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Cotton harvest? Already?



THE COUNTY'S FIRST BALE of 2000 cotton was grown by Gregg Gerber of Hart and processed Friday afternoon by Hart Producers Co-op Gin. Here, proudly showing the new bale are (from left) ginner

Jimmy Rivera, Gerber and his 3-year-old son, Troy, gin manager Rocky Wilhelm and ginner Efrain Salazar. Because of the hot, dry summer, harvest is much earlier than normal. Photo by Don Nelson

By DON NELSON

There were still a few scattered fields of corn waiting to be harvested when Hart Producers Co-op Gin turned out the county's first bale of 2000 cotton Friday afternoon.

And aerial sprayers were still applying defoliant to green cotton fields around the county when Benny Scott of Scott & Givens started stripping a 150-acre stand just northeast of Dimmitt Monday, near the city landfill.

The Castro Co-op Gin started processing the Scott & Givens cotton Tuesday morning, turning out 10 bales by midday.

It was the earliest start of a cotton harvest here in recent memory.

But it has been that weird kind of a cotton year.

"Normal" is a summer with days mostly in the 80s. But this summer had 87 days of 90+ temperatures, including 53 straight days in August and September, and five days when the mercury soared above 100.

"Normal" is 10 to 11 inches of rain from May through August. But this year, *La Niña's* weather pattern brought .95 of an inch of hope on May 26, then 6.2 inches of optimism during June—then virtually nothing

during the next two critical months: 0.43 in July and 0.15 in August. And those July and August showers evaporated from the parched soil almost as fast as they fell.

"Normal" is a first freeze about the third week of October which kills the stalks and finishes opening the bolls. But this year those constant days of 90+ highs ended abruptly Monday morning with a month-early freeze.

Gregg Gerber, who lives 2½ miles west of Hart, stripped the county's first cotton on the Popejoy property eight miles southwest of Hart.

It was 2326 Roundup-Ready variety, planted April 30 as a dryland crop on the corners of a circle of alfalfa and corn.

"It looked really good at first," Gerber said. "On July 4, I was thinking a bale an acre, but every day two or three pounds dropped off because of the lack of rain and the heat.

"It might make one-third of a bale an acre," he estimated. The first bale "was almost the whole patch," he quipped.

This is the third year in a row for the Hart Producers Co-op Gin to have the first bale, "and I believe this is the earliest first bale we've ever

ginned," gin manager Rocky Wilhelm said. "The first bale last year was on the fifth or sixth of October."

Gerber's first load had a turnout of 27.3% and produced a 494-lb. bale and 740 lbs. of seed, Wilhelm reported.

For having the first bale, Gerber gets his first module processed free.

"It's not normal to be ginning cotton while there's still corn in the field," Wilhelm acknowledged. "But this isn't a normal year. How often do you plant cotton in April?"

"I think it'll be two weeks before we really get into it," he said.

Dimmitt's first cotton "is ginning real good, with a 32.18% turnout," Castro Co-op Gin manager Randall Small reported Tuesday.

Dimmitt's first cotton was Paymaster 145 variety.

Most of the county's irrigated cotton is still maturing, and much of it is being defoliated.

"I think we've got a good crop still," said Jim Bradford of the North Gin of Dimmitt. "I think hopes for a bumper crop have dwindled down a bit, but where we have adequate water, I think we're going to see

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Laurent improving after surgery

"He has been real fortunate," Cindy Pigg of Dimmitt said about her son, Cody Laurent, 17, as he continues to show improvement after his surgery Saturday evening.

The surgery was performed by doctors at Lubbock's Covenant Health System in an effort to alleviate damage from the head injuries Laurent received in a one-vehicle crash Friday night west of Dimmitt.

Laurent was a passenger in the back of a 1991 Chevrolet pickup heading north on County Road 613 C about 3.4 miles west of Dimmitt at about 10:15 p.m.

DPS Trooper Agustin Perez reported that the driver of the pickup, Michael Shane Furr, 19, of Dimmitt, said he drove off the edge of the dirt

road coming around a curve and overcorrected, losing control of the vehicle, which spun a half turn and rolled a half turn, coming to rest on its top.

Furr was given a ticket for unsafe speed. Two passengers in the front of the pickup, Ky Kirby, 17, and Clayton Eby, 16, both of Dimmitt, were given tickets for riding unsecured by a safety belt.

Laurent was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and then transferred to Lub-

bock via helicopter.

"Anytime with head trauma, there is a risk," Pigg said. "The surgery went well and everything is fine. Cody is coming along real well."

She said he is able to recognize voices and faces and knows people when they come to see him. She reported that he is able to move and has gotten up and walked a few times.

Pigg said they do not know yet when he will get to come home.

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By Don Nelson

Mother Nature must have been reading the solar calendar.

It was uncanny how we continued to have temperatures soaring into the 90s for 53 straight days, through mid-September—and then had the temperature suddenly drop to 60 degrees on the second day of autumn and to 30 on Monday, sending most of us scurrying for our matches and thermostats.

Fall usually falls quickly and positively here, but I don't remember it ever happening quite that way before.

After going to three football games in my shirtsleeves, I find myself wondering if I really want summer to end just yet. That first freeze was a month early, you know.

For some of us, it will take some tapering off before we're ready to put away the grill.

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Bond issue public meeting set in Hart

A public meeting is set for Monday at 7 p.m. at the Golden Group Building in Hart to discuss the jail bond issue pending in Castro County.

All citizens of the county are invited to attend and ask questions about the \$3 million proposed jail and the bond election scheduled for Nov. 7.

The county commissioners and county judge will be present at the meeting to answer questions about

the project. Also, the architect for the project, Ken Burns, will attend and will give a presentation of additional information, as will Vincent Viaille, financial advisor in the bond process for the county.

A meeting of the Citizens Jail Committee is slated for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the district courtroom upstairs in the courthouse, and the public also is invited to attend that meeting.

Lions to serve barbecued beef lunch on Saturday

To promote Castro County beef, Dimmitt's Lions Club will serve barbecue lunches Saturday on the courthouse square.

The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west side of the square. Plates will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under, and carry-out plates will be available.

The menu will include barbecued

brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, bread and soft drink.

This will be the Lions' 15th annual Beef Promotion Day, staged to call attention to the importance of the beef industry to Castro County and the high quality of fed beef turned out by the county's growers and feed yards.

Grand jury issues nine indictments

The Castro County Grand Jury handed up nine indictments in its September session.

Michael Reyes, 22, of Dimmitt, was indicted for sexual assault.

Charges of indecency with a child were listed against Terrence Sherman, 21, of Dimmitt.

Maria L. Gil, 49, of Dimmitt, and Catalina Dominguez, 58, of Hart, were charged in separate indictments with tampering with government records.

Burglary of a building were the

separate charges listed against Frankie Cortez, 18, Richard Gonzales Jr., 18, and Juan Guerrero, 19, all of Hart.

Rafael Villareal, 27, of Dimmitt was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Charges of forgery were listed against Daisy Cortez, 19, of Hereford.

Issuance of an indictment is not an indication of guilt. All accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Pray for rain!

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday ...	71	42	
Friday	84	48	
Saturday	93	46	
Sunday	60	45	Tr.
Monday	57	30	
Tuesday	68	30	
Wednesday ..	80	37	

September Moisture 0.00
2000 Moisture 11.61

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



FIRST BALES AT CASTRO CO-OP GIN TUESDAY MORNING ... Produced by Scott & Givens on land just northeast of Dimmitt

City warns of rogue air-conditioning firms

At least three Dimmitt residents have been victimized by unlicensed air conditioning contractors recently, according to Karen Hutson, secretary at the City of Dimmitt Works Dept.

Hutson said local electricians have filed for city permits on that number of air conditioning/heating system installations, but no permits were obtained for the air conditioning portion of the jobs.

A central heat/air installation requires city permits for the electrical, plumbing and air conditioning aspects of the project. Also, the city

building inspector must inspect the work when it is completed to make sure it complies with city codes.

Hutson said it is feared that the non-permitted operators may be part of the rogue air conditioning and heating contractors who have been targeting Hispanic homeowners throughout the state, as reported by the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

"These contractors frequently offer inappropriate and oversized air conditioning systems while charging an exorbitant rate," information from

the TDLR said.

Hutson gave the example that victims of the unscrupulous contractors may be charged \$8,000 for a \$4,000 system.

Marvin Byars of the Code Enforcement Dept. of the City of Amarillo, said that the consumers are then helped to apply for a credit card to cover the purchase, along with a hefty interest rate.

"They are really taking advantage of the unsuspecting," Byars said. "I know they have hit here in Amarillo,

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Commissioners express interest in state property

The Castro County Commissioners met last Thursday morning for a regular meeting that had been rescheduled from Sept. 25.

The Texas Highway Dept. sent a letter to the commissioners asking that they state any interest they might have in purchasing the former location of the highway department on the east edge of Dimmitt.

The department asked for a commitment to pay the appraisal price of the property, but no price was mentioned. The commissioners expressed

interest in the property, but wanted to know the price before making any firm commitment.

The location has about six acres of land and a large building.

In another matter, the commissioners agreed to submit three names to the US Justice Dept. as minority community contacts on the jail bond issue, with one other name to be submitted after confirmation of willingness to serve. Those submitted are Gwen Lewis, Ruthie Thomas and Mary Ann Rodriguez. The Justice

Dept. requested two blacks and two Hispanics. The contact persons do not have to be in favor of the bond issue to serve.

In the open forum portion of the meeting, the commissioners were reminded of the public meeting concerning the jail bond issue that will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Hart at the Golden Group Building.

Also, another meeting of the Citizens Jail Committee will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the district courtroom upstairs in the courthouse.

VFW is sponsoring scholarship contest

Commander Don Howell of VFW Post 8056 in Dimmitt has announced the start of this year's VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy scholarship contest.

Students in our local area have the opportunity to compete in the 54th annual essay contest and win valuable scholarships and awards.

Interested students should write and then record a three- to five-minute audio/essay while expressing their view of the patriotic theme "What Price Freedom?"

All state winners will receive at least a \$1,000 scholarship, but could win the \$25,000 first-place award. A total of \$139,500 in national scholarships are awarded to student national finalists.

The deadline for student entry is Nov. 1.

According to Howell, the students achieve much more when they participate in Voice of Democracy.

Additional benefits for students include increased self confidence and pose, experience in polishing communication skills and the opportunity for self-expression. Students that advance to become their state's first-place winner are given the opportunity to expand their knowledge of our nation's capitol city during a full, four-day tour of Washington, D.C., plus the chance to meet and befriend students from every state.

During the many years that the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with Voice of Democracy, more than seven million high school students have participated.

"Young people who participate in the contest benefit by gaining a better understanding of their country, their freedoms and their obligation to America," Howell said.



RIBBON CUTTING FOR COMPUTER SOLUTIONS was held Monday morning at the business's new location, 220 N. Broadway in Dimmitt. Those attending the ceremony included (front, from left) Jim Baker, Jamie Mendoza's father; Fred Bruegel, her uncle; owners Jamie (holding daughter Brenna) and Frank Mendoza; Lorraine Mendoza, Frank's

sister-in-law; Elida Dozal, Frank's sister (holding on to the Mendozas' older daughter, Reagan); Carl Bruegel (wearing hat), Jamie's uncle; and pressed into service to hold the other end of the ribbon is Jamie Tucker, sister-in-law of Virgil Feinsod (to her right). Photo by Linda Maxwell

New Dimmitt postmaster hopes to become active in community

Meeting new people and being able to interact with people is what attracted Karen Martin to pursuing a career with the US Postal Service, and now she's interacting with people in Dimmitt.

Martin is the new postmaster for Dimmitt, having taken over duties in the local office on Sept. 9.

"I'm a people person. I enjoy interacting with people and that's one of the things I really like about this job," Martin said.

Martin is the former Karen Schlabs from Hereford, and she is a graduate of Hereford High School. She also attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

She is married to Lance Martin, who is employed by Deaf Smith County as a road maintenance worker in Pct. 1, and the couple have three children—18-year-old Shyla, 16-year-old Tyler and 10-year-old Blake.

Martin started her career with the US Postal Service in 1991 as a city carrier in Hereford. In 1996 she worked as a city carrier in Muleshoe for six months.

She was promoted to delivery supervisor in September 1996 and worked at the Jordan Station in Amarillo. She became a retail supervisor at Jordan Station in September 1997, then transferred to the North Carrier Section in Amarillo, where she also served as delivery supervisor.

She worked as the acting postmaster in Muleshoe for a period before returning to Amarillo as a retail supervisor at the Lone Star Station.

Martin has been working as Dimmitt postmaster since Sept. 9.

"Dimmitt is a great community," Martin said. "Everybody has been friendly and helpful. The Dimmitt



Karen Martin

Post Office has really good window clerks and staff. They're all very personable and they try and help people. There are a lot of new services the US Postal Service is now offering and they can help you with all of those."

Martin said she plans on conducting route checks over the next week or so in an effort to provide more efficient service to the community, "so if you see a carrier who is being followed, don't call the police," she said.

"It's really difficult being a city carrier. They encounter all kinds of obstacles they must overcome, not just the weather, dogs, etc."

One of the changes which will soon be implemented at the local post office is installation of a new computer system that will sort letters in walk sequence for the carriers. Martin said she hopes to have that program going by November or December.

Students put plans in motion for Nazareth Homecoming

Nazareth students will be wearing their pajamas, clothing from decades past, bright-colored outfits and more next week as Homecoming 2000 gets underway at NHS.

Monday has been designated as "Pajama Day," Tuesday will be "Crayola Day" and Wednesday has been named "Oldies Day."

Next Thursday, Oct. 5, students will wear blue and gold to show their school spirit. On Friday, Oct. 6, dress-up day has been planned.

On Tuesday evening at 6:30, the students will form teams and compete in a variety of "relay" events—Practically Nearly Everything.

The annual Homecoming Pep

Rally and coronation of the 2000 Spirit royalty will be held next Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Swift Field.

Prior to the pep rally, the Home and School Association will sponsor a chili supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal will continue after the pep rally.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned Friday during pre-game festivities at Swift Field. Kickoff in the Nazareth-Claude football game is slated for 7:30 p.m., so the coronation will begin sometime between 7 and 7:30.

At halftime of the football game, the Swift Band will crown its queen and king for 2000.

Police Calls

A 15-year-old Dimmitt youth told police Monday at 12:29 a.m. that a 27-year-old Hereford man had struck a Dimmitt woman on the face and body with his fist in an incident of assault/bodily injury. Then at 1:38 a.m., the woman reported that the suspect had taken her vehicle without her consent. The 1991 Honda Accord was involved in a one-vehicle roll-over about two miles west of Dimmitt.

DPS Trooper Keith Smith said the suspect had been driving west on FM 2392 and missed the first curve

about two miles west of town. The vehicle went through the curve and rolled two and a half times.

Smith said the driver was intoxicated. He was injured and was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he was transferred to an Amarillo hospital, with injuries to his wrist and arm. The vehicle had very heavy damage, according to Smith.

