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 New Employees at Dimmitt Middle School Are:  
 Dene Adams - PE / Girl's Athletics  
 Tim Ashlock - Boy's Athletics  
 Sylvia DeLeon - 5th grade English  
 Valerie Gonzales - 6th grade English  
 Missy Johnson - 6th grade Math  
 Doug Morris - Band  
 Leah Peacock - 6th grade Reading  
 Scott Sava - 7th/8th grade Content Mastery  
 Sarah Schwertner - 5th grade Science  
 Claire Morris - ISS  
 Stacy Norman - Nurse's Office

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## A lesson learned ...



**STUDENTS AT DIMMITT ELEMENTARY** had quite a treat early this week, as they got to spend the morning with Mike Reeves, an instructor with the Dairy Classroom of the Southwest Dairy Center in Sulphur Springs. (And of course, with the cow, he brought along) Reeves kept the morning moving and fun as he talked to the kids about why they should drink milk (which, as we all know is a major ingredient of ice cream). There were lot of laughs, as well as lots of learning going on.



## Bobcats

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 as a unit. We had only one returning starter, so they're coming together as unit and starting to play well."  
 On defense, although the Bobcats gave up more than the coach would have liked, he said the defense fared pretty well, considering it was on the field too quickly at times.  
 "Our defense would do a good job and then the offense would turn it over

and the defense would be back on the field," he said. "The offense has got to do a better job of taking care of the ball so the defense won't be out there all night."  
 The Bobcats had four defense players with more than 10 tackles: Layne Penney had 17; Sanders had 15; Saenz, 13; and Lindsey had 10.  
 "Defensively, we've got to do a better yard

tackling," Dunnam said. "We're sliding off at the point of contact. We should be getting them for no or little gain, but they're making 5 yards a run sometimes."  
 A lot of players have been getting their first experience on the varsity.  
 "They're getting battle tested for the first time, some of them," Dunnam said. "I don't think it's as big a shock anymore. We should be jelling as an entire team

and should play better from here on out."  
 This Friday, the Bobcats host Abernathy for the homecoming game with pre-game activities starting at 6:45 and the kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.  
 "This week the secondary will have to step up because Abernathy likes to spread it out and throw," Dunnam said. "They do a pretty good job of mixing up the run and throw."

## Floydada downs Dimmitt 7th, 8th graders

The Dimmitt seventh grade lost to Floydada, 30-0, Thursday night. Coach Kris Knippa said Frankie Castro solidified the defense for the Bobcats.  
 The eighth-grade team also fell to Floydada, 40-6. "We had good performances out of Landon Porsch at quarterback and the eighth-grade defensive unit played well," Knippa said. "Most of the time Floydada scored because they had a short field. The defensive effort was great."

Vaccinations will be available at DMS Sept. 25

The Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Dimmitt Middle School nurses office.  
 Parents are asked to call 995-3638 ahead of time if your child requires the varicella vaccine, so they can have an ample supply available.

## Bobbies Volleyball Schedule 2003

Date	Place	Team	Time
9/23	Home	Tulia	5 p.m.
10/7	Home	Tulia	5 p.m.
10/11	Home	Tahoka	11 a.m.
10/18	There	Shallowater JV	10 a.m.
10/21	There	Tahoka	5 p.m.
10/28	Home	Shallowater	5 p.m.



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# Calendar

## Hats off to reading

Dimmitt Middle School will be taking our hats off to reading during the 2003 Scholastic Book Fair set for Sept. 22-26 in the library. Hours will be 8 a.m. through 4:15 p.m. or later each day. Monday afternoon, Sept. 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the Book Fair will be open for Parent's Night during the school-wide open house.

Everyone is invited to come and take their Hats off to Reading. There will be wide selection of new books and many other items to browse through. Cash, credit cards, Dimmitt Dollars and checks will be accepted.

## Festival set for Home Mercantile

Fall is a time for proclaiming words of wisdom, grace, and humor. On Sunday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m., the Home Mercantile will begin its fifth season by hosting a "Storytelling, Songwriting, & Poetry" Festival.

Any students or adults who wish to showcase their poems, stories or songwriting may contact Darryl Birkenfeld, Home Merc director, at 938-2529. Also, anyone who would like to recite a poem may give Darryl a call.

Three special guests will be on hand to demonstrate their craft with words and oration. Nazareth-born writer Stacy Stallings will read from one of her novels, and Joe Gillis of Levelland will perform three of his songs.

WTAMU student George Pacheco, formally of Hereford, will perform two stories, one a folk tale and another from personal experience. Along with these artists, Home Merc hopes to gather a number of local bards and yarnspinners. The event will be preceded by a potluck supper at 5 p.m. Come support these aspiring artists and enjoy a brand of entertainment as old as humanity itself!

## Band boosters sale

The Band Boosters of Dim-

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

Some of the proceeds will go toward an eighth-grade through senior band trip to New Orleans.

For more information or to make a purchase, contact Mr. Morris at DMS, 647-3108 or any band student.

## 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade to play Saturday

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Dimmitt Wildcats will play Tulia at 9 a.m. Saturday at Bobcat Stadium.

At 10:30 a.m., Saturday, the Dimmitt Hawkeyes will play Abernathy at Bobcat Stadium.

## Chili Supper set for Sept. 25 in Nazareth

Everyone is invited to attend the Home & School Chili Supper, set for 5:30 p.m. until after the Homecoming Pep Rally, Thursday, Sept. 25.

It will be held in the Nazareth Community Hall and there will be homemade chili and homemade desserts.

Price for adults is \$4 and \$3 for anyone under 12. All proceeds will benefit Nazareth schools.

## PTO-Dreams meets Monday

The PTO-Dreams organization will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 22, at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers and discuss fund-raisers for his year.

## Class of 1983 plans reunion

The class of 1983 will hold its 20-year class reunion Sept. 19-20. Anyone that was in this class is invited to attend. Activities begin at 2:30 p.m., Friday, and continue through the evening. After the football game, the class will be at the Dimmitt Country Club for

## Blow-out set for Hereford

Hereford Church of the Nazarene are looking to shake things up again this year with a back to school blow-out event.

Nazarene youth minister Pete Vargas said he hopes to attract more than 1,000 youths in grades 6-12 to the event with food, games, give-aways and some unique prizes.

"We want to get kids from Hereford, Dimmitt, Springlake Earth, Muleshoe, Vega and Friona in the doors Sept. 20," Vargas said.

Among the games to attract the students will be a basketball shootout where the winner has the chance to win a \$25,000 automobile, donated by Stevens Five-Star Chevrolet.

Retired Globetrotter Melvin Adams will be the guest speaker and 14 participants will have the opportunity to ride in a Limo Excursion and talk one-on-one with the famous basketball show-off.

"This is going to be a great evening for the kids," Vargas said. "We're going to have all kinds of fun and games. There will be free food provided by Buck's Pizza, Subway, Chick-fil-A and Keeling Cattle Feeders. There's going to be something for everybody and it's all free."

Vargas stresses that the event is going to be a safe evening for students with plenty of adult sponsors.

"We want the kids to know they can have fun without getting into trouble," Vargas said. "And we also want everyone who wants to be a part of it to come."

The Blow-out will be Saturday, Sept. 20 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

Anyone needing a ride to the event should contact Pastor Pete at 364-8303, so arrangements can be made.

everyone to come and visit. Our special guest will be Kim Vercueille, our foreign exchange student in 1983 from South Africa. She is traveling from her home in South Africa to attend.

For more information, contact Rodney Hunter at 647-5539; Greg Odom at 647-2518; Robert Murillo at 647-3358; or DeAnn Hanson at 351-0700.

## English as a second language

Classes are from 7 to 9 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday, at 115 E. Bedford in Dimmitt.

For more information, call 647-3415.

## First Fruits supper canceled

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Home Mercantile will be postponing its "First Fruits" supper and ceremony, originally scheduled for Sunday evening, Sept. 14. Instead, the event will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2.