The man was given citations for DWI, first offense, no seat belt and no driver's license.

On Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m., police received a report about a 33-year-old Dimmitt woman who had kicked in the door to a motel room. Then at 7:40 p.m., the woman, who had been warned to stay away from the motel, returned and was arrested for criminal trespass of a habitation. Saturday at 1:49, the woman was jailed for public intoxication.

Last Thursday, some suspects were arrested for disorderly conduct after they had been fighting in the hallway at Dimmitt Middle School.

Ned Swink, manager of Tam Anne Feeders, told deputies Sept. 20 that someone had taken an all-terrain vehicle valued at \$4,600 and a welder lead cable, of undetermined value, from the feedlot sometime before Sept. 18. He told deputies he thought neighbors or business partners may have borrowed the property, but when he discovered this was not the case, he reported the theft.

Steve Nutt told deputies Sept. 19 that someone damaged the paint on his new pickup truck. No estimate was given on the damage.

Johnny Aguero of Dimmitt told police last Thursday that someone damaged the back left side window of his 1968 Dodge Charger, estimating the damage at \$400.

An employee of Dimmitt Market told police Friday morning that an unknown suspect had forged a check and passed it at the store.

A 66-year-old Dimmitt woman complained to police about phone harassment last Thursday. She said that an unknown male person keeps calling her.

Sept. 20, a Dimmitt man, 52, was jailed for public intoxication.

Saturday at 10:09 p.m. a 28-year-old Bovina man was jailed for DWI after he was stopped for a traffic offense.

Jailed on warrants during the past week were:

—Sept. 19, a Dimmitt man, 26, on warrants for aggravated assault/serious bodily injury and for driving with license suspended; and a 24-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for theft

—Saturday, a Dimmitt woman, 23, on a Hale County warrant for theft by check over \$500 and under \$1,500; and on a Castro County warrant for theft over \$20 and under \$500.

—Sunday, a 19-year-old Dimmitt woman on a warrant for no driver's license.

Jail Count
As of Tuesday morning there were 13 prisoners in the county jail, with another three farmed out. Recently revised figures show that in 1999-2000 the cost of housing an inmate in-county was \$60.64 per inmate per day, while the "farmed out" rate was \$81.41, including

transportation, for a difference of \$20.77 per day. The three farmed out inmates cost the county an additional \$62.31 per day, or \$436.17 per week.

Last Thursday evening, a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Fred Emanuel Curtis, 71, of Farwell, backed into a 1995 Lincoln Town Car driven by Bette Alverson White, 69, of Dimmitt. Both vehicles were in the drive-up at Mr. Burger, when the Suburban began backing up and struck the front of the Lincoln, causing light damage to the Lincoln and no damage to the Suburban. No injuries were reported. Curtis told police he thought White was honking to make him hurry up, rather than warning him not to back up any further. He said he did not feel the impact and thought nothing of it and left the scene. White gave the license number of the Suburban to police who located Curtis.

CORRECTION: A semi-tractor-trailer rig stopped recently near Bovina held \$2.6 million in cash, not drugs, as was reported in last week's issue of the News. The News regrets the error.

Comments still accepted on draft water plan

Area residents are reminded that the draft version of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan is available for viewing or downloading, from the planning group's web site at www.llanoplan.org.

"Printed copies of the draft version of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan are available for public inspection at the county clerk's office and a public library in each of the 21 counties within the water planning group area," said A. Wayne Wyatt, chairman. "The same information, along with an executive summary of the plan, is available in PDF format on the regional water planning group web page."

A public hearing to receive comments about the contents of the draft plan was scheduled for Tuesday in Lubbock.

Written comments concerning the plan will be accepted through Oct. 31 and should be directed to A. Wayne Wyatt, Chairman of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499.

Letter Reader agrees with Doss letter

Dear Editor:
I would like to voice a hearty "AMEN" to Charles Doss's letter in the Sept. 7 issue of *The Castro County News*, and I would like to add a comment about the front page article in the following week's paper, "Jail bond vote set."

Everyone has rights except America's hard-working, law-abiding, taxpaying citizens who must pay even higher taxes to assure that those who are none of the above can be detained in nothing but the best while they wait to be tried and released, also at taxpayers' expense.

I propose we make their stay so uncomfortable that they choose to exercise their RIGHT not to make a practice of doing things that put them there to start with.

JEAN LUNS福德
Russellville, Ark.

Last Puzzle Solution

MS telecast will be Oct. 18

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will host a satellite telecast of the society's National Education Conference Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. at Amarillo College in the Business and Industry Center.

The broadcast will be interactive, allowing those attending the opportunity to ask questions of leading MS research experts. Those interested in attending may call the Panhandle Chapter of the society at (806)468-7500 for details.

The program also will be simulcast on the society's web site at www.nmss.org.

The theme of the education conference is "MS Research—2000 and Beyond."

Area people with MS or others interested in the research being done in regard to multiple sclerosis are

invited to attend.

Those unable to attend the group viewing at AC can access it on the society's web site. In order to view the program, however, some free software is needed, which may be downloaded from the site ahead of time. Also, web viewers may submit questions for the presenters by e-mail either before or during the program.

The broadcast will be archived on the web site and can be viewed in its entirety for several months, although questions will not be accepted after the live program ends.

MS is a chronic and often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms can range from mild, such as numbness or blurred vision, to severe, such as paralysis or blindness. The symptoms are unpredictable and they come and go without warning.

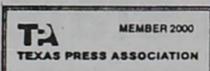
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- Didrikson
- residents of TX's Wortham World of Primates
- TXism: "whipper snappers"
- TX Audie Murphy's "To Hell ___ Back"
- tenting location in Palo Duro Canyon
- oozy area in TX's Big Thicket
- TXism: "spinning like ___ vane in a whirlwind"
- Dallas' ___ Thornton Freeway
- Bertram's Oatmeal Festival has ___ -Thon race
- TXism: two-bit ___ (poor horse)
- seat of Young Co.
- town in NE Fort Bend Co.
- direction to Austin from Abilene
- King Ranch worker
- academic period at 53-across
- Houston & Dallas try to reverse urban ___
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- strike breakers
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- snow riders
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- Gov. 1894-98: ___ Culberson
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- chicken-fried steak, potatoes & okra
- TXism: "never ___ hungry pit bull"
- TXism: "___ on his own two feet"
- ex-Cowboy Holt (init.)
- ___-gallon hat
- white or black board feature
- radioactive material at Amarillo's Pantex
- Yellowstone's "Old Faithful"
- this Kennedy starred with TX Chiles in "Creepshow 2" (init.)
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- Santa ___ refuge
- TX Bonnie & Clyde bank caper
- TXism: "it belongs to me ___ bank"
- "Elissa" is ___ in Galveston Bay
- TXism: "chew the ___" (talk)
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- school that beat A&M in '93 bowl
- TX-born Freeman was ___ Hall on "One Life to Live"
- TXism: "I'll ___ your hide!"
- TXism: "head rug"
- Fort Worth's Amon ___ Museum

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

On Wednesday morning the cold north wind that "Doppler Dave" had promised came right through Dimmitt. My first thought was, "The humming birds have probably gone South for the Winter!"

But Wednesday was "See You at the Pole Day" and I was meeting J.R. Cano, a student at Wayland University, across the street from the school yard to pray.

J.R. has just accepted the position as youth and music director at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Dimmitt. He drove over to support the students as they gathered to pray. He said the temperature in Plainview was warm...he came dressed in walking shorts and a thin shirt. A hardy group of students gathered to pray

even though the weather was not comfortable.

I was a little late getting back to bird watching, but I was pleasantly surprised to see at least three little hummers filling their tummies at our feeders. The cool temperatures seemed to spur those little creatures to a grand finale for this season. All day long they fed, chased each other and played as V.C. and I sat in our comfortable chairs that we keep turned to the pictures windows and watched the birds perform.

Jo Parks and her mother, Elli Miller, of Tupelo, Mississippi met Jo's brother, Waymon and Jerry Tutor in Stephen, Arkansas to reno-

vate Jerry's home there. Jerry is in poor health and the three other family members came to help him give his house a face lift.

The family made plans to paint, lay carpet, repair where repairs were needed and decorate with new curtains, etc. They worked together and enjoyed visiting, eating the home cooked meals the ladies provided and admiring the work as it progressed.

Two weeks later the project was completed. It's good to have plans come together...and Jerry? He must surely feel better.

Jerry and Delores Heller were part of another family trip that was fun. Jerry, Delores and Jerry's dad, Everette, his brother Gary and Gary's wife Rhonda Heller drove to Meadville, Ma to the 50th wedding anniversary of Caryol and Mary Stelplugh. These are Jerry's aunt and uncle. Their reception was on Sunday and Delores reports that the weather there was also hot and dry, but even so the family week end trip was a good one.

Myrtle Lois Moran has been to Atlanta Ga. to see her daughter, Pat, and son-in-law Terry Tanner. The three of them traveled from Atlanta to Columbia S.C. to join Terry's, son Jamine. He was hosting a birthday party for his grandmother, Mrs. Bill Horn. Jamine is a N.B.C. weatherman in Columbia.

Myrtle Lois has three grandchildren who've lived in Dallas most of their lives, but are now students at Texas A & M. These are children of Scott and Sharon Moran. Jake is a senior, Allison is a junior and also the Aggie Men's Club sweetheart this year. Angela is a Freshman.

Rala Byrnes, Michelle Garcia, Matt Sims and his mother Glenda had a weekend in Las Vegas, Nevada to celebrate Michelle and Glenda's birthdays.

Rala is the daughter of Stan and Jackie Byrnes. She teaches business classes in New Deal High School and has just moved into a new home in Lubbock.

Michelle is the daughter of Paul and Ortensia Garcia of Dimmitt. She roams with Rala and works at the cosmetic counter in one of the largest department stores in South Plains Mall.

Matt is the son of Dr. James Sims

of Dimmitt and is an accountant in West Las Angeles, Calif. Matt's mother, Glenda has retired from the Dimmitt Independent School District and lives in Midland, Texas.

These four people visited the casinos, enjoyed the bright lights and treated Glenda to her first big roller coaster ride. She survived and enjoyed it.

Merle Arthur celebrated her birthday by taking a trip to Eagle Nest, New Mexico with her daughters, Gwen Bryant of Dimmitt and Jo Wilson of Fritch. Merle's nephew Jim Lemons and his wife Thelma of Ft. Worth joined them there.

Jim and Merle went fishing with a fishing guide who is not only an excellent guide, but a good friend. He knew right where the fish were and how to get them on the hook. They caught their limit of rainbow trout. The guide refused pay for making her birthday so special. This was his present to her.

Speaking of birthdays. I think my daughter, Susan Owens would deem me ungrateful if I didn't say something about the very special luncheon she hosted for me during my birthday week. Nine of us gathered at the Hereford Country Club for a chicken salad and fruit plate luncheon. This was completed with hot apple pie and ice cream for desert.

We played Hand and Foot (card game), shared funny stories and sentimental birthday cards. Those attending were Ronni Ewing, Susan Owens of Hereford, Carolyn Jones, Martha Jo Hyman, Doris Flynt, Delores Heller and Carole Hopson of Dimmitt, Cindy Lee of Hart and me. Birthdays aren't so bad...if they just didn't make you so old!

Merle Arthur and I had as our guest for the first meeting of this season Republican Organization for Women's Club, Kitty Baily. Kitty and her husband, Jim, have moved here from Rio Vista, a place near Cleburne. They lived in Friona for 22 years before retiring and have now moved to Dimmitt to be near their daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Cary Jackson. Scott and Shawn Jackson Sheffy are their grandchildren. Since the Baileys have moved here, grandchildren Kris and Sharla Jackson Knippa have joined them and Kris is a Middle School teacher and coach. They are parents of 20

month old Kamri. It's fun to tell about new people coming to Dimmitt and former Dimmitt people moving back here.

Loyd and Jane Vaughan enjoyed the summer. First, they took a cruise liner to Alaska with former Dimmitt residents Glenn McKinney and his wife Margaret of Canyon. They boarded ship at Vancouver B.C. They sailed through a narrow passageway to Skagway. On the return trip they made side trips to Juneau, Ketchikan and Haines. Their favorite place was Juneau. Ketchikan is the salmon capital of the world and the Mendenhall Glacier was very interesting. Haines is home to many totem poles.

They boarded a train out of the White Pass and Yukon Route Railway Station.

The country was very beautiful. While on the boat they spotted four whales swimming along behind them. They saw whales and eagles, but no bears. The weather was warm...just like Texas.

When they returned home they were hosts to many out of town guests. This completed a delightful summer for the Vaughans.

The Dr. Leon Joplins attended a medical conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Their daughter, Courtney, and her friend, Dale Cooper, went along for the fun part of the trip. Dale attends Levelland College and Courtney is a student at Texas Tech.

Dr. Joplin took full advantage of being in Nashville, the country and western musical capital of the world. He has written several songs and at the suggestion of Wayland Hazel, music minister at First Baptist Church, decided to have some of the music recorded.

Upon Wayland's recommendation Leon chose this recording studio

to make the tape. It wasn't on the map, it didn't have a name, and it was about seven miles from downtown Nashville. When they finally located the place, it was just a house and the place to make the recordings was in the basement.

They were shown the way downstairs. There they found five guys with old guitars. Dr. Joplin became a little "leery," but he followed through with the plan, and handed his music to them. While the five musicians were looking at the music and checking out its possibilities, Dr. Joplin looked closely at a picture on the studio wall. It was a picture of Ronnie Milsap and the five guys that were there to tape his songs!

He began to relax after that. He learned that the recording crew was Ronnie Milsap's musicians that travel with Ronnie, but make recordings when they're not traveling.

They recorded three original songs for him. Dr. Joplin is the vocalist and the songs are, "By the Power of the Lord", "O Holy One", and "Jesus, I Have Heard."

Wayne Collins of KDHN Dimmitt has been playing Dr. Joplin's songs around 8 or 8:15 every morning.

Dr. Joplin feels that the Lord is leading him to form a Christian band, and that is what he is doing. Tammy Griffith will be singing, Manuel Saenz will play lead guitar, Jason Birkenfeld of Tulia, drums, Wayland Hazel, piano and singing some. Troy Wood, base guitar. LJohnna Patterson, guitar. Bobby Thomas writes original sacred songs and will be collaborating with Dr. Joplin on others. The group has scheduled a concert soon at a local church. Watch for the announcements.

There will be a return trip to Nashville in December to do more taping. We will be looking forward to hearing this good music. You be on the lookout for the time and place.

Health fair will feature flu shots, screenings

A delayed shipment of the flu vaccine has pushed back the Castro County Health Fair to November, but the annual event will still feature a wide range of health screenings as well as the flu vaccinations.

The seventh annual health fair will be held Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens' Center.

This year's health fair will include

blood pressure screening, cholesterol and blood sugar screenings along with a PSA screening for prostate cancer. Bone density screenings also will be offered, along with hearing screenings.