## Adult basic education offered

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

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

## DHS Class of 1953 plans reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1953 will have a 50-year reunion this year during the annual homecoming of the school, Sept. 19-20.

The reunion will begin by meeting for the pep rally at the high school gym at 3 p.m., Friday. Those wishing to attend the football game with Abernathy at 7:30 p.m. that evening can purchase tickets at the gate at Bobcat Stadium.

The festivities will continue Saturday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m., at the Senior Citizens Building at 218 W. Jones St.

Lunch will be served at noon and the visiting will continue until that afternoon, dismissing in time for those who desire to attend the multi-class reunion at the Fifth Seasons Hotel in Amarillo. The barbecue meal will be served there at 7 p.m.

We would invite any other DHS graduates, parents or others who would like to come by the Senior Citizens to visit and renew old acquaintances to feel welcome.

For questions or suggestions, call Katy (Coke) Wright at (806) 47-4361 or Elmo Blackwell at (806) 647-5299.

## Adventure Club meets at FUMC

The First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt will be sponsoring the Adventure Club, every Tuesday, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., starting Sept. 9.

It is for kids in kindergarten through fifth-grade.

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

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

## Time to start saving boxtops, labels again

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

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

Zs and Pasta; and Prego pasta sauces. Also, UPC codes from Goldfish Crackers and lids from Pace Picante Sauce.

Boxes will be set up at or near each principal's office, so you can send the labels, etc., to school with your kids or bring them when you visit the school. Also, boxes will be at 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Muleshoe, First United Bank, Bobcat Barber Shop, Church of Christ, Headhunters, Henderson's TV, Hereford Credit Union, La Coiffures and Rhoads Memorial Library.

## Multi-class DHS reunion set for Sept. 19-20

A multi-class reunion has been scheduled for Sept. 19-20, 2003, at the Fifth Season Inn West in Amarillo.

The members of all classes of 1944 through 1960 and any others who would like to attend will be welcomed.

There will be special rates for those who call and make reservations and identify themselves with the Dimmitt HS reunion.

It will begin with snacks brought by the exes on Friday afternoon and evening.

There will be a catered barbecue on Saturday night, Sept. 20.

Price will be \$10 per plate and reservations may be made at the time of registration.

The meetings will be held in The Amarillo Room.

A brief business meeting will be held after the meal on Saturday night.

Please make plans to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

The agenda will be unstructured allowing ample time for visiting and renewing acquaintances.

For more information, call Lewis Martin at 355-7977.

## Hearts still available from Quilters

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

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

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN GAS RATES

Atmos Energy hereby gives notice of its intent to implement new gas rates for Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days. The Cities may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increase to revenue does not exceed that specified herein. It is anticipated the new rates will increase the revenues of the company by approximately \$ 7.7 million or 7.32 percent and therefore constitutes a "major change".

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Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80<sup>th</sup>, Lubbock, TX 79408-1121 or a local Atmos Energy Office nearest you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, within 30 days following the proposed effective date.

## Cotton Report

Cotton futures hit limit up for the second consecutive day on Thursday and closed at their highest level in more than two and a half years on the back of bullish supply/demand data released by USDA.

The supply/demand report, based on a field survey of crops as of Sept. 1, placed 2003-04 U.S. cotton production at 16.9 million bales, lower than the 17.1 million bales estimated in the previous month's report. The figure was slightly less than market expectations due, in part, to the department's unexpected cuts in the Southeast. Traders had expected to see an increase in production in the region to help offset the crop losses in Texas.

In addition to a shrinking U.S. crop, other supportive elements of the report included an increase of estimated U.S. exports to 12.0 million bales and the slashing of projected ending stocks by 500,000 bales to 3.8 million bales.

World production was cut more than 2.0 million bales to 93.36 million, and ending stocks also were lowered by roughly 2.0 million to 32.22 million bales. China's production was cut 1.5 million bales to 25.5 million.

The department's decrease in the Chinese cotton production figure was made before China's Ministry of Agriculture released a report this week saying it "recognized" that adverse weather will cause a reduction in the size of the country's cotton crop. According to the report, cotton lint estimates have been cut drastically. Based on the ministry's data, traders now project a Chinese crop of between 22.9 to 23.8 million bales.

"This figure, from the world's largest cotton producer and consumer, was as surprising as a shot out of the dark," said one market observer. "If the reports from China are true, this could completely reshuffle the world's supply and demand for cotton."

Other fundamental support for the market came from the prospect of damage to the U.S. crop by Hurricane Isabel which

currently is tracking across the Atlantic in a westerly direction and could be a threat to Florida and the southeastern U.S. next week.

"With the U.S. cotton crop still behind and cotton bolls open, the heavy rain Hurricane Isabel might produce would be a detriment to the yield and quality of the crop," an analyst said.

The weekly crop conditions report released by USDA demonstrated how late the U.S. crop is for this time of year. As of Sept. 7, only 35 percent of bolls were open nationwide compared with 24 percent the week before, down sharply from 49 percent last year and the five year average of 52 percent. As for the condition of the crop, 50 percent was in good to excellent condition compared with 52 percent the week before while 19 percent of the crop remains in poor to very poor shape.

In other news, USDA's weekly export report was disappointing to most in the market due to the small amount of sales concluded in the week ended Sept. 4. Net upland sales fell from a week earlier to 29,800 bales, the lowest level of the new marketing year.

Export shipments also dipped slightly to 115,400 bales. According to traders, shippers are watching the rising Step 2 rate for upland cotton and could make an effort to ship larger weekly volumes if it continues to improve.

On the spot cotton scene, activity increased considerably. Online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the five trading days ended Sept. 11 totaled 84,421 bales compared to 55,784 bales the previous week. Wednesday, more bales were sold in one day than were sold the entire previous week. A rise in the futures market allowed producers holding old-crop equities to trade at a beneficial level resulting in online sales of 59,403 bales for the day. For the week, prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 47.41 to 53.61 cents per pound versus the previous week's 47.70 to 48.98 cents per pound range.



**MEET THE 2003 DHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM** Back row, left to right, Assistant Coach Noelle Garza and Head Coach Dene Adams. Front row, left to right, Anna Brockman, Clarissa Herrera, Brandy Smith, Chelsea Buckley, Mandi Ebeling and Kristin McClure. Middle row; left to right, Isela Velo, Mindy Maxwell, Jacqui Hinsley, Darcy Fisher and Natashia Jordan. Not pictured are Carmen Pena, Jessica Arquijo and Kyla Riddle.

**Way to go Bobbies!**

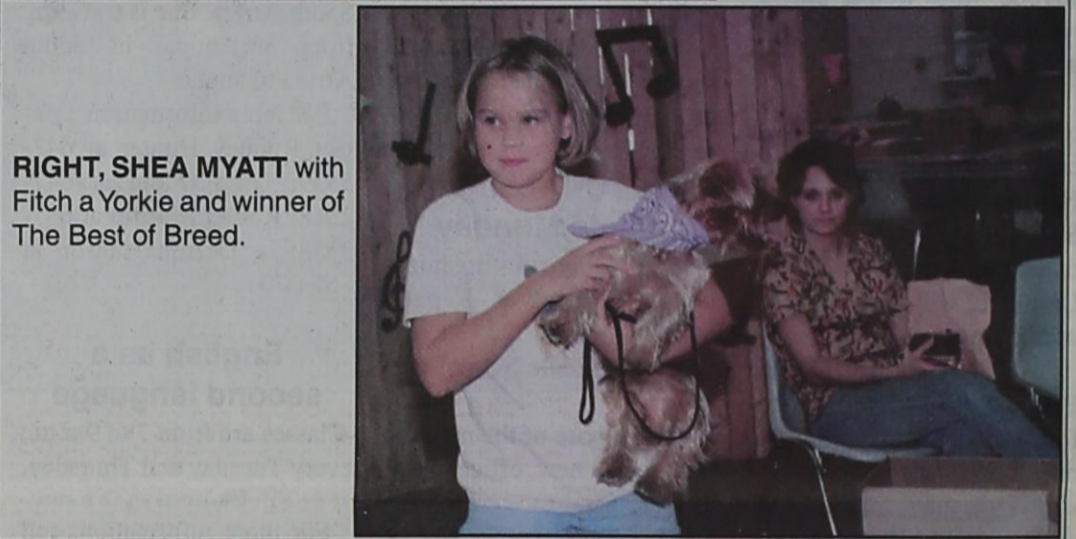
## More pet show pictures....