Many other services, screenings and information will be offered during the fair.

The public is invited to attend.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

What a drastic change overnight from summer to winter! Where did autumn go?

Many parents of our cross country team followed them to Amarillo early Saturday morning to attend their meet. The Swiftettes won first place as a team in their division.

Tami Williams and children of Rose, Okla., recently spent a weekend here in Nazareth with her cousin, Father Peter Otto. Also visiting him is his cousin, Kimi Parker of Redding, Calif.

Florene Leinen was honored on her 80th birthday Sunday afternoon at the home of her nephew and his wife, Terry and Belinda Hill of Dimmitt. The party was hosted by her children and their spouses, Dale and Donna Leinen of Oklahoma City, Okla., Kathy and Bob Warnke of Virginia, and Shirley and Darrell Pope of Florida; and their seven grandchildren.

Also present were Florene's sisters, Vi Pohlmeier of Tulia, Jean Bell of Granbury, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Dolores Heiman and Virgie Gerber, all of Nazareth.

Many nieces, nephews and friends filled the spacious home of Terry and Belinda for the celebration.

Karen Gerber, Bev Hill, Sandee Hoelting, Tricia Rose and Virgie Gerber helped Donna Charanza celebrate her birthday in Amarillo Sunday evening.

They enjoyed going through a tour of new homes, one of which was built by Stephen Wilhelm, former Nazareth resident. It was very enjoyable.

They attended the movie "Patriot," which really gives you something to think about.

Handweavers' Guild to meet

The Palo Duro Handweavers' Guild will hold its monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.

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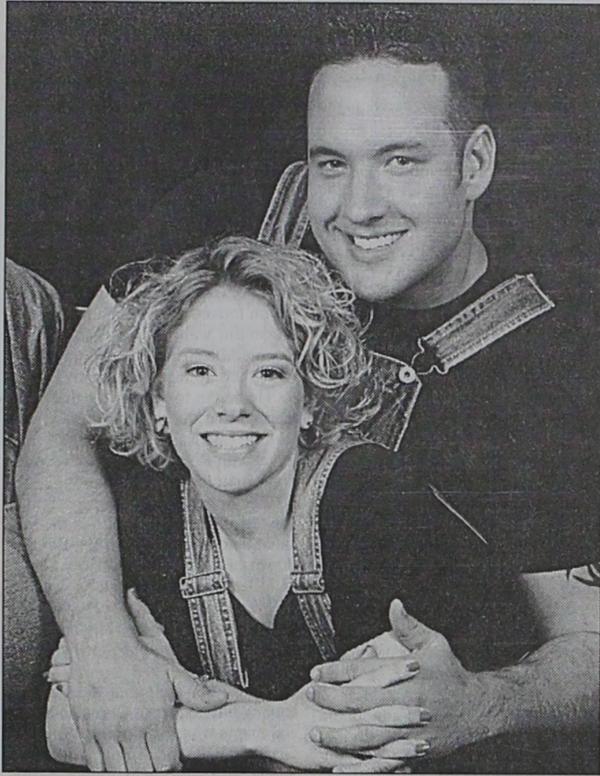
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People



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN MATTHEW DOWLING
... She's the former Rachel Dawn Goldsmith

Couple recite wedding vows Sept. 10 in candlelight ceremony

Rachel Dawn Goldsmith and Steven Matthew Dowling were married Sept. 10.

The couple exchanged vows at Texas Woman's University gardens in a candlelight ceremony performed by Brady Bryce, associate minister at Singing Oaks Church of Christ in Denton.

The bride wore a floor-length champagne-colored A-line empire dress with overskirt and a sheer detachable train that cascaded from the back shoulders. The dress was trimmed and accented with pearls.

She carried a cascading bouquet of magnolias.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Deborah Goldsmith of Dimmitt. She is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She recently graduated *cum laude* from Texas Woman's University with a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders.

The groom is the son of Kim Brice of Oklahoma City, Okla. He graduated from Westmoore High School in Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1994. He served in the US Marine Corps from 1994-98. He is currently a sophomore at North Texas University in Denton.

If you stand with your back to the source and your face to the mouth of a river, the left bank will be on your left and the right bank on your right.

To remove fish odor from your hands, wash them with either herb vinegar or a thin slice of lemon, then rinse your hands.

Sanders to conduct county spelling bee

Don Sanders, principal of Hart Elementary School, has been named as Castro County's spelling bee director and he will conduct the county leg of the national spelling bee.

The 2001 regional spelling bee will be held on the West Texas A&M University campus on April 7, 2001, and the deadline for reporting county champions to Jeane Bartlett, spelling bee editor of the *Amarillo Globe News*, will be March 24, 2001.

One change has been made in the standard rules. A contestant cannot be in a grade higher than the eighth before February 1, 2001. The old rule stated "a grade higher than the eighth by the date of the national finals."

All of the other rules remain the same. The contest is open to students in public, private, parochial, charter and home schools. There must be at least five participants in a home school elimination. A student cannot be older than 16 by the date of the national finals (May 27, 2001).

The *Amarillo Globe News*-WTAMU bee offers two levels of competition. The junior bee is for students in grades five and below. The senior bee is for grades eight and below.

Any director has the option of combining the two levels if he or she so chooses; however, each county can have only one representative in the regional bee. Each county is free to select a junior winner in addition to the senior champion, but the elementary grade student will not compete at the regional level unless he or she should win the senior county championship.

Both the county junior winner and senior winner will be guests of the *Amarillo Globe News* at a luncheon preceding the regional competition on April 7.

The top award, given by the *Amarillo Globe News*, will be an all-expense paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., where the 2001 area champion will represent the sponsors in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, beginning May 27, 2001.

The 2001 issue of "Paideia," is a collection of over 3,500 words grouped in 29 categories at three difficulty levels—beginning, intermediate and advanced. The price of the booklet is \$1 and it is available from the Human Resources Dept. at *Amarillo Globe News*.

Shower fetes Dawn Mayne

Dawn Mayne, bride-elect of Scott Stahl, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Connie Merritt.

The serving table featured country baskets in an autumn arrangement. Refreshments included pound cake, fresh fruit and punch.

The hostesses assisting with the shower presented the honoree with several pieces from her dinnerware selections and a Kitchenaid mixer.

Out-of-town guests attending the shower were Pam and Norm Mayne of Los Alamos, N.M., parents of the bride-elect; Paige and Jake Patrick of Carrollton, the bride-elect's children; Dave and Carol Brown of Los Alamos, cousins of the bride-elect; Stacy Grey of Fort Worth, sister of the prospective groom; Teresa Webb of Lewisville, the bride-elect's maid of honor; and Chara Beniah of Colorado Springs, Colo., grandmother of the prospective groom.



MR. AND MRS. CASEY WADE EPPERSON
... nee Jamie Beall Reeve

Reeve and Epperson exchange vows on Aug. 21 at Lake Tahoe

Jamie Beall Reeve and Casey Wade Epperson exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 21 at Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Don and LaVon Reeve of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt. Her grandparents

are Allo Reeve of Friona and the late Glenn Reeve; and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Flemming of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt.

Parents of the groom are Sherry Epperson of Newcastle and Rick Epperson of Fort Worth.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL
It's a boy for Johnny and Marisol Marmolejo of Dimmitt. Their son was born at 7:15 a.m. on Sept. 12 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighs 7 lbs., 1.6 ozs., measures 21 inches long and has been named Aaron Jeremiah Marmolejo. He has two older siblings, including Monique Marmolejo and Johnny Marmolejo III. Paternal grandparents are Guadalupe Marmolejo of Seminole and Juan Marmolejo of Floydada. Maternal grandparents are Abel and Lydia Vargas of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Paula Marmolejo of Lubbock.

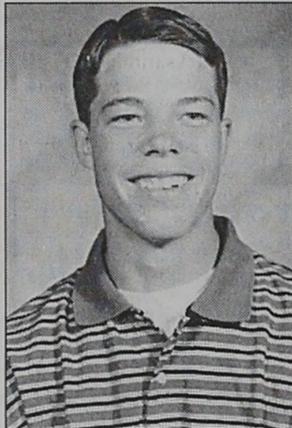
Birkenfeld is 'commended' in National Merit program

Mark J. Birkenfeld, a senior at Nazareth High School, has been named a "Commended Student" in the 2001 National Merit Scholarship Program.

NHS Principal Deborah J. Clinton will present him with a letter of commendation from the school and from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Some 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise, according to NMSC. Although they will not continue in the competition for merit scholarship awards to be offered next spring, commended students placed among the top 5% of more than 1 million students who entered the 2001 Merit Program by taking the 1999 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by the performance in the very competitive Merit Program," said a spokesperson for NMSC. "In a nation that values excellence, it is important to publicly recognize the attainments of scholastically talented



Mark Birkenfeld

young people and the schools that nurture their development.

"We hope this recognition will help broaden the educational opportunities of commended students and serve as encouragement to all students to develop their abilities to the fullest."

Carolyn Jenkins honored at DMS

Carolyn Jenkins was named the student of the week for the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring at Dimmitt Middle School.

Carolyn is the daughter of Philip and Marilyn Jenkins, and she was born Jan. 25, 1991, in Tulia.

Her favorite book is *Magic School Bus*, her favorite food is pizza and her favorite animal is a dog.

She is a good bike rider, but wishes she were better at art. She said she admires and respects her parents.

What she likes about DMS is Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring, and when she grows up she wants to be a teacher.

DHS group plans 20-year reunion this week

Dimmitt High School's Class of 1980 will hold its 20-year reunion Friday and Saturday.

The group will attend the DHS Homecoming pep rally at 3 p.m. Friday, then plans to enjoy the FCCLA Homecoming barbecued supper at the DHS cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.

The class will attend the Homecoming football game between Dimmitt and River Road Friday at 7:30 p.m. Class members are asked to report to the west ticket booth at Bobcat Stadium for tickets to the game.

After the game, a get-together will be held at Country Club of Dimmitt.

On Saturday afternoon the class will meet at Hereford Country Club to enjoy a catered supper and dance.

Wesley UMC plans Dec. 2 art, craft festival

The Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford will host its 20th annual festival of arts and crafts on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford.

Only a limited number of booths are available and applications will be screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications can be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford 79045; or by calling (806) 364-0774.

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MAMMOTH ELEPHANT PERFORMERS
... Will raise big top, be featured in show, circus on Oct. 8
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Endangered species shows to be featured at circus Oct. 8

An endangered species show featuring the two largest members of the Culppeper and Merriweather Circus family, African elephants "Barbara" and "Connie" will be the first event on Oct. 8 in conjunction with a special circus presentation in Dimmitt. Sponsored by the Dimmitt Lions Club, the Culppeper and Merriweather Circus will bring the "Big Top" to Dimmitt for two performances on Oct. 8, one at 2 p.m. and the other at 4. The circus will be held at Southeast Fourth and Stinson Streets in Dimmitt, just north of the Expo Building.

The endangered species show will be a special free performance at 10 a.m. on Oct. 8.

The idea for the 45-minute endangered species show came from the circus company's desire to introduce these magnificent animals and their amazing intelligence to the public.

Staff members will present information about the disappearance of wildlife habitat that ironically has made these animals an overpopulated endangered species.

Details about the care they receive at Culppeper and Merriweather Cir-

cus, including hygiene, grooming and veterinary attention, are discussed.

The actual circus performance will also feature elephants, along with clowns, aerialists and all the magic of the traditional circus.

Featured in the past on National Geographic's Explorer television series, Entertainment Tonight, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *Arizona Highways* magazine, the one-ring circus will provide 1-1/2 hours of entertainment at each performance.

The big top will be erected with elephant power and the public is invited to watch the tent raising at about 9 a.m. on Oct. 8. The endangered species show will follow the tent raising.

Advance tickets for the circus performances are on sale at businesses in Dimmitt or can be obtained by calling 647-2524. Prices for advance tickets are \$5 for children 12 and young and \$7 for adults.

On the day of the circus, tickets will be \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.

Historical storytellers to present program Oct. 15 in Nazareth

Comanche Moon, a historical presentation through song and storytelling, will be presented at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth on Sunday evening, Oct. 15.

The evening will begin a potluck dinner at 6, followed by the program at 7 p.m. A \$10 donation per person is being requested for those attending the evening's meal and entertainment.

Comanche Moon will feature singer-songwriter Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock, Llano Estacado historian J. Michael Harter of Amarillo and Native American storyteller Eldrena Douma of Canyon.

The theme *Comanche Moon* conjures up images of the fall period on the Llano Estacado when Comanches would complete the buffalo hunting and head southwest to the Chisos Mountains of the Big Bend country for a little recreation. They would then ride on into Mexico to conduct some raiding.

About the same time, Comanchero

traders would be out on the Llano to hunt buffalo and trade with Plains Indians in the canyons along the eastern Caprock Escarpment.

In the latter third of the 19th Century, Anglo ranchers and cowboys became a third culture that would briefly interact with the other two cultures and leave an imprint on this landscape with their own fall rituals of work and festival.

Comanche Moon will be a telling of this unique history in a creative, entertaining program.

Wilkinson will glean songs and poetry from the entire repertoire of his work, telling the story of Hispanic laborers, Native Americans and members of the cowboy "tribe."

Interspersed with the songs will be Native American stories of harvest by Douma, plus Comanchero cultural geography and history anecdotes from Harter.

For more information about the event, contact Lydia R. Villanueva with The Promised Land Network, sponsor of the event, at 364-4445.

BSA sets grief support group

BSA Hospice is offering a grief education and support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. The program is offered free of charge to residents of Amarillo and surrounding communities, as well as to families who have been served by BSA Hospice.

Attendees can choose from either afternoon or evening group sessions. Each group will meet for six consec-

utive weeks. The evening group will begin Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and the afternoon group will start Wednesday (Oct. 4) from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the den at the BSA Hospice building, 600 N. Tyler, one block south of Amarillo Blvd. For more information or to pre-register, call 212-8777.

Trumpet standout opens Plainview Community Concert series Oct. 5

Trumpet virtuoso Joe Burgstaller will give a special concert in Plainview on Oct. 5 to open the 56th season of Plainview Community Concerts.

This season, five shows will be featured between October and March, 2001. All shows will be held at Haral Memorial Auditorium in Plainview and will start at 7:30 p.m.

Other shows planned included The Batista Family Andean Show on Nov. 6, Three hits and a miss on Jan. 20, 2001, Roslyn Kind on Feb. 10, 2001, and "I Love New York and the

Lights of Broadway—Company of 7" on March 20, 2001.

Admission to the shows is by membership in the Community Concert Association.

Adult tickets are \$30 and student tickets are \$10. Family passes are \$70 and single-parent family tickets will be \$40. Ticket holders will be admitted to each concert during the season. Those tickets also entitle the bearer to admittance to Community Concert shows in Hereford, Borger, Pampa and Midland as well as Plainview.

Band boosters discuss pecans, marching contests

At the Bobcat Band Booster Club meeting Sept. 19, the members discussed marching contests and pecan sales.

Orders for pecans will be taken by band and flag corps members starting Oct. 2 and continuing through Oct. 13. The students will be selling pecans, cashews or mixed nuts at the price of \$6 for a 1-pound bag.

Those wanting to order the nuts may contact any band or flag corps member. Delivery will be before Thanksgiving.

The boosters discussed the upcoming practice marching contest set for Oct. 14 in Plainview and the UIL Marching Contest set for Oct. 21 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

All band parents are urged to show their support for the band by attending these contests.

The next meeting of the boosters will be Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School band hall.

To reserve tickets, contact Plainview Community Concerts at PO Box 1512, Plainview 79073-1512; or call 296-2580, 296-5728 or 296-2113.

The first show in the Plainview series will feature Joe Burgstaller, who will present a program saluting one of America's greatest trumpeters, Rafael Mendez.

Burgstaller began playing the trumpet when he was 6. By age 12 he was a soloist with bands and at jazz clubs. When he was 15 he had already appeared on national television and was the youngest member to perform with the Virginia Opera Orchestra.

Now residing in New York City, he tours the world with the acclaimed brass quintet and percussion group, Meridian Arts Ensemble.

He has appeared on PBS, NPR and other national and local television and radio programs. He has performed with the Phoenix Symphony and Pops Orchestra (with Doc Severinsen), SEM Ensemble, ST-X Ensemble, National Repertory Orchestra and Summitt Brass.



Jill Schulte



Meredith Braddock

Two NHS grads earn scholarships

Jill Schulte and Meredith Braddock, both 2000 graduates of Nazareth High School, have been awarded scholarships from the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Texas.

The Nazareth American Legion Auxiliary was notified of the awards recently.

Schulte will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Texas Past Presidents' Parlay. To qualify for this award, applicants must be the child of a veteran and show credible grade scores and leadership qualities. Winners are decided by a selected group of past presidents of the Legion Auxiliary.

Schulte is attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock and she is the daughter of Bob and Beverly Schulte of Nazareth.

Braddock won a \$500 scholarship with the essay and information she submitted to the committee of the General American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Braddock, daughter of Gerald and Mary Braddock, is the daughter of a veteran. She attends classes at South Plains College in Levelland.

The major league baseball pitcher with the most no-hit games in his career in Nolan Ryan, who threw seven no-hitters between 1973 and 1991. Second on the all-time list is Sandy Koufax, who threw four.

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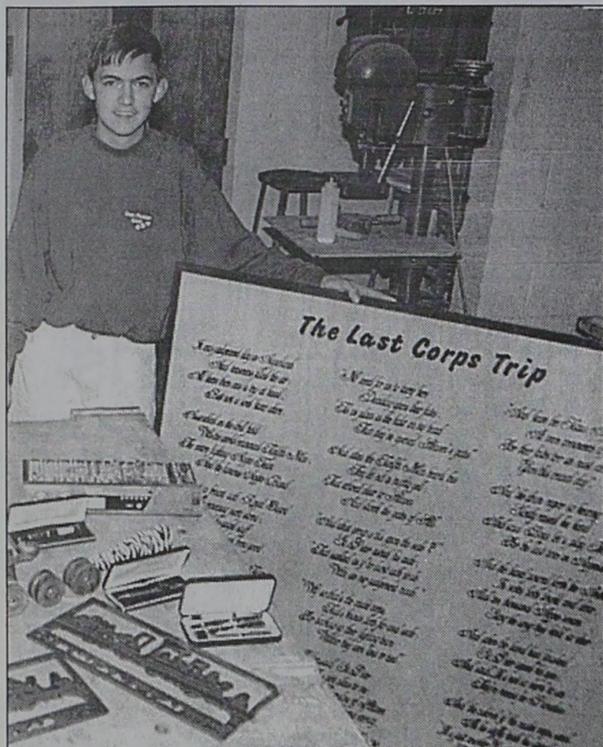
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SPECIAL PRESENTATION—Cliff Wright of Dimmitt will present his award-winning plaque, "The Last Corps Trip," to the Corps Cadet Museum at Texas A&M University Saturday just prior to the Texas A&M-Texas Tech football game at College Station. The game is slated to begin at 11:30 a.m., so the presentation will be made around 11 a.m. at the museum on the A&M campus. Wright built the wooden plaque last year as a technology project and it won a handful of awards, including "Best in State" and "Top 10 in State." The presentation will be made in memory of the 12 students who were killed in the tragic bonfire accident at Texas A&M last year. A shadow box holding all the awards the project received will also be presented, and it will hang in the museum beside the plaque.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

In Northwest Plains Zone

Eradication of boll weevils proceeding

In the midst of one of the worst droughts in Texas history, cotton growers in the Northwest Plains have at least one thing to celebrate—boll weevil numbers have been drastically reduced.

The reductions mean that one obstacle to producing a profitable cotton crop is well on its way to being eliminated.

The Northwest Plains Eradication Zone began its effort to eradicate the No. 1 cotton pest from the area with a diapause program late in the summer of 1999.

Spring planting for the 2000 growing season initiated the first full-season phase of the eradication program. Foundation personnel placed traps around fields at a greater

concentration than the previous fall. The increased numbers of traps allowed employees to more precisely monitor weevil activity in fields and to make treatment decisions based on the information obtained.

An added benefit of the increased trap numbers is that they serve to help control weevil numbers.

This change meant only the portions of fields that showed sufficient weevil activity were treated. As a normal part of the program, treatments were reduced in some areas during midseason to aid in preserving beneficial insects that prey on other cotton pests.

With the threat of a beet armyworm outbreak, foundation personnel took extra precautions to

ensure eradication spraying out not be a major contributor to the problem.

As fall nears, the zone continues to show a marked reduction of boll weevil numbers compared with last year. Through the middle of September, trap captures in the zone averaged .45 weevils per trap, per week.

Other zones in the state are enjoying similar success.

Four other zones began eradication programs in 1999—the Western High Plains Zone, Permian Basin Zone, Northern Rolling Plains Zone and El Paso/Trans Pecos Zones—and all have seen reductions in weevil numbers well in excess of 90%.

The Rolling Plains Central Zone, located east of the Permian Basin, has seen greater than a 99.9% reduction in weevil counts compared with 1996, and the South Texas/Winter Garden Zone has seen a reduction of about 93% compared with 1996.

But the growing accomplishment of the eradication effort is in the Southern Rolling Plains, the area

surrounding San Angelo. This zone was declared functionally eradicated on Sept. 20.

What can growers in the Northwest Plains expect in the future?

First, foundation personnel will be aggressive in treating for weevils this fall. Fall insecticide treatments will attempt to reduce the number of weevils that hibernate for the winter, meaning fewer weevils will emerge to be dealt with in the spring.

Next year will be much like this year. Growers will again be encouraged to do all they can to cooperate with the effort, especially in allowing foundation employees to have access to all sides of their fields. This will enable them to make the best decisions for treating fields, which in turn reduces the cost of the program and the amount of insecticide introduced into the environment.

Finally, with a little cooperation from the weather, growers should note less damage to their crops, lower control costs and increased yields—the goals of the eradication effort.

Sheffy named to call box coalition

Dimmitt City Manager Don Sheffy is one of the many local government and law enforcement spokespersons throughout the state who have endorsed the efforts of the Texas Call Box Coalition (TCBC).

The coalition has launched a state-wide effort to gain support for a full-fledged motorists' emergency roadside assistance network in Texas.

Currently there are 104 call boxes in Texas in four test areas.

"I am pleased to join law enforcement personnel from around the state in this effort to increase safety on our highways," said Sheffy. "The Texas Call Box Coalition is designed to increase awareness of the potential benefits of a state-wide system of emergency roadside devices. I'm proud to support this effort. Ultimately, this could make Texas highways safer for all of us."

The coalition is gaining support from all area of the state, as evidenced by the growing number of law enforcement personnel who have joined the organization, according to Lance Lively, executive director of the TCBC. The group is comprised of 147 members, including county judges, county sheriffs, local law enforcement, 911 coordinators and municipal officials.

"We are very pleased to have Dimmitt City Manager Don K. Sheffy lend support to the TCBC," Lively said. "With more than 17 million cars and trucks registered in 1999 graveling over 550 million miles per day on 79,102 centerline miles of highway, a call box system will add an additional layer of safety

for our friends and families."

"Our missions to raise awareness of motorist safety in Texas," Lively added, "to ensure that they do have coverage in remote areas where cell phones don't work. That help is just a call box away."

The coalition is working with elected officials to seek support for legislative approval of a plan to expand the current emergency roadside assistance network in Texas. The measure is expected to be considered during the 2001 session of the Texas Legislature.

"A common misperception over the past several years is that everyone in Texas owns a cell phone," Lively said. "But studies have shown that only 25% to 30% of Texans own cell phones, and, as a matter of comparison, more people own personal computers than they do cell phones. Even if every individual owned a cell phone, we are not guaranteed they would work in the vast rural areas of Texas," Lively said.

Rural Texas will even benefit from a call box system by connecting people traveling the enormous and often isolated regions of the state with safety coverage, especially in those areas without cellular service, according to most studies. Response times in rural Minnesota were reduced by 43 minutes because of call boxes, a lifetime of time when minutes count, Lively noted.

"Texas is a rapidly growing state and we need to insure that all Texans have equal access to safer roads," said Lively. "The Texas Call Box Coalition is working very hard to achieve this level of safety."

Corn checkoff funds launch fiber research

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) annually invests funds through the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) which in turn invests dollars in research and business development projects that increase the demand for corn.

Recently, NCGA and Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) announced the beginning of a new two-year research project partnership that is expected to expand corn markets.

The goal of the research is to create a commercial manufacturing process that converts corn fiber or bran into higher valued products. These would include chemical feedstocks, such as ethylene glycol and propylene glycol for antifreeze, and fuels such as ethanol. Corn fiber or bran is an abundant by-product of the wet milling industry and is used as low-priced feed.

The project won't provide a quick-fix to the current low prices corn growers are facing because of the nation's 10-billion bushel corn crop.

"But it is another example of how NCGA has been using grower checkoff dollars to fund research that creates higher valued products from corn," said Floyd Schultz, a Plainfield, Ill., farmer who is chairman of the NCGA Customer and Business Development Action Team. "Producing the higher valued products will grind more corn, and reducing the supply of corn ultimately improves prices." "This is one of several research efforts NCGA manages to build more markets for corn. The Customer and Business Development Action Team sought the Dept. of Energy (DOS) funding and secured ADM's participation in this project that NCGA will manage," Schultz said.

Martin Andreas, ADM senior vice president and assistant to the chief executive, said, "Making higher value products from corn has been

the driver for the development of the corn processing industry. Cooperation among the federal government, NCGA and industry has made this project possible. This cooperation is needed if we are to change our country's reliance on non-renewable resources to a reliance on renewable feedstocks."

"Growers will benefit from the entire project and leverage their investment of checkoff dollars 10-1," Schultz added.

In the \$2.5 million project, NCGA, as the project manager, will contribute \$250,000 in staff management and ADM will provide about \$600,000 in researcher time and other resources. DOE has awarded a \$1.7 million grant for the research, while Battelle Pacific Northwest National Laboratory of Richland, Wash., is a subcontractor for the project.

"This is another milestone on the road to biobased industries and new markets for renewable resources," Schultz noted. DOE's Vision of the Agricultural Industry of the Future program has a goal of having renewable resources provide 10% of the consumer chemical feedstock market by 2020. The \$1.7 million DOE grant is part of DOE's Bioproducts and Bioenergy Technology program, a new effort that develops opportunities in bioproducts, biopower and biofuels.

"If plants were the feedstock for 10% of the chemical market today, farm income would be more than \$5 billion higher," said Schultz. Furthermore, he noted that the increased use of renewable resources in chemical feedstocks would decrease oil imports, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create new industries in the US.

"This is yet another way NCGA manages grower checkoff dollars for the benefit of US corn farmers," concluded Schultz.

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Hendrix, Reyna honored during older worker week

Mary Edna Hendrix and Maria Reyna are among those who will be recognized by the Green Thumb program as it promotes "Hire the Older Worker Week."

During this week, Green Thumb will spotlight the senior work force and the contributions older workers bring to the labor market. The organization encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities and experience.

Since 1965, Green Thumb, Inc. has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides mature workers with part-time employment and training opportunities.

Hendrix and Reyna are both employed under this program, with Hendrix serving at the Castro County Museum and Reyna working at the Hart School Library.

"During this important week (Sept. 24-30), let us focus upon the important contributions of our senior workforce and strengthen our commitment to assure that this important resource continues in the mainstream of our nation's economic and social development," said Diane Cowan, program administrator. "In the new millennium, employers should invest in the willingness, abilities and diversity of senior job seekers not only during Older Worker Week but year round. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability and dedication is just good business."

Funded through the US Dept. of Labor, the program serves primarily rural areas in 132 Texas counties. Green Thumb gives older, economically-disadvantaged job seekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work and dedication through work assignments in locally-based organizations.

DMS sets book fair in October

Dimmitt Middle School will be hosting a Scholastic book fair the week of Oct. 16-20.

The book fair will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and during the DMS open house on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Volunteers are needed to help with the book fair during these times. If you can volunteer an hour or more any day or during the open house, your help will be greatly appreciated.

"The book fair is an excellent opportunity for students to purchase good quality books for themselves and for their parents to help support the DMS Library," said Ruth Cochran.

All proceeds from the book sale will go toward purchasing new books for the DMS Library.

If you can volunteer at any time, contact Cochran at 647-3108 (school) or 647-4609 (home).

"We need you in order to make this book fair a success," Cochran said.

Saturday 'Fiesta' will feature food, music, dancing

A special "Fiesta" will include food, folkloric dancing, games, a dance and more on Saturday afternoon at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Scheduled from 3 p.m. to 12 midnight, the event is being held to promote the Hispanic culture in Dimmitt and the Texas Panhandle.

This and other events this month have been organized in observance of Hispanic Awareness Month.

Wilcox receives bachelor's degree

Tiffany L. Wilcox of Dimmitt recently graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in sports and exercise science.

Wilcox and 250 other WTAMU graduates accepted their diplomas on Aug. 17 during commencement ceremonies at the school.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Sept. 28 through Oct. 6.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.
MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast hash brown, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh bananas and milk.
FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Beef taco, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.
MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk.
TUESDAY: Hamburger, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chili, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cranberry sauce and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of green enchilada casserole, bean chulapas or chicken spaghetti; Mexipinto beans Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potatoes or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, cantaloupe or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchiladas with sauce or barbecued hot links on a bun; vegetable medley, tater tots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger, lasagna or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli and cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelon; garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef and bean burrito with chili, chicken fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, Chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed onions and peppers; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and milk.

FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, scrambled eggs, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
MONDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Variety of cereal, sausage, wiener wrap in biscuit, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
THURSDAY: Bread cowboy blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

NAZARETH Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Waffles and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, chef's salad and chicken nuggets; wheat rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, green beans, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, hot dog on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, chef's salad or hamburger and potato chips; lettuce, tomato and pickles; pork and beans, yogurt, peaches, fresh fruit, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of Chicken sandwich with chips, chicken enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces or chef's salad; salad, corn, gelatin dessert, picante sauce, dill pickles, peaches, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or steak fingers with rolls; baked potato, broccoli and cheese, gravy, salad, white cake with strawberries, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail, and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or burrito; sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, brownie and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or steak; baked potato, salad, shredded cheese, sour cream, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak and roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, dump cake and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Ham sandwich, bologna sandwich or turkey sandwich; lettuce, green beans, apples, cookie and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, peas, applesauce, spice cake and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, potato cubes, lettuce, pinto beans, peaches, chocolate chip cookies and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Enchiladas or pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joe or chef's salad, tossed salad, fried okra, pineapple, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chicken nuggets and bread or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, peaches, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.

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

GED classes are scheduled

Testing and orientation for those interested in taking GED classes will continue through Friday at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The testing and orientation are free to the public and will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Students must go through a 12-hour testing and orientation program before they will be allowed to begin the GED program.

The GED class schedule will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

Testing also is being planned for those interested in taking English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. This testing has tentatively been scheduled for the first week of October.

ESL testing will be conducted by appointment only, and those wishing to make an appointment should call 647-3415.

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Sports



Cats suffer 36-0 setback at Denver City

By DON NELSON
For the Bobcats, fuel wasn't the only high-priced commodity in the Oil Patch Friday night. They couldn't buy a touchdown at Denver City as the host Mustangs rang up a 36-0 win to remain unde-

feated at 3-0. It was the third straight loss but only the first shutout for the Bobcats, who had been scoring three touchdowns per game. It appeared that the two teams were in for a close battle as they fought to

a scoreless tie in the opening quarter. But the Mustangs broke the ice with a 33-yard touchdown pass early in the second period and never looked back as they added another TD and a field goal before halftime, a touchdown in the third and two more in the fourth.

The Mustangs' defense was so dominant that the Bobcats crossed the midfield stripe only three times in the game—once on a second-quarter drive that ended with a fumble on the DC 45, later in the second when Austin Sherman returned a kickoff to the Mustangs' 49, and early in the third when they advanced to the DC 45 before an interception ended the drive.

"It was the worst offensive performance we've had all year," Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson said. "We just weren't clicking very well. We didn't complete a pass downfield all night—just those little hitch passes."

Quarterback B. J. Hill and his receivers had a good completion rate—six of 13—but because of the Mustangs' cloying pass defense, most of them were pop-valve tosses and they averaged only five yards apiece. Denver City stopped two Dimmitt drives with interceptions.

"We didn't make the comeback in the second half that we did in the first two games, but Denver City had a lot to do with that," Coach Wilson said. "They had a pretty dogged good defense.

"Our defense was playing so hard," he said. "It was really the best we've played defensively all year. We held them to fewer yards (345) than either



OPEN-FIELD DUEL—Dimmitt quarterback B. J. Hill (2) tries to turn the corner on an option-right run but Denver City linebacker Amado Rodriguez (21) stops him after a one-yard gain during the third quarter Friday night at Denver City. The Mustangs won, 36-0. Photo by Carter Townsend



DIMMITT'S AUSTIN SHERMAN (1) leaps high to intercept a Denver City pass at the Bobcats' 7-yard line in the fourth quarter Friday night at Denver City. At right, preparing to switch from defender to blocker, is Dimmitt's Brent Josselet. Sherman returned the pass up the right sideline to midfield, only to have his run shortened by a holding penalty. Sherman notched 92 yards on returns during the game, which the Mustangs won, 36-0. Photo by Carter Townsend

Friona or Springlake had against us."

The Mustangs' first touchdown pass—a 33-yarder from quarterback Armando Galvan to wide receiver Jakody Huckaby—provided the turning point in the game.

"It was about third and six, and they threw a fade route to No. 7 in the corner of the end zone," Coach Wilson recalled. "That was their first touchdown, and that broke our backs. We were playing so well until then, and that seemed like a big turning point in the game."

After that ice-breaking TD, the Mustangs scored on five of their next seven possessions.

Dimmitt's brightest spots in the losing effort were the return runs of junior speedster Austin Sherman and the defensive play of senior linebacker Bobby Hill.

"Austin looked good on kickoff returns," Coach Wilson said. "He had one return for 42 yards."

Sherman also intercepted a DC pass near the Dimmitt goal line in the third quarter and returned it up the right sideline to midfield, but the shine was taken off of it when the Bobcats were penalized for holding. "Austin just nearly broke it all the way on that pass interception," Coach Wilson commented.

From his linebacker post, Hill again was the team's leading tackler with 20. Jonathan Stevens and Matthew Wright also posted big defensive numbers with 12 and 11 tackles respectively.

"We learned a lot from that game," Coach Wilson said. "The kids aren't going to quit, and we coaches for sure aren't going to, either. "Don't give up on us," he urged. "Keep the faith, because we are."

Game at a glance

Dimmitt	0	0	0	0-0
Denver City	0	17	6	13-36
First Downs	5	13		
Rushes-Yards	24-93	40-233		
Passing Yards	29	112		
Total Yards	122	345		
Passes Comp/Att	6/13	9/15		
Interceptions By	1	2		
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0		
Punts-Avg.	4-38.25	3-31.6		
Penalties-Yards	3-21	5-40		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—DIMMITT: Anthony Oltivero 8-45, Bobby Hill 7-22, B.J. Hill 6-15, Jake Laurent 1-6, Juan Gonzalez 2-5. DENVER CITY: Amado Rodriguez 15-102, Armando Galvan 8-43, Ross Rodgers 5-34, Goi Porter 6-29, Pat Barber 3-8.

Passing—DIMMITT: B.J. Hill 6/13-2-29. DENVER CITY: Galvan 9/15-1-12.

Receiving—DIMMITT: Laurent 3-22, Oltivero 2-9, Bobby Hill 1-(-2).

Tackles—DIMMITT: Bobby Hill 20, Jonathan Stevens 12, Matthew Wright 11, Brent Josselet 7, Johnathan Jimenez 7.

Tackles Behind Line—DIMMITT: Bobby Hill 5, Wright 5, Stevens 5, Jimenez 3, Emanuel Jaramillo 3.

Interceptions—DIMMITT: Sherman 1. DENVER CITY: Rodriguez 1, Jakody Huckaby 1.

Return Yards—DIMMITT: Sherman 4-92, Jaramillo 1-17, Albert Campos 1-12, Wright 1-7.

Records: Dimmitt 0-3, Denver City 3-0.

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter:
DC—Jakody Huckaby 33 pass from Armando Galvan (Pat Barber kick), 7:54
DC—Goi Porter 5 run (Barber Kick), 1:01
DC—Barber 35 field goal, 0:01

Third Quarter:
DC—Amado Rodriguez 20 run (kick failed), 8:06

Fourth Quarter:
DC—Ross Rodgers 15 run (kick failed), 8:15
DC—Rodriguez 14 run (Barber Kick), 4:39

River Road at Dimmitt Bobcats, Wildcats both hoping for first victory

One of these teams is going to get its first win of the season Friday night.

The plan is for it to be the Bobcats. After all, it will be Dimmitt's Homecoming game.

But it won't be an easy assignment, Bobcat Coach Wade Wilson said.

"River Road is the best winless team I've seen," he said. "Really, they had Caprock down 7-0 at halftime and ended up getting beat 27-7.

"Caprock is a real good 4A team; a lot of people think they're going to the playoffs this year. River Road hung right with them for about 2½ quarters until Caprock finally started pulling away. That game was a lot closer than that 27-7 score."

The Wildcats' other two losses have been close ones—12-7 to Tucumcari in their opener and 23-21 to West Texas High in their second outing.

"I look for them to be tough as nails," Coach Wilson said.

On offense, Coach Steve Culwell's Wildcats will use variations of the Pro-I with two running backs and the Power I with three.

But sometimes they'll have only a single back behind the quarterback, and will split wide-outs in various combinations both directions. And they'll put the ball in the air at least as much as the Bobcats do.

"They do a lot of different things on offense, kinda like we do," Coach Wilson reported. "They spread it out and run a lot of different formations, with a lot of motion. It's going to be tough on our defense this week. Hopefully, our offense will get back on track."

Defensively, the Wildcats will use a 4-3 most of the time, although

they'll switch to a 5-2 alignment occasionally.

The Bobcats hope to put together a complete game and make it a real Cat-fight Friday night.

"We concentrated more on defense during practice last week, and it showed (in the Denver City game)," Coach Wilson said. "We got the defense looking a little better, but the offense let down.

"I think it will be better all the way around this week."

The best news around the DHS field house this week is the players' academic performances.

"We can't be sure yet, but we don't think we're going to lose a single player to grades this six weeks," Coach Wilson said. "We're real proud of that."

As to the Homecoming festivities during the week, the coach commented, "Sometimes they help us get ready for a game, and sometimes the kids get distracted. Either way, it's one of those situations we'll just have to deal with."

Before Friday night's game, the homemaking students' organization, the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, will serve the traditional Homecoming Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The dinner will feature brisket, baked potato, pinto beans, bread and cookies. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 7 and under. The dinner is open to the public, and tickets may be purchased at the door.

The Homecoming Queen and her court, escorted by their fathers, will be recognized during halftime of the game.

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Red hot Longhorns going for win No. 5

The Hart Longhorns are on fire and they'll be going for their fifth straight victory Friday when they head west to Farwell. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The Longhorns are 4-0 and come away with a win Friday, the Longhorns will be undefeated and primed for district play, which will

begin Oct. 13. The Longhorns will have a bye week on Oct. 6. Farwell has been outscored 105-28 this season, and has lost to Petersburg (14-56) and Portales, N.M. (7-14) in addition to Friday's loss to Nazareth (7-35).

Farwell has been in a rebuilding mode this season after finishing the 1999 campaign with an 8-3 mark and qualifying for the playoffs. Graduation claimed several skill players and linemen.

But third-year Steer Coach Brent Terry has found some talented athletes to step into those holes and the Steers have been improving each week, especially on defense and especially against the run.

That's where Hart excels. Hart's Keith Finch has been unstoppable on the ground so far this season and Longhorn coaches expect Farwell to be keying on Finch all night Friday.

Farwell's 5-3 defense has been stingy against the run this season, and several of the veterans in the unit are talented and very quick.

The Steer defense features Kolby Kimbrough (5-6, 137), Gage Gregory (5-11, 150) and Derek Goettsch (6-0, 153) in the defensive backfield; Cade Christian (6-0, 168) at linebacker and Casey Meeks (6-1, 160) at defensive end.

Farwell's defense focused on stopping Nazareth's leading rusher Matty McLain last week and did a fair job, holding the power back to less than 30 yards and one touchdown.

Gregory quarterback the Steers' offense, which is based on the Wing T and I formations.

Gregory is a threat to keep the ball or to throw and his favorite targets are Landon Meeks (5-11, 165) and Kimbrough.

Running backs include Thomas Ortiz (6-0, 160), Christian and Manuel Garcia (5-6, 159).

The Steers' front line is young and inexperienced, but the unit has done well opening up holes for the backs and blocking for Gregory. Casey Meeks is the lone veteran on the line.

Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris' predictions for Week 4 of the regular season, along with his latest rankings for Class A and AAA. Harris rates teams by a unique power rating system, and each team's power rating, as calculated by Harris, follows its ranking.

CLASS A TOP TEN
1. Iraan, 201; 2. Stratford, 196; 3. Shiner, 193; 4. Paducah, 192; 5. Rankin, 192; 6. Roscoe, 190; 7. Celeste, 189; 8. Beckville, 189; 9. Gruver, 188; 10. Munday, 187.

AREA CLASS A TEAMS
13. Springlake-Earth, 186; 15. Nazareth, 185; 21. Sudan, 179; 25. Petersburg, 177; 36. Wheeler, 172; 38. Hart, 171; 55. Claude, 164; 57. Vega, 164; 58. O'Donnell, 163; 60. Farwell, 162; 62. Bovina, 161; 66. White Deer, 161; 76. Booker, 157; 77. Crosbyton, 157; 89. Boys Ranch, 153; 97. Whiteface, 148; 98. Anton, 147; 99. Kress, 147; 100. Lorenzo, 147; 103. Shamrock, 146; 105. Meadow, 144; 109. Spur, 143; 123. Motley County, 136; 124. Smyer 136.

CLASS AAA TOP TEN
1. Lindale, 212; 2. Diboll, 210; 3. Gatesville, 210; 4. Abilene Wylie, 209; 5. Aledo, 207; 6. Cuero, 207; 7. Madisonville, 207; 8. Graham, 207; 9. Crockett, 206; 10. Elgin, 206.

AREA CLASS AAA TEAMS
28. Lamesa, 201; 66. Shallowater, 194; 68. Muleshoe, 193; 78. Perryton, 191; 79. Sanford-Fritch, 191; 86. Childress, 190; 93. Lubbock Cooper, 189; 121. Littlefield, 184; 137. River Road, 180; 138. Denver City, 180; 140. Seminole, 180; 142. Tulia, 180; 158.

Dalhart, 176; 181. Dimmitt, 170; 194. Slaton, 166; 196. Brownfield, 164; 210. Lubbock Roosevelt, 149.