**LESLEY HINOJOSA**, left, along with her mother, Lisa Alvarez, center, and brother, Joshua Alvarez, right, shows off her bird, a scarlett macaw named Rainbow at the Pet Show held in conjunction with Harvest Days.



**LEFT, TAYLOR KOCH** shows off Sammydan, a standard poodle and coincidentally the winner of the Best Standard Poodle at the Pet Show.



**RIGHT, SHEA MYATT** with Fitch a Yorkie and winner of The Best of Breed.

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## The Idle American

It is way too early to suggest what best defines our new century. Anthropologists chuckle at such tomfoolery, certain that centuries are defined from the back end—not the front. Though the new century is not yet even 4 percent used up, I'm ready to start defining it. Let the naysayers bust guts if they think I'm bowing too early to gut feelings...

During these first 45 months, I think we've come down with "cram-itis" coast to coast and border to border. A majority of us are determined to crowd as much as possible into our waking moments, often with multi-tasks going concurrently.

No longer are eyebrows raised when we notice other drivers applying nail polish while driving 70 MPH in heavy traffic. To catch our eyes now, they'd have to be checking e-mail, talking on cell phones, eating jellyrolls AND applying nail polish...

Just as we have disturbed ecologies with inventions and technologies that may or may not turn out to be in our best interests, the English have turned something loose on us that will fall right into the "cram-itis" mess. When the invention gets rolling, its impact will be colossal. I refer to the Brits' new sports car, test driven earlier this month, speeding across the countryside at 100 MPH and the Thames River at 30 MPH. Yes, it is the Aquada, a sports car on the terra firma and a sports boat on the "water firma." It has no doors—this cuts down on leaks—and folks must jump over the sides to get in, like they did on "Dukes of Hazzard." Priced at \$235,000 each with 100 now in production, it can switch to cruising on water in a matter of seconds. The drive mechanism switches to a power jet to skim across the water...

And, there's the obligatory tag attached to the seat—the one about the "seat cushion being used as a flotation device..."

I can see what's about to happen, can't you? Wives, used to finding golf tees in pockets after hubbies have doggedly maintained they came straight home from the office, may now catch them feigning innocence about allegations of cruising around the lake a few times after work. Evidence will mount. "There's moss on the wheels, duck prints on the fender and a carp under the front seat," Sherlock Shirley charges...

And what about fisherpersons who already feel under siege because of "personal watercraft?" They swear that careless kids on wave-runners scare off the fish; what will they think with sports cars jetting around their fishing holes at 30 MPH? ...

Joining in the "cram-itis" parade will be traffic cops and lake patrols. I can envision them writing tickets simultaneously a few feet apart—citing the same offender. And it will send insurance people up the wall.... I know. I know. They're just making a 100. That's probably what Henry Ford said, too, trying to make horses breathe easier....

Time was, we heard about "cramming" mostly at exam time. With the newest malady, however, we may all be sucked in. I can see nights being shortened as we relentlessly try to cram more into our waking hours. We must learn, at whatever age we happen to be, from college students. They maintain that they make it by "sleeping faster..."

*Dr. and Mrs. Newbury reside in Burleson, Texas, a few miles south of senility, where he is an author/speaker/columnist. He already has a long list of "-itises."*

\*Dr. Newbury's new book, *Life by the Seat of the Pants*, his second one in as many years, is just off the press. It is humor from cover to cover, available by mail in both hardback and five-hour audio versions. Contact Cross Roads Press at 817-447-3872 (e-mail cross@speakerdoc.com) to order your copy.