WEEK 2 PICKS
(Home teams are listed in capital letters)
River Road 10 over DIMMITT
Hart 7 over FARWELL
Nazareth is open
Childress 24 over SLATON
Dalhart 6 over WHEELER
Sanford-Fritch 27 over BROWNFIELD
MULESHOE 13 over Tulia
LAMESA 18 over Littlefield
Lubbock Cooper 9 over SEMINOLE
Lubbock Roosevelt 7 over RALLS
Shallowater 20 over POST
Perryton is open
DENVER CITY 16 over Kermit
Claude 21 over BOYS RANCH
STRATFORD 7 over Gruver
VEGA 17 over Shamrock
ANTON 10 over Motley County
CROSBYTON 21 over Smyer
O'Donnell 17 over LORENZO
MEADOW 3 over Spur
Rotan 34 over ASPERMONT
Booker opp. Amarillo JV not rated
White Deer opp. San Jacinto not rated
Whiteface opp. LCHS not rated
Kress is open
Paducah is open
ABILENE COOPER 24 over Tascosa
Lubbock pick vs. FORT STOCKTON
Midland 7 over LUBBOCK CORONADO
Odessa Permian 6 over LUB. MONTEREY
ABILENE 12 over San Angelo Central
Amarillo is open
CANYON 8 over Caprock
Hereford 21 over BORGES

DUMAS 10 over Randall
PAMPA 32 over Palo Duro
Big Spring 2 over ANDREWS
FRENSHIP 24 over Lubbock Estacado
SAN ANGLAKEVIEW 6 over Levelland
PLAINVIEW pick vs. Snyder
Abernathy 30 over MORTON
Friona 23 over FLOYDADA
Olton 6 over HALEY CENTER
CANADIAN 14 over Highland Park
Clarendon 26 over PANHANDLE
SPEARMAN 8 over Sunray
WEST TEXAS 28 over WELLINGTON
Lockney is open

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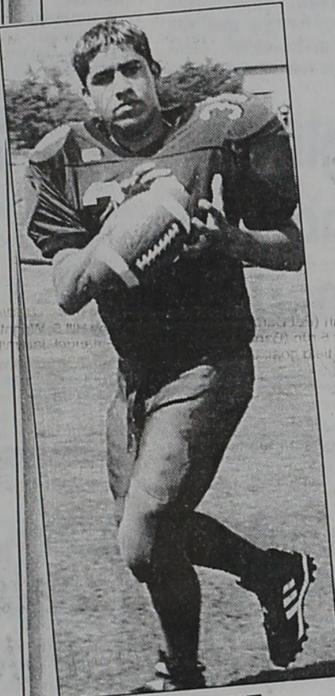
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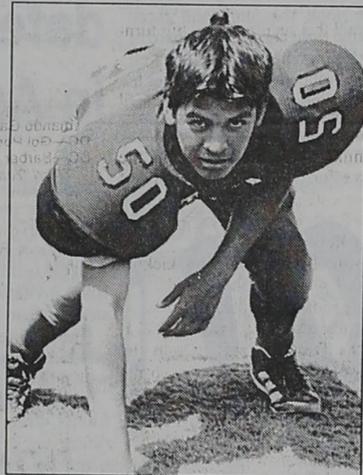
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Bobcats 22, Springlake-Earth 33		
Bobcats 20, Friona 37		
Bobcats 0, Denver City 36		
Sept. 29 River Road**		
Oct. 6 Tulia	Here	7:30
Oct. 13 *Roosevelt	There	7:30
Oct. 20 *Shallowater	Here	7:30
Oct. 27 *Cooper	Here	7:30
Nov. 3 *Littlefield***	There	7:30
Nov. 10 *Muleshoe	Here	7:30
	There	7:30
NINTH & JUNIOR VARSITY		
JV 26, Plainview 6		
JV 34, Friona 40; 9th Grade 13, Friona 22		
JV 26, Denver City 13; 9th Grade 12, Denver City 18		
Sept. 28 River Road		
Oct. 5 Tulia	Here	5:30-7:00
Oct. 12 *Roosevelt	There	5:30-7:00
Oct. 19 *Shallowater	There	5:30-7:00
Oct. 26 *Cooper	There	5:30-7:00
Nov. 2 *Littlefield	Here	5:30-7:00
	There	5:30-7:00
SEVENTH AND EIGHTH		
7th Grade 0, Muleshoe 48; 8th Grade 8, Muleshoe 14		
7th Grade 8, Friona 16; 8th Grade 0, Friona 16		
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Swifts counter sluggish ground attack with aerial assault

By MEGAN SCHULTE
Nazareth was a little shaken after Farwell's touchdown in the first quarter, but once the Swifts figured out the Steers' new offense and defense and made adjustments, they were able to run and pass their way to a 35-7 win Friday at Farwell.

The win boosts the Swifts perfect record to 4-0.

"After facing some adversity early in the game, we were able to make some adjustments and have success," Nazareth Coach Rick Price said. "Farwell showed us a new offense and defense that gave us some trouble early on."

Part of that trouble was Farwell keying in on Nazareth's leading rusher, senior Matty McLain.

The Steers held McLain to 23 yards, a feat that hurt the Swifts early in the game.

With the offense stymied in early action, Nazareth became frustrated, especially after Farwell was able to pick up big yardage on bootleg plays, then scored first on a long pass play.

"Coach (Buster) Brown made some good adjustments with our defense that worked well," Price said. "And Farwell's defense essentially dared us to beat them with long passes by placing 11 men within five yards of the line of scrimmage."

With Farwell focusing on the run, Nazareth turned to the air and it wasn't long before the Steers were corralled.

"We were able to complete some big ones on them," Price said.

Quarterback Blake Birkenfeld stepped up the challenge, leading the Nazareth offensive attack by completing 6-of-17 passes for 173 yards and three touchdowns. The junior also ran four times for 75 yards and two of those carries were big plays that seemed to light a fire under the Swift offense.

Sophomore Eric Schilling grabbed two of Birkenfeld's long bombs for 66 yards and two touchdowns. Junior Daryl Pohlmeier made a big catch for a 61-yard gain, and Kade Wilcox nabbed one 24-yard toss for a touchdown.

Leading the Nazareth ground attack were senior Jason Huseman, who ground out 44 tough yards on seven carries; Aaron Kern, who ran five times for 12 yards and one score; Jase Merritt, who added two carries for 16 yards; and Kade Wilcox, who gained 26 yards on one carry.

Farwell's defense couldn't totally



WRAPPED UP—Matty McLain (44) of Nazareth struggled to escape the clutches of Farwell's Cade Christian (37) Friday, but the Swift rusher gains just five yards before he's brought down. Nazareth struggled with its rushing game against Farwell's defense, but had no problems moving the ball through the air. Nazareth turned a 7-7 halftime stalemate into a 35-7 win Friday.

Photo by Anne Acker

shut down McLain, either. He scored a touchdown for the Swifts on a 5-yard run.

Gaining a total of 373 yards and 17 first downs, Nazareth's offense overpowered the Steer defense. On the other side of the line, the Swifts held the Steers to 202 yards and seven first downs.

Farwell took the opening kickoff and was marching steadily up the field, when Nazareth's defense ended the progress after five plays. A solid hit on a Steer ball carrier forced a fumble, which was recovered by Nazareth sophomore Reece Hales.

On the Swifts' first play from scrimmage, Birkenfeld looked downfield and launched a deep bomb

toward Ky Wilcox. Wilcox had to battle Farwell's Derek Goettsch for possession, and at the last second, Goettsch snatched the ball away for the interception at Farwell's 27-yard line.

Two plays later Farwell scored on a 70-yard pass from Gage Gregory to Landon Meeks. Kolby Kimbrough booted the PAT to give Farwell a 7-0 lead it would hold until the second quarter.

The Steers owned possession of the ball to start the second quarter, but they were forced to punt.

Nazareth ran four plays, but couldn't gain the first down and the Steers took over.

Farwell then tried unsuccessfully to score and was forced to turn the ball back over to the Swifts.

Unable to gain much yardage on the ground, the Swifts switched gears and went to the air.

Nazareth's biggest offensive production of the game up to that point was Pohlmeier's big catch for a 61-yard gain that put the Swifts in scoring position.

Nazareth tried running the ball three times without much success, then with 4:32 left in the half, the aerial assault began in earnest.

Birkenfeld connected with Schilling for a 23-yard touchdown. Philip Bergendahl kicked the extra point to tie the game at 7 and that's how it remained at halftime.

The second half was all Nazareth. The Swifts took the second-half kickoff and used four plays to march downfield and take the lead for good.

With just two minutes and 10 seconds ticked off the clock, another Birkenfeld-Schilling pass culminated in the end zone for six points. This touchdown pass was a big 57-yarder that put the Swifts in front for good. Bergendahl's PAT made it 14-7, Nazareth.

On its next possession, Farwell was forced to punt and Nazareth took over, but the Swifts could not gain the first down.

The Swifts forced a Farwell fumble one play later and Pohlmeier recovered it, setting Nazareth up for another touchdown.

Since Farwell was having problems covering Nazareth's talented receiver corps, the Swifts exploited that weakness again, scoring again on a 24-yard pass down the middle from Birkenfeld to Kade Wilcox. Bergendahl's kick was good and Nazareth moved ahead, 21-7.

Just three plays later, Pohlmeier intercepted a Steer pass and again the Swifts were in position to score.

This time Nazareth pulled a sneak attack, switching to ground mode and handing Kern the ball. He had no problems jogging through the middle of Farwell's defensive front and into the end zone for the 5-yard touchdown and a 27-7 Swift lead. That margin was extended to 28-7 after Bergendahl split the uprights on his extra point try.

Nazareth wasn't through yet. The Swifts' final scoring opportunity came late in the game.

With 2:35 left in the final quarter McLain took the pitch and raced around the right corner with a herd of Steers on his heels. One Farwell defender grabbed McLain's ankles at the 2-yard line, but McLain dove for



PIGSKIN PICK—Nazareth's Ky Wilcox (10) battles Farwell's Derek Goettsch for possession of a Blake Birkenfeld pass during first-quarter action Friday at Farwell. Goettsch won the battle, intercepting the Nazareth pass at the Steer 27-yard line. After falling behind 0-7 early, the Swifts rebounded to tie the game before the first half ended, then exploded with an aerial assault in the second half to claim a 35-7 win.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

the goal line marker, just breaking the plane for the final TD of the game. Another PAT by Bergendahl was good for the final 35-7 score.

The Swift defense ended Farwell's final offensive possession with an interception just before the end of the game. Junior Ky Wilcox took the pass away from the Steers and Nazareth proceeded to run out the clock.

Naz girls defend title in Amarillo

Paced by second- and third-place finishes from Stephanie Thiel and Danette Ramaekers, the Nazareth Swiftettes breezed across the two-mile course at Thompson Park in Amarillo Saturday and came away with the team trophy from the Amarillo Invitational for the second straight year.

The Swiftettes finished with 50 points, edging second-place Sunray, which tallied 59.

In the boys' three-mile race, the Swifts were led by individual runner-up Trinity Robb, who finished the course in 18 minutes and 12 seconds.

Thiel edged Ramaekers for the individual silver Saturday, posting a time of 13 minutes and 21 seconds. Ramaekers took the bronze after she was clocked at 13 minutes, 27 seconds. The individual winner in the race, Tabitha Black of Dalhart, posted a time of 13:15.

Nazareth had three other runners place among the top 20 and that was enough for the championship.

Erica Gerber was the next to cross the line for Nazareth and she did so 14 minutes and six seconds after the starting pistol was fired. Right on her heels were teammates Mandy Hoelting and Marsha Black, who were 17th and 19th, respectively, with times of 14:10 and 14:14.

Other runners competing were Susan Kern, 47th, 14:58; Lindsey K. Gerber, 51st, 15:02; Teri Ramaekers, 53rd, 15:04; Whitney Hoelting, 62nd, 15:15; and Megan Schulte, 67th, 15:20.

Trinity Robb's finish was tops for the Swifts, but four other Nazareth runners placed well in the meet.

Trey Robb finished 13th with a time of 18 minutes, 48 seconds and he was Nazareth's second-best runner. Quentin Jones came in 25th with a time of 19:46, Craig Birkenfeld was 36th in 21:05 and Shelby Wilhelm was 57th in 22:47.

Game at a Glance

Swifts 35, Farwell 7		14-35	
Nazareth	Farwell	0	7
0	7	14	0
7	0	0	0

	NAZ	FAR
First Downs	17	7
Yards Rushing	187	89
Yards Passing	186	113
Total Yards Gained	373	202
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-17-1	8-15-2
Punts-Avg.	1-35	3-36.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	1-20	2-15

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
FARWELL—Landon Meeks 70 pass from Gage Gregory (Kolby Kimbrough kick)

Second Quarter:
NAZ—Eric Schilling 23 pass from Blake Birkenfeld (Philip Bergendahl kick)

Third Quarter:
NAZ—Schilling 57 pass from Birkenfeld (Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Kade Wilcox 24 pass from Birkenfeld (Bergendahl kick)

Fourth Quarter:
NAZ—Aaron Kern 5 run (Bergendahl kick)
NAZ—Matty McLain 5 run (Bergendahl kick)

Here's how our opponents fared

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

Dimmitt opponents

MULESHOE (3-0) beat FRIONA (3-1), 23-13
S'LAKE-EARTH (3-1) beat FLOYDADA, 28-0
RIVER ROAD (0-3) lost to Caprock, 27-7
TULIA (1-2) beat ROOSEVELT (0-4), 33-0
SHALLOWATER (3-0) beat Tahoka, 55-3
LUB. COOPER (2-1) beat Brownfield, 14-0
LITTLEFIELD (2-1) beat Slaton, 49-35

Nazareth opponents

VEGA (1-2) beat SAN JACINTO (0-4) 52-7
HART (4-0) beat CLAUDE (0-3), 33-0
BOYS RANCH (2-1) beat Shamrock, 30-6
KRESS (2-2) beat Meadow, 20-0
STRATFORD (3-0) beat Sunray, 27-21
LCHS (0-4) lost to Anton, 46-0
HALE CENTER (2-2) beat New Deal, 14-13

Hart opponents

VEGA (1-2) best San Jacinto, 52-7
NAZARETH (4-0) beat FARWELL (0-3), 35-7
KRESS (2-2) beat MEADOW, 20-0
BOYS RANCH (2-1) beat Shamrock, 30-6
STRATFORD (3-0) beat Sunray, 27-21
MORTON (3-1) beat Whiteface, 34-16
ANTON (2-2) beat LCHS, 46-0

JV, Freshman Cats split games with Denver City

The Dimmitt junior varsity walked away with a 26-13 win over Denver City last week, but the freshmen lost a heartbreaker, 12-18, to their opponents.

In the JV game, Lee Brown scored twice and Jackie Harris caught a 40-yard pass. Brandon Furr also played well.

Coaches said the freshmen "played much better," but still fell to Denver City, 12-18.

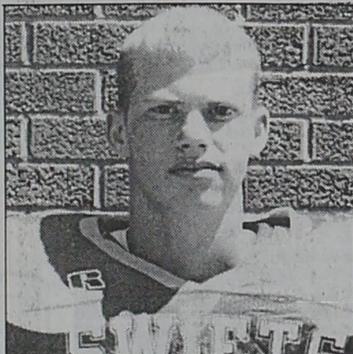
Tyler Myatt caught a 20-yard touchdown pass and Chris Lindsey hauled in a 15-yard reception. Both passes were thrown by Nicky Gauna.



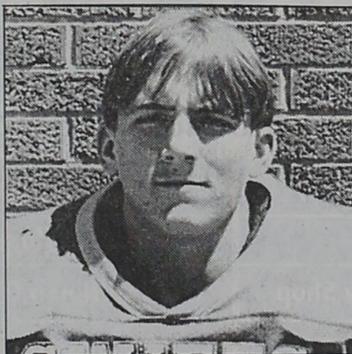
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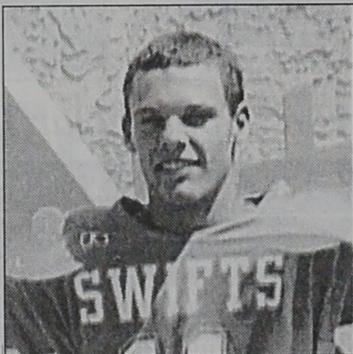
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Claude falls victim to Longhorn stampede

By BRAD ELAM

Keith Finch and the Hart Longhorns were too much for the Claude Mustangs Friday night, upsetting the perennial power with a massive defensive shutout effort, 33-0.

Finch scored four touchdowns, rushed for a two-point conversion and booted an extra point. He also picked off a pass on defense.

The victory was Hart's fourth in as many tries this season. Claude dropped to 0-3 on the year.

Hart racked up 345 yards on offense, paced by Finch, who carried the ball 23 times for 170 yards and four touchdowns. Jacob Reyna also had a big game, catching a pass for 25 yards and carrying the ball for another 55.

Hart's defense was the key to the win, though.

The group limited Claude's offense to 133 yards and only two of those came through the air.

Eric Gutierrez played a big part for the defense, recording 10 tackles. Albert Velasquez added four sacks.

"The defense played a great game. Claude had a big offensive line and was able to do some things up front, but overall we were able to shut them out. We also didn't give up much in the air, which was very important," said Hart Secondary Coach Jeff Jones.

Hart started off hot and continued to pick up steam as the game progressed.

Hart's defense held Claude in check on the Mustangs' initial possession, forcing a punt.

Behind Finch's running, Hart marched down the field, scoring on its opening drive when Finch walked in from two yards out. The extra point failed, but Hart was in control, 6-0.

That was all the Longhorns would

need as their defense stymied Claude all night long.

Hart was able to hold Claude in check again, but a roughing the kicker penalty against the Longhorns as they attempted to block a Claude punt gave Claude new life.

Gutierrez tipped the kick just before he ran over Claude's punter, but the referee did not see the tip and the yellow flag was thrown.

Claude took advantage of the penalty and drove inside Hart's 5-yard line before fumbling into the end zone, where Hart was able to recover.

"If Claude would have scored on that possession, it might have been a different ball game. Fortunately we were able to force a fumble," said Hart Defensive Coordinator Martin Park.

After that fumble, Hart dominated and the Longhorns extended their lead in the second quarter.

On fourth-and-long inside Mustang territory Finch was able to hook up with Reyna for a 25-yard pass play to extend the series.

Finch later scored on a 10-yard run to give Hart a 12-0 lead. His extra point made it 13-0.

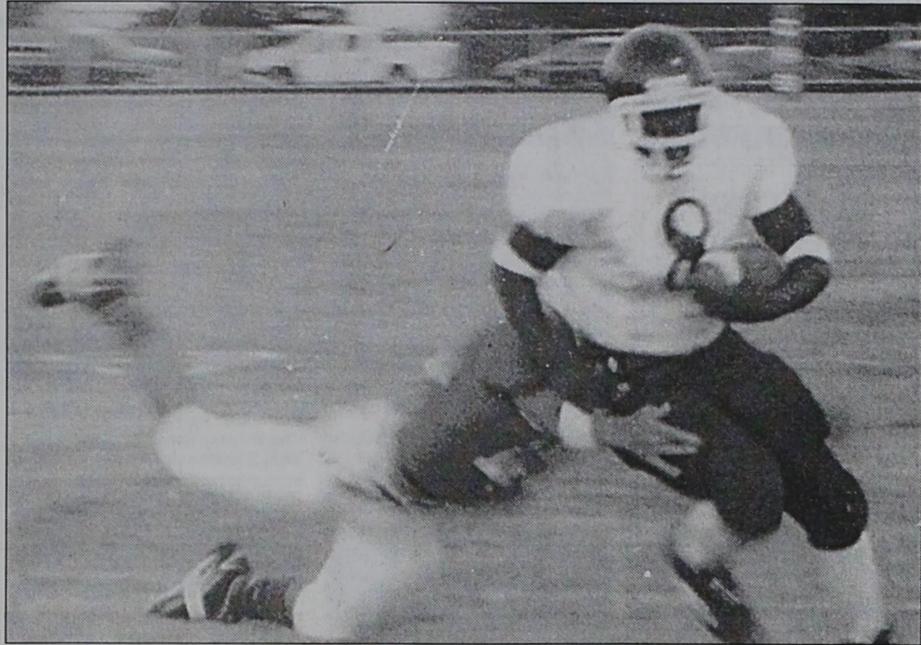
Hart's defense did its job of holding Claude one more time, this time ending the Mustang drive with a Finch interception.

Joel DeLaFuenta capped the short drive with a 19-yard touchdown scamper, giving Hart a 19-0 lead as the half ended.

The second half was a carbon copy of the first.

Finch and the Longhorns worked their way downfield until Finch scored again, this time on a big 31-yard run. He rushed for the two-point conversion to give Hart a 27-0 lead.

Finch added another touchdown late in the game to end the scoring.



TOO ELUSIVE TO TACKLE—Keith Finch of Hart (8) ran wild against Claude Friday night, rushing for 160 yards and four touchdowns as Hart shut down a powerful Mustang squad, 33-0. The Longhorns (4-0),

who only won one game a year ago, have proved to be dominating this season, and have yet to lose a game.

Photo by Tracy Rich

Game at a Glance

Longhorns 33, Claude 0				
Hart	6	13	8	6-33
Claude	0	0	0	0-0
HART CLAUDE				
First Downs	10	9		
Yards Rushing	299	131		
Yards Passing	46	2		
Total Yards Gained	345	133		
Passes Comp.-Att.-Int.	2-4-0	1-9-1		
Punts-Avg.	3-31	3-32		
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-1		
Penalties-Yards	7-55	1-6		

Scoring By Quarters

First Quarter:
HART—Keith Finch 2 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter:
HART—Joel DeLaFuenta 19 run (Finch kick)
HART—Finch 10 run (run failed)

Third Quarter:
HART—Finch 31 run (Finch run)

Fourth Quarter:
HART—Finch 6 run (kick failed)

Finch nabs player honor

Keith Finch of Hart has been named the Class A Player of the Week by the *Amarillo Globe News*.

Finch rushed 23 times for 160 yards and four touchdowns, scored on a two-point conversion, booted an extra point and intercepted a pass as he led Hart to a 33-0 victory over Claude Friday night.

Finch, a 6-0, 205-pound senior, also completed a 25-yard pass to teammate Jacob Reyna.

His scoring runs were from 2, 10, 31 and 6 yards.

Honorable mention honors went to Nazareth quarterback Blake Birkenfeld and tight end Eric Schilling.

Birkenfeld completed 6-of-17 passes for 186 yards and three touchdowns, two of which were caught by Schilling as Nazareth pulled off a 35-7 win over Farwell. Birkenfeld also gained 58 yards on the ground.

Longhorns claim championship title in Olton cross country meet

The Hart Longhorns only had two runners among the top 20 in the Olton Invitational, but the rest of the squad finished high enough among the individuals to lift the team to a first-place finish Saturday.

Isaias Garcia was the top runner for the Longhorns after he posted a time of 17:39 for eighth place. Thomas Chia of Hart finished 16th in 18:24. Other Longhorns helping boost the team to the championship were Marical Mendoza, who finished 30th in 19:07; Jorge Marin, who was 33rd in 19:16; and Marcus Reyna, who was 39th in 19:37.

Wrapping up the Longhorns' team were Freddy Hernandez, 58th, 20:47; Eran Castillo, 62nd, 20:59; Mark Montemayor, 67th, 21:18; Trent

Barnes, 85th, 22:55; and Trevor Barnes, 100th, 26:31.

In the girls' race, the Lady Horns finished 10th as a team after accumulating 263 points.

Team members and their respective finishes and times were Kellie George, 34th, 14:24; Dalila Longoria, 42nd, 14:37; Sonia Garcia, 43rd, 14:39; Amanda Carrasco, 64th, 15:25; Angie Mata, 80th, 15:55; Marisa Mendoza, 95th, 16:25; and Valerie Ellis, 105th, 17:06.

Flag football registration underway

Dimmitt's Kids, Inc. program is planning to organize a flag football league this fall and sign-up for the program will continue through today (Thursday).

The flag football league will be open to all youngsters in Castro

County, according to organizers.

Sign-up will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

Students in grades three through six are eligible to participate in the

league.

There will be a \$25 fee charged for each team entered in the league.

For more information call Sal Ortiz at 647-3653.

Those interested in coaching also must sign up.

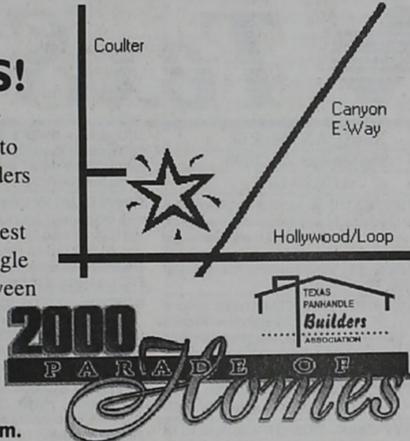
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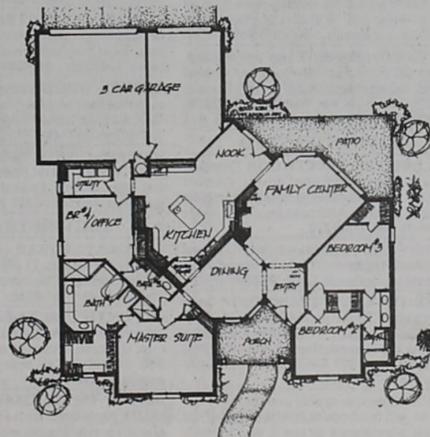
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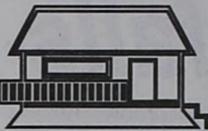
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FOR SALE: Video Magic business and real property, 200 S. Broadway, Dimmitt, Texas. \$175,000. See Dub George, owner/broker, or call 647-2822 or 647-5730. 17-22-tfc

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
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CLAUDINE LANGFORD
24-26-1tc

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The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the November general election.

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For County Constable: James Dobbs (I)

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as well as in Hereford and other parts of the upper Panhandle."

"Not only are their business practices often unethical, their frequently shoddy workmanship is a safety hazard," said Bill Kuntz, executive director of TDLR. "These air conditioning contractors prey on unsuspecting homeowners."

"We are warning consumers to be cautious about both door-to-door and telemarketing contractors. If a homeowner encounters a suspicious contractor, we urge them to report it to TDLR. We will investigate the allegations and take any appropriate actions."

The department can be reached at their toll free number, 1-800-803-9202. Consumers also can research the department's list of licensed contractors and may research a contractor's complaint history by visiting the agency's web site at www.license.state.tx.us

Hutson said that door-to-door salesmen in the city also must be registered with the city, paying a permit fee and showing proof of insurance. Anyone who suspects a contractor or door-to-door salesperson is working without a permit or license should contact the works department at 647-4492 or city hall at 647-2155.

Information from the TDLR said that state-issued license numbers must be printed on all print advertisements, company vehicles, business cards, work proposals and invoices. If no license number is evident, the contractor most likely is not licensed to work in the state. State license numbers begin with TACL.

All air conditioning contractors must employ full time in each permanent office someone who has an individual air conditioning license that is assigned to that company from the state, according to the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law under the Texas Civil Statutes, article 8861.

The law also states that an air conditioning contracting company that performs air conditioning contracting without meeting the require-

ments of the law may not collect a fee or otherwise enforce a contract for the services performed. To enforce the contract, the company must have been licensed at the time the contract is signed and the work is performed.

Consumers are cautioned to never pay the entire price in advance for air conditioning projects.

"If you learn that an unlicensed contractor performed air conditioning contracting services, you do not have to pay," according to a news release from TDLR.

Also, under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, you have the right to cancel a door-to-door sale contract within three days.

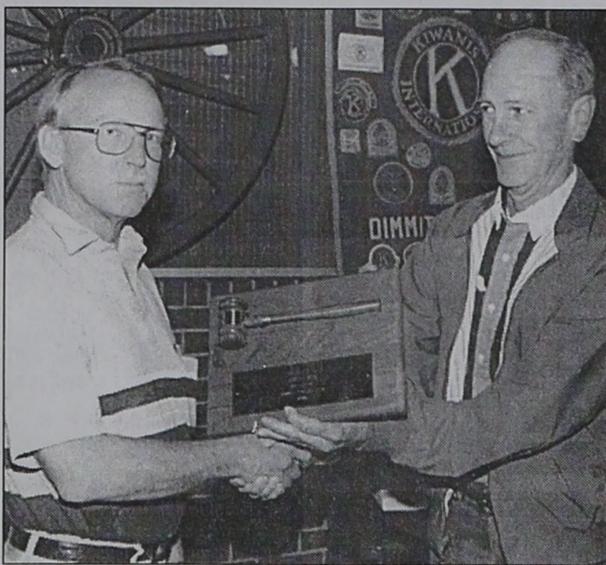
"Unlicensed air conditioning and heating contractors are a serious problem in Texas," Kuntz said. "We plan to require these contractors to comply with state law or force them out of business."

TDLR spokesman Kevin Ketchum said that some examples of the potential dangers from poor installations or repairs include structural instability, electrical fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. Unlicensed contractors also may place consumers at risk by their lack of insurance or by causing potential loss of warranty coverage.

"We urge consumers to contact TDLR to check on the license status of a potential air conditioning contractor," Kuntz said. "A consumer can prevent hassles and save money just by taking a few moments to verify that the contractor is licensed."

A municipal or county official may issue a citation to a company that performs air conditioning contracting without a license.

An applicant for an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor license must be at least 18 years old and must present satisfactory evidence of at least 36 months of practical experience with the tools of the trade in the preceding five years or a degree or diploma in air conditioning engineering from an institution of higher education whose program is approved by the state. Applicants also must pass an examination and pay a licensing fee.



KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR—Johnny Vick (left) is presented with a plaque as the club's outgoing president at the civic group's installation luncheon Monday. Presenting the plaque is incoming president Don Sheffy. Vick also was named Kiwanian of the Year in recognition of his efforts for the club during the past year. Other officers who were installed were Bob Murdock, vice president; Roger Malone, secretary; and Mark Kleman, treasurer. Dr. Wong Lee of Lubbock, Lt. Gov. of Dist. 6, was present for the ceremony.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

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Normally, we have a few weeks of Indian summer after the first freeze. Let's hope.

The paper carried a picture last week of Elmer Berryhill with his new medal from the South Korean government.

Purpose of the picture and the accompanying story was to encourage other Korean War vets to get their medals.

Some of the guys at the coffee shop told Elmer that when they saw the picture of him with his new medal, they wondered what event he had won. And whether he used steroids.

Picked from Cyberspace, author unknown:

19 Ways to Know

You're From the Panhandle

1. You have used the phrase "fixin' to" within the last 12 months.
2. Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date.
3. You've been excused from school because "the cattle got out."
4. You can properly pronounce Chillicothe, Quitaque and Quanah.
5. You can remember the name of the last state legislator to introduce a bill involving castration, and he didn't mean farm animals.
6. You know exactly what calf fries are, and eat them anyway.
7. You can recall hot summers by the year they happened easier than you can remember your mother's birthday.
8. You think that people who complain about the wind in their states are wimps.
9. You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door but by the availability of shade.
10. You have owned at least one belt buckle bigger than your fist.
11. You're in a bad traffic jam involving two cars staring each other down at a four-way stop, each determined to let the other go first.
12. You know which state Miami is in and which state Miami is in.

13. Your "place at the lake" has wheels under it.
14. You aren't surprised to find movie rentals, ammunition and bait all in the same store.
15. A Mercedes Benz is not a status symbol. A Ford F150 4X4 is.
16. You know that everything goes better with Ranch.
17. You learned how to shoot a gun before you learned how to multiply.
18. A tornado warning siren is your signal to go out to the front yard and look for a funnel.
19. And finally, you are definitely from the Panhandle if you've ever had this conversation:
"You wanna Coke?"
"Yeah."
"What kind?"
"Dr Pepper."

In some states, Arbor Day, Bird Day and Flag Day are school holidays.

Crash causes power outage

A crash Monday at 4:25 p.m. caused a brief power outage in Dimmitt.

Sebastian Rosales, 18, of Dimmitt, was driving a manure truck west on County Road 617 and came to the intersection with FM 1055. He told DPS Trooper Keith Smith that he applied the brakes and nothing happened. The truck traveled through the intersection and struck a guy wire to a power pole.

Rosales was able to jump out of the vehicle just before it struck the guy wire. He sustained injuries to his

head and right ankle due to the jump. Rosales was given a ticket for no driver's license.

Smith said that the 32-year-old Hereford man who owns the truck initially reported that he had been driving the truck. He was charged with making a false report to a peace officer, employing an unlicensed driver, no liability insurance, defective brakes and failure to register the vehicle.

No estimate has been given by SPS for the damage to the power equipment due to the crash.

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.
-Winston Churchill

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-Calvin Coolidge

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TSCRA sets fall meeting
Oct. 12-14 in Lubbock

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will hold its fall meeting Oct. 12-14 in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn Civic Center.

Registration for the event will be held Oct. 12 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and Oct. 13 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Lobby. Also, registration will be conducted Oct. 13 from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. at Texas Tech University's United Spirit Arena. For more information on registration, call TSCRA at 1-800-242-7820.

Activities actually begin on Oct. 12 with a pre-meeting tour of West-Tex Feed Yards at Muleshoe, beginning at 1 p.m. A complimentary lunch will be served by Hi-Pro Animal Health.

The TSCR Foundation Board of Trustees will meet Oct. 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Holiday Inn.

A relaxed evening at the Texas Tech Museum is planned on Oct. 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., where guests will enjoy cocktails, a buffet, entertainment and viewing of the Diamond M Collection.

The primary educational sessions will be led by staff from Tech on Oct. 13, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

John Blanton.

Following a complimentary luncheon in the United Spirit Arena at Tech, the venue will be moved to the Holiday Inn Civic Center for several committee meetings the afternoon of Oct. 13.

That evening, those in attendance may attend a Ranching Heritage Center Dance Party from 6 to 9 p.m., with barbecue, beer, wine and entertainment.

On Oct. 14, there will be a closed session of the TSCRA Board of Directors from 8 to 9:30 a.m. followed by the general session from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

During the general session, Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney has been invited to outline issues likely to be considered in the 2001 legislative session. Also, TSCRA President J. Mark McLaughlin, Dr. Ernest E. Davis, Bob Rose and State Sen. Bob Duncan will present information in the general session.

A special wine country tour and luncheon for ladies is planned on Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

25—Legal Notices

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Legal Notice

Castro County Commissioners will have public meetings concerning the bond election for a new county jail at the following locations:

Hart Golden Group Building
1202 Date Street
Hart, Texas
October 2, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Nazareth Community Center
104 North First Street
Nazareth, Texas
October 9, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Castro County Expo Building
403 Southeast Fourth Street
Dimmitt, Texas
October 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Irene Miller
Castro County Judge

Several speakers will focus on range and forage management following drought. Others will zero in on challenges and solutions for animal science and food technology.

Drought-related information will include "General Aspects of Recovery from Drought," presented by Dr. Ronald E. Sosebee; "Use of Fire Following a Drought," by Dr. Carlton M. Britton; "How to Apply Fire," by Dr. Rob B. Mitchell; "Results from Studies with W.W.-B. Dahl," by Dr. J. Carlos Villalobos; "Potential for Introduced Forage Species on the Southern High Plains," by Dr. Vivien G. Allen; "Quail Harvest Management Following a Drought," by Dr. C. Brad Dabbert; and "Applications of Geospatial Technologies to Improve Management," by Dr. Ernest B. Fish.

Animal science and food technology presentations will include "Meeting Current and Future Challenges in Animal and Food Production," by Dr. Devin R. Pond; "Conception to Consumer—Identifying the Tough Ones," by Dr. Andy Herring and R. Markus Miller; and "Solving Problems with Industry Partners Supachill, Texas T-Bone Express and Acadian Seaplants, Ltd.," by Dr.

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Obituaries

Mattie Endres

Mattie Brockman Endres, 86, of Hutchinson, Kan., formerly of Nazareth, died Sept. 6 in Hutchinson.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9 and burial followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery in Muenster.

Mrs. Endres was born April 24, 1914, in Nazareth to Frank and Josephine Brockman. She had been a resident of Hutchinson since 1997, moving there from Muenster. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hutchinson.

She married Leonard John Endres on June 5, 1935, in Nazareth. He died Nov. 27, 1980. She married Ray Swirczynski on July 3, 1986, in Muenster. He died March 7, 1997.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Thomas; four daughters, Judith Endres, Sharon Endres, Donna Endres and Kay Endres; a granddaughter, Jessica Hertach; four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Kenneth and Mary Endres of Fruitland, Maryland, Richard and Rosemary Endres of Fort Worth, Nicholas and Linda Endres of Houston, Mary and Jerry Hertach of Hutchinson, Susan and Dale Henning of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jeanne and Jim DeLano of Ardmore, Okla.; two brothers, Ernest Brockman of Nazareth and Victor Brockman of Midland; a sister, Martha Woods of Baltimore, Md.; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert Garvin

Memorial services for Robert Gene Garvin, 72, of Le Feria, the brother of Joy Parsons of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in the Kreidler-Ashcraft Funeral Chapel in Harlingen.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kreidler-Ashcraft Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garvin died Sept. 20 in Harlingen.

He was born Sept. 23, 1927, in Hale Center. He went into the Merchant Marines and then returned to Abernathy to farm until 1955. He then became a pilot. He was an instructor for several years in San Marcos and went on to train pilots for the Army and Air Force, which led to a 32-year career in crop dusting.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Julie G. Kelly of Denton, Lisa C. King of Dallas, and Cynthia J. Moore of Lubbock; a son, Bobby W. King of Morton, Miss.; a sister, Joy Parsons of Dimmitt; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Harlingen Literacy Center, Harlingen Public Library and the Harlingen Boys and Girls Club.

Simon Montiel

Funeral Mass for Simon P. Montiel, 72, of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, was said Friday afternoon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lubbock with Rev. Cornelio Ramirez officiating.

Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rosary had been said last Thursday evening at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Mr. Montiel died Sept. 19 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Nov. 28, 1927, in Merkel, he was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Men's Society, a minister of Communion, and a Cursillista. He moved to Lubbock in 1954 from Dimmitt.

Survivors include four sons, Felipe Montiel, Frank Montiel, Jesse Montiel and Mike Montiel, all of Lubbock; two daughters, Betty Jimenez of Lubbock and Mary Pashia of Temple; a sister, Martha Delacruz of Dimmitt; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

More about

Laurent . . .

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They are just waiting to see how he is progressing.

"We have had a lot of people's support and we appreciate all the prayers that have been said for him," Pigg said. "I can't say enough for what everyone has done for him."

Laurent is in East 589 at Covenant Medical Center, 3615 19th Street, Lubbock 79410.

Pigg said Laurent likes to receive visits, but he is limited to how many can come for how long, because he still tires easily.

Harold J. Pohlmeier

Harold J. Pohlmeier, 78, former Nazareth resident, died Sept. 3 at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veteran's Hospital in San Antonio.

A rosary was recited on Sept. 6 in the Seaside Chapel.

Funeral mass was read on Sept. 7 at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Burial followed at Seaside Memorial Park Cemetery. A memorial service also was held Sept. 7 in the Seaside Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Pohlmeier was born March 24, 1922, in Nazareth. He was a World War II veteran of the US Army Air Force. He served from 1942 to 1945, and was stationed in Central Europe, Southern France, Normandy, Rome, Arno, Northern France and Ardennes.

In 1947 he moved to Corpus Christi and worked as manager of Ulman Grain Company. He was hired in 1952 by Merrill Lynch as a commodity specialist and was employed with that firm for 35 years until his retirement in 1987 as first vice president.

In 1987 he joined Dean Witter as a first vice president and remained employed there until his death.

He is remembered for his keen sense of humor, quick wit and one-liners. He also had the remarkable ability of remembering whomever he met, never forgetting a face.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; a daughter, Leigh of Houston; a son, Hoelt of Corpus Christi; a sister, Max Acker of Nazareth; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Philip and Dora Pohlmeier and Leroy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, all of Nazareth, Virgil and Viola Pohlmeier of Tulsa, and Alfred Pohlmeier of California; a brother-in-law, Jim Charnquist of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jim Charnquist, Jeff Charnquist, Steve Charnquist, J.C. Pohlmeier, Robert G. Ross and Kenneth Cox. Honorary pallbearers were Billie Smith and Bonnie Pereda.

T. Ray Robertson

Funeral services for T. Ray Robertson, 73, of Spearman, the father of Brenda Annen of Nazareth, were held Sept. 13 in First Baptist Church of Spearman with Rev. Brian Foster officiating.

Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

He died Sept. 10.

Mr. Robertson was born in Strong City, Okla. He worked for the post office in Spearman, retiring as Postmaster there in 1989. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Sylvia Martin in 1947 at Spearman. She preceded him in death earlier this year.

He is survived by a son, Danny Ray Robertson of Midland; a daughter, Brenda Annen of Nazareth; a brother, Lowell Robertson of Perryton; a sister, Pearl Sparks of Stinnett; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Hansford County Historical Commission, 30 S. Townsend, Spearman 79081.

DHS is celebrating Homecoming

Dimmitt High School is celebrating Homecoming 2000 and special activities have been planned for each day during the week.

On Monday, students were urged to "find a partner and dress alike" for Twin Day.

Tuesday was "Crayon Day," and students dressed in solid colors.

Wednesday was Senior Citizens Day and today (Thursday) will be Pajama Day. Friday has been designated as Dress-Up Day.

The costumes will be judged by various teachers and prizes will be awarded at the Homecoming pep rally on Friday.

A powder puff football game was held Tuesday at Bobcat Stadium.

The high school girls divided into teams and played flag football. The high school guys led the cheers and an ice cream social followed.

The traditional "pinning" ceremony was slated for Wednesday at 8:25 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

During the ceremony, football players were pinned and the Flame King and Queen was to be crowned.

Candidates for Flame King and Queen were freshmen Matthew

Sanders and Amy Laurent, sophomores Juan Diaz and Ashley Irons, juniors Austin Sherman and Stacey Casas and seniors Emanuel Jaramillo and Crystal Nifio.

Special activities slated for today (Thursday) include a Junior Olympics, which will start at 1 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School gym.

The DHS student body will participate in various competitive events in the gym and the winning teams will be named at the Homecoming pep rally on Friday.

The pep rally will start at 3 p.m. in the DHS gym and the Homecoming Court will be recognized. Members of the court are freshman Cynthia Barrera, who will be escorted by Anthony Zambrano; sophomore Melissa Rueda, escorted by Steve Martinez; and junior Stacy Saenz, escorted by Johnathan Jimenez.

After introduction of the court, the Homecoming Queen candidates will be introduced and the queen will be crowned. Senior candidates for Homecoming Queen are Mary Bradley, daughter of Gene and Shari Bradley, who will be escorted by

Tanner Griffitt; Stephanie Casas, daughter of Harold and Veronica Casas, who will be escorted by Salvador Diaz; and Casandra Casas, daughter of Ruben and Carmen Casas, who will be escorted by Gus Correa.

The FCCLA will sponsor a brisket supper before the Dimmitt-River Road football game on Friday.

The meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the DHS cafeteria, and cost per plate is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 7 and under. The menu will feature brisket, baked potato,

pinto beans, bread and cookies. Take-outs will be available.

The Homecoming football game between the Bobcats and River Road will start at 7:30 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium. During halftime of the game, the Homecoming Queen and Court will be recognized. The girls will be escorted by their fathers.

4-H'ers will be honored at Sunday banquet

Castro County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their achievements in various project areas Sunday during the annual 4-H achievement banquet.

This year's awards ceremony will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Two outstanding 4-H'ers will be presented with the 4-H Gold Star Award, the highest honor a 4-H'er can receive at the county level. Other awards which will be presented include the Silver Star Award, I Dare You Award, Friend of 4-H Award, Outstanding Leader Award and more.

Voter registration deadline Oct. 10

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

Applications for a ballot by mail should be sent to the county clerk's office. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Oct. 31.

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

More about

Cotton harvest . . .

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some great yields."

He said he expects the North Gin to get its first module within a week or 10 days.

"I'm sure the worms and heat stress have lowered the yield and quality some in some of the fields," Bradford said, "but I'd rather it be hot and dry like this than have another hail like we had last spring that wiped out so much of our cotton."

"I just hope the weather leaves us alone now so we can get it harvested,

ginned and sold as quickly as we can."

Becky Ott of the Sunnyside Gin reported no harvest activity in that area yet.

At the Dodd Gin, Virgil Morton reported, "We haven't hit a lick yet, and I'm not sure whether it will start this week or next."

He added, "We still have a patch of corn right across the road. They're waiting until it dries down enough to cut. It's early for cotton, all right."

Thomas probation revoked

In 64th District Court before Judge Jack Miller on Sept. 14, probation was revoked for Christy Thomas, 23, of Dimmitt.

The pleading stated that Thomas had failed to report to the community supervision officer, failed to advise the supervision officer of her address of residence and employment, failed to pay restitution and supervision fees, and failed to complete the assigned 400 hours of community service.

Convicted of assault on a public servant in connection with a Dec. 28, 1995, incident, Thomas was originally assessed punishment of five years in the Institutional Division Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated to five years of community supervision, \$242 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, and a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line.

Miller ruled that the original sentence of five years confinement should be reduced to three years confinement, along with a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, attorney fees of \$250 and an additional attorney fees of \$250. She is to be credited with 203 days already served.

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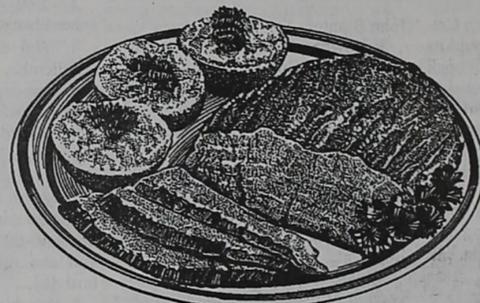
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